

GLBT Participates In TPD Focus Group

TUCSON (ON) - More than a dozen members of Tucson's GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender) community participated in a focus group for the strategic planning of the Tucson Police Department (TPD).

This was one of many meetings held over the past couple of months, with many ethnic and social groups. It was conducted by the Institute of Law and Justice, a Alexandria, Virginia based firm. With all the information compiled from these meetings, the Institute will devise a strategic plan for TPD to follow, for the next 5 to 10 years, pending Mayor and Council approval.

Two questions were posed during the meeting.

What does TPD of the future look like, and what can TPD do for your community better in the future?

Many concerns were raised about the Gay, Lesbian and the Transgender community and how the police deals with them, especially stopping Transgendered individuals. Ways to foster better relationships were discussed and the majority of those present felt that TPD needs to spend funds to do an outreach to the GLBT community.

The second question posed was what can your particular community do to support TPD in the future?

Helping to develop a protocol to help TPD deal with Gay and Lesbian domestic violence issues and starting a dialogic with the Transgender community, was the consensus opinion.

The focus group was moderated by two people from the Institute. Many participants said the two "created a safe place for participation without the fear of reprisal."

No On Knight Campaign In Home Stretch

LOS ANGELES, CA - No on Knight, the campaign opposing Proposition 22, was among those honored for outstanding leadership in the Gay and Lesbian community at the Human Rights Campaign's (HRC) annual fund raising dinner.

The event raised \$330,000 in "pass-the-hat" style contributions toward the defeat of California's anti-Gay Prop 22 on March 7. The black tie dinner was attended by over 1,000 community members, leaders, and supporters. HRC is the largest Gay and Lesbian political organization in the county.

Tipper Gore, actress Sharon Stone, and NBC and its hit sitcom Will and Grace were also honored for their service to the Gay and Lesbian community. Gore reiterated her and Vice President Al Gore's early opposition to the Knight Initiative. Stone raised \$16,000 for No on Knight by auctioning off the designer coat she wore and was presented with an HRC service award from actresses Ellen Degeneres and Anne Heche. Other highlights of the dinner included an impassioned speech against Prop 22 by Judy Shepard, mother of slain Gay Wyoming student Matthew Shepard and addresses by both HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch and HRC Board Member and event Co-Chair Barry Karas.

"HRC's leadership on this issue has been spectacular. Their efforts in organizing this event, along with their tireless support throughout the campaign, have been invaluable. This support has fueled an amazing energy for us," said No on Knight Campaign Manager Mike Marshall. "We're thrilled that HRC has presented us with such a prestigious award while helping us reach our fund raising goal in the final days before March 7," added Marshall.

Despite reaching their fund raising goal, the No on Knight campaign is facing tough odds, since Most California voters continue to support a March 7 ballot initiative which would ban legal recognition of same-sex marriages, shrugging off efforts by Gay activists to depict the measure as unnecessary, discriminatory and divisive.

A poll released this week showed 55 percent of voters approved Prop. 22, the so-called "Knight Initiative" while 38 percent opposed the measure, and seven percent were undecided, the poll showed.

The numbers were little changed since polling on the measure began in October, indicating that most voters have made up their minds on the subject, public opinion experts said.

"The numbers have been remarkably stable," Mark Baldassare of the Public Policy Institute of California said.

"California, if anything, is more liberal than the nation on Gay marriage, but it's not ready at this point to support Gay

marriage."

The poll, conducted by Research 2000 of Rockville, Maryland between Feb 21-23, questioned 650 registered California voters and had a margin of error of plus or minus four percentage points.

About 30 other states have enacted similar laws since Hawaii almost legalized Gay marriage in the early 1990s.

In California, Gay activists have portrayed the initiative as an attempt to promote anti-Gay discrimination and a conservative religious agenda, pointing to fund-raising efforts spearheaded by Mormon and Roman Catholic church organizations.

Proponents of the measure say it is intended to protect the traditional institution of marriage, and argue that, as a states rights issue, California should not open itself to dictates from courts in other states on what constitutes a legal marriage.

The battle took on a personal note in October when Knight's openly-Gay son David wrote an editorial in the Los Angeles implying that his father's drive to forbid Gay marriage was motivated by a failure to accept his son's homosexuality. Both sides plan on stepping up their television advertising ahead of the March 7 vote, seeking to sway the few Californians who have yet to make up their minds on the subject.

But with polls showing a consistent 5-to-4 margin in support of the measure, observers say it looks increasingly likely that on March 7 California will soon join those states with official bans on Gay marriage.

"I don't think attitudes toward Gay marriage will change within a week," Baldassare said.

Milk's Shop Nominated To Be A S.F. Landmark

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The Castro Street camera shop run by Gay activist Harvey Milk was nominated as a city landmark by the San Francisco planning commission.

The recommendation goes to the city's board of supervisors and Mayor Willie Brown for approval. If the bill is approved, Milk's shop would become the 227th official city landmark, joining the Golden Gate Bridge and Mission Dolores. During the five years that Milk held the lease on the shop, in the early 1970s, it served as the base for his political campaigns and as a de facto community center for the Castro neighborhood. The ground-floor storefront that Milk occupied in the late-19th-century wood-frame building was "an epicenter for a movement,"

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NY Times Slams Bush Over Bigotry

NEW YORK, NY - The New York Times published a stinging editorial, harshly critical of Texas Gov. George W. Bush's handling of his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination and strongly questioning whether he deserves the support of Republican voters in the state -- and the nation.

The newspaper notes that when Governor Bush won the early support of New York Gov. George Pataki and New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, he presented himself as a moderate who could make electoral inroads with women and minorities -- appeals he has since abandoned in his reckless and near-sighted embrace of the right.

While Pataki and Giuliani both officially condemn the racist and anti-Catholic philosophy of Bob Jones University, where Governor Bush launched his campaign in South Carolina, neither has faulted the candidate for the noxious air this gives Bush's candidacy as he heads north.

The editorial notes, further, that Bush's stubborn refusal to meet with Gay Republicans is further evidence of his pandering to the far right wing of the GOP and runs afoul of what the paper says are Gov. Pataki's and Mayor Giuliani's "excellent" records on Gay rights.

Editors say Bush has cavorted so openly "with bigotry of various sorts" that his New York supporters cannot shrug off the burden of explaining to New York voters why they should give such a candidate their support.

Meanwhile, it was reported today that Gov. Bush has almost exhausted his formidable \$70 million war chest, having

spent \$60 million compared to Arizona Sen. John McCain's \$8 million for a total of 57 delegates out of a total of 1,034. McCain is in the lead currently with 95 delegates.

Senior Bush fund-raisers complained to the newspaper that they were especially upset by the decision to spend \$2 million in McCain's home state of Arizona. "We spent \$2 million and McCain spent zero and we lost by 26 points," a long-time Republican fund-raiser told The Times. "It's embarrassing and it's a complete waste."

Harlem Fears Serial Killer Of Gay Men

NEW YORK, NY - Residents of Central Harlem are shaken and angry over a series of unsolved Gay murders that have plagued their neighborhood since 1997.

Residents and politicians complain that despite a marked similarity in the victims' profiles and in the murders themselves, police have yet to come up with any substantive leads. Relations between black city residents and the police are strained enough, say critics, without what many neighborhood residents see as a fruitless and flat-footed response from the New York Police Department.

The NYPD "has unfortunately been slow to act to put all necessary resources on this case," complained State Senator Thomas Duane, New York City's highest-ranking openly Gay politician.

"The Manhattan North task force should have been assigned to this case right

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UPDATE

SAAF Offers Workshop For People Affected By HIV/AIDS March 10-12

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) offers PLUS (Positive Living for Us Seminar), March 10-12.

PLUS is a weekend of educational workshops, empowerment, and celebration for those affected by HIV/AIDS. The seminar is free and open to anyone whose life has been touched by HIV/AIDS. Participants must register by calling Artt at SAAF, (520) 628-7223. PLUS opens March 10, 6:00 P.M., with dinner, an inspiring address by counselor Linda Sherwood, and African drumming and dancing led by the extraordinary teacher and dancer, Eno Washington.

The spirit of celebration and empowerment is carried through the workshops Saturday and Sunday. Workshops include Eastern Approach to Wellness, Affordable Nutrition, Acupuncture Detox, Eroticizing Safer Sex, Reflexology, Navigating Managed Care, Women and HIV, an open forum with Dr. Neal Ampel. Presenters include licensed acupuncturist Maryann Tully, author Michael Mooney, therapist Pamela Stevens, and Dr. Kelly Vollmer. Morning refreshments, lunch, hor d'oeuvres, receiving acupuncture, massage and listening to good music will be offered.

PLUS seminars began in Los Angeles in 1987, and became a regular program of the Los Angeles Shanti, an organization offering emotional support to people with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. Seminars are offered by other AIDS service organizations across the country.

For more information, please call Artt at SAAF, (520) 628-7223.

Green Beers And Queers In Flagstaff

FLAGSTAFF - A St. Patrick's Day Dance, "Green Beers and Queers," will take place Friday, March 17, at the Little America Hotel, 2515 E. Butler Ave.,

The dance will take place from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., and the cost is \$5. All ages are welcome, cash bar for those 21 and older. DJ, raffles and much more will be offered.

For more information, call (520) 522-7894.

MCC To Hold Ash Wednesday Service

TUCSON - Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) will hold its annual Ash Wednesday service on March 8, 7:00 PM.

According to Rev. Joyce Cook, Pastor of Water of Life, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the church's Season of Lent, and looks forward to the celebration of Easter. The Ash Wednesday Service will feature traditional hymns, a homily, and time for personal reflection and meditation.

The church meets at 3269 N. Mountain Ave (just north of Fort Lowell Road). For additional information on Water of Life MCC or any of the church's services and activities, contact the church office at (520) 292-9151, or by e-mail at WOLMCC@aol.com. All activities are open to the public.

Gay Spirit Conference 2000 Seeks Papers

LOS ANGELES, CA - Tumescence and the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center will jointly sponsor a day of personal, community, and spiritual renewal Saturday, May 20. This day-long conference, which will feature workshops, performance, and lectures, will take place at the Village.

Papers dealing with Gay Spirit are solicited for review to be presented in afternoon sessions. Subjects may include Western, Eastern and Native American people's spiritual beliefs and their relevance to Gay men. Papers related to myth, personal and community renewal, Shamanism, and soul making are also welcome. Deadline for submission of papers is April 15.

This day of Gay soul making will feature speakers including Mark Thompson, author of "Gay, Spirit, Myth and Meaning," Will Roscoe, author of "Changing Ones," and Christian de la Huerta, founder of Q-Spirit, and author of Coming Out Spiritually. An evening performance based on the work of visionary Gay poet Walt Whitman will be presented by acclaimed actor, David Cohen. Dr. Don Kilhefner will moderate the conference.

For more information, call (323) 735-5092.

TIHAN Seeks Volunteer Office Help

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) is seeking volunteers to help in the administration office, with the many tasks needing to be done on an ongoing basis.

TIHAN needs volunteers for the following times: Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. People with phone skills, general office experience (copy, mailings, computer), maintaining library (periodicals, books and videos), web site maintenance, plus getting office supplies are welcomed with open arms at TIHAN, a wonderful working environment.

For more information, call Jim and TIHAN, (520) 299-6647, Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

TKO Update:

This past Saturday found TKO member's not only working their monthly beer bust, but they also had a car wash (six hours), candy sales (two boxes), t-shirt sale, and finally sloppy joe sandwiches. It was a fun day and the club thanks all those who supported it.

Now get ready for their popular "Body Wash," coming during the Venture-N's Hides of March, on Saturday starting at 2:00 p.m. Later that evening, starting at 9:30 p.m., some of the finest Owls will be appearing on stage as "the Village People."

