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Hyundai 'Boy Toy' Voted Gayest Commercial Of All Time

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA - What could possibly make a foreign-language commercial so appealing that it gets forwarded by e-mail all over the world?

A hint: Sex sells. When Hyundai threw a Gay twist into a sexy ad it ran in Europe, the spot's popularity quickly overflowed the borders of its broadcast area, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

Now the ad, "Boy Toy", has been voted "The Gayest Commercial of All Time" by visitors to Web sites PlanetOut.com and Gay.com, both operated by San Francisco's PlanetOut Partners. The Web sites asked their visitors to choose a commercial that best represented and understood the Gay and Lesbian audience.

For Observer readers who would like to view and listen to "Boy Toy" have that opportunity. It is on our website with this edition of Observer. Check it out at www.tucsonobserver.com and enjoy.

The spot goes like this: A middle-aged woman is driving along with a much younger male companion in the passenger seat.

She sees her husband stopped at an intersection up ahead and quickly hits the recline lever on her friend's seat to hide him. The punch line comes when the husband drives away and his own "boy toy" pops up in the passenger seat: a handsome young fellow in a tight T-shirt.

Bryce Eberhart, spokesman for PlanetOut Partners, said 31 percent of 15,700 voters in the Web site poll chose "Boy Toy" as their favorite Gay ad. The commercial was created by the Swedish division of advertising firm Leo Burnett.

"Theme aside, great creative is great creative. This is a commercial that has made its way through the Internet and has generated enormous enthusiasm and distribution because it's got a great punch line and a huge laugh at the end," he said.

Other ads nominated by the contest's panel of advertising executives and other experts were for MTV, Goodwill Stores, Federal Express, Ikea and others.

The Ikea spot, "Dining Room Table," dates to 1994, when it made news as the first mainstream commercial to feature a Gay couple.

Since then, advertising using Gay and Lesbian characters has flourished. Dozens of examples can be viewed at www.commercialcloset.org, a Web site that archives such ads and categorizes them as positive, negative or neutral portrayals. The Web site's creator, advertising industry journalist Michael Wilke, helped select the contest's ads.

"As advertisers become more aware of the strength of the Gay and Lesbian market and as our culture as a whole becomes more accepting of Gay and Lesbian people, mainstream advertisers are feeling much more comfortable," using Gay and Lesbian themes, Eberhart said.

The commercials target Gays and Lesbians -- who on average have more disposable income than their heterosexual counterparts -- and mainstream audiences, he said.

But daring campaigns haven't always gone smoothly. In 2000, John Hancock Financial Services premiered a commercial featuring a Lesbian couple who were adopting a Chinese baby, but later edited the spot, making it less obvious that the women were a couple.

Gay West V, June 23

TUCSON - The Lesbian and Gay community celebrate Gay Pride Week with "Gay West V," a western-themed fund raising event at Old Tucson Studios starting at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, June 23.

Proceeds from "Gay West V" will benefit non-profit organizations serving the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community of Southern Arizona.

Enjoy a country and western dance under the stars with country and western dance under the stars with country DJ Dan Ridge/Charlies' Phoenix and rock with Hi-NRG Dancing mixed by DJ Tim Ouland/Crowbar Phoenix, plus other surprises and all the fun, games, rides, food and excitement of Old Tucson Studios!

Schedule events include Lucinda Holliday's "Lipstick & Lashes" variety show, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, Patte Williams, Tejano-style music with KC's Mixx Band and Katz Meow with Heidi Rogers.

"Gay West V" is a privately sponsored charitable event, produced by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance, which is open to the piblic. Tickets are $12 in advance, $14 the day of the event. Ticket options: Contact your favorite LGBT non-profit organization for details or order online at: www.oldtucson.com. You can also visit the following locations for ticket purchases: Antigone Books, Wingspan, David's Hair, Desert Pride, Tucson Trunk and Rainbow Planet Coffee House.

Old Tucson Studios is located in Tucson Mountain Park at 201 S. Kinney Road just minutes from Tucson. Take Interstate 10, exit Speedway Blvd. west and follow the signs. Recreational vehicles must travel I-10 to I-19 south, exit Ajo Way west to Kinney Road and follow the signs.

For more information, call (520) 883-0100.

Census BureauTo Release Count Of Domestic Partners

WASHINGTON, DC - The statistical snapshot of America taken by the 2000 census is about to gain more focus.

Last week, the Census Bureau began the months-long process of releasing figures that will give Americans more detail about who we are and where we live, the Associated Press reported.

The next round of information from the once-in-a-decade count includes what Gay and Lesbian advocates consider the most thorough tally yet of Gay and Lesbian Americans, through a category recording the number of same-sex unmarried partner households in America.

"Culturally, attitudes have changed about same-sex domestic partnerships the last 10 years," said David Smith, spokesman for the Gay and Lesbian advocacy group, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).

The data still will offer an incomplete picture because of confidentiality concerns and "prejudice that still exists in our country," Smith said.

Vermont and Delaware are the first two states scheduled to receive new figures. All 50 states should get their data by late August.

Of the 120 million forms mailed out, about 20 million were the longer kind. Long form data will come out next year, covering other topics including income and education.

By geography, information will be available from the state down to the block level, stored on massive computer files.

"It is going to be huge," said Campbell Gibson, a demographic adviser for the Census Bureau.

Unlike previous censuses, Gay and Lesbian advocacy groups last year encouraged same-sex live-in partners to identify themselves on the census. Besides "unmarried partner," other ways to identify a relationship included "housemate," "boarder" and "other non-relative."

Roughly 140,000 households included same-sex unmarried partners in 1990, the first year census forms offered that option.

That number was based on a sample of households. Advocacy groups say the 2000 count will be more thorough, because it will be based on an actual count of all households, and because of the attention placed on it last year.

But it still will not be an exact count of Gay and Lesbian Americans. The census itself does not ask about a person's sexuality. A Gay or Lesbian individual is single or who is not living with a partner would not be able to identify his sexuality to the government. Some people also had concerns about confidentiality.

Census forms were mailed to homes in March 2000, about four months before a civil-unions law in Vermont went into effect. The statute -- the first of its kind in the country -- provides marriage benefits to same-sex couples.

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Senate Has Hearing On 'Faith-Based Initiative'

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) - On his first day on the job as chair of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., took up the issues of funding faith-based social services and "charitable choice" -- ideas backed by the Bush administration and many in Congress, and opposed by many civil rights organizations.

The bill under consideration was the Drug Abuse Education, Prevention and Treatment Act of 2001, sponsored by Leahy along with Sens. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah; Joseph Biden, D-Del.; Mike DeWine, R-Ohio; Russell Feingold, D-Wis., and Strom Thurmond, R-S.C. It contains a provision that would allow religious organizations to compete on equal ground with nonsectarian agencies for federal funding to provide drug abuse prevention, education and treatment services.

The June 6 hearing in the Judiciary Committee was the first official discussion of the new administration's "Faith-Based Initiative," announced just weeks after George W. Bush took office.

One of the concerns Leahy detailed about the provision was employment discrimination. He noted the case of Alicia

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Desert Voices Concert June 15

TUCSON - Desert Voices, under the direction of Artistic Director Keith A. Koster, present their eighth annual Gay pride concert, Friday, June 15, 8:00 p.m., at the Proscenium Theatre at the PCC West Campus, 2202 W. Anklam Road.

Now & Then, takes a look back at America's best music of the 20th century. National Public Radio presented a year long look at America's top 100 pieces of music, and includes favorites from Oklahoma to Take the "A" Train to Over the Rainbow.

The performance will feature all of Desert Voices' favorite groups, including the women's barbershop quartet Alegria, the tight harmony men's quartet Four Brothers, and Women With Voices, Desert Voices' female ensemble. Una Voz, the chorus' premiere mixed ensemble, will be featured in several favorites. The chorus will share songs of legendary Broadway musicals Oklahoma and West Side Story. In celebration of Gay pride, the concert will feature several audience favorites and music of Lesbian and Gay significance.

Concert tickets are $10/12 in advance, $15 at the door and can be purchased through the chorus hotline, (520) 791-9662. Tickets are also available at Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk, Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, and Hear's Music. The concert is ASL interpreted for the hearing impaired. Now & Then is the final concert in a series of Desert Voices' twelfth season Voices & Visions.

2nd Annual Tucson Parade/March June 24

TUCSON - Come march, make noise, be fabulous and celebrate Pride and the repeal of Arizona's archaic sex laws with the ultimate event of Pride Week 2001, the second annual Tucson GLBT Pride Parade/March: "Requiem for the Sex Laws," Sunday, June 24, 7:00 p.m.

This event will start from the 4th Avenue park-one block south of Speedway (at 4th Avenue and 2nd Street), Traveling south on 4th Avenue, west on Congress, to finish at La Placita Plaza with a fabulous Post-Parade Party & fund raiser, with DJ music and live entertainment!

Tucson's Pride Parade/March is presented by: The Lesbian Avengers and OUTrage: Queers With a Mission and sponsored by: Wingspan, Amazon Foundation, Godat Design, TLGA, Merryl Sloane, Tucson Weekly, and KXCI.

For more parade information, call (520) 271-7438, or E-mail: Tucson-Parade@juno.com

POZ Cafe June 21

TUCSON - People living with HIV are invited to Poz Cafe, a complimentary lunch along with social and recreational activities on Thursday, June 21.

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.

Volunteers from the St. Mark's Presbyterian and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches are hosting this month's lunch that will include Cheese Ravioli, Mild Italian Sausage, French Bread, Salad, and Pound Cake for dessert. A selection of beverages, including 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. Each HIV+ person may have one adult guest accompany them if they so choose. (Each guest–partner, spouse, friend, volunteer–will be reminded of confidentiality concerns.)

Reservations are requested and 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 June 18. Transportation deadline is Wednesday at noon, June 20.

An Evening Out With Michelangelo Signorile

TUCSON - In recognition of National Gay & Lesbian Book Month, the Tucson-Pima Public Library will host "An Evening Out with Michelangelo Signorile," June 21, 7:00 p.m. at the Main Library, 101 N. Stone Avenue. The author will share his views about Gay life in America. The program will be followed by a reception.

Signorile is the author of several books, including Queer in America: Sex, the Media, and the Closets of Power; Outing Yourself: How to Come Out as Lesbian or Gay to Your Family, Friends, and Coworkers; and Life Outside—The Signorile Report on Gay Men: Sex, Drugs, Muscles, and the Passages of Life. Signorile is also a noted columnist with The Advocate, OUT Magazine and Gay.com.

"An Evening Out with Michelangelo Signorile" is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Tucson-Pima Public Library, Tucson Gay/Lesbian Alliance, Wingspan, and Gay Men's Health Project/A collaborative effort of SAAF, Pima County Health Department and Wingspan. For more information, call the Tucson-Pima Public Library, (520) 791-4391.

Community's Chance To Meet The Commission

TUCSON - Meet the Commission! The City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Commission will be holding a community forum on June 28, 2001 at the Wingspan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street. The forum will start at 7:00 p.m. and there will be a reception following.

All members of Tucson's community are encouraged to attend! Come and meet the commissioners, find out what the commission plans to do in the coming year, and voice your opinion about important concerns or issues you think the commission should be addressing.

The GLBT Commission was created by recommendation of a special mayoral task force in response to the brutal murder of Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyoming. The commission was created to ensure that the needs and concerns of Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender communities were being heard and represented.

Since its inception, the commission has accomplished a wide range of goals, including having the city's anti-discrimination ordinance changed to include sexual orientation and gender identity as well as recommending to mayor and council to cease all city funding to any organization that discriminates. The commission has created and begun distributing standards of practice to social service agencies to improve the care, treatment, and resources to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender individuals. The commission has also created standards of practice for education and has begun distribution to local schools and educational facilities.

The commission wants your input! Please come and share your ideas! This event is free and open to the public. Find out about opportunities for you to be more involved!

