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TLGA's OUToberFEST October 17

TUCSON (ON) — In a press release, the Tucson/Lesbian Gay Alliance (TLGA) announced OUToberFEST '98, the annual fall Gay Pride Festival in Tucson will take place Saturday, October 17, 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

According to TLGA OUToberFEST is the biggest LesBiGay event in the Southwest. According to TLGA, the event drew close to 7,000 people in 1997.

The festival will take place at the Southwestern corner of Reid Park (Country Club and 22nd). The event is free and open to everyone. A full day of music, food, libations and soft drinks, vendors touting all types of merchandise and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered information booths.

OUToberFEST is sponsored this year by: Golden Eagle Distributors/Budweiser, American Express, Arizona Travel Center, Pope Lime Dist., IBT's and the Stonewall/Eagle.

Organizers stated the event is open to everyone, regardless of their sexual orientation. They added that "OUToberFEST is a fun, friendly, loving and family event and there will be no tolerance for hate, bigotry and downright meanness.

According to the press release, there will be three areas of entertainment: A Hi-NRG dance tent, sponsored by IBT's and Stonewall/Eagle. A Country-Western dance tent sponsored by the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association. A live entertainment stage, sponsored by TLGA.

The Cut-A-Thon, where Tucson's barbers and cosmetologists will give you a cut or a trim and make you look special, with the proceeds going to the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, will take place at the festival.

Former Tucson Mayor and current Congressional candidate, Tom Volgy, D, leads off the program with an address. A parade/rally of various Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual and friendly, supportive organization follows.

A female impersonator show, hosted by Mr. Rodney Shanks will take place. Included in the show will be: David Zinke, Shaundriana - Miss Gay Pride, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Ajia Simone, Christina DeAlexis, Victoria DuPuis, Bunny Fufu, Faith, Sabrina, Truly Fabu, the Teen King and Queen - Cameron and Janee Starr, and the Phoenix Pride Royalty.

The King and Queen of Pride 1998 will also be crowned at OUToberFEST. Two teams, Purple - David Zinke and Victor Paoline, and the Blue - Miss Lucinda Holliday and Kirk are vying to be the new royalty by raising funds for TLGA to help put on OUToberFEST.

TLGA's five entertainment stage will feature notable entertainment throughout the day. Comedian Rob Nash, seen recently on the Comedy Central special, "Out There in Hollywood;" Jess Hawk-Oakenstar, guitarist and singer-songwriter; folk singer, Angela Motter; guitarist Mitzi Cowell; an electric-Celtic band, Morrighan and; LeeAnne Savage and her band, Shockadelica are scheduled to perform.

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Campaign '98 G&L Candidates Running More Than Single Issue Campaigns

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — Jackie Biskupski, candidate for the Utah House of Representatives, Susan Tracy, failed candidate for U.S. Congress, and Michael Duffy, candidate for Massachusetts Auditor all have something in common.

All were declared to not be "Gay or Lesbian enough" by Gay and Lesbian newspapers, political groups and their respective communities.

Not Gay or Lesbian enough? You mean like not knowing all the words to the songs in "Cats," or liking k.d. lang over Melissa Etheridge perhaps?

According to Wayne Bessen, Associate Communications Director of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian rights organization, "it's the fact that the candidates are focusing on issues more germane to the district they are running in and that Gay and Lesbian issues may only be part of a larger platform which may cause the friction." He added that if a person is running as the head of a Gay and Lesbian rights group, "Gay and Lesbian issues should be the sole focus."

Brian Bond, Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, the only national organization whose sole mission is to increase the number of qualified openly Gay and Lesbian officials at all levels of government, agreed stating elected officials "represent the whole community, not just one segment of the population."

The Victory Fund has raised $2 million for candidates since 1991.

Does every Gay and Lesbian candidate get an endorsement and funding from the Fund? According to Bond, only 20% of those who apply receive help from the group. Currently 27 candidates nationwide received the Victory Fund's endorsement this year.

Why so few? Bond said the prospective candidates fill out an application, which includes a campaign and finance plan, demographics, their positions on Gay and Lesbian issues, a woman's right to choose, AIDS funding, and polling to show their viability and that the Fund's help could get them elected. The Victory Fund appoints a committee to investigate the prospect applicants, contacting political pundits in the electoral district to see if the candidate has a chance of winning.

One of the 27 endorsed is Tammy Baldwin from Wisconsin. Baldwin, an open Lesbian and Democrat is running for the U.S. House of Representatives from Congressional District 2, an open seat. Jerilyn Goodman, Baldwin's Press Secretary said so far, the issue of Baldwin's sexuality has not cropped up in the race and that she has wide support in the community. She added that Baldwin's primary campaign issues are improving health care, education and preserving the Social Security trust fund, "which are paramount to voters in the district."

The sexuality issue can crop up by

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Sharp Rise In STD Cases Among Gay Men In San Francisco Causes Concern

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (SFC) — City health clinics are detecting a steady increase in the number of confirmed cases of gonorrhea among Gay men, a troubling sign that unsafe sexual activity in the community is on the rise.

The report warns that the rise in gonorrhea cases may portend a jump in the rate of HIV transmission, reversing a long period of steady declines. The report also contained indicators that chlamydia -- a venereal disease that can sterilize the young women it infects -- is widespread in the Bay Area.

The number of cases of rectal gonorrhea among men in San Francisco has more than doubled since 1994, returning to rates not seen in the city for more than a decade: 80 such cases were reported during the first half of 1998, compared with a low of 28 during the first six months of 1994.

While those numbers are relatively low in a city the size of San Francisco, Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, who runs San Francisco's venereal disease programs, said, "We're more concerned about the trends here than the absolute amount of cases."

"This is a sensitive indicator of high-risk sexual behavior," Klausner said. He suggested new AIDS drugs that have dramatically lowered the AIDS mortality rate may be causing Gay men to become more complacent about safe-sex guidelines. "Particularly among younger men," he said.

Rene Durazzo, program director for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, said the rising gonorrhea rate is just the latest evidence that the Gay community is losing the safe-sex discipline that reversed HIV infection rates in the late 1980s. "Our research shows that men have put HIV risk on the back burner," he said.

A study conducted recently by the University of California at San Francisco showed at least 50 percent of all Gay men under 29 had engaged in unprotected anal sex in the last six months. The study concluded HIV infection rates have not increased markedly yet, in part because there are fewer men living with HIV.

UPDATE

BGALA National Coming Out Day Schedule Of Events

TUCSON — On Monday, October 12, ASUA's Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association will present National Coming Out Day 1998 at the University of Arizona.

Here is the schedule of events: 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. - Free HIV counseling and testing in SU Room 350. 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. - Walk of Flame. 11:50 A.M. - Come Out! Noon to 1:00 P.M. - "Lipstick and Lashes" Drag Show, featuring: Mr. Kenneth Blake - Miss Gay Arizona-America 1998. Miss Victoria DuPuis - Miss Gay Tucson-America 1998. Truly Fabu - Miss Capital Cities 1998. Bunny FuFu - Miss South Regions 1998. Felice Renard - Miss West Coast International 1998.

For information, call BGALA, 621-7585.

SAAF Seeking Massage Therapists and Acupuncturists

TUCSON — The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation is looking for Massage Therapists and Acupuncturists to volunteer their time at the clinics for people with HIV/AIDS.

SAAF provides a comfortable office environment for you to work in along with all the necessary supplies, including: tables, linens, lotions and needles. SAAF's volunteers coordinate and schedule all the appointments for the clinics.

If you are interested in volunteering your time or need more information, call the clinic coordinator, Curt Beall, 299-8586.

Celebration And Remembrance

LOS ANGELES, CA (NP) — More than 60 restaurants across the U.S. participated in A Night of Celebration and Remembrance, in which they will contribute a portion of their take to the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt.

The benefit was organized by Close du Bois Wines, which itself is donating a portion of its September sales to the Quilt.

Gay & Lesbian Cops Choose Name For Group

TUCSON/PHOENIX — Gay and Lesbian officers and civilians associated with public safety have chosen an official name for their new network, "Arizona Association of Public Safety Professionals."

This organization is for all Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual officers and civilians associated with public safety.

The association will have a booth at OUToberFEST, Saturday, October 17, in Tucson. All G/L/B public safety individuals are invited to get acquainted with the association. Strictest confidentiality will be observed.

Our next meeting, just prior to the event, will be this Sunday, October 11, 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. Plans for the event will be made, as well as selecting logo and brochure. Please join us if possible.

For information and location, call either David Hensley in Tucson, (520) 745-9059, or Det. Kim Charrier, in Phoenix, (602) 534-6219. Strictest confidentiality will be held in all contacts.

New Support Group For Those Recently Diagnosed With HIV

TUCSON — There are a lot of issues a person must face when coping with a recent HIV diagnosis. Questions of mortality and maintaining sexual relationships and a healthy lifestyle are but a few of the areas a new support group offered by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) will explore.

A mental health professional with a background in HIV/AIDS issues, facilitates the support group. The group is targeting those people who have been diagnosed within the past year to 18 months, and would benefit from sharing their feelings and insights in a supportive, safe and confidential environment.

Meetings are held weekly, Wednesday evenings, 7:00 to 8:30 P.M., at the SAAF offices, 151 S. Tucson Boulevard, Suite 211.

