

Reforma Conference In Tucson Aug. 3 - 6

TUCSON - REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking, will be offering a wide variety of programs on library services to Latinos and people of color at its second National Conference in Tucson, August 3-6.

In addition to programs that will address adult services, collection development, recruitment of minority librarians, library school curriculum, three panels will focus on issues affecting the Latina/o GLBT community.

"Community History and the Evidence of Desire: The Archivo Rodrigo Reyes (A Gay and Lesbian Latino Archives)" Friday, August 4, Session 3, 3:45 - 5:00 p.m., at the Tucson Convention Center (ApacheRoom). Presenters: Horacio Roque Ramirez, Ethnic Studies Department, University of California, Berkeley, Luis Alberto de la Garza, Ethnic Studies Department, University of California, Berkeley.

"Community History and the Evidence of Desire: The Archivo Rodrigo Reyes (A Gay and Lesbian Latino Archives)" will focus on the development of a community-based archive dedicated to preserving the Latino Gay and Lesbian history in San Francisco. In 1992, with the passing of a long-time Chicano Gay community activist in San Francisco as a result of AIDS-related complications, a queer Latino archives was born. Composed of a large amount of photographic, audio, video, literary, and ephemeral materials, the Archivo documents a great deal of Gay, Lesbian, Transgender, and Bisexual Latina/o history in San Francisco from the 1970s to the early 1990s.

This presentation will explore the following areas: The grassroots nature of the archives/the beginnings; the contents and images which make up the Archivo; the uses of the archives in relation to public and community history; some of the factors to consider in accessing the Archivo; and how the Archivo connects to and builds on other areas of community history.

"Entendidos: The Latino Queer Community and their Allies" Saturday, August 5, 2000, Session 5, 10:45 a.m.-noon Presidio Plaza Hotel (Manhattan Room). Presenters: Mario Ascencio, Smithsonian Institution Libraries, National Museum of American History, Brigida Campos, County of Los Angeles Public Library, Miguel Juarez, University Library, University of Arizona, Ina Rimpau, La Sala Hispanoamericana, Newark Public Library, Tatiana de la Tierra, State University of New York, Buffalo.

This panel will address the following questions: What can libraries do to

provide services to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered members of the Latino community and their allies? What kinds of services are we providing now? How do we reach out to a community that is not always visible?

A reading will follow the Entendidos panel: "Palabrotas Jotas (Big Queer Words): A Creative Reading." Saturday, August 5, 2000, 12:15 to 2:00 p.m., Presidio Plaza Hotel (Manhattan Room), free and open to the public.

The "Entendidos: The Latino Queer Community and Their Allies," panel, will be followed by "Palabrotas Jotas: A Creative Reading" from 12:15 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 5 during the REFORMA National Conference II. Palabrotas Jotas will feature Queer REFORMistas and their Allies and invited community readers.

Readers include: Tatiana de la Tierra was born in Colombia and raised in Miami, Florida, and is a bilingual bicultural writer whose work focuses on South American memory and reality, her experience as an immigrant in this country, and Lesbian phenomenology. Her writings have been published for the past 13 years in anthologies and periodicals such as Latino Heretics, Women on the Verge, Pillow Talk II, Hot and Bothered, Chasing the American Dyke Dream, The New Our Right to Love, Queer View Mirror, Between Us, The Femme Mystique, to name a few of the many.

Horacio N. Roque Ramirez, who left El Salvador around the same time actor Ronald Reagan took over U.S. politics and policies, is completing an oral history study of queer Latina/o community formations in the San Francisco Bay Area. He has contributed to the edited volume *Virgins, Guerrillas, & Locas* (1999) and to the Selected Proceedings of the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (1999). He believes in the transformative power of cumbias.

Dr. Clara Chu, is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Information Studies, UCLA, specializes in multicultural library and information services, information seeking behavior, and organization of information. Her research focuses on examining the social construction of information systems, institutions, and access in order to understand the usage of and barriers to information in multicultural communities. Her other interests include Research Methodology, Cross-cultural Communication, Education for Multicultural Library and Information Science, and International and Comparative Information Services. Three of her current projects: Facilitating the Mediation Activities of Immigrant Children: The Role of Librarians and Educa-

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Sears Dumps 'Dr.' Laura

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - In a decision hailed as "huge," Sears Roebuck & Co. (NYSE: S) pulled out as a sponsor of the "Dr. Laura" radio show Monday after her ongoing homophobic remarks sparked a groundswell of criticism.

"We will no longer advertise on the 'Dr. Laura' show as a result of recent comments," Lee Antonio, a Sears spokesperson, told gfn.com. "Sears supports both diversity and culture throughout our customer base and within our own associate networks."

Laura Schlessinger, whose morals program is broadcast daily across the country, has called Gays "biological errors" and "deviants," and suggested that "a huge portion of the male homosexual populous is predatory on young boys."

"The Sears decision is huge," said Joan Garry, executive director of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, the organization leading the charge against Schlessinger's anti-Gay rhetoric. "Sears is now in fine company with a growing list of [firms] around the country that really understand the basic notion of fairness."

The nation's largest department-store chain joins such heavyweights as Procter & Gamble Co. (NYSE: PG), Geico (NYSE: BRKA), American Express Corp. (NYSE: AXP) and Xerox Corp. (NYSE: XRX) in dropping ad support from the show.

Still, the advice program has retained more than 90 percent of its 148 national sponsors, and demand for advertising time continues to exceed supply.

Kraig Kitchin, president of Premiere Radio Networks, which syndicates

the "Dr. Laura" show, said the controversy is causing problems.

"We don't enjoy the extra exercise that we need to go through reassuring clients that this program is a large and open forum and that Laura is not a discriminatory individual," Kitchin said in an interview last week. At the time, he had touted Sears as a diehard advertiser sticking with the show.

"Name your own price" Web site Priceline.com Inc. (Nasdaq: PCLN) and Natrol Inc. (Nasdaq: NTOL), which markets dietary supplements, are among those who have stuck with Schlessinger's program and whom the Web - site StopDrLaura.com has targeted.

Attempts to reach Schlessinger were unsuccessful.

Garry, of GLAAD, said it is particularly important to note the role the Gay and Lesbian employees group played at Sears.

"[They acted] as a catalyst within the company," she said.

Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Associates at Sears "is extremely pleased with Sears' quick response to this matter," said Jeff Hamm, president of the group, which confronted the retailer about its financial support of the show during a regular forum between Gay employees and management.

Garry applauded the employee group, saying, "There are no stronger voices than the voices of the [employees]. They can make all the difference.

"Sears is a perfect example of that."

Ryan White Act Approved By House

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) - As time runs out on current funding representatives stayed up late to pass a new Ryan White Act, but still have differences to settle with the Senate.

Shortly after midnight on the morning of July 26, the U.S. House of Representatives by voice vote approved a five-year reauthorization of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act, the federal government's primary source of funding for treatment and support services for people with HIV/AIDS and their families. Currently the Act distributes some \$1.6-billion per year. The Senate on June 6 passed reauthorization of a somewhat different version co-sponsored by Senators Jim Jeffords (R-VT) and Ted Kennedy (D-MA). The current law expires September 30, so activists praised the vote but urged the two

chambers to proceed with a House-Senate conference committee to work out their differences to ensure timely enactment.

The biggest difference between the two versions is the formula for distributing funds. Both are attempting to gradually shift monies to where the epidemic is growing rather than waning, but the House version does so more dramatically by switching from a basis on AIDS diagnoses to one of HIV diagnoses. The bill (HR 4807) was elegantly presented to the House by conservative Representative Tom Coburn (R-OK), a physician who has treated people with AIDS, who co-authored the bill with Los Angeles area Representative Henry Waxman (D-CA). Coburn said the goal of the formula was "trying to make sure the money goes where the epidemic is, and today it's not. Today it's going where

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UPDATE

Stop 'Dr.' Laura Tucson Update

TUCSON - The Stop Dr. Laura Tucson rally committee held more fund raisers and proceeds from these according to the rally committee, will go to the purchase of poster boards, placards, photocopying of handbills, sound equipment and for airfare to get the national speakers to the rally, Sunday, August 20, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at KGUN 9, 7280 E. Rosewood.

Organizers stated the funds had been raised: \$100 for barricades, \$74 for poster board and \$55 for airport returns.

One of the national figures who will be present and speaking is Robin Tyler, the head of the national coalition to Stop Dr. Laura. Tyler is a well known producer, putting together the various marches on Washington D.C., and is producing this year's National Stonewall Democratic Foundation Convention, August 10-12 in Palm Springs. Andy Thayer, a coalition organizer from Chicago will attend and speak, as well as local speakers and special guests, including Rabbi Joseph Weizenbaum of Temple Ner Tamid and Rev. Joyce Cook of Water of Life MCC.

The rally committee announced the dates and locations for more fund raisers: Woody's Pool Tournament, Beer Bust and Barbecue, August 5, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.; Stonewall Barbecue, August 6, 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Organizers of the rally expressed their appreciation to the Venture-N and IBT's for hosting fund raisers.

A sign making party will take place, every Saturday, from August 6, 10:00 a.m. to noon, to the rally date, at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

Make a difference, come out and support your community by helping fund or volunteering, by August 1, for the Tucson rally to Stop Dr. Laura. To volunteer, for more information, contact Andrea, (520) 519-6768 or leave a message for the rally committee at Wingspan, (520) 624-1779.

Phoenix To Protest 'Dr.' Laura

PHOENIX - After meeting with KTVK Channel 3 station managers, organizers of the first protest of "Dr." Laura Schlesinger's television show have announced the second date for a protest, Saturday, August 26, 10:00 a.m. at KTVK, 5555 N. 7th Avenue.

Organizers said the second protest was for the decision by KTVK to air the show in the fall.

Stop-Dr.-Laura-Phoenix had held a protest in front of the KFYI radio station this spring when Schlessinger was in town to do her radio show. The group protested again, later that day, in Scottsdale for a speech Schlessinger delivered to an anti Gay group.