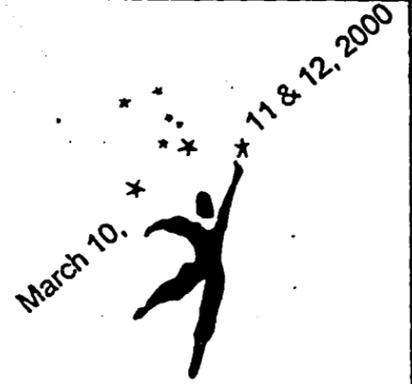
Just a little reminder, the 20th Spring Fling is just around the corner, so you had better get your applications filled out and turned in soon. Due to the size of the tent/RV city at Gammons Gulch, space is only available for the first 75 people. Applications are located on the inside wall at the Venture-N.

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planning commissioner Beverly Mills said.

After a couple of failed attempts, Milk was elected to the board of supervisors in 1977, but a year later he was assassinated along with Mayor George Moscone by ex-supervisor Dan White. "There aren't many Gay monuments in the world," neighborhood historian Trevor Hailey said. "For so long we weren't included in history. Now that we are visible, it's important that we are able to mark a historical spot."



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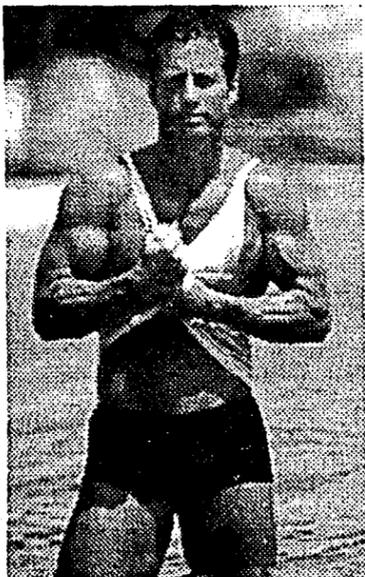
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SEATTLE, WA - "It's amazing how much power is in just a few words of hope." Marc Adams is talking about his work with HeartStrong, Inc., a non-profit organization he founded with his partner of twelve years, Todd Tuttle.

"When I was coming to terms with my homosexuality, I was 19 and a senior at Jerry Falwell's Liberty University," Adams continues. "I attended conservative religious schools my entire life. I found nothing there but disdain and pain for myself and those who were like me. I watched dozens of my friends and fellow students fall victim to administrative-driven witch hunts and endure horrendous outings."

It was these incidents and the knowledge of the millions of other students at religious schools that prodded Adams and Tuttle to found HeartStrong, Inc., in 1998. It is an outreach which has grown to provide hope and guidance to hundreds of students at conservative religious schools and colleges throughout the United States.

"I attended these types of schools from 5th grade through high school graduation and I attended Jerry Falwell's Liberty University for 3 1/2 years," Adams reflects. "The harsh disciplinary and anti-homosexual environments in the schools I attended were not even close to representing the horrors that others have undergone at many of these schools, colleges and universities."

"We feel strongly that we were meant to begin this work of reaching out to struggling and suffering GLBT students at these schools," says Tuttle. "How could we turn our backs on the thousands of young people trapped emotionally and physically in these environments?"

It is those experiences and Adams and Tuttle's discovery two years ago that no one was even attempting to focus on reaching Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered students at conservative religious schools, that led them to form HeartStrong, Inc. It is now a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization governed by a board of others who have attended similar institutions.

Referred to as 'two of the most important men in America,' Adams and Tuttle have driven over 129,000 miles in the past two years, sharing their personal stories, raising awareness about HeartStrong, Inc., and doing outreach work to students who are or have attended conservative religious schools. It is the most extensive and durable grassroots outreach in the history of the Gay rights movement.

"Our message is simple," Tuttle states, "We want everyone who is or has gone through these schools to know that they are not alone. And that there are people reaching for them who can speak their language. There is hope, love and happiness in life."

"Our responsibility," Adams adds, "is to make that message and HeartStrong, Inc., as accessible as possible to those who need to hear the message. We have made the commitment to make sure we reach as many folks as possible."

Adams and Tuttle continue their road trip in 2000. Since January, 2000, the duo has traveled almost 5,500 miles continuing their efforts of outreach and education. Their journey in 2000 will take them through almost every state in the country.

Adams, a fundamentalist Baptist preacher's son, is the author of the Lambda Literary Award finalist and Silver Pen Award winning autobiography, *The Preacher's Son*. He has also published three poetry books, *Light*, *Still Water*, and *These Days*. Tuttle, a former fundamentalist Baptist minister, has authored the personal workshop, *Fundamentally Speaking: Fundamentalism's Segregation of America*. The couple has co-authored a new book entitled, *Not Invited: An Out Gay Couple's Exclusion from Heterosexual Privilege*.

Adams and Tuttle met and fell in love while students at Jerry Falwell's Liberty University. For more information about HeartStrong, Inc., visit their website at www.heartstrong.org. For more information about Adams and Tuttle's books and resources please visit www.windowbooks.com. Tax deductible donations may be made to HeartStrong, Inc., online at www.windowbooks.com/hsdonations.html. To subscribe to the quarterly newsletter for HeartStrong, Inc., please visit www.windowbooks.com/together.html.

Immune Response Improves With Drug In New Study

CARLSBAD, CA - Immune Response Corp. said a Thailand study of its Remune therapy stimulated an increase in a certain type of immune system cells used to measure the effectiveness of drugs to treat HIV.

Remune is an immune-based therapy composed of whole HIV particles that have been depleted of their gp120 viral coat proteins and inactivated to render them noninfectious. The immunostimulant is intended to treat HIV-infected individuals by preventing or delaying the progression of HIV to AIDS.

Carlsbad, Calif.-based Immune Response (IMNR) said a 40-week double blind placebo-controlled Phase II, or mid-stage dosing, clinical trial of Remune showed a statistically significant increase in CD4 helper T-cell counts in the treated group compared with the control group.

Immune Response said CD4 cell count is one of only two accepted, validated clinical markers for HIV infection, and that an increase in the count is associated with better clinical outcomes. The other marker is a decrease in viral load.

The 297 HIV-infected Thai patients in the study, like many HIV-infected people in Thailand, weren't taking antiviral drug therapy.

Remune may represent a treatment option in developing countries where access to antiviral drugs is limited, Immune Response quoted the principal investigator of the Thai Phase II clinical trial as saying.

Remune was inspired by the late Jonas Salk, who believed that a deactivated version of the AIDS virus might work much like the polio vaccine he developed in the 1950s. Previous studies have shown that Remune augments the response of certain types of T cells, which normally attack invading viruses but are destroyed by HIV.

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Gay Men's Health Project is a collaborative effort of Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), Pima County Health Dept., and Wingspan

Dr. Laura Controversy Continues

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - Michelangelo Signorile interviewed Joan Garry, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, on Saturday for GayBC radio, questioning the substance of GLAAD's truce with Paramount over the planned syndication of Laura Schlessinger's television program this fall.

Garry summarized GLAAD's 15 month involvement with Laura Schlessinger and her confrontational radio program, telling Signorile of the organization's close tabs on the the false, defamatory and one-sided characterizations Schlessinger presented to her listeners.

Garry recounted how GLAAD initiated several face-to-face meetings with Schlessinger, who unfortunately conceded no ground. Garry later described her as being "impervious to reason" and a letter-writing campaign followed.

Answering why the same tactics have not been used against Paramount, Garry said, "Our first goal was really to get to the table, have a conversation with them." Eight months before the show is put on the air, she said, GLAAD has been active in making sure "this show is shaped in a way that is balanced and shows opposing viewpoints."

Signorile asked why GLAAD has not demanded from the outset that Paramount not air the show. "Paramount would not be airing a show by someone who is blatantly racist or anti-Semitic and certainly the black community or the Jewish community would demand it not be aired," he said. "Why not demand that it not go on and why not create that pressure from the community?"

Garry dismissed suggestions made by Signorile that she was being soft on Paramount because she once worked for Showtime, another Viacom subsidiary like Paramount. He also noted GLAAD benefits from corporate sponsorships from the entertainment industry.

"I don't have any fear about going tough on Paramount," Garry said. "We are in the business of having effective strategies for change. And we see having a voice with Paramount and raising concerns before the show hits the air as a smart strategy."

She added the community has an "obligation and an opportunity" to convey community concerns and to shape the program in the right way and vowed that if there are problems with the show, "we will be the first people knocking on the door."

In other news: The Horizons Foundation, the nation's oldest Gay civil rights advocacy group, launched a national campaign on Thursday urging conservative radio show host Laura Schlessinger to cease her harsh attacks on Gay men and Lesbians.

Ads appearing in The Examiner, the San Francisco Chronicle and the Los Angeles Times say Schlessinger's descriptions of Gay people and practices as "deviant" and the result of "biological error" are based on discredited theories and are doing "real harm, to real people."

The ads feature a picture of a radio beneath the headline: "The problem with Dr. Laura's anti-Gay rhetoric is it doesn't stop even after you turn it off."

Acknowledging Schlessinger's right to express her views, an accompanying letter sent to the talk show host asked her to follow Jerry Falwell's example and

renounce statements that could provoke violence against members of the community.

The ads and the letter were signed by a diverse group of 78 rabbis, priests, ministers and religious directors, and Gay civil rights advocates, and more than 100 child welfare organizations, health and medical associations, civil rights and civil liberties groups.

"Our concern is that Dr. Laura is reaching 20 million people a day, day in, day out, with the message that Gays and Lesbians are deviant, that we are biological errors, that we can and should be cured," Peter Teague, Horizons executive director, said during a press conference.

"She issues an invitation to think of Gays and Lesbians as inferior, as less than human. As an adult I can decline that invitation; kids can't," Teague said. "Statistics speak for themselves about the impact those words have. It's extraordinary."

Teague reminded the room full of reporters of the extreme consequences faced by teens thought to be Gay or who are struggling to come to terms with their sexual orientation. Verbal harassment and physical violence breeds self-hatred and suicide.

"It's alarming. We have an obligation to say something about that," Teague said.

Schlessinger immediately went on the offensive at the top of her show Wednesday in a blistering attack on her critics. "Unless I have hallucinated, I have never made an anti-Gay commentary," she said. "I have made anti-Gay-activist-agenda commentaries."

She labeled the Horizons campaign as the "worst kind of intellectual dishonesty," she said the coalition was trying to "demonize me in an effort to help their political campaign against" Proposition 22, the anti-Gay-marriage initiative on California's March 7 ballot.

Rabbi Denise Eger, who signed on to the Horizon's protest letter, told the Chronicle that she when listens to Schlessinger on the radio, she is reminded of an ancient Hebrew teaching about the phenomenon of lashon harah -- or the "evil tongue" of gossip and slander.

"The belief is that lashon harah can be worse than murder because it is an assault with no end," said Eger, echoing the theme of the newspaper ad. "Dr. Laura ought to know that, if she's as religious and pious as she puts herself up to be."

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TUCSON - On Feb. 19, TIHAN (Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network) held their third annual "Treasures for TIHAN" event at St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church. The event featured more than 200 silent and live auction items donated by area business, local artists, and special friends. Over 250 patrons attended, leaving with many treasures, some at bargain prices, and contributing over \$14,000 to support the programs and services provided by TIHAN.

The \$14,000 raised makes this the most successful fund raising event in TIHAN's six-year history. This amount was more than double last year's total, and even exceeded the goal TIHAN set for this year's event.