Participants are asked to pre-register for the group. They need not be registered clients of SAAF, but are requested to provide proof of their HIV status if they are not clients.

For more information or to register, please contact David Gunton at SAAF, 322-6226.

AIDS Walk Update

TUCSON — The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) announced that Arizona Governor, Jane Hull, will be an honorary co-chair for AIDS Walk '98.

Governor Hull joins Lute Olson and Lupita Murillo, who are also honorary co-chairs and strongly support southern Arizona's fight against HIV/AIDS and SAAF's commitment to the clients and families affected by this illness.

SAAF also announced that Judith Light will be their "Very Special Guest" for Tucson's tenth annual AIDS Walk.

Judith comes with an extensive and impressive background as a comedienne and an accomplished actress. Light starred in the ABC-TV hit comedy series, Who's the Boss?" and the soap-opera, "One Life to Live," for which she won an Emmy. She has also starred in a number of television films and has recently begun co-producing some of these projects.

Over the years Judith has been a staunch supporter of AIDS service organizations as well as Gay and Lesbian rights issues all over the country. Light keeps very busy balancing her acting and producing with her ongoing support in the fight against HIV/AIDS by serving on several Board of Directors for several Los Angeles and national AIDS organizations.

AIDS Walk '98, is a 10k, 6.2 mile, benefit for SAAF, will be on Sunday, October 25, at Rillito Downs. Registration begins at 7:00 A.M. and the Walk begins at 9:30 A.M. SAAF, Governor Hull and Judith Light encourages everyone in the community to join in and support this event to raise funds to provide services and programs for people living or affected by HIV/AIDS in southern Arizona.

For more information, call the AIDS Walk office, (520) 322-9191.

GMHP Discussion Group Meeting October 13

TUCSON — Ever wanted the opportunity to talk to other Gay men in a small informal setting?

Come join the Gay Men's Discussion Group, October 13, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M., at the Emerald City Grill, 509 North Fourth Avenue. The group meets in a casual, social setting to give Gay men the opportunity to discuss topics of importance to Gay men in Tucson. Soft drinks will be provided.

The discussion group is another program of the Gay Men's Health Project. This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month. For more information, call Mike Henry of the Gay Men's Health Project, 322-6226.

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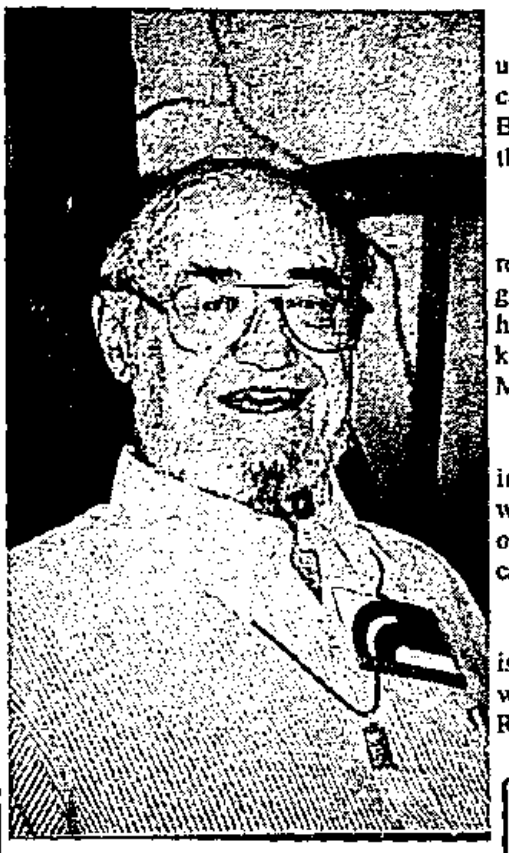
Tucson's Rainbow Radio To Begin Broadcasting At OUToberFEST

TUCSON — Bob MacMahon has announced that Tucson's Rainbow Radio will commence broadcasting at the OUToberFEST picnic.

The station will hold it's grand opening at Reid Park, and will transport all the equipment to the site. MacMahon said all are invited to stop by and say hello.



Rainbow Radio's Bob MacMahon

Comments and ideas are welcome. "This is your station and we want your input," he added.

The technical status of the station is it will be operating unlicenced under the Federal Communication Commission's low power rules and regulations. After October 17, people will be able to reach the station at (520) 903-1800.

According to the press release, the primary goals of the station are to bring entertainment, informational and public service programs to the Gay and Lesbian community. The program line-up has not been set yet, but will be offering Gay and Lesbian news, local and international, a Spanish program, AIDS information, Gay and Lesbian community calendar, health information, legal information, swap shop and music of all kinds for everyone.

Tucson's Rainbow Radio is entirely operated by volunteers. MacMahon stated that the station is looking for all types of volunteers, especially technicians, on-air personalities and copy writers. If you're interested, stop by Tucson's Rainbow Radio booth at the picnic. According to MacMahon, it's a great place for a start in electronic media.

A Board of Advisers has been set up to guide the station and control the content. There are opening still on the Board if you wish to volunteer your time in this capacity.

Brett Burns, according to the press release, has accepted the position of Program Manager. "We are very pleased to have Brett on the staff in this capacity and know he will do a top notch job," MacMahon said in the press release.

Tucson's Rainbow Radio is looking forward to the grand opening and wished to express gratitude to TLGA for offering the space for their premiere broadcast.

MacMahon added that the station is here for the community and want to hear what ideas the community has for Tucson's Rainbow Radio.

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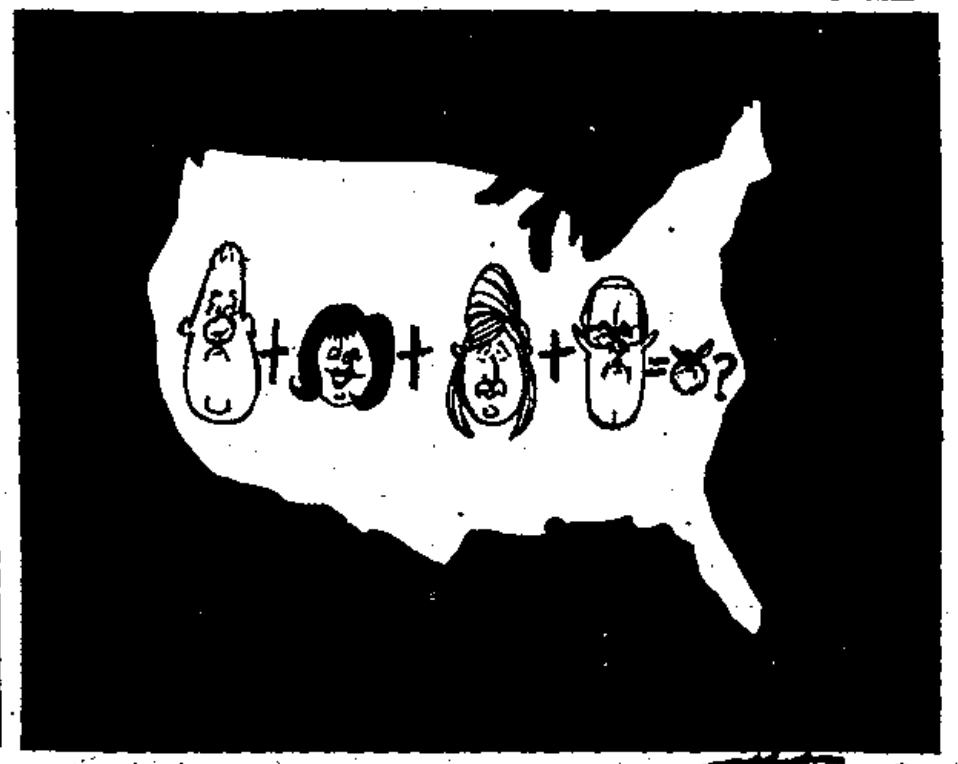

POLITICS 1998

By MARK R. KERR

"Just A Spoonful Of Venom..."

In the nation's spinning cesspool, Monica D.C., the inevitable impeachment hearings, sponsored by the MSNBC cable network, plodded forward despite the nation, in the never-so-important polls, saying "just make it stop, please!" According to House Judiciary Chair, Hank Hydie-Hydie-Ho, R-IL, the hearings could run until New Years. Which year? He didn't say! Yikes! . . .

This past week, "being tested for HIV in the United States could be hazardous to your health," took another step closer to becoming reality when the U.S. House Commerce's Subcommittee on Health and the Environment held hearings on H.R. 4431, the "HIV Partner Protection Act."

For those who haven't been playing the home game, H.R. 4431, is sponsored by the anti-Gay Rep. Tom Coburn, R-OK, and AIDS-phobic Rep. Gary Ackerman, D-NY.

The HIV Partner Protection Act, if approved, would mandate the reporting of all HIV-positive tests, by client names, and their sexual partners to health authorities. Anonymous testing? We won't have any anonymous testing! Opponents of this draconian measure include the ACLU, the national AIDS Action coalition, the Association of State and Territorial Health Offices and the Clinton administration.

From the administration, Dr. Helen Gayle, Director of the National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), testified before the committee, saying the bill, "departs from the CDC Guidelines and science based public health practice by mandating reporting of all HIV-positive tests, by client name . . ." She added that H.R. 4431 would " . . . discourage and drastically reduced anonymous testing opportunities."