SAAF Wins State Service Award

PHOENIX - At the June Symposium of the Arizona Department of Health Services Office of HIV/STD, the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) was named the state Outstanding HIV/AIDS Agency for the year.

Awards were based on agency or individual compassion and commitment in outstanding service, success and impact of services performed, and involvement in the HIV community beyond the job or mission.

SAAF was recognized for its compassion and commitment to quality services for people living with HIV/AIDS and for prevention programs with populations at risk. SAAF was identified as being particularly successful in collaborative efforts to secure services and in involving clients and community members in program development to ensure that current needs are being met. SAAF has taken a lead in bringing together many agencies to develop comprehensive services for people living with HIV/AIDS and innovative prevention programs.

"SAAF is thrilled to be recognized by the State for its commitment and success in creating and sustaining a healthier community in southern Arizona," stated Anne Maley, Executive Director of SAAF. "We strive daily to enhance our services to people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, and we are pleased at the difference we have made in people's lives."

In addition to the agency award, SAAF staff member, Marco Martinez, received the award for Outstanding Contributions to HIV Care and Services. Marco has been working for SAAF for 6 years, beginning in prevention work, and for most of his time in direct client service. Marco has a special rapport with SAAF's neediest clients and says he particularly likes working with people who face many challenges. Marco is good at motivating clients to achieve their goals and become empowered in the maintenance of their own health. Marco consistently goes beyond his job expectations in serving the needs of people with HIV in southern Arizona. He has done volunteer prevention outreach in Nogales, AZ, and provides translation service and health education to people from Mexico through the Arizona Center for Research.

Of the five awards given by the Department of Health Services this year, southern Arizona agencies and individuals received three. The third award went to David Hoover, manager of the Pima County Health Department Office of HIV/STD for HIV Lifetime Achievement.

Position Open At SAAF

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is seeking a qualified individual for the following position:

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Tucson Mama loved camping and had the right idea of a camp out. She spent days preparing for a camp out, then would arrive and spend the entire time in her tent with a bottle of scotch. For those who knew her, she had a special way of making gravy (remember City of Rocks). Another favorite, she was always pushing for cold tomato soup to be served. Her favorite camping places were City of Rock in New Mexico, Catalina State Park and Gannon's Gulch movie set.

She will be missed but we know where she is now, she will be looking for a Web TV to send an E-mail, so be alert.

Goodbye Doris, we all love you. We know that Tucson is a little better place because you passed by.

There will be a memorial service at City of Rock in August.

Dynamic individual needed to coordinate business walk teams, give presentations, 20 hrs./wk., flexible hours, for 13 weeks. \$7.50/hr.; no benefits. Begins July 31. Open until filled.

To apply, pick up job description and application instructions, Mon-Fri, 8-5, at 375 S. Euclid Ave., or call (520) 628-72-23 to have them faxed to you. AA/EOE

Community Forum: HIV Update Aug. 16

TUCSON - A community forum: HIV Update, will take place Wednesday, August 16, 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., at St. Mary's Hospital, 1601 W. St. Mary's Road, Centurion Room (8th Floor).

Dr.'s Neil Ampel, Kevin Carmichael, Deborah Goldsmith, and Kelly Vollmer will review the current state of HIV management and give an update on any new advances in treatment.

This update is sponsored by Abbott Labs and the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

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9:00 pm

Benefit show for the Arizona Angels
Featuring: Kenneth Blake, Stella Virgin,
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Wednesday, August 9th, 9:00 pm

Hosted by: Lucinda Holliday

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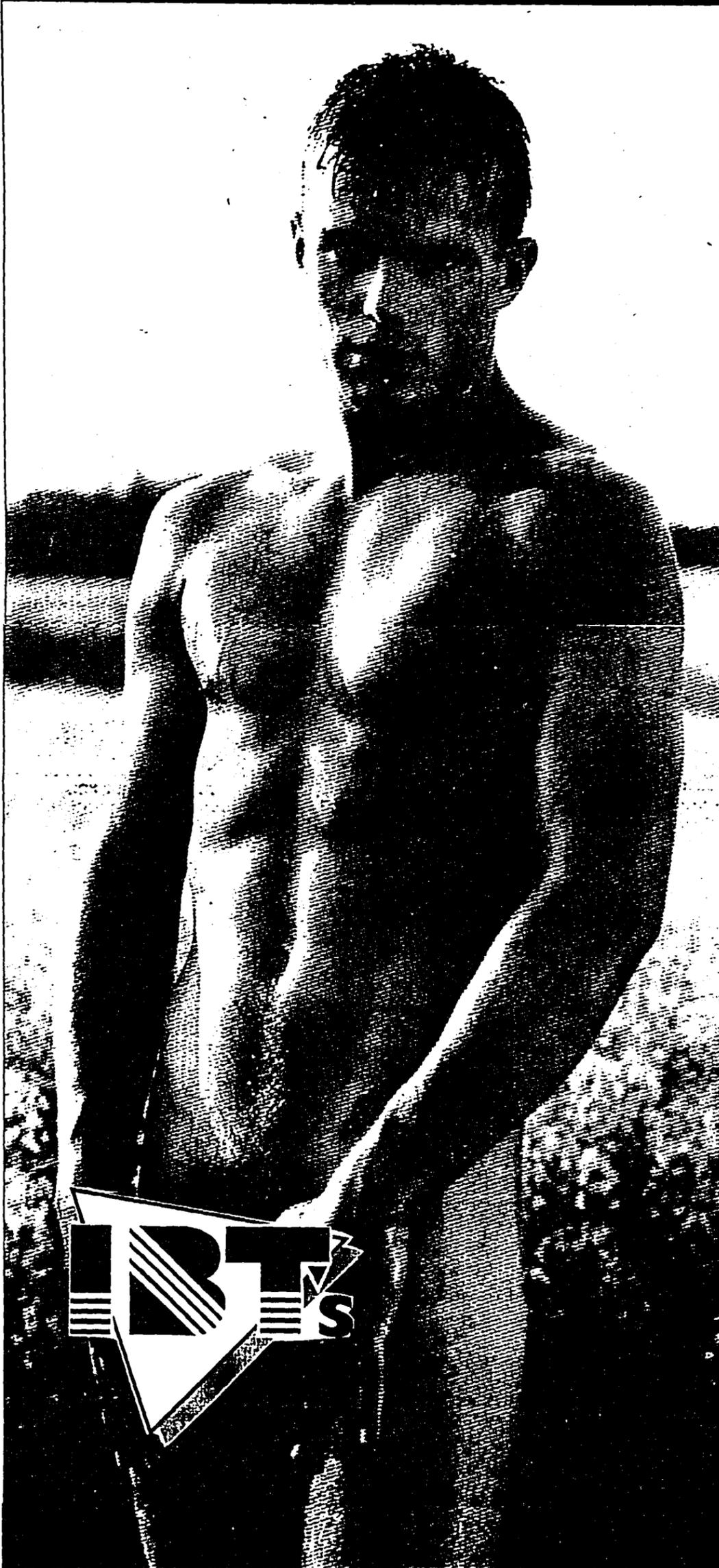
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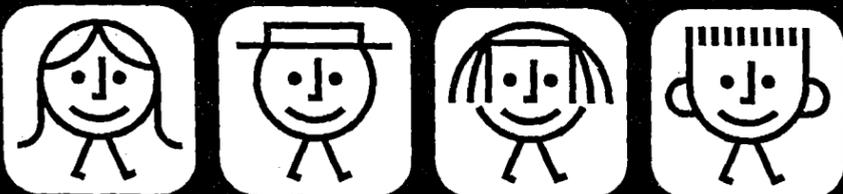
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UPDATE

New Gallery Funded By Foundation

BISBEE - The Community Foundation of Southern Arizona located in Tucson and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Alliance Fund awarded a twenty thousand dollar grant to a new, local non-profit organization, Pride Family of Cochise County, Inc.

Pride Family of Cochise County, Inc (PFCC), is a group of Gay and Lesbian residents of Cochise County is a grass roots organization that has been a social and service group in the area. PFCC wanted to broaden its mission to the community and submitted a proposal for a gallery and information center to be located in Bisbee. The consignment gallery featuring Gay, Lesbian and "straight" artists from around Arizona will be called the Arizona Pride Family Gallery. It was thought that a gallery in an art community would be a natural to help support the mission of PFCC.

The mission of the Pride Family is to offer support to any person who is struggling with issues related to sexual orientation; provide social opportunities for anyone isolated because of their orientation; project a positive image of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgendered people; promote harmonious relations with mainstream society based on mutual respect, trust and appreciation of the splendid diversity of our community. The idea that this could best be achieved in Bisbee by an art gallery and information center was conceived by local entrepreneur, Mark Jay who suggested the idea to the board of directors of the organization. "I have been retired for about eight years and am excited to revisit my previous career by designing and marketing this gallery," said Jay. The gallery will also house a resource center for literature and there will also be a Web site sponsored by the project.

The Community Foundation of

Southwest Regional Mr. Drummer & Drummer Boy Contest Aug. 11-13

PHOENIX - Tuff Stuff Inc. announce the addition of "The Chute" as the co-sponsor of the Mr. Drummer & Drummer Boy Southwest Regional Contests. Welcome!

The MC and Judges for the contest being held at the Padlock, 998 E. Indian School Rd., Phoenix, the weekend of August 11-13 are as follows:

Master of Ceremonies: Fraser Picard - Mr. International Drummer 1999. Judges Coordinator and Panel of Judges: Mr. David Sellon, Mr. Southwest Drummer

Southern Arizona agreed that it would be great way to comply with the terms of a grant they won from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. CFSA was charged with the task of redistributing the money in southern Arizona with the goals of building bridges and understanding between the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered and the straight populations. The fund at the foundation was named the GLBT&S Fund to capture the goal of harmony. Ultimately the goal of the grant making is to encourage endowment building with a focus on acceptance, cooperation and harmony for the diversity of mankind. The foundation agreed that Bisbee's reputation as an art and antiques town and its great reputation of being a friendly, welcoming community for all types of people was a great combination for the goals of the grant.