The atmosphere was set with the sounds of the harpist, food from Janos, Cafe Terra Cotta, Daniel's, Le Bistro, and Native Cafe, along with wine donated by United Beverage Company. The gourmet hors d'oeuvres were served by the Pima College Culinary Arts Students, under the direction of chef, Barry Infuso. The excitement continued to build when Channel 9 brought

a crew for a live broadcast from the auction, on their 5:00 p.m. news.

Wonderful auction items, donated by Tucson's GLBT-friendly and HIV-friendly businesses and individuals, included gift certificates, paintings, jewelry, ceramics, glassworks, antiques and collectibles, gift baskets, celebrity items, tennis lessons, a round of golf, legal services, hair styling, massages, furniture, fairy dust(!), legal services, floral arrangements, a stay at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort (with spa passes), and much more.

Auction co-chairs Myron Morris and Bertie Lozano, auctioneer extraordinaire Dan Haslam, and committee members J.R. Silva, Andrew Alder, Debbie Tallevast, Kay Korn, Noel Matkin, and Lisa Winton, along with over 75 volunteers, worked hard to make the evening such a success in terms of enjoyment and in terms of the funds raised to support HIV-infected and HIV-affected persons in our community.

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VIEWPOINT by Paul S. Lotsof

Walkup: A Step Down For Tucson

What are your favorite things in life? Do you enjoy a good traffic snarl with cars backed up a mile? Do you delight in breathing exhaust fumes from the vehicle in front of you while you wait forever for the light to turn green? Do you enjoy waiting in long lines at the supermarket? Would you like to see your water bill double? Do you enjoy watching bulldozers plow over cactus plants that took a hundred years to grow?

If you answered yes to those questions, you undoubtedly are sympathetic with Arizona's powerful growth lobby. Real estate developers and construction companies have made untold billions of dollars by attracting newcomers to this state. Making billions more is the name of their game, and they have little concern for the quality of life for those of us who presently live here. Bring in more population, build more houses and more shopping malls. That's where the money is. To hell with the environment!

According to the January 26 issue of the Observer, Tucson's new mayor, Bob Walkup addressed a meeting of the Community Business Association whose members are predominantly Gay or Lesbian. That article says that Walkup thinks we need to do more to attract high paying high-tech jobs. The article continues, "All other goals he stated, more police, better schools, clean drinking water, less traffic tie ups, flow from the economic and tax base those jobs will provide."

On the surface, Walkup's line appears to make a lot of sense. We bring in the high paying jobs by luring big companies into Tucson. They pay top dollar to our workers and everyone benefits. That's a good theory but in practice it doesn't usually work that way. A typical scenario is that the high tech company decides to depart some congested and crime ridden suburb of Los Angeles or maybe Chicago. They offer their present workers the option of a severance package or moving to Tucson. Many employees will opt to relocate. When the company sets up shop here, they don't fill their remaining openings by taking workers off the unemployment lines. A much more likely possibility would be for the new firm to hire workers away from Raytheon. Raytheon then has more openings which they fill by advertising in Chi-

cago. The net effect is more population for Tucson.

The flaw in Walkup's argument for a better tax base is the simple fact that more population means more people demanding services from the tax base. Walkup's claim that importing high-tech jobs will result in less traffic tie-ups and more clean water is cockeyed logic at best. Walkup knows better than to think that more population will somehow result in more water or less traffic. Tucson's aversion to freeways will only aggravate the problem. During his election campaign, Walkup stated that he'd like to see Tucson continue to grow at its present pace. I wouldn't.

Although his stand on Gay issues is more enlightened than what normally comes from a Republican, Bob Walkup is a typical Republican on economic matters. He owes favors to wealthy real estate developers and the growth lobby. I'm proud that I didn't vote for him.

Harlem Fears Serial Killer Of Gay Men

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away. Violence and murder within the Gay and Lesbian and African-American communities," said Duane, "are still not always given the attention they deserve by 1 Police Plaza."

City Council member Bill Perkins also railed against the lack of coverage in the local media. "There has been no publicity whatsoever in any meaningful way about it, though we have been working with the police in terms of trying to get help," he said. Perkins has spoken repeatedly about "the connections that make it seem that there is a serial murderer out there."

All of the victims were black Gay men and were found dead of multiple stab wounds in their apartments. In at least two of the four cases, their telephones had been ripped out of the wall.

City Council member Christine Quinn said she is writing a letter to Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, asking that he formally announce a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and con-

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AS I SEE IT... BY CLARK



*ELIÁN GONZÁLES ANNOUNCING HIS
CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT IN 2032*

The 2000 presidential campaign, especially remarks made by Arizona Senator John McCain, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, reminded me of a quiz show, "To Tell the Truth."

The premise of that show was for a celebrity panel to find out who was the person they said they were, by asking questions of the three contestants, one real and two imposters. Before the questioning, the host would read a description of the person, such as:

"I, John McCain, was a combat pilot who served in Vietnam. I served, as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Arizona. In 1986, I was elected to the U.S. Senate, representing Arizona and have served there since. Currently, I am running for the 2000 Republican presidential nomination"

Then the game starts.

Contestant #1, "Did you have a meeting in November 1999 with the Log Cabin Republicans?" McCain had a half-hour meeting with the national Gay organization in my office on Capitol Hill. Many issues were discussed, including Gay-related legislation, anti Gay violence, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," and AIDS funding,

Contestant #2, "Did you slam Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson in an address in Virginia Beach, Virginia, the home of the Christian Coalition?" In his speech, McCain said, "Neither party, should be defined by pandering to the outer reaches of American politics and the agents of intolerance, whether they be Louis Farrakhan or Al Sharpton on the left or Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell on the right."

Contestant #3, "How did you vote on Gay and Lesbian legislation?" McCain

POLITICS 2000
by Mark R. Kerr

"So, Will The Real John McCain Please Stand Up?"

voted in favor of the Defense of Marriage Act, opposed adding sexual orientation to the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, and opposed the Employment Non Discrimination Act.

Contestant #1, At a campaign forum in Hanover, New Hampshire, you were asked, "Why would someone Gay vote for you?" and about remarks made by Sen. Trent Lott, R-MS. McCain said "We're the party of Abe Lincoln and will not tolerate discrimination." Regarding Lott's remarks, the Arizona senator said, "I don't believe in discrimination of any kind."

Contestant #2, "During this presidential campaign, have you received endorsement from former Republican presidential candidates?" Anti-Gay activist, Gary Bauer, the former head of the homophobic Family Research Council endorsed McCain during the South Carolina primary. According to a press release, and from the McCain web site, the Arizona senator was both "overjoyed and honored," to get Bauer's support. During the South Carolina primary campaign, McCain declared that homosexuality was a "lifestyle he does not approve of."

Contestant #3, "Have you appeared on the Sunday morning political talk programs during the campaign?" On the ABC news program, "This Week," host Cokie Roberts asked McCain why in 1996 he voted against Employment Non Discrimi-

nation Act (ENDA), which would have banned employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.

At first McCain seemed unsure of what Roberts was referring to. "I'm not still clear what you're talking about in that vote," McCain responded. "But I am, it is clear that I have opposed discrimination of any kind and I have actively worked against it."

When pressed further and made aware that Roberts was talking about ENDA, which had been voted down in the Senate, by 50 to 49, McCain defended his vote. "I don't believe that they belong in a special category. I think that the present laws that clearly prevent discrimination of any kind certainly applies to Gays and homosexuals as well, that's why I voted the way I did. I think that enforcement of existing law could work rather than passing special laws for special categories of people."

Would, the meeting would the Log Cabin Republicans change McCain's anti Gay stands? Howard Opinsky, McCain campaign spokesperson, immediately replied, "No."

Contestant #1, "Do you have openly Gay Republican elected officials on your campaign staff?" McCain has three, Congressman Jim Kolbe, Tempe Mayor Neil Giuliano, and state Representative Steve

May.

Contestant #2, "Do you have any further comment on your meeting with the Log Cabin Republicans?" During a campaign stop in California, McCain said he had met with the Gay and Lesbian Republican group, according to the Arizona senator, "even though I certainly don't accept their whole agenda."

Contestant #3, "Did you have a position on the California ballot initiative to deny legal recognition to same-gender marriages another state may someday perform?" On February 24, McCain campaign out in support of the Knight initiative, after sending out mixed signals.

During a press conference in Sacramento, minutes after saying "he would not vote for it," McCain opened with a statement on the matter.

"I understood the question to be as to whether I would vote to legalize Gay marriage. I would not and I would vote for Proposition 22," adding, "this is consistent with my position in opposition to same sex marriage." McCain went on to note that he voted in favor of the "Defense of Marriage Act," in 1996.

So will the real John McCain please stand up? ...

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Broadway music is always a popular part of Reveille's repertoire, and this concert will provide an evening of fun and high energy for all! Join the chorus either Friday, March 10, or Saturday, March 11 at 8 PM for some great musical entertainment.

Tickets for this concert may be obtained from any of the 50 members of Reveille Gay Men's Chorus; at Antigone's Books on 4th Ave; at Tucson Trunk, River and Craycroft; or the PCC College Center for the Arts Box Office. Tickets can also be purchased by calling the Chorus Hotline at (520) 617-3100. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, \$10 for seniors/students, and \$8.50 for children.

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PERSPECTIVE

What's At Stake In The March 7 Elections?

By Virginia M. Apuzzo

On March 7, voters in 11 states will cast ballots in presidential primaries and voters in another five states will participate in party caucuses.

Unless you're out in the wilderness without electricity or cable TV, you know there's a contested race for president in both the Democratic and Republican primaries. We face a critical choice that will affect our country for years to come. But what else is on the ballot? Why is your vote important?

Put that question to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community in Ferndale, Michigan and you'd likely get an earful.

On Tuesday, Feb. 22 - the day more than a million Michigan voters went to the polls to choose between Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Arizona Senator John McCain - voters in Ferndale were also deciding the fate of an ordinance that could have outlawed discrimination based on sexual orientation.

That ordinance failed, 51 percent to 49 percent - by a margin of 114 votes. On a day when an electorate that leaned Republican went to the polls, the fate of a minority community was decided by those who took a few minutes to vote. That is harsh. It is also reflective of a political

reality: those who vote get to make the rules.

Even though most voters who cast ballots on March 7 won't be deciding ballot measures like Ferndale's and many won't be voting in legislative races, there sure is a lot at stake. The truth is that we will not control our own destiny - and pass the hate crimes bills, repeal the sodomy statutes that criminalize loving relationships and enact anti-discrimination ordinances - unless and until we marshal our political power. And we do that by voting.

First, the obvious. If you live in California, you know about the Knight Initiative, or Proposition 22. That's the ballot measure aimed at preventing the state of California from recognizing marriages performed in other states.

California also has some critically important races for California Senate, California Assembly and San Diego city council. Four candidates identified by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund include Sheila Kuehl of Los Angeles, who is running to be California's first openly Gay or Lesbian state senator, Jackie Goldberg of Los Angeles and Christine Kehoe of San Diego, who are running for the California Assembly; and Toni Atkins, who is seeking a seat on the San Diego City Council.

Beyond California? If you live in Idaho, Minnesota, Missouri or Massachusetts, you live in a state where either same-sex or opposite-sex sodomy is illegal. And you're having a primary or a caucus on March 7.

If you live in Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Maryland, New York, North Dakota or Ohio, you live in a state that does not have a strong hate crimes law inclusive of sexual orientation. And you're having a primary or caucus on March 7.

If you live in Georgia, Idaho, Maine, Maryland, Missouri, New York, North Dakota, Ohio or Washington, you live in a state where you can be fired, denied housing and denied public accommodations just for being Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgendered. And you're having a primary or caucus on March 7.

