

Phoenix Pride 2000 Festival Huge Success



Openly Gay, Ken Chevront, Arizona State Representative, spoke to the crowd about the importance of their vote..



U.S. Representative Ed Pastor (Dist. 2) addressing the crowd from the Festival Stage.



As Saturday's Pride 2000 Festival was winding down, Arizona Central Pride member Dan Dold (aka Lady Casandra), who was in charge of entertainment at the festival, arrived at Apollo's Lounge to present an ACP award for outstanding business organization to co-owner Bill Laybourne.

PHOENIX (NP) - Bill MacDonald, Co-Chair of the Arizona Human Rights Fund, was Grand Marshall of the Pride 2000 Parade Phoenix, Arizona on Saturday, April 15 before a crowd of thousands. The Transgender Pride flag made its first appearance in Arizona as it was carried down Central Avenue to Margaret T. Hance Deck Park in downtown Phoenix. Arizona Central Pride (ACP) committee is producer of this extravaganza.

The Trans flag was carried by its creator, Navy veteran Monica Helms, right up front in the Rainbow Veterans color guard with the U.S. Flag, the Arizona state flag, and the rainbow flag of Gay and Lesbian pride. The flag consists of three horizontal bands, red and blue flanking

purple.

Besides MacDonald, other dignitaries in the march were Tempe's Gay Mayor Neil Giuliano and Ken Chevront, one of two open Gays in the state House (he's the Democrat, the other is now-famous Republican Army Reservist Steve May who couldn't attend the event because of Army Reserve duty).

From bearish cheerleaders to leathermen to the parade's Latina King Juan de Dios and Queen Claudia Michelle (a.k.a. Hector Serna) to an elderly woman in a wheelchair, the diversity of the community was on display in a largely celebratory atmosphere. There were

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Arizona Senate Approves Same Gender Domestic Violence Bill

By Mark R. Kerr

ing Gay and Lesbian marriage."/

PHOENIX (ON) - A believed-dead measure to protect same-gender couples under the domestic violence law rose from Arizona's legislative ashes like the Phoenix.

Arizona's State Senate by a 24-4 vote April 13 approved SB 1173, a bill that extends protection against the use of domestic violence as the sole basis for denial, cancellation or refusal to renew property and liability insurance. The bill also included a House amendment, from state Representative Kathleen Dunbar (R-Tucson) expanding the law to cover same-sex couples.

"This is a great victory for victims of domestic violence. Arizona police agencies would now be empowered to protect all citizens equally regardless of their gender or sexual orientation - at least in this area of the law," Gay state Representative Steve May (R-Phoenix) commented after the vote in the state Senate. "Now prosecutors can demand tougher penalties for those who abuse their intimate partners - whether they are Gay or heterosexual."

State Senator Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, called it one of the biggest victories for human rights for Arizona. But it was a victory that didn't look like would happen at the beginning of last week.

A House/Senate conference committee took up SB 1173 on April 10. The bill's original sponsor, state Senator Scott Bundgaard (R-Glendale) declared the amendment would "have Arizona recogniz-

Bundgaard refused to concur with the House version of the bill, including the amendment offered by Dunbar to remove language under the domestic violence statute limiting it to opposite sex couples. Arizona is one of only eight states with domestic violence laws only applying to heterosexual pairs. Dunbar's amendment, along with the bill, was approved by the House on March 23, by a 47 - 8 margin.

Representative Dunbar said that she had been working with Bundgaard for over a month, updating him regularly on the amendment. "I always respect a sponsor's desire for a bill," she said. In the Arizona Legislature, it is the protocol for a state legislator to go to the bill's sponsor to inform them of the intention to attach an amendment to their bill. Initially she said Bundgaard was "very cooperative." As time went on though, Dunbar said she could "see that he was wavering with the amendment."

When reached for comment, Bundgaard said that his agreement on Dunbar's amendment was only conditional and the conditions were violated. The conference committee met to deal with the two versions of the bill, and Bundgaard refused to concur with the House version, leaving SB 1173 to die. Arizona's daily newspapers, the national press, supporters of the amendment and some Gay and Lesbian media outlets had reported that this bill was dead, especially after the nasty confronta-

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Millennium Marchers Want Sponsors Outed

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) - Civil rights marches are facing a new problem: corporate endorsements.

Organizers of the Millennium March on Washington are under fire for accepting corporate sponsorship from Planet Out, a leading Gay-oriented Web portal. Critics say the April 30 Gay civil rights march is more about marketing than grassroots advocacy.

"When people look at photos of this civil rights march, they will see huge banners for Planet Out," said William Dobbs, member of the Ad Hoc Committee for an Open Process, a group of activists opposing the march.

The committee claims the march lacks a coherent political agenda and is an excuse for corporations to deliver their propaganda to the Gay community. "It's a marketing event in search of a political purpose," Dobbs said.

The Millennium March has been embroiled in controversy since its inception in 1998, when the Human Rights Campaign and the Metropolitan Community

Church, a Gay and Lesbian-focused group of churches, announced plans to hold the march.

The two organizations have since been fiercely criticized for a variety of reasons, including the decision to hold a march without input from the broader community.

The Ad Hoc Committee claims Planet Out's sponsorship has allowed organizers to put on the march despite little popular support. "In earlier days, such an event required real political and financial support from the community," Dobbs said. "If Planet Out had not given money, this march would have collapsed."

Planet Out and its subsidiary publication, The Advocate, have provided nearly \$1.5 million in direct and in-kind contributions.

But most other prominent Gay rights groups agree there is nothing wrong with corporate sponsorship per se. "As long as corporations are supporting the activity and not driving it, there is nothing wrong

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UPDATE

There Is Room For A Few More Wrestlers

TUCSON - The Thirteenth Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza returns to Tucson on Sunday, May 7, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., and there are a few slots left for those who want to sign up to slip and slide in the Jell-O to raise funds for the services of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

The event, taking place at Wood-y's at 3710 N. Oracle, features community members who have raised pledges to go head to head in a pit full of Jell-O. It's fun and it's easy. And, you'll be in the capable hands of the Mistress of Ceremonies, auctioneers and fund raisers extra ordinaire, Gilda Fatale and Lucinda Holliday.

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'Strength For The Journey' Camp For HIV+ Persons

TUCSON - "Strength for the Journey", a four-day retreat for persons living with HIV/AIDS, is scheduled for April 27 through April 30th at Pine Canyon Camp in the Chiricahua Mountains of Southern Arizona.

This is the fourth year of the Southern Arizona edition of the camp retreat, which is sponsored by the United Methodist Church.

This retreat is for HIV+ persons and their care givers, with a mission of being a respite from the world in a community that is safe, loving, and caring. The emphasis is on celebration of life and appreciation of the beauty and joy of living.

There are a variety of workshops, hikes, arts and crafts activities, parties, worship opportunities, talent show, massages, games, and more. All activities are optional.

The camp is located approximately 125 miles from Tucson in the beautiful Chiricahua Mountains. Transportation can be provided. The staff does include nurses. The cost is \$100, and includes meals and lodging. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, contact Kathy Parrish at (520) 744-7868.

Lesbian Health Fair April 29

TUCSON - The Lesbian Cancer and Health Project presents the third, not-so annual, Lesbian Health Fair, April 29, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831, E. 22nd Street.

The theme for this years event is "Well-being through our lives." Many workshops will be offered during the fair, covering such topics as: skills to minimize bone loss; how to prevent stds; how to's on pregnancy and parenting; menopausal health concerns; creative responses to aging; developing the exercise habit; dealing with health care providers as an ally and much more.

For more information, call Wingspan (520) 624-1779.

CORRECTION

Last weeks obituary in the Observer was in error. Barney Robles was employed at KGUN, Channel 9, for many years.

Arizona To Host INGLO Meeting

SCOTTSDALE - The International Network of Lesbian and Gay Officials (INGLO) will be having their annual executive meeting in Scottsdale, April 21, to plan the annual INGLO meeting in November.