Conrad Cambron, President of the Board of Directors for PFCC commented, "We are thrilled to have the support of CFSA in this exciting project. We already had all the energy, talent, imagination and commitment we needed to make this wonderful idea a reality. Only the money was missing. We are excited to have the opportunity to participate in what we think will be a great success for Bisbee, the county and the diverse community we love here." The gallery will open September 30, 2000 and will have a grand opening November 10, around the time of the other planned art events in Bisbee. The group also believes that the local economy will benefit by making Bisbee more of a destination for Gay and Lesbian people. Artists and volunteers may apply to the Pride Family of Cochise County, Inc.; Post Office Box 54; Bisbee, Arizona, 85063. Slides of artist's work will be required before acceptance for display. There will also be a part-time position of Gallery Manager available and those interested may write for a job description.

1999, will be the Judges coordinator and Head Judge. Michael Gordon- Southwest Drummerboy 1999. Scott Bloom- Mr. Piston's Leather 2000 and 1st Runner Up International Mr. Leatherman 2000. J. D.- Mr. Minnesota Leather 1993 & Mr. Great Lakes Drummer 1993. Mark Chipmen- Mr. San Diego Leather 2000. Edward Espindola- Mr. Palm Springs Daddy Bear 1999. Plus the well known Mistress Catrina.

The host hotel is Les Jardines, 401 W. Clarendon Ave., Phoenix, phone: (602) 324-2464 Fax: (602) 277-2602 Email: sales@lesjardineshotel.com.

SexChat & More

TUCSON - Two new monthly groups - both focused on sexuality - are now meeting at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

SexChat and Sexploration are led by Merryl Sloane, a queer sex educator who has been teaching seminars and facilitating workshops all over the country since 1992. Her philosophy is: "We all - Gay, Lesbian, Bi, Trans, or straight - deserve to have the greatest sex we can imagine."

The two groups at Wingspan are ongoing, drop-in (come to one or come to them all), and open to adults (18+ please)

of all genders and sexual orientations. The only rules are complete confidentiality and acceptance of our diversity.

Sloane said, "The purpose of these groups is to provide a safe and welcoming space to discuss any and all aspects of our sexuality. No judgments. No shoulds. No expectations. My goal is the open exchange of information and ideas without fear or shaming. And, of course, to have a lot of fun."

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

General Blamed In Winchell Death Leaves Pentagon

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Army General Robert T. Clark, the officer accused by Gay civil rights advocates of tolerating a homophobic atmosphere that contributed to the harassment and murder of a Gay soldier last July, has given up a prestigious Pentagon job citing family health problems.

Major Gen. Clark, the top officer at the Fort Campbell Army base where Pfc. Barry Winchell was bludgeoned to death, bitterly denied the accusations. "I object to being characterized the way I have been characterized by people who don't have a clue as to who I am as a human being or who I am as a commander," he said in June.

A report issued by the Army's inspector general, Lt. Gen. Michael W. Ackerman, concluded that no senior officers were responsible for not intervening in Private Winchell's harassment, though the report did single out the private's first sergeant for blame.

The report said that while some members of Winchell's unit harbored anti Gay attitudes, no officers at the base should be held accountable for those biases, including Gen. Clark.

Clark's reassignment to the post of Deputy Director for Operations for the Joint

Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon angered Winchell's family. Gay rights advocates and some members of Congress who said the promotion before a follow-up investigation was completed by the Army was inappropriate.

"Relocating and promoting Major General Clark prior to the completion of this investigation would be wrong and undermine the (Defense) Department's professed commitment to enforce the Gays-in-the-military policy in a fair and legal manner," a letter signed by 30 members of Congress said.

Clark's resignation from the prestigious post came as a complete surprise to those following the case. That based on a family member's medical problems, Clark requested, and was granted, a "compassionate reassignment" from the Army.

An Army statement said Clark's reassignment to the post of Deputy Commanding General of the Fifth Army in San Antonio, Texas, will permit him to continue serving the nation and providing his family access to needed expert medical care.

Clark is quoted as saying in the statement, "I regret I am unable to continue to serve as a member of the Joint Staff, but I have to do what's right for my family."

The Ever Growing Power Of The G/L Dollar

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - New research puts the purchasing power of the Gay dollar at \$340 billion in 1999. What is more, the study suggests that the pink buck's buying power will increase 30.8 percent — to nearly \$450 billion by 2004.

The report says the Gay and Lesbian market is growing at such a rapid pace because individuals now feel able to identify themselves as Gay or Lesbians and with less risk than ever before.

The study, conducted by Kalorama Information, a market-research firm, says the buying power of a Gays and Lesbians compares favorably with that of adult African-Americans at \$360 billion and is substantially greater than the purchasing power of Hispanic consumers in the same age range.

The Kalorama study is the latest in a number of reports that tries to nail down a figure to ascribe to the Gay and Lesbian market. The affluency of the Gay population in recent years has been purported to be as high as \$800 billion.

"We concluded that the percentage of people who self-identify as Gay or Lesbian has been increasing dramatically over the past decade. We believe that this trend is likely to continue for some time to come," says Robert Brown, co-author of the study.

Key factors in the trend include a more tolerant environment in society as a whole, the expanding importance of Gay and Lesbian employee groups in the workplace, and the growing influence of Gay and Lesbian voters in national and local elections, according to Kalorama.

A study conducted last year by Spare Parts Inc. found Gay consumers are more aware of whether the companies they buy from have instituted Gay-positive policies, such as same-sex non-discrimination

and domestic-partner benefits. Some 47 percent of respondents said at the time they prefer to purchase from Gay-friendly companies, even if their prices are somewhat higher.

Not just a U.S.-only phenomenon: Earlier this year, England's Guardian newspaper editorialized that companies targeting Gays and Lesbians are doing so based on anecdotal evidence and that no real information exists as to the numbers nor the potential and actual spending. The Guardian also opined there is no conclusive research suggesting that Gays and Lesbians live differently from anyone else.

Perhaps in response to that criticism, last week, British market research company ID Research launched what it called was the biggest census of Gay and Lesbians in Britain in an effort to help businesses target the so-called pink pound.

The company, who markets itself as the only dedicated Gay research company in Britain, plans to target only self-identified Lesbians and Gays through advertisements, postcards, questionnaires, telephone and email.

ID Research Managing Director David Pinson told Reuters that there isn't a lot of data about the British Gay population, and that a baseline needs to be created to depict the market. He called current numbers "nonsense."

Still, companies selling everything from clothing to tobacco to entertainment are vying for a piece of the pie. Not to mention alcohol, which — rightly or wrongly — is believed to be consumed in greater numbers per capita within the Gay community.

The results of the census, which commences later this summer, will be published next spring.

Stop "Dr." Laura!

Infamous for calling gays and lesbians biological errors, Laura Schlessinger has built her career by promoting homophobia and stereotypical gender roles for women and men. With the help of ABC and Paramount, Schlessinger wants to broadcast her hate to a nationwide TV audience beginning this fall. ABC wouldn't allow bigots calling other oppressed groups "biological errors" to have a national TV broadcast. Why do they extend that courtesy to "Dr. Laura"? We call on ALL who oppose hate to join a day of protest to Stop Dr. Laura!

Tuesday Rally!

Sunday, August 20th

@ 10:00am
1-3pm

7280 E. Rosewood

For local information call: Wingspan (520)624-1779 or Atlanta (520)519-6768

For more information on national efforts to stop Dr. Laura, visit StopDrLaura.com, the web site with over 14 million hits to date!

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The firm's research in England also revealed nearly 90 percent of Gays and Lesbians feel it is important to buy from Gay or Gay-friendly companies. Just slightly less than that feel it is important not to buy from companies that are hostile to Gays.

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Harold Lackey: SAAF's Volunteer Of The Year



Volunteer of the Year recipient, Harold Lackey, with SAAF Executive Director, Anne Maley.

By Artt Siverson

TUCSON - Having never been to Harold Lackey's home, it would only be conjecture at this point. But my guess would be that his hat rack is full of many different kinds of hats. He is a former PACT employee, the first Client Advocate at SAAF (Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation), a gentleman farmer, an incredible AIDS educator, a hard working, energetic AIDSWALK volunteer, a SAAF client, and a man living with AIDS. And the key word here is living with.

Harold came to Tucson about 7-years ago and made his connection to the HIV/AIDS community through PACT. Since then he has been using his knowledge and talents to help educate at-risk youth and has spoken to as many as 800 kids in a day. He has an incredible gift for getting the word out. His involvement with AIDS-WALK each year is welcomed with enthusiastic appreciation from all concerned.

Lackey's wish is that more people were concerned. And one of his concerns at this point is that young people aren't "getting it." He sees HIV as a preventable disease, and youth need to hear this message loudly and clearly. His other concern is that the youth who are infected are not coming forward because of stigmas and fears.

Though he has been living with HIV for 20-years now, Harold is more empowered than ever. He is proactive in his response to this virus and is vocal in his opinions. Positive thinking, country living

surrounded by the things he loves (especially his dogs), and a balanced approach to wellness seem to be the keys to his well-being.

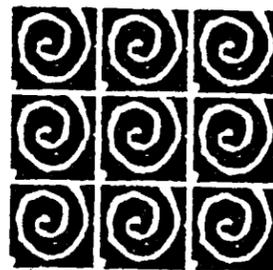
If ever you want to know what is on Harold's mind, ask him, and he will tell you. If you need him to go talk to a group of kids about HIV/AIDS issues, he is happy to do it. If you need someone to pitch in and help with a SAAF fund-raiser, you can count on Harold. And he will also be the first person to tell you that he is happy to give back to the organization and the community that has been there for him so many times. Thank you, Harold Lackey, for being there for SAAF!

