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AHRF Lobby Day Monday, Feb. 5

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) - While en route to a speaking engagement in Tucson, openly Gay state Representative, Ken Cheuvront, D-Phoenix, the House Minority Leader said the composition of the 45th Arizona Legislature have "improved tremendously" the chances of passage of pro Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) legislation, and the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) hopes to seize on that with their third annual Lobby Day, Monday, February 5.

The intent of Lobby Day, according to AHRF, is to advance the organization's primary legislative agenda: repealing the seldom-enforced, but still on the books to discriminate, archaic laws (dealing with sodomy, cohabitation and "crimes against nature) and the passage of the Arizona Employment Non Discrimination Act, through coordinated meetings between GLBT constituents and legislators.

"The composition and leadership of the current legislature offers our community an opportunity to pass long, overdue, civil rights legislation," said AHRF Co-Chair, Bill MacDonald. "The key to our success will be a strong, unified presence on Lobby Day, persistent AHRF vigilance and ongoing constituents phone calls urging your elected officials to vote in favor of our bills. We urge people to join AHRF in demonstrating the community's tenacity and the true strength in numbers."

Registration for the third annual Lobby Day will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the Capitol Mall. Briefing packets will be provided to everyone that registers, providing speaking points about each bill. At 11:30 a.m., AHRF will host a barbecue luncheon on the Capitol grounds, for all volunteers, legislators and other elected state officials, so that the issues of concern can be discussed in an informal manner.

After the barbecue, those present will assemble in the gallery of the House of Representatives to observe the formal session of the House and to be recognized from the floor by Cheuvront, state Representative Steve May, R-Phoenix, and state Representative Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson. According to AHRF, the "larger the number of GLBT citizens present, the greater the impression will be made with Members of the House."

From 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., meetings between constituents and legislators are planned. Organizers of the Lobby Day, AHRF's Community Action Network, are in the process of recruiting to meet with selected Senators and Representatives, to hear from their constituents from their own districts on why they should voted in favor on legislative of concern. For information, or to sign up, call AHRF, (602) 650-0900.

Cheuvront was in Tucson, Monday, January 22, to speak at a forum, sponsored by OUTReach, a group of University of Arizona GLBT faculty, staff and graduate students, about GLBT political issues and the possible impact of the Bush administration.

According to reports, Cheuvront said the state is becoming more progressive with the election of more moderates to both chambers of the Legislature, and the chances to repeal Arizona's archaic laws have improved but anti-Gay sentiments still prevail, citing two bills introduced by state Representative Mark Anderson, R-Mesa, which would repeal the ban on public funding for discriminatory groups and state Senator David Petersen, R-Mesa, which would prohibit the state from extending benefits to the domestic partners of their employees.

Cheuvront was elected as House Minority Leader for this session, said at the forum that leaders in the Democratic party are working hard to enhance the party's image, and ultimately, make it a majority in the state.

"As a Democrat, we're trying to revitalize the caucus," he said at the forum. "In the past people have labeled us as a group and defined us in a way that is not true," he went on to say.

Regarding the new president, Cheuvront said at the forum that American has entered a potentially representative political era with the George W. Bush administration, but is still optimistic.

"I'm concerned, I don't think his administration will be positive," Cheuvront said. "I hope I'm proven wrong."

Hormel Responds To Ashcroft's Attacks

WASHINGTON, DC - According to an op-ed piece written by Frank Rich and published in The New York Times, attorney general nominee John Ashcroft was not truthful in testimony he provided under oath before the Senate Judiciary Committee last week.

In part, the Rich article referenced the reasons supplied by Ashcroft last week for fighting Bill Clinton's nomination of James Hormel, the Gay businessman and

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Gays And Lesbians Protest Bush Inauguration

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) - As the new U.S. president was sworn in, many Gays and Lesbians took part in demonstrations against the new regime while others, including Mary Cheney, were celebrating.

Promising to "build a single nation of justice and opportunity," George W. Bush was sworn in as the 43rd President of the United States in a January 20 ceremony in a Washington, D.C. beset by frigid temperatures and constant precipitation. The weather may have kept some home, but thousands of protesters turned out to picket the inaugural parade and call attention to issues such as the Florida recount, racial equality, economic globalization, and Gay and Lesbian rights. Similar demonstrations were held on a smaller scale in a number of cities around the U.S. Meanwhile, Gay Republicans took part in the inaugural celebrations.

Organizers estimated that upwards of 20,000 people protested along the parade route. Only nine arrests were reported, despite – or perhaps because of – the tightest security ever at a swearing-in. The day before the inauguration, authorities won the right in federal court to search spectators for weapons and other prohibited objects at 10 checkpoints along the route. There were backups at the checkpoints, but there were few reports of police abusing their power beyond the search procedures.

Bush's limousine was pelted with an egg at the start of the parade, but otherwise the protests were peaceful – if still confrontational. Some protesters took up the familiar rallying cry of "no justice, no peace" as they faced off with Bush supporters. "Racist, sexist, anti-Gay. Bush and Cheney go away," was one of the more popular chants. Larry Holmes of the International Action Center (IAC), one of the primary organizers, said he was encouraged by the strength of the protest. "Our demonstration is a sign that the Bush administration's right wing policies will be a catalyst to the rebirth of a nationwide movement for social justice," he said.

The IAC also sponsored California protests in San Diego and San Francisco. The San Jose Mercury News reported that 2,000 San Franciscans broke off from a rally at City Hall and marched through downtown without a permit. The colorful protesters were split between those frustrated primarily by what they called a miscarriage of justice in Florida and those agitating for specific changes. The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, a Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender (GLBT) philanthropic group that dresses in nuns' habits, led an oath in which participants promised to "defend all people from compassionate conservatives and work to ensure that ... every vote will be counted." More furtive protesters changed the street signs on the city's Bush street to read, among other things, "Puppet."

Thousands of people rallied in Los Angeles in a "Mourning of Inauguration." As elsewhere, protesters called into question the legitimacy of the Bush presidency with signs proclaiming "Hail to the Cheat" – or alternatively "Hell to the Thief" – and "One Nation Under Fraud." Actor Ed Asner emceed the event and gave an impassioned speech. The Los Angeles Times noted the presence of actor Ed Begley Jr.; Congressional Black Caucus powerhouse Representative Maxine Waters (D-Calif.) and Lesbian state Assemblymember Jackie Goldberg (D-Los Angeles) also spoke. Sheila Kuehl, California's first "out" Gay or Lesbian state senator (D-Santa Monica), warned that GLBT and other minority groups "now have an enemy in the White House – not just 'not a friend' – an enemy" and urged the crowd to "do one thing every day to undermine the Bush administration."

In West Palm Beach, Florida, where much of the election controversy was centered, Judy Shepard, mother of the infamously murdered Matthew, spoke at a Jewish community center's series on tolerance and diversity. "In all honesty, I think all Gay issues are just going to be shelved for the duration of the Bush administration," she said. "In the past, our problems have been with the Republican leadership. Now it's the executive leadership."

GLBT Republicans – more than a million of whom voted for Bush by some estimates – had a considerably more sanguine outlook on the incoming president. The Log Cabin Republicans, who campaigned for Bush after feuding with him during the primaries, held an inaugural dinner before heading to some of the eight inaugural balls.

Also Mary Cheney, the openly Lesbian daughter of Vice President Dick Cheney, participated in all the day's activities. She stood with her mother and sister by her father's side during his swearing-in. And in an interview on MSNBC, former Senator Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.) mentioned being seated with "Mary Cheney and her companion" at one of the inaugural events.

Representatives from the religious right were visible at the inauguration – and they were in a good mood. "We are here to celebrate the fact that God did not give us the president we deserve," the Washington Post quoted one Christian conservative as saying. "He gave us somebody better than we deserve." One of the reasons for their optimism is Bush's nomination of right winger John Ashcroft to be attorney gen-

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MTV's 'Real World' To Hold Casting Call In Tucson

TUCSON - On Wednesday, January 31, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Casting Directors from Bunim/Murray Productions, producers of the perennial hit MTV show "The Real World" will be holding an open casting call at O'Malley's on Fourth, 247 North Fourth Avenue.

Seven lucky people will get the opportunity of a lifetime when MTV hands over the keys to a new fantasy pad this summer for the show's eleventh season. The Real World, MTV's longest running show, is a documentary series about seven strangers who spend five months living and working together. This will be the first time the show will be shot during the summer months.

So what does it take to get on the show? "We look for characters from real life; people with strong personalities who are unafraid to speak their minds," says Jonathan Murray, an Executive Producer of The Real World. Mary-Ellis Bunim said "with each new season, the challenge becomes finding cast members who represent a perspective we haven't yet seen on the show." Indeed, a challenge, especially when the Bunim/Murry casting department screens tens of thousands of applicants during open casting calls across the country.

Everyone between the ages of 18 to 24 are encouraged to bring a recent photo to the open casting call at O'Malley's on Fourth on January 31.

TLGA Launches Logo Contest

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance has announced the logo contest for OUToberFEST 2001 "OUT in the Desert".

All entries must Incorporate the following information:

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Entries can be as many colors as the artist creates. Please keep in mind the art-work will be used for t-shirts, baseball caps, b/w ads, and the color poster.

Mail entries to: TLGA, P.O. Box 40301, Tucson,AZ 85717

Deadline is Friday, March 23,2001 All artwork becomes the property of TLGA. Winning entry receives $100.00. For more information call the OUTline at 520-622-3200

TIHAN Invites Community To New Year Reception

TUCSON - TIHAN's Annual Meeting and A New Year's Reception for donors, volunteers, clients, and others interested in becoming involved in TIHAN is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30 from 6:30 TO 8:00 p.m.

Instead of yet another holiday party in December, the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) has traditionally moved its holiday party to January. It is an informal, drop-in event open to all.

