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EDITORIAL

Does Tucson Have A GLBT Community?

Community, as defined, is "a number of people having common ties or interests and living in the same locality," and is a term used by media outlets to describe segments of the populace.

Hispanic community, African-American community, biker community, retirement community are just some examples of descriptions of people we've come across, thanks to mass media and the Internet. Some other non-derogatory terms in this genre, to describe homosexuals are: the Gay and Lesbian community, and the GLBT, (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender) community.

Tucson's many segments of the population that have been described as a "community" but the question arises whether GLBT people who reside in the Old Pueblo can be described as a such, especially in light of the actions taken, or the lack there of, during the Tucson Fire Fighter situation.

This publication has covered this story since it was revealed in July, when an off duty fire fighter with the Tucson Fire Department (TFD), was convicted of assaulting a Gay man outside a local restaurant, and this publication has written numerous stories about the hearings held by the disciplined individuals who comprise the TFD, or Tucson's GLBT population, concerned about their fundamental rights.

Tucson's GLBT populace doesn't seem to fit with most communities since their voice has been silent, which leads one to believe that they condone such action. Tucson's GLBT populace supposedly has groups which purport to represent them on all aspects of life. One would believe this would include dealing with such matters where a group's trust in government, their livelihood, political rights, and most importantly their public safety is paramount. Their responses on this matter would lead to believe otherwise. It's a weak sentence which adequately assesses the situation, these groups (churches, community centers, AIDS organizations, social groups and associations, etc.)

Pride, community, unity and fellowship are cliche's used by these groups who purport to strive for the betterment of all, but their lack of actions raise many questions, one of which is: What happens when the rights achieved by those GLBT Tucsonans who fought for the anti-discrimination ordinance celebrating it's 25th anniversary this year, funding for HIV/AIDS organizations, domestic partner benefits for same-sex employees, are taken away?

These accomplishments are not set in stone and shouldn't be taken for granted, something these groups may believe so, judging by their actions. As quickly as the Old Pueblo has garnered a reputation as a Gay friendly area, Tucson's GLBT populace and groups could go back to anonymously slinking about town, meeting in unmarked buildings which did occur in the no-so-distant past, if they continue to keep silent on real life.

An administrative law judge, during a hearing held Friday, January 25, on the complaint filed against the Tucson Fire Fighter, seeking to revoke his paramedic's license, stated that the complaints weren't valid, something far from the case, according to the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, the Arizona Department of Health Services, and the Arizona Department of Public Safety. Other cities and organizations are also taking note, and groups can voice their opinion (s) either writing or E-mailing the director on this matter, Catherine Eden, ADHS, 1740 West Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, E-mail: mmurphy@hs.state.az.us.

It took a murder of young Gay man in Tucson to get people concerned about their rights and be active, resulting in the passage of the city's anti discrimination ordinance, municipal hate crimes law, domestic partners benefits, to name a few, when Tucson had a GLBT community. It shouldn't take another murder for Tucson's current GLBT populace to stop being silent and get involved, as a community.

Road Runner Regional Rodeo Breaks Attendance Record

PHOENIX - AGRA's 17th annual Road Runner Regional Rodeo topped all past attendance records. The rodeo, held Jan 19th and 20th at Rawhide, Wild West Town in Scottsdale, had 3,033 paying spectators for the rodeo.

Saturday attendance alone topped the total gate sales of last years 2001 two day total of 2060. The move from the Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds in South Phoenix proved to a successful move for AGRA.

Rodeo Director Bob Pimentel, Jr. had a monumental job in staging the 2002 rodeo in its new location and accomplished it with "better than hoped for results". He and the entire rodeo committee which included Marque Bobier, Neil Carpenter, Paul DuBray, Johnathan Hayes, Woody Howard, Dan Iversen, John King, Will Lann, Ric Leone, Glen May, Claire Miller, Dan Ridge, Thom Rowley, Sean Slattery, Max Sutherland, Richard Tally, Alan Tomalavage, Scott Tickler, John Voyten & John Usher should be congratulated for staging an incredible event for the entire community and whose profits will all go to local 501c3 charitable organizations.

The main arena, the side arena and warm up arena proved to be a huge asset at this years rodeo. There were 179 contestants competing this year and yet all events were done on both Saturday and Sunday by 7:30 p.m. At the old location with only the one arena the competition would have run until probably 10:00 or 11:00 p.m. The majority of contestants were extremely happy with the new arena set up Rawhide, Wild West Town provided.

Though lines were long at the covered wagon bars in the 51,000 square foot pavilion, hardly a negative word was heard. People just seemed to be happy the annual event was being held in a first class facility such as Rawhide, Wild West Town. Within the pavilion were 49 vendor spaces selling goods such as paintings, western hats, jewelry, candles, health and beauty products, sunglasses, T-shirts, stain glass and non profit vendors such as the AZ Stonewall Democrats, Desert Adventures, TIHAN, The Desert Valley Squares, Team Arizona & Az Central Pride. There was a huge dance floor and sitting area in front of the large main stage.

The 2002 AGRA Royalty was crowned Friday night in the pavilion following an exciting concert by country artist Scooter Lee. Miss AGRA 2001, Suzanne Targét (a.k.a. Woody Howard) and Miss IGRA 2001/ Miss AGRA 2000 Victoria London (a.k.a. Scott Tickler) hosted the Royalty pageant in the talented comic style that is their own, to the enthusiastic crowd. Phoenix legend Pussy LeHoot (a.k.a. Kevin McSweeny) was crowned Miss AGRA 2002 with Miss Sassy (a.ka. Johnathan Hayes)-being her 1st Runner up and Novia Gina (a.k.a. Rafael Rivera) 2nd runner up. Gaylia Young was crowned Ms. AGRA 2002, holding this title for the 2nd year consecutive year. Mr. AGRA 2002 honors went to Patrick Lose with John Usher being his 1st runner up.

With the success of the 2002 Road Runner Regional Rodeo at Rawhide, Wild West Town, it is almost certain that AGRA, whose purpose is to promote the Gay country and western life style and raise money for charitable organizations, has a new home for their annual event in Scottsdale, AZ.

Arizona DP Bills Advance

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) - Two bills that would set up a statewide domestic registry have made it over their first hurdle in the Arizona Legislature.

During their weekly meeting, Tuesday, January 29, the Arizona House Judiciary Committee considered HB 2301 and HB 2309.

HB 2301 would place a registered Domestic Partner in the order of priority among persons to be appointed as a guardian and/or conservator, and Agent for health care for someone who has not executed a Health Care Power of Attorney, and as the personal representative and beneficiary when a partner dies without leaving a will.

HB 2309 would allow people in committed, non-marital partnerships to register with the state providing a uniform standard that can be recognized by all entities, public and private, that deal with Domestic Partners.

State Rep. Roberta Voss, R-Phoenix, took up HB 2309 first, hearing testimony on the bill.

Kathie Gummerie, a lobbyist for the Arizona Human Rights fund, the statewide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) rights group, said the passage of the measure would set a consistent definition for public and private entities that offer domestic partner benefits to their employees, with the end result that business wouldn't have to validate professional, committed relationship.

Gummerie was questioned by state Representative Gary Pierce, R-Mesa.

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Rosie O'Donnell Comes Out In Memoir

NEW YORK, NY -.Rosie O'Donnell has finally outed herself, according to sources who have seen advance copies of her new book "Find Me," the New York Daily News reports.

Though rumors about the daytime talk show hostess' sexual orientation have been in ubiquitous circulation for years, there has never been anything close to an honest admission. All that has apparently come to a swift and nonchalant end.

"She talks about her relationships with women and having a girl breaking her

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UPDATE

Rainbow Planet Coffee House Expands

TUCSON - The Rainbow Planet Coffee House and Café on 4th Avenue is expanding. Owner Rick Pereira says "The Planet either had to grow or go out of business. It is just the wrong size for a coffee house. Now, with more than doubling our space, we can do lots of things we have always wanted to do. The community has been great to us in the last year and a half and has put me into a position where we can expand."

The new space will include a reading/TV room and we will begin showing such hits as "Queer As Folk", "Sex In The City", "AbFab", "Oz" and Pereira's favorite, "Six Feet Under". I was married to a mortician for eight years, so the setting of the show fascinates me to begin with. Add to the subject matter, probably some of the best writing ever to hit TV, and it got me hooked."

There will be space for larger tables, space for meetings and receptions or private parties, and finally, a room for roasting coffee. Rick has been to roasting school and will go again next month.

The new space can be closed off for private parties or meetings and provide a more comfortable atmosphere for music, open mike, poetry readings and other activities.

"We will start things off this weekend with music on Saturday, with Brenda Lyons, a singer-songwriter who has toured nationally and makes her home on Cape Cod and in Las Cruces. Sunday will be our Super Bowl Party and we will begin showing shows with 'Queer As Folk' starting next Monday. We will show it from the beginning as we will with 'Sex' and 'AbFab.'"

In preparation for the opening, six local artists have each agreed to create a mural on one of the walls in the new space. They will be given about nine days to create their art piece. The pieces will be unveiled at the opening of the addition in about three weeks. Watch the Observer listings for activities coming up at the Planet.

Former Owner Of Hides Leather Recuperating From Auto Accident

AURORA, CO - The Observer received news that Big Ed, former owner of Hides Leather and TKO member, is recovering from an auto accident, which happened over Christmas.

Big Ed was in serious condition after the incident, placed in a hospital with a lung infection. After many weeks and medical tests, the fluid, which had put Big Ed on life support, was removed from his lungs, and is now in rehabilitation.

Cards can be send to Cherry Creek Nursing Home, 14699 East Hampden Ave., Room 112, Aurora, CO 80014.

Women's Sexuality Group Formed

TUCSON - You asked for it, you got it! A new sexuality discussion group for women only, called "Women, Sex, Joy" started meeting in January and will meet on the first Monday of every month from 6:30-8:30 pm, upstairs at WomanKraft Gallery, 388 S. Stone Ave, Tucson.

The cost per woman is $5 but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. The next meetings are February 4 and March 4.

Our sexuality is powerful, transforming, deeply attractive, and often mysterious. Where do we go for needed information? Who will encourage us to explore our desires? Where are our role models for vibrant, joyous sexual experience? Led by Merryl Sloane, nationally known sex educator (who lives here in Tucson), this drop-in discussion group will provide a space for women to share experiences, ask questions and receive guidance in an open, safe, nonjudgmental, and supportive atmosphere.

IN MEMORIAM

CHRISTOPHER (RICK) FLENER

Christopher Richard (Rick) Flener, 39, of San Francisco, CA died January 25, at Kaiser Hospital in San Francisco after an extended illness. A memorial service will be held February 2, at 11:00 a.m., at the AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. Martin Fox will be officiating. Interment will be in the San Francisco Columbarium at a later date.

Rick was born November 30, 1962 in Amarillo, Texas, the son of Alvin & Ethel (Bezore) Flener. He lived most of his life in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Rick attended Humboldt State College in Eureka, California. He was an avid collector and lover of music, especially European music. He enjoyed snuggling with his two cats Lynx & Cleo. He studied Victorian Architecture, enjoyed working in his garden, and visiting the Redwood Forests of Northern California. He was very proud of the book he published, "Our Family History The Genealogy and Story of the Flener Family in America." The book was accepted in September 2001 to the Library of Congress. Prior to his illness, he was employed by Jeffrey Davies, Inc., San Francisco.