If you are unable to attend the forum, you can always stop by the monthly meeting. The commission meets every third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Equal Opportunity Conference Room, 100 N. Stone.

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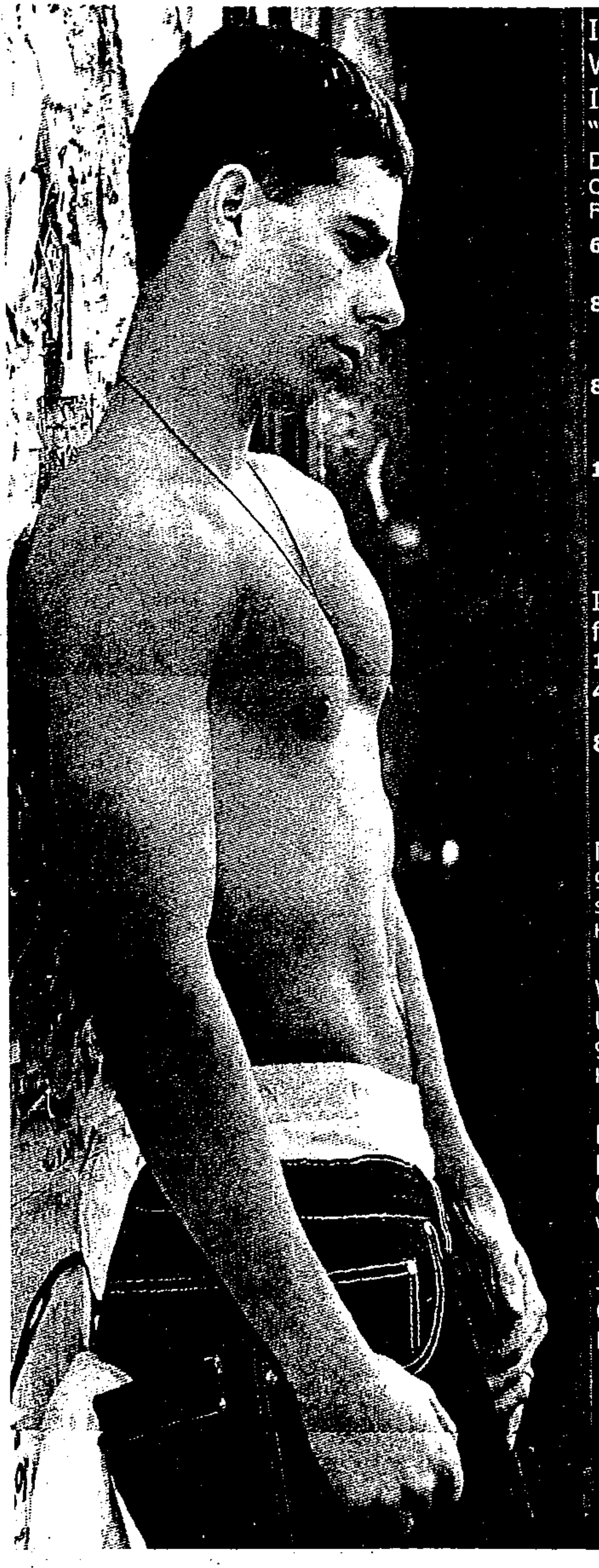

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Poll Shows Americans Favor Protecting G/L Job Rights

ROCHESTER, NY - By more than 2-to-1, a new poll states most adults favor a federal law to prohibit job discrimination against Gays or Lesbians.

The number in favor varies somewhat (from 61%-20% to 58%-29%) depending on the specific questions asked. And, interestingly, many people (42% of all adults) believe that such a federal law prohibiting job discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation already exists.

The survey found, unsurprisingly, that adults who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender (LGBT) are overwhelmingly supportive of anti-discrimination legislation. They also are more likely to know that it does not exist now. The Harris Interactive (Nasdaq: HPOL) study also found that those people who have a close friend or family member who is Gay or Lesbian (30% of all adults asked) are somewhat more supportive (varying from 73% to 59% in favor, depending on the question).

These are the results of The Harris Poll, a nationwide Harris Interactive study of 2,692 adults surveyed online between May 3 and 16, using the same methodology used by Harris Interactive to forecast the 2000 elections with great accuracy. The survey was designed with Witeck-Combs Communications, a marketing and communications firm with special expertise in the LGBT market.

Some findings say:

42% of adults when asked said that they thought that a federal law banning job discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation already exists. Many people (33%) admitted they did not know. Only 25% gave the correct answer that no such law exists. The LGBT population is better informed; 47% - but only 47% - gave the correct answer.

The majorities who favor federal legislation to ban job discrimination against Gays and Lesbians closely vary from 58% to 29%, in reply to one question, to 61% to 24% for another and 61% to 20% for a third question.

Because support for a proposal or policy can often vary widely depending on precise question wording, we asked three variations of the question, with one-third of the sample (approximately 900 people) answering each question. One version of the question was very straightforward, asking respondents simply about support or opposition to a federal law that prohibits job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation; the second version introduced a potential consequence to not having such a law; and the third described the law in more detail.

One notable finding was that matter how the question was expressed - whether individuals were informed that a federal law exists, or not - respondents answered favorably and nearly uniformly. In all three categories, roughly 6 out of 10 responded affirmatively in support of federal legislation to ban employment discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation.

It is also noteworthy that the question that generates the strongest opposition to anti-discrimination legislation also refers to "Gays and Lesbians" and not just "sexual orientation." However, even in this case, a 58% to 29% majority supports anti-discrimination legislation.

It's also not surprising, that in the case where the least information was provided in the question wording, respondents were more likely to say they were "not sure" about the proposed legislation, and less likely to say they oppose it.

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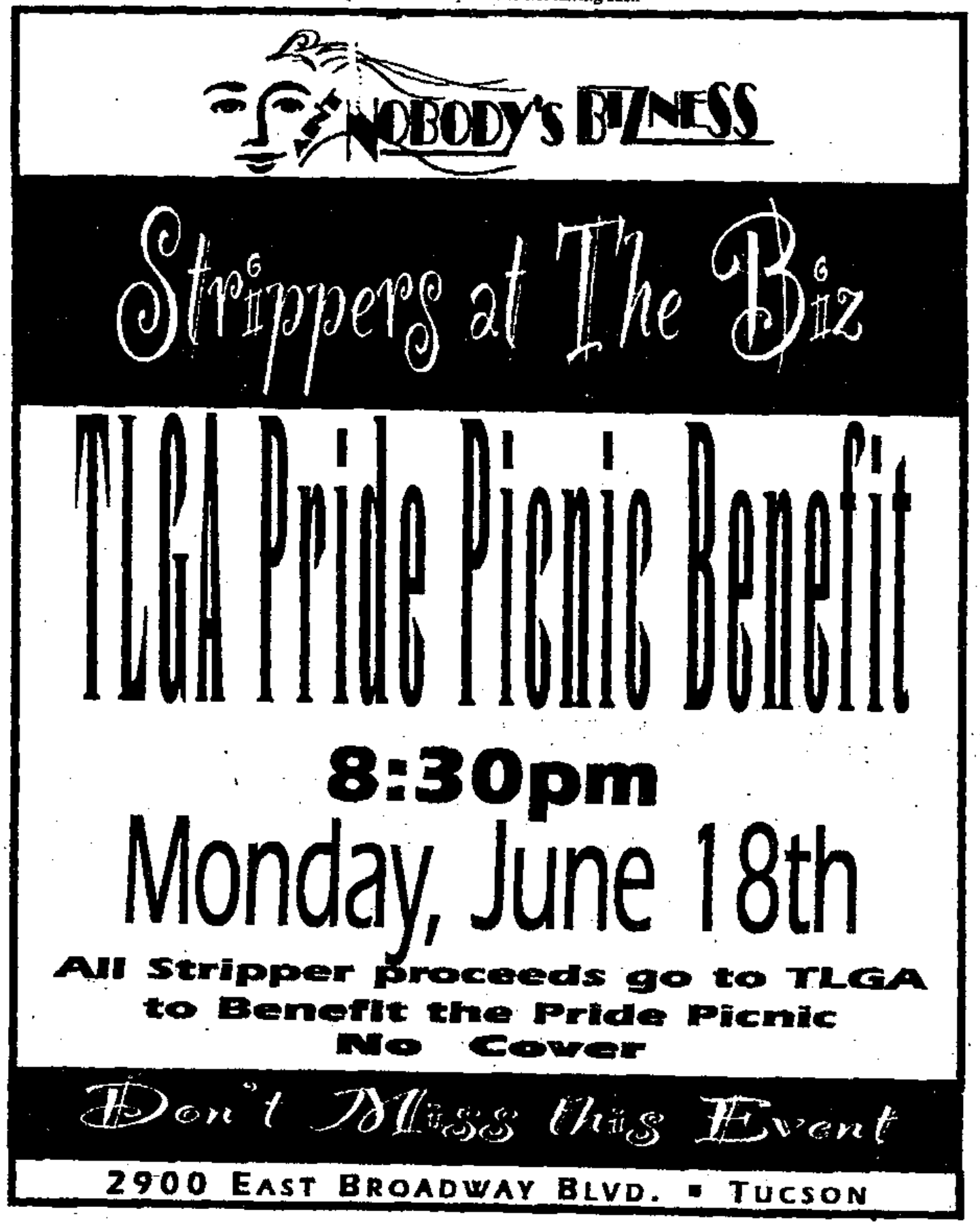


Regional Scout Leaders Call For End To Gay Ban

BOSTON, MA (NP) - The leaders of local Boy Scouts of America (BSA) councils in some of the nation's largest cities want the national organization to compromise on its blanket ban on Gay Scouts and leaders.

A resolution presented at the BSA's national meeting in Boston asks the organization to let local sponsoring groups set their own policies regarding the sexual orientation of members.

The proposal came from board chairs and presidents from nine councils in New York City, Los Angeles, West Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Boston, Minneapolis and Orange County, Calif. It asks the national BSA to amend its policy on Gays to say that "membership and leadership positions are open to persons regardless of their sexual orientation" so long as they meet Scouting's conduct standards, and that "a Scout treat all people with respect, regardless of their sexual orientation."

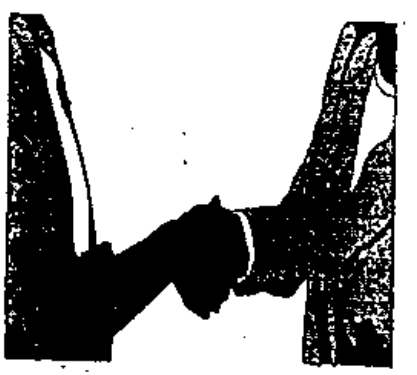
The BSA's current stance is that "homosexual conduct is inconsistent with" Scouting values, and "an avowed homosexual is not a role model for the traditional moral values espoused in the Scout Oath and Law." Its position was upheld by a close Supreme Court decision last year.

"We're not a bunch of wild guys out here doing a palace revolt," Mike Harrison, past chairman of the Orange County Council's board, told the Boston Globe. "We're trying to find another path that respects the beliefs of all Scouts and shows a truly tolerant attitude instead of one with broad stereotypical labels."

Under the proposed rules, a troop sponsored by a school, church or group with a nondiscrimination policy would be free to allow Gay leaders and Scouts, with no repercussions from the national organization. Under current regulations, the BSA can revoke the charter – as it did with several Illinois Cub Scout packs this year – of any group that does not adhere to the national ban on Gays.

The policy change would also leave troops free to continue with the current heterosexuals-only policy. Harrison said he would not expect all troops to open up to Gay membership or leadership, especially those with conservative religious sponsorship. "But many of us value Scouting also precisely because it values tolerance and diversity," he told the Globe, "and [believe] that the Scouts' interpretation of 'morally straight' meaning only straight people is out to lunch."

