

Rally Held For Tempe Mayor Facing Potential Recall

By Mark R. Kerr

TEMPE (ON) - A mistaken report that the Arizona city would deny funds to the Boy Scouts because of their discriminatory policy has led to a recall effort against its openly Gay mayor.

Tempe, Arizona's openly Gay Mayor Neil Giuliano has become the target of a recall campaign, an effort sparked by erroneous reports that the city had cut off funding to the local chapter of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). More than 150 residents, community leaders and elected officials attended an October 19 rally to show their support for Giuliano.

The bid to recall Giuliano, who was reelected in March of this year to a fourth-term with more than 70 percent of the vote, started when interim city manager John Greco announced at the weekly Tempe Council meeting on September 21 that the city was drafting a new policy under which City of Tempe employees might designate that their United Way contributions only go to non-profit, charitable organizations that don't discriminate and/or have an anti-discrimination policy which includes sexual orientation. The plan to draft such a proposal was in response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision in June, allowing BSA to exclude Gay troop leaders and scouts regardless of anti-discrimination laws. Greco's announcement was misrepresented by several Phoenix news media outlets, which indicated that the city had already determined to cut off funding to the local Boy Scout chapter.

Giuliano described the resulting firestorm as an "ugly time"; he received a mountain of hate filled e-mail, letters, phone calls - and even several death threats for which he had to have police protection. As the outcry ensued, Giuliano was temporarily unavailable to respond, since he was at the international Sister Cities meeting being held in China. On his return October 3 Giuliano publicly apologized for the flap, stating that he had mishandled the situation and that it's "time to get back to work and move on." The city council reaffirmed at their October 5 weekly meeting that city employees could donate to any group listed by the United Way that they wished, including BSA. Nonetheless at the same meeting a group of Tempe residents announced a recall campaign, declaring that Giuliano had abused his power in the United Way-Boy Scout issue.

The rally was held along the lake-front of Tempe Town Lake, a project Giuliano has called one of the city's biggest undertakings. "There's a democratic process at work, which all of us respect," the mayor said and expressed his thanks to those assembled for their support. "My

responsibility is to continue to serve this community, continue to work with the City Council and continue to lead Tempe."

Former Arizona Attorney General, Grant Woods (R), emceed the event, saying the debate on recalling Giuliano was a dead issue since "the mayor listened to his constituents and did what they asked. ... He did exactly what we want politicians to do." Arizona Governor Jane Hull (R) sent a letter to Giuliano expressing her support for Tempe's mayor, which Woods read at the rally. Hull expressed her pleasure in working with Giuliano and said that Giuliano's "leadership in areas of neighborhood preservation, downtown redevelopment and the Rio Salado project has been a credit to Tempe." In the letter, Hull expressed her opposition to the recall efforts saying, "Your record of service and recent events do not justify such action."

Tempe Councilmember Barbara Carter presented Giuliano with letters of support on behalf of Vice-Mayor Len Copple and Councilmembers Dennis Cahill and Mark Mitchell. Councilmember Ben Arredondo, who had publicly stated his opposition to the city cutting funds to the Boy Scouts, said despite the disagreement with Giuliano over this issue he supports the Mayor. Councilmember Arredondo presented Giuliano a petition of support signed by more than 400 members of Arredondo's family who reside in Tempe.

Bill McDonald, co-chair of the statewide Gay and Lesbian Arizona Human Rights Fund was present for the rally, but didn't speak. "Neil is a personable, bright, articulate spokesperson for Tempe and the Gay and Lesbian community," McDonald said. "He's been an excellent mayor and a great support of Gay and Lesbian issues and of the Arizona Human Rights Fund."

Fourteen-year Tempe resident A.J. LaFaro is leading the recall effort against Giuliano. In an interview, LaFaro said the Boy Scout funding was, according to the recall committee's accusation statement, the latest in a series of gaffes on issues regarding which the mayor was pushing "his personal agenda." Giuliano responded that "the issues listed were publicly debated at the voting booth and I've won."

LaFaro said that his Citizens to Recall Neil Giuliano Committee volunteers had gathered more than 1,000 signatures to date; they have until February 1, 2001 to submit the needed 3,982 valid signatures to force a recall election.

Giuliano said he hasn't formed a campaign committee to fight the recall effort as yet, but he has set up an e-mail address (stopthecall@hotmail.com) where supporters and volunteers can send their e-mail addresses and phone numbers so a committee can be formed if the recall goes forward.

Tucson 6th L/G Film Festival Running Through Oct. 29

TUCSON - Tucson's Sixth Annual L/G Film Festival, "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants," will take place October 25-29. On opening night, October 25, join the many who will be at the Rialto Theatre for "A Laugh At Ourselves." The Festival Committee have brought together a riotous collection of shorts sure to produce a giggle in even the most serious movie buff.

Several new features have been added for this year's festival. A little touch of Halloween for the opening night festivities with a masquerade party. Come dressed as your favorite Gay person from history. The opening evening features a collection of 12 comedies for men and women.

Included are the highly acclaimed, "Rick & Steve, The Happiest Gay Couple in all the World," which paints a comical portrait of men and women in our community. "Life's A Butch," features the world of a femme loving femme. "Red Ribbons," paints a satirical look at big-city AIDS service organizations and "Jake Today I Become A Man," focuses on what has got to be one of the youngest and most fabulous drag queens in history. Also included in the opening night festivities is the first episode of "Queer As Folk," the sexy and popular British mini series. The complete series will be screened throughout the festival, and passes to all of the episodes are available for \$15. Tickets to opening night are \$10 and include live entertainment and hors d'oeuvres. There will also be a cash bar.

Thursday, the festival continues with Paragraph 175, the graceful documentary from Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman (Times of Harvey Milk, Common Threads and Celluloid Closet) focusing on the experiences of Gay Holocaust survivors. Also on the Thursday program is "Gendernauts," which features a guest appearance by Annie Sprinkle. "Gendernauts" explores the phenomenon of "Cyborgs" people who alter their bodies and minds with new technologies and chemistry, with an emphasis on biological women who are using testosterone.

Friday evening features "Get Your Stuff," a light-hearted look at a Gay couple trying to adopt, who take in a pair of juvenile delinquent teenager, followed by the ever so sexy "Gypsy Boys," which beings with a bunch of guys discussing the places on the male body from which one could sip champagne, and by the way, the body is stretched out in full voyeuristic view.

Saturday is free youth day, and features a host of charming and insightful short features for men and women. Later, the afternoon progresses with "Latin Queens: Unfinished Portraits of Our Lives," an intense portrait of Latino Drag Queens escaping South American persecution, and "XXXY," which presents a stirring portrait of two intersexed individuals born with ambiguous genitalia. On a lighter note, "Out & About" is a light-hearted campy

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More Than 1500 Attend AIDSWALK Despite Heavy Rains

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - Despite heavy rains at time, from a storm going through the Tucson area, more than 1,500 people, braving the bad weather and flooding of the streets, attended AIDSWALK 2000, held Sunday, October 22, at Rillito Downs.

AIDSWALK is the annual fund raising event for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), which provides prevention programs for at-risk groups, and case management and support services for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families for Tucson and southern Arizona.

While the rain cancelled the walk itself, for the first time in the history of the event, the more than 1,500 participants went into the Rillito Downs Clubhouse for the "AIDS Rally," as said by Lupita Murillo of KVOA-TV 4, the Honorary Co-Chair of the event, during the opening ceremonies. Several elected officials, including Congressman Jim Kolbe, Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup, state Senator George Cunningham,

state Representative Andy Nichols, and Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson, were also present for the opening ceremonies and spoke to the crowd.

Anne Maley, Executive Director of SAAF, stated the AIDS service organization was thrilled to see so many dedicated supporters and that it showed the community's support of services for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

An interfaith service from the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), and a performance by the Rev-eille Gay Men's Chorus started the AIDSWALK activities. The opening ceremonies were moved indoors, due to the torrential downpour, with only the slightest of difficulties.

"I was so touched by how cheerfully, volunteers, entertainers and sponsors accommodated the changes necessitated by the rain," said Lindsey Jones, AIDSWALK

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Forum On Transgendered Issues Nov. 2

TUCSON - Focusing attention on Transgender issues is the goal of a free public forum, Thursday, November 2, 7:00 p.m., at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street, Southern Arizona's only Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community center.

This forum is being co-sponsored by Wingspan and the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA), a group formed in January 1998 to provide support and motivate activism among people within the Transgender community. It is also partially funded by the Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona and the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona.

The forum will feature an educational discussion, beginning with panelists who will offer information on various Transgender issues. It will then be opened to the audience for questions and comments.

Among panels who have agreed to participate so far, as of press time: Kevin Maxey, a founding member and president of SAGA and a facilitator of Desert Boyz. Cathy Busha, a SAGA member and Trans-identified person who is not Transsexual and doesn't "cross live." She also is founder and facilitator of the Gender Outlawz. Amanda Simpson, who will offer the perspective of a Transsexual who is a parent. Don Sorsch, another SAGA member who will represent the male-to-female point of view. He also will represent the cross-dresser segment of the population. Alexander John Goodrum, a Trans-activist who is the Creator of Gender Identity 101, and the founder of the Web site, TGNet Arizona. Ann Jones, a male-to-female who has maintained a marital relationship and has dealt with the court systems with regards to the needs of Transgender and Transsexual people.

For more information about the forum, call Wingspan, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., at (520) 624-1779.

Health & Wellness Fair Nov. 1

TUCSON - Pima County Health Department, COPE Behavioral Services and their partners invite everyone to the Health & Wellness Resources Fair to be held Wednesday, November 1, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Come enjoy food and friends and find out more about Tucson health resources. Traditional and alternative approaches to better health in the areas of reproductive health care, substance use, tobacco, hepatitis, HIV, and more.