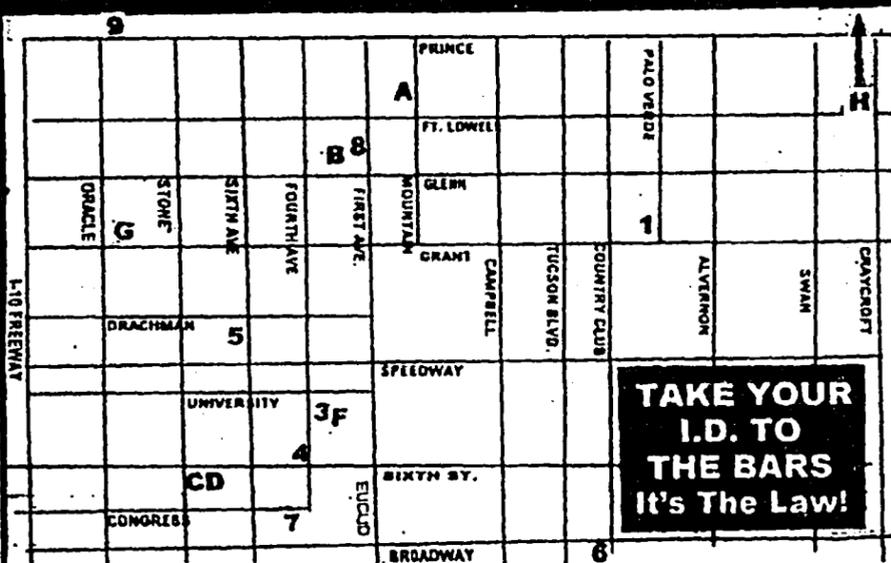
Voting on March 7 won't, in a day, undo those legal and legislative wrongs that have been enacted against our GLBT community. But it's a first step. It's an important step. It's a step that demonstrates GLBT visibility to the world and makes political leaders take notice that we are a powerful, emerging electorate and we are here to stay.

The next step is to return to the polls on Nov. 7 and finish the job - by electing state and federal lawmakers that will repeal discriminatory laws and enact new ones that will move us closer to that "more perfect Union."

Still wondering if your vote really counts? Just ask the folks of Ferndale, Michigan.

[Virginia Apuzzo served as the Assistant to the President for Administration and Management from 1997 to 1999. She was the highest-ranking Gay or Lesbian official in the White House. Today, Apuzzo fills the Virginia Apuzzo Chair for Leadership in Public Policy at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute. NGLTF recently published "Out and Voting II: The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Vote in Congressional Elections, 1990-1998."]

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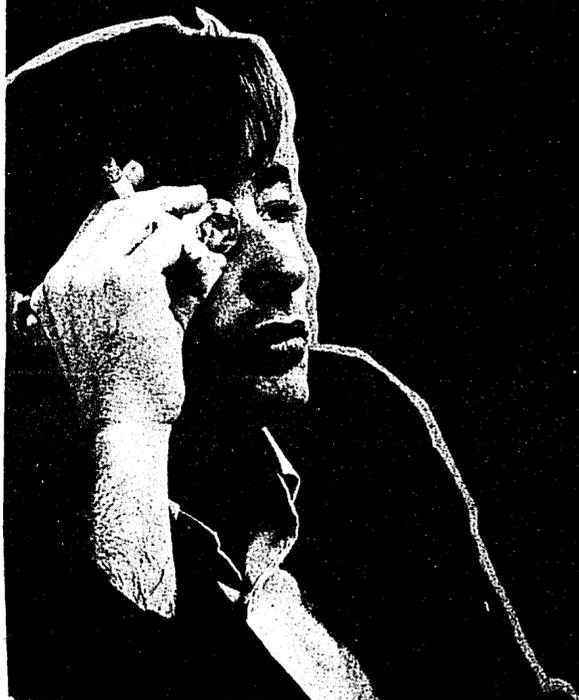
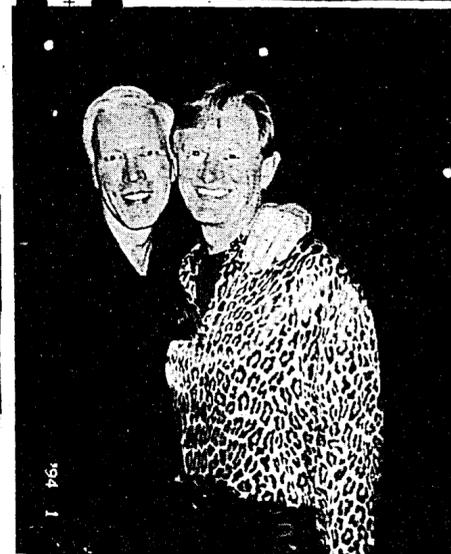
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Although they always say "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb", don't believe it compadres. You better believe that, with the Sun moving from mystical Pisces into pioneering Aries on the 21st, March comes out loud, proud and rambunctious, as we all should. Amen!

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Use this affirming time to strategize and revitalize all projects that will help you leave your mark on the world. It's time to consult spiritual advisors (ahem...) and meditate on what hidden obstacles are holding you back from success. Then, in true Gay Rambo fashion, pick up the lavender gauntlet and charge ahead. Ho, ho! Others better get out of the way... and fast.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Friends provide the support you need to deal with major career changes. Thank goodness that proud Bulls are fairly stable folk because as Mars makes a move into your own sign on the 24th, you will reevaluate long held views on professional goals as they impact the true lavender you. Have you built your house of cards on pretense? Expect a stale wind.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

A warm Sun shines on professional aspirations through the 21st. Work quickly so your best ideas and opinions find their way to the right authoritative ears. The secret is of course to balance career with the needs of pals and partners. Expect transformative changes for all pink Twins in some one-to-one relationships. You can't live with 'em and you can't live without 'em!

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Even sheltered Gay Crabs need to poke their heads out of their shells every so often for a breath of fresh air. This is the time. Get out there and see the world before the 21st. If funds are tight, improvise escape with a foreign film and an exotic dinner. After the 21st you'll strive for changes in your career. Mars suggests that you get some inspiration from unlikely sources.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Lions feast from the sexual buffet in early March. Chew well, cousin. The Sun highlights intimacy on both a physical and emotional level while Mars revs up your engines for self-motivated changes in your career after the 24th. All this wild activity impacts partnerships so expect a trip to the moon on gossamer wings. Okay, okay, a trip to the corner bar.

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AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

If you thought work was boringly predictable, think again dear queer Virgin. Both Uranus and Neptune conspire to throw you into a tailspin on the job. Be philosophical; sometimes it's good to throw a Molotov into the meeting. Who knows, once the dust settles, you may emerge as the benevolent dictator to clean out the company dead wood. Yeah, keep dreamin'!

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Gay Libras can focus efforts on health-related projects with great success before the 21st. Your energy level is high and mind focused and you can accomplish a great deal with relatively little stress and strain. Fun on the other hand has its ups and downs. Just when you thought it was safe to dive in, someone drained the pool. Never fear, a buff lifeguard is there to revive you.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Early March will have you swaying to the music, feasting lavishly on sweets and partying up a storm but just wait. After the 21st you will stow those party favors and focus on the job at hand. Use the latter part of March to rack up those weights and to eat sensibly. Partners will notice the difference after the 24th, thanks to sexy Mars. Show them something swell, pink Scorp.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Gay Archers must grapple with home related issues in early March. The Sun and Pluto both insist that great changes and modifications continue apace for you in the basic areas of your life; What you value, how you communicate and how you even appear to others are due for an overhaul. Will the world see a brand new you next year at this time? Who knows?

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Serious, conservative queer Caps happily run at the mouth this March. Pluto is in the process of cleaning out your cosmic closet and it will feel like a weight has been lifted off your shoulders. Tell the world; The Sun gives you a microphone to blast the good news to the cosmos. Talk quickly, cousin; after the 24th, you'll prefer to park your pink patoot in front of the tube.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Surprises are in store for all Aquecrians who are planning a big coming out party. Feisty Uranus drops a water bomb on your best laid plans, but don't panic. The Sun is there to dry you off and keep you strong, steady and always in fashion. You have the composed wherewithal to keep on dancin' to the beat even as the planets splish and splash. Show 'em how its done in style!

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Prepare for a special delivery of self confidence before the 21st as the shining Sun enhances your public persona and brings you into the limelight. It may seem that rainbow Fish can do no wrong so get out there and show the world what you are all about. You say all the right things after Mars makes its move on the 24th. Better not say anything profound before then!

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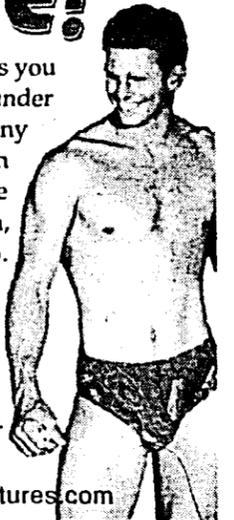
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Columna Abierta by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¿Qué tal?, esperando que haya disfrutado de "La Fiesta de los Vaqueros" en su versión 75, ya que de verdad es un evento que a sido de gran tradición en este viejo presidio y que se mantiene tal tradición con el nombre original ya que desde su inicio se le ha llamado así: "La fiesta de los Vaqueros", y se puede apreciar amistad y camaradería entre toda la gente que de una forma u otra participa, sobre todo en el desfile no motorizado más grande del mundo...

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High Game Handicap - Pappy-n-the-Youngin's, 747; Heather H., 291; Erick J., 310.

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DEAR FRIENDS IN THE COMMUNITY:

I just want take this opportunity to congratulate Tori Steele, Miss Gay Tucson/America 2000, for a fabulous reign. All of us at TIHAN greatly appreciate the money that you raised to support those we serve. And we also appreciate the fabulous performances you treated us to over the past year.

We want to extend our congratulations also to Bunny FuFu, Miss Gay Tucson/America 2001, and to all the contestants and everyone who made the pageant a success.

With love,
Scott Blades
Executive Director
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En la edición pasada de esta Columna Abierta, escribi en relación a: la Transmisión del VIH/SIDA en niños; y recibí una llamada de una señora donde me pregunta (entre otras cosas), ¿Cómo se sabe cuando un bebe esta infectado?. El diagnóstico de SIDA pediátrico en neonatos (recién nacidos) es complicado, ya que sólo hasta aproximadamente los 18 meses del nacimiento de un niño o niña nacida de una madre infectada presenta anticuerpos contra el virus.

En un principio la infección por el VIH puede ser asintomática, periodo que puede prolongarse por 10 años o más, pero en la medida que el VIH se replica, pueden ir apareciendo numerosos síntomas de carácter inmunológico y clínico. Existen importantes diferencias en relación a las alteraciones del sistema inmune que se producen a causa de la infección por VIH en niños y adultos. Pero a diferencia de los adultos, los niños infectados por vía vertical tienen un sistema inmunológico inmaduro y, consecuentemente, presentan un periodo de incubación más corto y un progreso de la enfermedad más rápido y fulminante. Se debe recordar que son hijos de madres VIH+, por lo tanto han sufrido desnutrición fetal, producto de la infección materna, algunas veces alcohólica o drogadicías.

Rogers y Rubinstein, afirman que la mitad de los infantes infectados se vuelven clínicamente sintomáticos durante el primer año de vida. En los niños, los síntomas y signos son a menudo inespecíficos, desde infecciones bacterianas recurrentes a encefalopatías progresivas.

La función inmunológica de los niños infectados, al igual que en los adultos, tiende a deteriorarse a medida que transcurre el tiempo. Actualmente, la sobrevida de SIDA para estos niños es de dos años. Una vez que los síntomas aparecen, el niño morirá dentro de los siguientes nueve meses, aunque han habido casos en que han sobrevivido un poco más de 10 años. A diferencia de los adultos, la progresión de la infección por el VIH en niños es más rápida y severa, debido a los diferentes niveles de desarrollo en que se encuentran sus sistemas orgánicos, y a la menor resistencia a la infección que presenta su sistema inmune inmaduro.