Barney Frank In Phoenix Sept. 8

PHOENIX - On Tuesday, September 8, the Arizona Stonewall Democrats and the Arizona Human Rights Fund will host a joint fund raiser, "Pride and Politics: An evening with the Honorable Barney Frank."

Frank has served in the U.S. House since 1980, and has been described as "one of the intellectual and political leaders of the Democratic Party in the House." During his tenure, Frank has lent his voice to a range of causes from gun control to the medical use of marijuana to Gay marriage. The Massachusetts Member of Congress is not only a champion for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender rights, but for civil rights anywhere they may be threatened.

A reception at a Paradise Valley residence will take place at 6:00 p.m., with an intimate dinner to honor Frank follows at 8:30 p.m. at Coup Des Tartes, 4626 N. 16th Street, Phoenix. Tickets are \$50 for the reception and \$250 for the dinner, with the proceeds going to the state's Gay and Lesbian rights group and Arizona's Gay and Lesbian Democratic organization. For more information, call (602) 864-6092.



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POLITICS 2000

by Mark R. Kerr

'Who Wrote This Script?'

During the first day, Monday, July 31, of the Republican National Convention (also known as the Bushified Ballyhoo), the mostly WASP delegates (83% of them) were seen, on camera, trying to look cool for the television viewers by dancing, or doing something close to dancing while the band, located up in the nose bleed section of Philadelphia's First Union Center, played rock songs from the 50's, 60's and 70's.

A scene of people "getting jiggy with it" in the aisles wasn't in the script of the GOP infomercial. Since the respective states called, during day one of the three-day roll call, of states to announce their vote for their party's presidential nominee, Texas Governor Dubya Bush, didn't blather on for the allotted time about the inane qualities of their "home states," so convention managers had to scramble to fill a few minutes of the severely scripted, non controversial, non Democrat bashing, GOP love-fest extravaganza, where the Republicans want to show that they care about you, really!

Reporters, from every media outlet possible, have also converged in the "City of Brotherly Love" to cover this, or at least try to stir up the elephants by unearthing some controversy, so they wouldn't die from boredom. Arizona Senator and former GOP presidential candidate, John McCain, gave reporters hope with his performance at the Shadow Convention.

Organized by columnist, Arianna Huffington and comedian, Al Franken, the Shadow Convention (also to be held in Los Angeles during the Democratic National Convention, August 13-17), was to talk about several key issues, including education and campaign finance reform. McCain was the first elected official to speak, after opening remarks from Huffington, who told convention-goers that this event "wasn't organized to endorse candidates but to talk about issues."

After a glowing introduction from Arianna, who supported his bid for the White House this year, McCain came to the podium and after some opening remarks, endorsed Dubya Bush and urged those present to vote for the Texas Governor. He was roundly booed by the audience, to the point Huffington had to come back to the podium to quiet the crowd. Was that a nice way to treat a sitting U.S. Senator? Yes! McCain strayed from the script and purpose of the Shadow Convention. He redeemed himself on day two of the GOP infomercial, giving a good speech, extolling the virtues of a Dubya Bush administration while keeping a "straight face."

Reporters, still searching for "something juicy" to cover, zoomed in U.S. Representative Jim Kolbe, R-Arizona (CD 5), the only openly Gay Republican in Congress and was scheduled to give a prime time speech on trade during the second day of the convention. A first for the GOP but that's as far as it went. After receiving polite applause and a protest prayer from the Texas delegation, who had threatened to walk-out over a homosexual speaking at the convention, Kolbe stuck to his scripted remarks, three-minutes in total, talking about trade and how a Bush administration would fight for lucrative free trade agreements with China and other countries.

Before his three minutes, the Arizona Member of Congress said at a reception for the Log Cabin Republicans,

"It's a small step for the Republican Party and for our presidential candidate - but a very major one." Gay Republicans hailed Kolbe's speech as an important sign that Bush and the GOP rank-and-file are more tolerant.

Looking at the 2000 Republican national platform though, tells another story, with their Platform Committee approving a party platform that includes anti Gay language regarding issues such as marriage, civil rights, and the military.

The Republicans' document is direct in its opposition to Gay civil rights, though less adamant than the 1996 version, which called such protections a "perversion." The 2000 platform opposes "special legal protections or standing in law" for Gays and Lesbians. It also supports "the traditional definition of 'marriage' as the legal union of one man and one woman" and reiterates the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) in stating that "federal judges and bureaucrats should not force states to recognize other living arrangements as marriage." On Gays in the military, the platform leans more to the right than Bush himself does. While the former president's son supports the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy that allows closeted Lesbians and Gays a place in the armed forces, the platform asserts that homosexuality is "incompatible" with military service. ...

Pima County has two openly Gay candidates running for elected office in this presidential election year. Colette Barajas is running for the Democratic nomination for the state-house from District 13, and Jesse George, former chair of the Pima County Democratic Party is running for County Treasurer. George will face Republican Beth Ford in the general election for this administrative post. Contested primary county elections are few this year, with three Supervisor seats, the Superintendent of Schools and two county Justice of Peace positions having elections in September.

District 1 Supervisor, Republican Mike Boyd, is not seeking a third term. Two soon-to-be former state legislators, Senator Ann Day and Representative Dan Schottel are battling for the GOP nod in this race. On the Democratic side, TUSD teacher John Crouch and consultant, Byron Howard are battling it out in the primary contest. History isn't on the side of the Democrats in this district, with developer Ron Asta being the last Democrat elected, in 1976.

District 3 Supervisor, Sharon Bronson, who voted to extend medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners of county employees, faces a Democratic primary challenge from former state Representative, Richard Pacheco. The winner will face auto-parts shop owner, Republican Barney Brenner in the general election.

District 5 Supervisor, incumbent Raul Grijalva, who helped to get medical and dental benefits extended to the domestic partners of county employees, faces Dan Medina, an employee for the Jim Click Automotive Group, for the Democratic nomination, with the winner to face Republican, Rosalie Lopez.

Three Democrats, Eva Carrillo Dong, Andy Morales and Greg Czekaj, are facing off to see who will go up against the incumbent Pima County Superintendent of

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PERSPECTIVE

By Craig Roberts

G/L Positions Contrary To Governor Bush

"The draft platform is a reflection of Gov. Bush, and demonstrates that he is truly a different kind of a Republican who is reaching out to all communities, including Gays and Lesbians, and his desire to have a much more positive platform.

"Unfortunately, religious conservative members of the various Platform subcommittees and the full Platform Committee, at the urging of groups such as the Traditional Values Coalition, voted to add some anti-Gay provisions into the Platform. Members of the Committee, composed of two members from each State, are some of the most conservative members of the Republican Party. Throughout the Platform proceedings, they took many positions that are contrary to the views and positions of Gov. Bush." - Carl Schmid, an openly Gay Republican delegate

Oh, really? Which anti Gay positions in the final platform are contrary to the views and positions of Gov. Bush? Let's look at them one by one:

"We support the First Amendment right of freedom of association and stand united with private organizations, such as the Boy Scouts of America, and support their positions." Gee, wonder why the BSA is the only example given here. Why not San Diego Pride?

"Republicans recognize the importance of having a father and a mother at home" - this language was changed by conservatives to specifically to the singular "a father" and "a mother" so that no one would be deceived that the "Grand Oil Party" might support families headed by same-sex couples. Apparently children with different-gender parents matter more than those with same-sex parents.

"We support the traditional definition 'marriage' as the legal union of one man and one woman and we believe that federal judges and bureaucrats should not force states to recognize other living arrangements as marriages." Unfortunately, the Vice President agrees with the first half of this statement. However, the second

statement is entirely disingenuous in its allusion to the Vermont civil union decision, which was made by that state's Supreme Court. Anyone care to bet that that's one flavor of state's rights that the GOP won't support?

"We do not believe sexual preference should be given special legal protection or standing in law." In fact, the GOP and Governor Bush believe that sodomy laws should be the rule of the land.

"We therefore oppose discrimination based on sex, race, age, religion, creed, disability or national origin.... [W]e denounce all who practice or promote racism, anti-Semitism, ethnic prejudice and religious intolerance." Obviously, the GOP and Governor Bush do not oppose discrimination based on sexual orientation and do not denounce those who practice or promote anti-Gay intolerance. This is unconscionable when the last few years have seen the anti-Gay murders in California, West Virginia, Wyoming, Alabama and Oregon.

"We salute those who... offer adoption services and we commend congressional Republicans for expanding assistance to adopting families...." - unless these families are headed by same-sex couples, single Gay men or Lesbians.

"We affirm traditional military culture. We affirm that homosexuality is incompatible with military service." - This statement is the essence of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," a policy that the Vice President now disagrees with.

In addition, the GOP and Governor Bush believe that anti-hate-crimes laws are unnecessary because "all crimes are hate crimes." What an absurd statement.

As much as Governor Bush might "reach out" to Gay men and Lesbians, he won't do a damn thing for our community. It's amazing to see Gay Republicans give the GOP so much credit for so little.

[Craig Roberts is the President San Diego Democratic Club.]

Gay and Bi Men Smoke More Study Says

BOULDER, CO (GHN) - Hopes that men who have sex with men are resisting the allure of cowboys and camels have gone up in smoke. Preliminary data from a study presented 20 at the Gay Men's Health Summit show more men who have sex with men smoke cigarettes, compared to the general population of men.

Researchers from the University of California, San Francisco interviewed 2,881 Gay and Bisexual men in Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York City and Chicago about their smoking habits. Interviews took place from 1997 to 1998. Of the 1,780 men who completed the interviews, around 31 percent reported smoking cigarettes, notably higher than the 25.3 percent of men in the general U.S. population who reported smoking, according to national figures, said Gregory L. Greenwood, Ph.D., M.P.H., co-author of the study.

