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AGRA Road Runner Regional Rodeo 2001 This Weekend Jan. 13-14 In Phoenix Royalty Competition Kicks Off Jan. 11



PHOENIX (ON) - Thousands of cowboys, cowgirls and their admirers will be gathering in Phoenix for the 2001 Road Runner Regional Rodeo, January 11-15.

The fifteenth annual rodeo will take place at the Corona Ranch Grounds, 29th Ave. and Baseline Rd.

Phoenix's event is not your run of the mill rodeo. During the weekend, in addition to events such as events, from Bull Riding to Chute Dogging to Barrel Racing, also on the bill will be the Wild Drag Race, Steer Decorating and Goat Dressing, this weekend-long event aims to please all who attend the rodeo.

As in years past, profits from the rodeo will be distributed to various 501(c)(3) organizations. AGRA donated a total of \$20,000 to four such organizations — Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG); the Tucson Interfaith HIV and AIDS Network (TIHAN); the Joshua Tree Feeding Program; and Community Church of Hope in 2000.

For more information call the AGRA Hotline at (602) 265-0618 or visit their Web site, www.agra-phx.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00 p.m. - Royalty Competition at Charlie's, 727 W. Camelback Road.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

2:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Cook Out/Pool Part at

the Ramada Inn, 502 W. Camelback Road.

6:00 p.m. - Show/Entertainment/Dancing.

7:30 p.m. - Royalty Competition/Step Downs.

9:00 p.m. - 2001 Royalty Crowning.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

8:00 a.m. - Gates/ticket office opens. Rodeo events begin at the Corona Rodeo Grounds, 29th Avenue at Baseline Road.

Noon - Parade/Grand Entry commences.

1:00 p.m. - Entertainment and dancing begins.

6:00 p.m. - Entertainment party and show.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 a.m. - Gates/ticket office opens. Rodeo events begin at the Corona Rodeo Grounds, 29th Avenue at Baseline Road.

Noon - Parade/Grand Entry commences.

1:00 p.m. - Entertainment and dancing begins.

6:00 p.m. - Entertainment party and show.

9:00 p.m. - Rodeo Awards Ceremony and the party continues.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - The "See Ya Next Year" brunch to be held.

50 National Organizations Oppose Ashcroft Nomination

WASHINGTON, DC - The Human Rights Campaign and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force have announced their opposition to former Missouri senator John Ashcroft's nomination as attorney general.

The groups are among a coalition of fifty organizations, including the NAACP, Handgun Control, and People for the American Way.

Ralph Neas, the head of People for the American Way, voiced his opposition to the former Missouri senate at a press conference on January 9. What follows are his remarks:

"I wish that we did not have to be here today. In our 20-year history, People For the American Way has opposed only three executive branch nominations. And, like many Americans, I hoped that President-elect Bush's pledge to be a uniter and not a divider would be matched by his actions. But his nomination of John Ashcroft to be U.S. Attorney General could not have been more divisive or confrontational.

"The Attorney General of the United States is one of nation's most important public officials, with enormous power and influence over the lives of all Americans. The position requires a person who has demonstrated a commitment to equal justice under law, a person of fairness, judgment, and integrity. John Ashcroft's record makes it clear that he is not that person.

"John Ashcroft is from the far right fringe of the Republican Party. His voting record, as analyzed by the National Journal in 1998, was to the right of Senator Jesse Helms. He is a favorite of groups from the John Birch Society to the Christian Coalition. Ashcroft's devotion to a right wing legal and policy agenda places him not only outside the mainstream of American politics but outside even the conservative mainstream in his own party. He has not earned the confidence of Americans that as attorney general he would fairly enforce the nation's laws protecting civil rights, reproductive rights, and the environment.

"Senator Ashcroft's dishonest campaign against the federal judicial nomination of Missouri State Supreme Court Judge Ronnie White demonstrated an appalling lack of integrity. Senator Ashcroft repeatedly distorted the truth and misled the press and his Senate colleagues about Judge White's record, denying him a seat on the federal bench. Regardless of what political calculation motivated the Senator, his inexcusable treatment of Judge White's reputation and nomination is evidence enough that John Ashcroft is unfit to be Attorney General.

"The Attorney General is responsible for enforcing laws that protect women's rights, including access to safe and legal abortion. But John Ashcroft opposes abortion rights, even in cases of rape or incest, and even opposes common methods of contraception such as the Pill and IUDs.

"The Attorney General is also responsible for enforcing our nation's civil rights laws. Yet Senator Ashcroft has not demonstrated a commitment to equal opportunity for all Americans. To the contrary, he has shown extraordinary racial insensitivity by accepting an honorary degree from Bob Jones University and by lavishing praise on Southern Partisan, a neo-confederate magazine that whitewashes slavery and has promoted T-shirts celebrating the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. As Missouri's attorney general and governor he strenuously opposed school desegregation ordered by federal courts in St. Louis and Kansas City, opposing even a voluntary city-suburb desegregation plan in St. Louis. As a Senator, he opposed hate crimes protection and anti-discrimination legislation.

"In short, John Ashcroft might make an excellent choice to head the Christian Coalition or the NRA, but he is not qualified to lead the U.S. Department of Justice.

"People For the American Way urges George W. Bush to withdraw this nomination."

