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Arizona Legislative Update

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) - If state Senator David Peterson, R-Mesa, gets his way, medical benefits for the domestic partners of government employees could be a thing of the past.

Peterson has introduced SB 1438, which was first read on Tuesday, January 25. SB 1438 would allow cities and town to provide health, life, accident and disability insurance to its "employees, spouses of employees and legal dependents of employees."

In his bill, "provision of insurance coverage to persons other than employees and spouses and legal dependents of employees shall be authorized only on a majority vote of the governing body of the city or town."

With the flurry of legislation being considered, more than 1,100 bills filed as of press time, this provision could be amended to require a vote by the people, as state Representative Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, tried to get approved last year, with her two bills trying to dismantle the City of Tucson and the Pima County Board of Supervisors decision to extend medical benefits to the domestic partners of their employees. Since then, the City of Tempe has also extended benefits to the domestic partners of city employees.

Kathie Gummerie of the Arizona Human Rights Fund stated the group's opposition to Peterson's measure, since it "would take away the authority from cities and towns from enacting local ordinances."

Under the Arizona constitution, cities and towns that have a charter can enact ordinances and laws. Tucson has a charter, and the courts ruled that the Pima County Board of Supervisors where within their legal rights extending benefits to the domestic partners of their employees.

Senator Peterson bill isn't just aimed at city and county governments. His proposal would take-away power from the governor, forbidding the state's chief executive from extending benefits through an executive order or otherwise. "The Department of Administration shall not provide benefits to persons other than the officers and employees and their spouses and their legal dependents," the proposed amendment goes on to state.

SB 1438, as of press time, hasn't been assigned to a committee for consideration.

In other legislative news, a bipartisan effort to repeal the state's "archaic laws" has started.

SB 1471 was dropped Tuesday, January 25, and is cosponsored by 41 legislators. This bill would repeal laws dealing with: cohabitation, which only familial relations can live together in Arizona, the lewd and lascivious and sodomy statutes. These laws have been on the books since 1901, but are rarely enforced.

"It is important to repeal these archaic laws, not because they are regularly enforced, but because they are unfairly used as a purported, justification against Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people," noted Tucson Attorney, Amelia Craig Cramer said. "It is also important to protect the constituent's right to privacy to keep all of us free from unwanted government intrusion in our homes."

State Representative Steve May, R-Phoenix, said this is a very important measure because he believes in civil liberties and freedom.

Civil liberties and freedom weren't victorious during the first session of the 44th Legislature, in 1999, when the last attempt to repeal the state's archaic laws took place.

An attempt to repeal the archaic laws was approved by the State House of Representatives, by a majority vote, but the Speaker of the House, state Representative Jeff Groscost, R-Mesa, killed the proposal in a controversial parliamentary maneuver.

Despite that, the confidence level has risen to take these old laws of the books. Supporters of the repeal are urging people to call their legislators at (800) 352-8404 to state their support for SB 1471, and urge their elected officials to vote for the bill.

Hit TV Game Show Ignores Former Broadcast Taboos

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - A report confirmed what many in the Gay and Lesbian community had believed: That the matter of-fact presentation of Gay couples on the network's hit show, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," has changed the television landscape.

Producers of the television program, the No. 1 show in the country, have persistently and without fanfare broken sexual and racial taboos by broadcasting the Gay and mixed race spouses of contestants without so much as a flutter in the expression of the show's host, Regis Philbin.

The impact of the ABC broadcast, which has single-handedly revived the network's fortunes, could scarcely be greater, reaching an average of 28.5 million viewers three nights a week.

Sunday's broadcast broke another barrier when Rob Coughlin of Shoreline,

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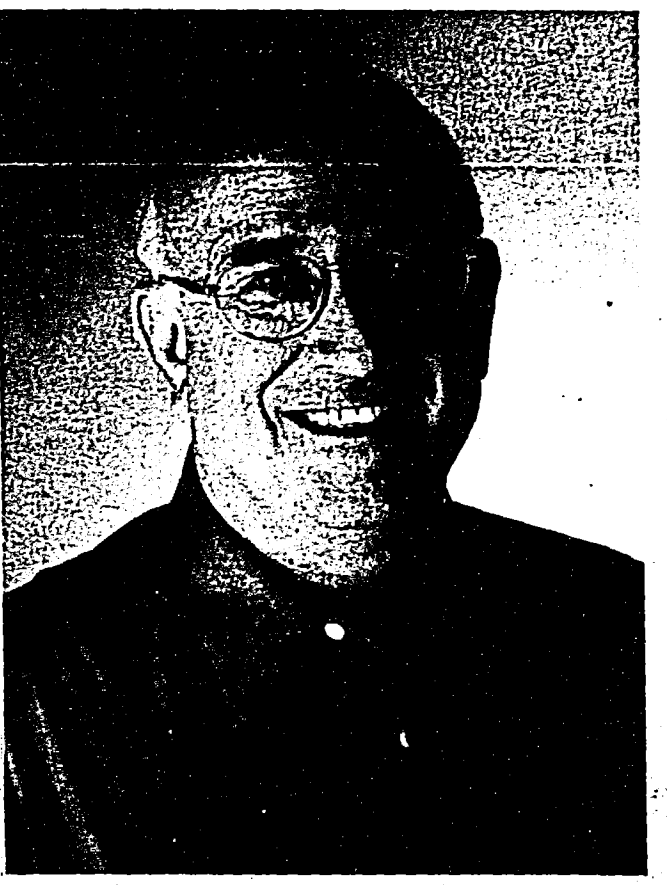
Mayor Walkup Speaks At CBA Meeting; Tucson Future Bright

TUCSON (ON) - The city's future is a bright one, but only if the community does more to attract high paying, high tech jobs, Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup told the Community Business Association (CBA) at their monthly meeting at the Plaza Hotel.



Mayor Bob Walkup

This was the new mayor's first address before the Gay and Lesbian business group.

All other goals he stated - more police, better schools, clean drinking water, less traffic tie ups - flow from the economic and tax base those jobs will provide, he said.

"If we want better bus services or more police on the streets or more city services, the best way to fund these services is to promote good business and increase Tucson's tax base," Walkup went on to say in his speech.

Voters, the new mayor said, sent a message with his election and with the approval of the Rio Nuevo development project and the no vote on Proposition 200, rejecting more restrictions on Central Arizona Project water.

"We are ready to accept responsibility for acting like a city, not a small town. We are ready for professional solutions to our problems. We want compromises that benefit everyone," the Republican mayor said was the message he had heard during the campaign.

Tucsonans are optimistic about the community's future, he said. But adding that the campaign also caused him concern this is becoming "a community of haves and have-nots," a trend that must be reversed.

"We should all be very concerned about what has been called the digital divide between people who have access to computers and technology and those who do not. Our community can not afford these divisions," Walkup went on to say.

The mayor said that Tucson needs to do better at preventing family and domestic violence, improving public safety, protecting the environment, growing wisely and making government more responsive.

The Community Business Association is a group that provides a forum to the Lesbian and Gay business community for the purpose of networking, creating increased visibility, and strengthening business relationships among Gay and Lesbian business community leaders. For more information, call (520) 529-7542.

Hearings Continue In Vermont

MONTPELIER, VT (NP) - The Vermont House Judiciary Committee, charged with drafting legislation in response to the state Supreme Court's order to extend the benefits of marriage to same-gender couples, heard more expert legal testimony, this time focusing on the "portability" of marriage.

The Committee will soon be choosing whether to extend existing marriage law to include Gay and Lesbian couples or to set up a separate legal partnership relationship for them, and one of the key differences between those two options is the expectation that only marriage will be recognized in other states.

The U.S. Constitution requires each state to give "full faith and credit" "to the public acts, records and judicial proceeding of every other state." But all three of the legal scholars testifying agreed that there have long been exceptions made where one state's action violates another's strong public policy, and it has come into play at times with respect to marriage, for which qualifications vary noticeably from

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'Miss Saigon' At Centennial Hall Feb. 10-20

TUCSON - Casting has been completed for the exclusive Tucson premiere of Miss Saigon, directed by Nicholas Hytner. Presented by Cameron Mackintosh, Miss Saigon will play a limited engagement at The University of Arizona's Centennial Hall, beginning on Thursday, February 10.

Joseph Anthony Foronda heads the company as The Engineer, with Mika Nishida as Kim, the young Vietnamese girl who falls in love with Chris, the American soldier, played by Will Swenson. Also featured will be Eugene Barry-Hill as John, Christine Allocca as Ellen, and Johnny Fernandez, Jr. as Thuy. At certain performances, Michelle Nigalan will play the role of Kim.

Miss Saigon is a musical by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg, the creators of Les Miserables. Music for Miss Saigon is by Mr. Schonberg, with lyrics by Mr. Boublil and Richard Maltby, Jr., adapted from the original French lyrics by Mr. Boublil. This Tony Award winning story of two young lovers torn apart by the outside world, and held together by a burning passion, is a powerful masterwork of romance and spectacle that has captured hearts, and awards, around the world.

Miss Saigon will play Thursday, February 10, through Sunday, February 20: Performances on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings are at 7:30 P.M.; Friday and Saturday evenings are at 8:00 P.M.; and Thursday, Saturday and Sunday matinees are at 2:00 P.M. Tickets range in price from $30 to $62, with discounts available for some performances. A $2 theater modification fee will be charged for each ticket to cover additional expenses incurred to install the production in Centennial Hall.

Tickets are now on sale at the Centennial Hall Box Office. To charge tickets by phone, call (520) 621-3341.

Bowlers Needed

The Desert Coyotes are looking for two individuals for teams in the league, which bowls, Wednesday, 9:00 P.M., at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile.

Skill is not important, but having fun is. It costs $10 a week to bowl, plus the initial sanctioning fee. If you are intersted, just show up a few minutes before the 9:00 P.M. start.

For more information about the Desert Coyotes, please call (520) 323-6449.

Benefit Concert For SAAF Feb. 25

TUCSON - Whisper, Muse!, a professional vocal quintet based in Tucson, will present a concert titled "Caprice, Whimsy & Romance" on Friday, February 25, 7:30 P.M., at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, located at 545 South Fifth Avenue in historic Armory Park. Proceeds from the concert will benefit Support Services of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation.