The BSA said it would send the proposal to its relationships committee for consideration, but didn't expect widespread acceptance among its 320 councils. "These still represent a minority of councils," said spokesman Gregg Shields, according to the Globe. "I think the majority want the policy that is currently in place. I would foresee that the existing policy would continue."



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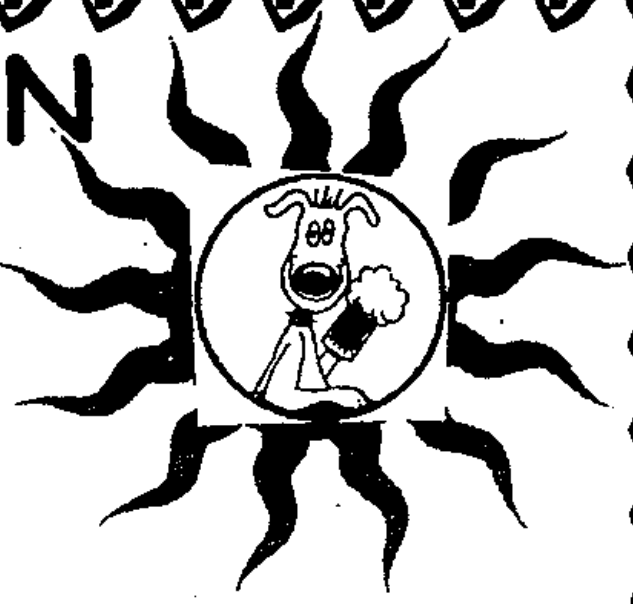

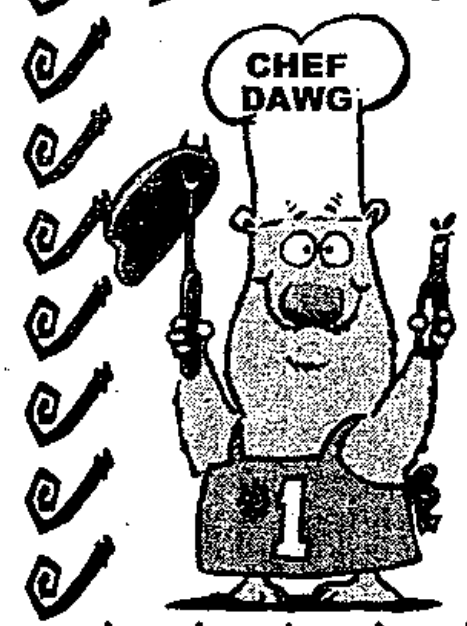

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Are Gay And Lesbian Consumers Loyal?

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - It was part of the stock description of the Gay consumer dream market: they make more money, are better educated and are very "brand loyal."

Despite historic fears of reaching out to the controversial Gay market, those words have slowly lured advertisers in.

The latest brands in recent months to enter the market include: Blockbuster (NYSE: BBI), Cingular Wireless, Eddie Bauer, Procter & Gamble's (NYSE: PG) Head & Shoulders, Heineken, Hewlett Packard Co. (NYSE: HWP), Ford Motor Co.'s (NYSE: F) Jaguar, Motorola (NYSE: MOT), Beiersdorf's Nivea, Solgar Vitamins, US Airways (NYSE: U), Verizon Communications (NYSE: VZ), Volkswagen's Beetle and more – a few even with Gay-specific ads.

Today there are over a dozen financial services, twice that many fashion names and over 40 alcohol brands seeking Gay buyers – but can you name them all? Why are we considered so brand loyal?

Like the dot-coms that sprung up like dandelions and tried to advertise their way to loyalty, many companies enter the Gay market by tossing a few ads out and expecting to reap the magic of brand loyalty.

But it doesn't work that way.

"Brand loyalty has to be earned over time – you can't take it for granted," explains Bob Witeck of Witeck-Combs, a Gay marketing firm in Washington.

Gay marketing specialists agree a few lucky brands fall into the Gay loyalty canon: Absolut Vodka, AMR Corp.'s (NYSE: AMR) American Airlines, American Express (NYSE: AXP), Philip Morris Co.'s (NYSE: MO) Miller Brewing , Subaru and International Business Machines (NYSE: IBM) were regularly named – all were first in their categories and had a presence by 1997 or much earlier.

Very few advertisers had any interest in the Gay market 10 years ago, but the alcohol category had already taken the leap. The so-called "sin" business was little concerned with protests by religious conservatives and, at that time, the only statistics needed about the Gay market then was its large network of bars – beer distributors knew exactly how much the community was worth.

One of the earliest brands to show up consistently was Miller, at San Francisco Gay events in the mid-1970s. Then in 1980, Michel Roux took a risk few had done before. He took his brand Absolut vodka and advertised it on the back covers of countless issues of national and regional Gay magazines.

"Absolut is beloved," says Witeck. "They're ubiquitous and they were there at the beginning. Early leaders like them earned share of mind, and consistency does matter – they've earned it."

Yet, the alcohol category has since become like a crowded bar with one bartender, posing a heavy challenge to latecomers seeking loyalty. "The more people perceive lots of choices available to them, the more difficult it will be to achieve brand loyalty," says Witeck.

Thus, being first in a business category is important to be noticed. While liquor may be sewn up, many other major ad categories remain entirely undeveloped in the Gay market, including household goods, pet supplies, electronics, packaged foods, soda, fast food, beauty products, home furnishings, business services and more.

"Some of the first institutions in got the benefit," explains Scott Seitz of Gay marketing firm Spare Parts. "They still have that halo effect and it's difficult to compete with them."

He should know, the firm handles Absolut's Gay marketing and also Coors Brewing Co., which was not only late but suffered years of Gay boycott for donations made by Coors family members to conservative politicians. "The opposite end of brand loyalty is the boycotting, which shows how much work it takes for companies like Coors to correct the problem," Seitz says.

Many Gay marketing agencies regularly tell clients to have their "house in order" internally before entering the Gay market – meaning protecting Gay employees with non-discrimination policies, offering equal benefits packages and being aware of Gay political issues.

In 1999, UAL Corp.'s (NYSE: UAL) United Airlines was in the difficult place of initiating Gay marketing while simultaneously getting caught up in a lawsuit over Gay employee benefits.

Witeck and Seitz say these issues matter to Gay consumers, who often look behind the ads at what a company is doing internally. "They are becoming more educated and discerning – they don't take things at face value," says Witeck.

Sometimes political adversity also brings favor. The Gay community rallied around Anheuser-Busch's (NYSE: BUD) Bud Light in 1999 after a rightwing protest against a print ad featuring two men holding hands appeared in Gay papers.

Despite Miller's longtime presence and innovative Gay press advertising campaigns, Seitz said a Greenfield Online survey afterward found that Gay consumers were "immediately willing to switch to (Bud Light) in support and would stick to it."

Of course, it is acknowledged that consumers' responses to surveys aren't always put into practice. "We know behavior and what they say are two different things, but there's still a lot to it," says Witeck.

Paul Poux, with an eponymously named Gay marketing agency, agrees that loyalty in the Gay market can extend out of being viewed as "brave."

Gay consumers were pleased that Anheuser-Busch, Walt Disney Co. (NYSE: DIS), John Hancock Financial Services (NYSE: JHF), American Airlines, and others stuck to their controversial Gay-themed marketing or employee recognition plans even after it got inconvenient as conservatives protested.

After being controversial and invisible as a market for so long, Gay consumers inherently still have trust issues with new marketers, Poux says. "People are suspicious of targeted marketing because they wonder, 'Are they really supporting us or are they just out to take our money?'"

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G/L Entrepreneurs Pour Tech Cash Into Causes

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Leveraging huge technology fortunes made in recent years, Gay entrepreneurs are pumping millions into Gay and political causes.

The wave of giving, the first major one outside the AIDS crisis, is dramatically boosting the political clout of Gay and Lesbian business leaders and the causes they support. And it is another sign of how the newest generation of tech entrepreneurs is reshaping philanthropy and politics, USA Today reported.

Donations to Gay groups have grown to $100 million, the Gill Foundation in Denver -- a major donor -- found in a study this year. Prior-year figures aren't available, but the Human Rights Campaign, the largest Gay-rights group, says its annual revenue tripled to $18 million after it hired a former Apple Computer executive who brought marketing savvy to the organization 6 years ago.

Behind the big money:

Tim Gill, founder of publishing software giant Quark, was believed to have become the nation's biggest Gay philanthropist last year when the Gill Foundation's assets jumped to $255 million after he sold Quark and gave much of the proceeds to the foundation. Groups that monitor the field, such as the Foundation Center in New York, could not identify a larger donor.

This year, the Gill Foundation will spend $18.5 million -- about half for grants to groups like the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Kathy Levinson of Palo Alto, Calif., former president of online stock brokerage E-Trade, started the Lesbian Equity Foundation of Silicon Valley last year. Since then, she's donated about $500,000 to groups focusing on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Jewish and women's issues.

David Bohnett, a Los Angeles venture capitalist, started his $30 million David Bohnett Foundation in 1999 after selling GeoCities, the Web page developer he founded, to Yahoo. Last year, his foundation gave about $2 million to groups such as the Human Rights Campaign, which got $100,000 for voter registration.

Elizabeth Birch, the former Apple executive who runs the Human Rights Campaign, says six of the group's top 10 donors made their money in tech. All became philanthropists in the past 5 years. "I see that it will only grow," Birch says of the trend.

The wave of giving also has turned Gay entrepreneurs into political heavyweights.

Bohnett, for example, gave $601,900 almost entirely to Democratic groups and individual candidates at the federal level between January 1999 and the end of last year, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, which tracks campaign contributions. That made him the 28th-biggest individual donor from any party.

Bohnett, 45, has access to the power corridors. He recently hosted a breakfast at his Los Angeles home with Sen. Tom Daschle, D.-S.D., the new Senate majority leader, and a dozen others active in Gay politics. Topics included adoption and foster care.

"We talked policy. We talked legislation. We talked strategy. We talked support," Bohnett says.

Levinson, 46, was a high-profile supporter of an unsuccessful campaign to defeat California's Proposition 22 -- a ban on same-sex marriage that voters ultimately passed last year. Levinson donated $300,000. Last year, she gave $100,000 to the Democratic National Committee, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, which analyzes Federal Election Commission reports.

And Gill, 47, gave a combined $355,000 to the Democratic National Committee in October 2000 and October 1999, the center says.

Strong Majority Support For G/L Military Service

WASHINGTON, DC - The results of a recent Gallup poll tracking more enlightened American attitudes on Gay civil rights issues suggest strong majority support for the repeal of the "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy governing Gay and Lesbian service in the military, the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network reports.

The poll found an overwhelming majority of Americans -- a full 72 percent -- favor allowing Gay men and women to serve in the United States Armed Forces.

When asked in 1992: "Do you think homosexuals should or should not be hired for the armed forces," 57 percent said they should be hired, while 37 percent replied they should not.

According to Gallup, support from the majority favoring Gay service has climbed steadily since. When asked again in 1996, the percentage favoring Gay service climbed to 65 percent. In 1999, the pro-service majority hit 70 percent. In the 2001 survey, 72 percent of those polled favored allowing Gay men and women to serve.

Gallup's findings were released less than a week after the Pentagon announced it had discharged a record 1,231 men and women in uniform in the year 2000 solely on the basis of their sexual orientation. SLDN says the recent Gallup poll is the latest in a number polls showing Americans favor allowing Lesbian and Gay servicemembers.

"The American people overwhelmingly support Gays in the military," said C. Dixon Osburn of the SLDN. "Congress should do the same and repeal 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass.'"

