

Equality Rocks At Millennium March

By Max Vosskuhler

WASHINGTON, DC (ON) - More than 45,000 Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered (GLBT) people attended Equality Rocks at RFK Stadium, a joyous concert celebration of who we are, as we continue our fight for the right to love anyone we choose.

The concert was part of the schedule of events, for the Millennium March on Washington. Concert goers had to ride on the Metro, where rather than feeling like sardines as the community of riders were packed tight as they created joviality as people commented on the first successful day of the festival. As the train reached the stadium stop, the entire group emptied as the car tipped a little to the left side due to the mass of Gay and Lesbians exiting for fun and frolic of Equality Rocks.

Equality Rocks began with the Tony Award winning actor, Nathan Lane, who commented that "Dr. Laura is the biological error."

Arbita, a Latin Music performer followed Lane as the first musical act. It took a few minutes for the sound crew to correct a minor error of Arbita's mike going dead. Once they corrected it, those cynics present were to be quieted by a show of love, support and community that this correspondent changed due to having played a part.

k.d. Lang really cranked the show into high gear when she showed that her voice is angelic and her soul is invested in the Gay political movement, which simply put is "fighting for our right to love." She transformed the audience from passive listeners to firm supporters who are invested in creating a world where all people are not persecuted for their love, but are truly granted equal rights: financial, social and legal.

Kristen Johnston of Third Rock from the Sun fame had the pleasure of introducing Tipper Gore. Tipper was introduced as "the next First Lady of the United States." As a woman in that position, Tipper gave the crowd every assurance that "I and my husband will stand with you!" (In the quest for equal rights).

Kathy Najimy came on to introduce Melissa Etheridge. Before she did, she said that "as a group I like Gays the best." She also spoke of her dream for her three-year-old daughter that if her daughter were to grow up and fall in love with her, now imaginary, friend Alexandra that Kathy will be able to sing at her daughter's "legally sanctioned, legally upheld wedding."

Melissa came to the stage and fueled the flames that our commitment was reborn in the audience and built a strong

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Tipper Speaks While PFLAG Lobbies With Pies



WASHINGTON, DC (NP) - Tipper Gore spoke at a plenary session of the 17th annual PFLAG Convention as part of the Millennium March on Washington.

In her speech to over 700 PFLAG members, the Vice President's wife encouraged parents of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered people to continue their efforts to further queer civil rights.

Gore promised that, should her husband be elected, his new administration would strive to pass the Employee Non Discrimination Act (ENDA) and hate crimes legislation. "We will fight for this," she said to a standing ovation. The Second Lady also promised that a Gore administration would "explore how domestic partners can receive the legal and the economic benefits that other couples receive."

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them — as parents of GLBT people and voters.

When Susan Stamkiss, a Virginia mother with a Gay son, wanted to speak to her congressman, she was turned away. When told she'd baked a fresh apple pie, they welcomed her with open arms. The way to even a politician's heart, it seems, is through the stomach.

To kick off its annual convention timed to coincide with the Millennium March on Washington, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), the largest national group of its kind, held a bake-off of delicious apple pies.

The next day they presented pies to several dozen members of Congress as a symbolic gesture that family values include them — as parents of GLBT people and voters.

Dough was shaped, apples were cut, flour flew, and smiles and hugs were shared in the kitchen of D.C.'s New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, the site of countless Gay-inclusive events over the years. The bake-off was sponsored by HERO Magazine.

Founded in 1972 by Jeanne and Jules Manford after they witnessed the violent assault of their son, Morton, on the local news, PFLAG now boasts over 450 affiliate chapters with over 75,000 members.

"I saw this as an educational experience," said Kathryn Warrior, of Portland, OR. She and her husband Allen joined PFLAG after their son came out. "We're also patrons of the Gay Men's Chorus," Allan added as he busily peeled apples.

While visiting the nation's capital, Warrior suggested more people visit the Holocaust Memorial Museum, which includes exhibits about Gays imprisoned and killed in Nazi concentration camps. "Maybe if they did, they would be a little more tolerant," she said.

"We like the support," said John Diehl, of Glendora, CA, who filled a pie shell with his wife Denise. Their son came out in 1992. "We had a Gay friend, but he never talked about his family," said John. "Now we know a lot more." The Diehls say that PFLAG fills those gaps.

Among the bakers was Norma Coates of Colton, CA. Led by former religious speechwriter and SoulForce leader Mel White, Coates was among the 200 invitees to a 1999 dinner with Southern Baptist leader Jerry Falwell — except they weren't served dinner, just water.

"They weren't allowed to eat with 'sinners,'" said Coates, a widow whose Gay son died of AIDS in 1991. "They told us our kids were gonna go to hell." Coates has been active in both Soulforce and PFLAG, hoping to change fundamentalists as she herself has changed.

"This is a very home-centered effort," said Kirsten Kingdon, executive director of PFLAG, as she spoke to her baking contingent. "We see people we love and care about who are suffering. And I can't think of anything more American than an apple pie. I wish you luck in reaching the hearts, minds — and stomachs! — of your legislators."

Pie Patrol: The halls of congressional offices have the eerie echo of the Emerald City's trail to Oz. But here, parents of Gays are paying more attention to the men behind the curtain.

As they made their way to their public officials' offices, pies in hand, the Diehls were joined by Mel Trickey, whose Gay son owns a furniture store in San Francisco's Castro District. He also has a Lesbian daughter, and is a member of three PFLAG chapters in Southern California. "We're hoping to interact with the legislators," Trickey said. "Because they're Republican, and really haven't taken any pro-Gay stance, I don't think they're very receptive. We'll see."

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UPDATE

Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza May 7

TUCSON - The Thirteenth Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza returns Sunday, May 7, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Woody's, 3710 N. Oracle Road.

Proceeds from this event, (organizers have set a goal \$17,000, matching last year's total), will go to the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), to help provide services for people living with and affected by HIV and AIDS.

The event features community members who have raised pledges to go head to head to slip and slide in a pit full of Jell-O. While the Jell-O wrestling draws the crowd, the largest fund raising component of the event is a live auction and raffle. Nearly 50 items donated from local community merchants will be raffled or auctioned off.

One-dollar raffle tickets are available for the chance to win a San Diego vacation get-away package for two, which includes plane tickets, hotel accommodations at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina, and \$200 in American Express Travelers Checks. Raffle tickets can also be purchased at Woody's, IBT's, Valentina's, the SAAF Offices, 375 S. Euclid Avenue or Antigone Books on Fourth Avenue.

The Mistresses of Ceremonies, Auctioneers and Fund Raisers extraordinaires are once again, Gilda Fatale and the "Queen of Comedy," Lucinda Holliday.

TLGA Pride Royalty Contest Suspended Until 2001

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) has suspended the pride royalty contest until next year on the recommendation of the Pride Royalty Committee Chair, Brian Fox.

"There were many factors in the restructuring process that need to be looked at more in depth," Fox commented.

"The Committee and TLGA would like to apologize to anyone who expressed an interest in entering this year's contest, but we hope that you will consider entering next year when we kick off a new contest," he said.

The Committee needs people who can commit two hours a month. Everyone is welcome. The next committee meeting will be May 21 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please call the TLGA Outline at 622-3200 for location or any other information.

In another matter, Brian Fox is now reigning Miss West Coast Regents NCC 2000. NCC Pageant promoter Jalissa Michaels informed Fox of his new title when the winner of the pageant, Deora LeBlonck was unable to perform the required duties for this title. Fox was first alternate and therefore was in line for assuming the title and compete in the NCC National Competition 2001.. Congratulations Brian. Another crownholder for Tucson.

SAAF Honors Local Businesses and Individual Volunteers

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) recognized local businesses and individuals at its Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Awards Ceremony, April 25.

SAAF recognized the Tucson Weekly for Media Leadership for the substantial insert they printed and distributed for AIDS WALK. Mari Wadsworth accepted the award for the Tucson Weekly and expressed how impressed she was by the breadth and commitment of the volunteer work being acknowledged that evening.

Local business owners Jim and Bridget Stith of Sav-On Flowers were recognized for Business Leadership for donating money, flowers, and their time to so many of SAAF's events. Their support has been critical to the success of numerous AIDS WALK's and Festivals for Life, which raised needed funds for client services and prevention programs.

An Original Contribution award went to small business owners, Sue Bumpus and Peggy Pratt, of Gentle Soles for the foot care clinics they hold for SAAF clients every month. They donate their talent and wit to provide an often-overlooked area of client's well being, their feet.

Deborah VanSant and Ronald LaBak also received an Original Contribution award for their extensive support of AIDS WALK. They are members of the steering committee, have secured on going fund from Walgreen's, and have created all kinds of signage for AIDS WALK that takes place and on the day of the WALK.

Individual award recipients include Harold Lackey, Volunteer of the Year; Harry Lewis, Longtime Volunteer; Eno Washington, Jerome Beillard Self-Empowerment Award; Del Sutton; Client Services Volunteer; Dick Holsinger, Food for Life Volunteer; Eddie Bejarano, Jean Cioci Peer Counseling Volunteer; Ana and Aida Escobar, Prevention Services Volunteers; Charley Allen, AIDS Education Volunteer; Anthony Wartell, Volunteer Resources Volunteer; Helena Aurdal, Office Reception Volunteer; Lyle Williams, Administration Volunteer; Larry Cummings, Development Volunteer; Dave Lewis, New Volunteer; and Glen Vogt and Robert Miller, Volunteers of the Decade.