Suit Versus Lesbian Teacher Fizzles

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (NP) - The dregs of a lawsuit against a Utah teacher who beat her school's gag rule on her Lesbianism have been dismissed due to her opponents' neglect.

The high-profile case of a Lesbian teacher in Utah targeted for ouster by a group of conservative parents seems to have finally fizzled out. Only two claims remained in a lawsuit brought against Spanish Fork High's Wendy Weaver by Citizens of the Nebo School District for Moral and Legal Values after 4th District Court Judge Ray Harding, Junior threw out seven of the plaintiffs' charges in March 1999, but at the time a trial was still expected. However at a hearing in December Judge Harding found that the Citizens had failed to pursue their suit and dismissed the claims; one was dismissed "without prejudice," leaving the door open for a suit on that point to be refilled.

Former student Jeana Barney's
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17th Annual AGRA - RRRR

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Fiesta De Los Osos 2001 Jan. 12 - 15

TUCSON (ON) - More than 200 bears and their admirers from all over the world will converge in Tucson for the fifth annual, La Fiesta de Los Osos, January 12-15.

Over the past years, La Fiesta, according to organizers, the Bears of the Old Pueblo, has firmly established its reputation as one of the finest bear gatherings in the world and this year's event will have new attractions, including Old Tucson and lunch on the Arizona wine country tour in a spectacular setting.

For more information, call the club response line, (520) 327-1620 or visit their Web site at: <http://www.bolop.com>.

Arizona Aces Softballers To Play In Winter Classic

TUCSON - Tucson Gay softball will be in Palm Springs, California, Winter Classic Tournament, January 12-14, thanks to their sponsors: Woody's, Fitness Plus and Gateway Villas Bed & Breakfast.

Mr. Dave Huff and the management at Woody's sponsored a beer bust and barbecue, raising more than \$150 to help pay for the entry fee. Mr. Robb Gonzales and the management of Fitness Plus donated a gift basket, valued at more than \$200 to help cover the total cost of the entry fee. Mr. John Sills and the management at Gateway Villas Bed and Breakfast also donated a gift basket worth more than \$150.

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Coppinger Ordained At Phoenix Church

PHOENIX - The Rev. Charles Coppinger, the Arizona state legislature's chaplain whose church revoked his ordination after he came out in October, has had his title restored and has a new job at a Gay-friendly church on Sunday, January 7.

Coppinger began his new job at the Community Church of Hope, where he has accepted an ordination as minister of peace and justice. "Who would have thought that after all that's happened that we would arrive here, surrounded by all this peace and love?" Coppinger said. "When I made my announcement, I felt deep in despair. I felt I could lose my family. I felt I could lose my career."

Coppinger seems likely to lose his appointment as chaplain to the legislature. State legislators returned to session Monday, January 8 and are likely to eliminate the chaplain's position, which was created in 1995. "The people there broke into, basically, two camps," said Sen. Chris Cummins, D-Phoenix. "There are the people who believe there's no need to have the office of the chaplain, and they're trying to separate it from the circus that's emerged, with the human rights questions. The other camp doesn't think the office needs to exist, but with all the attention and the Gay issue, it would be wrong just to steel-toe him."

Reveille Update

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC) began rehearsals for its March concert, "Classically Reveille," with music from the classics with a Gay twist.

RGMC meets Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at Water of Life-MCC, 3269 N. Mountain. If you missed the first rehearsal, held January 9, you can still join RGMC on January 16 or 23. This concert will be held at PCC's Proscenium Theater, March 23-24, and will be a fund raiser for Gay youth. Gay youth were the beneficiaries of the "Prayers for Bobby" concert three years ago. RGMC hopes to make this fund raiser an annual event.

On Saturday, February 10, RGMC will be sponsoring the first annual GLBT Valentine Dance, "The Red Affair," at the Mal Bevel Institute, 530 N. Stone. Bring a valentine, or find one there that evening. Tickets will be available soon, so mark your calendars.

For more information, call (520) 617-3100.

Green Thursday Theatre Auditions Jan. 15

TUCSON - Green Thursday Theatre Project, Tucson's new queer and quirky theatre company, is looking for young male actors (or actors who can credibly play 'young') who are skilled at Shakespearean verse for Joe Calarco's adaptation of the classic tragedy, Shakespeare's R&J.

Auditioners should prepare two contrasting monologues, at least one of which should be in verse. Audition pieces should be short, brilliant and not more than five minutes, total. Picture and resume required.

When: Monday, January 15, by appointment only. Where: HazMat Gallery, 197 E. Toole Ave, downtown Tucson. How: Call for an appointment, (520) 795-4322.

POZ Cafe Jan. 18

TUCSON - People living with HIV/AIDS are invited to Poz Cafe, a complimentary lunch along with social and recreational activities on Thursday, January 18 at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC, (corner of Swan and River Roads).

Doors will open at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. Following lunch, there will be several games of Bingo (with prizes), other board and card games, social time, and a chance to be creative with crafts, until 2:30 p.m.

