

Grand Jury Indictment In Stabbing Case

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - A Pima County grand jury indicted Gary Grayson on three felony counts in the Feb. 6 stabbing of a Gay University of Arizona student.

Grayson was indicted of: aggravated assault, deadly weapon/dangerous instrument (a class three felony); aggravated assault, serious physical injury (a class three felony); and attempted first degree murder (a class two felony).

The 20-year-old student, who does not wish to be identified, was stabbed outside of the coffee house Sunday evening, Feb. 6. Witnesses reported that the student was stabbed, moments after he walked out to the patio area of the coffee house, by a man wielding a knife.

Gary Grayson was identified by witnesses, as the man who stabbed the student in the back, shouting, "Jesus hates fags, and this is what all fags deserve."

The student said he was relieved by the indictments.

"I am very relieved to see the attempted murder charge," the student said. The student is recovering from the attack and expects to suffer no lasting physical harm.

"I am pleased that prosecutors and the Tucson Police Department are taking this matter as seriously as it should be taken and that he was appropriately charged," Amelia Craig Cramer, Tucson attorney and

member of the City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Commission said.

On Sunday, Feb. 13, more than 2,000 Tucsonans marched to protest the attack. During the rally at the University of Arizona mall, speakers had called for Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall to seek attempted murder charges. LaWall stated that her office takes these crimes seriously and will prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law.

Ron Bogard, a local rights activist and attorney, said he is pleased the "County Attorney's office is aggressively prosecuting this case."

Grayson remains in the Pima County Jail. On Friday, Feb. 25, Grayson will be arraigned in Pima County Superior Court. An initial trial date will be set, subject to change, 45 days from the arraignment date.

Dan Benevisez, communications director for the Pima County Attorney's office stated prosecutors will invoke Arizona's hate crimes statute. He added that it was already invoked in the pretrial report and will be part of the prosecutor's presentencing report.

Under the statute, Grayson could receive a longer sentence. Passed in 1997, the law allows judges to impose harsher penalties if a victim was targeted because of, or perceived, for their race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability or sexual orientation.

Gay Siberian Youth Released In Arizona Local Gay and Straight Groups Raise Bond Money

TUCSON (WS) - In his young life, he's faced a lot.

Denis Dementiev faced constant attacks in his native Siberia because he was Gay and Jewish. Figuring things would never get better, his parents sold their car to raise money for him to flee the country.

Dementiev, who just turned 20, hoped to start a new life in Canada. His sister, an applicant for refugee status, had resettled there last year. But Dementiev didn't qualify for a Canadian visa. So he tried to get there illegally. He didn't make it.

Dementiev was caught crossing the U.S.-Mexico border in December and landed in an immigration detention center in Florence, where he has remained.

But, during the past week, Gay and Jewish groups in Tucson rallied to his defense and raised enough money to pay Dementiev's \$1,500 bond and get him to the Canadian border, where he may legally apply for asylum. The bond will be returned when Dementiev arrives in Canada.

"The outpouring of support was incredible," said Chris Nugent, director of the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, in an interview, a non-profit legal group that represented Dementiev.

More and more immigrants are trying to traverse the United States to get to Canada, where liberal refugee laws make it easier to get asylum, Nugent said. But if they are caught in the United States, the immigrants are placed in detention and may never get to Canada, Nugent said.

Like Dementiev, they have to find money to pay their bond and win release from U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service detention.

"The issue of bond for asylum seekers is very, very hard, because those are refugees usually fleeing with the clothes on their back," Nugent said.

Dementiev could have been ordered deported to Siberia at a final U.S. asylum hearing next month, his lawyer

Miss Gay Tucson/America Chosen



TUCSON - Nearly 500 people gathered at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde last Sunday, Feb. 20, to witness the Miss Gay Tucson/America 2001 Pageant. Four contestants vied for the crown and in the end the title went to Bunny FuFu. First runner-up was Deora Le Blanc.

The top photo shows Bunny as she was receiving her crown and sash. The middle photo (l to r) Miss Kristin, (Miss Gay Cosmopolitan America 2000), Torri Steele (Miss Gay Tucson America 2000), Bunny FuFu, (Miss Gay Tucson America 2001); Barbara Seville, (Miss Gay Arizona America 2000) and Phaedra, (Miss Gay Phoenix America 2000.)

In the bottom photo are the contestants (l to r) Veronica Lake, Faith Michaels, Bunny FuFu and Deora Le Blanc. More photos in the centerspread this issue. Congratulations to Bunny and all the contestants for a great evening of pageantry.

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Logo Contest

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance (TLGA) is proud to announce the logo contest for OUToberFEST 2000, "One Vision, One World."

All entries must incorporate the following information: OUToberFEST 2000, "One Vision, One World," TLGA or Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance and October 14, 2000.

Entries can be as many colors as the artists creates. Please keep in mind the artwork will be used for t-shirts, baseball caps, b/w ads, and the color poster.

Mail entries to: TLGA, POB 40-301, Tucson, AZ 85717. Deadline is Friday, March 24. All artwork becomes the property of TLGA. Winning entry receives \$100. For more information, call (520) 622-3200.

Lesbian Relationship Survivors Group

TUCSON - Are you a Lesbian whose relationship has just broken up? Do you wish you could share your feelings with others who can understand your loss?

A new "Relationship Survivors" group is forming, so that people can get together and give each other support.

On the first and third Saturday of each month, from 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M., the group will meet. For more information, call (520) 822-7723.

Sex and Scholarship Symposium

TUCSON - The Committee for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Studies at the University of Arizona will present the fifth annual Sex and Scholarship Symposium, 3:00 to 6:00 P.M., in the Economics Building, Room 400, UA campus, Friday, Feb. 25.

Four distinguished speakers, Henry Ablove, Jill Dolan, David Eng and Sharon P. Holland, - all major figures in the development of Lesbian/Gay studies will discuss the relationships between LGB Studies, Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies between scholarships and activism.

The presentation will be followed by discussion with the audience. For more information, call (520) 621-1239.

SAAF Positions Available

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is seeking qualified individuals for the following positions:

Gay Men's Health Project Outreach Specialist: Energetic individual sought for half time, (20 hrs./wk) position to provide outreach, recruitment, and health education for Gay and Bisexual men in Southern Arizona. Applicants should be familiar with Gay bar culture and possess excellent communications skills. Salary range: \$8,500 to \$10,500.

QueerVoice Outreach Specialist: Energetic individual sought for half-time (20 hours/week) position to provide outreach, recruitment, and health education for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered youth in Tucson. Applicants should be familiar with GLBT youth culture and possess excellent communication skills. Salary up to \$9,500.

Program Assistant: To provide clerical support and contract report generation for Client Services department, 30 hours/week (likely full time April 1). Requires administrative experience in non profit setting, strong organizational skills. Up to \$9.15 an hour, excellent benefits.

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Advocate Acquires Out Magazine

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - The publisher of Out magazine, which boasts the largest circulation of any Gay publication in the country despite a steady decline in readership over the last year, has been acquired by the publisher of the Advocate, its longtime rival.

Robert Hardman, chairman and principal shareholder of the Out Publishing, placed the company up for sale after a series of management buyout schemes failed, ending in the resignation of then-President Henry Scott late last year.

Terms of the purchase by Liberation Publications, the publisher of The Advocate, were not disclosed, but Hardman said that the magazine needed a "significant" investment of capital to build circulation and develop a presence online.

Out magazine, founded in 1992 by Michael Goff, positioned itself as a lifestyle publication, attracting a ground-breaking range of companies that had never before advertised to the Gay and Lesbian market. Out's approach helped to mainstream the market and stripped it of its controversial veneer. This boosted the fortunes of the entire Gay publishing niche, including The Advocate.

On The Boards

TUCSON - Annie returns to Tucson for five performances at the Tucson Convention Center (TCC) Music Hall for five performance only, March 3-5.

Tickets for Annie are on sale at the TCC box office for the national touring production of this Tony Award-winning Best Musical. For more information, please call the TCC Box Office, (520) 791-4266.

At Centennial Hall, Uapresents, the University of Arizona's performing arts series, and the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, will present the world premiere of Hallelujah! In Praise of Ordinary Prophets, a major new multimedia work combining music, theater and dance, March 4-5. Also featured will be Desert Voices.

Performances will take place at Centennial Hall, Saturday, March 4, 8:00 P.M. and Sunday, March 5, 4:00 P.M. For tickets or more information, call the Centennial Hall box office, (520) 621-3341.

Australian Punk-Pop Group Here March 10

TUCSON - Coming together in Adelaide in 1995, the Australian band, Fruit, plays a bright, tight and exhilarating blend of acoustic-based pop and funk, flavored with an occasional twist of Latin or squall of punk aggression.

Their live CD "Shift" (distribution via their web site, www.fruit.on.net and for sale at concerts) gives some of the delight of being in an audience as Fruit deliver their up front, all out performance. Their 2000 North American concert tour will begin in New York.

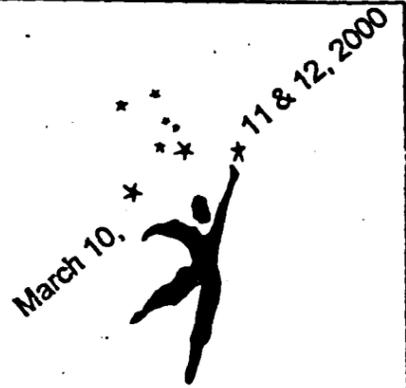
Fruit will be in Tucson, Friday, March 10 at the International Arts Center. For tickets or more information, call (520) 795-4135.