Survivors include his partner Scott Lincoln (formerly of Tucson) of San Francisco, two brothers, Mike of Fairfield, California and Dana of Sacramento, California, one sister, Vickie Prater of Augora Hills, California; 2 nieces, and 3 nephews, and many close friends.

A memorial has been established. You may send your donations, in memory of Rick Flener, to the National AIDS Memorial Grove, Circle of Friends, 856 Stanyan Street, San Francisco, CA, 94117-2752. His name will be added to the Circle of Friends in the grove.

Treasures For TIHAN

TUCSON - Treasures for TIHAN, is the signature fund raising event for the programs and services of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), is coming up on Saturday, February 23. This year's festivities, including a live and silent auction, will take place at the Starlight Ballroom at the Radisson Tucson City Center.

Organizers said they've received some outstanding items for the auction, and would like to invite your assistance in adding to the list of fun and valuable items. They also said they're are looking for donations of artwork, antiques, jewelry, gift certificates, trips, and collectibles of value (over $50 in value please), and to have all auction items collected by February 5, and they can be dropped off at the TIHAN office between Monday-Friday between 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., or call the TIHAN to make other arrangements for pickup/delivery.

TIHAN is also seeking volunteers to assist in many areas, both before and during the event. Volunteers are needed to help with advance ticket sales, item solicitations, gift pick up, on-site setup, registrars, greeters, ticket sales, runners, valet parking, silent auction monitor, and much more.

Treasures for TIHAN tickets are now on sale -- $30 in advance/$35 at the door -- through the TIHAN office, and may be billed to your credit card. For more information, call (520) 299-6647.

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882-8224

REWARD

Jailed Pair Hardly Missed By Locals

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Controversial activists David Pasquarelli and Michael Petrelis have been behind bars for more than seven weeks, but the anger associated with their tactics and message is still very near the surface in San Francisco's Gay and HIV-prevention communities.

The pair were arrested in late November on more than 30 counts of stalking, criminal conspiracy and terrorist threats made against nearly a dozen city health officials, researchers, newspaper reporters and their families. Bail was set at a whopping $1.1 million.

In one the most progressive and political cities in the country, the severity of the charges brought against them might have spurred opposition -- even protests. Instead, for the vast majority of Gay men and women in the city, the news elicited expressions of gratitude -- even joy.

Darlene Weide, the director of the Stop AIDS Project, told the San Francisco Examiner the kinds of tactics employed by the pair went beyond direct action.

"What Petrelis and the AUSF are doing are random assaults on anyone related to HIV services and prevention -- from clients in waiting rooms, to health educators, to volunteer outreach workers, to managers," she said. "AUSF risks bodily harm to people inside the offices. We pass out fliers. They throw chairs. That's a major difference."

"This is bully stuff, this is not civil disobedience," said Hank Wilson, an AIDS activist for more than twenty years. "I've seen them disrupt meetings. I'm not talking about making a stink, I'm talking about shutting these meetings down. Finally, someone is saying it's enough."

Wilson witnessed an ActUp San Francisco (AUSF) member dump kitty litter on the head of San Francisco AIDS Foundation's Pat Christen in 1996. He watched members of the same group storm an HIV prevention meeting in April 2000 throwing things and screaming, "You deserve to die!"

ACT UP San Francisco began in 1986, one of 150 worldwide chapters of ACT UP. The groups dwindled in size as ActUp won treatment and funding battles, activists became researchers, lobbyists and doctors, and effective treatments began getting to the people who needed them. But at least two chapters, AUSF and ACT UP Toronto, morphed into something new and now espouse the notion that HIV is not the cause of AIDS -- that the virus doesn't exist or is harmless.

Activists and locals scoff at AUSF claims that they are hated because of the message. "Their message is so nonsensical, they'd be completely ignored if they weren't so violently disruptive," one longtime resident told the DataLounge. "Everyone knows that. Even they know that. That's why they do the things they do."

Tim Kingston of Frontiers told the Examiner he considered AUSF members to be "abusive, violent, wretched little bullies.... I couldn't care less if they were to say that AIDS is caused by green cheese, but when they spit in people's faces while they say that AIDS is caused by green cheese, that's a problem."

Appeal Filed By 'Jenny Jones' Killer Rejected

LANSING, MI - An appellate court in Michigan on Wednesday upheld the conviction of Jonathan Schmitz who in 1995 killed Scott Amedure, his Gay secret admirer, days after the pair appeared on a taping of "The Jenny Jones Show."

Schmitz was originally found guilty of second-degree murder in 1996 and sentenced to 25 to 50 years in prison. The verdict was thrown out on appeal, however, due to errors the bench found regarding jury selection in the first trial.

During his 1999 retrial, Jerome Sabbota, Schmitz's attorney, pressed the court for a sentence of no more than 15 years in prison. He made arguments that tried to cast Amedure as partially to blame for his own death, saying he bore some responsibility "for driving Schmitz to the edge."

The court rejected these arguments. In reading the sentence, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Wendy Potts told a trembling Schmitz, "The sentence of this court will rob you of your youth." He was convicted again and given the same 25 to 50 year sentence.

Schmitz faced a possible sentence of life in prison for the shooting death of Amedure, who was shot at point blank range with a shotgun in his home three days after the taping of the "secret crush" episode. It was never aired commercially.

In his most recent appeal, Schmitz argued that the trial court should have allowed evidence of his history of alcoholism and suicide attempts, which could have resulted in a reduced charge, such as voluntary manslaughter.

But the three-judge appeals panel rejected this argument, saying the decision to omit evidence is within the a trial court's discretion. The court's latitude in making that decision, said the panel, was not abused.

Lesbian Sues For Unemployment Benefits

RICHMOND, VA - A 38-year-old who left her job in Rochester, N.Y., to move to Virginia with her life partner has decided to fight for unemployment benefits rather than take New York state's "no" for an answer, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Jeanne Newland and lawyers from the American Civil Liberties Union will ask Administrative Law Judge Allan Hymes to reevaluate state policies that grant unemployment benefits to individuals who quit their job in order to move with a spouse, but deny those same benefits to Gay men and Lesbians who relocate with their partners.

Newland left her job on excellent terms after her partner, Natasha Doty, got a new position in Richmond in late 2000. At first, the idea of applying for unemployment didn't enter her mind.

"I was so sure that the next week, or the next day, I was going to get a job," she said. "It just really didn't occur to me."

After six months, however, a neighbor suggested that she might be eligible for benefits, and Newland called the appropriate office in New York. There, a woman explained that the decision to follow a domestic partner was not considered "good cause" for leaving a job in New York state. If Newland had been married, the benefits would be hers, the official said, adding that an exception might be made if Newland was engaged to be married.

"And that," said Newland, "just didn't seem right, didn't seem fair. So I thought that maybe I could talk to someone to see if maybe anyone else agreed that someone should take a look at this."

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4 pm - Jeff's Superbowl Party at the main bar with drink specials each quarter
4:30 Karaoke on the patio w/ Billy Dee
5:30-8 Benefit Bar-B-Que/Beerbust for Gay-Straight Medical Students Alliance
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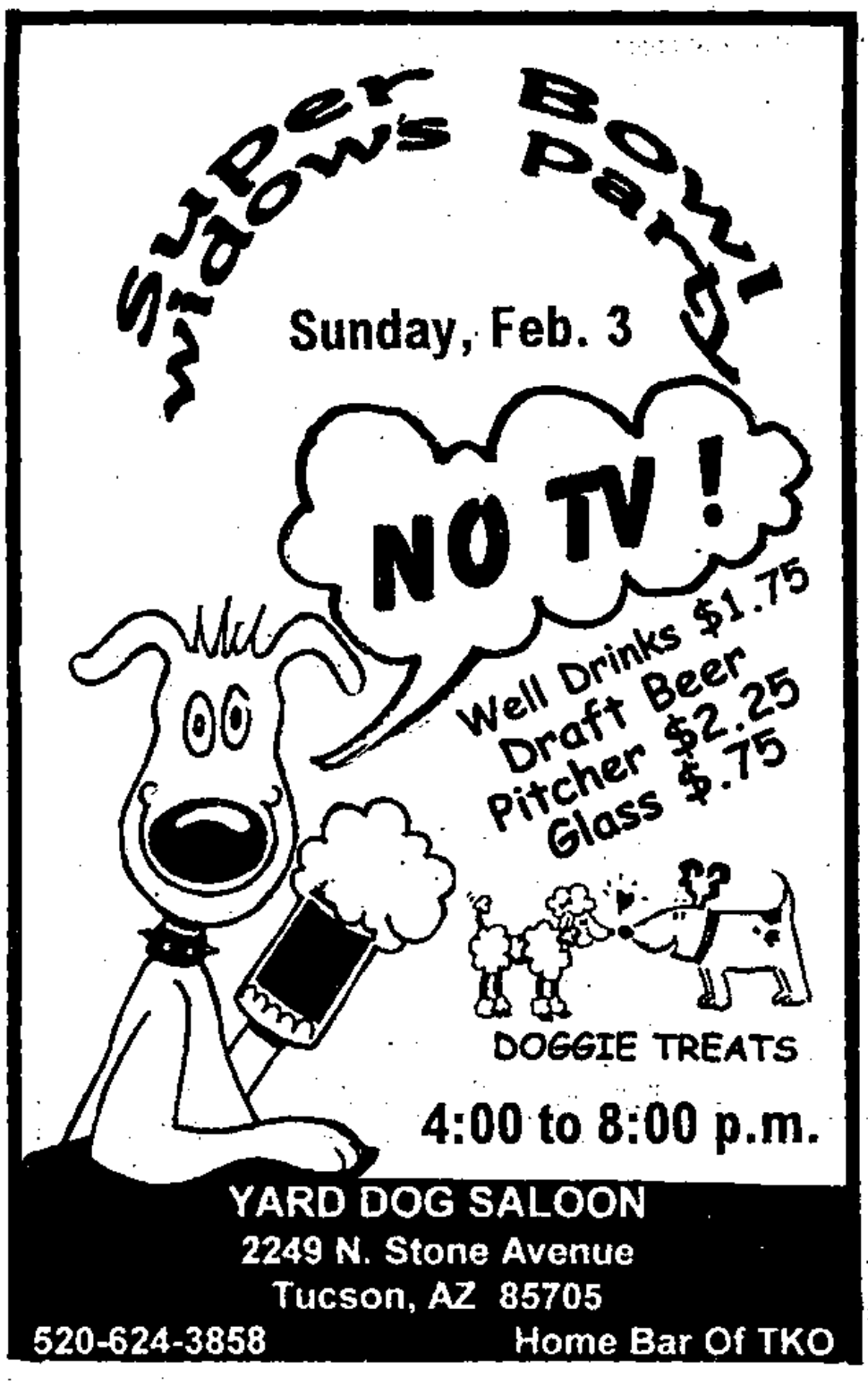

Local Illusionist On NBC This Friday, Feb. 1

TUCSON - Bunny FuFu E-mailed the Observer on Sunday with some exciting news. Here's what the E-mail said: "About two weeks ago I got a call at home from a man named Mark Koberg asking that I call him back ASAP. Much to my curiosity, I did such and came to find that he is a Producer for the Ananda Lewis talk show

Bunny FuFu and TV Hostess Ananda Lewis

in New York City and he wanted to know if I/Bunny would be interested in being a guest on the show. Of course I said yes, and the next thing I know Bunny and I are packed and off to the "Big Apple" to go on national television. The show was titled "Out of Character" and will air at 3:00 p.m. this Friday, February 1 on KVOA (Channel 4) in Tucson.

