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Gay Pschiatrist's Suit Dismissed

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - A Gay psychiatrist owes the U.S. Air Force more than $71,000 for his education because he failed to fulfill his active duty obligation, a judge has ruled.

In his decision, U.S. District Judge William Alsup said John Hensala, a former U.S. Air Force captain, should be required to pay back the government because he voluntarily announced he was Gay and should have known the consequences of violating the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, the Associated Press reported.

"(Hensala) presumably understood that the Air Force would follow its own rules and what the likely consequences of his acts would be," Alsup wrote. "It is not unreasonable to infer that one intends the probable and foreseeable consequences of deliberate conduct."

Hensala, 36, a San Francisco psychiatrist in private practice who sued last May, said he shouldn't have to repay the money because he wanted to serve, but the Air Force refused to let him because he announced he was Gay.

Hensala was honorably discharged after telling his superiors in 1994 that he is Gay. He claimed he wanted to serve honestly and had no reason to believe he would be automatically discharged after his announcement.

The Air Force contended Hensala announced he was Gay simply to avoid active duty military service.

"I came out to them for my mental health and well being as a human being, not for any other reason. And I wanted to serve openly," Hensala said. "As a psychiatrist, I couldn't in good conscience serve in the closet. My job is to help people live more honestly."

The government paid for Hensala's education at Northwestern University's medical school under a program that required four years of active duty military service after graduation. He put off that service twice - during a three-year residency at Yale, and a two-year fellowship at the University of California at San Francisco.

In December 1994, the Air Force told Hensala his military service would begin the following year. Days later, Hensala announced he was Gay.

The judge agreed his timing may have been suspect.

Although Alsup acknowledged that Hensala was never directly asked whether he knew discharge was imminent after he said he is Gay, "There is still substantial evidence supporting the conclusion that plaintiff made the declarations for the purpose of seeking separation," the judge said.

Hensala's lawyer, Clyde Wadsworth, said he planned to appeal Alsup's decision to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"We are deeply disappointed with the court's order," he said. "We think that it's simply wrong."

Justice Department spokesman Charles Miller said his office had not yet seen the decision and refused to comment.

Prom Experiences Mixed For G/L Teens

NEW YORK, NY (NP) - Although acceptance of Gays and Lesbians may be on the rise in high schools, prom season can still be a difficult time for queer students.

While surveys show that acceptance of Gays and Lesbians in high schools is on the rise, proms often remain mired in tradition. Some "out" students around the country are trying to change that, but their experiences during the current prom season have been mixed.

Mark Potterf, Jr., and his date Chris Sexton were turned away from the Chaminade-Julienne Catholic High School junior-senior prom in Dayton, Ohio. The reason: The school's student handbook barred same-sex couples from dances.

Principal Michael Trainor told the Dayton Daily News the policy was meant to moderate attendance by limiting students' out-of-school guests, not to exclude Gays and Lesbians. Trainor said officials would look at the policy this summer.

Potterf, who told the Daily News he would switch schools for his senior year to protest the policy, was supported by more than 400 of his 900 fellow students who signed petitions to end the same-sex ban. He was also greeted with applause and well-wishes outside the prom.

Fewer good wishes are expected outside graduation ceremonies at Ferndale High School in Ferndale, Wash., on June 9. Rev. Fred Phelps and his Kansas-based Westboro Baptist Church said they planned to picket the event to protest the election of out Lesbian Krystal Bennett as prom king last month.

Residents of the small town said Phelps would be allowed to protest, but he would not be welcomed, despite their own discomfort with Bennett's April 28 crowning.

"What [the crowning of a Lesbian prom king] does is imposes something on society that, if truth be known, our society is not yet ready to accept," Ferndale High parent Tina Mauler told the Seattle Times.

Student body president Landin

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National G/L Rights Organizations Optimistic After Jeffords Switch

WASHINGTON, DC - Shift in control of the Senate will create and environment more favorable for issues important the the Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender communities, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force said after Senator James Jeffors of Vermont has announced that he will leave the Republican party and become an independent, handing control of the Senate over to Democrats.

The Human Rights Campaign, in their own statement, said, "The senator's announcement about leaving the Republican Party has set into motion a series of events that will change the political landscape on Capitol Hill."

Jeffords' move, which should take effect some time next week, gives the Democrats a majority in the senate, and means that Senator Tom Dascle will replace Trent Lott as the Majority Leader and will have the power to name the chairs of all Senate committees.

"We see the change in leadership as a positive development," said the HRC statement by Executive Director Elizabeth Birch and Political Director Winnie Stachelberg, "including the installation of Sen. Tom Daschle – who is [a] supporter of issues of importance to the HRC - in the majority leader's new post...It is critical to note that the Republican leadership has fought progress on our issues at every step."

"The new composition of the Senate will serve as a brake on Bush's more radical proposals," said NGLTF Political Director Tim McFeeley. "It will mean that Bush's nominees, particularly for the judiciary, will receive more careful scrutiny."

McFeeley also noted that legislation like the proposed hate crimes law, anti-discrimination measures and safe school legislation now has a better chance of being debated in the senate if the Democratic leadership can step up. "All and all, this change will make the U.S. Senate more compassionate and less conservative," he said.

Daschle's expected appointments include Patrick Leahy of Vermont, replacing Orrin Hatch, as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the committee that votes on the president's judicial nominations. Senator Edward Kennedy is expected to chair the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee. This committee considers measures of importance to the GLBT community ranging from non-discrimination laws to school safety programs that fight HIV and AIDS. Senator Joe Biden of Delaware will likely become chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, a seat now occupied by Jessie Helms.

Senator Jeffords himself has taken the lead on many pro Gay-rights measures, cosponsoring the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and the Local Law Enforcement Act, formerly known as the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. He was a key supporter of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act, which was reauthorized last year.

Thousands March To Support Gay Couple

MONTREAL, Canada (NP) - Thousands of people took to the streets of a suburban Montreal neighborhood Sunday in a quiet march of support for a Gay couple who claim a neighbor is harassing them.

Thousands of people took to the streets of a suburban Montreal neighborhood Sunday, May 27, in a quiet march of support for a Gay couple who claim a neighbor is harassing them.

Theo Wouters and Roger Thibault have lived in the same house in the suburb of Pointe-Claire on the West Island of Montreal for 23 years. Their life there was peaceful until 1997, they said, when a new neighbor began harassing them. The couple said Robert Walker has shouted insults, spied on them, hit golf balls at them in their back yard, damaged their property and tried to hit Thibault with a car. Walker faces a trial this fall on charges of assault with a weapon against Wouters.

As many as 4,000 people came from all over the city, from nearby towns and from the neighboring province of Ontario to participate. Supporters carried pink balloons and placards reading "No to intolerance, no to homophobia" as they quietly walked through the couple's neighborhood.

"It's terrible that people still have such prejudices. I was really surprised that this happened in our neighborhood," Pointe-Claire resident Zivile Jurkus, who brought her 3-year-old daughter to the march, told the Montreal Gazette. "It just shows you that don't have to go far to see intolerance. It can be in your back yard."

The 45-minute march ended with a rally in a nearby park. Participants released their balloons, speakers called for tolerance and reconciliation and the couple thanked the crowd for their support.

"We never thought our story would have such a reaction," Wouters told the crowd. "It's unbelievable."

UPDATE

'Nico And Dani' In Tucson June 6

TUCSON - In the tradition of "Beautiful Thing" and "Wild Reeds," "Nico and Dani" is a portrait of adolescent experience set against the blazing sun and azure sea of a small seaside town near Barcelona.

During ten days of freedom, two best friends discover love, sex, jealously and disenchantment and thus cross that vague border separating adolescence from manhood. "Nico and Dani" explores the sexual and emotional confusion of two boys who have always shared everything and are now about to be pulled apart because of their diverging sexual identities. Deftly directed by Cese Gay, "Nico and Dani" is arguably the finest and the most honest, coming of age drama in recent memory.

"Nico and Dani" will be shown at the New Loft Cinema, starting June 6.

Desert Voices Concert June 15

TUCSON - Desert Voices, under the direction of Artistic Director Keith A. Koster, present their annual Gay pride concert, "Now & Then" taking a look back at America's best music of the 20th century, June 15, 8:00 p.m., at the PCC Proscenium Theatre, 2202 W. Anklam Road.

The performance will feature all of Desert Voices' favorite groups, including the women's barbershop quartet Alegria, the tight harmony men's quartet, Four Brothers, and Women With Voices, Desert Voices' female ensemble, and Una Voz, the chorus' premiere mixed ensemble, will be featured in several favorites. The chorus will share the music of Broadway favorites Oklahoma and West Side Story. In celebration of Gay pride, the concert will feature several audience favorites of Lesbian and Gay significance.

Concert tickets are $10/$12 in advance, $15 at the door can be purchased through the chorus hotline, (520) 791-9662. Tickets are also available at Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk, Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse, Hear's Music and Zip's University. The concert will be ASL interpreted.

TLGA Bowl-A-Thon

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will be holding a bowl-a-thon, Sunday, June 24, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at Lucky Strike Bowl, 4015 E. Speedway.

Proceeds from this event will go to help TLGA produce and fund OUTober-FEST, Gay West, and Pride Week events.

To donate, participate, or for more information, call the TLGA OUTline, (520) 622-3200.

Desert Valley Squares Dancing Again June 24

PHOENIX - Desert Valley Squares is forming new square dance groups, starting June 24.

Coming join the Squares at Augustana Lutheran Church, 14th Street and Virginia for a potluck, beginning at 6:30 p.m., and no partner is necessary. Desert Valley will supply a dance partner for Square Dancing, which is fun and easy.

For more information, call (602) 674-3329.

RGMC Concert June 1-2

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC) of Tucson will be tribute to Diana Ross and the Supremes, Martha and the Vendellas, the Shirelles and Teddy Bears, just to name a few, at their concerts, June 1-2, 8:00 p.m., at the Proscenium Theater, Pima College West, 2201 West Anklam Road.

Director Jim Taylor has re-keyed and re-arranged songs, including "You Can't Hurry Love," "To Know Him is to Love Him," "When Will I Be Loved," and many more for the 35 voices of Reveille. Some will be done by the entire chorus, others by soloists and small ensembles, and it will be like revisiting the AM radio dial.

Tickets are $12 in advance, $15 at the door. Advance tickets are available at Antigone Books, 411 N. Fourth Ave.; Tucson Trunk, 5605 E. River Road, and Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 N. Fourth Avenue, as well as calling the Reveille hot line, (520) 617-3100.

AGRA 2002 Royalty Competition Begins

PHOENIX - June 9, will be the night candidates for AGRA 2002 Royalty will become contestants for winning one of three titles of AGRA. Contestants will vie for the titles of Mr AGRA, Ms AGRA and Miss AGRA, staged during Charlie's annual "Grand Ole Opry" Days at Charlie's bar, 727 W. Camelback Rd, Phoenix.

