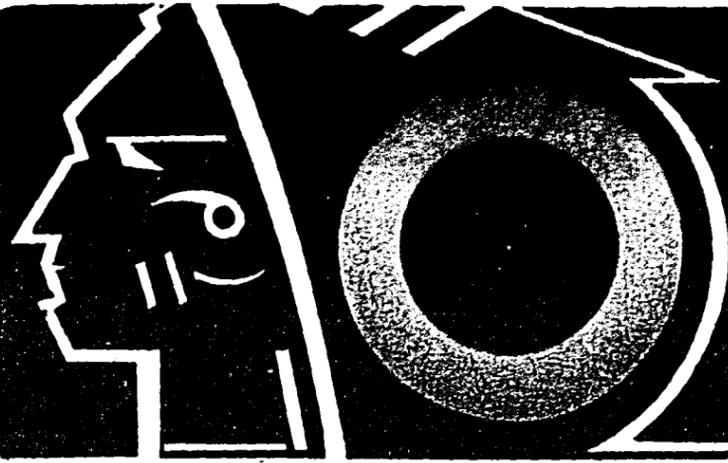


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U.S. Supreme Court Lets Landmark G/L Family Decision Stand

WASHINGTON, DC - The U.S. Supreme Court announced that it will not hear a challenge to whether the former partner of a lesbian mother is entitled to visitation with the twins she helped raise since birth. At issue was a New Jersey Supreme Court ruling in April that the non-biological mother maintains legal rights after breaking up with the biological mother.

The American Civil Liberties Union, co-counsel for the non-biological mother in the U.S. Supreme Court proceeding, hailed the court's decision as a victory for children, families and equality.

"The Supreme Court's decision not to hear this case certainly doesn't signify explicit approval of the lower court's decision. But the Court's decision not to intervene left an important victory for lesbian and gay parents intact, so we're very pleased," said Leslie Cooper, staff attorney at the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

The case, *M.J.B. v. V.C.*, revolved around twins who were raised jointly by their biological mother and her partner, known in court records as "V.C." She and

her partner, who began dating in 1993, purchased a home together and committed to each other in a religious ceremony. They raised the children together until their breakup in 1996. An appellate court granted V.C. the right to visitation with the twins. In a landmark ruling in April, the New Jersey Supreme Court upheld that decision, and also outlined broad standards for non-biological parents recognizing that "psychological parenthood" could entitle them to visitation or custody of children.

The ACLU has argued that when an adult fills a parental role, the children's bond with the adult should be respected. Several states (including Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Wisconsin) have legal frameworks for "psychological parenthood" similar to New Jersey's and other states are grappling with how to protect children's bonds with people who act as parents.

"The U.S. Supreme Court's decision not to hear this case tells states that they must resolve this important aspect of family law," Cooper said. "As we have for years, we will help them do this in a way that strengthens families and ensures equality."

Ruth Ellis Dead At 101

DETROIT, MI (NP) - "Living with pride" for 30 years before Stonewall, she changed the lives of the young people she sheltered and helped weave a network of "golden threads."

Ruth Ellis, often described as "the oldest 'out' African-American known," died as she slept in her Detroit, Michigan home on October 5 at the age of 101. She had recently been hospitalized for heart problems. In recent years, Ellis had become known outside the Detroit community, which named its Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender (GLBT) youth center after her, through the documentary *Living With Pride: Ruth Ellis @ 100* and an appearance in the documentary *Golden Threads*.

Born in Springfield, Illinois in 1899, she moved to Detroit in 1937 with her partner the late Ceceline "Babe" Franklin. They met in the 1920s and their relationship spanned 34 years until they moved to separate seniors residences in the 1970s. A printer by trade, Ellis made her home a refuge for African-American GLBT youth long before there were social services to assist them or even places they could meet. She herself, like so many others, first fell in

love with her high school gym teacher and began to learn about homosexuality from reading Radclyffe Hall's *The Well of Loneliness* and psychology texts. She dated her coming out at 1915. A devout Christian, she maintained that God accepts Gays and Lesbians, "otherwise, he wouldn't have put them there."

Ellis connected with the Detroit community decades after her coming out thanks to an instructor at the senior center, and quickly became a familiar feature at women's music festivals, pride marches and other events. She was often asked to lecture although she downplayed her skills as a speaker. Whenever she was asked about her favorite period in her life, she'd say, "This is the best part right now." She kept her physical strength far into her long life, dancing even after arthritis kept her largely in a wheelchair and helping out her senior neighbors almost to the end.

An inspiration to many, Ellis was described by author Alice Walker as a woman of "power, audacity and joy." Detroit's celebration of Black History Month regularly included a Ruth Ellis Day, although she always maintained that she was

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Gay Tempe Mayor Facing Recall Attempt Over Boy Scouts

TEMPE - Some residents have started a recall campaign against Mayor Neil Giuliano, saying he abused his power as he pushed his personal agenda, the Associated Press reported.

The recall effort began after the openly gay mayor, attempted to prevent city employees from donating to the Boy Scouts through the United Way because the Scouts ban homosexuals in leadership posts. Giuliano backed away from that position last week.

Recall leader A.J. LaFaro said he is convinced the mayor "doesn't have the support" of the majority any longer.

Giuliano, a Republican elected to a four-year term in March with 70 percent of the vote, said that he takes the recall seriously and that it's too early to tell whether he will suffer long-lasting damage.

"We will find out," he said. "I don't think there is reason to throw me out of office."

Hercel Spears, chairman of the Republican Party in Tempe's District 27, declined to comment on Giuliano's recall but said he signed the petition.

"Clearly, this is the straw that broke the camel's back," said Spears, referring to the Boy Scouts dispute.

At first, Giuliano and interim City Manager John Greco argued that the city's stance was based on a zero-discrimination policy.

Giuliano later took it a step further, suggesting that Tempe reduce its involvement with Valley of the Sun United Way, a conduit for roughly \$491,000 year of charity donations to the Boy Scouts.

But he changed his mind and on Thursday, October 5, recommended doing business as usual with the United Way.

Giuliano supporters say that the mayor will survive the political turmoil and that no one will remember the incident when he leaves office.

Marine Colonel Disciplined For Anti-Gay Remarks

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) and Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) Co-Executive Director Michelle Benecke announced that Assistant Secretary of the Navy Carolyn Becraft confirmed that disciplinary action had been taken against Lt. Col. Edward Melton, a former executive officer of the Marine Corps Communications Electronics School at Twenty-Nine Palms, California.

Melton was disciplined for homophobic comments he circulated by email following the murder last year of Private First Class Barry Winchell at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Frank and Benecke hailed the Navy's action as a first sign of progress in ensuring accountability for those who violate "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass."

In a letter to Frank, Becraft noted that, after the offending email became public last year, Lt. Col. Melton was investigated and then relieved of his duties; Becraft confirmed that Melton was reassigned to a new position without supervisory duties. He retired in July of this year.

The email, among other things, called Winchell's murder "the 'hate crime' death of a homo in the Army" and referred

to Gays in the military as "backside ringer[s]." Winchell was murdered in his barracks last July by fellow soldiers who perceived him to be gay; Melton's message was supposed to inform his troops of their duties under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass" and reiterate a zero-tolerance policy for harassment of service members.

"The military has taken steps, in this one case, to simply enforce its own rules," Frank said. "Given the past history of benign neglect - or worse by the Pentagon in cases of this sort, I am hopeful this response is a sign that U.S. military officials are beginning to realize they can no longer stand passively by when this type of intolerance is manifested."

"I remain opposed to the underlying 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy," Frank added, "and I will continue to work for its repeal. But, as long as it remains in effect, it is absolutely essential that it be implemented and enforced in a fair way. That has not been true, by and large, and I regret that it has been necessary for SLDN and so many of us in Congress to constantly press the Pentagon to improve its performance in this area. I will be doing all I can to continue pushing for both appropriate re-

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UPDATE

Meet The Candidates Night Oct. 19

TUCSON - Members of Tucson's GLBT community will be able to question contenders for state legislative seats at a special, Meet the Candidates Night, Thursday, October 19, 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

To help Tucson's GLBT resident make choices on how to vote. Wingspan invited 35 candidates for six state Senate and six state House seats to the panel discussion. The program will feature short presentations from each candidate followed by questions from audience members. The event is intended to be interactive so all audience members will be given a chance to make their voices heard about issues of concern that may arise in Phoenix during the 2001 legislative session.

"Though Wingspan does not endorse any political candidates or causes, we believe it is important to act as a non-partisan organizer of events such as this," said Stephen Hall, president of the Wingspan Board of Directors. "We want to give all residents a chance to directly ask candidates their views on issues of importance to our community."

In addition, event organizers will offer audience members information on their legislative districts so they can speak directly to the candidates hoping to represent them.

A free reception with refreshments will follow. For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

SAAF Wins Prevention Grants

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) has received a grant of \$710,424 from the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) for prevention programs targeting Gay men.

The three-year award will fund three distinct, culturally appropriate prevention programs designed to reduce the rate of HIV infection in southern Arizona. This award is a significant increase of the past funding period. All three funded programs are collaborations with Wingspan and the Pima County Health Department. The three programs are:

Salud es Poder, for Latino men who have sex with men. Salud works with Latino men in the Tucson area and Ambos Nogales.

"We are very pleased that ADHS has increased funding for prevention in Pima County, especially to include outreach to the Latino community," stated Anne Maley, Executive Director of SAAF.

Queer Voice, a community building and HIV prevention program for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) youth. Continued ADHS funding for Queer Voice will allow program expansion, including creating a GLBT youth center.

The Gay Men's Health Project, which works primarily with men who frequent Gay bars. This project recently launched a campaign incorporating spirituality in its prevention messages. The Gay Men's Health Project conducts forums where Gay men can discuss issues of interest to them, the Condom Brigade which stocks condoms in Gay bars, and media campaigns that encourage health behaviors.

Wingspan & Gill Foundation Form Fund Raising Partnership

TUCSON - Wingspan, Southern Arizona's GLBT community center, has formed a partnership with the Denver-based Gill Foundation to develop a local pool of successful fund raisers and increase the amount of money flowing into local non-profit organizations.

Tucson has been chosen as one of the Gill Foundation's OutGivingInCommunity sites. Each year, the Gill Foundation uses a competitive application process to choose 10 InCommunity sites across the country. During a 12-month period, the sites receive technical assistance, training and mentoring in fund raising and board development.

Host organizations invite other non-profits to participate, but any non-profit is eligible. Wingspan asks the host to make sure that at least one-third of the participants represent organizations that do not focus exclusively on GLBT issues. In addition, the foundations works with local donors to help them become more strategic with their giving.

"The mission of the Gill Foundation is to serve as a catalyst for social change," said Donna Red Wing, director of the OutGiving Department. "As we form partnerships with organizations through our InCommunity program, we want to help them enhance their role of change catalysts in their local communities."

For more information on attending, contact Wingspan (520) 624-1779.

New Arizona Trans WebSite Launched

TUCSON - A new online resource for the Transgender (TS, TG, and Gender-variant) communities of Arizona has been launched on the Web, TGNet Arizona.

TGNet Arizona seeks to connect the TS, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona to each other and to the GLB community, as well as to the wider population. With information about legal issues, politics, employment and more, TGNet Arizona will be the central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona.