This year's reception will feature hors d'oeuvres, cheer, and music, and is a TIHAN's way of saying thank you to the community for your support last year. In addition to the social, there will be a short Annual Meeting of the organization, including a brief report from the Executive Director and the President of the Board, along with presentation of the Excellence in Caring Award, and a special slide show featuring some of the wonderful people and events of TIHAN.

The New Year's Reception is a great way to find out more about TIHAN and meet some of the people involved. It will be held this year at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, 4625 East River Road (corner of Swan and River Roads). For more information, call (520) 299-6647.

New Men's Group Forming

TUCSON - A new social group is being organized for Southern Arizona Gay men.

The group, as yet unnamed, will have no restrictions as to age or race. And, dues, if any, will be nominal. Planned activities may include outings, day trips, and cafe lunches--but most events will be in members' homes and will probably consist of potluck meals, table games, movies and the like.

The structure will be loose, and it's hoped that such formalities as officers and boards of directors can be avoided. Anyone interested is invited to phone (520) 624-6768 or (520) 749-1142 and leave a message.

MCC Announces Membership Class

TUCSON - The Reverend Joyce Cook, Pastor, has announced that the first membership class of the year 2001 at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) will be held on four consecutive Monday evenings, beginning January 28.

The classes will continue on February 5, 12, and 19. Each class session begins at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the church.

The membership class provides extensive information regarding Water of Life MCC and the church's denomination, the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC). Classes are open to the public, and there is no admission charge! Anyone interested in learning more about Metropolitan Community Church is urged to attend. Those who complete the four session class may choose to formally become members of Water of Life MCC.

Each of the four sessions will offer a particular focus, including the basic doctrine of the Christian faith, an overview of homosexuality and the Christian scriptures, and a review of the local church including opportunities for active involvement and local church governance structures. One class session will focus on the founding, growth and development of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches worldwide and it's vision, mission, ministry, leadership and governmental structures.

Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church was founded in December 1970 as one of the early congregations of the UFMCC. Founded in 1968 in southern California, UFMCC was the first major Christian movement with an affirming ministry and outreach in the Gay and Lesbian community.

The local congregation, Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church, gathers for worship each Sunday at 10:15 a.m., at the church facility at 3269 North Mountain Avenue, just north of Fort Lowell Road. Rev. Cook is extending an invitation to the public to learn about MCC in these membership classes, or join the congregation in worship any Sunday. A fellowship time with refreshments follows worship. For further information, please contact the church office at (520) 292-9151 or you may contact the Pastor at WOLMCC@aol.com.

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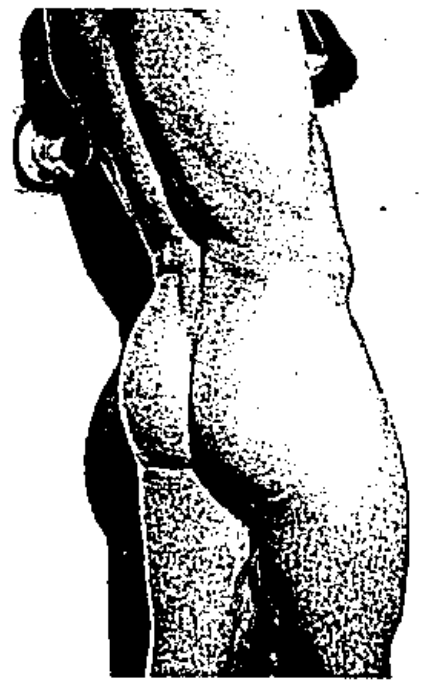

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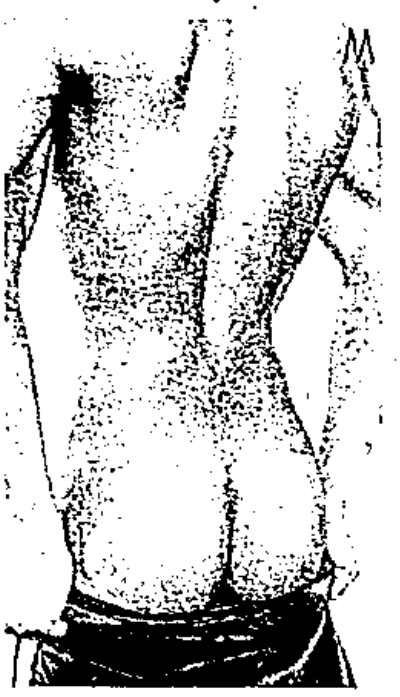

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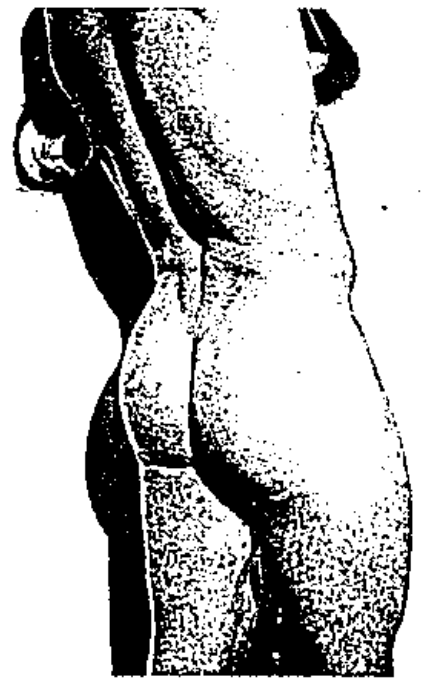

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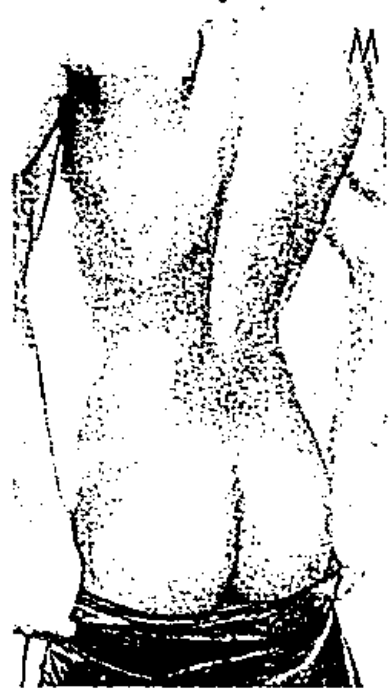

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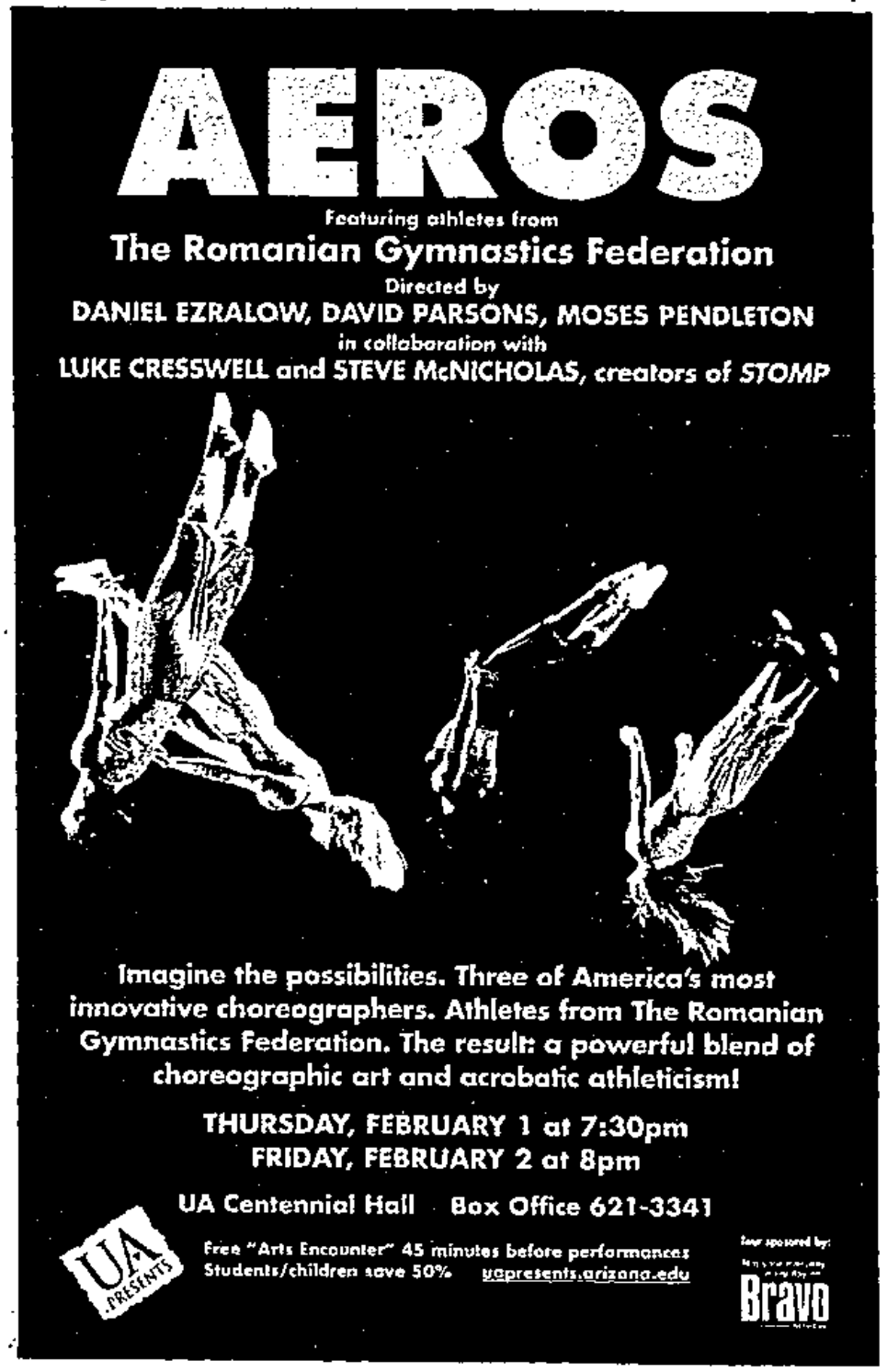


Another Successful Rodeo

PHOENIX - Stormy, rainy skies on Friday Jan 12, did not dampen the 17th annual AGRA Road Runner Regional Rodeo. The Phoenix Chapter event took place over the weekend of the Martin Luther King Holiday at the Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds. More than 2300 people attended the successful events.