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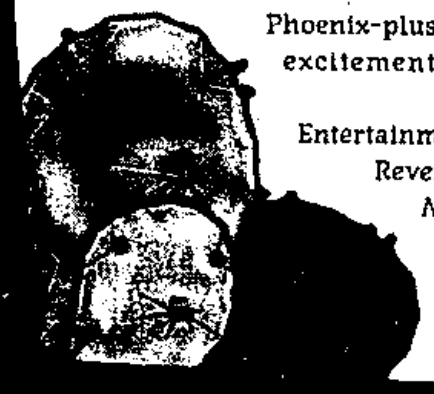

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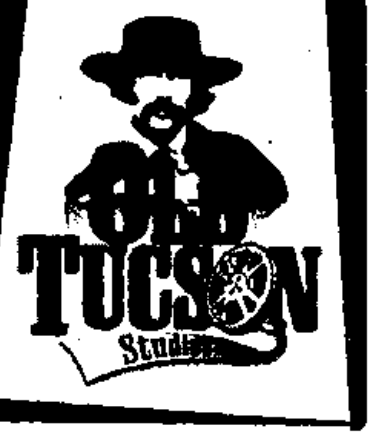

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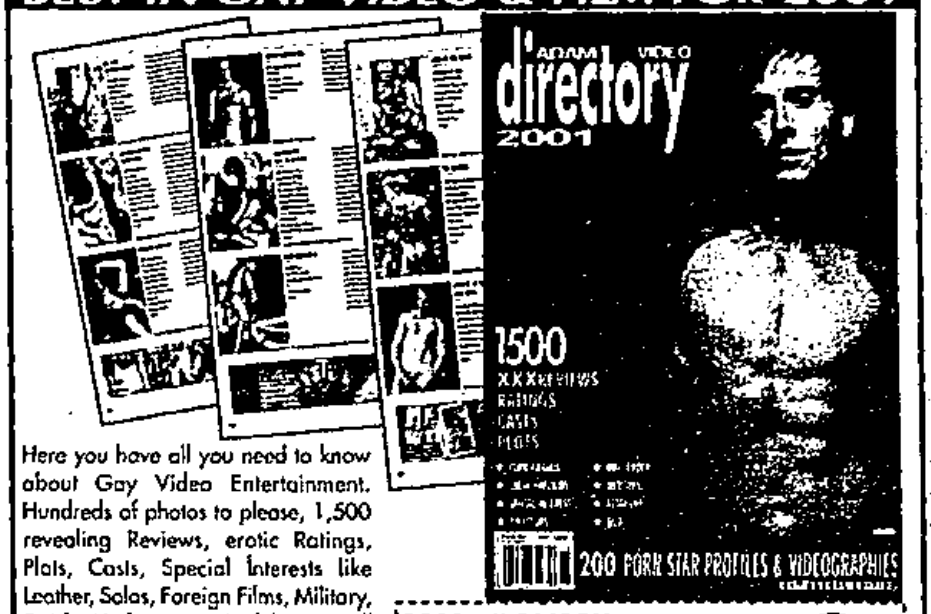

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ASK BRUCE

Dear Bruce:

I know I can use places like manline.com to meet people but when I'm out in public I see many guys I would be interested in. I know to look for "the ring" to see if they are married, but other that this is there a way to tell if someone is Gay and then if they are interested? In current times it wouldn't be acceptable to approach anyone if they were straight because I could get a serious reaction. I know this is a hard question but please help me out.

On The Hunt

Dear On The Hunt:

The first thing you need to know is that, although we like to think of it as a sixth sense, Gaydar is never 100%. I wouldn't ever bet my life on it.

There is no one easy way to identify your fellow homo. Of course, if you live in an urban center your task is made a lot easier for you. It shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone with eyes that urban Gay communities can be very prone to trends, most obviously so when it comes to fashion. Each season new looks sweep through the community like influenza. Last summer, for instance, the sea of Abercrombie and Fitch T-shirts on Pride Day became so irritating that it almost made me long for the time when wearing a top emblazoned with an unfunny Gay pun was the rage. Almost.

Additionally, there are also the traditional, never changing Gay "uniforms" to look for –think The Village People minus the Indian in the loincloth (a fetching but ultimately impractical outfit). Once you are attuned to what look is in or what the uniforms are, you'll be surprised at how often you start seeing them. Using fashion as a guide for identifying Gay men, of course, does not always work. Styles do tend to come and go, and be picked up by the larger culture (although I have yet to see a straight man stroll down the street drinking a latte while sporting a pair of assless leather chaps).

Cruising, or non-verbal communication using eye contact and/or coded body language (how is that for a definition?), is another way to identify the homos around you. Although cruising is usually used to pick up men for quick sex, it doesn't necessarily have to be a means to this end. I've met a lot of men cruising who I didn't end up having sex with, but instead had great conversations with (it's true!). The great thing about cruising is that most Gay men seem to be innately aware of it when it is happening while most straight people are oblivious to it going on around them. A well timed glance while passing on the street, a casual but direct look over the shoulder, or even a deliberate once-over may get you the positive response that you are looking for. A word of caution, though: when cruising you are trying to make direct but friendly contact with a stranger. Avoid prolonged glaring as this just makes you look creepy

Of course the easiest way to tell if a guy is Gay is through conversation. I don't, of course, recommended just randomly approaching men on the street and starting a conversation. There is no way to make this appear to be anything other than a pick-up. Rather, if you find yourself already in a conversation with someone, whether it is at a social function or through work or whatever, and you think that he may be Gay or, at least, O.K. with you being Gay, then you may want to drop a couple of subtle hints. One way is to mention a Gay bar, cafe or other hangout in the city and then gauge his reaction to it.

Now, as I said at the beginning, it is much easier to spot homos in the city since the existence of strong, vibrant Gay communities tend to make us more comfortable being open and out in public. It is much more difficult in smaller cities or rural areas. The methods I mentioned may meet with a lesser degree of success of in these settings. And, as your letter mentions potential serious reactions when approaching people, always use caution when doing so.

Happy hunting,
Bruce

[Ask Bruce is part of manline.com.]

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APOLOGY TO DAVE HUFF, HIS STAFF & PATRONS, SAAF PERSONNEL, AND MY FRIENDS:

This foolish drunkard would like to offer his sincerest apologies for causing a scene at Woody's last month. In doing so, it may also put to rest some of the ridiculous rumors that recently cycled back to me.

Sometimes when I'm drunk I make bad decisions (like many people). I clearly crossed the line when I instigated an incident between Dave Huff (owner of Woody's) and myself. I take full responsibility for, and ownership of that mistake. I hope Dave, his staff, and everyone who witnessed my removal from the bar understands that in no way should it reflect negatively on anyone but myself: not Dave, not his staff, not SAAF, nor anyone else.

My natural stubbornness was amplified by a day of partying in the sun and I am very sorry if anyone involved with trying to talk sense into me felt offended on a personal level. There certainly was no intent there.

"Jell-o Wrestling" is one of my favorite community events of the year. (As a matter of fact, my companion Ariel and I met at last year's fund raiser.) I've supported it for over a decade, and hope to do so for yet another.

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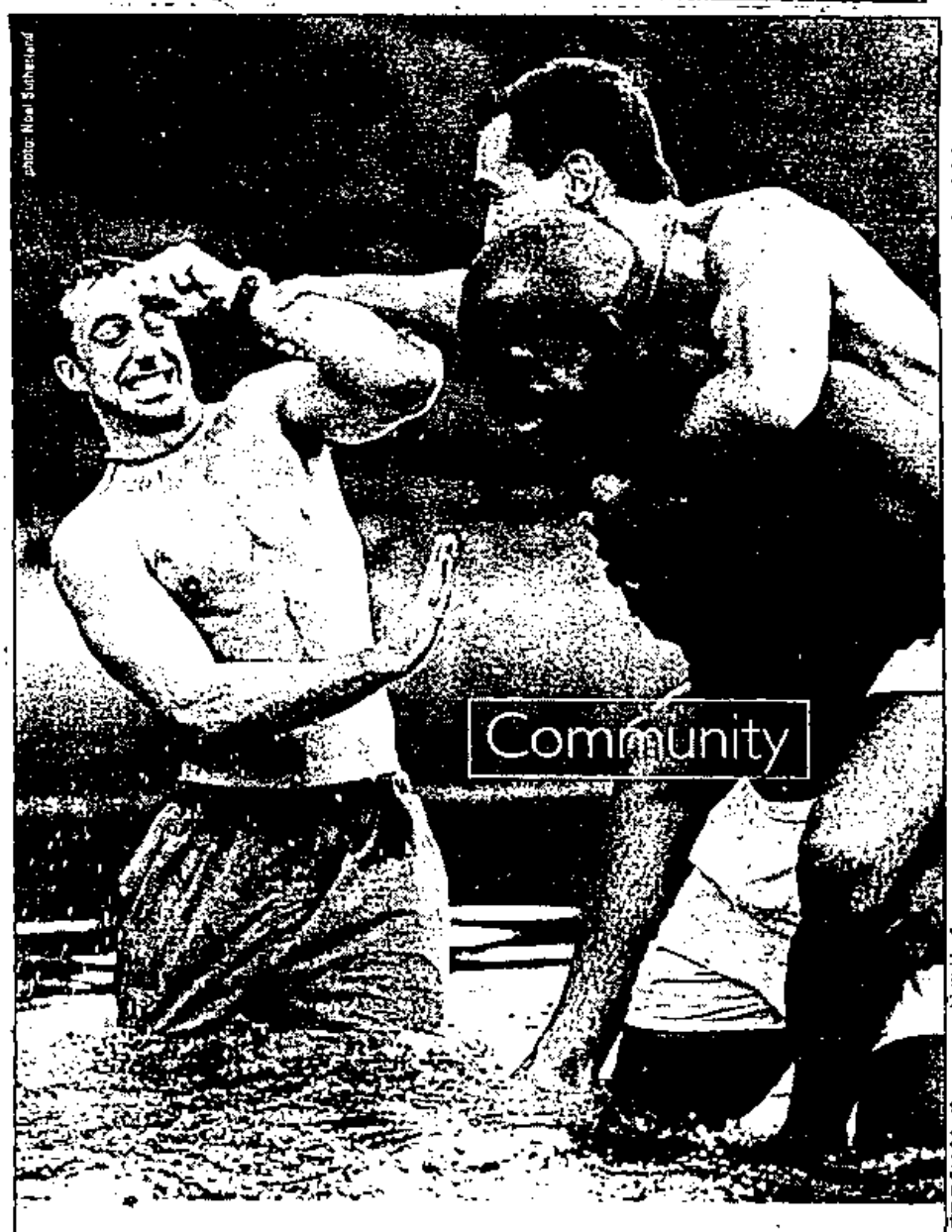

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G/L Retirement Community Thriving

TAMPA, FL (GFN) - Whenever John Goodwin shows prospective residents around his small retirement village of 21 new homes in Florida, just south of Tampa, he always remembers to ask, "You do know that this is a Gay and Lesbian community, don't you?"

Mostly, they do; that it is why they came in the first place. Just sometimes the question is met by shock. "They get a little hostile, some of them," he reports with a grin.

There isn't much on the outside to tell you that this is any different from the myriad other retirement settlements around the Sunshine State.

It is separated from the road by a low wall and the cutesy sign at the entrance gives nothing away beyond its kitsch name, "The Palms of Manasota." There is no rainbow flag flying or anything else to proclaim the sexual preferences of its small population.

Wander through the gates and still you are unlikely to catch on. The houses are low and prim, the pond, with its little fountain, is soothing, and the driveways up to the built-in garages are perfectly neat. It could be Oldfolksville U.S.A. Just possibly, you might spy a same-sex couple taking a stroll with hands interlocked. But that's about it. There are no pink Cadillacs or naked frolics at the pond's edge.

And yet for those who live in it, The Palms is a very special place indeed.

While blueprints exist for similar all-Gay retirement centers in almost a dozen other U.S. cities, including Boston and Los Angeles, this is the first actually to rise from the sod. Visit it for a day and you are likely to be surprised by only one thing – that a place like this, where older Gays can feel at home, has been such a long time coming.

By most calculations there are between one and three million Gay retirees in the U.S., many of whom entered adulthood in the first blush of Gay liberation in the Sixties.