Check out TGNet Arizona at <http://www.tgnetarizona.org>.



IN MEMORIAM



JACK DEAN "POONIE" FOLEY

Jack came into this world on May 19, 1941. He left on July 13, 2000 after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Poonie moved to Tucson after retiring from Northrop Aerospace in Long Beach, California. He is survived by his parents, Phil and Marian Foley of Tucson, an aunt, Betty Knapp, of Bay City, Michigan, and many, many friends.

After moving to Tucson, Poonie quickly became a fixture around town. He worked as the morning bartender at the Venture-N for years, serving up sarcastic good humor along with "Bloody Marys."

Every once in a great while, a totally unique person, like Poonie comes along. All of our lives are fuller and richer for the experience. Poonie, we will always smile when we remember you. A memorial service will be held on November 11, in Rocky Point, Mexico to celebrate Poonie's life. All of Poonie's friends are invited to attend.

Please call Steve Melton, (520) 670-9000 for details.

GORDON BELL
April 10, 1958 - Sept. 30, 2000

Gordon died at his Tucson home on Saturday, September 30. A long time resident of Tucson, Gordon will be remembered by his many friends for his keen intelligence, wit and generosity to others. Gordon was an accomplished writer and had completed a mystery novel just before his untimely demise.

As he wished, no memorial service is planned. Some of his closest friends, Steve, David, Rick and Butch as well as his surrogate mom, Jean Duggan held a brief ceremony on Mt. Lemmon where they spread his ashes.

Memorial gifts in his memory may be sent to S.A.A.F. His surrogate family, the Duggans thank you from the bottom of their hearts.

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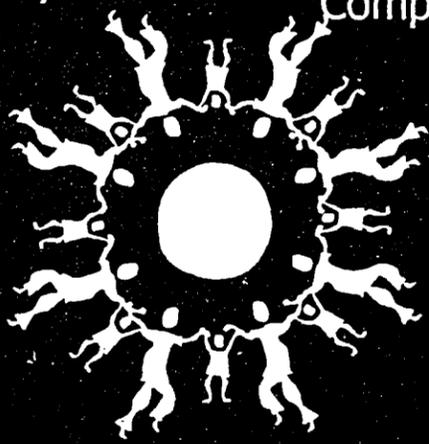


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Singer/Songwriter/Recording Artist Mark Weigle Joins List of Performers At OUToberFEST 2000 This Saturday

One of the headline entertainers at this year's OUToberFEST is singer/songwriter/recording artist Mark Weigle. GLAMA-Nominated Weigle has made a seamless transition from the country-folk of his first album ("The Truth Is") to the flawless pop-folk of his second CD ("All That Matters").

about Trent Lott. The result was "If It Wasn't Love": "I've been hearing' them tell me /... about/ My very own heart / Sick by nature / Against God's law." But his love only increases as his friend's body wastes away: "I dare anyone to tell me / What else it was / If it wasn't love."

Billboard magazine said, "At a time when too much queer music risks taking itself far too seriously to invite mainstream listeners, Weigle deftly crafts songs that honor the Gay experience without shutting anyone else out."

At the core of Weigle's art is deeply felt emotion expressed in direct and simple language. He goes to the heart of a story, digging as deeply as he can into the feelings of his characters without irony or camp.

"Although Weigle will likely continue to explore his life as an out-Gay man in his songs, he's mildly apprehensive about being typecast as solely a voice for that community. 'Yeah, I'm Gay -and to not express that in my music would be actively repressing myself and my creativity. But I'm also a son, a Minnesotan, a hearing member of the Deaf community, a partner in a relationship - all those experiences are expressed in my songs.'"

"John" is about a married man who has just had gay sex for the first time in a peep show booth. "When I introduce the song, there is usually a chuckle. I pause and let that die down." The song is not a joke. "John stood there with his heart / ... his honest sweat, and his life." Weigle wrote the song after a stay in Nashville when he was tired of trying to write within the rules the industry demands. "The song has no rhyme, no regular structure." It stands outside what Nashville considers acceptable in form and content. And it won't let us chuckle. "Sometimes we laugh because we don't want to remember how much it hurt to come out." Remembering pain can help us respect and value another person's struggle with same-sex love.

Mark Weigle tells truths about lives usually ignored by the mainstream gay press. "If you're not hip, young, and urban, your life is invisible," says Weigle. His songs fill in the blanks.

Weigle's unaffected expression of the truth of our lives is helping him find acceptance in the world outside the gay ghetto. His song "I Confess" won an honorable mention in last year's American Songwriter competition, and it is being seriously marketed to Nashville. The song is about the dangerous line between friendship and love: "I confess / That bein' friends with you / Is the worst 'cause it's the best." Weigle's voice whispers and aches and trembles with suppressed joy. The feeling is accessible to anyone, but fearfully ecstatic silence about love seems more likely to emanate from gay than from straight experience. "I was always getting crushes on straight friends when I was younger," Weigle told me. By being as true as he can to the joy and the pain of our love, Weigle succeeds in making art that heals our souls as it resonates for the mainstream.

Weigle has written passionate, joyous love songs about his current partner, a man from Argentina who is twenty years older than he, and about an ex-lover who is deaf. He has celebrated the gay country scene in songs like "Two Cowboy Waltz" and "One Less Dancer," a poignantly simple song about a two-stepping friend who died from AIDS.

Yet not all of his songs speak from his own experience. "I have a whole list of stories I want to tell that have never been told before." "All that Matters" is a song about a man whose partner of over fifty years has died. "All these years we kept two bedrooms / ... Guess we did that for all of you / But the truth is all that matters to me now/ ... God made me to love Charles Anderson."

"I'm not a religious person, but I am a spiritual person," says Weigle. When he was caring for a friend who was dying of AIDS, he ran across an article

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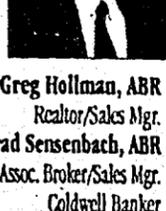
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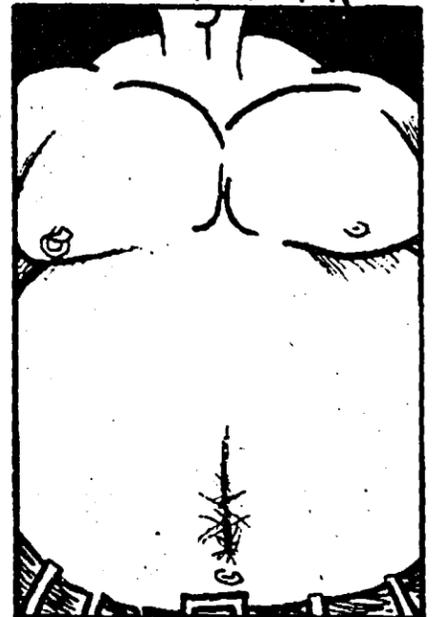
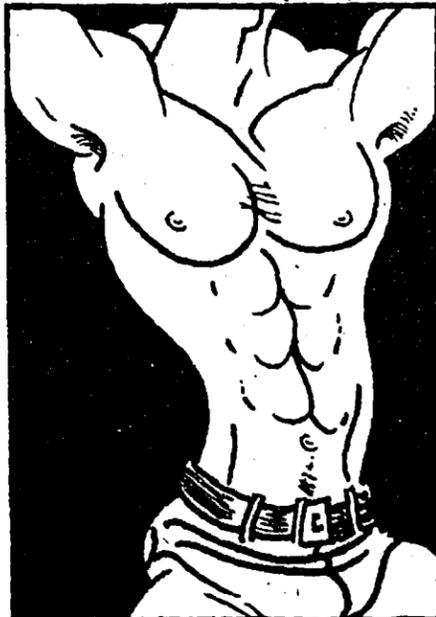
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TLGA OUToberFEST 2000 Saturday Oct. 14

TUCSON (ON) - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) Tucsonans will be converging Saturday, October 14, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., at Reid Park, DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center, for OUToberFEST 2000, "One Vision, One World," the annual National Coming Out/Pride event marked in the Old Pueblo.

The Festival Entrance is located off of Country Club, north of 22nd Street. Parking is also available on Camino Campestre and Randolph Way by Hi Corbett Field as well, in Reid Park.

OUToberFEST is coordinated by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA), and will feature speakers, performances by local groups and entertainers on the Main Stage at the Center. In addition, booths featuring GLBT owned businesses, community non-profit organizations and food and beverages will be present at the annual event.

A \$5 entry donation is being requested by TLGA and beer tickets will be \$3.

As mentioned, performances from local groups and entertainers will take place throughout the day of the event. Performances will take place on the Main Stage and the Community Stage. What follows are the schedules for both stages:

MAIN STAGE SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. - Intro of event by Mr. Gay Arizona All-American, Quinton Jenkins, the Events Coordinator and community activist, Jenkins brings the All-American title to Tucson for the first time in the contest history. Introductory Ceremony by the Arizona Rainbow Veterans.

10:30 a.m. - Michael White, a former member of community choral groups and soloist at the 17th International Candlelight Memorial for AIDS. Whites' Broadway-like tenor vocals are sure to inspire.

11:00 a.m. - Laurie Riccobono, a Phoenix resident and GLBT Community member. Riccobono is a self-described cross between Steve Nicks and Melissa Etheridge. Riccobono's acoustic rock presentation delivers energetic, intellectual melodies that have garnered national critical notice and acclaim.

Noon - Mark Weigle, who has triggered accurate comparisons to the early recordings of James Taylor and Jackson Browne. Weigle deftly crafts songs that honor the Gay experience without shutting anyone else out.

12:45 p.m. - King & Queen of Gay Pride - Rodney Shanks and Ajia Simone.

1:00 p.m. - Cat Trap, an emerging dance rock duo. Jeremy and Cat are described as having Pat Benatar's rock, Alanis' growl and Madonna's charisma.

1:30 p.m. - Desert Voices.

2:00 p.m. - Reville Men's Chorus.

2:30 p.m. - Rare Breed. Music for all occasions, Rare Breed is well known to the Tucson and Arizona market. Rare Breed brings an uplifting and refreshing look at traditional Tejano music. Rare Breed educates and entertains national audiences exposing not only their unique style but their apt name, Rare Breed.

4:30 p.m. - Erin Hamilton. Erin

has quickly established herself as a dance diva for the new millennium with success of her singers. Her debut, top-twenty single, "Dream Weaver," spent last summer on Billboard's dance club charts and the recently released remake of Cheap Trick's "The Flame," became her biggest hit and one of the most requested dance and club songs of '99.

5:00 p.m. - LeAnne Savage. She returns this year to OUToberFEST and is one of Tucson's favorite local artists. Her music is stimulating, scintillating and sexy.

6:00 p.m. - Comedienne extraordinaire, Sabrina Matthews.

6:30 p.m. - Dance Inc. Founded and directed by Hodgie Jo, Dance Inc., is a multi-cultural, innovative dance company based in Phoenix. Annual performances with the Phoenix Symphony and concerts at the newly renovated Orpheus Theatre have favorably exposed their unique style and garnered Dance Inc., national performance invitations.

7:00 p.m. - Robin S. Atlantic Music recording star. Robin S. has packed dance floors all over the world with hits,

such as "It Must Be Love," "Love For Love," and "Given' You All That I've Got."

