

Arson Probe Focuses On Montana Lesbians

HELENA, MT - Two Montana lesbians whose house was destroyed by fire last winter remain suspects in the arson investigation, the Associated Press reported.

On Feb. 8, Carla Grayson and Adrienne Neff barely escaped the blaze with their 2-year-old son in the early morning hours.

Earlier the couple had participated in a press conference as plaintiffs in a lawsuit brought by the ACLU against the University of Montana. (The ACLU is seeking domestic partner benefits for University staff in a suit that is still pending.) The couple received death threats in the mail during the week, and their house was destroyed on Friday of that week.

The fire drew national headlines in the Gay press, inspired a rally over that weekend in Missoula and a fund was established to collect donations for the couple.

The couple drew the attention of investigators from the start, in part because many arson fires are set by the victims. Second, the accelerant used in the fire came from gas cans in the women's garage. Third, although the women did not wake up until the house was ablaze, arson investigators concluded that an intruder would have spent hours in the living room arranging gasoline-soaked ropes for the fire.

Published speculation of this sort in the local press drew complaints from the local Gay community in the weeks after the event, and officials emphasized that investigators were looking into all possibilities.

According to the AP, these areas of suspicion remain alive. Reporters examined a 17-page search warrant application, filed prior to an Aug. 8 search of the couple's private safe. The application contends that "each arson investigator who has reviewed the case has stated that it would have taken a considerable amount of time to soak the rope in gasoline, drape the gasoline-soaked ropes in the manner found, soak the rags, strategically place the rags and then do the multiple fire starts. An outsider would have been unfamiliar with the residence, would not have known where the items used would be stored, and would have had to have laid down all the gasoline-soaked trailers in the dark without disturbing the residents, who were in the home."

The application also reports that Neff was videotaped making a phone call from the police station, telling someone: "We're at the police station being grilled for hours. Neither of us broke though." The application says Neff was "jovial," at the station, until Grayson warned her: "You need to be careful about sounding too con-

genial in here."

The county attorney told the AP that he does not have the evidence to charge the couple, or anyone else, and said he was waiting for DNA and handwriting test results on the death threats received a few days before the fire. Grayson and Neff, who have recently moved to Michigan, had nothing in their safe beyond personal papers, the AP reported.

More Arrests In Miami-Dade Scandal

MIAMI, FL - Anthony Verdugo, chairman of the Florida Christian Coalition and a board member of antiGay group Take Back Miami-Dade, was arrested Friday and charged with one count of falsely swearing that he had witnessed the signing of a petition calling for a ballot measure to repeal a 1998 pro-Gay nondiscrimination ordinance, according to The Miami Herald.

Ralph Patterson, a Miami-Dade notary public, was also arrested Friday on a charge of illegally notarizing his own signature on a petition. Investigators said a third person was expected to be arrested Sunday in an ongoing investigation of how opponents of Miami-Dade County's Gay rights amendment have been gathering signatures for a September 10 ballot measure. John Aguero, special prosecutor from Polk County who is handling the yearlong probe into allegations of forged signatures and other petition irregularities, would not identify the third person but said that individual will also be charged with falsely notarizing a petition document.

Seventeen-year-old Christian Montoya was arrested on a charge of falsely swearing that he saw someone sign such a petition. Montoya will be arraigned in juvenile court.

Verdugo told the Herald that the arrests are a ploy to embarrass Take Back Miami-Dade and are part of "a vast left-wing conspiracy by corrupt enemies of the democracy."

No to Discrimination/SAVE Dade, the group fighting to keep the amendment, called Verdugo's claim outrageous. "They lied to voters to get the signatures, they falsified additional signatures, they manipulated the system to get the investigation moved to another prosecutor, and now they claim to be victims of the prosecutor they chose?" SAVE Dade chairwoman Heddy Pena said. "It's outrageous that they would claim to be victims after perpetrating one fraud after another."

AIDS Groups Targeted By Administration

WASHINGTON, DC - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is reviewing the federal support given to more than a dozen AIDS groups whose members demonstrated against HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson in Spain last month.

The Washington Post reports HHS officials said they had launched the reviews at the request of 12 members of Congress who expressed concern that no "religious themes" were presented before delegates attending the international AIDS conference in Barcelona.

The U.S. government was roundly criticized during the conference for not doing enough or spending enough to address the pandemic. On the third day of the weeklong conference, Thompson was loudly heckled as he attempted to deliver a speech on American AIDS policy.

Five days after the conference ended, a letter signed by 12 Republicans asked Thompson: "How many individuals - from both the government and nongovernment organizations - attended the conference with some form of federal assistance? Please provide a complete list of these individuals and their affiliations."

Thompson's officials say they are

bound to honor the congressional request, but the Post reports observers inside and outside the HHS say department officials are "genuinely angry" about their treatment and are seeking to prevent what they view as "disrespectful behavior" in the future.

"Groups that do advocacy and get public money are always concerned that there's an awkwardness in that situation," said Terje Anderson of the National Association of People with AIDS. "But I can't think of another time there's been talk of retaliation."

The audits follow last month's ouster of Scott Evertz as head of the Office of National AIDS Policy. Most AIDS professionals in the capital agree that Evertz was fired to placate conservatives angered by his advocacy of condom use over an abstinence-only approach to HIV prevention.

The newspaper says the level of distrust between the administration and AIDS treatment and advocacy groups has been worsening steadily. Many say the depths of animosity now directed at the conduct of the administration and its handling of domestic AIDS groups hasn't been at current lows since Ronald Reagan left office.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters Ban Anti-Gay/Lesbian Bias

NEW YORK, NY - Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has told its 490 affiliates nationwide to give openly Gay and Lesbian volunteers an equal chance to serve as one-on-one mentors to children without fathers and mothers.

The announcement, hailed by Gay and Lesbian civil rights advocacy groups, enraged several conservative organizations that had been lobbying against changes making chapter adherence to anti-bias rules mandatory.

The 98-year-old organization says it is undaunted by sniping from the far-right in light of the grass-roots response it is receiving. "We're getting incredible, positive support for the action we took," Big Brothers Big Sisters president Judy Vredenburg said.

The BBBSA has backed nondiscrimination principles for 25 years that cover sexual orientation, race, religion and ethnicity. Only last month, however, did the sexual orientation provision become mandatory for all BBBSA affiliates. Some chapters had been quietly enforcing an informal Gay ban.

The BBBSA gives parents the option of rejecting mentors for various reasons, including race, religion and sexual

orientation. That proviso still stands. But the move to make non-discrimination policy binding on all affiliates provoked outrage from conservative groups.

Donald Wildman of the American Family Association charged the BBBSA "would become a magnet for homosexuals who exploit opportunities to engage young, impressionable children with their unhealthy lifestyle."

Focus on the Family's Bill Maier said the organization should realize that "matching fatherless boys, starving for attention, with homosexual men is reckless and irresponsible, not to mention a recipe for disaster."

Vredenburg dismissed such concerns, saying only a handful of BBBSA's local leaders had expressed concern about the new policy. "We're absolutely brilliant in screening out any inappropriate person," she said.

"The response from the right-wing groups is mean, vicious and downright reprehensible," said David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign. "An organization that's doing great work helping underprivileged children should be applauded for standing up for the principles of nondiscrimination."

UPDATE

Night At The Ballpark Sunday, August 25

TUCSON - The Third Annual Tucson Sidewinders Benefit for the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) takes place this Sunday August 25, 6:30 p.m., at Tucson Electric Park.

This is a great way to have fun, enjoy a professional baseball game, and give back to the community. The price of \$25.00 includes a ticket to the Sidewinders game against the Las Vegas 51's, seating in a luxury skybox right behind home plate, hamburgers & hotdogs with all the fixings, great company for the night, AND a tax-deductible donation of \$10.00 to the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN).

There will also be a no host bar located inside the air-conditioned luxury skybox for your comfort and enjoyment.

Seating is limited. To order your reserved space, contact Dave Locke at (520) 326-1952 or Tucsonlocke@aol.com, or the TIHAN office at (520) 299-6647. Tickets are also available through Terry the Bartender at Woody's, or Peter the Bartender at IBT's. Tickets purchased at the TIHAN office can be charged to your VISA or MasterCard. Make sure you reserve your space now and come out and support our hometown team the Tucson Sidewinders as well as TIHAN!

Registration Now Available For AIDS WALK 2002

TUCSON - Registration materials are now available for AIDS WALK 2002 to take place October 20 at Rillito Downs. AIDS WALK, produced by the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), is a benefit walk to support people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

AIDS WALK raises community awareness and needed funds in southern Arizona's fight against AIDS. Walkers solicit contributions from individual sponsors while also sharing information about HIV/AIDS with their family, friends, and colleagues.