Although this is the official date that candidates announce their intentions, it is by no means the dead line for entering the Royalty competition. Candidates must however me a member in good standing for a minimum of 30 days before announcing his or her candidacy. There are also AGRA & IGRA Bylaws and rules which must be followed by each candidate.

During their candidacy, each contestant must raise $500.00 for a 501C charitable organization of their choice. The night will be a fun, entertaining evening with plenty of entertainment for everyone. AGRA's Miss AGRA 2001, Suzanne Target will be entertaining as well as MS AGRA 2001, Gaylia Young, and 2nd Runner Up Miss AGRA Noel Christine. Also present will be AGRA's own Victoria London, who was crowned Miss IGRA 2001 last October and was Miss AGRA 2000.

So come join us and if you're thinking of running for a Royalty title, contact AGRA State Vice President Dan Iversen at (480) 671-0235. He will be able to supply all the registration and information needed to enter the competition.

'Dining Out For Life' Expresses Thanks

PHOENIX - AIDS Project Arizona (AzPAZ) and the owner/manager, Nicholas Papatzimas of Jalapeno Joe's Mexican Cafe expressed their thanks for the participation and patience of Tucsonans who made the trek to Phoenix to take part in Dine Out For Life at Jalapeno Joe's, Tuesday, May 22.

Dine Out For Life is one of AZ-PAZ's major fund raisers. The event is held annually, according to organizers, and the pledges restaurants donate anywhere from 25 to 100% of their food receipts.

Jalapeno Joe's and Pookie's in Phoenix are the only restaurants to donate 100% of their full days business.

DeGeneres To Host Prime Time Emmys

LOS ANGELES, CA - Ellen DeGeneres, who is about to launch her second sitcom, has been chosen for the second time to host the Primetime Emmy Awards, the Associated Press reported.

The Emmys are scheduled to be broadcast live on CBS on Sept. 16 from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. Nominations will be announced on July 12.

DeGeneres was the awards show co-host in 1994 with Patricia Richardson of "Home Improvement."

The actress-comedian came out in 1997 on "Ellen," which ABC canceled a year later. She is working on a CBS comedy debuting this fall in which she plays a Lesbian Internet executive who moves back to her small hometown.

S.F. Boy Scouts Dump Ad That Upset Gay Activists

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Bay area Boy Scout officials said they have pulled a controversial advertisement that upset Gay activists, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

The Scouts had placed an ad in several East Bay newspapers publicizing a June 11 Scouts–Oakland Raiders charity golf tournament. The event was billed as "a great way to make sure no child misses the opportunities, motivation, and fun that scouting offers." Gay activists countered that the ad was misleading because the Scouts has a policy barring Gays from both membership and leadership positions.

Michael Dybeck, spokesman for the Bay Area Council of Scouts, said the ad will be amended. "We feel the ad was truthful: The event will benefit all children," Dybeck said. "However, there was a perception that it wasn't, and offense was taken. We don't want to offend."

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Exxon Pressed On Gay And Lesbian Rights

NEW YORK, NY - Until it was acquired by Exxon last year, Mobil Corp. was praised by Gay and Lesbian advocacy groups as one of the most progressive, and inclusive, American companies.

Mobil explicitly prohibited discrimination against employees based on sexual orientation and was the first big oil company to extend health coverage and other benefits to the same-sex domestic partners of its employees.

After the merger, Exxon Mobil Corp. dropped those policies. But a group of major shareholders is pressing Exxon Mobil executives to reconsider their decision.

At the company's annual meeting, shareholders will vote for the second year in a row on a proposal to include sexual orientation in the company's anti-discrimination policy. The proposal is sponsored by the New York City pension funds, an institutional investor with a long history of shareholder activism aimed at improving workplaces.

Other large Exxon Mobil shareholders, including the pension funds run by the California Public Employees' Retirement System (Calpers) and the City of Atlanta, support the initiative.

Even if all shareholders vote for a proposal, the company is under no legal obligation to comply with it. But such shareholder initiatives increasingly are used to pressure companies to change their policies. That's because many executives respond to publicity. Or, sometimes the proposals force top executives to pay attention to an issue they've ignored.

"The idea is that it opens a dialogue at the highest levels of the company," said Kim Mills of the Human Rights Campaign, a Gay and Lesbian advocacy organization in Washington that co-sponsored the Exxon Mobil proposal. The organization buys a small number of shares -- it owns 140 shares of Exxon Mobil -- in companies whose practices it hopes to influence.

About 230 jurisdictions nationwide, including at least 11 state governments, have laws against workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation. The District has laws banning it in public and private employment; Maryland prohibits it by public employers; Virginia has no such state laws; and many Washington area local governments have such laws. More than half the companies in the Fortune 500 have included sexual orientation in their anti-discrimination policies.

Several companies, including General Electric Co. and American Home Products Corp., have banned discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in large part because of shareholder proposals, according to the Equality Project, a small New York-based nonprofit organization that helps coordinate such proposals. Last week, Home Depot Inc. included the category in its anti-discrimination policy, after at first urging shareholders to oppose a proposal on the issue sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Exxon Mobil has said its policies are not up for discussion, prompting some advocacy groups to accuse the company of being anti-Gay.

Exxon Mobil spokesman Tom Cirigliano said anti-Gay sentiment had nothing to do with employment policies after the merger.

Exxon Mobil executives decided the merged company would not offer benefits to domestic partners of new employees because it had become difficult to decide which couples were entitled to them, whether they were heterosexual or homosexual, he said.

"You have to have someone sit there and say 'Your relationship is valid, but yours isn't valid,' " Cirigliano said. "We try to make it simple and fair for everyone."

Exxon Mobil recognizes any spouse or partner, whether of the same or opposite sex, in a union that has been recognized by a state or national government.

"So if a couple gets recognized in Canada, they're in," Cirigliano said.

If a Gay employee and his partner transfer to the United States from say, the Netherlands, where Gay marriages are recognized, that couple would not lose any benefits.

"I think our policy has been misconstrued, misinterpreted and misunderstood by the Gay community," Cirigliano said.

Exxon Mobil, he said, has two policies on anti-discrimination. The first is a general policy against discrimination of any kind, "in conformance with all applicable laws and regulations."

The second policy prohibits specific types of discrimination, such as bias based on race, sex, age or religion. That's because those types of discrimination are prohibited by federal law, which does not recognize homosexuals as a protected group in terms of employment.

"We include things that the U.S. government forces us to, and then there's the statement we follow as a matter of practice around the world and that is a statement that doesn't break out any group," Cirigliano said. "If we continued to add to that U.S. statement, where would we stop?"

Cirigliano also said that the company specifically states -- on its Web site and in training materials -- that it will not allow discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

Mills of the Human Rights Campaign finds that exasperating. "It needs to be in their [equal employment opportunity] statement or handbook so that any employee can look it up and see it right there, so they know that this company will protect them," Mills said.

The policy statement sends a message about what a company stands for and sets a tone for the work environment, Mills said. "It's about feeling safe enough to be honest in the workplace, and not spending 30 percent of your day worrying that someone's going to find out you're

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COMMENTARY

Sports World Still A Struggle For Gays

By Bill Konigsberg

It's easy for people to play "What if" games when dealing with an issue such as homosexuals in sports. The fact is, since no male figure in one of the four major team sports ever has revealed himself to be a Gay, at least while still playing, we simply don't know, and guessing is the only tool we have.

It's frustrating, because Gay athletes do exist. Former umpire Dave Pallone, who was kicked out of baseball allegedly for being Gay, contends that you could create a very good all-star team out of Gay players. Likewise, a columnist in the Providence Journal recently wrote, regarding Brendan Lemon's story about his boyfriend the major league player, that there is no correlation between sexuality and the ability to hit a baseball, throw a football, etc.

So why are we still here at step one, with nary a Gay male athlete to look up to? I can answer that one: It's scary. It's scary to step out on a ledge where no one has been before.

As a Gay man who has worked in sports since 1994, I know something about this.

My way of dealing with this has been a personal "Don't ask, don't tell" policy, for the most part. Since I am nonstereotypical, people seem not to know, and people don't ask about my private life. That works for me, since I'd prefer not to talk about it at work. Unfortunately, people also then assume that I am heterosexual. So what does an honest person do? I'm an honest man. I do not lie about it, yet ironically by not saying anything I sometimes feel dishonest. Basically, my choice is either to correct people, or simply say nothing. I've done the latter. Until now.

It's funny, because there are many, many great athletes who happen to be Gay. I can vouch for this, having been several times to the Gay World Series (an event held by the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Association). Watching top-division teams play, it's hard to say they aren't playing at a minor-league level, just softball instead of baseball.

So what's the big deal? A Gay sports editor is not really newsworthy, I agree. But here's my point: Being Gay in sports shouldn't be a big deal, but until someone does it publicly and shows they can do their job, do it well, and be known as Gay, it simply will be a big deal. Before we can say it doesn't matter, we have to accept the fact it exists.

While there is no way to compare the African-American experience with the experience of being Gay, it's similar in that both communities have had to overcome barriers. These days, it doesn't matter what color your third baseman's skin is. But 50 years ago it was a different story. The barrier had to be broken to make the issue go away.

So we wait. We wait for the day that some professional male athlete decides that being honest about who they are is worth the certain repercussions of coming out, whatever they are. But until it happens, remember that not all people in sports are heterosexual. Since it is estimated that approximately 10 percent of our society is basically homosexual, it can't be assumed the percentage in pro sports is zero. Remember it's not easy, being out in uncharted territory. And remember, too, that we're all people, no matter what.

[Bill Konigsberg is an assistant editor at ESPN.com, from which this article first appeared.]]