Those businesses and individuals have given hours of their time and energy to SAAF to ensure compassionate, comprehensive services to its clients.

On The Boards

TUCSON - Sex & Violence: the musical will invade the stage of the Tucson Center for the Performing Arts (408 South 6th Avenue) May 11-13 and 17-20, 2000.

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Tickets are \$11 for adults, \$9 for students and seniors, and are available at Rainbow Planet Coffee House (606 N. Fourth Avenue) or by calling (520) 748-02-91. All performances are at 8:00 p.m.

Fifth Annual Golden Wig Head Awards

PHOENIX - Miss Gay Arizona-America 2000 Barbra Seville, and Pookies Café will join forces to present the 5th Annual Golden Wig Head Awards on Wednesday, May 31, at 9:00 p.m.

Locally known as the "Academy Awards of Drag" this event takes a light-hearted approach in recognizing Gay Entertainment in Phoenix.

"In Hollywood they vote for Best Supporting Actress and Best Original Song," said show producer and hostess Barbra Seville. "Here you can vote for Best Dance Diva, Best Wigs, or Most Over-Performed Song!"

All proceeds from this year's event will go to Project LifeGuard, AIDS Project Arizona's HIV and AIDS prevention program.

"This is the third year we've hosted this event," said Jonathan Stern, manager of Pookie's Café. "It's always a blast."

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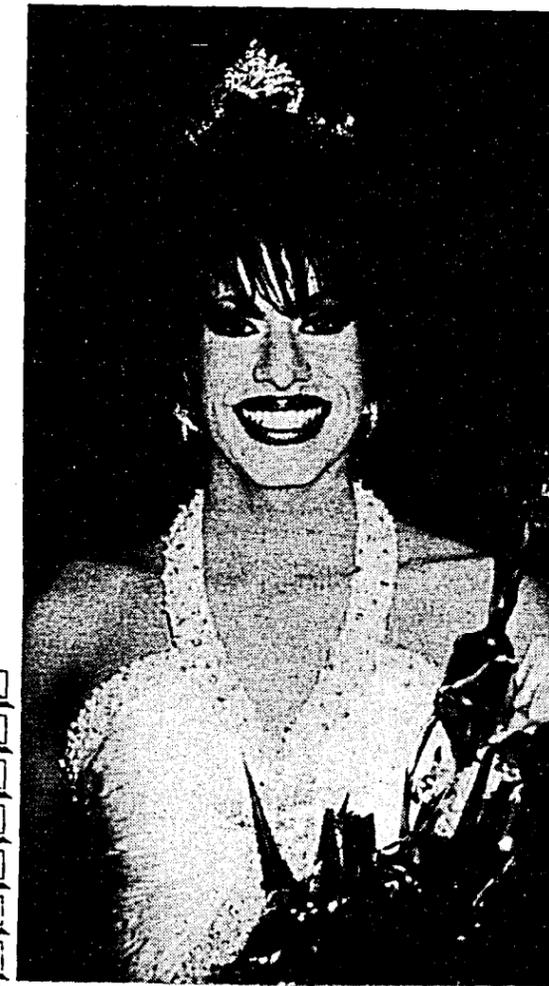
Phaedra Crowned Miss Cosmopolitan-America 2001



TUCSON - The Miss Cosmopolitan America 2001 Pageant was held at the Inn Suites on Sunday, April 23rd.

The Observer carried photographs of the event in last week's issue but lack of space prevented showing the official photo of the winner and the other contestants.

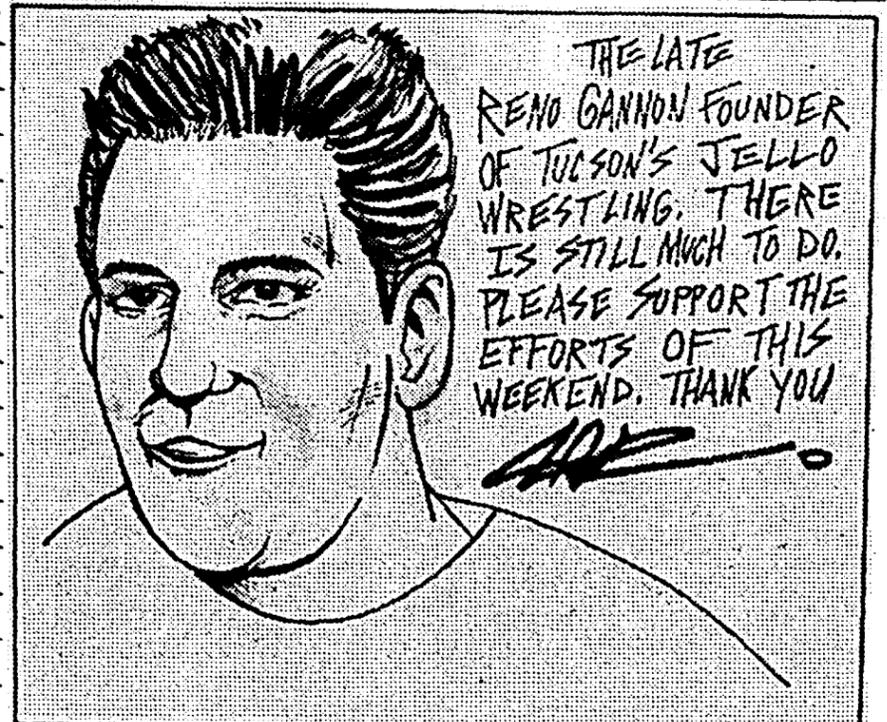
Pictured above in the top photo are the four contestants (l to r) Angela Dodd, Sapphire, Phaedra and Tori Steele.



The photo at left shows a smiling Phaedra the winner and crowned Miss Gay Cosmopolitan America 2001. Phaedra is now eligible to enter the Miss Gay America Pageant later this year.

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Tucson To Hold AIDS Candlelight Memorial

TUCSON - Remembering those who have been lost and providing support for everyone living with HIV/AIDS will be the focus of the 17th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial scheduled for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 13.

The program will feature a diverse panel of Tucson residents and groups and will be at the Georges Demester Band Shell at Reid Park, northeast corner of Country Club Road and 22nd Street. It is being sponsored by Wingspan, Southern Arizona's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Community Center.

"One of the main focuses of the memorial will be the ongoing misconception that the epidemic has gone away," said Quinton Jenkins, the event organizer. "And yet statistics show that young people - and young heterosexual people at that - are ranking high among those newly contracting the virus." For example:

AIDS is now the fourth largest cause of death across the planet, and there are 6 million new cases of HIV infection each year, according to the World Health Organization.

More than 847,000 cases of AIDS have been reported in the United States through the end of 1997, according to the most recent statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As many as 900,000 more Americans have the virus, and it infects about 40,000 each year.

More than 11 million children have been orphaned by AIDS around the world since the epidemic was recognized in 1951 and the United Nations reports that number is expected to rise to 13 million by the end of this year.

To draw attention to that ongoing toll, Wingspan's program will focus on four components: outreach, education, ecumenical and recognition of those living with the virus.

"We're trying to put a diversified face on each one of these components to make it interesting and appealing to a broad audience in a new way," Jenkins said.

He said the program will include:

The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation represented by executive director Anne Malcy. The Tucson Interfaith HIV and AIDS Network (TIHAN) represented by Ana Lozano. Queer Voice and its coordinator Mike Pollack. The University of Arizona Pride Alliance. Wingspan. Harold Lackey, a local AIDS activist and educator. Kirk Baxter, founder of Phoenix Body Positive, an HIV/AIDS awareness and

prevention group. Arizona Dance Inc. of Phoenix, with artistic director Hodgie Jo. The Gospel Music Workshop Of America. Desert Voices, under the direction of Keith Tosh. Faith Michaels and the University of Arizona Dancers. The Arizona Dance Collective Of Tucson, directed by Jane Matty.

Also invited are: Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup. The Latina Leadership project, an outreach group for Lesbians in the Hispanic community. The Konta Project of the Urban League, which provides outreach to the African-American community. The Tucson High School Dance Department. U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe of Tucson. David Robinson an English professor and outreach advocate with the University of Arizona. Through the art of dance, through song, through education and through prayer and hope, the idea is to try to make available these people who are making the laws pertaining to the AIDS virus so they will hopefully be impressed to cause real change.

He said all speakers will offer a three to five-minute presentation on what their agency offers greater Tucson. Information on the AIDS virus' local impact and suggestions for solving the challenges they see.

The Memorial also will feature the annual candlelight service in which the candle of hope will be lighted for those living with the virus and in remembrance of those who have passed on. The Pima County Health Department will provide a list of publicly announced victims of HIV/AIDS.

"We also want to counter the idea that it is a disease which is under control," Jenkins said. "It's still fatal. And if it's manageable, it's extremely costly."

The Wedding: Personal Reflections

By Greg Gordon

A friend told me she had unexpectedly gotten quite emotional when she and her partner participated in the 1987 March on Washington mass wedding. So I wasn't as taken by surprise when I started to choke up during my wedding today. It's one thing to tell the man you love how you feel about him in private, and another to proclaim it with thousands of others in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

All of the speeches leading up to the ceremony itself had a common theme: that no church or government can dictate who we love, nor do we need any official approval - religious or otherwise - to express our love. As Reverend Jimmy Creech (the United Methodist minister who was defrocked for officiating at a same-gender union ceremony) reminded everyone, what he called "The Divine Reality" (however one chooses to identify a Supreme Being) is in all of us, and the love we share with one another is the finest reflection of that Reality. As if to confirm that, the sun shone brightly on what had been predicted to be a cloudy day, and even the homophobes on bullhorns shouting their usual epithets somewhere in the distance couldn't rain on this event.