Board Co-Chair, Representative Ken Chevront said that he is excited to be hosting the Annual Meeting in the Phoenix area in November. "We are honored to be having so many Lesbian and Gay elected officials from throughout the world in our city." Bill Lewis and Rick Underwood will be hosting a reception Thursday night for the participants of the Board Meeting.

Officials who will be at the meeting are: Annise Parker, City Councilperson from Houston, Glen Murray, Mayor of Winnipeg, Philip Reed, City Councilperson from New York, Tim Mains, City Councilperson from Rochester, and Brian Bond, Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

Office Volunteers Sought

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) is currently seeking volunteers to help in the administration office.

As with any organization, there are many tasks that need to be done on an ongoing basis. Office and computer skills are preferred, but we are also able to instruct volunteers on the use of our specific equipment and equipments. A set schedule is also desirable.

Volunteers are currently needed for the following times: Monday - 9:00 a.m. to noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. to noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Friday - 9:00 a.m. to noon, and Friday - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

During these hours we need help answering the telephone and taking messages, copying, addressing and inserting mailings, and maintaining library of periodicals, books, and videos; website maintenance; shopping for office supplies, and much more.

The saying is indeed true: when you volunteer, you often get back more than you give. The pay isn't great (it's nothing, actually!), but the fringe benefits are a wonderful working environment, great people, and an opportunity to be part of the solution. For more information please call Jim at the TIHAN office at (520) 299-6647 Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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In memory of Michael, a celebration of life will be on May 6.

Phoenix Pride

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rainbow banners and purple balloons in abundance, but also another big U.S. flag carried parallel to the ground to catch contributions for local AIDS charities. The parade was just one highlight of a two-day Gay Pride 2000 festival.

Throughout Saturday afternoon thousands of GLBT people and their friends passed through the gate to the Park to join in the celebration. There were numerous vendor and information booths and plenty of entertainment throughout the day and evening. The weather was perfect making the entire 'party' an extremely enjoyable one.

Food, beer, soft drinks, and camaraderie were the theme of the day.

On the Festival stage was a variety of entertainment to enjoy - from political speeches to music, dancers, comedians.

Arizona Central Pride is to be commended for a very well organized festival. More photos may be found in the centerfold of this issue of Observer.

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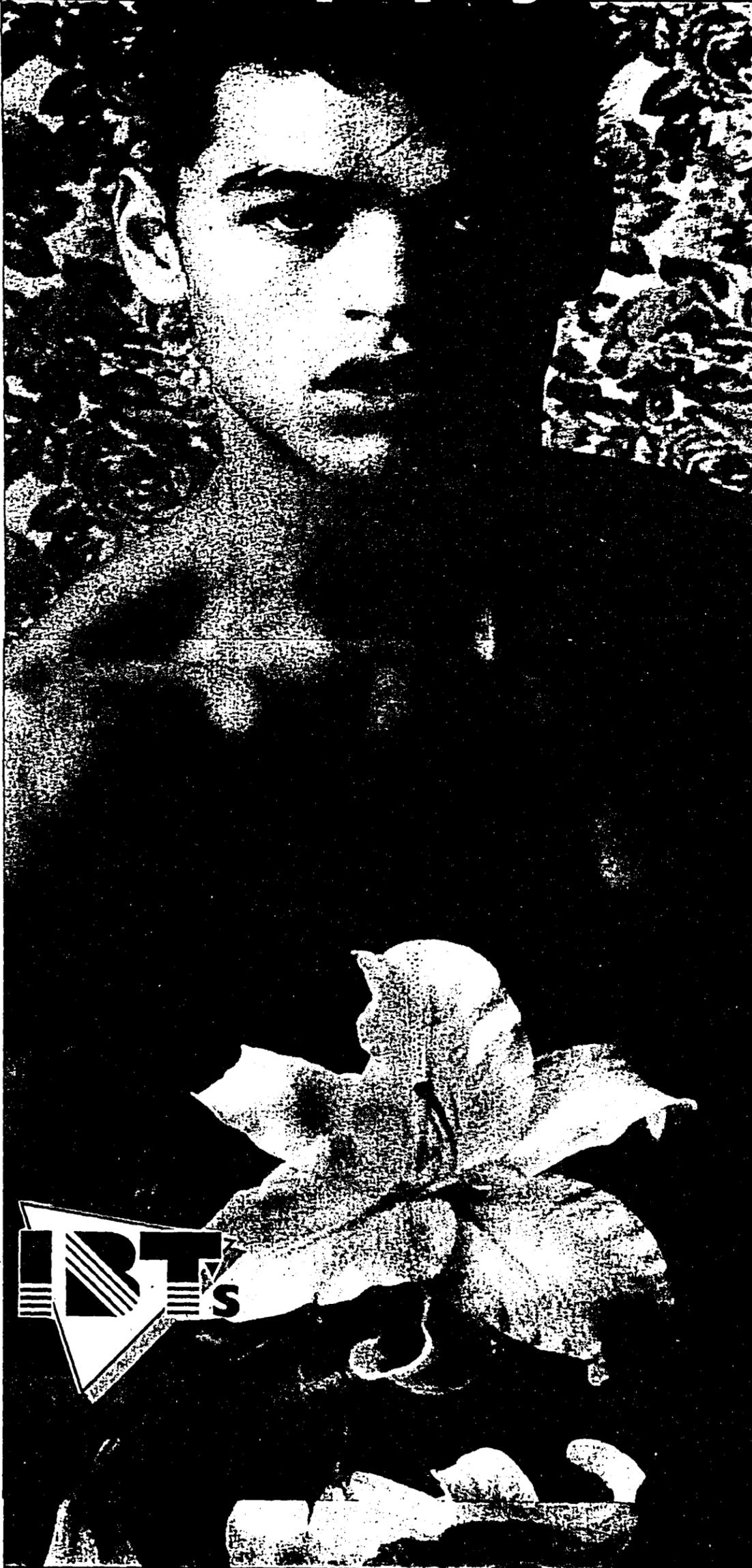
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Wingspan To Hold Public Forum With Tucson's GLBT Commission

TUCSON - Wingspan is inviting members of Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) community to share their views on local issues and the work of the City of Tucson GLBT Commission (with members present) at a public forum, Thursday, April 27, 7:00 p.m., at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street.

The forum focusing on the City of Tucson GLBT Commission comes after its members had completed a strategic planning process that helped it set goals and priorities for the remainder of this year. This will be the commission members first public discussion of their planning goals.

"We believe the work the commission is doing is important and want members of the community to have an opportunity to give input and advice," said Stephen Hall, president of Wingspan's board of directors.

The chair of the GLBT Commission will give a brief overview of the commission's objectives. Leaders of the commission's four subcommittee's: social services, education, legal and outreach will then outline their respective subcommittee's goals.

Arthur Padilla, a GLBT Commission Co-chair, agreed. "We really want to allow the community an opportunity to review the outcome of our strategic planning," he said. "Mainly, we want to know if the commission is on target."

The GLBT Commission has been working with school districts, government departments and agencies, non profit groups and service providers to encourage them to adopt and update policies and procedures related to gender identity. Outreach and community involvement is also stressed by the commission.

This forum, which is free, is the latest in a series planned by Wingspan to highlight issues important to greater Tucson's GLBT residents. These forums started in April with a community discussion on the subject of hate crimes. Other topics for future forums include domestic partners benefits, growing older in the GLBT community and youth issues.

A reception with commission members will follow Wingspan's formal program. Wingspan is located at 300 East Sixth Street, across from the International Arts Center, (Sixth Street and Fifth Avenue). For more information, call Wingspan, (520) 624-1779, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

MCC Tucson Easter 2000 Celebrations

TUCSON AZ - Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), 3269 N. Mountain Ave (located between Fort Lowell and Prince Roads), will celebrate Easter 2000 with special events and worship.

fast will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.. The Easter Celebration Worship Services begin in the main Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m., and again at 11:15 a.m., and will feature inspiring Easter music and Special Music. The Water of Life choir will also perform on this very special day, and the church's dynamic pastor, the Reverend Joyce L. Cook will be speaking at all of these Easter Celebration worship services.