"It was a very exciting experience and I wanted to share it with our Gay Tucson Community and encourage that they watch! I can only hope I did our Tucson Gay Community proud!"

The particular show was about people who feel they are bound to their personalities because of the environment and lifestyle they've grown accustomed to. People who live out a daily routine are expected to act, look and be a certain way. This program segment offers everyday viewers the opportunity to have a little fun by acting "Out of Character".

We are all anxious to see the show this Friday. We're also sure, Bunny, that you will hear plenty from the viewing audience. It is always a great opportunity to expose our community on national television. Since you carry the titles of Miss Gay Tucson 2001 and Miss Gay Cosmopolitan 2002, we know that you did a great job.

Daschle Urged To Schedule Hate Crimes Vote

WASHINGTON, DC - Senate Majority leader Tom Daschle, Democrat from South Dakota, is being urged to bring a federal hate crimes bill to the Senate floor for an early vote, a group of the bill's supporters say.

In July 2001, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted to make bias motivated attacks on Gay people a federal offense and to provide funds to help local law enforcement agencies prosecute such crimes.

Nine committee Democrats voted to approve the bill along with the bill's chief sponsor, Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, who said, "Hate crimes are modern-day lynchings, and they have no place in modern-day America."

Two Republicans, Senators Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and Michael DeWine of Ohio, also voted for the bill, while seven Republican committee members opposed it.

Senator Orrin G. Hatch of Utah led the GOP opposition last July, saying that while he wanted to see "such atrocities" punished, he saw no excuse for the federal government's "further power grab in criminal jurisdiction." He then cynically offered an alternative amendment that did not include sexual orientation, which was quickly voted down 12-7.

The Republican leadership in the Senate last year balked at bringing the bill up on its own. But in a slap against then-majority leader Trent Lott of Mississippi, supporters added the hate-crimes language to the defense bill with an unexpectedly strong vote of 57 to 42. It was later killed in committee by the Republican leadership in the House.

Sen. Daschle was expected to schedule a hate crimes vote in early October but was overrun by the legislative demands made on Congress in the wake of September's terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

In a letter to Daschle, the bill's supporters wrote: "It is long past time to give stronger tools to law enforcement officials dealing with hate crimes and to bring the federal hate crimes statute up to date. Knowing of your strong support for this legislation and the principles behind it, we look forward to working with you for a Senate vote as soon as possible."

Hate crimes legislation has passed the Senate twice in the past three years, and while the Democratic majority is likely to pass it again, no one expects the House leadership to drop their opposition.

Several options are available to the bill's supporters if the bill clears the Senate. Democrats and their moderate allies can attach the bill to a measure House Republicans consider essential. Democrats say the closer the vote can be moved to fall mid-term elections, the harder it would be for President Bush to veto the bill.

In other news on Capitol Hill, Members of the U.S. Senate are using the names of Gay victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks in an effort to get their colleagues to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, The Washington Times reports. In a speech on the Senate floor last week, majority leader Tom Daschle said, "One of the heroes who defied the hijackers on Flight 93 was Mark Bingham, a Gay man.... His courage may have helped save this very building. This year we should have the courage to pass ENDA, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, and prohibit employers from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation."

And in the week prior, Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) took up the same issue. "We know of victims in the World Trade Center--contributing, hardworking citizens who were Gay," he said. "So was one of the heroes of Flight 93. They died because they were Americans. And their memory should tell us that all Americans should be able to live their lives as full citizens of a free society."

However, the Times reports that David Smith, a spokesman for the Gay advocacy group Human Rights Campaign, said that Daschle's and Kennedy's comments "are not an argument for passing

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Gay Man's Privacy Not So In Public, Court Rules

LOS ANGELES, CA (GFN) - In an unpublished ruling earlier this month, a man who sued a national Gay magazine for defamation and invasion of privacy when his image accompanied a story about "circuit parties," has lost his $2.5 million lawsuit by failing to prove an "expectation of privacy."

Three photographs of Tony Sabin Prince were featured by Out magazine in a story that focused on illicit drug use and unsafe sex at circuit parties. One double-paged photo depicted Prince dancing naked from the waist up, although the story had nothing to do with the sometime actor and model – in fact, the pictures of Prince were not taken at any party discussed in the story – and the actor sued the publication.

In court papers, Prince said he feared he had been outed to family and friends, and that the article left the impression he was a "drug whore" and sex abuser.

In the decision, Los Angeles' Second District Court of Appeal ruled unanimously against Prince, saying Out magazine (owned by Liberation Publications) is protected by the First Amendment in its use of Prince's photos in its 1998 "Dirty Dancing" story.

"The uncontroverted evidence establishes that plaintiff was photographed at a party open to any member of the public who purchased a ticket, that the party was actually attended by at least 1,000 people and that the pictures depicted him on an elevated platform," Justice Norman Epstein wrote.

"This was a public event and plaintiff cannot establish he had the requisite 'objectively reasonable expectation of seclusion or solitude in the place.'"

While the court might have examined more fully the cutting-edge issue of when someone could have an expectation of privacy, they chose not to do that.

"While I sympathize with the man's embarrassment of being photographed, reasonable caution was not taken to hide his identity at this arguably public venue," opined Russ Sommers, a San Francisco-based attorney. "I wouldn't expect to dance on a platform with my shirt off in front of a large crowd and have people not look, let alone snap a picture. At least, I hope they'd look. I mean, really, you're kind of asking for it, aren't you?"

Justices Charles Vogel and James Hastings concurred with Epstein in Prince v. Out Publishing Inc., which likely delved further into the steamy, sexual side of circuit parties than the three Republican appointees ever dreamed of venturing.

At times the ruling read like a salacious John Rechy novel, as it quoted from the magazine's article about fog-shrouded dance floors and thousands of sweating, gyrating Gay men.

"Revelers wear white jeans, an occasional sailor cap and little else. Some wander upstairs past a sign reading 'Cock Ring Express' to play in a makeshift labyrinth of darkened rooms," the ruling reprinted.

"Downstairs, a pair of fully clothed young men openly sell Ecstasy at $30 a hit, divvying out small pills from what resembles an oversize Pez dispenser. Peter, a muscled 20-something flashing luminous blue eyes and a mischievous smile, dances over and quips, 'This isn't real life. This is circuit life.'"

It was that kind of description by writer Jesse McKinley, juxtaposed with Prince's pictures, that prompted the lawsuit.

In what may be construed as insult added to injury, the justices also rejected Prince's argument that his friends thought he might be the drug-taking, muscled protagonist mentioned in the opening paragraphs of the story.

"We have examined the photographs of plaintiff," Epstein wrote. "He could not reasonably be described as a man in his mid-20s with blue eyes."

Perhaps more to the heart of the case, the court ruled Prince failed the First Amendment's "of and concerning" test. It's true he's Gay, the court said, so he can't claim libel for that, and he "is unable to establish that the story's references to unsafe sex and illegal drug use were 'of and concerning' him.

"The text refers to parties attended by thousands of people," Epstein wrote. "There is nothing in the text of the article to suggest that the general statements about illegal drug use and unsafe sex apply to plaintiff."

The court's ruling upholds Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Valerie Baker's summary judgment for the defendants, as well as more than $75,000 in costs and fees in their favor.

Henry Josefsberg, a Long Beach, Calif., sole practitioner who represented Prince, said he was disappointed, saying the appeal court ignored Judge Baker's allegedly erroneous review of the evidence.

The ruling for Prince, whose main acting credit appears to have been as the body for one of the Muppet-like characters in the defunct "Dinosaurs" series, might be a cautionary tale for anyone attending a public venue.

"You're not home alone with the shades drawn, tossing back Cosmos, and watching "Oz," said attorney Sommers. "You're out in public. If you attend a dance party or even a Gay pride event, to expect privacy is a bit naive."

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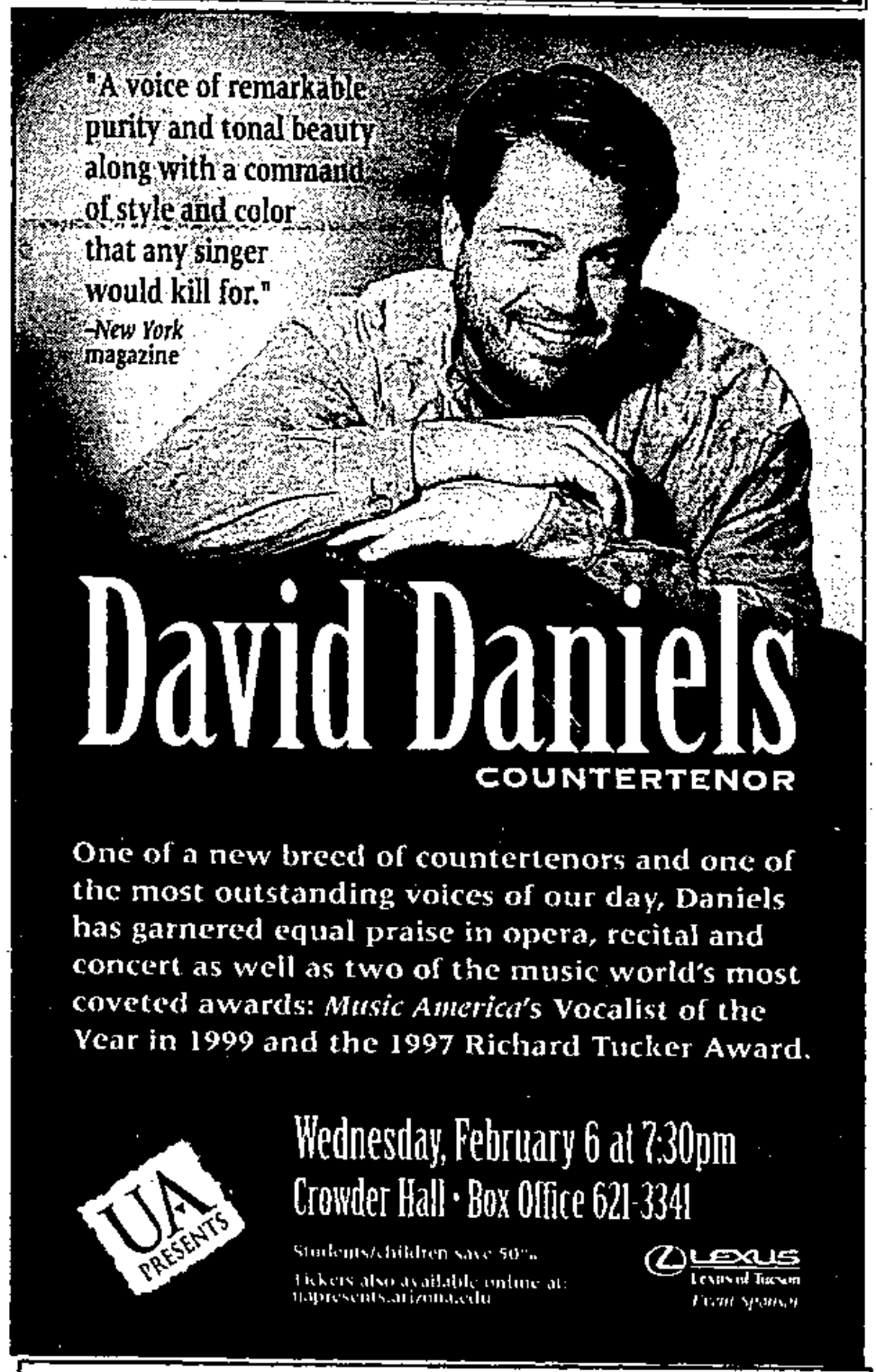