Significant corporate sponsorship covers the expenses of AIDS WALK, so all walker dollars go to support critical services for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and needed prevention programs for people at risk for HIV. Money raised by AIDS WALK will provide food, care supplies, case management, volunteer peer support, outreach programs, and so much more!

Desert Diamond Casino is this year's Title Sponsor of AIDS WALK. Other major sponsors include Long Realty, KVOA, Tucson Weekly, Comcast, Cox Communications, 104.1 The Point,

Telemundo, KEVT, American Airlines, Charles Schwab, Wells Fargo, Hoffman Design, Clear Channel, and Spreck Interactive.

Four thousand people are expected to attend AIDS WALK to show their support. Walkers earn prizes for money raised and enjoy music, food, and fun. Panels of the National AIDS Memorial Quilt will also be unfolded and displayed at AIDS WALK.

Registration is easy through the AIDS WALK website at www.aids-walktucson.com or by calling the AIDS WALK Hotline at (520) 791-WALK (92-55). Walking as a team is encouraged and provides a fun way to raise money and show support for a healthier community.

Volunteer To Help Wingspan

TUCSON - Looking for a way to make a difference in your community without melting? The rains have abated, so peel yourself off that vinyl chair and volunteer down at Wingspan, where you can reminisce about the monsoons, meet new and interesting people, and learn more about Tucson's GLBT community in air-conditioned comfort.

Wingspan will be having training sessions for Front Desk (Information & Referral) volunteers on Tuesday and Thursday, August 27 & 29, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., both evenings. Additional "on-the-job" training for the Front Desk can start even before that! Volunteers are also needed to help with Wingspan's lending library and data entry.

Volunteer opportunities are open to people of any gender identity or sexual orientation. Students, retired people, people of color, bilingual speakers, people living with AIDS, people with disabilities, sign language interpreters, and people with computer skills are encouraged to volunteer.

For information, application, and registration (required for the Front Desk training), please contact Mark English, Wingspan Volunteer Coordinator, at (520) 624-1779 or email: mark@wingspanaz.org. Additional information about volunteering can be found at Wingspan's new website: www.wingspanaz.org

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If you'd like to help out, or have any questions, contact Alexander at (520) 622-4700 or Alexander@tgnetwork.org.

Wingspan Annual Dinner September 21

TUCSON (ON) - On Saturday, September 21, Wingspan will be holding their annual dinner, 6:00 p.m., at the Tucson Convention Center, 260 South Church Avenue.

For this year's event, the keynote speaker will be Keith Jennings, the executive director of the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Educators Network (GLSEN). Comedian Jason Stuart is the featured entertainment for this year's event. In years' past, this event has had previous keynote speakers as Urvasi Vaid, then executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and Riki Wilchins, executive director of Gender PAC.

Wingspan also uses the dinner to recognize local contributions to Gay and Lesbian equality with the presentation of the Godat Awards.

Even with all that, the primary goal of this event is to raise funds for Wingspan, which the proceeds from this help to keep Wingspan open six days a week, so that people can use their services, including: its cyber center, library, programs - such as their domestic violence project and for Wingspan to continue hosting their monthly forums, covering a wide variety of subjects.

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

Man Pleads Guilty To Murder of Phoenician

PHOENIX - A man convicted of second-degree murder in the death of a Phoenix Gay man faces nearly 20 years in prison. Dorian C. Brown pleaded guilty Tuesday, August 13, in federal court to second-degree murder in the death of Justin Fidelis Enos on Halloween 2000.

Enos, 54, had been beaten, dragged behind a horse, and murdered with a shovel on the Gila River Reservation in Arizona because he was Gay, authorities said. Another man, 25-year-old Aaronray J. Miguel, is awaiting trial on a first-degree murder charge.

Federal prosecutors have filed motions to pursue the case under a two-year-old law that significantly increases the penalty for a hate crime based on the victim's sexual orientation. U.S. attorney Paul Charlton says prosecutors will ask for a life term.

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New York City Expands Partner Rights

NEW YORK, NY - In a move that may have far reaching legal ramifications and something that will almost certainly be copied by other municipalities, the New York City Council voted to recognize Gay marriages from other jurisdictions.

"We voted to make it so that people who are registered domestic partners, members of civil unions or Gay marriages from other jurisdictions, will now be recognized as registered New York City domestic partners," said Council Member Christine Quinn, who co-sponsored the bill.

"I think it's a big deal symbolically because it's New York kind of going as far as we can in relationship law," Quinn told reporters. "It's also a big deal because it's New York City trying to make relations as equal as we possibly can."

As the law stood previously, same-sex couples who moved to the city were required to re-register as domestic partners and then wait a year before being eligible for limited rights such as access to health insurance benefits.

Under the new law, such couples are eligible immediately. "If you move from the Netherlands, we can't say, 'We recognize you as Mr. and Mr. Smith who are husband and husband.' But we can say, 'We will convey to you all the rights and benefits we convey to New York City residents who have registered as domestic partners as soon as you move to the city - without having to re-register.'"

New York City's DP law extends hospital visitation rights, apartment succession rights, insurance benefits and various

licensing and permit privileges when conducted on behalf of the domestic partner. Municipal employees registered under the DP law are eligible for a number of spousal benefits, such as bereavement leave and medical and dental benefits.

The Empire State Pride Agenda praised the 34-7 council vote as "a much-needed step that we hope will be followed by other jurisdictions throughout the United States."

Vigil Honors Slain Transgender Teens

WASHINGTON, DC - Community leaders and activists joined in a memorial vigil Tuesday, August 13, with friends and relatives of two Transgender teens who were killed, reported the Gay.com/Planet-Out.com network.

Community leaders and activists joined in a memorial vigil Tuesday night with friends and relatives of two Transgender teens who were killed in southeastern Washington, D.C., a day earlier.

Among the attendees were Washington Mayor Anthony A. Williams and Elizabeth Birch, head of the nation's largest Gay and lesbian political group, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).

Don Davis, 18, who also went by the name Ukea, and Stephanie Thomas, 19, were shot repeatedly and killed while sitting in a car, less than a block from Thomas' apartment. Both victims, who were friends, were shot at least 10 times in the head and chest.

The brutality of the killings has led many to speculate that the incident is a hate crime. A police spokesman, however,

said there is little evidence of motive so far, and officials "are still exploring all the possibilities."

"Whether this turns out to be a hate crime or not, it has had the effect of a hate crime," Birch said in a statement read at the vigil. "Hate crimes are unique in that they affect more than just the immediate victims. These crimes are meant to send a message of fear to entire communities and terrorize everyone within those communities. Until the murders are caught, no member of the GLBT community will feel completely safe in the District of Columbia."

Birch also called on Congress to pass a comprehensive hate crimes bill. But according to the National Transgender Advocacy Coalition (NTAC), the version currently on deck in Congress does not go far enough to protect Transgender people and should contain the words "gender identity" or "gender nonconformity."

"These most recent murders notwithstanding, this is turning out to be one of the deadliest years for hate crimes targeting the Transgendered," NTAC's Vanessa Edwards Foster told the Gay.com / Planet-Out.com Network.

On its Web site, NTAC has recorded 13 deaths from anti-Transgender violence this year through July. That number is one more than 2001's total, and it takes into account only reported cases. Since many cases are unreported, especially among prostitutes, Foster said the actual number is likely several times higher.

Tuesday's vigil took place at the crime scene, in a neighborhood marked by broken windows, empty buildings and other signs of urban decay. Mourners left candles, flowers, ribbons and stuffed animals at the scene.