COMMUNITY STAGE SCHEDULE

10:30 a.m., Opening Prayer Ceremony. 10:45 a.m., Music with DJ Billy Dec. 11:00 a.m., GLBT Commission speaker, Amelia Craig Cramer. 11:05 a.m., Tucson Pride Timers speaker, David Eyde. 11:10 a.m., Wingspan spokesperson, Tim Kanski. 11:15 a.m., political speakers. 11:45 a.m., Music with DJ, Billy Dec.

Noon, Bunny Fufu. 12:05 p.m., Danny. 12:10, Cornerstone Singers. 12:15 p.m., Kenneth Blake. 12:20 p.m., Cornerstone Drill Team. 12:25 p.m., TIHAN spokesperson, Scott Blades. 12:30 p.m., Bunny Fufu. 12:35 p.m., Jance Starr. 12:40 p.m., Kenneth Blake. 12:45 p.m., Music with DJ, Billy Dec. 1:00 p.m., Felicity Arachnia. 1:05 p.m., Jasmine. 1:10 p.m., Faith Michaels. 1:25 p.m., Jance Starr. 1:30 p.m., Jasmine. 1:35 p.m., Felicity Arachnia. 1:40, Faith Michaels. 1:45, Music with DJ, Billy Dec.

2:00 p.m., Salud Es Poder Show.

2:45 p.m., Music with DJ, Billy Dec. 3:00 p.m., Billy Dec's Gong Show - Cash and Prizes Awarded. 3:45 p.m., Music with DJ, Billy Dec. 4:00 p.m., National Capital Cities Show. 4:45 p.m., Music with DJ, David Z. 5:00 p.m., Mr./Miss Gay Teen Tucson Pre-Pageant Show with MC, Faith Michaels. 5:45 p.m., Music with DJ, David Z. 6:00 p.m., 2 Heteros & A Homo Band. 6:30 p.m., Music with DJ, David Z. 6:45 p.m., Hydra Leather Fetish Fashion Show. 8:00 p.m., Community Stage Closes.





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On Wednesday, Oct. 4, Laura quietly made her first comment about the LGBT community on TV. In fact, her comments about the John Hancock ad featuring a Lesbian couple moving through airport customs with their newly adopted baby were so subtle that many people didn't even know what she was talking about.

Commenting on the "anti-family" messages sent by ads aired during the Olympics, Laura said:

"You've got kids watching the Olympics as families. Families are watching the Olympics. This is one of the ways parents and families have of showing their kids working hard, persevering, striving for something, the pride of getting a medal. And this is the kind of stuff. Not only that you saw other things. Did you see some of the commercials? How bout the one where the lady could avoid the guy with the mask who was going to slash her up because she had a certain sneaker on? How about the women collecting babies at the airport that they were adopting with no fathers around? How about the one where the guy was obviously doing the girl at his house and then she says, 'You know what? I gotta go; the babysitter's waiting.' 'Oh stay, it's Saturday.' 'Oh I can't.' 'Well then, marry me.' 'I don't really have to because I have a lot invested in this company.'

"So from moment to moment to moment to moment, our kids are slowly starting to see in what was a family environment behavior and attitudes which were really quite anti-family - and certainly anti-men. He's either a murderer or something you don't need if you have a lot of money or somebody you don't need as a husband and father. What is that? Family orientation during the Olympics?"

Of course, nothing Laura said here was defamatory toward Lesbians; and we suspect that was intentional on her part. This seems to be Laura's way of testing the waters of TV as to whether she can make anti-Gay comments on her show. Laura is walking a firmly drawn line at the moment. As reported, Dr. Laura has become home to exactly the kind of deceptive behavior Laura herself would probably rail against - except that she's the one doing it! People monitoring the show noticed that the same "guest" appeared on two back-to-back shows, and that her name was oddly familiar. It was discovered that the "guest" was none other than Dr. Laura staff researcher San-D Duchac, whose name appears in the end credits of the show (just as it did on-screen when she was being interviewed by Laura).

While talk-shows have been known to use staff members as guests or audience members, they are almost always identified as such by the host. Laura's deceptive use of her staff in an effort to influence the content of her show casts real doubt on other "guests" who speak on the show, who may well be planted and acting according to Laura's "script," which could be the case, if the Wednesday, October 4 edition of the program was any indication.

On a segment, entitled "Ask Dr. Laura," Schlessinger said that "some people can't call the radio show with their dilemma, so we sent the cameras out to talk to you about your dilemmas, and here is our first person."

On the television monitor was a gentleman, who said the following: "Dr. Laura, my girlfriend is very close to her boyfriend and I don't want to be jealous but

she told me she wants to go on a camping trip with him and some his friends in a couple of weeks and I didn't know what to say. I don't want to be possessive at the same time. I don't want to be made a fool of. What's the appropriate response for that sort of dilemma."

The gentleman was none other than John Fugelsang, an actor who recently was co-host on ABC's "America's Funniest Home Video's" with Daisy Fuentes, the former MTV-VJ. Fugelsang has appeared in movies, does stand up comedy, and was also a VJ on VH-1. So the question on whether the show hires actors rears its head again.

Plain and simple, this program isn't moral and about doing the right thing. Despite this it continues, with more national advertisers fleeing this waste of videotape but some local businesses are still advertising, with the list growing shorter every day. Thanks to your phone calls, 33 businesses in the Tucson area have done the right thing, and pulled their advertising. Some firms though haven't gotten the message to "do the right thing," and ended their ads on this program. What follows is the list of Tucson businesses still running ads. Call them and tell them to "do the right thing" and stop advertising on the program or you will be spending your dollars elsewhere, at their competition.

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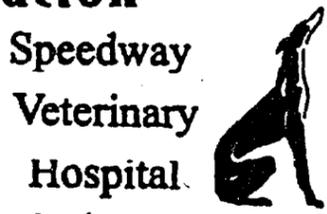
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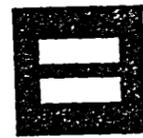
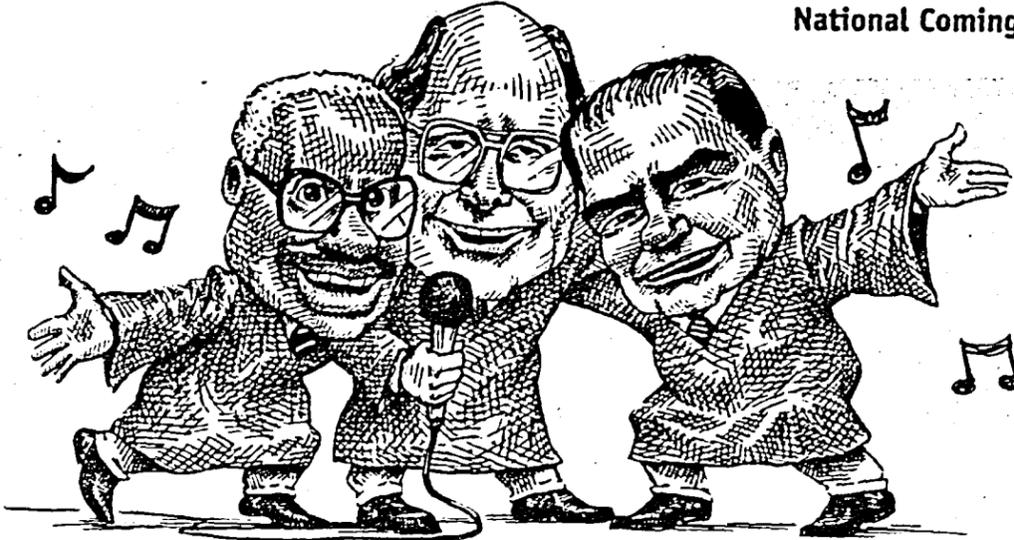
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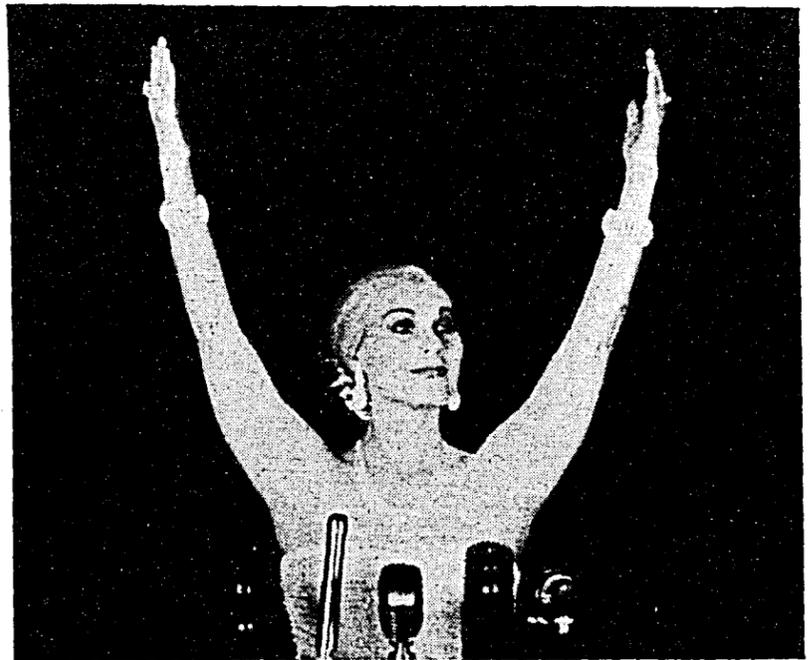
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In Phoenix, (October 4-11), the tour will play Wednesday, October 4, throu-

gh Friday, October 6, 8:00 p.m., Saturday, October 7, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Three added performances, October 9 - 11, will begin at 8:00 p.m. Tucson performances, October 13-15, are set for Friday, 8:00 p.m., and Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are priced from \$26.50 to \$39.50.

Phoenix tickets are on sale at the Phoenix Civic Plaza Box Office (Orpheum Box Office opens one hour before each performance). For easy instant charge, call (602) 262-7272. Tucson tickets are on sale at the TCC Box Office and all Ticketmaster Outlets, including Robinson's-May and Warehouse locations (Music Hall Box Office opens one hour before each performance). For easy instant charge, call (520) 321-1000.



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POLITICS 2000
by Mark R. Kerr

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A Republican led, House - Senate conference committee, on October 5 agreed to drop from a defense spending bill, a rider with language identical to the proposed Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA), (also known, in its current edition, as the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act). This is the second year in a row that the Senate has attached HCPA language to a major spending bill only to see it dropped in conference, but this year the House had also voted to "instruct" its representatives on the committee to retain the rider.

There is little hope HCPA can be resurrected in final budget negotiations among the President, House and Senate, but a President in his final weeks of office has limited clout. HCPA's future rests on the outcome of the November general elections, since Democratic Presidential nominee Vice President Al Gore supports it and Republican Presidential nominee Texas Governor George W. Bush does not.

HCPA would have added disability and gender as well as sexual orientation to the bases for victim selection that are recognized in federal hate crime law; currently recognized categories include ethnicity, race and religion. HCPA would also greatly expand the ability of federal authorities to investigate and prosecute hate crimes, most often in support of local authorities. ...

The House of Representatives has agreed to provide more than \$1 billion a year for AIDS prevention and treatment in a bill that for the first time factors in HIV infection as well as AIDS cases in determining how federal money will be distributed.