Poz Cafe is fully sponsored by AGRA, St. Francis in the Foothills and other caring individuals and congregations of TIHAN. The menu is not just "health food," but a healthy balance between good nutrition and comfort foods that taste good and are made with lots of love from TIHAN's volunteers. Like all TIHAN's programs, it's Gay friendly, free of charge and no proselytizing or evangelizing is permitted. The purpose is to enhance social opportunities and nutrition for people living with HIV and AIDS.

Volunteers from Congregation Ner Tamid are hosting this month's Poz Cafe. On the menu for this month will include: Penne Pasta with your choice of meat or vegetarian Marinara sauce, fresh Caesar Salad and garlic bread with Parmesan and Romano cheese. Dessert will include either Spumoni, vanilla ice cream and shortbread cookies. A selection of beverages, including iced tea and coffee will be available as well as the hospitality table with punch and snacks.

Reservations are requested so TIHAN can have an idea of how much food to cook. To make a reservation, please call the TIHAN office by Monday, January 15. Transportation can be provided with advance notice by calling the TIHAN office as well. Each HIV+ person may have one guest accompany them if they so choose. All attendees and volunteers will be reminded of confidentiality concerns.

For more information or to make reservations and/or transportation request, call the TIHAN office, (520) 299-6647.

Country Dancing At Water Of Life MCC

TUCSON - Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church is hosting "Second Fridays Country Dancing" get togethers Friday, January 12, 2001 at the church fellowship hall.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy our alcohol free, smoke free atmosphere while dancing to topnotch country music CD's. A great chance to meet new acquaintances and restore old friendships.

There will be free dance lessons by Carol, former Hours instructor, from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Learn how to 2-step, 3-step and waltz. Then dance the night away until 11:00 p.m. Snacks and low cost soda drinks will be available. All donations are cheerfully accepted.

Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church was founded in December of 1970 as one of the early congregations of the Universal Fellowship Of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC). You'll come and celebrate life at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church located at 3269 North Mountain Avenue, just north of Fort Lowell Road, with worship service each Sunday at 10:15 a.m. For further information, please contact the church office at (520) 292-9151, or you may contact the Pastor at WOLMCC@aol.com.



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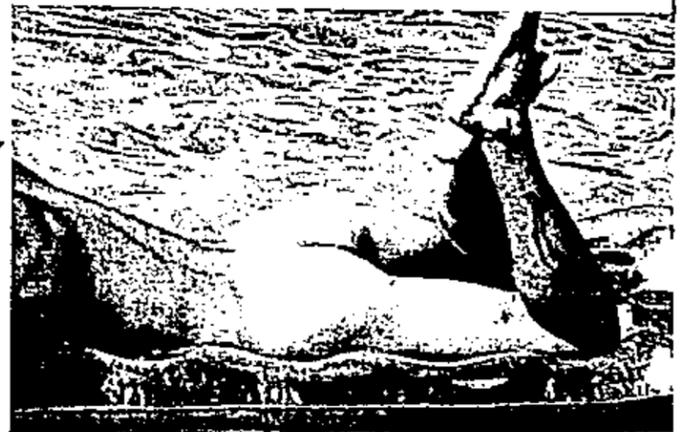
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Shepard Murder Subject Of Three Television Movies

NEW YORK, NY - News that 21-year-old University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard had been found lashed to a fence post, beaten and left to die outside Laramie, Wyoming, captivated and horrified the nation when the story broke in October 1998.

Within months of Shepard's murder three television networks announced they were putting movies into production. The first of these, "Anatomy of a Hate Crime," will air Wednesday, January 10. The movie will be followed by an MTV News special about the effects of hate on youth and 17 commercial-free hours of celebrities reading accounts of hate crimes accompanied by a continuous scroll of victims' names.

MTV executives say the Shepard story is too powerful to ignore and that it carries a vital message to its young audience. "There have been lots of stories of this magnitude, and we wrestled with that, but the imagery of this boy on the fence was so powerful," Brian Graydon, MTV's executive vice president of programming, told The New York Post.

"It's like the imagery of James Byrd," says Graydon, referring to the black man who was dragged to his death by white supremacists in Texas. "It's a piece of imagery you just can't shake."

"Anatomy" is being produced by Lawrence Bender, producer of "Good Will Hunting" and "Pulp Fiction," in association with Kevin Brown. The script, however, was not approved by Judy Shepard, who has privately expressed irritation with the network for not seeking her input on the retelling of such a personal story.

An NBC movie, "The Matthew Shepard Story" which does have the endorsement of Matthew's mother, is being produced by actress Goldie Hawn's company, and is tentatively scheduled to air next season.

HBO also has a movie in the works called "The Laramie Project," which is based on the off-Broadway play. The television production will remain faithful to the stage production and will feature a series of dramatic monologues taken from statements made by Laramie residents in the aftermath of Shepard's murder.

actor playing Shepard. In the film, Shepard wonders what has gone wrong with people like the ones who beat him and left him to die; he wonders what feeds their murderous rage.

"It's also important that this movie is airing on MTV because Shepard's killers are certainly of the MTV generation," Scott Seomin of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) told The Post. "This could easily have been a Sunday-night 'Hallmark Hall of Fame' movie on network TV, but it wouldn't have been as powerful - and wouldn't have hit the target audience of younger viewers."

