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July Reaches Peak With The Crowning Of Miss Gay Arizona

TUCSON - The annual Miss Gay Arizona-America Pageant took place this past weekend at the Inn Suites. Six contestants took part in this year's event and, as always, the competition was stiff. When the dust had settled, the reigning Miss Copper City-America, Chané Jordan, pictured above, was declared Miss Gay Arizona-America 2003. The current Miss Gay Phoenix, Aurora Gayheart, was first Runner-Up. Congratulations to the winners as well as all the other contestants who put on a great show. And, of course, congratulations to Lucinda Holliday who has produced these pageants for several years. It is sad that she is stepping down from these duties but she is leaving on a high note of a long list of wonderful productions. Tucson can be truly proud of Larry Moore, aka Lucinda Holliday who has given the community many, many memorable moments. More photos of the Pageant may be found on page six and these are also available in full color on the Observer website and can be downloaded from www.tucsonobserver.com

By Jerry D.

[So what actually happens at the Miss Gay Arizona pageant? Is it fun or just a drag? Do these individuals vying for a crown and the title show more than just the ability to get into a dress? The Observer's own Jerry D. attended the Miss Gay Arizona pageant and answers those and many other questions surrounding this and other such events.]

TUCSON (ON) - The Old Pueblo played host and trend setter as this year's Miss Gay Arizona Pageant was held Saturday. For the fourth time, Inn Suites gracefully and efficiently hosted the annual event.

The ballroom was a festive scene, complete with balloons and confetti decorating the tables surrounding the stage area. Upon entering the room, decorated in a Mardi Gras theme, beads and masks were handed out to the audience members prior to their seating. Hors d'oeuvres and bar service gave folks something to munch on before the big event got underway. It was a calmer atmosphere than in previous years, and the staging area was well blocked so that participants were not visible until on the stage.

The 7:00 p.m. start was punctual, as the audience watched the lights dim and the show get underway. The opening number included all of the 6 participants vying for the crown, as well as former Miss Gay Arizona, Tucson and other previous winners. The Mardi Gras theme took full effect as each member of the opening number was adorned in an outfit suitable for Bourbon Street. The medley of Britany Spears songs (the new diva of the modern female performer) was highlighted by a dance number by Ms. Angela Dodd. The reigning Miss Gay Arizona danced with a troop of young dancers, giving Britany a run for her money. Ms. Dodd has set a bar for future Miss Gay Arizona participants. Her talents were visible in her production, and I am sure will be mirrored in contests to come.

At the conclusion of the opening number, the participants for this year's contest were introduced. This year showed us 6 performers, all qualified to hold the crown of our state in the coming Miss Gay America contest. The contestants were: Miss Gay Tucson America 2003, Janee Star; Miss Gay Phoenix America 2003, Aurora Gayheart; Miss Copper City America 2003, Chane' Jordon; 1st Alternate, Miss Gay Tucson America 2003; Samantha White; 1st Alternate, Miss Gay Phoenix America 2003, Candi Colet; 1st Alternate; and, Miss Copper City America 2003, Tabitha Lovall, with the winner going on to the Miss Gay America pageant will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas (I wonder if Clinton will show up).

The emcee duties were shared by 3 of our town's most well-known performers. Each held a crown at one time, and their grace showed - along with their ability to carry the show through all its moments. Truly Fabu and Barbara Seville worked the podium at the end of the stage for most of the show. They took glamour to a new level wearing several gowns throughout the evening that sparkled as much as their personality. The third emcee for the evening was none other than Miss Lucinda Holiday, who also pulled duty as producer, conductor and all-around wrangler of the busy event.

The pageant seen by the audience was really only half of the actual contest. Earlier that day, contestants took part in in preliminary events in front of the five judges. Points were tabulated on costumes and male fashion. The audience was witness to the talent and question portions of the contest, making for a smooth running of

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Miami Businesses Oppose G/L Rights Repeal

MIAMI, FL - Gays and Lesbians in Miami-Dade County who have been fighting tooth and nail to keep a Gay-rights ordinance on the books have a new ally -- influential Miami businesspeople, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Fearing consumer backlashes and boycotts, a group of some of the county's largest businesses recently announced a major fundraising effort to convince voters to vote no on a ballot measure facing them in the fall elections that would repeal a county ordinance outlawing sexual orientation discrimination. The coalition includes area convention and tourism groups, chambers of commerce and hotel groups.

"Not only are we urging that this measure be defeated, but that it be defeated by a substantial margin so that there's a clear message of tolerance sent to the outside world," Jack Lowell, chairman of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, told the Miami Herald.

Lowell and other supporters of the nondiscrimination ordinance said that they will hold a fundraiser, with tickets going for between $250 and $500 per person. The money will be given to Gay rights group SAVE Dade, which is mounting a "vote no" campaign against the ballot measure.

South Florida, and Dade County in particular, have a huge Gay tourist base. In the wake of significant declines in tourism after Sept. 11, the area's Gay mecca -- South Beach -- saw its tourism numbers stay steady, which the hospitality industry attributes to loyal Gay clients.

The Miami business community is not the only ally in the fight against the ordinance's repeal. The Democratic party has made it known that if the law is rescinded it may take the county off its short list to host the 2004 national convention, a potential loss of $200 million.

The mayors of Miami and Miami Beach have already stated their objections to rolling back the ordinance.

Along with county leaders and activists, the mayors have helped form the 'No to Discrimination' committee, which has been endorsed by a wide variety of local politicians and celebrities. The political and business groups in favor of keeping the ordinance are facing a well-funded and highly organized coalition of conservative groups and religious organizations who are pushing to have the ordinance repealed.

"The other side is portraying this as a lifestyle issue. We are portraying it, and rightly so, as a discrimination issue," Peter Roulhac, chairman-elect of the Greater Miami Chamber of commerce, told the Herald.

UPDATE

Wingspan Seeks Volunteers

TUCSON - Looking for a cool place to spend some of your free time before it gets too hot? Interested in making a difference in your community? Why not volunteer for Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center!

Wingspan is seeking volunteers for a variety of areas, including Information & Referral (Front Desk) Services, Youth Programs, Domestic Violence Project, Library, CyberCenter, Administrative Office, I&R Data Entry, Mailings, Facilities Maintenance, Senior Companion Program... and so much more! The next general Volunteer Orientation for all new Wingspan volunteers will be held this Saturday, August 3, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Although an orientation session is required for all volunteers, you can start on-the-job training for many volunteer positions right away!

Volunteer opportunities are open to people of any sexual orientation or gender identity. People of color, bilingual speakers, youth (18-23), seniors, people living with AIDS, people with disabilities, sign language interpreters, and people with computer skills are encouraged to volunteer.

For information and a volunteer application, please contact Mark, Wingspan Volunteer Coordinator, (520) 624-1779 or email: mark@wingspanaz.org.

AVIV Shabbat Service

PHOENIX - AVIV, the Jewish GLBT Chavurah is having their monthly Shabbat services in Paradise valley on Friday evening, August 2, 7:30 p.m. in central Phoenix, followed by a wonderful Oneg.

Partners, friends, and family are always welcome. Call the AVIV info-line, (602) 952-1612 for more information and locations.

Tucson Gayopoly Offered By Local MCC

TUCSON (ON) - In addition to dealing with GLBT Tucsonans spiritual needs, Water of Life - MCC will be involved in a new field - venture capitalism, but on the pretend scale with their new fund raiser, Tucson Gayopoly.

According to the Tucson chapter of the MCC church, they are going to debut a new piece of Tucson GLBT history, with Tucson Gayopoly, based on the famous Parker Brothers game, but with a twist - a lifetime opportunity to advertise on a piece of potential history.

Game pieces are priced at $200 each, two corner pieces are available at $300, and the "chance" and "treasure chest" cards are available, or a $100 "Special Contributor space, which is available, according to the fund raising organizers, who stated that proceeds will go to Water of Life MCC and its services. According to the organizers, all they will need is a logo, an address, and phone number, or a business card if you so choose. The goal for showcasing the new game is October 12, during OUToberFEST.

For more information, call (520) 248-2564 or (520) 409-1112.

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."
- Henry David Thoreau

Uncommon Legacy Names New Director

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - An Uncommon Legacy Foundation, which is dedicated to increasing the visibility, strength, and vitality of Lesbians, announced that Deborah Bonsack has been selected as the foundation's new executive director.

Bonsack has more than 15 years of not-for-profit executive experience, most recently as the executive director of America's Athletes With Disabilities. She has been credited with increasing the visibility and financial support of disability sports throughout the United States.