The legislation, which the House passed 411-0 Thursday, October 5, reauthorizes for five years the Ryan White CARE Act, which expired when the new fiscal year began Oct. 1. It now returns to the Senate for what is expected to be quick approval before going to the president for his signature. The AIDS bill was first passed in 1990, the year 18-year-old Ryan White, a hemophiliac from Indiana who contracted AIDS after receiving a transfusion of tainted blood. ...

Vice presidential candidates Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman (D) and former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney (R) met in Danville, Kentucky, Thursday, October 5, for their only debate of the 2000 campaign, with a lively, good-natured contest than the October 3 debate between their running mates, Texas Governor George W. Bush (R) and Vice President Al Gore (D).

In the first debate, the presidential nominees had focused on economic and foreign policy issues to the exclusion of almost anything else, Cheney and Lieberman took on some hot button social topics, including Gay rights.

Towards the end of the 90-minute debate, moderator Bernard Shaw of CNN posed the question: "Should a male who loves male and a female who loves a female have all -- all -- the Constitutional rights enjoyed by every American citizen?"

In responses that seemed carefully calculated not to offend any of their constituencies, both Lieberman and Cheney waffled a bit, saying that they were "thinking" about and "wrestling" with the issue. Lieberman advocated equal rights for

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender (GLBT) people, but stopped short of endorsing marriage. And Cheney, who has declined to discuss the sexuality of his Lesbian daughter, essentially underscored his personal "tolerance" of homosexuality, while dodging the issue of government's role in Gay rights.

"Maybe I should begin this answer by going back to the beginning of the country and the Declaration of Independence," said Lieberman, "which says right there at the outset that all of us are created equal and are endowed -- not by any bunch of politicians or philosophers, but by our creator -- with those inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Although America has an imperfect history of extending those rights to all citizens, Lieberman explained, "over time ... we have extended the orbit of that promise. And in our time at the frontier of that effort is extending those kinds of rights to Gay and Lesbian Americans who are citizens of this country and children of the same awesome God just as much as any of the rest of us are."

Lieberman said that this was his rationale for sponsoring the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, as well as other Gay rights measures. But he did not go so far as to advocate Gay marriage. "[The question] confronts or challenges the traditional notion of marriage as being limited to a heterosexual couple, which I support," he said. "But I must say I'm thinking about this because I have friends who are in Gay and Lesbian partnerships who have said, 'Isn't it unfair that we don't have similar legal rights?' ... And my mind is open to taking some action that will address those elements of unfairness, while respecting the traditional religious and civil institution of marriage." His answer amounted to an endorsement of Vermont's marriage-like civil unions -- a position that Al Gore has taken, as well.

Cheney, too, framed sexuality as an issue of freedom: "The fact of the matter is we live in a free society, and freedom means freedom for everybody. We don't get to choose and shouldn't be able to choose and say you get to live free and you don't. And I think that means that people should be free to enter into any type of relationship they want to enter into. And it's really no one else's business in terms of trying to regulate or prohibit behavior in that regard."

Cheney said it should be left to the states to decide what kinds of rights would be afforded to GLBT people (as the rights of African Americans were once determined by state "Jim Crow" laws). "I think different states are likely to come to different conclusions, and that's appropriate. I don't think there should necessarily be a federal policy in this area," he said. This statement reflects the Republican ticket's opposition to national hate crimes laws and employment discrimination protections. And although it is not an explicit endorsement of anti-Gay measures, the reality is that most states do not protect queers against employment discrimination or hate crimes; and over 30 states have gone so far as to pass laws barring same-sex marriages.

Lieberman offered the more passionate, pro-Gay, policy-oriented answer.
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Yet America has taken the inner meaning and power of our founding documents, and given them new life in each generation.

I believe very deeply that the time has come in America to widen the circle of fairness and dignity to include our friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives in the Gay and Lesbian community. I am running for President to fight for all the people. That is why the ideals of fairness, equal opportunity, and non-discrimination are at the very heart of my campaign for President.

In the past seven years, we have taken great strides. We have appointed the first openly Gay and Lesbian people to high-ranking posts in our nation's history. We have made our government the largest employer in the world with a strong non-discrimination policy covering sexual orientation. We have boosted funding for AIDS research, prevention, and treatment. We have created a new White House Office of National AIDS Policy. We fought insurance discrimination against people with pre-existing conditions. We helped more people with HIV-AIDS get access to health insurance.

I am personally very proud to have been the first Vice President ever to speak at a public event with a Gay rights organization.

PERSPECTIVE

By Al Gore

Let's Build A Nation Of Fairness And Equality For Everyone

I believe it is partly because of that record and commitment that I have been endorsed by Gay and Lesbian leaders and civil rights organizations across this country.

But I don't want to rest on that record - I want to build on it.

When people filled with hate target Gays and Lesbians, Jews, blacks, Latinos, and Asian-Americans, it is clear that hate crimes are not just like other crimes. As President, with your help, I will lead the fight for a tough law to stiffen the penalties for crimes of hate.

We need to do more to battle HIV and AIDS - here at home and around the world. At the beginning of this year, I had the opportunity to address the United Nations Security Council about the threat that AIDS poses to the stability and security of Africa and the world. As President, with your help, I will lead a worldwide effort to fight HIV and AIDS.

I believe we must take bold steps to give all our people the best health care in the world. We need to dedicate ourselves to provide access to quality health coverage to every child and extend coverage to millions of adults by the end of the next Presidential term. We need to continue research into HIV and AIDS and provide adequate funding for it. We need to give real prescription drug benefit to seniors and people with disabilities who are on Medicare.

We need a strong, enforceable Patients' Bill of Rights because it's time that we take the medical decisions away from the HMO accountants and insurance company bureaucrats, and give them back to the doctors, nurses, and health care professionals. Americans deserve the best health care, not just the cheapest.

We must also take strong new action to ban discrimination and make sure every American can realize his or her full potential. As President, I will re-issue the executive order banning discrimination in the federal workforce. And I will fight to pass the Employee Non-Discrimination Act, which will prohibit job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

In this campaign, there are real differences on these basic issues of fairness. My Republican opponent strongly opposes hate crimes legislation. He opposes a simple law to outlaw discrimination in hiring, firing, and promotion based on sexual orientation. In fact, right now, in Texas and in 38 other states, you can be legally fired just because of your sexual orientation. If I am entrusted with the Presidency, we will fight to correct that injustice.

The stakes are enormous in this election. We know what will happen if the Republicans take back the White House. And America cannot afford to go back to the neglect and divisiveness of the Bush-Quayle years.

Instead, we must move forward to create the America of our highest ideals. That is why I need your help and your hard work. Join with me in this campaign, and together we will win not just votes, but powerful new victories for dignity and equality - for all Americans.

[Al Gore is the current Vice President of the United States and the Democratic nominee for President in the 2000 election.]

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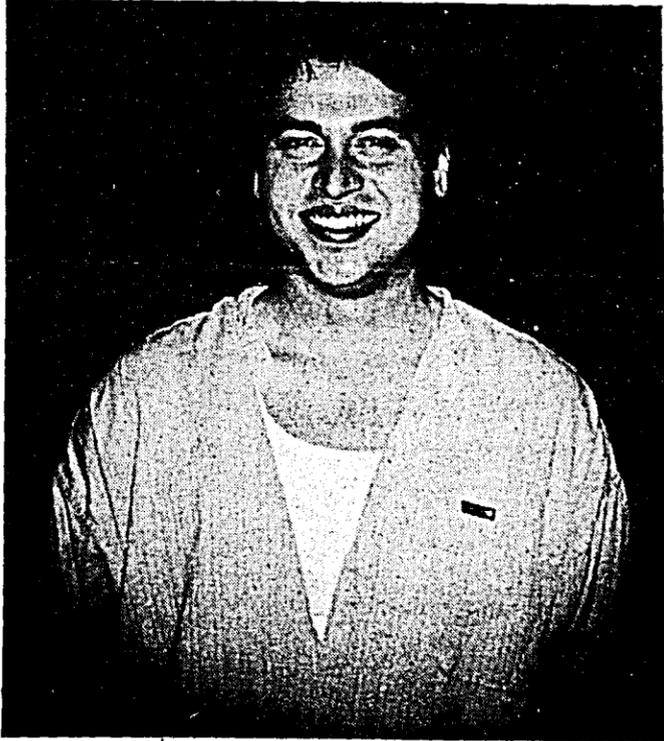
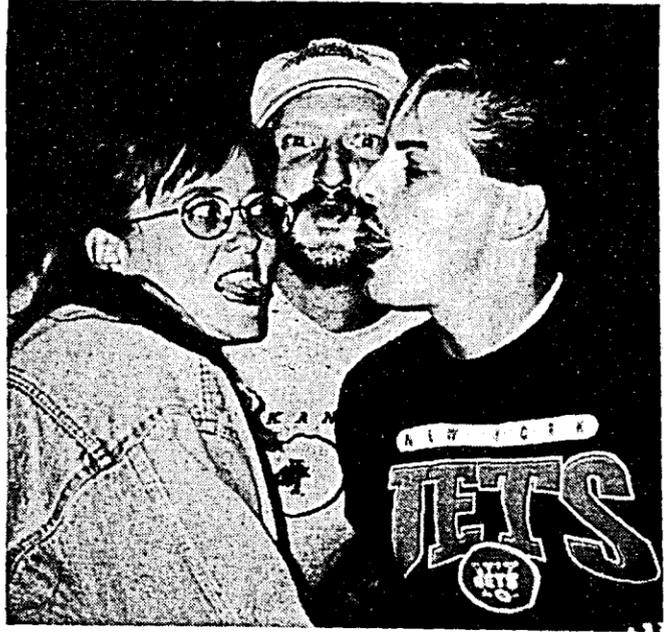
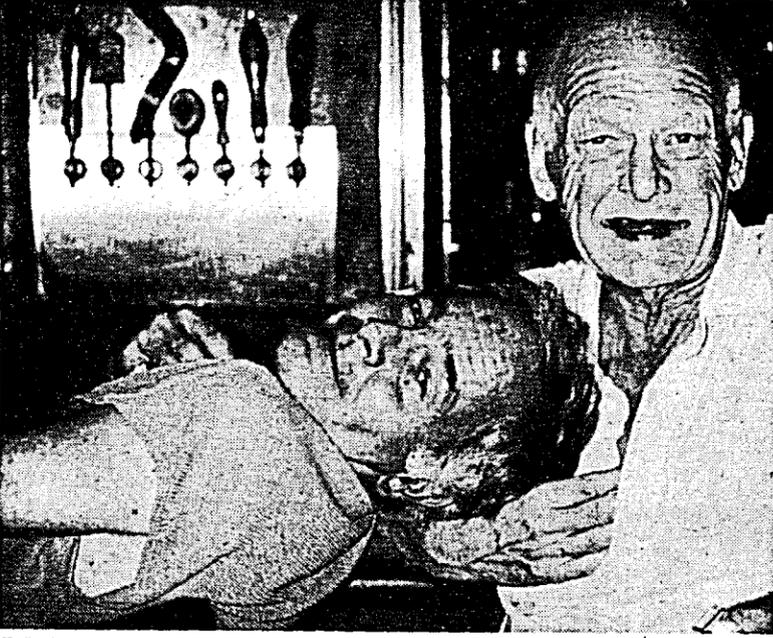
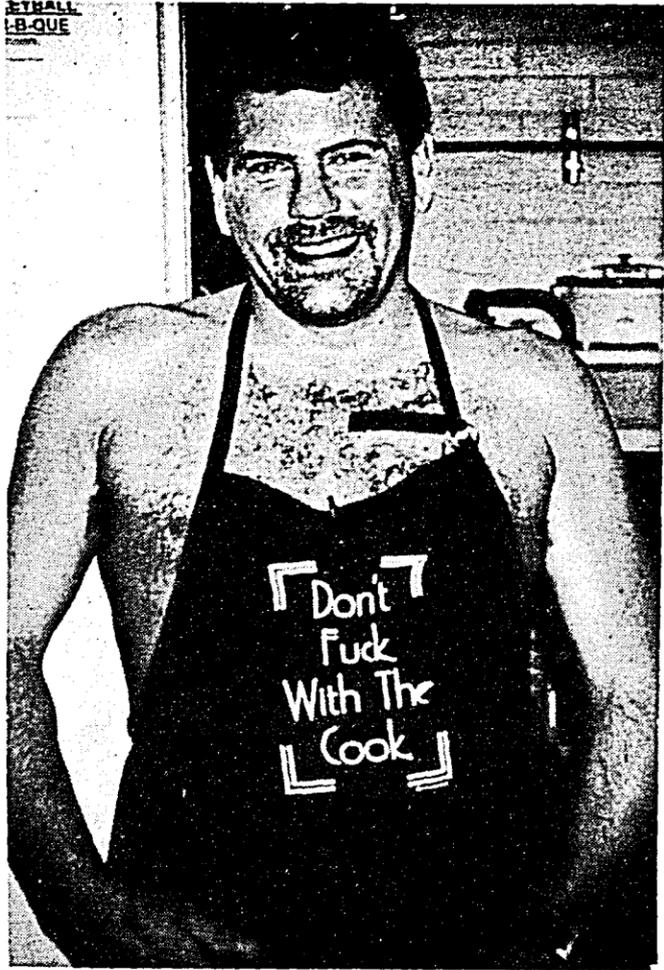
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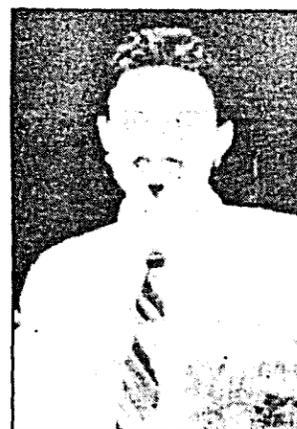
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UPDATE