De Martino estableció que los niños infectados por el VIH no desarrollan necesariamente un mismo patrón de progresión de la enfermedad, pero sí pueden ser clasificados según su pronóstico de supervivencia en dos grupos: los de corta supervivencia, que mueren durante la infancia, y los de larga supervivencia, que viven su infancia con mínimas manifestaciones de la enfermedad. Por otro lado, aquellos niños que manifiestan una instauración temprana de infecciones oportunistas en el curso de la enfermedad tienen peor pronóstico.

Por hoy es todo, hasta la próxima semana D.M.

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Desert Vision by Louis F. Kavar, PhD

Feelings: A Final Word

In the last two installments, I've talked about feelings: how we experience them and how to use them as a positive resource in our lives. To my surprise, these two columns have generated more e-mail than any other topic I've discussed in the last two years of writing this column.

Some letters were brief and to the point. One was simply a statement: "I hate feelings! I don't want them!" Others were notes expressing appreciation that I wrote about the topic. Most expressed concern about the intensity of their feelings and the fear of emotions getting out of hand. Perhaps these letters could be summed up in the statement, "If I ever let what's inside me out, I'm afraid of what could happen."

There are many people who fear or have apprehension of their feelings. Strong emotions can be overwhelming. They leave us with a sense of being out of control. Rather than being overwhelmed by the intensity of our emotions or fearing that we'd do something we really don't want to do if our feelings get loose, most people keep their feelings tightly locked inside. My best recommendation for those in this kind of a situation is to find a good counselor to help sort out the feelings that have been buried deep inside.

Many people don't seek counseling because they are afraid of the pain they'll have to face or because counseling could mean dredging up things they'd rather forget. However, there are three forms of therapy commonly practiced in Tucson that make dealing with strong emotions much easier than most people would expect. Those therapies include hypnosis, thought-field therapy, and EMDR. Let me explain a little about each of them.

EMDR stands for Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing. This is a simple form of therapy where someone thinks about a difficult memory. The therapist directs the client in a series of eye movements using a light machine. This therapy causes the person to imitate the eye movements of deep sleep. Through this process, the memory is integrated in a new way and the difficult emotions are released. Studies demonstrate that this form of ther-

apy is highly successful, especially with traumatic memories.

Thought-field therapy uses a different approach. When a person experiences fear or anxiety, they are taught to do a series of body tapping gestures that stimulate the release of bio-chemicals. This results in the decrease of anxiety or fear.

While I know about these two forms of treatment, they are not techniques I use. My preference as a clinician is hypnotherapy. The reason I like hypnotherapy over other forms of treatment is because it is so versatile. It can be used from everything from overcoming traumatic memories, releasing fears and phobias, to improving memory and athletic performance.

In hypnosis, the body is usually very relaxed while the brain remains active using alpha and theta brain wave patterns. These brain waves are the same as those we experience in deep relaxation, sleep, and dreaming. Only, in hypnosis, we are awake. In this state, we can remember past events or imagine future possibilities as though they were present time. From that vantage point, we can release pain, anger, or other hurts that only limit us. Or, we can incorporate new behaviors and attitudes.

With hypnosis, as with any form of therapy, it's important to be sure that the counselor or therapist is properly trained and experienced. I've worked with many clients who were harmed by hypnotherapists (and other kinds of therapists) who really didn't know what they were doing and made things worse rather than better. When looking for a counselor of any type, be sure to ask direct questions about the counselor's training, experience, and certifications. If the counselor is vague about their training and experience or becomes annoyed by questions, find another counselor.

In sum, emotions are an important part of how we are made. They aren't just about how we feel, but are about our biology and our attitude and out-look on life. Learn to use your emotions as the important resources they are. If that means working with a counselor to help you take full advantage of the strength emotions can be, go for it! The benefit will be greater than you can imagine.

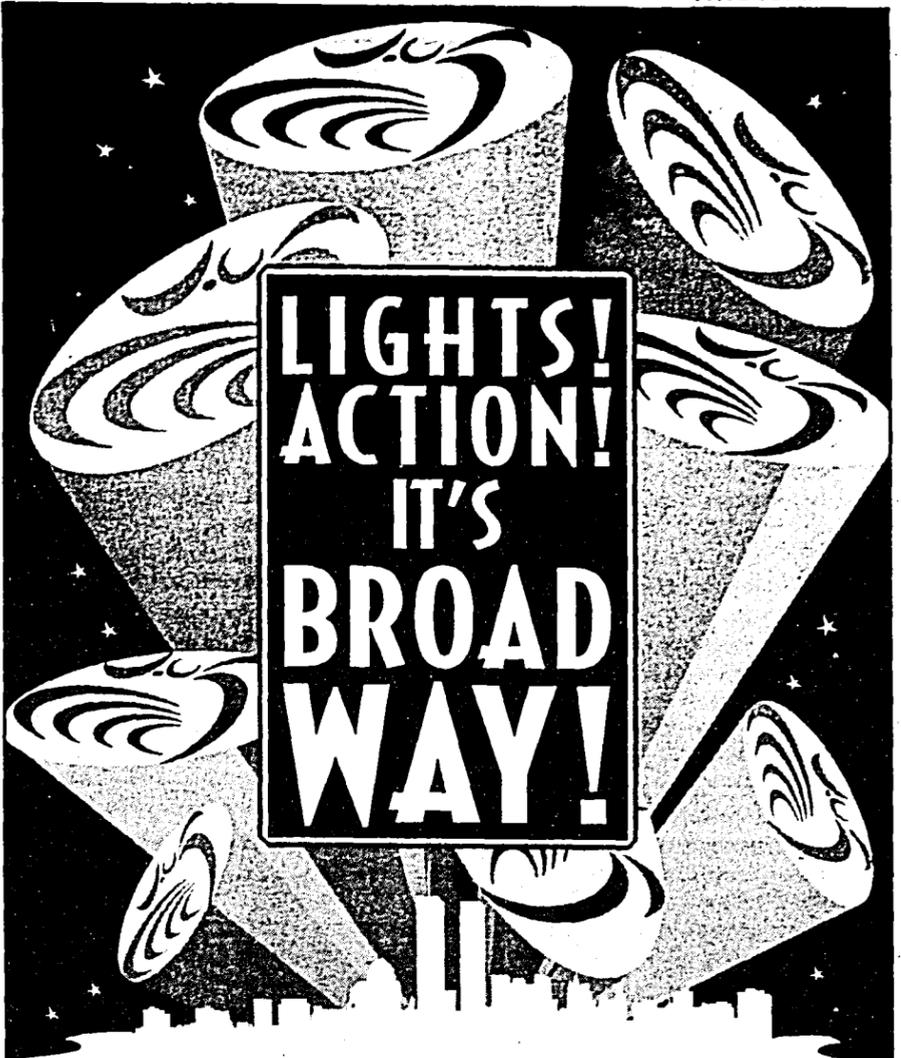
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Killer Of Gay Men
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viction of a perpetrator in the murder of Hayden.

"I think the officers who have been assigned to the case are excellent," said Quinn, speaking with detective Daryl Hayes and Lieut. Ellen Caniglia. "[But] they don't decide how many resources they get. I think if City Hall and the Police Commissioner's office were truly concerned, they would have more resources."

But the community is angry that the NYPD has so far resisted linking the murders to one assailant. "We found at this time that there are no links between these three or four homicides," said Walter Burns, a spokesman for the department.



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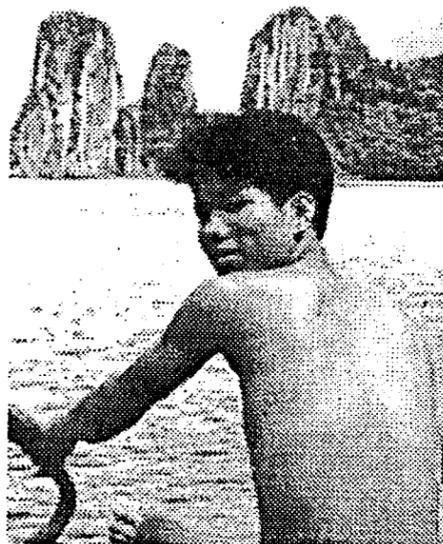
A Guide To Gay And Lesbian Travel

Two Decades Of Change

Two decades ago, it seemed as if everything happening in the Gay community was happening for the first time. Each new Gay- or Lesbian-themed book, film, or album was cause for note. Apart from Pride gatherings, it was rare to see thousands of people assemble around Gay issues. And two men got booted out of Disneyland for dancing together.

No longer! Today we can pick from a number of annual events that, if they weren't so lively, could be considered veritable institutions. Whether as a repeat participant, or a first-timer, this is the time of year to start planning for three of these events. But first, a look at something quite different. ...

Vietnam, in these same two decades, has also transformed itself: from a recovering war zone into a travel destination for those with a pioneering spirit. Utopia Tours (www.utopia-tours.com), long known for its Gay travel packages in Thailand, has just begun its third year of small group adventures in Vietnam.



Twenty-day itineraries in April and July 2000 begin in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) and travel northward to the charming French hill station at Da Lat, the resort of Nha Trang, the 16th century seaside town of Hoi An, known for its fabulous beaches. They continue on to the ancient imperial capital of Hue, and mysteriously beautiful Hanoi. One highlight will certainly be the two-day cruise on Halong Bay, "the Bay of the Descending Dragon" sprinkled with a thousand limestone islands rising high from the sea.

The tours will be escorted by Douglas Thompson, author of *The Men of Vietnam*, the first guide to that country for Gay travelers. Utopia also offers shorter Vietnam excursions, as well as tours in Cambodia, Laos and Bali. ...

The International Mr. Leather contest (www.imrl.com; (773)381-4650 or (800) 545-6753) strides into Chicago on Memorial Day weekend, May 25-29. A mere baby twenty years ago — albeit in leather diapers — IML has swapped those diapers for a jockstrap and unwary guests at some of the Windy City's better hotels will probably wonder what blew in, when they find a table of leathersmen next to them at the hotel's cocktail lounge.

In addition to Sunday night's IML competition and show are a four-day "world's largest leather market" and plenty of parties, climaxing in the infamous Black & Blue Ball. ...

Keeping with the spirit of its founders, the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival (www.michifest.com; (231) 757-4766) Aug. 8 - 13, 2000 defines itself as "a town that is communally run by each woman who attends." The town's population will hit about 6,000, on 630 acres in the northern woods of Michigan. Attendees help with the workload: Preparing wood-fire cooked vegetarian dinners, providing childcare, and putting on over 300 workshops. The workshop schedule for 2000 hasn't been announced yet, but will probably have as broad a range as 1999: from Practical Self Defense to Lesbian Polyamory and Flamenco Guitar Techniques. Don't be misled by the name: the Music Festival includes a crafts bazaar, film festival, and networking opportunities for older women, younger women, deaf, and visitors from overseas. ...

The newest of these annual events is also the largest: GayDay (www.Gayday.com) at Disney World could draw as many as 100,000 Gay and Lesbian visitors on Saturday, June 3, to celebrate what the organizers call "10 (Y)EARS OF MAGIC".

Those numbers ensure a fun atmosphere: We could find ourselves in the majority at many theme parks and discos during the weekend. But crowds of this size also require planning. Get your tickets in advance, at a Disney store, through the hotel concierge, or from a Disney ticket office. Arrive early at the theme park of your choice, especially if you've set your sights on the Magic Kingdom, or you may not get in.