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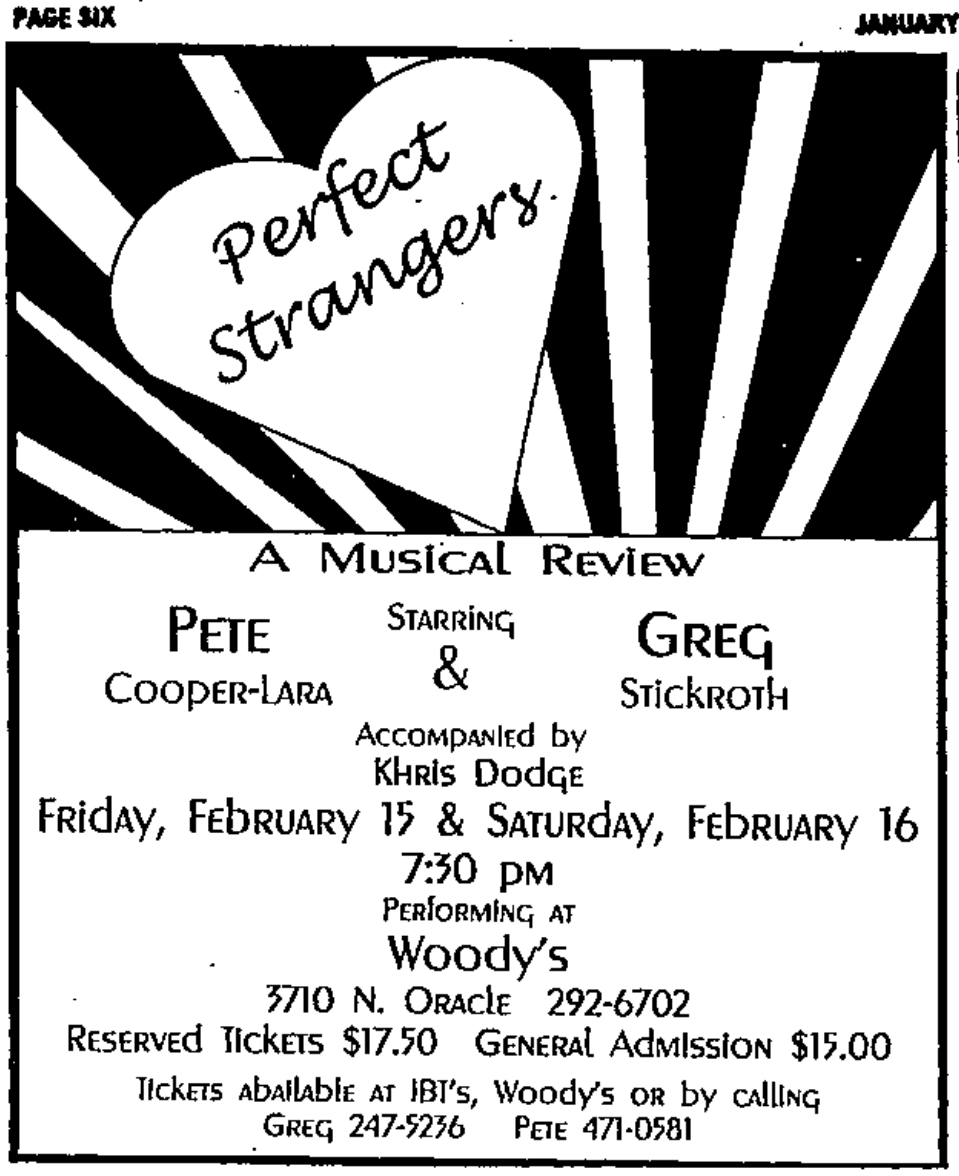

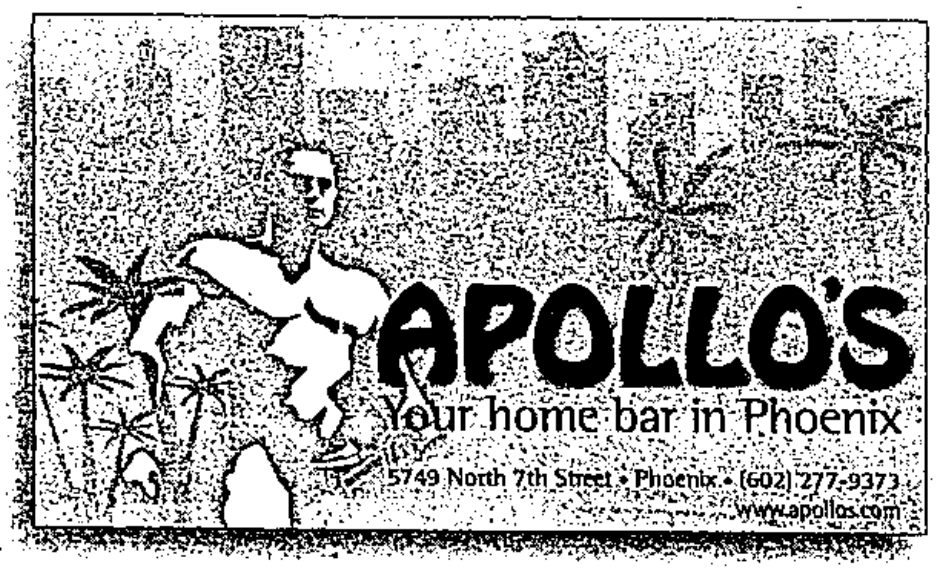

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POLITICS 2002

'A Day At 1700 West Washington'

It was more than just an average Monday at 1700 West Washington, home of the Arizona Legislature, when more than 200 Gays, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered (GLBT) citizens, those living with HIV/AIDS, and straight supportive Arizonans, converged on the State Capital Plaza.

This gathering of people, January 28, was for the Fourth Annual Lobby Day, sponsored by the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), the statewide GLBT rights group.

Organizers said that all segments of the population, from across the state, attended the event, including: young GLBT Arizonans, including those from the Northern Arizona University's (located in Flagstaff) GLBT student group, senior citizens, the Transgendered community, plus Gay and Lesbian couples with their children showed up to educate the Arizona Legislature about what they face in the work place and the need for recognition of their relationships.

"I was so pleased to see so many individuals, especially from Southern Arizona, in attendance to talk with my fellow legislators about the issues," commented openly Gay state Representative Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson.

All participants in this year's event wore name tags, which had the following: "AZ+GAY=FIRED." In Arizona, it is legal to fire someone in Arizona solely because of the employee's sexual orientation, perceived or otherwise.

Twelve states, the District of Columbia, more than 250 municipal governments, plus 299 of the Fortune 500 businesses have ordinance or policies prohibiting employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and with that, the effort is on again for AHRF, to pass legislation to protect GLBT Arizonans right to work, pay taxes and contribute to their communities.

HB 2308, the Arizona Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA), is the proposal for which AHRF, and many others hope would make Arizona the thirteenth state with such coverage. Sponsored by Representatives Brotherton, D-Phoenix, May, R-Paradise Valley, Binder, R-Prescott, Cheuvront, D-Phoenix, Lopez, D-Tucson, and Senators Richardson, D-Tucson, Valadez, D-Tucson and Hartley, D-Phoenix, this measure would protect the employment rights of GLBT Arizonans, resulting in many meetings between legislators and their constituents taking place to talk about Arizona ENDA.

Protecting the right to work, pay taxes and contribute to the betterment of their respective communities wasn't the only item on the agenda for AHRF's Lobby Day. Two bills, the Domestic Partnership Equity Act and the Domestic Partnership Registration Act, HB 2301 and HB 2309 respectively.

HB 2301 would place a registered Domestic Partner in the order of priority among persons to be appointed as a guardian and/or conservator, and Agent for health care for someone who has not executed a Health Care Power of Attorney, and as the personal representative and beneficiary when a partner dies without leaving a will.

HB 2309 would allow people in committed, non-marital partnerships to register with the state providing a uniform standard that can be recognized by all entities, public and private, that deal with Domestic Partners.

Those in attendance for the event educated state legislators about their long-term, committed relationships and the need for these companion measures.

"Lobby Day helps myself and Representatives May and Cheuvront, when we discuss such issues with our colleagues," said state Representative Ed Poelstra. Indeed, Many of Poelstra's colleagues, especially from Southern Arizona showed up for the lunch, including:

Senators Toni Hellon, R-Tucson and Virginia Yrun, D-Tucson, Representatives Marion McClure, R-Tucson, Victor Soltero, D-South Tucson, Linda Lopez, D-Tucson, Peter Hershberger, R-Tucson, Gabrielle Giffords, D-Tucson, Carol Somers, R-Tucson, and Marion Pickens, D-Tucson, for who said the event is not only important for the constituents, but for the elected officials as well, so much so in fact that the contingent was given an official welcome in both chambers for the first time in the history of the event. Senator Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, couldn't make the lunch, but was the one who introduced the group from the Senate floor.

Of those elected officials who attended the lunch, or were represented of note, state Representative Karen Johnson's, R-Mesa, secretary, came out and took the lunch to Johnson, offered by AHRF, as did Senator David Petersen, R-Mesa, who showed up, promptly getting his eats and going back to his office.

After the lunch was the introduction in the House by openly Gay state Representatives Steve May, R-Paradise Valley, Ken Cheuvront, D-Phoenix and Poelstra, the three came up to the House balcony to talk with the AHRF contingent, answering questions and talking about the issues.

During the confab in the House Gallery, anti GLBT Representatives Mark Anderson, R-Mesa, Russell Pearce, R-Mesa, Dean Cooley, R-Mesa, and Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, stayed on the House floor as every other House member had left, to discuss something, or perhaps to try to listen in to what was going on in the gallery. A question that won't get answered of course!

After the meeting with Arizona's three openly Gay state legislators, more meetings between the AHRF contingent and legislators continued during the afternoon.

As the day ended, David Hoover, a Gay Tucsonan who is the current president of the Board of the Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance summed it up best, stating that it was "thrilling to see so many people gather together who care about the rights of GLBT people and those living with HIV/AIDS."

Who knows, there may come a time when these events won't be necessary but for now, the gatherings must continue until the work is completed.

