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Judge Rules Okay For Supervisors To Extend Domestic Partner Benefits

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — Judge Allen Minker ruled that the Pima County Board of Supervisors were within their legal authority to extend medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners of homosexual and unmarried heterosexual county employees.

This ruling came after oral arguments in the motion for summary judgment hearing that took place Friday, March 13.

Deputy County Attorney Chris Roads had argued that state law doesn't allow the county to define "dependent" as it does under the policy.

"Nowhere can we find a definition of the term 'dependent' that is sufficiently broad to include the board's policy," Roads said in his arguments.

Grace McIlvain, the attorney for the Board of Supervisors, had argued the same right that allows the county to offer insurance to any dependents of county employees allows them to offer the benefits to domestic partners.

"The county decided long ago that dependents would include spouses and children. No one ever challenged the board's authority to define the term at that time," McIlvain said. "If the county had the power to define the term initially, certainly the county has the power to expand that definition."

Jon Davidson, a Los Angeles, California attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, representing five county employees, had argued that Pima County was well within its authority in providing the benefits that so many other government employers now offer.

Davidson countered Roads contention that a broad definition of "dependent" could not be found to support the board's policy.

He cited Arizona Revised Statutes 11-263 and 11-981 and; case precedent -- Federico v. Industrial Commission which dealt with a same-sex couple break-up. He cited the state tax code, insurance code as just two examples of broad definitions of "dependents."

"The County acted reasonably," Davidson said in closing his oral argument.

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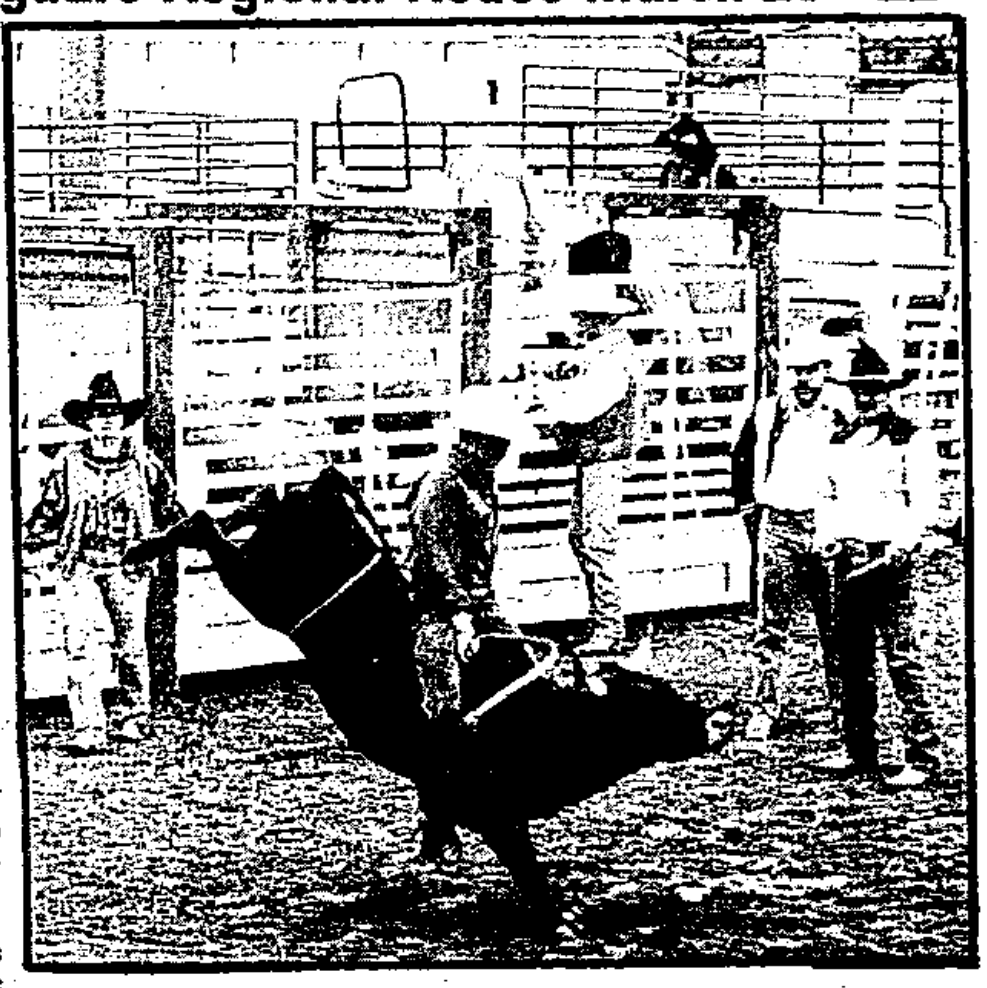
Eighth Annual Saguaro Regional Rodeo March 20 - 22

by Mark R. Kerr



TUCSON (ON) — Cowboys, cowgirls, their friends and supporters will converge on Tucson this weekend for the Saguaro Regional Rodeo, March 20-22.

This marks the eighth year of the event — hosted by the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) - Tucson chapter.

Tucson's rodeo is being held at Old Tucson Studios' Rodeo Grounds, 201 South Kinney Road. Rodeo parties and the awards banquet are being held at the Rodeway Inn, 1365 West Grant Road, (Grant Road & I-10).

According to Terry Delaney, president of AGRA-Tucson, this marks a return to Old Tucson Studios after a run at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds.

The Saguaro Regional Rodeo is sanctioned by the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA). The two days of rodeo events features traditional rodeo events including bull riding, steer wrestling and team roping.

Over 100 contestants from across the United States and Canada will be competing for the buckles given to the winners of the rodeo events.

All contestants are also vying for points to improve their position in the IGRA rankings -- with top point getters in their respective events going to the IGRA Rodeo Finals.

The rodeo also features special fun-oriented events including the wild-drag and goat-dressing competitions. The wild-drag competition matches the determination of one hefty steer against a three-person team protected only by a wig and skirt.

Is the competition the sole purpose of the rodeo?

Terry Delaney said, "that is not the sole purpose of the Saguaro Regional Rodeo -- raising funds for charities is one of the main functions of the event." "After the costs of the rodeo, the remaining funds are donated to a local non-profit organization."

Delaney added that local organizations, such as the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), the Shanti Foundation and Brewster House received donations from AGRA-Tucson from past rodeos.

GRAND MARSHALS

This year's Rodeo Grand Marshals are Jim and Elaine Cooper.

Jim and Elaine Cooper were both raised in Phoenix and moved to Tucson in 1970. They first introduced themselves at a royalty fund raiser back in 1992 that Larry Mann (a former Mr. AGRA contestant) held for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), of which they were PFLAG representatives at the function. They showed their support of AGRA by dancing a few two-steps.

After that fund raiser, Jim and Elaine's relationship and friendship with AGRA began. AGRA also began to learn of Jim and Elaine's commitment to the community: Volunteering for the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT), Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) and the Shanti Foundation.

In addition to her volunteer activities, Elaine currently sits on the Council of the Town of Tortolita. She was re-elected to a four year term in elections held recently.

Jim Cooper has also served on the Shanti Foundation Board of Directors. He was instrumental in the move of Shanti to the location on Sixth Street -- currently being used by Wingspan.

Both Jim and Elaine have always volunteered at AIDS Walk since its inception. They have created a team of walkers called Coopers' Troopers, who have raised a substantial amount of money for the AIDS Services in Tucson, Pima County and Southern Arizona.

The two have given their time to Pride Picnic and OUToberFEST events by working all vendor tables, helping community organizations as well as a show of support to the Gay, Lesbian and HIV/-AIDS community.

Recently the two started a group called "Family to Family," which is a support group for family members who are in need of support and have children or loved ones who either have HIV/AIDS or have died from the disease. The group has helped many family members understand the loss and the need to show unconditional love to the family member in need.

On the night of the recent AGRA-Tucson Hoedown, where they were proclaimed the Grand Marshals, they stated that, "The Gay and Lesbian community has presented them with a larger family for which they love very much."

Jim and Elaine Cooper also expressed how honored they were to be the selected as the Grand Marshals for the 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo.

OLD TUCSON

With the rodeo being held at Old

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UPDATE

SAAF Seeks Program Assistant

TUCSON -- The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is seeking a Program Assistant.

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Teens Arrested In Illinois Sexual Attack

MOUNT PROSPECT, IL (CT) -- Three teenage boys in Mount Prospect, Ill., have been arrested following what was a sexual attack on another male student.

The alleged attack, which occurred in October, involved players on the freshman football team. The three boys were accused of holding down and sexually assaulting a teammate with a foreign object in the boys' locker room after practice.

The incident did not come to light until last week, when the accuser told his parents, who notified school officials and police. Two of the boys charged have been suspended through December by the school board. The third boy has been temporarily removed from his special education classes, school officials reported.

Sergeant Faces Same-Sex Harassment Charges

FORT BRAGG, NC -- Court martial proceedings have begun against a Fort Bragg sergeant accused of sexually harassing four male subordinates last year.

The four soldiers told a military judge that Sgt. Irving Myers expressed a desire to perform sex acts with them and others for money. Myers is charged with cruelty and maltreatment of subordinates, specifically by sexual harassment.

He has denied the charges. The soldiers said the incidents occurred between September and December of last year. At least three of the men are members of Myers's unit. If convicted, Myers could face six months in jail. He could also have his rank reduced, lose two thirds of his pay for six months, and receive a bad-conduct discharge.

Florida County Extends DP Benefits

MIAMI, FL (NP) -- For a state that enjoys so few breakthroughs, it's a great day for a Florida first -- county employees getting domestic partner benefits!

Monroe County, Florida Commissioners voted 4 - 1 to make theirs the first county in the state to extend spousal benefits to its employees' domestic partners, including same-gender partners.

The vote capped an eight-month effort by Conch Pride, a group of more than 120 LGBT Democrats now in its third year. The group believes that more than 70 County workers will enroll for the benefits.

IN MEMORIAM

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Tony Romo, aged 26, died March 6, 1998 at home after fighting a two-year battle against colon cancer.

Survived by his partner of six years Ron Sherrill and their son, Tanner Drake Sherrill.

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THE 2ND ANNUAL GAY ACADEMY AWARDS

The Second Annual Gay Academy Awards 1997 was a mixed year for Gay and Lesbians in film. Hollywood offered a few notable productions (In & Out, Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil) and there was a certifiable deluge of minor Gay characters in many other straight themed films. But the studios dropped Lesbian characters (Lesbian chic apparenty forgotten). Independent cinema however picked up the slack. Offering audiences a vast array of stories and characters. So, in homage to the huge event that is the Academy Awards, I present below my nominations (and winners) for this year's Gay Oscars.

This list of categories is:

Best Mainstream Gay Film
Best Independent Gay Film
Best Independent Lesbian Film
Best Foreign Language Film
Best Director
Best Lesbian Character
Best Gay Male Character
Best Transgendered Character
Best Bisexual Character
Best Television Film
Best Documentary

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* Most Incidental Use of a Gay Character
* Best Openly Lesbian Actress in Hollywood
* Best Openly Gay Actor in Hollywood
* The "Fully Monty" Award
* The 'Emery" Award for Film Queen of the Year

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BEST MAINSTREAM GAY FILM:

(Hollywood did not release any Lesbian themed films in 1997)

"LOVE! VALOUR! COMPASSION!"
Terrence McNally's tragicomedy about friendship and sex among a group of eight Gay friends is alternately funny, touching, maudlin, sad and ultimately uplifting. It is also unapologetically Gay. The cast is terrific and the film played in many suburban multiplexes where straights became witness (possibly for the first time) to men kissing men, full frontal nudity and frank discussions of Gay life in the time of AIDS.

"KISS ME, GUIDO"
Paramount Pictures, hoping to cash in on the "Gay craze," picked up this independent film and released it both theatrically and on video. This broad comedy is filled with familiar Gay and straight stereotypes as it follows a naive Italian beauty from the Bronx who ventures down to Greenwich Village to live only to be thrown into a world of homosexuality, Gay bon mots and Julie Andrews films!

"MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL"
Clint Eastwood's screen adaptation of the highly acclaimed novel is a bit simplified and heterofied, but is quite good and surprisingly retains its Gay core. Kevin Spacey is quite appealing as the flashy Southern closet case accused of murdering his sexy but excitable boytoy (Jude Law). And The Lady Chablis (who plays herself) is equally transfixing as a hardasnails transvestite who boldly lives her life as a woman and who gets caught up in the intrigue. An involving and alltoorare example of Hollywood confronting homophobia and featuring complex Gay characters.

"BENT"
This Britishmade adaptation of Martin Sherman's harrowing Broadway play on the life of Gays in Hitler's concentration camps is a tough sell to any audience, let alone a mainstream one. But it stylistically opens up the action, features fine performances from Clive Owen and Lothaire Blutean and is a hardlearned but important lesson on the history of Gays in the 20th century.

And the winner is..
"IN AND OUT"
A box office smash and critical success, this rollicking fairy tale comedy about one man's discovery of his true sexual orientation is a gem. Great acting by Kevin Kline as the Gay man so closeted that even he doesn't suspect he's one, Joan Cusack as his frantically frustrated fiancee and Tom Selleck as the Gay reporter. The famous leg-lifting kiss by Kline and Selleck was a surprise for both Gay and straight audiences. Written by the Gay Paul Rudnick, the film does not attempt to be political nor evenhanded, just plain fun. Homosexuality never looked so harmless!

BEST INDEPENDENT GAY MALE FILM

"JOHNS"
Lukas Haas and David Arquette star as two Gay hustlers in this lyrical if sobering tale of selfrespect and friendship amidst L.A.'s seedy underworld of male prostitution. Haas is especially touching as the doeeyed Gay teen quietly in love with Arquette.

"LATIN BOYS GO TO HELL"
Definitely 1997's best title and this one featuring the most unabashed images of hunky male nudes. Director Ela Troyano infuses her improbable soap opera plot with torrid Latino passions, sexual confusion, violence and much bronzed flesh. It makes for cheerfully cheesy fun."