What do the proponents say about this waste of taxpayer moneys? Rep. Tom Coburn, an alleged physician, blathered, "We need to exhibit the courage to stand up the special interests to do what is right." Coburn was speaking of the AIDS community, opposed to the bill. Puh-leeze!

Let's do what is right! Call our Members of Congress, Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-CD 5, (520) 881-3588, and Rep. Ed Pastor, D-CD 2, (520) 624-9986, and urge them to vote against Coburn's bill. . . :

A step finally in the right direction or a ploy because of the competition, the first in 14 years? While interviewing Brian Bond, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, for another story, he revealed that openly Gay U.S. Rep., Jim Kolbe, R-CD 5, had gone to the group and asked for their support.

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund is the only national organization whose sole mission is to increase the number of qualified openly Gay and Lesbian officials at all levels of government. They have generated $2 million for candidates since 1991. Well? . . .

Ratings for the Public Television station's KAET in the "Evil City to the North" and Tucson's own KUAT went from squat-and-a-half to squat.

Why? Two televised debates, one for the gubernatorial farce, er contest, and the race to be the state's ambulance chaser in "Crapaign '98; the Simpsons rerun was much better."

In the opening act, a surprise took place. Republican candidate for Attorney General, Tom McGovern actually showed up. Now there's a shocker! That was the high point, with the half-hour debate producing nada, McGovern and the Democratic Janet Napolitano agreeing on most points, with the exceptions of abortion and Indian gaming. Must see TV?

In the main event, the Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Paul Johnson, dared charge Governor Jane Hull with trading Arizona's water for campaign moolah from Nevada. Oh, Paul!

Johnson tried to link a fund-raiser Jane had in Lost Wages with future allocations of Colorado River water. Oh, Paul!

Jane Hull, who is life, good and everything, didn't directly respond, but pronounced herself "truly offended." Oh Paul, can you feel the dramatic tension building?

Then the coup-de-gracie. What proof did Johnson have? He conceded he had none? Oh Paul!

The rest of the debate was Jane and Paul charging and countercharging irregularities over campaign fund raising. Libertarian Kat Gallant and Reform Party Ross-clone, Scott Malcomson, savored their air time by focusing on the issues. Now there's a novel concept!

In his television commercials, Paul says he's been working many jobs across Arizona. It doesn't look too likely that one of the many jobs he has worked will be governor come November. Oh, Paul! . . .

Homophobe extra ordinaire, the Rev. Fred Phelps (a Tucson no-show in December '97) and his "cult of lack of personality," sent out another hate-filled press release, attacking "fags" and announcing their next stop on their "Hate Tour," the Kansas State/Iowa State football game, October 24. Phelps and his inbred flock are traveling to Ames, Iowa to protest "university sanctioned sodomy."

The fanny-patting on the football field, right? . . .

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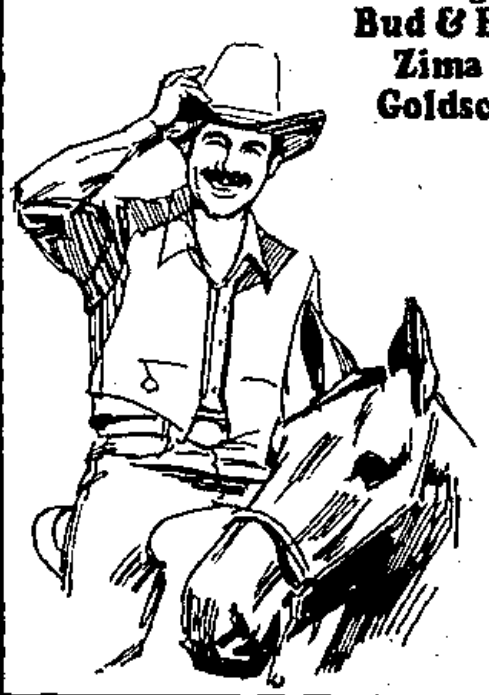

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IN FLIGHT..... WINGSPAN

by Rich Muszynski

Post Gay Or Still Gay?

I was thinking about all the GLBT activities going on in the month of October, when an article in the September 1998 issue of "Out" magazine by Elise Harris, "Going Post-al," caught my attention.

In the article, Harris describes post-Gay thinking: the idea that political and cultural life based solely on Gay or Lesbian identity is inadequate, misguided and perhaps even divisive. Post-Gay thinking incorporates criticisms of Gay culture, striving to avoid being pigeon-holed only by Gay identity, and turning toward issues other than Gay civil rights. One implication can be that one moves past being Gay, or one's Gayness can be rendered irrelevant.

The theories of developmental psychologist Erik Erikson may put post-Gay ideas in perspective. Erikson describes eight stages of individual development, with each stage building on the growth accomplished by the preceding stages. The fifth stage, which usually occurs in adolescence, consists of achieving a sense of identity. When people are able to formulate a positive sense of who they are and what they believe in, they are able to remain faithful to themselves. With a weak or negative sense of self, role diffusion occurs, with resultant feelings of restlessness, a lack of feelings of completion, and conformity without a feeling of belong. The identity of GLBT people comes under relentless attack, with which we are all too familiar. Our response to that attack has been coming out and the Gay civil rights movement. In this way, both individually and as a community, we achieve a positive identity in which we are faithful to our sense of self.

The OUToberFEST picnic, October 17, can be viewed as a celebration of our individual and community GLBT identity. Wingspan's Tenth Anniversary Dinner, October 10, is also a celebration of the community's identity and presence in Tucson, and our faithfulness to the Wingspan mission.

The stirrings of post-Gay thinking asks, "What's next?" Erikson's theory answers with stages six and seven. The sixth stage, which usually occurs in young adulthood, consists of achieving a sense of intimacy in meaningful romantic relationships and friendships. When people with healthy identities form a relationship through negotiation of individual needs, love is achieved. Without intimacy, isolation, selfish demands to have one's own needs met, or subservience to another's needs can result. Examples of this process of achieving intimacy in the GLBT community could include our efforts to secure marriage rights to legitimate our relationships and in the way various Gay and straight organizations learn to cooperate. At Wingspan, a number of GLBT organizations are sharing space in "intimate quarters" and learning to work together. The Wingspan Film Festival is an example of community sharing of our stories by which understanding, and hence intimacy, grows.

Erikson's seventh stage, which occurs in middle and late adulthood, consists of achieving generativity, which includes taking one's place in society and making contributions to the betterment of society through our careers, raising children, developing ideas, creating artwork, making products, etc. When one contributes to the "greater good," a sense of caring is achieved. In generativity is not achieved, stagnation and self-absorption can result.

Post-Gay thinking asks what work ought the GLBT community be doing? The board of directors of Wingspan ask ourselves this question as a guide to fulfilling our mission. On October 8, new members will be elected to Wingspan's board of directors, including as of press time: Lisa Bibbens, Nick Ray, David Bucchiere and Greg Hollman, with Jim Sincox running for a second, three-year term. It falls to the new and returning members of the board to chart the generative work of Wingspan. Members of Wingspan are encouraged to attend the 6:00 P.M. board meeting, October 8, and cast your vote for new board members. (Due to limitations on space at the center, the board meeting has been moved to a new location for this month. Please call Wingspan, 624-1779, to get the address of the board meeting). Let the board know what it is that you care about in your community and what work you want Wingspan to be doing.

Identifying oneself as post-Gay perhaps ignores the normal development we undergo as individuals and as a community. Instead of relegating one's achieved GLBT identity to past memories of coming out and gaining pride, we should integrate our sense of identity into how we grow in intimacy and how we generate contributions to society. As a still-Gay person, I extend an invitation to you to check out Wingspan and explore what we can accomplish by working together.

UPDATE

Lesbians May Have Higher Breast Cancer Risk

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (RHIS) — Lesbians appear to be at a higher risk for developing breast cancer than heterosexual women, according to a new study released by the San Francisco-based Gay and Lesbian Medical Association.

"The answer appears to be a qualified yes," said an Association news release. "More research still needs to be done, but the results of this study indicate that there are significant differences between the two groups of women."

Dr. Stephanie Roberts, medical director of Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services in San Francisco and Suzanne Dibble, associate adjunct professor at the University of California compared the charts of 1,019 women who attended Lyon-Martin between 1995 and 1997.

About 57% of the women identified themselves as heterosexual, while 42% said they were Lesbian. All of the women were low income and lacked health insurance.

The study found that the Lesbians scored significantly higher on three previously identified risk factors for breast cancer -- high body mass index, fewer pregnancies and more breast biopsies.

The researchers found no significant difference between the two groups on risk factors such as family history of breast cancer, current or past alcohol use, or having had a mammogram.

While the study found no statistically significant difference in the prevalence of breast cancer among the two study groups -- five cases identified in the Lesbians, three in the heterosexual women -- they said the fact that the women in the study were in their early 40's could mean the difference would become more apparent as they age.

"Our study underscores the need for more research that compares Lesbian and heterosexual women of different ages and economic groups," Roberts said. "Our study shows the importance of encouraging Lesbians to seek medical care on a regular basis."