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Let's welcome February, the month of love, this week. February offers new insights with five planets transiting ecumenical Aquoerius including retrograde Mercury. We may not communicate our feelings effectively but no matter. In the month of love, no words need to be uttered.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Gay Rams give a royal wave as they hold court over the next four weeks. The royal "we" must express "our" opinions but these bon mots can be misconstrued by friends and then in "our" career. "We" must be careful of throwing pearls before corporate swine. If communications are misinterpreted, "we" will find ourselves pushing pencils in the sub-basement. Get the point?

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Your opinions will be heard and appreciated more fully without using a heavy hand. Make your point by speaking softly and sprinkling all words with valentines sugar for the next four weeks. Careers advance after the 14th as direct Mercury delivers the goods. It begins to come into view, pink Bull. Is it the light at the end of the tunnel ... or is it an oncoming train?

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Avoid any hairbrained investments no matter how tempting they seem this February. Money is better spent on global projects, such as a course of study, which can lead to greater opportunities down the road. Planets in Aqueerius broadcast your intentions to the immediate universe, queer Twin. Choose your targets carefully so your valentines missives can be reciprocated.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Is it possible that hot pink Crabs seem a tad... over-bearing now? Avoid any dramatic first impressions. Concentrate more on those who know what you are really like and love you anyway, crusty claws and all. You don't mean to be pushy. It's just that all these planets in opinionated Aqueerius help you feel your oats. Grab your valentine and get pushy, lovercrab!

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Relationships reach a new level of understanding if Gay Leos take a more balanced view of the situation. February over-delivers Aqueerian energy which can either heat up the passion or splinter and break. Pack the valentines glue. Plan jobs out; Don't waste time on unnecessary details because of incompetent subordinates. (Is the feudal system is out of fashion?)

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

You feel less organized than you should be but all this frantic Aqueerius energy has an ulterior motive. Use February to get your everyday tasks in order. Sadly, queer Virgo, it is not the time to relax and party. Retro Mercury conspires to make any enjoyable pursuit too annoying to be savored and too confusing to be harnessed. Work now and party with your valentine later.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Feeling trapped? Gay Libras face an overwhelming temptation to do anything to escape the confines and annoyances of home thanks to retro Mercury. But balance is required in everything you do this February. If you need to let loose and have a little fun, do it calculatedly and conservatively. It is bad taste to burst upon the party scene in flames and expect a toasty reception.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Use February to relax at home and enjoy what you have built. Quiet, reflective time away from others may be just the thing right now as retro Mercury makes communication with others difficult or disruptive. Poor proud Scorps may blurt the wrong thing at the wrong time if not careful. Others know you don't mean it, but once a word is uttered, it is difficult to take it back.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Don't throw good money after bad based on a vague promise. Champagne valentines baths are intoxicating but over priced. February is a good month to put your money where your mouth is, so to speak. Planets in expressive Aqueerius encourage you to express your views and advance our agenda. Despite what others think, you offer sage wisdom if asked. I'm now asking.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

First impressions are lasting impressions, so be careful of not properly preparing for an important first meeting. Proud Caps can blow it big time if they fail to harness retrograde Mercury's missives. However there could be a big payoff as investments seem to come into their own. I guess if you can't make valentines love you at first sight, you can try to buy them off.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

All these planets traversing your own sign this month is energy that is simply too good to waste. Get out there and meet new people, Aqueerius; you never know what (or who) can happen! Do not let anyone dissuade you and don't use your job as an excuse that you are too busy. This is the time of year for new beginnings so build carefully and deliberately for future success.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Guppies feel strangely wise and perceptive in February. Allow yourself the time and space to pull back from the world. Meditate and seek answers from deep within your soul. Friends however don't understand you and vice versa during retrograde Mercury. No matter; you know what your heart is saying and do not require an interpreter. Love understands all languages.

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Dear Dr. X:

I have a problem. My new boyfriend was looking for a shirt in my drawers and found my sex toy collection. I am so embarrassed! He seemed shocked and embarrassed also. I can tell he's treating me differently now. How do I go about telling him that the rubber d**k in my drawer is a toy and not a substitute for him.

Signed, Toy Chest.

Dear Toy Chest:

You don't seem to have a problem. It would have been different if he ran out of the room screaming. Once again it comes down to communication.

You need to have a talk with him and explain what you think you need to explain. I assume this toy was used in your single days, and not needed when you're in a relationship. You need to tell him and let him know this is who you are and don't keep it in the dark. It sounds like he's a little embarrassed for finding it but it doesn't seem like a big deal. It's possible that toys are something he may also want to explore also but doesn't know how to bring the subject up.

While we're on the topic I want to take this time to talk about toys. If you do decide to share toys make sure you use a condom on them. If a condom on a dildo seems a little anal, make sure you clean them properly with a mixture of bleach and water after each use. You also don't want to get one that is too big. Injuring yourself just to prove you can take it all is not a good idea. Use a lot of lube, have fun, and be careful.

Dear Dr. X:

I know a decent amount about cocaine, but I really don't know how bad it really is for you. So many of my friends do it to lose weight, and some do it for sheer fun. Some have really been hurt by it. I keep hearing both sides of the argument. Where does the truth really lie? I personally do it about once a week.

Signed, How risky

Dear How Risky:

Cocaine raises the level of dopamine-a pleasure inducing chemical-in your brain. The initial rush makes you feel alert, confident and dear I say it Sexy. But after an hour or so you begin to crash and your dopamine cells are screaming for more. So goes the cycle.

How powerful is the urge for cocaine? In a creepy lab experiment a monkey who has been given coke will hit a little lever 12 thousand times to get a single dose of it. Give the monkey a choice and he will ignore food, water and sleep and will keep waiting for a bump until he dies. Now for the happy part! Not every person is going to be like our little monkey friend but what will happen is that you will build up a tolerance and soon the amount that is needed to get your dopamine cells banging is growing larger and larger and the come down is getting shorter and shorter.

A big part of the effect depends on the person who's taking it. Of course there are the long-term medical effects I'm sure we've all heard of, but what people fail to emphasize is the sociological problems, the disturbance in your personal life, the financial aspect, even trying to find a supply at four in the morning. These are warning signs that your life is starting to spin out of control. If you think this happening please seek help.

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

Daschle Urged To Schedule Hate Crimes Vote

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[ENDA]," a bill HRC supports. "ENDA has nothing to do with September 11 at all," Smith said. "There were Gay people who were killed, but many, many Americans performed acts of heroism."

Introduced in the House of Representatives in July, ENDA currently has 186 cosponsors: 165 Democrats, 20 Republicans, and one independent. In the Senate the bill has 44 cosponsors, three of whom are Republicans.

NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

'Lessons Of Enron'

The biggest lesson can be stated in one word -- diversify.

It is amazing, almost beyond belief, that anyone who was smart enough to have a god job with a prestigious company like Enron could be stupid enough to have only one asset. Where in the world were these yuppies when their moms told them, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket"? Isn't that the very first rule of money management? Isn't that absolutely basic? Incredible.

For the last few weeks on TV, you've been watching these hapless undiversified souls claim that they were misled. Of course they were misled. Crooks are in the business of misleading people like them. That's exactly why you diversify, so you can survive being misled.

And you don't have to know anything about money to protect yourself via diversification. If you're some starving artist who doesn't know a nickel from a quarter and your aunt dies leaving you a million bucks worth of IBM, all you have to do is take it to a broker who has a national reputation to protect and say, "Diversify me". But these many people who allowed themselves to be robbed of their life savings weren't starving artists who didn't care about money. Go figure.

What the next biggest Enron lesson is we can argue about. Maybe it's the fact that the Good Ol' Boys are extremely unwilling to unrig the game. A former Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman recently said that he didn't favor a "blanket" ban on auditors serving the companies they audit as consultants. For anyone perfectly ignorant of the world of money, here's a sports analogy: having your auditor on your payroll as a consultant would be the equivalent of a major league slugger having the home plate ump on his payroll as a consultant. But the former SEC Chairman isn't perfectly ignorant about big money, and he doesn't claim that this obvious conflict of interest makes for an honest game. He just says he doesn't want a "blanket" ban on this flagrantly crooked (but legal) practice or, to put it into the words of a memorable old song, "Let the bad guy win every once in a while".

Another lesson, for anyone who might not already know it, is that not one of the big guys will do jail time. The super rich seldom do time for stealing from the middle class. This is a principle of sociology, not one of law, but it's almost as ironclad as the principle that the celebrities do not do time for the violent crimes they commit.

What is the lesson to be learned about the financial press? Why did nobody smell a rat? We've got all these TV shows devoted to money and all these funny things going on and all these frantic calls between government officials and Enron management, and nobody picks up on anything before the implosion. Anyone who really cares about money has got to be asking him/herself, "To what extent is the financial press incompetent? To what extent is the financial press corrupt?" And for the really deep thinkers, "Is there any way to draw a perfectly distinct line between the incompetence and the corruption?"

The national discussion of this mess will inevitably keep coming back to the issue of campaign finance reform/ Nothing substantial will be done about it. Nobody said this aloud, but there are plenty of people who honestly believe that corruption, if you call corporations buying politicians corruption, is not such a bad thing. While it might be difficult to make a logical theoretical case for the salutary effect of corruption, the practical reality is that U.S. government officials have been selling themselves to private individuals and corporations for as long as there's been a U.S. Corruption, if that's what you want to call it, has always been a part of our system of government -- a big part. Was it Will Rogers who said, "We've got the best congress that money can buy"?

Here's a question for political scientists to ponder: If there were some magical way to suddenly remove all the corruption from a government that's been working pretty well with corruption for 225 years, what reason is there for believing that the new squeaky-clean government would work at all?

It might make more sense to keep trying to trim corruption back at the edges. In the Enron case, 70% of the U.S. Senate was on the Enron pad. How about making it illegal for any one company to be paying off over half the members of a legislative body? Let's face it, having the U.S. Senate look like a wholly owned subsidiary of a single company is ... unseemly.

