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GLB Voters Were 5 Percent In Election, Poll Says

WASHINGTON, DC - Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual voters accounted for 5 percent of the electorate during the 2002 midterm elections, according to a poll released by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).

The Washington-based HRC contracted with Zogby International to conduct the poll after it learned that the Voter News Service would not be identifying Gay and Lesbian voters this year, reported gfn.com

"These numbers clearly demonstrate the importance of the Gay community in major elections," said HRC communications director and senior strategist David M. Smith. "In the current political climate, 5 percent of the vote is often the entire margin of victory."

In the last four consecutive elections, GLBT voters have consistently represented 4 percent-5 percent of the electorate. Comparatively, according to the Voter News Service, in the 2000 elections African-American voters composed 10 percent of the electorate, Hispanic voters 7 percent, Jewish voters 4 percent, and Asian voters 2 percent.

"As a demographic, the Gay community is consistently active at the polls," Smith said.

"Both parties would be wise to

recognize the significance of the Gay vote. It's also important to remember that many Gay and Lesbian voters are reluctant to come forward and be counted out of fear of discrimination - so these numbers are probably low."

The Zogby poll measured both the number and voting patterns of Gay voters in congressional races. GLBT voters in the 2002 elections voted 71 percent Democratic, 19 percent Republican, 4.1 percent Libertarian, and 2.7 percent Green.

In U.S. Senate and House races, Gay voters reported that their top three priorities in picking candidates were the economy, the candidate's political ideology, and taxes. Nearly half of the voters who identified as Gay said they voted out of a sense of civic responsibility.

The Zogby International Interactive Poll was conducted November 13-18. A total of 8,280 likely voters was drawn from a prescreened pool of 63,000 likely voters who have registered with Zogby International.

All 63,000 likely voters were invited to a secure Web site to complete a postelection questionnaire, which was also administered by telephone in 19 states. Overall interactive results for Gays and Lesbians were similar to the national average derived by the 19-state poll.

Orlando Council Approves G/L Rights Law

ORLANDO, FL - The Orlando City Council passed a G/L rights measure by a 4-3 vote, after what the Orlando Sentinel described as "a marathon eight-hour public hearing filled with impassioned speeches by dozens of supporters and opponents."

Although the vote was preliminary, the margin is expected to hold when the council votes final approval on Dec. 2. The Gay rights law, prohibiting sexual orientation discrimination in housing, public accommodations and in the workplace, has been under debate for nearly a year, the Sentinel reports.

Voting with the three-member minority was Orlando Mayor Glenda Hood, who has wavered in her support for the GLBT community, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

"I have not seen a demonstrated need for this," said Hood. "This city is very inclusive."

In the last few months, some local reports have suggested that Hood is currying favor with Gov. Jeb Bush, in the hope of receiving a state appointment.

Also voting against the law was councilwoman Vicki Vargo, who has been open in her opposition. The provision, said Vargo, has "opened up the floodgates for our small businesses that have to hire attorneys." Local attorneys, she continued, "should rejoice today."

Vargo's fears are demonstrably unfounded. Some 122 cities, 11 states and the District of Columbia have passed anti-discrimination measures protecting Gays and Lesbians without experiencing a marked increase in legal claims. (New York could soon become the 12th to pass a Gay rights bill, as the state Senate is expected to take up the Sexual Orientation Nondiscrimination Act during its lame duck session next month.)

Orlando citizens filled the council chamber, overflowing the 250-capacity room into two adjoining rooms. Over 75 people addressed the council, in what the Sentinel called the largest response to a public hearing in at least a decade. Over the months since the proposal was first raised, Orlando's council has received 6,500 letters and e-mails, and

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Harvard Regrets Secret, Anti-Gay Tribunal

CAMBRIDGE, MA In its own sort of witch hunt, Harvard University administrators set up a secret tribunal more than 80 years ago to interrogate students about acts of homosexuality.

Fifteen Minutes, the weekend magazine of The Harvard Crimson, the school's daily newspaper, unearthed the scandal on Thursday after it had been covered up for 82 years. Only after six months of pleading by reporter Amit R. Paley did school officials hand over 500 pages of documents outlining the "secret court."

The soap opera-like storyline started in 1920 when Cyril Wilcox, 21, committed suicide, and his family uncovered letters describing homosexual affairs and "faggoty parties" in dorm rooms that Wilcox and others attended. George Wilcox, Cyril's older brother, turned over the letters to school officials after tracking down and beating up a former lover of his brother's living in Boston, according to the Crimson article, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Upon receiving the letters, the president of the school ordered a group, comprising five deans and professors, to set up the "court" to interrogate the men accused of engaging in homosexual acts, which at the time was considered unnatural.

The episode ended with two sui-

cides, six student expulsions, one teacher dismissal, a blackballed alumnus and two straight students being asked to leave the school for associating with homosexuals.

Lawrence Summers, the current president of Harvard, said in a statement that this episode is "part of a past we have rightly left behind." He went on to say: "I want to express our deep regret for the way this situation was handled, as well as the anguish the students and their families must have experienced."

Harvard has certainly moved beyond condemning Gays and Lesbians on its campus. The school currently supports numerous GLBT groups, including the Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, and Transgendered Supporters Alliance; GirlSpot, a group for women to discuss matters of sexual orientation; and the Harvard Gay and Lesbian Caucus (HGLC), which was established in 1976 with the initial aim of committing Harvard to include sexual orientation in its nondiscrimination policy. As of 1998, there were more than 2,000 HGLC members (including alumni) around the country.

"Whatever attitudes may have been prevalent then, persecuting individuals on the basis of sexual orientation is abhorrent and an affront to the values of our university," Summers said. "We are a better and more just community today because those attitudes have changed as much as they have."

AIDS Experts Say HIV Prevention Efforts Has Saved Many Lives

ATLANTA, GA - U.S. AIDS experts have said that although about 40,000 Americans become infected with HIV every year, the numbers would have been enormously higher without HIV prevention efforts, including programs promoting condom use. Prevention programs have saved hundreds of thousands—if not millions—of lives over the course of the epidemic.

"We have prevented enough HIV infections to be the equivalent of the population of a small to large U.S. city," said David Holtgrave, a former AIDS expert at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who now teaches health policy at Emory University. He came up with four different scenarios for the course of the AIDS epidemic in the United States. The number of potential infections prevented through AIDS prevention efforts ranged from 200,000 to more than 1.5 million, he wrote in his report, published in the journal AIDS.

An estimated 5 million Americans are at risk of getting HIV: 1-million drug users, who can be infected from shared needles, and 4 million men and women at risk of being infected sexually. Most pre-

vention programs target these groups. "They include HIV counseling and testing, risk reduction counseling, and small group risk-reduction interventions," Holtgrave said.

But Holtgrave added that despite preventing such large numbers of HIV infections, prevention programs aren't receiving additional funding from the government. "To really give everybody at risk of HIV infection in the United States really state-of-the-science prevention services, you would probably need to increase prevention efforts by \$3 million a year for four years," he said. "We're not seeing that kind of expansion." The current federal budget provides no more money than last year for HIV prevention efforts.

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UPDATE

World AIDS Day Dec. 1

TUCSON - A free community forum on HIV/AIDS, organized by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) and Wingspan, will take place on World AIDS Day, Sunday, December 1, 5:00 p.m., in the Armory Park Center, 220 South Fifth Street.

This special forum, organizers said, will focus on the sometimes subtle, sometimes overt discrimination that people living with HIV/AIDS and their caregivers face. Community members will share their personal stories and people will be able to find out about local programs and services that are working on addressing the stigma often associated with HIV/AIDS.

Parking is free and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call TIHAN, (520) 299-6647, SAAF, (520) 628-7223 or Wingspan, (520) 624-1779.

TKO Holiday Show Dec. 8

TUCSON - Tucson's Knight Owls (TKO) will be putting on their third annual Holiday Magic Show, Sunday, December 8, 7:00 p.m., at the Clarion Santa Rita, 88 East Broadway.