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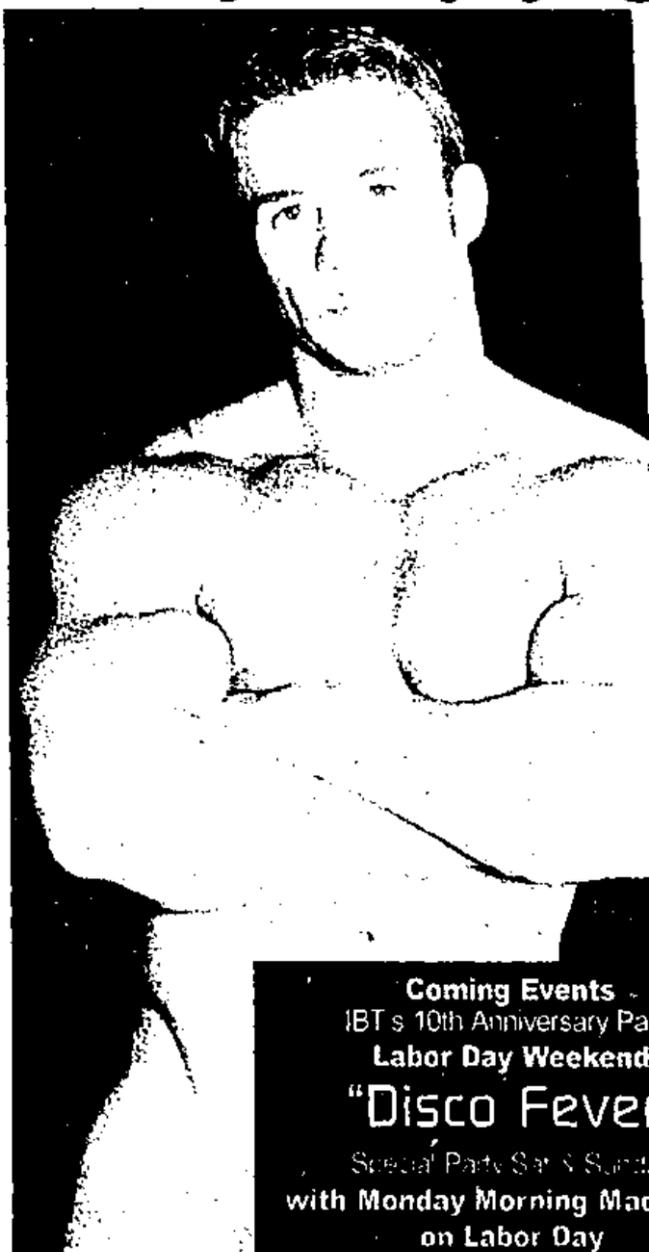
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Survey Explores 'Gay Subculture' In Church

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oversight of seminaries, and Gay activists have said they fear a witch hunt against Gay priests. They argue that a priest's sexual orientation is irrelevant to his ministry.

Transsexual Sues Over Rest Room Ban

CHANDLER - A Transsexual woman has filed a lawsuit against the Maricopa County Community College District for barring her from using the women's rest rooms on the Avondale, campus, where she was a teacher and a student.

In the U.S. district court complaint filed Monday, August 12, computer technology instructor Rebecca E. Kastl advances what may be a groundbreaking legal argument: that Transsexualism is a congenital disorder and that the college's actions violate the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Chris Chesrown, a spokeswoman for the college district, told The Arizona Republic that Kastl unsuccessfully brought her discrimination complaint to the Arizona attorney general, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Kastl said she is fighting for "a big issue of principle." Her Ohio attorney, Randi Barnabee, acknowledged that earlier legal efforts failed but said, "This is a new approach based on new science." Although the Americans With Disabilities Act specifically excludes Transsexualism as a disability, Barnabee said, "advances in medical and scientific research in the 12 years since ADA passed show Transsexualism is no choice but a physiological condition."

Richard Heakin Memorial Fund Update

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She added that the goal of the effort is to raise \$5,000 to cover the costs of the pedestal, bench, and Web site set up/maintenance.

The committee wants to have the monies raised, and the pedestal and bench done by OUToberFest, being held October 12 this year - the anniversary date of Matthew Shepard's death and the day before Heakin's birthday.

Contributions can be made out to "Tucson Pride Inc," (the committee's fiscal agent), and must be clearly designated for the "Heakin Memorial." None of the monies raised will be donated to Tucson Pride, Inc. Checks and money orders can be sent to Tucson Pride, Inc., P.O. Box 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717. As of press time, more than \$3,100 has been raised in the effort.

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Chris Chesrown, a spokeswoman for the college district, told The Arizona Republic that Kastl unsuccessfully brought her discrimination complaint to the Arizona attorney general, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Kastl said she is fighting for "a big issue of principle." Her Ohio attorney, Randi Barnabee, acknowledged that earlier legal efforts failed but said, "This is a new approach based on new science." Although the Americans With Disabilities Act specifically excludes Transsexualism as a disability, Barnabee said, "advances in medical and scientific research in the 12 years since ADA passed show Transsexualism is no choice but a physiological condition."

Richard Heakin Memorial Fund Update

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She added that the goal of the effort is to raise \$5,000 to cover the costs of the pedestal, bench, and Web site set up/maintenance.

The committee wants to have the monies raised, and the pedestal and bench done by OUToberFest, being held October 12 this year - the anniversary date of Matthew Shepard's death and the day before Heakin's birthday.

Contributions can be made out to "Tucson Pride Inc." (the committee's fiscal agent), and must be clearly designated for the "Heakin Memorial." None of the monies raised will be donated to Tucson Pride, Inc. Checks and money orders can be sent to Tucson Pride, Inc., P.O. Box 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717. As of press time, more than \$3,100 has been raised in the effort.

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'They Couldn't Even Draw The Lines, Let Alone Color Them!'

Early voting for the 2002 primary election has already started, as we have to view a plethora of political signs, literature in the mail, the inevitable radio and television ads, and half-baked attempts to inform the voting public about these political wannabees.

One area that the voting electorate will remain uninformed deals with the political boundaries for Arizona's 30 Legislative Districts, and thanks to the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC).

When comes to the new state legislative "lines," even election officials aren't quite sure either as this reporter found out when calling the Arizona Secretary of State's Division of Elections office, who responded by citing U.S. Census Tracts in Pima County, and calling the Pima County Division of Elections, who stated that a person interested in the boundaries needs to come down to the office and look at the map because it is too difficult to describe over the phone.

So are the county and state election officials not doing their job and "passing the buck" on answering the question. Far from it, and the classic example is what the IRC did in Pima County, cutting neighborhoods, streets, precincts, and mountains (Mount Lemmon's 106 voters are now in two precincts and we're stuck footing the bill for this!). So until the trial, set to start in January 2003, over the new boundaries, for Arizona's eight Congressional and thirty Legislative districts, voters are stuck with this "artwork," nothing new for politics in the Grand Canyon State.

Pima County has six state legislative districts going through it and the numbers for these have changed from Legislative District 9 through 14 to now Legislative District 25 through 30.

Legislative District 25 takes about three-fourth's of Arizona's border with Mexico, from the New Mexico state line to Yuma County. District 25 takes in Cochise County; most of the state's border towns, Douglas and Nogales to name a couple; Marana, Picture Rocks, Avra Valley, land (casinos excluded) on the Tohono O'odham nation and area west of Phoenix. State Senator Marsha Arzberger and state Representatives Bobby Lugo and Mark Maiorana, all Democrats are running for reelection and received the nod from the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF).

Situated primarily in Tucson, North of River Road but also taking in a smatter of Pinal County, is Legislative District 26. Four current office holders, all Republicans, state Senator Toni Hellon, and state Representatives Pete Hershberger, Steve Huffman and Carol Somers are vying for posts in this new Legislative District. AHRF endorsed Hellon, Huffman and Hershberger. They've been supportive on issues of concern unlike Somers, who sought support of AHRF in 2000 and then turned around and voted against every bill with issues of concern.

Tucson's south and west sides and rural areas reaching to Three Points is Legislative District 27, which doesn't have any incumbents seeking another term, but a couple of former office holders, including former Democratic state Representative, John Kromko, who seeking the state Sen-

ate, and six Democrats, including the openly Gay candidate, Jesse George, who is seeking a state House seat. Both Kromko and George were endorsed by AHRF in the primary election.

Openly Gay state Representative Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson, is seeking another term in the Arizona House in Legislative District 28, which encompasses Tucson, south of the Rillito, north of 22nd Street and mostly east of Campbell Avenue, with an arm extending into the Flowing Wells area in northwest Tucson. Five Democrats are vying for the other seat: Bruce Friedemann, who talks about the conspiracy over JFK's murder by the CIA; Sam Ramirez, an ultra-conservative Republican (GOP Precinct Committeeman and registered as such up through January of this year) running as a Democrat; Ted Downing, who ran in 2000 .. and lost; David Bradley, who has run twice before .. losing both times; and, Joe Pyritz, a former television reporter. AHRF endorsed Poelstra, Downing, Pyritz and Bradley, as well as Democratic state Representative Gabrielle Giffords, who is running for the state Senate seat.