In a romantic, candlelight setting, the ensemble will perform light classics and jazzy tunes that focus on the whimsical and amorous. Works performed on the concert will range from Renaissance to contemporary. Traditional part-songs will be presented, as well as a number of a cappella jazz arrangements of popular songs. The concert will take place in the parish hall of St. Andrew's Church. Light refreshments will be provided.

Whisper, Muse! was founded two years ago by Wayne Glass, who continues to sing with and direct the group. The mission of the ensemble is to bring a fresh, and often unusual, approach to the performance of part-song literature, both current and historical. The group has received high critical praise for its vocal blend, as well as for innovative programming. The quintet is comprised of Karen Hogle and Christina Jarvis, sopranos; Kay Wiley, mezzo-soprano; Wayne "Sandy" Glass, tenor and artistic director; and Michael Culloton, baritone.

Ticket prices are $20 for general admission or $14 for seniors, and may be purchased at SAAF (375 S. Euclid Ave.), Antigone Books (411 N. 4th Ave.) and Desert Pride (300 E. 6th St.). Advance ticket purchase is recommended, as there will be limited seating to this concert. For information, call Whisper, Muse! at (520) 791-7453, or SAAF at (520) 628-7223.

C.P. Taylor's Masterpiece 'Good' February 3

TUCSON - ITCH Productions will be presenting C.P. Taylor's masterpiece, GOOD, February 3-5, 9-12, 2000 in the Cabaret Theatre of the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Scott Ave. All performances are at 8:00 P.M. Tickets are $11. Call 748-0291 for tickets and additional information.

GOOD, which recently was included by England's National Theatre on a list of the best 100 plays of the 20th century, is the tragic tale of one man's descent from "goodness" into the depths of the Nazi atrocities. Rather than a straightforward presentation of the horror of the Third Reich, GOOD gives us a look into the life and mind of a professor who rationalizes, compromises, and minimizes his role in the Final Solution. Hardly a stale docudrama, C.P. Taylor wrote this tragedy in the form of a musical, with the varied musical score highlighting the ironies, compromises, and contradictions the main character allows himself to accept. The momentum of the times and of his descent is emphasized by sudden switches in time and place, abrupt changes from dialogue to monologue, and slapstick humor contrasted with moments of intense emotion.

It was Taylor's belief that "inhumanities" are, in fact, all too human.

As a critic wrote of a recent London revival of the 1981 play, GOOD "leaves you wondering if you too could rationalize and deceive yourself into the abyss."

Team Arizona Fundraiser April 1-2

PHOENIX - Team Arizona, the state's primary organization supporting athletes participating in the Gay Games, is pleased to announce that as part of the Saguaro Cup Spring Sports Festival, Arizona's Balmy, Crazy Doubles.

It's a round-robin doubles tournament, will be held on April 1-2, 2000 from 8:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. at the Ranch at Camelback Mountain, 5700 East McDonald Drive in Paradise Valley. The $60 per participant cost includes two days' play, a welcome party, a banquet on Saturday evening, and much more! Players at all levels (from novice to advanced_ are encouraged to participate, and will play against opponents of similar ability. Tournament profits will support our athletes as they prepare for Gay Games V in Sydney, Australia in 2002.

Applications may be obtained by contacting Paul D. Cain, Tournament Director, (602) 495-9750, or by E-mail at: pauldcain@aol.com. Entries are limited to the first 64 players to submit a completed application form, and the draw closes on Feb. 29, 2000, so don't delay - join the fun and call today!

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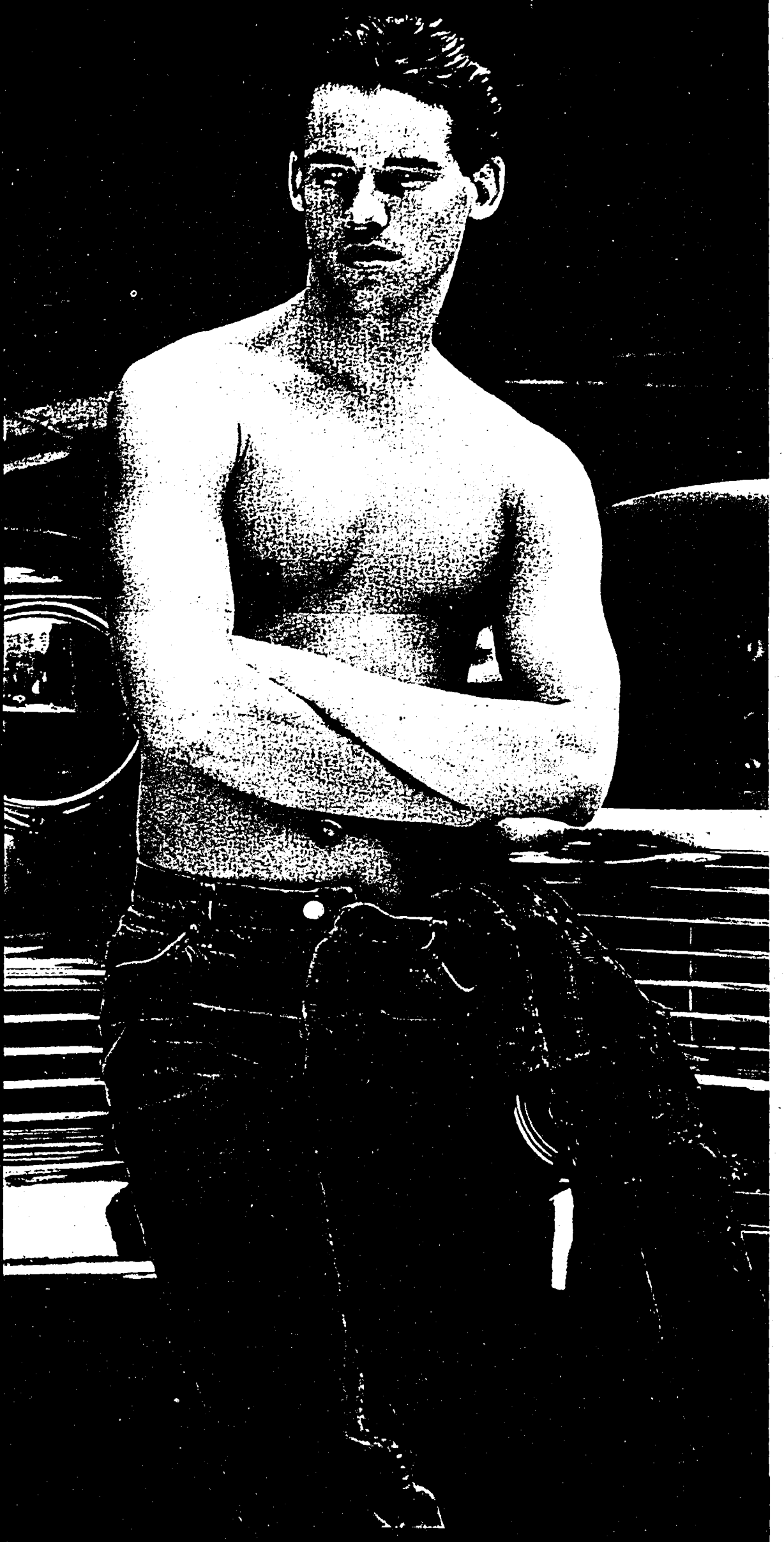

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Hearings Continue In Vermont

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state to state. That was the case well before the federal government and some 30 states enacted so-called "Defense of Marriage" measures specifically to deny legal recognition to same-gender marriages another state may someday perform. However, when a married couple move from one state to another, most often no further inquiry would be made into the details of their qualifications for marriage, while a Gay or Lesbian couple would be questioned.

One of the witnesses was Lynn Wardle, a professor of law at Utah's Brigham Young University who has given testimony all over the country opposing Gay and Lesbian interests on a range of proposed family law legislation. He declared that, "It is very unlikely that other states will recognize same-sex marriages." Another witness was Mark Strasser, an associate professor at Columbus, Ohio's Capital University Law School, who said, "I'm hopeful that at least some states will recognize a Vermont [same-gender] marriage," particularly if the couple had lived together in Vermont for several years after being married there. Vermont Law School professor Gil Kujovich believes that the "Defense of Marriage" laws pose real barriers to recognition in those states which have enacted them.

Previously, the Committee had heard from the attorneys representing the Gay and Lesbian couples in the "Baker" case, from Vermont's attorney general who defended the state in the case; from attorneys representing opposition groups including the Roman Catholic Church and the grassroots group "Take It To The People"; and from Yale historian Professor Nancy Cott, who is completing a book on the political history of marriage in the U.S. Committee Chair Thomas Little (R-Shelburne) remarked that he found Cott's testimony "invaluable." The Committee will also be receiving a written report from each state department and agency describing the impact of either same-gender marriage or registered partnerships on its functions. Meanwhile, an amendment to the state constitution, intended to override the court's order, has been introduced in the Vermont Senate. However, a lengthy process is involved, including approval by two sessions of the state legislature and then a general election.

Also, Senator John Bloomer, R-Rutland, and Representative Robert Helm, R-Castleton, are gathering signatures from Rutland County lawmakers on a petition to get voters' opinion via two non-binding ballot questions, the Vermont Press Bureau reported. Citizens attending town meetings would be asked to state if they approve or disapprove of allowing same-gender couples to marry, and asked separately whether or not they believe the state should create registered partnerships for Gays and Lesbians with most of the benefits of marriage. The lawmakers are trying to phrase these questions in as neutral a manner as possible. They hope to gather opinions this way from those who may not be able or willing to testify at the state house in Montpelier, where the legislature will be hearing testimony from the public for the first time this week. Also seeking public input by a different means is Senator William Doyle, R-Washington, who intends to include similar questions in a questionnaire he sends out each year, receiving as many as 10,000 responses.

Elsewhere, the well-known peace and civil rights activist Reverend William Sloane Coffin, a Vermont resident, wrote an op-ed piece called, "Let us be impatient with prejudice," in which he called on Vermonters to reflect deeply on the issue and contact their legislators with only their most carefully thought-out reactions, rather than inflammatory rhetoric. With an historical analysis, he questioned "the sanctity of traditional marriage"; he noted that change is rarely comfortable, for those who feel "uncomfortable" about Gays and Lesbians; he asserted that, "If anyone destroys marriage, it's married people, not Gays;" and he expressed his personal gratitude to all who have helped him to begin to recover from his own various prejudices.