Proceeds from this year's show will benefit the programs of TIHAN (Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network).

During this time, TKO is raising funds as well to sponsor holiday meals for people living with HIV/AIDS. According to organizers, a complete turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, costs \$35. In 2001, organizers said they were able provide 32 meals and hope to exceed that this year.

Misti Malone and Mama Reyna will host this year's Magic Show, with a special guest appearance by Daphne Steele, Miss Carousel 2002. An impressive show line-up awaits this year's audience. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at The Yard Dog Saloon, 2449 North Stone, Venture-N, 1239 North 6th Avenue, and the TIHAN office, 492 North Alvernon Way.

TKO is a social club that raises funds for community organizations. For more information, contact Merlin Cummins of TKO at The Yard Dog Saloon (520) 624-3858, or Scott Blades at TIHAN, (520) 299-6647.

Arizona Fellowship Run Nov. 29 - Dec. 1

TUCSON - Some 20 plus years ago, three clubs got together to start a state-wide, combined run, originally called the Arizona Three Way. Over the following years, the name changed, ending up with it's present name.

During these years, many other clubs, either in Tucson or Phoenix joined in on the Brotherhood Run. During the first five years, this run was written up in the Leather Journal, as the largest in the South-western United States.

The Arizona Fellowship Run. The run has had participants from Tucson, and Phoenix, and as far away as Georgia and Canada. There have been as many as 100 people at this event. The host clubs stage games, cocktail parties, and each serving a meal. Each club absorbs the expenses for their cocktail parties and meals, thus being able to hold the inexpensive run fee.

This year's runs, is being held in Tucson. It is being hosted by the Tucson Knight Owls (TKO), and is joined by the Arizona Rangers, the only two remaining founding members. Also joining will be the Leatherlords of Phoenix. Cocktail parties will also be hosted the Bears of the Old Pueblo.

The Fellowship is hosted in either Tucson or Phoenix, on a rotating schedule. Next year's version will be held in Phoenix. Run applications can be found on the internet under www.ArizonaFellowship.Com and is being held November 29 - December 1. The run fee is \$35.00.

Rainbow Support Group Celebrates Anniversary

TUCSON - The Rainbow Support Group will be marking their fifteenth anniversary serving GLBT Tucsonans with a celebration, Sunday, December 8, 5:00 p.m., at the Rainbow Planet Coffeeshouse, 606 N. Fourth Avenue.

Current members of the group are looking forward to seeing people who had helped, in past years, to build the group into the organization marking three decades of existence.

If you are interested in attending or for more information, call the St. Francis office, (520) 299-9063.

'Pet Watch' Fund Raiser Continues

TUCSON - Raffle tickets for the Dragon made by Franklin Mint are still available. Proceeds from this 50/50 raffle go to Pet Watch.

On Sunday, December 1, the winner of the raffle will be announced at the Venture-N. The ticket will be drawn the weekend of November 28 - December 1.

Paws for Pet Watch are still available by just making a donation and the staff of the Venture-N will put a paw on the wall, in your name. Christmas cards are also on sale, and all donations are appreciated since the vet bills keep rolling in.

Phoenix Halts Condom Giveaways In Park

PHOENIX - A Maricopa County administrator has halted a federally funded program of condom handouts to Gay men in Phoenix's premier public space, Papago Park, arguing that the program encouraged public sex, the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network reported.

The 1,200 acre park, known for its hiking trails, picnic areas and fishing ponds, also houses the Desert Botanical Gardens and the Phoenix Zoo. Areas of Papago Park are well-known among Gay men looking to cruise, and HIV/AIDS activists had targeted the park as a place where men were engaging in high-risk behavior. Maricopa County health workers had been distributing "survival kits," which included condoms, lubricants and cards profiling Arizona's public sex laws.

The county employees, working through the federally funded MenPower program, had been caught on tape by an undercover television news producer warning of police patrols the park. This got the attention of Maricopa County Supervisor Don Stapely, who saw the producer's story run on Phoenix's KNXV-TV. Stapely and the Board of Supervisors demanded the program be shut down, but County Administrator David Smith had already taken steps to stop the distribution of materials in the park.

Maricopa County has operated MenPower for over eight years. County employees target places men have sex, including bathhouses, clubs and other public spaces, besides Papago Park.

"Their primary purpose is to go out there and try to convince them not to have sex in public and get them into a counseling program," said health department spokesman Douglas Hauth to the Arizona Republic. MenPower's Web site includes letters from men who have cruised in the park and who talk about the potential repercussions of practicing unsafe sex in public places. Distribution of the program's survival kits in other locations will continue, but county supervisors have asked the program supervisors to evaluate the overall effectiveness of condom distribution.

Straight Allies Forum Dec. 10

TUCSON - What do Cher, Jean Baker, Betty DeGeneres, Kathy Najimy and Garth Brooks have in common? They are all straight allies and Wingspan is hosting a forum that spotlights and celebrates our straight allies, Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at 300 East Sixth Street.

A straight ally is someone who is not Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender (LGBT) but advocates for equal rights and fair treatment of LGBT people. At the forum, how to become a straight ally and inspiring other potential straight allies will be discussed so grab your straight friend or family member and come to the forum.

This forum is open to everyone. Following the panel presentation, there will be an audience discussion and free reception. For more information, call (520) 624-1779.



World AIDS Day



Sunday, December 1st

SPECIAL COMMUNITY FORUM on the sometimes subtle, sometimes overt discrimination that people living with HIV/AIDS and their caretakers face.

Forum will feature a panel of local community members, this year's Tucson AIDS Remembrance Quilt, and a highlight of local programs and services working on addressing the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS.

Starts at 5:00 p.m. in the Armory Park Center, 220 S. 5th Ave. Free parking and refreshments.

Presented by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network, and Wingspan.

For more information, call 628-7223.



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Club Damaged In Attack

MOSCOW, Russia - A popular Gay club used as a staging center by Russia's Security Forces during last month's hostage crisis has been looted, severely damaged and marred by anti-Gay epithets scrawled on the walls, 365Gay.com reported.

The club, Central Station, is in the same building as the Dubrovka theater, where hundreds of people were taken hostage by armed Chechens during a stage show on Oct. 23.

The club's owner, Ilya Abaturov, said that when he finally was able to get back into his premises he could not believe the damage. Homophobic graffiti -- "golubiye tvary" or "wretched faggots" -- was scrawled on the walls. Tables and chairs were smashed. Cash registers were broken and looted. Large quantities of alcohol are missing, and the club's new sound system was stolen.

"It's a large financial blow," Abaturov told the English language Moscow Times.

Abaturov said he did not know who was responsible. The military were in the building for days. When they finally broke through a wall to gain access to the theater, the area was sealed off to everyone but police and construction crews.

But Abaturov is not the first person to complain of looting following the hostage crisis. Three construction workers were arrested earlier this month on suspicion of stealing belongings abandoned by hostages at the theater.

Apart from the material loss, Abaturov said the club is under pressure from city officials to close down.

"It's homophobia," Abaturov said, pointing out that in New York a number of Gay clubs damaged in the attack on the World Trade Center received help reopening.

Students Support Lesbians Voted 'Cutest Couple'

CHICAGO, IL - Fearing that two girls voted "cutest couple" would be denied the honor because they're Lesbians, about 60 students at a high school walked out of class in a show of support.

According to a report in Chicago Tribune, Crete-Monroe High School administrators said they never intended to deprive the two seniors of their title, only to seek consent from their parents before allowing the information to appear in the yearbook.

"Students are under the impression that this is not going to happen," said Sue Rossi, district spokeswoman. "It will happen. But because sex preference is such a private issue, prior to making it a permanent printed record--such as in the yearbook--parental permission was required."

Brandon Harvey, a senior, missed four classes as a show of support and for what he perceived as foot-dragging by the administration.

"Before it was cute; now it's political," he told the Tribune.