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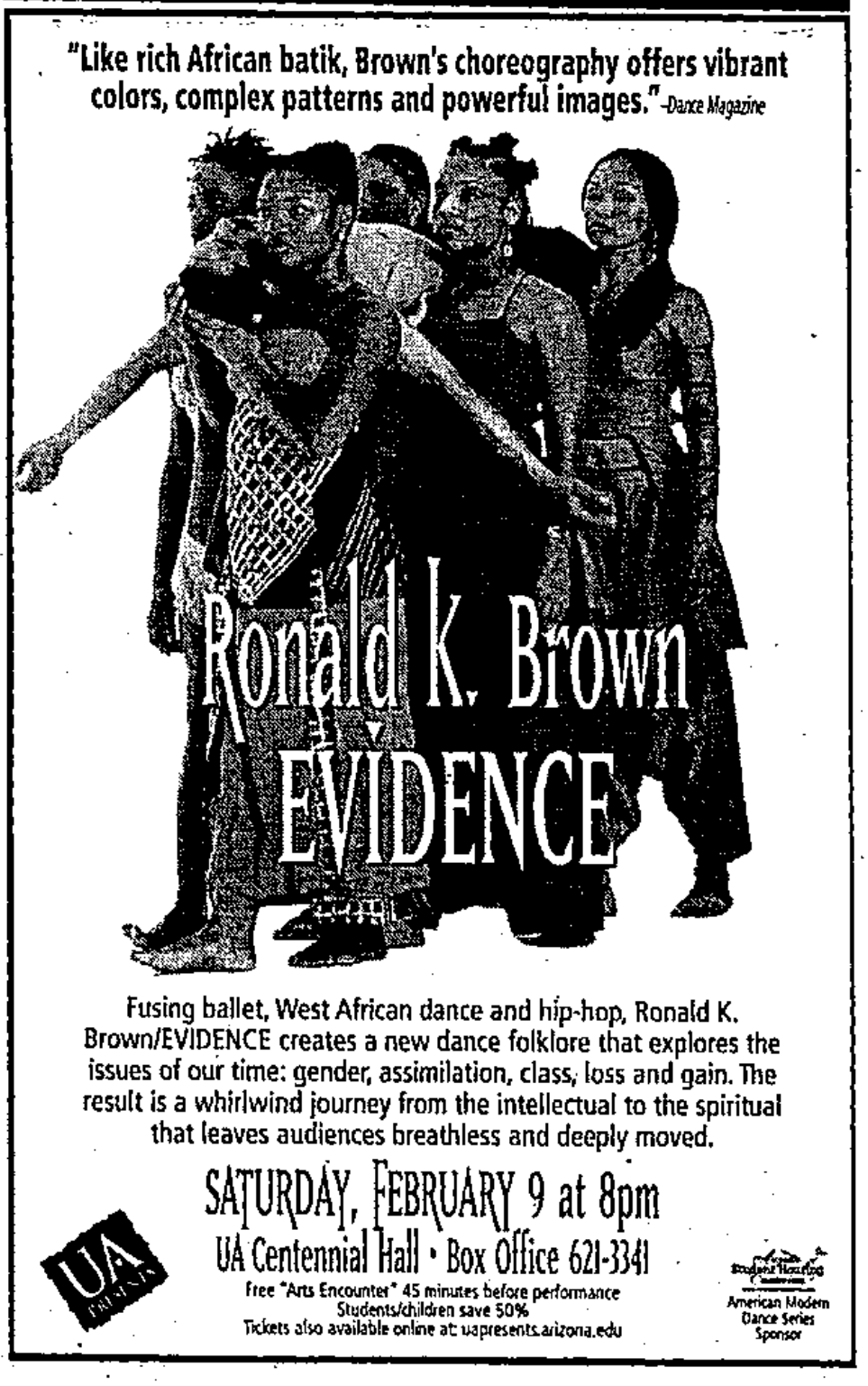

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Pierce asked Gummerie whether the state should enacted laws that promote sexual activity outside of marriage, and she responded "since I can't get married, yes."

He continued, asking whether "sexual orientation" included pedophiles and polygamy. Gummerie responded no and adding "there are laws on the books to prosecute pedophiles" and that the proposal explicitly defines a domestic partner relationship.

The sponsor of HB 2309, openly Gay State Representative, and the House Democratic Leader, Ken Cheuvront of Phoenix, spoke on behalf of his bill, stating it's "a pro business bill, that would have a uniform definition of domestic partners."

HB 2309 was approved by a vote of 7-3.

Judiciary Committee Chair Voss then took up HB 2301, sponsored by state Representative Deb Gullett, R-Phoenix, who said her bill provides specific rights dealing with funerals and estates, guardianship, hospital visitation rights and a say in medical decisions, and the ability to take out an insurance policy on the other domestic partner in the relationship.

Representative Pierce chimed in after Gullett's testimony, stating that there were laws on the books dealing with such matters, and that the state shouldn't be helping such couples in a relationship, since they're more prone to domestic violence, citing a survey which he later said was 10 years old, from a conservative group, which only covered heterosexual couples.

Pierce was chided for Voss for violating committee rules by making statements and not asking questions of the person giving testimony. He finally asked Gullett why should the state should pass more laws that are destructive. Gullett countered that the bill would help those in a committed relationship.

After more testimony, Voss called for the vote on HB 2301, approved by the same 7-3 margin. During the vote, most of the legislators explained their reasoning.

State Representative Henry Camarot, D-Prescott, who voted in favor on both proposals, said that the relationship his Gay adopted son was involved in was a better relationship than his three daughters have had. Camarot said his son's relationship has lasted 12 years, while the three daughters have been divorced.

State Representative Gary Pierce, who voted no on both bills, said these measures would destroy traditional marital union between a man and a woman.

State Representative Roberta Voss, who voted in favor on HB 2301 and HB 2309, said that her work in the state legislature show "an intense need to recognize such committed relationships."

HB 2301 and HB 2309 now go to the House Rules Committee, chaired by state Representative Karen Johnson, R-Mesa. According to sources, a discharge petition is being circulated to get the bills out of the House Rules to continue through the legislative process.

In other legislative news, another measure that would allow the discussion of homosexuality in AIDS education in schools, was introduced in the State Senate.

SB 1157 is sponsored by state Senator Sue Gerard, R-Phoenix, who is the chair of the Senate Health Committee. According to David Hoover, president of the Board of the Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance, SB 1157 will get a hearing before Gerard's committee.

Rosie O'Donnell Comes Out In Memoir

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heart in college and other relationships with women," one source told the newspaper.

"She comes out," says another reader, "but she's very matter-of-fact about it. She may be thinking that if she doesn't make a big deal out of it, she minimizes the backlash from Gay activists who might say, 'Where the hell have you been?'"

That she has remained closeted for so long has angered some Gay activists who contend O'Donnell could have been a powerful advocate and role model on her TV show. She officially leaves her television program in May.

O'Donnell has become much more candid about her love life. Accepting a trophy at last year's Daytime Emmy Awards, she thanked her frequent companion, Kelli Carpenter, declaring: "I love you!"

She says in her book that her talk show "took off so fast, she cornered herself into a stereotype," says one reader. "She talks about how exhausting it's been acting happy all the time [and] how she's leaving the show because she can't keep it up."

The book is due out April 23.

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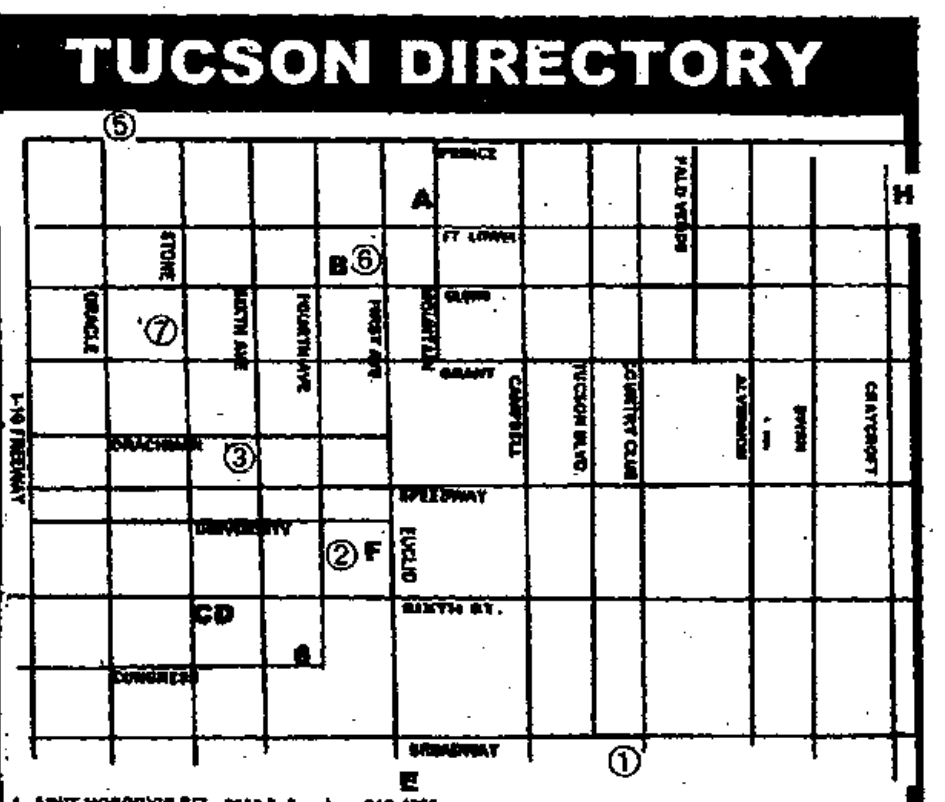

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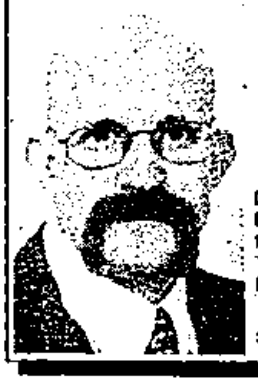

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Lesbian Told To Dress Like A Girl

TAMPA, FL (GFN) - A Lesbian teen and her supportive family have hired a lawyer to take legal action against the teen's high school because the school would not allow her senior picture to be included in the yearbook unless she wore a traditionally female outfit.

When Nikki Youngblood sat for her Robinson High senior yearbook photos, she and her mother decided the best attire for her would be a black suit jacket, white dress shirt, and tie.

"The clothes we chose were very nice, and Nikki would have looked ridiculous wearing a dress – that just isn't her," said the girl's mother on a Los Angeles call-in talk show.

But her wardrobe choice didn't fly with the school. Nikki and her mom were told only male students could wear shirts and ties. Female students would be photographed in a scoop-necked black velvet drape.

Youngblood says the scoop-necked velvet is is "just hideous" and "like asking a boy to go put on a dress. To my friends, it would have been the biggest joke in the world."

So when the school's yearbook comes out this spring, Youngblood's picture will not be in it.

""All the kids in my high school class were behind me. It's pure discrimination," says Youngblood, who graduated from Robinson early, in December, and hopes to become a clinical psychologist.

In correspondence with the school attorney, the Youngbloods' attorney, Karen Doering of Equality Florida, wrote that Youngblood wanted to appear as herself in her senior yearbook "rather than conforming to her school administrators' stereotyped notions of how girls should dress. The shirt and tie...is the attire that is consistent with Nikki's gender identity and expression."

Lesbian Sues

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In a 10-page legal memorandum, the ACLU bolsters its argument by citing the New York Court of Appeals opinion in the case of a Gay man fighting eviction from the rent-controlled apartment he shared with his dead partner.

Statutes, wrote the court in that 1989 case, "are ordinarily interpreted so as to avoid objectionable consequences and to prevent hardship or injustice." The term "family," the court continued, "includes two adult lifetime partners whose relationship is long term and characterized by an emotional and financial commitment."

SPORTS

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Bernadette's Peter	22.0	20.0
Big Ballers	21.0	21.0
Hardwhere?	20.0	22.0
One Is-Two Ain't	18.0	24.0
Beat Around The Bush	17.0	25.0
Even Stevens	16.0	26.0
Tres Amigos	15.0	27.0
Sleaze Bearz	14.0	28.0
Gutter Snipes	11.0	31.0

SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

High Average: Bernadette's Peter, 586; Erick J., 217; Heather H/JoAnn S., 173.

High Series Scratch: Bernadette's Peter, 1955; Heather H., 656; Erick J., 731.