TPD On-Line Survey

TUCSON - The Tucson Police Department has an online survey which is part of a current focus of Gay, Lesbian Bisexual and Transgender issues within the community.

TPD is inviting everyone to participate. This survey can be found on the TPD website: <http://www.ci.tucson.az.us/police/iljurvey.htm>. Written responses may also be mailed in if you don't want to submit it online.

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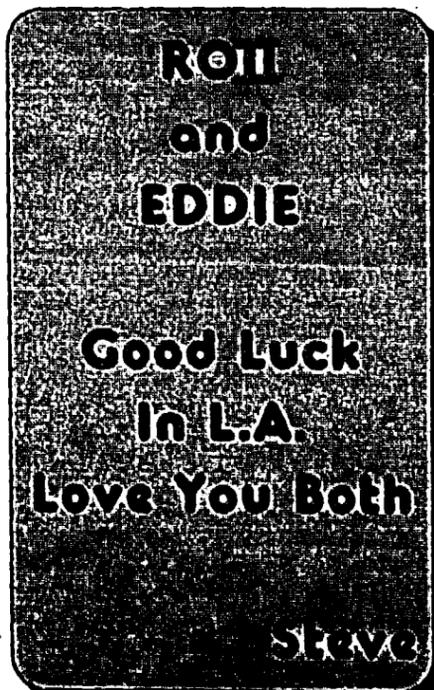
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TLGA Hosts Regional Pride Organizers Conference Feb. 26 - 27

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance is proud to announce they will be hosting the first annual CAPI Mini-Conference for pride organizers at the Hotel Congress, Feb. 26-27.

provided by Diane Katz, Ph.D. of Harmony, Youth Involvement provided by members of Queer Voice, Media Sponsorship provided by Teddy Witherington of San Francisco Pride; and Networking provided by Brad Sensenbach of Coldwell Banker Success Realty and founder of the Community Business Association.

CAPI, Consolidated Association of Pride Incorporated, is the organizational name for District I of Interpride (International Association of GLBT Pride Organizations) CAPI is a networking, support and educational body consisting of Pride Organizations from California, Hawaii, Nevada, Arizona, and the country of Mexico.

TLGA is very excited to be the host for CAPI. The networking and educational benefits of this conference will enable not only TLGA but over 20 pride organizations to share experiences and apply new knowledge for our future pride events. This will undoubtedly have a positive and profound effect on our board and community events.

The two-day conference will consist of 7 educational seminars dealing with Vendor Relations presented by Don Hamill of Phoenix; Entertainment/Stage Management provided by delegates from San Diego Pride; Grant Writing provided by Arthur Padilla of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona; Conflict Resolution

TLGA is the producer of Tucson's OUToberFEST, October 14 and Pride Week events in June. To volunteer for TLGA, call the OUTline, (520) 622-3200.

Men's Social Network Fifth Anniversary

TUCSON - At the March 4 potluck social gathering of the Men's Social Network (MSN) at the Casas Adobe Congregational Church on Oracle Road, members and guests will help celebrate the fifth anniversary of MSN.

determined by interest in the specific event. Most events range from 8 to 30.

MSN continues to enjoy over 300 paid members and is recognized as the largest Gay men's organization in Arizona. The group's first meeting was a social potluck held on March 4, 1995, attended by 49 men. The original steering committee set a goal of building a Gay men's social family in Tucson and the organization has surpassed the wildest expectations. For MSN's fifth, the Reveille group "Take V" singers will be entertaining.

MSN was initiated as an alternative to the bars and no alcoholic beverages are served by hosts of social events so that hosts are relieved of liability and participants have an opportunity to meet each other in an atmosphere of conversation and socialization.

The fifth anniversary calendar for the month of March, 2000, boasts at least one event every day of the month. The activities include luncheons, dinners, movies (in homes and in theaters), cards (hearts, pinochle, and bridge), art museum tour, pizza night, Oscar Party, hikes, barbecue, discussion night, shopping/dessert in Casa Grande, a night out on the town (Midtown madness), attendance at the Reveille and Desert Voices concerts, day trip to Tubac, "antique road show-Tucson", and the regularly scheduled Sunday Triangle Tribe meetings.

The MSN family is particularly appreciated during holiday dinners attended by 35 or more people. No one needs to feel alone on holidays. A major contribution of the group is its introduction of new men in Tucson to a pleasant social family for an instant sense of "family". The group continues to be excited about the energy, enthusiasm, and participation of so many interesting and interested men. Visitors to the city also have an introduction to the Gay community in Tucson. Special thanks go to the Wingspan Center and to the Weekly Observer for generous assistance in introducing Gay men in Tucson to MSN.

The large monthly events include the potluck which is attended by 60-80 men and the pizza party attended by 50-70 men. Other events are smaller and attendance is

Interested people are encouraged to attend events to get acquainted before joining. Guests are always welcome at all events. Membership is \$20 per year for individuals, or \$30 per year for couples who live together. People inquiring for information will be sent two months of newsletters to help determine interest in the group. The fees pay for the monthly 10 page news-

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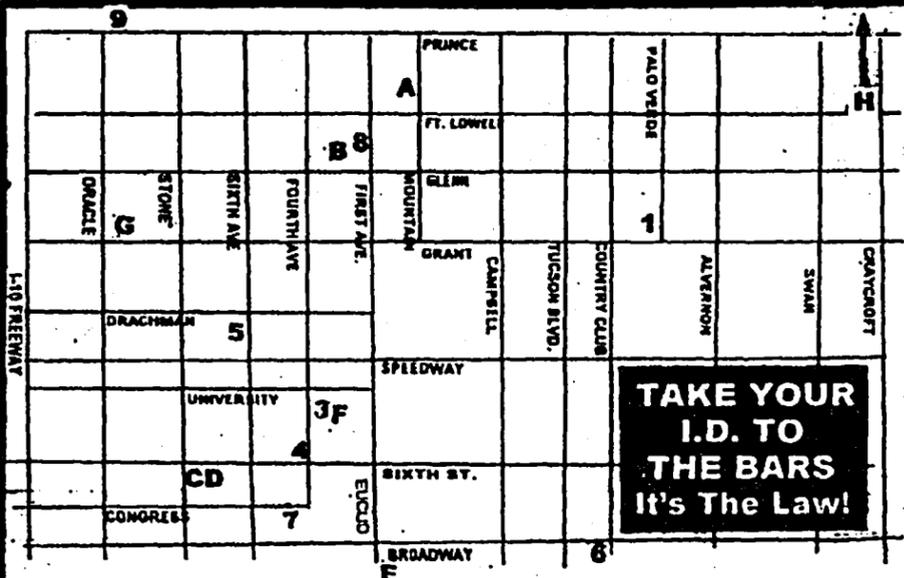
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SRO For Hate Crimes Forum

TUCSON - When hate crimes happen, police need to be told.

That message was delivered to more than 100 members of Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) community during a special forum on hate crimes. The standing-room only event at Wingspan, Tucson's Gay community center, featured a panel of attorneys and representatives from the Tucson Police Department.

The speakers addressed how they are involved in combating hate crimes, the legal aspects of such offenses, and tips on the importance of recording and reporting incidences of anti-Gay hostility.

Kathleen Williamson, a local attorney and judge, said cases of violence against Gays are sometimes mistreated.

"I've seen those cases mishandled quite frequently," she said. "I'd like to say it doesn't happen often, but it happens more than I'd like it to."

Williamson said physical attacks against Gays may have deeper, "complicated psychosexual" motivations, as evidenced by the multiple wounds attackers often inflict on their victims.

"It's not a black and white situation of straight and Gay all the time," she said.

Tim Rupel, a detective from the hate crimes unit of TPD, said Tucson police officers are given four hours of hate crime instruction - at least twice the amount required of Phoenix officers and other forces nationally.

However, Rupel said he relies on the public to be his eyes and ears, reporting hate crimes they experience or witness, so he may learn more about his specialty, as well as inform the rest of the force.

"I need to know what's going on out there," he said to the audience. "I need to be educated, and you need to educate me."

Rupel added that he considers the people who commit hate crimes cowards.

"People who do hate crimes are weak people - they're chickens," he said.

Steve Galbert, owner of Desert Pride, a store that sells Gay-themed merchandise, asked Rupel how he should have handled a recent incident in which a group of teen-agers entered his store, looked around and made derogatory comments.

"I would make a note of it and the next time I saw my beat officer, I'd let him or her know," Rupel said, adding that the information would be valuable if the store was later vandalized.

"I felt like I didn't really want to bother you," Galbert said, "but if it's important, I can start doing that. I can do that once a month if you like."

Wingspan President Stephen Hall said the forum was also in response to the fear many Gay people have admitted about visiting the Fourth Avenue area in the wake of the stabbing.

Hall said the Fourth Avenue district is a popular gathering place for Gays. The scene of the stabbing - Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. Fourth Avenue - is only two blocks from Wingspan's offices.

General concerns about personal safety and how to deal with the stress of reporting hate crimes also weigh on the minds of the Gay population, Hall said.