Halloween Dance And Events At MCC-Tucson

TUCSON AZ - The Annual Halloween Dance at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) will be this Saturday, October 28 beginning at 8:00 p.m., with great dancing music by singer Sabra Faulk.

There will be door prizes and prizes for the best and most creative Halloween costumes. An abundance of refreshments will be available. Tickets are on sale or may be purchased at the door for \$ 5.00 for this smoke and alcohol free event.

Water of Life MCC rounds out the Halloween weekend with a potluck lunch and pumpkin carving contest for kids of all ages following the 11:15 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday October 29. Everyone is invited to bring a pumpkin and food dish to share in this fun time.

Water of Life MCC, located at 3269 N. Mountain Ave., is a member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UF-MCC). Water of Life MCC offers worship services each Sunday, at 9:15 a.m. and at 11:15 a.m. For further information, you may contact the church office at (520) 292-9151 or you may contact the Pastor at WOLMCC@aol.com.

Positions Open At SAAF

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation are seeking qualified individuals for the following positions:

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To apply, pick up job description and application instructions, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at 375 S. Euclid Ave., or call (520) 628-7223 to have them faxed or see www.saaaf.org. Open until filled. AA/EOE

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Notice has been received of the death of Richard (Rick) Lee Baumlein. His death is under investigation in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Services are pending in Tombstone, Arizona. His body will be cremated.

He was born, February 5, 1960 in Findlay, Ohio, to Richard L., and Sheila H. Baumlein. His mother preceded him in death. Surviving are his father, Richard L. Baumlein, St. David, Arizona, a sister, Mrs. John L. (Jodi) Huffman, Tucson, Arizona, and three brothers, James R. Baumlein, St. David, Arizona, William J. and Michael P. of Findlay, Ohio. Also surviving is his partner of 19 years, Greg Lewis of Fayetteville, North Carolina.

A memorial fund has been set-up at Compass Bank, 5045 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ 85711. Donations can be made in memory of Richard Baumlein, Acct # 20102549.

National Cemetery Accepts GLB Memorial

PHOENIX - The National Memorial Cemetery, in Phoenix, has accepted delivery of the first Memorial donated by a national Gay Veterans organization.

The Memorial, made of "rainbow granite" and inscribed, "In memory of all veterans who served with courage and pride, donated by the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America," has joined other memorials along the "Founders Plaza" area of the cemetery.

This effort was spearheaded by the Arizona Rainbow Veterans, who president, Wally Straughn, called the Memorial, "a labor of love, and an inspiration for many in the GLBT community."

On November 11, Veterans Day, the dedication ceremony will take place with a sunrise service at the National Memorial Cemetery. Then following the dedication, attendees will march in the Phoenix Veterans Day parade.

2nd Annual GLB Night At Magic Mountain Nov. 18

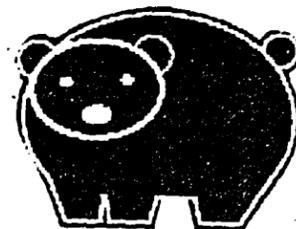
VALENCIA, CA - Odyssey Adventures, who have brought you "Gay Nights" at the various amusement parks announced their Second Annual "Gay and Lesbian" night at Six Flags Magic Mountain.

Nearly 7,000 attended the first, exclusively private Gay night held at the park since 1980. Between 10-12,000 are expected to attend this year's event, to be held Saturday, November 18, 7:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

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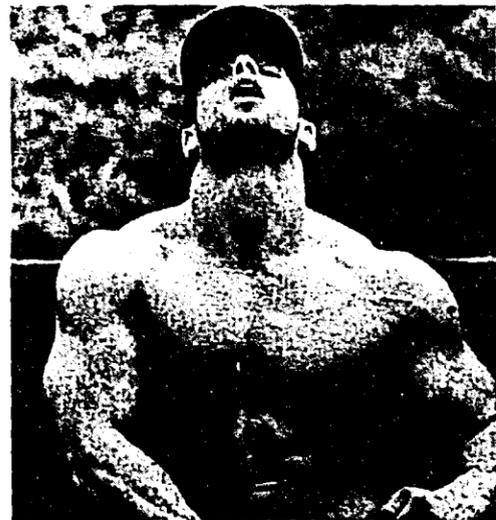
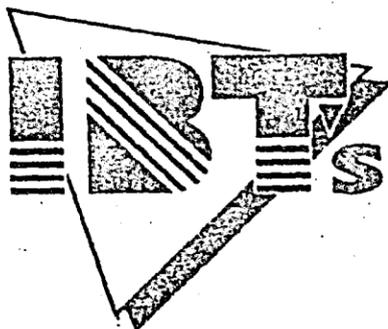
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TUCSON - Pictured here are Juan Chavira (left), Mr. Gay Latino-Tucson 1999-2000 and the new Mr. Gay Latino-Tucson 2000-2001, Martin Baltierres. See related story.

TUCSON - On Saturday, October 14, the fifth annual Mr. Gay Latino Tucson pageant was held at the Clarion Santa Rita Hotel. The pageant was sponsored by "Salud es Poder Latino Men's Health Project of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

Mr. Gay Latino, 1999-2000, Juan Chavira and Miss Gay Hispanidad - 2000-2001 Cecilia Serna. The presentation of the medallion for the first runner up was given by first Princess, Lizette of the Miss Gay Hispanidad 2000 pageant, to Armando King Martin and Armando will represent the Latino Gay community and Salud es Poder in HIV prevention efforts throughout Southern Arizona and the border.

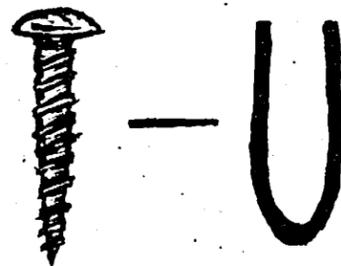
Mistress of Ceremonies was Miss Gay Hispanidad 1998, Karla, who introduced special guests and the contestants. Two contestants entered the pageant this year, Armando Robles and Martin Baltierres. The contestants scored even throughout the judging categories: presentation, talent, formal wear and on-stage interview. After the end of competition, Martin Baltierres won by a point as the new Mr. Gay Latino-Tucson 2000-2001.

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AOL's Head Gives Millions To Far Right School

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL - Jean Case, wife of America Online president Steve Case and CEO of the Case foundation, is being pressed to explain her \$8.3 million donation to a Florida school with ties to far right leader Dr. James Kennedy and an "ex Gay" ministry within his church.

The gift was given to Westminster Academy, Mrs. Case's alma mater, which revealed the identity of the donor recently at an annual parents meeting. The school was founded by the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, headed by Dr. Kennedy, and counts an "ex-Gay" ministry called "Worthy Creations" among its programs.

The mission of Worthy Creations includes providing "a way out of the Gay lifestyle for those who desire a change."

The church also houses the Center for Reclaiming America, which teamed up with the Christian Coalition, the Family Research Council and others to fund the 1998 "Truth In Love" television and newspaper advertising campaign, which encouraged Gay men and women to "walk away from the Gay lifestyle."

The donation has alarmed many members of the community given AOL's close financial ties to heavy hitters in Gay media and its past support of Gay rights organizations. The Human Rights Campaign has long benefitted from AOL corporate sponsorship, and AOL also has a large financial stake in PlanetOut, which recently negotiated the purchase of Liberation Publications, publishers of The Advocate, Out and other Gay and Lesbian magazine titles.

The head of HRC, Elizabeth Birch issued a statement to the Cases saying, in part, "We find it unfathomable how your family could reward a school inexorably linked to teachings that say Gay and Lesbian Americans are not worthy of dignity, respect and full citizenship."

Mrs. Case responded to the outcry by insisting the \$8 million gift was in no way "intended to send a message of intolerance." The gift, she said "was not given to benefit Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church or its programs. Steve and I strongly oppose discrimination in any form. We have worked to ensure that the Internet medium has given a voice to all communities -- including the Gay community."

While the gift may not have been directed to the church, according to its website the Westminster Academy "exists primarily to educate the children of Coral Ridge Families," giving priority for admission to members of the church. The school is located directly next to the church, and each teacher in the school is a church member.

Mrs. Case claimed the purpose of the donation was to help needy children. "Our gift is specifically directed to benefit children in South Florida including those from disadvantage[d] communities," she said.

However, a closer look at the specifics of the gift show that of the \$8.35 million, \$7.2 million is earmarked for the construction of a new high school. The remaining \$1.15 million will be split between building computer centers in a joint venture with AOL and other organizations (\$650,000), with the remainder going to scholarships for low-income students.

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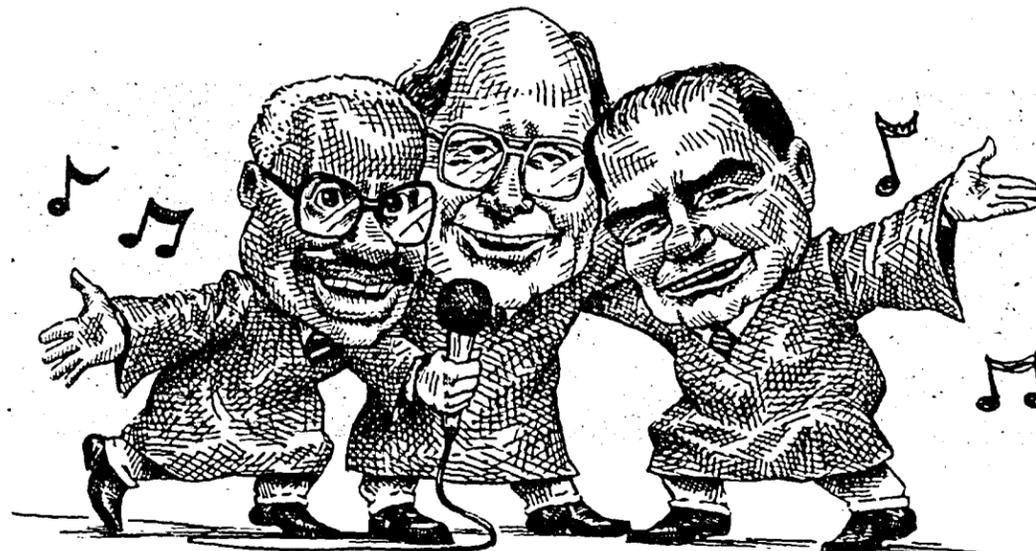
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PERSPECTIVE

By Molly Ivins

Is Bush That Unknowing, Or Is He Simply Lying?