Legacy annually awards scholarships to Lesbian students with leadership potential and provides grants to projects and organizations that contribute to the health, education, and culture of Lesbians.

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The Dovers	26.0	16.0
Summers Evo	26.0	16.0
The	26.0	16.0
Bear Pig & Tongue	22.0	20.0
Casserole -	21.0	21.0
2 Outees & An'Inee	18.5	23.5
3 Kings	10.0	32.0
Port of Entry	10.0	32.0

SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

High Average: Paul K., 221; Heather H., 173; The Dovers, 607.

High Series Scratch: Paul K., 779; Heather H., 542; The Dovers, 1930.

High Game Scratch: Paul K., 279; Heather H., 217; The Dovers, 695.

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the production. The judge panel was as wide ranged as our town, including male and female personalities of our community. Just to make the participants even more aware of the contest's commitment to excellence, one of the judges was Miss Gay America 1995 (Miss Pattie Le Plae Safe), who has graced our town's stages for years.

After the introduction of the judges, Lucinda Holiday took the podium to deliver a personal message. Lucinda read a statement which announced that she was stepping down as coordinator of the Miss Gay Arizona pageant. The tearful delivery was not a goodbye by any stretch, just a passing of a torch to a new breed for future contests. After a standing ovation by the audience, Lucinda took the stage for a three-song set that described how she felt. The lines to the stage for tipping were the longest of the evening and Lucinda performed as she always does, with style and talent that captivated her audience. (I'm going to take a second to add a personal note here. Lucinda's was the first show I attended when I moved to Tucson. I have seen her win titles, aid others in winning titles, and even help create some titles. For whomever decides to take the duties that Lucinda has stepped down from; your first task should be to take what Lucinda has done, and go from there. She has made this pageant, as well as many others, events that the entire city could be proud of. I have been writing about Lucinda for almost 8 years now, and she owes me a thesaurus, since I have run out of adjectives to describe how amazing she is.)

The festivities quickly returned to the upbeat theme as the talent competition got underway. Each of the contestants took the stage individually to perform a choreographed number, complete with sets and costumes. As the talent numbers were performed, time between set changes was filled with alternating contestants taking the stage to answer their question, chosen at random, for the judges and audience. The question portion put each of the participants at the end of their nerves, as points were being awarded for the answer to questions they were given no prior knowledge of.

This year's program, handed out as you entered the ballroom, had a page where you were able to keep score on your own. This added touch gave the audience a chance to play home judge and see how close they came to picking the winner. The talent and congeniality winners could be chosen separately, along with the overall winner. I of course took advantage of this opportunity and have to admit, my choices were concurrent with the judging. (Maybe next year I can sit up front and judge as well as cover the competition.) Highlights of the talent competition included:

Miss Tabitha Lovall in a tribute to James Bond's arch nemesis Goldfinger. (Good timing with the new Austin Powers movie premiering the day before.) The number included an air of Las Vegas with showgirls in gold and dancing boys in suits. A large spider web and cage that collapsed at the end, letting Miss Lovall to escape from the grasp of the evil Goldfinger.

Miss Chane' Jordon, with a knock-out Broadway number. The singing and dancing extravaganza was done to one of the songs from the show 'Chicago.' The production included comedy, dancing, prop use and all-around energy, which got the audience off their feet in a fury at the conclusion of the song.

The intermission was encompassed by musical numbers from non-contestants. Truly Fabu and Angela Dodd performed numbers that showed why they are both previous crown holders. Angela broke out the jumpsuit and performed an Elvis number that the audience just adored. These performers would be welcome in any large city situation without fail, so its a pleasure as well as a treat to have them here in our town this evening.

The question portion of the contest proves every year to be the most nerve-wrecking. The questions are picked at random and the audience is asked to give complete silence for the moment the participant is given to answer it. This year's questions focused on duties that the crown holder might have to do in an emergency situation. Of all the answers, my scorecard gave Miss Aurora Gayheart the best of the responses. Aurora answered with confidence and poise, and the audience responded with a loud applause lasting longer than any other contestant.

The competition was coming to a conclusion, but not before the parading of the previous years crown holders. Miss Gay America 2002 (Sabrina White) performed and thanked the participants and audience for the past year's memories. The stage then was taken by Miss Gay Arizona 2002 (Angela Dodd). Angela also took a moment to thank the many persons involved in making the crown a group effort, with all involved sharing in the glamour that comes with the hard work. This year's emcee duties were nearly flawless, giving the audience memorable moments, as well as guiding the contest along smoothly for all to understand and enjoy. Lucinda Holiday then took the stage one last time, showing how her comedy is key to making what she does so magical. This year's contestants took the stage and the most nervous moment in pageants was about to take place.

This year's runner-up for the title went to Aurora Gayheart. I had her on my scorecard for best answering the question and a runner-up in the talent competition. She was glamorous and totally surprised at her posting that high in the results. She is humble and deserves what I know will be an up-and-coming year for us to meet this beauty. The judges and I were matched for the title, which went this year to Chane' Jordon. Chane' was remarkable in the talent portion and was 3rd on my scorecard for the question part of the contest. She is the reigning Miss Copper City and will represent the Grand Canyon State in Little Rock this year. She combines elegance with talent, and has a comedic edge that is key to these competitions. The stage was stormed with photographers and Chane's entourage, concluding a festive evening. Congratulations to all the participants and their crews behind the scenes. The folks behind the curtain share that crown with the winner, as they make it possible for us to enjoy the event every year without fail. The hard work done by a lI who make each year's event more and more memorable is visible in the smiles of the audience and the post-contest talk. Tucson hosted and showed Arizona how awesome we can make this yearly event. Kudos to all.

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S.F. Judges Cut Ties To Boy Scouts

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The city's judges have become the first in the state of California to cut ties with the Boy Scouts of America because of the organization's ban on Gay and Lesbian scout leaders. The Boy Scouts allege, among other things, Gays are "not morally fit" to be members of the Scouts.

According to an Associated Press report, a lawyer who sought the change said she hoped to go statewide with her plans.

"This is a fundamental part of being a judicial officer . . . avoiding even the appearance of partiality at all times so that every litigant who appears in front of you is treated fairly and equally," said Angela Bradstreet, president of the Bar Association of San Francisco.

In response to a resolution in January from the local bar association, San Francisco Superior Court judges and commissioners adopted a policy July 11 saying they would not take part in any organization that "discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation by excluding members on the grounds that their sexual orientation renders them 'unclean,' 'immoral' or 'unfit.'"

In practice, the policy prohibits the judges from taking part in the Boy Scouts. Statewide ethical standards for judges, adopted by the state Supreme Court in 1995, forbid membership in organizations that discriminate against Lesbians and Gays but exempt "nonprofit youth organizations," an exception designed for the Boy Scouts.

The state court refused to repeal the exemption in December 2000 despite a plea from appeals court Justice James Lambden of San Francisco, who had just resigned as an assistant scoutmaster in Alameda County.

Lambden was responding to the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling in June 2000 upholding the Boy Scouts' policy. The organization had argued that its code, requiring scouts to be "morally straight" and "clean," excluded homosexuals. The court majority said the Boy Scouts were entitled to define their own principles.

The California Supreme Court, in two 1998 cases, had upheld the Boy Scouts' refusals to admit Gays and atheists.

Bradstreet, a Lesbian who is a partner in the law firm of Carroll, Burdick & McDonough, said she had decided to press the issue after reading legal arguments in which the Boy Scouts described Gays as "not morally fit."

She said she had asked the State Bar president to let her address a forthcoming meeting and argue for a statewide resolution against discrimination that could be presented to judges in all California counties.

Non-Resident Civil Unions Permanent?

HARTFORD, CT - An attempt by non-Vermont residents to dissolve their civil union ends in failure, as a state appellate court rules it lacks jurisdiction to settle the matter.

A Gay couple's attempted to have their civil union dissolved in the state of Connecticut but was rejected by a state appeals court in what is believed to be the first such test of the law outside Vermont.

The Associated Press reports Glen Rosengarten and Peter Downes exchanged civil union vows in Vermont in 2000, six months after that state enacted the first law in the nation allowing Gay couples to enter into a marriage-like arrangement.

The Connecticut appeals court ruled that it cannot dissolve their union because the state of Connecticut does not recognize the legality of the arrangement to begin with. Vermont remains the only state in the country that performs and recognizes civil unions.

When Vermont passed its law, marriage equality advocates hoped that other states would honor civil unions entered into in Vermont, in the same way that a marriage performed in one state is recognized in all other states.