High Game Scratch: Bernadette's Peter, 725; Keith D., 289; Heather H., 279.

High Series Handicap: Bernadette's Peter, 2162; Heather H., 806; Dave F., 799.

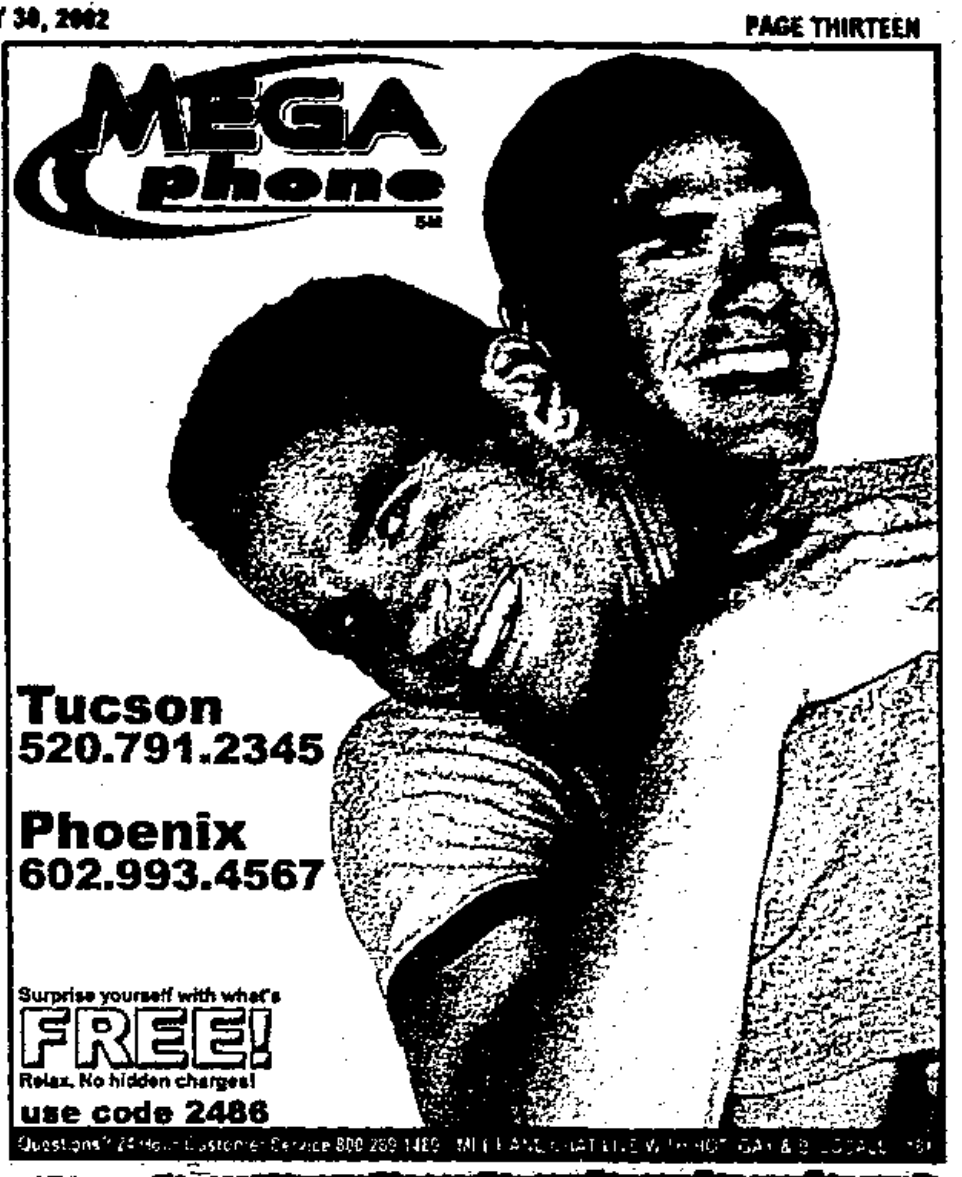
High Game Handicap: Bernadette's Peter, 798; Jack S., 307; Heather H., 328.

BOWLERS NEEDED FOR DESERT COYOTES

TUCSON (ON) - The Desert Coyotes are looking for an individual to fill an opening on one of the team's rosters.

Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling league, bowls every Wednesday, 9:00 p.m. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile. Three games are bowled, and teams consists of three people. Average isn't important, having fun with other Gay and Lesbian Tucsonans is the only requirement. The cost is $12 a week, plus a one-time sanctioning fee.

For more information, call (520) 323-6449.



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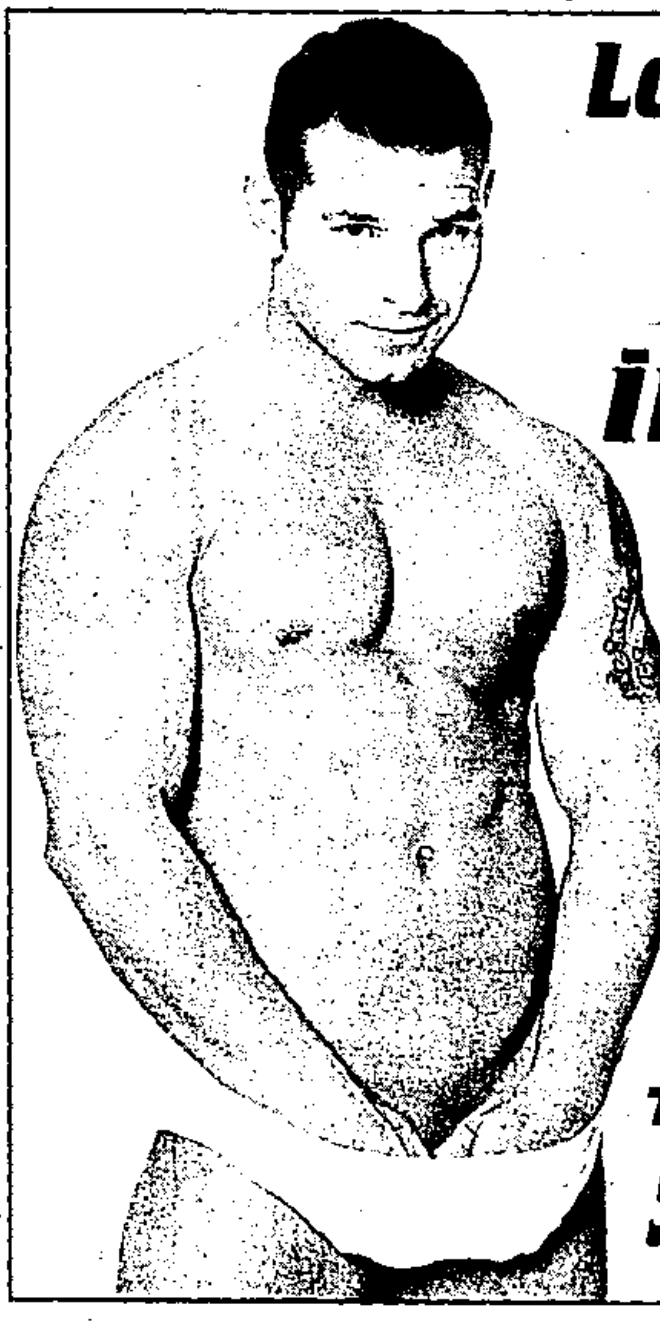
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Non-Bar Calendar
Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for the MSN Premiere of "Chocolat", a charming film about an unconventional woman who settles down in a very conventional village. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

Tucson Prime Timers; Video Night at 7:00 P.M. Movies with a non-pornographic Gay theme will be shown. Phone: 740-0620

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Rick and Jack for a morning of Volleyball. This is played for fun, and you'll get to know some nice guys as you play. For details and directions, please call Rick at 818-1616, or Jack at 881-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck and Social Gathering where we invite you to have dinner and get to know the nice guys of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to meet new men and greet old friends. For directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks - 5:00 p.m., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd. N. of Prince Rd. hone: 622-1835

Rainbow Planet Coffee House presents Brenda Evans who brings her talent as a songwriter and musician to town to perform hits from her recent album "Men With Tractors". 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3
The Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance (AZAPA) invites you to a Cocktail Party Benefit from 4:00 to 6:00p.m. at the home of Anne Maley, 300 S. Country Club Road. Suggested donation $40 per person. Enjoy an entertaining afternoon among friends with food from Café Poca Cosa.

Come root for your favorite tight end in the championship Super Bowl at Rainbow Planet Coffee House, Sandwiches and snacks.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 318-1650.

Tucson Prime Timers Lunch - 1:00 p.m., The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave., South of Grant Rd. Phone: 622-1835

Have you missed "QueerAs Folk"? Come see it from the beginning starting tonight at the Rainbow Planet Coffee House. Two shows each Monday starting at 7:30 p.m. .

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Joe for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For directions or more info, please call Joe at 886-1536.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Carl hosts the Tucson Stockmen-an investment club spun off from MSN. If you'd like to know more, please call Carl at 331-4238.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Dinner Out is held at Pastiche Modern Eatery. For reservations, please call Steve at 548-4047.

Have you missed "AbFab"? Come see it from the beginning starting tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Rainbow Planet Coffee House. On 4th Avenue.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 p.m., A non pornographic movie with a Gay theme will be shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

Have you missed "Sex And The City"? The first season will start tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Rainbow Planet Coffee House. Don't miss it.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for the latest installment of the 2nd season of "Queer As Folk". For directions and reservations, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:30 a.m. Join Curt for a moderate hike (3-5 miles). This first hike will get your new year off to the right start. For more information, please contact Curt at 722-1842.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 10:00 a.m. There will be a Sports Committee Meeting for all men who are interested in some sort of team/group activity within MSN. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 297-3569.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Marv will host Pinochle & Pizza beginning with a chance to share some pizza and meet and greet the other players over pizza ($5), followed by Pinochle at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

Tucson Prime Timers Food & Drinks- 5:00 p.m., Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd. N. of Prince Rd. Phone: 622-1835

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Tucson Prime Timers Brunch - 11: a.m., Casa Molina, 3001 N. Campbell Ave., South of Fort Lowell Rd. Phone: 622-1835

BAR CALENDAR
OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30
IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. 'Diva-Licious Show' hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Devina, Tori Steele and Samantha White.

WOODY'S - Join Michael for 'Underwear-Leather-Fetish' Nite! 8:00 to close. $1.00 off your favorite drink (excludes draft beer or schnappe) plus Chili Dogs or Bowls $1.00 from 5:00 p.m. to closing..

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Super Bow Sunday at the Biz 2:00p.m. to ??? Big screen TV plus 3 TVs and surround sound. 75¢ draft beer during game. $1.25 pitchers 5-10 p.m. Free food, drink specials, give aways. No Cover. Lots of fun, y'all come!

IBT'S - Super Bowl Party Line-up: Jeff's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. $1.50 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. 4:00 p.m. Jeff's Super Bowl Party t the Main Bar with drink specials each quarter. 4:30 p.m. Karaoke on the patio with Billy Dee. Benefit Bar-B-Que/Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Gay-Straight Medical Students Alliance. Then at 8:30 p.m. a Special Showfor Samantha White, candidate for Miss Gay Tucson America starring Samantha White, Lucinda Holliday, Lady Ashley and Dorian Grey.