As they used to say, long ago and far away, there it is. Tuesday night's debate gave us the real Al Gore and the real George W. Bush.

Gore won - he may even have killed - but he's still annoying. One can only conclude that smarmy, pietistic streak of his is absolutely authentic; that's exactly who he really is. He's sharp as a razor, knows his onions (does anyone else outside Congress know what "Dingell-Norwood" is?) and will probably be a good president.

Bush not only amply demonstrated his vast ignorance but also was so profoundly misleading on his supposed role in the Texas patients bill of rights that I have to conclude he knowingly lied.

It's possible to not know or be confused about a lot of things, but Bush cannot possibly believe what he said: "As a matter of fact, I brought Republicans and Democrats together to do just that in the state of Texas, to get a patients bill of rights through."

He was there, I was there, and that's flat untrue. He reviewed the details of the bill accurately, so it was clear that he had recently prepped on the subject.

To add insult to injury, Bush went on to claim: "But we did something else that was interesting. We're one of the first (actually, the first) states that said you can sue an HMO for denying you proper coverage."

What is called the patients bill of rights was actually a package of bills, only one of which was ever controversial. That's the bill Bush hated so much that he refused to sign it. He had to be talked out of vetoing it because the veto wouldn't stand.

Texas Rep. Hugo Berlanga, who was chairman of the Public Health Committee at the time, and Kim Ross, lobbyist for the Texas Medical Association, both fought him on it.

In 1995, his first year as governor, the Texas Legislature passed a patients bill of rights, and George W. Bush vetoed it. In 1997, the Legislature passed very much the same patients bill of rights, this time by a veto-proof majority, and Bush refused to sign the crucial segment of the bill, the very one he bragged about - that in Texas you can sue an HMO for denying you coverage.

He refused to sign it because he hates trial lawyers and didn't want them to be able to sue HMOs. That's what that whole fight was about for two sessions.

The person who deserves the credit that Bush so egregiously took for bringing R's and D's together in support of a strong bill is a Republican state senator, David Sibley of Waco. Bush was an impediment throughout the entire process.

No one expects Bush to know the difference between Chernomyrdin and Berezovsky, but the one subject he IS supposed to know about is the state of Texas. In the course of these debates, he has claimed that the governor of Texas

appoints state Supreme Court justices, which is a hopeless howler.

He dwelled with great relish on the claim that all three killers in the most notorious murder case of our time got the death penalty. Only two of them did. And Bush in fact did nothing to stop a hate crimes bill, which was the Legislature's effort to bring something good out of that case, from stalling. And now he claims he passed the patients bill of rights, which in fact was passed in spite of him.

If Al Gore had twisted the truth as grossly as Bush did on the patients bill of rights, every Republican in America would be screaming, "Liar, liar, liar!"

It is harder to tell if Bush actually believes his repeated claim that he is a leader who brings Republicans and Democrats together. Can he possibly think he, rather than the since-deceased Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, was running the state? I'm not sure which would be more troubling - if he knows it's not true or if he actually thinks it is.

I have tried repeatedly to explain to non-Texans just how weak an office the governorship of Texas is, but even if Bush suffers from the illusion that he has a powerful job, he must know he doesn't work at it by anyone's measure. The New York Times has just discovered, with an air of great wonder, that Bush doesn't even work 9 to 5 and that he knocks off work every day for a couple of hours to jog and play video games.

This does not come as news to Texans. Our governors have varied on how much attention they pay to the job. Some have been compulsive workers - John Connally, Mark White and Ann Richards all come to mind as full-time governors, putting in killer hours most of the time.

I have thought since he first ran that George W. Bush was too light to be governor of Texas. Frankly, I can't imagine why anyone would consider him for president. He's not smart, he doesn't know much, and he doesn't work hard.

The truth is, he is not terribly interested in government or how it works. Damned if I know why he's running. He is a nice fellow. I've always liked him. I like lots of people I don't think should be president.

[Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.]

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VIEWPOINT

Dear Editor:

A couple of weeks ago you printed an Editorial pertaining to elections and the way a local newspaper was handling a story about a candidate for the Arizona Legislature. In that Editorial you correctly pointed out that it is important to consider the issues and not the sexual orientation of the candidate. Recently, I stated my views about Jim Kolbe to a friend of mine, which was issue oriented, and he told me, "You have to vote for him, he is Gay!" This response, along with the recent television advertisements I have seen for Jim Kolbe, promoted me to send you this letter.

There is no doubt that there are voters in America who will continue to vote against a candidate simply because that candidate is Gay or Lesbian. I would hope that people in the Gay and Lesbian communities would not follow that type of thinking and vote for a candidate simply because that candidate is Gay or Lesbian. I urge members of the Gay and Lesbian communities to give careful consideration to the issues and principles that these candidates advocate.

On Sunday, October 22, 2000, there was an interesting letter to the editor in the Arizona Daily Star pertaining to Jim Kolbe. It was pointed out in that letter that Mr. Kolbe had television advertisements which portrayed him as a defender of our natural environment. However, it was also pointed out that The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) a non-partisan group that supports candidates solely on their environmental voting records, no matter what that candidate's political affiliation is, recently scored Jim Kolbe at 19% when it comes to voting on environmental issues during the first half of the 106th Congress.

It was noted for comparison purposes that Ed Pastor scored 81%, John McCain scored 11% and Jon Kyl scored 10%. Although there may be individuals in the Gay and Lesbian communities who do not consider environmental issues as important to them, I bring this to your attention only to emphasize the importance of considering what a candidate

stands for before casting your vote.

There are other recent events that prompted me to send you this letter. Mr. Kolbe's opponent, George Cunningham, has been criticized by the Kolbe campaign for "negative ads" and for "distorting Mr. Kolbe's voting record." These criticisms pertain to the television ads where Mr. Cunningham has children making statements about Mr. Kolbe's voting record on education issues. Mr. Kolbe's response has been to put out television ads stating that Mr. Cunningham is "exploiting" children and making "false" statements about Mr. Kolbe's voting record. Mr. Kolbe has even elicited the help of Senator McCain and Governor Hull for the ads.

First, I am confident that these children were in the television ads with the consent of their parents. Second, I wonder, are the ads false? Isn't it true that Mr. Kolbe voted to abolish the Department of Education? Mr. Kolbe has chosen to respond to these ads by claiming they are negative and distort his voting record. Well, there are many of us who still remember the campaign Mr. Kolbe ran against former Congressman Jim McNulty.

During that campaign Mr. Kolbe had a campaign of negativism and voting record distortion which proved to be successful for him. Again, although education may not be an important issue for some in the Gay and Lesbian communities, I urge you to look at the issues before casting your vote.

There are many issues in the local, state and federal elections which directly and/or indirectly affect all of us. It is very important that everyone in the Gay and Lesbian communities give careful consideration to those issues when casting your vote.

If there was ever an election year where your individual vote counts most, it is this year. I urge you to vote. I for one will not cast my vote for a candidate just because he or she is Gay or Lesbian.

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POLITICS 2000

by Mark R. Kerr

'Al Gore For President'

Tuesday, November 7, will be an important day for the Gay and Lesbian community, in Tucson and across the country, when the 2000 general election will take place.

Political offices, from the federal level, Senate and U.S. House, to local school boards will be decided in this general election. Ballot initiatives, including a statewide G/L rights measure in Maine to two anti G/L marriage proposals, on the Nevada and Nebraska ballots respectively, will also be considered as well on Tuesday, November 7.

Ballots will be long, but for the Gay and Lesbian community, there is one race, especially to note during this campaign: Who will serve as the nation's next Commander-in-Chief?

In Arizona, six political parties have candidates for President on the 2000 general election ballot: Democrat - Vice President Al Gore, Republican - Texas Governor George W. Bush, Green - Ralph Nader, Libertarian - Neil Smith, Reform - Pat Buchanan, Natural Law - John Hagelin, and these standard-bearers for their party's have a divergent opinion on the issues of concern during this campaign.

For Gay and Lesbian voters, there is only one choice for President, Vice President Al Gore.

Vice President Gore supports the proposed national Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA) while the next leading contender, Texas Governor George W. Bush supports a measure, introduced by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-UT, that wouldn't include sexual orientation in the list of protected categories, something Bush followed in Texas, when he helped to kill a 1998 measure in the state legislature to include "sexual orientation" in the list of protected categories.

On another proposal in Congress, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), that would protect Gays and Lesbians from being fired from their jobs, solely for their sexual orientation, Gore fully supports the measure. In fact, when ENDA came to a floor vote in the U.S. Senate, several years ago, Vice President Gore came back to the Senate to cast a tie-breaking vote on the proposal but ENDA was defeated by one-vote. When asked about this issue, Governor Bush said that Gays shouldn't have "special rights."