Rosengarten applied in July 2001 to have the relationship dissolved in a Stamford court. The Superior Court ruled that it did not have jurisdiction. He appealed to the state Appellate Court, the second-highest court in Connecticut, which ruled that unions between same-sex couples do not fall under the state's definitions of family relations matters.

Gary Cohen, Rosengarten's attorney, said his client wanted a formal dissolution to protect his children's inheritance. "This is not a test case," Cohen said. "These are two very private people who want to have this resolved with dignity and discretion."

Cohen said he would encourage Rosengarten to appeal to the Connecticut Supreme Court.

In the two years that Vermont's civil union law has existed, 4,222 couples have received licenses, said Bill Apao, director of public health statistics. More than 80 percent of those couples — 3,533 in all — were from out of state. The state has granted six dissolutions, Apao said.

Vermont will not rule on dissolution requests unless at least one party is a legal resident. Rosengarten lives in Connecticut, and Downes lives in New York.

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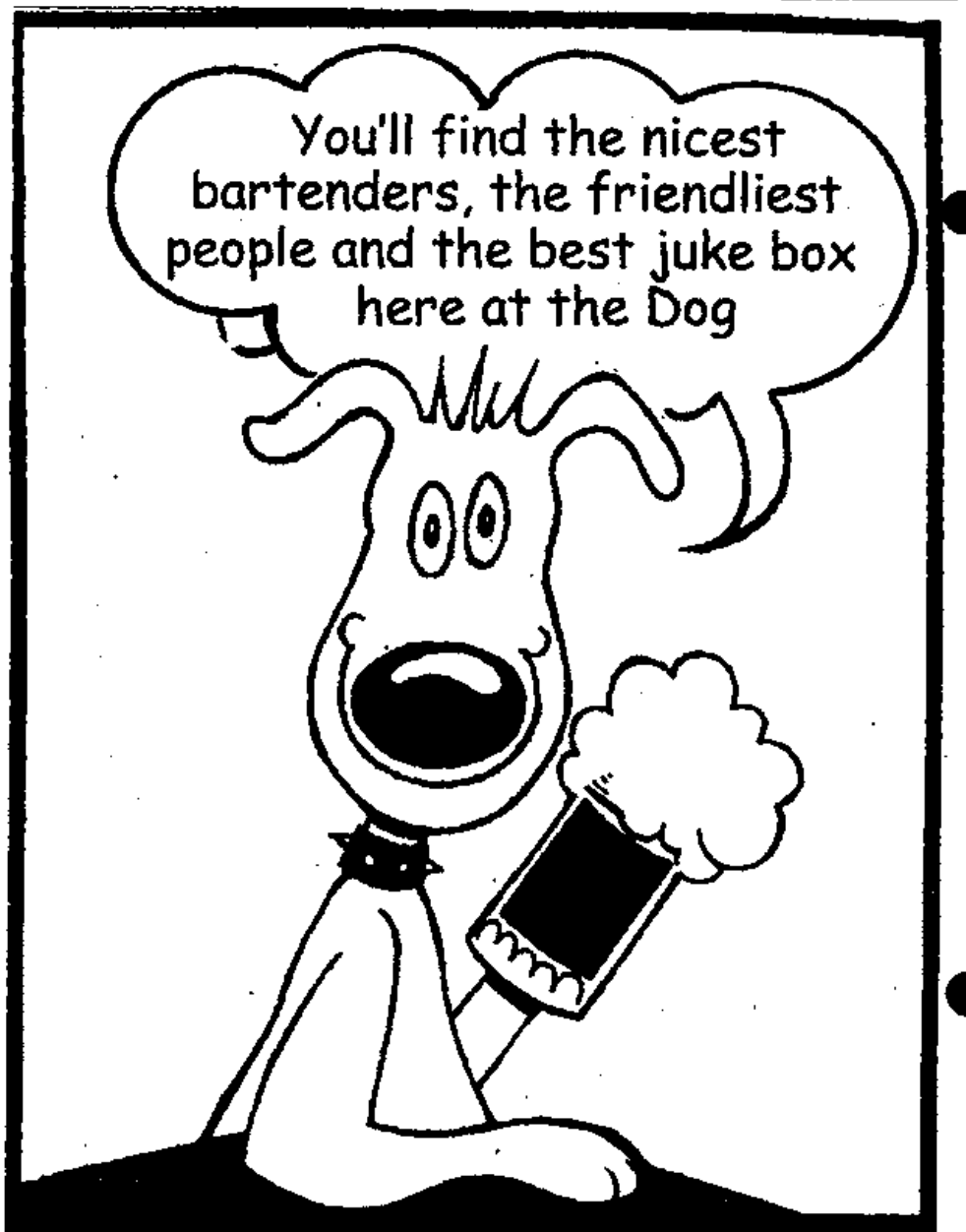

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The Air Force pinned a medal on me for killing a man and discharged me for making love to one. —Leonard Matlovich
FROM UNNATURAL QUOTATIONS by Leigh W. Rutledge

NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

'Reformation Blues'

Two things you can safely say about capitalism: 1. It's a marvelous engine for creating wealth. 2. There is absolutely no evidence to suggest that it wouldn't be an even better engine for creating wealth if you squeezed 99 and 44/100s percent of the corruption out of it.

Two reasons to believe that the corruption isn't going to be squeezed out any time soon: 1. The politicians are still pretending that they didn't know the corporate game was rigged. 2. The average guy who's getting screwed out of his job and his pension and his savings is still squeamish about the idea of putting very rich people in very unpleasant prisons where they'd have to take showers with "common criminals."

The politicians are still doing their best to play dumb even as they try to address the problem of corporate corruption. They're pretending that they didn't know that accounting firms were taking gargantuan consulting fees for allowing corporations to cook the books. They're pretending that they didn't know that analysts were hyping stocks to get investment banking business.

Worst of all, they're pretending that they still don't know how the greatest larceny in world history, the thing they call "executive compensation," works. Do the politicians really believe that the worth of CEOs has increased fifty fold in the last twenty years? Do they believe that a CEO's compensation continuing to skyrocket while his company in tanking reflects the honest operation of the free market?

Wouldn't it be fun to sit in on boardroom meetings discussing CEO compensation in a corporation where employees can serve as corporate directors? Employee/Director Smith: "I think the compensation committee is all wet. They want to give the boss ten million. He's worth twice that much." Employee/Director Jones: "I think you're all wet. A boss as dynamic and wonderful as ours is worth 100 million." Employee/Director Brown: "I think you're both all wet. I wouldn't want this to get back to him. Wouldn't want him to think that my nose is a little brownish, but a boss as wonderful and dynamic as ours is worth 200 million. By the way, why don't we give him a low interest loan of 400 million?"

You'll know that the politicians are starting to get serious when someone other than John McCain, who must get awfully lonely at times, comes out and says, "Hell yes we knew the game was rigged. What we didn't know was that the idiots who were running it would steal on such a scale that they'd destroy their own companies. That level of stealing, to put it in the polite language of the boardroom, was shortsighted."

The other factor at work against serious reform is our whole culture's aesthetic aversion to seeing rich people placed in tough circumstances, no matter what they've done to deserve it. Just try and think of the number of very rich people in your lifetime who have gone to prison. If you can name five you've got a great memory.

And what kind of prisons do they go to on the rare occasions when they go at all? Institutions that bear a striking resemblance to country clubs. And how long do they serve? Months, not years.

Picture Martha Stewart in a small cell with a prostitute who knifed her pimp to death in a drunken brawl. Just doesn't compute, does it?

The government is going to try to restore confidence in corporate America without making it that much harder to legally lie, cheat and steal in corporate America. It remains to be seen if investors will fall for it. Even if they don't really fall for it, even if way deep down they know better, they might still go along with it.

If they do and we go back to business as usual, the only thing standing between us and a repeat of this debacle will be an informal consensus among CEOs that it really isn't wise to steal so much that you kill the goose who's laying your golden eggs.

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns, and tips on local skullduggery that ought to be exposed. Write to Box 85571, Tucson, AZ 85754.]

GENDER PRIDE

BY JONI K. MAUSSE

Congratulations to Chane Jordan, Miss Gay Arizona America 2003! And orchids to Tucson's super-diva, Lucinda Holliday, for her long years of service to the cause. Lucinda will be missed now that she's stepping down from her pivotal role in the pageant. But she'll always be with us, one way or another.

During intermission on Saturday night I ran into Jerry D., who told me he's going to fill you in on all the details; so I'll let him cover it. In case you missed the pageant, Lucinda's DivaLicious drag show is at IBT's at 9:00 p.m. every Wednesday night. And the Miss Gay HispanidadTucson pageant will be at the Clarion-Randolph Park on September 21. For reservations contact Ernie Perez at salud@saaf.org.