"I'm really grateful for the turnout," he said. "It shows how important this issue is to our community." Hall said he was pleased with the forum, which he said will be the first of a series.

Siberian Youth

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said.

Nugent publicized Dementiev's plight. The Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays in Tucson responded, holding a fund-raiser for the Russian immigrant. More money was raised at a march protesting an assault on a Gay University of Arizona student. Jewish groups also were approached for help and chipped in. All told, supporters collected more than \$2,000, said Lou Barsky, a Tucson lawyer on the board of the Florence immigrant project.

Dementiev was released from the INS center in Florence. His supporters then planned to bring him to Tucson. Then he will fly to Buffalo, N.Y., and be escorted to the Canadian border, where he may apply for asylum.

When he was 16, Dementiev told a friend he was Gay. From then on, Dementiev said in his U.S. asylum application, he faced constant attacks from gangs of boys.

"About 20 different students at the school would beat me, usually in gangs of four or five, almost every day for a period of about three months," Dementiev, who does not speak English, wrote in his asylum claim.

Dementiev dropped out of school and was afraid to leave the house. Once when he was walking home, he said, he was beaten and stripped of his pants and shoes. Dementiev also said his family was not allowed to practice formal Judaism.

In November, Dementiev flew from Amsterdam, the Netherlands, to Mexico City, then on to Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. In Tijuana, he walked to the border and two men mugged him, stealing all his possessions.

His goal was to cross illegally into the United States and travel up to the Canadian border, where he could apply for refugee status.

But when he tried jumping the border fence in Tijuana, Dementiev was caught and detained.

Thanks to the efforts of local Tucson groups, he can now try again to get asylum in Canada.

GLBT Subcommittee Meets Feb. 29

TUCSON - The next meeting of the Social Services Subcommittee of the GLBT Commission will be held 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, Feb. 29, at SAAF, 375 S. Euclid Ave.

The general public is invited to this meeting and all GLBT Commission meetings. The commission is part of the City of Tucson government.

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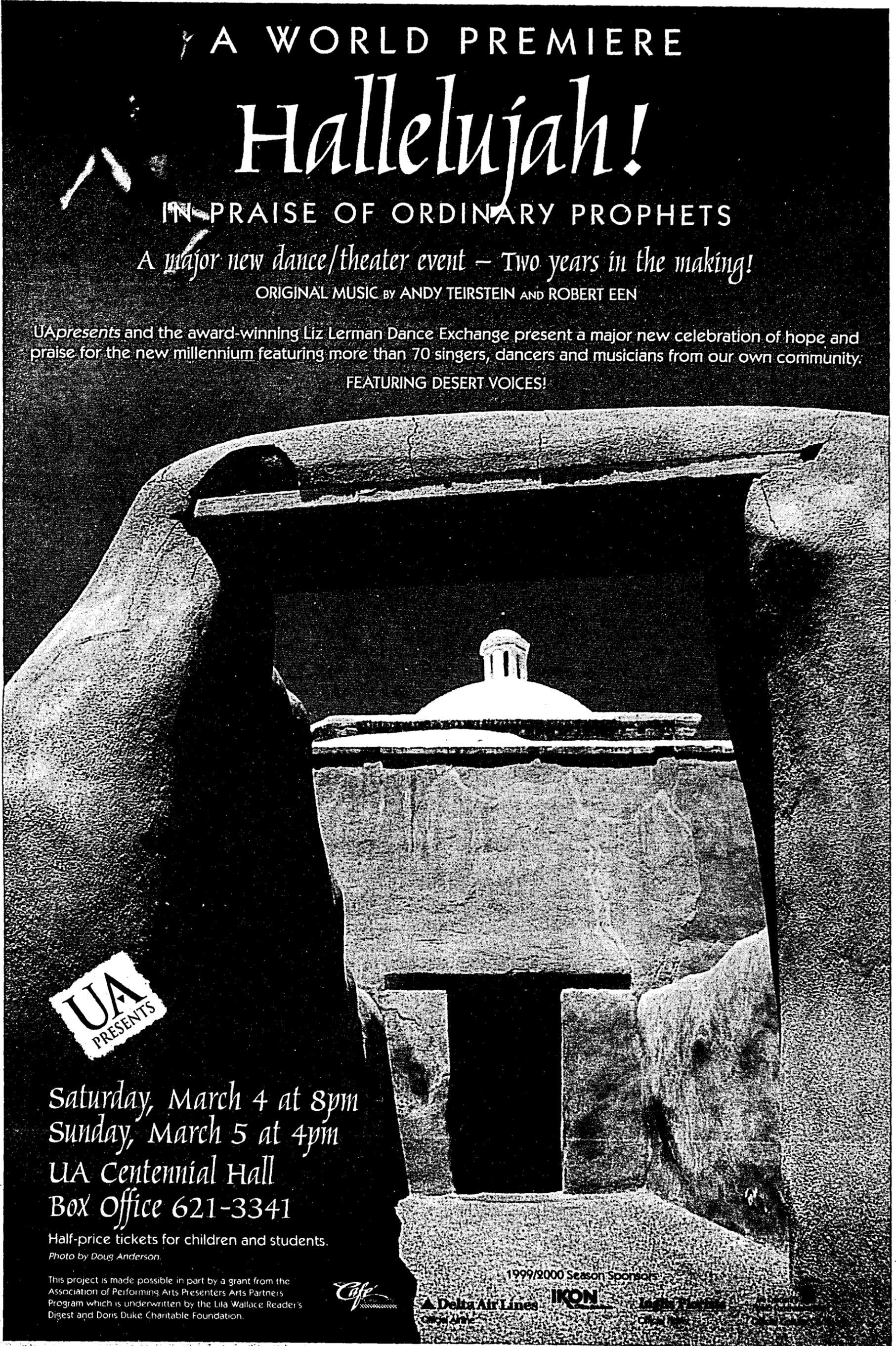
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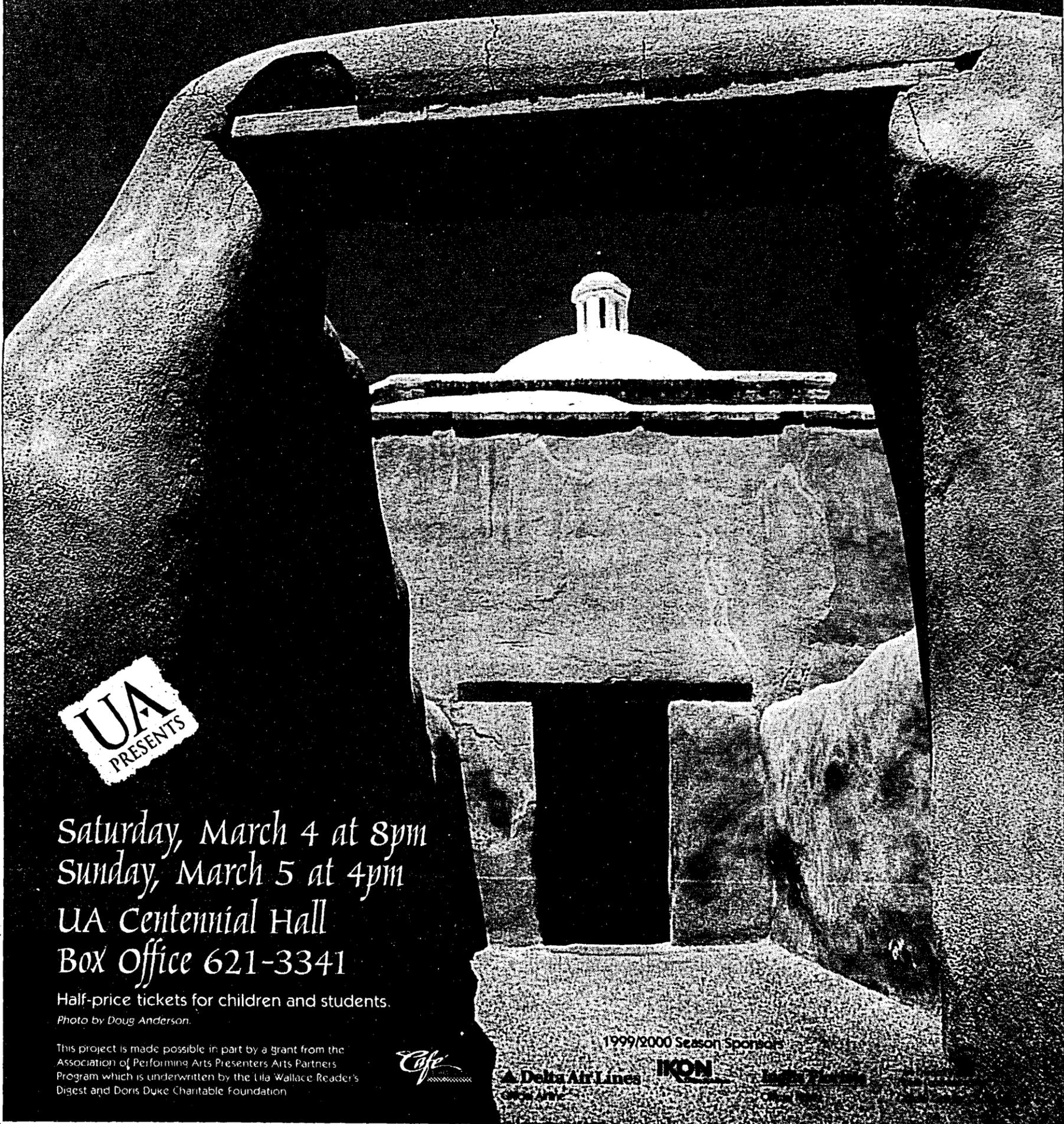
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POLITICS 2000
by Mark R. Kerr

See The City. See The Zoo. But This Red Light Won't Let Me Go Through."