Clinton-Gore was the first administration to support the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, and they went even further and used executive powers to make this kind of discrimination illegal throughout the entire federal civilian workforce. The Clinton-Gore Administration also issued an executive order banning the use of sexual orientation as a factor in granting government security clearances. Since the Eisenhower Administration in the 1950s, security clearances and jobs that require them were denied to people based on their sexual orientation, and Clinton-Gore ended that terrible injustice. The Clinton-Gore Justice Department also issued an executive order that made Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people who face persecution in their home countries eligible for asylum in the US.

By contrast, Bush has refused to adopt a non-discrimination policy that

includes sexual orientation in his state administration, and he stated in a candidate questionnaire that he would oppose a sexual orientation anti-discrimination statute at the state level. Bush has also refused to state whether he would uphold any of the Clinton-Gore executive orders that protect Gays and Lesbians, and as president he could easily strike out all of these advances with the stroke of a pen.

The Clinton-Gore administration has appointed more openly Gay and Lesbian officials than any previous administration, while Gov. Bush in his five years plus as governor of Texas apparently hasn't met any qualified openly Gay individuals to appoint to his administration. When pressed recently on the question of whether he would ever appoint an openly Gay official, Bush dodged the question, claiming he wouldn't know if someone is Gay because he wouldn't ask them because "someone's sexual orientation is their private business."

Bush's alleged support for individual privacy would be more credible if it weren't directly contradicted by his vocal support of Texas's anti-Gay sodomy law, which was ruled unconstitutional by the Texas Court of Appeals. The Texas law singles out Gay people by criminalizing private adult sexual intimacy only between people of the same sex. Bush praised the Texas sodomy law as a "symbol of traditional values" and said he would veto any attempt to overturn it legislatively.

Neither candidate supports same-sex marriage, but Vice President Gore believes that there should be a way to allow civil unions, recently implemented in Vermont. Bush stated he's not for Gay marriage and that marriage is between a man and a woman. Gore has publicly supported domestic partnership rights for Gay and Lesbian couples, which is another first in presidential election politics. Bush has been conspicuously silent on the issue of domestic partnerships, but that's not particularly surprising. After all, Bush as governor supported a bill that would bar Gays and Lesbians from adopting children, and as a presidential candidate it took months of public wrangling for him to even agree to meet with Gay people so he could "listen to their stories" but that had no effect.

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A frequent topic of conversation—and obsession—of Will & Grace's Jack (Sean Hayes), Cher will play herself on the hit Gay-themed sitcom. The episode, titled "Gypsies, Tramps, and Weeds," taped Tuesday, October 24, and is scheduled to be broadcast on November 16. The Emmy-winning Will & Grace has become one of NBC's highest-rated series, earning a plum spot on the network's Thursday night "must see" lineup.

Show business lost two greats Wednesday—dancer Gwen Verdon, 75, died of natural causes, and singer Julie London, 74, died of complications from a stroke she had five years ago.

Verdon originated the roles of Lola and Charity, respectively, in the Broadway productions of Damn Yankees and Sweet Charity, working on those shows and several others with director-choreographer Bob Fosse, her husband from 1960 to 1971. As a choreographer, Verdon taught Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell to dance for Howard Hawks's 1953 classic Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, and she recently served as artistic adviser to the current Broadway production of Fosse, a compilation of the late choreographer's work. Verdon also appeared in such films as Cocoon and Marvin's Room. She is survived by her daughter, her son, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

London began her career as an actress in the 1940s, appearing in such films as Jungle Woman and On Stage Everybody. Married to Jack Webb for five years, London was guided into music by her second husband, Bobby Troup, and her first single, "Cry Me a River," was the first of several hits. After years on the road, London and Troup were hired by Webb as actors on Emergency! on which London played Nurse Dixie McCall from 1972 to 1977. Troup, who composed the song "Route 66," died last year; London is survived by her four children.

On Friday, October 20, Sir Elton John announced to a sell-out crowd at New York's Madison Square Garden his intention to retire. "One more album, and I'm done," he told stunned fans. But at a concert on Saturday, the flamboyant superstar retracted his statement. "He basically said it was a load of bollocks," said John's spokesman, Paul Carey. Carey cited technical problems at Madison Square Garden for inciting John's latest outrageous outburst and commented that no one in the John camp was surprised, as the temperamental knight has "probably said it a hundred times before."

Actress-singer Liza Minnelli is recovering in a Florida hospital after being rushed there last week in "very serious condition" for encephalitis, an often deadly disease that causes swelling of the brain. In response to several unofficial published reports about her condition, doctors at Cleveland Clinic Florida released an official statement on Monday that Minnelli is well on the path to recovery and should be released within days. The 54-year-old Oscar-winning actress (and daughter of Judy Garland) had been hospitalized for eight days earlier this month after paramedics found her exhibiting paralysis on one side of her body, slurred speech, and drooping facial muscles and just clinging to consciousness in her Fort Lauderdale, Fla., home, suffering from what was thought to be a stroke. Three days after being discharged, she was readmitted under an assumed name for what was thought to be dehydration. With her latest hospital admission, it was ultimately determined that she

is indeed suffering from encephalitis, a rare disease usually transmitted by an insect bite. Despite claims that Minnelli is near death doctors say that "she is making tremendous progress," and her publicist asserts that she is "in great spirits."

A Gay wedding on BBC's Casualty over the weekend drew millions of viewers but also a fax from a hate group that led to additional security precautions and a Scotland Yard investigation.

NBC's Gay-themed Will & Grace got its third season off to a good start in the prestigious Thursday time slot long occupied by Frasier, drawing a 3 percent smaller audience overall but a significantly younger one, which is what the network was looking for. The sponsor-cherished 18-49 age group for the opening Will October 12 was up 13 percent compared to Frasier a year before, and bigger than anything Frasier drew last year except for its season finale. Last season the median age of the Will audience was 36.1 years compared to 41.1 for Frasier, and for this season's Will opener it was 38.1 compared to the 40.0 of Frasier a year before.

The diva didn't do too badly either. The new Bette Midler vehicle Bette opened on CBS October 11 with 15.7 million viewers, 1.6 million fewer than its ABC powerhouse competition Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? but beating the quiz show in the 18-49 group despite CBS' longtime rep as the haven of older viewers. (Speaking of quizzes, almost everyone knows Midler started out performing in the Gay baths in New York, but can you name the guy who played piano for her there? See the answer below.) Alas, the numbers were less rosy for Christine Baranski in Welcome to New York, which lost almost one-fifth of the folks who'd tuned in to Bette immediately before, many of them apparently switching over to that quiz show.

Devotees of Xena: Warrior Princess had best enjoy it while you can, because this sixth season is really and truly the last. Nobody's counted out a spinoff, but neither is one in the works, and star Lucy Lawless has long said she wants to do other things.

Don't be looking for the new CBS Ellen DeGeneres series at midseason — it's been put off until next year. And it won't be a variety show-within-a-show as planned either, but a regular sitcom, "with a different living room" she noted. (Also don't look for her in Anne Heche's upcoming memoir, according to Liz Smith — and neither one is in Smith's own memoir as far as we've heard).

And for fans of Tinky Winky, some serious researchers for BBC Worldwide were amazed to discover that the "Telclubbies" greeting "Eh oh" was ranked by parents of children under ten — not the children mind you but the parents — as the third-most familiar among an assortment of quotations, trailing only Shakespeare's "Romeo, Romeo" from Romeo and Juliet and "To be or not to be" from Hamlet. Uh oh!

[Answer to the above Midler quiz: Barry Manilow.]




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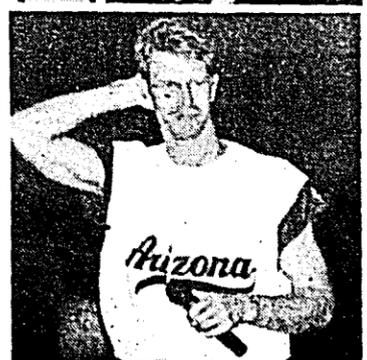
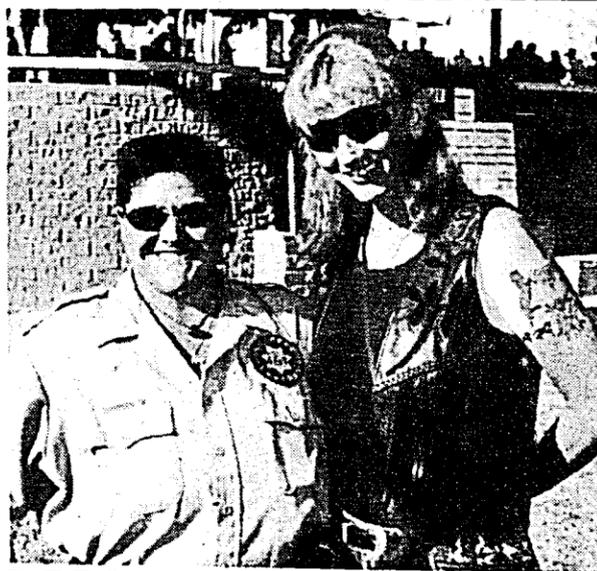