As I've said before, drag is a two-way street. If you don't believe me, wait until Boys 'R Us, Tucson's new drag king troupe, make their macho debut in September. Meanwhile, if you want to get involved, write them at tucsondragkings@yahoo .com.

Next Monday, August 5, is the monthly meeting of SAGA, the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance. On Tuesday, the following evening, the Gender Outlaws discussion group gets together. Both meetings are at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. Sixth Street at Fifth Avenue. As always, open-minded people of all genders are welcome at both meetings. For more information call (520) 624-1779.

I'm still looking for my magic frog-prince(ss) photographer to join me in having fun while making money together. As always, a good partner is SO difficult to find! Write me at jonikmausse@yahoo.com. See ya around, Sweetie!

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La Conexión Latina
Salud es Poder

El proyecto Salud es Poder, retrospectiva de diez años de existencia

Son ya diez años que el proyecto de salud enfocado a los hombres latinos que tienen sexo con otros hombres ha estado trabajando en Tucson. Hoy, vale la pena darle un vistazo al pasado para ver lo que hemos logrado y planear el futuro en lo que falta por hacer. Con una mirada analítica al pasado, podemos ver que cosas han trabajado y que no ha funcionado con el objetivo de hacer cambios en aras de un mejor trabajo. Ha habido muchos cambios en estos diez años, uno de los más notables la integración del proyecto en lo que hoy es *Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation* (SAAF) y todo con el fin de mejorar los servicios que ofrecemos a nuestra gente.

La tarea principal del proyecto es de prevenir la incidencia del VIH-SIDA en nuestra comunidad ya que hasta ahora, la prevención es la única arma que existe para combatir esta pandemia. En tareas de prevención, Salud es Poder ofrece periódicamente entrenamientos a la comunidad latina de hombres que tienen sexo con hombres con la finalidad de prepararlos para que sean líderes en la comunidad. Este liderazgo no requiere que a las personas les guste la política o "la grilla" ya que el ser líder puede ser posible dentro de tu grupo de amigos, en la familia, en el trabajo o en la escuela. El entrenamiento que ofrecemos te arma con información fidedigna de cómo prevenir la infección del VIH, las barreras culturales que existen en la prevención, así como la relación entre el VHI y el uso de drogas. Otro de los entrenamientos se llama Promesa Comunitaria y también entrenamos a voluntarios que quieren lograr un cambio positivo en temas de prevención del VIH en la comunidad.

Recuerda que el propósito de la existencia del proyecto Salud es Poder eres tú y que tu participación en los talleres que ofrecemos es vital para reducir los índices de contagio del VIH en nuestra comunidad. Los entrenamientos son totalmente gratis, incluyen comida y se desarrollan en un ambiente relajado, en donde te aseguramos te sentirás muy bien.

Nuestro próximo entrenamiento será el sábado 3 de agosto del 2002 en el hotel Clarion-Randolph Park, ubicado al 102 al norte de Alvernon way aquí en Tucson. El entrenamiento será de 10 de la mañana a las 2 de la tarde y habrá botanas, diversión, y un regalo a los participantes. Te puedes registrar el día del evento o antes con Ernie Pérez, Rafael Vega o José Muñoz al teléfono 628-7223.

A partir de este número, cada semana escribiremos nuestra sección dentro de este periódico titulada LA CONEXIÓN LATINA. El propósito de esta sección periodística es acercarnos a ti con asuntos que le interesan a nuestra comunidad. Esperamos que cada semana nos leas y nos des sugerencias sobre que incluir dentro de este espacio. Te invitamos también a participar con tus trabajos de cualquier índole pero que tengan que ver con el VIH-SIDA, identidad sexual, de género, y/o cultura. Estos trabajos pueden ser poesía, testimonios, quejas, o lo que tú decidas. Para ideas, sugerencias o trabajos que quieras publicar contacta a José Muñoz al teléfono 628-7223 o por correo electrónico a munoz2@email.arizona.edu o . Esperamos tus comentarios y participación.

Court Strikes Down Abstinence Funding

NEW ORLEANS, LA - Citing misuse of taxpayer dollars, a federal district court blocked the state of Louisiana from funding religious activities in the Governor's Program on Abstinence.

Abstinence-only HIV education has been criticized my many who feel it ignores Gay issues.

"We are pleased that the court has recognized that using public money to promote religious beliefs violates the basic principle of religious liberty," said Catherine Weiss, director of the ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project. "Unfortunately, abstinence-only programs have a long history of crossing the line between the religious and the secular. Today's decision should stand as a wake-up call that this practice is unacceptable."

The Louisiana Governor's Program on Abstinence, which runs on federal and state dollars, has habitually funded abstinence-only programs with religious themes.

"The Governor's Program has shamelessly been spending taxpayer money to proselytize," said Joe Cook, executive director of the ACLU of Louisiana. "It's time for our public officials to get out of the church house, go back to the state house, and start spending tax dollars legally."

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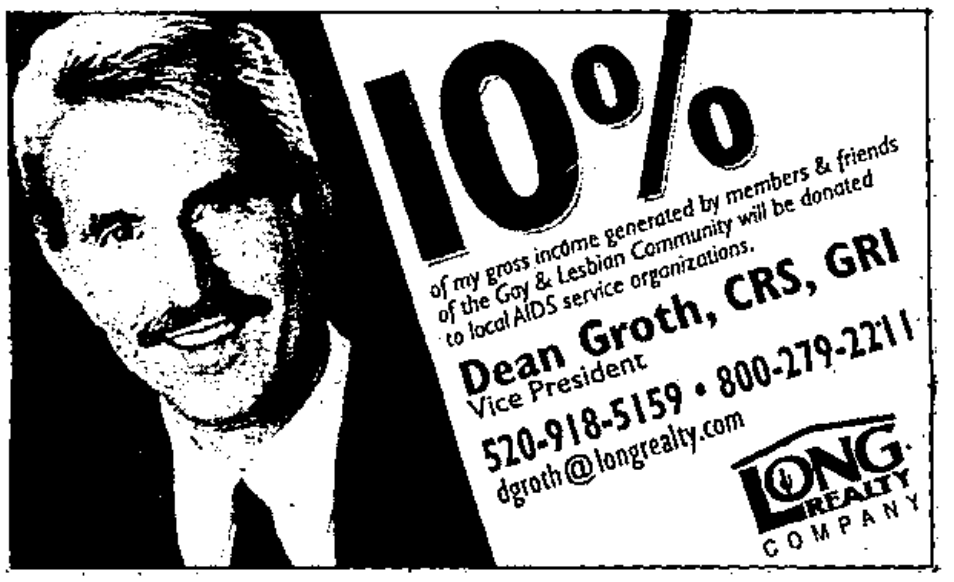
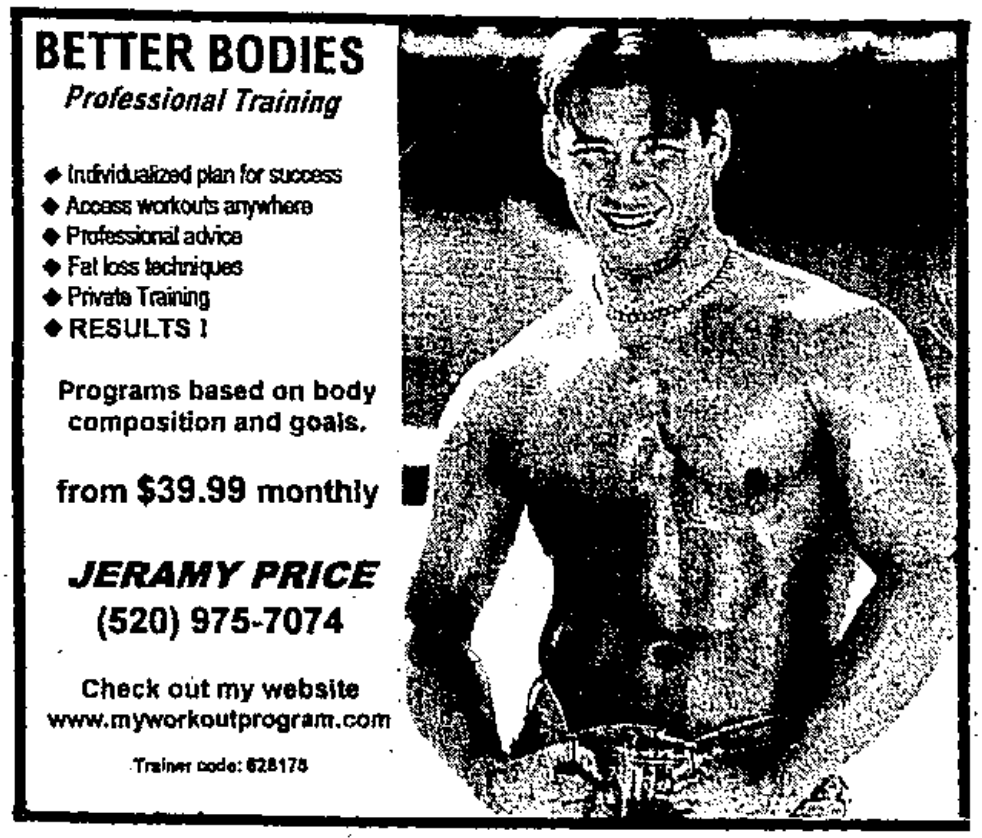
APACHE	69,423	66,299	16	22	23	13	3	4	7	0
COCHISE	117,755	105,671	82	89	92	49	57	55	59	5
COCONINO	116,320	108,381	72	81	84	36	44	46	46	3
GILA	51,335	42,845	18	20	20	11	7	7	7	1
GRAHAM	33,489	29,094	17	19	24	9	9	11	13	0
GREENLEE	8,547	8,617	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	0
LA PAZ	19,715	15,522	13	15	17	7	6	4	4	0
MARICOPA	3,072,149	2,399,600	4992	5261	5638	3039	3384	3538	3847	208
MOHAVE	155,032	116,523	117	128	129	61	66	66	66	4
NAVAJO	94,470	84,150	26	31	38	21	18	20	19	2
PIMA	843,746	751,311	1465	1584	1658	914	966	996	1020	59
PINAL	179,727	126,820	109	132	142	68	74	88	92	6
SANTA CRUZ	38,381	33,340	21	23	24	11	8	11	11	1
YAVAPAI	167,517	123,894	80	91	99	47	59	59	66	0
YUMA	160,026	126,827	91	94	96	45	56	54	60	4
UNKNOWN			2	2	1	0	5	1	1	0
TOTALS	5,129,632	4,134,894	7146	7613	8086	4333	4743	4954	5320**	293