Despite the misgivings expressed by Judy Shepard, MTV's Graydon said the film is very sensitive to its subject. "We were very self-conscious about trying to do Matthew's story justice and trying to do it the right way," he said. "The power of the media is such that the retelling of a story sometimes becomes the story. For me, it was important to be cognizant of the fact that it takes time - and we just wanted it to be right."

Lesbian On Death Row Files Emergency Appeal

TULSA, OK (TW) - Wanda Jean Allen, an African-American lesbian facing execution next month for the murder of her girlfriend, has filed an emergency appeal with the 10th circuit U.S. court of appeals.

Allen was convicted of shooting Gloria Leathers outside an Oklahoma City police station in 1988. Allen, who had a previous manslaughter conviction, was denied clemency earlier this month, and the U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear her case. Allen's attorneys contend that she received inadequate counsel during her trial. Some Gay activists and death-penalty opponents have taken up Allen's cause, arguing against her execution on the grounds that she may be mentally impaired.

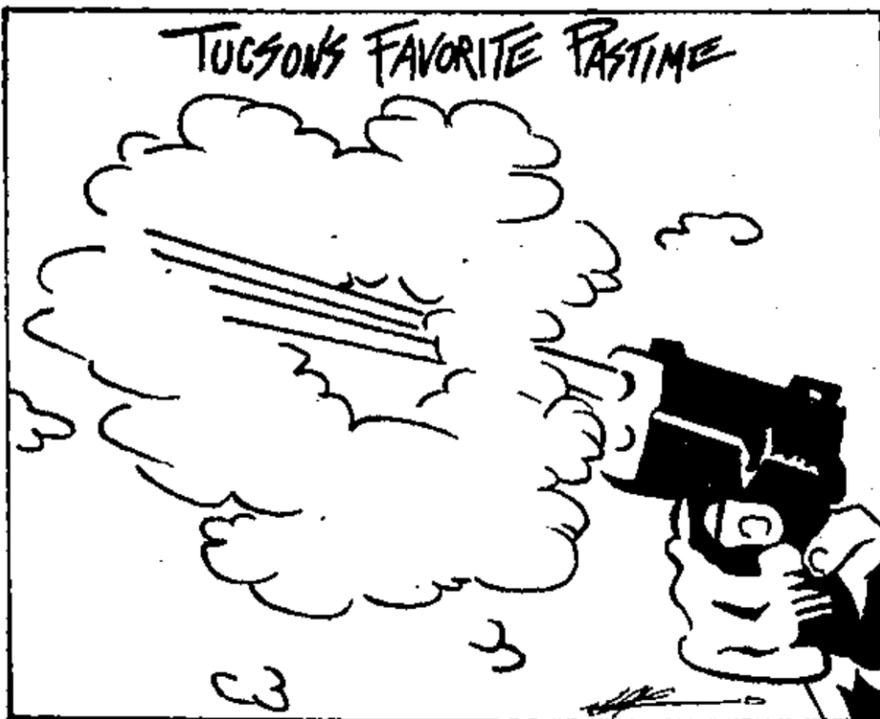
If Allen were to be executed, she would be the first African-American woman to be put to death in the United States since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976.



The MTV movie is narrated by the

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by Clark



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POLITICS 2001

by Mark R. Kerr

'They Didn't Care About The Rules!'

America's coup d'etat was completed Saturday, January 6, with the formal "counting" of the Electoral votes for president and vice president, cast in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, by a joint session of Congress chaired by Vice President Al Gore.

Gore presided over a sometimes-stormy joint session of the U.S. Congress that certified the state-based Electoral College vote in which Bush, a Republican, beat the Democratic vice president, 271-266.

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus challenged the 25 electoral votes from Florida, charging widespread abuses in the state and failure adequately to count all ballots. One by one, about a dozen mostly black House members rose to lodge written objections. But Gore ruled each out of order because they lacked a needed signature from a member of the Senate during the joint session of Congress. "I don't care that it is not signed by a senator," said Representative Maxine Waters, a California Democrat. "The chair would advise that the rules do care," Gore replied, triggering applause by Republicans.

They (GOP) didn't care about the rules in Florida, where Texas Governor George W. Bush was awarded the state's electoral vote since they ran out the clock, so a recount couldn't be completed.

So the question of who really won the "Sunshine State" is being answered, thanks to a consortium of news outlets in print, television and the Internet. In the first unofficial tally, according to news accounts, Vice President Al Gore has now taken a narrow lead, by 96 votes, with tens of thousands ballots still to be reviewed. ...

Arizona's Legislature went into session, the 45th, on Monday, January 8. With a spirit of fan fare, and bipartisanship, at least in the state Senate, the 90 lawmakers have started the session, introducing more than 400 bills in the state House, as of press time, and more than three dozen in the upper chamber.

Legislation of concern to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community has been introduced in the 45th session:

State Senator Ed Cirillo, R-Sun City, as promised, as reintroduced his measure, SB 1014, which would repeal Arizona's archaic laws, dealing with cohabitation and sodomy, thinly veiled statutes against the GLBT community. Cirillo's bill was second read and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Tucson Democrat, and GLBT supportive, Elaine Richardson. A companion bill, HB 2414 was introduced in the House on January 8, but hasn't been first read as of press time.

Cirillo's proposed legislation has been the only bill, of the five introduced so far, that has received a reading and assignment to one of the legislative committees.