State Senator Ramon Valadez, and state Representatives Linda Lopez and Victor Soltero are seeking reelection in Legislative District 29, which lies south of 22nd Street, jutting slightly north of Broadway when the district goes West, past the I-10, but heads south on 12th Avenue down to Valencia, going East heading around the Airport and taking in Davis Monthan and heads to Houghton Road, heading Northwest to 22nd Street. Valadez, Lopez and Soltero, strongly supportive on issues of concern were endorsed by AHRF.

Anti Gay state Representative Randy Graf, a Republican, Republican state Representative Marion McClure, a supporter of the hate crimes bill, and the conservative state Senator, Tim Bee, a Republican, are seeking reelection in District 30, where Republicans rule and Democrats have a seventeen point registration to try to overcome. District 30 encompasses eastern Pima County, taking in the towns of Vail, Sahuarita, Green Valley, also taking Sonoita, Patagonia, Amado, Elgin and taking in parts of Sierra Vista and Huachuca City. Only Marion McClure received AHRF's nod, for her vote on the hate crimes bill.

Are the above descriptions of the six new legislative districts accurate? As close as possible but remember, it was the IRC who drew these lines, and probably couldn't color within them either.

For more information, for those fortunate soles in Pima County, call the County Recorder's office, (520) 740-4330, or visit their Website at the following link: <http://www.recorder.co.pima.az.us/geocode/search.html>, then type in your address and zip code, hit enter, and your questions about what political district you're in will be answered. Those voters outside of Pima County have options as well, either by calling the Arizona Secretary of State's office, (877) 843-8683 or go online to: http://azredistricting.org/mapping/default2.asp?test=DoJ4adj_shp&name=Legislative.Test.DoJ4-Adjusted&service=iredrafts, and type your address and zip code and get the answer, in a certain amount of time. ...

Many GLBT voters in Pima Coun-

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La Conexión Latina

Salud es Poder

'El Machismo en la Comunidad Latina Gay, Retos y Ventajas'

El machismo es algo que está presente en todo el mundo pero con diferentes matices. Para comenzar a discutir el asunto comenzaremos por tratar de definir a una persona machista. Una persona machista es aquella que sin importar su sexo o género, piensa que el hombre, por el simple hecho de ser hombre tiene mas valor que la mujer. El machismo no es exclusivo del hombre ya que en ocasiones las mujeres pueden ser mas machistas que los mismos hombres. Hay una tendencia en las mujeres mexicanas, madres de familia, a preservar la cultura machista ya que en sus mismos hogares enseñan a las hijas a atender a los hermanos, (lavarles, plancharles, cocinarles, limpiarles el cuarto) simplemente porque ellas son mujeres y sus hermanos son hombres. Esto es a grandes rasgos una descripción del machismo en la familia latina, a continuación discutiré un poco mas a fondo el machismo en la comunidad latina gay.

Sin caer en generalizaciones, en la comunidad gay el machismo se preserva en los adjetivos calificativos de "activo", y "pasivo" dentro de la relación sexual, de "quién es el hombre y quién la mujer". En estos casos, el activo o penetrador es "el hombre" o "el macho" mientras que el pasivo o penetrado es "la mujer". Estas categorizaciones pueden ser problemáticas si las enmarcamos en el machismo donde los "machos" pueden hacer lo que quieran y los "pasivos" no les queda otra que aceptarlo. Tomemos por ejemplo a una persona que creció en un hogar machista y

el se identifica más con el sexo femenino en donde su modelo a seguir es su madre o hermanas. En este caso, es muy posible que esta persona vea como natural el dominio de su "macho" y si éste no quiere usar condón, pues simplemente va a aceptar lo que se le imponga. El machismo es algo difícil de borrar pero es necesario comenzar por ver a dos hombres que tiene sexo entre si, como eso, como dos hombres y no como un hombre y una "mujer". Lo que hacen en la cama no necesariamente refleja el género de estas personas, es decir, por el hecho de que alguien sea pasivo, el jugar ese rol no lo convierte en mujer. Como todo, esto es muy complejo y no se aplica a todo el mundo ya que existen Gays que se sienten y viven como mujeres y esto no se aplica a ellos o ellas.

¿Hay ventajas en el machismo? Esta es una pregunta muy interesante y como con todas las buenas preguntas, no hay una respuesta convincente. Seguramente hay algunas ventajas y es que el poder que se le da al macho, ya sea él mismo o la sociedad, debería ser visto como una responsabilidad para con los demás. En los latinos un buen "macho" es aquel que protege a su familia en todos los aspectos, que es responsable y que es un modelo a seguir. También se puede ser macho y ser Gay al mismo tiempo. Un ejemplo de macho Gay seria la pareja de un hombre que independientemente de lo que haga en la cama, es responsable, ayuda a salir adelante a su pareja y esta comprometido a sacar adelante la relación en todos los aspectos.

GENDER PRIDE BY JONI K. MAUSSE

As long as there have been human languages, or nearly so, people have divided themselves into "he's" and "she's." For most people this means that if you're born male, people refer to you in the masculine gender; and if you're born female you're considered feminine. Yet there have always been the exceptional ones, those of us who don't fit in that way. In many cultures there are words to describe us.

In Native North America gender-variant people have been known by hundreds of names, most of which now translated into the English term "Two-Spirit." Two-Spirited people walk in the spirit world in the "opposite" gender from our physical sex: in other words, as feminine males and masculine females. In indigenous cultures this is considered perfectly normal, and Two-Spirited people are frequently honored with a special place in the community.

Some writers warn us not to idealize folk peoples, who may well have had their own forms of patriarchy and homophobia. This may have been true in some cases; but what is different from our "modern" world is that at least Native Americans understood the difference between sex and gender; they didn't insist that all male children must be masculine and all female children must be feminine. A male child who showed a preponderance of feminine traits was allowed to take her place among the women of the village and was not required to go to war. And in many cases a female child who showed masculine energy from an early age could become a hunter and a warrior, even a tribal leader.

It would not have occurred to them to shame, humiliate, and ridicule such individuals (as happened to me), much less

to place them in mental institutions where they'd be drugged and given electric shock treatments (which may be still going on, I suspect). It took the rise of "Western Civilization" make life a living hell for Transgendered people. While it was reassuring to read in last week's Observer of the legal protections that we're winning, it's also important to note that this is taking place against the recent historical backdrop of repression of Transgendered people in the dominant Euro-American culture.

Gradually the Two-Spirit tradition is regaining lost ground, especially here in Pima County. Under the leadership of Sonny Frame and Richard Eaglebear Boyd, Native American ceremonies are becoming available locally to people of all genders and ethnic backgrounds. Next Saturday afternoon there will be a women-only sweat lodge ceremony, open to Transgendered as well as genetic women. Write sirc50@hotmail.com for more information, or call (520) 624-1779 on Thursday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Timing is everything, I'm afraid!), and ask to speak to Sonny. On September 7 there will be a sweat lodge ceremony open to all genders. The October 4 ceremony will be for men, including Transmen. The September 21 ceremony has been cancelled.

Note that these are solemn religious ceremonies, not recreation. As in many traditional religions, suffering is seen as part of life that must be undergone to achieve purification and serenity. We Transgendered people should be able to understand that. Write me at jonikmausse@yahoo.com if you have any questions or clarifications about these or related issues. Thanks, Sweetie, and we'll see you!



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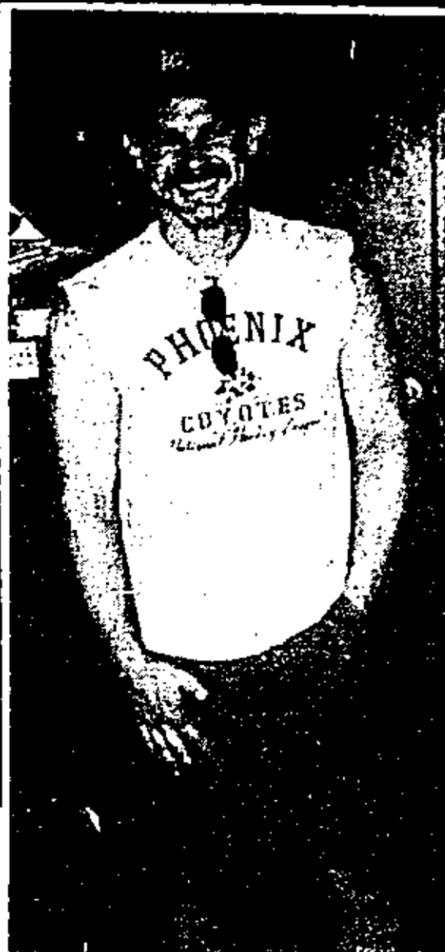
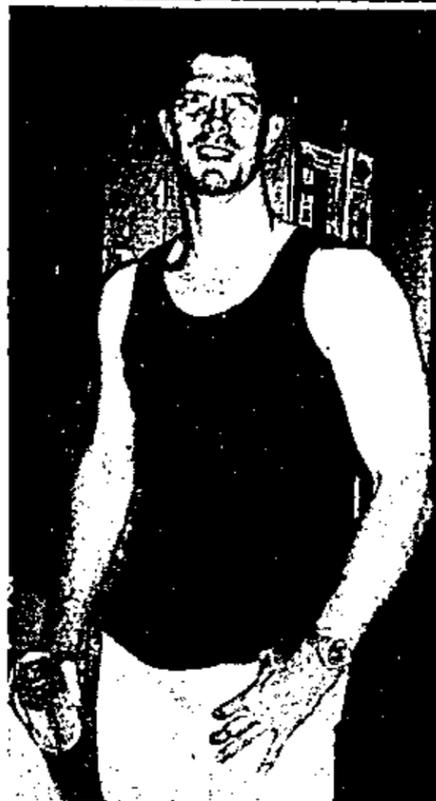