** NOTE: ON MARCH 15, 1999, THE OPTION TO RECEIVE HIV TESTING ANONYMOUSLY BECAME AVAILABLE. AN ADDITIONAL 4551 ANONYMOUS HIV POSITIVE TESTS WERE REPORTED. THIS REPORT IS NOW ISSUED TWICE A YEAR BY ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.





August 8, 2002 Is Election Day'

This week's title is not a misnomer by any means since Arizona changed the laws pertaining to absentee voting, forever changing the political landscape in the state.

Before the laws were changed, giving everyone the opportunity to vote early, the focus was getting the voters to the polls, now with the new guidelines and rules, the effort is getting the "votes in the bank," racking up as many votes as possible with early ballots before the actual polling day for the primary or general election.

With that, early voting for the 2002 primary election begins Thursday, August 8, for those persons already registered to vote. Monday, August 12 is the deadline to register to vote for the September 10 primary election for those who haven't and would like to.

Many groups, associations and organizations have been rushing out their list of endorsements of primary candidates, including the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), the statewide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) rights organization, who released their list this past week. (Note: For those individuals at the Arizona Daily Star who may read this, AHRF is a non-partisan group, meaning they can endorse Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians, Greens, Independents and everything else!)

AHRF had sent a questionnaire out to all the primary candidates running for the statewide offices, from Governor to State Mine Inspector, and for those seeking a spot in Arizona's Legislature. With those responses, plus the records of incumbents and other feedback, the organization compiled a list of their recommendations for Arizona's GLBT voters to consider for this year's primary election:

For Governor, AHRF recommended two candidates, current Attorney General Janet Napolitano and former state Senator Alfredo Gutierrez, vying for the Democratic nomination, while none of three Republican candidates received AHRF's blessing.

State Senator Chris Cummiskey, D-Phoenix, received the organization's only recommendation for the race for Secretary of State.

In the contest for Attorney General, former Phoenix Mayor, Democrat Terry Goddard, and John Greene, a former GOP state Senate President were recommended by AHRF for the primary election. Greene is in a three-way primary contest while Goddard will get a free pass for this election.

Ruth Solomon, the Democratic state Senator from Tucson, a sponsor of the hate crimes bill and supporter of many other GLBT proposals, was recommended in the primary election for State Treasurer - the position she's running for in this campaign. Neither of two Republican candidates for Treasurer were recommended by AHRF.

In the race to be the Superintendent of Public Instruction, only Rod Rich, former school administrator vying for the Democratic nomination was recommended by AHRF.

Republican Douglas Martin, the longtime State Mine Inspector and running again for another term, was recommended by AHRF. Martin will face a Democratic challenger, Ken Hallock, in the general election.

Only Democrats George Cunningham and Roland James got AHRF's nod for the two seats on the Arizona Corporation Commission (Term Ending January 3, 2005), while Republican state Representative Roberta Voss, got AHRF's sole blessing for the one seat on the Arizona Corporation Commission (Term Ending January 1, 2007).

AHRF also compiled a list of recommended primary candidates vying for seats in both chambers of Arizona's Legislature. In the Legislative Districts encompassing Pima County:

In the new Legislative District 25, current Democratic officeholders, state Senator Marsha Arzberger, and state Representatives Bobby Lugo and Mark Maiorana got AHRF's primary nod.

Current Republican officeholders, state Senator Toni Hellon and state Representatives Pete Hershberger and Steve Huffman received the recommendation for the new Legislative District 26.

On Tucson's west side, which comprises the new Legislative District 27, AHRF gave the nod to former Democratic state Representative John Kromko, who is in a Democratic primary contest for the state Senate seat for the new District, as well as openly Gay candidate Jesse George, and Olivia Cajero Bedford, both vying for the Democratic nomination for the state House in District 27.

Openly Gay Republican state Representative Ed Poelstra, and Democrats David Bradley, Joe Pyritz and Ted Downing, got AHRF's nod in the primary for the new District 28 state House contest. Current state Representative, Gabrielle Giffords, another co-sponsor of the hate crimes bill and strong supporter of GLBT issues, got the nod in her contest for the state Senator's seat from the new district.

AHRF gave their recommendation to the team of Democratic incumbents, state Senator Ramon Valadez, and state Representatives Linda Lopez and Victor Soltero for the new District 29.

Marion McClure, a current Republican state Representative, was the only candidate to get any recommendation from AHRF in the new District 30.

Dilia Loe, AHRF's executive director, stated that this is AHRF's list of primary recommendations only and that the list could be changed for the upcoming general election when they review their list again.

For more information about voting in the upcoming primary election, in Pima County, call (520) 740-4330, statewide call toll free, (877) 843-8683. ...

Openly Gay state Representative Ed Poelstra is still seeking $5 Clean Election Contributions. For more information, call (520) 318-9097 or E-mail: Poelstra2002@aol.com. ...

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but don't take our word for it.

Laugh It Off

By Frieda Goodholm

"Who Writes This Stuff Anyway?"

I mean, honestly, it's embarrassing.

Now I know you all think I'm talking about my own column, referring to those of you who say "Frieda who?" But no.

I'm talking about the personals ads.

You see, kids, Miss Frieda here now finds herself, as we would say back in Minnesota, in a bit of a pickle.

You see, I've recently become....uncoupled, shall we say. And since this is a humor column and not Miss Lonely Hearts, I'll spare you all the details about how I gave and gave until it hurt and tried to make the relationship work and how he turned out to be a typical jerk of a man who needs his "freedom" (to do what, lie on the couch and scratch himself?) and his "independence" (what am I, the Gestapo?) and now I have a hole in my chest where my heart used to be....like I said, I'll spare you that.

So Miss Goodholm here is on the prowl, so I've been doing what any desperate person in my situation would do....peruse the personals ads. And let me tell you, they make for some interesting reading. Let's take a look at who's out there and available in Tucson, shall we? I'm not making these up, and well, if you see yourself here, well, sorry, you should have expected that when you advertised for love.

"SWM, no drinker, non smoker, vegetarian..."

Don't drink, don't smoke...what do you do? And a vegetarian? The only reason I would ever stop eating meat is not because I love animals, but because I hate plants.

"...seeking SWF, height/weight proportionate..."

I'm not feeling optimistic by this point, but....proportionate to what??

"...no fats, no fems...."

Wow, the old granddaddy of how to make us feel bad about ourselves. I thought that one went out with the hula hoop.