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In The Life And Gay.Com Team Up For On-Line Video

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - In the Life, America's Gay and Lesbian television newsmagazine, and Gay.com, the world's most visited Gay and Lesbian website, have teamed up to offer audio and video streaming on the Internet beginning in February 2000.

This new partnership represents the first of its kind in the history of Gay and Lesbian media, and represents the future of multimedia distribution in bringing the stories and images of Gay and Lesbian life to the world with immediate and easy access.

Beginning next month, a new multimedia center on the Gay.com network will guide visitors to audio and video highlights from In the Life's latest episode, which will air on public television stations nationwide throughout February and March.

Morgan Gwenwald, Executive Director of In the Life, puts the new partnership in perspective: "We have received numerous emails from people around the world who lament that they cannot enjoy our broadcasts. Even in the U.S., public stations in twenty states still will not schedule In the Life as we are deemed too controversial. With video on Gay.com, we will now be able to give people who can't see In the Life a taste of our program. And this is just the first step for us in this exciting technology -- highlights of In the Life's rich archive of interviews could someday find a place on the Internet."

Executive Producer, Charles Ignacio has been producing In the Life since its first episode in 1992. "There is only one other point during In the Life's history I feel may be as significant as this, and that is when we began to air on stations outside of the urban centers, reaching more people in rural areas," said Ignacio. "Though we are already seen by millions through our broadcasts, teaming with Gay.com means reaching millions more, and represents a broad new stroke for the future of In the Life."

"We are delighted to bring In the Life's quality programming to our millions of visitors," said Mark Elderkin, Gay.com President. "Our partnership with In the Life is just the beginning of how we will bring the most exciting video and interactive services available to our community."

Audio and video content on Gay.com in February will feature six two-minute clips taken from several of the feature stories on In the Life's February/March episode. Three video clips include interviews with the lead actors of Queer as Folk, the groundbreaking British drama series that has been taking the United Kingdom and the U.S. by storm. Another video clip tells of the work of two dynamic choreographers, David Rousseve and Chris DC Ramos, while another highlights the vital activities of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association. Quentin Crisp is remembered in the final video streaming clip, and host Katherine Linton introduces web visitors to the new In the Life page on Gay.com in an audio clip. Streaming services for this project are provided by GayBC.com.

White Notes Slow Progress With Falwell

ROANOKE, VA (RT) - More than two months after the historic meeting between Jerry Falwell and Mel White which was designed to repair strained ties between the evangelical and Gay and Lesbian faith communities, the two religious leaders remain at odds over what qualifies as anti-Gay rhetoric.

White, a Gay minister who worked closely with Falwell before openly acknowledging his homosexuality, said he has been closely following statements made by Falwell since a nonviolence summit held at Falwell's Thomas Road Baptist Church in October, and the news wasn't all good.

"It's a mixed bag," White said. "He has continually tried to do his don't drive your children away rhetoric," referring to advice given to parents with Gay children, and White gives the Virginia preacher high marks for preaching against violence.

"On the one hand, we think he's trying," White said. "On the other hand, he doesn't understand what spiritual violence is."

During the October summit Falwell, admittedly pressed by conservatives in his organization to toe the anti-Gay line, compared Gays to drug addicts, alcoholics and unwed mothers. Falwell said Gays need to be loved, like other sinners, and helped out of their sinful lifestyles. White said he felt ambushed.

And Falwell continues to batter Gay activists, including members of White's Soulforce organization. Gay civil rights advocates, said White, ask only for equal treatment in employment, in the military, in marriage and adoption. This is still seen as a radical agenda, and those that are pressing for it are still characterized as bad people. "He doesn't understand that the good guys are the activists now," White said. "When we ask for those basic human rights, he sees that as militant activism."

Falwell's spokesman, Mark DeMoss, said he understands some of White's disappointment and frustration. At the same time, however, DeMoss said White needs to be patient and appreciative of Falwell's willingness to talk.

"This is the only dialogue Mel White is enjoying in America with anyone who disagrees with him," DeMoss said. "I hope he doesn't lose sight of that."

DeMoss said the October summit was encouraging and significant, but he said both sides must realize there are points on which they will never agree. "Somewhere down this road, we reach a point where both of us will say, 'we can't go any further,'" DeMoss said.

"Falwell is committed to being more sensitive and more careful. On the other hand, he has not committed to quit saying what he believes to be morally right or wrong." He added he is "absolutely certain" Jerry Falwell will never change his position that homosexuality is a sin against God.

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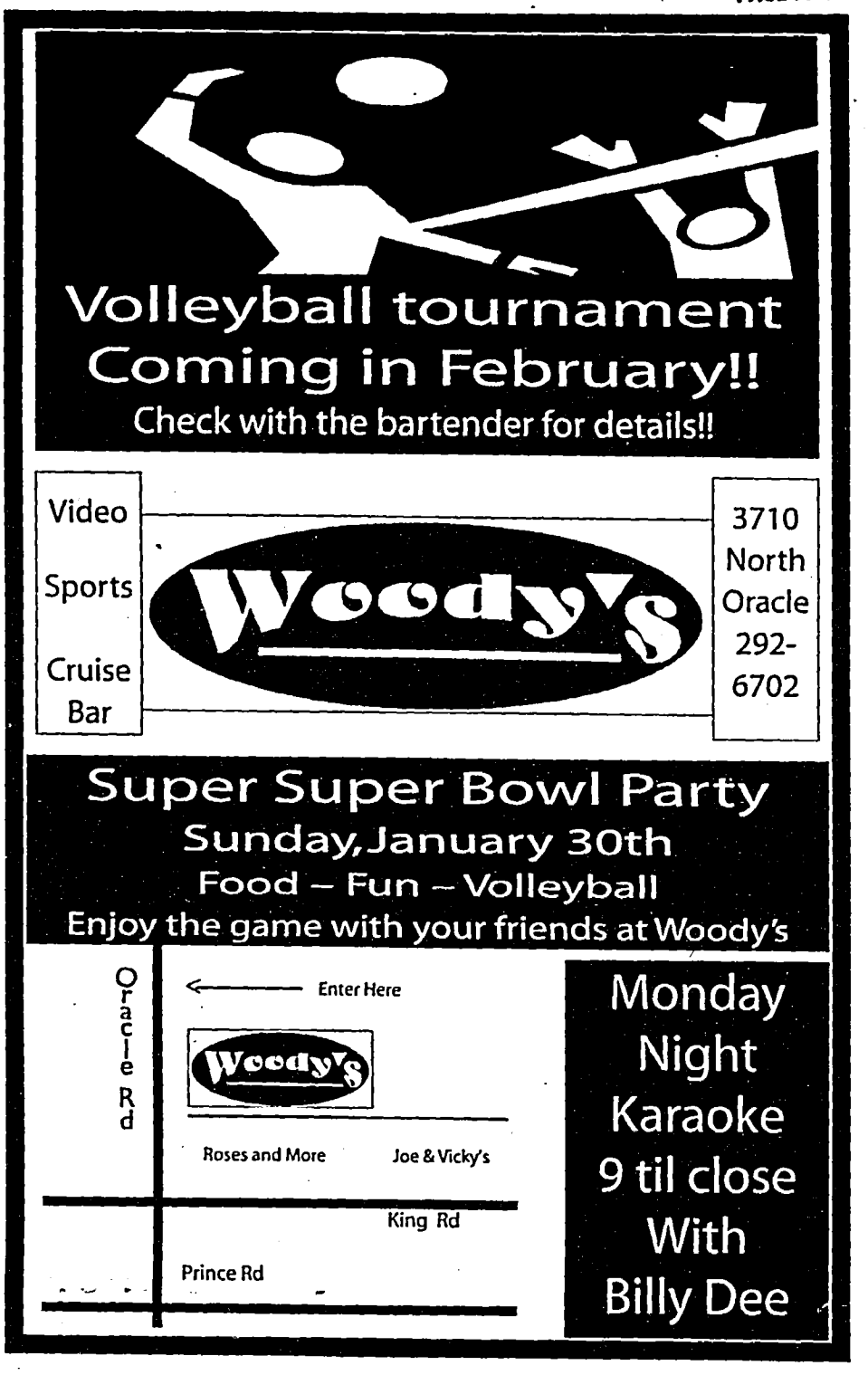

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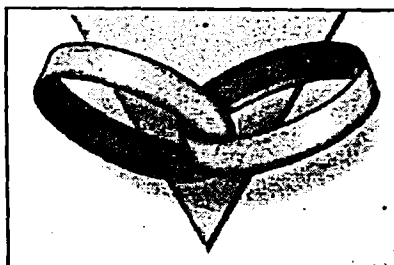

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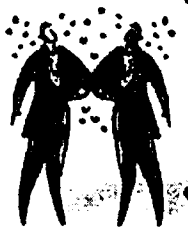

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February 12, 2000

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I wish to express my appreciation to Bob Ellis and Gary Clark of The Observer for announcing my ballroom dance classes in the paper. Thanks to them and others in Tucson, I have already had to open up additional classes.

As a recent arrival in Tucson, I am very much impressed by the warmth and spirit of people here. The GLBT community has welcomed me with open arms, and I am proud to be a member of the GLBT community and of this town.

So thanks to all of you who've given me a morale or professional boost, including friends at The Observer, Wingspan, Antigone's, IBT's, Rainbow Cafe and more.

And count one me to pitch in! (I'll put my best foot forward!)

Sincerely,
Artie Stone

DEAR FRIENDS:

As many of you know, radio talk-show host and author Dr. Laura Schlessinger forcefully advocates a cultural and political agenda to deny Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people the most basic of civil and human rights. Indeed, she portrays our desire for equality as hubris.

GLAAD's concern with Dr. Schlessinger is three-pronged. Her incendiary rhetoric continues to threaten people in our community; her reliance on information sources that advocate so-called "reparative therapy" and obstruction of basic civil rights nurtures an anti-Gay bias in her audience; and her refusal to acknowledge reasonable, differing views effectively blinds her sizable audience to the truth of our lives.