Appeals Court Findings In Jenny Jones Case

DETROIT, MI (WS) — More details have been released on the Michigan appeals court decision to overturn the second-degree murder conviction of Jonathan Schmitz, who shot a Gay admirer to death after he revealed his crush on Schmitz during a taping of the Jenny Jones talk show.

Schmitz was sentenced to 25-50 years in jail following his November 1996 conviction for the shotgun slaying of Scott Amedure.

A three-judge panel of the Michigan State Court of Appeals, in a unanimous decision, reversed the conviction because defense attorneys were not allowed to challenge a juror during the third and final day of jury selection.

"We reluctantly reverse and remand for a new trial," the appeals court panel said in an eight-page decision.

Oakland County prosecutors said they plan to appeal the decision to the Michigan State Supreme Court. Prosecutors said Schmitz will remain in prison until the state high court renders its decision.

Schmitz claimed he was tricked by producers into thinking his secret admirer was a woman, and that host Jenny Jones ambushed him by bringing Amedure on the show.

Defense attorneys argued the humiliation Schmitz suffered, coupled with a history of mental illness, drinking and emotional problems, rendered him incapable of forming the intent needed for first-degree murder. A jury agreed and found Schmitz guilty of the lesser charge.

In their appeal, defense attorneys said Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Francis O'Brien should have allowed them a peremptory challenge of a juror put on the panel during the second day of jury selection. Although they agreed, the appeals court judges noted that based on the facts they would have convicted Schmitz of first-degree murder.

Jenny Jones and the producers of her show still face a $25 million civil lawsuit filed by Amedure's family. That suit has been put on hold until after the November election because the Amedures are represented by attorney Geoffrey Fieger, who is the Michigan Democratic nominee for governor.

Private DP Plans On Rise According To Study

NEW YORK, NY (RNS) — A news agency cites a new study which shows that while only six percent of employers currently offer their workers domestic partner benefits coverage, 29 percent more have the idea under consideration.

According to Buck Consultants, a New York-based human resources firm, an estimated 5.6 million households in the country are headed by unmarried couples. Approximately one-third of them, says the company, are Gay or Lesbian couples.

"More and more companies are accepting that this is the right thing to do," Buck's principal Marsha Venturi said. "If it's offered to those partners where the serious nature of the commitment is at the same level as someone who might be married to someone else, we don't expect it to be significantly more costly than if you cover spouses and other family members."

The Buck survey found employers who offer the benefit are motivated by fairness, a desire to create and maintain goodwill with the workforce and to enhance the company's "innovative" and "forward thinking" reputation.

Of employers who do not offer the benefit, 56 percent said there was no employee interest in it; 30 percent cited cost concerns; and 21 percent said they had moral objections to extending the policy.

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Feisty Mars changes signs this week moving from dramatic Leo to pragmatic Virgo. We launch with new affirming energy into new affirming endeavors. Take it to the streets, comrades; we have nothing to lose but our straight jackets.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Gay Rambos create molehills out of mountains at work for the next three weeks thanks to energetic Mars in serviceable Virgo. You can accomplish the impossible now as long as the impossible requires raw elbow grease and a spark of inspiration. Concentrate on the job or on creating the perfectly toned hod at the gym. Either project can help you get ahead.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Rev up your engines; fun takes on a hot intensity when crackly Mars enters Virgo. Queer Bulls become party hearty animals who can boogie till the cows come home. But use this spark sparingly, cousin; there is nothing sadder than a ragged and dazed Bull waking up to a hangover on the morning after. Maybe the secret is to not go to sleep at all . . . ?

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

No holds barred Mars in Virgo encourages you to take umbrage with homophobic family values and demand change. Good thing too; proud Twins cannot tolerate intolerance and realize that change begins at home. Do what you must do to live life proudly fulfilled and happily affirmed. Compromise just ain't in the cards, cousin, unless of course you're the joker.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Rainbow Crabs can become fairly mouthy when they put their minds and, well, their mouths to it. Now, as aggressive Mars traipses into Virgo, even recalcitrant Crabs feel the urge to shout it Out loud and queer. Make your opinions known to the immediate world while the planetary energy is right. Who knows; election day is not that far off and we could use a better choice.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Radical Mars in practical Virgo forces indulgent Gay Lions to reassess their fiscal future. Take a good hard look at your monetary road map and see if it contains a few too many detours from a cushy early retirement. Repent, repent ye spendthrifts; go and squander no more! Use the Mars push to consolidate debt and build equity. It's not as painful as it sounds, cousin.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Feisty Mars in your own sign prepares you for a fabulous grand entrance. Proud Virgins can charm the pants off just about anyone now so turn on the charismatic spigot and let it flow. You have approximately three weeks to get yourself known around town so use this time to meet and greet. You may even decide to adopt a "new look" if seat-less hot pants can be considered new.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Libras feel especially magnanimous when altruistic Mars enters practical Virgo and are drawn to great causes and grand scale efforts on behalf of our community. Use this auspicious time to volunteer for a worthy Gay charity (is there any other?). You'll make a difference. It's also time to free yourself from personal demons. Empty Out your closet and let the rainbow in.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

This is no time to be alone. Randy Mars in Virgo enables all wildly proud Scorps to become the epicenter of any social swirl. Mars can act as dictator though, if you find that the masses do not voluntarily march in your direction. The secret is to be as charming as possible cousin; I know you have it in you to be the iron fist wrapped in a velvet glove. Evita! Evita!

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Galloping Gay Archers are headed for the corporate inner sanctum if feisty Mars in Virgo has anything to say about it. You are driven to succeed at any cost with fanatical Mars at the planetary helm. Before you storm the barricades though, check to see if Kaiser really is the corporate title to which you aspire. Frankly dear, I've always thought of you as the Queen Bee type.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

The world is your oyster queer Cap when adventurous Mars enters Virgo. This may be the perfect time to escape from the hum drum and recharge your batteries. Even if you don't have the dough to go far, the planets demand that you revise and refresh yourself Perhaps a bottle of plonk and some lurid pastime will do the trick? Maybe just do the trick.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians are hot to trot when Mars in Virgo tickles your fancy. This is the time to satisfy your passionate urges so put on your bathing cap and dive into the pulsating pot. Mars may also encourage you to probe deeply into your own psyche and unblock any personally debilitating psychological barriers. On second thought, probe someone else instead.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Salmon must struggle and swim upstream to meet their mate. Pink Fish won't have to swim that far or that hard to find their life partner when lusty Mars traverses astute Virgo. If you keep a practical, patient and energetic eye out for the right person, you can form a partnership (or strengthen one) during this transit. Hopefully even the feistiest Fish can get hooked.

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Rumored Endorsement May Cause Split In Nation's Largest G/L Rights Group

NEW YORK, NY (NYM) — Rumors of a possible endorsement from the Human Rights Campaign backing the reelection of Republican New York Senator Alfonse D'Amato over Democratic challenger Charles Schumer has presented prominent Gay rights advocates, nationally and in New York state, with an uncomfortable dilemma.

For the past five years, Sen. D'Amato has been the most reliably "pro-Gay" Republican in the U.S. Senate. D'Amato is the Republican co-sponsor of the Federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), a critic of the military's handling of its "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy and a strong advocate for increased federal AIDS spending. In a summer filled with anti-Gay GOP rhetoric, D'Amato rebuked Trent Lott and other and high-ranking Republicans for the prejudice of their public statements.

But D'Amato also carries a 92 percent approval rating from the Christian Coalition and is widely credited with the installation of New York Senate majority leader Joseph Bruno -- a steadfast opponent of Gay civil rights in the state. D'Amato's strongly pro-life stance is also deeply troubling to most Gay and Lesbian New Yorkers, especially politically active Democrats.

"Chuck Schumer's record speaks volumes more in favor of our interests," Jeffrey Tooke, chairman of the New York State Federation of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs, said. "I would be appalled if HRC endorsed D'Amato," he said. Tooke added that by HRC's own scorecard, Schumer has a better record than D'Amato and predicted "many New Yorkers" would leave HRC over a D'Amato endorsement.

D'Amato defeated Bob Abrams by a single percentage point six years ago. Exit polls then put the Gay vote in New York City at 8 percent -- more than enough to tip the election in a similarly tight race this November.

While Tooke says a D'Amato endorsement would be betrayal of the Gay movement's long-standing commitment to a broader progressive agenda, many veteran Gay Democrats disagree with that though.

HRC's Winnie Stachelberg, identified by the magazine as the chief advocate for D'Amato's endorsement, organized a meeting several weeks ago between D'Amato and New York Gay rights organizations. Though Stachelberg denies the charge, many said the get-together was designed to warm state advocates to the idea of HRC backing D'Amato.

Urvashi Vaid of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, attended the meeting and said while she would rather see Schumer in the Senate, D'Amato presented "a compelling case for why he can be an effective advocate for the Gay movement because of his seniority."

Vaid believes his support for Gay equality is sincere and said she thinks "HRC can make a very credible case for why it might endorse D'Amato" given the singularity of HRC's mission on Gay rights. While Democrats might oppose D'Amato's positions on abortion or welfare, "Senator D'Amato has been one of the few leaders in the national Republican party willing to take public stands in support of Gay and Lesbian issues," she said.