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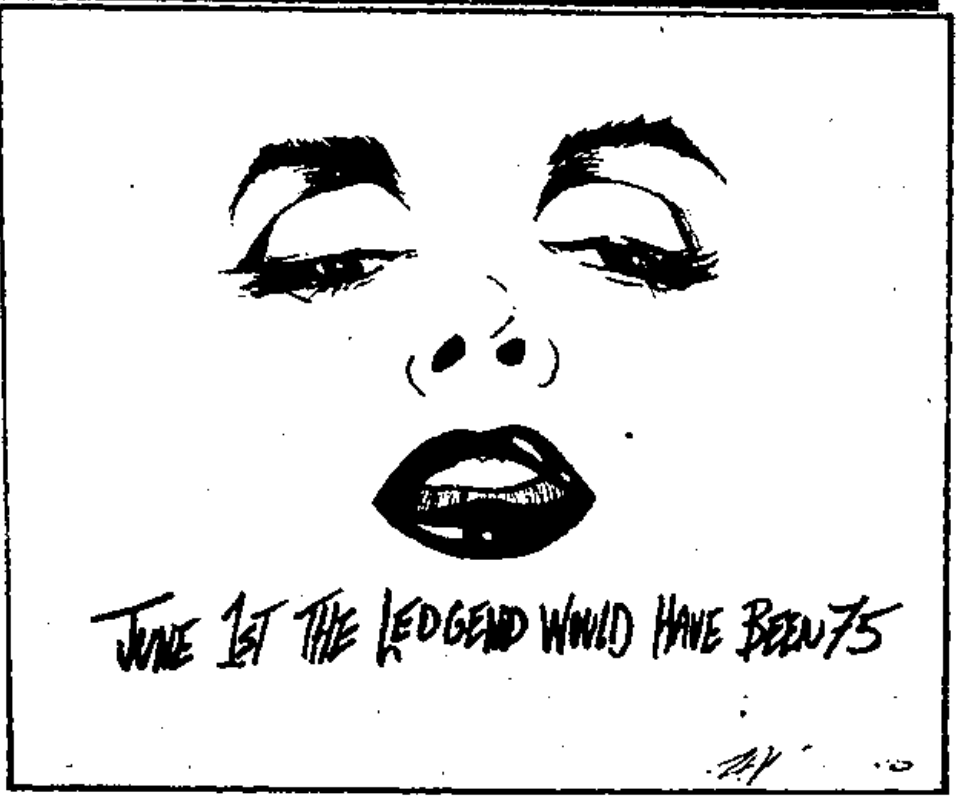


Beer Ads Get Gay Inclusive

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - As a sign of our changing society, Gay couples are now spotted casually holding hands in straight bars – at least in the latest commercial from Miller Brewing Co., airing on primetime network TV.

Two women on the prowl for guys at a straight bar send a beer over to a man they like.

As he receives their beer, he looks over and smiles but, at that very moment, behind him the women spot a much better looking fellow. They tell the female bartender they meant to send it to him, she grabs the beer from the guy's hand with a "Sorry, chief," and takes it to the second man.

Just after his beer arrives, he's joined by another handsome, masculine guy. Seeing this, the women are thrilled, announcing, "Jackpot!"

But the women's faces fall when they discover the guys are not interested in them but in holding each other's hands instead. Like the familiar saying that all the good men are taken or Gay, one gal adds, "Well...at least he's not married." (To view the complete commercial click to: Switcheroo.)

Though more advertisers are turning to Gay themes in their mainstream commercials these days – though often subtly – few run them on network television, but rather in the more Gay-friendly hubs of New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Philip Morris Co.'s (NYSE: MO) Miller takes a bold step with the ad, airing it during primetime programs including "ER" and the Gay-themed "Will & Grace," as well as more intriguing placements on network sports programming and on sports cable channel ESPN.

So who's the target here? Women, men or Gay men? Everyone, says Miller spokesman Scott Bussen. In the last few years, the company has switched from focusing on reaching niche groups like African-Americans, Hispanics and Gays in their own communities to including them in its mainstream ads.

Late in 1999, the brewer conducted research to find out what differentiated consumers buying its brand over others. "Miller Lite drinkers tend to be much more open-minded, inclusive and more into camaraderie and focusing on what people have in common," says Bussen.

Thus, says Bussen, the commercial is based on "social insight with no fantasy and more believable situations. Everyone's in on the joke – you don't have someone who's the butt of the jokes." And the butt of the joke is historically how Transgendered persons, Lesbians and Gay men have shown up in commercials.

Responding to criticism of sexist advertising themes objectifying women, summed up by the Swedish Bikini Team, beer companies in the mid-1990s pulled away from the industry's long-standing practices. Looking for new material to mine, brewers began extensively playing with Gay and Transgender themes in their advertising. However, because beer drinkers are stereotypically macho, the tone of many past ads was often negative.

Contrary to what many would expect from straight male beer drinkers, the new Miller commercial from ad agency Ogilvy & Mather, New York, did well with men. The ads were shown to consumer groups prior to air and Bussen says, "We found it tested very well with male consumers. We very rarely would make a commercial that limits us."

Still, somewhat fearful of going too far, the ad does not include an original shot that included a kiss between the men.

Ironically, the campaign hasn't brought more than a handful of complaints, compared to Miller's highly unsuccessful "Dick" campaign from its former ad agency Fallon McElligott, Minneapolis, that featured a retro, tongue-in-cheek ad guy named Dick. It was widely disliked in the ad community as well as by consumers, who simply didn't get it.

"We got hundreds of complaints a day for that one," notes Bussen. "After all these years of struggles with it advertising, Miller has finally found some insights."

It's the second mainstream commercial from Miller with a Gay theme. Another aired in 1996 in which a Hell's Angel type guy has unknowingly gotten a man's name tattooed onto his arm.

Other beer companies are even more often inclined to use Gay themes these days.

Heineken has had four ads in recent years, including the recent one entitled "The Male Bonding Incident" in which two guys accidentally touch hands and fear the implications, and a recent Transgendered one.

Molson ran a Lesbian kiss ad in Canada during 1988, to some controversy.

With Gay marketing that reaches back to the mid-1970s in San Francisco, Miller easily ranks as the country's longest running corporate Gay marketer. The brewer has the distinction of being one of the few companies that advertises in Gay media and also has mainstream media commercials with a Gay theme.

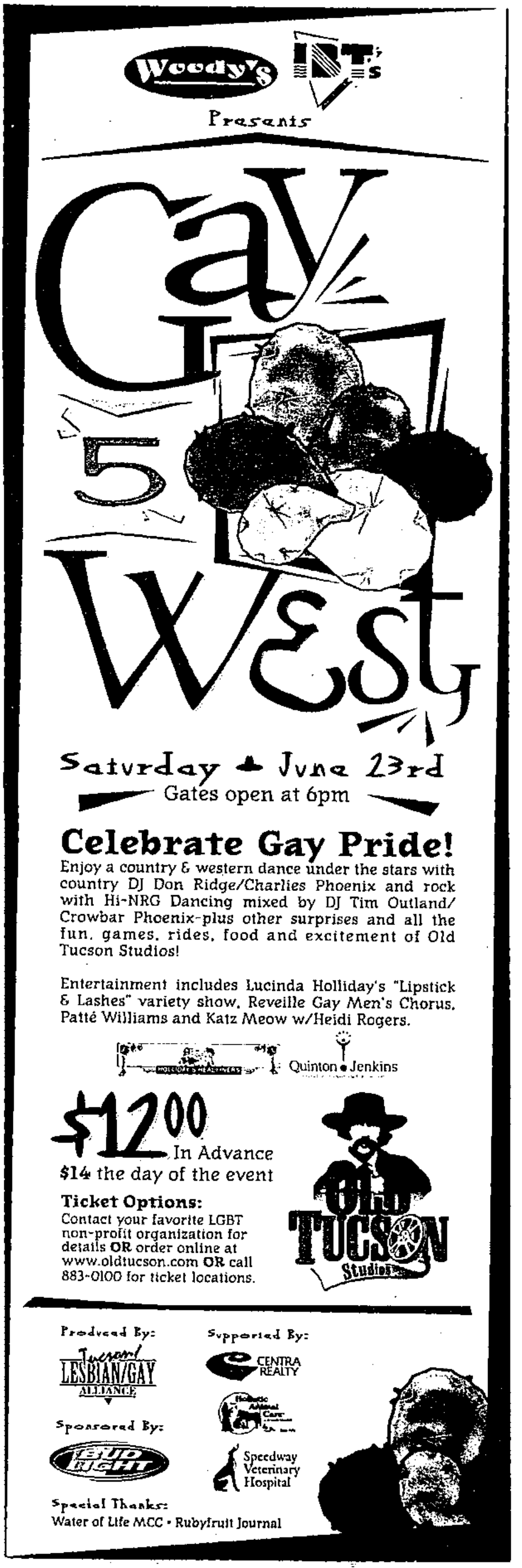
The company also ran into some trouble in San Francisco over a 1999 commercial for the Barechest Men calendar it sponsored.

Plans for a local TV commercial supporting San Francisco AIDS-funding group SMILLE aimed at the Gay market caused problems and angered the San Francisco Gay community when Miller backed out.

That Miller ad, featuring shirtless musclemen, never aired as planned on San Francisco's local cable program QTV last year though, after much wrangling, a replacement was provided by the brewer. Miller spokesman Ron Acosta explained that the situation was unusual and that "producing a (TV) spot is not something local markets do, you leave that to the (advertising) agencies. Spots produced locally are usually promotional and not brand-driven. As far as I know, it's never been done before."

About that time, controversy was also still brewing about a Gay market print ad for arch-rival Anheuser-Busch's Bud Light that showed two men holding hands. Though it arrived much later into the market in 1995, Bud Light has worked hard to make up for lost time.

Like Miller, it also has had mainstream ads that have toyed with Gay themes in its well-known "Ladies Night" campaign that ran from 1993 to 1997.



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POLITICS 2001

by Mark R. Kerr

'Thank You'

After the dust has now finally settled on the recent session of the 45th Arizona Legislature, and with Congress giving Bush II a tax-cut, for which middle and lower class Americans won't be seeing "relief" anytime soon, some thanks are still in order, for several elected officials.

First and foremost, Vermont Senator Jim Jeffords, thank you for your integrity, principles and courage for the decision to leave the Republican caucus, declaring your independency and taking control of the Senate out of the hands of Trent Lott and his radical right-wing cabal.

Despite what Bush II and the other White House occupier's, conservative Republican Senators, and certain media outlets, such as the Fox News Channel, Jeffords didn't leave because of a non-event invite. Jeffords left because he could "see more and more instances where I will disagree with the President on very fundamental issues: the issues of choice, the direction of the judiciary, tax and spending decisions, missile defense, energy and the environment, and a host of other issues, large and small."

"I was not elected to this office to be something that I am not. This comes as no surprise to Vermonters, because independence is the Vermont way," Jeffords went on to say during the press conference. His record shows that, especially on issues of concern to our community as: cosponsoring the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and the Local Law Enforcement Act, formerly known as the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Jeffords was a key supporter of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act, which was reauthorized last year.

On June 5, Jeffords' departure from the Republicans will leave the U.S. Senate with 50 Democrats, 49 Republicans, 1 Independent, Jeffords, who will caucus with the Democrats. The shift in control of the Senate will create an environment more favorable for issues important the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) communities, national GLBT rights groups commented after Jeffords' announcement.

"The new composition of the Senate will serve as a brake on Bush's more radical proposals," said National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Political Director Tim McFeeley. "It will mean that Bush's nominees, particularly for the judiciary, will receive more careful scrutiny." McFeeley also noted that legislation like the proposed hate crimes law, anti-discrimination measures and safe school legislation now has a better chance of being debated in the senate if the Democratic leadership can step up. ...

The radical right were at it in Washington D.C., when this past week, the U.S. House of Representatives, by voice vote, approved an anti-Gay amendment, sponsored by Representative Van Hilleary, R-TN, which purports to bar federal funding to schools that deny access to facilities to the Boy Scouts, despite the fact the scouts haven't lost their ability to meet in school facilities.