The new intensity of Dr. Schlessinger's campaign seems more tangibly tied to her promotion of opinions and materials from politically driven groups such as the Family Research Council (FRC). This group's agenda prominently calls homosexuality "lethal and immoral behavior." Dr. Schlessinger refers her listeners to FRC for "factual information and intelligent points of view" and even distributes FRC literature from her office. This kind of endorsement/referral both builds credibility for FRC in the minds of Dr. Schlessinger's audience and sends her listeners to an organization whose rhetoric is even more defamatory than her own. I encourage you to take a critical look at this alliance, particularly because of Dr. Schlessinger's upcoming Paramount Television program. This "marriage" of broadcasting and anti-Gay advocacy poses a serious threat both to our community and to the integrity of what Americans expect of mainstream media.

In the most ironic twist of perspective, Dr. Schlessinger now insists that GLAAD and any other group contrary to her point of view are trying to silence her. That is not, nor has it ever been, GLAAD's intent. Our mission is to promote fair, accurate and inclusive media representations; we are not in the business of trying to shut down opposing points of view. On the other hand, Dr. Schlessinger has continued to offer exclusively dark, despairing portraits of our community - in effect, silencing those who disagree with her. Although she has received hundreds of thoughtful, respectful letters from our community, she only reads those which attack her personally (thus allowing her to strike back) or those from listeners who advocate "reparative therapy" as the way to overcome "the dysfunction, the deviancy" of homosexuality.

Dr. Schlessinger's messages and reach have powerful potential to help or to hurt. The consequences of her comments go far beyond matters of ideology and profit;

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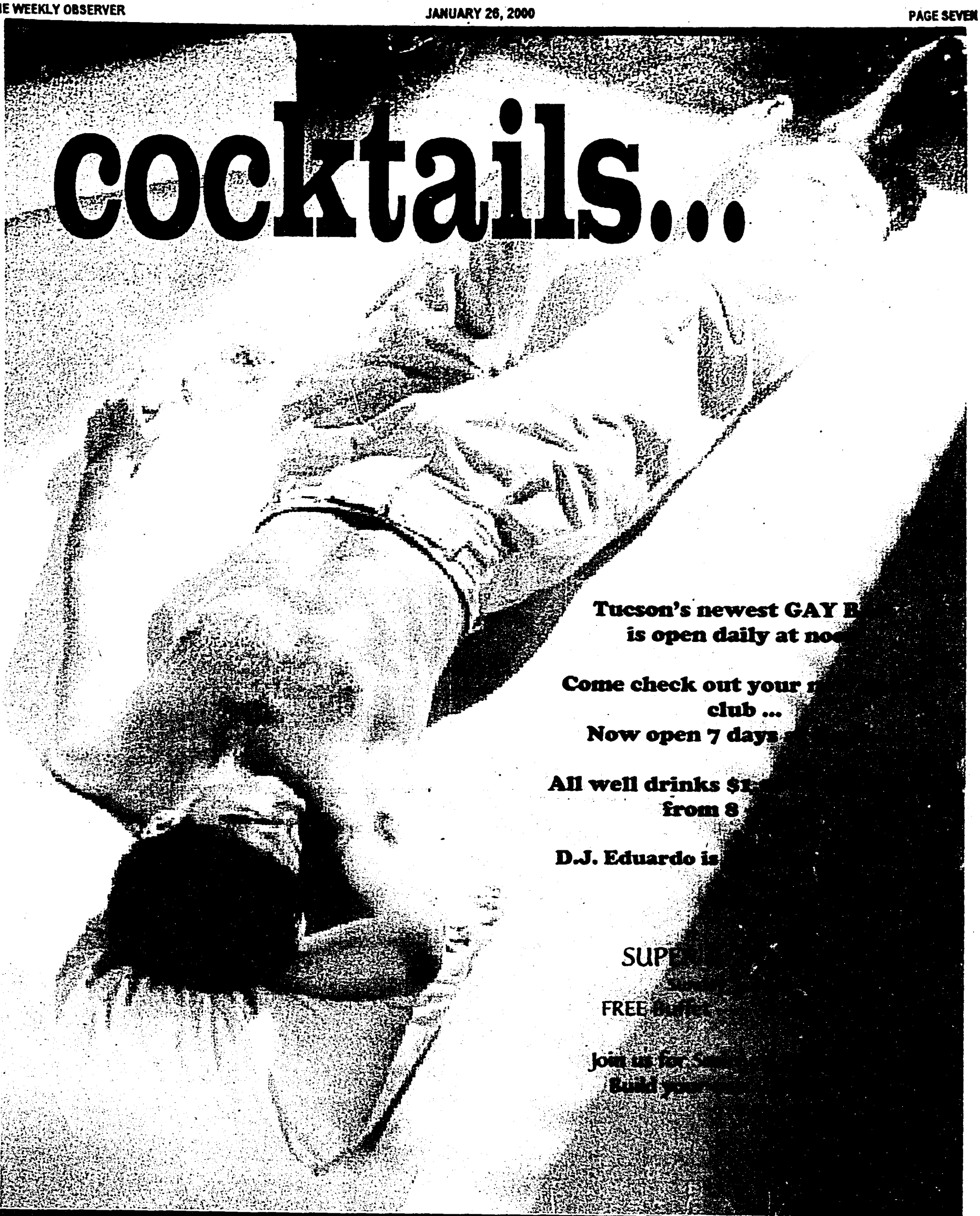

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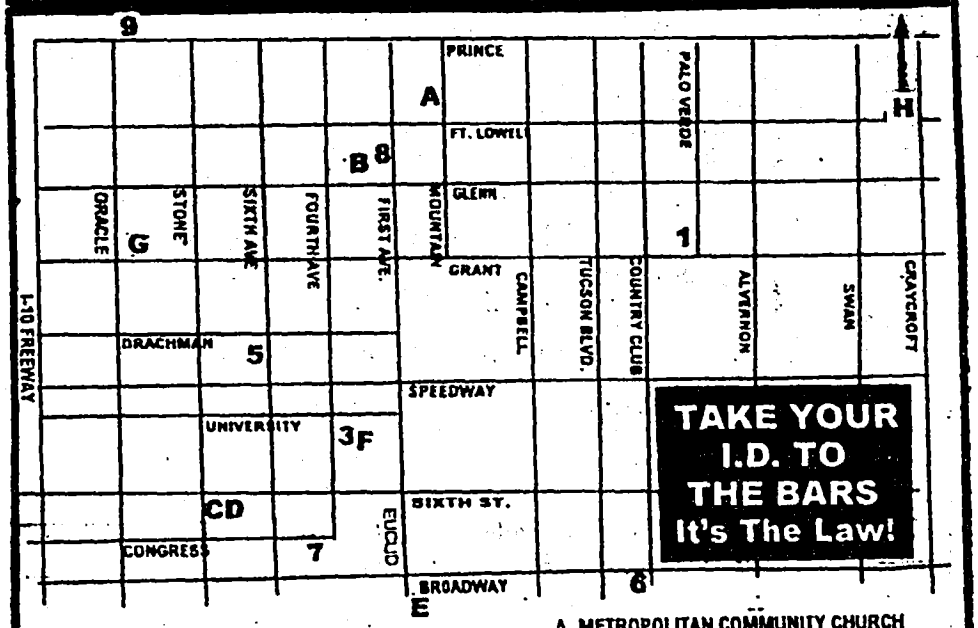

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Sun and Mercury move from conservative Capricorn to unorthodox Aqueerius this week which means that our energized minds are restlessly in pursuit of our lifelong goals. Turn on the mental power kids and fire away! It's time to set the course, full speed ahead, and achieve what we secretly crave. Don't just think it. Be it.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Gregarious Gay Rams are the whirlpool of the social swirl. The platonic heat is on when the Sun and Mercury enter friendly Aqueerius. Join a new and unorthodox organization or plan to bring a few close pals together for a mutual admiration brunch. You never know what can happen when great minds meet and greet over mimosas and gravlax.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Even demure Bulls can't help but be overly confident in their careers now. Sun and Mercury in dichard Aquarius makes no bones about what you feel you deserve and where you see yourself going in that great professional arena. Why not strike while the planetary power is hot, dear queer Bull? Allow Aquarius to push you in the right direction, then you must do the rest.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Long term goals and global ideas catch fire when Sun and Mercury move into Aqueerius. Proud Twins become expansive and strategic. Pick up the rainbow banner, pack your bags and head to parts unknown to aggressively explore new terrain. You never know what exotic elements may inspire you. Even legal battles can be fought and won now. Formez le battalions!

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Feisty Mercury and Sun in Aquarius heat up your sexuality to full boil. Thankfully queer Crabs can channel this impressive energy where it will do the most personal good. Your heart, mind and intimate goals ache for closeness, affirmation and merging; Nothing less than total success will do. Good! Throw off the psychological shackles and love to the hilt.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Partners better shape up or ship out now that both the Sun and Mercury enter pioneering Aqueerius. Gay Leos often strive for domestic harmony at the expense of their better judgement. Now, the planets will either force compromise with an all or nothing push or toss the whole darn affair into the bin. Such regal souls deserve the best, so demand respect and equality.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

If your nose is especially close to the grindstone, blame it on the fiery surge of Sun and Mercury in Aquarius. Work! Work! Work! You'll never feel as energized to get those annoying, onerous tasks out of the way. It's also a splendid time to get the old bod to a gym and hone it to perfection. It's never too late to get into shipshape for cruise season.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Lucky Gay Libras are even luckier now that the Sun and Mercury dance into Aquarius. It may be time to touch your inner Gay muse and expand your creative talents. The one drawback of this time is over confidence associated with gambling and other risky games of chance. The Aquarius energy foolishly charges forward at great risk and expense. Don't bet more than you can well
afford to lose.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Home and family issues come to the fore with both Sun and Mercury in Aqueerius. Proud Scorps should not accept anything less than full acceptance from family members. Don't allow yourself to compromise for the sake of appearance. Frankly, that's sad and stupid. Thankfully, the Aquarius energy is not big on compromise and issues can resolve themselves now.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Mercury and the Sun in Aqueerius fires up communication in a big way. If you ever had a hankering to take the message to the streets, this is the time to do it! Pink Archers storm the barricades as the idealistic Aqueerian energy provides courage and verve. You are persuasive and, dare I say, pushy, but this is good. Sometime you have to shout to be heard above the squall.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Even careful queer Caps are energized by the Sun and Mercury in Aquarius. Money becomes a big issue and you realize that you are well prepared to take financial responsibility of your life. Great capital gains can be realized by turning your attention to the bottom line. It's your future and your security. Take charge, and I don't mean credit card...