HB 2237, a proposed Arizona Employment Non-Discrimination Act, was introduced in the House by five state Representatives, including the openly Gay state Representative, Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson. Discrimination in the workplace, based on sexual orientation, would be prohibited by HB 2237.

State Representatives Ken Chevront, D-Phoenix, and Steve May, R-Phoenix, are among the 15 legislators who have sponsored or cosponsored HB 2319, a civil rights omnibus bill, which includes "sexual orientation" and "gender identity."

As expected, conservative legislators have made good on their threat to introduce legislation regarding the Boy Scouts of America. HB 2403, would prohibit any government agency using tax monies to discriminate against the BSA or to compel them to accept Gay scouts or troop leaders. ...

Arizona's Legislature went into session on Monday, January 8, in another part of Phoenix, a legislative campaign ended, in a courtroom.

Colette Barajas, the open Lesbian, who had run for the Arizona House of Representatives, from District 13 in Tucson, was sentenced to three years probation for violating Arizona's "Clean Election's" law. In addition to the sentence, as a felon, Barajas had her civil rights, (voting, holding business licenses) stripped.

Barajas had run for the Democratic nomination for the state House, as a "Clean Elections" candidate, receiving public financing for her bid for political office. On September 5, 2000, one week before the primary, Barajas withdrew from the race, citing "personal reasons." She was subsequently indicted, September 20, 2000, by a state Grand Jury on felony charges that she had violated the "Clean Elections" law, forging the signature of contributors. Under the law, candidates must obtain a certain number of \$5 contribution from registered voters from their political district to qualify for public funding.

On Friday, October 6, 2000, Barajas initially pleaded innocent to the charges in her initial arraignment but by November 30, the date scheduled for the first pre-trial conference, she changed her plea to guilty, accepting a plea agreement and confessing to breaking the campaign law.

Arizona's Secretary of State, Betsy Bayless' office had discovered the forgeries on Barajas' contribution "peti-

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Gay/Lesbian-Friendly Grammy Nominations

LOS ANGELES, CA (NP) - Out artists and community icons are well represented in the recording industry's annual shortlist, but so is a notoriously unfriendly rapper.

The National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences on January 3 announced nominees in 100 categories for its 43rd annual Grammy Awards, which will be presented in Los Angeles on February 21. Nominees included some openly Lesbian and Gay artists and a number of "Gay icons" and friends of the community, but rapper Eminem and his anti-Gay lyrics also received four important nods.

Melissa Etheridge is a finalist for Best Female Rock Vocal Performance for Enough of Me on her Breakdown album (Island/Def Jam Music Group). George Michael is up for Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album for his Songs from the Last Century (Virgin Records America). Ned Rorem is shortlisted for Best Classical Contemporary Composition for Rorem: Evidence of Things Not Seen (New World Records).

The Best Musical Show Album category includes three Gay composers: Sir Elton John for his work with lyricist Tim Rice on Aida (original Broadway cast recording from Buena Vista Records); Michael John LaChiusa for his music and lyrics for the Gay-inclusive The Wild Party (original cast album from Decca Broadway); and the late Cole Porter's Kiss Me, Kate (new Broadway cast album from DRG Records, Inc.).

Michael Stipe and his fellow members of R.E.M. are in the running for Best Song Written for a Motion Picture, TV or Other Visual Media for The Great Beyond from Man on the Moon (Warner Brothers Records).

Pyotr Tchaikovsky's compositions won a Best Orchestral Performance nod for Valery Gergiev and the Kirov Orchestra for Tchaikovsky: Symphony Number Six (Pathetique), Romeo and Juliet, Etc. (Philips). The late Benjamin Britten's Gay-themed Billy Budd was Best Opera Recording material in the hands of Richard Hickox, Simon Keenlyside, Philip Langridge, John Tomlinson, the London Symphony Orchestra, and producer Brian Couzens (Britten: Billy Budd from Chandos).

The late Gay Spanish poet Federico Garcia Lorca inspired a possible Best Recording Package for art director Dan Ibe (The Concert for Garcia Lorca on GoJazz Records). The Pet Shop Boys with Gay Neil Tennant get a mention as part of the portfolio that made Peter Rauhofer a nominee for Remixer of the Year (Non-Classical).

Madonna is a major figure in the Grammy nominations once again, this year for Music (Maverick/Warner Brothers Records). She's up for Record of the Year, Best Female Pop Vocal Performance and Best Pop Vocal Album, while the album also won a nod for Best Recording Package (Kevin Reagan) and contributed to the portfolios of three Remixer of the Year (Non-Classical) candidates (Deep Dish, Hex Hector, and Richard Humpty Vission, who also worked with Madonna on American Pie).

David Bowie is in the running for Best Male Rock Vocal Performance for Thursday's Child from Hours... (Virgin Records America). The Best Male Pop Vocal Performance includes both Ricky Martin for She Bangs (Columbia Records)

and Sting's She Walks This Earth (Soberana Rosa) cut from A Love Affair - The Music of Ivan Lins (Telarc Records). The Red Hot Chili Peppers, never averse to friendly kissing in front of cameras, are hopefuls for both Best Rock Song and Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal for the title cut from their Californication album (Warner Brothers Records).