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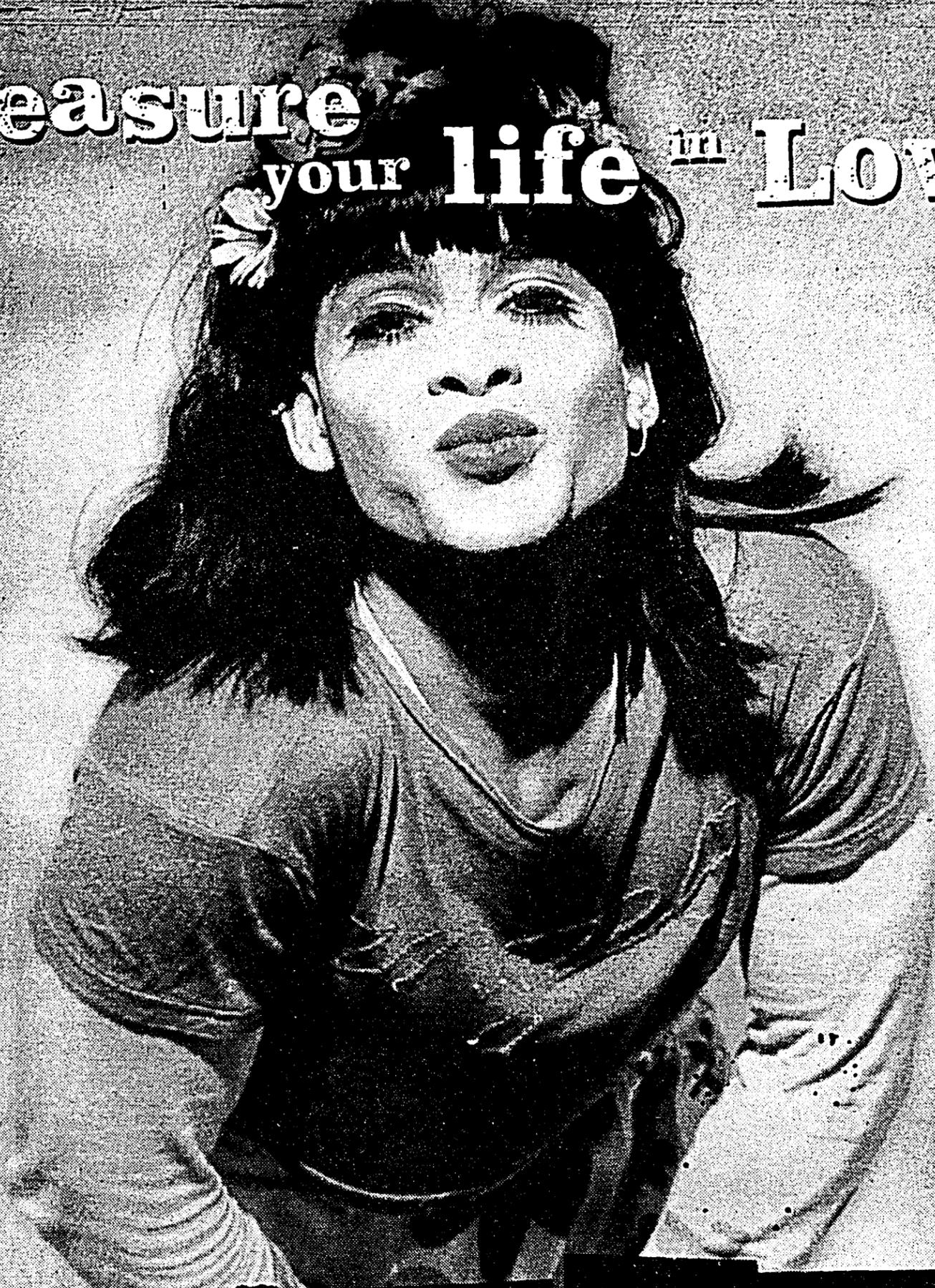
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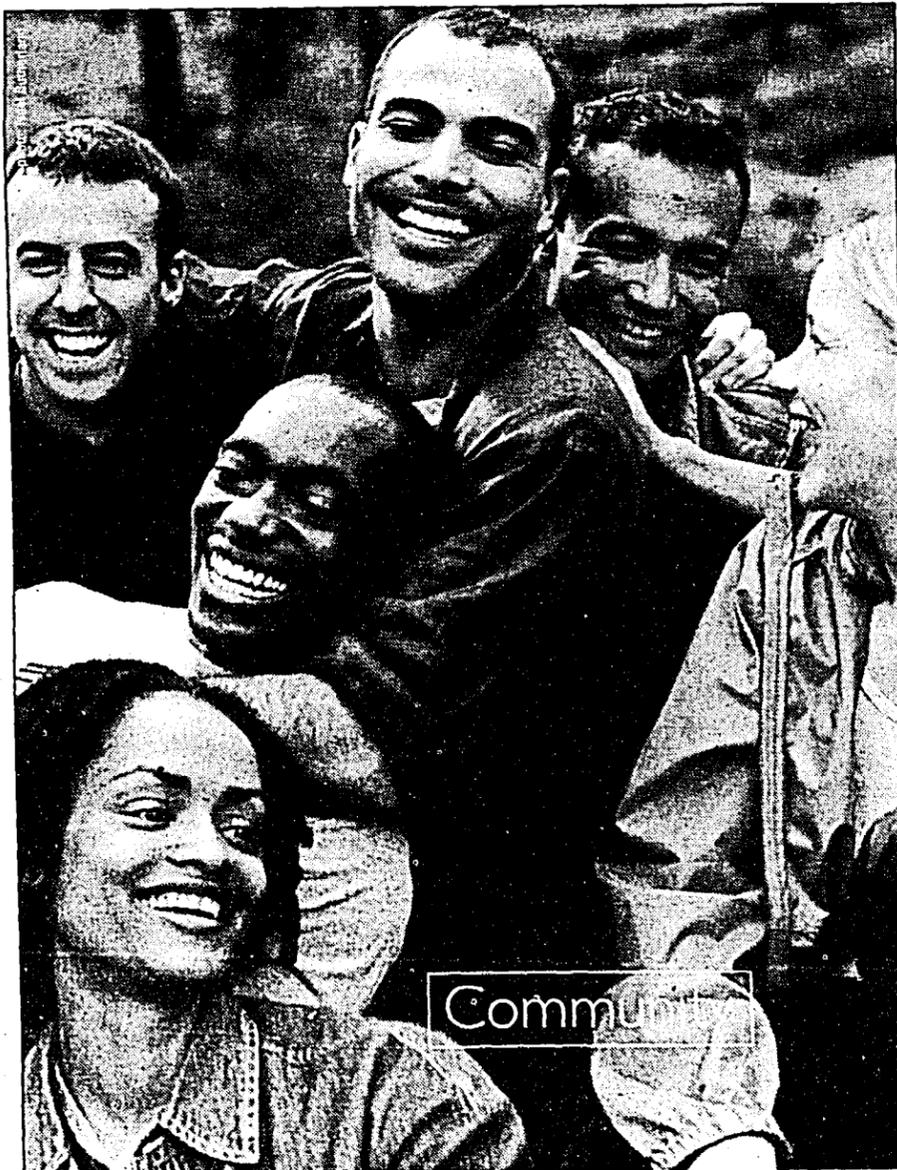
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The Sun changes signs this week moving from diplomatic Libra to intense Scorpio, heralding in a 32 day period of renewal and rebirth. What direction do your dreams take? Whatever happens will be more purposeful and strategic. Good; the Scorpio energy may act as a much needed push in the right direction. Let's hope it's a push Out.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams will have their time to dance in the sun with all this Scorpio energy heating up the hormones. Use this time to get to know yourself better either through psychological self examination or passionate mutual exploration with a special someone. It's time to remove any barrier that keeps you from feeling truly affirmed. What's hidden in your dark corners? Do tell.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Partners become a more important part of your life when the Sun enters seductive Scorpio. Rainbow Bulls need to connect on a one to one basis with a particular someone. Cherish all relationships and do what you can to make them strong and successful. If you are in the market for a partner, now is the time to shop. And don't forget to pack your shopping list, cousin.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Gay Twins feel revitalized when the Sun enters passionate Scorpio. You have more energy than usual and may even feel like taking on an entirely new exercise regime or diet. Hire a personal trainer and get those buns in motion. Day to day work also takes on a new and brilliant hue. You become a star at work kid; show 'em what's cooking in the cubicle. What's that smell?

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Now that the Sun has entered intense and uncontrollable Scorpio, proud Crabs can let it all hang out, if they so wish. Tap into your Gay muse, Picasso. This transit highlights any creative or fun filled activity including even a feisty romance or three. The important thing is to make yourself presentable, available and open. Are crab-cakes on the menu? Make mine well done.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

The Sun moves into uncompromising Scorpio and shines a strobe light into any family matter. It's now or never cousin; you are one proud Lion and should not be relegated to the bottom drawer by any family member. The Sun's beneficial energy practically demands that you set the record queer once and for all. You have nothing to lose but that offensive straight jacket.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Right or wrong, you are usually right. Now as the Sun enters Scorpio, you're more on target than usual. Queer Virgos know the appropriate thing to say at the appropriate time so get Out there and tell it to the world. Write a letter to the editor or to your representative. Don't wait too long- the sun moves on and you'll go back to sniffing the fridge for stale smells.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

As the Sun moves into strategic Scorpio, you find that money matters actually do matter. What do you really value, aside from a darn good time? Any financial problems can suddenly seem surmountable so use this time to pay bills and get yourself Out from under. (Of course some people like being under...) Financial stability can be in the stars if you set your mind to it. Even you can do it.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

The next 32 days are a revitalizing and refreshing time for you now that the Sun moves into your own sign. Happy birthday, proud Scorp. Step Out into the limelight and celebrate. Even dour Scorps have charisma aplenty. Use this transit to begin new things, meet new folks and freshen up your appearance. You're the center of attention, sweetheart; dress the part already.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

If there was ever a time to polish off your crystal ball and be psychic this is it. Proud Archers can delve into the occult when the Sun moves into mysterious Scorpio. The other nice thing about this transit is that no nasty surprises can harm you; hidden enemies are thwarted in their dastardly deeds. Gay Sags are considered lucky bastards. Hmmm now I know why.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Queer Goats needn't rely on the kindness of strangers when the Sun enters Scorpio. Pals are there for you to provide ample moral support for any personal problem and great Gay camaraderie just for the heck of it. Enjoy the harmony and affirmation while you can. The time may soon come for you to examine long term goals and commitments with an idea to downsize and belt tighten.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians can use this strategic Sun in Scorpio energy to make great strides in their corporate ascent. You only have a few weeks to make your indelible mark on authority figures so grab your felt tip and start swinging. How does the gorilla suit fit, sweetheart? Maybe the lure of the boardroom is not that intoxicating to you. Decide what you really want and how much it will cost you, morally.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

The world calls so get ready for a great Gay adventure. Guppies yearn to travel when the Sun enters Scorpio, but may not have the dough for it. Never your mind; The idea is to experience what life has to offer now including exotic food, company and general stimulus. You don't have to travel far, dear queer friend. Just try looking at the world from a different angle. Maybe prone?