"Dust off and try again....SGM, 21 ..."

Honey, try a new line. I have dust OLDER than you.

"Youthful WM, mid 70s...."

Gee, I was really hoping for someone more mature...

"You don't have to be a star to be in my show..."

Well, that rules me out.

"...interests include...feng shui..."

Now that sounds like a fun date. We can move all his furniture to the northwest corner of his apartment together.

"No players, drama, or negative lifestyles"

Again, there go my chances. "in recovery..."

Honey, we lived through the Reagan years. We're ALL in recovery.

"Jewish a plus but not a requirement"

I can just hear it now..."Ach, you're a goy? Ach, I could do worse!

"SWM seeks F who can change my diapers. Must be able to spank me when I'm bad and give me golden showers. No sickos, please."

He's obviously a man of very discriminating taste.

"...enjoy anal and video games..."

Now, video games I've heard of, but anal games?

"I wear glasses and can't find love."

Maybe he needs new glasses.

"...ISO full size F, must be a republican, to handcuff me and walk me with my leash. Must know how to use a riding crop. I like to be spanked at least 3 times daily."

Too bad Jane Hull is all the way in Phoenix.....

"...nothing is too weird or sick..."

Apparently he's never seen "Pink Flamingos"

"I love to toss salad while receiving champagne enemas."

So, what should I bring?....desert?

"ISO loose druggy slut who can keep her mouth shut at the right time."

And you thought YOU had a low self esteem

"Closet heterosexual hung til hell wouldn't have it ISO something comfortable to put it in. Must have no children, no parents, no morals, no religion, no panties. Must like golden showers, facials, anal, oral, nasal, follicle, dermal. No limits requested, none respected. Please, no police again."

Honestly, I LOVE this job sometimes. This material... JUST...WRITES...ITSELF!

Speaking of writing, how does this sound?

"SWFG (single white Frieda Goodholm), interests include smoking, drinking, bitching, and exfoliating. Turn ons include food in aerosol cans and matching shoe-belt-handbag ensembles. Fats and femmes encouraged to apply"

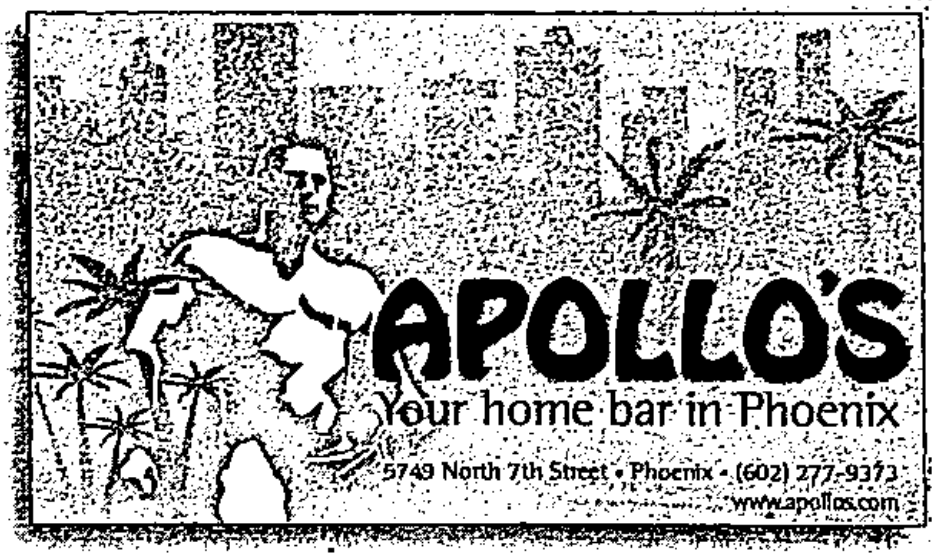
Oh well, it would probably never fly. Maybe I'm just being too picky.

I don't know if any of us has learned a lesson from all of this, but if you have...

That, kiddies, is Miss Frieda Goodholm's lesson for the week.

Best, Frieda Goodholm

[Frieda loves to hear from readers at friedagoodholm@hotmail.com.]



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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The Sun shimmies into luscious Leo and casts a warm glow on some of our new ventures and adventures. This is the time for new directions, new approaches and new insights. So what is holding you back, bud?

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

The mirrored party ball is set to the spin cycle when the jolly Sun ambles into fun-loving Leo. Rainbow Rams are first in line behind the velvet ropes and are ready and raring for some party hearty fever. But before you dance the night away, remember to conserve some of that natural energy for some creative, artistic enterprises. Or are we talking natural gas....?

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Proud Bulls are content to simply sit around the house and enjoy their surroundings when the Sun enters Leo. The temptation is to lounge around and luxuriate but that may get pretty stale pretty quickly. Increase the electricity by planning a few festive domestic tete a tetes throughout this solar journey. They say two heads are better than one. I say the more the merrier!

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Who turned up the volume on your hit parade? Chatty pink Twins get positively mouthy when the expressive Sun dips into loquacious Leo. Use the next few weeks to say what you mean and mean what you say. But if you find that your more creative rantings fail to appeal, use that expressive mouth for something a bit more exciting than simply fanning the air. Ahem.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

If you are tired of always counting your pennies, switch to dollars as the Sun enters Leo. Your financial situation brightens, at least for the duration of this solar transit. Queer Crabs should make good use of this fiscal time by turning their attention to maximizing their assets and concentrating on the bottom line. If you happen to find a well endowed benefactor, all the better.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

The Sun enters your own sign and casts a warm glow on any new venture, new idea and or any new person in your life. Proud Lions attract all sorts of adoring hangers-on and can be overcome with their own magnificence. So what else is new? Try not to waste this wonderful opportunity on self-interested shallow and short term trifles. Plant the seeds for oaks, not weeds.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Sun in Leo pushes you Out of your restrictive closet and into the fresh air. Not a moment too soon, cousin! Harmful secrets are exposed, deferred dreams are put into motion and all is right with the world. Queer Virgos gallantly expose and disarm all hidden enemies before they can do any more harm. Take a bow! Are you a hero? Hmm, maybe it's all that ham and cheese.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Sociable proud Libras are rarely drab wallflowers and now, as the sparkling Sun shines in theatrical Leo, you continue to be the A+ addition to the A-list. Friends and acquaintances gravitate to your orbit. Make good use of time, compadre. By next month you will be content to contemplate your navel and consult the oracles. Now, contemplate a friend's navel.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Conspiracy theories dissipate in the rarified corporate atmosphere when the bold Sun steps into regal Leo. Proud Scorps overcome all professional obstacles and charm the naysayers to become numero uno on the management hit parade. Press your pinstripes against the nearest CEO while the Sun steams your iron resolve. Is shark on the menu in the executive dining room?

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Prideful Archers are apt to scratch their itchy feet when the Sun travels into Leo. What new adventures await you over the rainbow and towards the far horizon? I certainly don't know but I expect that you are up for anything and everything. The sky is the limit, comrade. Use the next few weeks to make your mark on the world. Use a blow torch. Anyone we know??

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

The Sun in Leo makes every sexual encounter an opportunity to test the limits of your endurance. So are you a marathoner, a sprinter or a sidelines cheerleader...? (Just don't be a couch potato.) Make good use of this expressive and seductive time, pink Cap. Too soon you will be content to explore the nooks and crevices of the neighborhood rather than a select neighbor.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Married or not, this solar transit through Leo is bound to have even the most independent Aqueerians seek a more permanent connection. Partners command more of your attention and vice versa. Accentuate the good and mitigate the difficult and stressful. So what are you going to do to make yourself part of a pair? I suppose the question is "Pair of what?"

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Guppies can put their gills to the grindstone and tackle almost any onerous task when the Sun enters Leo. Don't waste time on time wasters during this energetic solar transit. You have too much to do and never enough time to do it. As long as you are up, use a bit of that oomph to get into shape for cruise season. Can you improve on perfection. Well let's just see....