Royalty events got underway Thursday night at Charlie's and ended Friday night at the Ramada Inn. That night spectators saw Suzanne Targ'et (a.k.a. Woody Howard) crowned as Miss AGRA 2001. For those of you who missed the entertainment portion of the contest, her performance of "Your Good Girl's Gonna Go Bad" was a stunning number, with 2 costume changes including a "wig over a wig" change. It was great. Congratulations also to 1st runner up Ms. Markus (a.k.a. Markus Allen) and to the 2nd runner up, the always delightful and talented Miss Noel Christine (a.k.a. Tommy Pena). The MS AGRA title was won by the beautiful Gaylia Young.

On Saturday, January 13, the rodeo events got under way with sunny but cold weather. Over 1400 people came through the gates to watch such events as Bull Riding, Bareback Bronc Riding, Steer Riding, Chute Dogging, Break-Away Roping, Flag Racing, Wild Drag Race and more.

AGRA contestants did very well over the 2-day event. All 13 events are performed on both Saturday and Sunday. The Cowboy and Cowgirl with the most total points places 1st and wins the buckle for that event. The top eight finishers in each event score points, which accumulate throughout the year for a chance to go to the IGRA finals in October of each year.

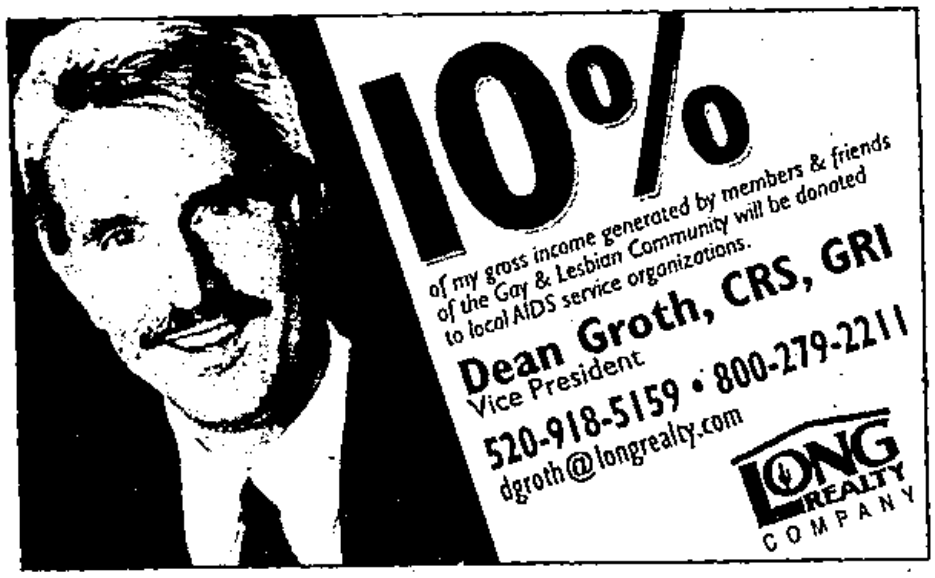
Chuck Browning, a member of AGRA since 1995 and this years Grand Marshall, is the only cowboy to compete in all 13 events. He placed 1st in both Bull Riding and Bareback Bronc Riding. Chuck also placed 5th in Steer Riding, 6th in Pole Bending, 6th in Flag Racing. In the team event of Wild Drag Race he and fellow AGRA members Claire Miller and Brian Helander placed 8th. Chuck finished the weekend with an Impressive 5th Place finish in the All Around Cowboy category.

Brian Helander won a buckle buckled by placing 1st in Chute dogging. He also placed 2nd in Calf Roping on foot, 4th place in Flag Racing and again 8th in the team event of Wild Drag Race, along with Chuck and Claire Miller. Popper DuBray won a buckle for placing 1st in the event of Flag Racing.

Candy Bell placed 1st in Steering Riding, winning the buckle in that event. She also placed 5th in the team event of Wild Drag Race with her 2 teammates Drew Oberbeck and David Smith, both of the GSGRA. Will Lann won ribbons and scored points placing 3rd in Break-Away Roping and 5th place in Flag Racing. Angie Darnell won ribbons and points by placing 2nd in Women's Chute dogging 3rd in Women's Break-Away roping. Her weekend performance gave her a 4th place finish for the All Around Cowgirl.

Lester Liu of AGRA and his teammate Lee Gilman of IDGRA placed 8th in the team event of Steer Decorating camp event. All their talent placed AGRA 2nd in over all points for the weekend out of 15 States competing. GSGRA (California), which has 5 chapter compared to AGRA's one chapter, ended up in 1st place. So a big congratulations is in order to all of you.

The Road Runner Regional Rodeo had 159 contestants this year. The number of volunteers who put together and make it happen every year totaled approximately 150. A special thank you to all who gave their time to make the Road Runner Regional Rodeo another successful AGRA event. Plans are already underway for the 2002 Road Runner Regional Rodeo. Anyone interested in becoming a member should call the AGRA hotline for application information at (602) 265-0618 or visit the website at agra-phx@aol.com. Applications are available to be printed out at the website.



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9th Annual 'Lesbian Looks' Film And Video Series

TUCSON - The Committee on LGB Studies at the University of Arizona announced the presentation of the Ninth Annual Lesbian Looks Film and Video Series, featuring an international selection of cutting edge independent productions.

All screenings begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Modern Languages Auditorium on the University of Arizona campus, and are free and open to the public. This year's sponsors include the Amazon Foundation, and the following University of Arizona departments and programs: Media Arts, English, Anthropology, Women's Studies, German Studies, the Library Diversity Council, the Dean of Libraries, and the University Teaching Center/Equipment Services.

The schedule of the screenings is as follows:

February 3 - International Shorts. Ten shorts from the US, Canada, Germany, Norway and the Netherlands. Highlights include Hope Thompson's tongue-in-cheek noir thriller Switch (Canada, 1999), and Weeki Wachee Girls (Kim Cummings, 1999), the story of two teenage best friends. Katie and Maura have always dreamed of joining the live mermaid show at Weeki Wachee Spring. It's the summer of 1979, they're fifteen, and everything is changing, especially when Katie discovers Maura's secret.

February 10 - Johnny Greyeyes. Premiering at the Sundance 2000 Film Festival, this tightly woven narrative features an accomplished cast of First Nations actors from across Canada. Within the walls of a women's prison, Johnny finds Lana, her lover and companion of spirit. Preceded by Below the Belt, an engrossing short film in which two 17-year old girls explore their budding relationship in and out of the boxing ring.

February 17 - Youth Outloud! This documentary chronicles the real life stories of LGBT high school students, and highlights the current surge of youth activism in our public schools. Includes appearances by well-known moms Betty DeGeneres and Judy Shepard. Program also includes Catherine Crouch's delightful comedy/drama, One Small Step. On the eve of the 1969 Apollo 11 moon walk, 8-year old Teen Miller's parents tell her she can be anything she wants. But what about marrying the dreamy girl next door?

March 9 - Out at Work. Special encore screening of this award winning documentary dealing with LGBT workplace rights. Filmmakers Tami Gold and Kelly Anderson will present their film and lead a post-screening discussion.

For more information, check out the series Web site, at http://w3.arizona.edu/~lgbcom, or call (520) 621-1239.

Reveille Chorus Update

TUCSON - James Taylor has been appointed the interim artistic director of Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, replacing Jim Gall who recently resigned. Mr. Taylor began rehearsing the chorus earlier this week in preparation for the Chorus' next concert on March 23 and 24.

Jim Taylor has been a major, energetic presence in the Tucson choral music community for several years both on and off the University campus. He is currently engaged as a faculty member with the U of A School of Music and is directing a number of musical and choral performance groups here. He has a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from the University of Arizona, preceded by a BS in Music Education from Western Oregon State College. He is an accomplished choral conductor, pianist, and teacher.

The 34 singers currently in the Chorus were unanimously enthusiastic about Mr. Taylor when he auditioned his conducting skills for the group on January 16. Reveille looks forward to an exciting, energetic concert, "Classically Reveille" on March 23 & 24 at Pima College's Center for the Arts. Watch for further information about this performance and about this new phase of growth for the men of Reveille Gay Men's Chorus. Call (520) 617-3100 for further information.

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POLITICS 2001

by Mark R. Kerr

Arizona Legislative Update

With the Arizona legislature in the third week of business, more bills of concern have been introduced and assigned to committees for consideration and changes in the rules have brightened the outlook for the state's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender (GLBT) and HIV/AIDS communities.

State Senator Ed Cirillo (R-Sun City) reintroduced his measure, SB 1014, which would repeal Arizona's archaic laws dealing with cohabitation and sodomy, thinly veiled statutes against Gays and Lesbians.

In 2000, Cirillo had introduced the same measure, but it was killed when a committee chair refused to hear the proposal. He tried to get the laws repealed later during the session through a parliamentary procedure, only to have it die, with a 14 - 14 tie vote, during a meeting of the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Cirillo's new bill was read the second time and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Tucson Democrat Elaine Richardson. HB 2414, the companion archaic laws repeal measure in the House, was first read and assigned to the House Judiciary Committee and the Human Services Committee respectively.

