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AGRA Hands Out Road Runner Rodeo Proceeds

Tucson'S TIHAN One Of The Recipients

PHOENIX - The membership of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) voted to award $15,000 in funds from Road Runner Rodeo proceeds to five Phoenix-area charities and to the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), the only southern Arizona non-profit selected.

Pictured above Bob Pimentel, AGRA's 2002 Rodeo Director, presenting a check for $1628, as TIHAN's share, to Executive Director Scott Blades. "These funds represent the hard work of AGRA volunteers and contestants at January's great rodeo, and we're honored to be chosen to receive this grant," Blades said. The ceremonies were held at Charlie's in Phoenix. See related story.

By Ric Leone

PHOENIX - The 16th IGRA (International Gay Rodeo Association) Finals Rodeo was held October 10-13, 2002 in Wichita, KS to end the 2002 IGRA Rodeo year. AGRA had three Royalty titleholders vying for Mr., Miss & Ms IGRA Titles and 4 Rodeo contestants who won and placed in several events.

Congratulations to Pussy LeHoot, Miss AGRA 2002, who won the title of 1st Runner – Miss IGRA 2003 out of a field of 5 Miss Contestants. Pussy delighted the crowd with her Western wear, made 'em laugh with her "On Stage" question response and received a standing ovation after a live vocal performance & comic monologue for her entertainment segment, placing 1st runner-up.

In the Mr. IGRA category AGRA again scored with the 1st Runner-up title going to Patrick Lose, Mr. AGRA 2002. Patrick represented AGRA so well in his exquisite western wear and his smooth vocal talents that he won the title of 1st runner Mr. IGRA 2003 in a field of 9 competitors. Gaylia Young, Ms AGRA 2001 & 2002 captured the title of 2nd runner- Ms IGRA 2003 against three other ladies. Gaylia's strong voice and dazzling western wear is what won her an IGRA sash in her category. Congratulations to all three of our AGRA Royalty team who have now become a part of the 2003 IGRA Royalty Team. In a Royalty contest that had 18 contestants, AGRA is very proud to have placed all three on the IGRA Royalty Team 2003. All three of these talented individuals have vowed to return to the 2005 IGRA Royalty competition and win the Mr., Ms & Miss IGRA titles.

In the Rodeo Arena Chuck Browning, Brian Helander and Will Lann all are to be congratulated. Chuck won the buckle for Bull Riding and placed 3rd for "All Around Cowboy." He also placed 3rd in Bareback Bronc Riding, 4th in Steer Riding, 5th in Chute dogging. Brian Helander placed 6th in Chute Dogging & 7th in Flag Race. Will Lann placed 2nd in Calf Roping on Foot & 5th in the Break-Away Calf Roping and 7th place in Chute Dogging. AGRA contestants won 3 of the 8 placement spots in Chute Dogging. Patrick Lose placed 6th on Sunday in Goat Dressing while Chuck and Brian won the buckle in Goat Dressing by placing 1st in this event.

At the October 20th membership meeting donations were give to the following 501e3 organizations: ASCPA, AGAPE, a Phoenix based feeding program for AIDS/HIV patients, TIHAN, Tucson based

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Richard Heakin Memorial Dedication, Sunday, Oct. 27

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - More than five months of hard work is coming to fruition, with the dedication of the Richard Heakin Memorial, Sunday, October 27, 4:00 p.m., at Sunset Park, 255 West Alameda.

Sunset Park, north of Tucson City Hall, is the location where the granite monument and bench will be permanently located for all to use and reflect on Richard Heakin, his short life, and his meaning to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) Tucsonans.

A dedication program will take place, including music from Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, as well as various speakers, talking about the meaning of all this to young and old, GLBT and straight. Reveille Gay Men's Chorus will also be performing as well at the dedication.

In May of this year, a group of individuals, GLBT and straight supportive Tucsonans came together to form the Richard Heakin Memorial Fund Committee, to raise funds for a monument, to remember Richard, who was murdered outside the Stonewall Tavern on First Avenue, June 6, 1976 by four high school youths looking for a "fag to hassle." A judge found the four guilty of involuntary manslaughter and sentenced them to probation. Outrage by the GLBT community and action followed, with the passage of an anti discrimination ordinances on February 14, 1977, making Tucson one of the first cities in the nation to ensure the rights of its GLBT citizens.

Through a series of events and fund raisers, the Memorial Committee raised the funds needed to accomplish this goal. Members of the Committee expressed their thanks to the individuals who gave contributions, as well as the following businesses and governmental organizations for their assistance:

City of Tucson Parks and Recreation, The Observer, Tucson Granite and Marble, IBT's, Woody's, Ain't Nobody's Business, Bears of the Old Pueblo, Arizona Flower Market, Pronto Printing, Rainbow Planet Coffee House, the Desert Coyotes Bowling League, The Muse, Tucson Pride Inc., the Venture-N and the Yard Dog.

This event is open to the public but if seating is required, organizers are asking those who wish to attend to bring a lawn chair or folding chair. Refreshments will follow after the dedication program, and organizers are accepting cold canned soda and boxed cookies as well, but they must be sealed in unopened packages.

To make a refreshment donation or for more information, please call Bertie Lozano (520) 861-3415 or Bob Bowers, (520) 790-5214.

Promising HIV Drug Fuzeon On FDA Fast-Track

NEW YORK, NY - The latest in HIV therapies called a fusion inhibitor has been granted fast-track review status by the Food and Drug Administration. Drugmakers Roche and Trimeris's drug Fuzeon, formerly known as T-20, is expected to be available to the public by mid-March.

Without the fast-track review status, approval could have taken twice as long. The FDA will review the drug no later than March 16, gfn.com reported.

Fuzeon is the first drug in a new class of HIV antiretrovirals that aim to prevent the virus from being able to attach to and infect immune system cells. The FDA application for the drug seeks approval for patients who are not responding to other anti-HIV medications, but studies have shown that Fuzeon may be even more effective in treating people recently infected with the virus.

As reported on gfn.com, Fuzeon is product of a collaboration between Trimeris Inc. (Nasdaq: TRMS) of Durham, N.C., and Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. of Nutley, N.J., a unit of the Swiss drug maker Roche Holding AG.

Research presented at the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, or ICAAC, earlier this year, showed promising results.

Nearly 500 patients with varying levels of response to standard HIV drugs were divided into four groups: those with highly resistant viruses received either the best possible drug cocktail, individually tailored for them, or the optimized cocktail but with Fuzeon added. The patients with less-resistant viruses also got the cocktail alone or the cocktail plus Fuzeon.

Virus levels declined in all four groups, which were followed for 24 weeks. But the greatest benefits came to patients with lesser degrees of resistance who got the cocktail plus Fuzeon. In some cases, their virus levels plunged from 100,000 to 501 virus particles per milliliter of blood, the companies said.

Unlike current HIV drugs, which block replication of the virus after it infects a cell, Fuzeon is a synthetic peptide that stops HIV from entering the cell in the first

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Special HIV/AIDS Service At Cornerstone

TUCSON - Cornerstone Fellowship is pleased to announce a special service, Sunday, October 27 centered around the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

The day will begin at 10:00 a.m., with a display of several quilt panels on loan from The Names Project also known as the AIDS Quilt. This project began in 1987 and now contains over 44,000 3x6 foot panels hand sewn by friends and family members of the victims of this terrible disease.

There will be a half-hour time for quiet remembrance and reflection followed by a special service beginning at 10:30 a.m. until Noon, followed by another hour of viewing and quiet remembrance. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. The church is located at 2902 N. Geronimo in Tucson. For more information call (520) 622-4626.

Bicycle Drive Underway For Kids Xmas Present

TUCSON (ON) - A drive for bicycles, in fixable condition, has been announced by the owners of the Venture-N and the Yard Dog Saloon.

Jim Dondson and Ray Gregg are seeking any size and style bicycles to fix up and given to underprivileged children, December 15, in the Balboa Neighborhood area, where the Yard Dog is located.

People wanting to donate a bicycle should bring them to the Venture-N for refurbishing. More information about this effort in next week's Observer.

Burn, Baby, Burn!

TUCSON - Last Thursday, Oct. 17th, is a date Jim Dondson will long remember. He has made his final payment to the boys in San Francisco and is now the owner of not only the building but also the land that goes with the Venture-N, lot- stock and barrel!

Congratulations Jim. It's been a hard row to hoe at times but burning that mortgage makes all the difference in the world.

Free 'Celluloid Closet' Viewing Friday, Oct. 25

TUCSON - Michael Lumpkin, director of the San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival (SFILGFF), comes to Tucson to share the free dish on the the world's largest LGBT cultural event, Friday, October 25, 7:00 p.m., at the Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave.

Lumpkin will talk about the glamorous history of the festival, which has launched or played a critical role in the American careers of filmmakers from Gus Van Sant to John Waters to Christine Vachon. Lumpkin also co-produced The Celluloid Closet, the documentary adaptation of film critic Vito Russo's groundbreaking book on Gays and Lesbians in Hollywood cinema.