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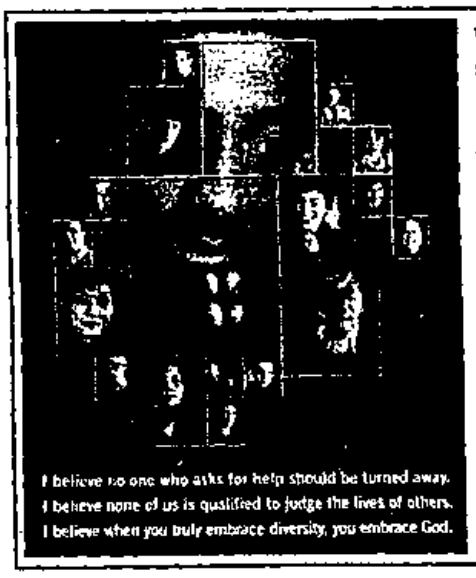

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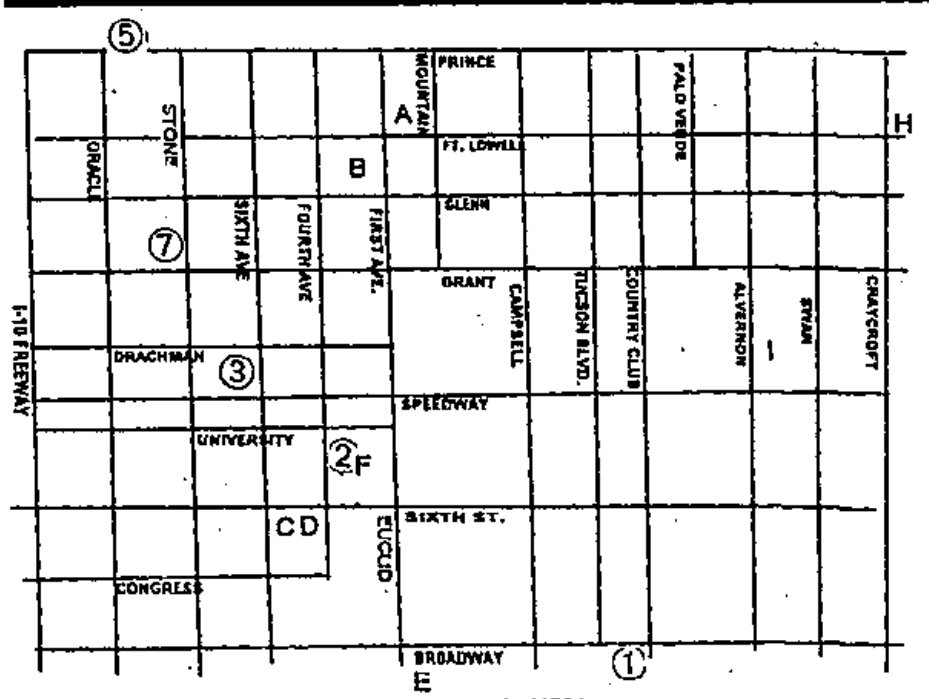

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Dear Dr. X,

It has always been a fantasy of mine to have sex outside, especially the beach, but anywhere outside would really turn me on. I really want to do this, but it's really hard to get another person into it. Plus I have to admit I'm a bit afraid of getting caught. Do you have any suggestions?

Adventurous

Dear Adventurous,

To have sex in the great outdoors is an incredible experience. But unless you are on private property or very, very secluded, there will always be the danger of getting caught. In Arizona, public nudity and acts of sex in public are against the law, so the risk element is always present. A lot of guys get off on the dangerousness of outdoor sex. If danger doesn't turn you on, or your worried about the legal aspect of it, you need to find a friend with a private or secluded area that doesn't mind the activities your planning to do. Gay nudist resorts are also another option. These places cater to Gay men who want to frolic about nakedly with no hassles.

Dear Dr. X,

I have an interesting problem. A guy I have a crush on started spending a lot of time with me after we graduated high school. One evening when we were having a real heart to heart conversation I admitted to him that I was Gay and that I had a crush on him. He was so understanding that I could have thrown up. He told me that he was not Gay, but if he was he could fall in love with me.

This was three years ago and he remains one of my best friends. I have to admit I have tried to get him to be something more and I keep failing. A few weeks ago while we were having another heart to heart talk he confessed to me that he would emotionally die without me. What does that mean? He also seemed a little jealous because I hanging out at a friend's house and he thought this guy was my boyfriend. Some of my friends tell me to leave him alone, but they all agree that he is probably Gay and not willing to admit it to me. Because of all this I find myself depressed and finding that I could actually kill myself over him. Is he Gay and not telling me, confused or whatever? Could you help me find a way to get over him or help me get him? I prefer the latter.

Unloved

Dear Unloved,

Many straight men are secretly intrigued by man-to-man sexual contact. Once they find out that a friend is Gay, many enjoy openly referring to sex and joking around about it in a slightly flirtatious way. Perhaps they feel comfortable talking about Gay sex once they have "established" that they are straight and their friend is Gay. Your friend may or may not be Gay.

If he hasn't yet participated in homosexual activities, then he is technically straight. He may indeed feel strong emotional ties to you but not sexual urges. Though you desire to express your feelings for this man in a physical way, remember that intimacy can take many forms. Your friend's apparent jealousy could point to sexual tension between you, or he could simply feel possessive of your friendship and worry that you won't always be there for him. Defining one's sexual identity can be a difficult process. Until he comes to terms with his own feelings and is comfortable and confident with his inner self, he will not be able to tell you if he is Gay or straight. Go on with your life and allow your friend to grow as well. If you become romantically involved with another man, then so be it. If you meet someone else and your friend confronts you about it, you can discuss each other's feelings and make your choice at that time.

[Dr. X needs your questions. Please send all your queries to gmhpoutreach@saaf.org or mail them to SAAF/GMHP, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719. You can also check out Dr. X online at www.gmhp.org.]

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Non-Bar Calendar
Groups / Clubs / Organizations

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1
A Men's Fellowship Group starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Water of Life MCC. All men are invited to come and expand your relationship with God. You need not be a church member to participate. For more information call (520)292-9151.

New York City's internationally renowned spoken word artist Alix Olson will be appearing at Plush, 340 E. 6th St., with Doria Roberts at 9:00 p.m. In songs And spoken word, Olson offers a stream of consciousness take about a child's future that reaches for feminist and Lesbian victories. LGNY, the Lesbian and Gay New York newspaper calls "Alix Olson, a spoken word dyke diva, feminist punk activist...performance artist extraordinaire." Alix has been performing at sold-out shows across the country in support of her recently released album "Built Like That". Olson's passionate and witty style continues to amaze and inspire audiences nationwide.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2
AVIV, the Jewish GLBT Chavurah is having their monthly Shabbat services in Paradise Valley at 7:30 p.m. in central Phoenix, followed by a wonderful Oneg. Partners, friends and family are always welcome. Call the AVIV INFO-Line at (602)952-1812 for more information and locations.

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Flavio and Sterling invite you to join them for a Pool Party and Dessert Potluck. For reservations and directions, please call Sterling or Flavio at 323-6089.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 a.m. Join 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 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.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4
The Ecological Society of America (ESA) kicks off its 87th Annual Meeting on Sunday, August 4th, with a welcoming ceremony featuring the White Mountain Apache "Spirit Dancers" and acclaimed scientist and television host Dr. David Suzuki. Best known for his work on television series such as "The Nature of Things", "A Planet for the Taking" and "The Secret of Life", Suzuki will present a talk entitled "From Genetics to Ecology - One Scientist's Odyssey". The program begins at 5:00 pm at the Tucson Convention Center's Music Hall, 260 S. Church, in Tucson. The event is free and open to the public.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5
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.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Join Steve for Dinner Out at McMahon's Prime Steakhouse. For more info, please call Steve at 794-5019.

#2. 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 733-9494.

#3. 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.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8
A Men's Fellowship Group starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Water of Life MCC. All men are invited to come and expand your relationship with God. You need not be a church member to participate. For more information call (520)292-9151.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Karol hosts a Game Night. You're invited to bring a favorite game to teach to others, or play with one of the many available card or board games. For reservations and directions, please call Karol at 744-9017.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:30 a.m. A Birding Expedition to Miller Canyon for a closer look at the hummingbirds of the area. For meeting time and place, please call Jack at 731-8230.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of tennis. For directions, please call Jack at 881-5733.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marv will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

#4. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bill hosts the continuing saga of the Fisher family in "Six Feet Under". For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Arlan for a leisurely morning of bagels and cream cheese (or lox, if you're so inclined). For reservations and directions, please call Arlan at 323-7414.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Maurice hosts a trip to the Tucson Museum of Art for a look at their Super Realism Exhibit. For more info, please call Maurice at 323-2239.

BAR CALENDAR
OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31
IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. the "DivaLicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Janee Starr, Tabitha Lovell and Stella Virgin.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Drag benefitting Tori Steele and her quest for Miss Gay America 2003. Show features Tori Steele, Diana Flair, Jasmine Bouvier, Foxxy and scandalicious Latin music immediately following the show. Show starts at 8:30 p.m. No Cover!