I'm especially glad that Tony Sullivan and Richard Adams, a binational couple, were among the speakers prior to

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Corporate sponsorship jokes aside, the Millennium March on Washington has come and gone, as have the hundreds of thousands who flocked to the land of the Potomac Fever, for the weekend of activities and traveled frantically to get back to the rat race.

For those who weren't watching or listening, on C-Span or through the Internet, to Melissa sing, Ellen speak, Nathan Lane joke, the microphones malfunctioning and the inevitable anti Gay protests, other political news of note took place this past week.

Just after he had trained soldiers headed for Europe, Arizona Representative Steve May, R-Phoenix, received a special delivery letter from the Army Reserve, asking him to resign his commission. Also enclosed was a resignation letter that May could sign to end the inquiry that May had violated the "Don't Ask, don't tell" policy.

He was the subject of an inquiry by the Army Reserve after he had testified before the Arizona House Government Reform Committee, in February 1999, on a bill that would prohibit government entities, such as Pima County and the City of Tucson at that time, from extending benefits to the domestic partners of their employees. During this time May was a civilian, having been honorably discharged from the Army in 1995, but was called back to active duty in the Army Reserve, during the Kosovo Crisis, and just after his remarks before the legislative committee.

May said that he will not resign and will continue to serve his unit and will serve until the Army holds a hearing. He has requested the hearing take place after a two-week training exercise, to be held in Flagstaff, scheduled for July, for which May will lead.

May will be honored, Saturday, May 6, at Pride Fest America, a symposium of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Activists, taking place in Philadelphia, Pa. He will be receiving the Fifth Annual Tom Stoddard National Role Model Award for his courageous challenge of the military's "Don't Ask, don't tell" policy.

A study by the General Accounting Office, the nonpartisan investigative Congressional agency, has found that nondiscrimination laws protecting Gays and Lesbians do not lead to a surge of lawsuits.

"I think the facts are clear, there has been no litigation explosion as a result of laws preventing employment discrimination based on sexual orientation," stated Sen. Jim Jeffords (R-VT) in an interview. Jeffords requested the GAO study, which concluded that the 11 states with the laws, as well as the District of Columbia, have not seen "a significant amount of litigation" as a result of the protections.

For example, in California lawsuits alleging anti Gay bias in the workplace accounted for 0.8% of all employment discrimination complaints last year.

President Clinton is plotting to revive hate-crimes legislation and try to force a vote in Congress before the November elections.

Clinton, along with Attorney General Janet Reno, gathered state law

enforcement officials at the White House to develop a strategy to mobilize public support for the bill and press GOP congressional leaders to take it up.

While congressional Democrats denied any political motives, the White House admitted using the hate-crimes issue as a wedge to force the GOP to back up its "compassionate conservative" rhetoric with action.

"If, politically, the Republicans feel the heat...then that's great, but the reality here is there is not an overt political agenda here. The message is, this bill is needed," said Will Keyser, spokesman for Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) in an interview, who is seeking to attach a hate-crimes amendment to another bill.

A senior White House official, said in an interview that Texas governor George Bush's "trouble with Bob Jones and extremist elements in the Republican Party" is a factor in renewing the push for a hate-crimes bill. The bill would add crimes motivated by a victim's sexual orientation, gender, or disability to the list of hate crimes already covered under federal law.

State Senator Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, one of the few friends Gay and Lesbian Arizonans have in the Legislature is asking for our help, to gather petition signatures for her campaign.

Richardson, during this past session alone helped to expand Arizona's domestic laws to cover same-sex couples; led the fight against legislation that would have prevented governmental entities in the state, such as the City of Tucson and Pima County, from extending benefits to the domestic partners of their employees; and, to repeal Arizona's archaic laws.

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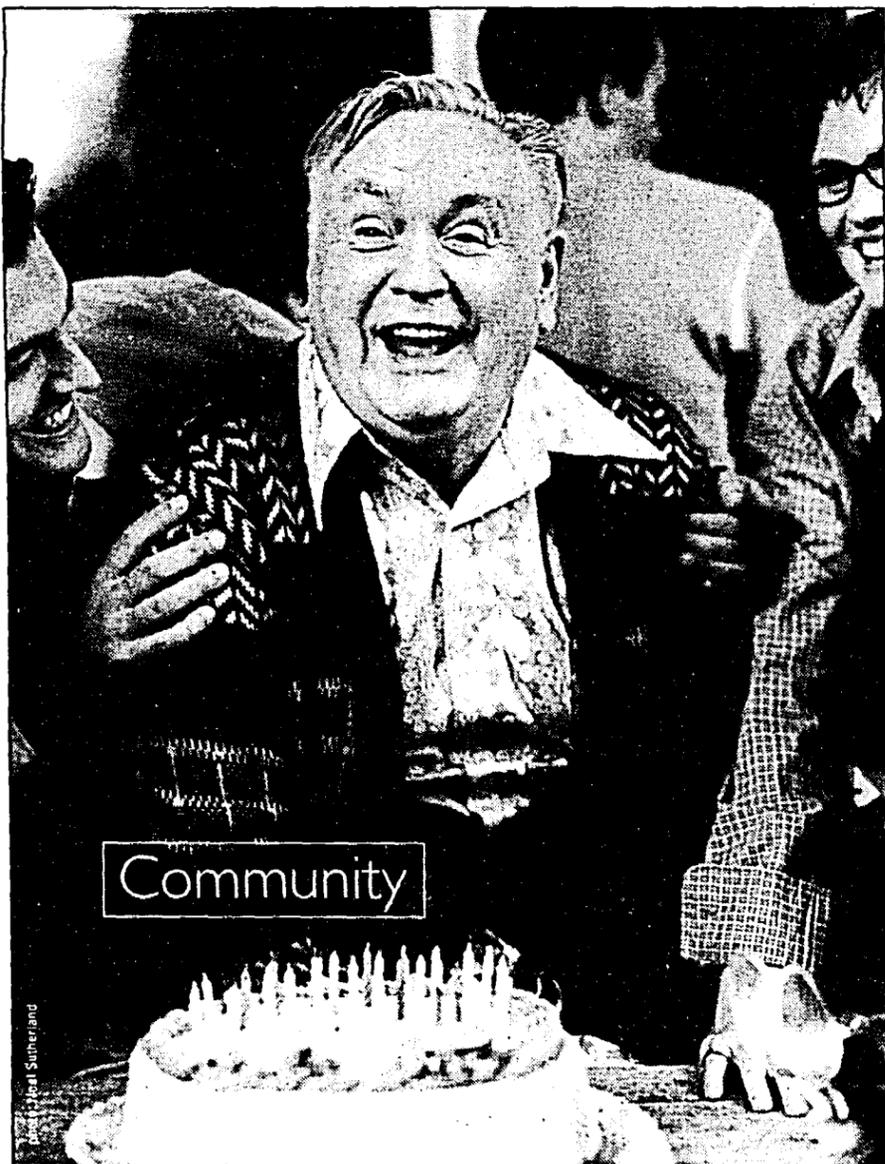
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Supreme Court Hears Boy Scout Case

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) - The nine justices of the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case of James Dale, a Gay Scout leader who is suing the Boy Scouts for throwing him out of the organization because of his sexual orientation.

Nearly a decade ago, when James Dale began fighting to be reinstated as a Boy Scout leader after the organization expelled him for publicly acknowledging his homosexuality, his goal was to be treated like anyone else. But when Dale emerged from the United States Supreme Court building, where his case was argued today, he was anything but an average citizen.

As throngs of cameras and boom mikes followed Dale and his lawyers to their taxi, it was clear he had become something of a minor celebrity. A crowd of supporters and reporters applauded, a handful of religious protestors urged him to save himself, and one teenage girl visiting the court with her school lamented, "I am so bummed he's Gay." Inside the courtroom, however, attention focused not on Dale but on the delicate balance between anti-discrimination laws and the Constitutional guarantee of free speech.

The Background: The U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear "Boy Scouts of America vs. James Dale" earlier this year after the Supreme Court of New Jersey held that Dale's termination violated a state law forbidding "public accommodations" (such as the BSA) from discriminating based on race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation.

The BSA conceded that Dale was an exemplary Scout, and that the organization terminated its relationship with him solely on the basis of a newspaper article in which he was identified as the president of the Rutgers University Lesbian/Gay Alliance. However, the BSA contended that it should be exempted from the anti-discrimination law, arguing that homosexual conduct is inconsistent with its moral principles, and therefore that its First Amendment rights would be violated if it were forced to retain an openly Gay Scoutmaster. The Scouts identified three issues:

1. The BSA argued that, since its leaders speak for the organization, government interference in their selection would be a violation of free speech. The New Jersey court determined that the appointment of leaders alone did not constitute forced "speech."

2. The BSA considers itself an "expressive organization" (essentially, one with a message), and therefore argued that its organizational structure must be protected under freedom of association. The New Jersey court determined that retaining Dale would not have any significant impact on the organization's ability to associate and spread its message freely.