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NOTES FROM THE FOR-REAL SIDE

by Lee Thorn

'Note Turns One'

Much to my surprise and delight, this column is fast approaching its first birthday. Writing it has been and continues to be the source of more fun than a crabby old coot should be allowed to have.

Although the column has never pretended to be anything but an op-ed effort, an attempt to purvey provocative ideas that its author hopes you won't have encountered elsewhere, NOTES has incidentally and unintentionally given rise to some questions that have proven extremely hard to answer. For me, both as a journalist and as a consumer of other people's journalism, these seemingly intractable questions are what youngsters would call "the funnest."

The very funnest of the whole year has been this: Who inside Tucson's city government thinks it's a good idea for the city to be running a cheap transparent extortion racket out of the local porn shops? The city licenses and taxes businesses which provide the public with one-person locked booths which contain television which show erotic videos. The city and the businesses involved do everything in their power to make the use of said booths appear to be legal. The city then uses on-duty cops to spy over the walls of these booths and arrest people for masturbating therein.

As far as I've been able to determine, there's not another city in all America that's currently running this scam. I've written to every elected official in Tucson to find out why they think this sleazy racket is good for the city. No one has ever replied. When you consider how eager politicians are to brag about the good things they're doing, you've got to conclude that they're not too proud of this. Why do they let it continue?

The next funnest unanswered question of the year has been this: Why haven't the media asked the County Attorney to explain her failure to indict anyone in the homicide of Karl Budinger? Mr. Budinger was beaten to death in the county jail. The Medical Examiner ruled the death a homicide. There's a willing eyewitness to the homicide whose statement matches up with what the Medical Examiner gave as the cause of death. But there's never been an indictment in the case.

Given our County Attorney's track record in cases of felonies committed by law enforcement officers, her failure to indict in the Budinger case isn't all that surprising. What is surprising is the local media's failure to ask her about it. When I wrote to local newspaper editors and TV news directors to ask why they were playing dead for the County Attorney, I got a stony silence.

I interviewed three reporters representing three different major media outlets about the case. Each of the three had done extensive research on the incident and was intimately familiar with the facts. I asked all three if they'd ever asked the County Attorney why she hadn't indicted anyone in the case. They all said they hadn't. I asked, "Why the hell not?" Not one of them had an answer, not even a lame answer.

In one case, when I told the reporter what I wanted to talk about, she dropped her voice to a whisper and said she'd have to call me back. When she called back she explained that she hadn't wanted to talk to me while her colleagues could hear her. I didn't ask why, not want-

ing to lose focus. For that matter, I didn't ask her why she was still whispering. My aim was to find out what was going on. I said, "You've read the sheriff's report and done some interviews with the witnesses. It looks to me like they just simply beat this old guy to death. Am I missing something here?"

She said she'd come to the same conclusion. I asked why no indictment. She said she didn't know. Why didn't she know? Silence. This being the third interview, I was starting to feel like a bully picking on shy children on their first day of school. I almost wish she would have said, "Bug off you mean nasty old man."

There is one bright note in the Budinger case. The victim's family has the resources and anger to come after everybody involved with civil litigation. The County Attorney is very likely going to be asked the questions that the local reporters were too shy to pose, and she may be asked them under oath.

[Thorn welcomes comments, suggestions for future columns and tips on local skulduggery that ought to be exposed. Write to Box 85571, Tucson, AZ 85 754.]

SPORTS**DESERT COYOTES FALL SEASON BEGINS SEPTEMBER 4**

TUCSON (ON) - Beginning Wednesday, September 4, Tucson's Desert Coyotes, the GLBT and straight supportive bowling league will begin their 2002-03 season at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile.

Teams will consist of three individuals, and three games will be bowled. Since this is a handicap league, average is not important, only having fun is.

On the first night, Wednesday, September 4, a league meeting will be held, starting at 8:00 p.m., to go over league business - form teams, review the rules and other pertaining matters. Bowling will start at 9:00 p.m. that night, and every Wednesday on the schedule.

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Politics

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ty received a mailing from AHRF recently, which had a list of their endorsements for the pertinent races in Pima County, plus a voter registration form and a request for an early ballot to be sent in, unfortunately due to a mix-up at the mailhouse, according to AHRF Executive Director Dilia Loe, AHRF Pima County members got the ballot request for Maricopa County. For those interested in voting early, please call the Pima County Recorder's office, (520) 740-4330, to get a request for an early ballot. August 30 is the deadline for request to be in the Recorder's office, so time is of the essence. ...

Openly Gay state Representative, Ed Poolstra, R-Tucson, is seeking some more \$5 Clean Election Contributions. For more information, call Poolstra's campaign, (520) 318-9097 or E-mail: Poolstra2002@aol.com.

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

'Downtown Is Town In Tucson'

Hello readers, I hope your week was a good one. This week's article is one of observance and suggestion for a place we can all put a perspective on. I had the pleasure of eating breakfast in the heart of Downtown Monday morning. For those of you new to The Old Pueblo, or those who have not had the chance to explore, Downtown Tucson is has a historic past and hopefully a similar future. There are changes being made and dreams of us who would want to see the center of our city be one that other cities will mirror.

Tucson's downtown district was the centerpiece of the city in the early turn of the century. It only made sense to put saloons, businesses, and entertainment in the vicinity of the railroad station. Most cities out west learned from their East Coast counterparts and were quick to build close to where the folks came from. Tucson is no exception as the Hotel Congress, Rialto and Fox Theatres, and the first banks of our city are all centrally located. After the 1940's Tucson began to take on an entirely new look, as expansion pointed towards the mountains west and most construction loomed away from the downtown district. The center of town was lost to popularity and geography. Downtown became close to the ghost towns seen in the westerns filmed not too far away.

Now, with the railroad station getting a much needed facelift, Downtown Tucson is bringing back its luster. It's a plan that has been in the making for almost 20 years, but has not had such a boost as recently with the city truly getting involved; and the rail station will hopefully be just the start. The Old Pueblo now has a chance to do something that major cities have not accomplished, turn a historic section of their town around and include the basis of what the city is made up of. Most major cities, and a couple of smaller ones have unfortunately gone in one direction or another in that attempt. There is either a total historic aspect (some even in costume, making for an interesting visit), or a modern edge to accommodate the growing population of that city.

This is a perfect calling to our BLGT community, especially business

owners. With an established business in the middle of downtown, our community will be represented and - in turn - aid all the other businesses that already exist. When visitors come to our town, (granted, the airport is the main entryway for most) downtown could be the launching pad for a night of total Tucson fun. That fun can also be a teaching experience to folks who fear big city BLGT life. I know there have been previous attempts for downtown business that have not gone the route the owner has wanted, but this time you have a city behind you as they are making an image that will only help your start.

The railroad station is cited to have its grand opening in 2003, so there is time to plan a business that will not only flourish, but succeed with the changing face of the downtown area. The already-existing establishments then could lend a hand in barter for the mention and guidance of anyone wanting anything to make their stay here even better. It's an old idea that can only work in our town, and make our city even closer as a total community. History and social acceptance can work hand in hand, and it can be a model to take the best of what was with the best of what we know now.

In the time I have lived in Tucson, I have seen many businesses start and end. On the other side of the coin, I have visited many places which are still going strong. Timing is a key element to the success of any business, and this seems like a winning hour as far as time goes. Anyone heeding these words is more than welcome to contact me and I can give a deeper perspective on what the average citizen is wanting, and expecting. So feel free to drop a line, as I know this idea is not solely mine.