A proposed Arizona Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) was introduced in the House by five state legislators including openly Gay Representative Ed Poelstra (R-Tucson). Discrimination in the workplace based on sexual orientation would be prohibited by HB 2237. The bill was assigned to the House Commerce and Economic Development and Judiciary Committees. State Senator Elaine Richardson, (D-Tucson), has introduced the companion measure in the upper chamber, SB 1225, and was first read and assigned to the Senate Commerce Committee. Tucson Senators Andy Nichols (D), Ramon Valadez (D), and Tucson state Representative, Debora Norris (D), are cosponsors of SB 1225.

Openly Gay state Representatives Ken Cheuvront, (D-Phoenix) and Steve May, (R-Phoenix), are among the 15 legislators who have sponsored or cosponsored HB 2319, a measure that would expand the state's civil rights laws to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" as protected categories. A spokesperson for Arizona Attorney Janet Napolitano, whose office helped to draft the measure, said the bill would "provide equality and fairness to people that need it." It was assigned to two committees, Retirement and Government Operations and Judiciary.

As previously reported, state Representative Mark Anderson (R-Mesa) introduced a measure to prohibit cities, school districts and other political entities from acting to "discriminate against, investigate or deny or withdraw access to public property" for the Boy Scouts of America. HB 2403 would further prohibit the use of public funds to "compel" the Scouts to accept Gays, atheists, and agnostics, or anyone else inconsistent with the group's "policies, programs, morals or mission." Anderson's bill was assigned to the House Human Services Committee, which is chaired by none other than Anderson himself.

Last year state Senator David Petersen (R-Mesa) tried to prohibit local government authorities from extending medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners of government employees. As read Petersen's domestic partner benefit's bill for consideration this year, SB 1158, would prohibit the extension of medical and dental benefits to state employees' partners. Rights activists in the state are alarmed over this legislation since it could be amended to prevent the governments of cities, towns, and counties from extending such benefits as well. SB 1158 was assigned to the Senate Government Committee for consideration.

Representative Steve May, (R-Phoenix) is sponsoring a bill that would require HMO's to have a standing referral system for HIV specialists, which isn't currently the case in Arizona. HB 2410 was assigned to the House Health Committee and .House Appropriations Committee respectively.

On February 5 the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF) will be holding its annual "Lobby Day" at the Arizona Legislature. Ron Passarelli, chair of the AHRF's Community Action Network who is organizing the event, stated that it is important for GLBT Arizonans to "put a face on GLBT rights, to legislators, especially those in swing districts, where the GLBT vote will have an impact."

AHRF will be holding their February monthly Board meeting in Tucson, Saturday, February 3, at the Mountain Oyster Club, 283 N. Stone, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. According to Ron Passarelli, AHRF is moving their monthly Board meetings around the state as effort to reach out to GLBT communities across Arizona.

For more information about the AHRF's "Lobby Day" or their upcoming state meeting in Tucson, call AHRF at (602) 650-0900.

In other Legislative news, Arizona state senate president Randall Gnant announced that he is ending the position of senate chaplain, ending the openly Gay reverend Charles Coppinger's position with the upper chamber.

Coppinger became the focus of controversy last October when he announced in a letter to legislators that he is Gay, prompting conservatives who had backed him to call for his dismissal. "It's a sad day," Coppinger said in an interview. "But it wasn't a day that came as any surprise."

Gnant's decision will allow the legislature to keep a chaplain's office available for visiting clergy members. "The office space is available for use by all members and their spiritual counselors and is not to be reserved for sole use by any one individual," Gnant said in a memo to legislators.

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The G/L Influence Income Myth

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - Computer programmer Keith Hughes earns an above average salary, but he always seems to live paycheck to paycheck.

The San Francisco 34-year-old loves eating out, buying the latest computer gadgets and dancing all weekend at circuit events. He spends his disposable income as quickly as he earns it.

"I know it's a cliché, but I do work hard, so I like to play hard," said Hughes.

"Yes, there is pressure to live a certain lifestyle. It's like I'm part of a privileged class and I have to go out and spend money," added Hughes. "I know I should be saving or investing this money, but I'm not."

Marketing research firms like to label Hughes as part of an economically privileged sub-group. These firms describe Gays and Lesbians as individuals with large disposable incomes and small households. The media stereotypes this group living a carefree life, usually going from one party to the next. But in reality, Hughes' income and lifestyle are not the norm for most Gays and Lesbians.

Recent Gay and Lesbian studies indicate the great "Gay income influence" theory is not only a myth, but a stereotype being propagandized by right wing conservatives.

Research marketing firms are the biggest portrayers of the income myth. These firms seldom do extensive research into Gay buying habits, because of the complexity and cost in finding non-biased data.

For example, marketing firms often used respondents from pre-existing lists of persons who've bought Gay magazines, catalog items or donated to political groups. Thus, the information becomes skewed because these groups tend to have more disposable income than those who would not purchase them.

"The Gay market has been poorly understood because good research has been lacking, said Gay business journalist and advertisement marketing specialist Michael Wilke. "And because it's been difficult to accurately survey the market because of political opposition."

Mainstream research company Simmons Market Research Bureau was the last to do a study "confirming" the high spending habits of the Gay market, giving support to the sentiments of people like computer programmer Hughes and his choice to spend as quickly as he earns. However, Hughes turns out to be the exception, rather than the rule.

"Less-than-reliable research was conducted by usually reliable firms, who didn't go out of their way to pay for the most 'pure' means of random surveys," added Wilke.

Wilke also suggests marketing firms have a vested interest in making the Gay community appear to have higher incomes, in order to sell their research and/or services; these firms stress that high incomes make a group more attractive. However, most market studies show other characteristics are more important, such as brand loyalty.

"It's in the interest of two groups of people to portray Gays and Lesbians as high earners," said Dr. Lee Badgett. Badgett is a research director for the Institute for Gay and Lesbian Strategic Studies, or IGLSS, a think tank, which does economic research and analysis on issues related to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people.

"First, some marketers who want to sell their services to corporations have used this image to make Gay people look like an attractive market," says Badgett. "Second, the right wing political movement has cleverly capitalized on this image to claim that Gay people do not need civil rights protection because they don't face discrimination."

Badgett believes we can end the stereotypes by not using these marketing firms and not assist in perpetuating the "Gay Income Influence" myth.

"Gay people give those stereotypes credibility when they use them," added Badgett. "It's not possible to use the stereotypes in a way that supports our cause in one arena without risking their use against us in another arena."

The IGLSS research shows Gay men, in particular, earn less than similarly qualified non-Gay men, while it appears Lesbians tend to earn roughly the same amount, as or perhaps slightly more than heterosexual women.

John Blandford's May 2000 University of Chicago study, "Evidence of the Role of Sexual Orientation in the Determination of Earnings Outcomes," presents findings that shows Gay and Bisexual men experience a 30-32 percent income disadvantage relative to their heterosexual peers.

Using data from the 1992 General Social Survey, Blanford found married heterosexual men earned $10,000 more a year than their unmarried Gay and Bisexual counterparts. In 1992, married heterosexual men's mean annual income was $37,000 compared to their unmarried openly Gay or Bisexual workers mean annual income of $27,415. Thus, he concludes, Gays and Bisexual nonconformity to heterosexual marriage norms does negatively impact their earning potential.

"The disparate earnings effects of sexual orientation across genders belie facile attempts to portray orientation as a predicator of either affluence or labor-market disadvantage," said Blandford in his study.

His research also shows that Gay and Bisexual men are a younger group and better educated, yet are often paid less than non-Gay workers. The evidence suggests that although Gay and Bisexual men occupy professional sectors typically associated with higher wages, they tend to take positions, which are classified as female and poorer paying, such as registered nurses and schoolteachers.

However, Hughes has no plan to save his income in the near future. "I'm young and while I earn this kind of money, I'm going to enjoy my life," said Hughes.

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Hormel Responds

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philanthropist, for the post of ambassador to Luxembourg in 1997.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, the Judiciary chairman, asked Ashcroft if he opposed Hormel because Mr. Hormel is Gay. Ashcroft replied, "I did not." Pressed to supply a motive for his opposition, Ashcroft said the following:

"Well, frankly, I had known Mr. Hormel for a long time. He had recruited me, when I was a student in college, to go to the University of Chicago Law School... I made a judgment that it would be ill advised to make him ambassador based on the totality of the record."

Rich says that the answer, characterized by the columnist as "creepy," implied that Ashcroft knew something damning about Hormel. Rich also suggested that the use of the word "recruit" by Ashcroft in the question's context mischievously implied something unethical about Hormel's behavior.

Hormel has concluded his diplomatic service in Luxembourg and Rich took the liberty of contacting him at his home in Washington to ask him about Ashcroft's testimony. Asked about his dealings with the former senator, Hormel replied that he had, in fact, not done any recruiting for the University.

Hormel told Rich that as assistant dean involved with admissions at the law school it is possible he may have met Ashcroft while touring campuses, but he said, he did not recall "a single conversation with John Ashcroft."

Hormel added that he had not seen Ashcroft once in the three decades since, as Ashcroft refused to meet with Hormel to discuss his reasons for opposing him.

"I think he made insinuations which would lead people to have a complete misunderstanding of my very limited relationship with him," Hormel told Rich.

"I fear that there was an inference he created that he knew me and based on that knowledge he came to the conclusion I wasn't fit to become an ambassador. I find that very disturbing.

"He kept repeating the phrase, 'the totality of the record.' I don't know what record he's talking about. I don't know of anything I've ever done that's been called unethical."

G/L Protest

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eral. Over the weekend, Tom Daschle (D-S.D.), the Senate's top Democrat, said he thought Ashcroft would be confirmed. "I don't think a filibuster is justified," he said, responding to rumors that Senator Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) was considering launching one to block the confirmation.

In another nod to the more conservative wing of his party, George W. Bush made his first executive order on January 22, blocking financial aid to international family planning groups that offer abortion and abortion counseling. The move is similar to ones made by Bush's father and by former President Reagan during their terms. Bill Clinton reversed their actions and restored funding two days after his inauguration in 1993.