POZ Cafe October 19

Rainbow Veterans Memorial Completed

PHOENIX - The Arizona Rainbow Veterans announced that they have completed the "Rainbow Memorial," the first in the National Cemetery System to acknowledge the service of Gays and Lesbians.

The Memorial is being donated by the Gay Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America. The Arizona Rainbow Veterans, a group of Phoenix Gay and Lesbian vets who designed and won approval for the monument, announced that the money has been raised and they are preparing for the dedication ceremony.

The ceremony will be a sunrise service on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at the Arizona National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix. The dedication will be conducted by Rev. Patrick Stout of the Community Church of Hope in Phoenix. Due to the Veterans Day Parade in Phoenix, a small group of veterans are expected to gather at the cemetery for the dedication.

The Memorial is a boulder shaped, rainbow granite monument inscribed IN MEMORY OF ALL WHO SERVED WITH COURAGE AND PRIDE. Donated by the Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Veterans of America.

The Memorial's design was

approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs in August. Roger Rapp, director of the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration's field operations, called the inscription "non-offensive and clearly commemorates veterans service." Rapp noted that the "Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Veterans of America is an established nationwide veterans group that has a national constitution and bylaws. The group appeared to be primarily patriotic in nature and its objective was to commemorate military service."

Wally Straughn, president of the Arizona Rainbow Veterans, said "we can never repay the sacrifices made by America's Veterans. The best we can do is to pay tribute to their descendants and honor their memory." He pointed out that the Memorial is intended to be all inclusive, not limited to the memory of only Gay and Lesbian veterans, but dedicated to the service of all veterans. Franc Gaxiola, Vice president of the Arizona Rainbow Veterans, stated, "the Memorial will honor the memory of all veterans who have fallen in our nations battles. It will be a Memorial to remember our comrades who chose to risk their lives for their country, while forced to be silent; those who have given so much and who deserve recognition."

TUCSON - People living with HIV are invited to Poz Cafe, a complimentary lunch along with social and recreational activities on Thursday, October 19.

Poz Cafe is located at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC (corner of Swan and River Roads). Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. Following lunch there will be several games of Bingo (with prizes!), other board and card games, or a chance to be creative with crafts, or just sit and chat with friends. Game, social and craft time will end at 2:30 p.m.

Poz Cafe is not just a "free lunch"—it's a place to meet and mingle with others who are living with HIV. So, even if you're back at work, take a break for an hour and come enjoy the social aspect of meeting other positive friends. Volunteers from St. Mark's United Methodist Church are hosting this month's lunch that will include: Meatloaf or vegetable lasagna, and lots of fresh side dishes. Dessert this month will be lemon or coconut cream pies. A selection of beverages, including orange-ade, iced tea and coffee will be available, and a hospitality table with punch and snacks.

Like all TIHAN programs, it's Gay-friendly, free of charge, and no proselytizing or evangelizing is permitted—the

purpose is to enhance social opportunities and nutrition for adults living with HIV/AIDS. Poz Cafe is not "health food," but it is healthy, with a balance between good nutrition and comfort foods. The menu items will taste good, and be appealing, and of course, made with lots of love from TIHAN's volunteers.

Reservations are requested so that we can have an idea of how much to cook. Each HIV+ person may have one guest accompany them if they so choose. (Each guest—partner, spouse, friend, volunteer—will be reminded of confidentiality concerns.) After lunch, we will have arts and crafts activities (we'll be making Halloween masks this month!) and card and board games.

This luncheon is fully sponsored, courtesy of generous support from the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association, St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, and other caring individuals and congregations of TIHAN.

Transportation can be provided with advance notice simply through one phone call to the TIHAN office. For more information about Poz Cafe, or to make your reservations or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at (520) 299-6647 by October 16.

Resign From The Mormon Church

By Kathy Worthington

The Mormon (Latter Day Saint) Church is once again putting huge amounts of time and money into anti-Gay causes. In Nevada and Nebraska the church is at the forefront of organizing and spending in order to try to pass ballot measures to prohibit any kind of legal recognition of Gay relationships. The church Salt Lake City-based church also was responsible for much of the anti-Gay effort to keep the boy scouts from accepting Gay men and boys into that organization.

If you are now Mormon (that is, if you ever joined the church and you have never resigned or been excommunicated) this would be a perfect time to send a message to the church by formally resigning. This message is not for people who are happy being Mormon or to those who have never been members of the church.

Feel free to write to me for free information on how to go about resigning from the church, or visit the Mormon No More website at

<http://www.fortunecity.com/village/simmons/318/mormonnomore.htm>. A web search using the phrase "Mormon No More" should also lead you to one of several 'Mormon No More' websites.

The Mormon church has a unique practice of counting a person as a member (to inflate their numbers) even if the person hasn't attended in many years and even if he or she has no interest in being part of the church. As for resignations, the church has a tendency to respond to them with hassles and deliberate delays. Church representatives will often make unwanted phone calls and visits or they will claim you have to go to an interview or accept visitors to your home before you can get your name off their membership rolls.

If you are a Mormon and decide to resign on your own and you run into harassment or deliberate and lengthy delays, feel free to contact me via email. Even if you don't have access to the internet yourself, you shouldn't have trouble finding someone who does.

AZ Stonewall Dems Target Legislative Districts

PHOENIX - The Arizona Stonewall Democrats are determined to effect this years election by supporting GLBT friendly Democratic candidates. ASD members are active in several campaigns as volunteers and the organization is publishing endorsements for the first time.

Recently, the group donated \$4000 to the Arizona Coordinated Campaign to target competitive races. The Arizona Coordinated Campaign helps to fund various candidates and unites the effort to "get out the vote." Coordinated Campaign Deputy Director, Michelle Carson, reported that "while the Democratic National Committee covers administrative costs, this money will go directly to campaign efforts and vote by mail applications to help take back the Arizona House and Senate." Carson said the contribution would be used in competitive districts where they will

have the most effect.

ASD Chairman Wally Straughn said, "for the first time, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people in Arizona have a powerful voice in issues that pertain to them. We have shown the candidates that we can deliver volunteer hours and contributions, now we have to deliver the votes."

The Arizona Stonewall Democrats are devoted to advancing equal rights for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. They support the Democratic party, and Democratic candidates that support their mission. They strive for equality and political change by promoting voter registration, education and participation. Membership is open to any Democrat who supports fair and equal treatment for all people.

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High Average: Keith D., 227; Heather H., 185, Mamas Family, 532.

High Series Scratch - Keith D, 742; Heather H., 576; Sluts-R-Us, 1675.

High Game Scratch - Keith D., 300; Heather H., 227; Sluts-R-Us, 661.

High Series Handicap - Keith D., 742; Jen K., 652; The Nut Sack, 1944.

High Game Handicap - Keith D., 300; Joann S., 245; Sluts-R-Us, 735.



Drag Queens' Olympic Trials

SYDNEY, Australia (NP) - Sydney's local drag entertainers recruited for the Games-closing pageant just wanted a little respect — and the biggest audience of their lives.

Sydney's drag queens very nearly withdrew from the Olympic closing ceremonies. First their hard-rehearsed dances were cut, replaced with less than a full circuit of walking around the stadium. They received only a clothing allowance of A\$150 each, while the dancers behind singer Kylie Minogue were paid \$1,500 and allowed to keep their outfits. For the cherished spots atop the giant pink wig and the giant stiletto shoe before and after the Priscilla bus, ceremony organizers picked Cindy Pastel and Vanessa Wagner, who got to share a dressing room with Minogue and Elle Macpherson. Pastel, who was flown in from Perth, was housed in a paid-for hotel room, and allowed to keep her costume.

Yet despite their grumbling, the local drag queens put up with what they called "a total lack of respect," including no announcement of their names in the stadium, in order to gain the biggest audience of their lives. No regrets were reported. Pastel said of the stadium crowd, "We felt welcomed as drag queens."

Except perhaps by NBC, the exclusive Olympics broadcaster in the U.S. Journalist Peter Cashman confirmed the perception that there wasn't a drag queen to be seen even from afar in the edited, tape-delay prime time coverage. Cashman had the advantage of seeing the ceremony intact on both Mexican networks, which not only showed the drag parade but featured extended commentary about the film it was honoring, The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert.

Desert Vision by Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D.

Reflections On National Coming Out Day 2000

It was October 11, 1987. That morning, I gathered with several hundred religious leaders from around these United States for communion in front of the Lincoln Memorial. As we looked out over the Washington Monument's reflecting pool, we prayed at this historic site for those deprived of justice. Within hours, several hundred thousand people marched through the streets of Washington, DC to raise awareness of civil rights issues affecting Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered people; women; and people with HIV/AIDS. It was the Second National March on Washington organized by Gay and Lesbian people.