Longtime Gay civil rights advocate Ethan Geto agreed. "So many people say to me, 'Can you believe HRC will endorse Al D'Amato?'" Geto said, "When you look at gun control, abortion, and a host of broader issues, many of HRC's constituents, including me, would prefer Schumer." But HRC's mission, he says, is to pass pro-Gay legislation and make policy advances on behalf of Gay people. "There's only one way they're going to do it," Geto said. "They have to attract moderate Republicans."

Democratic nominee Chuck Schumer is incensed over HRC's plan. Schumer maintains he has a longer and more consistent record in support of Gay rights than does D'Amato. Both candidates, however, cast votes in favor of the Federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). Strategists say that Schumer's yes vote on DOMA may give the HRC the cover it needs to place its endorsement behind D'Amato.

Killer Of Two Gay Men Executed In Texas

SAN ANTONIO, TX (NP) — Javier Cruz, convicted in 1992 of murdering two older Gay men in San Antonio, Texas, was executed by lethal injection as one victim's two sons looked on.

Cruz' final written statement began, "Thank you for setting me free. God bless you all." The killings occurred in the course of a month of robbery attempts when Cruz was desperate to buy the heroin to which he was addicted; associates of Cruz testified that he had told them he was dating Gay men to get money. He was convicted on the basis of the testimony of his partner in crime Antonio Ovalle, who is serving two concurrent life sentences for the same crimes as the result of a plea bargain; Cruz had maintained at trial that it was Ovalle who committed the murders.

Louis Menard Neal was 71 years old when he was murdered in his apartment on June 7, 1991. His body was not discovered for five days. He had been bound and gagged, beaten with a hammer, strangled with the belt of a bathrobe (apparently the actual cause of death), and hanged from the shower rail in his bathroom. According to testimony, Neal had invited Cruz and Ovalle into his home, where they listened to music and had drinks. Cruz demanded money and attacked Neal when he refused. Cruz and Ovalle stole a TV, a radio, some clothing, and a gym bag.

James Ryan was 69 when he was strangled to death in his home on July 14, 1991. Cruz and Ovalle stole his TV and car.

Robert McClure, the Bexar County Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case, remembered telling the court that Cruz was "a creature who walks the earth in human form," and said that, "What stands out in my mind is that he was a multiple killer and that he did it manually." He also said that Cruz "was willing to do whatever was required in order to be the serial killer that he was. He's like the wolf preying on the weak sheep."

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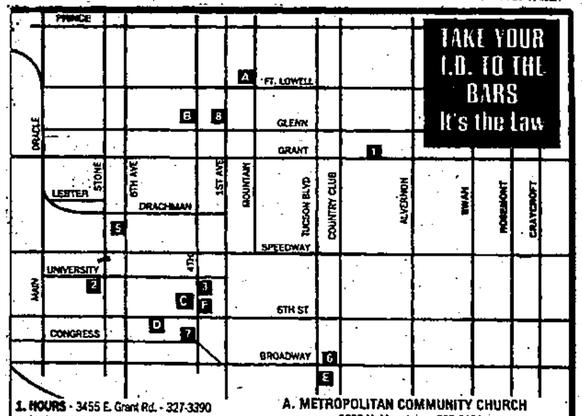

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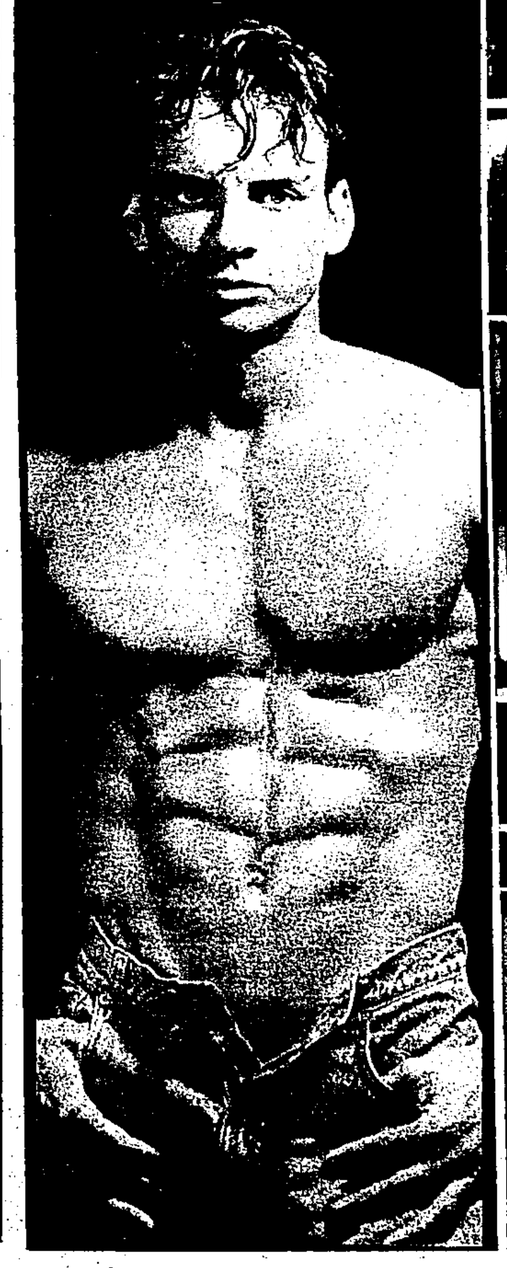

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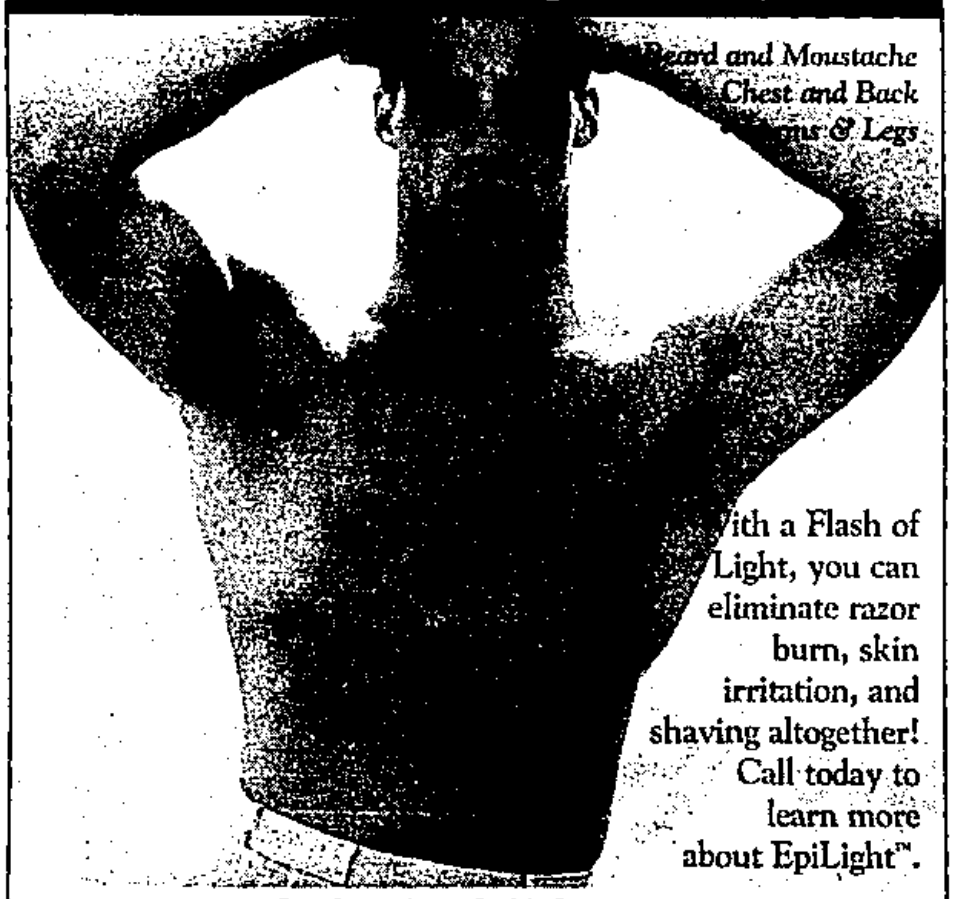

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Venturing Out

by Sasha Alyson

In the half-century since World War II, English has become the world's second language. Walk into almost any major city in the world, and you can check into a hotel room, or order dinner, in English.

So do you need a second language to travel? No. Not if you want to spend your days abroad only in big cities, ordering dinner and checking into hotels. But to meet and fully interact with other people and cultures, you need some knowledge of their language.

For those with the time, a month of immersion school remains the best road to that goal. For the rest of us, there are packages that offer instruction at home. Here are some popular offerings:

If you like the Internet, you'll love the language courses from Syracuse Learning Systems (SLS). These are the most interactive of the systems I looked at. You can play word games on your home computer; install a microphone and watch the Speech Meter light up as your accent improves; then tap into the Web for more.

Some of us learn by listening; others need interaction; yet others remember words best if we associate them with pictures. SLS lets you pick the styles that work for you; that's a big benefit.

On the other hand, for busy guppies with limited time, games aren't the most time-efficient way to learn a language. And some of that time will be spent just figuring out which of the myriad SLS programs to purchase. In Spanish alone, the company offers five packages, with varying prices and content.