"FLIPPING"
A Tarantinian gangster flick that features what is surely the oddest Gay couple of the film season. David Amos is a tall, handsome and violently ambitious thug who is secret lovers with David Proval, a Ratso Rizzo-like undercover cop. This Gay angle in an otherwise straight and bloody hoodlum yarn makes for a real curiosity.

"LILLIES"
Canada's John Greyson has created an impressively complex and beautifully crafted Gay drama. Set in a prison and utilizing theatrical artifice and flash backs, the story's tale of jealousy, love, revenge and redemption among a group of young students (and later as old men) builds to a powerful conclusion. A fine example of ambitious Gay filmmaking.

And the winner is..
"BEAUTIFUL THING"
The innocence, tentativeness and joy of first love is celebrated in this delightful Britishmade Gay romantic comedy. Two teens, stuck in a London housing project and mired in tumultuous family situations find happiness in the arms of each other. A fairy tale tonic for the jaded. Interestingly like "Latin Boys"..., the film was directed by a woman, Hettie Macdonald.

BEST INDEPENDENT LESBIAN FILM

"ALL OVER ME"
The Sichel sisters' (Alex and Sylvia) debut film is a painfully tender and knowing story of a girl's emerging Lesbian sexuality. Told with grit and real emotion, we watch as a gangly teen (Alison Follard) learns of samesex love: first an unrequited longing for her best friend and later a fulfilling affair with a fellow student. Tough, tender and romantic.

"CHASING AMY"
The most contentious queer film of 1997. Was this droll romantic comedy an insightful look into the fluidity of sexuality and sexual orientation or was it a straight white male's wet dream in which a New Jersey yahoo, "blessed" by nature of having a dick, successfully seduces (and then abandons) a beautiful socalled "dyedinthewool" Lesbian? You'll have to see it to decide for yourself.

"LATE BLOOMERS"
Lesbian romance is in the air and this refreshingly romantic love story revels in its possibilities. Directed by sisters Julia and Gretchen Dyer, the story revolves around the unlikely love that develops between two middleaged women one, a married woman and mother, the other a shy and gangly schoolteacher.
And the winner is..
"FIRE"
Deepa Mehta's original and emotionally charged drama is set in present day India and tells of the love that develops between two married women. Their unfolding passions clash violently with the matriarchal Indian society. A taut, brave and invigorating love story.

BEST FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM

"MY LIFE IN PINK" (Ma vie en rose)
Ludovic is a 6year-old boy who simply wants to be a girl in this entertaining French comedydrama. His insistence at dressing in girl's clothing and his play marriage to the boynext-door is initially met with confusion and then increasing volatility from his parents and their neighbors. A story of innocence, genderbonding and the indomitable power of one little boy to be him(her)self.

"FALL SPEED" (A toute Vitesse)
Gael Morel, the star of the 1996 "Wild Reeds (in which he played a Gay student) directs this absorbing drama of the tangled sexual lives of a group of young people in southern France. Bisexuality, unrequited Gay love and racial prejudice are some of the themes he explores.

LES VALEURS (Thieves)
Catherine Deneuve is a middleaged professor who falls desperately in love with a much younger woman in this crime drama by Gay director Andre Techine. Deneuve is startling as a levelheaded woman thrown into an emotional tailspin. An especially good scene is when Deneuve shares a bath with her young love a sight both romantic and sensual.

And the winner is..
"HAPPY TOGETHER"
The title is purely ironic in this, Wong Kar-Wai's somber yet fascinating look at the death throes of a relationship. Leslie Cheung and Tony Leung play two vacationing lovers stranded in Buenos Aires. The two drift apart, but unable to break a bond that strangely holds them, they come together again in a vain attempt at fulfillment. A Gay love story with a universal theme.

BEST DIRECTOR

(an openly Gay or Lesbian filmmaker)

Gregg Araki for
"NOWHERE"
Notwithstanding his recent sightings in the arms of a woman, bad boy independent filmmaker Araki concludes his L.A. "teen apocalype" trilogy with "Nowhere" (the other two being "The Doom Generation"and "Totally F'***ed Up"). Possibly the most subversive of queer directors for his stories are ostensibly straight ones, but with the allure or same sex attraction always present.

And the winner is..
Gus Van Sant for
"GOOD WILL HUNTING"
Van Sant's drama of a tronbled prodigy (Matt Damon) and his search for meaning and a father figure lias become a surprise hit. He wisely avoids the easy sentimentality inherent in the story and delivers instead a funny, touching exploration of friendship, injured psyches and selfdiscovery. If he is nominated for an Academy Award for Best Director, he will be the first openly Gay director to do so since James Ivory in 1985.

BEST LESBIAN CHARACTER

Alison Follard for
"ALL OVER ME"
Follard is riveting as Claude, the gawky teen who suffers the pain of unrequited love for her best friend. the tensions of accepting her own Lesbianism and the joy of hope and love when she begins a real relationship, with a young musician (Leisha Hailey).

Nathalie Richard for
"IRMA VEP"
The young French actress is alternately funny and heartbreaking in the role of Zoe, a shy but impetuous costume seamstress who falls in love with the bewitching Maggie Chueng. Her pursuit of Chueng is intense and realistic.

Marisa Ryan for
"SLAVES TO THE UNDERGROUND"
Ryan is possessed the as lead singer for the allgirl band 'No Exits' who becomes fiercely and overly protective toward a young bisexual women she falls in love with. She is seen as a sexy butch blonde who is a talented and idealistic force of nature.

And the winner is..
Tilda Swinton for
"FEMALE PERVERSIONS"
The beautiful British actress plays Eve, a high powered and highstrung lawyer whose suppressed anxieties and vulnerability become her undoing. She likes men and is even involved with one, but her real passion is with Laila Robins. Their attraction and sexual energy pulsates on the screen.

BEST GAY MALE CHARACTER

Robert Downey, Jr. for
"ONE NIGHT STAND"
Eschewing his maniacal acting style of late, Downey offers a good portrayal as Charlie, a young Gay man dying of AIDS in this Mike Figgisdirected drama. He plays a New York choreographer who becomes bedridden. But from the hospital bed he is seen helping his best friend (Wesley Snipes) with his romantic involvement with Nastassja Kinski, partying with his friends and hospital workers and then offering a heartfelt finale. The film is terrible but Downey makes it at least bearable.

Philip Seymour Hoffman for
"BOOGIE NIGHTS"
Hoffman is Scotty J. dorky, pudgy porn set gofer who has the hots for the wellendowed porn sensation Dirk Diggler (Mark Wahlberg). His interest is initially played for laughs. but his awkward and rejected pass at his object of affections is actually quite touching. A big plus is that he doesn't die a device used all too often in Hollywood.

Greg Kinnear for
"AS GOOD AS IT GETS"
As Simon Bishop, a talented conceptual artist who suffers the slings and taunts of his racist, homophobic neighbor (Jack Nicholson), Kinnear gives a well rounded

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OUTlines by Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance

The Tucson/Lesbian Gay Alliance is already in full-tilt boogie, making plans for 1998 Pride.

The new logo for 1998 has been chosen, and T-Shirts are being printed as we speak. You'll be able to preview them at the AGRA Rodeo.

We had a great turnout for the logo contest with excellent designs. The entries were all numbered, so the artists were unknown to the judges, and it took five hours of deliberation. Thank you to all the participants, a letter will be coming your way soon. We are currently working on a venue to display all of the entries. . . .

Ever wanted to be King or Queen? Well here's your only chance to literally buy the crown!

The "Run for Royalty" contest is officially open! Anyone can sign up with TLGA to vie for the Gay/Lesbian Pride Crown at OUToberFEST '98 (October 17). Here is how it works:

An individual or team of any gender combination calls the OUTline, 622-3200. Your team picks a color of the rainbow (i.e. the purple team). First to sign up gets first choice.

You and/or your team then start doing fund raisers throughout the year, up until an hour before the crowning by last year's Pride Queen, Shaundriana.

Teams can sponsor barbecues, shows, carwashes, bake sales, home tours...the ideas are endless! The team that raises the most money gets the Royalty honors and the crown! There are also two fabulous prize packages for first and second place. We would like to encourage participants to get a business sponsor/sponsors that can help plan and provide venues for fund raising. The sponsors name could then also be mentioned with all advertising connected with a particular team event.

This is a great way to get involved with your community and make a big difference! All the funds raised go directly to the cost of putting on OUTober FEST, which costs around $15,000-$18,000 to produce. So call 622-3200 and leave a message. We will get together with you, the details and rules, and then you are off!

We'll see you at Old Tucson this weekend! And remember, anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of every month, 7:00 P.M. at Wingspan.

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Coming in April, will be regular and frequent guest Rodney Shanks with the Gay Men's Health Project and Queer Voice.

You can also get involved in the programming, or have your public service announcement read on the air. Please call and leave a message on the TLGA OUTline, 622-3200, or e-mail at azjade@flash.net. We are currently looking for underwriting from business for the show as well. It is an expensive way to get your business name on the air, and be supportive of the Gay/Lesbian community, as well as Community Radio.

Tempe Re-Elects 'Out' Mayor

TEMPE -- Not an activist, but he plays mayor well in Tempe, Arizona according to a solid majority of voters who elected openly Gay Neil Giuliano to a 3rd term.

Neil Giuliano was elected mayor of Tempe, Arizona for the third time -- but it was the first time he faced election with his constituents knowing that he is Gay. He topped first-time candidate and investment specialist Jay Mansperger by a solid 56.72% - 43.15% in a 16.8% turnout of the city's registered voters, reportedly its largest turnout since 1978.

Mansperger ran on issues of development and city services without commenting on Giuliano's orientation, but conservative groups (reportedly including the Arizona Christian Coalition, although they deny it) took the campaign as an opportunity to put the "anti-family" label on the openly Gay mayor and the City Council that's generally supported him.

One night before the election, vandals spray-painted "Gay" in bright red on a half-dozen Giuliano campaign signs, leading him to file a police complaint; Mansperger insisted that no one involved in his campaign would do such a thing.

Giuliano said of his victory, "I consider it a resounding victory for myself as a mayor up against everything that has been said. The bottom line is we won with 56 percent of the vote. We won....and we were up against a lot."

Commenting earlier on the vandalism (estimated damages about $400), he said, "It's unfortunate people have to continue to use vandalism to try to get their political message across. There's enough discrimination and hate without it being fueled by supporters of a political candidate in an election. It's just wrong for that kind of activity to be taking place."

Giuliano, who works as director of federal programs at Arizona State University, publicly identified himself as a Gay man in August 1996, shortly after Arizona Republican U.S. Congressmember Jim Kolbe did so.

There had long been rumors about Giuliano's orientation, and he came out when he was expecting to be "outed" at a City Council meeting by an opponent of waiving city fees for the annual Gay Pride Festival.

At that time, Giuliano said, "My private life is my private life and is not a topic to be discussed at a City Council meeting. I'm taking this opportunity to pre-empt that. I happen to be Gay. That's it; the end of the story," and added that, "I do not intend to become an activist for the Gay community. I'm a mayor who happens to be Gay."

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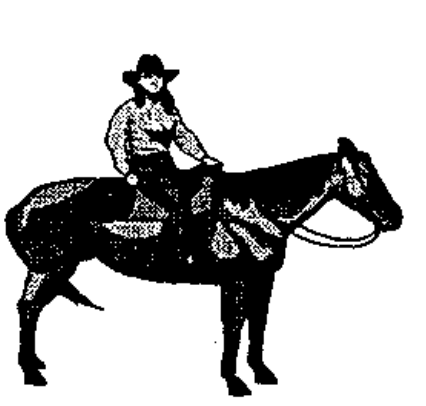

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EDITOR:

Thank you to the community for all you did during the MPS Benefit on March 8.

Thank you especially to Pryce for the use of his home for the preparation of the buffet. A lot of things have been improperly said about this benefit, however, I am here to say that if it had not been for all the bars, and the customers that patronize them, we would not have had the turn-out that we did.

Thankfully, with your help, we have raised over $6,500 and the money is still coming in. Once again, I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your participation as well as support.

Chuck Brady/Stonewall-Eagle
and Staff

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EDITOR:

Now that controversy is cooling over my final column for this publication, I wish to thank everyone who took the time to write to the Observer, especially my critics. I loved spirited debate. It's healthy.

In my view, American newspapers, regardless of reader constituency, need to explore issues and life's dilemmas and not serve as "feel good" house organs printing only the politically correct. If you disagree with this thesis, perhaps you would have been comfortable writing for Izvestia, the trumpet of the late Soviet "Evil Empire."

I was especially impressed with that recent letter from Gilda Fatale. Obviously, I disagreed with the content but it was well written. Maybe she'd like to try her hand at daily journalism or political polemics.

No, Gilda. My professional life is too busy to devote the time needed for pageant preparation. And no one 56 in their right mind ever should attempt to compete with "kids" in their 20's or 30's. You should be a journalist. Go to political campaign speeches and hear candidates replicate an exact version of their last hype to some group on the chicken-a-la-king-circuit. I was kind in print but I experienced the same thing from "titled queens" on trips to different nightclubs. I have no quarrel with crowns but, whether we're Gay or straight, we didn't form this country to relive English aristocracy. Your crowns are conferred because you paid an entry fee . Some, after winning, think they are "divine right of kings" nobility. I am a lower-case democrat. I think every column I wrote for the Observer said that.

I retract nothing. I am sorry that the Gay community in Tucson does not understand that the job of a journalist is to frame questions and perhaps answer them. It is my experience that many minority groups, ours included, have a "circle of covered wagons" mentality. You all are the poorer for it. I leave you with this. The great American educator Horace Mann: "Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity."

I invited you to think; there is honor in that. I don't regret it. This community needs to stop being the straight world's whipping boy. Queens -- your crowns count for nothing other than feel good symbolism. On the sands of time, they're a speck. If you ran for political office and won, you might really make a difference for all of us. But, hey! That takes true dedication.

Now you folks can be angry at me all over again. Revile me; castigate me. The trouble is, in your hearts, you know I'm right. Social advances do not come without a price and without committed people who are willing to take changes. So I need to ask you. How much have "titled queens" really done to bring us to social equity, to reduce the state's bureaucratic burden on Gay and Lesbian owned businesses, to fight discrimination? Drag show fund raisers are a drop in the bucket for HIV/AIDS services. We need public funding commitments. So how much have queens really done? You already know the answer.