Just think about it, readers. Next year, a night on the town could start all the way downtown, then work its way to other parts of our city, making for a great evening. Tucson has been a forerunner in many aspects. One more would just solidify what a great town this is. Until next week, feel free to write. I might have more time if baseball gives me the ultimate let-down and goes on strike. More on that next week. Have a good one!

Laugh It Off By Frieda Goodholm

'The Beat Goes On'

As you loyal readers know, true love has a way of eluding me. For that matter, so does for-the-most-part true love and completely false love. Frieda here has waited and longed for blissful romance in the form of the dreamboat behind the door in a game of Mystery Date, complete with the white dinner jacket and black bow tie, flowers in one hand and a heart shaped box of chocolates in the other.

This man does not exist. Besides, I believe the board game has been updated since the 70's, and now in the current version of the game, the dream catch has dreads, an armband tattoo, and a job.

I've been trying to figure out why I keep looking for champagne and caviar in a world full of chipped beef and tater tots. (And the tater tots at The Grill are amazing, if you've never experienced.) Why do I still think storybook romance is attainable, when Prince Charming has yet to come my way? and when a relationship

ends, why do I fall apart?
 I blame Diana Ross.
 For a period of time when I was just a young little Frieda Goodholm, nothing else existed inside the bubble that was my world other than the Supremes. I had, on cassette tape, The Supremes greatest hits, and a Radio Shack tape player in the bathroom. I'd lock the door, put a big towel on my head, grab a hair brush "microphone" and sing along into the mirror as Diana, with my imaginary Mary behind me to my left (in front of the bathtub) and Flo to my right (in front of the linen closet).

I was bemoaning the pains of having a "Love Child" while I was still a child. And when it came to love, what the girls and I felt wasn't just a fleeting feeling. There was intense drama. Ravishing heart-break. Earth shattering break ups. Crushes didn't exist, but instead, whenever that dream man was near, we heard a symphony.
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Rip roaring Mars is opposing explosive Uranus this week and this week alone. Our actions can either blow up in our face or change the landscape for the better. How much power are you packing partner? Powl

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Party hearty randy Gay Rambos may not know what cake they jumped out of when aggressive Mars ramrods sparkly Uranus. Jolly good times rev up to a feeding frenzy. You better hope that your friends really love you for who you are because this week you are a tidal wave cesspool of fun. What happens when the tide rolls out? Just don't be the last one on shore, sailor!

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Arguments may abound between family and career. Blame the strain on Mars opposing Uranus which creates a tug of war between your public and private life. How much are you willing to compromise to salve irritated family members or demanding bosses. Take a stand, queer Bull, and don't budge until next week. Then you can stampede in any direction you want.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

There is an urge to call 'em as you see 'em this week - no holds barred - but I suggest that you keep your thoughts to yourself. A passing comment becomes a screed. Pink Twins broadcast globally turning any minor incident into an international brouhaha. Mars opposes Uranus and adds a bit of gasoline to your sparkly words. Whoosh! Are singed eyebrows a fashion statement yet?

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Love is definitely for sale when robust Mars opposes energetic Uranus. Rainbow Crabs are ready and raring to bring it to a boil on all four burners, but set your market price and stick to it. Otherwise you can wind up in a bidding frenzy rather than a feeding frenzy that can raise the cost beyond reason and value. Hmm, is there any bargain in that basement, buddy?

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Lions cannot see themselves shrinking into the background (or shrinking anywhere for that matter) while bold Mars bumps and grinds Uranus. There is a compromise to be made this week between partnership needs and demands and your personal agenda. Who will prevail? You do, if you don't mind spending the rest of eternity nursing your own limp hangover.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Is the job giving you everything you need in life? Probably not ever, Gay Virgo, but now as Mars opposes Uranus you feel the chaffing more acutely. You yearn to break out of your straight jacket, climb to the top of your cubicle and demand respect. Not a bad idea cousin but wait until next week when this explosive transit passes and you do it constructively not deconstructively.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Friends can get you into all sorts of interesting mischief when robust Mars opposes zesty Uranus. And yet, how much trouble can you afford to handle, proud Libra? Move and shake in new social circles and see what percolates. You are climbing up the A list and may even achieve an A+. Deck the halls with lots of leather. Falalalalalalala. Who cares if it's August weather?

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

You are master of your corporate domain but now, as Mars opposes Uranus, there is a revolution brewing among your serfs. Proud Scorps may need to sit down and listen to a range of tiresome grievances. Moan moan. The challenge this week will be to show enough compassionate conservatism without changing your own personal growth agenda. Hey, ain't that the way it is!

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

There are times to grab the world by the balls and there are times to let the world reciprocate. Any combination thereof is possible when ripping Mars opposes zipping Uranus. Gay Centaurs swiftly gallop their cause in no uncertain terms and belch their controversial opinions globally. Are you ready for any fallout? It's raining horseshoes. Ouch. Ouch. Ouch. Ouch.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

You feel rather energetic when Uranus opposes Mars, warms your cockles and serves them steaming hot for lunch. Pink Caps are apt to go whole hog for a nibble of pork sausage. Whatever heats your stove, pal. But check the bottom line for any massive overcharges and indigestion. At the end of the day you will have to decide if it was worth the cost. Heck yes! Just pack the Pepto.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians ache to go from me to we but the impending opposition between Mars and Uranus may squelch the merger and acquisition ... briefly. Timing is everything this week and much can be won or lost in how strongly you persist while your intended resists. When in doubt, play the market and check out a range of possible bonds. Are you a bull or a bear, buddy?

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

The Mars / Uranus opposition has Guppies grappling with issues spanning the range of the rainbow from the mundane to the spiritual. How can you soar to the Outer limits while your feet are shackled to the day to day? Don't lose hope compadre; Oftentimes we wind up learning the secrets of life while doing the laundry. Hint; check those pockets.

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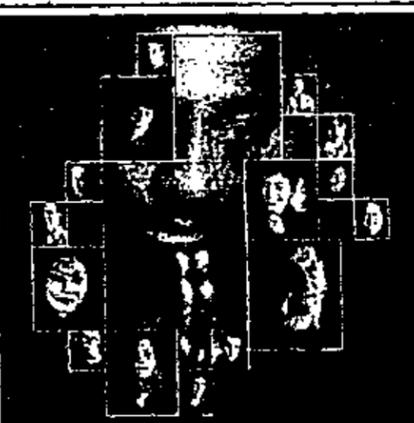
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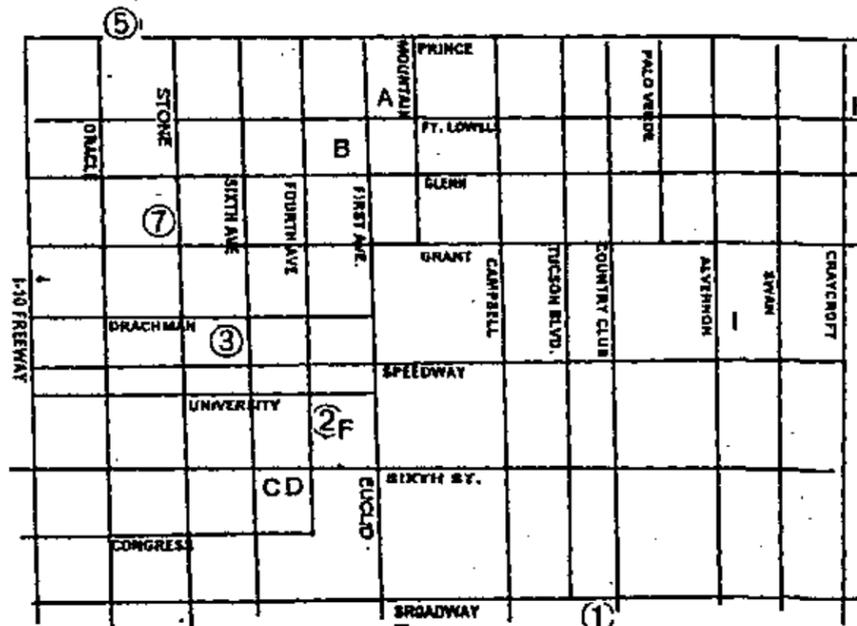
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phony. We had a burning, burning, yearning feeling inside us, and it hurt so bad. How long must I, at twelve years old, wait, and how much more can I take, until he's back in my arms again, cause baby there ain't no mountain high enough. Think it over, because someday, we'll be together. It happened to me, and it can happen to you.