While traveling to work in my car, I pulled up to an intersection, behind a car, with a bumper sticker with the above on it.

It got me to thinking about national politics. Since in Tucson, people spend close to one-third of their life, waiting in cars for the light to change.

Vice President Al Gore, who received the endorsement of the Human Rights Campaign, pledged that he would support economic and legal benefits for Gay couples.

"If elected president, I would appoint a working group or commission to make recommendations as to how domestic partners should be recognized," Gore said.

Former Sen. Bill Bradley tried to one-up Gore when speaking to supporters. "I don't need a task force," Bradley said. "The way I figure, if Microsoft can do it, if Disney can do it, if IBM can do it, if American Express can do it, the federal government ought to be able to do it." Bradley called for a federal domestic-partnership law that would give Gay and heterosexual couples the same rights "across the board."

In a televised debate, GOP presidential hopefuls George W. Bush and John McCain took issue with each other over support for Gays and Lesbians.

When Bush was asked about his refusal to meet with the Gay group Log Cabin Republicans, he seemed flustered and said, "I've got Gay supporters," and then pointed out that Log Cabin had raised funds for McCain.

McCain then responded, "I'll meet with them, not necessarily agree with them," adding that he opposes same-sex marriage and approves of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

The Arizona Senator, who met with the Log Cabin Republicans, but doesn't agree with them, won the Arizona and Michigan primaries, opening a can of "whoop-ass" on Shrub Bush, Tuesday, Feb. 22. ...

Tipper Gore, the wife of Vice President and Democratic presidential candidate, Al Gore, was in Tucson campaigning for her husband. Arizona Democrats, all three of them, will go to the polls and vote in a presidential preference contest, Mar. 11. Tipper met with supporters at the Communication Workers Union Hall.

It was announced that the Vice President will be campaigning in the state before the vote. The chair of the Arizona Democratic Party, Mark Fleischer, went to Gore campaign officials and demanded to be part of the event, and to get his picture taken.

That won't be happening. Why?

A couple of months ago, Fleischer held a press conference to announce his support for former New Jersey Senator, Bill Bradley, who is challenge Gore. During his soiree with the press, Fleischer was critical of Gore and stated Bradley is the only Democrat who could win the 2000 election.

According to eyewitnesses, Fleischer went to Gore campaign officials several times and demanded to get his picture taken and be part of the event, since "he was the chair of the party."

And you wonder why the Arizona Democrats lose? ...

U.S. representative Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) introduced a bill that would allow Gay and Lesbian citizens to sponsor his or her foreign national partner for immigration into the United States.

However, even supporters admit the bill stands little chance of passing in the current Republican-led Congress. Nadler called the bill "simply a matter of common sense and fairness." "Why do we allow the government to tear apart committed and loving couples just because of who they love?" he asked.

Although immigration has been an important issue among Gay men and Lesbians, Nadler's bill is the first to address the topic in Congress, according to Lavi Soloway, chairman of the New York City-based Lesbian and Gay Immigration Rights Task Force.

"We look at it as the very beginning of an important dialogue in Congress," Soloway said. "We're hoping to attract a core of support and to begin building a broader coalition. But we're realistic to know that this bill isn't going to pass right away."

Nadler's bill would introduce the term permanent partner into sections of immigration law dealing with legally married couples. Permanent partners would have to demonstrate that they are in an intimate, committed relationship. Each partner must be over 18 years old. Certain other restrictions would apply. ...

After a long wait, the light finally changed and I proceeded through the intersection. I realized that many people must be thinking about politics, especially in the morning before 9:00 A.M. and around 5:00 P.M. ...

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**Desert Vision Feeling!
Wow, Wow, Wow...Feelings**

Feelings: that was the topic I focussed on last week. You may recall that I observed that feelings are difficult for many people. Whether it's anger, pain, or love, most people have trouble knowing what to do with their emotions.

It seems to me that most people fall into one of two categories when it comes to emotions. Most people avoid their feelings. Actually, our society supports the notion of anesthetizing emotions. Many people have learned not to let anything "get to them." So, they usually find a way to do that. If they can't repress their feelings themselves, they try some substance or addiction to numb them. Then there are the people at the other end of the spectrum. They seem to wear their hearts on their sleeves. When they have any kind of emotion, they pay close attention to it and make their decisions based on it. Both extremes cause people lots of difficulties in life, relationships, and self-perceptions.

As with most things in life, there is a middle ground when it comes to emotions. Living life from that emotional middle ground is challenging to learn to do. However, life from this balanced perspective can be very rich indeed.

Emotions are part of our experience. They are biologically based. We experience an emotion because a chemical has been released in our brain and is having an effect on our body. The chemical is automatically released. Since emotional responses are part of the standard equipment of our bodies, it makes sense to make good use of them.

Beginning to learn to make good use of our feelings is easier than you may suspect. First, because emotions are biological, learning about our feelings means learning about our bodies. Pay attention to what is happening in your body when you experience an emotion. Is your chest or stomach tight? Does your heart feel light? Does your jaw get tense? What change occurs in your body when you experience a particular emotion. When you know this, you'll be able to reverse the observation. I know that when someone is trying to con me in some way, I get a particular feeling in my gut. Sometimes, when I'm working and focussed on something and not paying attention to my emotional state, I'll experience that particular feeling in my gut. When I become aware of it, I can ask myself, "What's going on to cause that?" Sure enough, I'll realize that someone is attempting to manipulate and con me in some way.

Among the many things feelings do is provide us with information about what's happening around us. When we understand and use our emotions properly, they are like a barometer measuring what's happening in a particular situation, relationship, or period in our life. Feelings give us signals or clues about everything that's happening in our life. If we're smart, we pay attention to our feelings and learn how to use them.

But what about the emotions that are difficult for us, like sadness, loneliness, or some other kind of pain. They just hurt, don't they? No, not exactly. While it's true that emotional experiences are not always pleasurable, the emotions that don't feel positive to us provide us with very important information about what we need to do. It's important to learn from them. But it's also very important to remember that feelings don't last. No matter what the feeling, it's temporary. In a little time, the chemicals the brain releases get re-absorbed in the body and the feeling is over. However, if we don't pay attention to our feelings, the brain will pump more of the chemicals into our system and the feeling will keep on going and going for a lot longer. In other words, it hurts because it's trying to get our attention. If all we do is avoid it, our brain tries harder to get our attention. By not paying attention to the sensations, we are merely hurting ourselves.

A few years ago, Daniel Goleman wrote the book, Emotional Intelligence. It's a book I often recommend to people who want to learn more about emotions. In it, he explains how to pay attention to and understand emotions so that you can use them in a smart way. Another book, Raising Your Emotional Intelligence, by Jeanne Segal, is a collection of easy to use lessons

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"How many letters have I read on the air from Gay men who acknowledge that a huge portion of the male homosexual populace is predatory on young boys?" - Dr. Laura quoted Feb. 13, 2000.

Friends, the real predator is intolerance, hatred and bigotry - and it has led to tragedy too many times.

In the names of:

Matthew Shepard, Billy Jack Gaither, Brandon Teena, Allen Schindler Barry Winchell

In the name of every one of us... Please Act Now!

TO THE WORLD:

My name is Andrew Brooks, and I am a Gay man. The brutal stabbing of a fellow Gay man, right on 4th avenue, which I always considered the Gayest part of Tucson - with a Gay bar, a Gay community center, a Gay store, a Lesbian feminist bookstore, and a Gay coffee shop, and Gay owned restaurant, to boot - will not silence me, it will NOT force me back into the closet. I was horrified to learn of the at-

tack, I read about it on the cover of the Arizona Daily Wildcat, then more in depth in the Weekly Observer, our wonderful weekly Gay paper. Thank the Goddess the man survived, and that the attacker was arrested.

The most disgusting aspect of the attack was that he did it in the name of Jesus, who I assume this man thinks of as his Savior. To quote the Bible: "Jesus wept!" Jesus came to teach love and forgiveness, to heal and to help, yet so many of his followers preach hatred, bigotry, and prejudice. We will not be silenced. When Gay couples are forced to remain outside the benefits of legal marriage, we will not be silenced. When we cannot openly be affectionate, kiss, hold hands, or engage in normal affection like heterosexual couples without harassment, we will not be silenced.

I will not be forced into the closet by anyone. I love men, I feel sexually attracted to them. That does NOT make me a deviant, or a pervert, or evil. The love I feel is no less pure than the love a man can feel for a woman, or a woman for a man. Believe it or not, my straight brothers and sisters, we are people too! We have hopes, goals, and dreams, we have the same stresses and daily challenges you do. And we need to be loved just as you do.

To my Gay family, think of this as a wake up call. We have so much more work to do to end the cancer that is homophobia. We need to show the world that we are wonderful, vital, and necessary parts of American society, not something to be ashamed of or hide away from. This attack touched me personally on many levels, since I like to hang out on 4th avenue, and I am a former college student also. Generally speaking, society seems to have loosened up a little bit towards Gays. But we still have a long way to go.