I thank Bob Ellis for putting up with a difficult reporter/columnist, possibly the most contentious in the history of the publication. I believe there were many days I tried his patience. Any disagreements I had with him were purely professional. I consider him my friend. I told him in a private letter, we'll share a brew and laugh together. This is family. I love you all even if I am the prodigal child. Please know; I enjoyed being both your advocate and critic. If it comforts you any: the straight world doesn't like my writing either.

Oh yes. I enjoy pageants too. I just don't take them all that seriously.

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Gynecologists Reject Gay/Lesbian Doctors

SAN FRANCISCO, CA -- To a major ob/gyn group, the offer of education about Lesbian patients is about as attractive as a cold speculum.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) bills itself as "the nation's leading group of professionals providing health care for women," but apparently it feels no need to learn more about those women who are Lesbian.

ACOG rejected an application by the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) to exhibit at ACOG's May conference in New Orleans with a letter saying, "Your service would not benefit or be of interest to the majority of our membership."

An ACOG spokesperson told the reporters that GLMA had been deemed to be a "special issue advocacy group" -- banned by organizational policy -- and to be seeking to recruit new members at the conference -- also prohibited.

But to GLMA, which has been welcomed at meetings of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American Psychiatric Association, the rejection reflects homophobia at ACOG, and the kind of mainstream neglect of Lesbian and Gay health issues that GLMA exists to combat.

"We are outraged that a physicians' organization dedicated to improving

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Church Jury Acquits Rev. Creech For Performing Marriage Ceremony

KEARNY, NE (LSJ) -- A jury of ministers acquitted the Rev. Jimmy Creech of violating United Methodist Church rules by performing a same-sex union ceremony.

"We have a victory to celebrate," Creech, senior pastor of First United Methodist Church in Omaha, told reporters after the not guilty verdict was announced. "A victory for the church."

After more than three hours of deliberation, the 13-member jury announced that it had voted 8-5 against Creech -- a single vote shy of the number needed to convict him under United Methodist law. The jurors, four women and nine men, cast their votes anonymously.

"We have struggled, no, agonized together in a spirit of love and our hope is that United Methodists everywhere will receive our verdict in that same spirit of love and respect," Grant Story, the jury foreman, said after the verdict was read.

The decision "is going to be interpreted all over the place. I don't think there's any question of that," one of the jurors, the Rev. Howard Bailey, said. "But no, there was no attempt to send a broader message." He said the verdict should not be seen as anything more than the acquittal of a single minister charged with disobeying the church.

Some Conservative Methodists voiced their anger at the decision which cannot be appealed.

"This is the second church he has ruined," Bob Howell of Omaha, a vocal critic, said of Creech. He was referring to problems in North Carolina, where Creech was removed as pastor of a large church in Raleigh because of objections to his advocacy for Gay rights.

Creech, who plans to preach again from his Omaha pulpit, said the verdict "set a precedent that you can't prosecute a pastor for celebrating a covenant service."

Creech's defense counsel, the Rev. Doug Williamson, said he sees the decision as "a step toward openness and inclusiveness in the church." But he acknowledged that "it won't be the end of the conflicts," and that more complaints may be filed against pastors who conduct same-sex services.

"A decision against the church's rules will not alter the rules, but it certainly will raise the level of discussions in church circles," said the Rev. Bill Lawrence, a Duke University professor who studies U.S. Methodists. Creech's backers included President Clinton's pastor, who testified.

"We have to find a way to be supportive of these committed relationships," said the Rev. Phil Wogaman, pastor at Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington. "The church also speaks in many voices."

Joe Leonard of the National Council of Churches, which represents 34 Protestant and Orthodox churches in the United States, said many congregations of various denominations are conducting same-sex ceremonies, "but often they have to do it in defiance of their denomination's policies."

IMPACT ON METHODIST CHURCH COULD BE SIGNIFICANT

The decision to acquit the Rev. Jimmy Creech for conducting what he called a covenant ceremony for two women in his Omaha congregation last September is likely to have long-lasting repercussions on the 8.5 million-member United Methodist Church, say church officials.

That for the first time since the Northern and Southern wings of the church split on the issue of slavery in the mid 1800's (they reunited in the 1930's), moderates and conservatives in the Methodist Church are talking of a formal break largely over Gay issues.

The possibility of a such a break was discussed by 23 theologians and bishops from both the liberal and conservative wings of the church who have met twice since November to debate theological diversity.

In a document titled "In Search of Unity," which the group released, participants said issues related to homosexuality represent a fundamental challenge "so deep as to harbor the danger of explicit disunity or schism" within the church.

The disagreement deals with fundamental interpretations on the authority of Scripture and divine revelation. The group said that it could find very little common ground and could reach no consensus about whether unity can be maintained given such divisions.

"Compatibilists" in the church, both liberal and conservative, believe that the Methodist umbrella is big enough to accommodate sharply opposing points of view. "Incompatibilists," said the document, "do not believe that these divergent judgments can be housed indefinitely within the same denomination. They believe that the church is faced with a difficult choice many will want to avoid but which cannot ultimately be ignored."

The Methodists are not alone. The Presbyterian Church (USA), the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church have all been involved in bitterly divisive disputes recently over issues involving homosexuality.

In 1996, the Episcopal Church tried and acquitted retired Iowa Bishop Walter Righter for ordaining an openly Gay man as deacon.

An eight-bishop trial court ruled that church doctrine doesn't specifically ban the ordination of sexually active Gay men even though the church declared in 1979 that such ordinations are "not appropriate."

In February, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America defrocked an openly Gay pastor in Ames, Iowa. The church ordains Gay people on the condition that they remain celibate. The pastor has been allowed to remain in his pulpit pending an appeal of the decision, which was to take effect on April 15.

Last week, a proposed amendment the constitution of the Presbyterian Church was voted down by a majority of the country's 172 presbyteries. The compromise proposal was worded to allow an easing of restrictions on the sexual activity of Presbyterian clergy and other church officials, especially Gay men and Lesbians.

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Columna Abierta . . . .

by Dr. Eleazar García

¿Qué tal?... Se les saluda como siempre, un poco de prisa pero con el mismo interes de siempre, deseandoles lo mejor de lo mejor... y seguimos esperando sus comentarios y sugerencias sobre esta Columna Abierta.

En cuanto a las noticias sobre SIDA, quiero compartir con ustedes el siguiente artículo: El Dr. Anthony Fauci, director del Instituto de Alergia y Enfermedades Infecciosas (NIAID) de los Institutos Nacionales de Salud, manifestó que es esencial desarrollar una vacuna contra el SIDA porque sólo un 5% de la población mundial tiene acceso a los agentes antirretrovirales. Sin embargo, Fauci dijo que si bien una vacuna anti-VIH elaborada con el virus vivo atenuado podría ser eficaz, plantea a la vez serios problemas de seguridad. Actualmente se están realizando ensayos con varias vacunas, tras lo cual se determinará si deben hacerse pruebas clínicas amplias para deteminar su eficacia y seguridad. Fauci, que participó en el simposio sobre SIDA de la Asociación Americana para el Avance de la Ciencia (AAAS), agregó que se está estudiando la posibilidad de desarrollar nuevos fármacos basados en los receptores del virus, máleculas de la envoltura celular que actúan como puertas para el agente patógeno.

El gobierno canceló una serie de controvertidos estudios en países en desarrollo destinados a probar si una reducción en la dosis de AZT en mujeres embarazadas ofrece la misma protección contra el VIH que el régimen estandar. Los CDC, manifiestan que los resultados del primer estudio, llevado a cabo en Tailandia, indican que una reducción en el régimen de AZT estandar durante el embarazo de las 12 semanas actuales a 4 semanas disminuye la incidencia de transmisión perinatal en un 50%. Esto significa una importante reducción también de los costos del régimen de AZT, de $800 en la terapia estandar a $80, lo cual podría permitir el tratamiento de cientos de miles de personas en el tercer mundo. Los experimentos con placebo habían sido duramente criticados en The New England Journal of Medicine y otras revistas de información médica.

Mientas tanto; el proyecto Salud es Poder ya cuenta con otra persona para que desarrolle el papel de trabajador de campo en las fronterizas ciudades de Ambos Nogales, y al igual que los objetivos del mencionado proyecto para trabajar con la comunidad gay hispana de Tucson; así será la labor a desempeñar del nuevo integrante de Salud es Poder; en hora buena !!! Ya que: "hay mucha tela que cortar" por los Nogales, ya les tendremos informado y todos los detalles en relación a esta persona y esperamos poder entrevistarle a la brevedad posible... Se les aclara que hubo muy buenos elementos aplicando para ese puesto, y la desición fué algo difícil, así es que hay mucha responsabilidad por medio; que sabemos de antemano sabrá sobrellevar el paquete...

Ya se están haciendo los comentarios para el Miss Gay Hispanidad '98 y desde luego que se necesitan bastantes voluntarios para que este evento no sea menos admirado por los asistentes; y ya se cuenta con la participación de algunos representantes de diferentes ciudades vecinas ya que Jorge Rascón ya ha empezado los contactos con algunos grupos interesados en que sean invitados y sobre todo a colaborar con Salud es Poder, desde luego que con la oficina que se abrirá en Nogales habrá mucha mas participación de las ciudades vecinas del norte de Sonora. Asi es que hay que ayudar a Grecia I y a sus amigos en los futuros eventos para obtener fondos económicos para que sea todo un "acontecimiento social de gala" y sobre todo que se vea que realmente hay unión y amistad dentro de los integrantes del proyecto....

Por hoy es todo, le esperamos la próxima semana, D. M.

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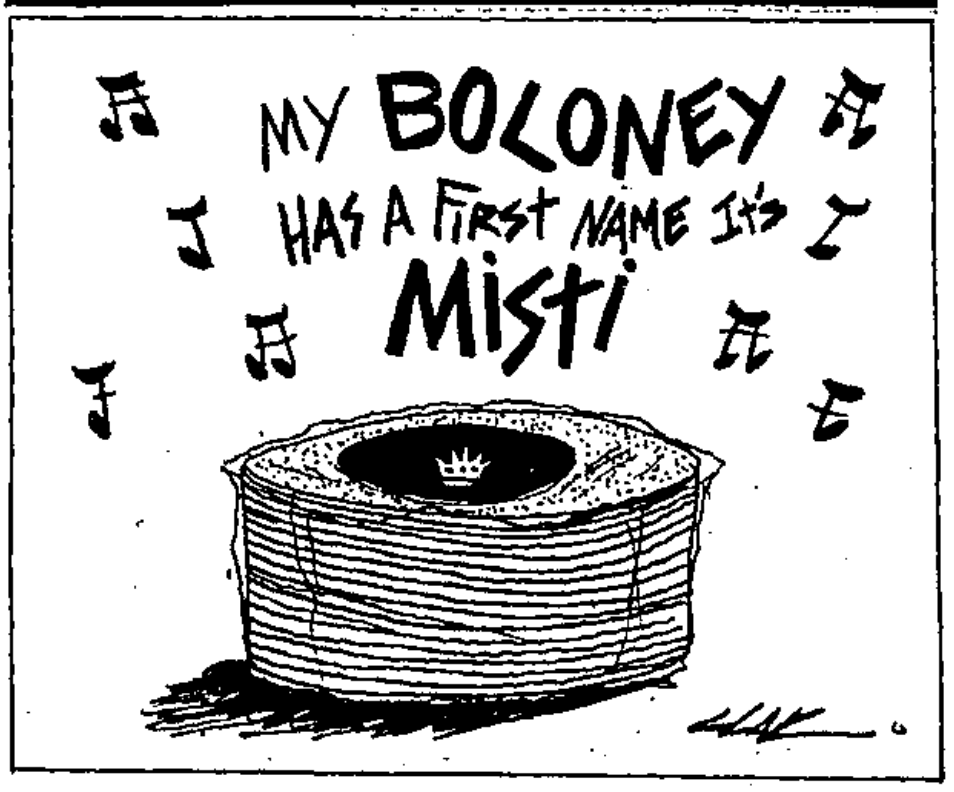

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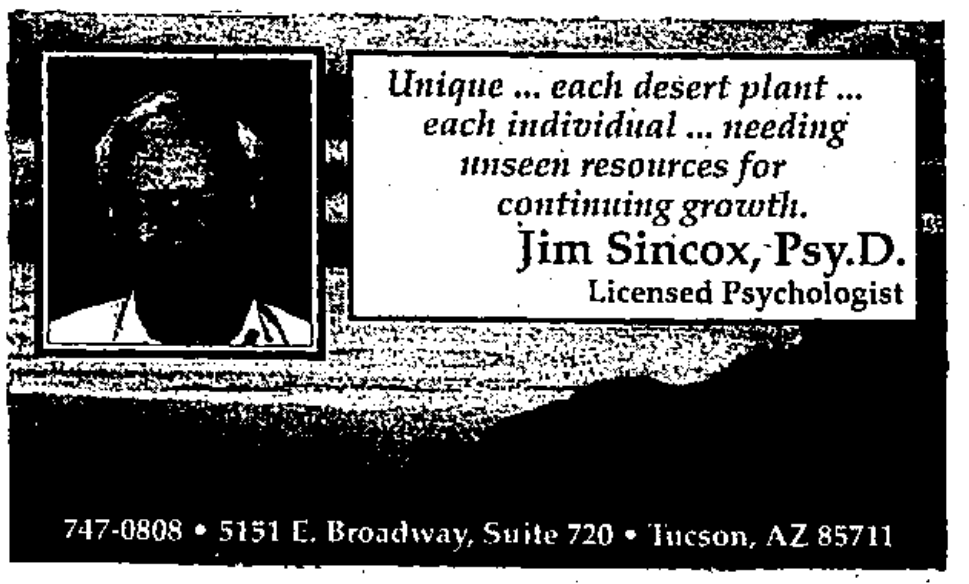

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Gay Academy Awards Continued From Page Four

and thoughtful portrayal. He plays it slightly effeminate, but his performance is never caracature. Ultimately, of the three leads, it is Simon who is the most welladjusted.