Still, it was my favorite of the batch. Before buying multimedia packages, check the box carefully to be sure your computer meets ALL the hardware requirements. (Syracuse Learning Center, 800-5264; www.syrlang.com) . . .

Prize for "best at what it does" goes to Champs-Elysees, for its monthly tapes of news stories, features, and music.

With their focus on the culture and current events of a particular country, these tapes are downright interesting -- more than one could say for any other language cassettes. They'll improve your vocabulary and comprehension. But they're not intended to help you speak better, nor are they for beginners, who will just get frustrated. (800-824-0829; www.champs-elysses.com) . . .

Berlitz is synonymous with language instruction. I like the Berlitz package I purchased two years ago. Virtually every word on the twelve cassettes was French. Each evening I listened to dialogues and scenarios, repeated them, and responded to questions, all in French. Berlitz's "Think and Talk French" title was apt, and if Parisians still laugh when I open my mouth, that's not Berlitz's fault.

I was disappointed, then, to open Berlitz's newest version of "Think and Talk" (my sample was German) and to hear an enormous amount of English on the cassette. Listeners are expected to translate back and forth, German to English, a jarring and unnatural process.

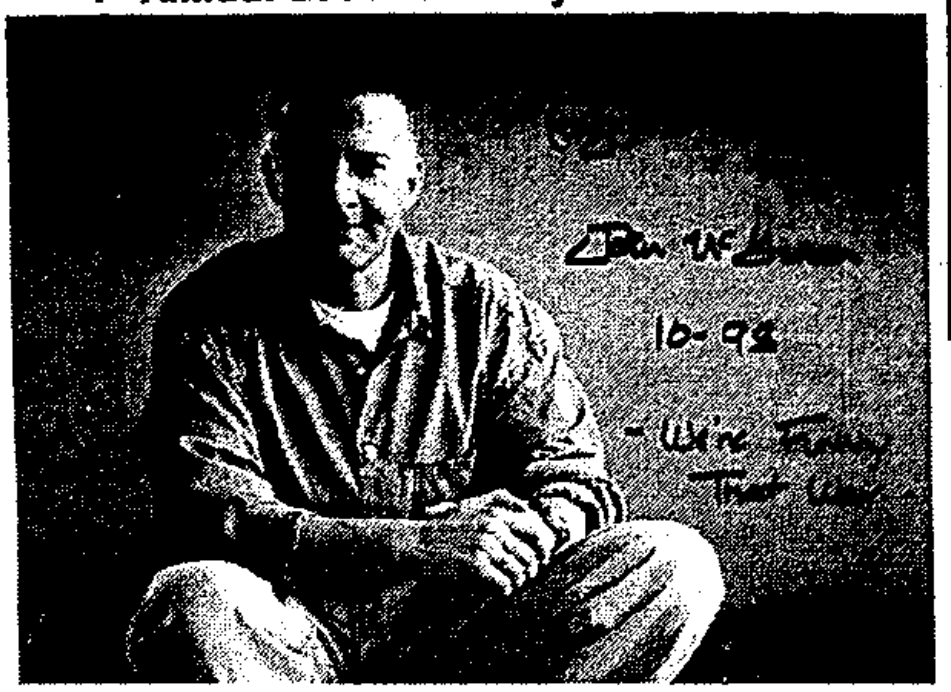
Worse, the narrator provides far too much cultural information that doesn't belong on a language tape. We learn (in English) about German sausages long before we learn (in German) to ask "where is the bathroom?" Since you should listen to each tape five or six times, you'll soon get tired of German sausage -- and rather desperate for that bathroom.

The new Berlitz is still a satisfactory choice for commuters looking to put their driving time to use, and for those put off by SLC's multi-media approach. But it's a shame that Berlitz undertook a change merely for the sake of change. (www.berlitz.com) . . .

Change for the sake of change is not a problem at Barron's. Two years ago I bought their expensive French cassettes. The box, with trendy colors, looked modern in the store. Once I got home and the shrink-wrap came off; the tapes and text appeared unchanged since World War II. The book takes a stodgy, rote approach to language. Barron's also markets a cheaper but equally disappointing "TravelWise" packet of a single cassette tape and book ($16.95), notable primarily for the amount of time the narrator spends telling you, in English, how to relax. I didn't merely relax; I fell asleep. . . .

Gay travelers will need to supplement these mainstream tapes with something extra. I enjoyed "Hot! International": An English phrase at the top of each page is translated into six European languages. Don't be misled by the fact that pronunciations appear with each phrase, however; the book isn't for novices.

4th Annual Lesbian & Gay Film Festival



John McGivern from the film "We're Funny That Way..." featured on Opening Night, October 22 - 7:00 p.m. At the Rialto Theatre. This comedy riot showcases 11 queer comics from around the world.

The beautiful and mysterious "Lilies", is featured in the Film Festival Friday, Oct. 23 at 9:15 p.m. at the Gallagher Theatre / U of A Student Union.

A look back at the past in"Shoulda - Coulda - Woulda", featured in the "Coming Out: Q Youth Xperience" program, Saturday, Oct. 24 at 4:00 p.m. at the Screening Room. 4th Annual Lesbian & Gay Film Fest.

"Divas Galore" in the feature: Drag-time", part of the Drag-A-Rama program, Saturday, Oct. 24 -8:00 p.m. at the Screening Room. The 4th Annual Lesbian & Gay Film Fest.

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Less than two weeks away from OUToberFEST '98, Saturday, October 17, 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Attendance is expected to break 7,000! Located at the southwest corner of Reid Park, 22nd and Country Club. Some updates this week.

As we advised before, there will be three stages of entertainment. Two for dancing, HiNRG by IBT's and Stonewall, Country-Wester by AGRA and a great lineup of entertainment is developing on the TLGA entertainment stage. There will be a various mix of vendors for shopping and information on organizations that are of the G/L/B/T community.

Let your hair grow because the Cut-a-Thon will be back will all proceeds going towards SAAF. Programs and poster are coming out this week and will be available in bars, Antigones, Unique on Central in Tucson, Rainbow Planet CoffeeHouse. Be sure to stop by the TLGA sales booth in the middle of the park for T-shirts, caps, posters, our new, stylish polo shirts and the information board. The board is available to leave messages for meeting people and or lost items. (Sorry, not a dating message board.)

Remember, this is for the community, by the community. The volunteer schedule is almost filled in. TLGA still needs people for ID and beer ticket sales for the 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. shift, gate check for the 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. shift, and break down & clean up from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. Call the OUTline, 622-3200 if you can help. Also, if your organization has a booth in the non-profit information - no fund raising category or the non profit fund raising category, your group can get a rebate of up to $20 for two hours of traded volunteer time to TLGA. For more information, call 622-3200.

Just a couple of reminders from TLGA, the City of Tucson, the Arizona Liquor Board and Tucson Parks and Recreation: you must have I.D. if you wish to drink beer (brought to you by Budweiser). TLGA must check ID's to give you a wristband for beer. Coolers are okay, but no beer and no glass is allowed in the park. It's okay to bring dog(s), but they must be on a leash and you must clean up after them. (The police will be watching and will ticket offenders. Besides it's rude not to be responsible.) Clean up bags are provided at the north and south gates. Remember, that we need to leave the park the way we arrived, clean and pollution free. Please help cut our costs and clean up all litter.

It's not too late if you want to be a vendor, call the OUTline at 622-3200 if you have not received a vendor application and would like to attend. Deadline is October 13.

There will be a rally again this year and all local organizations are invited to participate. Interested groups should call 622-3200 for details.

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A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Well, its happened. There were some days when I thought it wouldn't, but it did. The summer heat has finally broken! What a relief! Now don't get me wrong. I like the hot weather (I'm a Tucson native and we're supposed to say those kinds of things). I like the weather hot but the latter part of August and the first few weeks of September are just about too much. You know, all the humidity. But in the last week of September, each year something so great happens. Almost overnight, the humidity disappears, the temperatures fall and the mornings and evenings become indescribable! What happens is we feel relief!

I love that word, relief. It conjures up a good feeling inside, one that puts me at ease, much like the cool breeze on an Autumn night. In fact, I once heard a sermon in which the preacher had asked his sister what her favorite feeling was. After some thought she replied, "relief." I couldn't agree more.

As a Christian I have come to realize the best form of relief there is. The relief of the burden of sin. Through a relationships with Jesus Christ, and the knowledge of what he had done for me, I am relieved of the burden of my sin. It says in the Bible that he came to pay for my sins by dying on a cross and rising from dead. It may be difficult to understand, but I cannot deny the tremendous feeling of relief I experienced the day I asked Jesus into my life. I get the same feeling of relief each time I ask the Lord for forgiveness of my sins. There is nothing like it.

We all have burdens though don't we? What burdens are you carrying around today? Sins? Bad thoughts? Worldly pressures and temptations? The only advice I will give, the only advice worth giving, is seek relief. Relief through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Oh you can try to find relief in other ways, but they don't work. I know. I've tried.

Remember that old commercial for antacids? The man would ask, "How do you spell relief?" To which someone would reply, "R-O-L-A-I-D-S." Well, my answer to the question is "J-E-S-U-S."

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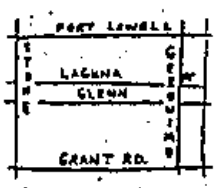

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Single Issue Campaigns

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the religious right and from the Gay and Lesbian community, as it did for Biskupski in Utah. In 1996, it happened in Arizona, when Steve May, an openly Gay, Republican candidate for the State Legislature, faced the same controversy.