Within weeks of that march, Act-Up chapters were formed in every major city in the United States. Poised for direct action and civil disobedience to highlight the plight of people with AIDS, Act-Up was responsible not only for increased research on HIV but also research for other diseases of the immune system; the development of the FDA's fast-track approval of promising drugs for all people with critical and fatal illnesses; and an expansion of rehabilitative services for long term drug users.

Now, October 11 is marked as National Coming Out Day. It is an opportunity to for Gay and Lesbian people, their families and friends to name and claim our presence in the larger community. The challenge of National Coming Out Day is a challenge for all of us to reach beyond ourselves to assure that all people are treated with respect, no matter how different they may be from us.

National Coming Out Day underscores the importance of the coming out process through which we first name and claim who we are and then share this knowledge with others. But National Coming Out Day goes further to remind us of the importance of visibility.

I've been out as a Gay man for approximately 20 years. For the last fifteen years, I've been visible as an openly Gay man, minister, and psychologist. Over that time, we as Gay and Lesbian people have

come a long way. Yet, it still catches me off guard when Gay or Lesbian people ask why I have a rainbow bumper sticker on my car. "Why do you need to advertise? Do you think anyone cares?" Indeed, people do care. Because people take issues of sexual orientation very seriously in our country, we live without national equal rights protection, legal recognition of our relationships, and debates over whether brutally attacking one of us constitutes a hate-crime. I was surprised when speaking to one Gay professional man about the celebration of Out-oberfest that we asked if I was "going to wave a flag," implying that there is something wrong with such events. It seems to me that such sentiment misses the sacrifices made by many people to assure us the freedom to be as open in today's society as we are.

Our visibility in all aspects of society raises the awareness that Gay and Lesbian people are indeed vital members and participants of the communities in which we live. It makes clear that ours is not a cause for special rights but one of human rights. Further, the victories we have won in this battle make our society more whole and responsive to the needs of other people beyond ourselves.

National Coming Out Day is an opportunity to remind ourselves of the need to be visible in a society where many people would prefer that we live hidden lives. National Coming Out Day provides us with the opportunity to raise people's awareness so that they understand that what we cherish most are the same things other people cherish. National Coming Out Day empowers us to stand as one people and affirm who we were made to be. Don't let National Coming Out Day and our local celebration of Out-oberfest pass without reaffirming your own sense of pride in who you are.

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A View From The Rock
A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

This weekly article is written by members of Cornerstone Fellowship Church. It usually contains an anecdote from someone's life and incorporates the importance of God's involvement in his/her life. But this week's article is different. I thought it would be a good time to talk briefly about our church and offer you an invitation.

Cornerstone Fellowship is a non-denominational Christian church. We are referred to as a Bible-based church as well. We believe the bible to be God's word and teach from it through our weekly Bible studies at church and of course through the Sunday sermons. In the bible, a particular verse is held very near and dear to the hearts of our members. It is found in the book of John, chapter 3, verse 16. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." The word "whoever" indicates that God's love and offer of salvation is for everyone, period.

Many people in our community have been told that God cannot love them

or that they are destined for Hell unless they turn from homosexuality. Although reconciling one's homosexuality and Christianity is a very personal thing between an individual and God, we do believe that the word "whoever" includes Gays, Lesbians, Transgenders, and well, everyone! It is our relationship with Jesus Christ and not the description of who we love, that matters most. Unfortunately many of you will never hear the good news of Jesus because you've been told in the past that you can't attend a Bible-based church.

We believe that God has blessed his little church for over 14 years now because we are spreading His Gospel to our community.

The members and friends of Cornerstone Fellowship invite you to come see what the church is all about. We invite you to inquire about the church either by calling, making an appointment with the pastor, or by stopping by our booth at the Outoberfest on Saturday October 14. As well, don't miss the presentation by our Tambourine Drill Team during the pic-

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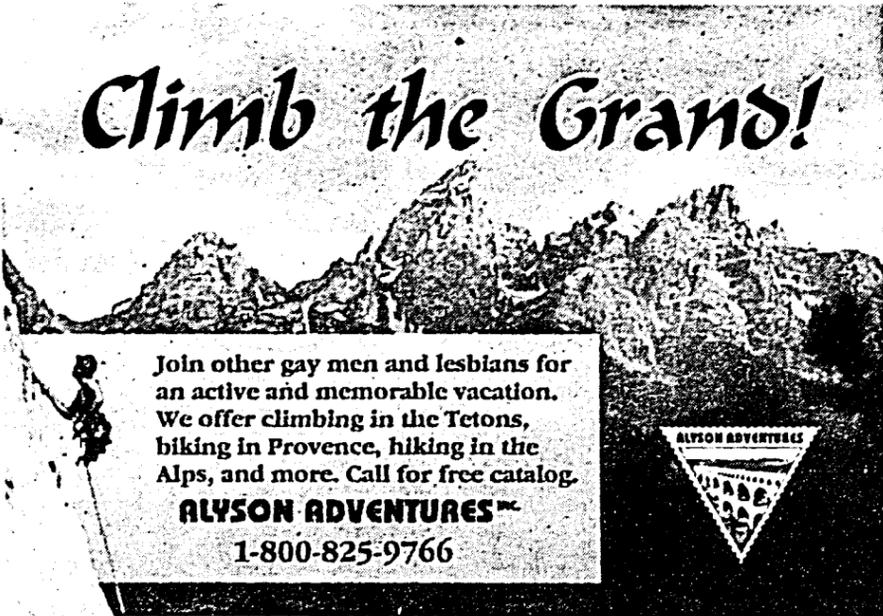
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Politics

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But to the casual viewer, Lieberman and Cheney came across as similarly-minded with regard to Gay issues. Neither one wanted to alienate the growing number of voters who favor GLBT equality, nor did they appear ready to push the American public to examine their most closely-held assumptions about homosexuality and marriage. ...

The Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), the statewide GLBT rights group, this past week, released their political endorsements for the races for the Arizona Legislature, where all 90 seats are up for consideration in this election year. The Observer will shortly be running a full page ad with AHRF's recommendations.

At a press conference, to be held Wednesday, October 11, AHRF will also be announcing that the organization passed their fund raising goal in their "Leadership Campaign."

Founding AHRF member and currently on the Board of Directors, Bill Lewis, had challenged the membership to raise \$100,000 to help the statewide GLBT rights group. According to Lewis, who announced the campaign at the organization's annual dinner, if \$100,000 was raised, he would give the organization a check for \$100,000. More than \$150,000, from 330 individual contributors, was raised during the campaign. ...

Former candidate for the District 13 House of Representatives, Colette Barajas, had her arraignment hearing, this past week, in Phoenix. Barajas had been indicted by a State Grand Jury on Wednesday, September 20, for allegedly forging 19 signatures of Clean Elections contributors on documents submitted to the Secretary of State's office.

The Clean Elections Act requires candidates who want to qualify for publicly funded campaigns to gather a specific number of \$5 contributions of registered voters, of the same political party as the candidate and who live in the political district for which the candidate is running. Barajas needed 200 valid contributors in Legislative District 13.

Barajas pleaded not guilty to the 20-count felony indictment. According to Pati Urias, Public Information Officer for the Arizona Attorney General, a pre-trial conference has been scheduled for November 30 for the case. ...

As previously reported, a story on Edward Poelstra's (Republican candidate for the District 14 House of Representatives) sexuality was to run in the daily newspapers. Poelstra is a Gay candidate, running for office, not a novelty in Pima County. On Thursday, October 5, the item ran in the Arizona Daily Star, in their political notebook but with a twist, they ran the wrong picture. In their "infinite" wisdom, the Star ran a picture of Ed's father, who happens to be a lobbyist at the Arizona Legislature.

In an interview, the openly-Gay, Democratic candidate for Pima County Treasurer, Jesse George, bemoans the fact, rightly so, that his campaign is for an office considered to be too low profile for the mainstream, daily scribes, especially the Daily Star, who instead of covering the race, ran a story, "Seven Hopefuls Have Rap Sheets," which seven candidates had committed crimes that were recorded in local public records. One candidate, William Zaffer, Green Party candidate for County Recorder, had pleaded guilty to

charges stemming from his harassment of a former live-in girlfriend in June, 1983. The other six were for "nickel and dime" charges.

Jesse George needs our help. To volunteer, call his campaign (520) 743-4320. Make checks payable to: "Jesse George for Treasurer," 3350 W. Sandalwood Drive, Tucson, AZ 85715. ...

So it goes.

"When Pigs Fly" Plays Thru Oct. 15

TUCSON - Due to audience demand, the Invisible Theatre is pleased to announce that six additional performances of Howard Crabtree's "When Pigs Fly," will be presented, October 10 - 15.

Show times are as follows: Tuesday, October 10, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 11, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 12, 7:30 p.m., Friday, October 13, 8:00 p.m., Saturday, October 14, 8:00 p.m., Sunday, October 15, 2:00 p.m.

"When Pigs Fly" is an outrageously costumed and irreverently satirical musical extravaganza. Winner of both the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards for Best Off-Broadway Musical Revue, "When Pigs Fly" is a tribute to those courageous enough to be themselves.

Tickets for "When Pigs Fly" can be reserved by calling the Invisible Theatre, (520) 882-9721, Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or stop by the office at 1400 N. First Avenue.

AIDS Walk 2000 October 22

TUCSON - AIDSWALK 2000, a benefit walk for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) will take place Sunday, October 22, at Rillito Downs, with registration beginning at 7:00 a.m. and the walk commencing at 9:00 a.m.

SAAF encourages everyone in the community to join in this enjoyable and important event to help support people living with HIV/AIDS in Southern Arizona. AIDSWALK is the largest HIV/AIDS related fund raising event in southern Arizona and proceeds benefit the client services and prevention efforts of SAAF.

This year's AIDSWALK will feature a redesigned walker route which will include a 4K in addition to the traditional 10K route. Live music and food will be provided afterward for everyone's enjoyment. The Names Project AIDS Quilt will be on display including 24 panels, some from the Tucson area.

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NOW PLAYING THROUGH OCTOBER 15
Invisible Theatre opens the fall season with Howard Crabtree's "When Pigs Fly". The theater is located at 1400 N. First Ave. This side-splitting, outrageously camp, very gay and witty, topical musical revue/play was conceived by Howard Crabtree and Mark Waldrop, directed by Susan Claassen with musical direction by Khris Dodge, Choreography by Mickey Nugent and costume design by Maryann Tombino, won both the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards for Best Off-Broadway Musical Revue. It tells the story of Howard, the mad genius costume designer, and his quest to overcome adversity by doing the show he has always dreamed of doing. Though the spirit is gay, in both senses of the word, "When Pigs Fly" is totally accessible to everyone who dares to follow their dreams into a "hog heaven" of fabulous divine inspiration! 882-9721.

OCTOBER 12-15
Judy Gold is coming to the Tempe Improv. If you have aTV you've seen Judy Gold. The 6'3" comedian is the most recognized as co-star Gloria in ABC's "All American Girl" with Margaret Cho. She has hosted Talk Soup, appeared on Hollywood Squares and has hosted her own movie review show, "At the Multiplex with Judy Gold".