Barbra Streisand's Timeless - Live in Concert (Columbia Records) is a finalist for Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album. Sweet Honey in the Rock's Still the Same Me (Rounder Kids Records) is shortlisted for Best Musical Album for Children. The collection Respect: A Century of Women in Music (Rhino Records) took nods for Best Historical Album (for compilation producers Julie D'Angelo & Holly George-Warren) and for Best Boxed Recording Package (for art director Rachel Gutck).

Much-protested and much-honored rapper Eminem's best-selling The Marshall Mathers LP (Aftermath Entertainment/Interscope Records) is up for Album of the Year, Best Rap Album, and Best Rap Solo Performance for The Real Slim Shady track. His work with Dr. Dre attracted still more nominations: Best Rap Album for Dr. Dre - 2001, Best Rap Performance by a Duo or Group for the track Dr. Dre Featuring Eminem, and most of the portfolio supporting Dr. Dre's nomination for Producer of the Year (Non-Classical).

Even before the nominations were announced, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) issued a statement saying, "GLAAD appreciates the conflicts and complexities inherent in reporting on Eminem and his music. Eminem's music and production values have been acclaimed as artistic breakthroughs by many of the nation's music critics. Yet his lyrics advocating violence against Lesbians and Gay men send explicit messages that endorse hatred. Because Eminem's target audience is largely comprised of adolescent boys beginning to form their adult attitudes towards Gays, Lesbians and women in general, GLAAD believes it is important for journalists to discuss issues of lyrical and corporate responsibility when reporting on Eminem, especially if his work is recognized in the general categories (e.g., Album of the Year, Song of the Year, Record of the Year)."

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Arizona Opera presents "The Girl of the Golden West" at TCC Music Hall. 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2:00 .. on Sunday. Tickets from \$19 - \$67 from T Ticketmaster (321-1000 or at Tower Records, Robinsons-May, Wherehouse Music and Fry's Marketplace. An opera of Wild West bandits and gamblers, from the

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MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Rainbow Rams are tickled pink at the thought of lovely Venus entering Pisces. Your secret admirers are outed and so are you! Use the next few weeks to demonstrate your involvement in great Gay charities (are there any other kind?). Volunteer your time and appease the deities with your sacrifices. Who knows who you will meet at the bacchanal? Are you wearing a toga or a tent?

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Charming Venus in Pisces launches your 2001 odyssey into the social swirl. Queer Bulls are advised to plan a few get togethers with their "A" through "Z" list over the next four weeks. Encourage new arrivals and friends of friends to widen your circle; You attract attention like a magnet thanks to your ruling planet Venus and those cellophane peekaboo chaps.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

If you have been feeling stuck and unappreciated at work, thank Venus in intuitive Pisces for giving you a leg up, as it were, on the competition. Proud Twins are in for a professional treat as their long neglected efforts are recognized and rewarded. Of course, if I am wrong, this is also an opportunity time to send out feelers and see who touches them. Forget power. Go for the dough.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Venus in Pisces encourages you to explore new horizons. Pink Crabs yearn to see the world and have their taste buds piqued during this transit. If money or time is tight, treat yourself to an exotic adventure closer to home; an unusual meal surrounded by even more unusual characters. Who knows what type of unusual situations you will find yourself in? Oh, you can only hope!

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Gather your rosebuds while lusty Venus glides into romantic Pisces. Proud Lions cannot be held back any longer and must prowl the jungle in search of conquests. But protect your heart, you royal beast; Pisces energy can also be illusional and delusional. It would be a shame to squander your love on just another pretty face. Then again, life could be worse.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Pink Virgins can use the serviceable energy of Venus in Pisces to put the spark back into moribund relationships or seek new ones that swell your pride. Use the next four weeks to seek and conquer. You are especially charming and charismatic, for a change. Venus pours on the whipped cream

and chocolate sauce; this is no time to count calories, cousin!

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Ruling planet Venus tips into Pisces and accentuates your talents at work. Did I say work?? I meant to say that proud Libras will do their damndest to avoid work by charming others to do it for them. The temptation is to glide through life on an oily song now but the chickens will come home to roost. Before you know it, Venus will move on and so will your able bodied assistants.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Sexy Gay Scorps are supercharged when zesty Venus enters Pisces. Fun is the name of the game so choose your uniform and take the field. This is an especially creative time too so if you have a thirst for the arts, this is the time to dive in and give your Gay muse a workout. Venus also accentuates romance... and the potential to overdo. Oh what the heck - go for it cousin!

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Stoke the hearthfires when delightful Venus treads into Pisces and prepare for a conga line of company. Queer Archers have more opportunity to spend time with family during this transit. (Lucky you.) Speak Out while Venus provides copious charm and charisma. You can attract more flies with honey than with vinegar, assuming of course that you want to attract flies.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Ever careful proud Caps are diplomatic and compelling to the core when effusive Venus enters spiritual Pisces. Your communication is as smooth as butter now so spread it around. Use the next four weeks to make your opinions known to those right folks who can take great ideas to the next step. Fire off a letter to the editor. Heck, fire off a manifesto to the state, comrade!