The celebrations begin with the Maundy Thursday worship service on April 20, at 7:30 p.m. This will be followed Friday, April 21, by the Good Friday worship service on April 10, at 7:30 p.m.

This year a new event has been added to enhance the traditional celebrations of Easter. At 11:00 a.m. on Saturday April 22, an Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the church property. This event is open to people of all ages, and promises to be an exciting time for children as well as adults.

Water of Life MCC is a member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UF-MCC), an international Christian community which, while open to all people, primarily serves the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered community. Pastor Joyce Cook is inviting everyone to come celebrate Easter 2000 at MCC. There is no admission charge; and all events are open to the public. For further information, please contact the local church office at (520) 292-9151 or E-mail "WOLMCC@aol.com".

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AMERICA'S MOST UNWANTED ?

Bush Finally Meets Some Gays and Lesbians

AUSTIN, TX (NP) - After some tense times deciding whether it would be a good idea, the probable GOP Presidential nominee found that talking with Gay people made him "a better person."

Presumptive Republican Presidential nominee Texas Governor George W. Bush spent over an hour behind closed doors at his Austin campaign headquarters with a dozen hand-picked Gay Republicans on April 13. His campaign had first taken care to personally contact some of his right-wing supporters to assure them that he would not be changing his positions on issues such as restricting marriage to heterosexual couples. According to meeting participant Steve Gunderson, Gay former Wisconsin Congressman, "The goal was not to change his mind. It was to start a conversation."

What They Talked About - And Maybe Why: In a post-meeting press release, the eleven Gay men and one Lesbian said that the candidate-apparent assured them that sexual orientation was "not a factor" that would affect hiring in a Bush administration; he had previously been reported as saying on the one hand that he would not knowingly hire an open Gay or Lesbian, and on the other that he would not fire someone because their homosexuality became known. Those who attended the meeting were also satisfied that as President, Bush would support continuing Ryan White CARE Act funding (the primary source of federal money for treatment and a wide range of other services for the neediest people with HIV/AIDS) and expanding government financing for the National Institutes of Health's AIDS/HIV research. Workplace discrimination, domestic partnership, adoption, military service, security clearances, and immigration were among other topics discussed.

Another interesting element of the meeting was the suggestion to include an openly Gay speaker at the upcoming Republican National Convention in Philadelphia; meeting participant Gay Washington, DC City Councilmember David Catania said Bush "was very interested in the idea." Congressman Jim Kolbe (R-AZ), the highest-ranking openly Gay Republican elected official in the nation, was mentioned as a possible choice for the role. It would be a dramatic change from the 1992 convention where far-right pundit (and now former Republican) Pat Buchanan declared the "culture war" - but even if no open Gay ascends to the podium, the meeting participants say it was generally agreed "that the campaign would work to ensure there are no anti-Gay signs or speeches on the convention floor."

But no sooner had the possibility of a Gay convention speaker hit the wires than former Republican Presidential hopeful Gary Bauer - who threw his support to Bush's rival Senator John McCain (R-AZ) when he dropped out of the race - told the Associated Press that, "I think it would be bizarre to pick somebody to speak at the convention based on their sexual preference, because once you go down that road, why don't you pick a transvestite?" (Of course to Bauer, formerly executive director of the virulently anti-Gay Family Research Council, that would be a very bad thing.)

McCain had met with the national Gay and Lesbian Log Cabin Republicans months earlier, but no Republican Presidential nominee has previously met specifically with a group of Gays and Lesbians. At one point in his 1996 Republican Presidential campaign, former Senator Bob Dole notori-

ously returned a contribution from Log Cabin. President Bill Clinton (D) in 1992 was the first major party Presidential hopeful ever to make a serious outreach effort to Gays and Lesbians, and this is the first Presidential campaign in which they've been significant to both major parties.

Many observers believe, and Bush aides indicated to reporters, that the Bush meeting may have been much less significant as a signal to Gays and Lesbians than as an emblem of Bush's tolerance and role as a "uniter." As the San Francisco Chronicle's Carolyn Lochhead put it, "Gays have become a kind of tolerance barometer for the 2000 race, indicating to the moderate swing voters expected to decide the November election whether a politician is broad-minded enough to lead the country."

A "Better" Bush Responds: Bush emerged from the gathering to hold a news conference where he addressed his not-so-moderate supporters directly: "I say to them, I welcome Gay Americans into my campaign. I want the conservative Republicans to understand that we judge people on their heart and soul. There were areas where we [Bush and the Gays] did not agree. One is Gay marriage, where I have a difference of opinion."

"I'm a better person for the meeting," Bush said, "I enjoyed it. I heard some compelling life stories. ... It's important for the next President to listen to people's real-life stories. These are people from our neighborhoods, people with whom all of us went to school. ... I appreciate them sharing their stories with me. I'm mindful that we're all God's children."

Bush chose this same news conference to confirm that he will be meeting with McCain on May 9. Ostensibly it was Log Cabin national leadership's support for McCain that decided Bush not to meet with the largest organized group of Gay and Lesbian Republicans, but instead to hand-pick a group that supported his own candidacy. However, the Bush campaign renewed its behind-the-scenes contacts with Log Cabin over the weekend, once again unofficially offering encouragement about a possible meeting in the future.

Reactions from the Players: Log Cabin chair Robert Stears called the meeting "a positive first step in an historic dialogue with a Republican presidential nominee, in an election cycle that has been truly historic for Gay Americans." Putting aside the rancor that had begun to characterize the exchange between the 11,000-member group's top spokesperson and the Bush campaign, Stears commended the governor for "the positive dialogue" and expressed confidence that serious policy discussions would be ongoing. Stears also praised the announcement of Bush's meeting with McCain as the right course of action to unify the party.

With Gunderson and Catania at the meeting with Bush were Long Beach Gay and Lesbian Center board member Brian Bennett, who also serves on the executive committee of the California Republican Party and will be a delegate to the party's national convention; Pennsylvania Log Cabin chair David Greer; Scott Evertz and Jim McFarland, president and political director of Wisconsin Log Cabin; political consultant and Log Cabin of Northern Virginia vice president Scott Huch, whose brief encounter with Bush at a March fundraiser helped fuel the sometimes embarrassing "will he meet/won't he meet" contro-

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POLITICS 2000

by Mark R. Kerr

Off-Key Notes

"I want to sing along," perennial Tucson television news diva, Patty "Great Story" Weiss, gushed, after a puff piece on "Showboat," aired. The national tour has round a ground in Tucson for this week. Miss Patty wanted to croon "Old Man River." ...

"I'm a better person for the meeting," Texas Governor and presumptive GOP Presidential nominee, Shrub Bush, said, after an hour-long meeting with a dozen Gay and Lesbian Republicans, who were selected by his zillion-dollar presidential campaign.

The meeting with the selected Gay Republicans stemmed from criticism Bush received during the primary campaign, when he refused to meet with the Log Cabin Republicans.

Shrub's campaign later said Bush was opposed to a meeting because Log Cabin had endorsed Arizona Senator John McCain for the Republican presidential nomination. Officials from the Gay and Lesbian Republican group denied this.

On April 13, the meeting took place at Bush's Austin, Texas campaign headquarters, behind closed doors. Some things you probably wouldn't have heard if you listened outside the meeting room, for example:

"If elected, I will end my opposition to hate crimes legislation, and fight for measures to protect Gays and Lesbians from being targeted victims of violence." "I disagree with the Republican House leadership that insists upon denying equal protec-

tion for Gays and Lesbians in the workplace." "I would continue to support the executive order insuring that federally employed civilians are not discriminated against because of their sexual orientation," and "I've really looked forward to this meeting since I announced my candidacy."

As former Congressman Steve Gunderson, one of the selected few, said of the meeting, "The goal was not to change his [Shrub's] mind. It was to start a conversation."

It was a conversation, but Shrub's campaign had first taken care to personally contact of his right wing supporters to assure them that Bush would not be changing his positions on issues such as restricting marriage to heterosexual couples. ...

"Under George W. Bush's leadership, the Republican Party has surrendered the cultural soul of the nation and abandoned the American family," blathered Pat Buchanan, the ultraconservative former television personality and two-time loser in the GOP Presidential sweepstakes, who is now running for the Reform Party nomination.