Lumpkin will be interviewed by novelist, essayist, and University of Arizona creative writing professor Fenton Johnson, who served on the SFILGFF board of directors in its formative years.

Following Lumpkin's dish, Wingspan serves up a free screening of "The Celluloid Closet" for dessert.

This event is co-sponsored by the City of Tucson Film Office, University of Arizona Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies Program, Lesbian Looks, and the Tucson-Pima Public Library.

For more information, call (520) 624-1779.

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Tucson Interfaith HIV/Aids Network, The Community Church of Hope of Phoenix, Joshua Tree, the Phoenix based HIV/AIDS feeding program, PFLAG and The Melonhead Foundation who helps families with children 17 or younger afflicted with cancers, especially Leukemia.

AGRA again wants to thank everyone in communities state wide, who come out each year and support, enjoy and experience our Gay rodeo. Without you all we would not be able to donate to such worthy organizations as those listed above who so need the assistance to keep existing. Plan on joining AGRA on January 17-19, 2002 at Rawhide, Wild West Town in Scottsdale Az. This is our second year at Rawhide and the 18th RoadRunner Regional Rodeo will be the same great time if not better than last year. So mark your calendar and plan on attending the 2003 RoadRunner Regional Rodeo. For more information log on to www.agra-phx.com or call (602) 265-0618.

Promising HIV Drug

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place. By binding to part of a specific HIV protein, it blocks the morphing process the virus has to go through to fuse with the cell, preventing HIV from penetrating and releasing its genetic material.

The drug, which must be injected, is expected to cost between $12,000 and $15,000 per year.

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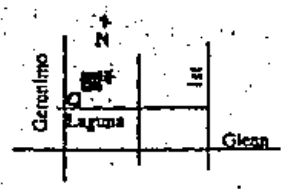

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Gay and Lesbian Incumbents A Rarity

MADISON, WI - Her Republican rival assails her "radical pro-Gay agenda," but Tammy Baldwin — who in 1998 became the first out-of-the-closet Lesbian in Congress — can take comfort in the power of incumbency.

Openly Gay and Lesbians politicians remain a rarity in America — just 228 out of 511,000 federal, state and local officeholders, according to the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund. Once elected, however, they are no easier to unseat than other incumbents, as Baldwin and the two openly Gay men in Congress are proving in this campaign.

Running confidently for a third term in south-central Wisconsin's 2nd District, Baldwin has raised more than $1 million, the Associated Press reported.

Ron Greer, a black Republican with experience as a pastor, firefighter and mentor of ex-convicts, has raised $62,356, according to the latest federal figures, and contends GOP officials abandoned him.

"They find me too conservative," he said.

One of the other openly Gay members of Congress, Barney Frank, D-Mass., is unopposed in seeking a 12th term. The third, Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., is solidly favored to win a 10th term over a Democratic county attorney.

Among all the races involving Gay candidates this year, the Baldwin-Greer contest is distinctive because Greer hasn't shied away from making Gay rights an issue.

During their first debate, last week at the University of Wisconsin, Greer responded indignantly when Baldwin endorsed proposals to include anti-Gay violence in hate-crimes legislation and to bar employers from discriminating against Gays.

"I'm offended that anyone would equate their sexual preference and lifestyle *with my skin color*," said Greer, complaining that Gay activists had "hijacked the civil rights movement."

In a post-debate interview, Greer asserted that media in Madison — and Baldwin herself — were falsely portraying him as anti-Gay.

"What she does in the privacy of her bedroom is her business," he said. "My problem is if you're going to make public policy based on your sexual preference. To take my opposition to these policies and make me out to be anti-Gay is not right."

Baldwin, in an interview, expressed frustration with those who deny being anti-Gay and yet oppose the so-called "Gay agenda."

"We live in a world where, regrettably, people are still fired from jobs, denied housing, and — in heartbreaking instances — physically attacked for their sexual orientation," she said.

Baldwin's campaign manager, Karin Johanson, said liberal Democrat would prefer to focus on other issues — health care and Iraq, for example — rather than her sexual orientation.

"The media brings it up," Johanson said. "It's not her issue; it's not what voters care about."

The political director of a leading Gay rights advocacy group, Winnie Stachelberg of the Human Rights Campaign, described Greer as "an anachronism, a breed that, hopefully, is exiting the political stage."

Though Gay candidates still face bias in many areas, it is less overt than in the past, Stachelberg said. "There are fewer people who hold sexual orientation against a candidate."

However, Gays who oppose incumbents face as daunting a task as other challengers. Exhibit A is Democrat Hank Perritt, on leave from his job as a law school dean to run against Republican Mark Kirk, who is seeking a second term in the 10th Congressional District north of Chicago.

Kirk barely won the seat in 2000, but has a huge fund-raising edge this year over Perritt — $1.5 million to about $400,000. Perritt contends he is cutting into Kirk's lead, but national Democratic strategists have not designated the race as one with strong victory prospects.

Perritt, who has lived with a male partner for 17 years, has an impressive resume that includes international diplomacy and leadership of a team that reviewed the FBI (news - web sites)'s e-mail surveillance system. But the Human Rights Campaign has endorsed Kirk on grounds that he is the probable winner and deserves encouragement for relatively vigorous support of Gay rights.

Kirk has a 67 rating on the Human Rights Campaign's latest scorecard on Gay issues, below most Democrats but far above most Republicans.

That rating "is not as good as we'd like," said Stachelberg. "But his understanding of the issues that face us is deep. He's willing to sit down and learn."

Perritt says he is baffled that a Gay rights organization would shun a liberal, Gay Democrat in favor of a straight Republican.

Nonetheless, Perritt said he is gratified to be able to run for Congress without his homosexuality becoming a campaign issue.

"We've come a long way in 10 or 15 years in opening opportunities for people without regard for irrelevant factors like sexual orientation," he said.

Jason Young of the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund, which recruits and supports openly Gay candidates, says the Nov. 5 election will not significantly increase the number of Gay officeholders. But he is heartened by some specific prospects:

The expected victory of Democrat David Cicilline in Providence, R.I., which would become the largest U.S. city with an openly Gay mayor.

The already assured victory of Democrat Jack Jackson Jr., a Navajo, as a state representative in Arizona. He will be the first openly Gay American Indian to win legislative office, according to the Victory Fund.

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Tucson Comes Out For AIDSWALK 2002

TUCSON - With thousands of people on hand at the AIDS Walk on Sunday to hear him speak, Robert Gadsden couldn't be prouder.

It was the first time he'd ever spoken publicly about his life with HIV, the Arizona Daily Star reported.

"I lost all hope. My heart sank, I thought it was a death sentence," said Gadsden, 43, describing the day he found out he was HIV positive 15 years ago.

He was asked by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation to speak to the people attending Sunday's walk to inspire them to not walk for the fight, but to march for the future of finding a cure for HIV, he said.

Organizers said about 3,000 people attended the event.

The 14th annual walk, held at Rillito Park Race Track, raised more than $200,000 that will go toward the research into HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. The event was organized by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, which serves more than 1,000 people living with HIV and AIDS by providing support and counseling, said Anne Maley, executive director.

Health officials estimate there are up to 4,000 people in Pima County who are living with HIV and don't know it.

Gadsden was first diagnosed with HIV 15 years ago while attending school in Reno, Nev. After dealing with drug abuse and the stigma surrounding his illness, Gadsden said he finally woke up.

"Now, I'm almost grateful I have HIV. It makes me enjoy life a lot more. All it takes is a little hope," he said in an interview Saturday at his East Side apartment.

He wouldn't elaborate on how he contracted the virus.

"Some get it through blood transfusions, and some people like me just make bad decisions, and now I have to live with it," he said.

Gadsden said through his church, family and support given by the AIDS foundation, he finally has that hope. And with that, slowly comes the removal of fear.

Another fear Gadsden conquered was keeping his illness from his supervisors at his work, APAC Customer Services Inc. They ended up sponsoring him in the walk.

Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) Executive Director, Anne Maley, speaks to the AIDSWALK throng.

More than 20 quilts commemorating those who have died of AIDS were placed on the grass at the race track, allowing participants and families of victims to remember.

Danny Wash, 45, stood alone as he viewed the quilt of his nephew Louie Wash, who died two years ago. "You have to see this to get the reality of HIV. If anyone would ever see something like this, they'd know to be careful," Wash said.

Others showed support for lost family members by wearing signs on their backs.

Jessica Carranza, 19, chose to walk for her uncles, Eddie and Ron Rios. They died about 16 years ago.

"Walking reminds me of them. I feel like they're with me when I'm there," Carranza said.

"I'm going to die one day but it won't necessarily be from this," Gadsden said. "All you have is today," he said with a laugh.

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EDITOR:

I wanted to express my thanks to those who attended OUTober*FEST*, Saturday, October 12, as well as the various groups and organizations who set up tables, and most importantly, the event organizers, who gave the more than 7,500 present, a wonderful time to be out and proud.

Indeed, as Tucson and Southern Arizona's only Gay State Representative, it was a great time, meeting GLBT constituents, answering questions about the state legislature, and talking about many important issues, from expanding Arizona's Hate Crimes law to cover misdemeanors, to government recognition of same-sex relationships to ending the censorship of HIV education in public schools. GLBT Tucsonans can take pride in being an informed group, something very important as the upcoming election approaches.