It took a retired university professor from New York, Bill Laing, to realize that many Lesbians and Gays would rather be in the company of each other in their latter years. The alternative would be to land in a traditional nursing home where they could be open to bias and discrimination or, worse, be forced back into the closet.

Laing, who died last May from cancer, settled on this area of farmland covering 28 acres and broke ground on the first home in 1997. Phase I, with 21 small one- and two-bedroom houses built in a vaguely Mediterranean style, is now completed.

By early next year, the Palms will begin phases II and III, which will eventually see more than a doubling of the available homes, a small high-rise with smaller flats with on-site nursing assistance, as well as a community centre, a tennis court and a swimming pool.

In charge of the development plans now, as well as the day-to-day running of the place, is Goodwin, who originally came to the Palms just to live quietly with his partner, Bob, and sell computer software part-time. But at 44, the Indiana native soon found himself roped in by the corporation that owns the Palms, and was named its president. "I live it and breathe it now," he admits.

Promoting the Palms has hardly been a problem, especially since February, when Newsweek devoted two pages to a report on it.

Enquiries from possible future residents – from as far afield as China, Russia and also Britain – have shot up 300 per cent since that issue. The avalanche of media attention has, however, created problems of its own. Some of the residents are beginning to panic. The day after my visit, the residents' association was due to meet to vote on a proposal to allow ABC TV to spend four days filming at the Palms this summer.

"I have to play mediator sometimes, even peace-broker," admits Goodwin, who has 29 residents under his wing, 10 women and 19 men.

They are an eclectic bunch. The Palms has retired factory workers and retired university professors. There is one former Episcopalian priest. Some are in couples, like Charles, 80, and Terry, 51, who have been together eight years; others live in the Palms alone. Disagreements inevitably pop up.

Goodwin quickly snuffed out a recent proposal by some of the female residents to have a weekly girls' nude sunbathing day at the pool, once it is built. "I don't think so," Goodwin says of the idea with an amused sigh. "The men would want the same thing, and then where would we be?"

Goodwin says everyone remains on good terms with one another, even if some of the residents are more withdrawn than others. But arguments, he concedes, can get heated. "Gay people tend to be very strong-minded. Because of what they have had to deal with in the straight world, to have them come together now for a common cause is really a tough task." If he means that Gays can be opinionated, he might add that old people can be too. Old and Gay makes for a pig-obstinate combination.

Few issues have stirred the Palms so violently as the prospective visit by ABC. In the end, the association voted in favor of the network coming, but over the objections of about one-third of the residents who, presumably, will make themselves scarce when the cameras are on. They worry, not unreasonably, about the community pushing its luck too far.

So far, the Palms has survived without attracting any negative attention save for one occasion when some young men drove past in their van shouting slurs and threw an anti-Gay placard at the front gate. There must be some concern that once the Palms and its residents have been identified on national television, someone will want to harm them.

That does not bother Mark Harshbarger, a former executive with General

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COMMENTARY

Renewing Our Commitment To End The AIDS Crisis

By Elizabeth Birch

On June 5, 1981, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published a report of a strange new illness affecting five Gay men in Los Angeles. Today, twenty years later, that illness, now known as AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, has claimed nearly 22 million lives worldwide and more than 435,000 in the United States.

As with many tragedies, however, the history of AIDS is also one of heroism, of volunteerism, of selflessness and of compassion. Nowhere has this been more true than within the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community. When the U.S. government failed to respond to the worst public health crisis of our time, our community - often led by people with AIDS or HIV, the virus that causes the disease - came together to take care of the sick, prevent further HIV transmission, support each other in their grief and advocate for government action. Their work resulted in some of the most effective strategies developed to fight AIDS – models that continue to be replicated around the world. This historic effort challenged public health leaders and others to address the needs of marginalized people, distrustful of a government that treated them as pariahs. Many of us can remember all too vividly the harsh treatment and condescension that our family members and loved ones received when they were at their most vulnerable.

HIV still disproportionately affects Gay men in the United States. More than a third of new AIDS cases diagnosed in the year preceding June 2000 was among men who have sex with men. More than 127,000 Gay men died of AIDS in this country from 1993-1999. These are our partners, our friends, our brothers and our sons. Today, an estimated 250,000 Gay men are living with AIDS. And it is unknown how many more are living with HIV because national data is unavailable on those numbers. Furthermore, new reports of rising infection rates among young Gay men, particularly young Gay men of color, challenge us to renew our fight against this deadly disease and to mobilize our personal and political energies as we did 20 years ago.

It will not be easy. Signs of fatigue and complacency about HIV/AIDS in the Gay and Lesbian community abound. Rates of volunteering are down; rates of risky behavior are up. Advances in HIV treatment seem to have created the false impression that HIV is no longer a threat. But ask anyone who takes those drugs how difficult and painful it can be. HIV disease may be chronic, but it is hardly manageable. We are still far from a cure or a vaccine. Today, young Gay men, many of whom have not watched their friends and lovers die, often do not understand the brutality of this disease. Homophobia and racism are still major barriers to effective care and prevention efforts - as Gay men of color know all too well.

The Gay community needs to reaffirm its commitment to ending this continuing crisis. And there is much we can do. We can hand down our experience learned in the epidemic's first twenty years. We can build new leadership among young Gays and Lesbians so that they can develop new creative prevention strategies. We can confront the drug use that too often accompanies Gay social life and heightens HIV risk. We can support our community-based organizations that help people live with HIV/AIDS. We can build a community that sometimes values the experiences of a long life over the fleeting physical beauty of youth. We can overcome the racial and sexual barriers that divide communities affected by the disease.

Several tools are at our disposal. The networks and organizations we built to fight AIDS still exist for us to use – although many of them struggle with larger caseloads and fewer donors. And our AIDS advocates work diligently to ensure that government funding increases and that researchers persevere to try to find better treatments, vaccines, microbicides and a cure.

Twenty years after the start of the AIDS epidemic, we have much for which we are thankful. New treatments have bought precious time for those affected by the disease. And there is renewed hope that this promise of time will be shared with more than just a few of the 34 million people living with HIV worldwide. More and more community and political leaders are joining the battle, particularly those from communities of color and faith-based organizations. All of this work can be traced back to the foundation of compassion laid by our Gay and Lesbian community. Our history shows us what we have done – and still can do – when we come together.

For yourself, for your community, for our country and for millions across the globe, let us mark this sad anniversary with a renewed commitment to stop this disease once and for all.

[Elizabeth Birch is the executive director of the Human Rights Campaign.]

POLITICS 2001
by Mark R. Kerr

'Left Over Pittance'

On all the national television gabfests, from Washington D.C., Republican Senators who appeared, proclaimed the GOP was a political party with a "big tent," on issues, and that moderates had a place under the big top but the actions of this past week show otherwise, and of course, Gays are in the middle of it all.

U.S. Senate Republicans are blocking an amendment to the education bill, sponsored by Democratic Senator Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, until the full Senate is allowed to vote on another amendment, sponsored by the homophobic North Carolina Republican Senator, Jesse Helms, which would cut off federal funding to any U.S. public school that denies equal access to the Boy Scouts of America or any youth group that "prohibit the acceptance of homosexuals."

Helms offered the amendment to S.1, in lieu of the reaction to the U.S. Supreme Court decision, which allowed the Boy Scouts to prohibit Gay troop leaders and Gay scouts.

"Radical militants" are trying to ban the Boy Scouts from school campuses, Helms said May 14 on the Senate floor, when he offered his amendment. "They [Gay activists] demand that everybody else's principles must be cast aside in order to protect the right of homosexual conduct."

According to an aide to a Republican senator, until a vote on Helms' amendment is scheduled, it will be an impasse, thanks to those under the "big tent." ...

In lieu of Arizona Governor Jane Hull's affixation to HB 2016, which repeals Arizona's archaic sex laws, homophobic state Senator David Petersen, R-Mesa, and the rabidly anti Gay Len Munsil, head of the Center for Arizona Policy, a right wing group, had proclaimed they were going to launch a petition drive to overturn Hull's repeal and then instead, put before the voters on the 2002 ballot, a proposition to alter the Arizona Constitution with an amendment defining marriage as between a "man and woman."

Much press, led by the Arizona Republic, was given to Petersen and Munsil and their two proposals, not questioning the reason behind the change (overturning Hull's signature to the constitutional amendment defining marriage), the connection between defining marriage and the archaic law repeal, and lastly but most important, the fact that state law defines marriage already as between a "man and woman" in two places!

Another question missed by the breeder press is how the petition drive, led by Petersen and Munsil is going? It isn't, according to Jessica Funkhouser, elections director for the Arizona Secretary of State's office, who stated no petitions, no organizational packet has been taken out. As usual, more hot air and no substance, something you won't read in the Republic. ...

Still on the subject of the Phoenix daily, on June 9, a story ran about the openly Gay Tempe Mayor, Neil Giuliano, trying to make another mountain out of a mole hill.

Entitled "Critics Cry Foul Over Tempe's Council's Vote," by Susie Steckner, she writes that critics are crying "conflict of interest" over a vote by Giuliano to send the city to court to fight for an extended mayoral term, from two years to four. Arizona's Court of Appeals had ruled that the vote on the proposal was invalid because the city failed to mail out the required publicity pamphlets before thousands of voters cast ballots.

Really? The vote was 5-0 to only have the city appeal the decision, protecting the rights of Tempe voters. The critics in the Republic story, only one is quoted, and it's A.J. LaFaro, who led the recall effort against Giuliano, which no credible opposition candidates surfaced. LaFaro said it wasn't that simple and that he plans to file a complaint with the state attorney general.

In an interview last year in the Republic, LaFaro said the Boy Scout funding by the United Way was, according to the recall committee's accusation statement, the latest in a series of gaffes on issues regarding which the mayor was pushing "his personal agenda." Giuliano responded that "the issues listed were publicly debated at the voting booth and I've won."

Indeed, Giuliano was reelected in March 2000, to a fourth-term with more than 70 percent of the vote, but faces the recall election, scheduled for September 11. Contributions to the campaign to defend Giuliano in the recall election should be made payable to "Neighbors for Neil," 2074 E. Balboa Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282. For more information, E-mail stoptherecall@hotmail.com.

This story also poses a couple of questions, "Will the Republic respond on the fact that they were leading the United Way campaign during this same time and Tempe's decision would have crippled the Republic's efforts?" "Aren't the hit pieces on Giuliano, disguised as stories in the Republic and which have run since October of last year, a conflict of interest?"

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Sincerely,
Triggered

Dear Triggered:

There are many reasons why verbal eroticisms may set you off.

If you have a history of abuse this is very common. Maybe it is his voice quality. Maybe it is the specific things he says. Take a look at all of this. Do you feel threatened by what he says or more by how he is saying it?

I had a similar but not quite equal problem a few years back when I dated a guy who was hearing impaired. I liked to talk dirty and he liked to listen, but there was an obvious problem; when our hands were busy we couldn't talk. He suggested we try making up cards that we stuck to the headboard before sex. It became a very exciting game to just point to the card and then act out what it said. Sometimes he would tear them off one at a time until they were all gone. This may sound involved but it was so hot I have used it with hearing men as well. The trick is to be silent; so this may resolve your problem. You can write messages that are safe and comfortable for you to read and avoid the other triggers. One of my favorite cards said "Put the condom on NOW!"

Dear Dr. X:

I am thinking of getting my penis pierced (a Prince Albert). I am concerned about sex after it's done. Can it tear or break the condom?

Signed,
Dicked

Dear Dicked:

My real question for you is why do you want the piercing? Is it a fad or a long time passion? I would ask some perspective bottoms how they feel about insertion of pierced penises inside of them and I would also consult guys that already have them and get the pros and cons. The type of ring or bar you use will have a big impact. If you end up getting pierced start by giving it a test by masturbating with a condom on and trying to break it. Using extra lubricant inside the condom can help and will add to sensitivity as well, but I would stay away from ultra thin condoms. I haven't seen any documented cases of PA's tearing condoms, but that doesn't mean it can't happen. The bottom line is if it isn't sharp, there isn't too much to worry about!