Positions Available At SAAF

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is looking for qualified individuals for the following positions:

Event Assistant: Exp. fund-raising asst. to coordinate participants, office operations, data for major events. Req. fund-raising & event exp. and strong people skills. Salary up to $22,000; excellent benefits.

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TLGA Announces 2001Board

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance announces the following Board Members elected for the year 2001:

- Chad Froeschke, President
- Wendy Balley,Vice President & Director of Vendor Coordination
- DanaYoung, Vice President & Director of Corporate Sponsorship
- Janette Bunge, Treasurer
- Tamer Shelby, Secretary
- Tom Maza, Director of Volunteer Coordination
- Kim Muell, Director of Parks & Recreation
- Theresa Barnabei, Director of Gay West

The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance,a non-profit organization, is the producer of Tucson's Gay Pride events: OUToberFEST 2001,Oct 13th and Gay West, June 23rd.

The Mission Statement of theTucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance:

▼ Our Purpose is to produce and promote Pride events for Tucson, Arizona throughout the year.

▼ Our Intent is to create forums through which Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual,Transgender and Heterosexual people can express their Creativity,Visibility Unity, and Diversity with Dignity

▼ Our Aim is to nurture Cultural and Artistic expression throughout the Community.

▼ Our Goal is to Educate, Commemorate, and Celebrate Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender History, Uniqueness, and Diversity in all facets of our Community.

▼ All in the pursuit of Equality.

If you are interested in becoming a member ofTLGA, please call 622-3200. TLGA meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month atWingspan at 7pm.

Virtual Reality Sex Toy

SYDNEY, Australia (NP) - Flesh out your cybersex fantasies with a motorized mannequin as your surrogate squeeze.

An Australian inventor is seeking a patent on the next generation of sex toys, in which a motorized doll is synched with virtual reality (VR) for an experience with a partner online or any image you care to program into your computer.

In Britain's New Scientist, creator Dominic Choy describes the doll as a "life-like flexible mannequin covered with imitation skin," with small motors to move its body parts in response to direct touch, sound or signals from a computer. In combination with VR gear, "The system will allow a user to enter a virtual world and have a sexual experience with a virtual human or indeed another real human who is also linked up to the same world. In the case of a single-user version the user will be able to select whom they wish to interact with – a film star for instance."

Choy hailed his work as having the "potential to heighten human stimulation in a virtual environment."

New Scientist in a rather romantic vein suggested that, "Couples can get together from opposite ends of the Earth."

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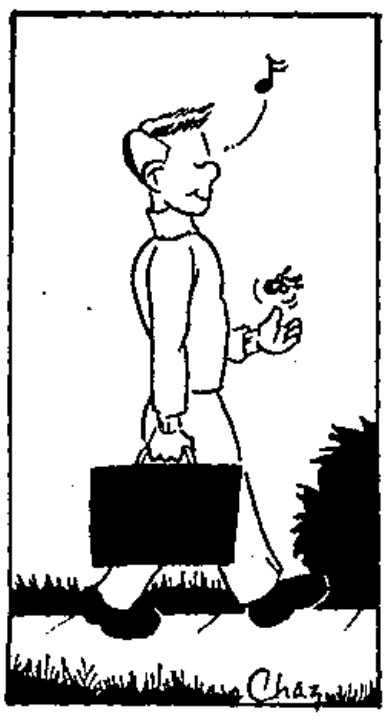

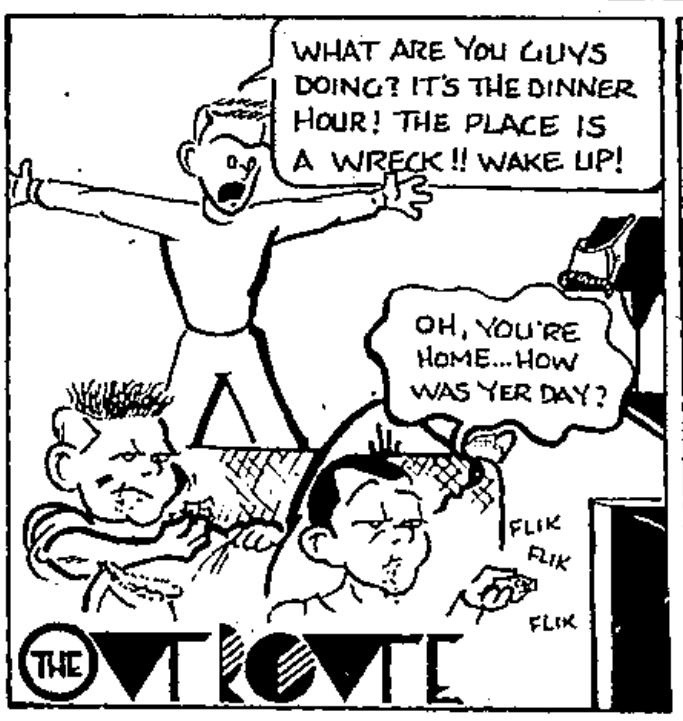

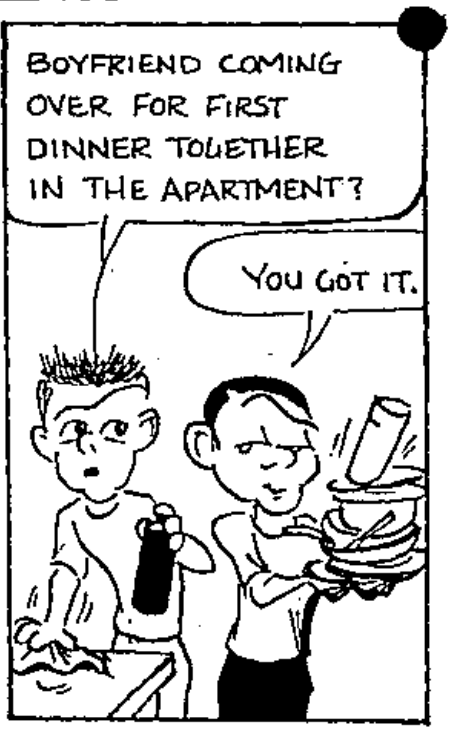

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

What kind of picture do you get in your mind when asked to think of someone who is wise? An older person? Someone with a little gray around the temples? I do too. I guess its because older people have lived longer and learned from their past experiences. At least we hope so! At times we run across a young person who we tag as being "wise beyond his years," still giving validity to the idea that generally older means wiser.

That is not so with the Christian faith however. It is possible for someone who is young in the Christian faith to gain great wisdom early on. In fact the Bible is full of not only accounts of individuals who demonstrated great wisdom at an early age, such as David who would later be king of Israel, but God's Word also encourages us to seek wisdom.

How do we do that, and why should we do that? Well it stands to reason that if I want to live a life that is fulfilling to me and glorifying to God then I should learn and make a part of my life as much of God's wisdom as I can. I do this by studying God's Word, meditating on its meaning and then trying to apply its principals to my life. Unlike what is usual to "the world" I can gain great understanding and perhaps wisdom from the lessons learned by others that have gone before. As I read scripture I can learn from the repeated mistakes of Biblical characters and as well, glean great insight from those people who were good examples of God's attributes...loving, kind, discerning. Through the Bible we are told to seek wisdom, pursue it, gain wisdom, and to put God's wisdom to work within us.

If you are wanting to take hold of your life and make something of it. If you struggle with decisions and wonder often if you're headed in the right direction, I encourage you to do two thing. First and foremost, get to know Jesus Christ. He is the only one who can save you...from sin, from yourself, from all that can harm you or get you off the right track. Secondly, seek God' wisdom. Get into His Word, chew on it awhile and digest it. I can guarantee that these two steps can produce in you a fulfilling, joy filled life that has directions and most importantly is pleasing to the Lord.

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BY REV. ANDREW BROOKS

This week, my Gay family, I will just share some nice insights with you about surviving the cold winter without getting sick. Lately, everywhere I go, someone is sniffling, sneezing or coughing, and all those germs in the air are going to make there way over to me sooner or later. Well, more than once, I have started to feel sick, but I rushed to my cupboard right away and downed some Cat's Claw and some Vitamin C. Sometimes, if I need an extra boost, I take some Vitamin B complex and some Green Tea capsules also. If ou are at all like me, some days you are just plain tired. Well, to get through my days, I have been relying on the extra energy that Green Tea provides me. It's wonderful! Green Tea is a nice beverage that the Chinese have been drinking for many centuries, and it is time-honored and now we have research to back up some of it's health benefits. A good multiple vitamin cannot hurt either. Echinacea and Goldenseal and Suma are popular immune boosters, but the Cat's Claw is a miracle herb too, believe me!

Green Tea can give you a strong boost of energy, and is good for you as well. There are many kinds available on the market, in tea form, and now as capsules as well. I got mine at Vitamin World, and there is one in Park Place and another way up on the northwest side of town in the Foothills Mall. Green Tea is a powerhouse for energy.

Cat's Claw, or "Una de Gato" is an herb from South American rainforests with powerful immune boosting qualities. It's been used for AIDS and HIV, and can indeed improve the immune system greatly. It is also good for fighting off all kinds of infections, since a fortified immune system can more easily fight off invading germs, viruses, and microbes. Another wonderful herb is Olive Leaf extract, which fights off germs, viruses, and pathogens as well. I recommend it.

Also in the cold season, a lot of us have problems with allergies. I always reach for my Nettles, an herb that helps fight off pain, allergy attacks, and sinus congestion and sinus headaches. It helps me every time. Some people are skeptical of herbs, and wonder if they really do work. Well, I have seen them work on me, and for others who I have given them to as well. The "proof is in the pudding", the old saying goes, and when I take them, I notice an improvement, believe me. When I don't take them, I wish I had, as the best time to fight off any illness is right at the beginning, before it really takes hold of you.