Of course, Diana, Mary and Flo aren't the only ones to blame for my distorted view of love. They had accomplices like Martha, Ronnie, Etta, Aretha, Patti, Donna, Ella, and the queen of heartbreak Billie. Long before the Mariah's and the Brittany's of the world were even thought of, these tough old broads were telling us about the head spinning magic of that feeling of first love, and the crushing feeling of having it end.

It's often said that Hollywood has distorted our collective image of love with its simplistic solutions and happy ever after

endings. But for me, a three minute song was enough to mess me up for life.

Do I regret taking such music so seriously and trying to learn life's lessons from words that were put there just because they rhymed and sold records? Not at all. I wouldn't trade the feelings those songs convey for anything today's music is giving us. Because when he's just said goodbye, just listening to these girls, knowing they've been there before you and are waiting for you on the other side makes the sweet melancholy just a bit more bearable.

So dim all the lights and turn up the old victrola, listen to the girls of the old school, and know that you're not alone.

That's my lesson for the week, kiddies. Big kiss.

Best,
Frieda Goodholm



Dear Dr. X,

My Boyfriend and I live in different cities. I trust him with all of my heart and he trusts me. I know that he would never mess around on me, but I don't really trust myself. I have needs and there are times when "taking care of business" can only do so much. I have to wait 2 months till I can be with him. I don't know if I can hold out for that long. I know that I could go out and have sex, and not tell him. But I would know and would end up telling him in the end. What am I going to do?

Horny

Dear Horny,

Sometimes a man feels so horny that he thinks he will go out of his mind. But if that man is in a relationship and his partner is away, he needs to calm that need through masturbation or meditation. If you can't trust yourself not to cheat on your man, you should really re-evaluate the importance of this relationship. If you love him and want to keep him, you had better keep your sheets dry and your mind focused on doing the right thing. Your urges to go out and get laid are perfectly natural, but you might consider saving up that energy and focusing that energy at your boyfriend when you are reunited.

Dear Dr. X,

I am late blooming 22 year old. I often fantasize about having sex for the first time and losing my virginity. I ran into a former high school friend and we started talking because we haven't seen each other for a long time and one thing led to another and he invited me home with him. We did not have sex, but we did do a lot. My problem is that I felt odd. I felt as if I couldn't get a hold of my feelings, like I was in another world. I wanted to know if this is common for someone's first time?

Another World

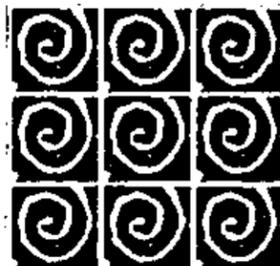
Dear Another World,

Never base anything on how you felt the first time. When you're a virgin, you don't have a preconceived notion of what you should expect. Also your fantasies don't always live up to your reality. When it's your first time with another man, you're likely to experience "performance anxiety."

Your actions are likely to be clumsy and awkward. On top of that, you haven't yet learned how to stimulate another person in the best possible way. No two guys like exactly the same sort of technique. The best experience (in terms of intimacy and romanticism) requires that both partners know each other well, and understand and respect each other's boundaries. Allow

yourself some time and practice, and pretty soon you'll know for sure what turns you on, what gives you the most pleasure, and what you'd like to try next.

[Dr. X needs your questions. Please send all your queries to gmhpoutreach@saaf.org or mail them to SAAF/GMHP, 375 S. Euclid, Tucson, AZ, 85719. You can also check out Dr. X online at www.gmhp.org.]



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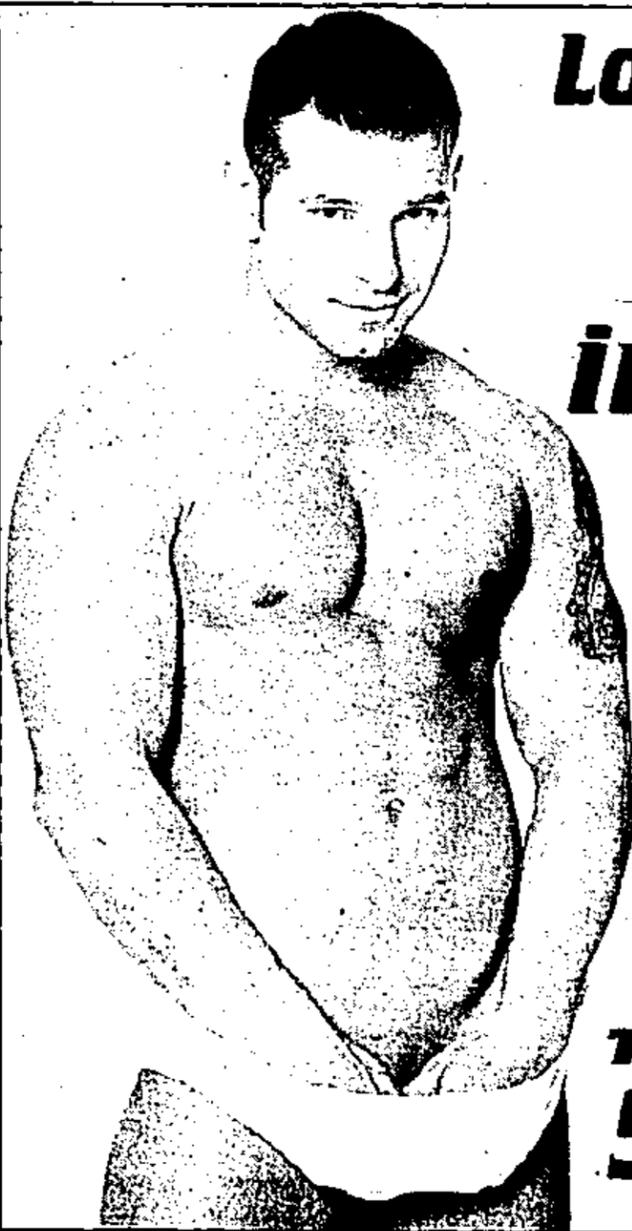
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join Doug for a great Lunch Out at the Cafe Poca Cosa. For reservations and directions, please call Doug at 520-803-0715.

A Men's Fellowship Group starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Water of Life MCC. All men are invited to come and expand your relationship with God. You need not be a church member to participate. For more information call (520)232-9151.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

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

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:30 p.m. Join Jerry & Les for the premiere of "Six Feet Under". This is an addictive, well written, comedy-drama about a dysfunctional family who owns a funeral home. Seating is limited. For reservations and directions, please contact Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 9:00 a.m. Join Jack for a morning of tennis. For directions, please call Jack at 881-5733.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Marv will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Marv at 745-0304.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join T. Jay and Robert for a Sing-A-Long. They've got the piano, and now they just want some voices to join for some standards and other fun songs. For reservations and directions, please call T. Jay or Robert at 881-7919.

A big fund-raiser for TIHAN today. It's the annual Sidewinder's baseball game - TIHAN Benefit. \$25 includes a \$10 donation to TIHAN; Luxury Sky box to watch the game; food and a cash bar. For tickets or more information call David Locke at 326-1952 or TIHAN at 299-6647.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. The Triangle Tribe is a support group that helps you deal with yourself and your relationships with others. For directions and reservations, please call Tom at 318-1850.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Joe for an evening out at Rainbow Planet. This is a chance to have a cup of coffee and chat with the men of MSN. For directions or more info, please call Joe at 733-9494.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bridge Night will meet at Terry's house this month. If you're a beginner or an old pro, this is the place to meet for an evening of bridge for fun. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-3545.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Bill will host Pinochle Night. If you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, this is the place. For more information, please call Bill at 287-3569.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Calling all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Jews: Join us for an Apples & Honey Rosh Hashanah Celebration. 7:30 p.m., hosted by the Gertrude Stein Salon. For location and additional information call 388-5531 or e-mail: meredith@wingspanaz.org. Please bring partners, family, friends and a pareve or dairy dish to serve.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

AVIV, the Jewish GLBT Chavurah, is having their monthly Shabbat services beginning at 7:30 p.m. in central Phoenix followed by a wonderful Oneg. Partners and friends and family are always welcome. Call the AVIV INFO-Line at (602)952-1612 for more information and locations.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

To commemorate the end of the High Holiday, AVIV, the Jewish GLBT Chavurah, will host a Break The Fast gathering at 6:30 p.m. Partners and friends and family are always welcome. Call the AVIV INFO-Line at (602)952-1612 for more information and locations.