Regarding Shrub's meeting with a dozen selected Gay and Lesbian Republicans, Buchanan said, "He's sending a signal this really is not a matter we ought to let trouble us. But you know, what's he's doing is, he's walking away from the pro-family Republicans. Look, Republicans believe - or used to believe - that the idea of preserving the family is critical and that any assault upon the family is really one of the reasons why this country is in such

profound trouble. Mr. Bush is saying that this point of view [homosexuality] is thoroughly acceptable." ...

"I think it ought to be decided by the school districts. I don't think the states ought to prohibit them. I think the schools districts ought to make a decision based on what the facts are in every district," President Bill Clinton responded to the question posed about his position on Gay/Straight School Clubs.

Clinton continued, "Look, I think the real issue here is a lot of parents, even

parents that are fairly open-minded on such matters, are worried that if you have these groups when children are still impressionably, that somehow they'll be sanctioned or encouraging people to adopt a lifestyle that they may have a choice not to adopt." The President went on, stating "On the other hand, there's a lot of evidence that sexual stigma for Gay kids is one of the reasons that they have high suicide rates and other associated social problems. And I think that the facts will tend to be different from place to place..." ...

So it goes for now kids!

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and discarding microphones.

The host, Richard, had so many "dear, dear" friends to thank, and they were all "the one and only" that this took up at least another quarter of the show. It was also obvious that the ballots had only been taken and collected at three locations. IBT's, Valentina's, Woody's and the Maverick King of Clubs.

A surprising recipient was the owner of Valentina's who has only been in town for four or five months, who by the way was outside having a cigarette when she was declared the winner (I guess she was bored too).

The Best Entertainer Award went to one Vince Moreno, who was not present and if you do not go to the Maverick King of Clubs you probably have never heard of him either. But, if you did go to the awards show last night, you could have bought one of his CD's which you were reminded to do several times throughout the evening.

The Best Bartender Award went to a woman (the sound system pronounced her

name into an unrecognizable blur) who also works at the Maverick King of Clubs and stated what a good friend Richard was.

There was some very good entertainment that deserves mentioning. Maria-chi Tapito opened the show along with the Ballet Folklorica Tapito. They were excellent, and since they didn't rely on the aforementioned sound system, gave the distinct impression that the evening might hold some promise.

Another group that was very well rehearsed and gave the evening a touch of class was the Tucson High School (magnate goes in there somewhere) Advanced Jazz Dance Ensemble. These kids were terrific! They were excellent performers who had obviously rehearsed and enjoyed what they were doing. Oh, and did I mention they brought their own music and playing equipment? The only draw back was that their Director chose this particular evening to present each one of them with an award which only drug the evening on longer.

Well, enough said I think about the First Annual Richard Villa Friends and Family Awards. You don't even want me to start on the hors d'oeuvres honey, it might be before breakfast.

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Saturn's harsh lessons will not go unrewarded, at least this week. The stern old taskmaster "conjuncts" expansive Jupiter, which means that if we are aware of our limitations and strive to overcome them, there may be a dramatic and lucky reward at the end of the rainbow. Did I say dramatic? You bet, friends. Just be careful of what you wish....

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rambos may have had some monetary concerns recently. Well worry no more, compadre. Now, with the Saturn / Jupiter conjunction, any carefully constructed portfolio will pay off. For those who lacked the foresight (and the dough) to plan ahead, there is still an opportunity to mix a little green with your lavender. From little acorns, mighty oaks grow. Plant a little acorn now.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

If you heed the call of the fashion police, you find your new look inspires international acclaim. The Saturn/Jupiter conjunction in your own sign demands that Gay Bulls take a hard look at how they appear to others; how they dress, act and react. It's now clear that, with a small push, you'll climb another rung on the social pecking order. Hey watch where you peck, cousin!

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

It's time for all rainbow Twins to blast open their closet, empty it and live life openly and proudly out. In fact, the Jupiter / Saturn conjunction does wonders for your confidence and peace of mind. Spread that affirmation around, compadre; there are many in our community who could use a cheerleader. A little effort goes a long way now so don't hesitate; demonstrate.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

The meeting of jolly Jupiter and stern Saturn will teach all proud Crabs that friends are the source of great joy, luck and fun. They can also be counted on when you're in a jam or need a shoulder to cry on. Count on them to help you out of a sticky situation. The important thing is to not become too caught up in the group dynamic. Act cohesively but think individually, .

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

It's hard for queer Lions to avoid the temptation of grabbing all the credit for a group success instead of gracefully parlaying an initiative into personal corporate gain. When do you give and when do you take? Allow the Saturn / Jupiter conjunction to dictate your moves. There is nothing weak about giving others some credit. Sometimes we gain more power by giving it away.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Even Gay Virgins are surprised at the expansive opportunity the Saturn / Jupiter conjunction offers in any global or exotic pursuit. If you're tired of the tried and true, allow the planets to deliver something untried and new. Travel offers entree to new fun outlets so buy a ticket to parts unknown. Even legal entanglements may become untangled with a big payoff. Ka'ching!

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

The Saturn / Jupiter conjunction pries your id from your ego. Expect insights into your psychological make-up that enable you to become more in tune with all your peccadillos. Good thing too; some Gay Libras may have reached a personal impasse where

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they feel off course. Use this lucky time to reassess and change direction if necessary. Ah but for others, how can you improve on perfection?

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

If relationships have not been going as smoothly as you had hoped, there may be a jolt and readjustment during the Saturn/Jupiter conjunction that stoke the embers and keep the fires burning. Pink Scorps adore having a significant other, but sometimes you have to ask at what price. Thankfully this is the time to air out grievances and perhaps strengthen the bond.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Queer Archers have their work cut out for them when taskmaster Saturn conjuncts expansive Jupiter and piles the works on... and on... and on. But this is also a time of great opportunity, cousin; Finances fall into place, you lucky Sag, so sweatily work your way to retirement while the energy is hot. The secret is, of course, to direct your energy effectively. Don't waste a drop!

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Party hearty Gay Caps find that the dissipated life has its perks. Oh boy! But don't give it all away at once, pal; This is an advantageous time to get out there and meet and greet for future success so plug into the party circuit and get electrified rather than soused. It's also energizing time to tap into your Gay muse and explore any creative discipline. Okay, you can use leather straps.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

There are issues that need to be addressed with family and I believe that the Saturn / Jupiter conjunction can help you unearth the unearthing, crush the lumps and chew the stones. Aquerians weather even the most foul rainstorm and emerge clean, refreshed and affirmed. Why defer life because relatives disapprove? Strengthen your home environment now. It's your life, comrade.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Gay Fish have held back their more outra-

geous thoughts and opinions because they've been fearful that folks wouldn't understand. Worry no more; the Jupiter/Saturn conjunction enables you to say what you think regardless of what others may do. Good! It's high time that you allow your expansive, humanistic perspective full range. Hoist the rainbow banner - others will salute.