To gain support for his amendment, Hilleary sent out a letter to colleagues, stating the Boy Scouts were routinely denied access to schools. Representative Bill Delahunt, D-MA, and Connie Morella, R-MD, sent out a letter to fellow lawmakers addressing the error, stating, "A selective denial of equal access is unlawful. And no school district has ever successfully barred the Boy Scouts from using school facilities that are open to all."

A similar amendment in the U.S. Senate, sponsored by the homophobic Republican from North Carolina, Senator Jesse Helms, is supposed to be voted on after the break, after June 5, but with Jeffords' decision, that may not take place. Thank you Jim, thank you! ...

With the dust settling in Arizona, especially with the legislature yelling "sine die" for the first regular session and state Senator David Petersen, R-Mesa, has stopped blowing his homophobic, hot air, at least for the moment. Arizona's GLBT community owes some thanks to several state legislators for the success for this past session:

Openly Gay state Representative Steve May, R-Paradise Valley, who led the charge to repeal Arizona archaic sex laws. May put up with a lot of abuse from his fellow Republican legislators and helped to get the 100-year old, seldom enforced but still on the books for discriminatory purposes, statutes off the books. May also accomplished getting an important rule changed in the Arizona House, changing the signature requirements to get a bill out of the House Rules Committee, from 36 signatures to a simple majority, 31, declawing the homophobic Rules Committee Chair, state Representative Karen Johnson, R-Mesa, who had vowed to kill bills, such as the archaic laws repeal.

State Senator Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, who single handedly, kept the Arizona Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA) alive through the entire session, when many thought the bill was dead. Richardson didn't give up, time though finally did the measure in for this session, but there will be the second session of the 45th Legislature, starting January 14, 2002. As Richardson, put it, the "votes are there." The votes are there, because of Elaine Richardson.

On Arizona ENDA, the community also owes a debt a gratitude to the late Senator Andy Nichols, D-Tucson. One of his last acts, before his untimely death from a heart attack, was to offer a strike-everything amendment to a bill before the Senate Appropriations Committee, changing it to Arizona ENDA. Nichols was one of the few friends Arizona's GLBT community had in the Legislature, and he will be sorely missed.

Openly Gay state Representative Ken Cheuvront, D-Phoenix, the House Democratic leader, who helped to forge a coalition to get the archaic laws repeal through the Arizona House and to get the change for discharge petitions for bills before the Rules Committee.

Openly Gay state Representative Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson, for voting his conscience on such issues as mentioned above. Poelstra, a freshman legislator who was berated from his fellow Republicans over these bills, but he persevered, getting several bills of concern approved, as he did in his initial election in a Democratic district.

State Senator Ramon Valadez, D-Tucson, while serving as chair of the Sen-

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Marketing Diversity Keeping It Real

NEW YORK, NY (GFN) - As the results of the 2000 U.S. Census come to light, marketers nationwide are learning what they don't know about the roughly four of every 10 consumers who identify with some niche group that don't reflect the white, heterosexual consumer that historically defined the marketing mainstream.

Of some 281 million U.S. residents, roughly a quarter are non-white or some hyphenation of white and other racial groups. An additional 13 percent are Hispanic. And, according to widely accepted statistics, about 10 percent of the total population is Gay and Lesbian.

As more marketers seek to sell, they stand to learn from the successes and mistakes of those companies, large and small, that already court the ever-growing niche market consumers. In the instance of Gays and Lesbians, the lesson appears to be a simple one. As illustrated by the British Tourist Authority, the learned lesson reminds marketers to keep it real.

Four years ago, the British Tourist Authority and its cooperative partners, British Airways (NYSE: BAB) and the London Tourist Board, decided to target the U.S. Gay and Lesbian travel market.

Their first ad depicted two people standing with their backs to the camera in the shadow of Big Ben.

"It was kind of a cop-out," admits Robert Titley, New York-based director of communications for the Authority. "The shadow was so dark you really couldn't tell if it was two men or a man and a woman.

"We weren't sure how it would go over with the press in England or even with our bosses back in London," he says, and indeed, when the ad ran, the Authority was castigated in several London tabloids for courting what was called "the pink pound."

The ad, which ran in The Advocate, a popular Los Angeles-based monthly news magazine for Gays and Lesbians as well as in several smaller Gay-oriented publications, was only moderately successful in terms of the number of responses and calls it generated.

The Authority learned its lesson. Over the next year, Titley says, the organization conducted several focus groups with Gay men and Lesbians, and "they all said the same thing: We love the idea, but if you're going to do it, come out of the closet and do it well."

Subsequent annual campaigns have done exactly that. The most recent ad was created by WinMark Concepts Inc., a marketing and advertising firm in Washington that specializes in advising mainstream companies on how to target the Gay and Lesbian market.

It shows five young to early-middle-aged men – the target age group is 35-to-50 – posing in and around several of London's distinctive red phone booths. The headline reads: "One Call. A rainbow of choices."

"We wanted something that was Gay-specific (and) fun, but also extremely tasteful," says Andrew Isen, WinMark's president. "These are educated, savvy consumers, not party boys. We definitely did not want images of guys with their shirts off."

The ad ran from October to March in three Gay-specific magazines: The Advocate, Out magazine, and New York-based MetroSource. It also ran in two Gay travel magazines, San Francisco-based Passport and Our World, based in Daytona Beach, Fla. The total cost of the campaign was less than $200,000, most of which was spent to buy the ad space, Titley says.

The upfront approach worked. "The results changed when we got more open about who we were actually appealing to," Titley says.

The Authority measures success primarily by the appeal of the campaign to co-op partners, and by this standard, the ads have been a hit. Over the last three years, both UAL Corp.'s (NYSE: UAL) United Airlines and Virgin Airways (Nasdaq: VIRGY) have signed on to the program, as well as the tourist boards of Manchester, Brighton and Glasgow.

Next year's campaign, Titley says, will focus more on direct-mail programs.

"The magazine ads got the word out that Britain is Gay- and Lesbian-friendly and also generated a database of about 40,000 names across the country," he notes. "Now, it's time for a more targeted direct-mail and email campaign to people we know are interested in what we have to offer."

Sri Lankan Gays See Progress, However Slow

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka - When Companions on a Journey held a news conference in 1995, they were threatened and attacked. "People stoned our offices, and three of our members including myself were assaulted," said Sherman de Rose, executive director of the Sri Lankan Gay rights organization. Now, the group says they feel the country is taking steps towards acceptance of Gays.

"We've come a long way. We are proud to say that we've come through a horrible, inhuman, indecent, vicious period," de Rose said Wednesday at a news conference. Companions won this year's Felipa Award from the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission.

Companions has been invited to join a campaign by the Health Ministry's national Committee on AIDS. De Rose feels that the group should proceed cautiously for fear of a backlash. "We are very aware of the conservative culture we live in, and we don't want to offend anyone," he said.

De Rose said that the the objective of the group was to decriminalize homosexuality. Many of the 1,400 members of Companions have used false names when joining the group, and at the press conference de Rose repeatedly implored photographers to refrain from taking pictures of members who did not want to be identified.

While there have been no prosecutions for homosexuality in Sri Lanka since 1950, prejudice still runs deep in the largely Buddhist country. After the Women's Support Group, who are affiliated with the Companions, announced plans to host an international Lesbian conference last year, one newspaper published a letter calling for convicted rapists to be let loose on the delegates. De Rose brought the case to the Sri Lanka Press Council, but lost.

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You Want To Know, Ask Someone

DEAR JENN:

I have been following your column and recently read something about "padding your latex glove if you have fingernails". Reading that just made me realize that I need to know more about Lesbian sex practices than I do before I can have a serious sexual relationship with a woman.

Can you give me some general sex advice? For instance, I've always fantasized about using a strap-on. Is that okay? How can I bring it up with a new partner? I don't want her to think that I'm trying to replicate a heterosexual experience. I just like the idea of making love to someone in that way.

Vexed Virgin

DEAR VEXED:

Oh my, I do love a girl who's interested in a little strap-on magic-making... and many other women do as well (and don't consider it a sign of latent heterosexuality!). Many of them are probably as nervous about bringing it up as you are, so I suggest you just be brave and raise the issue yourself. To make it easier (not to mention sexier) to talk about, wait until after a long, steamy bout of hot sweaty sex. When you're both lying there in a cloud of bliss, start an intimate conversation about your fantasies. Encourage her to talk about hers... it's amazing what you find out at these times! This post-sex fantasy talk lets both of you raise the issue of activities you're open to in a really non-pressured environment. If one of you isn't into something that the other is, it doesn't become a big deal.

As far as general safer sex is concerned, here's the scoop: Women who sleep with women can and do get Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs), including HIV. Lesbians do have lower rates of STDs and HIV than heterosexual women, though, unfortunately, statistical research done has not been able to incorporate the notion of Bisexual women. This prompts some women to feel as though they don't have to worry about having safer sex at all, which is not necessarily true.

Some Lesbians, no matter how firmly they identify, do occasionally sleep with men, and they don't always use condoms. Some may have been sexually assaulted. This puts them at risk of STDs, HIV and Hepatitis B. Others may have shared needles used to inject drugs, which could expose them to HIV and Hepatitis B and C. Communication is really important, but remember, women who feel a lot of shame about their past activities may not be honest with you. Never assume that you know your playmate's sexual or drug history by her looks, race, occupation or class.

A few pointers:

Heterosexual Intercourse: If you occasionally have sex with men, use latex condoms with water-based lubricant (which reduces the likelihood of breakage). If you don't use a condom, this is a high risk activity.

Oral Sex: While this activity is low risk for HIV, there is some risk if you're not using a dental dam. STDs are also transmitted this way (e.g. chlamydia, gonorrhea, herpes). If you decide not to use a barrier, reduce your risk by not performing cunnilingus if you have extremely chapped lips or cuts in your mouth, and by not brushing or flossing your teeth immediately before.

Toys: If a dildo or other sexual toy is used to penetrate more than one woman, it could transmit STDs, HIV and Hepatitis B. If a dildo is used anally and is then inserted vaginally without first being cleaned, she may get a vaginal infection. Always wash the dildo well with soap and hot water between uses, or use a new condom on it each time. The safest rule is to never share equipment at all, or, if you do, to clean it very carefully using a 10% bleach solution.

Manual Intercourse: There's no transmission issue involved with "fingering" or "fisting" unless you have cuts or open sores on your hands. The best way to prevent transmission during manual intercourse is to wear latex gloves. They can actually be quite erotic, especially with lots of slippery water-based lube on them. Keep your fingernails trimmed short, with no sharp edges, so you don't cut your lover (that hurts!). Blood from a cut can transmit HIV and Hepatitis B and C if it later gets into your mouth. When fisting, it's definitely a good idea to use a glove, as there is a lot more stretching of tissue and possible presence of blood. Lots and lots of lube is a must!