Other advice from the organizers: Bring a photo ID for the clubs, as many have strict carding policies. Dress for warm weather (think mid-90's), but also be prepared for a brief thunderstorm in the afternoon; a lightweight poncho could come in handy. Make it a point to thank the Disney staff, who still take considerable heat from the religious right for "allowing" such an event to occur.

Finally: Wear a red shirt! That's how you'll recognize others who are there for GayDay. Do not, however, design yourself a red costume. Disney enforces a dress code for its parks, and costumed guests, who would be competition for Mickey, are not allowed. Shirts with offensive slogans are also prohibited — a policy that leaves some room for interpretation — as is the shirtless look. The presence of tens of thousands of red shirts will be a strong enough statement in itself.

Disney World itself officially neither supports nor discourages all this, but cannot be disappointed by the numbers. Several unaffiliated businesses, clubs, and promoters sponsor events on GayDay, and throughout the long weekend.

As for you Californians: If Orlando is too far, wear that red shirt to the third annual Gay Day at the original (Anaheim, Calif.) Disneyland, set for Saturday, October 7, 2000.

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Australian Funk Pop Group 'Fruit' In Tucson Concert March 10; Group On Six Week North American Tour



Coming together in Adelaide in 1995, the Australian band FRUIT plays a bright, tight and exhilarating blend of acoustic-based pop and funk, flavored with an occasional twist of Latin or squall of punk aggression. Their live CD "SHIFT" gives some of the delight of being in an audience as Fruit deliver their up-front, all-out performance. Their 2000 North American concert tour begins February 17 in Piermont, NY. The group will appear in Tucson, Friday, March 10 at the International Arts Center. For tickets or more information call 795-4135.

"SHIFT" was recorded on May 15th, 1998 in Adelaide (and the songs 'Shift' and 'Magic' are live recordings from Sydney). Fruit are led by three heart-thumping, hard-hitting female vocalists, two wielding acoustic and electric guitars and the third serving as a one-woman brass and woodwind section. As in their live performances, the slick, punchy rhythm work on fretless bass and drums on "Shift" underscore precisely placed, gorgeous, layered harmonies. Fruit's three passionate songwriters, Mel Watson, Sam Lohs and Susie Keynes, sing from the soul about life and living, with positive themes of hope and finding oneself, of discovery and self-expression. Rich, full vocals in "Magic" deliver a message; the acoustic-based, delicate melancholy of "6 Thousand, 4 Hundred & 20 something" melds with the powerfully funky "Body Breakdown," written for an HIVpositive friend. The album winds up with a fiery Mel Watson horn blast and the band's regular concert finale "Time To Go" (complete with Spanish guitar inflections, screeching and el Mariachi feel).

Over the last 2 years Fruit has become an internationally sought after touring act with three impressive CD's (Fruit 1996 & Skin 1997 also available from www.fruit.on.net). In addition to pleasing a solid fan base in Australia, 1999 saw Fruit perform 17 shows throughout Brazil, 25 shows across Germany, and their triumphant five sold-out performances at The Edinburgh Fringe Festival were a

welcome return for them there. Unfortunately for festival promoters who book Fruit as a support act, not many people go to the main stages while Fruit is playing! At last year's Island Folk Festival on Vancouver Island, BC, Fruit played on a side stage for the majority of the festival audience while about fifty people remained at the main stage.

At the 1999 World Music Festival in Chico, after their first set, every show was packed with dancing festival-goers. And at the WOMAD USA festival (which took place last year in Seattle) it was one of those rare, magical performances in a 1200-seat theater where people must have had a great time... they sold 580 CD's there (plus few hundred over the net later)! This ranks Fruit among the highest CD-selling acts at any WOMAD ever. In the middle of this show they were offered a second show for the following day, and the year 2000 has Fruit scheduled to perform at WOMAD festivals in the UK, Singapore, at 2000 WOMAD at Expo 2000 in Hanover, Germany, also at the 2000 Olympic performances in Sydney... It is simple; the group has strong vocal harmonies and a great on-stage presence.

Based on the strength of performances by Fruit, industry insiders, pundits and fans have been clamoring for a live album and "Shift" does not disappoint: People develop a taste for Fruit. The band says in the liner notes that after loads of great live gigs under their belts, they desperately wanted to do something live. "So this is it: warts and all, a true account of us live. If this is your first taste of Fruit maybe we'll see you at a show or two in the future!"

Fruitful in their recorded output with three cd's to their name, FRUIT looks forward to inspiring audiences further, and to a full-length album for 2000. Fruit's efforts are coming to fruition with this concert tour, reflecting the group's enormous capabilities and depth of material.

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LOS ANGELES, CA (NP) - The legendary Sir Elton got more honors (and kinda wonders why). Rosie plugged No On Knight, and Gays, Lesbians, friends and icons took home statues.

It was more the icons and the friends than the Gays and Lesbians who scored trophies at the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences' 42nd Annual Grammy Awards on February 23. Carlos Santana won in eight of the ten categories he'd been nominated in to match the one-night record set by Michael Jackson in 1983, leaving only 90 other awards to go around (although Santana did give a big kiss to singer Rob Thomas after they performed "Smooth" together). Open Gay Sir Elton John was honored with a special "Legend" Grammy for his more than three decades as a singer-songwriter, and earlier in the week was honored as Person of the Year for his charity work by MusiCares, the Academy's own charity for needy musicians.

The Host: Outed-but-won't-discuss-it Rosie O'Donnell hosted the prime time presentations in a performance-oriented show. The wisecracking former DJ wore a striking red coat and teased the players without mercy. Referring to the recent revelation that David Crosby was the sperm donor for the two children borne by Melissa Etheridge's partner Julie Cypher, O'Donnell remarked that, "David's backstage giving out samples."

According to the No On Knight/No On 22 campaign, O'Donnell kicked off the evening with a statement that, "The Knight Initiative, sponsored by right-wing State Senator Pete Knight, is on the March 7, 2000 ballot. The Knight Initiative threatens hospital visitation rights, inheritance rights and other equal rights and protections that voters and private corporations have established for Gays and Lesbians in recent years. It represents the latest political efforts by anti-Gay special interests to increase the rhetoric of hate and intolerance towards Gay and Lesbian Californians and their families, and threatens all California families with unnecessary intrusion into their private lives."

Lesbian comedian Ellen DeGeneres hosted the first televised "pre-awards" show for the not-yet-ready-for-prime-time categories.

Sir Elton's Dual Honors: At the MusiCares gala, Sir Elton said modestly, "It never ceases to amaze me what you can do. I'm very humbled by it, to be honest with you. I get kind of embarrassed. I don't like getting the kudos sometimes for the stuff that we do, because I use my name to raise the money and to get the wheels in motion, but there's a whole lot of people in the trenches every day that do the real dirty work and they're the ones for me who are the heroes." The event at the Fox Studios

THE GRAMMYS...

raised \$1.8-million; a check for \$100,000 was also presented for the Elton John AIDS Foundation. A star-studded lineup performed Elton's work in his honor, including Etheridge's interpretation of "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road"; others included Mary J. Blige, new Grammy winner Diana Krall, Sting, Stevie Wonder, Bonnie Raitt, Gloria Estefan, Lulu and Phil Collins. At the end, all gathered around the piano to join Sir Elton in "Philadelphia Freedom." There were also video tributes from British Prime Minister Tony Blair, comic actress Whoopi Goldberg, and the casts of Sir Elton's productions of "Aida" and "The Lion King."

Some of what makes Sir Elton a "Legend": four previous Grammys (Best Pop Male Vocal awards for "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?" in 1994 and "Candle in the Wind '97" in 1997, Best Instrumental Composition shared with flautist James Galway for "Basque" in 1991, and Best Pop Duet/Group for "That's What Friends Are For" with Dionne Warwick, Stevie Wonder and Gladys Knight in 1986), plus Oscar, Golden Globe and Tony awards; a total of 62-million albums sold; the world's all-time best-selling single "Candle in the Wind '97" at more than 33-million copies sold; and induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame 1994.

Pianist Billy Joel said onstage at the Grammys that, "Elton John reminded the world that the piano was a percussion instrument, and he banged it with every bone of his body. ... Early in my career, I was often compared to him ... and I'm proud of it."

Sir Elton performed "Philadelphia Freedom" once again at the Grammys, backed up by the Backstreet Boys. Later, in response to fan questions, he said, "What about those Backstreet Boys? Yeah, they make videos, but those boys can sing their asses off. You heard them tonight. They're brilliant. Those boys can sing. They have my ultimate respect. Some of the others I don't know about," and added jokingly, "I've slept with all the boy bands. I know them all. TLC, the Dixie Chicks - I don't know about them." Each of those all-women groups won two Grammys. Even more scandalously, he remarked backstage that, "It's kind of bulls**t this show, isn't it? I mean, everyone has their own choice about what music is best."

Winners: Madonna, once notoriously Bisexual, won Best Song for a Motion Picture, TV or Other Visual Media for "Beautiful Stranger" from "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me." She had also been nominated for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance.

Cher, supportive mother of Lesbian author-activist Chastity Bono, took

home the first Grammy of her 24-year career for Best Pop Dance Recording for "Believe," which had also won her nominations for Record of the Year and Best Pop Album. O'Donnell shouted, "Cher is 53! 53!"

Etheridge and Sheryl Crow thanked Sarah McLachlan onstage for creating and producing Lillith Fair, the successful tour that significantly boosted the status of women in music. McLachlan picked up her third Grammy for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance for "I Will Remember You" on her live "Mirrorball" album. McLachlan was also nominated for Best Pop Album for "Mirrorball" and for Best Female Rock Vocal Performance for "Possession."

Diva Whitney Houston, imposing in an electric pink gown, accepted Best Female R & B Vocal Performance for "It's Not Right But It's Okay" from her "My Love Is Your Love" album. The song had also been nominated for Best R & B Song and the album for Best R & B album. Her work with Mariah Carey on "Music of My Heart" had also been nominated for Best Collaboration with Vocals, while her work on "Heartbreak Hotel" was in the running for Best Duo/Group R & B Performance. "Heartbreak Hotel" and "Prince of Egypt," which she performed with Carey, were nominated for their writers for Best R & B Song and Best Song for a Motion Picture, TV or Other Visual Media.

Gay-supportive Sting won two big awards over some much younger competition: Best Male Pop Vocal Performance and Best Pop Album for the song and album both named "Brand New Day." Onstage, he said, "I felt the talent I was up against was extraordinary. I have 14 Grammys now and a very large mantelpiece." Backstage, he called for a boycott of Austria protesting the ascent of far-right-winger Joerg Haider, similar to the boycott of apartheid South Africa.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers aren't known to be Gay, but they do like to kiss each other including for magazine covers. They snagged Best Rock Song for "Scar Tissue" on their "Californication" album. They had also been nominated for Best Rock Album and Best Duo/Group Rock Performance.

The late Gay Benjamin Britten's "War Requiem" was the subject of the Best Choral Performance award for a number of groups under the direction of Robert Stafer.

Losers: Etheridge's "Angels Would Fall" and the "Breakdown" album it appears on were nominated for Best Female Rock Vocal Performance, Best Rock Song and Best Rock Album.

Bi Ani DiFranco had been nominated for Best Female Rock Vocal Performance for "Jukebox" and for Best Contemporary Folk Album for "Fellow Workers" with Utah Phillips.

Gay John Corigliano's work for "The Red Violin" was on the shortlist for Best Instrumental Composition for a Motion Picture.

Gay British composer Thomas Ades had been nominated for Best Classical Contemporary Composition for "Asyla" and for Best Opera Recording for his composition "Powder Her Face."

The Trans-show "Hedwig & the Angry Inch" by John Cameron Mitchell & Steven Trask was in the running for Best Musical Show Album.