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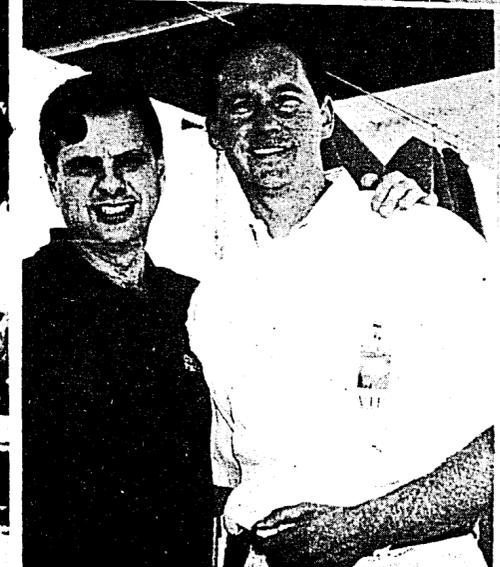
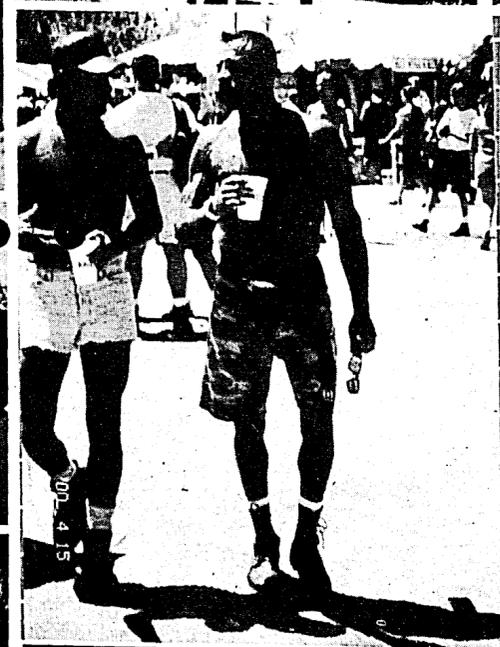
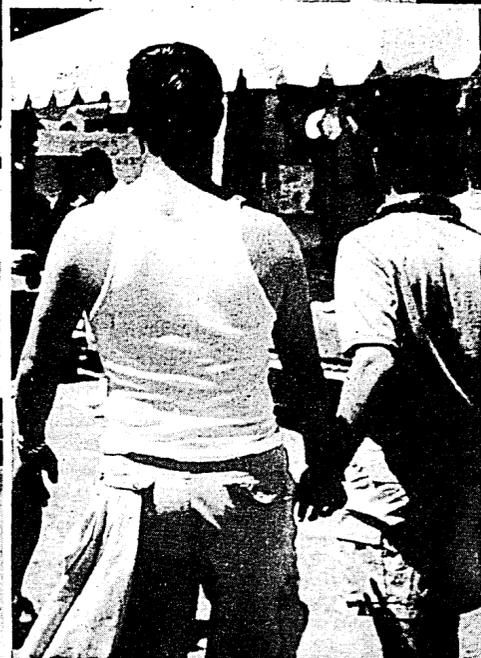
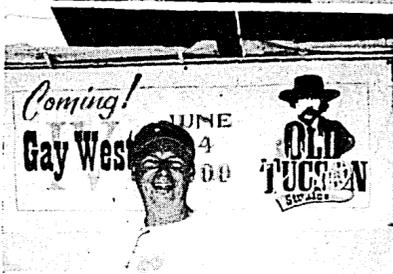
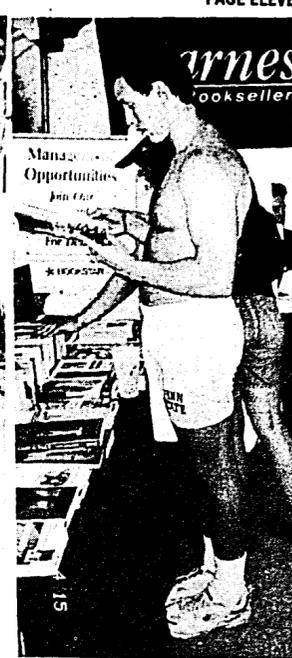
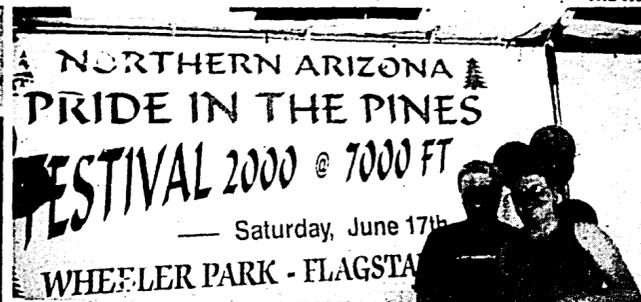
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versy, and chapter member Rebecca Macstri, who served as an aide to former New York Senator Alfonse D'Amato and now works for the U.S. Agency for International Development; Donald Capoccia, an appointee of Governor George Pataki to the New York State Council on the Arts; and government and public affairs consultant Carl Schmid, member of the Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Campaign's Board of Governors and alternate Bush delegate from Washington, DC. The gathering, which included a conversation with Bush campaign strategist Karl Rove and communications director Karen Hughes, was organized by the Gay brother of long-time Bush fund-raiser and Texas Department of Public Safety chair James Francis, Junior, Washington, DC public relations consultant Charles Francis, who also attended.

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Civil Union Bill Moves Forward in Vermont

MONTPELIER, VT (NP) - Vermont's Senate defeated two attempts to dilute the state high court's authority regarding marital benefits, as the bill to establish "civil unions" moves forward.

The Vermont Senate on April 18 voted 19 - 11 to give preliminary approval to "civil unions" granting same-gender couples all the benefits and responsibilities of marriage the state has to offer - some 300 of them. (Another thousand-plus benefits are controlled solely by federal law.) A final Senate vote on civil unions will be held the morning of April 19. If all goes as expected, the House will vote by April 25 on minor amendments made by the Senate Judiciary Committee, Governor Howard Dean (D) will be able to sign the bill as early as April 27, and the first civil unions will be celebrated in July - a great leap forward for legal recognition of Gay and Lesbian couples in the U.S. Civil unions were developed in response to a December Vermont Supreme Court ruling in the "Baker" case that the state constitution requires giving same-gender couples access to the benefits of marriage.

margin than Cann's.

Before the vote the Burlington Free Press found that at least 17 Senators were expected support civil unions, while only a couple of Democratic Senators were undecided. Of the 17 civil union supporters, all but two were Democrats; of the eleven opponents, all were Republicans. When the civil unions bill was first drafted under the leadership of Republican House Judiciary Chair Thomas Little (R-Shelburne) and approved by that multi-party Committee with only a single dissent, it was a relatively non-partisan issue, but it has grown increasingly politicized since. Public sentiment against civil unions has become the best hope of two Republican gubernatorial candidates for regaining power in a state where Democrats currently hold majorities in both houses of the legislature as well as the governorship. As Senate President Peter Shumlin told USA Today, "It has been rare that a citizen [non-professional] legislature has been asked to make a decision like this. The voters are either going to say, these people had the courage of their convictions, or, throw the bums out."

Of course things may not move so smoothly. Simply scheduling this week's votes drove a veteran lawmaker to slam his calendar to the floor in frustration. Senator Gerald Morrissey (R-Bennington) had hoped to leave an interval between the marriage amendment votes and the civil union vote, but ultimately succeeded only in delaying until April 18 the votes and debate that would otherwise have been held the day before.

Hundreds of citizens lined up hours early in hopes of entering the Senate chamber for what everyone feels is an historic debate; about 36 were able to get in. As has become traditional, supporters of civil unions wore pink stickers while opponents wore white ribbons. Those unable to enter the gallery listened to the debates on loudspeakers in the hallways of the Statehouse.

Before debating civil unions, the Senate defeated two constitutional amendments proposed by opponents of legal recognition for same-gender couples. Part of the impetus behind these proposals is that constitutional amendments offer the only means for Vermonters to hold a referendum, although that's the last step in a lengthy process. The first hurdle is winning a two-thirds majority in the Senate; however neither proposal could gain even a simple majority.

The first constitutional amendment considered by the Senate and rejected 17 - 13, proposed by Senator Julius Canns (R-Caledonia), would have only served to define marriage as between one man and one woman; it would not have interfered with the civil unions bill. Senate Judiciary Chair Richard Sears (D-Bennington) denounced it as "unnecessary and redundant," since existing Vermont marriage law is already restricted to heterosexual couples.

The second amendment, proposed by Senator Vincent Illuzzi (R-Essex-Orleans), would have undone the "Baker" decision by denying the state high court the authority to require extension of marital benefits to anyone other than heterosexual couples, instead empowering the legislature to determine the benefits of marriage and who shall receive them. Illuzzi told the Senate that, "The 'Baker' decision represents an unprecedented interpretation of the Common Benefits Clause [of the Vermont constitution]. Since the constitution is [the people's] document, they and they alone should have the right to interpret it." His measure was defeated by an even larger

The House approved the civil unions bill in March by a vote of 76 - 69, a scant majority in the 150-member chamber. Re-approval there may be the dicey part of enacting civil unions, so there was some sentiment among supporters that that step should be avoided by the Senate passing the House language rather than its own. But as Senator Jeb Spaulding (D-Washington) said, in view of the controversial nature of the bill, "It wouldn't look too good to look like a rubber stamp."