I agree wholeheartedly with a letter I saw in the Daily Wildcat, written by one Judith Sands. Prejudice is like trapping us in a birdcage, and I won't be caged by anyone! I will fly free, proud to be Gay, proud to be out, proud to be me! So let THIS be a message to the community - to everyone out there - "We're Here, We're Queer, and We Won't Go Away!"

I thank the Daily Wildcat and the Weekly Observer for giving such good coverage of this story, and the attention it deserves.

Be strong, be proud of who you are! We shall overcome! And to the victim of this attack, you are a survivor! My healing thoughts and prayers go out to you! We are with you in this. You are not alone.

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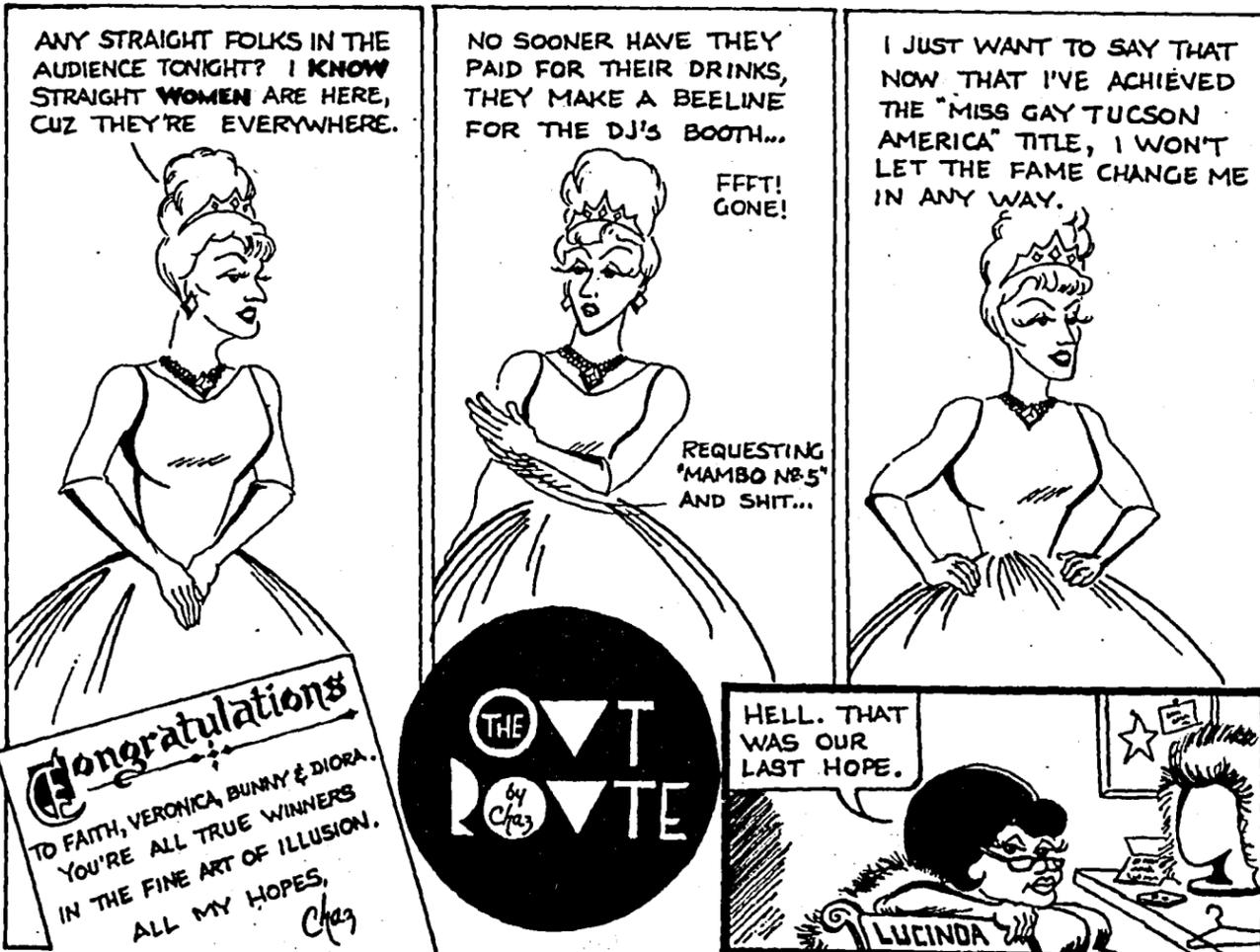
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SAAF UPDATE

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION

By Anne Maley

Like many of you, we at SAAF have been very distressed by the recent stabbing of a young Gay man in Tucson. We send our support to him, and to all those who have been harmed by prejudice and violence because they are Gay. We commit ourselves every day to increasing the acceptance in our society of people who are living with HIV/AIDS, of people who are Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgendered, and of people who live in poverty and homelessness. We strive in all our programs to treat everyone with dignity and respect.

SAAF's programs continue to evolve to best meet the needs of people affected by HIV in southern Arizona. SAAF has recently made a significant change in the management of our housing programs. As of March 1, SAAF will be the property manager for all of our housing units. We have hired Shelby Flint, previously SAAF's support services coordinator, as property manager. We have also promoted Virginia Opbrock, the program

assistant for client services, to the position of support services coordinator. We believe bring property management in-house will provide better oversight to the housing project at less expense.

In the prevention area, the recently initiated project targeting minority youth with substance abuse and HIV prevention has named itself the Check Yourself Youth Team. This collaborative project is headed by Velia Leybas, who had managed the Latina Leadership Project at SAAF. Other project staff are Brian Neufang at the Tucson Urban League and Ana Lilia Amador at Luz Social Services.

With signs of spring abundant everywhere, it's time to sign up to participate in Jell-O Wrestling. Wrestler packets are available by calling Lindsey at (520) 628-7223. And save the date, Sunday, May 7, 4:00 P.M. at Woody's. You won't want to miss this exciting and hilarious event, which also raises significant funds for services for people living with HIV/AIDS in our community.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Most of my days are very busy, from 6:00 A.M. until around 11:00 P.M. But once in a while I find myself with a whole day to myself! Rare though these times are, they do occur once in a while. For some reason, those days when I ought to have the greatest reason to rejoice always used to end up with me feeling like I was on a downhill plunge.

We spend so much time doing things that when we are faced with an opportunity to relax, we don't know how to deal with it! That is a sad commentary on our society. Americans on the whole have the widely accepted belief that they have to be workaholic or life has no meaning. It's as though our total value as a person is inextricably bound to our rate of productivity.

Did you ever stop to realize that even God, who created the heavens and the earth in all their vast array, having finished the work he had been doing, on the seventh day "... rested from all his work. And God

blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done." (Genesis 2:2,3) Now, that's pretty clear to me! If even God himself spent one entire day that week of creation resting, there's no reason why we can't rest also! So, why does that give so many of us such a problem?

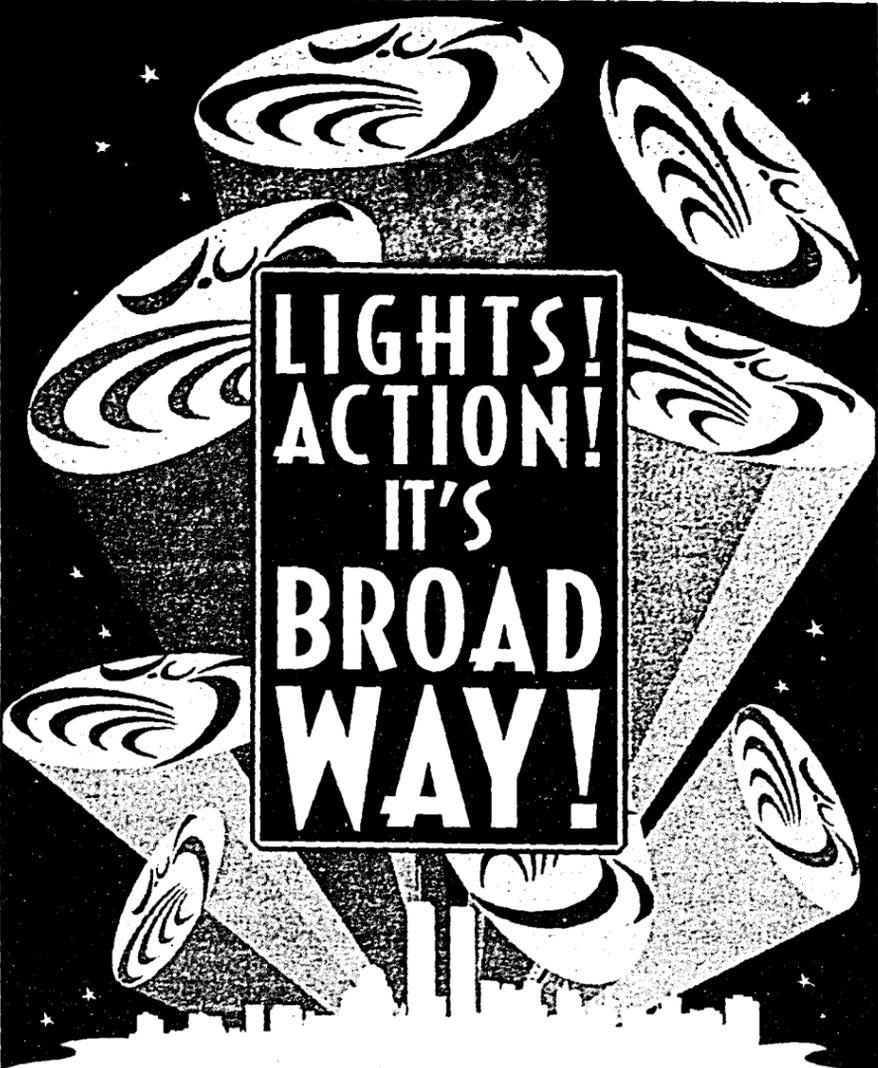
Day after day, as we get out of bed early and start right in, our cups of coffee/breakfast in one hand while our other hand and total concentration is centered on working, we might think to ourselves, "Why as I driving myself so relentlessly?" But we keep on working until we collapse into bed many hours later, totally drained.