The love songs of the late multitalented Gay Cole Porter on "You're the Top" had won a Best Traditional Pop Vocal nomination for Bobby Short.

Diva Donna Summer had been nominated for Best Pop Dance Recording for "I Will Go With You."

"Advocate" cover boy Ricky Martin performed his heart out onstage with drummers, dancers, gymnasts, and a ring of fire, earning the comment from O'Donnell that, "No one looks better in leather pants." But despite nominations for Record of the Year, Song of the Year, Best Male Pop Vocal Performance, and Best Pop Album, "Livin' La Vida Loca" meant going home empty-handed. The song had also been nominated for Best Instrumental Arrangement Accompanying Vocals.

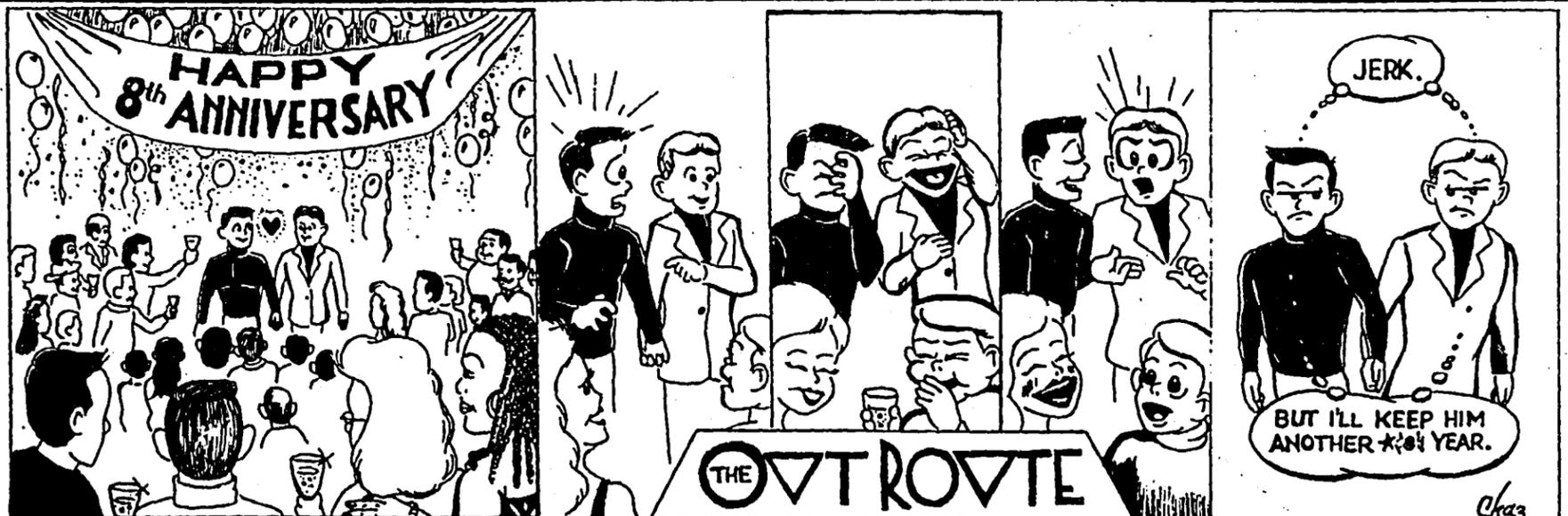
And yes there is one award the Gay-themed film "American Beauty" did not win this year, although it was nominated for Best Soundtrack Album.

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GO IN GOOD HEALTH...
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This time, I want to talk about a couple of subjects. The first is communication. Communication is a two way street, and the underlying principle must be honesty. If we are dishonest or evasive when talking to someone else, we are not really communicating with them. When we establish friendships or romantic relationships, the lines of communication must stay open. No matter what. If we have a disagreement, have you ever noticed how most people would rather run to a third party and talk to them rather than talking to the person they have a problem with? Sometimes, we fear a confrontation, and other times, we just can't express how we really feel to someone we are in disagreement with.

It is not productive to run to everyone else and gossip about someone, listing all the 'hurts' we have suffered, real or imagined, because, in the end, the only way to solve that problem is to go to the "offending" party in the first place. If you think having a third person along to keep you both objective, then do so. And remember, the only way to resolve conflicts is to move beyond defensive and insisting that we are right, and agreeing to listen to what the other person has to say. If we cannot talk it out, going to twenty other people is not the solution. How is the problem resolved by "tattling" to someone else that so and so, and so and so did that?

A lot of times we do that because we want others to sympathize with us and take our side. But in the end, it doesn't matter if you find a whole bunch of people to agree with you. Unless they know both sides of a situation, they cannot give an objective opinion. In the end, the viewpoints of third parties in a conflict aren't what is important. As difficult as it may be, we need to go to the person we have been arguing with, if at all possible, and work it out.

You may not agree with them. They may not choose to talk to you. For some people, when a conflict comes up, they get angry and then cool off, and drop the problem. For others, resentment sets in, and then they decide to hold a grudge, nursing a hurt for all it's worth. That is

counterproductive. When we begin to hold grudges and be angry with others all the time for the wrongs they have done us (or we think they have done us - we can easily make something a lot bigger than it really is), then we get stuck.

The same goes for letting go of hurts from our childhood, be it abuse or whatever. We cannot let the problems of yesterday obstruct the happiness of tomorrow. When we make friends, sometimes, it is going to be smooth sailing. Our interaction will be fun and productive, and we will get a lot of enjoyment out of it. However, sometimes, we get into conflicts and disagreements with those we care about. It is how we resolve those conflicts that is important.

Face it, we are not always going to agree with our loved ones. And it is not that they are always wrong and we are always right. They have their perspective, and you have yours. But when conflicts arise, they need to be resolved. If you have reached the point where constructive conversation and all you can do is scream at each other, that accomplishes nothing. Sometimes, a good old fashioned "time out" is what you need. Separate for a little while and cool off, and allow yourself to become calm again. Sometimes, all we need to do is move beyond the volatile emotions of the moment to see that a problem wasn't that bad after all, and we can make peace and resolve the conflict.

Ideally, we would always be able to work our differences peacefully, and resolve all our arguments. A sincere apology can go a long way to smoothing over hurts and getting back on the road to harmony again. However, sometimes, a conflict can't easily be resolved. If someone chooses to end a friendship, or refuses to forgive you for some infraction, that is their choice.

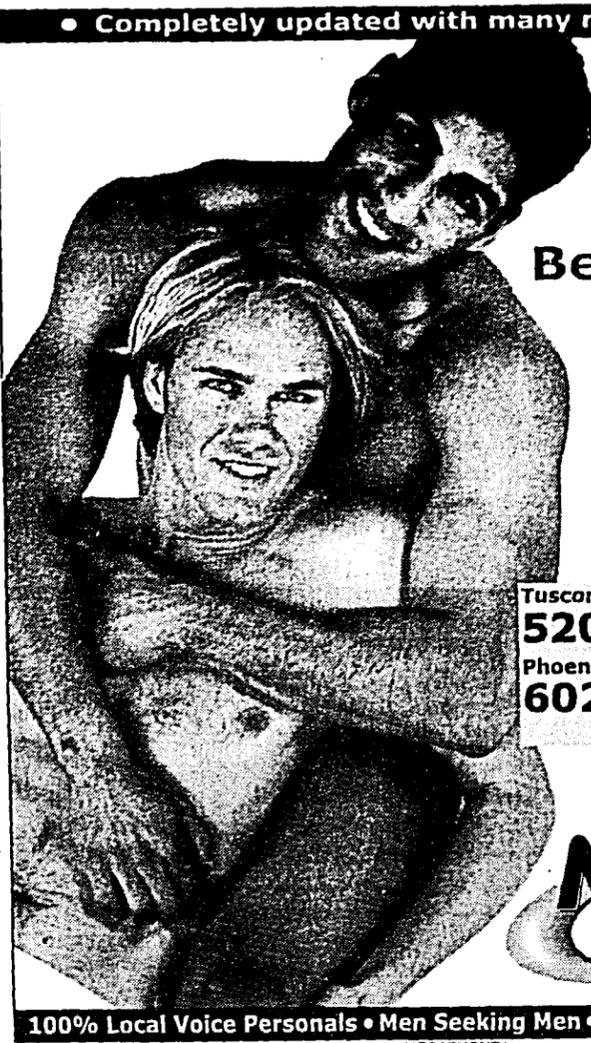
You can't make them see it your way, and it would be a waste of time to try to force them to come around to your way of thinking. Friendship end sometimes. When that happens, let them go. Don't go running to everyone who will listen and blast your former friend, listing all that things about them you suddenly don't like.

What does that accomplish? If you need to vent, then do so. Get it off your chest. But don't dwell on it. When a relationship ends, be it a friendship, a family relationship, or a romance, there is often hurt. But we need to let go of the past and not dwell on it. When we stay angry at someone for something, we are getting stuck in an emotional rut. If we cannot forgive, then we are trapped in a cycle of anger and blame. That is self-defeating. Hating someone else is a waste of your energy, plain and simple.

Those people who will not let go of the past, and are forever dragging up old hurts, have forgotten that the past is dead and cannot be changed. We need to focus instead on the dreams of tomorrow and making the most of our lives. Remaining mad because someone hurt us ten years ago is just a self-defeating waste of energy. We can forgive those who have wronged us, let go of the situation, and move on to new relationships, enjoying them for all that they are.

Life is full of experiences, some of them good, some of them a bit stressful. We can learn from the bad, and focus on the good. It's something to think about. Goddess bless. Til next Time, go in good health.

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Non-Bar Calendar

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THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Join us for trip to the Tucson Museum of Art with their three special exhibits, and then for lunch at La Cocina to follow. For details, please call Randy at 520/378-3195.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "Get Real", a 1999 movie about a young man who's just coming out, and falling in love with the school jock. Touching and humorous. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck & Social Gathering as we sit down to eat with some of the nicest gay guys in town (like you!). This month's gathering also incorporates entertainment from "Take V", in honor of our 5th Anniversary. Come join the party! The Potluck is held at the Casas Adobe Congregational Church at 6801 N. Oracle. Please call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and any questions you may have.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. T. Jay hosts a day trip to Tubac, which includes a stop at Toshi's for lunch. For reservations and directions, please call T. Jay at 881-7919.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

MONDAY, MARCH 6

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:30 p.m. Join Dan for an evening of antique appraisal as you watch "Antiques Road Show", then you'll gather 'round with an antique/collectible you brought and try to determine its value. For more information, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m.ish. Join Jerry and Les for an Oscar Nominee Matinee Movie. The anticipated choice will be "Cider House Rules", but call for movie choice, theater, and time. Please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. This Ash Wednesday, join Bill for a showing of "Priest"—an excellent movie about a priest coming to terms with his gay self and the problems of those around him. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for Dinner Out as we go to The Grill (downtown) for a tasty meal. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

8:00 P.M. Reveille Gay Men's Chorus will perform an outstanding collection of songs from the best contemporary Broadway Musicals at Pima Community College West Campus Center for the Arts tonight and tomorrow. Tickets are available from chorus members, Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk or the PCC College Center for the Arts Box Office or by calling 617-3100. \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. MSN joins with their gay brothers in Reveille for a night of song at Reveille's "Lights! Action! It's Broadway!" concert. If you'd like to see the concert with fellow gay family members, just give Jerry at call at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts Pinochle Night. If you're a fan of the game, this is the place to go. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll help you out. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 12

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 a.m. There's a hiking expedition in the Tucson Mountains this morning. For details, directions, and reservations, please call John at 743-8138.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 2:00 p.m. A potluck BBQ will be on tap for those interested in a pleasant afternoon in the Tucson Mountains area. For details, directions, and reservations, please call John at 743-8138.