Civil unions opponents Representatives George Schiavone (R-Shelburne) and Robert Starr (R-Troy) believe there may be four Representatives who would change their votes to oppose civil unions and defeat the measure since neither of the constitutional amendments to "protect" marriage advanced, but no one has been able to name those Representatives so far. House Speaker Michael Obuchowski is busy developing his own analysis of the situation.

Gay Representative William Lipfert (D-Hinesburg) told the Burlington Free Press that, "I don't want to jinx anything. We will be working very hard over the next several weeks to get to that point [enactment]. It is way too early to be celebrating yet, but I think we're going to get there."




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Supreme Court Prepares For Arguments In Boy Scouts Case

WASHINGTON, DC - The United States Supreme Court is preparing to review the New Jersey Supreme Court ruling which found that the Boy Scouts of America had violated the state's anti-bias law when it dismissed a decorated Scout leader for being Gay.

The case, due before the court on April 26, has galvanized the religious right, on the Boy Scouts' side, and organizations like the American Bar Association and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the side of James Dale, 29, a one-time Eagle Scout and assistant Scoutmaster expelled by the group in 1990 after Scout leaders learned he was a Gay rights activist at Rutgers University.

In fact, dozens of organizations, including medical and education professionals, legal groups and state and local officials, have filed briefs and the case is described as the most compelling case on the court's docket this year given the social, cultural and legal issues in play.

The BSA is appealing the New Jersey High Court's decision which found the Boy Scouts of America constitutes a "place of public accommodation" because of the organization's extensive partnerships with public entities and public service organizations. New Jersey law prohibits discrimination in "accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges" because of sexual orientation.

The five-million-member Boy Scouts organization argues that what is at stake is the freedom of a private, voluntary organization to "create and interpret its own moral code" -- in this instance, by excluding Gay people -- and that without such freedom, "American society would be fundamentally transformed."

Dale and lawyers at the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund argue that freedom of association has never been regarded as an absolute free-floating right, but rather as a right to associate for a purpose, to advance a cause or belief. Even assuming that people have a right to come together for the purpose of opposing homosexuality, his brief says, that is not a description of the Boy Scouts.

The common interests valued by scouting "are not about homosexuality or sexual orientation," says Dale. And he argues, therefore, that New Jersey's "vital government interests" in prohibiting discrimination outweigh any incidental burden on the expressive interests of a major civic organization that is chartered by Congress and stitched tightly to government at all levels.

The Supreme Court has agreed with the kind of arguments the Boy Scouts are making -- with certain exceptions that may apply in this case. And the Supreme Court has agreed with the kind of arguments Dale and Lambda are making -- with certain exceptions that also may apply in this case.

"There is an undeniable, inevitable tension between the right of a private group to define who it wants as members, and the right of the state to prevent invidious discrimination," David D. Cole, a professor at Georgetown law professor David D. Cole told reporters. "There is no easy answer."

The Supreme Court has dealt with this tension by establishing two categories of cases: On one side, the court has rejected efforts by government to limit what a pri-

ivate group can say, or to force a private group to yield control over its message.

On the other, Professor Cole said, the court has held that exclusion from an organization based simply on someone's group status or identity, is not constitutionally protected.

In a trilogy of cases in the mid-19-80's cited by Dale and Lambda, the court rejected claims by all-male organizations, including the Jaycees and the Rotary Club, to a First Amendment right to continue excluding women. The court found that the clubs existed for a commercial purpose and that the exclusion of women was not part of their self-described mission. The decision in this case was unanimous.

Conversely, the Boy Scouts cite a 1995 decision which held that the organizers of the Boston St. Patrick's Day parade could not be required, despite a state anti bias law, to accept the participation of a group whose members wanted to march under a banner of Gay pride. The court's decision in this case was also unanimous.

Given the dueling precedents, it comes down to this: If the court believes that being Gay is merely a descriptive aspect of a person's identity, it will rule to uphold the New Jersey Court decision, seeing the Boy Scout action as discriminatory, perhaps unanimously. And if the court sees homosexuality as conveying a moral message, it will rule to overturn the New Jersey court ruling, perhaps again, unanimously.

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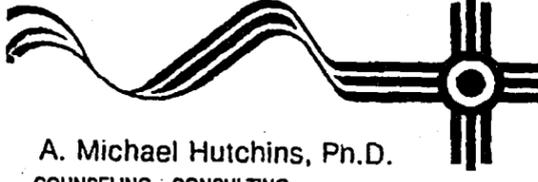
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I often find wisdom in music, and a current pop singer, Donna Lewis, wrote a lovely song called Simone, which (I think) has some great wisdom. "Don't look back over the years gone by, they're gone and now it's time to leave. You have to let your childhood go, and then you'll find the peace within" she sings to us. Very true!

People spend many thousands of dollars every year trying to recover from emotional traumas, alcohol, drug, and sex addictions, all linked to our ability (or inability) to cope with life. Even if it was something that happened twenty years ago, if it still bothers you, still causes you anger, or stress, then on some level, we have not let go of it yet.

When we "radiate" a constant condition of being the victim, allowing life to just push us around, we often attract situations, people, even lovers, who are controlling and dominant. That is because we are locked in the role of helpless victim. Being the constant victim is not a healthy state of mind!

But we can change that. We can make the necessary changes within, to allow ourselves to stand up for ourselves, to control our lives, and not to allow others to manipulate or hurt us any longer. So if you are in a situation that is not to your highest good, it is time to get out from under!

A little honest self-examination will help to sort out what we want, and what we don't want, and this is especially true of love relationships. There is a lot more to that man that we are pursuing than

a sexy body, he is a complex combination of his thoughts, feelings, and beliefs.

All too often, I see fellow Gay men go through one meaningless short-term relationship after another, and consistently, pick men with the same problems over and over. That is because we are accustomed to that kind of relationship. If all we expect is sex, then that is what we will usually get! We need to "keep our heads on straight" and not just blindly fall into casual partnerships that end badly, one after the other, because that can really damage our sense of self-worth.

After a man is dumped, cheated on, or lied to by one guy after another, he often begins to say to himself "Gee, maybe I deserve this kind of treatment. I'll never find a decent man. Maybe I should just give up and settle for sex." That is self-defeating. You deserve the best, never settle for less!

So if you remember nothing else that I have ever written, remember this: Expect the best, and accept nothing less. Remember every day of your life how wonderful and special you are, and treat everyone in your life with the same respect and kindness that you expect to be treated with. If we do not give out love, then it is hard for us to get back love in return. Why waste your time on things that are not good for you? You can do better. It's something to think about. Goddess bless. Til next time, Go in Good Health.

[Andrew Brooks can be reached at paganbear30@hotmail.com]

A View From The Rock
A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Happy Easter to each of you! This is the greatest of all Christian observances. Although Christmas is important to us because it is the celebration of Jesus' birth, Easter marks an even more spectacular event...the raising of Christ from the dead.

It is the belief of Christians all over the world that some two thousand years ago Jesus Christ lived as a human on this very earth. He taught about how to live lives which bring Glory to God The Father, lived a sinless life as an example to us all, was tortured and killed for no wrong doing, and then rose from the dead.

The significance of Jesus' death and resurrection is many-fold. First, it was a demonstration of God's power...not even death could keep Jesus from doing all that was planned for Him. Secondly, His resurrection signifies that He was and is indeed God, not just a good man as so many try to describe him as being. Thirdly, it established God's plan that all Christians live again following an earthly death. We believe our souls will live eternally with God in Heaven if we ask Jesus into our hearts.

And finally, the resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us a living God to have relationship with and one who can truly understand our struggles because He lived here.