[Have a question for Dr. X? Contact him at GMHP@SAAF.Org or www.gmhp.org or SAAF, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719, Attn: Dr. X.]

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If you enjoy a little cognac in your coffee, this week's transit is for you. Venus enters stubborn Taurus and "squares" dreamy Neptune and pushes us head over heels into temptation. This hot pursuit of happiness packs a punch so be careful of what you wish; You get what you want with a cherry on top. Pack a pillow to soften your splat when this transit passes.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Grab life's goodies while you can, but try not to trample on the toes of friends in the frantic rush for fulfillment. Proud Rambos wind up quietly nursing a major hangover in the glorious aftermath of the Venus / Neptune square. Although you will never admit it, it is possible to have too much of a good thing. You are never too old, it seems, to have that one drink too many.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

You may be shaken to your foundations during the Venus/ Neptune square. Rainbow Bulls are wrenched from their quiet but enjoyable self-satisfaction and thrust into the political maelstrom of their career. It's time to fight the sharks again, comrade, but this time you may just win. But the secret to success is to never let the bastards know what you are really thinking.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Ever had a thought which took on a dramatic life of its own? Prepare to create a few new lives when Venus squares Neptune and your ideas are released to the immediate universe. Choose your Outlets wisely, dear queer Twin; Your gems must not fall on deaf ears or be wasted on nonsense. The force is with you; start the revolution across the world or across the street.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

The sad fact of life is that love doesn't come cheaply. This is quite evident during the Venus / Neptune square off. Pink Crabs can sit with the same old sorry group wearing that same old shell or they can say, "What the hell, everyone's gotta eat" and serve up some saucy Crab meat. It's amazing what can be accomplished once you put your creative juices to the fore.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Gay Leos test the limit of Venus / Neptune square with an imperious strut into the epicenter of power. You are too cool for words; don't let partners become jealous of your success. If you have a solid relationship, it withstands the call of the despot in you. If the partnership is built on sand and dreams, expect an shake out. Planets know what needs to be done and undone.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

"Good things come to those who serve" is usually the motto of self sacrificing queer Virgins. But Venus squares Neptune and changes your motto to "No good deed deserves to go unpunished." It's not as bad as it sounds, friend; just don't expect a thank you and pat on the back at work. Fact is, as long as you are personally fulfilled, why do you care what the yahoos think?

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Lovers and other sidedishes spice up the pot when Venus squares Neptune. If you're planning a summer fressfest be sure to add a dollop of interesting types into the mix to insure a deliciously good time. Queer Libras may find themselves trolling for the bottom feeders though if they allow the good times to get out of control. Excessive behavior tips the scales. Stay balanced, babe.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Relationships take on a dreamy, creamy hue thanks to romantic Venus, but like everything else in this capitalistic world, even dreams demand a personal price. Venus squares Neptune and unleashes annoying surprises at home and with family. Remember proud Scorp, change can be cathartic and liberating. If surroundings are not in sync with your synchronization, change it.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Things are going so well at work, it seems, that you may be tempted to toss all caution to the wind and bare your soul (among other things) to coworkers and subordinates. Oy! Will you be able to face yourself in the mirror next week? If so, go for it queer Archer! If not, bare it all at the health club and forget about making work more affirming for the time being. 'Nuf said!

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Is it a trip to the moon on gossamer wings or just one of those things? Rainbow Caps may be uncharacteristically floating on cloud nine with their latest wilde fling but when Venus squares Neptune, this love is definitely for sale. Be prepared to open up that checkbook and pay up. Don't be your stingy self, lover; Otherwise, believe me, you'll get exactly what you pay for.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

The demands of relatives and family obligations may prevent you from doing something independently fulfilling but try to let your frustration pass. The square dance between Venus and Neptune should teach all Aqueerians the importance of give and take in all sorts of relationships. Balance in this old life is everything my dear whether it's in love, like or mere distainful tolerance.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Guppies are especially sensitive to their surroundings when Venus squares Neptune. Preparing to blast your opinions and frustrations into the nearest galaxy? Anything is possible with a well placed word or five, but consider your words before you speak. Your winning personality can avoid an all out nuclear war but it may take time for cooler heads to prevail... and ultimately win the war.

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Are Gay And Lesbian Consumers Loyal?

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A similar point is mentioned in a study about Gay community media behaviors from University of Denver professor of marketing Dr. John Burnett. He cites "alienation theory" as an explanation of research finding general Gay skepticism and disenfranchisement with media and advertising.

Witeck adds that some are sensitive to feeling pandered to by marketers. "To just show a little flesh or a rainbow in your ad is so unsophisticated," he says. He suggests crafting a more nuanced approach and building a long-term presence.

Poux adds, "It takes a lot of perseverance to convince the community that you're really serious about your marketing efforts."

Twenty years appears have been enough to make a lasting impression for Absolut Vodka, which extended its mainstream campaign into Gay media at a time when there where no national advertisers.

"We were the among the first – a pioneer – not 'get in, get out,' " says Jim Schleifer, director of marketing at Absolut. "We have a longstanding commitment to the community and were the first national advertiser in The Advocate."

Though Absolut has been in the market for two decades, it hasn't offered many Gay-specific takes on its longstanding award-winning campaign and competitors like Skyy Vodka are now coming in with such imagery.

So Absolut recently created an Absolut GLAAD ad for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, or Glaad, featuring a lava lamp with the Gay group's logo forming inside it. "We want to be relevant to our audiences and we're looking to evolve our creative with the market," says Schleifer. "You need to speak to your audience directly – don't beat around the proverbial bush."

Despite the increasing corporate embrace of the Gay market embrace, there are still a number of companies with favorable ratings in the Gay community for their friendly workplace policies – like Walt Disney Co., Apple Computer (Nasdaq: AAPL), Eastman Kodak (NYSE: EK) and Polaroid Corp. (NYSE: PRD) – that are not yet taking advantage of their position with Gay marketing plans.

While some simply don't pursue niche groups at all, other marketers continue to fear adding the Gay niche to their marketing plans. "There's still a perceived danger of boycotts and letters of complaint. They still feel very skittish."

Once a company does make the commitment, however, it first must do some research to assess its timing and brand equity. Ideally, arrive early before the crowds or be prepared to break through those that arrived earlier with a bolder plan to stand out.

Either way, companies must be consistent with their presence, have a compelling message, and be aware that politics can work both for and against them.

Entertainment Briefs. . .

The Lesbian cult classic Xena: Warrior Princess is capping off its six-year run with a two-part finale this month. Depending on your market, the parts could air separately, during the weeks of June 11 and June 18, or as a two-hour movie the week of June 23, so check local listings. The final episodes will find Xena, played by the impossibly robust Lucy Lawless, battling good and evil in a samurai sword-fest in Japan. It was the barely-beneath-the-surface Lesbian subtext that initially attracted Lesbian and Gay viewers to the weekly adventures of the strapping Xena and her plucky blond sidekick, Gabrielle, played by Renee O'Connor. The show's writers began catering to the loyal demographic, with the story line coming to a head in season 4's big tease in the hot tub. Fans of the show who wish to reminisce or discuss the past six semi-sapphic years may visit the "Xena: Warrior Lesbian" Web site at www.geocities.com/TelevisionCity/4580/.

Lesbian icon Melissa Etheridge, nine months after the breakup of her 12-year, two-child relationship with Julie Cypher, is now dating Tammy Lynn Michaels, the actress who portrayed the evil Nicole Julian from the WB series Popular. Etheridge reportedly told People magazine that the new love made her "want to jump up and go 'Woo-woo.'" Having recently turned 40, the singer is referring to this as her "early midlife crisis, dating a 26-year-old and buying a Camaro." Although there is still "sadness and anger" between her and Cypher, the two are still in contact, as they share custody of the children.

Rosie O'Donnell will be leaving her talk show in May of next year. O'Donnell plans to wrap things up on May 23, 2002, and decamp to Florida, where she plans to develop a reality-based game show. She claims the new show will have "heart" and "human interest" and will resemble "Let's Make a Deal crossed with Queen for a Day." The show will film in Orlando; O'Donnell plans to commute from Miami.

TLGA Bowl-A-Thon

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will be holding a bowl-a-thon, Sunday, June 24, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at Lucky Strike Bowl, 4015 E. Speedway.

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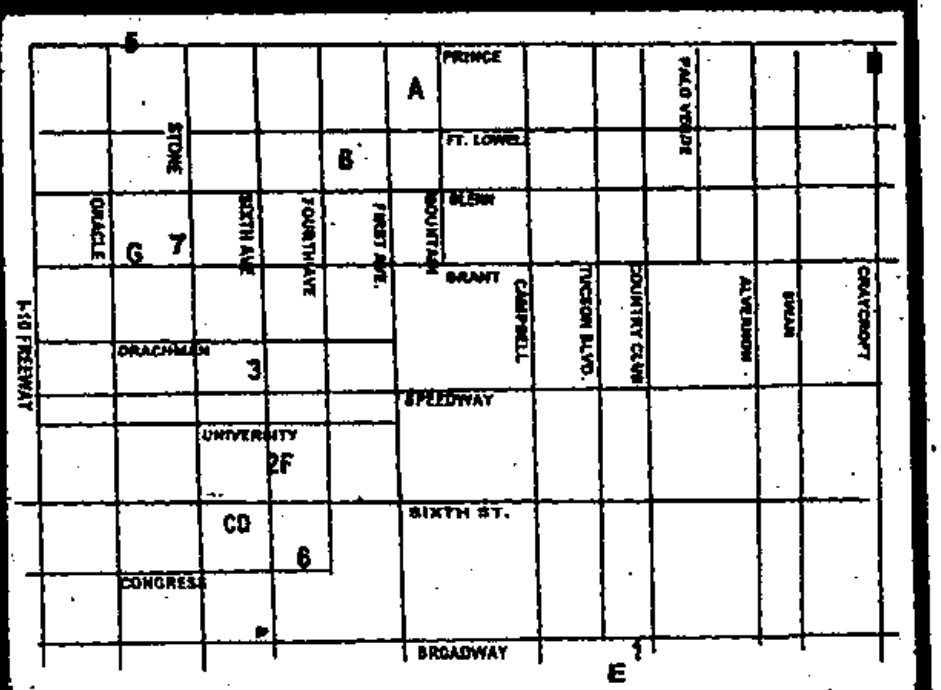

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Senate Has Hearing On 'Faith-Based Initiative'

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Pedreira, a therapist and a Lesbian who was discharged from the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children because the agency said employing a Gay person violated the organization's "core values."

"Is this discrimination on the basis of religion?" Leahy asked. "Or is religion being used as a pretext to discriminate against homosexuals?"

"Our nation has worked hard to reduce and -- hopefully, one day -- eliminate discrimination in employment," said Sen. Feingold. "I would not like to see taxpayer dollars fund discrimination."

"If faith institutions' hiring practices are so terribly wrong, are we not obligated to oppose them however we can, irrespective of whether they receive federal funds?" asked Nathan Diament, director of public policy for the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. He told the committee he had concerns about charitable choice, but hiring policies were not among them. "If, as the critics suggest, your church and my synagogue are such bigoted institutions, why do we offer them the benefit of tax-exempt status? Why do we afford their supporters tax deductions for their contributions?"

Feingold also told the committee he believes the idea is based upon good intentions, but he is concerned about the possibility of government-funded imposition of religious beliefs upon people seeking social services.

Douglas Laycock, of the University of Texas Law School, testified in support of the premise of charitable choice, but cautioned the panel about the difficulties in implementing some provisions of the bill, such as giving individuals seeking agency services a choice of providers. "We have not succeeded in guaranteeing even one provider for all the people who need these services. How can we plausibly guarantee a choice of providers?" Laycock asked. "It is hard to envision religious and secular providers operating side by side with government funds in New York City. It is impossible to imagine in Waxahachie, Texas."