Anal-Oral Intercourse: Rimming can transmit Hepatitis A and parasites. You can prevent transmission by using a dam, a cut-glove or a condom cut up the side. Again, put water-based lube on her side and go to town!

Other Risky Activities: Piercing, cutting and other SM activities have transmission issues when blood is present. Just use your common sense. Don't take blood into your mouth or allow it to come in contact with vaginal or anal mucous membranes.

Most of all, have a very hot, fun safer time! Remember, only you can assess your level of risk and make decisions about what level of risk you are willing to take during sex – if you are uncomfortable with something that is happening, talk to your partner about it. If they won't negotiate with you about your concerns, you may want to walk – there are a lotta girls out there who know how to enjoy incredibly hot safer sex! They're waitin' for you!

Take Care,
Jenn

DEAR JENN:

My girlfriend has cheated on me the whole time we've been going out. The first two times she confessed, saying she felt pressured to have sex. I forgave her because she's been sexually assaulted before and has difficulty standing up for herself. The other two times were with her ex-girlfriend, which made me feel hurt and betrayed.

I've always forgiven her, but the last time was almost too much. Complete strangers were coming up and saying "we saw your girlfriend with another woman and we wanted you to know!" It made me feel like a fool. I wasn't sure I could trust her again. Part of me felt like breaking up, but I've never been this in love and I wasn't sure if I could stand to lose her.

The problem is I've been feeling so angry toward her I've been having a hard time getting back to where we used to be. What should I do? Am I being a fool for love?

Confused

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DOCTOR, DOCTOR!

Sometimes I think that I am just too queer! I was going home from my job at eleven-thirty to watch Martha Stewart at noon, and it occurred to me that I might be over the top. I have become completely entrenched in Gay life.

I read only Gay authors or themes, I buy from Gay clothing designers, eat at Gay owned restaurants, go to Gay bars, have only Gay friends, and now I am rushing home to see what fabulous queer thing Martha is going to do today! Will she hand paint scenes from the Sistine Chapel on chicken breast filets for a dinner party? Will she hand embroider the toilet paper in the guest bath? These questions rack my mind and I realize that I am just Too queer! Do I need help?

Signed,
TQ

DEAR TQ:

What is the real issue here? Are you too queer or are you just concerned about not having a balance with heterosexuals? I am officially diagnosed with QIS (Queer Immersion Syndrome). This is a common illness among adult Gay males between the ages of thirty and forty.

We all reach a point of independence and a feeling of security in our Gay life, and we suddenly purge all heterosexual aspects of our existence. We become dishy and flamboyant, heady with politics and PC attitude, discriminating about hetero-sexist attitudes, and boom, QIS strikes!

The prescription for this disease is a trip to your local K-Mart once a week for just ten minutes until you can build up to twenty minute stints. Then at some point you have to pretend to find something tasteful and buy it. With CASH! Now of course all this is in good fun, but as Gay people we are going through a swing of sorts in which we are fighting back hetero exclusion by becoming exclusively Gay.

We say we don't want you heteros in our perfect world and we don't want to talk to you unless we have to. But the reality is that heteros have an important place in our world. They are our co-workers and family, they are our neighbors and friends. We will always have little jokes about them, but we all have straight people in our lives that we adore.

Maybe you are being a little extreme, but you probably need to get clear on who you are and how you fit into the big picture of Gay and straight life. Don't worry about it. Just go with it and have a good friend let you know when you become excessive or ridiculous, and even that isn't such a bad thing. In regards to your trips home to visit Martha, just say to yourself, "QIS—it is a good thing!" If all else fails, try testosterone patches. Later!

DEAR DR. X:

I just found out my new boyfriend does drag. I saw some pictures of him and was shocked. He isn't' exactly the butchest, but I never pictured him in a dress! I don't know what to say or do.

Sincerely,
All dressed up and no place to go!

DEAR DRESSED:

I've been there and had that internalized homophobia! We all have facets of our personality that we wait to reveal to people. Drag is sometimes a very personal form of self-expression that takes time to share. He may have picked up on your drag turn-off vibes and felt hesitant to bring it up.

I think if you like the man in his pants, you'll like the man in his dress. After all, we all have many costumes that we present to society. I'm sure you have your own form of drag. It may not be as obvious, but it is there. His ability to show the world this side of him is a sign of a very healthy sense of freedom and pride. Besides, when the clothes are off, he is a man too, and you are just as much of a sissy fag to society at that point as he is.

I say screw them all and be proud, loud and queer! I love drag queens and admire the hard work they do in our community. My advise to you is to slip into a Dior gown and maybe you will have a whole new outlook on the situation. If you really love someone, then you find a way to be supportive of their healthy creative outlets, even if they aren't yours!

DEAR DR. X:

I am just sick and f**king tired of condoms. I want to feel a real man in a real way. I have been using condoms for about two years, but I remember not using them all too well. Please help before I slip off the edge and end up with AIDS.

Signed,
Hungry

DEAR HUNGRY:

Don't feel so alone! I have been there and done that. There are many guys that hate them as much as you do. I think we should all get together and really destroy some condoms. When I would get really angry at something, I used to hurl a good glass against a brick wall. Now I buy my own glasses and get my frustration out in more productive ways.

But the idea remains. Maybe you could just take out about five condoms and cut them into little pieces and say, "F**k you! You have ruined anal sex for me. I hate you. I hate using you. I hate that you always remind me of AIDS when I want to have hot sex." Then get back to reality.

If you don't use condoms, you and your partner are at risk of infection. I have found that when I really want the contact, and I am hating condoms, a really good fingering can help. This sounds kind of weak, but it is the skin-to-skin contact, and the feeling of doing something unsafe, and hot, and taboo that makes us want that condomless rod. So find a guy with a thick finger and take a ride. If this doesn't help at all, or seem like a viable option, I'm sorry.

For now, this HIV bull is our karma, and until we stop infecting each other and heal ourselves we are going to have to keep using latex condoms. You are not alone. I cannot stress this enough. We all hate them, and that is okay. Just remember how bad you would feel if you got

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Let's welcome Pride month this week. The planets are expected to give us Outrageous opportunities to combine fun with fulfillment. Pluto gets into the act with expressive Mars. These two compadres mix business with pleasure, enabling us to turn our hopes into realities. It's time to be it and not just dream it. See you in the parade, comrades!

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams are in their Pride perfection this June when global, far reaching ideas reach a wider, more appreciative audience. Sp[illegible]loudly, proudly and queer my dear to let 'em know who's who and what's what. I personally appoint you the great Gay Marshall of the parade. Lead us to salvation... and perhaps into temptation as well. Ahem.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

They say that the smell of money is intoxicating so why not release the fragrance and see who bites? Pride month brings a bevy of sexual opportunities for Gay Bulls who know the meaning of the word generous. But waste not, want not cousin. Don't fritter your resources on wasteful dalliances. Find out if they will respect you in the morning before you empty your pocket.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Pride month teaches you a valuable lesson on the give and take of relationships. Proud Twins can be very cavalier about needing companionship and in doing so can fail to ba[illegible]e their personal freedom with the needs of partners. Now you may receive a forceful lesson on the importance of sharing. Was it Sartre who said, "In love, one plus one equals one"?

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Sometimes a bolt out of the blue is just what is needed to knock down barriers and saw through mental blocks. Expect such a bolt in Pride month when projects that might have held you up or brought you down suddenly go your way. Pink Crabs should not be afraid to open up their closet door and air the darn thing out. You have nothing to fear but your chains.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Friends have a way of rolling Out the good times this Pride month so join (or lead) the group dynamic and dance the night away. Expect the unexpected through in any fun endeavor when Pluto transforms the trite i[illegible]e masterpiece. Queer Lions may find more than they bargained for in any light flirtation. Who knows what can develop with the right pose? Say cheesecake.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

The secret of success this Pride month is to balance professional obligations with personal needs. Balance is the operative word, friend; there is no escaping the fact that one area of your life affects the other now. Queer Virgos may have to defer one goal in order to fulfill another. The sad fact of life is that we cannot have it all. For now, just take half.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Queer Libras must get something off their chests. This Pride month encourages you to grab any opportunity to express yourself fully and proudly. Your words pack a punch and can reach global proportions. Don't waste this perfect planetary energy on ego inflating pursuits. I command you to sound the Gay clarion call and take our cause one giant step further.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Gay Scorps are in for a psychological re-evaluation this Pride month. Suddenly you awake to find that all that glitters is not gold; there is more to life than fealty to the almighty buckaroo. This is not to say that you will suddenly give away all your possessions and begin to talk to pigeons, but you will no longer be at the mercy of the gold standards of others. Freedom!

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Are your ears burning? Partners have some choice comments for you this Pride month. Remember dear queer Archer that these honest souls have your best interests at heart. Frankly you could use some improvement particularly in the fashion department. (Love those clogs....) If you can take it all to heart, I can almost guarantee that your metamorphosis will be fabulous.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Come out, come out wherever you are. Gay Goats are blown out of their closets this Pride month. Make sure that you are appropriately dressed for the occasion; this is the time to transform your life. Everything matters now, so shore up your diet and exercise regime and make it work for the proud new you. Summer is not far off dear; are you ready to strut your stuff?

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Friends figure prominently in your life all through Pride month. They open up new vistas and bring you to new levels of enlightenment and understanding. Aqueerians can enter this wonderland naively wide eyed or they can try to boss the course. I suggest you allow yourself to be taken by the hand. There is no telling where it will lead.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Pink Fish may have the professional rug pulled out from under them as career changes come fast and furious. This shifting of the corporate landscape is frightening, but altogether necessary. Begging for your tender vittles from the fat cats is often good for the soul and gives you a cold dose of reality for future survival. Adjust now to rule the roost later.