3. The BSA held that its members should qualify for the special protection afforded "intimate associations" under the First Amendment. (For example, anti-discrimination laws cannot compel someone to become friends with a non-white person.) The New Jersey court said that the BSA's large and non-exclusive membership proved it was not an intimate association.

The Oral Arguments: The Justices were aggressive in their questioning of both the BSA's lawyer, George Davidson, and Dale's attorney, Evan Wolfson of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. Davidson, who went first, had hardly begun the third sentence of his prepared

remarks when Justice Kennedy interrupted him with the question that would dominate Davidson's time: What, exactly, is the BSA's policy regarding Gay and Lesbian members and leaders?

Davidson attempted to outline a tortuous policy that in many ways mirrored the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell": The BSA expels those members who openly admit to being "homosexual" (the favored term of both Davidson and the Justices), since such behavior is considered morally wrong. But it will not seek these members out.

The Justices remained confused. Justice O'Connor asked whether the group would expel a heterosexual Scout who publicly stated that homosexuality was not morally wrong. Davidson responded that such a statement would be allowed if it were made outside of an official Scout meeting. Justice Ginsberg wondered whether the Scouts would exclude a heterosexual leader who was living with a woman out of wedlock. Davidson's response: They could, but they probably would not.

Towards the end of the argument, Justice Breyer attempted to uncover the "basic principle" behind the policy. He asked why, if homosexuality is indeed a morally corrupt act, the Boy Scouts don't more aggressively pursue it. After all, if a suspected drug dealer were leading a Boy Scout troop, the organization would — and should — look into the allegations.

Without an official written policy to fall back on, Davidson was unable to satisfy the Justices' curiosity about how the Scouts would employ their "moral code" with regard to Gay and Lesbian members.

The Justices were equally skeptical with Wolfson. They peppered him with questions about how they could uphold his argument in the BSA case but still allow a Catholic organization to exclude non-Catholics, or Boy Scouts to exclude girls. Wolfson stated that the Scouts' beliefs about homosexuality were so peripheral to their "expressive purpose" as to be irrelevant to their First Amendment claims.

Justice Scalia argued with Wolfson, suggesting that if the Boy Scouts disapprove of homosexuality, then forcing them to accept a Gay leader severely reduces their ability to express. "How can that not be an infringement on their message?" he asked. Scalia later remarked that Wolfson had placed himself in the odd position of arguing that if the Boy Scouts placed more of an emphasis on anti-Gay teachings, the organization would be protected under the First Amendment. Wolfson responded that the BSA was extremely unlikely to take such a step, since so much of the public would oppose explicit anti-Gay messages.

After the arguments, lawyers for both sides spoke briefly, and in guardedly optimistic language, with reporters about their prospects with the Justices, who had given little hint as to which way they would rule. The Court's decision is not expected for at least a month.

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Tucson's GLBT Commissioners Outline Goals At Wingspan Forum

TUCSON - Strengthening Tucson's anti-discrimination law; encouraging schools to create safe places for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered students; identifying the social service needs of the city's Rainbow community; establishing a constituency by reaching out to Tucson's diverse residents.

The subcommittee also has convinced the city to triple penalties for discrimination crimes, resulting in "multiple complaints of sexual orientation and gender identity being enforced since the changes were made," she said.

These are among goals set by the City of Tucson's GLBT Commission for the remainder of the year. And they were outlined at a public forum on Thursday, April 27 that was sponsored by Wingspan, Southern Arizona's GLBT community center.

Among its other actions, the committee has: Added a requirement to the ordinance that employers must post notices stating it is illegal to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. Convinced the mayor and city lobbyist to push for the recent passage of a state law that extends protection under Arizona's domestic violence law to same-sex couples. Successfully lobbied the city to file a brief in support of a New Jersey lawsuit that is gaining national attention because it is attempting to force the Boy Scouts to accept Gay troop leaders.

"This is our coming out party," said Arthur Padilla, the commission co-chair, who described the groups overall goals and purpose to the approximately 60 people who attended.

"We are working to build a structure that will remain a formidable commission," he added. He explained the commission was created to act as an official advisory body to the mayor and council on GLBT issues. And to accomplish it, Padilla said the commission has established four subcommittees: education, legal, outreach and social service.

Outreach: This is the commission's newest subcommittee. And it is working to establish a program that will establish a constituency for the full commission by including groups and residents from all parts of the city.

"The commission came about because of the Matthew Shepard murder in September 1998," he said. "And we were given the discretion to decide what we thought needed to be done."

Co-chair Ana Lozano said the group is in its initial stages and is setting up ways to communicate with the community that include production of leaflets, brochures, web sites and e-mail directories.

To explain its vision, a co-chair from each of the commission's subcommittees explained their overall goals and actions. They are:

It also is working to establish commission visibility at events such as the 17th international AIDS Candlelight Memorial sponsored by Wingspan, OUTober-FEST and Gay West.

Education: "Schools remain an incredibly powerful force for perpetuating homophobia," said subcommittee co-chair Michelle Pitot, who also is a Tucson-area teacher. It comes from people who have no idea of the impact of what they're saying."

In the meantime, It is looking for people who could help develop the web site, brochures and artwork such as logos. Any one interested may contact Lozano at the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation at (520) 628-7223.

To combat that, the subcommittee is targeting four area school districts- Amphitheater, Flowing Wells, Sunnyside and Tucson Unified to lobby them for changes that include:

Social Services: This subcommittee is charged with examining any barriers that exist between social service providers and GLBT people, according to Alexander John Goodrum, its co-chair. To do that, he said the subcommittee has polled providers about access issues, particularly those relating to youth.

Revisions in harassment policies to include sexual orientation. Including diversity education with a GLBT focus in school curriculum. Appointment of a faculty/staff liaison to the commission. Creating safe zones on local campuses for GLBT students.

"They said GLBT people are covered" Goodrum said. "But they also said they didn't know much about GLBT people."

So far, Pitot said two of the districts have language in harassment policies that name GLBT people. She also said commission representatives attended board meetings of three of the four districts to lobby for change.

To overcome that, Goodrum said the subcommittee is looking to a Massachusetts document that outlines practices for health care providers when dealing with GLBT employers. "It gives benchmarks that allow providers to determine if they are open and non-discriminatory". Goodrum said.

"We got a really great response and the people on the boards heard us," Pitot said. But she said they have not been as successful in lobbying the board for the faculty/staff liaisons. "It's my sense that we're going to have to chase them down?" she said.

The committee also completed a survey of the community that was intended to see how residents feel about the accessibility and quality of services.

Legal: Among the subcommittee's first tasks was to review the city's Human Relations Ordinance, co-chair Amelia Craig Cramer said. And it has succeeded in adding gender identity and familial status to the list of groups given protected status.

"It was a good first step but it missed people of color and low-income people, Goodrum said. The group is now working to identify the community - "who it is, what it needs" - and then will determine how to meet those needs, Goodrum added.

"That means anyone offering housing or public accommodation are covered by this Cramer said.

The recent forum focusing on the GLBT Commission was the second in a series of public discussions sponsored by Wingspan to focus attention on rainbow

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Calling All Would Be Gay Bigamists: Vermont Bill Is Huge Leap Into 21st Century

By Betsy Gerboth

Well, my goodness, aren't we all having just a Gay old time?

First, Vermont -- my new favorite state -- took a giant leap into the 21st century when the state House approved a bill that would make the state the first in the country to give Gay and Lesbian couples the same benefits as married couples.

And the U.S. Supreme Court began hearing debate this week on whether the Boy Scouts of America can constitutionally bar Gays from serving as troop leaders.

The Vermont bill, which is expected to be signed promptly by Gov. Howard Dean, would essentially allow Gays and Lesbians every benefit of marriage -- inheritance and probate rights, hospital visitations, etc. -- short of the actual word "marriage." If Dean signs it, it would go into effect July 1.

The debate in the Supreme Court stems from the 1990 dismissal of 19-year-old New Jersey Boy Scout troop leader James Dale after he was identified in a newspaper article as co-president of a campus Gay and Lesbian group at Rutgers University.

The Boy Scouts made no bones about it: They canned Dale because he's Gay. They say that's their right under their organization's laws.

The New Jersey Supreme Court subsequently ruled that the dismissal -- and the Boy Scouts' ban on Gay troop leaders -- violated a state ban on discrimination in "public accommodations."

Officials with the Boy Scouts -- whose guidelines require members to be "clean" and "morally straight" -- are fighting the ruling, saying it violates the organization's constitutional rights of free speech and free association.

The debate rages on in the high court; the justices are expected to rule on it later this year.

Of course, Vermont's approval of the same-sex civil union bill called all the self-righteous, holier-than-thou pontificators out of their smug little nests.

"VERMONT LAWMAKERS SLAP CONSTITUENTS BY APPROVING COUNTERFEIT MARRIAGE," bellowed a press release on the Family Research Council's Web site.

"Ignoring their constituents' pleas to let the people decide this thorny issue, Vermont's legislators instead decided to do what the state Supreme Court illegally ordered them to do: create counterfeit marriage," Janet Parshall, the Family Research Council's chief pontificator -- sorry, "chief spokeswoman" -- bleated.

(Much as I hate giving this group any publicity, I'm hoping that people who are smarter than a box of hair will read these remarks and realize just how ridiculous they sound. Here's more:)

"This is 'Gay marriage' in everything but name, and it is a direct assault on society's most essential institution," Parshall said. "It means that Vermont's law-

makers no longer believe that marriage -- and marriage-based families -- have any unique value to society.