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Money matters begin to make dollars and sense when lusty Venus tickles your bottom line in Pisces. Aquarians are advised to examine and closely manage their fiscal policy now to maximize gains and minimize losses. If the bottom falls out of the market, use this time to seek a well endowed benefactor to ease the crush... or is it to create a crush?

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Guppies are happy puppies when delightful Venus enters their own sign. You are a social force with which to be reckoned so make your mark on society while the charisma freely flows. There is a chance that you overextend but why hold back when things are rolling along so nicely? There is plenty of time to revert back to the social basement. Enjoy the ballroom while it lasts.

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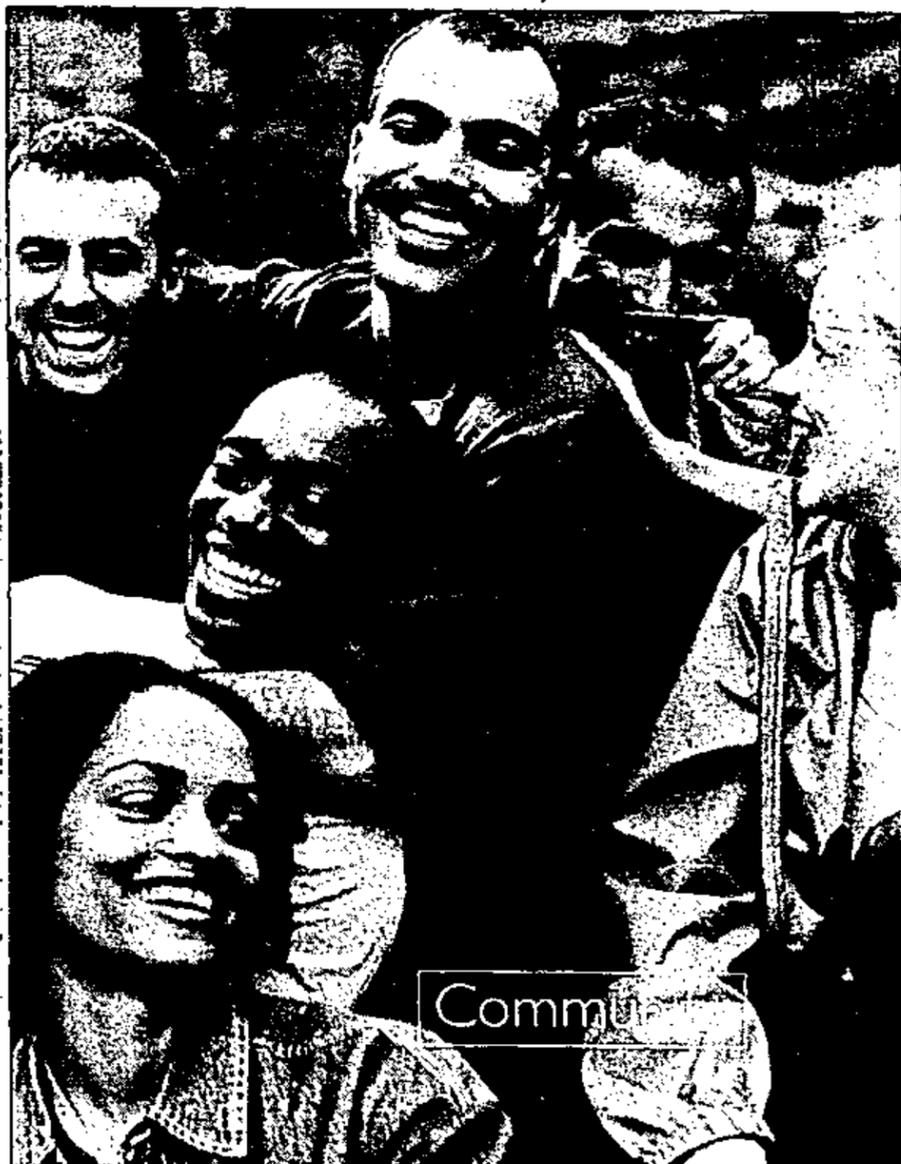
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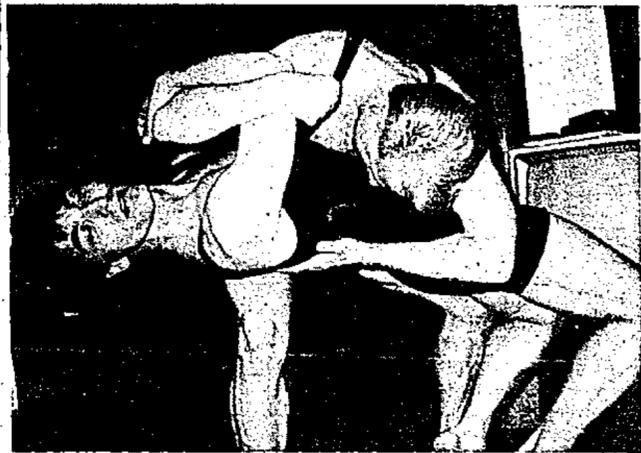
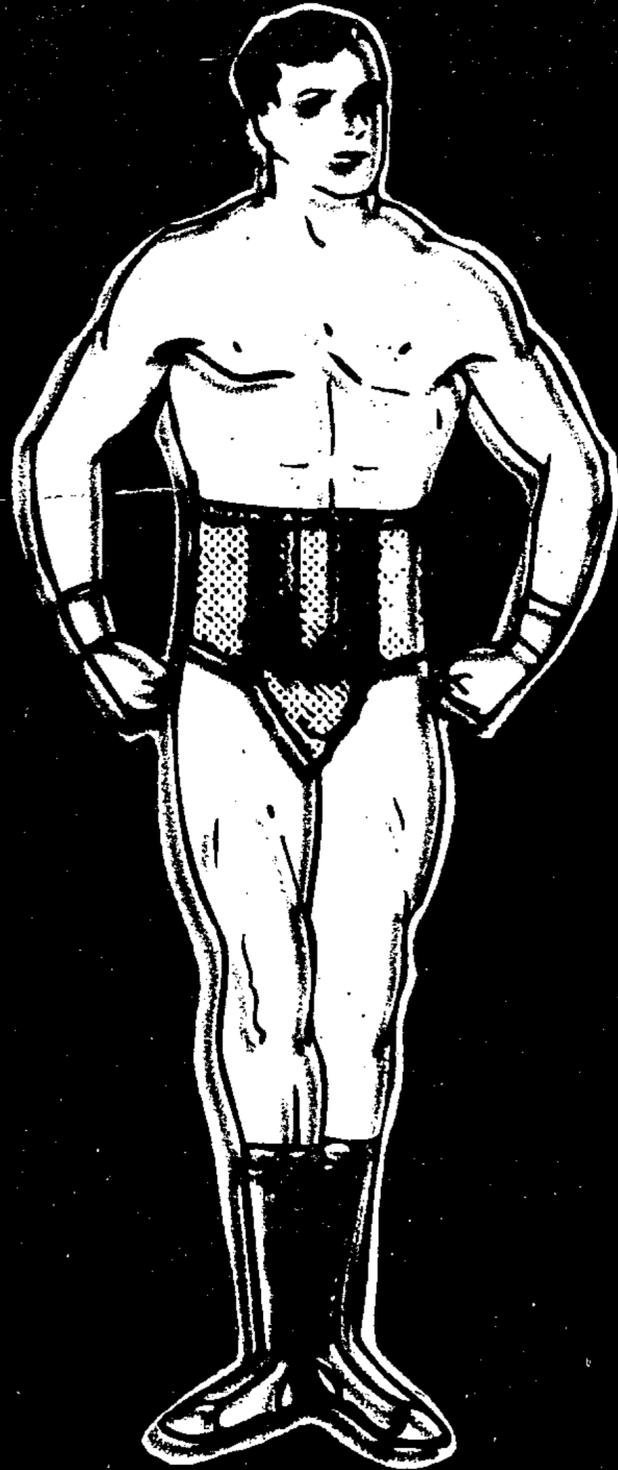
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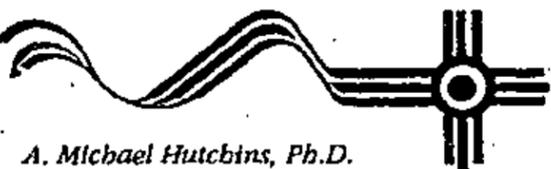