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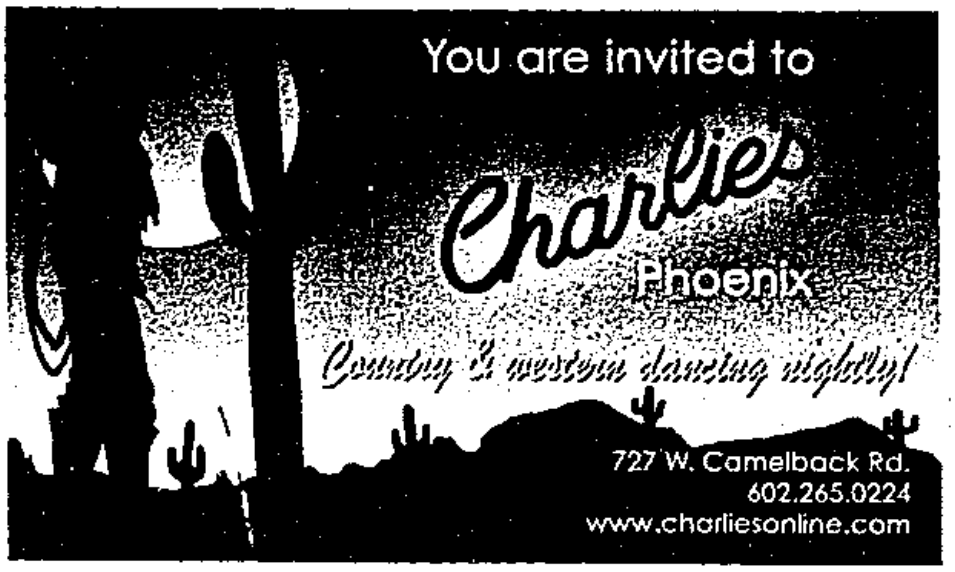

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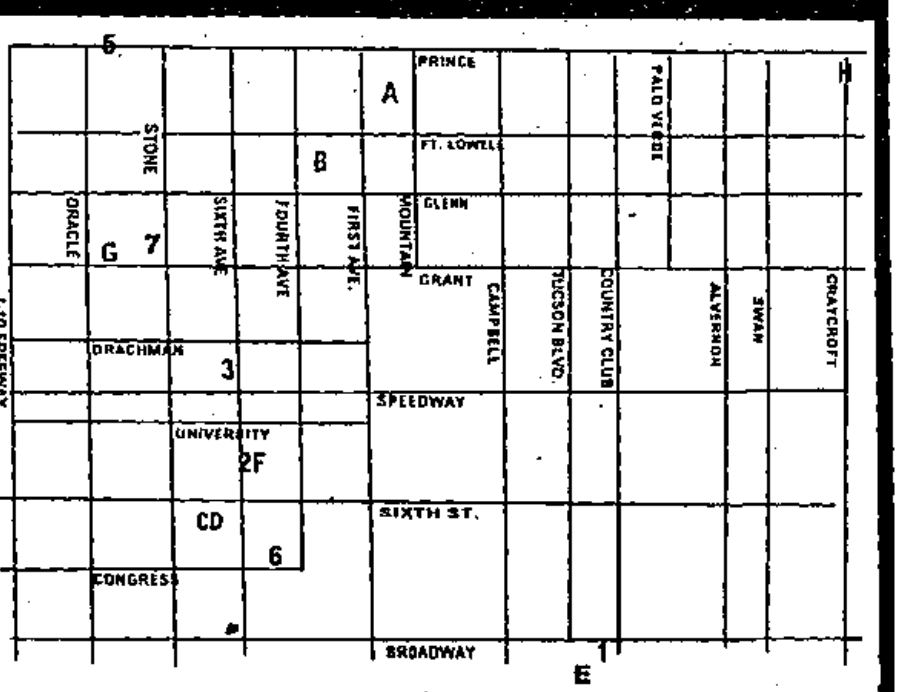

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A GLAAD Closer Look at the Bush administration in the news: The calendar pages keep flipping since George W. Bush's first 100 days in office - the so-called "honeymoon period" has passed.

Conservative media are applauding Bush's overall performance (except for a few pesky Gay-friendly appointments). The more liberal outlets are taking him to task for being too rich-folk-friendly and environment-unfriendly.

What is troublesome is that few media outlets on either side of the political fence seem interested in deconstructing the rhetoric of the Bush administration's "faith-based initiatives." The phrase has quietly slipped into the same lexicon of euphemisms as "special rights" and "traditional family values." Most Americans agree everyone should have equal rights, but their self-interest and self-preservation antennae go up when they hear the words "special rights." That all the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community wants is plain and simple "equal" and not "special" rights gets lost when media outlets do not challenge anti-Gay spokespersons to define their words and terms. In the same genre, most Americans will say that faith is good, hence something "faith-based" can't be bad. The unquestioning use of "faith-based" in the media allows people mouthing the phrase to hide unacceptable prejudices under a soft and fuzzy coverlet.

What is missing from the media is investigation into the limitations and expectations that arise from a plan to give religious organizations federal funds to administer social programs. Media outside of the LGBT press have not been very questioning of how this could lead to discrimination against LGBT people trying to access those services - or to provide them.

Receiving government funds has long been an option for religious groups that offer social services. The money comes with the stipulation that the groups have to separate their faith beliefs from the conditions for receiving the services. The faith-based initiatives potentially blur these distinctions.

A recent New York Times Magazine article did look at the case of Alicia Pedreira. The openly Lesbian therapist was fired in 1998 by the government-funded Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. Her letter of dismissal gave the reason that her "homosexual lifestyle is contrary to Kentucky Baptists Homes for Children core values." The American Civil Liberties Union, and Americans United for Separation of Church and State filed a lawsuit on Pedreira's behalf. The case is now pending in federal court.

The Times article examines the trend for religion-run organizations to use faith for exclusion and how faith-based initiatives could exacerbate that unfair treatment.

More media need to probe the ramifications of faith-based initiatives. Uncritical reporting can allow unfair treatment to be paid for by the public's tax dollars.

Media also have been redefining a standard of fair choices for sources. Coverage of the Bush administration increasingly has been including the obligatory anti-Gay voice for "balance" when neither the topic nor the circumstances would warrant it in parallel situations. Perhaps this reflects the increased access anti-Gay groups now have to White House communications. In an April plea for donations, the extremely anti-Gay Family Research Council writes that it has "an historic chance to accomplish policy changes in short order with this administration.

When the media covered the appointment of openly Gay Scott Evertz to head the White House Office of National AIDS Policy, outlets were quoting Family Research Council and the equally anti-Gay Focus on the Family. These groups and others were angry at the choice of Evertz, fuming that he was wrong for no other reason than he is Gay and therefore "morally suspect." Opinions from actual health-care professionals or AIDS experts, people who could judge Evertz on his ability to do the job, were scant, if nonexistent.

Media need to make the linkages between politics, culture and media amplifications. Media have an obligation to examine not only what is said but also how the words are used, who is using them and what the consequences are for unchallenged

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BY REV. ANDREW BROOKS

This week, I am continuing my A-Z herbal.

Chickweed is a popular herb, said to aid in weight loss. What is does is act as a mild diuretic for water retention (diuretics increase frequency of urination, so be aware of this when you take this herb, but it is good to remove excess water from your body) and it also reduces mucus build-up in the lungs. It is also used to treat gastrointestinal disorders and constipation. It is a good source of Vitamin C, and is said to help with inflammation and blood disorders.

Coltsfoot is an herb used for bronchial and gastric irritations, including congestion of the lungs, asthma and cough. It is also used to soothe the throat during a cough. Coltsfoot is not to be used in high doses. It is also used to induce sweating, helping to rid the body of toxins.

Cornsilk is a diuretic herb, useful when you have bladder and prostate problems. It is soothing to the bladder, and is used by people with a history of kidney stones, for it's helpful properties.

Cramp bark is an herb that is helpful for it's antispasmodic properties, it helps soothe both muscle cramps and intestinal spasms. Women can use this herb to help with PMS and cramping associated with menstruation.

Cranberry is a plant often used by herbalists, with proven healthful benefits. It is a strong diuretic and urinary antiseptic, and it help acidify the urine. Anyone with kidney trouble, should drink cranberry juice every day! It is also available in herbal liquid tinctures, and in pill form (Trader Joe's sells Cranberry tablets). As you well know, Cranberry juice is combined with many other juices, such as Cherry, Blackberry, Raspberry, Apple, and others, all of which have their healing benefits. Anyone who is diabetic should drink it is it's purest form, as it is diluted when combined with other juices. Rather than fill up on sodas, cranberry is a nice, refreshing drink that more people should get into the habit of drinking.

Damiana is an herb with a long and colorful history. According to the Male Herbal, (an excellent book by James Green) Damiana is an herb that has uses as a tonic, anti-depressant, urinary antiseptic, and as an aphrodisiac. It is good for strengthening the nervous and hormonal systems. It has been used to treat impotence; and has long been reputed as a powerful male booster herb. It is sold in male herbal formulas, often combined with other helpful herbs. In the formula I like (Virility Herbal Elixir by Gaia herbs) it is combined with Siberian Ginseng, Sarsaparilla, Saw Palmetto berries, Muira-Puama root, Wild Oats, and Hawthorn berries, all of which are good for men. (I recommend it). It boosts the male system, helping sexual functioning.

Dandelion is a wonderful herb, used to help the kidneys, and also used to help the liver. It is often combined with milk thistle, so they can work together. It is a diuretic, and it said to lower cholesterol and blood pressure. Anyone suffering kidney trouble may benefit from using this herb.

The herb Devil's Claw is used as an anti-inflammatory, and is used for arthritis and other joint inflammations. It is not to be used by diabetics! Devil's claw is also used for liver and gallbladder troubles.

Dong Quai, long used in Chinese herbal medicine, is a menstrual regulator, and the Chinese say that is "regulates the hormonal balance and flow." It has long been regarded a women's tonic. It is to be used between monthly cycles for women, not during. It may help lower high blood pressure. Dong Quai is to be avoided by women with a heavy flow, as it may increase it further.

Echinacea is a powerful, popular herb. It has strong immune building properties, and helps the body rid wastes from the cells more efficiently. It is widely used in colds, flu, sore throat, infections, viral diseases, and immune deficiency. According to some herbalists, it is best used for a week, then skip a week or so, and take again. It is often combined with Goldenseal, and these are potent antibiotic herbs, take only when needed. This herb is perhaps one of the best-known herbs, used by many to self-treat illness.

Elder flowers are used in herbalism as an expectorant, and to help induce sweating (this is an ancient healing method, to bring on a sweat, to sweat out a sickness). It is a mild laxative, and a blood purifier. It is used in the early stages of coughs, cold, and flu. It is always best to attack an illness at the onset, before it can take full hold, especially when dealing with colds and flu symptoms.

I will continue my list next week. I wish you the gift of good health to last you all year! Goddess bless. Til next time, Go in Good Health.

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ate Committee of the Whole when they were considering one of the three versions of Arizona ENDA brought up in the upper chamber, said the following after a roll call vote, "The chair votes in favor of the bill." It was Valadez's support which put Arizona ENDA over the top, by one vote.

Those state Senators and Representatives who were supportive of the archaic laws repeal, including southern Arizona Representatives: Marion McClure, Linda Lopez, Victor Soltero, Carmine Cardamone, Debra Norris, Peter Hershberger, Steve Huffman, Carol Somers, Gabrielle Giffords, Ed Poelstra, and Marion Pickens. Southern Arizona state Senators: Ramon Valadez,, Elaine Richardson, Toni Hellon, the late Andy Nichols and his successor, Virginia Yrun, and Ruth Solomon, D-District 14.

Those state Senators who were supportive of Arizona ENDA, including souther Arizona Senators: Ramon Valadez, Elaine Richardson, Toni Hellon, the late Andy Nichols and his successor, Virginia Yrun and Ruth Solomon.

Thank you all for your votes, and for making the lives of Arizona GLBT community a little better.