Steve Huison and Hugo Speer for
"THE FULL MONTY"
Huison is the nerdy Lomper and Speer is the wellendowed Guy in this runaway hit. They are part of the group of unemployed steel workers who decide to do a Chippendalestyle revue. The audience's realization that the two are Gay (and secret lovers) is wonderfully handled.

Kevin Spacey for
"MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL"
Spacey gives one of the best performances of the year as Jim Williams, a suave Southern antiques dealer who's on trial for killing his lover. He creates an unforgettable character; brilliantly registering the humor, propriety, unconventional and sinister charm of this man who may or may not have premeditated murder.

John Robin Baitz for
"LAST SUMMER AT
THE HAMPTONS"
Finally a Gay character that stays true to his longtime lover (he rejects some meaty temptation in the likes of a hunky actor), is intelligent, out and successful and finally, does not die, Gaybashed or made fun of! Baitz, with his dark Andy Garcia looks is great as Jake a playwright visiting his wacky family in their sprawling estate in this Henry Jaglom talkfest.

And the winner is..
Rupert Everett for
"MY BEST FRIEND'S WEDDING"
In the surprise hit of the year, Everett stole the show from stars Julia Roberts and Dermot Mulroney. Playing George Downes, Roberts' editor and evidently secondbest friend, Everett is charming, sensuous, funny and romantic. bringing to the screen matinee idol looks and sex appeal. He also is the one who comes to the aid of the leading lady and saves the day, offering a shoulder, hanky and a bon mot.

BEST TRANSGENDERED CHARACTER

The Entire Cast of
"BUGIS STREET"
The setting for this lively Singapore film is the Sin Sin Hotel, a haven (and workplace) for a bevy of gorgeously attired, lovetorn transvestite prostitutes. A delightfully tawdry melodrama enlivened by these determindly romantic working "girls".

Steven Mackintosh for
"DIFFERENT FOR GIRLS"
Tough straight guy Rupert Graves becomes sexually confused when he discovers that he's in love with Kim (Mackintosh), a Postoperative transsexual. Mackintosh is a revelation as the demure but stubborn Kim. She not only has to face the daily prejudices of people but also has to work out the many obstacles facing her romance with Graves. A startling and ontarget portrayal.

Mick Jagger for
"BENT"
Jagger is an eyeful as Greta a slinky crossdressing chanteuse and owner of a decadent Gay nightclub. He is in the film for an altogether too short a time, but his scene belting out the WeillBrectish song "The Streets of Berlin" while dangling on a trapeze high over a delirious audience makes the decadence of Cabaret seem like childplay!

Renoly Santiago for
"CON AIR"
He plays "Sally Can't Dance", a drag queen convict who may have been the prison bitch of "Cyrus the Virus" Malkovitch, but is really just more proof of the Don Simpson homophobia syndrome previously encountered in "The Rock". Renoly defends the role by claiming he was the bravest character in the film.

Mimi Rogers for
"WEAPONS OF MASS
DISTRACTIONS
Rogers is totally believable as a high society wife who started out life as a Russian peasant... boy! Having been molested by his father, he turns to a life of male prostitution, transvestism and' ultimately, transgenderisni!

And the winner is..
The Lady Chablis for
"MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL"
One of most original Hollywood characters of 1997 is this black, middleaged drag queen and nightclub entertainer who boldly struts her stuff among the citizens of Savannah with a theatrical devilmaycare flippancy. Amazingly, she's not just a film character but a reallife person playing herself. She steals the show but does she ever get into John Cusack's pants?

BEST BISEXUAL CHARACTER
Stanley Tucci for
"THE DAYTRIPPERS"
Read no further if you haven't seen the film but intend to! This wonderful lowbudget sleeper follows an excitable family clan's citywide search to discover if husband Tucci is having an affair. He is, and it ain't with a woman!

The entire cast of
"CRASH"
David Cronenberg's dispassionate parable on urban alienation and sexuality features James Spader and Elias Koteas as two perfectly straight guys who take their friendship/rivalry a step further than the norm when they have sex in a car. Not to be outdone, there is some better girlgirl action when paraplegic Rosanna Arquette gets it on with ice queen Holly Hunter.

Sting for
"GENTLEMEN DON'T EAT POETS"
Sting plays a menacing bisexual butler who drives his wife to the bottle, an entranced Alan Bates into a wheelchair and his secret male lover into a grave in this littleseen thriller. Visual proof on the dangers of bisexuality!

Douglas Spain for
"STAR MAPS"
Adroitly mixing toughness and vulnerability. Spain plays a Mexican American teenager who works for his father's prostitution business and has no problem getting it on with both men and women. His real sexuality is never really uncovered in this bold story of hustling, family turmoil and young dreams.

Rachel True and James Duvall for
"NOWEHRE"
The dreamy Duval is first encountered jerking off in the shower to psychedelic fantasies of both women and men and he almost ends up with the man of his dreams, except that he turns into a giant cockroach and scuttles out the bedroom window. Rachel True plays his girlfriend who also has the hots for Beverly Hills, 90210 star Kathleen Robertson.

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POLITICS 1998

by Mark R. Kerr

"500"

"Death, taxes, education and finance."

Not a title of an old Ingmar Bergman movie or a government training film. Just another week in the Inquisition, err Arizona Legislature.

Up in the "Evil City of the North," they are trying solve the state education's financial problems. Solve? They cause problems!

During the current run of the Legislature, education has become the paramount issue -- especially with the State Supreme Court ready to close down all of the schools.

Long summer vacation! Yikes, rugrats on the streets!

Negotiations between the Republicans are ongoing over proposed legislation to allegedly give equal funding to all school districts.

What about the Democrats? Remember, Republicans rule and Democrats drool!

There's a small problem which is growing bigger as the sands of time drop. They haven't reached a deal! Check please!

Governor Jane Hull had called a special session last week to deal with the problem, pass the legislation. Three days would do it? Wrong!

Okay, so there is no deal. What now? Can we say monkey wrench!

Legislation was to have been in place regarding education finance so that the State Legislature could deal with the state budget -- a la special session.

This was to happen last week, especially with the state's fiscal year ending March 31. Uh-oh!

A pissing contest is going on between Maricrapa Legislators and the rest of the "sticks" over school bonds! Woo! Maricrapa doesn't want them. Everybody else does. Impasse!

The self-imposed deadline for education finance, dealing with the state budget have passed. Feeling tense yet!

The state budget for the next fiscal year not agreed upon. Can we say shutdown!

What about the 100 day deadline imposed by the Radical Right-Wing Republican leadership? They are supposed to close up the medicine show come the first week or so in April. Oh the pressure!

Then there's death. Rep. Elise Salinger, D-Phoenix, was found dead this past weekend in her Phoenix apartment. That's slowed the State House down further. Oh the plot-twists!

With all that, what does that mean for us? Good question! Here's the latest on the bills of note, for those playing the home game:

SB 1037 is the "good Samaritan act." The bill, sponsored by Sen. Tom Patterson, R-Phoenix, the "Dr. Kevorkian" of the Legislature, is still before the House Health Committee -- after sailing through the State Senate. Was it on the Titanic?

The measure has not been scheduled for hearings this week before the House Health Committee. Capitol sources state that Rep. Sue Gerard, R-Phoenix, may be holding the bill. Gerard was unavailable for comment as of press time.

We are not through with Gerard, Patterson and his "humane" pieces of legislation! Lest we forget about SB 1261!

SB 1261 would make being tested for HIV/AIDS in Arizona hazardous to your health.

As reported too many times, SB 1261 was approved by the State Senate. Cowards! The measure was sent to the House Health Committee and guess what? No hearings! So is it being held too? Good question!

Still on the subject of HIV, we have the "feel-good felony bill," or HB 2396.

This measure which would make it a Class-3 felony for knowingly passing the HIV virus to another individual -- if that person tests positive seemed set for quick passage.

Remember, it is an election year! So no courage will be found in any elected officials.

Well, HB 2396 is in serious trouble. Why? Yet another deadline.

The Republican leadership set Friday, March 27 as the date for bills to be heard in the other legislative body. HB 2396 is still in the State House, awaiting consideration by the House Committee of the Whole. Whoopsies!

Then there is employment discrimination. What a shocker!

Sen. Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, had introduced a measure to ban discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation. It didn't get a hearing. Now she's trying a parliamentary procedure -- an amendment. Still with me!

In an interview, Richardson said she plans to introduce an amendment to a bill this week, which is germane, to get the proposal moving. She said she is working with Sen. Chris Cummiskey, D-Phoenix on this matter.

According to Sen. Richardson, "don't hold your breath." She is not hopeful that the proposal will get consideration during this legislative session -- especially with the leadership refusing to hear bills with amendments tacked on. Boo!

Will the State Legislature get their act together? Ha!

Education finance and the budget, will they be dealt with on time?

The 100 day session -- will they finish on time? Is a shutdown of the state government in the near future?

Will Ellen be actually renewed for another season?

Who knows?

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What's The Buzz At Gay Men's Health Project?

TUCSON -- What is the buzz going around Gay Tucson? "Acting OUT!" is hot!

The Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) is promoting a new and innovative way for Gay men to share their ideas. It is an interactive community forum where you get to watch actors performing scenarios depicting problems that Gay men face.

It's a live show, a community forum and a chance for Gay men to talk to each other about the issues that affect their lives and you, the audience, decides the outcome for each scene!

Under the direction of Chris Haven Jones, professional and aspiring actors create a scene that revolves around a specific topic chosen by members of the community. Each scene is designed to move into a "hot spot" or point of conflict. Then it is up to you, the audience, to decide how the problem should be resolved. Audience participation is the key to creating a truly unique performance, and no one knows what the outcome will be.

Audience member responses have ranged from: "Eye-opening," "...very open, informative," "...loved the audience participation" to "...exploring issues through the acting that people might not talk about otherwise!"

According to the GMHP, what makes this forum so successful is the participation from Tucson's Gay community. GMHP would like input on topics that could be explored. They also stress that the most important act for this forum is commitment, to be a part of the action.

If you would like to audition for a part with "Acting OUT!" or have an idea for a topic, write to GMHP, c/o The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, 151 South Tucson Boulevard, Suite 211, Tucson, Arizona 85716, or E-mail at GAY-MHP@AOL.COM.

The next "Acting OUT!" is scheduled for April. For more information, call (520) 322-6226.

SAG and AFTRA To Present Performer's Forum Sat. April 4

TUCSON -- The Arizona Branch of Screen Actors Guild (SAG) and The American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA) will present a Performer's Forum Saturday, April 4 on the campus of the University of Arizona.

The event is open to both amateur and professional talent who perform live on stage or in the areas of television, film, and radio. The forum will feature a panel discussion and a variety of seminars designed to build skills and enhance professionalism. The seminars will be headed by six working professionals from many facets of entertainment.

Los Angeles actor Joseph Ruskin is set to present "Taking the Next Step." Ruskin appeared in hundreds of productions including the motion pictures "Prizzi's Honor" and "Indecent Proposal" and television's "Star Trek," "L.A. Law," and "The Lucy Show." Reed Farrell, President of AFTRA National (1989-1993) and one of the country's premier voice talents will present "The Voice-Over." Lucky Hayes, Arizona's President of SAG, will present "Marketing Yourself" and two of Arizona's top acting coaches, Anna Risley and Elayne Stein, will cover "Nailing the Audition" and "On-Camera Commercial Basics," respectively. "Humor: The Unconditioned Reflex," a seminar geared to discovering and applying a sense of humor, will be presented by actor and comedian Joe Corcoran.

Donald Livesay, Executive Director of AFTRA/SAG of Arizona comments, "This forum provides a very unique opportunity for talent of all genres to learn from some of the best instructors and professional talent in our area. We're also thrilled to have both Joseph Ruskin and Reed Farrell on our list of presenters. They are not only universally recognized by the industry as a whole for their craftsmanship, but are also overwhelmingly acknowledged for the contribution they have made to their craft by their own peers in the business. They are in the truest sense performer's performers."

The Performer's Forum will be held in the Marroney Theatre at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Registration will begin at 12:15 P.M. and the program will conclude at 5:00 P.M. Admission is $10, payable at the door (U of A students admitted free with school identification).

Reservations are requested before April 2. Call the AFTRA/SAG office, (602) 265-2712 or (800) 308-2712.

GLAAD: Bono Quoted Out Of Context On Ellen

LOS ANGELES, CA -- The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation issued a statement criticizing Daily Variety for presenting a slanted and one-sided account of an interview it conducted with Chastity Bono, GLAAD's media director.

As published, Bono's comments appear to criticize Ellen DeGeneres' for making her ABC sitcom "too Gay." GLAAD asserts Variety, and other news outlets covering the story since, have presented Bono's comments out of context.

"When she was asked why some individuals may not be tuning in, she responded with a number of theories that are currently being discussed in the media, including that some viewers might feel the show deals too heavily with Gay storylines," the group said in a statement from Los Angeles.

The Variety story implies Bono took her criticism public because DeGeneres, the show's star, allegedly "ignored advice" to pursue a more moderate tack. "Originally, she said this wasn't going to be the 'Gay Ellen Show,' that every episode wasn't going to deal with Gay issues. But it pretty much has," Bono said.

The show "is so Gay, it's excluding a large part of our society," she told Variety. "It's one thing to have a Gay lead character, but it's another when every episode deals with pretty specific Gay issues."

GLAAD asserts the article failed to mention that Chastity and GLAAD strongly believe that the program contains themes that transcend issues of sexual orientation, and are entertaining and appealing to audiences Gay and straight.

In its statement GLAAD added that the Variety story "does not cite the work Bono and GLAAD have been doing in support of 'Ellen' over the past year and a half, and that we are working diligently to ensure the sitcom's return for another season of quality television."

Joan M. Garry, GLAAD's executive director, said, "The body of GLAAD's work around 'Ellen' speaks volumes about our recognition that Ellen DeGeneres has given our community an extraordinary gift."