Smoking rates are highest among Gay and Bisexual men between ages 30 and 40, then steadily decline. "The older you get, the more likely you are to quit," said Greenwood. Researchers also found 30 percent of college-educated Gay and Bisexual men smoke, compared to only 13.8 percent of the general male, col-

lege-educated population.

In contrast, Gay and Bisexual men usually begin to smoke in their early 20's, compared to non-Gay men who typically start in their mid-teens, according to the study. The delay in smoking may be related to the environments in which men who have sex with men socialize and come out - namely bars, where smoking is prevalent, said Dr. Greenwood. The age difference may also be explained by cigarette ads that target the Gay community and sponsorship of Gay events by tobacco companies, both of which reach a college-age audience, added Dr. Greenwood.

Of the participants who expressed an interest in quitting, the most commonly reported reasons were to save money or because smoking made them feel unattractive, said Dr. Greenwood. Surprisingly, most participants did not cite health concerns as a primary reason to end their habit, he added.

Participants were also found to favor an individual approach to quitting. Fifty-seven percent said they believe the most effective way to quit is to go "cold turkey," or to stop all at once.



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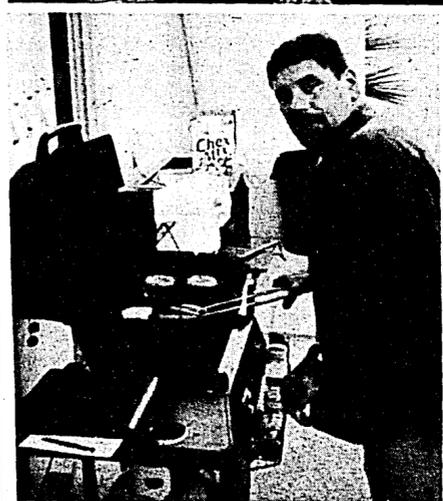
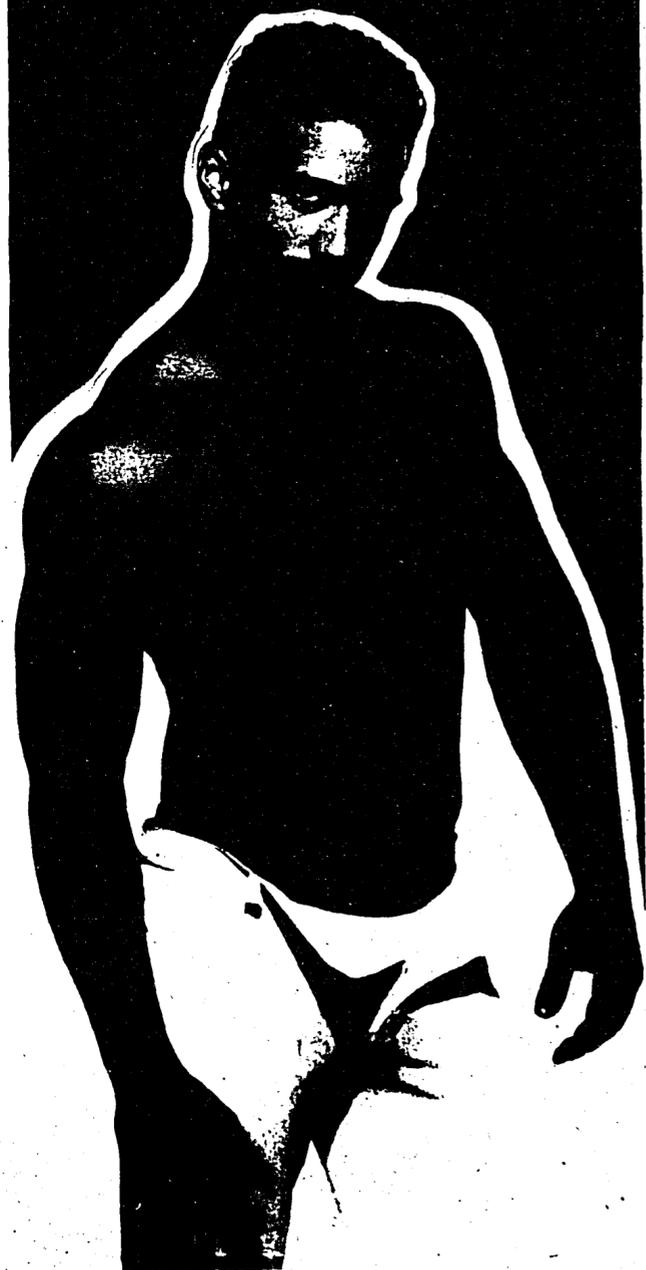


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**South African Government Performed
Sex Changes To 'Cure' G/L Soldiers**

JOHANNESBURG, RSA - A South African newspaper is reporting that the army performed sex-change operations on Gay service members during the apartheid era.

The Daily Mail and Guardian reports that surgeons with the South African Defense Force say that about 50 sex-change operations were performed annually between 1971 and 1989 on male and female service members as part of a top-secret project. The project had psychiatrists and chaplains seeking out suspected Gay and Lesbian soldiers and sending them to a military hospital for "rehabilitation." The soldiers were subjected to hormone drugs and electric-shock "aversion" therapy, and those who were deemed not to have been cured were given sex-change operations or chemically castrated. The surgeons told the paper that some patients died during the procedure.

Details of the project are chronicled in a forthcoming study conducted on behalf of South African groups the Medical Research Council, the Gay and Lesbian Archives, the Health and Human Rights Project, and the National Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality. One doctor who worked on the project denied to the paper that sex-change operations ever took place. "What we practiced was aversion therapy," Aubrey Levine told the newspaper. "We caused slight—very slight—discomfort in the arm by contracting the muscles using an electronic device. At no time were patients forced to submit to treatment. We did not keep human guinea pigs like Russian Communists; we had only patients who wanted to be cured and were there voluntarily." The South African National Defense Force said it is willing to investigate the report's charges.

SAAF UPDATE
SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION

By Anne Maley

I would like to update the community on the status of the Salud es Poder project. In June we received a bequest from Ruth and Irving Cohen, which we were able to earmark for the Salud project. This, with other funds, has allowed us to retain Ernie Pérez as part-time Salud manager and Rafael Velarde as part-time coordinator of the volunteers. In addition, Ernie will conduct outreach for the Gay Men's Health Project. We continue to pursue other sources of funds to continue this project beyond this year. We recently met with leaders in the Latino community to devise a fund-raising plan.

We have been able to enhance our client services this summer with the addition of Danny Blake as Director of Client Services. We are very pleased to have Danny's long-term understanding of HIV in Tucson as well as his exceptional social work background. We also now have on-site a therapist, Robert Claassen, to provide needed behavioral health counseling to our clients. Robert is a COPE Behavioral Health Services staff member funded by the recent Ryan White awards. Through a collaboration with Jewish Family and Children Services, Louise Morgan provides counseling to children affected by HIV/

AIDS. These new positions help SAAF meet the day-to-day needs of so many of our clients.

To ensure compassionate, comprehensive services to our clients and the community, I have accepted the Presidency of the local Behavioral Health Coalition (BHC), which works closely with the Community Partnership of Southern Arizona (CPSA), the state's regional behavioral health authority for allocating funding and ensuring service quality. As part of being the BHC President, I sit on the Board of Directors of CPSA, which also funds our Latina Leadership Project. This will provide me with an in-depth understanding of the behavioral health network that our clients must access as well as an opportunity to improve their access to the mental health and substance abuse services that they need.

One way we are able to sustain the level of services and programs that we do is through AIDS WALK. I am pleased to announce that corporate sponsorship has been secured to fully underwrite the cost of AIDS WALK 2000. So every dollar raised goes to support client and prevention services. Please call (520) 791-WALK (9255) to get your registration packet. See you on October 22 at Rillito Downs!

THE BOOK REPORT

Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West, by Gregory Maguire (HapperCollins, 1996).

Are you a friend of Dorothy's? Well read this novel and maybe you won't be anymore. No, it won't make you straight, but it will introduce you to the complex and noble character of Elphaba, or as she is more popularly known "the Wicked Witch of the West." Elphaba, born of Munchkin stock (though fathered by elves whom her mother "entertained" while drunk), is a strange green child with serious canines and a fear of water. Due to her uniqueness, she develops a sense of morals that differs greatly from the ruling junta of the dictatorial Wizard. She secretly works to regain the civil rights of the Animals of Oz (animal beings that feel, think and talk like humans) and other displaced minorities who face genocide from the onslaught of

the Wizards troops (transported on the slave labor project known as the Yellow Brick Road). She joins the underground movement plotting to overthrow the Wizard. Her affair with a young tribal man from the mountains opens and closes her heart, starting her on the long journey to her final incarnation of Wicked Witch of the West.

A great read with political intrigue, religious fanaticism and doomed romance, this book portrays the Wicked Witch as never before. Simply, as a human with all the hopes, heartbreaks and complexity that makes a life.

[Reviewed by Rich DiRusso, Librarian, Tucson-Pima Public Library (TPPL). To find more books of interest, visit your neighborhood library, or the library Web site at www.lib.ci.tucson.az.us.]

T H O R O S C O P E S
BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

A planetary push through Leo can set off some dreamy surprises for us this August. While we strive to keep our feet firmly on the ground, there may be times when our cloudy heads take us airborne. Fantasize to your heart's content, cousin, but always be prepared to put your thoughts into action. Build your pink palace on bedrock.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Mars, Venus, Mercury and Sun boogie through Leo this August placing you in the pulsating epicenter of party central. The music blasts Out and so do you. But know your limits when these wilde orbs oppose sparky Uranus and dizzy Neptune mid-month. Gay Rams who overdo in one way or another will be scrapped off the sidewalk with a spatula with the rest of the chewed gum.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Prepare for a beehive of activity around the house this August. Queer Bulls harness the power of personal planets in Leo and use the energy to tackle a myriad of household projects that never seem to get done. But wield your tools carefully around the 9th when Neptune and Uranus conspire to toss your best laid plans into the cuisinart. My advice: Cook at the beach instead.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

A whisper can turn into a manifesto this August when personal planets occupy Leo. Take your ideas to the streets and get politically involved. Proud Twins find that their ideas can catch fire and rage out of control mid-month, courtesy of Uranus and Neptune. Contain them with your innate common sense as Saturn moves into your own sign and brings you down to size. Sigh!