Ask Jenn

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DEAR CONFUSED:

No wonder you're confused, darlin'! Anybody would be when the woman they love keeps ending up in bed with another gal - and right after she swore it would never, ever happen again! That'd set the heads of the most level-headed gal spinning.

Solid relationships require you to be able to trust her to not betray your agreements, no matter what. Otherwise it's pretty hard to relax and enjoy the other stuff you've got going, no matter how great it is! The reason you can't slip effortlessly back into those Sapphic 'salad days' is that real life has intervened, and you know your lover a lot better than when you first met. You see her more realistically now, and you know from harsh experience there's a good chance she'll hurt you again. She may have sex again because she feels pressured, and doesn't have the social skills to identify the risk factors earlier. Or, worse yet, she may end up in the sack again with her ex.

Are you a fool for love? Saying yes or no makes a complex situation too simple. You really love your girlfriend and want to be supportive about her past experience of assault. When she has sex because she feels "pressured," you forgive her. At the same time, it affects your relationship, doesn't it? It might help her to talk to a sexual assault counselor to sort things out a bit. Of course, the decision to do so is hers alone. It sounds like part of you needs to give her this one more chance before you decide, once and for all, what to do. I've been there, and sometimes it's important to stay - even when you feel that it's 99% likely that your gal is only going to hurt you again. If or when she does, you can say you gave her every chance to change before you left. In a way, it's just as well you did, too, as otherwise you'd always wonder what might have happened if you'd stayed.

If she's faithful, fantastic! It was worth staying and taking the risk. If she isn't, tell her lovingly but regretfully that it's time for you to leave. Honey, you owe it to yourself to have a relationship where you trust the person you're with. Give yourself time to heal before you starting to date, too. That way you'll learn from your time with your lover and not repeat any patterns you'd like to change. And don't give up hope for the future, either, there's no shortage of luscious lesbo lovelies out there who are dying to meet a sensitive, loving gal just like you.

Take care,
Jenn

[Ask Jenn is a part of womanline.com.]

Ask Dr. X

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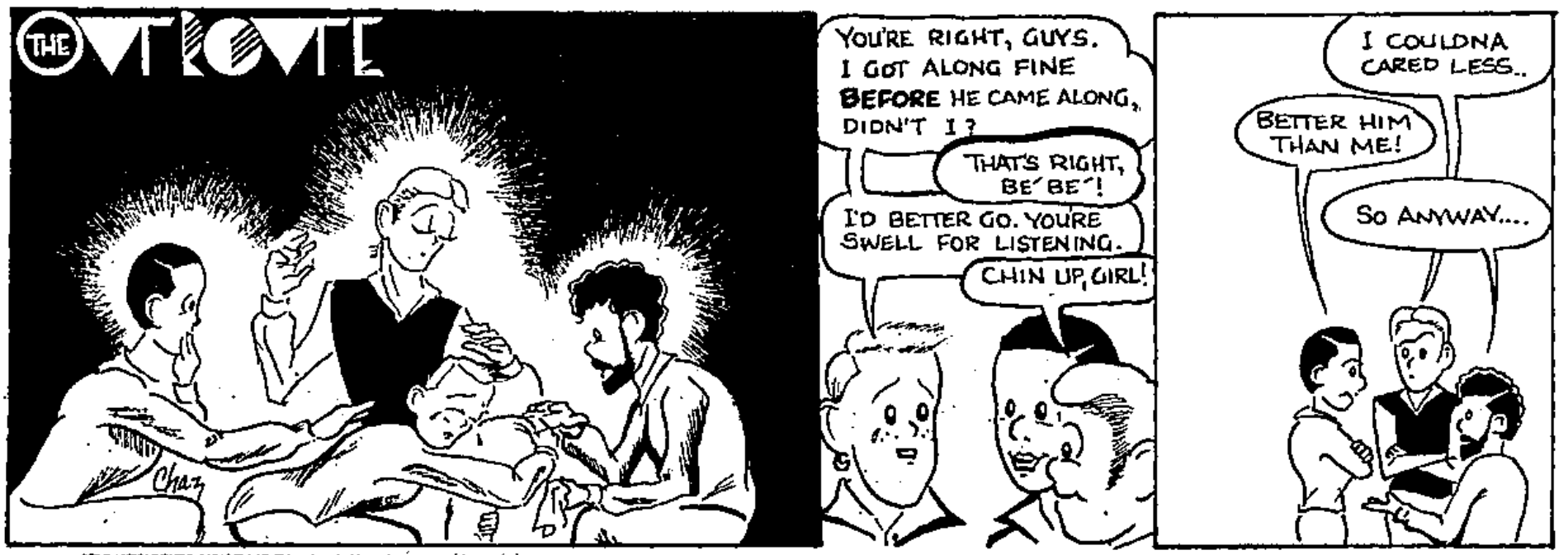
infected or infected someone. Talk to your friends, or call one of mine at the Gay Men's Health Project to discuss this further (628-7223). You may be at a crossroads and at a very high-risk place in your life. That's okay too, but just don't give up. If you are just venting, I'm proud of you. It's good therapy. I hate them too. Hate 'em, hate 'em hate 'em!! Thanks for bringing up a very real issue, and revealing your feelings. I won't say be safe, but I will say be alive!

Safe Sex

Is Bringing Men Together



DIFFERENT SPIRIT by Bob Buchanan

Bullying Is Not A Christian Virtue

Just when I think nothing they do could surprise me, the so-called "Christian" right comes up with a new angle to pervert Christ's teachings. My latest surprise comes from Rick Forcier, director of Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition of Washington state. He has opposed a bill in the state legislature designed to stop bullying in schools. Since when is it a Christian virtue to bully others?

The new law would mean that school districts would have to write policies against bullying and train employees and volunteers to stop harassment. The problem of bullies in school has become more a[illegible] with all the examples of school shootings and violence related to bullying in some way. I would think this would be a no-brainer. Preventing bullying at the early stages can help prevent a great deal of pain and suffering throughout society.

The reason that the Christian Coalition is involved is because they think this is a Gay rights bill. They think the young people who are the victims of harassment are primarily Gay, and obviously they want to make sure that bigoted straight kids can continue to pick on queer kids. I wonder if Mr. Forcier would be so upset if other kids picked on his children because of their religion, or because one of them were Gay.

Perhaps the Christian Coalition needs to remember only a few years ago when European culture had some similar views toward minorities, resulting in the Nazi atrocities towards Jews, blacks, gypsies, homosexuals, and anyone who disagreed with them. Those who think that Pat Robertson and his coalition are just harmless ideologues on the fringe need to remember just how dangerous bigots can be.

From 1933 to 1945, between 100,000 and 150,000 homosexuals were arrested by the Nazis. As many as 15,000 were sent to concentration camps, of which only about five thousand survived. This with Gays only making up a very small segment of society. Many of the Gay men who survived the war remained in prison for years afterward because the allies saw them as criminals instead of prisoners of war. I wonder if the Christian right wants to stop protection from harassment of Gays and Lesbians in schools because this is only the beginning of what they would like to see happen to all queers in America.

One thing all of us should know for sure is that genuine Christianity never espouses harassment and bullying. As far back as the ancient prophet Isaiah spiritual people were called to lives of peace, acceptance and harmony. "Be just and fair to all," says the Lord. "Do what is right and good, for I am coming soon to rescue you." (Isaiah 56:1) Harassment and oppression of minorities, sexual or otherwise, is not something that Christ taught.

I hope believers and all thinking people can learn from the past and stand against allowing harassment of others, starting with our kids in school. Only then will the grown-up bullies like Mr. Forcier be quiet and allow peace in our schools to become a starting place for peace in our culture.

Exxon

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Gay."

It's also about the bottom line, said Brad Pacheco, a spokesman for Calpers, the huge California pension system. Discrimination, or the perception that it will be tolerated, shrinks the talent pool from which a company can hire, hurts employee morale and exposes a company to lawsuits or customer boycotts.

"Our main concern is if [a policy] will cause any long-term financial harm," Pacheco said, adding that the Exxon Mobil shareholder proposal "is good social policy."

Shareholder arguments "have to be framed in terms of money because that's what the conversation between shareholders and management is supposed to be about," said Nell Minow, a longtime shareholder activist and editor at the Corporate Library, an online resource for shareholders.

Minow said she expects more shareholder activism on workplace issues as employees become more sophisticated and communication between shareholders and employees increases -- especially online.

"I think you're going to see more and more of a connection between shareholders and employees," she said, noting that increasingly they are the same people.

Play Safe!

WORDS THAT SEND CHILLS DOWN YOUR SPINE
"My words are like a daggar with a jagged edge
That'll stab you in the head
Whether you're a fag or lez
Or the homosex, hermaph or a trans-a-vest
Pants or dress - hate fags? The answer is yes".
Eminem - "Criminal" - from The Marshall Mathers LP

Non-Bar Calendar
Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30
Tucson Prime Timers Dinner 6:00 p.m. at ELLE, 3046 E. Broadway (SW corner Country Club). Call 529-9344 for details.

7:00 p.m. Bears of the Old Pueblo Coffee at Coffee Etc., 2830 N. Campbell Ave. Coffee, food, conversation and bears. Everyone welcome.

OFFICIAL TLGA GAY PRIDE EVENTS
Antigone Books Gay Pride Special for entire month of June! 20% off 2001 Lambda Award Winners and Lesbian/Gay staff favorites. See the display in the store, 411 N. 4th Ave.

June 15 - 24, Desert Pride offering 10% off all merchandise through Pride Week. 300 E. 6th St.

June 15 - 24 Rainbow Planet Coffee House is giving 10% off with the mention of the TLGA advertisement in the Observer.

June 18-22 Tom Maza will donate $10 from every service to SAAF, 1208 N. Alvernon.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Dave hosts a "Getting To Know You" Party. New to Tucson, he's hoping to meet new friends, so he's hosting his own party. For reservations and directions, please call 869-5087.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. The men of MSN go out to hear the men of Reveille perform their latest concert: "Those Beautiful Girls". For tickets or more info, please contact Bill at 577-3481.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Potluck and Social Gathering where we invite you to have dinner and get to know the nice guys of MSN. It's a nice, safe setting in which to meet new men and greet old friends. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 740-1451.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 a.m. Donn leads a tubing trip down the Salt River. This leisure trip down the river takes about 5 hours. For more information, please call Donn at 325-4257.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Tucson Pops present a concert under the stars, and the men of MSN invite you to join them as we listen to some classical/popular music on a warm, summer night. For more information, please contact T. Jay at 881-7919.