May said that it was due from him "being apart from the Gay political crowd and not being completely informed on the issues." He lost that race in 1996 and learned from that experience for the next run. This year he is currently a Republican candidate for the State House of Representatives, from Phoenix District 26, a GOP-dominated district which he finished first in a seven-way primary for the two open seats.

How did an openly Gay man, a conservative to boot, finish first? According to May, through a solid campaign organization and dealing with the issues of concern to District 26: improving education in the state, reducing crime, decreasing taxes and the size of government. In addition the campaign, May said, showed that "just simply being Gay is not a disqualification."

Being Gay is not a disqualification. Judging a candidate on their accomplishments, honesty, views on issues and public policy are the way voters should reflect on races for political office, according to the openly Gay Mayor of Tempe, Neil Giuliano.

Giuliano said that is how he has served in public office and ran his successful campaigns for the Tempe City Council and Mayor, with his most recent election to another term to lead the city earlier this year. He added that fiscal responsibility, public safety and the Rio Salado development were the issues of his campaign this year.

Has he received the support from the local Gay and Lesbian community focusing on local issues? Giuliano has received widespread support, and also received the endorsement of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund during his reelection campaign this year.

Not being Gay or Lesbian enough may be a factor in a Gay or Lesbian rights group contest. What about where someone is running, like Utah for example? The first openly Gay Arizona State Representative, Ken Cheuvront, D-District 25, agrees that it depends upon the location.

"Something in San Francisco may be more tolerable than in other places," Cheuvront, a Representative from Phoenix, commented.

TLGA's OUToberFEST

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The schedule for OUToberFEST (subject to change):

11:00 A.M. - Democratic Congressional candidate Tom Volgy.

11:45 AM. - Rally with groups and organizations at South end of park.

NOON - Rally around the park and up to the North stage. Opening ceremony, with the national anthem performed by Reveille's Gay Men Chorus. Several numbers will follow. A welcome from TLGA President, Tim Redmon. A performance by Desert Voices will follow.

12:45 P.M. - Tommie and the Marlettes, from San Diego, California.

1:00 P.M. - Female Impersonator Show hosted by Mr. Rodney Shanks.

2:30 P.M. - Comedian Rob Nash from Los Angeles, California.

2:45 P.M. - Jess Hawk-Oakenstar.

3:15 P.M. - Crowning Ceremony for King and Queen of Gay Pride - 1998.

3:30 P.M. - Angela Motter from Atlanta, Georgia.

4:00 P.M. - Morrighan.

4:30 P.M. - Mitzi Cowell.

5:00 P.M. - LeeAnne Savage and Shockadelica.

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Eat at Ed's	4-8	.333
Damn It II	4-8	.333
Curious George	3-9	.250
Miracles Happen	1-7	.125

High Average - Female: Fran K., 151; Heather H., 149; Nancy L., 134.

High Average - Male: Mark K., 204; Dick B., 188; Ken M., 186; Bill C., 186.

High Average - Team: It's In Da Hole, 496; Just Throw It, 491; Poppin Fresh, 488.

High Series Scratch - Male: Mark K., 700; Dick B., 628; David E., 604.

High Series Scratch - Team: It's In Da Hole, 1602; Poppin Fresh, 1571; Just Throw It, 1550.

High Series Scratch - Female: Heather H., 490; Fran K., 465; Weda V., 406.

High Game Scratch - Team: Poppin Fresh, 577; It's In Da Hole, 576; Just Throw It, 563.

High Game Scratch - Female: Heather H., 175; Fran K., 172; Weda V., 172.

High Game Scratch - Male: Mark K., 257; David E., 243; Dick B., 233.

High Series Handicap - Male: Joe L., 731; David H., 729; Mark K., 727.

High Series Handicap - Female: Heather H., 640; Weda V., 613; Bea I., 588.

High Series Handicap - Team: Poppin Fresh, 1931; It's In Da Hole, 1929; Helen, 1898.

High Game Handicap - Female: Weda V., 241; Heather H., 225; Bea I., 223.

High Game Handicap - Male: David E., 277; Joe L., 274; Mark K., 266.

High Game Handicap - Team: Poppin Fresh, 697; It's In Da Hole, 685; Just Throw It, 671.

Meeting & Activity Groups / Calendar

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Bears of the Old Pueblo Monthly Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. This is a Pot-Luck meeting followed by a social gathering. Please bring food and drink to share. Call the Bears InfoLine 327-1820 for location and further information.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a night of conversation as we discuss "Bringing Joy To Your Gay Life." What brings you joy? Do you have enough happiness in your life? These and other questions are bound to come up. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Cronies Social Club monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Pot Luck All men are invited. Call Leo 624-6768 for more information.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 a.m. Join the MSN guys for a Yard Sale! Stop by Ernie & Orn's house at 1250 E. Blackridge (corner of Blackridge & Mountain). Find anything from treasures to junk (hey! it may make the perfect tacky gift for someone). If you'd like to participate by selling something too, please call Ernie at 884-0375.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. MSN joins in celebrating Wingspan's 10th Anniversary. We've set aside at least two tables for MSN members and friends if you'd like to help celebrate. For any questions, please call Steve at 628-9828.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Dan hosts the 2nd Annual MSN Miniature Golf Tournament. The cost is only $5.00 per person, and there's a 19th hole with desserts and prizes. For reservations and questions, please call Dan at 622-8112.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A fun evening devoted to British comedy series. Three episodes from your favorite series: "Absolutely Fabulous," "Fawlty Towers," and "Keeping Up Appearances." This event is on the east side of town. For directions and reservations, please call Loren at 733-0072.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Gay Men's Discussion Group 7-9 p.m. at the Emerald City Grill, 509 N. 4th Avenue. This group meets in a casual social setting to give Gay men the opportunity to discuss what's on their minds. Soft drinks will be provided. For more information, call Mike Henry at the Gay Men's Health Project, 322-6226.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Cronies Social Club Movie Night at Leo's. These movies are "classic oldies". The movie tonight is "The Uninvited" with Ray Milland and Gail Russell. Call for RSVP and directions 624-6768.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for Dinner Out as we revisit the Mountain View Restaurant at 1220 E. Prince. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take be held at Les & Jerry's home. Simply bring $4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, October 15 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

OUTober FEST '98 will take place at the Southwest Corner of Reid Park at 22nd Street and Country Club from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Pride Day in the Park. "Unity with Diversity" 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the southwest corner of Reid Park. 22nd and Country Club. Watch for posters and ads and come on out!

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Join MSN in celebrating OUTober Fest. We'll have a booth at the fest, and hope to you'll stop by and visit to see what MSN is all about. For details, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for another Sunday afternoon of bowling. The cost is $8.00 for 3 games, and this includes your shoes. For details and reservations, please call Doug at 1/520-803-0715.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The first of our cross-dressing films is "Mrs. Doubtfire" starring Robin Williams as a man who dresses up as a nanny to spend more time with his kids. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who October want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 790-8735.

Bar / Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. Tucson's hottest contest "Puttin' On The Lips" lipsinc contest hosted by Victoria Da Puis and Felice Renard.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

GRADUATE -Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Beer Bust 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

HOURS -8th anniversary party continues tonight with food, music and dancing and old friends.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

HOURS - 8th anniversary celebration winds uptoday with big screen Sunday Football with 'Touchdown Shots' and country dancing beginning at 7:00 p.m.

IBT'S - Blue Team Fund Raising Day with Lucinda Holliday and Kirk, for OUTober FEST. Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust from 4:30 to 7:00 with Brauteurst and Polish Sausage. Special Blue Team show 9:00p.m. featuring Lucinda and Kirk with Ajia Simone, Regina Reed, Shaundriana, Alotia Whoremoans, Mr. Kaneth Blake, Faith and Adrienne Alexander.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - "Celebrate Diversity III" A Purple Team Benefit Show for OUTober FEST. A (massive) variety show showcasing the Diverse talents of Tucson's Gay and Lesbian community, comedians, strippers, dance troupes, musicians, singers and (of course) drag queens. Showtime 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

IBT'S - 9:00 P.M. A special "Send-Off Show" for Miss Gay America contestants Electra Bleu, Mr. Kenneth Blake and Truly Fabu. Also starring Lucinda Holliday and Felice Renard, Victoria DuPuis and Ajia Simone.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Miss Gay Latina Pageant 8:30 p.m. in the Stonewall. Featuring Karina Montenegro, Phaedra, Miss Guera, Mama Reyna, Sasha and Divinity. $5.00 Cover. Mardi Gras videos from 9:00 to ??? in the Eagle.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Tommie & The Marlettes. 9:00 p.m. Benefitting the Purple Team.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Though it's not a bar-event, it is an event for everyone in the community. It's OUTober FEST '98 day at Reid Park. It's Pride Day "Unity With Diversity" 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the southwest corner of Reid Park (22nd Street and Country Club). Watch for posters and ads....