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. It's the "Divulicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Janea Starr, Samantha White and Deora Le Blanc.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

IBT'S - Party line-up includes Dennis and Sean's Recovery Bar from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$1.75 Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers or Mimosa's. 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 Reveille Gay Men's Then at 9:30 p.m., a post-TIHAN Sidewinder Baseball Game Show. A 2-woman show starring Aja Simone and Lucinda Holiday and a special guest.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "Divulicious" Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday and starring Angela Dodd, Chantelle Douglas and Sacha.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Hip Hop Night at the Biz. Music starts at 9:00 p.m. with \$1.00 hot sex shots and \$2.50 Bacardi Silver all night. No cover.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Benefit Drag Show for Miss Gay Hispanidad, Andrea 1. Show starts at 9:30 p.m. with Latin music immediately following show. Show stars Andrea 1 (2001); Cececia (2000); America (1999); Grecia (1997); Saecha (1996) with special guest Suzetta. No Cover.

FRI-SAT-SUN-MON, AUG. 30-31/SEPT. 1-2

IBT'S - It's Anniversary time here with a four-day party over Labor Day Weekend. Special party Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and, of course, Monday Morning Madness on Labor Day, Monday, September 2. Watch for more details next week!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

VENTURE-N - Labor Day Weekend starts early here with \$1.00 Schnapps shots all weekend plus it's Steak Nite from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bring your meat or buy it here, they'll do the rest.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Latin Night here. \$1.50 Tequila shots and \$2.50 Tequila Sunrise. 8:00 p.m. to close. Music with DJ Hill. 9:00 p.m. to close. No Cover.

VENTURE-N - Labor Day Weekend Tom and Tattered Party!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

VENTURE-N - Labor Day Weekend Party continues with Bloodies and Screws on the Patio with Nic from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.!!! Plus Breakfast with Carmen from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Then, the big Jungle Party tonight 7:00 p.m. to closing. Get your costumes and come on down! Party! Costume Contest at 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

VENTURE-N - Labor Day Weekend continues here with Boos Burgers on the patio from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. plus it's Miller Promo Nite. Fun and Games!!!

YARD DOG - A big "Country Carnival" is in the works here. It starts at 2:00 p.m. and runs to whenever. Food, games and featuring Country music and Country dancing! Yee Haw!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - Labor Day

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Annual Labor Day Cook-In with free food from 4:00 p.m. until gone. Happy Hour 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. with 2-4-1 wells and domestic beer. Free Pool 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. and 50¢ draft beer from 8:00 to closing. No Cover.

VENTURE-N - Labor Day Weekend winds down with a "Splash Party" all day plus a Labor Day Picnic from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

YARD DOG - Labor Day Bar-B-Que will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come on by.



Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

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

IBT'S - 10am-6pm \$1.75 Bloodies, Screws or Mimosa's. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5:30-8pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. 8:30 shows or special events or HI energy dancing. (Call for details). All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer bust 3-7. Burger Bar-B-Que 5-7. (Donation only).

WOODY'S - Open 11am. \$1.50 Bloody Marys, screwdrivers, Mimosa's, Happy Hour 11am-6pm \$2 well or domestic beer. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. \$2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5-9pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm.

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm. Kennel open daily at 6pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour Two-For-One domestica and well 2-7pm. Free pool 8-10pm. 50¢ cups draft Bud & Bud Light 8pm to close.

IBT'S - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9pm. Hot dance with DJ Rayman. Uncle Mordie with Jay. Happy Hour prices for those in their undies 8pm-close. Queer As Folk shown beginning at 8pm. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 6pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close.

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

Tuesday

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

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

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic til 6pm. Tropical drink specials 8 to close. \$3 zombies, Jungle Juice, Mai Tai's.

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

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-4-1 domestic beer and well from 2-7pm. 90s retro music 9pm - close. \$1.25 pitchers of Bud/Bud Light or \$1 Tequila shots 8pm to close.

IBT'S - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 9pm "Divulicious" show w/Lucinda Holiday and guests. HINRG Dancing with DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio 5pm. Daily specials til 7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Volleyball games start 7pm. Underwear-fetish-leather nite with Michael \$1 off your favorite drink. Chill dogs or bowls \$1.

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

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 2-7pm with 2-4-1 domestic beer and well. Karaoke 9-close, with \$2 Kamikazes and \$1 Hot Sex.

IBT'S - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. 4-9. Ratro 80s Dance w/Jonathan HI NRG dancing 9-1 All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Pool Tournament 7pm. 3 entry. (Special prices for players).

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Triva Thursday 6pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Aas drinks. Top scores on HTH game wins special prizes. Free Pool 8 to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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

Friday

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

IBT'S - Open 11am. Happy Hours 11am-8pm, \$2 domestic beer and well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. Dance Party with DJ Rayman 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 5pm. Daily special til 7pm. Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. \$2 well or domestic beer til 8pm. Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2.00 all day. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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

Saturday

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

IBT'S - 10am-8pm \$2 domestic beer and well. Dance Party 9-1 w/DJ-Q. All drink specials not available during special events.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Daily special til 7pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm.

WOODY'S - Open 11am \$2 well or domestic beer. Til 8pm. Happy Hour 4-9pm. \$1.75 well or domestics. Patio Bar opens 5pm. 5-9pm Filet Mignon or Swordfish BBQ with all the trimmings \$5.

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am. Beer Bust 3-7pm. 75¢ glass, \$2.25 pitcher. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm to 7pm. Kennel open 5pm.



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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF). 375 S. EUCLID. Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web http://www.saaaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-6660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 690-4013, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL. For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 681-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

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 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

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

RAINBOW SUPPORT GROUP: LGBT and supportive friends meet for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Support meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 42. The 3rd Thursdays of the month, the group will meet at 7:30pm at Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse (606 North 4th Ave.) as a social outing. For more information call the church at 299-9063 and ask for a contact person.

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

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLOC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpgloc.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. TucsonSources@aol.com

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

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

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)790-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 or visit our website at www.bolop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline at 886-5541

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 683, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6760.

GUYS BOOK CLUB meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm, Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 508 N. 4th Ave.

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T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9468 or Ray at 749-6247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adriano at 888-7288.

COME EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY! St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church offers a variety of Gay and Lesbian groups and services for the spiritually minded. Come meet the Parish! For more information call Debbie 579-9627 or David 323-7943.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Amory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9682.

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

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-8647.

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

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

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch. There is a fee. You must sign up in advance to participate. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6438 for more info.

TUCSON PRIDE, INC. meets on the second Tuesday in the Sentinel Building, City of Tucson Community Resource Campus, 320 N. Commerce Park Loop (on Bonita St. between Congress and St. Marys Road) at 7 pm. Tucson Pride produces Pride events: Pride Week, Gay West and Out/oberfest. Inquiries about support groups and individual needs should be directed to Wingspan and other local agencies listed here. For more information call 632-3200 or visit the website www.tucsonpride.com

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 8 weeks. 684-7083.

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

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 288-8647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-8676 or 327-4293.

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

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info, Call Anabel at 325-0892

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Jennifer at 782-4607, Ext 398

SENIORRAP, a discussion group for older LGBTs, meets from 3 to 5pm on the last Sunday of every month at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. For more info call 640-0620

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

A2lyles 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 81.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Desert Girls (MTP) 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. SAGA Email@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sageemail

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, 8523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

DESERT DOMINION TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Petish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. For more info call (520)792-8424 or http://www.desertdominion.org

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 Miria 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)534-8219 (Phoenix)

GISEN - 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 65 Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Frazier in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6624.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) has 5 meetings 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.lcbtusa.org or 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 817-3100 for more info.

TGNet/Arizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-varient communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnetarizona.org - e-mail address: siggoodrum@quewest.net.org

"OUT ON THE TRAILS" - EQUESTRIAN FUN! Rider Club forming. Looking for women and men to ride together on the trails of Southern Arizona. Must have own horse, truck and trailer. For more info write: "Out On The Trails" P.O. Box 44045, Tucson, AZ 85733-4045

PASSAGES MENTAL - Discussion group and more. For men in their 30s, 40s and late 20s. A great way to meet people. Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month at Wingspan 7-9pm. Call 780-8714 for more information.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA STONEWALL DEMOCRATS meet 3rd Monday of each month 7pm at 4630 E. First Street. Call Jesse 743-4320 or Maurice 323-2283. All LGBT Democrats and supporters welcome. TucsonStonewall@aol.com

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EXPERIENCE A TOTALLY RELAXING or deep-tissue massage by a trained, caring male therapist. In-home, hotel or resort. Ask about college student special. (520)730-7988. 945

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