I've enjoyed being our voice, for these past two years in the Arizona Legislature. It was great working with my fellow openly Gay state Representatives, Steve May and Ken Cheuvront, in getting Arizona's archaic laws repealed, and look forward to working with openly Gay State Representative Jack Jackson, Jr., and hopefully many of the other Gay State House candidates, as well as Ken Cheuvront, who will be our first state Senator. For this to happen though, I need your help.

I'm not asking for a financial contribution, or for you to put a bumper-sticker on your car, or a sign in your front yard. There is something, much more important that you can give, your vote, only for myself.

In this race for the Arizona House of Representatives from Tucson's District 28, there are three candidates, myself included, running for two seats. Under state law, you have the option of casting two votes but what I am asking my fellow GLBT Tucsonans to do, is to just cast one vote for myself, so that we can continue to have a voice in the Arizona Legislature and importantly, continuing to make a difference for our lives.

Both of the other two candidates are admirable people, willing to make sacrifices in their lives to serve the common good, as I have done for these past two years but as we witnessed at the primary election, September 10, our voice grew quieter with the defeat of several openly Gay candidates, including Steve May. We must make sure that come January 2003, at the beginning of the next session of the Arizona Legislature, GLBT Tucson is hear loud and clear and with your vote, for myself only, as Tucson and Southern Arizona's only openly Gay State Representative, we will do this, with pride.

Again thanks, and remember to please vote, either early or at the polls on Tuesday, November 5, because in this election, our lives really depend upon it.

Sincerely,
State Representative Ed Poelstra
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WHAT MAKES OUR TOWN TICK ?

(calabazamusic@yahoo.com) By Jerry D.

'World Serious'

Even though the Old Pueblo does not officially have the slightest sign that Fall is upon us, the calendar does let us know that the Fall Classic is once again upon us. This year, we don't have the hometown Diamondbacks battling with an American League foe for the world title. For some folks, that is actually a good thing. The Anaheim Angels are taking on the San Francisco Giants this year, and the comparisons outweigh the game itself. You have Hollywood versus the Bay. The most conservative communities wearing their shiny red hats and shirts, taking on the liberal capital of the United States, complete with a mascot that has no gender.

The World Series is still the one sporting event that can bring communities together in a way no sport or political event could muster. There are the bandwagon fans who suddenly are sitting in the seats the working class occupied all year, causing the rage of the every man. Then there are the celebrity ties to the teams involved. It's easy to tell what famous actor is not currently working by the location of their seat when the camera catches them. Its a snapshot of our country that can serve as the poster for why we fight for freedom.

What seems to most here like just a game, even when it is played to a heightened pitch, to some half way around the world it is a lot more. I can still remember waking up at 4:30 in the morning to listen (we had no satellite, so no television coverage) to the games of the series in 1986. As I was dressing for duty, the Mets and the Red Sox gave it their all. The broadcasters, players, and even stadium announcers made it a point to remember the men and women overseas in all our military outfits. It made my day to hear them say hi to us from so far away.

Most of here will watch the games. Some of us will root for one of the participants and feel the pain of defeat if they don't triumph. We will go to work the next morning and talk about the heroic play of a particular fielder. The memory of the series will guide some of us to do things some will perceive as great. There will most likely be a parade for the winning team, while the ones who were not so lucky will be welcomed with open arms that they got to such a high plateau this year.

In a year that faces war and uncertain suffering by our country, its nice that the participants of this year's series are both teams that very few picked to be in the post season. I think that sort of underdog mentality is good to have. We can take that with us in our lives and real jobs and know that the little guy does get the brass ring sometimes. We too can remember that there are folks out there who are watching the World Series from a place they did not chose to be in, but are making it a point to do the best job they can.

From the super fan, complete with season tickets, to the bandwagon come lately, America is once again enjoying the jewel of baseball. This year is no different, and none will ever be, as long as someone has to watch the World Series with an environment no where near the ones we have here at home. All of those folks sitting in those bunkers should have the luxury to see next year's series from a box seat in the

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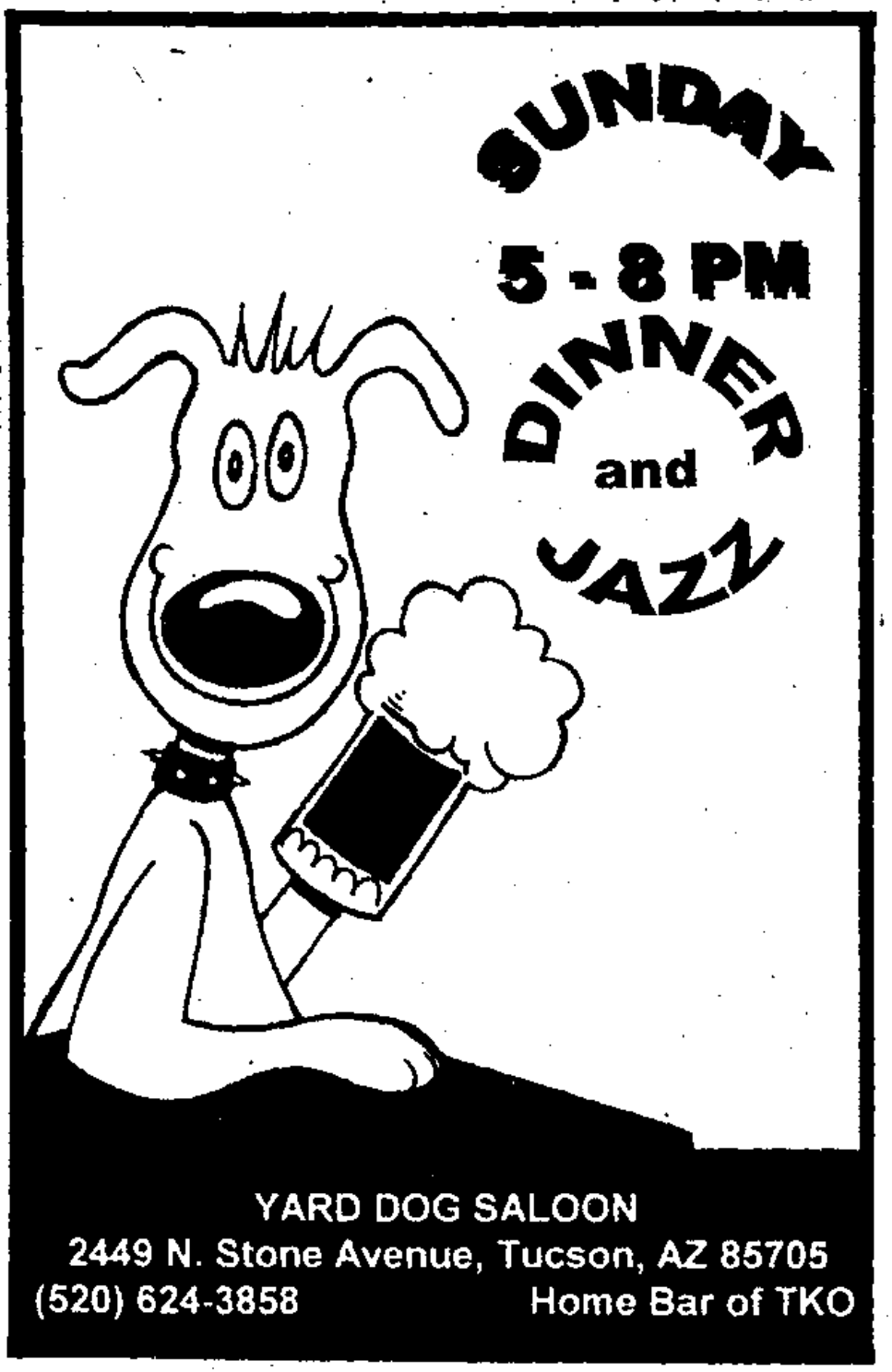

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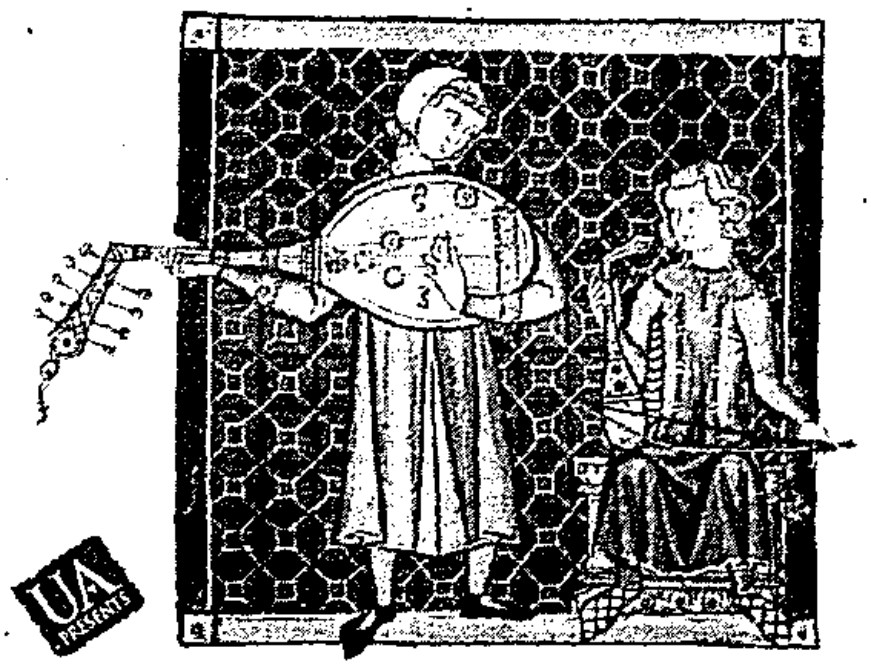