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians are never the shy and retiring types. Now, with both the Sun and Mercury moving into your own sign, it's time to chart your course for the next year. Plan big things for yourself. Plant the seeds now. Thank goodness that your thoughts are focused and on target. The trick is to avoid the steamroller effect. Try the fist in the velvet glove instead...

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

How will queer Fish deal with the powerful energy when the Sun and Mercury come under the Aquarian spell? Thank your lucky stars if your closet flies off the hinges or if you can aggressively forge out and vanquish secret enemies. It is time to clean out the cobwebs and dust out the corners of your mind. It is the only thing holding you back from true affirmation and pride.

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POLITICS 2000

"Damn Breeder Press!"

Facts checked, we don't need no stinking facts checked!

Follow up questions, we don't need no stinking follow up questions!

Paraphrasing one of the famous lines from "Blazing Saddles," aside, will the breeder press ever get it?

Who are we kidding here!

There were two items by the breeder press this past week of note, pertaining to the wacky world of politics, where fiction was printed as fact:

State Senator Ann Day, R-District 12, announced her plans to run for the Pima County Board of Supervisors, to succeed Mikey Boyd, who may run for Treasurer, the Corporation Commission or away from his burgeoning radio career.

At a press conference announcing her candidacy, Day said she's running for supervisor because "the county's budget is out of control, the healthcare system is broken and our roads are in gridlock."

This is interesting coming from an elected official from the Arizona Legislature, from which funding for the counties come from.

Day said as the state and federal government shift more responsibility to local governments, it's important to have someone with policy experience to deal with those problems.

This is interesting coming from an elected official from the Arizona Legislature, since the county government is an extension of the state government. The state legislature didn't give the counties a charter to enact local laws, so the Board of Supervisors main function is to vote on zoning cases and policy pertaining to county employees.

The state Senator from Tucson's northwest side promised to try to cut government costs by consolidating duplicated services with the city.

This is interesting coming from an elected official from the Arizona Legislature, since they would have to approve any changes to county government. ...

An Arlington Virginia based "non partisan" group, the Voting Integrity Project, filed suit to block the Arizona Democratic Presidential Primary, scheduled for March 11, because they plan to have early voting via the Internet.

According to Tim J. Casey, a Phoenix attorney representing the group, the plan by the Arizona Democratic Party makes it easier for people with computers to vote.

Based on who has access to the Internet, Casey said, that means Anglos, and it will dilute the voting strength of blacks and Hispanics. He added that the plan flies in the face of federal laws that prohibit any actions that adversely affect the voting strength of minorities.

So why now with a lawsuit? Why not four, eight, twelve years ago or even further back? Casey couldn't answer that question posed by this reporter.

The Democrats have had this system for a presidential primary since the 1970's. Why? The party has to run and fund its own primary.

The Arizona Legislature set up the state-run presidential preference primary for late February before the 1996 presidential race, in an effort to help Texas Senator Phil Gramm, running for the GOP nod. Gramm didn't make it out of New Hampshire in 1996.

Democratic Party rules preclude any state from having a presidential primary or caucus before March 1; exceptions are built in for the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary.

The result? Our state government is running the Feb. 22 Republican and Libertarian presidential contests while the Democrats are on their own.

What about federal laws that prohibit actions that adversely affect the voting strength of minorities? The courts have ruled in the past that the laws pertain to state funded and run elections, not privately funded contests.

The Phoenix attorney said there may be as few as 40 polling places. The state has more 2,000 voting sites in a regular election, he added. When posed by this reporter, the point that the Arizona Democrats have this setup since 1984, since this wasn't a regular election, he said that it wasn't the case.

Not true. This reporter has voted in all Arizona Democratic Presidential Primaries since 1984. So why with the lawsuit? Casey couldn't answer the follow up question.

Then there is the group itself, the Voting Integrity Project. It purports to be a nonpartisan group, but its governing board is made up primarily of Republicans.

What of the attorney, is he an idealist, seeking clean elections? Was he approached to take the case? Casey, an attorney with the Phoenix law firm of Snell and Wilmer, cited attorney/client privilege.

According to the Secretary of State's office, a lawyer with Snell and Wilmer, named Tim J. Casey, had made donations, in the amounts of: $760 to Tom McGovern (Feb. 18, 1998), a Republican who ran for Attorney General in 1998, and $300 to David Crete (July 1, 1998), a Republican who ran for the State House of Representatives from District 6.

Follow up, we need follow up! ...

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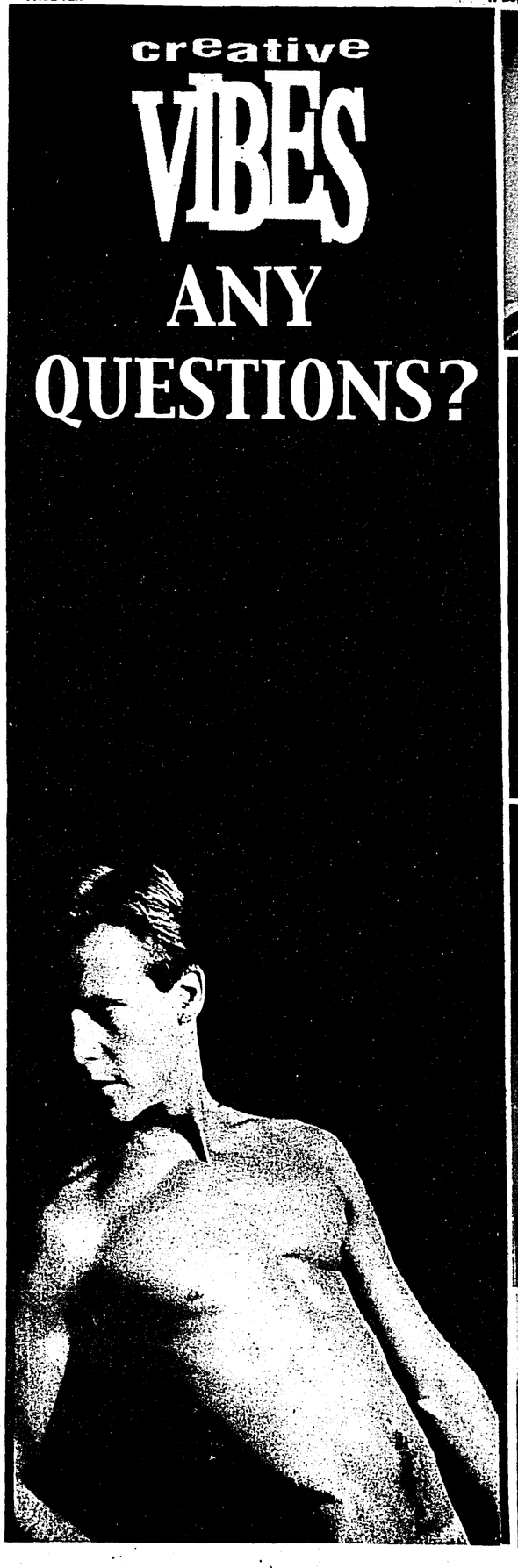

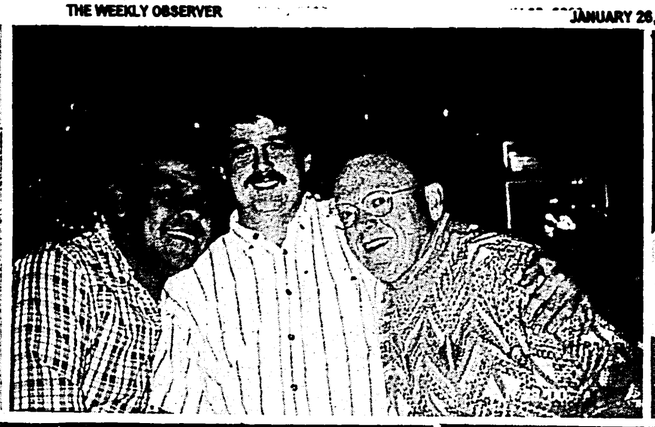

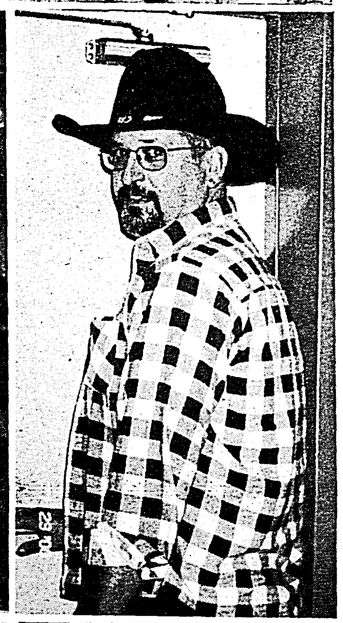

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION

As many of you know, the holidays are a busy time of year for SAAF. We collect donated items and money to provide holiday gifts and food for our clients. This year, we were pleased to bring holiday cheer to 300 clients. For clients with children, these items were delivered by Santa and his helpers, including Mrs. Claus (Anne Maley), who attended our new SAAF Kids group the week before Christmas and made deliveries to several families in the community.

The Holiday Project is a major undertaking that is dependent on a great deal of community support and organization. This year, we particularly want to thank KZPT/The Point radio station for their on-air solicitation of gifts and cash, Desert Leathermen, Tucson Knight Owls, Stonewall, IBT's, Shaundriana, Frank Schepis and Dave Huff, Glen Vogt and Robert Miller, Friends of TIHAN, Pet-Watch, Greg Degario and the employees of the Broadway/Kolb Home Depot, and many, many individuals who donated food, cash, gift certificates, personal hygiene items, toys, and households items. Thanks to all of you for making this holiday season special for so many of our clients.