"There is no reason for homosexual activists to stop here. They will continue to insist on hijacking the name 'marriage' itself, since they have already gained all the benefits and privileges accorded marriage in the law. They have said loudly and clearly that their goal is still the capture of the term 'marriage.' And why stop with two people? Factions within the homosexual movement are pressing for recognition of multiple-partner unions."

Well, OK. I'm putting out the call right now: All you would-be homosexual bigamists, please let me know how this works. This is surely the first I've heard of any such plans, and I consider myself fairly well-informed on startling news items like this one.

But wait -- could this be another example of a right-wing group making things up in order to bolster their own beliefs? I certainly hope not. That would be shocking, don't you think?

Now, before all you right wingers hurry to bang out e-mails condemning me to hell, calling me all kinds of misspelled names and warning me that homosexuals are trying to "convert" innocent children to their sinful way of life, here's a radical notion for you to ponder: Why is it acceptable for those who align themselves with the fundamentalist far right to try to convert those whom they see as sinners to their cause?

What it boils down to is this: It's obviously difficult enough being homosexual in this country, with nutbars like "Dr." Laura Schlessinger braying about homosexuality being akin to bestiality and declaring that AIDS is God's punishment for the deviant.

Most Gays and Lesbians are just like the rest of us: They work, they pay taxes, some of them raise families -- yet because of their sexual orientation, they are denied the basic civil rights that the rest of us take for granted.

Giving them those rights isn't going to cause irreparable harm to anyone. Trust me: The only thing that will change is that they'll be treated like the normal, regular people that most of them are.

Well, in a perfect world, anyway.

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Vermont Governor Signs Civil Union Into Law

MONTPELIER, VT - Vermont Gov. Howard Dean signed into law the bill giving Lesbian and Gay couples nearly all of the benefits of marriage.

"I think it is a courageous and powerful statement about who we are in the state of Vermont," Gov. Dean is quoted as saying. "I also believe that this legislation speaks to the heart of this state, and certainly to my heart."

The bill establishing "civil unions" reached the governor's desk shortly before lunch on Wednesday, April 26, just a day after the House of Representatives gave its final approval. Out of view of TV and newspaper cameras and with little fanfare, the historic bill was signed into law.

Explaining his low-key approach, Gov. Dean said, "In politics, bill-signings are triumphal. They represent overcoming of one side over another. These celebrations, as the subject of the matter of the bill, will be private."

The bill confers upon Gay and Lesbian couples more than 300 rights and responsibilities enjoyed by married couples, from health insurance benefits to inheritance rights. Couples seeking civil unions must register with their town clerk and have the unions certified by a clergy member or a justice of the peace, and partners seeking to dissolve a union must go through family court just as married couples seeking a divorce do.

The two events shaped the nature of the debate about civil unions in the state. The first were the public hearings conducted by the House and Senate Judiciary Committees. The second was the town meeting votes held in early March.

One of the most powerful things to come out of the public hearings was listening and watching Gay men and women speak about their lives. "The issue was not about biological theories of homosexuality. It was not about the dictates of one religion or another. It was about ordinary Vermonters who wanted to share in rights and responsibilities they had long been denied," editors wrote.

"Fears about a homosexual agenda or about a flamboyant and alien Gay lifestyle diminished before the sight of hundreds of honest and sincere Vermonters seeking fair treatment from fellow Vermonters."

The town meeting vote, on the other hand, gave civil union opponents the ammunition they needed to claim broad public opposition to the bill. These arguments added an angry tone to the complaints of opponents who believe the Legislature has ignored the will of the people.

"Stop shoving this bill down the throats of our people," said Representative George Schiavone, a Republican. "Our people are coughing and gagging and choking on this bill," he said, and could "throw it up and throw us out."

"This is a sad, black day in the state of Vermont. God help us all," said Representative George R. Allard who turned his back when Representative William J. Lippert Jr., the Legislature's only openly Gay member, asked his colleagues to pass a bill about love.

"As we prepare to commit social

rape upon an unwilling citizenry, our lady of liberty weeps. said Representative Neil Randall. "The crumbling of that foundation is based on moral rot," he said, adding that the nation will be "appalled" by Vermont's action and that the state will suffer economically.

Standing beside Randall on the House floor, Representative Nancy J. Sheltra reminded legislators that sodomy was punishable by death in the state of Vermont the 19th century, prompting a partial walk-out. "Why would you encourage anal sex, sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS among a part of our society?"

There is obviously much healing to be done on all sides. Supporters have been shocked at this degree of mean-spirited bigotry and opposition expressed by the likes of Rep. Sheltra. Opponents have been dismayed by the assumption of moral superiority by those who believe all opponents to civil union are bigots.

Legislators said they fully understand their approval does not guarantee immediate public support for civil union. "The real challenge is not only passing a bill like this, but fostering its acceptance," said Republican Rep. Thomas A. Little. From his comments, it is clear he feels it a worthy pursuit.

"The granting of the equal protection of the law, by providing the legal protections, benefits and responsibilities that flow from marriage, will not diminish your humanity, your dignity, your freedom or independence," Little told members of the assembly. "The continued denial of these legal protections, benefits and responsibilities to a small but vulnerable class of Vermont citizens diminishes their humanity, dignity, freedom and independence."

Rep. Lippert later told the Legislature, "May we be the last generation of Gay and Lesbian Vermonters who have formed our committed relationships without the possibility of a law that grants us our rights, benefits and responsibilities."

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May is here and brings us more than we bargained for; there are seven planets, count 'em seven, sitting in Taurus in early May - Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. An unusual event indeed! Prepare for a bulldozer surge - you can achieve anything you want once you set your mind to it. Just don't butt your head against a brick wall.

ARIES**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Lucky proud Rambos may find themselves raking in the dough this May as many, many planets squat in acquisitive Taurus. Why ask why, compadre? But financial success will only come after hard work and application - not through easy gains or wild risk taking. Taurus is a hard working sign that sweats for every ounce. Use the luck of Gemini to spend it all after the 21st.

TAURUS**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Meet and greet Gay Bull. May is THE MONTH to get Out there and show the world your... ahem...many talents. Set up interviews with new, important people. Your mind is sharp and you express yourself advantageously. Strike while the bullish energy is hot and before all the planets hovering in your sign move on. By mid-month the bloom will be off your rose. Sniff!

GEMINI**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Rainbow Twins are even more mentally stimulated than usual this May when seven planets in sensual Taurus tickle your already active imagination. Intuitive thoughts burst Out and so do you. Others who may not know you as well as I do may simply assume you have finally gone off the edge. But who really cares what others may think? Be who you are and be proud!

CANCER**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Friends descend upon you when many

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

planets in Taurus ratchet up the number of names on your dance card. Enjoy the convivial camaraderie while you can, pink Crab. By mid-month some of these bullish planets make their move into Gemini, tempting you to put aside your worldly pastimes and concentrate more on community concerns and needs. Don't just give at the office.

LEO**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

May is your month! Queer robust Lions trot happily through any and all career trials with the grace and ease characteristic of your charming and confident sign. You understand that professional surprises can be handled with a little common sense. Apply it generously before mid-month when your attentions will be diverted by pals and group causes. Earn it and burn it cousin!

VIRGO**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

If you find that you're itchy feet must be scratched, please do so immediately and travel to parts unknown. This May, as seven planets settle briefly in Taurus, rainbow Virgins must heed the call of the wilde and go global. Grab onto all forms of new stimuli and make them work for you. By mid-month, you can apply them to your future professional plans... like petty tyrant??

LIBRA**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Gay Libras reevaluate how life has been going and make incredible personal growth strides when planets pack into Taurus this May. Don't fight these changes, cousin; change is often good for you whether you realize it or not! Get the 12 step pro-

gram in motion before mid-month. After that you'll be tempted to get away from it all and lounge on the beach. Hey, sounds good to me!

SCORPIO**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Relationships take on sensual purple haze when seven planets bulldoze into Taurus in early May. What was intolerable in another person may seem delightful and alluring now. So you say, queer Scorp.... Enjoy this sexy spark throughout the month and watch the energy build to a crescendo mid-month when some planets inch into vivacious Gemini. Some folks have all the luck!!

SAGITTARIUS**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Your career can be catapulted with the small victories gained on the day to day job this May. Give a big thanks to seven planets in directioned Taurus, proud Archer, and promise to clean off your desk before mid-month. After that, as certain planets enter Gemini, you'll give more of your attention to partners and warm up cooled down relationships. Hey not a moment too soon!

CAPRICORN**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Not only do you get a kick from champagne, but any stimulant gets you high as a kite. Fun has a way of getting out of hand with the load of planets in bullish Taurus this May. Avoid mind altering things or over indulgence of any kind - the Taurean energy will keep going and going to the bitter end. However, if genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration, get hot and wet, Gay Cap

AQUARIUS**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

May is an excellent time to nestle in the comfort of your own home. With all those planets hovering in Taurus, Aquarians feel happy and secure there and draw on reserves of energy ready to be put to good use. Tackle home projects before mid-month or entertain at home. As some planets slide into Gemini, your urge to party hearty cannot be denied. Party on, comrade!

PISCES**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Rainbow Fish are even chattier than usual with all those planets sitting in Taurus in early May. Let your imagination roar and soar, cousin; your thoughts will never be as solid, practical or direct. And, as some of these orbs make their move into Gemini mid-month, your urge to express yourself finds an audience in your family. Tell 'em who you are and what you think proud guppie!