What are we running away from so rapidly? Why do we think that if we're not being very productive, we can't cope with life? Have you ever asked yourself this question? Or maybe the question you have asked yourself is, "Is there anything satisfying and fulfilling in my life except working like a slave continually?"

A few years ago I did ask myself those questions, and my answers revealed a very real need I'd never been aware of before, a vast inner emptiness I had hidden from myself and the world by working harder, faster, and longer than anyone else I knew. That's when I uncovered the true need in my life. I discovered that no "thing" could fill this emptiness, but "someone" could. That's when I met Jesus, and in the years since I have come to know him more and more intimately.

He filled my inner void to overflowing with himself. And for the first time in my life, I knew real peace. I really looked forward to a normal 8-hour work day. I was not driven like a maniac anymore. I understood, at last, the meaning for me in Matthew 11:28, 29: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

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PARADISE VALLEY

One African-American's Perspective

By Quinton Jenkins

I sat there closely listening while details of the recent stabbing on Fourth Avenue were discussed.

While listening to accounts of childhood abuse, gender discrimination, violent acts of ignorance and the emotional words of the stabbing victim, I somehow felt odd.

I felt as I was marching earlier, holding my partner's hand, that the march was a good thing. I felt proud as I saw Gay, straight, Lesbian, transgendered, old and young sympathetically united and marching as one against hate crimes. Though I had not originally intended to march, in retrospect, I was glad that I did but still felt somehow separate.

Like many in Tucson, I was not born here. Born Quinton Nathaniel Jenkins into a multi-cultural legacy, I was lovingly reared while my family traveled this country and the world. My father enjoyed a 28-year tenure in the U.S. Army. My mother was a sociologist and spent the later years of her life as a liaison to the State of Arizona for underprivileged children. Growing up abroad in places where intellect and good intentions were paramount positioned me early to be genuinely optimistic about my life and the world.

Upon our return to the United States at age seven, I found I was now redefined. My multi-cultural legacy was superseded by one word then, "colored." While attending grade school in South Carolina, my name changed to Oreo (black on the outside and white in the middle) a name given me by classmates. In Texas, my name changed to nigger and banana (yellow on the outside and white at center). Missouri presented me with another change of name - "boy."

While attending junior high in south Phoenix yet another name surfaced - "wannabe."

Finally, at Paradise Valley High in Phoenix, I was called a Texas name with a new twist, "smart nigger."

Countless incidents of harassment due to race or sexual orientation have occurred whether overt or subtle throughout my entire adult life. I never understood why they called me these names because none of them really knew my family or me and so I simply ignored and tuned them, their associates and their behavior out.

The different people who delivered these new names invariably seemed somehow alien. I remember at an early age being deeply sad because I realized that it was not me they were naming at all, it was more. They were naming callous, narrow experience and sometimes simple ignorance. I quickly identified that being proactive is a means to solution. For me as one door closed another opened.

The resulting self-actualized image and mindset I now manifest, is a direct result of the various life experiences, cultures, philosophies and ideologies I have been exposed to - a regularly requited entrepreneurial spirit, my partner, loving family and friends.

Briefly recanting my life and current reality is, to me, necessary to shed light on why I felt odd and alone during the

previously mentioned events in Tucson. As a self-described multi-cultural entrepreneur who is part of an inter-racial same-sex relationship, I did not find a lot of ownership in my experience that day.

I listened to many people speak about hate. But their words were directed only at eliminating hate against Gays. They did not address or recognize the larger reality that hate is directed against many other people for many other reasons that are equally insidious.

For this reason, I felt alone especially as I scanned the crowd and saw so few people - among organizers and participants - who shared my background and broader experience of how prejudice can be directed almost randomly.

As an African-American, I am not angry. I am energized though saddened by what I see as a symptom of growing pains in this country

This was especially true when I noticed that the rally - though noble and courageous - was an event solely for the Gay community. The speakers' words and many of the participants' actions were isolated on the University of Arizona mall on a slow Sunday afternoon.

The larger effectiveness of a Gay march that mingles with the non-Gay world melted away soon after the marchers left the immediate environ of Fourth Avenue. And the words of the speakers - sometimes angry, sometimes melancholy - wafted away as they were directed at those who already understand the problem and desire the same elusive solution.

I found myself wondering: Could the rally have been more effective if the people in it had tried to build coalitions with other groups that are denied the same understanding and respect in our society?

Later that week I helped organize Wingspan's public forum on hate crimes that also was staged in response to the Fourth Avenue stabbing. Though smaller in number: the crowd heard a different type of panel whose members were committed to offering explanations and solutions that could be carried beyond the scope of the forum into day-to-day life. But I still found that most of the audience was made up of followers with very few organizers and active participants.

What did I learn from both events?

That everyone in the community needs to actively seek a positive change in the lives of everyone who experiences hate. We can no longer be a community that talks but fails to act. It's the same lesson I learned, as a young person who was forced to deal with being labeled and oddly perceived.

We need to look within ourselves and find the tranquility that comes with self-acceptance. And then we need to share its resulting determination with other members of our community and the larger world by deed or example. In short: we all need to understand our birthright as unique humans and utilize our uniqueness to its fullest extent. We especially need to turn divisive energy into coalition building and healing.

Get involved. Change things in your own way.

The motivation to write this article

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came from my passion as an individual to make a difference in the small circle of influence that I have and in recognition of Black History Month. It was also my hope that in offering my perspective people would have a personal optimistic account that things do change.

solution and a challenge to world change by quoting Thomas Edison, "If we did all we are capable of doing we would literally astonish ourselves."

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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The Sun speeds into Pisces releasing scads of mystical vibes into the cosmos. At the same time, Mercury retrogrades and confounds communications. Let's dust off our dancing shoes, compadres; life will take a few foggy twists and turns over the next weeks and we should be ready to take any steps necessary to stay on our toes. Even the lambada? Oh no! It's forbidden.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Sun in Pisces unleashes your manifest destiny as Mercury attempts to get your message Out. Your mission is to get involved in our community. At the same time, rainbow Rams can no longer be contained in their restricting closets a minute longer. Break out of your straight jacket; You have nothing to lose except your demons and they shrink in the light of day.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

If friends become unpredictable, petulant, spacy or overly sensitive, chalk it up to Sun in Pisces and retro Mercury. Give them room to kvetch. Don't overreact to perceive slights or scuttle a perfectly beautiful friendship because of a rough patch. At the same time, pals may also become especially intuitive. Gay Bulls should keep their opinions deeply buried. And even then....

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Your career takes some unexpected detours when the Sun ambles into Pisces and Mercury retrogrades. Queer Twins are advised to go with the flow and use every unique, creative and vaguely intriguing opportunity to expand their vision of what one can accomplish in a professional lifetime. Who knows what can happen in the mysterious world of corporate intrigue? I'll never tell.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Make your personal mark on the world while the Sun wends through Pisces. The planets goad you into travelling the world to scratch your itchy wanderlust but check your list twice with retro Mercury. Pink Crabs strive for new, exotic experiences with fascinating pink strangers. This is a fine time to cultivate a more sophisticated pallet of international flavors. No names please.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Grrrr. Proud Leos have a tiger in their tank (or is it a lion?) when the Sun ventures into Pisces. This romantic, ebullient energy stokes your sexual fires and tempts you to try new lovers, new positions and new techniques. Don't let any barrier (or dam) get in your way because of retro Mercury. Strike while the ardor is hot; next month it will be the same old pose. Snore!

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Sun in romantic Pisces helps even uptight Gay Virgins loosen up around partners. Not that this means that you will compromise on anything, far from it! But you will be able to more easily sway partners to your way of thinking without crushing them with your petty demands. Retro Mercury reminds you that you can attract more flies with honey than with yada, yada, yada.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Even work seems like play when the optimistic Sun waltz through dreamy Pisces and Mercury retrogrades. Gay Libras won't accomplish much on the job but what the heck! Don't become too complacent, pal. Them that deserves gets in this galaxy and lazy coots find themselves out in the cold while other more industrious types bask in the warm spotlight.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Pick a winner proud Scorp. The Sun transits intuitive Pisces and practically guarantees a few lucky gambling guesses over the next month. But with retro Mercury, I wouldn't expect easy big money. Go instead for the piscean creative surge. Open your mind to artistic outlets and let your Gay muse take you to new heights. Now that's something you can really bank on!