We were so lucky to have a mild December, but now, our January is looking fairly cold and wet. It actually snowed a little this past week. The weather is definitely getting more cold and wintry, so take care of yourselves. Being sick isn't fun at all. Give yourself a healthy start to the new year, you're worth it aren't you?

Goddess bless. Til next Time, Go in Good Health.

[Andrew Brooks paganbear30@hotmail.com.]

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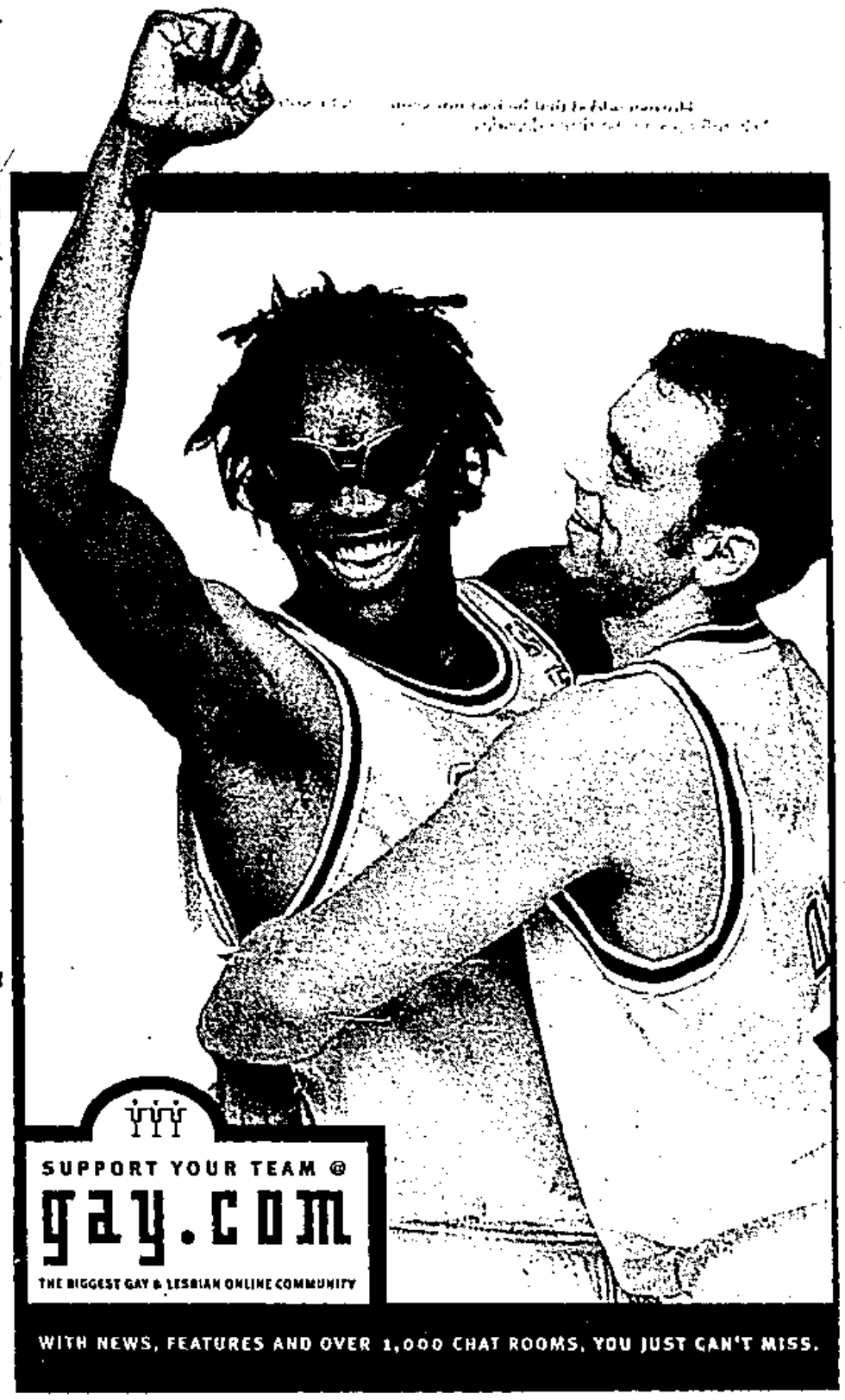

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Nesting Couple

Dear Nesting Couple:

Bruce always, always has ideas. Some people foolishly believe that any discussion surrounding the possible dissolution of a relationship is planning for the relationship to fail. This is old-fashioned thinking. Savvy couples know that, sadly, many relationships fail. Even relationships that are based on trust, love, friendship and many other fine things have been known to end.

While there is no way to "safeguard" yourself from financial loss should your relationship end, you can ensure that there are equitable agreements in place to divide community property in the event of a split. (That means, Guys, that you can agree to sell the house and split the money, but forget arguing over who paid for the toilet brush in the guest bathroom.).

You two need a lawyer; not Bruce. Of course, your ever-caring and understanding chum Bruce — The Source — has some tips for you to discuss with your lawyer.

The first tip is agree that you are going to find a book on how Gay couples should manage their finances within their relationship. Hit the stacks, Guys, because titles do exist. No conversation about joint assets is complete without this conversation: how to pool your resources while living together in order to live better as a couple. You should also discuss a household budget, who will pay for what, and who to do that so that it brings you together — it doesn't separate you.

There is nothing more boring, Nesting Couple, than two Gay guys examining every purchase and splitting routine household bills. Don't nickel and dime one another. A good idea for groceries, dry-cleaning and the cleaning lady/man is to have a monthly household account that you both contribute to. Pay your household bills and incidentals from that account. Bruce also thinks it is tacky when a committed couple who share a mortgage split restaurant bills like two co-workers having supper together. Get a special credit card - you two can afford it and pay for your entertainment together that way. Handing a ten dollar bill back and forth across the table is, well, déclassé. You might also ask your lawyer about wills, inheritance issues, as well as how to (God forbid!) divide your property.

Have fun, and don't focus too much on splitting up. Spend some time talking about how you are going to both save for a lovely home, nice things, trips, and generally enjoying your hard-earned cash together. Don't forget to discuss your retirement, and all the fun you will have golfing together in Bermuda.

Take care,
Bruce

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Wicked Witches	15.0	20.0
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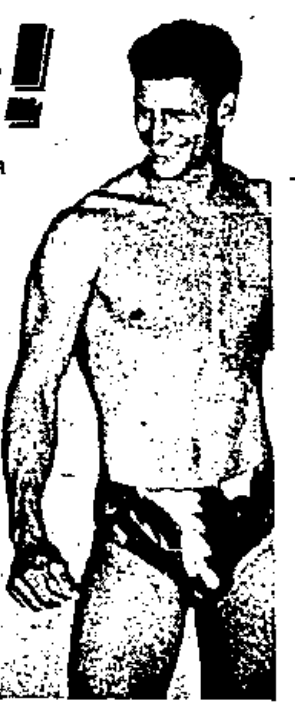
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Battle Over G/L Marriage Waged Nationwide

NEW YORK, NY - Many G/L rights battles taking place in states all over the country, likening the fight being waged by Gay civil rights advocates and their conservative opponents to "rival armies locked in trench warfare."

Constitutional amendments banning the recognition of same-sex marriage loom in Texas and Nebraska. In New York and Rhode Island, Gay lawmakers and their supporters are submitting bills to legalize it.

"It isn't going to happen overnight - there will be setbacks and right-wing backlash," Evan Wolfson of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund said. "That's exactly how every civil rights movement in American history has proceeded."

In Nevada, voters will be asked in 2002 to endorse a constitutional amendment banning recognition of same sex marriage. In Nebraska, however, the law has already gone into effect and has become the principal legal target of Gay civil rights groups.

Why the concern over Nebraska's law? The amendment pending in Nebraska bans legal recognition not only of Gay marriage, but also domestic partnerships, civil unions "and other similar same-sex relationships."

"It's been sold as a Defense of Marriage amendment, but it's really an anti-family amendment," said Tim Butz, executive director of the Nebraska ACLU. "It makes it difficult, if not impossible, for a Gay or Lesbian family to plan for the future, for the adoption of children, division of property."

It's only a matter of time before the challenge reaches the U.S. Supreme Court.

"This is a national battleground here," Butz said. "If this amendment withstands the legal challenges we're going to mount, the other side can go forward with more confidence elsewhere."

The threat to Gay civil rights from Nebraska is clear. Guyla Mills, a leader of the campaign on behalf of the state's amendment said, "I've had many states contact me, interested in doing the same thing we did."

In New York and Rhode Island, however, openly Gay rights supporters are going on the offensive. Rhode Island Rep. Michael Pisaturo said he does not know whether he can get the bill past the House Judiciary Committee, but said he is intent on reintroducing the bill year after year until he prevails or loses his seat.

"Most of my colleagues realize it's the right and fair thing to do," he said.

"But politically, it's a different story. Most politicians really worry about getting re-elected."

In New York, state Sen. Tom Duane, also openly Gay, plans to introduce two bills, one proposing civil unions and the other full-fledged marriage for same-sex couples according to his chief of staff, Andrew Berman. "We see these two as long-term projects," said Berman.

Even if the near term prospects over Gay marriage are bleak, even anti-Gay advocacy groups concede they are losing the battle to win over the minds of young Americans. The explosion of Gay-straight alliances at high schools and colleges is evidence enough.

"The young people get it," said Deanna Kaffke, a Gay-rights leader who teaches at the University of Nebraska. "Even with a conservative student body, a majority of students on campus see that this is a civil rights issue."