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VENTURING OUT by Sasha Alyson A Guide To Gay And Lesbian Travel

Gay men and women all have one thing in common: We came out. Whether only to ourselves, to a small group of friends and family, or even to the world, on one scale or another we took the risk of coming out.

We all learned from that experience. It was scary for most of us, but the rewards proved greater than we'd ever expected. If there were negative consequences, they were usually briefer and less severe than what we had mentally braced for. After coming out, we found ourselves part of a different culture or subculture, and that, too, brought risks and rewards. If we were shy, we had to make an effort to meet new people and find new social outlets.

Those experiences, I believe, help explain why Gay men and Lesbians are so often avid travelers, and why we get so much out of travel. We've learned that risks can bring great rewards. We know that the culture we grew up in isn't the only way to live, that other cultural systems may work better for other people.

Yes, there are Gay people who travel to Mexico and are upset to discover that it's not like the Mexican pavilion at Disney World. But overall, I find that Gay people are more willing to experience and embrace different cultures. We're more willing to take the risks, and to seek the interactions, that make travel more satisfying. ...

This is my final Venturing Out column. My list of ideas for future columns grows steadily, but as my Gay adventure-travel business expands, the time for writing has become scarcer. I've reluctantly decided I cannot give a monthly column like this the time that it deserves.

Over the past four years, I've enjoyed the chance to hear (and attempt to answer) your questions about travel. I've learned from conversations with others in the Gay travel business as I've researched columns. For my final column, I'd like to expand on the theme I raise above. ...

Yes, as Gay people, we may welcome new experiences more than the typical American does. We'll take risks. And we're good at meeting new people. On a dive boat in the Caribbean with a group of 10 Gay men, the divemaster asked how many years we'd all known one another. "We just met yesterday evening," I explained. She was amazed. "You all act like old friends," she said.

But like any creatures, we easily fall into the comfort of habit, without realizing what we're missing. I invite you to clip the following list. The next time you make travel or vacation plans, use this list to expand your horizons even further.

Change your group size. You can travel alone, with one other person, with a small group, or with a large group. Each approach creates an entirely different experience. Have you tried it all four ways? Solo travel, in particular, is the best way to get to know another country. You'll be amazed at the kindness of strangers. My favorite technique: Pull out a map and look perplexed whenever you're feeling lonely.

Be the planner. Whenever two or more people travel together, one is usually the planner -- the person who keeps track of the details, evaluates hotels and restaurants and activities, and puts together a schedule. This unofficial, often unacknowl-



edged role is frequently filled by the same person. If you've never been the planner, then you're missing a dimension of travel.

Change your comfort level. If you've always stayed in luxury accommodations, try a camping trip, youth hostels, or homestays. (But don't simply switch to cheap hotels, which will merely feel like a bad imitation of what you're accustomed to.) You'll see the world differently, and enjoy more interaction with both other travelers, and the local population. If you've always camped out or used budget accommodations, then chances are you can't afford a luxury hotel, but think about how you could be more pampered. One way is to go high-end in a country where the dollar is strong. For the price of a U.S. motel, you can live quite luxuriously in many of the developing Asian countries.

Identify what you're missing. List your last five vacation destinations. What do they have in common? Were they all on a beach? All major cities? All on the same continent? All at Gay-identified resorts? All places you'd been before? All in English-speaking countries? For your next destination, break out of the envelope.

Meet the opposite gender. On a trip I was guiding last fall, one Gay man made no secret of being upset when he learned the group included more women than men. Within twelve hours, he was having the time of his life. Gay men and women tend to travel in separate circles, and we miss out on a lot because of that. I'm not talking about "personal growth experiences" here. I'm talking about just plain fun.

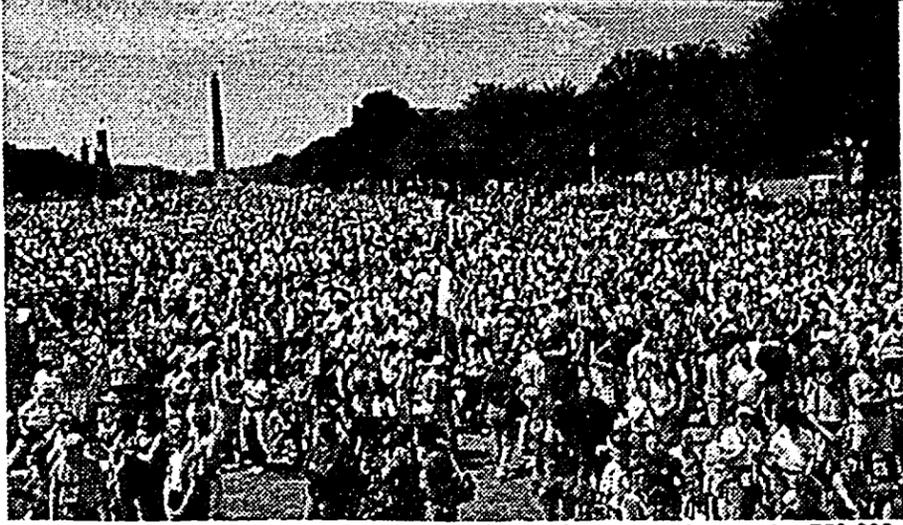
Perhaps one of those suggestions shocks you -- almost as much as the notion of coming out would have once shocked you. It's up to you just how far you want to push your limits. But I hope you will. And I hope, on one of those future adventures, that our paths will cross.

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Garth Brooks and professional baseball player Billy Ben backstage at Equality Rocks.



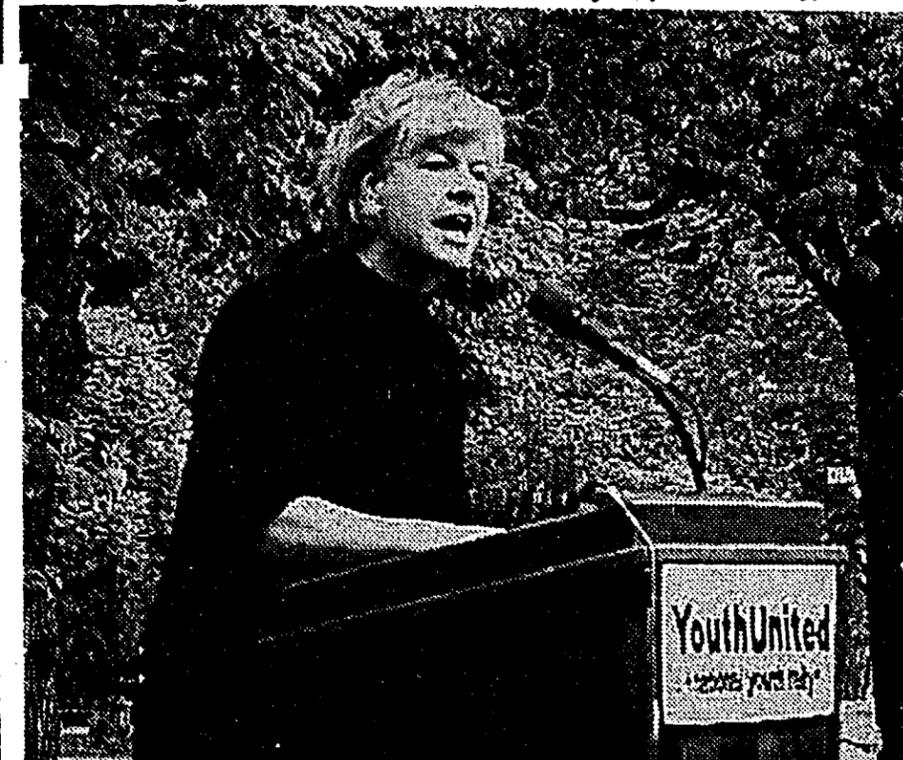
Three Way, Two Gay: Ellen Degeneres, Anne Heche and Joely Fisher enjoy an intimate moment backstage.



Rock Superstar Melissa Ethridge sings for the crowd on the mall, after being introduced by her partner Julie Cypher.



Tennis Goddess Martina Navratilova chats with fans backstage.



U.S. Representative Tammy Baldwin speaks to the Gay & Lesbian youth on the Mall.

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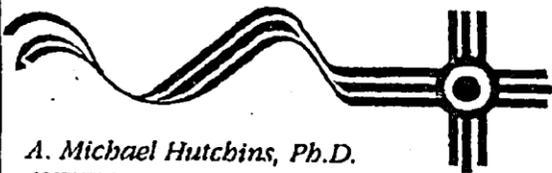
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Tucson GLBT

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Topics for future forums include: how to acquire domestic partner benefits in the work place, youth and aging issues in the rainbow community and a preview of

the November elections and how they relate to the GLBT community.

"We're hoping to raise the level of debate so people will be better informed and have a sense of community," said Wingspan board president Steve Hall, who moderated the recent forum.

For more information about future events, contact Wingspan, 300 E. Sixth St., from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday at (520) 624-1779 or visit its web site at www.wingspanaz.org

Equality Rocks

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permanent desire to continue the fight and struggle for Gay and Lesbian equal rights. Her songs brought love into crystal clarity. Her personal story brought tears to the eyes of the crowd. Her flame brought the show to a crescendo. And the show was only half over.

The Pet Shop Boys kept the audience dancing in the aisles and joined the community in a homage to the Village People as they performed, "Go West." Michael Fierstein bridged the gap by singing Gay love songs from Broadway.