Yes, the death of Jesus and His resurrection are the basis for all Christianity. Without His resurrection we would have no hope for what kind of true God can be killed by mere human beings?

Easter, like Christmas has become extremely commercial so it is easy to be

distracted for the true reason we celebrate this time of year. But for the people at Cornerstone Fellowship, and anyone else who cares to join us, we will provide ample opportunities to be reminded of all that Jesus has done for us.

We have a Good Friday Service on April 21st at 6:30 p.m. Then we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection at 6:00 a.m. in our outdoor Memorial Garden. That service will be followed by a potluck breakfast to keep everyone going strong. And finally our Easter celebration Service will take place in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.

I hope you pray that many of you will come to one or all of our services and be reminded that we celebrate Easter not because of the Easter bunny and his candy-filled baskets, but because our Lord loved us enough to die, thus "buying" us freedom from eternal death.

May God richly bless you all!

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April 21-Good Friday Service-7:30 p.m.
April 23-Easter Sunday-Sunrise Service-7:00 a.m.-Breakfast-8:00 a.m.
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Potluck Breakfast, Sunday, 4/23, 7:30 am
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with sponsorship," said David Elliot, a spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "And I haven't seen any evidence of that in this case."

March organizers say the Gay community has earned the right to corporate support. "(We) have contributed a lot to this country and we should be supported by our government and our businesses," said Dianne Hardy-Garcia, executive director of the march. "It's the job of those companies to support us. It's the morally right thing to do."

Groups that are staying away from the march, such as Pride at Work, which is affiliated with the labor union AFL-CIO, are more skeptical about corporate motives.

"The market for Planet Out is folks in the (Gay) community," said K'pukai Kualii. "It doesn't mean their true mission is to (champion their) human or civil rights."

Planet Out CEO Megan Smith agrees. Minority-based initiatives may get funding from companies, but it doesn't

mean they "are fighting for the rights of those people," she said. "What corporate sponsorship means is we support your group and we'd like you to use our products."

She says Planet Out is sponsoring the march because it makes sound business sense to "go where our customers are." But the company may get more scrutiny than other corporate sponsors precisely because it is perceived as a "Gay corporation."

"Sometimes people perceive us as a 'dot org,'" Smith said. "Our goal is not activism but to be the best providers of goods and services" to the Gay community.

Anxiety over corporate sponsorship of the march may reflect a broader unease over the community's evolving mainstream status.

It has now become acceptable for companies to openly target the Gay community as a desirable market segment.

United Airlines, another major sponsor of the march, recently launched a

massive advertising campaign directed at Gay consumers. The move came on the heels of a 1999 study that showed 85 percent of Gays and Lesbians took vacations compared to 64 percent of all Americans.

"The concept of niche or affinity marketing as an advantage is relatively recent," Smith said. "And Planet Out is just a participant in that."

Some worry about the dangers of equating market power with political power.

"People think, 'They're advertising to us, then they must like us,'" said Alexandra Chasen, author of Selling Out, a book about corporate influence on the Gay community. "They think Planet Out is somehow a good thing in itself. That's dangerous."

Chasen says "there is no such thing as Gay money." Greater corporate attention may increase the influence of those who have money to spend relative to others, she said.

"There are potential for problems

here," said the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Elliot. "When these corporations advertise, they'll most likely show only middle-class white Gay men."

Critics say the march reflects the eagerness of some Gay rights groups to cash into this new-found respectability.

"I don't believe this was pure and then got co-opted," Chasen said.

"It was absolutely a given from the start that they would seek and find corporate sponsorship."

Domestic Violence Bill

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tion between Bundgaard and May over the matter. But champions of the amendment weren't done yet.

The House/Senate conference committee met again April 11 on the bill and Bundgaard again expressed his opposition to the Dunbar amendment. Later in the day, state Senator Elaine Richardson (D-Tucson), a member of the conference committee, made a procedural motion for the full Senate to dissolve the conference committee and concur with the House version of SB 1173 (with Dunbar's amendment). The motion passed 17 - 10. The State Senate had the final reading and passed the bill April 13.

"This will open the door for a lot of people who need services and were denied their victim's rights," Claudia Reynoso, executive director of the Wingspan Domestic Violence Project, part of Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community center.

Gay Representative Ken Chevront (D-Phoenix) said that the passage of SB 1173 shows that "we have come a long way. ... Many of us never thought we would get this far in the Arizona Legislature." Chevront stated that with the final passage of the bill done by the state Senate, SB 1173 now goes to Governor Jane Hull's desk to await her signature.

"We hope that Governor Hull will heed the will of the majority in both chambers and sign the bill," Amelia Craig Cramer, Tucson attorney and member of the City of Tucson Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Commission commented.

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Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

12:30 P.M. Tucson Prime Timers luncheon at Kingfisher, 2564 E. Grant. Call 584-0280 for details.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Maundy Thursday. Worship Service at Water of Life MCC, 3269 N. Mountain, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Good Friday - Worship services at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church, 3269 N. Mountain 7:30 p.m.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Les' home. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, April 20 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Easter Sunday. Worship services at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church, 3269 N. Mountain, Sunrise Worship Service 7:00 a.m., Easter Breakfast 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry for a traditional Easter Dinner. The hosts will provide the main dish, and everyone else will bring a side dish or dessert to share. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry for a matinee movie of "The Life of Brian". This funny, pointed look at religion was protested when it was originally released. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

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

4. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. Join Les & Jerry as they host Hearts Night. This fun and vicious card game is most enjoyable, and if you don't know how to play, but want to learn, here's the place to do it! For reservations and directions, please call Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

MONDAY, APRIL 24

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Bill hosts an evening that begins with a light supper and moves into a Financial Advice Seminar on learning how to make your money work for you. For details, reservations, and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Community Forum HIV Update from 6:00 - 7:45 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital, 1601 W. St. Mary's Road in the Century Room (across from the chapel). "Treatment in the New Millennium" is the subject of the meeting which includes speakers Dr. Neil Ampel, MD; Dr. Kevin Carmichael, MD; Dr. Deborah Goldsmith, MD; and Dr. Kelly Vollmer, MC. These doctors will review the current state of HIV management and give an update on any new advances in treatment. Sponsored by SAAF and Abbott Labs.

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

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us for the MSN Premiere of "Flirting With Disaster", a comedy about a man searching for his birth parents. The film stars Ben Stiller, Tea Leoni, George Segal, and Mary Tyler Moore. For reservations & directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

The Lesbian Cancer and Health Project presents the Lesbian Health Fair: "Well Being Through Our Lives" from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, 4831 E. 22nd Street (1 block East of Swan). Cost is sliding scale \$1.00 to \$20 includes lunch and beverages. The lunch panel discussion: "Physical Fitness Through The Ages". Call Wingspan for more information 624-1779 or contact www.wingspanaz.org for info and applications to give a workshop.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our Topic of Discussion as we look at "How to find Happiness". What brings you happiness, and what do you do to bring happiness to others? Come share your thoughts. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

IBT'S - "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Elektra Bleu, Miss Tori Novell and Mr. Kenneth Blake. 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

VALENTINA'S - 9:00 P.M. "Follies" Benefit Show for Sapphire with Sapphire, Kenneth Blake, Bunny Fufu and owner Cherie.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Hip Hop & R&B as DJ Hill spins ess shakin' music from 9 to close. No cover. Shot specials all night. \$1.50 Tequila and \$2.00 Kami's all night.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

IBT'S - 6:30 P.M., 3rd Annual MPS Easter Benefit Show featuring the 'Norman Tabernacle Choir' Presenting "Left Off Broadway". Show, Auction, Easter Bonnet Contest (and Best Basket!). Cash Prizes.

VALENTINA'S - Benefit Show / Yard Sale / Bar-B-Que for S.A.A.F. For more information or to donate to the Yard Sale Call Joe at 319-1346. Then at 9:00 p.m. it's the Miss Gay Cosmopolitan Pre-Pageant Show featuring Kenneth Blake, Lucinda Holliday, Miss Gay Arizona Barbara Seville, Miss Gay America '95 Patti Le Plae Safe, Adrienne Alexander and Goldie O'Brian.