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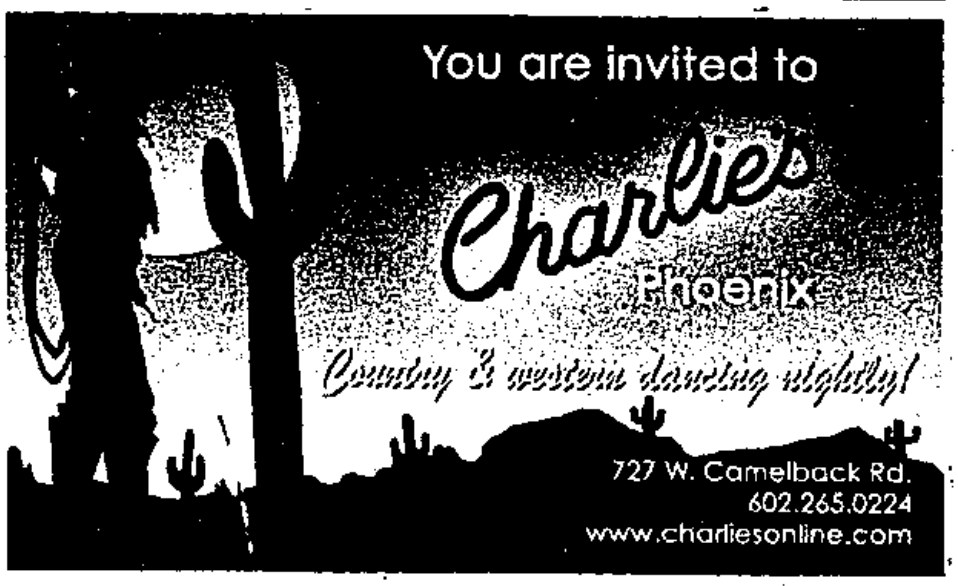

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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

'They Hate Us!'

The sainted Walter Cronkite comes on TV and says that lots of people around the world don't like Americans because we're rich, meaning rich compared to them. What should we make of this, Mr. Cronkite? Is not liking someone because he's rich very reasonable? And how should the rich person respond?

Perhaps he should give his riches away and then be poor and liked. But mightn't the people who were unreasonable enough to hate him for being rich then despise him for being poor?

Of course it's not just Walter. You read or hear almost daily that lots of people around the world don't like us. What seems a little problematic is the linkage often made between this generalized dislike and the crimes of 9-11. The implicit argument seems to be that if enough people dislike you then somebody is bound to murder you.

That kind of thinking is much sloppier than it needs or ought to be. The people who did 9-11 did not dislike us because we're rich and arrogant. In fact they worked for a guy who was rich and arrogant.

The people who did 9-11 disliked us for a very specific reason: we are infidels. They did not like us because we are not religious fanatics or, more precisely, because we are not the exact same brand of religious fanatics that they are.

The people who did 9-11 believe that the whole world should be a theocracy run by them. They believe that they have a moral duty to kill the infidel or convert him. If you don't want to live under their theocracy, they are never going to like you. Give up all your money, your Jewish friends, your wicked ways -- doesn't matter.

Now let's consider the many people around the world who aren't religious nuts and who still don't like us. And let's remember that many of these people who dislike us are very young and uneducated. Many of them are too young to remember and have never been taught that the U.S. saved the world from fascism. World War II is ancient history or no history at all to them.

They also don't remember and have never been taught that the US saved the world from communism. They'd be shocked to know that a guy named Stalin had tens of millions of peasants killed so that he could try out a new plan for organizing farming and that the system that justified the slaughter was largely put out of business by good old Uncle Sam.

They don't know and have never been taught that, from the Marshall Plan that rebuilt Europe after WWII to the foreign aid of the present day, the US has been by far the most generous country in the history of the world. And it's not just our government; think of what Americans do in terms of international private charity -- Save the Children, Save the Whales, Save You Name It.

And consider the U.S. in the context of how great powers have historically acted. If we were like traditional great powers of the past, we'd be friends with Saddam. We'd tell him, "You rape your side of the world and we'll rape ours. We took Mexico's oil and Canada's timber and they didn't dare make a fuss. Let's meet once a year in Iceland and raise a glass to our thuggery."

Like any great power we've made lots of great big mistakes. Perhaps our greatest strength is a system that protects the self-criticism that lets us see our mistakes for what they are. We've generally quit doing stupid things, not because anyone was strong enough to stop us, but because we've come to understand through the exercise of a free press that they were in fact stupid.

Being perfectly well aware of how outrageously politically incorrect all of the above is, I can only fall back on a saying of my dear old mom: "Right is right, and wrong is nobody."

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

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POLITICS 2002

by Mark R. Kerr

'With Choices Like These'

On Tuesday, November 5, Arizona voters, those few who haven't taken advantage of the state's open early balloting process, will traipse to the polls to cast their votes for many political offices, including several statewide posts, and to say the least, this election gives voters, especially Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) Arizonans, a clear choice in most of the contests.

In addition to Governor, Arizona's Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Mine Inspector, will be considered by voter's in this election.

Arizona's Secretary of State is the second highest ranking post, in charge of the state's election, and fills in for the Governor when they are out of the state. Rose Mofford and Jane Dee Hull succeeded to the post of Governor from this office, signing legislation, so the state's next Secretary of State plays an important role, other than just counting ballots.

This year's contest has Democratic state Senator Chris Cummiskey, solid on GLBT issues versus the Republican, former state legislator and Maricopa County Supervisor Jan Brewer, who wants to be Arizona's "Goodwill" ambassador in the post, a word her voting record and positions on the issues show otherwise.

As a state Senator in 1996, Brewer voted for the Arizona Defense of Marriage Act (SB 1038), to top her legislative career of homophobia but that is one of many things she would love to have voters forget but then there is her responses to the questionnaire for the Center for Arizona Policy (CAP), an ultra-conservative, homophobic political organization. According to the questionnaire, Brewer opposes: changing the state's HIV education laws, continuing the censorship about HIV/AIDS and homosexuality; extending medical and dental benefits to the same-sex domestic partners of government employees; Vermont style civil unions; allowing Gays and Lesbians the right to adopt children; and, anti-discrimination laws, as the City of Tucson has on their books.

For the race to succeed Janet Napolitano as Attorney General, Terry Goddard, the former Democratic Mayor of Phoenix faces Republican Andrew Thomas, who has said he won't hire any Gay or Lesbians to work in the office if elected and expressed the same answers as Brewer in the CAP questionnaire. Thomas co-wrote books and articles, praising football player Reggie White and U.S. Supreme Court Justice, Clarence Thomas, some of the homophobes he's written about in his "literary career."

Two state Senators, Democrat Ruth Solomon and Republican David Petersen, are vying to be in charge of the state's fund, as Treasurer. Again, the choice is quite clear with Solomon, a long time supporter who in the last session, co-sponsored the DP registry bills, as well as HB 2663, expanding the state's hate crimes law to cover misdemeanors. On the other hand, David Petersen, wants to institute "prayer cards" for the Treasurer's post, and opposed the archaic laws repeal, as well as the Arizona Employment Non-Discrimination Act and allowing governments to extend domestic partner benefits to their employees, in his recent homophobic efforts.

In the contest for Superintendent of Public Instruction, former Republican state legislator Tom Horne, who used bigotry and demagoguery to dispatch the incumbent Jaime Molera, faces Democratic state Senator, Jay Blanchard. Horne supported legislation (SCR 1005 in 1998) that would have reversed anti discrimination ordinances that Arizona towns had approved, including Tucson, as well as co-sponsoring anti HIV legislation, (HB 2396 in 1998, and HB 2495 and HB 2496 in 1999), that would have forced mandatory HIV testing as well as the release of confidential HIV information on individuals hurt in accidents in which a significant exposure of blood has taken place. Blanchard is no picnic either, since as a candidate for state Senator, in a July 6, 2000 letter to the Arizona Human Rights Fund, he expressed his support for protecting the employment rights of Gays and Lesbians, stating, "Let me assure the members of AHRF, through this letter, that I find workplace discrimination in any form deplorable and an insult to individual rights." When the bill, SB 1225 came to the full Senate for a vote, Blanchard voted no. He also voted against repealing Arizona's archaic laws, despite making statements to the contrary in the same letter.