OCTOBER 12
Cellist Yo-Yo Ma is not only one of the greatest classical musicians of our time, he is also one of its most adventurous ambassadors. Performing at UA Centennial Hall, at 7:30, Yo-Yo Ma will be featuring the music of his first and most lasting musical influence, the genius of Johann Sebastian Bach. "The Music Of Bach" includes three of the composer's sublime Suites for Unaccompanied Cello, which have fascinated Ma since he first discovered them as a child. 621-3364.

OCTOBER 13-14-15
'Evita' the 20th Anniversary Edition will play at TCC Music Hall. This musical won Best Musical and was the winner of 7 Tony Awards. 321-1000.

OCTOBER 17
Ratan Thiyam's Chorus Repertory Theatre "The Final Beatitude" in its first tour of the United States. Pulsing with sight, rhythm and sound, the work by India's acclaimed director is a saga of war and peace under Second Century emperor Ashoka. As one of only eight destinations in the troupe's U.S. Premiere, UA Presents the University of Arizona's performing arts series at Centennial Hall for one performance only. 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$16 to \$28 with discounts available for students, subscribers and UA faculty and staff. Performed by a cast of 27 in the Manipuri language with English subtitles the story depicts the tale of Ashoka's conversion to nonviolence and Buddhism when faced with the horror of destruction wrought by war. 621-3341 for more information.

OCTOBER 20
Legendary composer Philip Glass and Kronos Quartet perform masterful new score for 2931 film classic 'Dracula' at Centennial Hall at 8:00 p.m. Asked by Universal Pictures to produce such a work to herald the 70th anniversary of Tod Browning's classic, Glass has reinvigorated the archetypal tale of terror with the perfect

musical accompaniment. Music critics and skeptical film buffs alike are spellbound by the contemporary composer's brilliant and daring creation. 621-3341.

OCTOBER 23
Legendary B.B. King will appear in concert at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Hall on the UoA campus. Tickets available at Centennial Box office 621-3341

OCTOBER 25
The Arizona Friends of Chamber Music present the second concert in their 53rd season. From China, The Shanghai String Quartet will perform at 8:00p.m. in the Leo Rich Theater at the Tucson Convention Center. Call 577-3769 for more information.

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NOVEMBER 2
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NOVEMBER 4
Legendary sitarist Ravi Shankar and his prodigious daughter Anoushka salute India's great musical heritage at Centennial Hall at 8:00 p.m. Renowned for his virtuosity on the sitar, Shankar has been a cultural force for the past three decades and now shares this monumental tour with his daughter and very talented apprentice, Anoushka.

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Pick a time for your one-and-a-half hour orientation: Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 11, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., or Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 p.m. These orientations will take place at St. Cyril's RC Church, 4725 E. Pima.

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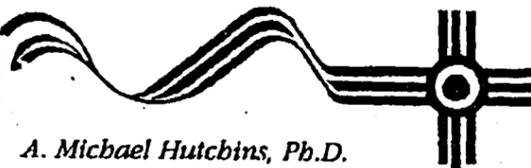
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contributions at the highest level. I supported the United Way there for many years and have continued to do so since moving to Tucson.

However, I shall not contribute further as long as you continue to provide funding to the Boy Scouts. I'm very sorry that you find yourselves in your current position with respect to this matter but it is both the opportunity, and the time, for you to stand up to this sort of intolerance. You will send a significant and important message to the community and benefit more from doing so than you will if you do not. The "adults" who operate the Boy Scouts, and have the very great responsibility for guiding and helping to mold the character of the next generation, have shown themselves to be intolerant based on bigoted perceptions and beliefs long ago proved to be false and groundless.

Hopefully you will do the right thing."

I would urge readers to provide

their input and opinion about this matter to the United Way by email sent to uwgt@uwtucson.theriver.com or by writing to United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, P.O. Box 86750, Tucson, AZ 85754.

Very truly yours,
Steve Risley
Tucson, AZ

DEAR OBSERVER AND MEMBERS OF THE GLBT COMMUNITY:

I would like to publicly convey TIHAN's gratitude to a group of volunteers who have been working quietly behind the scenes for the last several months to raise money to support an important new program TIHAN is providing.

Christopher, Art, and Floyd have been working hard for the last several months at the Venture-N to raise money for TIHAN's Memorial Fund. Through beer busts and barbecues at the Venture-N since June, these men have helped raise \$736.50 for TIHAN's memorial fund.

So to these wonderful volunteers, to the Venture-N staff and management, and to all the members of the community that have supported the Saturday afternoon beer busts, the Sunday afternoon barbecues, and the special August Jungle Party, I

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would like to say thank you for helping raise funds to provide financial assistance to those who have died from HIV/AIDS.

When Christopher, Manny and Art realized last year that there were no funding sources available to assist with funeral expenses, they made a commitment to raise funds to help out in these cases. Since TIHAN started this Memorial Fund last year in honor of our friend, Bill Ellsworth, TIHAN has been able to assist five persons with funeral and burial/cremation expenses. It is only through the hard work of these men, and the generosity of our community, that this Memorial Fund is able to provide this help to those in need.

This is another example of caring friends seeing a need in the community, and working to find a solution. Thank you all for your help and generosity to provide support during a very difficult time. I can tell you how grateful the surviving partners and family members have been that you all raised money to help them with these expenses.

With love,
Scott Blades,
Executive Director, TIHAN

Marine Colonel

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sponses to future incidents of this type and for the initiation of further preemptive actions, including better training and education about the policy, to help make sure these things do not occur in the future."

"We hope this action will send a strong message throughout the services that harassing and degrading our troops will not be tolerated," said Benecke. "Leaders must set an example for their troops and Lt. Col. Melton clearly failed to do that. The services must hold accountable those who harass or condone harassment. This disciplinary action against Lt. Col. Melton is an important first step in doing so."

Ruth Ellis

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"nobody special."

A memorial service for Ellis is planned for October 21 at 1:00 p.m. at Detroit's Central United Methodist Church. She had requested that any memorial donations be made to one of the following charities:

Ruth Ellis Center (youth drop-in center), 16525 Woodward Ave., Suite #19, Highland Park, Michigan 48203 (313)

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867-6936. Golden Threads (social network for older Lesbians), P.O. Box 65, Richford, Vermont 05476-0065. Full Truth Fellowship of Christ Church, 4458 Joy Road, Detroit, Michigan 48204 (313) 896-0233. Downtown Senior Citizens Center, 23 East Adams, Detroit, Michigan 48226 (313) 964-4516.

**Statement By
President Clinton On
Hate Crimes Legislation**

The Republican leadership made a serious mistake by stripping the hate crimes legislation from the Department of Defense Authorization bill, despite strong bipartisan support in both the House and Senate. The Republican leaders have turned their backs on legislation designed to send the message that all persons should be treated the same under the law -- no matter what their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability.

This legislation would enhance the Federal government's ability to prosecute violent crimes motivated by race, color, religion, or national origin and would authorize Federal prosecution of crimes motivated by sexual orientation, gender, or disability. This legislation also recognizes that State and local law enforcement still have primary responsibility for investigating and prosecuting hate crimes.

It has been over two years since the brutal dragging death of James Byrd, Jr., and about two years since the heinous death of young Mathew Shepard. We owe their families - and all the families of hate crimes victims across this country - no less than to pass this legislation this year. Working with the bipartisan coalition that supports hate crimes legislation, I will continue to fight the Republican leadership in Congress to make sure this important work gets done this year.

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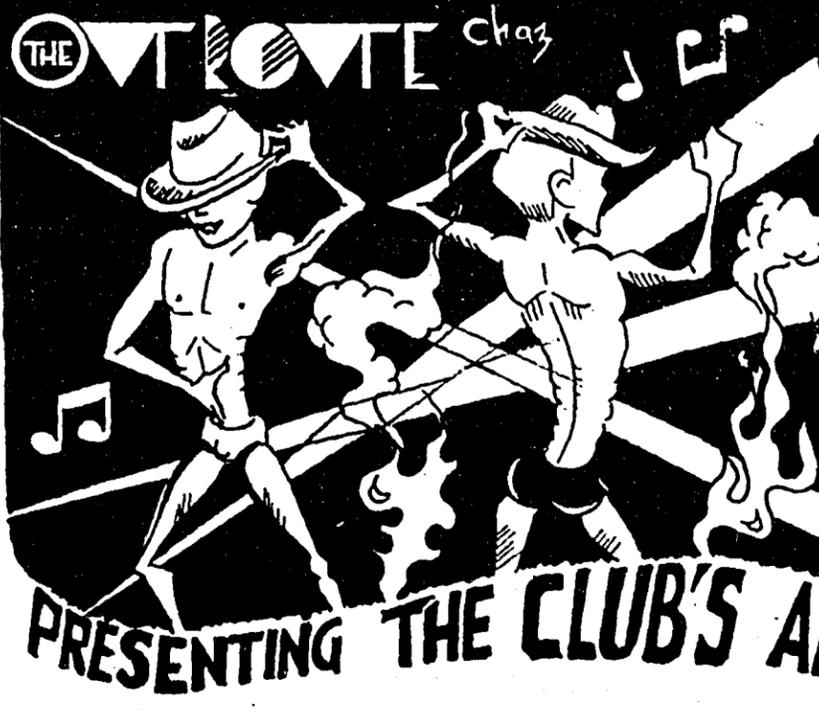
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6th Annual Gay & Lesbian Film Festival

TUCSON - The LGBT community will again come together for the sixth time to celebrate ourselves in film, looking back to where we have been and at the same time, focus on where our community is going.

of two New York Cabaret performers who have been together, on stage and off, for thirty years. "Queer As Folk," a riotous send up from across the pond, will be shown at the festival this year.

Tucson's Sixth Annual L/G Film Festival will take place October 25-29. On opening night, October 25, join the many who will be at the Rialto Theatre for "A Laugh At Ourselves. The Festival Committee have brought together a riotous collection of shorts sure to produce a giggle in even the most serious movie buff. From the age-old Gay sperm donor question in "Rick and Steve: The Happiest Gay Couple in America" to a silly sweet cooking lesson in "Baking with Butch."

Before the festival, on Saturday, October 14, 9:30 p.m., at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, the Committee will be showing "Angels," a campy, adventurous, drag queen spoof of "Charlie's Angels." This film doesn't star Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu, but a wonderful cast of talented individuals.

Producers passes are \$45 this year. As always, opening night tickets are \$10 and each program will be \$5, and they will be pre-ticketing for several events. Tickets can be purchased at Antigone's, Tucson Trunk and Orange Grove Brew and Vine. For more information, call (520) 322-6742, 622-2900, or visit their Web site at www.wingspanaz.org.

Several new features have been added for this year's festival. A little touch of Halloween for the opening night festivities with a masquerade party. Come dressed as your favorite Gay person from history. After the movies, the party will continue into the night.

This year, many of the films will be show at the U of A Aeronautical Building, located at Speedway and Mountain. In addition to a new Tucson venue, the Festival Committee has added three local film makers this year.

John Killacty's "Walking With The Dead" remembers those lost in the battle against AIDS, while Mitch Goddard brings us "The Pill Ritual," a look into what every day life with HIV is like today. Roberto Luna's "Desert Hate" speaks of crimes against us in our own streets, and our triumph over them.