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

It used to be that one thing in Tucson you could count on was the weather. But this year's October has really begun to change my mind! Now don't get me wrong, I don't mind the rain or cool temperatures it's just out of the norm for Tucson this time of year.

And how about that rain storm the weekend of the AIDS WALK? I was so disappointed to hear the rain and thunder early that Saturday morning. I figured it would not only cancel the walk but keep people from giving financially as they otherwise would have. But to my surprise as I pulled into the parking lot that morning, the rain didn't keep many people away at all. In fact I had to wait on a line to get a parking space!

I so appreciate the compassionate, caring people of the Tucson community. It really is wonderful to see so many people from so many walks of life coming together for a common cause as important as fighting HIV/AIDS. I'm just sorry we didn't have the chance to walk together and get to meet others who share our concern.

The unveiling of six panels of the AIDS Quilt was of course moving as well. Each time I have the privilege to see the quilt I am sobered by the number of lives depicted in such a small area. I am sad-

dened too that many of those people did not know the hope and joy that only Jesus Christ can give. As I walked around the quilt last week reading the sentiments on each one, and as I looked at the many people in the room obviously moved by what they were seeing, I couldn't help but pray that each person in the room be strengthened by an encounter with Jesus. I prayed that lives would be changed and everyone would see the need for Jesus in their lives. I also, as I often do, prayed for a cure. But whether a "cure" ever comes death is inevitable for each of us. One day we each will breathe our last breath whether it be from AIDS, cancer, or just old age, we will all have to "face our maker". I want everyone to be ready for that day. I want my friends, my fellow Tucsonans, and all of humanity across the world to know Jesus' love and forgiveness. He has changed my life and He can change yours as well.

No the weather, even in Tucson, is not reliable. But I know someone who is...his name is Jesus and he's just waiting for you.

If you would like to know more about Jesus we would love to have you join us for a worship service or Bible study. God and God alone can be counted on. Why not give him a chance?

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OCTOBER 27 THRU NOV. 22

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NOVEMBER 2

World renowned violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg joins master guitarists Sergio & Odair Assad explore the rich and mysterious musical traditions of the Gypsy peoples at Centennial Hall. 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 3

One of America's brightest social and political commentators, Kate Clinton delivers her insightful satire on politics, technology, family and Lesbian life just in time for the millennial elections. Dubbed "the unimpeachable Madame President of comedy," Clinton's new performance piece, "Y2K8.COMedy," incorporates political material with the edge of daily news and musings on modern family ties and life as a Gay American. UA presents brings Clinton to Centennial Hall at 8:00 p.m. All tickets are \$35 with discounts available for students, subscribers and UA faculty and staff. A free "Arts Encounter" discussion will be held 45 minutes before the performance in Room 102 of the Center for English as a Second Language (CESL) at 1100 E. North Campus drive, just north of Centennial Hall. 621-3341

NOVEMBER 3-4-5

Arizona Opera Company presents "Carmen" at TCC Music Hall. Throughout Seville, the gypsy Carmen is known all too well for her alluring powers. And when the soldier Don José is given orders to guard her, it is he who is quickly held captive. The Minnesota Opera's innovative production is conceptualized by Keith Warner and places the sultry Carmen in the Franco regime of 1930s Spain. Sung in French with English subtitles. 297-1492.

NOVEMBER 4

Legendary sitarist Ravi Shankar and his prodigious daughter Anoushka salute India's great musical heritage at Centennial Hall at 8:00 p.m. Renowned for his virtuosity on the sitar, Shankar has been a cultural force for the past three decades and now shares this monumental tour with his daughter and very talented apprentice, Anoushka.

NOVEMBER 7

The Arizona Friends of Chamber Music present the 3rd concert in their 53rd season. From Berlin, The Jacques Thibaud String Trio will perform at 8:00p.m. in the Leo Rich Theater at the Tucson Convention Center. General admission tickets are \$15. Student tickets are \$5. 577-3769.

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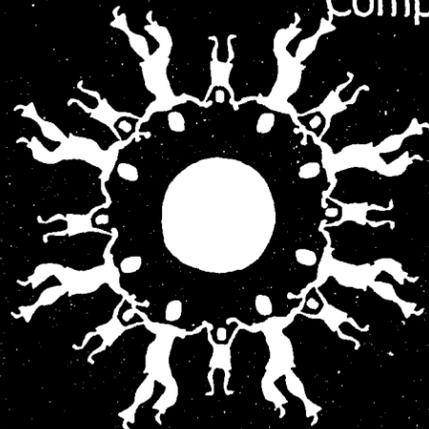
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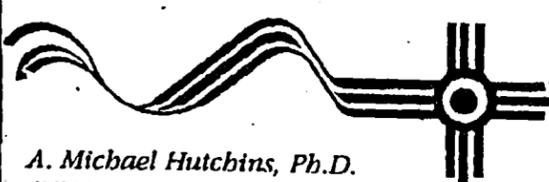
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A Reader's Digest Version Of The Ballot Propositions

By Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - When Arizona voters go to the polls to vote, Tuesday, November 7, they will decide who will serve in political office from the highest elected post, President, down to their local school board.

In addition, voters in Tucson and Pima County will make decisions on 17 ballot propositions (14 statewide, three local). The airwaves have been bombarded with ads, and political signs have blocked the roadways, all asking voters to cast their ballot in favor or against the propositions.

Exactly what would a "yes" or "no" vote on the ballot propositions actually do?

Proposition 100

A "yes" vote on Proposition 100 shall have the effect of amending the Arizona Constitution to permit designating up to 3% (approximately 270,000 acres) of state trust lands ("lands") for conservation, exchanging lands for other public lands for open space conservation, donating lands for public school sites, extending agricultural and grazing leases beyond 10 years without auction to promote stewardship and productivity.

A "no" vote shall have the effect of continuing state trust land management under the current provisions of the Arizona Constitution which prohibit the donation or exchange of state trust land for conservation and public school sites.

Proposition 101

A "yes" vote on Proposition 101 shall have the effect of updating language in the Arizona Constitution relating to people with mental disabilities and changing the voting age to 18, consistent with requirements of the U.S. Constitution.

A "no" vote shall have the effect of retaining the current language in the Arizona Constitution.

Proposition 102

A "yes" vote on Proposition 102 shall have the effect of creating a constitutional requirement that the state manage wildlife in the public trust and that initiatives that permit, limit or prohibit taking of wildlife, including methods or seasons of taking wildlife, shall not become law unless approved by 2/3rds of the votes cast on the proposition.

A "no" vote shall have the effect of retaining the current provisions of the Arizona Constitution that require a simple majority of the votes cast to pass any initiative measure.

Proposition 103

A "yes" vote on Proposition 103

shall have the effect of increasing the number of Corporation Commissioners from 3 to 5, permitting Commissioners to serve 2 consecutive terms, and changing the term of office for a Corporation Commissioner from 6 years to 4 years.

A "no" vote shall have the effect of retaining the membership of the Corporation Commission to 3 members and having Commissioners serve one 6-year term.

Proposition 104

A "yes" vote on Proposition 104 shall have the effect of allowing qualified home owners to apply for a "property valuation protection option" that freezes the full cash value of the home owner's primary residence if at least one owner is 65 years or older; property is the primary residence of the taxpayer; owner resided at the property for at least 2 years prior to applying for the option; and owner's total income does not exceed 400 percent of the supplemental security income benefit rate (500 percent if the taxpayer is married).

A "no" vote shall have the effect of retaining the current Constitutional provisions that do not permit freezing the full cash value of a home owner's primary residence for the purpose of calculating property taxes.

Proposition 105

A "yes" vote on Proposition 105 shall have the effect of exempting from property taxation cemetery property used for burial or interment of dead human beings.

A "no" vote shall have the effect of retaining the current provisions of the Arizona Constitution which do not provide a tax exemption for cemetery property used for burial or interment of dead human beings.

Proposition 106

A "yes" vote on Proposition 106 shall have the effect of creating a 5-member "Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission" with no more than 2 members from each political party and no more than 3 members from each county, to draw legislative and congressional district boundaries and removing redistricting authority from the Arizona Legislature.

A "no" vote shall have the effect that the Arizona Legislature shall continue to have the authority to redraw legislative and congressional district boundaries.

Proposition 108

A "yes" vote on Proposition 108 shall have the effect of amending the Arizona Constitution by ending rate making by the Corporation Commission of local telephone rates for consumers in areas where

service is available from two or more competing providers; allowing rates to be set by competing telephone providers; and allowing the Commission to set rates, in areas where service is not available from two or more providers, using fair value, rate caps or other methods.

A "no" vote shall have the effect of retaining local telephone service rate making by the Corporation Commission using the fair value method in setting local telephone rates.

Proposition 200

A "yes" vote on Proposition 200 shall have the effect of using tobacco settlement money to provide prevention services for preschool children and families, providing health insurance, including behavioral health coverage, for eligible uninsured parents, authorizing schools to enroll uninsured children in KidsCare; funding programs for early detection and prevention of cancer, strokes and other diseases and providing hospice care for the terminally ill.