Lastly is the post of State Mine Inspector. Douglas Martin, the Republican incumbent, since 1988, faces Ken Hallock, a retired miner and the Democratic nominee. So how do his fellow GOP candidates feel about Martin? Just after the September 10 primary, on the GOP unity tour, Martin was bumped off the plane that had the other GOP candidates touring the state, and had to drive to many of the scheduled events. ...

Talk about a coincidence, both the online version of the Echo, and the Arizona Human Rights Fund, in their general election endorsements, made an omission, not listing Jorge Luis Garcia, Democratic candidate for state Senate in Tucson's new Legislative District 27. This is interesting since as a state Representative in 1996, he was one of the five courageous souls, who voted against the Defense of Marriage Act (SB 1038), as well as co-sponsoring measures to repeal the state's archaic laws.

It didn't end their since both endorsed Democrat Mark Maiorana for the state House of Representatives from the new Legislative District 25 in the general election campaign but there is a problem, Maiorana was defeated in the September 10 primary by Manuel Alvarez, one of the two Democratic candidates in the race, along with incumbent, Bobby Lugo.

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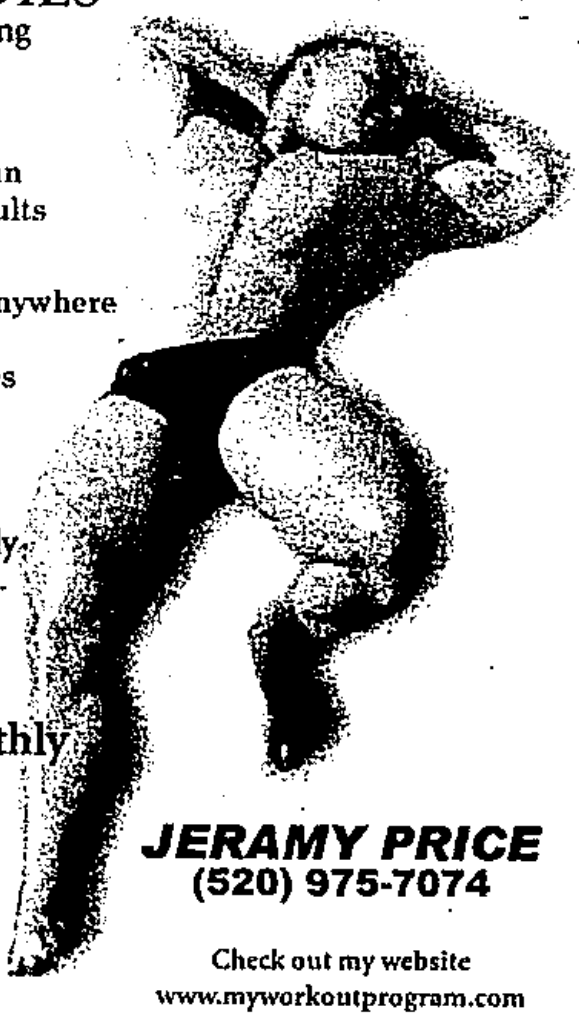

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Miss Gay Hispanidad-Tucson 2002

Miss Gay Hispanidad-Tucson 2002, Galilea

TUCSON - On September 21st , the 7th annual Miss Gay Hispanidad –Tucson Pageant sponsored by Salud es Poder, the Latino Men's Health Project of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Pima County Health Department and Wingspan. The pageant was held at the Clarion-Randolph Park Hotel to a standing only crowd of over 250 people witnessing the premier event of the Latino gay community in Tucson.

Six contestants competed for the gold crown and scepter. The contestants were: Galilea, Rebeca, Miriam, Estefania, Venecia and Jessica. After three rounds of competition: presentation, talent and onstage question/evening gown, the judges chose Galilea as Miss Gay Hispanidad – Tucson 2002. The first princess was Rebeca and second princess, Miriam.

The pageant was officially opened by Ernie Pérez Salud es Poder Manager who informed the attendees of Salud's mission and its 10th anniversary. He then introduced the Mistresses of Ceremonies, Jennifer Mills of KEVT Radio and Suzette Betancourt.

The visiting judges were from Hermosillo, Nogales, San Jose and Tucson. Special guests included former Miss Gay Hispanidad royalty: Sasha, 1996; Grecia, 1997; Karla, 1998; America, 1999; Cecilia; 2000 and Andrea, 2001.

A special treat was the special guest, Tori Steele, Miss Gay Arizona, US of A 2001. Long time volunteer and judge from Nogales, Sonora, and Enrique Estrada prepared a delicious dinner. The annual Glitter Award recognizing a volunteer who has contributed towards the pageant décor was given to Arturo "Tudy" Flores. Tudy has donated all the floral arrangements, corsages and bouquets for the last seven years. The Jose Lucero Memorial, recognizing a volunteer from Nogales who has contributed time in promoting Salud es Poder's prevention efforts across the border was given to Victor Pineda, a volunteer since 1998. Jose Lucero was Salud es Poder's first project coordinator, who passed away from AIDS complications in 1993. This year Eduardo Castillo who received the Glitter award last year designed the pageant logo. Eduardo has designed six of the seven logos for the pageant. Special recognition was given to 20 volunteers who helped make the pageant a success. Miss Gay Hispanidad-Tucson represents Salud es Poder and the community that it serves in Southern Arizona and Northern Sonora.

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La caminata contra el SIDA

Este pasado domingo se realizó una vez más AIDSWalk, la caminata contra el SIDA. La participación de la comunidad en general estuvo buena, sin embargo, la presencia de la comunidad latina gay fue escasa y eso es algo que hace falta cambiar por el bien de nosotros mismos. El año que viene, se volverá a realizar y esperamos que la participación de nuestra gente sea mayor. Para esto, trataré de tocar unos puntos que creo, son importantes para que estemos concientes de los beneficios de ser una comunidad más participativa en este tipo de eventos.

Tal vez algunos piensen que esta caminata es solo para personas que están infectadas con el VIH o que han desarrollado el SIDA. Esto es totalmente falso ya que la mayoría de los participantes caminan porque están conscientes del problema de salud social que representa la epidemia. Es posible que muchos de los participantes caminen porque estén personalmente comprometidos ya que algún ser querido haya muerto por causas relacionadas al SIDA, pero ese no es siempre el caso. De nuevo, hay muchos que lo hacen porque están conscientes de su responsabilidad social frente a esta epidemia y es que en la actualidad muchos programas de ayuda, intervención, y prevención están en la cuerda floja por falta de fondos. Frente a esta situación una de las formas de seguir enfrentando la epidemia es a través de la movilización de la sociedad civil para juntar parte de estos fondos y seguir trabajando.

Algunos de nosotros tal vez no participamos porque no queremos ser asociados con nada que tenga que ver con el SIDA. Tal vez pensamos que si nuestros amigos saben que fuimos a caminar van a pensar que tenemos SIDA y no queremos que ni siquiera lo piensen. En este asunto, es mejor darnos cuenta que si estamos en practicas de riesgo, lo mejor es cuidarnos siempre y no asustarnos si alguien piensa que porque fuimos a la caminata, estamos infectados. Dentro de la sociedad en general, pero la comunidad latina en general, sigue existiendo el tabú y estigma que rodea a la infección del VIH. Esto en vez de ayudarnos nos daña ya que es un obstáculo en prevención y en la participación activa de nuestra comunidad en eventos como la caminata.

Al final de cuentas, la infección de VIH no discrimina en ninguna forma, no le importa que tan machos o que tan mujeres seamos, que tan orgullosos estemos de nuestras raíces o que tan asimilados estemos, si hablamos inglés o español, si nacimos en México o de este lado de la frontera, si somos promiscuos o monógamos, si somos pasivos o activos, si somos jóvenes o viejos. Y porque el virus no discrimina, nosotros tampoco debemos de discriminarlo, sino al contrario presentar un fuerte unido de batalla. Ese frente unido de batalla es a través de educación y movilización social para recaudar fondos y poder seguir con la lucha. Así que a planear desde ahora nuestra presencia el próximo año. Por lo pronto, Salud es Poder ofrece a nuestra comunidad entrenamientos en prevención de VIH de los que te puedes beneficiar. Para mayor información llama a Ernie Pérez, Rafael Vega o José Muñoz al (520) 628-7223 o correo electrónico a salud@saaf.org.

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

There is fun to be had in the Sun as it wends its merry way into passionate Scorpio this week. Will there be new areas of wrenching passion and all-consuming white hot intensity in your life for the next four weeks? Oh we can only hope so!

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rambos are usually hot to trot but now, as the excitable Sun blazes into zesty Scorpio, you are hotly trotting on all four burners. Ouch! Ouch! Ouch! Ouch! You simply cannot choose and you simply cannot behave. Temper your ardor lover-Ram; there is a tendency to bite off more than you can chew right now. Can you make sweet talk with your mouth full? I bet!