The concert wasn't all fun and frolic though.

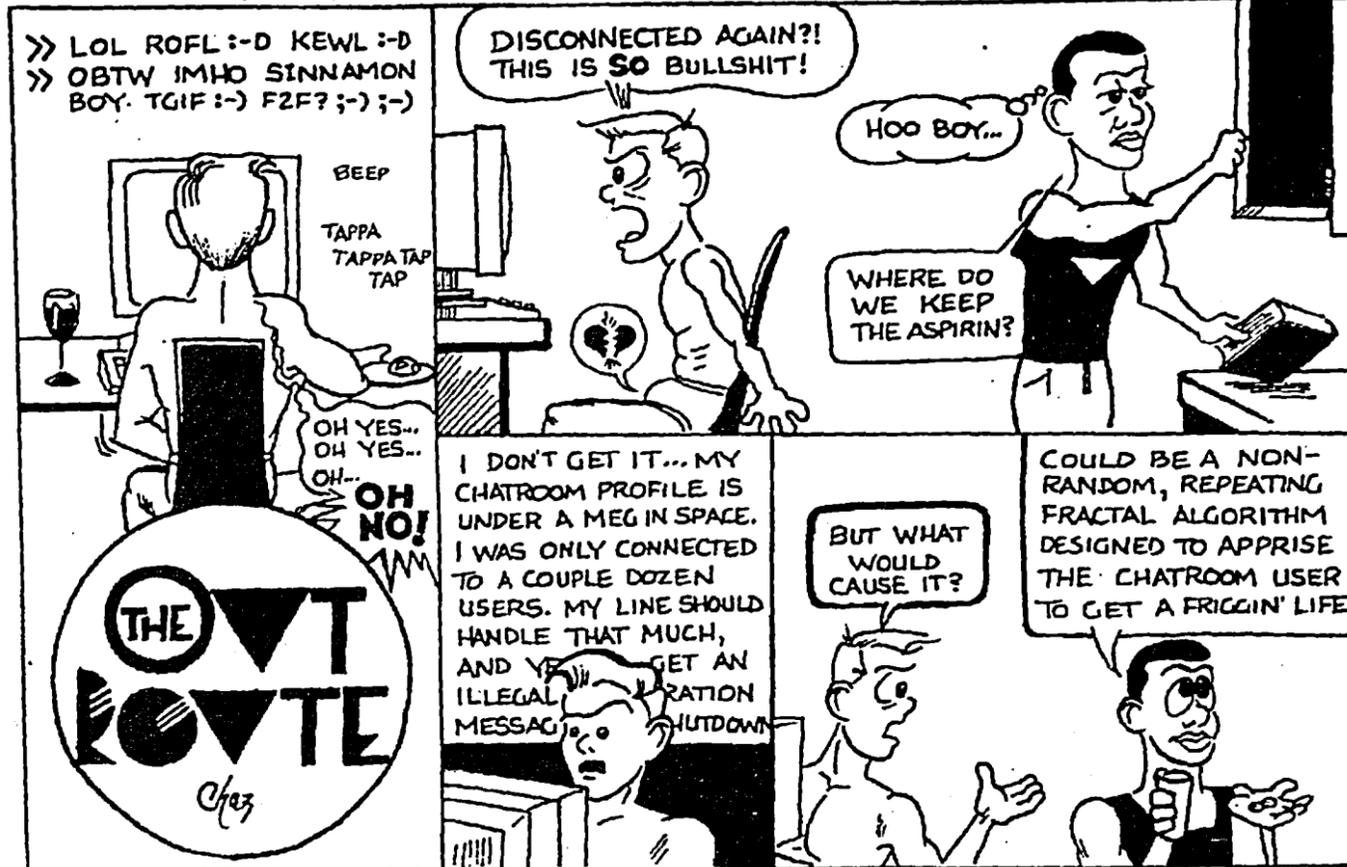
The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) brought out family members of those affected by hate crimes, which Matthew Shepard's father introduced. The video clip that HRC showed choked up many audience members. Then when Ben, the most critically injured little boy in the pointless shootings in North Los Angeles Jewish Community Center, the crowd welcomed him and cheered him for his courageous recovery and having the fortitude as a young boy to be in front of 45,000 screaming fans.

Melissa Etheridge then returned to the stage to perform her single, "Scarecrow," about the murder of Matthew Shepard. The audience sang along with her and even helped her through a rough patch where she was crying and choked-up and could not finish the verse she was performing. With the audience's support she continued and the most moving moment of the evening occurred as the audience sang the chorus of "Love, Love, Love, Love..."

George Michael then made it to the stage to perform. In his performance he drew attention to the 40,000 teens everyday in this country who are locked up in psychiatric institutions, given shock treatments and left to rot all because their families want to cure them of being Gay. He encouraged the audience to not let this travesty continue, and to fight for the rights of those who cannot fight for themselves.

Finally, Garth Brooks made his way to the stage, and performed, We Shall Be Free, The River, and The Dance to a transfixed audience.

The show stopping number of all performers singing, Celebration, with Tipper on the drums while fireworks exploded from the stage closed the evening while getting the crowd ready for the historic Millennium March.



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SATURDAY, MAY 6

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck & Social Gathering as we sit down to eat with some of the nicest gay guys in town (like you!). It's a nice, safe place to meet 80 guys all at once! The Potluck is held at the Casas Adobe Congregational Church at 6801 N. Oracle. Please call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and any questions you may have.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

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. 10:00 a.m.

MONDAY, MAY 8

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Michael at 326-3555.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 11:30 a.m. Join Jerry & Les for a Lunch Out at the Casino of the Sun. After lunch, we'll spread out in the casino and try our hand at winning a few dollars. For details, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for Dinner Out as we go to Cory's Cafe. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast 8:30 a.m. at the Hotel Congress, 311 E. Congress. Call 584-0280 for more details.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 a.m. MSN members hold a One In Ten Carpet Sale at 1740 E. Hedrick Drive (one block south of Ft. Lowell, and one block west of Campbell). For more info, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts Pinochle Night. If you're a fan of the game, this is the place to go. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll help you out. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

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.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Join Steve and other MSN guys as we take a moonlight hike up through Sabino Canyon. For details, please call Steve at 318-9162.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Les' home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, May 18 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

SATURDAY, MAY 20

6:00 p.m. Tucson Prime Timers Potluck / Meeting at Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain (about 1/2 block north of Ft. Lowell on the left). Call 584-0820 for details.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bill hosts the MSN Premiere of "I Think I Do", a very funny film about a gay college student in love with his roommate, and their meeting again several years later. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

- Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Robert hosts a hike to Tanque Verde Falls for some nude sunbathing. For details, please call Robert at 408-7114.
- 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.
- Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Steve hosts an evening devoted to Mah Jong. If you don't know how to play, they gladly teach you. For reservations, details, and directions, please call Steve at 388-4849.

MONDAY, MAY 22

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday featuring Miss Gay Metropolis Chané Jordan, Miss Gay Phoenix, Celebrity Starr and Miss Gay Tucson, Bunny FuFu.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

STONEWALL - Cinco de Mayo Fiesta begins with Latin music in the Dance Club. Drink specials on Tequila shots, Margaritas, Piña Coladas and Coronas. Fiesta continues through May 7.

VALENTINA'S - Cinco de Mayo Party! \$2.00 Corona, Dos Equis, Margaritas; \$1.75 Cuervo shots; \$4.00 Hornitos shots plus many more drink specials.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

AINT NOBODYS BIZ - Celebrate Cinco de Mayo here with \$1.50 tequila shots, \$2.00 Coronas and other drink specials from 9:00 p.m. to closing. Latin Music from 9:00 to closing. It's gonna be a hot Latino Friday!

IBT'S - Cinco de Mayo with Jazz on the patio with Susan and Tracy plus special drink prices: Coronas \$2.00; Cuervo Shots \$2.00 and Taco Bar from 5:00 p.m. to ??????

STONEWALL - Fiesta de Mayo Party goes on. Taco Bar opens at 5:00 p.m. Build your own Tacos. Drink specials on Tequila shots, Margaritas, Piña Coladas and Coronas.

WOODYS - Cinco de Mayo Party here with Well Margaritas \$1.75 and a tostada Bar from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

STONEWALL - Fiesta de Mayo continues with special drink prices on Margaritas, Piña Coladas, Coronas and shots of Tequila.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

IBT'S - Jeff's Bloody Mary Bar is open from 11:00 a.m. til 6:00 p.m. Karaoke on the Patio 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. with Billy Dee. Beer Bust only this weekend 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Then at 9:30 it's the first of the season "Wet Shorts Contest". (Sign up at 9:00 p.m. Minimum 4 contestants). \$125 to the First Place winner!

STONEWALL - Fiesta de Mayo Party winds up today with a Mexican Buffet served at 5:00 p.m. and special drink prices continue on Margaritas, Piña Coladas, Coronas and shots of Tequila. Ole!

VALENTINA'S - Marquis will DJ Retro dance music every Sunday beginning today.