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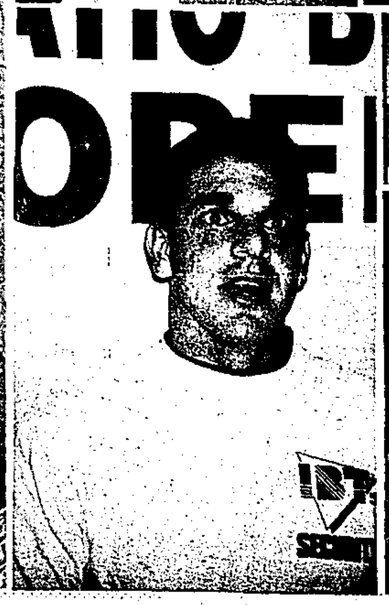

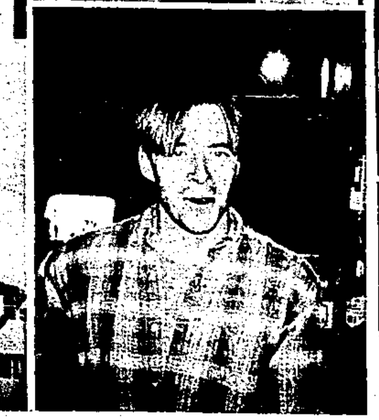

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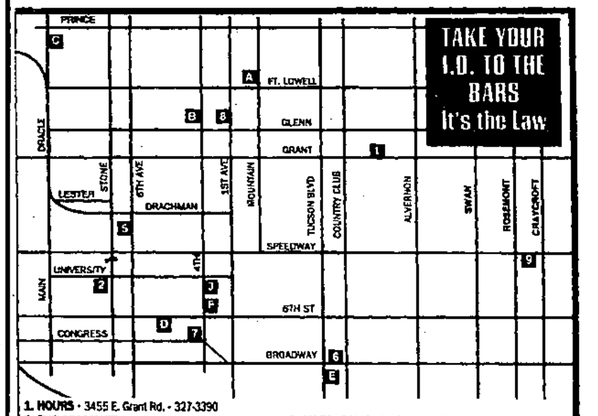

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Alaskan Judge Supports Same-Sex Marriage

ANCHORAGE, AK (NP) -- In a Hawaiian deja vu, an Alaskan judge has ruled that the choice of a partner is a fundamental right that the state must prove a compelling interest to abridge.

Anchorage Superior Court Judge Peter Michalski ruled that Alaska will have to prove a "compelling" state interest -- the highest legal standard -- in order to maintain its ban on same-gender marriages. Michalski ruled in the case of Jay Brause and Gene Dugan, a couple of 18 years' standing, whose August 4, 1994 application for a marriage license was denied.

The following year, the couple filed their lawsuit arguing that Alaska's discriminatory marriage statute violated their state constitutional rights to privacy and equal treatment under the law. In 1996, the Alaska legislature beefed up the heterosexuals-only marriage law, adding the explicit denial of recognition of same-gender marriages including those another state may someday perform.

Michalski rejected the Alaska state attorney general's office's request that the couple's case be dismissed, finding instead that it had merit and should proceed. The attorney general's office will almost certainly appeal Michalski's ruling to the Alaska state Supreme Court, but if the state's high court supports same-gender marriage, a sponsor of the 1996 bill, state Senator Loren Leman, is prepared to work on a constitutional amendment.

Michalski is viewed by at least one source as a generally conservative judge, yet he said in his ruling that, "...it is the very definition of marriage itself which the court must test as a result of plaintiffs' challenge. It is not enough to say that 'marriage is marriage' and accept without any scrutiny the law before the court. It is the duty of the court to do more than merely assume that marriage is only, and must only be, what most are familiar with," he said, adding that "...this court cannot defer to the legislature or familiar notions when addressing this issue."

Michalski clarified that his consideration is strictly of "the establishment of marriage itself and is not inclusive, nor is it intended to be, of the many rights and consequences established by the state on behalf of those who are married." Most powerfully, he wrote that, "The court finds that marriage, i.e., the recognition of one's choice of a life partner, is a fundamental right. The state must therefore have a compelling interest that supports its decision to refuse to recognize the exercise of this fundamental right by those who choose same-sex partners rather than opposite-sex partners."

In arguing for dismissal, assistant state attorney general John Gaguine claimed that the heterosexuals-only marriage law does not discriminate based on gender because marriage is denied equally to both Gay male and Lesbian pairs. "We're not really prohibiting anyone from doing anything. This isn't like a state sodomy law."

Should the state Supreme Court let Michalski's ruling stand, Gaguine doesn't yet have an idea how he might defend the marriage restriction. He told the media that the "compelling" interest standard is generally viewed as "the kiss of death" is such cases -- it's the same standard that Honolulu Circuit Court Judge Kevin Chang ruled in December 1996 had not been met by the Hawaii state attorney general's office in "Baehr v. Miike," a decision which still awaits the outcome of its review by the Hawaii state Supreme Court.

There is a real possibility that the Alaska state Supreme Court may at least allow Michalski's ruling to stand.

In March 1997, the Alaska high court ruled favorably in a lawsuit seeking spousal health insurance benefits for unmarried partners of the state university's employees. The plaintiffs in that case, Mark Rumeo and Kate Wattun, were a Gay man and a Lesbian, although they brought their complaint on behalf of all employees in committed unmarried relationships. (Between the time their case was filed and the ruling was handed down, the legislature acted to specifically change the state Human Rights Act to allow employers to extend greater health and retirement benefits to employees who were legally married or had children, but the high court ruling still ensures equal compensation for all other spousal job benefits in government employment.)

Two of five Alaska state Supreme Court justices are appointees of Democratic Governor Tony Knowles and are considered liberals, while a conservative justice is expected to retire and to be replaced by another Knowles appointee before November elections.

Brause and Dugan held a wedding ceremony in 1979. They are artistic director and program director, respectively, of Anchorage's controversial Out North Theatre. In late November, Anchorage withdrew $22,000 of city support for the theater -- more than 10% of its annual budget -- because its performances weren't "family oriented," dealt with "controversial" material (including Gay themes), and in some cases had included nudity. Brause and Dugan were convinced that the Anchorage Assembly's (city council) decision was sparked by prejudice against their sexual orientation.

In reporting the Alaska decision, both of the leading daily newspapers in Honolulu, Hawaii noted that it could put the two states in competition for the economic benefits of becoming the first to marry same-gender couples: one study has projected that legal same-gender marriage could wipe out Hawaii's debts.

Gynecologists Reject Gay/Lesbian Doctors

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women's health care would not understand the importance of educating its members about the specific health care needs of Lesbians. Every ACOG physician is undoubtedly already treating women who are Lesbians, and the information that we can provide to these physicians can help ensure that these patients receive quality health care," said GLMA president Dr. Michael Horberg.

GLMA's board of directors passed a resolution to ask ACOG to reconsider, which said, "ACOG's statement reflects homophobia by effectively discounting the specific medical needs of lesbian patients and the existence of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered obstetricians and gynecologists."

One specific message that GLMA had hoped to spread at the ACOG conference is that Pap smears are just as important for Lesbians as for other women, because the human papilloma virus -- which can cause potentially fatal cervical cancer which can be fatal -- and is transmissible between women.

Studies of Lesbian health issues are still few and relatively recent, but they have clearly indicated that Lesbians are less likely to seek gynecological care than other women, partly because of real or feared negative experiences with providers. GLMA itself arranged funding for a major study of Lesbian health care issues whose results will be reported in the near future.

The Observer

Judge Rules Okay For Supervisors To Extend Domestic Partner Benefits

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After oral arguments and the County Attorney's rebuttal, Judge Minker surprised those in attendance by ruling on the case.

"The legal authorities do not support the position of the county attorney. The Board of Supervisors did act within their authority on this case," he said.

Judge Minker's ruling marks the end of a nearly year-long battle over the Board's decision to extend benefits and the lawsuit trying to overturn it by the Pima County Attorney's office.

By a 3-2 vote on March 25, 1997, the Pima County Board of Supervisors had approved a measure to extend medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners and dependents of county employees.

In their vote, the Board had defined "domestic partners" as both same-sex and unmarried heterosexual couples.

A total of 97 employees -- of which seven were Gay and Lesbian had signed up for the extended benefits.

The Board's vote was challenged by the County Attorney's office who filed a lawsuit on July 2, 1997 to overturn the decision.

According to Deputy County Attorney David Dingeldine, two taxpayers had written letters of complaint regarding the Board's vote to extend the benefits to the domestic partners of county employees.

With the pending lawsuit, the Board froze the extension of benefits to the 97 who had signed up.

After eight months of legal maneuvering and assignment of a new judge to hear arguments -- the case was finally heard and the ruling delivered Friday, March 13, 1998.

"I'm greatly relieved that this is finally over...it has been a long battle and it has been worth it," said Damien McNeil, one of the county employees who spearheaded the efforts to extend benefits.

"I am just happy. It is a good day for Gays and Lesbians and all unmarried heterosexuals in Pima County," Bertie Lozano, a county employee commented after the ruling.

"I'm very pleased with the court's decision and by ruling today," Grace McIlvain, the attorney who represented the Board in the lawsuit said.

"...Judge Minker was legally correct in his decision," stated Jon Davidson of Lambda.

When reached for comment, Pima County Supervisor Raul Grijalva, D-District 5, one of three Supervisors who had voted to extend benefits, said he was "happy and satisfied with the judge's ruling."

Grijalva added that he plans to speak with the County Attorney and other Board members to urge them not to appeal Judge Minker's decision. He added that over $50,000 in taxpayers moneys had spent in legal bills in this case.

According to figures from the County Administrator's office, the cost of extending benefits to the domestic partners of county employees would run $120,000 annually.

Pima County Supervisor Dan Eckstrom, D-District 2 praised Judge Minker for his ruling vindicating the Board's decision. "We had stepped forward in good faith to do something good for the whole community and Judge Minker reaffirmed that in his ruling," Eckstrom commented.

With Minker's ruling, the Pima County Attorney, Barbara LaWall, has 30 days to decide whether to appeal the decision handed down.

Chris Roads stated he was not sure whether or not LaWall would appeal the case. Sources in the County Attorney's office stated a decision could come within two weeks of receiving Judge Minker's written decision.

Pima County becomes the second governmental body in Arizona to extend medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners of its homosexual and heterosexual employees.

The City of Tucson was the first governmental body in the state to do so in 1997. Tucson though extended medical and dental benefits only to the same-sex domestic partners of its employees.

Renowned Soloist Returns To Tucson MCC

TUCSON - - Back by popular demand, the Rev. Delores P. Berry will be in concert once again at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) Saturday, March 28, 7:30 P.M.

Rev. Berry will also be featured in the congregation's regular Sunday morning worship service, March 29, 10:45 A.M. and a special evening service at 7:00 P.M.

Rev. Berry has been working as a full-time soloist and evangelist since 1987 under the banner of the Rev. Delores P. Barry Evangelistic Ministries, traveling extensively throughout North America and Europe. Rev. Berry has earned awards for excellence in evangelism, and currently serves the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) as a member of the Task Force on Evangelism and a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Mid-Atlantic District of the UFMCC. Rev. Berry was one of the co-founders of the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays.

Rev. Berry's musical repertoire ranges from the traditional and African-American spirituals to contemporary and exuberant music. The Delores P. Berry Evangelistic Ministries will have tapes and CD's available for sale throughout the weekend.

Water of Life MCC is located at 3269 North Mountain Avenue. All church activities are open to the public, and the congregation of Water of Life MCC invites everyone to come and hear this dynamic soloist in concert and in worship throughout the weekend, March 28-29. Admission is free. A love offering for Rev. Berry's ministry will be received. If you didn't get to enjoy Rev. Berry's ministry when she visited Tucson this past September, you will not want to miss this opportunity.

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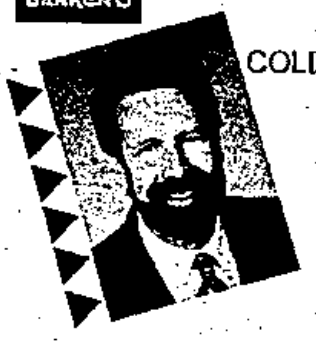
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THE 2ND ANNUAL GAY ACADEMY AWARDS

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And the winner is..
Ewan McGregar for
"THE PILLOW BOOK"
The nearly ubiquitous McGregar plays a British translator living in Japan who is both lovers to an older man as well as to calligraphy devotee Vivian Wu. We see him make love to both, but he becomes the innocent victim to the deadly feud between his two lovers

BEST TELEVISION FILM
"BREAKING THE SURFACE:
The Greg Louganis Story"
The fascinating life story of the diving champion Louganis tepidly unfolds in this chronological account. We see the closeted Louganis suffer through family crisis as well as the trauma of sexual identification. And even when he accepts his homosexuality, his relationships with lovers is far from satisfying. A fine primer for fans and an interesting account of one Gay man's struggle for selfrespect and athletic success.

"TWILIGHT OF THE GOLDS"
Hunk Brendan Fraser is surprisingly affecting as the Gay son who becomes embroiled in his family's moral problem whether his sister (Jennifer Bails) continues with her pregnancy after it has been determined that the child would be predisposed toward homosexuality. With cloning and "the Gay gene discovery" in recent news, this drama addresses some serious issues, especially regarding homophobia. Garry Marshal and Faye Dunaway star as his hipitched Jewish parents.

"IN THE GLOAMING"
A young Gay man (Robert Sean Leonard), in his final months living with AIDS, returns to his parents home to reconcile with his estranged family. This drama, Christopher Reeve's directorial debut. is at its best when it focuses on Leonard and his mother (Glen Close).

And the winner is..
"OZ"
This highlyregarded and widelypraised HBO miniseries about life inside a maximum penitentiary prison features full frontal nudity, a candidly casual attitude toward Gay sex and male rape, and Lee Tergeson as a convicted drunk driver (guilty of killing a young girl) who becomes the heroinsnorting, forced crossdressing "prison bitch" of his white supremacist cellmate.

BEST DOCUMENTARY
"MURDER and Murder"
Independent filmmaker Yvonne Rainer directs and stars in this drama/ documentary that explores both a relationship between two older women as well as the problem of breast cancer that affects them both. Rainer appears shirtless, herself one who has had breast cancer. A challenging, experimental look at Lesbian sexuality, aging and disease.