"I doubt if this couple were a boy and girl they'd see a need to run it by the

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e-mail HUMOR

"I Can't Believe You Made It"

If you lived as a child in the 40's, 50's, 60's or 70's. Looking back, it's hard to believe that we have lived as long as we have...

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pickup truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

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(Not to mention hitchhiking to town as a young kid!) We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors. We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After run ning into the bushes a few times we learned to solve the problem. We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. No cell phones. Unthinkable.

We played dodge ball and sometimes the ball would really hurt. We got cut and broke bones and broke teeth, and there were no law suits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame, but us. Remember accidents?

We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it. We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank sugar soda but we were never overweight...we were always outside

playing. We shared one grape soda with four friends, from one bottle and no one died from this.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, video games at all, 99 channels on cable, video tape movies, surround sound, personal cell phones, Personal Computers, Internet chat rooms... we had friends.

We went outside and found them. We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, rang the bell or just walked in and talked to them. Imagine such a thing. Without asking a parent! By ourselves! Out there in the cold cruel world! Without a guardian.

How did we do it? We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't, had to learn to deal with disappointment.... Some students weren't as smart as others so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade....Horrors. Tests were not adjusted for any reason. Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. No one to hide behind. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law, imagine that! This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years has been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all. And you're one of them. Congratulations!



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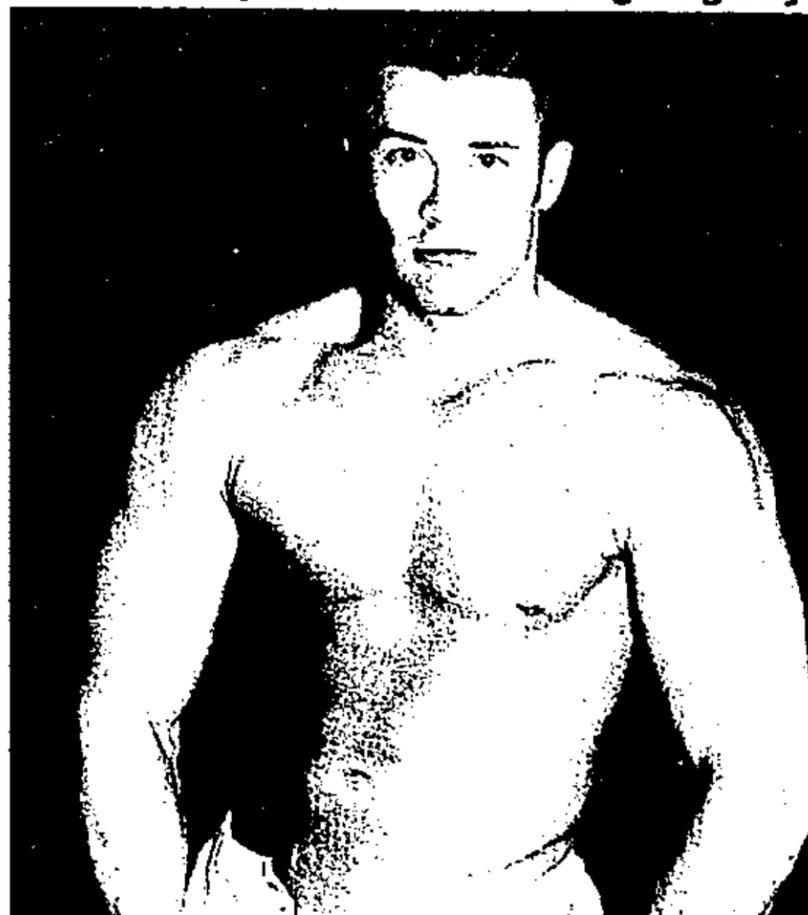
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Hate Crime Charged In College Attack

ATLANTA, GA - Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard will add hate crime charges to the other counts lodged against 19-year-old Aaron Price, who attacked a fellow Morehouse student in the shower with a baseball bat, reported the Gay.com/PlanetOut.com network.

Price is soon to be arraigned for his attack on Gregory Love, a fellow student at Atlanta's Morehouse College, one of the nation's top schools for African-American men. According to Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Howard's charge will be the first time Georgia's 2001 hate crime law has been used in a case of sexual orientation bias.

On Nov. 3, Gregory Love went into the showers without his glasses and peered into Price's stall, thinking Price was his roommate, Love told authorities: Price left, came back with a baseball bat, and smashed Love six or seven times. Love, whose sexual orientation is both undeclared and irrelevant, was sent to the emergency room, where he underwent surgery for a fractured skull and spent several days in the hospital.

The attack caused outrage among many of the students, and confusion among some in the administration. A week or so after the attack, students at a regular forum decided to turn the discussion to homophobia. With Morehouse President Walter

Massey off campus, a lower level official called a moratorium on such student meetings, which Massey rescinded on his return. The incident led to a call for clear-cut leadership from the administration.

Over two weeks after the assault, Massey held a closed meeting with students, pledging "to foster an environment where no acts of violence -- regardless of its motivation -- will be tolerated." Massey referred to a problem with anger on campus, and said he would convene a committee on diversity and anger management. According to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, some thought Massey's comments were too vague, and did not focus sharply enough on the homophobia at the core of Price's rampage.

In a letter, Lambda Legal told Massey that his speech "was encouraging," but "it was not enough." Lambda recommended a checklist of actions, including training, student forums devoted to homophobia and giving the committee a clear mandate to address Gay issues. The advocates urged Massey to change Morehouse's student handbook and official policies to welcome Gay students.

Finally, the legal group warned that colleges may be held liable for failing to safeguard their students. "A proactive stance can help avoid such a situation."

Yahoo's TV Ad Pulled For Homophobia

LONDON, UK (GFN) - After receiving complaints from media watchdog groups, Internet giant Yahoo! will have its latest commercial taken off British television after complaints that it was homophobic.

The ad depicts a naked bridegroom tied to a tree in a stag party prank, who is then eyed from behind by a predatory, camp-looking man. The accompanying voiceover ends with the tag: "You can't trust the kindness of strangers."

The independent television commission, or ITC, made the decision to suspend the ad after considering 15 complaints from members of the public and the Gay rights group Stonewall.

"We had about 15 complaints that said the ad offended the Gay community," said a spokesman for the ITC.

"We then investigated it and had a

meeting with Stonewall to talk in general about the representation of Gay men and women in advertising.

"Stonewall were particularly offended by the Yahoo! ad. And on further consideration we asked for the ad to be suspended," the spokesman said.

The ITC will investigate the campaign further as part of its routine adjudication reports following all complaints. The process could lead to the ad being banned permanently.

The decision to suspend the campaign follows criticism about the way Gay men and women are portrayed in the media.

Gay rights activist Peter Tatchell likened the "stereotyping and scare-mongering" about Gay people to the way the Nazis demonized Jews.

Gay Man Kills Woman In Religious Dispute

CHICAGO, IL - A Gay man stands accused of killing a woman who allegedly tried to persuade him to change his sexual orientation.

Police arrested Nicholas Gutierrez, 19, after he confessed and the body of Mary Stachowicz, 51, was found in a crawl space beneath his apartment. He has been charged with first-degree murder, attempting to conceal a homicide and burglary, according to a Chicago Tribune report.

Authorities said Gutierrez made a videotaped confession, admitting that he became enraged during a conversation with Stachowicz because her questioning of his sexuality reminded him of debates with his mother.

Gutierrez and the victim were acquainted because they had both worked for a funeral home in the same building as the young man's apartment. When the killing occurred last Wednesday, Stachowicz was visiting Gutierrez after having attended Mass, the

Tribune reported.

Friends and relatives of Stachowicz said the idea of her trying to convince Gutierrez to renounce his homosexuality was not out of character. "Those of us who knew her immediately hear her soft voice saying something like, 'God wouldn't approve of the way you're living your life,'" Mary Coleman, a friend and neighbor, told the Tribune.