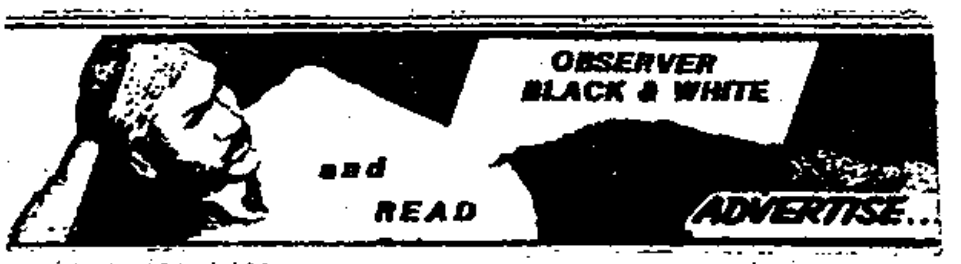
A recent study conducted by the Chronicle of Higher Education confirms a remarkable shift in attitudes toward the rights of Gay men and Lesbians.

While some 27 percent of freshmen reported that they felt it "is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships," that figure is down from 50 percent who agreed with that statement in 1987.

But a full 57 percent also believe that "same-sex couples should have the right to legal marital status."

Albert Cho who is co-chairman of Harvard University's Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Transgender and Supporters Alliance says this represents significant progress.

"It's important because it confers a sort of public legitimacy to the idea of Gay and Lesbian relationships," says Cho. "In general, people are becoming more comfortable with equal rights for Gays and Lesbians even though their attitudes about the private lives of Gays and Lesbians may not have changed."



Non-Bar Calendar
Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Help us in getting out he newsletter for the coming month. It's quick and simple, and you get to know the guys you're working with! We also have door prizes and dessert. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us as we show "Relax...It's Just Sex"-a movie that starts out as a light and breezy comedy until something shocking happens in the middle of the movie and changes the lives of everyone. Out gay actor, Mitchell Anderson plays the gay man at the center of the story. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
Desert Valley Squares "Fun Night" at Charlie's, 727 W. Camelback Road, in Phoenix, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Information, 602-331-8839 or email gmacaw@qwest.net

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for the latest showing of "Queer As Folk" at Bill's house. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
Tucson Prime Timers, 5:00 p.m. Dinner at Old Pueblo Grill, 60 N. Alvernon Way. Call 622-1835 for details.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:30 p.m. Join us for our "almost annual" Miniature Golf Tournament. Dan will host this event. For reservations and directions, please call Dan at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Pinochle is the game we're playing-and you're invited. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll teach you. If you already know how, you'll fit right in. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
Desert Valley Squares "dance party", 7 to 9 p.m., Augustana Lutheran Church, 14th St & Virginia, call 602-331-8839 or email gmacaw@qwest.net for more info.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:00 p.m. Super Bowled out already, and the game hasn't even been played? If so, join us for an alternative-a day Down Under. We'll start with two movies: "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert" at 4, followed by "The Sum of Us" at 6. Around 8-ish, we'll tune in to "Survivor 2" which is set in Australia. For directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Tom leads the Triangle Tribe-a support group with MSN which is designed to teach openness and communication. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
'Lesbian Looks 01' an annual film and video series on three consecutive Saturdays this month on the UofA campus, Modern Languages Building Room 350. 7:30 p.m. Tonight's presentation: ten international shorts from the US, Canada, Germany, Norway and the Netherlands. For more information call 621-1239.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4
Gay Pagan Circle meets the first Sunday of each month at Ft. Lowell Park at Noon at the riparian area. Informal meetings, potluck, socialize with fellow Gay, Bi and Lesbian pagans. For more info call Andrew at 326-2224 and leave a message.

Desert Valley Squares "dance party", 7 to 9pm, Augustana Lutheran Church, 14th St & Virginia, Phoenix. Call 602-331-8839 or email gmacaw@qwest.net for more info.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Plan now to attend 'The Red Affair', the first Valentine Dance specifically for the GLBT Community. 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. At the Mat Bevel Institute, 530 N. Stone Avenue. Tickets are $20 per person or $30 per couple for an evening of music, dancing, food and drink. Tickets will be available at Antigone Books, Desert Pride, Rainbow Planet Coffee House and Tucson Trunk. You may call 617-3100 for reservations. The Red Affair is sponsored by Reveille Gay Men's Chorus and is planned as an annual event for the entire GLBT Community. Bring your special Valentine, or perhaps find one there!

'Lesbian Looks 01' an annual film and video series on three consecutive Saturdays this month on the UofA campus, Modern Languages Building Room 350. 7:30 p.m. Tonight's presentation: Johnny Greyeyes", Within the walls of a women's prison, Johnny finds Lana, her lover and companion of spirit. Preceded by "Below The Belt" an engrossing short film in which two 17-year-old girls explore their budding relationship in and out of the boxing ring. For more information call 621-1239.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
'Lesbian Looks 01' an annual film and video series on three consecutive Saturdays this month on the UofA campus, Modern Languages Building Room 350. 7:30 p.m. Tonight's presentation: "Youth Outloud" a documentary chronicling the real life stories of LGBT high school students. Includes appearances by well-known moms Betty DeGeneres and Judy Shepard. Also the comedy/drama "One Small Step". 8 year-old Teen Miller's parents tell her she can be anything she wants. But what about marrying the dreamy girl next door..? For more information call 621-1239.

BAR CALENDAR
OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
IBT'S - "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Bunny FuFu, Angela Dodd and Miss Saigon.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
IBT's - Super Bowl Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Buffet 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Watch the game inside and Karaoke outside. Catch the first episode of Survivors following the Super Bowl.

WOODY'S - Super Bowl Party with drink specials each quarter. Big Ass Bud $1.50 all day. Tazz Burgers 5 - 9. Karaoke with Billy Dee Sundays and Mondays 9 to close.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31
IBT S - "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Faith Michaels and Stella Virgin.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
IBT's - Valentine's Day and Mardi-Gras Party. Watch for the details.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
IBT'S - Mardi Gras Party in the planning stages here. Mark your calendars.

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Entertainment Briefs...

Two executive producers on Frasier—Christopher Lloyd and the openly Gay Joe Keenan—have created a sitcom for Paramount Network Television that is drawing bids from NBC, CBS, and ABC. The show revolves around a family who runs a small hotel; the family includes two brothers, one of whom is Gay. Insiders speculate that Paramount is asking for a 22-episode on-the-air commitment, along with a guaranteed time slot, but since no network is likely to fulfill that request, negotiations will continue. Keenan, who wrote the popular Gay novels Blue Heaven and Puttin' on the Ritz, joined Frasier in 1994 as an executive story editor and executive story consultant, working his way up to executive producer.

Despite reports that a new sitcom about the first family would feature Lesbian incest between George W. Bush's twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara, the program's creators say it won't happen. Matt Stone and Trey Parker, also known as the minds behind South Park, say that that particular element, reported on at Aintitcool.com and the New York Post, won't be incorporated into the show, which is now called That's My Bush! Stone and Parker say the show, formerly titled First Family, won't be a political satire but a satire on family sitcoms (complete with dog and wacky next-door neighbor). That's My Bush! will begin airing on Comedy Central in March.

Megan Mullally, who won an Emmy last year for her scene-stealing work as Karen on the Gay-themed sitcom Will & Grace, will join the cast of the comedy Stealing Stanford. This will be Mullally's first leading role in a feature film, although her extensive credits include the Broadway revivals of How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying and Grease. Mullally, who will appear opposite Jason Lee and Tom Green in Stanford, will also appear this year in Henry Sellick's new film, Monkeybone, and John McNaughton's Speaking of Sex.

Gay-themed cable films were in the spotlight at the Globe's. Taking home awards were: Showtime's Dirty Pictures--about the controversy surrounding the exhibition of Gay photographer Robert Mapplethorpe's sexually explicit work--winning Best Miniseries or Made-for-TV Movie and Vanessa Redgrave being honored as Best Supporting Actress, Series, Miniseries, or Made-for-TV Movie for her touching portrayal of an elderly Lesbian in HBO's If These Walls Could Talk 2.

"Things Have Changed," from the Gay-inclusive film Wonder Boys, was named Best Original Song (Motion Picture), while Gay-inclusive TV show The West Wing took home Best Series, Drama and Best Actor, Drama for Martin Sheen. Out television creator Darren Star's HBO series Sex and the City received Best Series, Musical or Comedy as well as Best Actress, Musical or Comedy for Sarah Jessica Parker.

Daily Bar Calendar

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

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

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open noon. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft, $2 pitchers. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7 pm. Pick-up Volleyball games 5:30 pm. B-B-Q 5-9pm. $2.50 sirloin burger. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close. Patio Bar Open.

monday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. $1.50 Wells 8-midnight, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.

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

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close Special drink prices 8pm to close for American Airlines - American Express - AOL employees.

tuesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S 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/DJ S. Country music 9 to close

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. 7pm Dart Tournament with Doc. Pot matched. 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. $1.50 pitchers 9-close. 80s Retro & house music with DJ Sarafina.

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio opens at 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pick-up Volleyball games start 7pm. Spaghetti & meatballs 5-9pm $2.50. Patio bar open.

thursday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1. Karaoke with Liz 9pm to close. $1.50 Tequila & 75¢ Watermelons.

IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm $2.00 domestic beer and well. $1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. Underwear Nite. $1.50 well and $1.75 domestic beer to those in their underwear (pant check available) Male Box Night hosted by GMHP 9:00pm, meet new friends. Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close plus 50¢ off all Big Ass drinks. . Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open.

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

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

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Martini Party - Well Martini's $2.50 all day. Call Martinis $3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Patio Bar Open.

saturday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 6:30pm $3 entry. Pot matched. $2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half hour..

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

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender. Steak Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon, vegetables, salad, potato & roll $4.50. Patio Bar Open.

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SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9920, Ext.446 or Emmett 322-6057 (avelten@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 meetings 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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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 Mirlo Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number.

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

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

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

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED – Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6609 S. Cardinal Ave. For information visit www.lctucson.org write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

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

REVEILLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3288 N. Mountain. Have any history/ experience singing? Join us!! Call 617-3100 for more info.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS WORLDWIDE invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 529-9344, leave name and phone number.