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Rainbow Crabs are usually pretty adept at maximizing their gains and minimizing their losses. But this August, as Uranus and Neptune oppose all those personal Leo planets, your fiscal sense may be temporarily blurred as you are tapped as a "well endowed benefactor" by some pert young worthy cause. Expect to spend a bundle, but ah cousin, what a way to go!

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

All these personal planets transiting through your own sign makes you feel pretty darned good about yourself. That is, until Uranus and Neptune oppose all these cheerleaders on the 9th. Proud Lions may find that they are eclipsed by their partner's brilliance. Before you sulk and pout, remember that sometimes a star is simply a reflection of another, brighter orb.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

With the Sun, Venus, Mercury and Mars transiting Leo, queer Virgins can easily feel that they are in sync with their spiritual core. Ooohum! That is, until the 9th when Uranus and Neptune bring you back to reality with tons of job commitments. Poor dear, it is difficult to contemplate the heavens when you are pushing your pencil and paperclips from the in to out box.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

August is when pink Libras surround themselves with convivial companions and notable social events. Plan a few soirees when the Sun, Venus, Mercury and Mars hobnob in Leo. But watch your social graces around the 9th when Uranus and Neptune barge into the act. Like a yahoo with a lampshade, they spill the drinks and barf in the canapes. Can you overdo? Oh do you!

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Stake your claim to professional success and don't stop until you take over the entire terrain. All your personal planets in Leo enable queer Scorps to take their goals to the limit, but be careful about taking them to the extremes. The Neptune and Uranus opposition on the 9th puts stress on your home life, especially if you mix work and family. Divide and conquer in August, comrade!

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Proud Archers are irrepressible and uncontrollable this August when a rush of personal planets travels through brash Leo. Your words pack a punch and can take on global proportions. This goes double when dizzy Neptune and explosive Uranus complete their opposition. Oh goody! Now when you blurt out something, it shakes the house to the rafters. Shake rattle and roll, cousin.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

How hot can August get? Pretty darned hot, according to all the personal planets in Leo. However, Gay Caps are apt to put a price tag on all sexy liaisons, especially around the 9th when Neptune and Uranus oppose the planetary Leo surge. It may be that your new, fabulous fling will set you back a few bucks or maybe you'll be the one who is feted, treated and spoiled. Yeah, right.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

How close is too close? Aquerians have a bunch of personal planets crowding Leo this August, focusing your attention on relationships. Ah, but when the Neptune and Uranus opposition stresses your domestic harmony around the 9th, you may find that the shoes are fitting a bit too tight. Will you take a walk on the wild side? Or maybe go barefoot??

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

It's time to get down to work this August when a plethora of personal planets heat up Leo as well as your initiative. You can accomplish anything you set your mind to do which is a nice change of pace. But Guppies should be careful of dissipating themselves when both Neptune and Uranus tax your energies around the 9th. Hmm, maybe it's time to relax?

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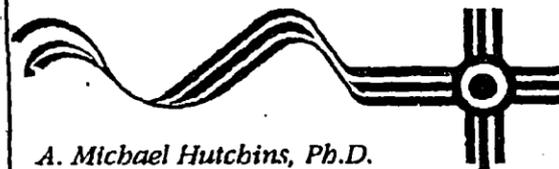
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Desert Vision by Louis F. Kavar, PhD

The Desert Heat

The monsoons came earlier this year than they ever have in recorded history. While the early rains brought much needed relief parched desert, they seem to have dried up as quickly as they came. Over the past few weeks, Southern Arizona has baked in 100-plus temperatures each day. While clouds form in the sky most evenings, they are little more than a tease of what could be. No substantial rain has fallen over the last few weeks. (Perhaps that will change from the time I write this till when you read this, but the extended forecast doesn't look promising.)

Many of us survive by insulating ourselves from the heat. I spoke with one person the other day who was pleased to report that for more than two weeks she has not been outside of an air-conditioned environment. Insulation from the intensity of the mid-day sun and searing temperatures is but one way to deal with summer in the desert. I suspect some important life-lessons can be gleaned from reflection on life in the Sonora.

The first peoples to inhabit this land lived with a rhythm very different from our own. During the cooler, winter months, native peoples lived in the Tucson valley, enjoying the temperate climate and vegetation. When the summer heat began to swell, these ancestors would head to the hills, spending their summers in the cooler heights of the mountains. At the first monsoon, there was a quick return to the valley to plant the crops that would be nourished by the summer rains while the community continued to live in the mountains. In autumn, people returned to the valley and enjoyed the harvest of Sonoran agriculture.

Once missionaries arrived in the valley, there were more year-round residents. The rhythm of life shifted from seasonal homes in the mountains to a daily routine including an afternoon siesta. Finding shade and perhaps a breeze, perhaps the best option for an afternoon of 105-degree weather is to sleep.

Today, with the marvels of technology providing climate-controlled environments, we can simply pretend the heat isn't there. The weather simply has become a topic of conversation and little more than an occasional annoyance. But cool days and warm days are much the same for most of us. There's little change in our activities to accommodate the summer heat.

The heat of the desert summer is an apt metaphor for the difficult times of our lives. There are times when the challenges we encounter are scorching hot, when problems scar through us with a burning sensation, when things around us seem dry and lifeless. In these times, how do we respond? Do we pretend there's not a problem, attempting to live life as if all were cool and comfortable, just like we're in air conditioning that prevents us from experiencing the heat? Do we stick it our right where we are, getting through the worst of it by pulling back enough to recharge, taking psychological siesta's to restore our stamina? Or do we create solutions and find ways to restore balance in inventive ways, much like those who learned to live both in the mountains and on the desert floor?

There are many ways to deal with the scorching heat life often brings our way. Pretending like the problems don't exist, much like living in a climate-controlled environment prevents us from fully living our lives. Finding creative solutions to life's problems by living life with a sense of rhythm and balance open us to the possibility of encountering life in all it's fullness. Living from that sense of rhythm, maintaining the delicate inner balance is among the important lessons to be gleaned from the desert heat.

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EDITOR:

Not long ago I had a very nasty experience at the Venture-N. I was driving taxi one night and got a personal call from one of my regulars to pick him up inside. I went in and told the doorman my business and he pointed me in the direction of the rear bar. When I walked towards where he pointed a customer gets in my face and screams, "Your kind doesn't belong here!" At the top of his lungs. Me, I look around to see if they have separate drinking fountains labeled "men" and "them." When I told him I was a taxidriver picking up a fare he told that was acceptable. Isn't it funny, that I suddenly became acceptable when I was performing a needed service. Driving a drunk fag or two home or wherever. Thank the Goddess it wasn't him! I hope someday he remembers that it took a woman to open herself twice to give him the gift of life. Just because I'm a Lesbian doesn't mean you get off easy girls. I don't go to the Biz because my brothers don't feel welcome there. Even if you were conceived in a petrie dish you still need your father's seed to determine your gender. Sex Ed. 101.

Haven't we as women experienced enough gender discrimination at the hands of men in the workplace? (Who says Women's Suffrage is dead?) Equal pay for equal work. That's a real battle. But so is the battle for our civil rights, Where would the African-Americans be in their quest for civil rights if Rosa Parks hadn't refused to give up her seat on the bus? A small Black woman who had the courage to say no in the face of oppression. Our "Veterans" raised our cry for freedom on June 27, 1969 in that same face of oppression, bigotry.

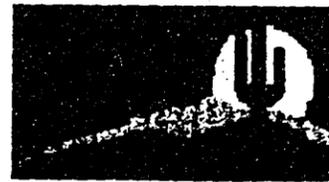
I just watched Boys Don't Cry and it enraged me. When I think of Brandon Teena and that poor young man Matthew Shepard paying the ultimate price for being different I hurt inside. Yet some of us have the nerve to promote bigotry in a community where it doesn't belong. We call it separatism. (A rose by any other name...)

A house divided against itself will not stand! Think about it.

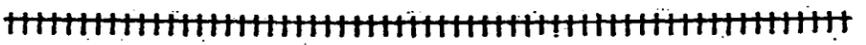
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Rich DeRusso is a Librarian at the Tucson-Pima Public Library, where he has worked for three years. Prior to coming to TPPL, he worked at the Nogales Library for three years. Rich is a founding member and male co-chair of Tucson-Pima Public Library's Gay & Lesbian Services. Through this organization, members have successfully placed issues of The Advocate Magazine at all branch libraries and have added a core list of periodicals. In addition, the group has worked to provide domestic partner benefits for all Gay and Lesbian employees of COT. The Gay & Lesbian Services also presents an annual author/book-signing event as well as a puppet show at the OUToberFEST in Reid Park. The group most important work is to provide a well-developed collection of materials for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Transgendered community in Tucson/Pima County.

Arthur Padilla has spent the past seven years in Tucson, participating in community activism for the Queer community. Initially, Arthur coordinated a queer youth community building program. This work included education and advocacy for

queer youth. Arthur also participated on the Mayor's task force (now a commission) for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered issues for the City of Tucson. Currently Arthur is one of the co-chairs for the GLBT Commission, volunteers for a number of groups, and remains connected to Tucson's queer youth. Professionally, Arthur is the Director of Programs for the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona.

Other invited readers: Alberto Soto, Grants Program Coordinator, Tucson Pima Arts Council, Edward Erazo, Head of Reference, Florida Atlantic University, Luis Alberto de la Garza, Ethnic Studies Department, University of California, Berkeley.