December and January are also busy times for important grant applications for AIDS services. We have submitted our annual request for City CDBG funds. Ryan White funding looks very good this year in Pima County. We will be maintaining and expanding services to better meet the increase in need as identified by clients in a recent survey conducted by the Pima County HIV/AIDS Care Consortium. New contracts will begin on April 1, 2000.

The staff and Board of Directors have been busy evaluating possible projects related to the agency's strategic plan. In January, SAAF's board analyzed our housing program and encouraged staff to continue developing projects which serve the needs of our clients who currently cannot access our housing because of the complexity of their needs. SAAF is discussing potential assisted living housing projects with other agencies in Tucson and expects to submit a collaborative proposal for developing assisted living within the next year. Later this year, the board will examine SAAF's prevention efforts and make recommendations for future directions in preventing the spread of HIV in southern Arizona.

We welcome your input into the services and programs needed in our community to assist people living with HIV/-AIDS and to prevent the further spread of HIV.

Again, thank you for all that you do to enhance the quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Pre-Trial Investigation Begins For 67 Ministers

SACRAMENTO, CA - The leadership of the United Methodist Church plans to hold a series of unusual public hearings next month in the case against 67 ministers who stand accused of violating church law for co-officiating a "holy union" ceremony between two Lesbians in California last year.

The chairman of the church's Committee on Investigation, the Rev. Ron Swisher, has called for hearings to run from Feb. 1 through Feb. 3. He plans to assemble testimony from clergy, theologians, ethicists and other opinion leaders in the church to consider what the accused consider a faith-based mandate and what conservatives consider blasphemy.

The Rev. Swisher and six clergy colleagues will then decide whether, as seems likely, the case will proceed into a full blown church trial.

Ninety-five United Methodist clerics took part in the January 1999 service for Ellie Charlton and Jeanne Barnett, the highest-ranking lay leader in the 375-church California-Nevada Annual Conference. But the Committee on Investigation is only examining the role of the 67 who fall within conference boundaries.

Inviting the public to listen in on pretrial investigations is extremely unusual. But, said Swisher, "Because of the issue, we thought it would be important for everyone to be aware and hear the evidence."

The Rev. Don Fado who officiated the service and dubbed it an act of "ecclesiastical disobedience," said that the investigation and trial might not accomplish much in the way of change. "But we have to give witness to what we believe is the truth," he said. "Part of what it means to be a pastor is to be faithful to the Gospel as we understand it."

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Hit TV Game Show

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Wash., embraced his male partner before television cameras after winning $500,000.

"We treat everyone the same way, and there's never been an issue about people's personal relationships," Michael Davies, executive producer of the show, said in an interview.

"If a contestant is married 25 years and white and middle-class with 2.4 kids and brings his wife to the show, that's fine," Davies said. "Or whether somebody brings their college buddy or mother or sister or lover, we don't care. We don't care about ethnic things, we don't care about sexual things. We treat everybody the same. The show broadly reflects society."

On "Millionaire," Mr. Philbin introduced Coughlin's companion, Mark Leahy, soon after the contestant walked onstage. "Your partner, Mark, is in the audience, hey, Mark," said Mr. Philbin as the audience cheered.

After a string of correctly answered questions, Philbin asked Leahy what his partner in the gameshow hot seat should do if he won $1 million. Smiling broadly, he replied, "Get a new wardrobe."

Play Safe!

Making It Last: Thoughts About Long-Term Relationships

It was a great afternoon! The sun was warm and there was a light breeze. My friend and I met for lunch at one of the 4th Avenue eateries. Finding a table outside, we settled in for a good meal and time to catch up on events of the past week.

My friend was telling me that he had been out the night before at one of the local establishments. I was surprised because my friend rarely goes to a bar or club on a weeknight. One of his friends had just broken-up with his boyfriend. My friend was out to try to console him after the break-up. As we talked, we named several other couples who had hit the rocks recently. Among those couples was the friend I was eating with and his lover of almost four years.

We talked about the number of break-ups we both new about and wondered what was going on. Perhaps because of the new year, the new century and new millennium, some people want to make changes. Well, perhaps. At the same time, earlier in the week, another couple who's been involved for some time asked if I'd perform their wedding for them later this year. All my unscientific survey can really tell me is that some people are breaking up while others are getting involved. However, my recent conversations about coupled relationships has given me reason to think again about what makes couples last long term.

It's true that relationships go through their own phases of development and change over time. There are the intense feelings experienced at the beginning of a relationship that psychologists call, "limerance" and normal people call "being in love." Those feelings do fade in time. Many people wrongly assume that when the feelings fade the relationship is over. But the loss of intense feelings provides the opportunity for another level of relationship based on friendship, commitment, and a different level of trust and respect. In this phase of a relationship, partners start doing more things apart from the other as well as focus more on sharing significant moments. After about four years together, there's another shift where a balance needs to be struck between time apart and time together. This transition is difficult for many couples because both partners often have interests they enjoy pursuing that the other doesn't share. Unless both partners can allow the other to have their own interest while also finding good time together, the balance is lost. Even after four years, there are rhythms and seasons that evolve and change. Those changes help keep the relationship growing and alive. Most often, the relationship runs into trouble when one or the other partner believes that things have to work only one way.

Ultimately, I believe what keeps couples together are some basic commitments. Those commitments include the obvious like love and respect. But they also include things more subtle, like the commitment to grow together, both as individuals and as a couple; to become the best people both can be; to grow toward something that is more than just sharing a home and sexual relations. Without commitments and goals that are future oriented, a relationship inevitably grows stale and partners wonder, "What am I doing here anyway?"

In the end, the couples I know who have been together for 10, 15, and even 20 years are those who, as a couple, have a future to look forward to. They look toward that future together, in good times and in bad. Indeed, it is hope for the future that leads us forward.

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Its kind of funny to hear some people's description of Christianity.

They make it sound like once you accept Jesus as your Savior all your troubles immediately disappear. Nowhere in the Bible does it say that.

Rather, it says that despite what we may have to go through Jesus will help us. He helps us through it, he gives us alternatives, he blesses our right choices. He will even heal the wounds. But more often than not we still have to go through "it."

One way I have of changing my perspective on a situation is to look at it from God's perspective. I can so easily see a situation as an obstacle that cannot be moved or changed. But God sees each situation as one that has hope somewhere entwined within it. He knows he can make a difference and when I remember that, my perspective changes. I have been through enough trying situations, I've experienced enough pain, and I have made so many wrong decisions on my own, that I know God really does have a solution to each problem. The trick is to do things his way. Often his way seems harder but it always produces good. My ways at best are fallible.

So what do I do with this gloom and doom attitude of mine? Well, I will remember all the times the Lord has taken bad situations and brought about good in my life. I will remember that the Lord is all powerful and nothing is impossible for him. Finally, I will take a little stroll up and down my life noting the many incredible blessings I have been given from God. My perspective has to change, right?

I hope and pray that if you're having a tough day that you too will stop and begin to recognize and remember all the blessings you have as well, and will turn to Jesus to help you through.

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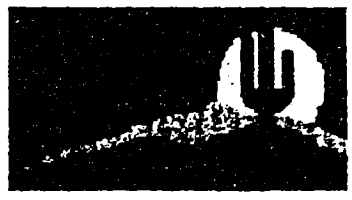

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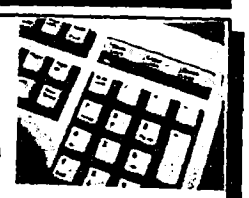

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they can damage people's lives. I cannot imagine the kind of defamatory verbiage and stereotyping Dr. Schlessinger levels against the Lesbian and Gay community being tolerated - much less endorsed - by any credible media outlet were it targeted at any other minority group. No other group would be expected to take such public abuse unchallenged. Neither shall we.

I encourage you to stay informed about Dr. Schlessinger's attacks on our community and her alliances with anti-Gay organizations. For our part, we will continue in our discussions with Paramount Television and others to push for fair, accurate and inclusive media representations of our community from Dr. Laura Schlessinger.

Sincerely,
Joan M. Garry
GLAAD Executive Director

TO THE EDITOR:

Thanks to many groups and individuals in the community, SAAF's Holiday Project was a big success again this year, I would like publicly to acknowledge some of the donors and volunteers who made Holiday Project '99 possible"

John, Jason, and all the other Desert Leathermen once again donated large Christmas stockings stuffed full of personal hygiene items. The Desert Leathermen put a great deal of time, money and effort into fund raising, shopping for the components, and assembling the packages. These gifts are a major traditional part of the Project. Thank you!

Many thanks to Doc, Ray, and the members of the Tucson Knight Owls. TKO donated thirteen holiday dinners to people living with HIV/AIDS. The dinners were delivered shortly before Christmas. Thanks for making the holidays brighter and for ensuring that more people living with HIV/AIDS were able to eat.

I would also like to thank Dave and Frank; Lucinda Holliday; Patsy LaCroix; Bunny Fu-Fu; and the staff and patrons of IBT's. They put on a great show and auction which raised over $300, as well as donating a new microwave. The microwave is being used by a Food for Life recipient. The money helped us restock the Food Panty, which was heavily used during the holiday season. Thank you for all your support, and for doing the shopping!

Kudos to Jim Dondson and everyone at PetWatch, who donated several dozen "pet packages" again this year. The generosity of the staff and patrons helped us keep the pantry stocked during a time of high demand. Thanks so much!

Our "friends" at TIHAN sponsored 25 children who are living with and/or are affected by HIV/AIDS. They provided several items from each child's wish list. Thanks so much for making a huge difference in these children's holiday!

Thank you, Shaundriana, for donating fifteen holiday dinners again at Thanksgiving. We appreciate your ongoing support, as do the individuals and families who were able to celebrate.

Many thanks to Glen, Robert, and their benefactors and friends for the turkey dinners, holiday cookies, perishable food, and small appliances, which they donate year-round.

I also would like to thank Drew Michaels, Cathy Rivers, James Barton, and the staff and very generous listeners of radio station KZPT, 104.1/The Point. The station did a donations drive for the Project again this year. They not only helped us serve the approximately 300 Project recipients, but also allowed us to further educate the public on HIV/AIDS issues and prevention.