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

A new broom sweeps clean when the Sun enters Pisces and Mercury goes retrograde. Well considering your housekeeping abilities, it's probably more like a new broom sweeps into the corner. Make necessary changes around the house by redecorating and refurbishing or tossing a few old things in the trash. Proud Archers may even decide to hang around the house after all.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Sun in mystical Pisces can make even dour old lavender Caps sparkle in conversation. Loose lips are in the stars with retrograde Mercury compadre but luckily the effervescent piscean energy makes even your worst gaffs bon mots with certain folks. Spread the good Gay cheer around and only think happy thoughts. Negativity will only tempt Mercury into mischief.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aquarians count their pennies when the Sun transits Pisces. Expecting a huge windfall? Anything is possible to one who believes, cousin. Nearer to the truth however is the possibility of a few lucky financial breaks on a somewhat smaller scale. But be warned; unstable retrograde Mercury has you squandering your best assets if you're not careful. Waste not, want not babe!

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

There is considerable activity in your own sign now as both the Sun and retro Mercury troll through Pisces. What this means is that you're catapulted into the center of attention but may trip on your way into the limelight. Never you mind, dear, queer Fish; your innate charisma and aplomb puts the snickerers to shame. Who better to command the scene, you charmer you?

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Hello, my dear Gay family. I missed you for a couple of weeks there, but dear old Endora is back again. Life got a bit too busy there for a bit. I want to talk this week about true friendship, and what it is and what it is not. I recently had to end a friendship, one with a person who was constantly gloomy about something, played the perpetual victim game, and nothing was ever his fault. I know that no one is perfect, but if you are constantly projecting negative energy out to life, of course, your life experience is going to be unhappy. I am sure we have all encountered those types, who are always blaming others for their mistakes, and constantly expecting the worst from life, and getting exactly what they expect.

We can be supportive of people, but when they steadfastly refuse to take responsibility for their lives, and are forever angry at this, annoyed at that, and being hurt by everyone and everything, there is a core problem. When someone we care about is going through a rough patch, we try to help as much as we can. But friendship is not finding someone to be our emotional crutch. If a person is totally insecure and needy and takes too much from us, it is a form of emotional vampirism. Plain and simple. Remember the old saying, that you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink? Well, it is also true that you can lead a person to truth, but you can't make them think, too!!

Friendship and romances are a lot alike in some ways. It is a sharing of hearts, of give and take. It is also a respect for the other person's thoughts and feelings and beliefs. If one person has boundaries, the partner must honor them. For example, sometimes two people have a friendship or a relationship and practice two different religions. That can work if each respects the other and does not try to change, convert, or disrespect the other person's beliefs.

Communication between friends should be honest, supportive, and uplifting. If a friend is always ripping you apart, tearing you down, and attacking you, there is definitely a problem. I, too, am human, and have at times said unkind things, because I was in a bad mood, and have had to apologize. We have all had our disagreements, and have had bad days (weeks, etc!!) But if someone feels the need to endlessly criticize everything you do, make little digs at you all the time, take a good, long hard look at their life. Why do they feel the need to act that way?

Someone can give criticism in a loving, kind way. We can tell a friend what we think without attacking, condemning, or tearing down. Honesty should be mixed with kindness. My former friend ripped me

apart because I began to date someone, telling me I was going to get used, was going to get hurt, and that I was so desperate to be with someone that I would settle for anyone. The amazing thing was, this is what he himself had done, more than once. He would run out and meet someone, try to have a relationship immediately, and get burned. What we are looking at in those instances is a case of projection. He was projecting his own hurts and psychic scars onto others. I am not telling you all this to tear this person down. I have seen this so many times in the Gay world. A true friend would have been supportive, and maybe, in a kind, loving way, tell me to take things slow, and not to rush anything. It is the way that things are said that makes them either helpful or hurtful. Don't you agree?

Too often, people get hurt, and turn bitter and jaded, and wind up dragging everyone down around them, because misery loves company. They may be basically good people, but if they cannot heal from their wounds, that is going to color their view of life.

Friendships should be fun, wonderful, and uplifting. Someone who is constantly insulting you and mocking you is a shallow friend at best. We must look at someone and love them for all that they are, the good and the bad. We all have faults. If we act holier than thou, we forget that we, too, are human, and have our faults. And we must love ourselves in order to truly love someone else.

There is power in forgiveness, compassion, and mercy. If we wrong someone, seek forgiveness. If they choose not to forgive us, we must let it go. If someone wrongs us, rather than seeking revenge, we should let go and move on. We can learn valuable lessons from the bad things that happen in our lives. We can learn from our mistakes if we choose to. If we don't learn from our history, we are going to repeat it. Ever notice how some people will keep attracting the kind of lovers with the same problems? That is often because we need to learn to resolve those issues. That way, we don't make the same mistakes over and over again.

It's something to think about. Goddess bless. Til next time, Go in Good Health.

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Feelings. Yes, they're nothing more than feelings. But they can be a great help to us if we use them properly. They are an ally for our strength, well being and wholeness.

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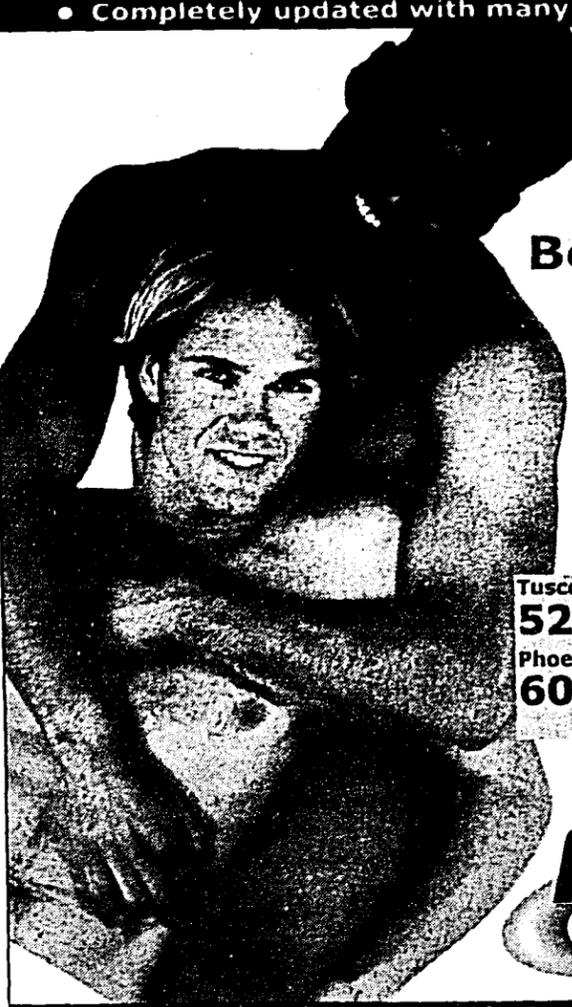
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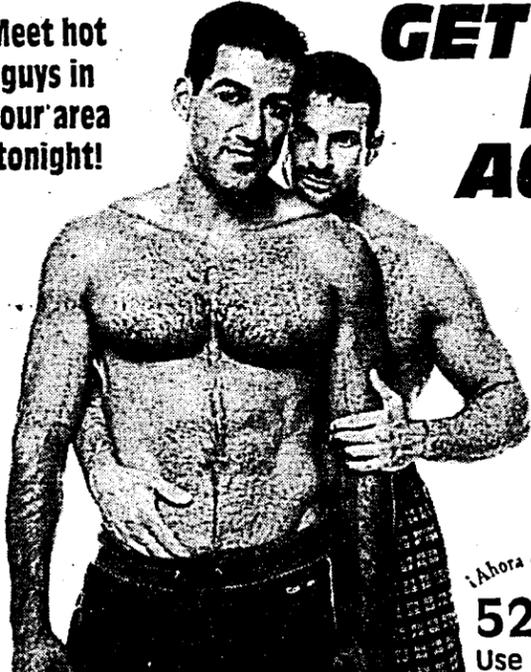
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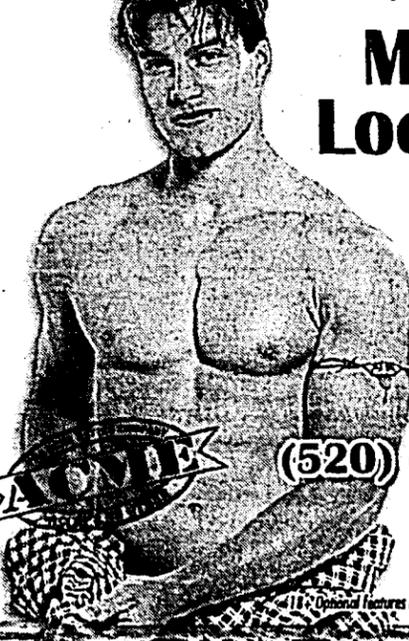
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THURSDAY - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24-27