For more information, visit the conference web page: <http://clnet.ucr.edu/library/reforma/rmc2/>.

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the epidemic was."

The change should give a bigger piece of the pie to racial minorities and women, the groups in which the rate of infection is rising more rapidly. But it will almost certainly mean a smaller piece of the pie for San Francisco, which from its history as the "epicenter" of the epidemic now receives about twice the funds per person with AIDS as the national average or even nearby Oakland. That's after a drop in funds for San Francisco resulting from a change in the formula when the Act was first reauthorized in 1996, even though overall AIDS spending has doubled in the interim. San Francisco area Rep. Nancy Pelosi promised to fight for the Senate version of the bill, saying, "Our needs are not reduced." But Coburn argued, "Justify why somebody in San Francisco who is HIV+ has \$5,000 spent on them and somebody in Wyoming has \$100 spent on them. You can't justify that. And you can't justify the fact that on average, everybody else in the country has \$2,500 spent on them, and somebody with HIV in San Francisco has \$5,000 spent on them." (More precisely, San Francisco receives \$4,938 per person with AIDS per year, a total of \$35.2-million for the current year.)

More than 500,000 people received services supported by Ryan White funds in 1999, including the AIDS Drug Assistance Program for those who are uninsured or underinsured, medical treatment, home health care, case management, substance abuse and mental health treatment, food, and housing.

The House bill had 250 co-sponsors including Lesbian Representative Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Gay Representatives Barney Frank (D-MA) and Jim Kolbe (R-AZ).

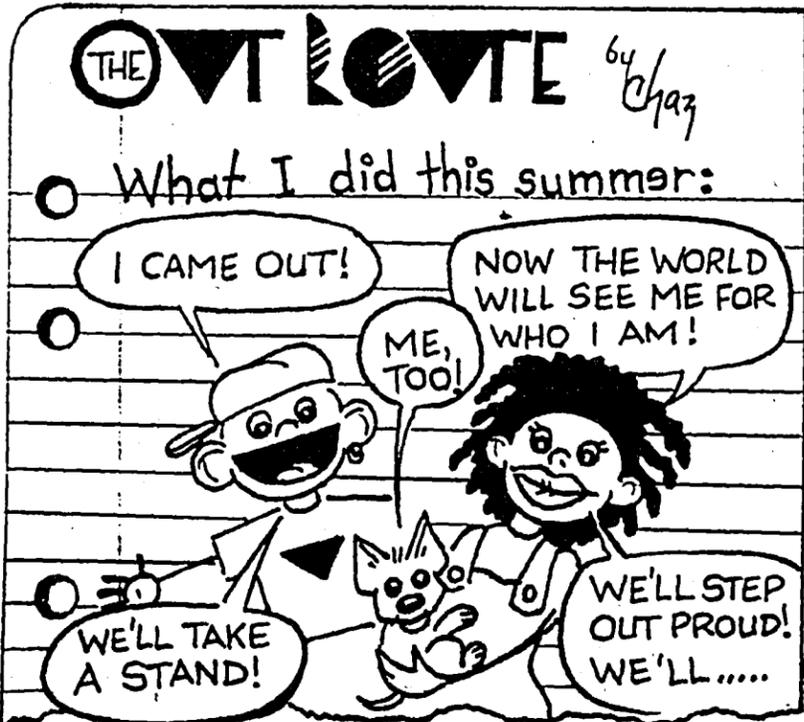
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Schools, Republican Linda Arzoumanian, and Green Party candidate, Susan Campbell.

With no general election opposition, the Democratic primary, in September, will decide who will serve as Justice of the Peace for two seats with incumbent Carmen Dolny facing Vic Marmion in JP-4 and incumbent JP, Paul Simon, facing John Molloy in JP-6. ...

So it goes for now kids!



GO IN GOOD HEALTH
 BY REV. ANDREW BROOKS

This week, I want to talk about the importance of closure. Closure is putting an end to something, so that we can let go of it. It gives us a sense of finality. Closure may be saying those things that we needed to say when we break up with someone, or it may be something a bit more final, like visiting a dying loved one and saying those things we won't get a chance to say again, ever. It is important to resolve issues in our lives. If we leave something hanging, it can bother us for years to come. When a relationship comes to an end, we do need to say those things that we wanted to say, and then we can let go and move on.

Closure can be a way of finalizing something in our own minds. Just as everything has a beginning and a length of time where it endures, there are inevitably endings. Sometimes, we have been at the same job for many years, possibly decades, and then it is time to move on. We need to recognize the signs in our lives that tell us when something is over. Then we need to be courageous enough to let go, rather than clinging to a situation that is no longer good for us.

Sometimes, it seems hard to say goodbye to something, but we have to face the challenges of our lives head-on. It is never wise to run from things that we don't want to face. We must be honest with ourselves. Denial is not healthy. Many people have become quite adept at convincing themselves of something that just isn't true, or learn to not see the bad things in a relationship that is just plain detrimental. Seeing only what you want to see is not facing a situation honestly, with your eyes

open. When it is time to walk out of a situation, do so with honesty and integrity. If we are leaving a relationship behind, do so, as much as possible, without anger, without accusations, without playing the blame game. In the end, it doesn't matter what was his fault (or her fault), it is just time to end it and move on, for both your sakes. When we can let go of the past, then we can move on to the future.

Closure is just a process of resolution, of tying up loose ends and helping ourselves through a transition, and moving on to the next phase of our lives. Life can be very challenging sometimes, and there are going to inevitably be those endings in life. Nothing stays the same forever. If a relationship is ending, then it is time to let it go. Say your goodbyes, and all the other things that you need to say, and move on.

I am sure you have met those people who try, desperately, to rekindle a relationship that is just dead, plain and simple. The other person has already moved on, and may already be with a new partner, but the other person still desperately clings to the past, and will try, through any means necessary, to make things go back to the way they were. That is rarely successful, and it is a waste of time. When something is over, acknowledge the loss, let it go, and move on! If someone really wanted to be with us, they would not have left in the first place! Clinging to them, hoping to get back what is no longer there, is a fruitless pursuit. Admit to yourself that this is over now, and that there is no point in

trying to make things the way you want them to be. Face reality! The other alternative is just a way to deceive yourself, and to not see things the way that they are. It's something to think about. Goddess bless.

Til next time, Go in Good Health.

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2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:30 a.m. Gene will lead a birding expedition at Ramsey Canyon and Miller Canyon. If you'd like to join in, please call Gene at 625-8109.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

1. 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 Peter at 615-8974.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:30 p.m. Join Bill for Dinner Out as we go to Eile for some French European fare. 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, AUGUST 11

Bears of the Old Pueblo General Meeting and Potluck. A really great way to meet the guys and get a chance to participate in club planning. Bring a dish and find out why being a Bear is so special. Contact the Bear line (520)327-1620 or at their web site <http://www.botop.com> for location and directions.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

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.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 3:00 p.m. Join Erich as he hosts a hot summer day Pool Party. For directions and reservations, please contact Erich at 745-2689.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Dinner out with the bears of the Old Pueblo. Contact the bear line (520)327-1620 or at their web site <http://www.botop.com> for location and time. Be sure to RSVP with your host by Wednesday, August 16th.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bill hosts a night devoted to all sorts of games (board and card variety). It's a fun evening, and you get to know your table mates well! For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 3-6 p.m. Bill and Joe host a Pool Party in honor of Reveille's first trip to GALA. This is a good chance to meet the nice guys of MSN and Reveille at the same time. For reservations, details, and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Stop 'Dr.' Laura Rally from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at KGUN-TV, 7280 E. Rosewood. For more information call Wingspan 624-1779 or Andrea at 519-6768. Nationally known speakers are scheduled to appear. Your input is needed! Volunteers are needed to help with putting on a successful event, making signs and posters, etc.etc.etc.

The men's massage group celebration meets today at 5:00 p.m. Call for more information. They meet every 3rd Sunday of each month. The group is ten years old. This is a great place to meet new friends, other men and relax through the medium of laymans massage. It is a fun and lively group of 8-10 men. Non-sexual. Call Marc well in advance to reserve a place at 881-4582. Centrally located. Small fee.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

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 Peter at 615-8974.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Bet it's been a while since you went miniature golfing! Why not try it with the Bears of the Old Pueblo. Bears and their guests will head out to the tiny links for an evening of fun at a local mini-golf course. Contact the bear line (520)327-1620 or at their web site <http://www.botop.com> for location, time and directions.

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.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., 'Puttin' On The Lips' Amateur Contest. \$50 First Place. Hosted by Phaedra and Aja Simone.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop Nite at the Biz. \$3.00 Long Island Ice Teas and \$1.00 Hot Sex all night. Music from 9 to close with DJ Hill. No Cover.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

WOODY'S - 2:00 TO 6:00 p.m. Benefit Beer Bust and Pool Tournament (\$5.00 entry donation). Proceeds go to the Stop Dr. Laura campaign.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que and 16oz Beer Bust for Arizona Angels Softball Team from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. along with Karaoke from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m., a benefit show for the Team featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake (Miss Gay Western States 2001) with Stella Virgin, Faith Michaels and Team members.

STONEWALL - The Tucson Committee to Stop Dr. Laura will have a benefit Bar-B-Que here today. They need money for supplies to put on a huge rally in protest of KGUN-TV showing her television series. Help Stop Dr. Laura!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

IBT'S - 'The Girlie Show' hosted by Lucinda Holliday featuring Bunny Fufu, Faith Michaels, Angela Dodd, and Domino Blush.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Latino Night - Tucson's hottest Latin Night. Music starts at 9:00 p.m. \$1.50 Tequila shots all night. Music with DJ Hill. No Cover.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - 5th Annual Les-B-Wed Show. Come see four couples battle it out. \$2.00 Long Islands all night. No cover. Lots of fun. Dance music follows.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

VENTURE-N - Beer Bust and Chai Feed from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. hosted by the Bears of the Old Pueblo. Join the Bears at the Patio Bar for 50¢ Beer and Soda drafts, \$1.50 pitchers and \$1.00 bowls of that great chili. All tip proceeds benefit our community while you have a great time with the Bears.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

IBT'S - Gay Men's Health Project Benefit Show. More later.