IBT'S - Party line-up includes Dennis and Sean's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. $1.50 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. 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 TIHAN. Then at 9:00 p.m., 'Puttin' on the Ups' Contest hosted by Janee Starr, $50 for first place.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7
IBT'S - 9:00p.m. it's the 'DivaLicious' Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and starring Stella Virgin, Adrienne Alexander and Samantha White.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10
IBT'S - The 6th annual 'Grey Eagle Arm Wrestling Benefit' for TIHAN. The fun begins at 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join T. Jay for a great Lunch Out at Cody's Beef 'n' Beans. For reservations and directions, please call T. Jay at 881-7919.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Carlos as he hosts Pizza Night. For only $5, you get pizza, salad, drinks and desserts. For reservations and directions, please call Carlos at 887-1188.

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IBT's - 10am-6pm $1.75 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.

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; Happy Hour 11am-8pm $2 well or domestic beer Patio Bar open 5-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-?. $2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5-9pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm.

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 6 to close. No Cover.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, $2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Hot dance with DJ Raynman Uncle Mondie with Jay. Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 9pm-close. Queer As Folk shown beginning at 8pm. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. $2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Scotch until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Tuesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - 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 - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, $2 domestic beer and well. 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.

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

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

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 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 - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, $2 domestic beer and well. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holliday and guests. HiNRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. $2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear- fetish- leather nite with Michael $1 off your favorite drink. Chili dogs or bowls $1.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Thursday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Karaoke w/Stephanie 9-close. $2 Kamikazees and $1 Hot Sex.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, $2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. Retro 80s Dance w/Jonathan Hi NRG dancing 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. $2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. Top scores on NTN game wins special prizes. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. 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 - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, $2 domestic beer and well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 8-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party with DJ Raynman 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

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 8pm. 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 8am. 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.

IBT's - 10am-8pm $2 domestic beer and well. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

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 8pm. Happy Hour 4-8pm. $1.75 well or domestics. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Filet Mignon or Swordfish BBQ with all the trimmings $5.

YARD DOG - Open daily 8am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass, $2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Kennel open 5pm

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RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP: LGBT and supportive friends meet for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Support meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 42. The 3rd Thursdays of the month, the group will meet at 7:30pm at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse (606 North 4th Ave.) as a social outing. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

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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. TucsonSources@aol.com

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)790-5775 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.

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 888-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8550 or Ronn 968-2384

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 593, 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.

GUYS BOOK CLUB meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm, Rainbow Plane: Coffee House, 606 N. 4th Ave.

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.

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 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3561 N. Campbell Ave. #385, 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 PRIDE, INC. meets on the second Tuesday in the Sentinel Building, City of Tucson Community Resource Campus, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop (on Bonita St. between Congress and St. Marys Road) at 7 pm. Tucson Pride produces Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and OUToberFest. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 882-3200 or visit the website www.tucsonpride.com

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. 694-7069.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7895 or go to our web site http://www.tgasoftball.org

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 325-6676 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 791-7676.

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 Anabel at 325-0892

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.395

SENIORRAP, a discussion group for older LGBTs, meets from 3 to 5pm on the last Sunday of every month at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. For more info call 640-0620

NOTICES

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

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:00 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday

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

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

DESERT DOMINION TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. For more info call (520)792-6424 or http://www.desertdominion.org

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 Mirlo 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 293-6624.

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED -- Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 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)

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.org

"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

PASSAGES MENTALK - Discussion group and more. For men in their 30s, 40s and late 20s. A great way to meet people. Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month at Wingspan 7-9pm. Call 750-8714 for more information.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS. Group meets every Saturday 7-8pm in Cornerstone Fellowship hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626 or 750-8404.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4639 E. First Street. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2283. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

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WHAT MAKES OUR TOWN TICK?

(calabazamusic@yahoo.com) By Jerry D

'Sheryl Crow Misspells Tucson'

The title to this weeks article could be something read in any local print. Needless to say, though, I am not jumping on a bandwagon, but rather making a mockery of what has been beaten to the ground.

I had the pleasure of seeing Sheryl Crow in concert last week. The venue was the Ava Amphitheatre, located at Casino Del Sol. The over-3000 member crowd braved oncoming thunderstorms and wind to sit in the grassy area of the beautiful hall. There were children and adults of all walks there, making for a picture of our town that is not normally seen in any public event. It had been 8 years since I last had the pleasure of seeing Ms. Crow live; so, needless to say, I was excited in the anticipation of the event.

After the opening act, the stage was prepped for Sheryl and her band. In the rear of the stage was a giant screen which would be used throughout the concert, and be the cause of the controversy of this week's article. The band appeared and there was Sheryl. She was donned in white leather pants and looked just awesome, even from the distance my lawn ticket allowed me to view. She took the stage and ran through a cascade of her hits and songs from her newest album - the core reason for this year's tour. Each song was done with fresh style and Sheryl kept the crowd involved with invitations to sing and dance along with her.

Towards the end of her set, Sheryl performed a number from her new album that talks about the road. (That is a rock star staple, of course, and she can do it better than anyone.) The screen (mentioned earlier) was used for video and slides of the road and within the production, the city she is performing in is spelled out on the screen. I could hear the after effect looming as large as the big storm clouds above when I noticed on the screen our city's name. T-U-S-C-O-N flashed on the screen for all to see. Then came the laughter.

The next day, on two of our town's radio stations, interviews with Sheryl Crow were conducted. She was on her way to California for a show the next night, to then come back to Arizona the day after for a bigger show in Phoenix. Both stations were quick to mention to Sheryl the spelling error and treated it with a lighthearted manner along with the crowd's reaction to it. Sheryl was apologetic for the error, not knowing what to really say about it. The local press mentioned it above anything else the evening brought.

I came to Tucson 13 years ago, attempting to make my mark in the restaurant world. I remember misspelling Tucson on the first couple of resumes I sent out to our establishments. I quickly corrected the error and now can spell my town's name in my sleep. My mother would mail me letters with the misspelled name when I first moved here, so I can understand the error. But I will also be the first to back Sheryl Crow in that this is not really her fault.

Sheryl took the time in one of her few empty days on her schedule, to come to our town to perform. That is something that many rock and other music acts would not dare in any facet. As long as I have lived here, she is probably the biggest name to perform in our city. (Granted, I am not including the classic rockers and other names of the past that frequent our town.) The focus of this event should be her coming to us, not her ability to spell. Performing acts have enough reasons to not come to Tucson, the last thing we need to do is criticize spelling to give them one more. She could have misspelled my name on that screen and I would not have cared.

We should take pride we don't live in a city where a spell check is needed prior to mailing a letter. There is even an argument that the spelling of our town can be both ways, but I am not going to start that fight. I am placing focus on thanking Sheryl Crow for coming to our little town and performing for a small audience when she can fill an arena 10 times as big without batting an eyelash.

I am sure Sheryl had a good laugh with her crew after the event. I found it cute that it was misspelled, but paid no attention to it, as I was mesmerized by Ms. Crow and her ability to rock a crowd like no other female act out there. One day she is going to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. I would not mind being there for that event to thank her for coming to Tucson. By the way, that annual event is held in Cleveland. (I think that is how it's spelled.)

Have a good week, as always write and let me know what you think.

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EDITOR:

Pride Flies High at Wingspan!

Wingspan's high flying banners are back up and the building is looking proud.

All this is due to "Tucson Pride Inc, Desert Pride and Jeffery "The Super Handyman" (who does great work)" as well as countless community members that have given time and support to Wingspan. On behalf of the staff, Board of Directors and volunteers we would like to say thank you!

Carl H. Barnes III
Wingspan Administrative Assistant
Tucson, Arizona

POLITICS

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Ken Cheuvront, the openly Gay state House Democratic leader is seeking the state Senate seat from the new Legislative District 15, is locked in a nasty primary contest with an opponent who had the audacity to state that Cheuvront hasn't been there for the GLBT community on issues of concern. Hogwash Kathryn! Of the five elected openly Gay officials, he was the first out candidate to win, and has been there always since 1994, and GLBT Arizonans must make sure Ken is still there in January 2003, this time in the state Senate. Make checks ($270 maximum) payable to "Committee to Elect Ken Cheuvront" and send them to: 3312 N. 11th Ave. A, Phoenix, Arizona 85013. ...

Openly Gay Democratic candidate for the state House of Representatives, Wally Straughn, is facing a tough battle to secure a seat from the new Legislative District 15 as well. Make checks payable ($270 maximum) to "Friends of Wally Straughn" and send them to: 7126 N. 19th Ave. #187, Phoenix, Arizona 85026.