Laura Montgomery Rutt, spokeswoman for Soulsource, a national group dedicated to ending "spiritual violence" against GLBT people, said she was sorry to hear about the quarrel and the killing. "God loves Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people just the way they are," Rutt said. "The Bible is clear that homosexuality is not a sickness and not a sin."

Bail was set at \$3 million for Gutierrez, who is a ward of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

COMMENTARY

Flocking Together

By David Hoover

Geese have a lot to teach us. These amazing birds fly in a "V" formation so that each bird creates uplift for the bird immediately following it. The uplift reduces the drag of gravity on each bird. By flying in formation, the whole flock can fly at least 71% farther than if each bird flew on its own.

This kind of supportive spirit is well evidenced in the Tucson AIDS community. I have witnessed painstaking struggles among those on the Ryan White Care Consortium to maintain attendant care for people with AIDS, when dollars are few. I have seen the Gay and Lesbian community rally around fundraisers like the Festival for Life, Paper Prayers, and AIDS Walk. I've seen people from PACT, Shanti, TAP, and Public Health pull together to make sure that men who have sex with men are not forgotten when it comes to allocating HIV prevention funds. If the Gay and Lesbian and AIDS communities keep flying together, who knows how far we can go?

Another goose lesson may be learned from observing what happens when a goose weakens or is wounded and breaks formation. Two other geese fall out of formation to help the weakened goose and protect it. They stay with the goose until it is able to fly or it dies. Then they set out on their own or with another formation until they catch up with the group. The Gay and Lesbian community was the first to respond to the AIDS crisis, setting up health and social services organizations which still exist today.

The Gay and Lesbian community has shown a depth of courage and compassion few communities could muster. With grace, humor and anger we have learned to stay with our wounded and dying. As is true in other cities, the Tucson community is tired. Nevertheless, Gays and Lesbians and thousands of our friends have shown that in the midst of the suffering, we keep flying.

If you have HIV don't give up hope. Get support from your friends and family and obtain the medical care which is available. If you're HIV negative, never put yourself at risk. If you don't know your HIV status, find out, so that you can take care of yourself and your loved ones. Regardless of your HIV status or sexual orientation, volunteer your time to an AIDS service organization. If you have volunteered to the point of fatigue, consider ways to heal and nurture yourself.

We have much to do. The fight is not over. If we have the sense of a goose, we'll all keep on flying together.

[Reprinted from the Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance newsletter Autumn 2002. David Hoover, retired President of AZAPA, recently served as the Program Manager for AIDS Services for the Pima County Health Dept. In September 2002, he and his partner, relocated to Washington DC, where David is now managing CDC labor and education grants for the National Education Association Health Network. If you have any questions about AIDS or AIDS services please write him c/o The Observer, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, AZ 85703].

La Conexión Latina

Salud es Poder

¿Por qué existe el Día Internacional del SIDA?

El primer día de diciembre se celebra, o mejor dicho se recuerda que la batalla contra el VIH/SIDA no ha terminado. Es un día para la reflexión en todo el mundo. Un día en el que se congregan agencias de servicios sociales, investigadores y doctores entre otros, todos vinculados a diversas causas del VIH/SIDA. Por ejemplo, los investigadores y doctores en el campo de la medicina anuncian avances en la lucha contra el virus mientras que las agencias que proveen servicios a personas afectadas por la epidemia, se unen a las familias, amigos y parejas de las personas que están viviendo con VIH/SIDA para darles apoyo. Es un día de solidaridad, de lucha, de recuerdos y de esperanza.

Algunas personas tal vez piensen que el Día Internacional del SIDA es solo un asunto de la gente que esta directamente ligada al VIH/SIDA. Sin embargo, a estas alturas de la vida, esta epidemia ha afectado de alguna u otra manera a la mayor parte de

la sociedad por lo cual debe ser un asunto que nos incumbe a todos. Lo peor del caso es que sigue avanzando y alcanzando familias que tal vez han creído que no tienen nada que ver con esta epidemia porque solo "ciertos tipos de gente" están en riesgo de contraer la enfermedad. La mejor manera de enfrentar cualquier enfermedad, no solamente al SIDA, es a través de la educación y de una participación más activa en eventos que tienen que ver con dicha enfermedad. Así por ejemplo, sabemos que hay eventos para recaudar fondos para las luchas contra los diferentes tipos de cáncer, diabetes, y enfermedades del corazón entre otras. La información sobre como prevenir estas enfermedades o problemas y la participación activa en eventos que benefician estas causas son formas por medio de las cuales puedes contribuir con tu granito de arena en la construcción de un futuro más saludable para todos.

Este primero de diciembre y siempre, infórmate sobre la prevención del VIH, sobre como puedes dispersar la información con los tuyos y como puedes apoyar a amigos o familiares que están viviendo con el virus. Recuerda que esta lucha es de todos porque a todos nos está afectando de alguna u otra manera. En Tucson habrá varios eventos en los que puedes participar y contribuir a forjar una sociedad más saludable y más abierta a luchar contra esta epidemia. Para mayor información sobre estos eventos contáctanos en Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, Salud es Poder al teléfono 628-7223 y pregunta por Ernie Pérez, Rafael Vega o José Muñoz o salud@saaf.org.

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WHAT MAKES OUR TOWN TICK?
 (calabazamusic@yahoo.com) By Jerry D.

Tradition

Hello readers! There is an old story that is used in many communications seminars which I always think about this time of year. It involves a young lady who is allowed to cook her first Thanksgiving ham with her entire family waiting patiently for the result of their yearly gathering. As she is in the kitchen preparing the feast and all the trimmings she is being watched by her mother. When the time comes to get the ham ready for the oven, the young lady proceeds to cut the ends off the large portion of beast. She takes a moment to look at her premier creation and looks at it puzzled. The girl's mother, noticing the look in her daughter's eyes, asks her what is wrong.

"Mother, why do we cut the ends off the ham before we cook it each year", asks the daughter. The mother now has inherited that look as she can not truly give her daughter a true answer to the question. "I am not sure," the mother proclaims, "let's ask grandma, she taught me how to prepare the ham." The two go to the study where the grandmother is entertaining her remaining grandchildren with a song. The grandmother is asked the same question regarding the ham and why it is cut prior to its baking.

Now the puzzled look has entered her own face. Once again the answer of not knowing is the one received and the passing of the question is once again uttered. Luckily there is one more generation that the ladies can go to to find the answer to their query. On the back porch is the matriarch of the entire clan. She is getting there in age but can still tell a great story to her great-grandchildren sitting at her feet on this festive holiday. The three prior generations of women surround the crone and ask the question that has traveled around the house now for some time.

This time after asking the question, the elder member of the family did not give the puzzling look. At last, the ladies felt, there would be an answer to the question that has spanned the test of time. "Why do we cut the ends off the ham before we cook it great-grandma?" The woman looks up and proclaims, "I don't know why you guys do it, but when I was a little girl, the ham was way too big to fit in our little oven."

Tradition is what makes the holiday as special as it is. No matter what you celebrate, the reason there are memories and thoughts looking to that time of year is quite simple. It is not going to make it any better if we sit there wondering about why we do what we do. The holidays are to be enjoyed and, in doing that, take away the daily questions that plague us in our work and living everyday life. If we did not have those moments throughout the year, there would truly be no purpose to get through a calendar hopefully.

This year, no matter where you are, remember tradition. Recall that there were times when things were not so complicated. If you feel that the past was more difficult than the present, remember that you don't want to return to that time. Memories can work both ways in our psyche, and should aid us in our daily living. If we know where we don't want to be, getting to where we do want to seems a whole lot easier.

There are of course many folks who will not get that chance to think about their blessings. They may feel that this time in their lives is the worst they could ever imagine. Some of course can not control that destiny; and those of us who have, can make a difference. When we help others it only builds more memories in our own minds for the future. Please take some time to give some time this holiday, we are all our own neighbors, and it's the right thing to do.