"I suspect that is a much bigger challenge than the sponsors of charitable choice have talked about in public," said Laycock.

"If problems do exist," said Leahy, "we should work to address them without running roughshod over the Constitution or our commitment to civil rights."

Census Bureau

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Paula Ettelbrick, family policy director for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), predicts the census will show a dramatic increase in same-sex unmarried partners. She hopes that will spur other states to follow Vermont's lead.

"We are a constituency, and we are entitled to our share of our services as citizens," she said.

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G/L Retirement

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Motors in Dayton, Ohio, who lived in the closet until he was 60, seven years ago. (He was effectively outed when a Dayton newspaper printed a picture of him and other men from the city attending the 1994 New York Gay Games.)

He had never thought of retiring to Florida until he saw an article about the Palms in USA Today, even before the first bricks were laid. A sparky-eyed single gentleman, who runs for 40 minutes every morning, Harshbarger has no regrets. "For 60 years I was two personalities. Well, now I just want to be who I am and I came here because I wanted to be in a place where I could be Gay and be open about it."

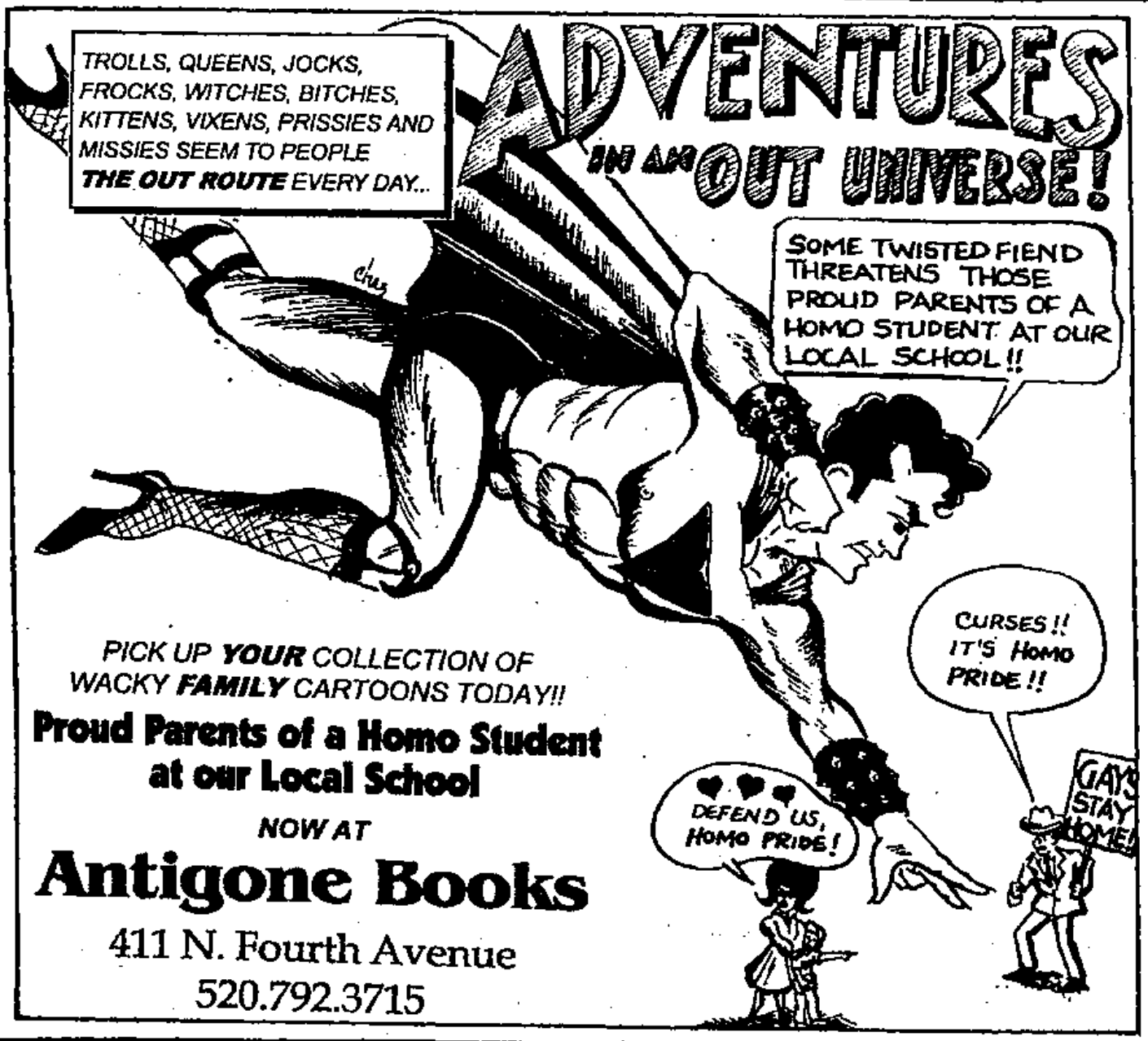
And with luck, the ABC documentary will offer an objective view of what the Palms is about. It is not, as some might instantly assume, a place where grey Gays swallow a mug of Viagra every night and indulge in communal orgies. There is no loitering on the pavement at night or behind the pond-side flora. (When they get frisky, some of the guys, I am told, drive 20 minutes to a huge Gay resort in St Petersburg in search of fun.)

Sex aside, however, there is an unusually high level of interaction between the residents. Many came here precisely because they do not have children to look after them or, indeed, other family members. They are accustomed to turning to each other for support and that is what they do here.

Geri Whitaker Scott, 63, who is taking in some Florida sun on the driveway of the house she bought here just two months ago, tries to explain but quite quickly begins to cry. Her needs are particularly great. She is single right now, has twisted her ankle and, above all, has suffered from multiple sclerosis for the past 30 years. "Really, this is my family here," she says through snuffles. "When I need someone to help me with something, they are always here." And that is her reason for leaving her home in New Jersey and coming to the Palms. "Gays are very generous with sharing themselves with others."

Even as we are speaking, John Goodwin is on his knees putting a bandage on Whitaker Scott's tanned but slightly puffy ankle. Then he escapes back to his office to monitor the latest calls asking for information on the Palms, and plot the next phase of expansion.

One detail he suddenly remembers to mention. When the community center goes up in a couple of years, he intends flying not one flag but three on the three poles outside. The U.S. flag, the Florida flag and, yes, the rainbow flag of Gays and Lesbians.



This week, I am continuing my A-Z herbal. If you have any herbal questions, please feel free to e-mail me.

Echinacea is a powerful, popular herb. It has strong immune building properties, and helps the body rid wastes from the cells more efficiently. It is widely used in colds, flu, sore throat, infections, viral diseases, and immune deficiency. According to some herbalists, it is best used for a week, then skip a week or so, and take again. It is often combined with goldenseal, and these are potent antibiotic herbs, take only when needed. This herb is perhaps one of the best-known herbs, used by many to self-treat illness.

Elder flowers are used in herbalism as an expectorant, and to help induce sweating (this is an ancient healing method, to bring on a sweat, to 'sweat out' a sickness). It is a mild laxative, and a blood purifier. It is used in the early stages of coughs, cold, and flu. It is always best to attack an illness at the onset, before it can take full hold, especially when dealing with colds and flu symptoms.

Ephedra is a strong nerve stimulant, and it helps to relieve swelling of mucus membranes. It helps to open air passages, due to it's antispasmodic action, and used for asthma and allergies. Many over-the-counter medicines contain pseudoephedrine, with similar action. Ephedra may be too strong for some people, and can really rev you up. I have found it in some of the pep pill packets sold at convenience stores, designed to give you more energy. I would recommend it only in small doses. (Too much can act like speed, overstimulating you.)

Eyebright is good to use for colds, sinus congestion, and allergies. It has been used as an eyewash for mild eye inflammations, and to treat watery discharges from nose and eyes.

Fennel, an herb you will find served at Indian restaurants to eat after a spicy curry meal (for fresh breath), also aids digestion, and helps the appetite and relieves gas. It is used when taking laxatives to prevent cramping.

Feverfew is a wonderful herb. It is very helpful for headache (I have a friend who is prone to severe headaches, and she swears by it) or rheumatic inflammation. If you wish to prevent a migraine headache (you must take it early on) use the freeze-dried form. Read the label, I have seen it in liquid form, both in glycerine and alcohol-based tinctures.

Garlic, so common in Italian food, is very powerful. It is used for general enhancement of health, it is a strong antibiotic with antimicrobial, antifungal and anti-parasitic action, and boosts the immune system. It is said to lower blood pressure, protects against colon cancer, and is a good stimulant, and helps act as an expectorant, and is readily available in an odorless form, known as Kyolic Garlic.

Ginger is a very good herb for those with indigestion and gas pain, and is wonderful for soothing a troubled stomach (I speak from personal experience.) It is a general stimulant and aids respiratory congestion, and joint pain. If you don't like taking pills, I have seen it as a tea, and you can cook with it also. (Fresh ground ginger is wonderful in a curry dish).

More herbs next week. Til next week, Goddess bless, and Go in Good Health.

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OFFICIAL TLGA GAY PRIDE EVENTS

Antigone Books Gay Pride Special for entire month of June! 20% off 2001 Lambda Award Winners and Lesbian/Gay staff favorites. See the display in the store, 411 N. 4th Ave.

June 15 - 24, Desert Pride offering 10% off all merchandise through Pride Week. 300 E. 6th St.

June 15 - 24 Rainbow Planet Coffee House is giving 10% off with the mention of the TLGA advertisement in the Observer.

June 18-22 Tom Maza will donate $10 from every service to SAAF. 1208 N. Alvernon.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join us for a Lunch Out in Green Valley. Not only will you get some great food, you'll have an unparalleled view of the Santa Ritas. For reservations and directions, please call Harold at 648-0795, or Dan at 625-0067.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m.ish. Nick will host a Movie Out night. For the movie choice, theatre location and time, please call Nick at 624-9961.

TUCSON PRIDE WEEK JUNE 15-24

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Night. For only $5, you get pizza, salad, side dishes, and dessert-and a chance to meet 50-70 really nice guys. The pool is also open. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

Desert Voices concert "Now And Then" 8:00p.m. at Pima Community College Proscenium Theater. Tickets available at Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk, and the Chorus hotline 791-9662. OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT.

'Loud and Proud' Youth Dance 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. A special night for Tucson's LGBT youth as they dance the night away to the hottest DJ mixed music. In association with Queer Voice. International Arts Center-Nations Hall, 516 N. 5th Ave. OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 10:00 a.m. Want to get in on the ground floor of a new softball team? Interested in other sports? Join Bill & Robert for a meeting about getting some teams together to play for fun. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

Pride Night At Queer Voice Lounge 7:00 p.m. 314 E. 6th St. Call 620-6245 for more info. OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

"Partnership In Pride" A Blessing of couples. Mcc and TLGA sponsor a very special blessing for LGBT couples by Rev,. Joyce Cook. 3269 N. Mountain. After the celebration a fundraiser BBQ for MCC. $5.00 per plate. Call 295-9151 for info and to participate. OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT.

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Join Harry & Joseph as they host a Father's Day BBQ and Pool Party. For reservations and directions, please call Harry or Joseph at 572-6651.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Tucson Pops present a concert under the stars, and the men of MSN invite you to join them as we listen to some classical/popular music on a warm, summer night. For more information, please contact T. Jay at 881-7919.

MONDAY, JUNE 18

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, a support group within MSN, meets every Monday at this time to explore relationships among men and learn about oneself. For more information, please contact Thomas at 318-1650.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Our twice-monthly Bridge Night is a good place to play a friendly game of bridge with nice guys. If you don't know how to play, this is a good place to start. For more information, please contact Michael at 326-3555.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

LGBT "Legal Issues" education seminar, 6:00 TO 7:30 p.m. at International Arts Center, Room 101, 516 N. 5th Ave. $10.00 suggested donation. OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. AIDS 101 and Volunteer Orientation at Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation - SAAF, 375 S. Euclid. Call 628-7223 to register.