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., The Girlie Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Aja Simone, Mr. Kenneth Blake and the newly crowned Miss Gay Tucson/America 2001, Truly Fabu.

VENTURE-N - 7:00 P.M. there's a 'Torn and Tattered' Party with drink specials. Come on down dressed in torn and tattered attire. There'll be some surprises too!

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

STONEWALL - Pre-Grand Opening Celebration. Wine Tasting 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

STONEWALL - Pre-Grand Opening Party continues with Skyy Vodka Party 9:00 p.m. Prizes, Martinis and Fun!

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

STONEWALL - Pre-Grand Opening Party continues with Miller Beer Nite beginning at 7:00 p.m.

VALENTINA'S - Showtime here with Hostess Crystal Abrams and featuring Veronica Lake, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Electra Bleu and Selena. Get here early for a god seat.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

IBT'S - Benefit Beer Bust/Bar-B-Que for IBT's Arizona Angels softball team. 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. And karaoke on the patio with Billy Dee 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m. "Puttin' On The Lips" lipsync contest hosted by Lucinda Holiday and Bunny FuFu. \$50 first place.

STONEWALL - Pre Grand Opening continues with a Special Drink Promotion beginning at 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

IBT'S - Mardi Gras Party is set here with beads coins and masks. Best Custom Mask contest at 10:00 p.m. with \$75 first prize. (Minimum 3 contestants).

WOODY'S - Mardi Gras Party here with drink specials all day open to close. \$2.00 well, \$3.00 call martinis and Sinsations \$1.75.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., The Girlie Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday featuring Veronica Lake with Tori Steel and special guests.

THURS-FRI-SAT-SUN, MARCH 9-10-11-12

STONEWALL - A four Day Grand Opening Celebration! Watch for details next week. It's a blast!

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

IBT'S - St. Patrick's Day and the party is being planned. Get set for the Corned Beef and Cabbage and maybe some green beer too. Watch for details.

VENTURE-N - The annual Hides of March begins here with three fun packed days and nights. Check in tonight, there's food and drink specials. And it's Uniform Night! Wear your uniform and get 50¢ off of your mixed drinks.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

VENTURE-N - Hides of March continues today with a big Beer Bust, Tucson Knight Owls 'Body Wash', dinner and a 'Village People' show.

MONDAY, MARCH 13

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-3545.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. March Madness takes on a new meaning when Bill hosts the "March Madness Ice Cream Crazy Event". Just bring \$2 to help cover costs, and Bill will have all sorts of ice cream possibilities waiting for you. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

2. If you're interested in going out the Lunch at Poca Cosa on the 29th, today is the last day to reserve your space. For details, please call Steve at 318-9162.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:30 p.m. Join Jerry for a Lunch Out to Nonie's. This New Orleans bistro serves up the best southern cooking this side of Louisiana. For directions and reservations, please call Jerry at 298-7415.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Richard & Doug host a Lunch Out at Szechuan Ormei today. For some of the best Asian cooking in town, join them and other MSN family members for a memorable meal. For details, please call Les at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Les' home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, March 16 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODYS BZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hil 9-1. Shot specials all night.

IBT'S - Open 11am-1am. Happy Hour 11-4pm. \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Bar open Noon. Smaill Sundays /make your own Bloody Marys bar. Flashback Sundays in the Dance Club. Open 9pm. Music of the 70s and 80s with DJ Rob. New Digital Karaoke sound system in the bar 9pm to close. Free popcorn and Hot Dogs.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11am to 7pm. Bloody Mary & Boles maker specials. BBQ (\$2.50 & \$5.00) from 4-9pm. All request DJ 9pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. Check in with bartender. Karaoke with Billy Dee now on Sundays 9pm to close.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODYS BZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight.

IBT'S - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day all call martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to close. \$1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Karaoke Billy Dee 7:00-9:30pm Retro 80's dance 9:30pm to closing. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Bar opens noon. Dance Club opens 9pm. Hot dance mix with DJ Rob. Free Popcorn and Hot Dogs.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: BBQ (\$1.50) 4-9pm. Big screen sporting events. Dart Tournament. All request DJ 9pm to closing.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Tourney 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close

Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1 brgnicks for pool players. Funky disco w/DJ Starstee & DJ Butta Fly 9-1.

IBT'S - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm. \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to close. \$1.75 well. Wear an IBT's T-shirt get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for \$5 and get a complimentary drink. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices until 7pm. Dance Club opens 9pm. DJ Eduardo. Free Popcorn and Hot Dogs.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Extended Happy Hour til 9pm: BBQ (\$1.50) 4-7pm Oh So Scary-oake (Karaoke) 9pm - 12:45am.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. 1st Tuesday TKO Spaghetti Feed

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Skyy's the limit \$2.25

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.50 Longnecks 8-midnight. Dance with DJ Stephanie 9-close.

IBT'S - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am to 4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. \$1.75 Bud Products 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices til 7. Dan e Club opens at 9pm with DJ Rob and his hot mix. New Digital Karaoke Sound System 9pm til close in the bar. Free Popcorn and Hot Dogs.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 9pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm (pot matched). Lounge Lizards Paradise: 50¢ shot sampler/bartenders choice. All request DJ 9pm

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1800 \$2.25 Open to close. Patio opens at 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball on demand 7 days a week. See bartender.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. W/creamy cowgirls & \$2.50 Tequila Rose.

IBT'S - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic 4-9. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestic beer to those in their underwear (part check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices until 7pm. Dance club opens at 9pm. Dance with DJ Eduardo. Free Hot Dogs and Popcorn.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well or Domestic 9-11pm. Karaoke 9pm-12:45am.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. \$3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hil. Drink specials every 1/2 hour

IBT'S - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 5:30-8:30pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club open 9pm. Dance with DJ Marquis. Free Popcorn and Hot Dogs.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7. Girlz will be Boyz drink specials posted above the bar. All request DJ 9pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm Martini Party - Well Martini's \$2, Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 5:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. Dance music w/DJ Hil 9-close. Drink specials every half hour.

IBT'S - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Patio bar 9-1. Dance 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club opens at 9pm. Dance with DJ Marquis. Free Hot Dogs and Popcorn.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7. A variety of shows hosted by Crystal Abrams. 9pm. All donations go to charity. All request DJ 10pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts, \$1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm. Cricket Dart Tournament 9pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.



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NOTICES

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 2m new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6876 or 327-4293.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7876.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd 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 Eddie Betrano 888-4595.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-8057 (eveften@ix.netcom.com)

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

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

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Dezeit Girlz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezeit 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. SAGAE@mail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagae

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 293-6624.

WOMENS OUT OF THE CLOSET GROUP. Welcome to women in all stages of the coming-out process. We are here to support the Lesbians, Bisexuals and straight women of all races, religious and ages. Meeting times are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30pm at Wingspan at 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779. Call Wendy Bailey at 235-1893 after 5pm for more information.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - FORMING CHAPTER FOR GAY/LESBIAN LUTHERANS. Write LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730

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

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history experience singing? Join us!! Call 881-1369 to audition. 617-3100 for more info.

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

RELATIONSHIP SURVIVORS. For Lesbians whose relationship has just broken up. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 8am to 10am. For info call Dorian Easty, group facilitator. 882-7723

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36284, Tucson, AZ 85740-6284. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY?

GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 8th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL** 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 584-0280, 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 891-1794 - 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 8:30 - 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), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 888-1208 or Brian at 682-4726 for information.

LESBIAN SOCIAL DISCUSSION GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 pm. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Come Chat!

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

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

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

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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)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

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 325-9486 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7266.

NOTICES

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact. Mary 770-9970 or Bertie 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6847.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games 2002, contact TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 628-7223.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

THE MENS 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 Greg Hoffman 529-7542 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

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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 for info at 888-5541

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 Romm 688-2384.

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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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

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

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

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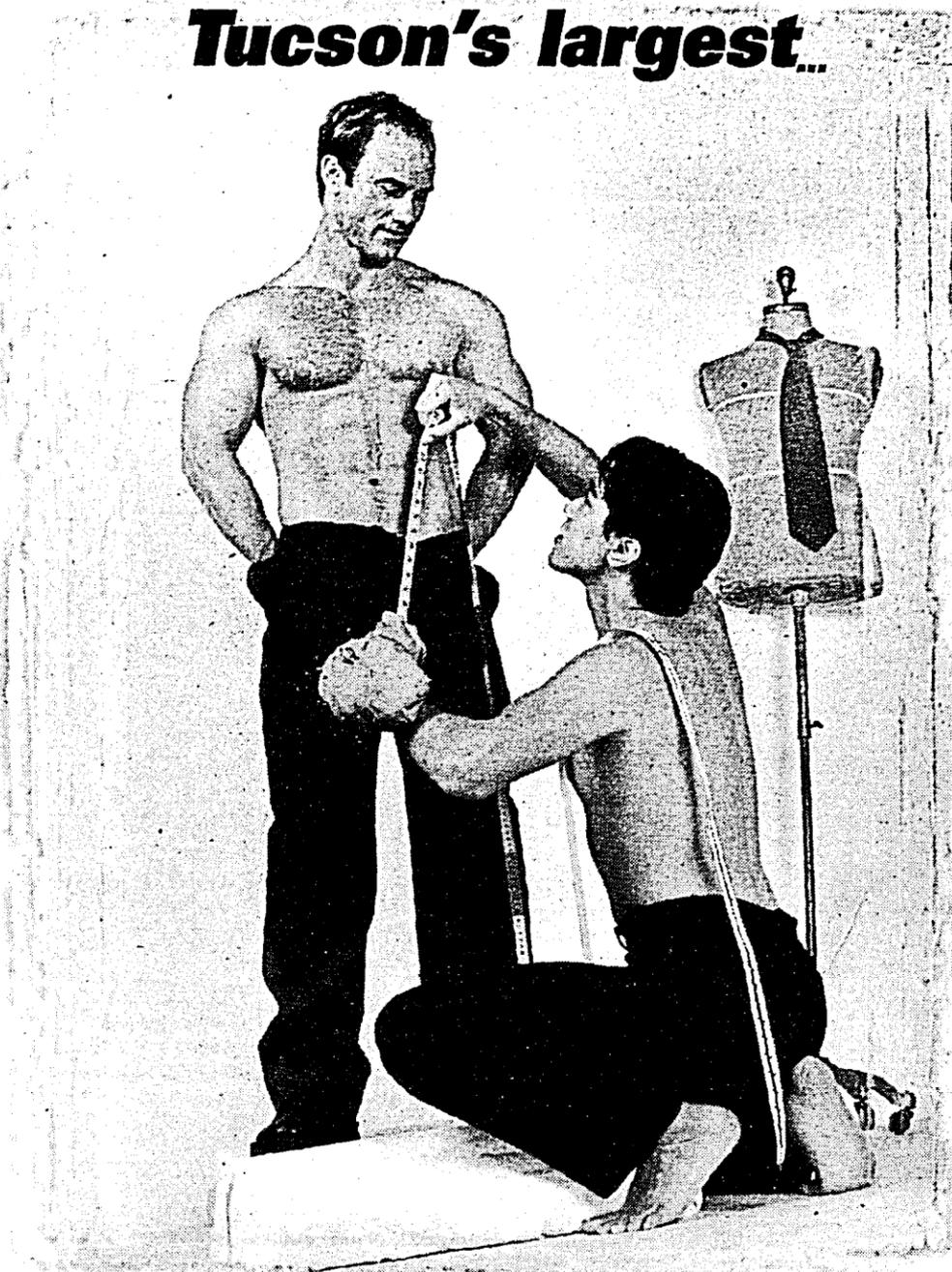
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