A "no" vote shall have the effect of not requiring appropriation of tobacco settlement money to support these programs.

Proposition 202

A "yes" vote on Proposition 202 shall have the effect of requiring cities, towns and counties to submit to voters growth management plans with growth management boundaries to allow for a maximum of 10 years' estimated population growth; limiting rezonings and extension of water, sewer and garbage services outside boundaries unless approved by a 4/5ths vote of the governing body plus voter approval; requiring development impact fees to pay the full cost of additional public facility needs; permitting enforcement lawsuits by any person; and repealing other growth management laws.

A "no" vote shall have the effect of retaining current growth management laws.

Proposition 203

A "yes" vote on Proposition 203 shall have the effect of requiring all public school instruction to be conducted in English, rather than in bilingual programs, requiring an intensive one-year English immersion program to teach English as quickly as possible while teaching academic subjects, unless parents request a waiver for children who know English, are 10 years or older or have special needs, and permitting enforcement lawsuits by parents and guardians.

A "no" vote shall have the effect of not requiring that all public school instruc-

tion be conducted in English with a one-year English immersion program.

Proposition 204

A "yes" vote on Proposition 204 shall have the effect of providing funding for the 1996 Healthy Arizona Initiative, increasing healthcare coverage eligibility for Arizona's working poor at the federal poverty level and funding previously authorized preventative health education, nutrition and prevention programs using the tobacco litigation settlement money.

A "no" vote shall have the effect of not requiring appropriation of tobacco settlement money to support these programs.

Proposition 300

A "yes" vote on Proposition 300 shall have the effect of raising State Legislators' annual salaries to \$30,000.

A "no" vote shall have the effect of maintaining State Legislators' annual salaries at \$24,000.

Proposition 301

A "yes" vote on Proposition 301 has the effect of approving an increase in the state transaction privilege (sales) tax and the state use tax of six-tenths of one percent to raise revenues in support of education, a state income tax credit in mitigation of those tax increases, inflation adjustments in state aid for education, a termination of an exemption from education funding revenue control limits for excess utility costs and a limitation on the school district qualifying tax rates and the county equalization assistance for education rate.

A "no" vote has the effect of rejecting the proposed increase in state taxes and the other proposed tax mitigations and education budgetary controls.

In Pima County, voters will be consider one ballot proposition, in addition to the 14 statewide measures.

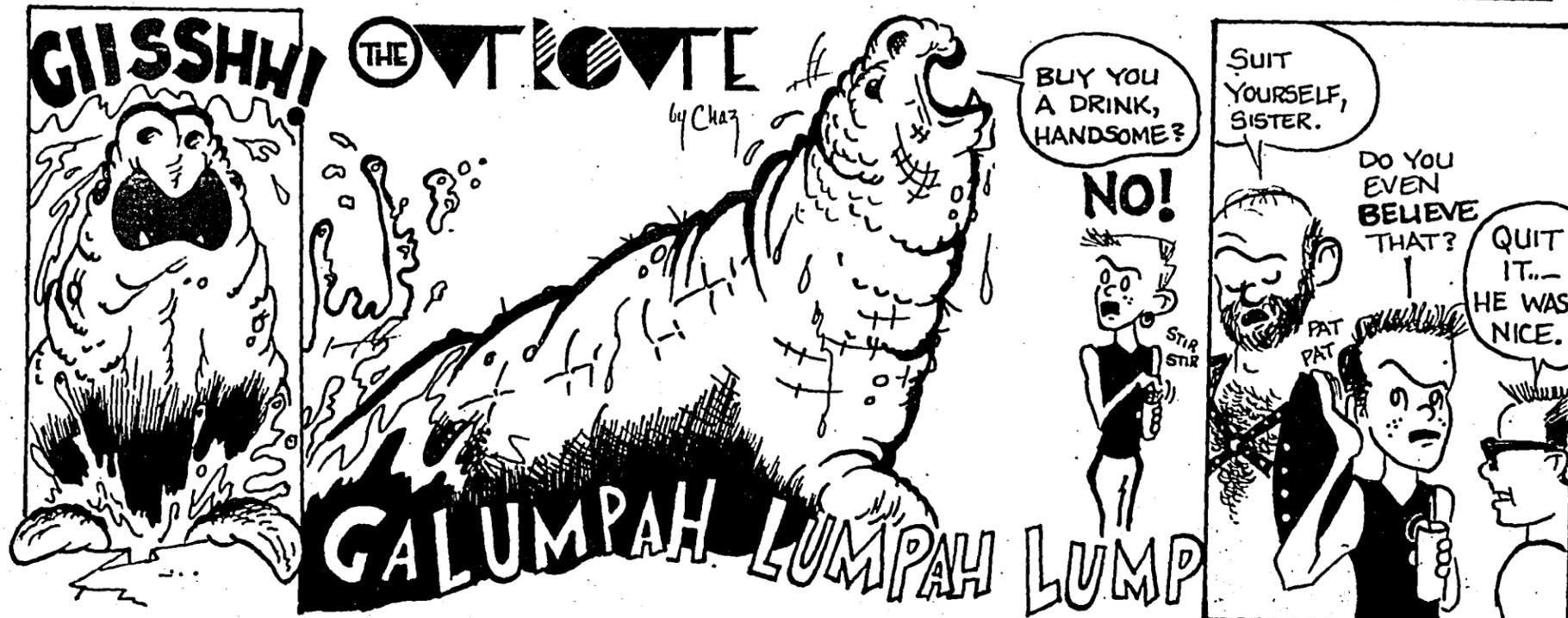
Proposition 400

A "yes" vote on Proposition 400 has the effect of contributing money to promote tourism in the county by imposing a new local tax on hotels, in addition to other existing taxes.

A "no" vote has the effect of rejecting a local tax on hotels and removing the authority to promote tourism with these public funds.

Voters in the City of Tucson will be voting on two ballot propositions, in addition to the above mentioned.

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1500 Attend AIDS WALK

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Coordinator. "It was a beautiful Walk, event if we didn't actually walk the route."

After the speeches and awards given to corporate sponsors and individuals who gave their time and services to this year's event, six panels from the Names Memorial AIDS Quilt were unfolded, as the names were read by Jean Baker and Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup. A song, written especially for the Walk by SAAF's Volunteer Coordinator, and performed by SML, followed.

Due to the rain-storm that came through Tucson, SAAF will be accepting walk-in (walker) dollars at their offices, located at 375 S. Euclid, with expanded hours for this week only, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Individual walkers and teams must turn in their money by Friday, October 27, in order for the money to count for team and individual awards, which will be announced Tuesday, October 31.

According to AIDS WALK organizers, this year's effort is below the \$250,000 goal set. A total of \$208,000 dollars had been collected from corporate sponsors and walker dollars. Organizers said that corporate sponsorship paid for all the expenses of the Walk so dollars raised by walkers will go directly to support services for clients and prevention programs.

For more information on AIDS WALK, call (520) 791-WALK (9255). Funds may also be mailed to SAAF, 375 S. Euclid Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719.

The Ballot Propositions

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Proposition 401

A "yes" vote on Proposition 401 shall have the effect of amending the charter to make the provision of competitive telecommunications services within the city subject to a license approved by mayor and council, rather than to a franchise approved by the city's electorate at a franchise election.

A "no" vote shall have the effect of retaining the current charter language, which specifies that telecommunications services requiring a franchise be approved by the city's electorate at a franchise election.

Proposition 402

A "yes" vote on Proposition 402 shall have the effect of granting a franchise for electric transmission and distribution services to Tucson Electric Power Company.

A "no" vote shall have the effect of denying a franchise for electric transmission and distribution services to Tucson Electric Power Company.

The Observer will have recommendations on these ballot propositions in next week's issue.

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L/G Film Festival

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and surreal drag drama. Prior to the evening's presentations, the festival presents "Chrissy," an honest and realistic portrait of an HIV positive Lesbian. The evening lightens up with "Julie & Me," a modern women's romance. Late in the evening, the festival hops on over to the International Arts Center with "How to F*** in High Heels," the steamy, non politically correct, erotic Lesbian film too hot for the University Campus!

The festival concludes on Sunday with "Red Rain," the story of Gina "Boom-Boom" Guidi, a professional women's boxer seeking the women's Welterweight championship and the very touching, "Wallowitch and Ross: This Moment," John Wallowitch and Bertram Ross have been a duo since the 1980's, a sophisticated lounge act that combines Wallowitch's piano virtuosity and wicked sense of humor with the straight-man (not referring to his sexual orientation) antics of the singing Ross. The pair, now in their 70's, have been lovers for over 30 years. The film covers their early careers - Wallowitch is a prolific composer with more than 1,000 songs to his credit; Ross was a principal dancer with the Martha Graham Company for 30 years - then delves into their mid-life relationship without belaboring the Gay angle.

Producers passes, which include admittance to the Opening Night festivities and all screenings are a bargain at \$45. Passes for all episodes of "Queer as Folk" are \$15. Individual films or collections of films are \$5. Advance sales for passes, opening night are available at: Antigones, Desert Pride, Tucson Trunk, and Orange Grove Brew and Vine, in addition to the

box office throughout the festival. For more information, check out the Wingspan web site, www.wingspan.org, or call (520) 322-6742 or (520) 622-2900.