Finally, I have to mention those who chose to defend all of us who are going to enjoy our holiday. I have spent Thanksgiving overseas and can tell you that the greatest gift I have ever received was an invitation to the home of a family that did not know my name until I came to their door. Please remember those in our forces who have one of the hardest jobs in the world, and do not have the luxury of driving home to talk to their loved ones about their day.

Have a safe and happy holiday, Old Pueblo, with memories to last a lifetime. See you next week!

GENDER PRIDE BY JONI K. MAUSSE

Things just aren't the same without Alexander. Only about 40 people turned out for the Day of Remembrance vigil, fewer than half of them Transgendered as far as I could see. The mood was suitably contemplative, but I wouldn't say the energy was high. A number of transpeople were conspicuous by their absence. I heard that some girls were planning to pile into a car and go to the vigil in Phoenix instead. I wonder if our little community can afford these petty rivalries, especially since the number of our brothers and sisters who have been killed in the U.S. has doubled since last year.

What saved the evening was the number of non-Transgendered people, of all ages and lifestyles, who turned out to support us. I saw people I haven't seen in a long time. That's what our community needs to be grateful for: our Gay, Lesbian, and straight friends who have chosen to stand by us when we're under assault. We're too few in number to survive on our

own, especially if more of us don't show up for an important event like the Day of Remembrance.

It was good to see several drag kings from Boys 'R Us at the vigil. I haven't heard when and where they'll be performing next. There are drag queen performances at 9:00 p.m. every Wednesday night, including tonight, at IBT's. Next Monday at 7:00 p.m. will be the SAGA monthly meeting at Wingspan.

Namoli Bennet, a local MFT Transgendered singer-songwriter, will be performing at the Epic Cafe, 4th Avenue at University, on Friday, December 6 at 8:00 p.m. Advance copies of her newest, soon-to-be-released CD, "Boy in a Dress," will be available for sale that evening, so this will be a good time to catch Namoli in performance.

Happy Thanksgiving, Sweetie!
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POLITICS 2002

by Mark R. Kerr

'Homeland Insecurity'

Dubya has signed legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security, creating a new cabinet department, despite the fact the GOP, in their Contract Out On America, called for the reduction of such but hey, we're going after terrorists, such as Osama Bin There, Done That, Now On To Baghdad To Get Saddam, without those Arabic language experts who were canned because they are Gay because we're going after terrorists, right?

As the nitwit mainstream media marveled on the pressing question of "Who is studlier, Don Rumsfeld or Ari Fleischer?", some political news of concern, primarily involving the political party in control, the Republicans, and what they really think of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Americans. Since the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution will still be in effect, for at least another week or so, no thanks to the Homeland Security Legislation and the Patriot Act, this information can be divulged, so enjoy it while the freedom lasts!

Several Republican Members of the U.S. House, Tom Tancredo and Bob Schaffer of Colorado, Christopher Smith of New Jersey, Joseph Pitts of Pennsylvania, Ernest Istook and John Sullivan of Oklahoma, John Hostettler and Brian Kerns of Indiana, and Olympian Jim Ryun of Kansas, in a letter to Dubya, have asked him to pressure Big Brothers Big Sister of America to abandon its policy of prohibiting anti-Gay discrimination in its mentoring programs, claiming it "ignores the psychological research and common sense ..." and "would set up a risky situation that could lead to sexual abuse."

Winnie Stachelberg, political director of the Human Rights Campaign, said in an interview, that the nine Representatives area "spreading misinformation in an attempt to smear innocent members of the Gay and Lesbian community." No! Not the radical right Republicans?! Gasp! A White House spokesperson said the president hadn't received the letter, as if we believe that, and could not comment. Indeed, Dubya was busy, decimating the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

According to the Washington Blade, Dubya won't be reappointing seven of the eight Clinton holdovers, nearly all are Gay and have pushed for comprehensive safer-sex programs but fear not, Dubya's appointed 26 to the Council, mostly people connected to conservative, anti-Gay, right-wing religious organizations. A spokesperson for the Health and Human Services Department commented that "no one should take offense or be surprised about this." Oh we do Blanche, we most certainly do!

This wonderful feeling has flowed all over the District of Columbia, or Big Brother Sector 1, as it shall be called thanks to the Patriot Act, including Capitol Hill, where one Republican U.S. Senator seems to be going back on their word, following a long-standing tradition.

In an interview with the Washington Post, Senator Rick Santorum, R-Pennsylvania, said he supports a provision that would allow faith-based groups that receiving federal funding for community service programs to discriminate against Gays and Lesbians in hiring, even in cases where local and state non-discrimination laws are already in place. "I will make that stand," Santorum said in the interview.

These comments are contrast to his remarks last year on the legislation, in which he said that he did not want to include a provision that would preempt state and local civil rights laws in the bill he drafted with Senator Joseph Lieberman, D-Connecticut. The Democrats had control then, not now and Rick is just getting in touch with his inner self and raises another question on this issue, where does Jim Kolbe, Washington D.C.'s favorite Gay Republican Member of the U.S. House feel on the matter? Kolbe was an original sponsor of the bill and purportedly represents a city, Tucson, that has a twenty-five year old anti-discrimination ordinance on the books. So, how does he feel? Well Jim, are you going to sell GLBT Tucsonans and Richard Heakin's memory down the river, again?

In the U.S. House, the Democratic caucus chose Representative Nancy Pelosi of California as their leader. Republicans wasted no time calling her "a San Francisco liberal," and out of step with the rest of the country. Pelosi, in an interview, questioned the real message Republicans are sending when they harp on where she comes from and is elected to represent in the U.S. Congress. "When people say 'San Francisco liberal,' are they talking about protecting the environment, educating the American children, building economic success," she asked rhetorically. "No, they are talking about Gay people." "Well, I was brought up to believe that all people are God's children, and the last time I checked that included Gay people," she continued.

According to the mainstream media that actually picked up on this, the intent behind the use of the phrase wasn't disputed and the subtext is Gays, since they would have you believe that real men and women are Republicans and Gays and those type are Democrats. So where is our Department of Homeland Security? The Log Cabin Republicans, who are supposed to represent GLBT Americans in these times were busy selecting a new leader, someone who had an ill-fated bid for Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor, lasting a week longer than the acting GOP Governor who selected him to run, as a fourth or fifth choice, and haven't commented on these matters.

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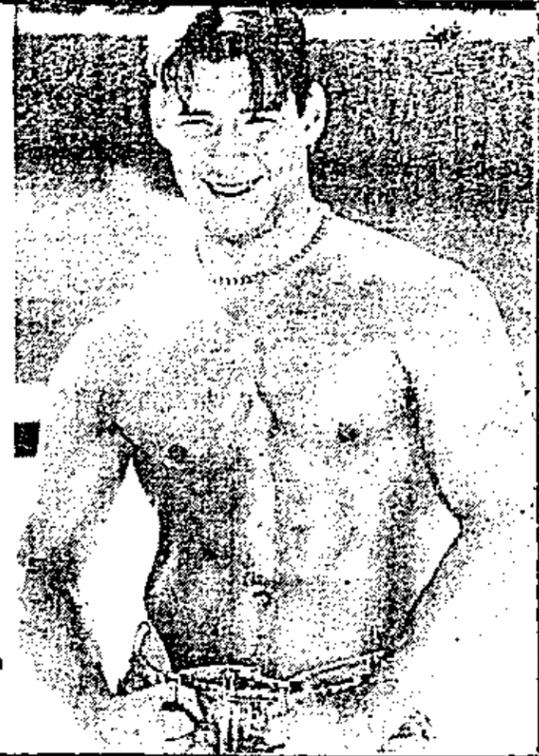
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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thom

Our most interesting idea in the realm of public art is our least well executed. It's the small islands in the middle of neighborhood intersections where someone has ineptly been attempting to commit art.

What they've in fact committed looks more like littering than art, but that doesn't mean the basic concept is flawed. (These islands are all over the place, but one typical example is at Spring and Martin, the intersection immediately northwest of Grant and Campbell.)