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

The Committee for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Studies at the University of Arizona will present the 5th Annual Sex and Scholarship Symposium from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Economics Building (Room 400) on the UoA campus. Four distinguished speakers, Henry Abelove, Jill Dolan, David Eng and Sharon P. Holland, - all major figures in the development of Lesbian/Gay studies will discuss the relationships between LGBT Studies, Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies and between Scholarships and Activism. The presentation will be followed by discussion with the audience. This event is free and open to the public. For more info call Beverly Seckinger, 621-1239.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry as they host Game Night. Whether it's card games or board games, you'll be able to find someone willing to have fun. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts Pinochle Night. If you're a fan of the game, this is the place to go. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll help you out. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 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, FEBRUARY 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Perry at 321-4387.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Join us for trip to the Tucson Museum of Art with their three special exhibits, and then for lunch at La Cocina to follow. For details, please call Randy at 520/378-3195.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "Get Real", a 1999 movie about a young man who's just coming out, and falling in love with the school jock. Touching and humorous. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck & Social Gathering as we sit down to eat with some of the nicest gay guys in town (like you!). This month's gathering also incorporates entertainment from "Take V", in honor of our 5th Anniversary. Come join the party! The Potluck is held at the Casas Adobe Congregational Church at 6801 N. Oracle. Please call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and any questions you may have.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. T. Jay hosts a day trip to Tubac, which includes a stop at Tasha's for lunch. For reservations and directions, please call T. Jay at 881-7919.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 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, MARCH 6

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:30 p.m. Join Dan for an evening of antique appraisal as you watch "Antiques Road Show", then you'll gather 'round with an antique/collectible you brought and try to determine its value. For more information, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m.ish. Join Jerry and Les for an Oscar Nominee Matinee Movie. The anticipated choice will be "Cider House Rules", but call for movie choice, theater, and time. Please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. This Ash Wednesday, join Bill for a showing of "Priest" - an excellent movie about a priest coming to terms with his gay self and the problems of those around him. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for Dinner Out as we go to The Grill (downtown) for a tasty meal. 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.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. The Girlie Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Naomi Knight, Diana K. Shane and Faith Michaels.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

IBT'S - Gay Men's Health Project will host a special "Male Box Nite" from 9:00 p.m. to closing along with the regular Underwear Party. Happy Hour Prices to those in their underwear.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

VALENTINA'S - 9:00 p.m. there's a Ballroom Dance with Artie, the dance master plus a live band. Check it out!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

VALENTINA'S - It's Showtime at 9:00 p.m. with 'Desert La Cage' hosted by Crystal Abrams with special appearance by Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) guests.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. to benefit the Gay Men's Health Project along with Karaoke on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30. Also, a farewell Party for Roland during his last shift on the patio from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Drop by and say goodbye to an old friend. Then at 9:00 p.m. it's the Men of IBT's Male Revue. 4 hot men 4 you.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., The Girlie Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Aja Simone, Mr. Kenneth Blake and the newly crowned Miss Gay Tucson/America 2001, Truly Fabu.

VENTURE-N - 7:00 P.M. there's a 'Tom and Tattered' Party with drink specials. Come on down dressed in tom and tattered attire. There'll be some surprises too!

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

IBT'S - Mardi Gras Party is set herewith more details following. Check it out.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

IBT'S - St. Patrick's Day and the party is being planned. Get set for the Corned Beef and Cabbage and maybe some green beer too. Watch for details.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

VENTURE-N - The annual Hides of March begins here with three fun packed days and nights. Check in tonight, there's food and drink specials. And it's Uniform Night! Wear your uniform and get 50¢ off your mixed drinks.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

VENTURE-N - Hides of March continues today with a big Beer Bust, Tucson Knight Owls 'Body Wash', dinner and a 'Village People' show.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

VENTURE-N - Hides of March winds up today with a send-off Brunch with Bloody Mary and Screw Driver specials. Wear a Village People outfit and get 50¢ off your mixed drinks.

FRI-SAT-SUN, MARCH 24-25-26

IBT'S - This is home base for the 4th Avenue Spring Street Fair. Watch for more details.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. MSN joins with their gay brothers in Reveille for a night of song at Reveille's "Lights! Action! It's Broadway!" concert. If you'd like to see the concert with fellow gay family members, just give Jerry at call at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts Pinochle Night. If you're a fan of the game, this is the place to go. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll help you out. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 a.m. There's a hiking expedition in the Tucson Mountains this morning. For details, directions, and reservations, please call John at 743-8138.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 2:00 p.m. A potluck BBQ will be on tap for those interested in a pleasant afternoon in the Tucson Mountains area. For details, directions, and reservations, please call John at 743-8138.

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 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, MARCH 13

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-3545.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. March Madness takes on a new meaning when Bill hosts the "March Madness Ice Cream Crazy Event". Just bring \$2 to help cover costs, and Bill will have all sorts of ice cream possibilities

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

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 IBT'S - Open 11am-1am. Happy Hour 11-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.
 STONEWALL - Bar open Noon. Scrimall Sundays /make your own Bloody Marys bar. Flashback Sundays in the Dance Club. Open 8pm. Well drinks \$1 from 8-9pm. Music of the 70s and 80s with DJ Rob. Billy Dee Karaoke in the bar 9pm to close.
 VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11am to 7pm. Bloody Mary & Boler maker specials. BBQ (\$2.50 & \$5.00) from 4-9pm. All request DJ 9pm to close.
 VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Boos Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.
 WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. Check in with bartender.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight.
 IBT'S - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well and domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to closing, \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Karaoke Billy Dee 7:00-9:30pm Retro 80's dance 9:30pm to closing. All drink specials not available during special events.
 STONEWALL - Bar opens noon. Dance Club opens 8pm. All well drinks \$1.00 in dance club 8-9pm. Hot dance mix with DJ Rob.
 VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: BBQ (\$1.50) 4-9pm. Big screen sporting events. All request DJ 9pm to closing.
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Toumey 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm
 WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close
 Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool journey 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1 bnngnecks, for pool players. Funky disco w/DJ Starskoe & DJ Butta Fly 9-1.
 IBT'S - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 9 pm to close \$1.75 well. Wear an IBT's T-shirt get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to closing.
 STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices until 7pm. Dance Club opens 8pm. DJ Eduardo. \$1.00 well drinks in Dance Club til 9pm.
 VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Extended Happy Hour til 9pm: BBQ (\$1.50) 4-7pm Oh So Scary-cake (Karaoke) 9pm - 12:45am.
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. 1st Tuesday TKO Spaghetti Feed
 WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Skyy's the limit \$2.25

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.50 Longnecks 8-midnight. Dance with DJ Stephanie 9-close.
 IBT'S - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. \$1.75 Bust Products 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.
 STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices til 7. Dance Club opens 8pm. DJ Rob and his hot mix. All well drinks in Dance Club \$1.00 til 9pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm til close in the bar.
 VALENTINA'S - Open 11am, Happy Hour til 9pm. Pool journey 7:30pm (pot matched). Lounge Lizards Paradise: 50¢ shot sampler/bartenders choice. All request DJ 9pm
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1800 \$2.25 Open to close. Patio opens at 5pm.
 WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball on demand 7 days a week. See bartender.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm. 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. W/creamy cowgirls & \$2.50 Tequila Rose.
 IBT'S - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestic beer to those in their underwear (part check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.
 STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices until 7pm. Dance club opens at 8pm with \$1 well drinks from 8-9. Dance with DJ Eduardo.
 VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic 9-11pm. Karaoke 9pm-12:45am.
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. \$3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm
 WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill. Drink specials every 1/2 hour
 IBT'S - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 5:30-8:30pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.
 STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club open 8pm with \$1 well drinks til 9pm. Dance with DJ Marquis.
 VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7. Girlz will be Boyz drink specials posted above the bar. All request DJ 9pm to close.
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 8pm.
 WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 5:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half hour.
 IBT'S - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Patio bar 9-1. Dance 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.
 STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club opens at 8pm with \$1 well drinks til 9pm. Dance with DJ Marquis.
 VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7. A variety of shows hosted by 'Crystal Abrams'. 9pm. All donations go to charity. All request DJ 10pm to close.
 VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts, \$1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm. Cricket Dart Tournament 9pm
 WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.



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TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAM), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-9647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2m new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8676 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 791-7878.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Betano 888-4595.

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 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (evefem@ix.netcom.com)

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 8:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

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 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girlz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAE-mail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagae-mail

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 802-279-4805.

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LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA. Local chapter of the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian Republican organization. Meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. For information, call Patrick at 615-1887.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape Crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number).

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. 743-4800.

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6824.

WOMEN'S OUT OF THE CLOSET GROUP. Welcome to women in all stages of the coming-out process. We are here to support the Lesbians, Bisexuals and straight women of all races, religions and ages. Meeting times are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30pm at Wingspan at 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779. Call Wendy Bailey at 235-1893 after 5pm for more information.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - FORMING CHAPTER FOR GAY/LESBIAN LUTHERANS. Write LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS: Confidential individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 624-0348 (24-hour line)

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us! Call 881-1369 to audition. 617-3100 for more info.

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 6pm, 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. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

RELATIONSHIP SURVIVORS. For Lesbians whose relationship has just broken up. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9am to 10am. For info call Dorian Easty, group facilitator. 882-7723

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 575-8660 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?

GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 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 with luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-0280, 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 am - 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 745-6977 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 Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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 888-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

LESBIAN SOCIAL DISCUSSION GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 pm. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Come Chat!

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

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.

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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)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

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 Leo at 624-6768.

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 749-6247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

NOTICES

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9979 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 299-6647.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games 2002, contact TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

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 628-7223.

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.

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 529-7542 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.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

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 888-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Romi 968-2384.

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 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, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 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 890-9585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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