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - After Pride Party!! Music starts at 8:00 p.m. Drink specials every 1/2 hour. No Cover! Come see our booth at OUTober FEST.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Ms. JODY's Birthday Show. Showtime 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - As always, the last Friday of each month is Latin Night at the Biz. Music starts at 9:00 p.m. No Cover.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - This is a goulish night at the Biz. A Halloween Bash tobe remembered. Costume Contest starts at 11:00 p.m. Must be signed up by 10:30 p.m. First prize: $200; 2nd $50; 3rd $25. No Cover.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join the guys for a Lunch Out as we eat at the Sundance Cafe and Juice bar on 4th Avenue. For reservations and directions, please call Mark at 572-0583.

THURSDAY THRU SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22-25

4th Annual Tucson Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, providing a forum for new films to be shown to the Southern Arizona community, along with discussion, film background and guest speakers. The screenings will take place at the historic Rialto Theater, the Gallagher Theater (UofA) and the Screening Room. Call Wingspan for full program information, time & location.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Cronies Social Club mid-Month Dinner at Cattletown Steak House, 3141 E. Drexel. 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night is devoted to getting out the MSN newsletters. It's a fun way to help the organization and get to know the MSN guys. Dessert and door prizes are provided. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. A Creature Double Feature highlights two films about vampires and things that go bump in the night (and we don't mean Jeff Stryker!). First up: "The Norliss Tapes" followed by "Near Dark" at 10:00 p.m. Join us for one or both of these films. For reservations & directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Single, and looking to mingle with other Gay men? We've got a great non-drinking/smoking place where you'll have a chance to sit down and talk quietly with other guys. Join us for a Singles Party at Bill's home.

Daily Bar Calendar

sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 6-10, $1.25 pitchers. Latin Music 9-1. Shot specials all night.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Drink Specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. $2 Bloody Marys & $1.50 Screwdrivers til 8pm. Country music & dancing.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 Well. Benefit 8-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. $1.75 pitchers 75¢ a glass. Pool Tourney 2pm w/Zipperman. Buffet for SAAF $2 a plate. 3-7? Mens changes. Karaoke Night 8-close hosted by Billy Dee. Stonewall opens at 9pm with hot dance music with DJ Raymman

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee (pot matched). Taff Staff Too! Open at 7pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 8-Ball tournament 6pm, $3 entry, pot matched. Monday Night Football - 3 screens. $2.00 Cuervo Gold all nite.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50 Draft $1.75 Domestic. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

IBT's - Open noon. Martini Monday all day all call martini's $2.50. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, $1.50/32oz pitchers. Extreme dance with DJ Michael 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Party with Rob in the evening. Doc's Dart Tourney 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. $1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon.

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm. Free Pool 2-4pm. Pool Tournament 7:30 pot matched. $1 longnecks for pool players. '70s/'80s dance music 9-1. Shot specials all night.

GRADUATE - Open 8am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50, Domestic $1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. $1.50 well or domestic beer. Draft Beer Nite 8-close. $2 small/$4 large pitchers.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. 9 pm to close $1.75 well. Wear a Tank or T. Extreme Dance with DJ Michael 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Miller & Miller Lite $1.75 Cuervo Gold $2 after 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. $1.50 Well drinks and longnecks 6am - noon.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4, $1.25 pitchers 8-midnight. Free swing dance lessons 8:30-9:30pm. Swing music 9:30-close.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50; Domestic $1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourney. 7pm, Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm $1.50 well or domestic beer. Import Night $2.25 8pm-1am

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. Mystery Night. $1.75 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9:00 p.m. Bare Chest Nite (Sorry men only). Men wearing no shirt will get $2 Bud & Bud Light (Stonewall side only). Dance w/Raymman

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. $1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon. Cuervo Gold $2 and Cuervo 1800 $2.25 Open to close.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 25oz well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8:30 pm to close. (New time)

GRADUATE - Open 8am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well $1.50, Domestic $1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm $1.50 well or domestic beer. 75¢ Schnapps 8pm to close. $2 Cuervo shots and country/western dance at 9pm

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Underwear Nite. $1.50 Well and $1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (post check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-8pm. Latino Dance Party w/Eduardo at the Stonewall which opens at 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am $1.50 Well Drinks & Longnecks8am-noon. Patio Bar open 8pm. Ferrers Bottles $1.50 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. $3 entry (Pot Matched). Taff Staff Too! Open at 8:30

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 8:30 - 7 free food. Top 40 dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill.

GRADUATE - Open 8am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.50/ domestic $1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-6pm $1.50 well and domestic beer. Country Western Music and Dancing 9pm to 1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-6pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Dukes of York 6-9pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Food Buffet 6pm. If YOU wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt YOU get happy hour prices all night. DJ Raymman 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. $1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 5pm. Taff Staff Too! Open at 8:30pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every ½ hour.

GRADUATE - Open 8am. Happy Hour 4-6pm, all well drinks $1.50/domestic $1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm, Double Elimination, pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. Small Pitchers $2 & FREE pool 2-5. Country Western Music all night.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Happy Hour til 8pm. Free Pool all day. Stonewall opens at 8pm. Hot sounds with Raymman.

VENTURE-N - Open 8am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ draft 3-7pm. Taff Staff Too! Open at 8:30pm. Partnership Cricket Tournament 8:30pm $3 entry (Pot Matched).

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SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 578-0927 for more

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1520 or write P.O. Box 43010, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 888-6541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8456 or Rosa 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merle at 888-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 399-7258.

MANE MEN: Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7843 for more information.

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3861 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 2200 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-0565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact. Mary 770-9978 or Bertie 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9983.

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 322-6228.

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmoor Building). Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 322-6228. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. World wide web: http://www.saaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mick at 326-3556

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8540 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson Info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 9th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 624-9288, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 a.m - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-0077 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

NOTICES

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 886-1288 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

LICHEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Journal available at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2997, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Saturday 1 to 5 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1288 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-6865 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all -- Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. 38 or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 4:30 p.m. Check it out!

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 577-8333 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

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TIHAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 797-3116 for more information and a membership kit.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1 pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6678 or 327-4293.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7678.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9682 or Sr. Joan 742-8966.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9929, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6957 (evelise@ix.netcom.com)

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyna@theriver.com and request guidelines.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. This show alternates with "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 883-3785 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 15th year! (1st in Tucson).

TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Desert Boyz. For information call Cory at 628-8659 or send email to: monboydyke@earthling.net.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4665.

GAY MORMON, EX-MORMON. New support and discussion group. For information call 629-4588

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS. Individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual and Trans men who are victims/survivors in same-sex relationships. Group meets Tuesdays 7 to 8:30pm at a confidential location. For information or appointment call 219-2527. Wingspan Domestic Violence Project.

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Benefiting AIDS Prevention and Care Services in Southern Arizona

Home On The Range with AGRA/Tucson - by Raul Almeraz

Howdy everyone. Hope everyone has had a great week. This week is going be even better. Many of you will have a three-day weekend with Columbus Day on Monday, October 12.

Currently we are in need of a sound system for the AGRA tent at the OUToberFEST Pride picnic. If anyone knows of someone we can contact for a sound system, please contact us at the AGRA office, 323-0805. We are also looking for entertainers for the picnic. We would like to get a show together for the picnic and raise some money. If you are interested in performing (singing, dancing, lip-syncing or other forms of entertainment that can be done in public), please contact our President, Scott W., via his pager, 516-9003, or Randy (a.k.a. Victoria DuPuis), if you see him out and about, or call the AGRA office and leave your number.

Just a reminder that the IGRA Finals are fast approaching, October 23-25. Hope to see all you rodeo fans in Phoenix for a great time. If you have nothing to do that weekend, it is always a great time in Phone, with cowboys and cowgirls from all over the U.S., what a great time to start a "long distance relationship," or maybe just a "one night stand." I know that you will be able to find many of the Tucson members "bellied up" to the bar at Charlie's all weekend. It is a great time and even more fun on Monday trying to remember where you got that "buckle bunn!"

Don't forget we still have the 1999 Entertainment books on sale. We will be selling them at the picnic. If you have not bought yours yet, come see us. This is another way that AGRA-Tucson can raise money, a portion of each book we sell is returned to the chapter, so stop by the office and pick up a book or if you are interested in selling some books, sign some out and start selling. We are also looking for new ideas on fund raising activities. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

This past weekend was the GSGRA Rodeo in San Diego. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend. A little thing called a job kept me from attending. If any of you who did attend would like to fill me in on the goings on at the rodeo, please feel free to contact me. Leave your name and number and I'll call you back.

Until next time, take care and play safe.

Private DP Plans On Rise

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Many offered more than one reason, but these figures were not reported.

The Buck study also found that employers' fears that covering male same sex couples might drive up their health costs by increasing the risk of AIDS claims "has not proven to be true among employers actually offering such coverage," the report goes on to state.

A number of different reasons were mentioned, but the study's authors feel that many Gay employees decline the shared health coverage option in an attempt to safeguard their privacy.

Venturing Out

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Granted, there's some logical sequence to the phrases: "What's your sign?" is translated at the beginning; "But I'll try it" appears mid-book; then "I forgive you"; and finally, "We could live together in your country." But you won't find the phrase you need, when you need it, by thumbing through the book at random. "Hot! International" is for those with some mastery of a language, who need to expand their vocabulary beyond what's on the Berlitz tape. Truly adventurous types, of course, could merely memorize the translations of "But I'll try it", and see what happens. (Babelcom: 800-692-2235)

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