If neighborhoods hired real artists to do the art, they'd get something much better than the cheap, lousy, trashy projects they've so far completed. Real, permanent art by real artists in the intersections of out-of-the-way neighborhoods would be a surprising, charming, subtle, municipally enhancing GAS.

Moving from the sphere of the potential to that of the magnificently achieved, the mural on Broadway where it turns in to Congress or thereabouts gets my vote for the single best piece of Tucson public art. It photo-realistically depicts downtown street scenes from the middle of Tucson's 20th century, the vibrant bustle of the street life contrasting hauntingly with the ghostly glow of the project's medium, black and white tiles. The piece has a compelling immediacy and energy that calls out bravely, "We lived!"

The biggest failure of public art, and the one that the Pima Arts Council gets the most complaints about, is the Chinese red pagoda-looking thing in front of the main library, a busy fussy sculpture that looks like a giant knickknack whose design, in an appropriately shrunken down version, would be more appropriate to granny's shelves of travel souvenirs than the blown up version is to its present space.

Large scale public art, no matter how reviled when new, has a tendency to grow on the public over time. The fact that this giant geegaw has failed to win admirers over at least a couple decades raises an interesting question: How long must we live with this thing before the powers that be admit it was a mistake and dismantle it?

Jane Hallett of the Pima Arts Council informs me that a public work of art has never been removed in Tucson just because the public hates it. But she also says that there is an existing process the public can follow to rid itself of an awful piece of art. Here's a chance for some public spirited citizen to make a bit of Tucson history, to of an eyesore, and to win the affection of the whole community. We need a stalwart, perhaps an aspiring politician, to lead the charge. And if our hero needs to pass around a petition as part of the process, this art lover will happily sign it.

A sculptural ensemble that my out-of-town visitors have always enjoyed is the burnished unpainted metal grouping of a door and waves that lives on 22nd Street in Reid Park across from the McDonalds. The door and the doorway that supports it are monumental. The waves that surround it are small, too small for my taste.

One hardly notices the waves from outside the work. To appreciate them you

Tucson's Public Art

need to stand in the center of the grouping and walk around the giant doorway. The power of the piece derives in part from the contrast between the harsh angularity of the doorway and the soft smoothness of the waves.

The massive mosaics on I-10, from the time they were installed to the present, have always been criticized for being bland. The city got so touchy about it that, some years ago, a city official said, "They're supposed to be bland. If they weren't bland they'd cause accidents."

What the critics of these mildly pleasing works have failed to notice is their merry playfulness. Many of them have a childlike quality that certainly won't knock your socks off but may occasionally put a smile on your face. And that's saying a lot for highway art.

This town is full of public art. We've only looked at the tip of the tip of the iceberg.

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

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.

Orlando Council

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Orlando has been the subject of Christian radio shows in the area and elsewhere.

Although the vote was considered decisive, opponents are expected to continue challenging the council majority, and perhaps take legal action if the measure is confirmed.

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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The Sun wends its way from diabolical Scorpio into optimistic Sagittarius. Did I say optimistic? No sooner does the Sun shine in Sag than it collides with volcanic Pluto. Dreams and hopes either explode into reality or just explode. Read ahead to see if you eat the turkey or the turkey eats you. Hey, either way, cousin!

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams can take on the world when the brilliant Sun escapes into jolly Sag. But be careful not to bite off more than you can chew, tempting though it may be. Pluto conjuncts the Sun and turns cherry bombs into nuclear explosions. It's fine to want to change the global landscape but avoid a scorched earth policy. Detonate cherries in the comfort of your own home.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Sun in zesty Sag liberates more than a few Gay Bulls. Sexual heat is turned up high so set the oven on broil and see who eats. But be discerning in your choice of lovers, cousin; bruiser Pluto crushes the Sun and turns an ill conceived choice into the date from hell. Try instead to take the slow and cautious route, at least initially; Most of us prefer a slow and steady hand anyway.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Life centers around relationships. Queer Twins ache for a special mate and optimistic Sun in Sag enables you to connect with someone special. Remember though that as Pluto conjuncts with the Sun, passion may overshadow good Gay sense. Don't allow the naivete of generous Sagittarius lead you down a primrose path. All give and no take makes friendly Gemini a schmiel.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Work goes much easier when the Sun bursts into energetic Sag. Even onerous tasks go more smoothly. But be careful of climbing on that organizational treadmill unprepared, pink Crab; Pluto conjunct the Sun accelerates the speed from a jaunt to a dash. Also avoid overdoing it in the exercise department. You could overwork the wrong body part and who needs a slint jim?

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Sun in jolly Sag encourages proud Lions to tap into their Gay muse or hop on the train to Party Central. Hop on carefully, pal; powerful Pluto conjunct the Sun can toss you out at the next station. It would be a shame to trudge back home with your tail between your legs. However, if you approach fun things in life with a moderate outlook, who knows where your tail will wind up?

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Sun in happy Sag shines in your home life. Queer Virgins can plan a redecoration or renovation now when confidence and satisfaction is high. But beware Pluto conjunct the Sun; a minor home project could turn major. Knock down a wall and the ceiling could crash. This also goes for any latent family issues. Hold off on tete a tete until after the 10th. Then speak proudly.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Chatty Gay Libras find that their words have uncontrollable power and frankness when Sun enters Sagittarius and conjuncts Pluto. Sag energy is so unbridled you'll find that while you get your point across, it will be more like hitting someone with an anvil rather than your usual diplomatic feather duster. Heck, sometimes you have to shout it Out to get heard. (Avoid the extra Sag gas.)

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Think your finances are under control? Think again queer Scorp! Sun in Sag conjunct Pluto acts like a lunatic spendthrift wreaking jolly havoc with even the best laid balance sheet. Of course Sag plays hard and wins hard most of the time (and most of us like it like that). Don't risk more than you can comfortably afford to lose but also keep in mind that life is too short to skim.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

The jolly Sun in your own proud sign encourages Gay Archers to get Out there and make a name for themselves. However the Pluto/ Sun conjunction could give you the name "Schmuck". Avoid rushing into new things or exacting change just for the sake of change. If you decide to toss a birthday party extravaganza, I advise wearing clean underwear and washing your neck.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Sun in optimistic Sag conjunct Pluto catapults you Out of your dank closet, ready or not. The volcanic change may make you feel a little wobbly at first, but you'll soon regain your sea legs and set sail in the vast ocean of opportunity. Perhaps it's time to get involved with a great Gay charity or community cause. Pile up those good karma points in time for the new year.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aquarians find comfort and conviviality among good pals and affirming social groups. The Sun in friendly Sag makes your personal goals in sync with the group dynamic. But Pluto conjuncts the Sun now and can set you off in social circles that become engulfing whirlpools. Maybe it's time to reassess your position; Sag energy is liberating. Is it time to strike a new pose? Prone??

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Sun in frank Sag gives you a loud, proud opportunity to demand your professional due rewards. But weigh your words carefully before you bleat, Guppie. It would be a shame to get noticed by the big bosses for being an carp rather than a rainbow trout. Pluto shakes up the landscape. Who knows; you could wind up on top of the heap. Let's hope it's not the scrap heap.