Tucson Pima Public Library presents Michaelangelo Signorile 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library, Lower level meeting room, 101 N. Stone Ave. Reception follows hosted by the Gay Men's Health Project. Sponsored by TLGA, Wingspan, Tucson Arts Council. OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT.

Poz Cafe Monthly Luncheon- providing a delicious lunch, along with friendship, games and social activities. Open to all HIV+ adults and one adult guest (partner, family, friend or volunteer respecting confidentiality/privacy concerns). Doors open at 11:30 - complimentary lunch is served at Noon - and games, crafts and social time until 2:30. Located at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, a gay-friendly church at the corner of River and Swan. RESERVATIONS REQUESTED. To reserve your space or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at 299-6647 by Monday, May 18.

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us as we get out our monthly 10-page newsletter. It simple, and you get a chance to meet new guys as we assemble the newsletter. The work goes quickly, and is usually done with 45 minutes. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "Billy Elliot", a movie about a young boy who wants to be a dancer. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

"Poetry Slam" at Wingspan, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. 300 E. 6th Street. OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bruce for Game Night and a Pool Party. Board games and card games of all sorts will be available, and you're invited to bring a favorite of yours. For more information, please contact Bruce at 743-3890.

"Pride Night At Skate Country" 10:15 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. Skate Coungtry North, 2700 N. Stone Ave. $3.00 per person, $1.75 skate rental.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. SAAF AIDS Educator Training. Become knowledgeable about HIV and learn to conduct an HIV education presentation. Call 795-7223 to register. (Free to volunteers. Nominal fee to others).

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

IBT'S - 'The Cotton Club Revue' at 9:00 p.m. featuring Ajla Simone, Tori Steele with Lucinda Holliday and Deora Le Blanc.

"OUT IN THE DESERT"
PRIDE WEEK IN TUCSON, JUNE 15 - 24

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

YARD DOG - OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT: "Lazy Dog Day"here with drink specials, games and food served all day. 2449 N. Stone Ave. Start the day off with a breakfast 'TKO Style' from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Afterward join in on a 'special' game also staged by Tucson Knight Owns at 1:30 p.m. Food, fun and games with assorted sausages and fixin's!

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

IBT'S - Party line-up includes 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 Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to IBT's Arizona Angels softball team. Then at 9:00 p.m. a special fund raising show for the Arizona Angels Softball Team featuring Janee Starr, Foxy, Shayna and Special Guests.

WOODY'S - OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT: "Beach Party" 3710 N. Oracle. Drink Specials all day: Sex on the Beach or Blue Hawaiians $2.00 or Mai Tais $3.00. Beach Volleyball 4:00 p.m. til ??? Beach Picnic: Hamburgers and Hot Dogs 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Limbo Contest 6:30 p.m. $25 first place; Hula Contest 7:00 p.m. $25 first place; Hula Hoop Contest 7:30 p.m. $25 first place. 8:00 p.m. The Bud Team will hold a special auction of Bud and Bud Light memorabilia to benefit SAAF. 8:30 p.m. Bathing Suit Contest for sexiest bathing suit! $50 first place. 9:00 p.m. Karaoke with Billy Dee.

MONDAY, JUNE 18

THE BIZ - OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT: "Pride Night" at Ain't Nobody's Biz 8:30 p.m. "Strippers at the Biz"!!! All stripper proceeds go to TLGA to benefit the Pride Picnic. No Cover! Don't miss this event.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

IBT'S - OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT: "The Red Party", 616 N. 4th Ave. Drink Specials all day: Cherry Bombs $1.00 or Watermelon Shots $2.00 and from 10:00 p.m. until midnight Stoli and Red Bull $3.50. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Complimentary Hamburgers and Potato Salad. 8:00 p.m. The Bud Team will auction Bud and Bud Light products to benefit SAAF. 8:30 p.m. A Special Pride "Girlie Show" hosed by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Angela Dodd, Janee Starr and Miss Tabitha. 10:00 p.m. to closing, hot dance featuring IBT's DJ Q. and special guest DJ Jeremy from 'Boom' in Phoenix. PLUS fabulous give-aways!!!

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

VENTURE-N - 1239 N. 6th Ave. OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT: Leather/Uniform Pride Nite 7:00 p.m. to closing. $2.00 well and domestic beer for those in leather or uniforms. Bootblack John will be here! From 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. its 'bring our own meat' nite! Bring your meat and V-N will cook it and supply the side dishes, etc.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Celebrate your pride at GAY WEST 5 which takes place at Old Tucson Studios beginning at 6:0 p.m. Enjoy a Country/Western dance under the stars withy CCW DJ Dan Ridge from Charlie's In Phoenix and rock with Hi-NRG dancing mixed by DJ Tim Outland from the Crowbar in Phoenix, plus other surprises and all the fun, games, rides, food and excitement of Old Tucson Studios. Entertainment includes Lucinda Holliday's "Lipstick & Lashes" variety show, Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, Patté Williams, Tejano-style music with KC's Mixx Band and Katz Meow w/Heidi Rogers. Tickets $12 in advance or$14 at the gate. Available at Antigone's, Wingspan, David's Hair, Desert Pride, Tucson Trunk and Rainbow Planet Coffee House. For more info call 883-0100.

Daily Bar Calendar

NOTE: Bar owners or managers are responsible for keeping this standard listing up to date. Check with the bartender to be sure the specials listed are actually available.

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 - 9am-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. Dart tournament 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Patio Bar open 5:30-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-?. $2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5:30-9:30pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close.

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody marys or Screwdrivers $1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm.

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 - 9am-4pm, $2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour $1.75 well and domestic beer 4-7pm. 7-9pm $1.50 well and domestic. Small pitchers Bud/Bud Light $1.50 from 9pm to close. DJ Raynman plays house music 9pm to close. 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.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm

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 Pitchers all nite. Country music with DJ S. 8:30 to closing.

IBT's - 9am-4pm, $2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Tee's & Tattoo Nite, wear an IBT's T-shirt or IBT tattoo 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. 7pm Dart Tournament with Doc. Pot matched. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Sky's the limit $2.25.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am.50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. Dance Music with DJ S. 9pm-close. $2 Long Island and $1 Puckers all night.

IBT's - 9am to 4pm, $2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-7pm. $1.50 well & domestic 4-9pm 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. Hot Dogs 50¢, $1.50 small pitcher Bud & Bud Light 5-9pm. Patio bar open 7pm-Midnight..

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am.50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS -Karaoke w/Stephanie 9-close. $2 Kamikazees and $1 Hot Sex..

IBT's - 9am-4pm $2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour$1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. $1.50 well and domestic 7-9pm. 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 plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. . Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open 7pm to midnight..

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am.50¢ off any Bourbon til 7pm

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 - 9am-4pm $2.00 domestic beer and well. $1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. 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 Martini's $2.00 all day. Call Martinis $3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am.50¢ off any Gin until 7pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm $3 entry. Pot matched. $2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

IBT's - 9am-4pm $2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour $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 opens at 8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pool Tourney 2pm. Patio Bar & Volleyball Court open 5:30 - close. Steak Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon, vegetables, salad, potato & roll $4.50.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass, $2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm.

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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.saaf.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 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

TUCSON GLBT AL-ANON GROUP meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Call 624-1779 for more information.

YOUNG AND GAY?
GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS 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.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED -- Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 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)

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

TGNetArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnetarizona.org - e-mail address: aigoodrum@uswest.net or:

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

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

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

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

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.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

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)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 or visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

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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, contract 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.

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

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.azds.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 Mirta Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (If unavailable leave message with phone number.

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

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

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

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.

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 6:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 693, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-8788.

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

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GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more information.

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

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

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

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), 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 new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6876 or 327-4293.

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

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th 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 Ernie Slaight 721-2003.

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 (eveiten@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 KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Dezert Girlz (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. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagaemail

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION http://www.tgsasoftball.org

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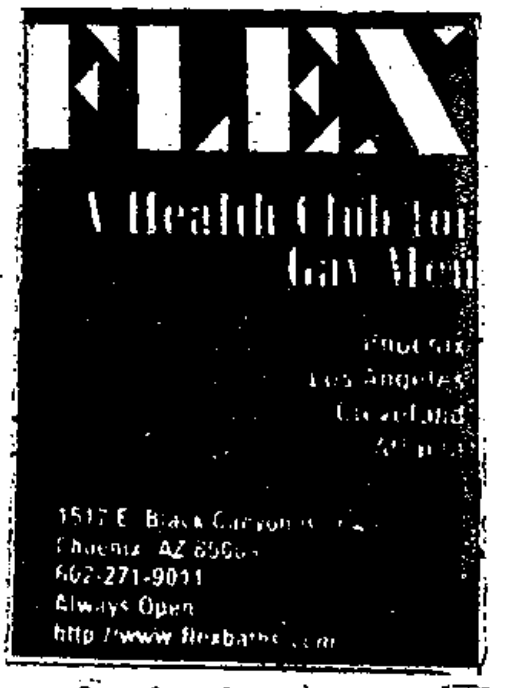

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20% Off 2001 Lambda Literary Award Winners and lesbian/gay staff favorites for the month of June. See display at the store. • 411 North 4th Avenue • 792-3715

▼ **DESERT PRIDE • JUNE 15TH-24TH**
10% Off all merchandise through Pride Week. • 300 East 6th • 388-9829

▼ **RAINBOW PLANET COFFEE HOUSE JUNE 15TH-24TH**
10% Off with mention of this ad. • 606 North 4th Avenue • 620-1770

▼ **DAVID'S HAIR • JUNE 18TH-22ND**
Tom Maza will donate $10 from every service to SAAF. • 1208 North Alvernon Way • 327-6454

FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH

▼ **DESERT VOICES CONCERT "NOW & THEN" • 8PM**
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▼ **"LAZY DOG DAY" AT YARD DOG**
Drink specials, games and food served all day. • 2449 North Stone Avenue • 624-3858

SUNDAY, JUNE 17TH

▼ **"PARTNERSHIPS IN PRIDE" A BLESSING OF COUPLES • 1:30 • FREE**
Join us as the Metropolitan Community Church and TLGA sponsor a very special blessing for all committed couples by Rev. Joyce Cook, Pastor. And after the celebration, stay for a community BBQ Fundraiser. MCC • 3269 N. Mountain Avenue • Call 292-9151 for more information and to participate. • BBQ Fundraiser $5/plate, $1/Soda.

▼ **WOODY'S "BEACH PARTY"** • 3710 North Oracle • 292-6702

MONDAY, JUNE 18TH

▼ **AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ "PRIDE NIGHT" • 8:30PM**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20TH

▼ **STONEWALL DAY AT KXCI 91.3 FM**

▼ **IBT'S "THE RED PARTY"**
516 North 4th Avenue • 882-3053

THURSDAY, JUNE 21ST

▼ **"LEATHER/UNIFORM PRIDE" AT VENTURE 'N**
• 1239 North 6th Ave. • 882-8224 • $2 well drinks/domestic beer for customers wearing leather or uniforms

▼ **TUCSON PIMA PUBLIC LIBRARY MICHELANGELO SIGNORILE 6:30PM • MAIN LIBRARY**
Lower level meeting room • 101 North Stone Avenue • Reception to follow hosted by Gay Men's Health Project • Sponsored by TLGA, Wingspan and Tucson Pima Arts Council

FRIDAY, JUNE 22ND

▼ **"POETRY SLAM" AT WINGSPAN • 7-10PM**
300 E. 6th Street

▼ **"PRIDE NIGHT" AT SKATE COUNTRY 10:15PM-12:15AM**
Skate Country North • 2700 North Stone Avenue • $3/person-$1.75 skate rental

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▼ **"GAY BOWL-A-THON" FUNDRAISER LUCKY STRIKE • 3-5PM**
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