"A BIT OF SCARLET"
This entertaining documentary on Gay and Lesbian images in British films takes a lighthearted but informative look into sixty years of British film history and how the industry "handled" the subject of homosexuality. An important contribution to Gay and Lesbian history.

"HIDE AND SEEK"
Su Friedrich has fashioned a remarkable ensemble of what it was like to grow up a Lesbian in 1950s and '60s America. She mixes interviews with older women who recount their earliest memories concerning their emerging sexuality as well as a mock documentary of a 12-yearold girl's nascent samesex feelings.

And the winner is..
"LICENSED TO KILL"
San Francisco filmmaker Arthur Dong's film on imprisoned men who have killed Gay men, makes for an uncomfortable, troubling but startling important film experience. He interviews the often charming men in jail and allows them to recount their story and feelings. Required viewing for anyone who wants to understand the often visceral nature of homophobia.

Special Awards:

Most incidental Use of a Gay Character.

L.A. CONFIDENTIAL
This impressive noirish crime thriller throws in some homosexuality to make the story modern. Ron Rifkin is a closeted Gay D.A who is lured into a compromising position with a handsome and desperate young actor. He is seen as vain, corrupt and weak. Luckily, there is not much of him in this otherwise exciting film.

GRAVES END
This small production features a lowkey performance by Thomas Brandise as Mikey, a quiet boy who hangs out with his thuggish friends (even though they make fun of him every chance they get). After a day of listening to their homophobic comments and epithets, he finally demands to know why they use such language and, when they ask why he cares, he begins to confess something, only to be told to shut up and go to sleep.

PRIVATE PARTS
This comedy disappointed the heterosexual males who flocked to see Howard Stern's patently offensive schtick on the big screen. Also ostensibly missing was his promised bevy of scantily clad "real Lesbians." We saw instead a sheepishly charming Stern and just harmless seconds of his favorite objects of sexual obsession.

And the winner is..
EVENT HORIZON
Blink during this horror/scifi yarn and you'll miss, during one particularly gruesome scene, one of the devilish monsters taking an astronaut from the rear. One mystery solved there is at least bisexuality in hell.

Best Openly Lesbian Actress in Hollywood
Anne Heche
Could there be any one else? Heche discovers her Lesbianism while the world watches in transfixed obsession, Happily, her very public romance with Ellen Degeneres so far has not hurt her career. Her prodigious output in 1997 includes playing a presidential adviser in "Wag the Dog", Johnny Depp's longsuffering wife in "Donnie Brasco", a scientist in "Volcano" and a backwoods woman in "I Know What You Did Last Summer".

Best Openly Gay Actor in Hollywood

Harvey Fierstein for
"KULL THE CONQUEROR"
Fierstein camps it up mightily as Kull's dastardly friend in this guilty pleasure swordandsandal spectacular. The raspyvoiced Gay author and sometimes actor plays a greedy mercenary who deceives our hero but doesn't get away with it. His best line is when he cries out, "You know I don't like the smell of fish!" We understand Harvey.

Wilson Cruz for
"JOYRIDE", "ALL OVER ME" and "JOHNS"
This young actor, a veteran of TV's "My SoCalled Life" has been active of late. His best role of these three is in "All Over Me" in which he ptays a student who is beginning to accept that he is Gay. He begins to accept his homosexuality despite the homophobic killing of a friend.

And the winner is..
Rupert Everett for
"MY BEST FRIEND'S WEDDING"
Like Anne Heche for actresses, Everett is on the verge of becoming a leading man who is also openly Gay. Although an actor for years, it was his seductive role in "My Best Friend's Wedding" that caught the attention of Hollywood studios. If he and Heche find success as leading actors in straight roles, who knows who else might come out.

The "Full Monty" Award
They are all winners!

"THE PILLOW BOOK"
Scot-boy Ewan McGregar sports a tan, blond hair, a curvaceous body and an impressively large member for all the filmgoing public to see in this Peter Greenaway film. His altogether nude scenes are far from discreet glimpses, he's proud of what he's got and languidly allows us to admire.

"LOVE! VALOUR! COMPASSION!"
Randy Becker plays Ramon, a horny and philandering young man in this Gay drama. There are several lakeside scenes where we are offered a look at his chiseled body and porky appendage.

"BOOGIE NIGHTS"
We all know that the final scene where Mark Walberg as Dirk Diggler admires his footlong dong is only a prosthetic, but it did not stop thousands of Gay size queens to swoon with fearful delight!

The "Emory" Award for
Film Queen Of The Year
(In honor of Cliff Gorman's portrayal of Emory in the 1970 film "Boys in the Band")

Christopher Guest for
"WAITING FOR GUFFMAN"
Guest's flaming second-rate theatre director Corky St. Clair is sweet and flaming ball of limp-wristed energy. But they say he has a wife in New York that no one ever sees, ummmm...

Jason Alexander for
"LOVE! VALOUR! COMPASSION!"
Alexander clutches his pearls when tense, flails his arms about when talking, puckers his lips when excited and acts in an altogether prissy fashion as the show tuneloving Buzz Hauser (such a butch name for a lady!). He has some of the best lines and turns out to be quite lovable and affectionate.

Elton John for
"TANTRUMS AND TIARAS"
Seeing is believing in fills behind thestage peek into the life of singer and reigning show biz queen Elton John. Made by his lover at the time, we see Elton in full regalia and hysteria. A grander show queen was never born.

Dwight Ewell for
"CHASING AMY"
Ewell plays Hooper, a fey comic book artist who puts on a show of butchness for fans of his macho comic book characters. She's not to be believed! Ewell's previous roles include playing a Gay man in "Flirt" and the drag queen Helen Wheel in "Stonewal".

And the winner is..
Craig Chester for
"KISS ME, GUIDO"
Sporting a shockingly platinum mane, skintight hot pants and an impressive array of shoes, Craig Chester's Terry is the epitome of theatrical Gay wit. He plays the catty neighbor and friend to our Gay hero Warren. He's biting, catty and bitchy (but only when provoked). Why, he's such a lady that even his friends proclaim that, "'Bottom' is stamped on your forehead!" A delightful character who provides most of the humor in the film. A disquieting stereotype or an ontarget portrayal? Look in the mirror, Missy!

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Eighth Annual Saguaro Regional Rodeo, March 20 - 22

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Tucson, will this be the only event going on at the studio-park?

Terry Delaney said that the park attractions will be open as well during the competition. He said that people should look for the discount ticket coupon in The Observer or at Old Tucson.

Old Tucson Studios is offering a special exchange ticket which will offer a $3 discount off the regular admission price of $14.95 per day.

A two-day pass will be offered for $19.90 which includes admission to the rodeo as well as full Old Tucson Studios park Admissions. Coupons must be presented at the gate to obtain the discount.

After the events, Delaney added, the park will close. AGRA-Tucson have events scheduled at the host hotel for the competitors and lovers of rodeo.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

6:00 - 9:00 P.M. – Registration at the Rodeway Inn.
7:00 - 1:00 A.M. – Saguaro Regional Rodeo Kick-off Dance - Hotel Event Center.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

7:30 A.M. – Staff Meeting.
8:00 A.M. – Contestants Meeting.
8:30 A.M. – Morning Rodeo Performance.
Noon – Grand Entry.
1:00 P.M. – Afternoon Performance.
7:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M. – Evening Hoe-Down - Hotel Event Center.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

7:30 A.M. – Staff Meeting.
8:00 A.M. – Contestants Meeting.
8:30 A.M. – Morning Rodeo Performance.
Noon – Grand Entry.
1:00 P.M. – Afternoon Performance.
7:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M. – Awards Ceremony and Dance - Hotel Events Center.

[Event times subject to change. Rodeo times are subject to change as needed.]

According to the AGRA-Tucson promotional flyer, the evening dances are open to all guests age 21 and over. A photo I.D. will be required for the cash bar at the Old Tucson Studio rodeo grounds and for the dances.

Old Tucson Studios is located in Tucson Mountain Park, 201 South Kinney Road. It is just minutes from Tucson. Take Interstate 10, exit Speedway Boulevard (West) and follow the signs. Recreational vehicles must travel I-10 to I-19 South, exit at Ajo Way (West) to Kinney Road and follow the signs.

For more information, contact AGRA-Tucson, (520) 323-0805.

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As human beings, are we often leery of receiving that which is freely given? Are we often suspicious of our fellow human beings? Why is this true? Could it be that we, as sinners ourselves, understand in part the sin, nature, that lies within each one of us? This is not to sat that we aren't capable of doing good deeds with honorable, loving motives, but we can truly see into the heart of another? The Bible tells us that only God can see into the hearts of those he created: "...for you alone know the hearts of men..." (II Chronicles 6:30)

Could these fears and human weaknesses be partly of what keeps so many from grasping their eternal salvation through Jesus Christ? Is it too easy? Is it too good be to true? How could I be worthy of such a sacrifice?

The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for your sins and mine was not based on our feelings of worthiness, but on the love of God, our creator for us. "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only son into the world that we might live through him. This is love..." not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (I John 4:9, 10)

We could never match God's unfailing love for us, but those who reject the gift of his son as their savior condemn themselves to an eternity without the presence of God – the greatest love they could ever know! However, there is still time and opportunity to accept God's love gift. Just admit to God that you know you are not perfect (for none of us are!) and thank him for loving you so much that he sent Jesus to take the punishment you deserve. When you have done this, you will receive the greatest gift in the world -- the assurance of an eternity in God's presence, beginning right now!

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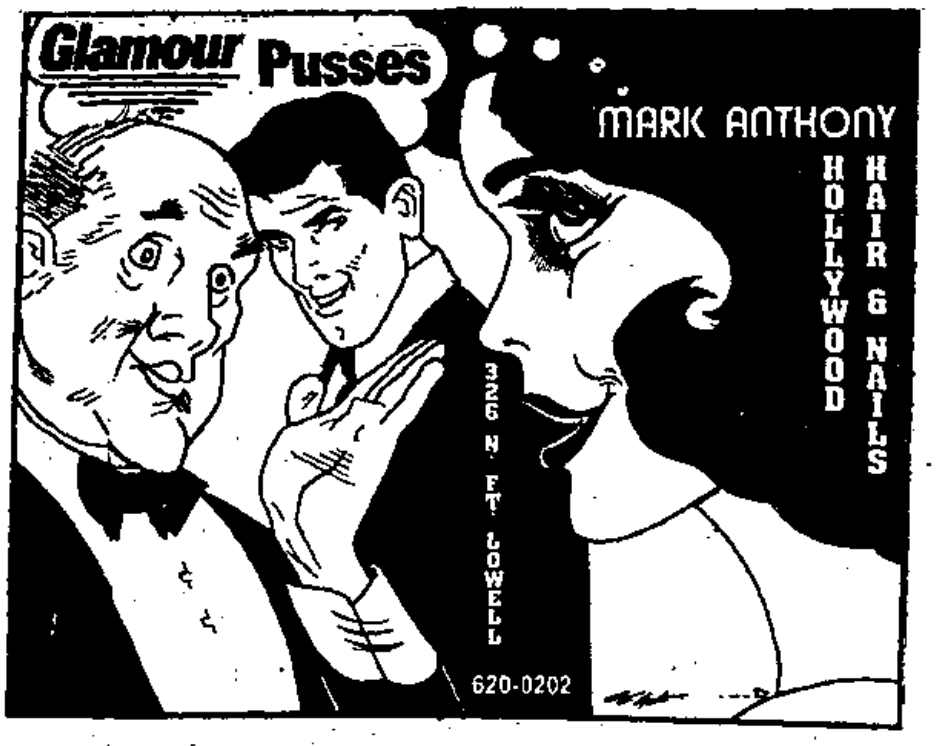

UPDATE

Village People 'Skip' Jamaica

KINGSTON, Jamaica (NP) – The Village People didn't make it to Jamaica, and according to one group, neither should you.

The 20-year-old band the Village People ("YMCA, "Macho Man") had been scheduled to appear this past weekend at the Negril Music Festival in Jamaica, a booking that sparked anti-Gay objections by a leader of the Jamaica Council of Churches -- but the performance was canceled, as lead singer Ray Simpson (who performs in a police uniform) suffered physical problems on the groups last road trip that currently prevent him from flying, stemming from January surgery on his Achilles tendon.

As it turns out, the cancellation was actually made four days before the protests. Simpson said, "We want to make it clear that our decision to decline the invitation to play for spring break was due solely to the injury and had nothing to do with the church leaders' recent statements. We were really looking forward to the event and it's unfortunate that we have been forced to disappoint our fans. But doctor's orders are doctor's orders."

A group identified as Boycott Jamaica is calling for exactly that, targeting Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (where a Gay cruise was denied docking privileges) in particular as part of a broader initiative protesting human rights violations in the Caribbean. They say that announcements of the boycott will be made on MTV as part targeting the under-40 population in the U.S., and will continue at U.S. concerts and music festivals. They hope to deter at least some of those who had planned to attend Carnival in Jamaica in April.

Publisher Defends Mapplethorpe

LONDON, UK (NP) – Random House refuses to fiddle about with a collection of the late Gay photographer's works, while British officials strike a prosecutorial pose.

Police in Britain are continuing their campaign against the work of the late openly Gay photographer Robert Mapplethorpe, but publisher Random House refuses to cooperate. Publishing director of Random House's Jonathan Cape unit Dan Franklin met with detectives in London.

The Crown Prosecution Service has decided that works in a 1992 Mapplethorpe book are likely to "deprave and corrupt" in violation of the 1959 Obscene Publications Act. The West Midlands police Pedophile and Pornography Unit is expected to move to prosecute the publisher, which has refused either to destroy its stock or to remove two specific photos from the book. One portrays one man fisting another ("Helmut and Brooks, NYC, 1978"), the second shows one man urinating into the mouth of another ("Jim and Tom, Sausalito, 1977").

Should an obscenity prosecution succeed, libraries owning copies of the book -- including the British Library and most university libraries -- would also be forced to remove the two photos or destroy the entire volumes. The book has sold 5,500 copies in Britain since its 1992 publication.