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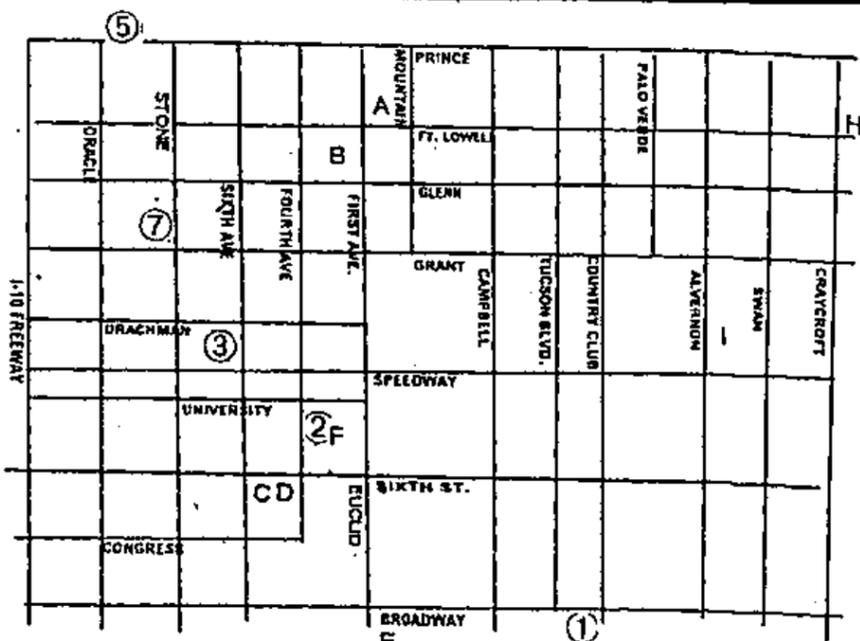
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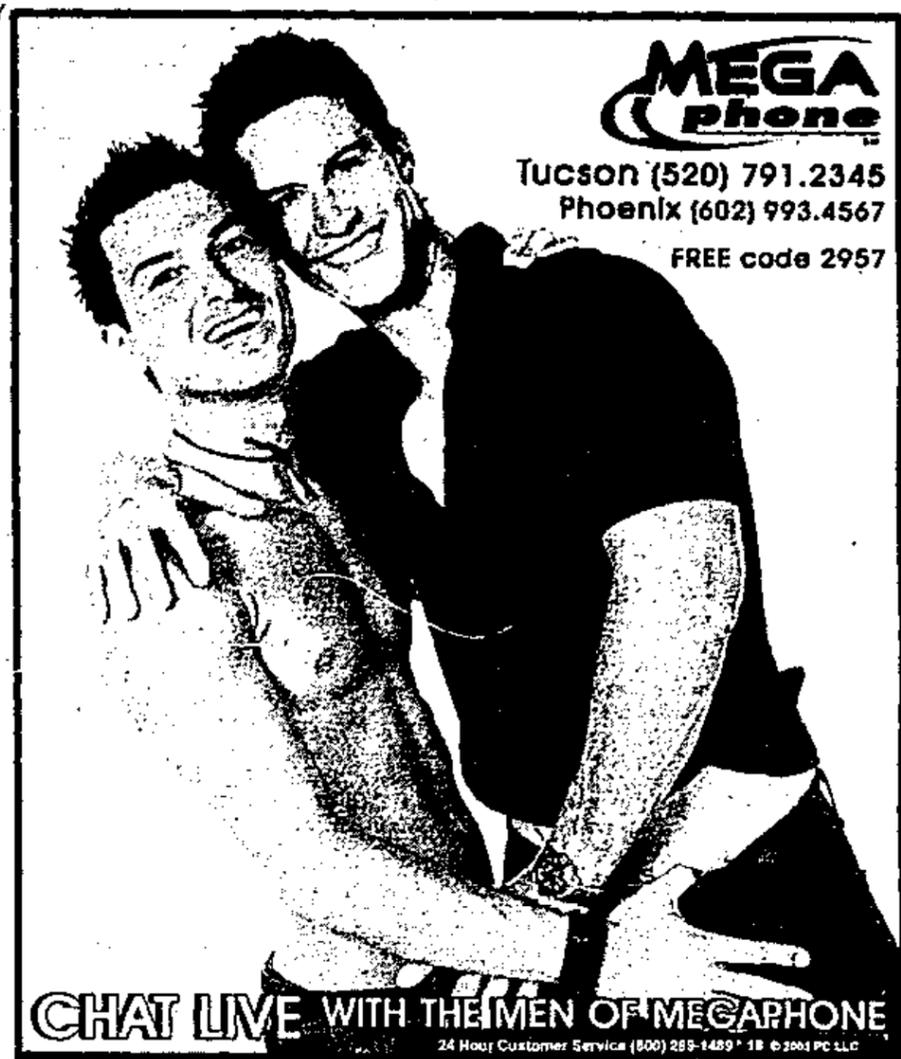
Life settled down for me, and I was less curious about the whys and more curious about living in the now and making friendships. Forging friendships that would last for a lifetime made a great deal of sense to me because I was now feeling a little older and more in need of something permanent and tangible.

After a while, there was a group of us that hung out together and we had good times. Through a friend in this group I met Greg. He was an Irish Italian man in his late twenties who had about two brain cells that you could rub together really hard once in a while if you needed an opinion out of him. Greg preferred the bookstores, though he rarely opened a book or did much reading if you know what I mean! His only claim to fame was that his dick was the size of a baby elephant's trunk, and he liked to show it off whenever he could (not excluding undercover policemen in public toilets, which happened quite often).

One day the tragedy began and reality took hold! Greg was in the hospital with advanced AIDS. We weren't dumb; we saw people getting sick and disappearing. We just didn't think it would enter our world. The veil of despair slowly started falling around our feet only to slowly climb up like a rapid-growing vine to our hearts. We went to the hospital to see our good friend and asked for his room number. I walked in and neither man in the two beds was Greg. We left the room and a man's voice called out, "Where are you two queens going?"

It was very hard to understand how an illness could so drastically change a person's appearance to the point where they were unrecognizable. He had lost so much weight and had become so gaunt. When the nurse came in, it was all she could do to keep from touching him. Greg told the nurse to relax; it wasn't like he was really sick, just here on a vacation for a little R&R. We said our good-byes from a distance to these hairless, 90 lbs. of bones wrapped carefully with skin like paper that clung like cheap Saran Wrap from a discount store. That was my last image of a dear friend. To be continued...

[Send your questions to Dr. X at gmhp@saaaf.org or mail them to SAAF/GM-HP, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ 85719. You can also check out Dr. X online at www.gmhp.org.]



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Public Trough	5.0	2.0
Itchy Balls	2.0	5.0
Team Sux	2.0	5.0
2 Dicks No Peter	2.0	5.0
Sofa King Sleazy	2.0	5.0
Mama's Boys	2.0	5.0
PseudoVirgins	0.0	7.0

SEASON ACHIEVEMENTS

High Average: Erick J., 206; JoAnn S., 172; ToledoDeJaneiro, 570.

High Series Scratch: Erick J., 749; JoAnn S., 609; ToledoDeJaneiro, 1838.

High Game Scratch: Erick J., 300; Heather H., 229; ToledoDeJaneiro, 674.

High Series Handicap: Jason B., 782; JoAnn S., 753; Sofa King Sleazy, 2143.

High Game Handicap: Erick J., 309; Heather H., 283; Mama's Boys, 788.

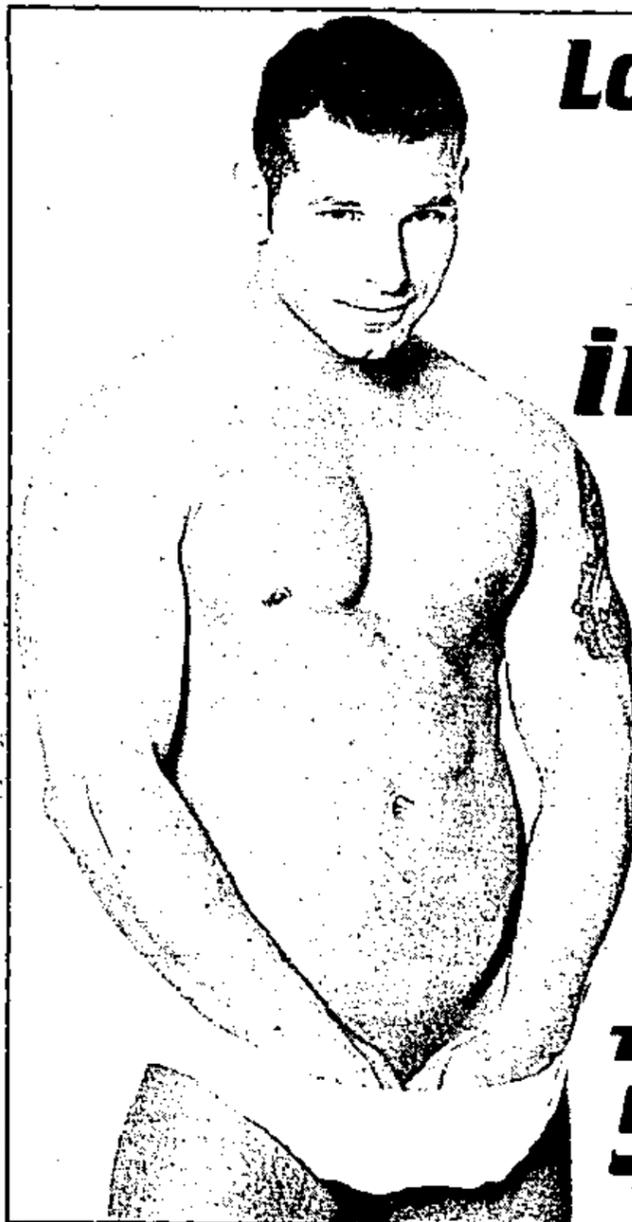
'Cutest Couple'