Thanks to Greg and the employees and management of the Home Depot at Broadway/Kolb, and to Garrick and everyone at Westland Resources, for sponsoring families and supporting the Food Pantry.

I would also like to thank some of our other donors: Diana Thompson and others at PFLAG; Ernie, Rafael and Salud es Poder; the 911/Public Safety Dispatch staff; the USMC/Toys for Tots; Cathie's Beauty Studio; Frank Carrillo and Barat Malik; David Smith; Michael Tearne; and Elaine Weyand.

This year's project had the support of some terrific volunteers: Mike Marsh, Jason Blivven; Kathie Bennett; Scott Davey; Meredith Mathis; Elaine Weyand; David Hortenberry; and Peggy Hendry. It wouldn't have happened without you!

Because of these and other donors and volunteers, the '99 Holiday Project served approximately 300 people living with HIV/AIDS and their family members. Participants received holiday dinners, extra food boxes, baked goods, packages of personal items, gifts and/or gift certificates. The community's generosity allowed us to provide: baked goods for over 130 households; 300 personal item packages; holiday dinners to approximately 80 people; over $1400 in gift certificates; over $500 in cash; and approximately 600 gift items. Packaging and delivering these tokens of holiday cheer required 56 dedicated volunteers working over 380 hours.

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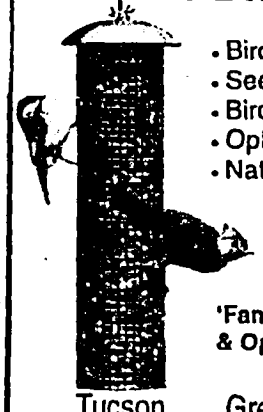

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BY REV. ANDREW BROOKS

This week, dear readers, I want to talk about loss. Loss is a facet of life, and of relationships, be it with a loved one, a relative, or a beloved pet. I recently lost two of my precious rabbits, and to me, it was like losing a family member. Pets love us unconditionally, and they do not care if we are old or young, fat or thin, or what we look like. They care for us, and we can form a special bond. When we lose someone we love, there is of course pain and sorrow. We must face that loss, and cannot avoid it. Trying to run from pain or avoid it means that it will come back at some future time to haunt us, so it is best to deal with it. Grieving is a process. We can go through a myriad of emotional states, such as anger, denial, shock, and of course all the questions we ask ourselves. Was it our fault? Could we have done more? In the end, we must realize that when we lose someone, it is not our fault. Death is a natural part of the living process. When we bring a pet home to live with us, we know in our hearts that we will not have them forever, that their lifespan is shorter than ours. That should not deter us from getting to know them, to loving them and sharing our life with them.

I have met people who don't want to get close to anyone, because they don't want to face the possibility of losing them. However, when we open our hearts to someone, we are always taking a risk. Every day we spend with a love one is a treasure. We can share our lives, our thoughts, our dreams, and our lives with someone. There are so many rewards to having someone close, and the risk of loss should not deter us from the wonderful adventure that is love. Loss is, of course, not limited to death. Sometimes relationships end, for a variety of reasons. Sometimes, we grow apart from someone, and what was once a rich, meaningful relationship can lose that special spark. Relationships take work, and we need to remember to keep them special, vibrant, and romantic.

A relationship is based on a lot more than sex. The sex can be terrific, but if you have no common interests, what is there to talk about? Some people seem content to have a relationship where they are quite busy and don't spend much time together. That to me is a bit too distant. Despite the job, the friends, the hobbies, I would still want to take the time to build a wonderful relationship where the communication stayed open and meaningful.

I recently met someone very special, and he is a wonderful person, and I look forward to a loving relationship with him. Every relationship is unique, and we have to go into them realizing that they will not always be what we expect them to be. I accept this person as is, at face value, with all their good points and the shortcomings, too. We cannot hold others to unrealistic expectations of perfection. We must instead come together with openness, honesty, and a commitment to each other for a loving relationship that will grow, evolve, and change over time. Despite the risk of loss, having a relationship is to share your heart with someone, and find all the wonderful little treasures that it can bring. To me, it is definitely worth the risk. The rewards outweigh any possible problems.

So when you suffer a loss, remember all the joyous times you had, and the fun you had in the relationship, and treasure them. Time does indeed heal all wounds. If your grieving is so intense that you cannot move on, counseling might help you get back on track. In time, once you have given yourself time to heal, and to go through the process of grieving and letting go, you can move on, and will be ready to try new relationships. What we gain from them is always worth. I cherished my relationship with my pet bunnies, they were wonderful companions, and though I miss them terribly, am very glad that I had them in my life. The same goes for human friends that I have lost along the way. I will always treasure the time we had together, no matter how long or how brief it was.

Life is a journey, and as the old saying goes "So many people have come and gone" but each one of them added something to my life, and I am glad to have known them, each and every one. They enriched my existence. So enjoy your relationships, and remember to let your loved ones know how much you care about them, and make each day special. In years to come, you will be glad that you did. It's something to think about. Goddess bless. Til next time, Go in Good Health,

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Out Of The Margins And Into The Mainstream - Almost

By Virginia M. Apuzzo

The year was 1976. Americans were marking the Bicentennial. Ships from around the world poured into the New York Harbor to celebrate the world's oldest democracy. Despite the fireworks and fanfare, however, it was in many ways, a bleak time. The country was struggling to pull itself out of a recession. A southern governor by the name of James Earl Carter was taking political center stage, challenging us with the phrase, "Why not the Best?"

That season of celebration, the Democratic Party Platform Committee was travelling around the country, taking live testimony as it decided what the party would stand for heading into the November elections.

I was a volunteer for the then-named National Gay Task Force. My job was to travel around the country, dogging members of the Platform Committee, and helping local groups organize and lobby for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual equality. Our goal: a plank in the platform calling for nondiscrimination against Gays and Lesbians in such areas as housing, public accommodations and employment.

As the Platform Committee wound down its public hearings and the Drafting Committee began its important work, I found myself closed out of a public meeting by two high-level Carter aides. I was called an "embarrassment" to candidate Carter. In that Bicentennial year, the plank was not included in the final platform and our hope for inclusion remained unfulfilled.

Four years later, I found myself pursued by the White House, being asked to join the Carter campaign and help organize the Gay and Lesbian vote in such key electoral states as California, Florida, New York and Texas. We had just come out of a contentious Democratic National Convention. Many Gay and Lesbian activists, frustrated by President Carter's inaction on issues important to our community, had bolted to support the insurgent candidacy of Senator Ted Kennedy, who mounted a vigorous primary challenge to Carter. Although the 1980 election was dominated by the Iranian hostage crisis and the theme of "economic malaise," the frustration demonstrated by many of these activists, and the subsequent decision by many in the progressive community to sit out the election undoubtedly contributed to Carter's defeat.

Through the 1980s, the Democratic Party made progress on our issues, at least theoretically. But passing a platform with strong, inclusive language - as the party did in 1980 and 1984 -- is an exercise in futility when you can't win elections. And President Reagan wasted valuable years before he could even bring himself to say "AIDS" in public, much less offer up a plan for addressing the most serious public health care crisis of our time.

Today, as I watch candidates Bill Bradley and Al Gore go head to head for the votes of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Americans, I reflect on the distance we have covered. We have progressed from an issue on the margins to a constituency knocking on the doors of "mainstream" USA - and we are a constituency whose votes are aggressively pursued, at least by some candidates.

Among the Democrats, the candidates' recent expressions of support for domestic partner benefits and nondiscrimination laws and opposition to the "Don't ask, don't tell" military policy demonstrates vividly the importance of the GLB community in the nominating process.

Among the Republicans, the two leading candidates for president have resorted to the classic bob and weave when expressing their views on GLBT issues. Yes, Texas Gov. George W. Bush opposes the rights of Gays and Lesbians to parent and opposes a hate crimes law inclusive of sexual orientation, and his views on a wide array of issues important GLBT community reflect a lack of knowledge and awareness. But some would argue that Bush also has gone to some lengths to tone down the divisive rhetoric of yesteryear, when Gay and Lesbian Americans were seen as a threat to children and to families.

While Sen. John McCain supports the anti-Gay "Don't ask, don't tell" policy, he also thinks that a Gay or Lesbian person could serve as president. And he has taken $40,000 in contributions from Gay Republicans - a far cry from 1996, when candidate Robert Dole waffled when handed a check for $1,000 from Log Cabin Republicans, a Gay and Lesbian group that is lobbying on the local level to help revise the GOP's history of anti-GLBT extremism.

What happened between 1976 and the year 2000? Two important developments. First, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered voters organized and reached out to locally elected officials who were climbing their way up the political ladder. Second, politicians learned how to count. By 1996, according to exit polls, voters who self-identified as Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual comprised 5 person of the electorate - larger than the Latino vote (4.5 percent) or the Jewish vote (3.4 percent).

And these are not automatic votes for the Democratic nominee, either; in the 1998 mid-term elections, fully one third of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual voters supported Republicans. Today there remains a disconnect between the American electorate and the views of a majority of presidential candidates, which is why we remain unable to say we have entered the political mainstream. Yet it is undeniable that we have made substantial progress. While such names as Gary Bauer, Alan Keyes, Robert Smith, Dan Quayle and Pat Buchanan fall into oblivion or irrelevancy, it is clear from the way our support is being sought after that we in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community have become an permanent part of the political landscape.