VENTURE-N - TKO Beer Bust plus an Easter Basket and Easter Bonnet Contest. Cash prizes for each \$25 first place, \$15 second and \$10 for third place.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

IBT'S - Easter Egg Hunt all day or until da bunny runs out of eggs. Prizes and gifts. Party starts with Jeff's Bloody Mary Bar from 11:00 to 6:00 p.m. Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust to benefit Desert Voices from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. with Karaoke on the patio with Billy Dee from 4:30 to 7:30 then at 9:00 p.m. it's the Men Of IBT's Male Revue with three (3) Hot Dancers!

STONEWALL - Free Easter Buffet served at 5:00 p.m.

VALENTINA'S - Noon to 6:00 p.m. Benefit Yard Sale / Bar-B-Que for S.A.A.F. For more information or to donate to the Yard Sale Call Joe at 319-1346.

VENTURE-N - Easter Sunday Brunch hosted by Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) and Empire Lew/Leather (ELL). Easter Egg Hunt starts at noon plus Boss Burgers and Bloody Marys and Screws for \$1.50 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 24

STONEWALL - Stop by and welcome Chuckles back on Mondays. Two for One cocktails from 7:00 p.m. to close.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Back by popular demand "Drag King Show" at the Biz. \$1.50 pitchers all night. No cover. Show starts at 9:00 p.m. Dance music follows with DJ Sarafina.

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Ajia Simone, Tori Steele and Faith Michaels.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

IBT'S - Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) Male Box Night. Meet new friends and play Post Office.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Latino Night. Drink and shot specials all night. 75¢ watermelons and \$2.00 kamikazees all night. No Cover. DJ Hill spins the hottest Latin house, cumbia, corridas and much, much more.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

WOODY'S - Reno Gannon Jello Wrestling Benefit for SAAF 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Watch for details coming up!



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Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.
IBT'S - Open 11am-1am. Happy Hour 11-4pm, \$2.00 domestic beer and well. \$1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

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

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

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

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. \$1.50 Well & mid-night, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.

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

STONEWALL - Bar opens noon. All well drinks \$1.50 until 7pm. Dance Club opens 9pm with David Z spinning retro. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies...free
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7 \$1.50 well & domestics: BBQ Beer Bust 6-9pm.) All request DJ 9pm-1am. Extended Happy Hour 9pm-1am 50¢ drafts plus free pool.

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

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool touney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Long Islands all nite. Dance to music w/DJs.

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

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 until 7pm. Dance Club opens 9pm. DJ Eduardo featuring international music. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies free.
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. 11am-7pm, \$1.50 well & domestics 2-4-1 from 5:00pm well & domestics. BBQ Beer Bust 6-9; 80s nite with DJ Marquis 9pm-1am, 80¢ drink specials 9pm-1am.

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

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.50 pitchers 9-close. 80s Retro DJ Sarafina. No cover.

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Liz 9pm to close. \$1.50 Tequila & 75 Watermelons.

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

STONEWALL - Open Noon. All well drinks \$1.50 til 7pm. Dance club opens at 9pm. Dance with DJ Eduardo. Popcorn, steaming buns and hot weenies ... free.
VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: \$1.50 Well & Domestics. 2-4-1 4-7pm well & domestics. Karaoke 9pm-12:45am.

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

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

Friday

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday

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

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

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

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

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

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



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NOTICES

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 688-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Ronn 968-2364.

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9468 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Wingspan at 624-1778 about a new Al-Anon group being organized in Tucson.

YOUNG AND GAY?

GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 390 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1778.

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

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call Information and Referral 681-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 802-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 802-279-4805.

TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)617-4661, or <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/5088>

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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 with 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 293-8024.

SAA (Sex Addicts Anonymous) meets every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Wingspan at 300 E. Sixth Street. 624-1778

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), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1778.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 888-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

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

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

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

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 8543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85852.

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

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

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-8979 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, contact TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

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

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1778.

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

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 528-7542 for more info.

NOTICES

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

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 8:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For more information write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS: Confidential individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 824-0348 (24-hour line)

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

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-8647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2m new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts: 325-8878 or 327-4293.

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

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

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

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

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio 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. Desert Gitz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAE@mail@aol.com <http://members.aol.com/sagaemail>

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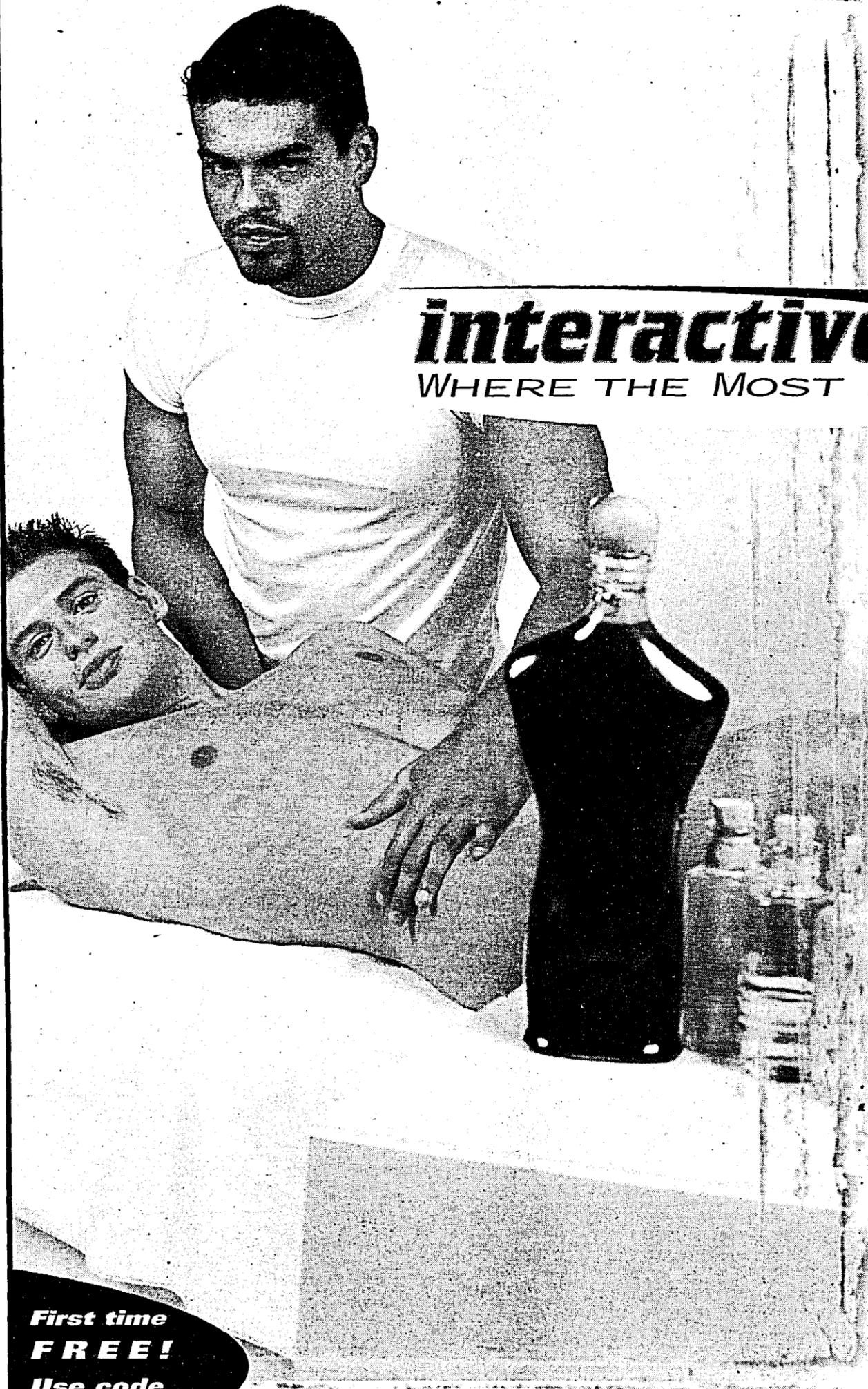
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