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

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC provided daily by the Pima County Health Department. Gay friendly. Confidential. Treatment and Medication too! Any questions? Call 624-6272

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Involving discussion, support and activities. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 11am. Alternate Saturdays the group meets for social activities. For info call Dorian Easly, 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 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

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

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 886-1208 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 (GPGLCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglcc.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 64-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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

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

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.

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

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-8438 for more info.

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

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

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 581-8950 or Ronn 988-2384.

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 624-6766.

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. #385, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3289 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

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

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.

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EMPLOYMENT

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION/MEMBERSHIP: Gay Lesbian BT political action org. Seeking part-time director of development to raise org's visibility, community engagement and membership in Southern Arizona. 15hrs/wk. rate $11/hr. Mail Resume, AZ Human Rights Fund, 3938 E. Grant., PMB 103, Tucson, AZ 85712

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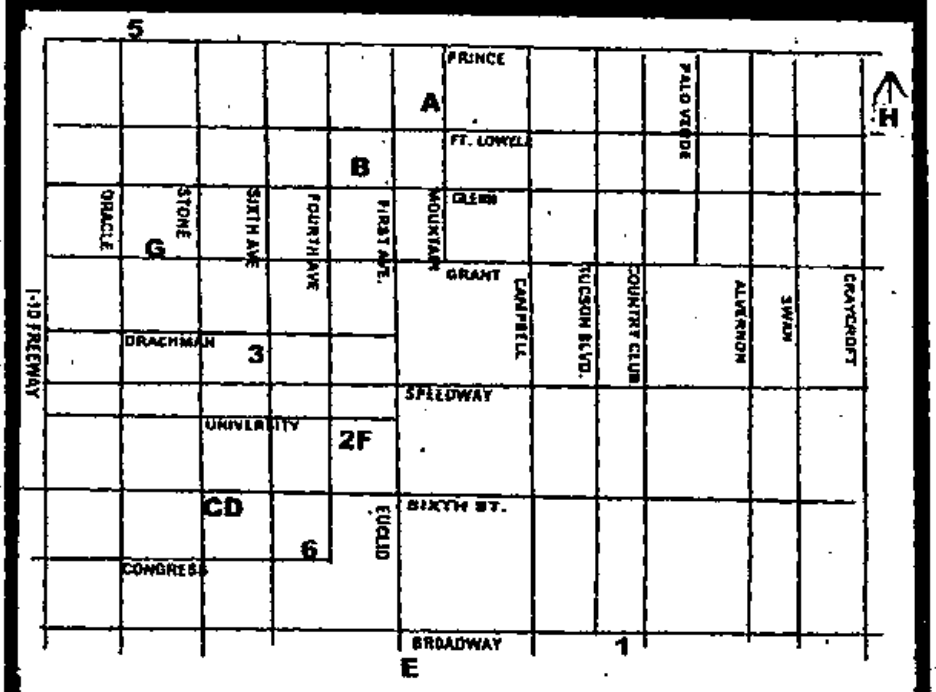

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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The Sun changes signs this week, joining Mercury, Uranus and Neptune in the Aqueerian frenzy fest. Do you feel the unbridled optimism, enthusiasm, general well being and general jolliness? Of course you do! What can I say except turn up the volume and dance, dance, dance!

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

As the Sun enters Aqueerius, Gay Rambos can't help but feel like the center of the social universe. Friends and even complete strangers gravitate to your orbit and gyrate to your rhythms. You call the tune so choose your music carefully. There is the temptation to manipulate others but it is the wise Ram who creates a utopia rather than a penal colony. Hmm however...

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

When Mercury moved into Aqueerius last week, your thoughts turned to professional matters. Now that the Sun has joined in, it is time to put those thoughts into action. Take the bull by the horns, proud Bull; this is your opportunity to make impressive strides in your corporate ascent. What you can't accomplish by pure pluck, you gain through clever manipulation. Lucky thing!

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

There is much to be gained from expanding your field of vision when the Sun enters Aqueerius. Pink Twins may be thinking about traveling or seeking a change of scenery. It's time to make it happen. Pursue legal remedies now; the Sun delivers justice. If you are the injuring rather than the injured party, the punishment may be less severe, unless you request otherwise...

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Last week, Mercury had you daydreaming about sex. This week the Sun delivers on every lurid promise. Lucky and steamy Gay Crabs can have their cheesecake and eat it too. But don't fritter this festive energy on just desserts, it is also a good time to turn a green eyeshade to your tax situation. Handling it now rather than in mid-April will be less, shall we say, taxing?

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

There is an extra kiss in store for those lucky pink Lions with a partner to kiss. The Sun in Aqueerius turns on your regal charm and enables you to sway those closest to you to your way of thinking. For those single cubs with a hankering to connect, use the next month to survey the field and stake your claim. Just be careful where you stick that stake, cousin.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Queer Virgos are in their element when the Sun traipses into workaholic Aqueerius. Much can be accomplished on the job as the tasks that you carefully planned last week can be tackled and completed now. And don't be surprised if there is an extra reward to burning the midnight oil in your favorite cubicle. Hint, hint; pack extra oil so you can sharpen your pencil.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Most of us have our noses pressed upon the glass windows of the finest parties but not so pink Libras. They are the ones in the center of the action, sipping champagne out of various footwear and carousing with abandon. This is especially true when the Sun enters Aqueerius. Party hearty you party animal. And don't be surprised if one of the toads you kiss turns out to be royalty.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Manage your family affairs when the optimistic Sun steps into Aqueerius. Gay Scorps might have had a few passing thoughts about unresolved family issues last week. Now put your thoughts into action; Open that closet and clear the air. This is also a great month to entertain at home with a bunch of festive cohorts. It's never too late to roast chestnuts by the open fire.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Although you are not known for your subtle conversational style, queer Archers become the new millennium's Noel Coward (at least for the next month) when the Sun traverses into Aqueerius. Say what you have to say sooner rather than later. This eloquent energy should turn even your biggest gaffs to bigger laughs. What a change of pace! Hurry before it dissipates!

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

It's a happy day for all proud Caps when the optimistic Sun enters Aqueerius. The money bells chime and finances turn the tide. Contemplate your nest egg rather than your navel, comrade; the energy that you now divert into more practical concerns will be an asset to you in the months to come. Remember that bulls and bears both make money but pigs lose their shirts.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians are in the pink when the Sun enters their own sign this week. You feel a rush of planetary push and pull as four orbs are now caught in your zodialogical vibration. Start new projects, meet new people, try a new look and get a new perspective on things. As you might have guessed, the keyword is "new." So nuh? What is taking you so long??

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Last week, Mercury turned on the light in your smelly closet. This week, the Sun happily cleans it out. Guppies embrace life when the Sun enters Aqueerius and feel in control of even their most uncontrollable faculties. Try your hand at palm reading or some other psychic tool. You may find the answers to life hidden in dreams. Stop when you begin to talk to lamps.

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JUNE 21 THROUGH JUNE 27

Sunday, June 21

Noon to dusk, the 10th Annual Picnic in Himmel Park. 30 kegs of free beer, soft drinks, food and information booths, volleyball, dancing to Disk Jockey plus live entertainment by Domino Theory, Loren Johnson and others. Be among the hundreds and hundreds of people who attend this outdoor affair to express their pride in being Lesbian and Gay with their friends. Bandshell area in northeast corner of Himmel Park.

8:30 p.m. Showtime at Rumor Hazzit, 2222 N. Stone. No Cover. A cast of many of Tucson and Phoenix's finest in a Pride Revue to remember.

Monday, June 22

7:30 p.m. at Rita's, 3455 E. Grant Road. An evening of specially programmed music for listening and dancing (Disco to Jazz, Broadway to Country & Western)! Complimentary Buffet. Continuous showing of Pride slides and large screen videos of this year's picnic plus past years activities.

Tuesday, June 23

7:30 to 10:30 p.m. a movie, concert and workshop discussion to be held at the MCC Church Building, 560 S. Stone. Live entertainment by several talented local artists. The movie "Before Stonewall" is an archival survey of the social, political and cultural progress of the homosexual community from the 1920's to the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York. A riveting documentary and highly recommended to anyone interested in Lesbian/Gay Pride. Discussion follows the movie.

Thursday, June 25

4:00 to 8:00 p.m. "Thanksgiving in June" is celebrated at Rita's, 3455 E. Grant Road. A real old-fashioned dinner and all the trimmings — Turkey, dressing, ham, yams, smashed potatoes, corn on the cob, cauliflower, rolls, cranberries, salad, pumpkin and apple pie. $2.50 to cover some of the cost.

7:00 p.m. "Casino Night" and 'Card Sharks' game at IBT's, 616 N. 4th Avenue. Casino Night directed by Sisters of Sonora. Lots of prizes. No cover. A real fun time during this annual event. Free tickets get you to the gambling tables. Be there!

Friday, June 26

8:30 p.m. Dance Contest at Colette's West, 3143 E. Speedway. Couples, singles, everyone welcome to enter. No charge. Prizes: $60 first place; $50 second place; $40 third place. Come out and boogie for fun and prizes at this annual fun affair.

Saturday, June 27

6:30 p.m. An Ecumenical Service sponsored by Integrity/Tucson at Grace Episcopal Church, 2331 E. Adams Street. Dignity/Tucson, MCC/Tucson and Cornerstone Fellowship/Tucson also participating. The format of the service will be Evensong, a traditional Episcopal evening prayer service. A litany for people with AIDS will be read and the evening's offering will be given to the Tucson AIDS Project. A potluck supper will follow.

9:00 p.m. The award-winning 'Wet Party' winds up Pride Week '87 at IBT's, 616 N. 4th Avenue. Bring your water guns and have a blast, dancing and getting good and wet.

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