WOODYS - 13th Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Benefit for SAAF 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. There'll be a great Auction also with all proceeds going to SAAF. Food, Fun and Party! Mistresses of Ceremonies Lucinda Holiday & Gilda Fatalé. \$2.00 Cover at the door. (SAAF clients admitted free with advance ticket. Call SAAF to pick up or have ticket mailed). For more information or wrestler packets, call 628-7223.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

VALENTINA'S - Karaoke returns here on Tuesdays with Deacon at the controls.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

IBT'S - "The Girlie Show" Hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring, from Phoenix, Phaedra and Barbra Seville and special guests.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

VALENTINA'S - "Goddess Revue" hosted by Mr. Kenneth Blake at 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

IBT'S - Mother's Day Party planned here. Watch for details.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

IBT'S - The hilarious Rudy De La More returns to the stage here. If you haven't heard him, mark your calendars now. If you have heard him you know to get here early to get a good seat!

SUNDAY, MAY 21

VALENTINA'S - Mr. Valentina Pageant. Contestant packets available at the bar.

MONDAY, MAY 29

IBT'S - Memorial Day Monday Morning Madness Show. Watch upcoming ads for full details.

refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Michael at 326-3555.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

12:30 p.m. Tucson Prime Timers Luncheon at ELLE Restaurant, 3048 E. Broadway (And Country Club). Call 584-0280.

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

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "Midnight Cowboy", starring Dustin Hoffman and Jon Voight as two men, down on their luck, who become friends. For reservations & directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our Topic of Discussion as we look at "Surviving the Loss of a Relationship".

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AINT NOBODYS BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.

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

STONEWALL - Free Sunday Buffet Served at 5pm. Bar open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 until 7pm. Sizzoni Sunday make your own Bloody Marys. Dance Club opens at 9pm with Joshua Tree Nite! Flash from the Past, music by Mia. Master David Z. New Digital Karaoke surround sound system (in the bar) 9pm to close. Popcorn, Steaming Buns and Weenies ... Free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11-7pm. \$1.50 well & domestics. BBQ Beer Bust 4-9pm; Pool Tourney to benefit SAAF 7:30pm \$3 entry (pot matched). Retro Dance Party w/DJ Marquis 9pm - 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.

WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. Check in with bartender. Karaoke with Billy Dee now on Sundays 9pm to close.

Monday

AINT NOBODYS BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.

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

STONEWALL - Bar opens noon. All well drinks \$1.50 until 7pm. All cocktails 2-4-1 from 7pm til 1am. Dance Club opens 9pm with David Z spinning retro. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies...free

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11-7 \$1.50 well & domestics; BBQ Beer Bust 6-9pm. All request DJ 9pm -1am. Extended Happy Hour 9pm-1am 50¢ drafts plus \$1.50 Pitchers (32oz) and free pool.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Tourney 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Tuesday

AINT NOBODYS BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Long Islands all nite. Dance to music w/DJs.

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

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 until 7pm. Dance Club opens 9pm. DJ Eduardo featuring international music. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. 11am-7pm, \$1.50 well & domestics. 2-4-1 from 5to7pm well & domestics. BBQ Beer Bust 6-9; Karaoke 9pm-1am, 80¢ drink specials 9pm-1am.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. 1st Tuesday TKO Spaghetti Feed WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Sky's the limit \$2.25

Wednesday

AINT NOBODYS BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.50 pitchers 9-close. 80s Retro DJ Sarafina. No cover.

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

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 til 7. New Digital Karaoke surround sound 9pm til close in the bar. Dance Club opens at 9pm with DJ Eduardo. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... Free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7pm, \$1.50 well & domestics. Pool tourney 7:30pm \$3 entry (pot matched). Disco Intero 9pm-1am with DJ Marquis. 25¢ "You Call It" drink specials 9pm-1am.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Cuervo Gold \$2 and Cuervo 1800 \$2.25 Open to close. Patio opens at 5pm.

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

Thursday

AINT NOBODYS BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Liz 9pm to close. \$1.50 Tequila & 75 Watermelons.

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

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 til 7pm. Dance club opens at 9pm. Dance with DJ Eduardo. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well & Domestics. 2-4-1 4-7pm well & domestics. Karaoke 9pm-close.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-1st. \$3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 6pm

WOODYS - 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

AINT NOBODYS BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill. Drink specials every 1/2 hour

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

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 til 7pm. Dance Club open 9pm. Dance with DJ David Z. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7 \$1.50 well & domestics. Live dance lessons 7-8pm; Country Music extravaganza 7pm to close. All Bud Products \$2.

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

WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm Martini Party - Well Martinis \$2. Call Martinis \$3 from 4pm to close. Vol lbyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Saturday

AINT NOBODYS BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half hour...

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

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 til 7pm. Dance Club opens at 9pm with DJ David Z. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7 \$1.50 well & domestics... A variety of shows hosted by Mr. Kenneth Blake. 9:30pm. All donations go to charity. Dance Mix 10:30pm to 1am.

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

WOODYS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.



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 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Rom 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 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9468 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

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

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

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

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.

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.saafof.org>. **VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.**

RELATIONSHIP SURVIVORS. For Lesbians whose relationship has just broken up. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9am to 10am. For info call Dorian Easty, group facilitator. 882-7723

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8880 or write P.O. Box 36284, Tucson, AZ 85740-6284. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

The **TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL** invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-0280, leave name and phone number.

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

AIDS HOTLINE - 328-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 8:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

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

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

DESERT DUNGEON TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational, Educational, Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (602)325-0131, or <http://www.azds.net/dd>

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

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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 8:00 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.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) meets every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Wingspan at 300 E. Sixth Street. 624-1779

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 8:30 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.

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

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

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

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: 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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COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85803 / (602)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

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 299-8647.

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

ARE YOU GAY OR BI-SEXUAL 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.

NOTICES

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

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For more information write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

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

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 299-8647.

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

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7678.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Santa 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 884-8920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-8057 (evanet@ix.netcom.com)

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail lyan@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 KXCL. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

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

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

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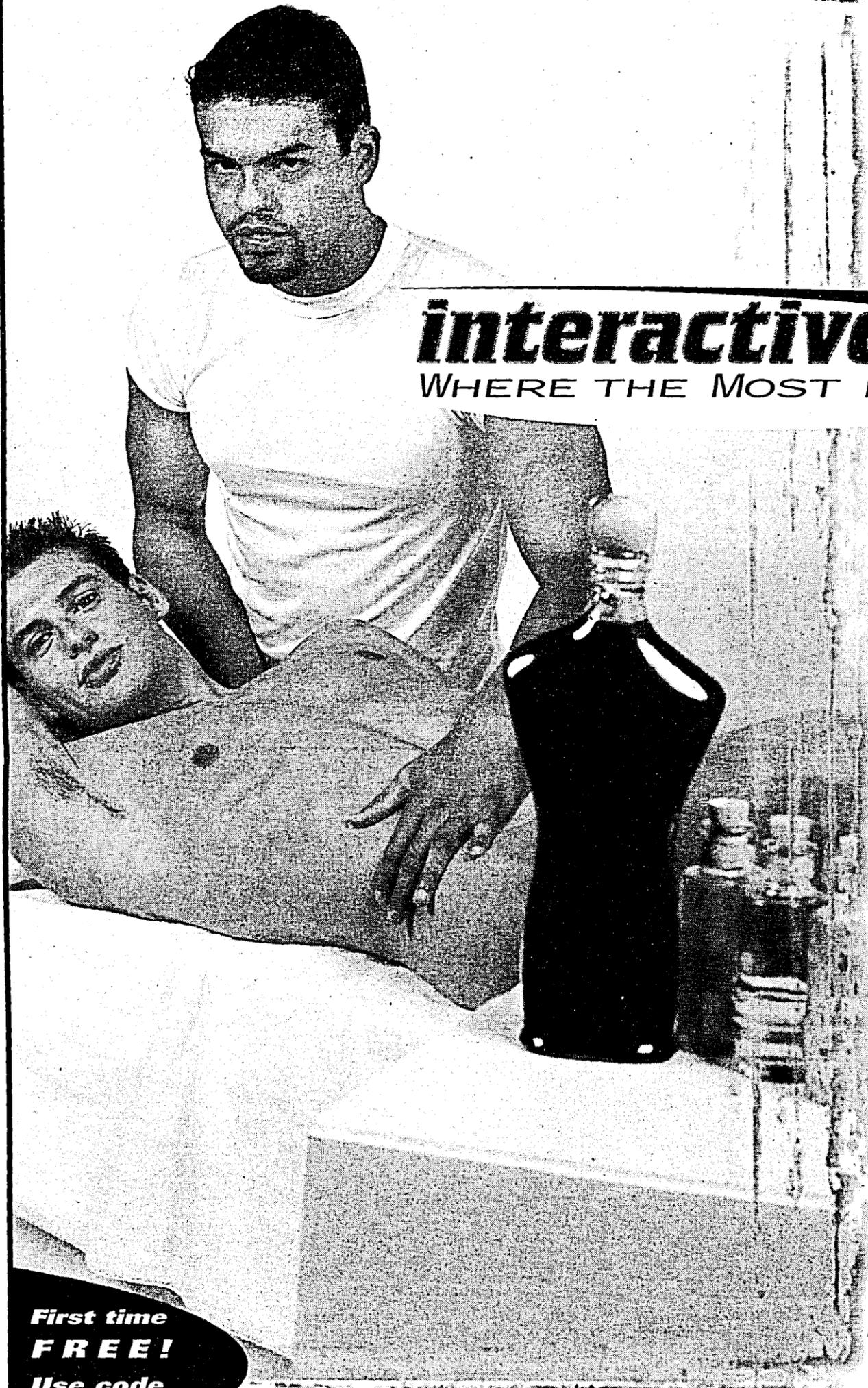
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