Random House chief executive Gail Rebuck said, "We consider this investigation to be wholly misguided, and are astonished that a scholarly work of such acknowledged artistic and literary merit should be at risk of prosecution. We will be making representations through our lawyers that no action should be taken, and still hope that sense will ultimately prevail."

Earlier this month, Birmingham area police seized a copy of the book which an art student had borrowed from the library of the University of Central England at Birmingham, when the drugstore where she'd taken her own photos of pictures in the book to be developed phoned in a tip. University officials rejected police requests to voluntarily destroy the library's copies, and could also be subject to prosecution.

Man Beaten To Death Outside SF Bar

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (SFC) – A Gay man who was beaten into a coma outside the Loading Dock bar in San Francisco on Friday night, March 13, died Saturday, March 14.

Police are calling the attack one of the city's worst hate crimes. Edgar Mora, 25, of South San Francisco, was arrested in connection with the death of 45-year-old Brian Wilmes, police said.

The incident began about 10 P.M. Friday when Wilmes parked his car and he and friend Tim Carroll were walking across the street to the bar. They then spotted a man half a block away who appeared drunk and was flailing his arms. They crossed the street to avoid the man, but as they reached the bar door, the man punched Wilmes in the face.

"I turned around, and Brian was on the pavement, bleeding and unconscious," Carroll said. "The guy really packed a punch and caught him off-guard.... He was shouting 'faggot' this and 'faggot' that."

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Bears of the Old Pueblo

by Bob Powers

So, what is a "bear" anyway? The general accepted definition of bears is that they are hairy, bearded men, generally more robust and gregarious in nature, and their admirers. But that definition is sort of limiting and implies some kind of bias in the acceptance of others, which is the opposite of the real nature of men who consider themselves bears, and people who like bears.

Being a bear resides more in attitude and philosophy of life. The essence of "bearness" is acceptance of others, just as they are. Bears are more simply just men who like lot more than just a bunch of overweight, hairy men who like to wear flannel! Men of all types and professions belong to the Bears of the Old Pueblo (BOP). The bear movement began generally as a reaction to the image of the ideal Gay man as a smooth-bodied, muscular creature. Such an ideal leaves no place for those who don't fit such an image, or who don't identify with such biases about other people.

BOP provides a social organization and social activities for Gay people who are looking for a place to belong, and a means of mutual support and friendship. BOP offers an alternative to the bar and party scene, in the same manner as groups such as the Men's Social Network (MSN) in which many of our members also participate.

Most of all the purpose of BOP is providing fun to its members. We have pot lucks, movie nights, special excursions, hikes, evenings out on the town, camping trips, and lots of other activities members and others who would like to participate. Once a month on the second Friday, we have a business meeting to review and plan activities. The business meeting is also a social time and get-together with a pot luck and fellowship, to which anyone is welcome to attend. All of our meetings and activities are open to anyone who would like to participate.

On the second Saturday of each month the Venture-N sponsors our "beer bust" on the back patio at which we also sell good chili. Sodas are also available to those who prefer not to have alcohol. The purpose of the beer bust is also a social gathering and a chance for people to meet our members. Tips from the beer bust are used to support local charities.

One of the goals of BOP is also to be a responsible and contributing component of the Gay community in Tucson. We have been providing ushers for the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC) concerts. During the past two years, the proceeds of our beer bust tips have provided support to SAAF, Our Town Transitional Living Program for teens, a residence for people living with AIDS, Wingspan and Share Bears.

In January 1997 and again in 1998 BOP sponsored the Fiesta de Los Osos. The Fiesta is a weekend gathering for bears from around the country, and around the world, planned at a time of the year when people from other places can come enjoy Tucson weather, sightseeing and fun.

The 1998 Fiesta featured a unique and humorous bear contest open to the public at which the audience voted with their wallets for the "best bear." Ten brave bears participate, and the contest, along with the proceeds of the Sunday night Bert Burgers at the Venture-N that weekend, raised about $800 for Share Bears, a local group providing assistance to people living with AIDS.

The 1997 Fiesta was attended by over 90 bears and the 1998 Fiesta attendance was over 120. Our hope for the 1999 Fiesta is to reach our ceiling registration of 150, a figure at which we hope we can maintain a quality and friendly atmosphere for the attendees where everyone has an opportunity to meet and get to know most of the others in attendance. Net proceeds from the Fiesta also provided assistance to Wingspan and RGMC.

We publish a monthly newsletter which can be received by anyone interested in our group. The newsletter is mailed by postal mail and is also available on the Internet from the BOP web page: http://-www.csn.net/~jls/bop (coming soon!) or at: http://home.earthlink.net/~bobbear/-bopnews.

Our e-mail address is botop@-bearhug.bearclan.com. BOP can also be contacted through our hot-line, (520) 327-1620, which also has a message listing upcoming events.

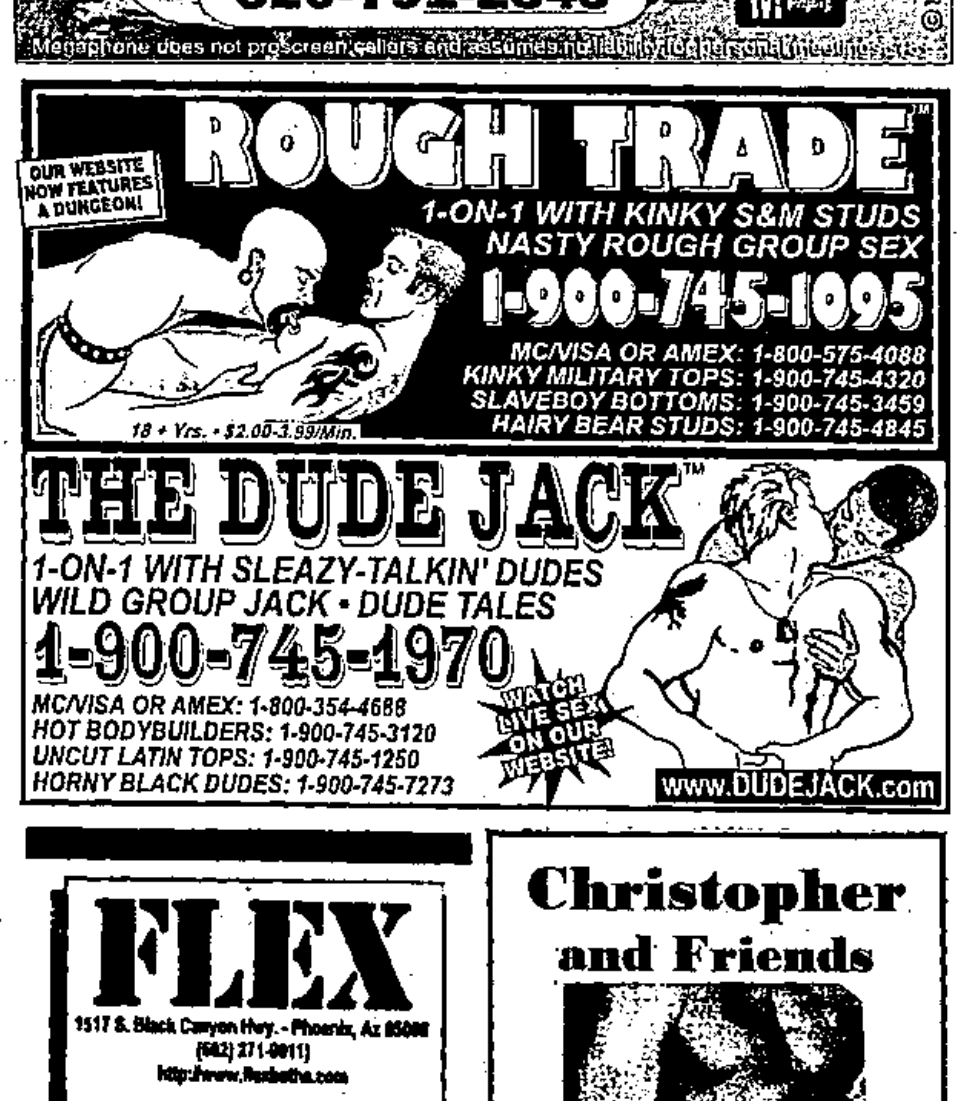
SPORTS

Desert Coyotes Bowling League Standings

	Won	Lost	Pct
Tres Amigos	4.0	0.0	1.000
Smokin Bears	3.0	1.0	.750
Weeblows	3.0	1.0	.750
Erratica II	3.0	1.0	.750
Helen	3.0	1.0	.750
Triple T	2.0	2.0	.500
Prickly Pears	2.0	2.0	.500
Gay Caballeros	2.0	2.0	.500
3 Hole Hookers	2.0	2.0	.500
Triple Dickys	1.0	3.0	.250
Six	1.0	3.0	.250
The D's	1.0	3.0	.250
Buddies	1.0	3.0	.250
Ft Lg Ht Dogs	0.0	4.0	.000

Lambda Lizards Bowling League Standings

	Won	Lost	Pct
The Denim Men	14.0	10.0	.583
Miracles...	14.0	10.0	.583
Gays & Dolls	12.0	12.0	.500
We Suck Good!	8.0	16.0	.333



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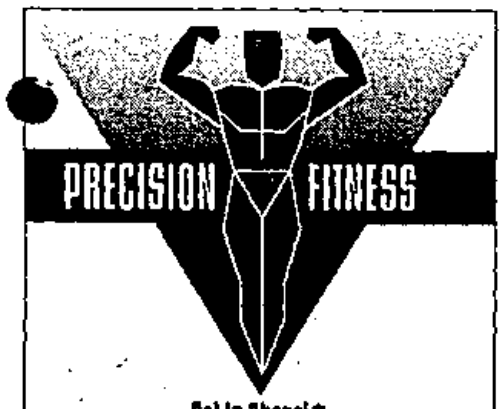

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Talkative Mercury collides with aggressive Mars in pioneering Aries this week and sends our communication into combat missions that can pot mark the landscape. Frankly, I'm tired of that "don't ask, don't tell" nonsense. As long as we are going into combat, it's time to yell it proud and queer. Leave it to the planets to fire the opening salvos.

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

You are a fighting force to be reckoned with this week when Mercury and Mars conjunct in your own sign. Queer Rambos make overwhelming first impressions. Choose your debuts carefully lest you maraud through the wrong tea dance and find yourself on the "Do List" (Like in "never darken our door again list.) Your little ray of sunshine can give sunstroke.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Use the immense power of Mars conjunct Mercury to blow your closet door off it's hinges into Outer space. Gay Bulls can't be contained any longer and will break free of any straight and narrow constraints. This transit also sparks intuitive rifts and grounding spiritual insights. You'll find that affirmation comes from within and is most effective when it is let Out.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Opinions and actions designed to control the group dynamic are amplified during the Mars/Mercury conjunction. Gay Twins have an opportunity to stir up the social scene into a frenzied boil. This is fine when everybody boogies to the same tune but expect prickly interchanges among rugged individualists who insist on a waltz. You can't please everybody so forget about it.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crabs let loose at work during the Mars/Mercury conjunction. You're a one person tidal wave so wash out entrenched upper management while you're foaming the waters. At very least, clear a new path for yourself or explore opportunities elsewhere. It's never too late to stake your claim in the corporate hierarchy and frankly, it's bloody well about time.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Personal philosophy undergoes a re-evaluation and road test during the Mars/Mercury conjunction. Regal proud Leos feel they have all the answers (so what else is new?), and are tempted to take immediate action. Go for it after you sufficiently review all the pros and cons. You are playing with reckless planetary energy and don't want your rainbow armada to hit a sand barge.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

They call you many things behind your back but hot-to-trot is not usually one of them. Prove the experts wrong during the Mars/Mercury conjunction when your flame is fanned to a crackling roar. Queer Virgins sometimes have an interestingly seamy side that can manifest in fetishness or over the top sexual gluttony. Dirty panties or people? Your choice.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

The Mars/Mercury conjunction is a combustible cocktail in relationships. Proud Libras may find that sparks fly over the most innocuous of actions. So be it, cousin. Maybe this tired old combination needs a little bit of excitement and you're not above trying to push things over the edge. Just know when to kiss and make up when the planets move on.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

A new broom sweeps clean at work. Heck, a gigantic vacuum cleaner takes the rug off the floor with the Mercury/Mars conjunction. Queen of Mean Scorps wield a stick with which they whack underlings into action. Problem is that, in this karmic world, rats usually get their tails in a vise. Why not use this planetary punch to be crowned the Queen of Hearts instead.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Letting Gay Archers loose on the party scene may not be advisable...for the party. The feisty Mars/Mercury conjunction makes this proud player too hot to handle and too wild to control. Rein it in cowpoke; you are a guileless chatterbox in normal circumstances and now you are a mouth that roars. Words pack a nuclear punch. Duck and cover, comrades!

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Home sweet home rocks and rolls during the Mars/Mercury conjunction. Queer Caps will either make some dramatic changes in their personal surroundings or will search and destroy family dictates. Instead of torpedoing the Mayflower why not simply redecorate it in rainbow bunting? You are capable of changing the world; why not start with Mums and Dad?

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians make their point rather effectively during the Mercury/Mars conjunction. The problem is that it is a very sharp, jabbing point. As long as your communications pack a wallop this week, make it your business to promote anything and everything Gay. Your views will rise above the static and may even bring results. Tell Jesse Helms a thing or five while you're at it.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Pink Fish may make some snap fiscal judgments during the Mars/Mercury conjunction. Be careful of rushing into investments based on scanty knowledge or a mere hunch this week. Chances are your hard earned swag may swagger off into the sunset. On the other hand, you may reach a personal epiphany and realize that money cannot really buy happiness...nah!

For entertainment purposes only. For best results, read both your Sun sign and Ascendant. For a free ascendant calculation, send birth date, time, place, name of this publication and s.a.s.e to: Lichtenstein, POB 1726, Old Chelsea Station, NY 10011.