The Festival Committee is proud to present "Paragraph 175," an insightful and inspiring documentary from Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman (Common Threads, The Times of Harvey Milk, and The Celluloid Closet). In this documentary, interviews and archival footage are woven together to tell the tale of Gay and Lesbian survivors of the Holocaust. Stories kept silent by shame far too long come out and form one solid voice of triumph and survival.

Again this year, Saturday will be free youth day. The Committee has put together a series of empowering youth shorts. "Birthday Time" follows a young man as he searches for his first Gay kiss. "Jake Today I Became A Man" follows a thirteen year old boy's venture into the world of drag.

For the "big boys" is "Gypsy Boys," a steamy look into the lives of male dancers. All showing will be "Get Your Stuff," a heart warming story of what happens when the perfect Gay couple takes fosters a pair of not so perfect brothers. Oh yeah, mom comes along for the ride (six pack in tow).

The boy's won't be the only one's staying up late this year, because ladies, look at us now. The girls at SIR video are bring "Hard Love" and "How to F**k In High Heels." These are definitely chick flicks, and definitely adults only. They blow the doors off every Lesbian movie stereotype we ever made fun of. No cobwebs here girls, just good dirty All-American Dyke fun at it's best.

Sunday, October 29, will wrap it up with two solid programs, beginning with "Red Rain," the story of boxing champ Gina "Boom Boom" Guidi. Gina is the IBFW middleweight champion. Also showing will be "Wallowitch and Ross: At This Moment," a warm look into the lives

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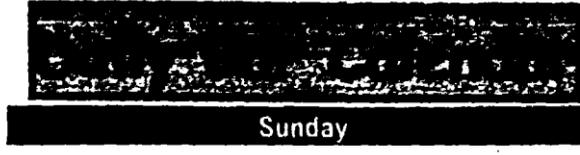
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Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events



Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.
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.
VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open noon. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft, \$2 pitchers. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7 pm. Volleyball 5:30 pm. B-B-Q 5-9pm. \$2.50 burger or chicken; \$1.50 Hot Dog. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close. Patio Bar Open.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.
IBT's - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day all call martinis's \$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.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Tourney 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close. Special drink prices 8pm to close for American Airlines - American Express - AOL employees.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Long Islands all nite. Dance to music w/DJ S. Country music 9 to close
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.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm.
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. \$1.50 pitchers 9-close. 80s Retro & house music with DJ Sarafina.
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 Bud Products 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio opens at 5pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pick-up Volleyball games start 7pm. Spaghetti & meatballs 6-9pm \$2.50. Patio bar open.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm. 2for1. Karaoke with Liz 9pm to close. \$1.50 Tequila & 75¢ Watermelons.
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 (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.
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. Patio Bar Open.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. 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.
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 \$2.50 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 8-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.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts, \$1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Steak Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon, vegetables, salad, potato & roll \$4.50. Patio Bar Open.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

It's coffee at Coffee Etc. (2830 N. Campbell Ave.) Come join Bears of the Old Pueblo for coffee, meet and greet. 7-9 p.m. All are welcome.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:30 p.m. Bears monthly general meeting. Call 327-1620 for details or check out www.botop.com

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for the MSN Premiere of "Rites of Passage", a gay thriller about a gay young man who is at an isolated cabin with his brother and father when two escaped convicts appear. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 - OUToberFEST

Prime Timers Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Mimi's Cafe, 4420 N. Oracle Road (corner Oracle and Wetmore Inside Tucson Mall) Parking lot next to Olive Garden. Phone Sylvan for more info, 747-5669.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Join the men of MSN at Reid Park for a outing at the annual Outoberfest. We'll have a booth set up for information, and we invite you to join us to see what MSN is all about.

Come by the Bears of the Old Pueblo booth at Outoberfest at Reid Park and meet some of the guys and enjoy the sights and sounds of Tucson's largest pride event. Call 327-1620 for details or check out www.botop.com

Salud Es Poder, The Latino Men's Health Project presents Mr. Gay Latino Tucson 2000 Pageant at 7:00 p.m. at the Clarion Santa Rita Hotel, 88 E. Broadway. For more info call 628-8773 ext. 248.

The Group from the Gay & Lesbian Film Festival are having an advance free screening of their retro DRAGadelic feature "Angels" this evening at 9:30 p.m. in the parking lot behind Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Ave. Rainbow Planet is donating 10% of the evening's proceeds to the Film Festival which will run October 25 through October 29. Watch this calendar for times, titles and venues.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Tom leads the Triangle Tribe-a support group with MSN which is designed to teach openness and communication. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Gay and Lesbian Reading Group meets at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble on Boardway. The group will be reading "Kissing The Witch" by Emma Donoghue. Newcomers are especially welcome. The group meets regularly here on the Third Wednesday of each month. Among the titles the group will be reading are "Tales of the City" by Armistad Maupin and "Red Azalea" by Anchee Min. Everyone is welcome to join the group at 5130 E. Broadway (at Rosemont).

It's coffee at Coffee Etc. (2830 N. Campbell Ave.) Come join Bears of the Old Pueblo for coffee, meet and greet. 7-9 p.m. All are welcome.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

A reading by authoress Harmony Hammond from her new book "Lesbian Art In America" qwill take place at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave. The book is a fantastically comprehensive look at Lesbian art since 1970. The reading will be followed by a question and answer period. Refreshments will be served.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Les' home. It's a chance to meet 60-75 new faces. 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 or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, October 19 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).

The Bears dine out at India Oven, 227 N. Campbell. This monthly event is open to all. Call 327-1620 for details or check out www.botop.com

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Prime Timers in Tucson at Tosh's Hacienda, 14 Camino Otero, Tubac, AZ. Car pool to Nogales following luncheon. Call Sylvan 747-5669 for more information.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les as they host Game Night-an evening devoted to board and card games. You're encouraged to bring your favorite game for others to enjoy as well. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

Desert Voices in concert 8:00 p.m. at National Hall at the International Arts Center. Members of Desert Voices poke fun at the Halloween season with music from Broadway and off-Broadway. Last season's 'Cabaret' concert and Silent auction sold out. Don't miss out on the fun of the shopping and remember to wear your mask at the Cabaret! Prizes for the most creative mask, cash bar, food from Tucson's finest eateries. Silent Auction of over 100 items begins at 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 - OUToberFEST

Reid Park OutoberFEST 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Admission \$5.00 See the TLGA ad in this issue for full information and list of entertainers. Don't miss this once-a-year blowout for and by the Gay and Lesbian community of Tucson.

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Pride Picnic Party all day & night. Party inside or out. No cover - no lines. \$1.00 Bud and Bud Light drafts all day. Dance with DJ Hill 8:00 p.m. til closing. Shot and drink specials every half hour!

IBT's - Tucson's biggest 'OUTOBERFEST Pride Party' only at IBT's Community Bar-B-Que 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

WOODY'S - Stop by after the OUTOBERFEST and continue the party! \$2.00 small pitchers; \$3.50 large pitchers; \$1.75 well drinks. 4:00 TO 10:00 p.m. Steak fry 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Celebrate Gay Pride here beginning at 9:00 a.m. with Rocky's Menudo and Nic's Margaritas.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

IBT's - 'Oktoberfest Party!' Party line-up includes Jaegermeister special all day \$2.75; Becks Beer special all day \$2.50. Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bratwurst Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Reveille Gay Men's Chorus. Then at 9:00 p.m. a Bavarian Beer Garden Costume Party and Contest. \$785 first prize for best costume.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

IBT's - 9:00 p.m. 'The Girlie Show' featuring Lucinda Holliday with Mr. Kenneth Blake, Tori Steele and Faith Michaels.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

IBT's - Black and White Ball and Halloween costume Party and Contest.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

IBT's - Halloween Costume Party and Contest.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Save this date! Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation AIDS WALK 2000. Live music, food and fun. Call 791-WALK (9255) for more info or check out www.aidswalktucson.com

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. The men of MSN will participate in the annual AIDS Walk. If you'd like to join us, or just donate money for this good cause, please call Jeff at 731-2988.

3:00 p.m. Bears of the Old Pueblo Fiesta 2001 Planning Committee Meeting. Come be a part of the premiere Bear event in the country. Call 327-1620 for details or check out www.botop.com. Find out how you can help make Fiesta 2001 the best ever.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Tom leads the Triangle Tribe-a support group with MSN which is designed to teach openness and communication. 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. Join Perry as he hosts Bridge Night. Beginners and seasoned players are welcomed. For reservations and directions, please call Perry at 321-4387.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Help us in getting out the newsletter for the coming month. It's quick and simple, and you get to know the guys you're working with! We also have door prizes and dessert. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us as we show "Finding North"-a film about a man on a scavenger hunt at the request of his late lover. Tagging along is a straight woman who just turned 30 and lost her job. This comedy-drama is sweet and fun. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

7:30 p.m. Game Night with the Bears. Join them for snacks, drinks and bring your favorite Board Game. Call 327-1620 for details or check out www.botop.com

It's coffee at Coffee Etc. (2830 N. Campbell Ave.) Come join Bears of the Old Pueblo for coffee, meet and greet. 7-9 p.m. All are welcome.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Jerry hosts a Topic of Discussion on "Coming Out". We're all in various stages of the coming out process. Whether you're at the beginning, or so out it hurts, come share your experiences with others for growth. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jack 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 Jack at 292-9217.

NOTICES

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC provided daily by the Pima County Health Department. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication too! Any questions? Call 624-8272

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. 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. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: <http://www.saaaf.org>. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, 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 575-8860 or write P.O. Box 38264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Wingspan at 624-1779 about a new AI-Anon group being organized in Tucson.

YOUNG AND GAY?

GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 8th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of **PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** 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 529-9344, 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 745-8977 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 886-1208 or Brian at 882-4728 for information.

HIRE & BIKE DYKES. Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9020

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1225 for current information.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org 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.

RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP. For Lesbian, Bisexual and Transsexual/Transgender women with disabilities (including invisible disabilities). Meets last Tuesday of every month from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. Call DIRECT 624-8452 or Wingspan 624-1779 for more info or directions. Completely accessible and a chemical free zone. (No perfume or scents please!) Women of all ages and disabilities are invited.

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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 690-9565 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 770-9979 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 615-6436 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.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Dezert Girtz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezert 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@aol.com <http://members.aol.com/sagaemail>

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 602-279-4805.

DESERT DUNGEON TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)325-0131, or <http://www.aids.net/dd>

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 Miro 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)534-8219 (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 293-6624.

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 8 weeks. 694-7083.

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (THAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, 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.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays. 1 to 2pm noon location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8678 or 327-4293.

NOTICES

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.

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. Elsie 581-8850 or Ronn 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

CROMES 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 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2602 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 882-7298.

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 791-9862.

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.

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 791-7876.

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 (ewellen@ix.netcom.com)

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCL. 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).

PERSONALS

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EMPLOYMENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WINGSPAN, A NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY CENTER IN TUCSON offering services to the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgendered community. Will manage staff, report to board, fund raise, manage 250k budget, public relations. Salary commensurate with experience. Submit salary requirements and resume to: Wingspan Executive Director Search, 300 E. 6th Street, Tucson, AZ 85705. Full job description at www.wingspanaz.org 848

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