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

The Sun zips into Scorpio this week and queer Bulls feel the need to merge with others on a more meaningful level. This is fine as long as you don't submerge. Maintain that wonderful bullish sense of self and find the balance between the me and the we. Get meaningful relationships on the right track and then submerge into as deep a well as you possibly can and get wet!

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

This is the time of year for Gay Twins to feel their oats. Sure, you can feel your own oats but it's nicer to have someone else feel them instead. Don't go to pot; Get in shape when the Sun pumps into Scorpio. Your general well-being deserves some attention. By the end of this transit you may find yourself on top of the world. Well, maybe just one citizen at a time.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Rainbow Crabs are party hearty hounds when the jolly Sun dances into passionate Scorpio. If you find yourself on the "A" list and demanded at every major event in town, don't be surprised... or shy. It's time to turn on that incomparable Cancerian charm, pardner. Strike up the merry band and play your instrument like a master. So are we opera or Opsy?

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

What do queer Lions have under wraps when the Sun ambles into Scorpio? Life unfolds in interesting ways, especially in family and home matters. This is also an excellent time to make your move, literally by either redecorating or changing residences. Are you feeling cramped? Remember, just because you are out of the closet doesn't mean that you have to live in one.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

The expansive Sun edges into Scorpio and suddenly you are all mouth. Oh happy day! Use the next four weeks to to get your point across, in any and all possible ways, queer Virgin. Do you have one or two things that you need to get off of your chest with certain unnamed folks? Sultry Scorpio gives you power of persuasion so make your point loud, proud and queer!

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Money is honey Gay Libra so grab a honey pot of it and spread it around when the gleeful Sun glides into Scorpio. Satisfy your sweet tooth with careful investments to build on the future and for retirement. You feel quite a bit more fiscally solid and can use the strategic and calculating Scorpio energy to build a mountain out of your molehill. Are you a honey bear or a queen bee?

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

This is the time of year for Gay Scorps to shimmer and shine... or is it shimmy and shine? You are especially alluring when the Sun glistens in your own sign. But don't use this time to rest on your laurels. Launch into new projects, meet new people and impress the masses. Okay, just impress those who can give you a leg up. Or is it just press against those with their leg up?

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

If you feel especially psychic, point your antenna towards Sun in Scorpio to get better reception. What is it that you divine, you divine thing? Ideas that pop into your head can be used to your advantage throughout the next four weeks so focus on what you really want. Queer Archers have a strobe in their closets and must no longer sit and suffer in the dark. Break free and soar, cousin.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

You experience a burst of popularity when the Sun shines in Scorpio and your presence is demanded all over town. This is quite a nice change of pace, pink Cap! But are you conforming too much to the group think? Maybe it's time to change the tune and see who dances along with you. Of course, if you change the tune to a polka, don't expect much participation.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

The sky is the limit when the Sun ascends into Scorpio. But your plans are apt to change as your cream rises to the top. Aqueerians can be very contrary and may find that the corporate collar chaffs. Do what needs to be done now to gain power and prestige. Then make your changes to the corporate structure. Are you and up and comer, compadre? Get up there and come!

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Guppies ache to see the world when the Sun travels in Scorpio. Your interests widen and cannot be contained in the same old humdrum. Pack your bags and get going while the energy carries you along. If you yearn for stimulation, seek it anyway and anywhere you can. But hurry; by next month you will be quite content to hang around the old familiar fishbowl and tread water.

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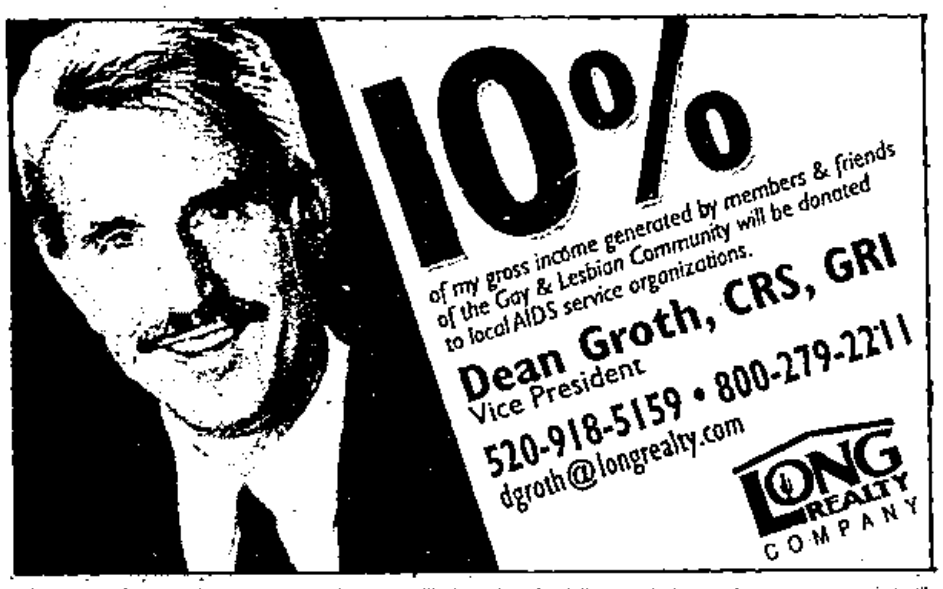

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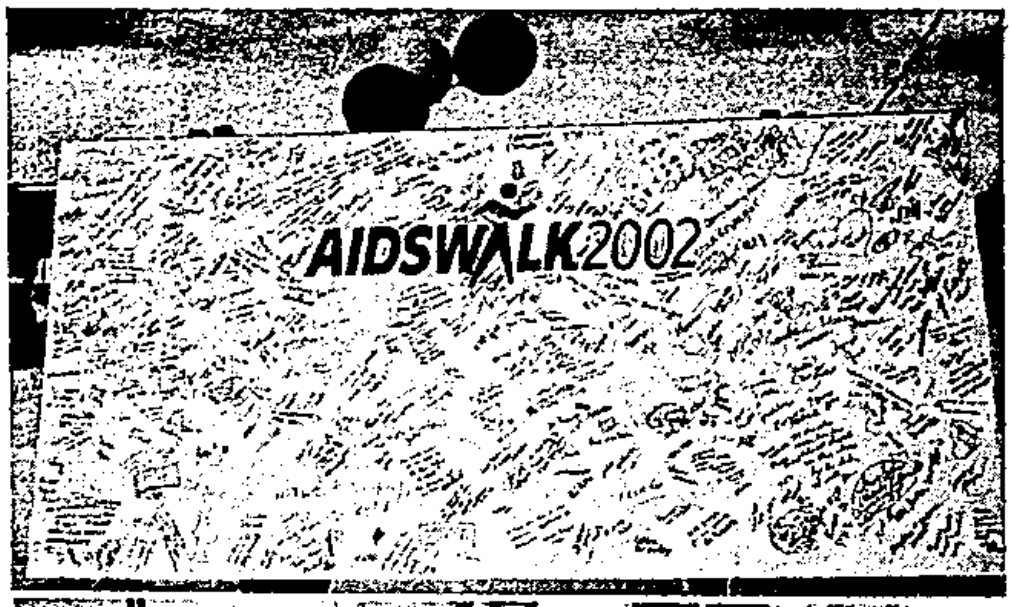
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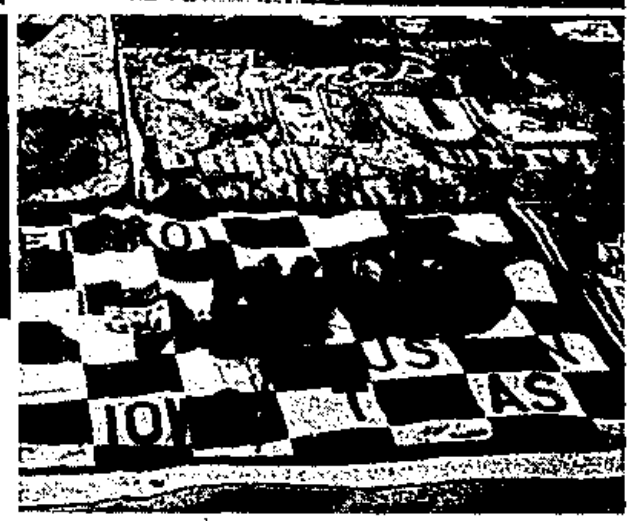

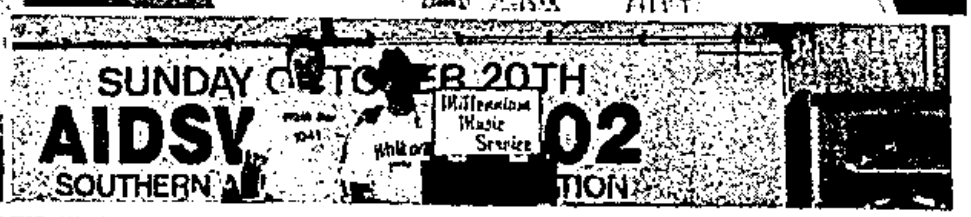
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COMMENTARY

'The Future Of Arizona.....'