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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Wingspan's 6th Annual Gay & Lesbian Film Festival opens tonight beginning at 6:00 p.m. At the historic Rialto Theater, 318 E. Congress. Cocktail hour 6-7:30 p.m. "A Laugh At Ourselves": The evening features a collection of 12 comedies for men and women. Also included in the opening night festivities is the first episode of "Queer As Folk", the sexy and popular British mini-series. The complete series will be screened throughout the festival. Tickets for opening night are \$10.00 and includes live entertainment and hors d'oeuvres. There will also be a cash bar. Screenings run from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Help us in getting out the newsletter for the coming month. It's quick and simple, and you get to know the guys you're working with! We also have door prizes and dessert. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us as we show "Finding North"-a film about a man on a scavenger hunt at the request of his late lover. Tagging along is a straight woman who just turned 30 and lost her job. This comedy-drama is sweet and fun. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

7:30 p.m. Game Night with the Bears. Join them for snacks, drinks and bring your favorite Board Game. Call 327-1620 for details or check out www.botop.com

It's coffee at Coffee Etc. (2830 N. Campbell Ave.) Come join Bears of the Old Pueblo for coffee, meet and greet. 7-9 p.m. All are welcome.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Wingspan's 6th Annual Gay & Lesbian Film Festival continues at the UofA Aeronautical Building at the corner of Speedway & Mountain. 7-8:45 p.m. "Desert Hate" and "Paragraph 175". 9-10:45 p.m. "Gendernauts". 11:00 p.m. to Midnight "Queer As Folk".

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Wingspan's 6th Annual Gay & Lesbian Film Festival continues at the UofA Aeronautical Building at the corner of Speedway & Mountain. 7-8:35 p.m. "Get Your Stuff". 9-11:20 p.m. "Mountain King", "Besame Mucho (Kiss Me A Lot)". 11:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. "Queer As Folk".

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Jerry hosts a Topic of Discussion on "Coming Out". We're all in various stages of the coming out process. Whether you're at the beginning, or so out it hurts, come share your experiences with others for growth. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Wingspan's 6th Annual Gay & Lesbian Film Festival continues at the UofA Aeronautical Building at the corner of Speedway & Mountain. Noon-2:35 p.m. Free Youth Program featuring several short comedies. 2:35-3:45 p.m. Gay Young Men's Health Project panel discussion: Transgender. 4:00-6:15 p.m. five shorts. 6:30-8:00 p.m. five different shorts. Then its "Women's Night Out" Part 1 from 8:15 to 10:15 p.m. "Julie & Me", "7 Digits" and "Venga". Followed at 10:30 "Queer As Folk". "Women's Night Out" Part 2 is too hot to show at the University so it will take place at the International Arts Center, 516 N. 6th St. No one under 18 admitted. The explicit films begin at 11:30 p.m. to ?????

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jack 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 Jack at 292-9217.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Wingspan's 6th Annual Gay & Lesbian Film Festival continues at the UofA Aeronautical Building at the corner of Speedway & Mountain. 2:15-4:00 p.m. "The Offering" and "Wallowitch & Ross: This Moment". 4:30 -6:00 p.m. "Queer As Folk". 7:30 Closing Night Party.

3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Trick or Treat Open House hosted by the President of Bears of the Old Pueblo. Come visit with the bears at this come and go event. Light refreshment and drink will be provided. Call 327-1620 for details or check out www.botop.com

Prime Timers Dinner Meeting 5:30 p.m. at El Corral Restaurant, 2201 E. River Road - North side. (1/4 mile East of Campbell Road.). Call Sylvan 747-5669 for more information.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for a showing of the original version of "The Exorcist". Pea soup will not be served! For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30 p.m. Tom leads the Triangle Tribe-a support group with MSN which is designed to teach openness and communication. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for a Halloween Night showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show". Let's do the time warp, again! For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Pima County Health Department, COPE Behavioral Services and their partners invite everyone to the Health & Wellness Resources Fair to be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University on the corner of 4th and University from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come enjoy food and

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show". Birthday show for Lucinda. featuring Lucinda Holiday, Bunny FuFu, Phaedra and Faith Michaels.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

IBT'S - 8th Annual Black and White Ball and Halloween Costume Party and Contest. \$150 first place; \$75 second and \$50 third. Sign up 9:00 p.m. Contest begins at 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

IBT'S - Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to TIHAN in memory of Beto. 8:00 p.m. The Bud Team is here! Fun, games and prizes. 9:00 p.m. Special Halloween Weekend Show featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Domino Blush, Faith Michaels and Janee Starr.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 - HALLOWEEN

AINT NOBODYS BIZ - Halloween Party! Costume Judging starts at 10:00 p.m. Sign up by 10:00 p.m. First prize \$200; 2nd place \$75 and 3rd place \$25. \$2.00 pitchers all night. No Cover.

IBT'S - Halloween Costume Party and Contest. \$125 first prize, \$75 second and \$50 third place. Sign up 9:00 p.m. Contest 10:00 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Halloween Party. Contest at 10:00 p.m. with \$50 first Prize, \$30 Second and \$20 third.

WOODY'S - Un-Halloween Party! Prize for best non-costume!!!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Angela Dodd, Janee Starr and Samantha White.

VENTURE-N - Free anonymous HIV testing here from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Brought to you by the Pima County Health Department and Gay Men's Health Project.

friends and find out more about Tucson health resources. Traditional and alternative approaches to better health in the eareas of reproductive health care, substance use, tobacco, hepatitis, HIV and more. Please call 798-1772 for more information.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

One of America's brightest social and political commentators, Kate Clinton, delivers her insightful satire on politics, technology, family and Lesbian life just in time for the millennial elections. Dubbed "the unimpeachable Madame President of comedy," Clinton's new performance piece, "Y2K8.COMedy," incorporates political material with the edge of daily news and musings on modern family ties and life as a Gay American. Centennial Hall at 8:00 p.m. All tickets are \$35.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

At Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave., Tucson Author Elizabeth Evans will read from her new book "Rowing In Eden". Set in the Midwestern resort town of Pynch Lake during the summer of '65, this well written novel is told through the eyes of thoughtful and precocious 13-year-old Franny Wahl. Franny observes her family and the world around her during this pivotal summer full of hard-drinking, weekend-long parties and constant houseguests. Caught in the hinterland between childhood and adulthood, Franny becomes increasingly entwined in the lives of her older sisters, charting her own course between their examples. The reading will be followed by a question and answer period. Refreshments will be served.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:00 p.m. At Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave., a reading by Michael Thomas Ford from his new book "It's Not Mean If It's True: More trials from My Queer Life". With two best sellers and two Lambda Literary Awards under his belt, Michael is still cranky... lucky for us! As fans of his previous collections have happily discovered, little escapes his attention and nothing (but nothing) is sacred. His essay "The Condensed History of Gay Pride" is enough to send any politically correct Gay leader shrieking into the streets. "In Ford's hands, pretty much anything can yield a laugh. He is an ideal humorist - genially misanthropic, suspicious of ideology and convention, cynical or passionate depending on the occasion. And he is something else: a good read." Publishers Weekly. The reading will be followed by a question and answer period. Refreshments will be served.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

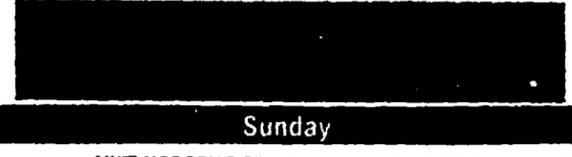
Miss Gay Arizona US of A Pageant presented by G.R.Reat Promotions at the Ramada Inn University, 1601 N. Oracle Road. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Showtime 7:00p.m. Tickets in advance \$15.00 per person includes 1 show ticket and 1 drink ticket. Tickets at the door \$20.00 per person includes 1 show ticket. Limited tickets available. For more information and tickets call (520)270 8459 / 571-9523 / 322-5558.



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Sunday

AINT NOBODYS 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.

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

AINT NOBODYS 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's \$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.

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

AINT NOBODYS 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.

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. Sky's the limit \$2.25.

Wednesday

AINT NOBODYS 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.

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

AINT NOBODYS 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.

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

AINT NOBODYS 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.

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

AINT NOBODYS 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.

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.

Informing The Community



NOTICES

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

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.sAAF.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. 682-7723

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8880 or write P.O. Box 38284, Tucson, AZ 85740-8284. 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 AI-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 WORLDWIDE** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 529-9344, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL. For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 886-1208 or Brian at 882-4720 for information.

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

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgcc.org or call (602)225-8444.

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

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

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

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9020

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 8809 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

REVELLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/experience singing? Join us! Call 881-1369 to audition. 817-3100 for more info.

RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP. For Lesbian, Bisexual and Transsexual/Transgender women with disabilities (including invisible disabilities). Meets last Tuesday of every month from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. Call DIRECT 624-6452 or Wingspan 624-1779 for more info or directions. Completely accessible and a chemical free zone. (No perfume or scents please!) Women of all ages and disabilities are invited.

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NOTICES

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 690-9585 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 770-9970 or Bertie 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 289-6647.

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 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6436 for more info.

TUCSON 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/sagaemail>

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

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

DESERT 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.aazds.net/dd>

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number).

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

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

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

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

NOTICES

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

CRONES 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 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Gerontimo (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 791-9862.

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.

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

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1438 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).

ROOMMATES

AJO/LA CHOLLA seeks responsible housemate to share large home. Lots of amenities and serenity. Call 792-4728. \$380/mo. 853

GAY OR GAY FRIENDLY FEMALE WANTED to share 3 bedroom, 1 bath house with female near 29th/Craycroft. \$350/mo. No utilities. 750-1353. 848

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EMPLOYMENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WINGSPAN, A NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY CENTER IN TUCSON offering services to the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgendered community. Will manage staff, report to board, fund raise, manage 250k budget, public relations. Salary commensurate with experience. Submit salary requirements and resume to: Wingspan Executive Director Search, 300 E. 6th Street, Tucson, AZ 85705. Full job description at www.wingspanaz.org 848

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