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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join the guys for a relaxed Lunch Out as we eat at the Old Chicago. Good food, good conversation, and good guys. What better deal can you get at lunch time? For reservations and directions, please call Jerry W. at 298-7415.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Hitchcock Retrospective continues with "Rope." This 1948 film is about the Leopold-Loeb murder, where two gay men commit the "perfect murder" and proceed to flaunt their crime. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

FRI., SAT. & SUN., MARCH 20-21-22

1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo at Old Tucson Studios all three days. Plenty of action - rodeo, dancing, eatin' drinkin' and more. Y'all come! Check the AGRA advertisement in this issue for full information.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take be held at Les & Jerry's home. Simply bring $4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565. Please note: reservations MUST be made by Friday, March 20 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

QueerFlix, Wingspan's first ever monthly video series continues tonight with "27 Pieces Of Me", a Gay man mediates serious discussions between his Lesbian roommate and her sister. All screening are on Saturdays at 7:00 p.m. $1 donation requested at the door. Soda vending machine available. Wingspan is located at 300 E. 6th Street (West of 4th Ave.)

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Join us for a Brunch at the Tohono Chul Tearoom. After brunch, we'll take a tour of the Tohono Chul grounds. For reservations and directions, please call Richard at 616-7156.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:30 a.m. A 50-mile round trip bide ride is scheduled to begin and end at San Xavier. For reservations and details, please call Alan at 628-4390.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 23

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A fun evening devoted to British comedy series. Three episodes from your favorite series: "Absolutely Fabulous," "Fawlty Towers," and "Keeping Up Appearances." For directions and reservations, please call Loren at 733-0072.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who may want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 790-8735.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night is devoted to getting out the MSN newsletters. It's a fun way to help the organization and get to know the MSN guys. Dessert and door prizes are provided. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The first night of a 3-part mini-series-"If Tomorrow Comes." Part I sets up the action for the next two nights. This part verges on camp as a heroine is put-upon at every turn. The next two nights take a decidedly different approach with humor and adventure. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The second night of a 3-part mini-series-"If Tomorrow Comes." Part II takes this mini in a new directions-with humor and action coming to the forefront. A plot synopsis of the preceding episode is provided. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The conclusion of a 3-part mini-series-"If Tomorrow Comes." Part III finds our "heroes" getting together. A plot synopsis of the preceding episodes is provided. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. We join our Desert Voices brother (and sisters!) for their "Dance!" concert. Tickets will be available in advance from Davey and at the door. For details, please call Davey at 886-1206.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a return engagement of the film "Maurice." Set in pre-WWI England, this is the story of two college boys who fall in love with one another-only to be torn apart by societal mores. For directions and reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Free Anonymous HIV Testing brought to you by the Pima County Health Department and the Gay Men's Health Project.

IBT'S - The Girlie Show at 9:00 p.m. hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Phaedra, Felice Renard, Victoria Du Puis with special guest Sabrina Crawford.

FRI - SAT - SUN, MARCH 20-21-22

IBT'S - Come celebrate The 4th Avenue Spring Street Fair this weekend that will be packed on the Avenue and inside IBT's with shows and people. Don't miss it. Show Saturday 3:00 p.m. Shows Sunday 3:00 and 9:30 p.m. For the afternoon shows there will be a $1 Cover Charge. Free shuttle from the Graduate to IBT's Fri. To 1 a.m. Sat. Noon to 1 a.m. and Sunday, noon to 9 p.m. Plenty of parking at the Grad. Avoid the hassle.

VENTURE-N - Hides of March all three days! Lots of men. Lots of fun. Party Time!

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

VENTURE-N - Free Anonymous HIV Testing brought to you by the Pima County Health Department and the Gay Men's Health Project.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Mr. Kenneth Blake in The Dreamgirls Revue with Felice Renard and special guest. Doors open in the Stonewall at 9:00 p.m. Showtime 10:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 23

IBT'S - 5th Annual Academy Awards Party with local awards immediately following. Pick up your ballots now! Nominate your favorite friend or enemy for the local awards to follow immediately after the Academy Awards. See the show on big screen TV. Food, fun and Party!

VENTURE-N - Hollywood has the Oscars. V-N has the Vinnies! Vinnie Awards Party tonight. Get your nomination ballots now!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

IBT'S - Benefit Show for Victoria Du Puis who is a candidate for Miss Gay Tucson this year. 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Salud Es Poder Proyecto de Salud Para Hombres Latinos - presents "Fuerza Latina" Travesti Show 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

STONEWALL / EAGLE - 2:00 p.m. Russian Roulette Pool Tournament in the Eagle. Then Mr. Kenneth Blake in the Dreamgirls Revue with Felice Renard and special guest. Doors to Stonewall open at 9:00 p.m. Showtime 10:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

GRADUATE - The 3rd Annual 'Grey Eagle' Arm Wrestling benefit for SAAF. Pick up registration packets at the Grad or IBT's.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

IBT'S - Make plans to attend the big Easter Egg Hunt here.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - It's taxx night at the Biz. Checks and Balances will be here to answer any tax wuesdtions yo have. They will also calculate your 1040 form for $15.00. No cover. 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Back by overwhelming demand, Nancy and Hippi Shake!! Last month they packed the house. Come early. Music starts at 7:00 p.m. DJ follows. Cover for show only.

HOME MADE TAMALES
RED CHILE
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CALL 520/ 622-4232 FAX 520/ 622-2165

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

A comedy benefit for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) at Laffs Comedy Cafe. Mistress of ceremonies is Debbie Rice with the Tucson Prune Juice Dollies and Brian Bradley. 8:00 p.m. $10 per ticket. Call SAAF at 322-6226 and ask for Matthew Palmer.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Good Friday Services at Cornerstone Fellowship 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Sedar at Cornerstone Fellowship. Tickets available at the door for $4.50. 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Resurrection Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. in the Memorial Garden at Cornerstone Fellowship. Potluck Breakfast / movie at 7:30 a.m. Resurrection Celebration at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

3:00 to 6:00 p.m. is the Men's Massage Workshop. This is an excellent workshop for lovers and friends to attend. In three hours ou can learn some basics to giving a decent back massage. It's fun, practical and educational. Call Marc at 881-4582 to register. Fee payable in advance.

FRI. SAT. SUN. APRIL 24-25-26

12th Anniversary Celebration at the Cornerstone Fellowship with the ministry of Rev. Joan Wakeford.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Latin Music 9-1. Shot specials all night.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Drink Specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. $2 Bloody Marys & $1.50 Screwdrivers til 8pm. Country music & dancing with FREE country dance instruction 7pm.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 Well. Benefit 5-8-0 and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Party with Stan. Complimentary hot dogs.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. $1.75 pitchers 75¢ a glass. Food Buffet 3pm. Pool Tourney 2pm w/Zipperman. Latino Tea Dance 6-9 w/DJ Eduardo. Karaoke Night 9-close hosted by Billy Dee. Stonewall Dance 9pm with DJ Rayrman

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee. Bust Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Too! 4-11pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Absolutely Fabulous at 9:30pm with $2.25 Stoli and $3 Absolute drinks

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50 Draft $1.75 Domestic. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

IBT's - Open noon. Martini Monday all day all call martinis's $2.50. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, $1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s Dance 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 4pm. Happy hour 4-7. Drink specials to pool and dart players.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Party with Rob in the evening. Doc's Dart Tourney 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day.

VENTURE-N - Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm 2for1 well and domestic long necks. 2-7 p.m. Pool Tournament 7:30 pot matched. $1 longnecks all night for tournament players. Hot dance music.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50, Domestic $1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. $1.50 well or domestic beer. Draft Beer Nite 8-close. $2 small/$4 large pitchers.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. 8 pm to close 2for1 well/ Miller Lite. Fetish Night, dress in your fetish and get special drink prices 9-1. High Energy Dance with David Z.

NEON MOON - Happy Hour 4-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee. $1.00 off drinks to singers.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Miller & Miller Lite $1.75 Cuervo Gold $2 after 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. $1.25 pitchers from 9 to midnight. Neon Kami's $2. Schnapps $1 all nite. Alternative music w/Stephanie 9pm-1.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50; Domestic $1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourney. 7pm, Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm $1.50 well or domestic beer. Import Night $2.25 8pm-1am

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. Mystery Night. $1.75 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Happy Hour 4-7. 2 for 1 from 7-10. Liquordation 7 to 10 pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Billy Dee. Stonewall opens at 9:00 p.m. Dance w/Rayrman

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold $2 all daylnight. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! open 8:30pm.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8:30 pm to close. (New time)

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well $1.50, Domestic $1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm $1.50 well or domestic beer. 75¢ Schnapps 8pm to close. $2 Cuervo shots and country/western dance at 9pm

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Underwear Nite. $1.50 Well and $1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 4pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Drink specials to pool and dart players.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Latino Dance Party w/Eduardo at the Stonewall which opens at 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm $3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! open 8:30pm

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Latin Happy Hour 5:30 - 7 free food. Dance music 9pm-1am Shot specials all nite.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.50/ domestic $1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm $1.50 well and domestic beer. Country Western Music and Dancing 9pm to 1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. 8 Pm to close Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Country/Western Dance Party with Billy Dee.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Food Buffet 6pm. Wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt and receive ½ price all night. DJ Rayrman 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! opens at 8:30 pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every ½ hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.50/domestic $1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm, Double Elimination, pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. Small Pitchers $2 & FREE pool 2-5. Xena on the big screen with pot luck at 6pm. Country Western Music all night.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Saturday Night Party & dance!

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Happy Hour til 8pm. Free Pool all day. Stonewall opens at 8pm. Hot sounds with Rayrman.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Bitches & Angels w/$1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! Opens at 8:30pm.

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NOTICES

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

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 570-0027 for more

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 298-9454.

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 Norm 968-2584.

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

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merle at 888-7264.

Y-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 749-5247.

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

MANE MEN: Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

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

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. 300 E. 6th St.

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 rehearsas Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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

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

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

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact. Mary 770-9979 or Bertie 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9063.

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 322-6226.

"EVOLVERE" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held on 4th Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. Call 884-0541.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-9602.

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.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. BB or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 10:00 a.m. Check it out!

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.

THE JOHN HANTEN MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1946 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-6015 or Jane Perri at 326-8577.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 577-6333 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.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 694-7063.

TIHAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, 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.

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 797-3116 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6678 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 791-7678.

NOTICES

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmoor Building). 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. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?
Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

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 Sunday (open to all), 6:00 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 882-4726 for information.

LICHEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Journal available at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

L.D.S., EX-L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7pm. 320-1319 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Saturday 3 to 5 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1208 for more info.

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SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5855. Leave message.

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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.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Xtra Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

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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 (ovelton@ix.netcom.com)

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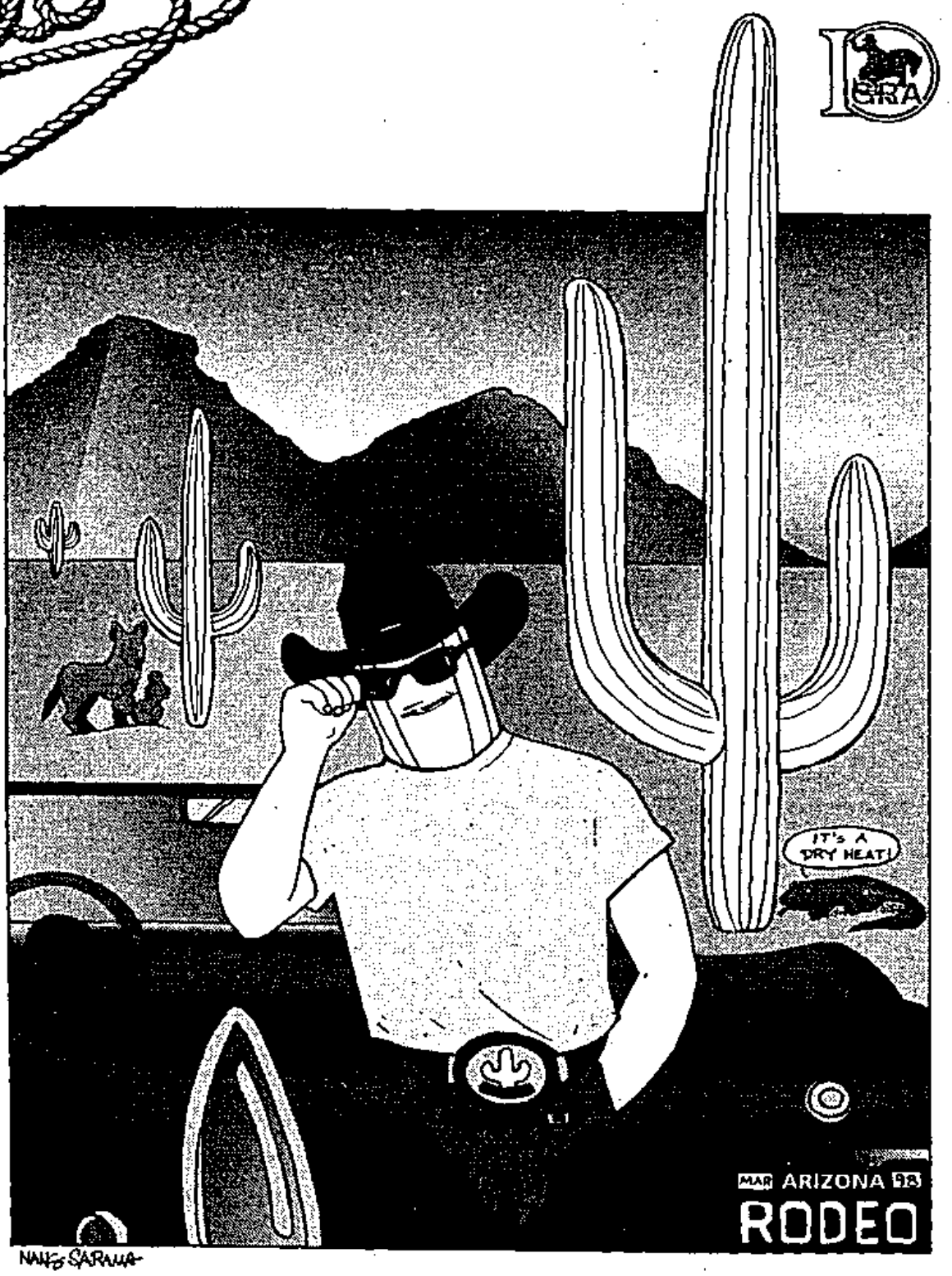

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