By Jim Sincox

The future of Arizona, especially for LGBT people, is quite precarious, given the choices in the election which is upon us on November 5. There are three top state offices which are critical given the candidates that the Republicans are running. As you know, Matt Salmon, a Mormon, is the Republican Candidate. Certainly we believe that everyone's religion is his or her private concern but Salmon has made numerous statements which indicate that some of his religious beliefs are so important to him that they must be imposed upon the rest of us. He opposes adoption of children by Gay people as well as recognition of domestic partnerships. He is against employment protections based on sexual orientation and granting health care benefits for same-sex partners. He earned a zero rating on HIV-AIDS issues from the Human Rights Campaign's scorecards for the entire six years he served in Congress. He continues to oppose medically accurate information about HIV by supporting sex education that must be based on an "abstinence only" message. He supported prohibiting locally raised funds from being used to operate a needle exchange program despite research which indicates such programs do not increase drug use but does reduce HIV transmission.

The Republican Candidate for Attorney General is Andrew Thomas. He appeared with Len Munsil, president of The Center for Arizona Policy, a nonprofit organization associated with Focus on the Family. Thomas appeared with Munsil on a local broadcast Praise the Lord, and was one of the candidates Munsil described with "clear distinctions on social values,"...a"pro-family candidate."

Finally, Tom Horne, candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, also falls into the far right wing of the Republican Party. Jay Blanchard, while in the state legislature, did not always support the LGBT agenda but voted for our causes more often than not.

I frequently hear people say one vote, or my vote, doesn't make a difference. But remember Florida in 2000. And Steve May lost his primary race in Phoenix this year by only a few votes.

So, please vote and take all of your friends along. We need to stick together on some things that so dramatically effect our lives.

GENDER PRIDE BY JONI K. MAUSSE

The war against Transgendered people continues with the murder in California of 17-year-old Lida Araujo. Lida was beaten to death after being outed as MTF at a party, while a number of people stood by and watched.

Meanwhile, our legal rights are being taken away. People are being openly fired for being gender-variant. And a middle-aged Kansas widow has been denied any inheritance from the estate of her deceased husband, who died without leaving a will, on the grounds that though legally female for many years, she was born male. Actions like those are not only a threat to the human rights of all Transgendered people; they can have repercussions for others as well.

This past Sunday evening a number of us met with Riki Wilchins of the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition (GenderPac). Riki emphasized that gender activists need to remind people that gender discrimination not only hurts Transgenderists, but also Lesbians, Gay men, and even heterosexual people who don't conform to society's expectations of what a "man" or "woman" is supposed to look and act like. She gave several examples, including the story about the straight man who was murdered as he held his fiancée's purse while she was in the ladies' room.

Earlier that afternoon I spent several hours at the Tucson Blues Festival. As a blues fan and singer-songwriter, I'm delighted that Tucson has such a strong blues network. The Blues Society worked to really honor blues pioneers, both past and present.

What I miss hearing about in blues circles, though, is recognition of the early blues singers of the 1920's and 30's, like Ma Rainey, Bessie Jackson, George Hannah, and "Peach Tree" Payne, who sang about the pain of the "sissies" and "bulldykes" who didn't fit into society's gender norms. They sang before blues became respectable--and largely white--and all those secrets were pushed back into the closet. Maybe Queer musicians need to have our own festival.

The big event this Saturday evening will be the Mr. and Miss Gay Teen Tucson Pageant, starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Muse, 516 North Fifth Avenue. From what I've heard there's expected to be plenty of gender-bending in both directions, including a special guest appearance by Boys 'R Us, our local drag-king troupe, as well as the contest itself People of all ages are welcome, and it's just $10 at the door; the proceeds go to Queer Voice.

Also on Saturday evening, there will be a Native American sweat lodge ceremony, open to all genders: write eaglebearboyd.aol.com, or sire50@hotmail.com. The Desert Girlz will get together at 7:00 p.m., Monday at Rainbow Planet for tea and girl talk. If you read this in time, hurry over to IBT's tonight, Wednesday, to join in wishing Lucinda Holliday a bodacious birthday. Have many more, Lucinda! As always, you can reach me at jonikmausse@yahoo.com. See ya, Sweetie!

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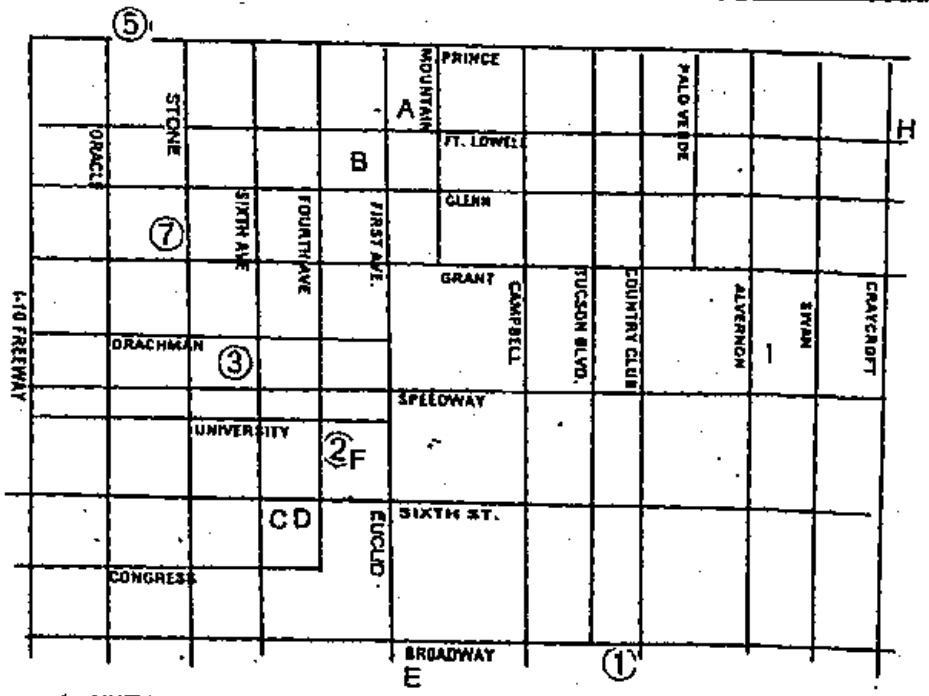

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'My So-Called Life!'

One night there was Mr. Right again! He was big, strong, muscular, and the first string quarterback at Stanford University. This man was hot! I wondered why he was only drinking Calistoga water, but..."whatever"! A friend told me to not get involved and to stay away from him, but ..."whatever"! We went to his house, and I thought it was strange that he wouldn't turn on the lights even as things got hot and heavy. Just as I found out that every muscle on that man was large, he asked me if I liked boots, and I of course, responded, "Yes, I have a pair at home." Why would he want to know about my cowboy boots? He went into the other room and returned wearing nothing but a pair of very tall, shiny black leather biker boots and a collar. It seemed that he was more interested in his boots and a large cigar than anything else. As he stood over my crouching body, it was then that I realized why he had drunk so much Calistoga water at the bar. I soon needed a very large bath towel.

You can guess why I didn't talk about my cowboy boots, or any other boots for that matter, for many years. When I finally did feel comfortable talking about boots again I ended up with more than just my own pair of biker boots and collar. I became Mr. Leather 1988. Because my sexuality is what made me feel so different from everyone else and I had spent so much time coming to terms with it, I had forgotten about the other parts of myself. My sexuality was only a tenth of who I was, and I needed to acknowledge and appreciate the other 90% of myself to become whole. Once I started doing that, things became much more balanced and clear.

So many negative consequences from too many choices made in error. My life would look very different today if I had chosen a different path. So, the sanctuary and protection those intoxicating four walls of many a Gay bar provided from the outside world began to change. The candy store was still open for business as usual, but, the facade of glitter and glamour began to crack and show its other side. The side that contained deceit and deception. Trying to find my way among the many layers of sub-cultures within the sub-culture of the Gay world was no simple task (Voyager, The Next Generation comes to mind; to go where no man has gone before). There were so many questions, and no one to provide any answers. To be continued...

[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.]

What Makes Our Town Tick

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participating stadium. That is just one way to say thank you to the real heroes.

Just a quick note about last weeks AIDS Walk. This year 200,000 dollars were raised to help Tucson deal with HIV related illness. It warms anyone's heart to see the crowd at each year's event, which is growing more and more each year. People from all walks of life are present, not only walking, but volunteering and assisting with duties. If anyone dares to be ignorant enough to say that AIDS is not everyone's disease, they need to come to next year's AIDS Walk. Have a great week folks!