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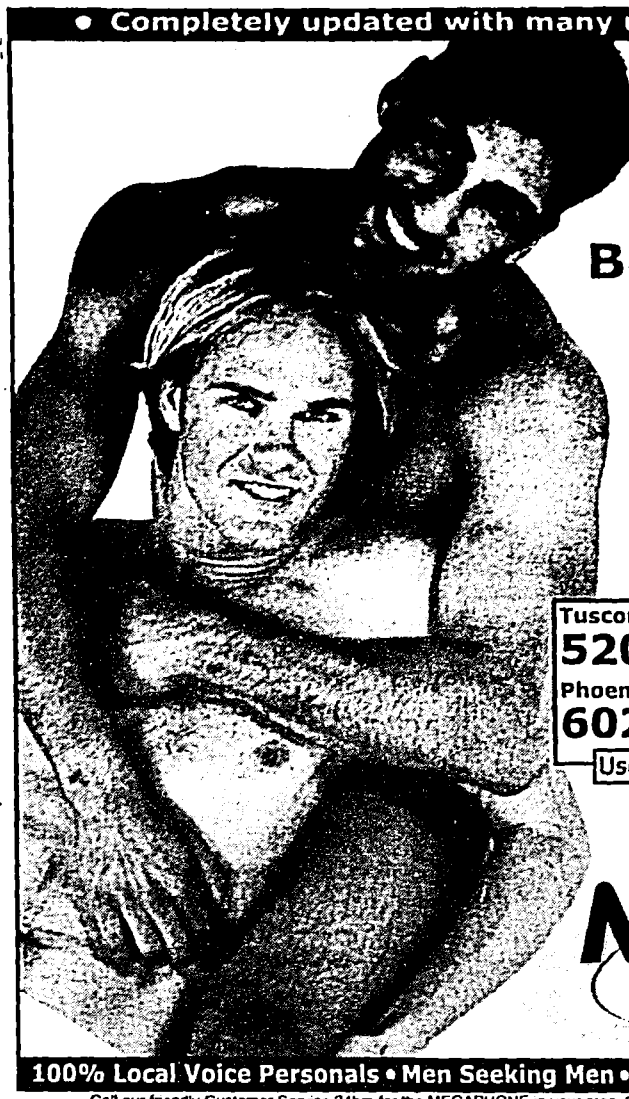

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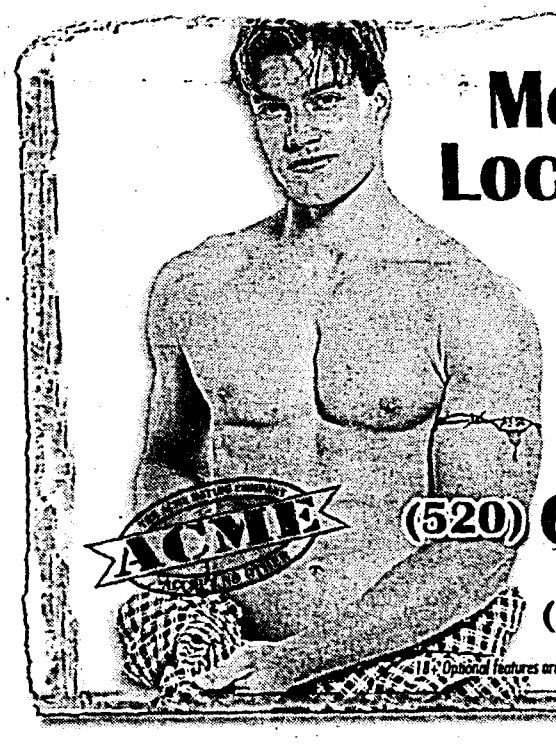

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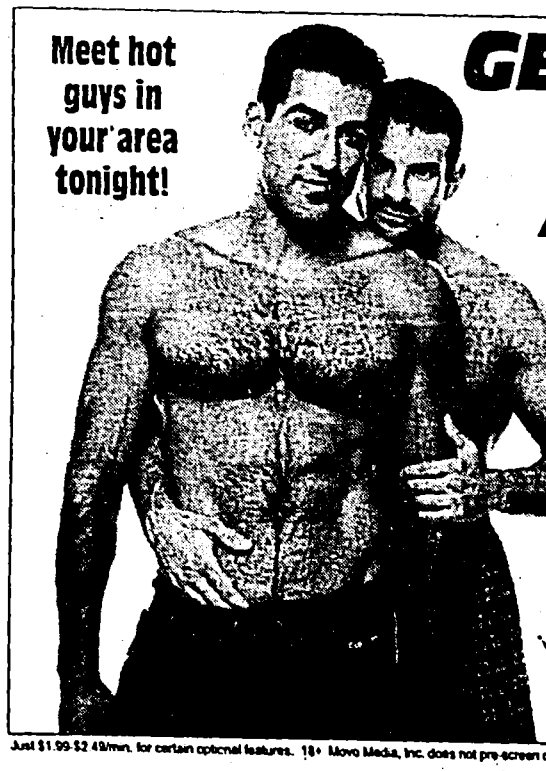

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry as they host the first-ever Hearts Night. Join them for this fun and wicked card games where it's every man for himself! For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

Ballroom dance classes for members of the GLBT community and their friends are now being formed. Learn to swing, tango, waltz, cha-cha and fox trot. Couples and singles are welcome. Call Artie "The Dance Master" 795-3902 to register or for more information.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Gay Men's Health Project is sponsoring a forum for the next six weeks "Finding True Love In A Man Eat Man World" to be held at the Coffee Xchange on the NW corner of Grant and Campbell in a private meeting room. Just bring your two cents worth because GMHP is picking up the tab. The forum is based on a book by the same name. Find answers to subjects such as how to jump into the dating pool and not bellyflop; How to build healthy relationships from the ground up; and how about the rewards of ending a date with a 'good night' and not a 'good morning'. 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Watch for future forum dates. For more info call SAAF at 628-7223 ext. 232.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus will present a concert "Reveille - From The Heart" in Bisbeen Arizona, at LowellMiddle School Auditorium, 100 Old Douglas Road at 7:00 p.m.

Queer Voice is sponsoring 'National Freedom To Marry Day' today at 4:00 p.m. at the Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave. (Downstairs). There will be talks from politicians and activists, a performance by Desert Voices Chorus, a commitment ceremony and reception. Queer Voice is a collaborative program of local agencies including SAAF and Wingspan.

THURSDAY - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24-27

4 Day Youth Retreat sponsored by Queer Voice. The retreat is for queer youth 23 and under. It's free. All you need to bring is sleeping gear, clothes and toiletries. Topics include Coming Out; Homophobia; Dating and Communication; Sex and Sexuality; Drugs and Alcohol; Activism and Leadership. To sign up or for more information call Mike or Robyn at 628-7223 or 410-4512. Queer Voice is a program of SAAF, Pima County Health Department and Wingspan.

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Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show" with Lucinda Holliday, Ajia Simone and Tiffany St. Thomas.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

IBT'S - The Rudy de la Mor show has been postponed to Feb. 3rd.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

IBT'S - 'Boys Night Out'! Disk Jockey Timmy T from Trax in Phoenix will be special guest DJ here tonight along with regular "DJ Q". Hot!

VALENTINA'S - Salus Es Poder - The Latino Men's Health Project will present 'Fuerza Latina Travesti Show' here at 9:00 p.m. This is a very popular attraction. Check it out!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 - SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

IBT'S - Super Bowl Party begins at 3:00 p.m. until ?? on the big screen TV on the dance floor. Drink specials and prizes. Then it's a Special Super Bowl Bar-B-Que fundraiser to help send Woody to camp. 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Karaoke with Billy Dee 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Then at 9:00 p.m., the Men of IBT's Male Revue!! Come see the hot men dance for you!!!

STONEWALL - Enjoy the Super Bowl on the giant screen + free buffet, special drink prices and prizes. Yea team!

WOODY'S - Food, fun and games for the Super Bowl which will be shown on several of their TV screens.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

IBT'S - The 'Girlie Show' with Lucinda Holliday, Mr Kenneth Blake and Veronica Lake.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

IBT'S - A return appearance by the hilarious Rudy De La Mor. Make your plans now and get here early for a good seat. The show will start at 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

VENTURE-N - Aquarius Party begins at 8:00p.m. hosted by Mr. Venture-N Keith and Venture-N Boy Louis. 50/50 raffle, games, goodies. Celebrate with the hot Aquarius men!

FRI. SAT. SUN. FEBRUARY 11-12-13

Mr. Padlock Contest in Phoenix, 998 E. Indian School. Deadline for entry is January 30. Winning contestant receives hotel and air fare to Chicago for the International Mr. Leather contest May 25-29. Call the Padlock, 1-602-266-5640 for entry details.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

IBT'S - A big Valentine's Party is planned here. Watch for details.

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Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

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

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

STONEWALL - Bar open Noon. Smirnoff Sundays /make your own Bloody Marys bar. Flashback Sundays in the Dance Club. Open 8pm. Well drinks $1 from 8-9pm. Music of the 70s and 80s with DJ Marquis. Billy DeeKaraoke in the bar 9pm to close.

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

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

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

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. $1.50 Wells 8-midnight.

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

STONEWALL - Bar opens noon. Dance Club opens 8pm. All well drinks $1 in dance club 8-9pm. Hot dance mix with DJ ob.

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

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

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

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. $3 entry, pot matched. $1 longnecks for pool players. Funky disco w/DJ Starskee & DJ Butta Fly 9-1.

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

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club opens 8pm. DJ Eduardo is back. $1.00 well drinks in Dance Club til 9pm.

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

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

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

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. $1.50 Longnecks 8-midnight. Dance with DJ Stephanie 9-close.

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

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club opens 8pm. DJ Rob and his hot mix. All well drinks in Dance Club $1.00 til 9pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm til close in the bar.

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

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

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

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. W/creamy cowgirls & $2.50 Tequila Rose.

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

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance club opens at 8pm with $1 well drinks from 8-9. Dance with DJ Marquis.

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

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

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

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hil. Drink specials every 1/2 hour

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

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club open 8pm with $1 well drinks til 9pm. Dance with DJ Marquis.

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

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

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

Saturday

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

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

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club opens at 8pm with $1 well [illegible] 9pm. Dance with DJ Marquis.

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

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

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

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NOTICES

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

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

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Betrano 888-4595.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (evelten@ix.netcom.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA. Local chapter of the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian Republican organization. Meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. For information, call Patrick at 615-1887.

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

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

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

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-8624.

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICES

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

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet every Sunday morning and some weeknights for fun runs. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555 or e-mail mandmtuaz@worldnet.att.net

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

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-0260, leave name and phone number.

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

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

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

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 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 888-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

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

NOTICES

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 888-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 6:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 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.

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

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

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

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 529-7542 for more info.

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

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PERSONALS

CONTESTANTS WANTED FOR MR. PADLOCK 2000 IN PHOENIX. Entry deadline Jan. 30, 2000. Winner recives hotel accommodations and air fare to Chicago's International Mr. Leather 2000 Contest.. Applications available at the padlock or call (602)288-5640. 807

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