VENTURE-N - 5:00 TO 7:00 p.m. it will be either Super-Subs or Boss Burgers hosted by Bears of the Old Pueblo. Either way it's a great way to grab a bite and have a relaxing Sunday with the Bears. Suggested food donation is \$2.00 with tip proceeds benefitting our community.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

VENTURE-N - Jungle Party 2000 begins at 8:00 p.m. this evening. Watch out for more details and make plans to attend!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

IBT'S - It's IBT'S 8th Anniversary Bash! Watch out!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

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 Bruce's 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 Bruce at 743-3890. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, August 25 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).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Art and Jeff host a day of "Apple Pie" (the movie) and Ice Cream (the homemade variety!). Space is limited, so call quickly if you're interested. For directions (in Vail) and reservations, please call Jeff or Art at 762-9135.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join T. Jay for some "Music Under the Stars" as a group of guys goes to Reid Park to listen to the Symphony. It's a very enjoyable evening and the price is right (free!). For directions on where to meet, please call T. Jay at 881-7919.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Time: 1900 hours. Place: Bill's house. Mission: watch "Butch Camp" with Judy Tenuta. Plot: wimpy gay man decides to become more masculine and enrolls in "Butch Camp". What to do: have fun! Call: 546-7539. Now, mister!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 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!). It's a nice, safe place to meet 80 guys all at once! Tonight's theme is a luau! 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.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 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 - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free Pool noon til 5pm. Dance Club opens 9pm with Mx Master David Z playing House & Hip Hop. New digital Karaoke surround sound system (in the bar) 9pm to close. Popcorn, steaming buns & hot weenies ... free.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open noon. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft, \$2 pitchers. 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 3-7 pm. Volleyball 5:30 pm. B-B-Q 5-9pm. \$2.50 burger or chicken; \$1.50 Hot Dog. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close. Patio Bar Open.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.

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 and domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to closing, \$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 - Open at noon. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free pool all day and all night. Dance Club opens 9pm with DJ James (The Wizard). Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies...free

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. Special drink prices 8pm to close for American Airlines - American Express - AOL employees.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool touney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Long Islands all nite. Dance to music w/DJ S. Country music 9 to close

IBT'S - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer & well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 9 pm 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. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free pool all day and night. Dance Club opens 9pm. with DJ Eduardo featuring international music. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm.

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 NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. \$1.50 pitchers 9-close. 80s Retro & house music with DJ Sarafina.

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. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free pool noon til 5pm. New Digital Karaoke surround sound System (in the bar) 9pm to close. Dance Club opens at 9pm with DJ Eduardo. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... Free.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio opens at 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pick-up Volleyball games start 7pm. Spaghetti & meatballs 6-9pm \$2.50. Patio bar open.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1. Karaoke with Liz 9pm to close. \$1.50 Tequila & 75¢ Watermelons.

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 (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Dance club opens at 9pm. Dance with DJ James (The Wizard). Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.

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. Patio Bar Open.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill. 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. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free pool noon til 5pm. Dance Club open 9pm. Dance with DJ David Z. to High Energy Music. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.

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 Martinis \$2.50 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 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. All well drinks \$1.75 til 8pm. Free pool noon til 5pm. Dance Club opens at 9pm with DJ David Z. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Steak Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon, vegetables, salad, potato & roll \$4.50. Patio Bar Open.

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NOTICES

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6624.

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For more information 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 861-1369 for audition. 817-3100 for more info.

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.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9979 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 299-6647.

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 MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4562 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 Holiman 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.

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

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

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

DESERT DUNGEON TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational. Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)325-0131, or http://www.azds.net/dd

LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA. Local chapter of the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian Republican organization. Meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. For information, call Patrick at 815-1887.

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.

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LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 8 weeks. 694-7083.

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BISEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6676 or 327-4293.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson. Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7878.

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 322-6057 (evetten@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).

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)327-1820 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.

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 Ronn 968-2384.

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

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.

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), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC provided daily by the Pima County Health Department. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication too! Any questions? Call 624-6272

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easty, facilitator. 882-7723

PFLAG - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 38264, Tucson, AZ 85740-8264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Wingspan at 624-1779 about a new Al-Anon group being organized in Tucson.

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS 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 681-1794 - 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.

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 886-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

HIKE & BIKE DYKES. Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

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Schlessinger Makes Appeal To Radio Listeners

NEW YORK, NY - Laura Schlessinger, the controversial radio show host whose anti Gay oratory has made her the target of nationwide protests by Gay civil rights advocates, appealed to her listeners for help her in keeping her advertisers on board.

Her efforts follow recent disclosures from her syndicator detailing just how many sponsors have left the program since protests organized by StopDrLaura.com, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and other groups began. Kraig T. Kitchin of Premiere Radio Networks said the show has lost 12 brands, or nearly 10 percent, of its national advertisers.

Pressure had been building for months, and in May, protesters scored a major win when advertising giant Procter & Gamble withdrew support from her planned move to television. Radio sponsors began dropping immediately after that, though Paramount executives insist no other advertisers have abandoned the program, scheduled to debut Sept. 11.

Schlessinger's on-air appeals underscore how serious the situation has become. Last week she began urging her listeners to start a letter and e-mail campaign thanking current sponsors and urged them to buy their products.

In a letter published on her Web site, Schlessinger said that "folks who don't share our beliefs about what's right for children and the family are trying to disrupt our relationship." And in comments made to The Times, stressed, I think anybody who has traditional values has been put on notice that if they express their values, they'll be put under attack."

Sears, Toys "R" Us, United Airlines, AT&T, Kraft, General Foods and Xerox have all withdrawn their underwriting of her program, and notes that the wireless company SkyTel and Geico insurance have pulled support from her radio show.

The continued success of the protest campaign reflects the growing political and economic power of Gay men and Lesbians, who are borrowing strategies and tactics that have been used by conservatives in pressing their content concerns.

Schlessinger complains she is being unfairly targeted, claiming -- as

always -- that her statements about Gay people are being taken out of context and that she is doing nothing more harmful than expressing her opinion. GLAAD counters she is using her supposed credentials to impress and delude the public.

In one of her more outrageous assertions of late, Schlessinger said she does not believe that her views are any different from those of Pope John Paul II, who recently stated that homosexuality goes "against natural law."

"I don't see stopthepope.com, do you?" she said.

She also bitterly complained that the campaign calling it "a pretty disgusting, relentless attack on my life, on my career, on my work," she said.

TLGA Announces New Volunteer Program

TUCSON - The Tucson & Gay Alliance (TLGA), facing a possible volunteer shortage for this year's OUToberFEST 2000, is eager to announce their new volunteer program, "Volunteers for Charity."

This new program will be replacing TLGA's annual post-OUToberFEST community donations. "Basically what we are doing here is restructuring our volunteer needs as TLGA while keeping our commitment community charity with funds raised at OUToberFEST," said Chad Froeschke, President of TLGA. "In the past, donations were given to our community based on 25% of the beer sales. Now, each volunteer will be 'paid' \$10 an hour and the total amount of their service time will be donated to any non profit of their choice. We feel this can be a great opportunity for any non profit to earn a substantial amount of money and at the same time, provide TLGA with the volunteers needed to produce OUToberFEST."

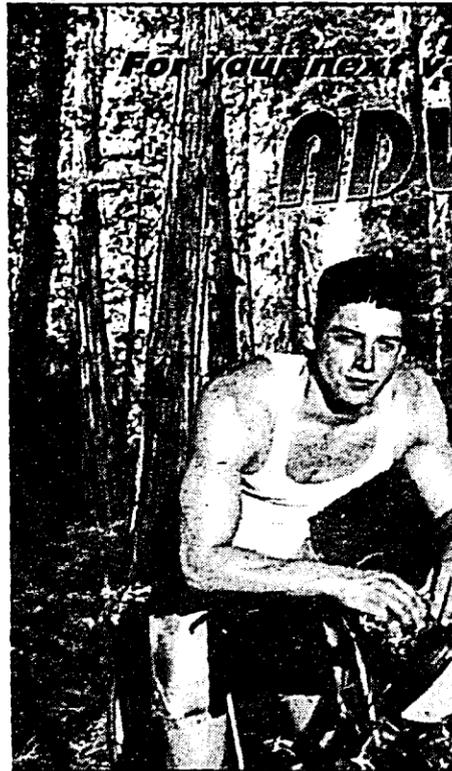
The basic guidelines for "Volunteers for Charity" are that: All volunteers will work between 2 to 2 1/2 hours. TLGA will contribute \$10 and hour per volunteer, and donate the total amount raised to that volunteer's favorite, non profit organization. Each volunteer must "time in" and "time out" on a volunteer slip in order for their contributions to be made. All volunteers are required to attend one training session and a final prep meeting a week before OUToberFEST begins.



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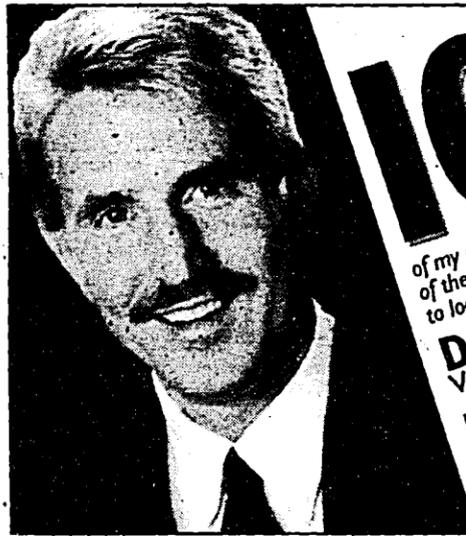
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