JAKE'S - Super Bowl Party starting at 4:00 p.m. with drink specials and eats.

WOODY'S - Tim's Gigantic Super Bowl Party from 4:00 p.m. to ??? Bar-B-Que from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. with drink specials during the game. Give-Aways.

YARD DOG SALOON - SUPER BOWL "Widow's Party" NO-TV!!! Well Drinks $1.75. Draft Beer Pitchers $2.25, Glass 75¢ plus Doggie Treats.

VENTURE-N - Super Bowl Sunday Football with TV in both bars plus drink specials and super snacks all day. BossBurgers 5 to 7.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4
IBT'S - Ajia Monday! This week Ajia hosts the Depeche Mode CD Release Party.. Promos and give-aways 9:00 p.m. to close.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "Diva-Licious" Show Special 70s Disco Party hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Faith Michaels and Ivana Bump.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9
JAKE'S - 8:00 p.m. Benefit Show to support Share Bears starring Kyra Starr, Sapphire, Foxxy, Diana Flair and Jasmine Bouvier.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
IBT'S - Cher CD release party.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11
VENTURE-N - Aquarius Party. Check it out all you Aqueerians.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
IBT'S Mardi Gras Party with baubles, beads, masks,trading coins and lots more. Sinfully fun! Party Hardy!

WOODY'S - Mardi Gras Party. Watch for more details....

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14-Valentine's Day
IBT'S - Tucson Weekly Personal Call. Valentine's Day Party!!! Fun and Games!

YARD DOG SALOON - Big 1st Anniversary Mardi Gras Party here. Plus "Mr. & Ms Yard Dog" Contest. Pick up your registration form at the bar with all the rules. Must be registered by Feb. 10. Watch for more details.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15
IBT'S - Janet Jackson HBO Special Party.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 & 16
WOODY'S - "Perfect Strangers", a musical revue starring Pete Cooper-Lara and Greg Slickroth accompanied by Khris Dodge. 7:30 p.m. Reserved tickets 17.50, General Admission $15.00. Tickets available at IBT's, Woody's, Greg 247-5236 or Pete 471-0581.

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#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Michael hosts Bridge Night. If you're a beginner or an old pro, join the guys for a fun, relaxed night of Bridge. For reservations, please call Michael at 326-3555.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 p.m. A non pornographic movie with a gay theme will be shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

Daily Bar Calendar

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 8:30 to close. Shot specials all night.

IBT's - 10am-6pm $1.50 Bloodys, Screws or Mimosas.. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or Hi energy dancing. (Call for details). All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Well 1.75.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 5-7. (Donation only).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. $1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosas; $4@well or domestic beer 11-4. Happy Hour 4-9pm $1.75 well or domestic beer Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. $2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5-8pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 8pm

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers $1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Monday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Football Madness $1.75, 75¢ drafts 8 to close. No Cover.

IBT's - 9am-4pm, $2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour $1.75 well and domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm, "Ajia Says" nite. $1 off all drinks (except draft beer/shots) for those who do as Ajia says. DJ Raynman plays house music 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Well $1.75.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. $2 well ordomestic beer til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm, $1.75 well or domestic Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm Kennel open daily at 5pm.

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 Bottle Bud products. 8-close. Country music with DJs. 8:30-1

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 close w/DJ-Q

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Well $1.75.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. $2 well or domestic til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm. $1.75 well or domestic. Tropical drink specials 8 to close. $3 zombies, Jungle Juice, Mai Tai's .

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am.50¢ off any Tequila until 7pm Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Wednesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. Beer Bash $1.25 Pitchers Bud/Bud Light 8-close. Dance music 9-close.

IBT's - 9am to 4pm, $2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour $1.75 well & domestics 4-9pm. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holliday and guests. HiNRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Well $1.75.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prices for players).

WOODY'S - Open Noon. $2 well or domestic beer til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm $1.75 well or domestics.. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. . Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volley-ball Court is Open. See bartender.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am.50¢ off any Bourbon til 7pm Kennel open daily at 5pm. .

Friday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 8:30-1 w/DJ Hill. Drink specials all night.

IBT's - 9am-4pm $2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour $1.75 well & domestic beer 4-10. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party with DJ Raynman 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Well $1.75. Dance Room open 9pm - 1am. Country Music Nite

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. $2 well or domestic beer til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm. $1.75 well or domestics. 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. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

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 8:30-close.

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JAKE'S - Open 11am daily, Well $1.75. Dance Room open 9pm - 1am. House Dance Nite

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open 11am $2 well or domestic beer. Til 4pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm. $1.75 well or domestics. Patio Bar opens 5pm. Steak & Fish Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon or Swordfish with timmings & roll $5.

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LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts: 325-6676 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 Jennifer at 792-4607, Ext.398

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 886-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 19th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Dazed Girlz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dazed 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

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.

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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 6 meetings a week in Tucson. People who wish to stop their compulsive sexual behavior, please call (520)570-1226 for current information.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED – Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/ experience singing? Join us!! Call 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: algoodrum@uswest.net org

SENIORRAP, a discussion group for older LGBTs, meets from 7 to 9 pm on the last Sunday of every month at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

"OUT ON THE TRAILS" - EQUESTRIAN FUN! Rider Club forming. Looking for women and men to ride together on the trails of Southern Arizona. Must have own horse, truck and trailer. For more info write: "Out On The Trails" P.O. Box 44045, Tucson, AZ 85733-4045

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.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 575-8560 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.

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. 322-5855. Leave message.

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

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

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO – a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-6775 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.

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 at 886-8641

NOTICES

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Rorun 966-2384.

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

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6768.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-6466 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Phamily! For more information call Debbie 579-8827 or David 323-7943.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9862.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3881 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.

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.

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.

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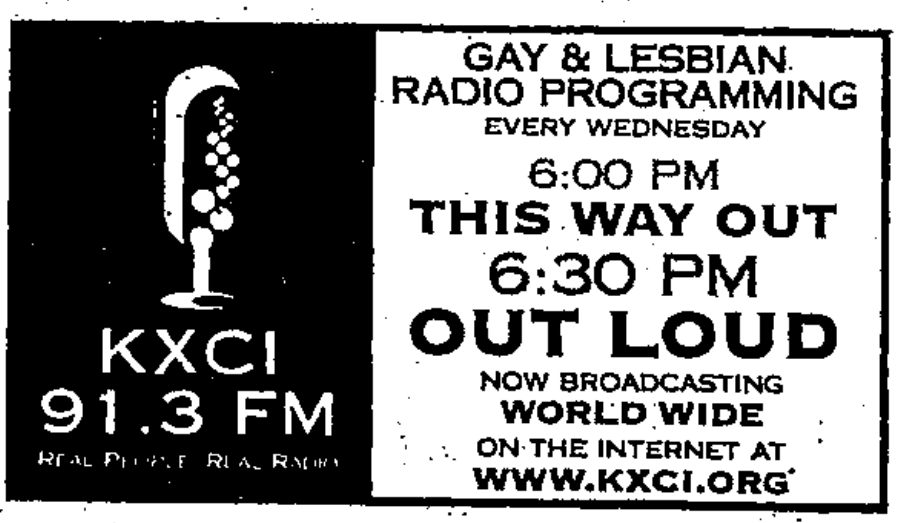

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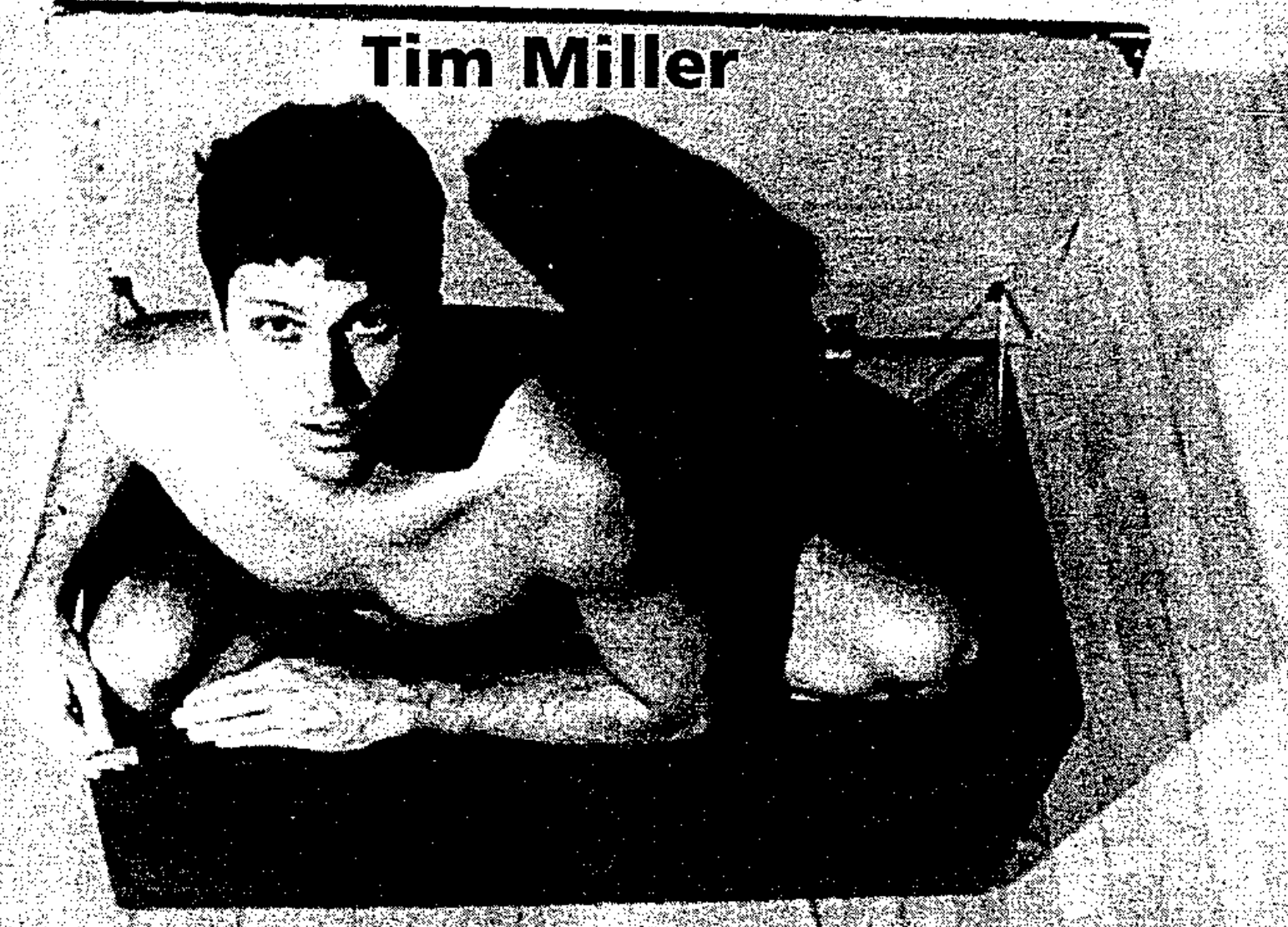

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