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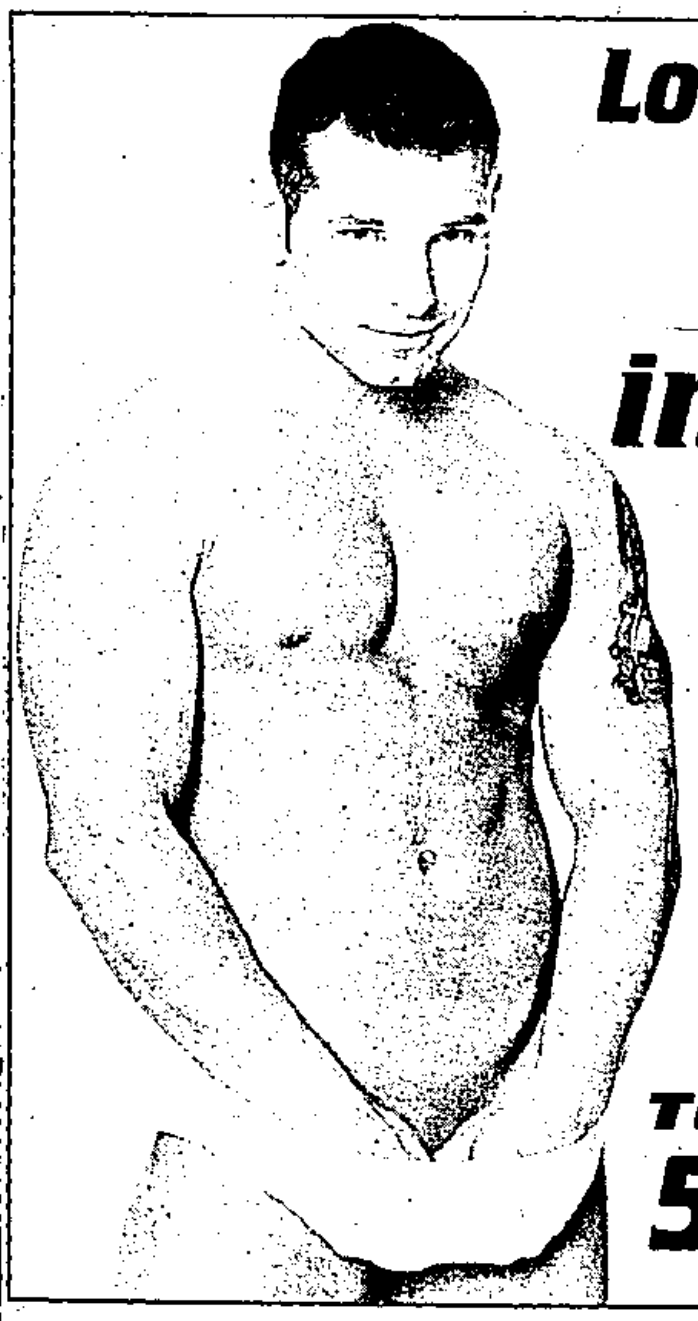
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GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 11:00 a.m. Join the guys for a Lunch Out at the Casino of the Sun. After lunch, head out to the gaming area and take your chances if you're so inclined. For details or directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner – 6 P.m. DaVinci's Italian Restaurant, 3535 E. Ft. Lowell Rd.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25
An evening with Michael Lumpkin and the screening of his landmark film "The celluloid Closet" at 7:00 p.m. at the Tucson-Pima Public Library / Main Library / 101 N. Stone Ave. Free admission and free parking in the Main Library Garage. Contact Wingspan 624-1779 or online at .wingspanaz.org for more information.

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

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 p.m. Jerry & Les host the continuing saga of the Fisher family in "Six Feet Under". For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
#1. 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.

#2. 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.

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 2:00 p.m. Flavio and Sterling host a Pool Party from 2-5. For reservations and directions, please call Sterling at 232-9069.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28
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., S. of Grant Rd.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29
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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Canasta Club meets to play this fun card game. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Marv at 745-0304.

Tucson Prime Timers Video Night - 7:00 P.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. You're invited to come in your favorite childhood costume (spend no more than $10 on it, please), and join Bill for the movie, "The Lost Boys", and a chance to play Phase 10, a rummy-like card game. If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
#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.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Tucson Prime Timers, Lunch - 1:00 P.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave., S. of Grant Rd. Phone: 622-1835

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Tucson Prime Timers, Video Night - 7:00 P.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

Bar Calendar
Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23
IBT'S - "DivaLicious Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday. (It's also Lucinda's Birthday Party - Gifts accepted). The show stars Chantalle Douglas, Samantha White and, from Phoenix, Angela Dodd. 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
IBT'S - Party line-up includes Sean's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. $1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosas. Sangria Party from 4pm to close $2 Sangrias. Karaoke with Michael D. 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 Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP). 7:30 the Bud Team with fun, games and prizes. Then at 9:00 p.m., a special benefit show for GMHP. Show stars Janee Starr, Teri Akl, Miss Saigon and Lady Ashley and special guests.

YARD DOG - It's live jazz and dinner every Sunday 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Yard Dog Jazz Duo will be performing on the patio. Plus - Food is being served from 5:00 p.m. until it runs out. So check it out!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30
IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "DivaLicious Halloween Eve Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday. The show stars Stella Virgin, Miss Gay Arizona Chane Jordan and Faith Michaels.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 - HALLOWEEN
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Costume judging starts at 11:00 p.m. First prize $200; 2nd Prize $100 and 3rd Prize $50. Sign up by 10:30 p.m. Drink specials. No Cover.....

IBT'S - 10th Annual Halloween Black and White Ball. $200 First Place ($50 bonus for black & white costume); $100 second place and $75 for third. Costume contest sign-up 9:00 p.m. Contest at 10:00. Hosted by Lucinda Holliday and DJ-Q.

VENTURE-N - Halloween Party and Costume Contest. Three prizes...

WOODY'S - 1st Annual Halloween "Monster Ball" and costume contest. $75 first place "Best Monster" (with or without costume), $50 runner up. Starts at 9:00 p.m. Drink specials $2.50 Zombie or Stoli Bloody Mary Plus Treats for 'Tricks'.

YARD DOG - Halloween Party here with the Costume Contest and all the trimmings.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Tucson Prime Timers, Food & Drinks- 5:00 P.m. Woody's 3710 N. Oracle Rd., N. of Prince Rd. Phone: 622-1835

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Tucson Prime Timers, Dinner — 6:00 P.m. Maxims, 6940 E. Broadway & Kolb.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Tucson Prime Timers, Lunch - 1:00 P.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave., S. of Grant Rd. Phone: 622-1835

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Tucson Prime Timers, Video Night - 7:00 P.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Tucson Prime Timers, Lunch/Business Meeting - 12:00 Noon Home Town Buffet, 5101 N. Oracle Rd., N. of River Rd. Phone: 622-1835

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Tucson Prime Timers, Food & Drinks - 5.00 P.m. Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Rd., N. of Oracle Rd. Phone: 622-1835

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18
Tucson Prime Timers, Lunch - 1:00 P.m. The Wildcat House, 1800 N. Stone Ave., S. of Grant Rd. Phone: 622-1835

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
Tucson Prime Timers, Video Night - 7:00 P.m. Non pornographic movies with Gay themes are shown. Phone: 740-0620 - David Eyde

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23
1. Tucson Prime Timers, Breakfast — 9:00 A.m. Blue Willow, 2616 N. Ca.m.pbell Ave.

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25
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Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers Bud or Bud Light. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9pm to close. Drink & Shot specials all night.

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 Michael D. 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 5-7. $2.50 airlon burger or chicken 5-9pm. Karaoke with Michael D. 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 - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestics and well 2-7pm. Free pool 8-10pm. 50¢ cups draft Bud & Bud Light 8pm to close

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, $2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Hot dance with DJ Raynman Undie Monday 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/Michael D. 9pm to close.

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

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestic beer & well 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. $3 entry, bar matches pot. Country music 9pm to close. $2 bottled Bud products 8pm to close.

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

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. 90s retro music 9pm - close. $1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or $1 Tequila shots 6pm to 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 6am. 50¢ off any Vodka until 7pm Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS -Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close, with $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. Daily 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 6am. 50¢ off any Bourbon til 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Music with DJ Hill 9pm - close. Shot and drink specials all night. No cover.

IBT's - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, $2 domestic beer and well. 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.

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 6am. 50¢ off any Gin until 7pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 8:30pm $3 entry. Bar matches pot. $2 pitchers for pool players. DJ Hill 9pm-close. Drink & Shot Specials all night.

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 4-9pm. $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 6am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass, $2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Kennel open 5pm

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LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easly. 882-7723 Facilitator.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 38264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. 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 690-4813, 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.

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.

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. 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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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 885-5541

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

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

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6788.

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

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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 579-9827 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 with Awareness Project, 3061 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. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 645 S. Craycroft Road at 7pm. 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 622-3200 or visit the TPI website at 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. 694-7083.

TUCSON GREATER SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. Interested? Call Kelly Quinn, (520)742-7895 or go to our web site http://www.tgsasoftball.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 299-6847.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6678 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 396

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

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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 mail1yan@theriver.com and request guidelines.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

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

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

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 602-279-4505.

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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 Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number.

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

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

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-8624.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 6 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 3rd Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6609 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 GAYMEN'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: sigoodrum@qwest.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 760-8714 for more information.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR RECOVERING ADDICTS AND ALCOHOLICS. Group meets every Saturday 7-8pm in Cornerstone Fellowship hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4826 or 760-8404.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4639 E. First Street. Call Jesse 743-4326 or Maurice 323-2293. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

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