MONDAY, JUNE 4
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, a support group within MSN, meets every Monday at this time to explore relationships among men and learn about oneself. For more information, please contact Thomas at 318-1650.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Steve hosts Dinner Out at Trattoria Pina. This Italian eatery has a great reputation, and you're invited to join us for a pleasant evening with nice guys. For more information, please contact Steve at 546-4047.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Our twice-monthly Bridge Night is a good place to play a friendly game of bridge with nice guys. If you don't know how to play, this is a good place to start. For more information, please contact Michael at 326-3555.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry for the MSN Premiere of "Further Tales of the City", the latest installment of the Armistead Maupin stories. There is limited space, so you need to call quickly to be sure you get to see it. For reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Hearts is the game, and the night is devoted to all lovers of this vicious, but fun card game. If you don't know how to play, it's easy to learn, and we'd be glad to teach you. For reservations and directions, please call Arlan at 323-7414.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 a.m. Gene and Rich lead the group on a birding expedition along the Catalina Highway. For more information, please contact Gene at 625-8109.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 10.00 a.m. Bill will be hosting a Matinee Club outing to a local theatre to see a current movie. For movie choice, theatre location and time, please call Bill at 297-3569.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for a fun evening of Pinochle. Like all our games, we're willing to teach if you'd like to learn. It's a nice way to spend an evening with good guys! For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:00 p.m. Join Jerry and Les for the latest installment of "Queer As Folk". We'll watch episodes #19 & 20. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

BAR CALENDAR
OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30
IBT's - 'The Girlie Show' hosted by Lucinda Holliday featuring Naomi Knight, Mr. Kenneth Blake and Samantha White.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2
VENTURE-N - Beer Bust on the Patio from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Hosted by Tucson Knight Owls (TKO). Don't miss the video of TKO's charity Show this past Sunday.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3
IBT'S - 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., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP). Then at 8:00 p.m. a special fund raising show for GMHP starring Janee Starr, Faith Michaels, Miss Saigon and Special Guests..

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6
IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. 'The Girlie Show' hosted by Lucinda Holliday with specials guests.

"OUT IN THE DESERT"
PRIDE WEEK IN TUCSON, JUNE 15 - 24

SATURDAY, JUNE 16
YARD DOG - OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT: "Lazy Dog Day"here with drink specials, games and food served all day. 2449 N. Stone Ave.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17
WOODY'S - OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT: "Beach Party" 3710 N. Oracle.

MONDAY, JUNE 18
THE BIZ - OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT: "Pride Night" at Ain't Nobody's Biz 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20
IBT'S - OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT: "The Red Party", 616 N. 4th Ave.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21
VENTURE-N - OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT: Leather/Uniform Pride. 1239 N. 6th Ave.

Summer Special
$25.00 mo.
3 month min. - $5 off with referral
Mon. & Wed. 10-9
Tue., Thur., & Fri. 10-6
Sat. 9-12 - Closed Sun.
Mountain West Tanning
2554 N. Stone Ave * 792-TANS

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. The Tucson Pops present a concert under the stars, and the men of MSN invite you to join them as we listen to some classical/popular music on a warm, summer night. For more information, please contact T. Jay at 881-7919.

#3. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 8:00 p.m. MSN will host an Open Meeting to get your input on what the group is doing now and what it might be doing in the future. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

MONDAY, JUNE 11
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, a support group within MSN, meets every Monday at this time to explore relationships among men and learn about oneself. For more information, please contact Thomas at 318-1650.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14
#1. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 1:00 p.m. Join us for a Lunch Out in Green Valley. Not only will you get some great food, you'll have an unparalleled view of the Santa Ritas. For reservations and directions, please call Harold at 648-0795, or Dan at 625-0067.

#2. Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m.ish. Nick will host a Movie Out night. For the movie choice, theatre location and time, please call Nick at 624-9961.

TUCSON PRIDE WEEK JUNE 15-24

FRIDAY, JUNE 15
Men's Social Network (open to men of all ages; newcomers welcomed): 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Night. For only $5, you get pizza, salad, side dishes, and dessert-and a chance to meet 50-70 really nice guys. The pool is also open. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

Desert Voices concert "Now And Then" 8:00p.m. at Pima Community College Proscenium Theater. Tickets available at Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk, and the Chorus hotline 791-9662. OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT.

'Loud and Proud' Youth Dance 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. A special night for Tucson's LGBT youth as they dance the night away to the hottest DJ mixed music. In association with Queer Voice. International Arts Center-Nations Hall, 516 N. 5th Ave. OFFICIAL TLGA PRIDE EVENT.

Daily Bar Calendar

NOTE: Bar owners or managers are responsible for keeping this standard listing up to date. Check with the bartender to be sure the specials listed are actually available.

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 - 9am-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. Dart tournament 3pm. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Patio Bar open 5:30-close. Pick-up Volleyball games 5-7. $2.50 sirloin burger or chicken 5:30-9:30pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee 9pm to close.

YARD DOG - Open Sundays 10am - 1am. Bloody [illegible]s or Screwdrivers $1.75 from 10am - 1pm. 50¢ off any Rum 1pm-7pm.

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 - 9am-4pm, $2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour $1.75 well and domestic beer 4-7pm. 7-9pm $1.50 well and domestic. Small pitchers Bud/Bud Light $1.50 from 9pm to close. DJ Raynman plays house music 9pm to close. 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.

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

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 Pitchers all nite. Country music with D/J S. 8:30 to closing.

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

YARD DOG - Open daily 6am.50¢ off any Tequila [illegible] 7pm

Wednesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 2-7. Dance Music with D/J S. 9pm-close. $2 Long Island and $1 Puckers all night.

IBT's - 9am to 4pm, $2.00 domestic beer & well. Happy Hour$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-7pm. $1.50 well & domestic 4-9pm. 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. Hot Dogs 50¢, $1.50 small pitcher Bud & Bud Light 5-9pm. Patio bar open 7pm-Midnight..

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

Thursday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS -Karaoke w/Stephanie 9-close. $2 Kamikazees and $1 Hot Sex..

IBT's - 9am-4pm $2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour$1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. $1.50 well and domestic 7-9pm. 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 7pm to midnight..

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

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 [illegible] every 1/2 hour

IBT's - 9am-4pm $2.00 domestic beer and well. $1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Trace 6-9pm. Patio Bar 5-1pm. 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 $2.00 all day. Call Martinis $3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. Patio Bar Open 7pm - midnight.

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

Saturday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Pool Tournament 6:30pm $3 entry. Pot matched. $2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every 1/2 hour

IBT's - 9am-4pm $2.00 domestic beer and well. Happy Hour $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 opens at 8pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pool Tourney 2pm. Patio Bar & Volleyball Court open 5:30 - close. Steak Fry 5-9pm Filet Mignon, vegetables, salad, potato & roll $4.50.

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

CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE .25 PER WORD $5.00 MINIMUM

CLASSIFIED ADS MUST BE MAILED NO PHONE ADS

NOTICES

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

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 Easty, 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 36284, Tucson, AZ 85740-6284. All replies confidential.

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

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

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

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

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

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 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, 3289 N. Mountain. Have any history/ experience singing? Join us!! Call 617-3100 for more info.

TGNetArizona: The central source for news and information for, by and about the TS, TG, and Gender-variant communities of Arizona. Website URL: http://www.tgnetarizona.org - e-mail address: aigoodrum@uswest.net or:

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. For more information call the church at 299-9083 and ask for a contact person.

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

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (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. 322-5855. 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)760-5775 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910 of visit our website at www.botop.com All are welcome to our general meetings/potlucks on the 2nd Friday of every month, 7pm at Sentinel Bldg. On the City of Tucson Resource Campus, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop on Bonita St. between St. Marys and Congress.

NOTICES

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.

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 615-6436 for more info.

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

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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 Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number.

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

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

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

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.

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 581-6850 or Ronn 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 693, 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 624-8788.

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

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GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7843 for more information.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 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 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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.

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

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

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

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Ernie Slaight 721-2003.

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

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Republican May Quit Over Gay Convention Speaker

HONOLULU, HI - Jeffrey Mead, leader of the local Log Cabin Republican chapter, got a standing ovation after being the first member of the organization to speak at any state GOP convention. Now William Stonebraker, R-Kalama Valley-Portolock, says he might not run again next year.

"I represent more than my district. I represent people before God and God before people," he said. "They need to be careful about what the message is I'm sending. A lot of donors may be donating outside the party. I think we may be seeing some independents and some other parties showing up in the future."

The GOP has had to focus on building their party and gaining support since it is not as strong in Hawaii as many other states.

Sen. Fred Hemmings, R-Kailua-Waimanalo, says that the party should welcome Mead and other Gay Republicans . "I hope the religious right sees they can disagree violently with them on that one issue, but on the other issues we can work together. To take someone and judge them on one issue is unchristian."

Mead, a deacon at Central Union Church, says that Gay Republicans are committed to the party's overall goals, such as reducing taxes, and are conservative and very religious. "The Gay liberationists who claim to represent the local Gay community only represent a small portion of the population," he said.

Party chairwoman Linda Lingle took a risk by inviting Mead to speak at the convention but feels that the party needs to be more inclusive if it is to grow. "If you listen to his remarks, he talks about compassion for people, freedom, things we care a lot about," she said. "I think it busts another stereotype, and our party has to do a little bit more of that."

Jury Finds Cruise Line Guilty In Wrongful Firing

PORT CANAVERAL, FL - A Florida jury on May 16 found that two food servers were terminated by Sterling Casino Lines because they have AIDS and ordered the company to pay them about $3,000 in back wages.

Montgomery Lyauley, 38, and James Chestnut, 37, both of Brevard County, were fired in September 1999, a day after one of them told a Sterling Casino Lines manager that they both have AIDS. Both men had been working for about four months at the company, which offers gambling cruises. The jury found that AIDS was a "substantial motivating factor" in the firings and awarded one of the men $2,160 in back pay and the other $880, said their lawyer Tom Yardley. The judge found that the law does not allow the jury to award punitive damages.

Both Lyauley and Chestnut, who are life partners, said they hope the case will prompt Sterling and other companies to safeguard the rights of individuals with AIDS. The employment status of people with AIDS is protected under both state and federal law. Sterling officials did not respond to telephone calls following the verdict. "We have a positive outcome. We were found right. They were found wrong," Lyauley said. "They did something they should not have done."

Prom Experiences

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Fusman said student leadership has since created a policy requiring that future prom kings and queens be male and female respectively.

No such rule applied at the Boston Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Youth prom. The oldest Gay and Lesbian prom in the nation allows candidates of either gender to enter a random drawing for both positions. Drag queens select the finalistsÂ' names, parade them in front of the crowd, and award tiaras based on applause.

The 21-year-old event, which started in a church basement in 1981 with 75 participants. This year's event is expected to draw up to 2,500 guests who will walk through an arch of rainbow balloons at Boston City Hall.

"It's really just like any traditional prom, but without the social conventions," junior Kim Rose, 17, told the Boston Globe. "It's basically all the same stuff you have to deal with anywhere -- working on decorations, changing your mind 20 times about what to wear."

"You have mothers dropping off their kids now, or calling my office to find out the exact times and places so their kids won't be late," said organizer Grace Sterling Stowell. "That was just unthinkable even a few years ago."

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