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parents," said Patricia Logue of Lambda Legal Defense and Education, a Gay legal and civil rights organization.

The girls have been dating since the beginning of the school year, according to classmates at Crete-Monee, which has an enrollment of about 1,500. They did not participate in the midmorning walkout and could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Voting for "cutest couple" and other senior class awards took place last month. The flap is not expected to delay publication of the yearbook in June.



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NON-BAR CALENDAR
GROUPS / CLUBS / ORGANIZATIONS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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 Bill at 297-3569.

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 2:00 p.m. You're invited to join your gay family for a traditional Potluck Thanksgiving. The main dishes are provided, and we ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share with others. For directions and reservations, please call Bill at 546-7539.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 5:00 p.m. The Annual Turkey Movie roars its ugly head again-and this year's lucky leftover is "Flesh Gordon", a wacky 70s lark off on the old Flash Gordon serials. For a good (bad) time, please call Les at 690-9565 for reservations and directions.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. As an antidote to our Turkey Movie, we offer a second helping of "Big Eden", a sweet & charming movie about love in unexpected places. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bill 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 Bill at 297-3569.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

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.

Southern Arizona Gender Alliance monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Join Steve for a relaxing Dinner Out at Stone Ashley. For reservations and directions, please call Steve at 794-5019.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Chris 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 Chris at 304-5814.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Tucson Stockmen, an offshoot of MSN, meet to talk about the stock market, and their continuing investment in it. For details, please call Carl at 331-4238.

Gender Outlaws, 7 PM, Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. All gender-friendly people welcome.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

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 Bill at 297-3569.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

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, DECEMBER 6

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Les and Jerry for the MSN premiere of "For A Lost Soldier", a coming of age story of a young boy during World War II. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

A Chanukah Extravaganza for Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgender Jews and friends. Latkes, Dreidel and other Chanukah revelry. 8:00 p.m. Bring a gift for whole elephant (something you already have, or spend \$10 or less). Call Meredith at 388-5531 for RSVP and location.

1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 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. Bill 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 Bill at 297-3569.

Native American Two-Spirit sweat lodge ceremony for men (including transmen), 3:00 p.m. Kuitatan@hotmail.com or EagleBeerBoyd@aol.com.

Namoli Bennet performance at the Epic Cafe, 4th Ave. at University, 8:00 p.m.

Bar Calendar
Of Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

THANKSGIVING DAY

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZ - The Biz will open at 6:00 p.m. today so their employees may enjoy their Thanksgiving with the families. Doors open at six today only with Karaoke starting at 9:00 pm. Drink specials are \$2.00 Kamikazes and \$1.00 Hot Sex shots all night.

IBTS - Will open at 7:00 pm; today. Retro Thanksgiving Dance Party. Escape and dance your ass off.

VENTURE-N - Opening early for Thanksgiving celebrants. 6:00 a.m.!! Traditional potluck Thanksgiving Buffet. Big Jim prepared the turkey and you bring a side dish or a dessert. See the bartender for more information.

WOODY'S - Will open at 7:00 p.m. this Thanksgiving Day.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZ - Hip Hop Night tonight. DJ Hill spins the best of Hip Hop from 9:00 pm. Till closing. \$1.00 Hot Sex Shots and \$2.75 Sex on the Beach drinks from 8:00 p.m. to closing. Shot specials every half hour. No Cover.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

IBTS - 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. Karaoke Party 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 PET WATCH. 9:00 p.m. Hot Dance & Post-Lucinda's Party. \$1.00 off all drinks 9:00 p.m. to Midnight. (Draft Beer excluded).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

IBTS 9:00 p.m. Divalicious Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Janee Starr, Faith Michaels and Stella Virgin.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

IBTS - Something new - "Buff and Bare Thursdays" 9:00 p.m. till closing. \$2.00 well or domestic Beer all night for Bare Chests.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

IBTS - "Sissy" Bingo 7:30 p.m. Watch for details.

FRI-SAT-SUN, DECEMBER 13-14-15

IBTS - Gay headquarters for the 4th Ave. Winter Street Fair.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

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.

Desert Girtz support group for transwomen and crossdressers, 7 PM, Wingspan

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Chris 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 Chris at 304-5814.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Perry hosts Bridge Night. If you're a beginner or an old pro, this is the place to meet for an evening of bridge for fun. For reservations and directions, please call Perry at 321-4387.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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 Bill at 297-3569.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

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, DECEMBER 13

December's Footloose Friday Dance starts at 8:00p.m. tonight. Water of Life MCC invites you all to bring your dancing shoes and kick up your heels at this chemical and alcohol free event. All are welcome to join the fun. For more information, call (520)292-9151.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

#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.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday Thursday

AIN'T NOBODYS 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.

IBTS - 10am-8pm \$1.75 Bloodys, Screws or Mimosas. Sangria Party \$2.50 from 4-1 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 w/DJ Dr. Who (Call for details). All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. 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. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin 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. Dinner and live Jazz 5-8pm. Kennel open daily at 5pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODYS 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.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Undie Monday- Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 8pm-close. Queer As Folk shown beginning at 8pm. Hot Dancing follows. 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 NOBODYS BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestic beer & well 2-7pm. Pool journey 7:30pm. \$3 entry, bar matches pot. Country music 9pm to close. \$2 bottled Bud products 8pm to close.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Tee's & Tattoo Nite, wear an IBTS T-shirt or IBT tattoo get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBTS T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nerdy 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 NOBODYS 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 8pm to close.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 9pm "Diva-Licious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HIRRG 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. Chill dogs or bowls \$1.

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

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 8-close, with \$2 Kamikazes and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBTS - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. Retro 80s Dance w/Jonathan Hi NRG dancing 9-1 AZ 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 NOBODYS 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.

IBTS - 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 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 Martinis \$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

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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 Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6547.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts: 325-8678 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 791-7876.

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 792-4807, Ed.398

Azdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail hyan@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, Desert Glitz (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.sol.com/sagaemail

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS Starting this February, the Tucson Rape Crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call 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 293-8824.

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 3rd Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3289 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@uswest.net.org

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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. 622-4626 or 750-8404.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4839 E. First Street. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2293. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

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

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

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8pm. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty. 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 575-8650 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 850-4613, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL. For information on human services 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 - 328-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 psychological 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), 8:00 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@gpplcc.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

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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.bolop.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 GAYAL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Blue 581-8850 or Ronn 958-2384.

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

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-8768.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 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 689-7298.

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 Family! 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 8:30 to 9:30pm at Amory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 8th Ave. Call 791-9662.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3289 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 690-8565 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 299-8647.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games 2002, contact TEAMARIZONA 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 629-7233.

THE MEN'S MESSAGE 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 618-8438 for more info.

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. (Formerly Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance - TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at 845 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. 694-7063.

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDDISTS - 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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