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Local Teens Promote Tolerance

TUCSON - This year's photo of Tucson High Magnet School's senior class is marked by an air of both diversity and intolerance.

Erin Durban, 17, and friends and supporters of the school's Gay Straight Alliance formed a rainbow by wearing colorful T-shirts. It took up an entire row of the picture and was a symbol, Durban said, intended to celebrate diversity, the Tucson Citizen reported.

"People were really upset about it, and they were making a lot of comments," Durban said. Someone threw a bottle, hitting a friend standing next to her in the head.

The incident is one of several recent ones at the school, Durban said, a place she finds to be generally supportive and open to Gay issues.

"Most of the problems we have had have been in large crowds, like people being cornered and stuff," said Durban. She has been harassed with a note tucked into a math book that said "stuff that wasn't very great, just stupid, inappropriate stuff."

But while such hate-derived assaults push her to both tears and anger, Durban, who is president of Tucson High's GSA, redirects her energy into making positive changes.

Recent weekly GSA meetings have focused on harassment "just to come up with an idea where we are going to take this," she said. Students produced a video that was shown school-wide Friday, and Durban went to a faculty meeting last month to voice her concerns. Mike Pollack, coordinator for Queer Voice, a local organization that supports Gay and Lesbian youths, also attended to distribute handouts on dealing with discrimination.

"A lot of teachers have no idea this is going on, so we just wanted to tell them," Durban said.

Her strength comes, perhaps, from the many challenges she has already faced as a teen and as a Lesbian. She lives with a friend instead of her mother, a situation derived partly from Durban's sexual orientation, partly from more general differences between mother and daughter.

"Two months ago, she decided I shouldn't live with her. And I was OK with that, because it was really hard living with her," Durban said of her mother. "She wasn't OK with me being Gay, she wasn't OK with me having friends. It just wasn't a good relationship to begin with."

As early as middle school, Durban began to have feelings that she was a Lesbian "without even knowing what it was." Later, crushes on girls led her to believe she was Bisexual, and when a friend dragged her along to a GSA meeting last year, she started to find clarity.

One adviser at the GSA, a Lesbian in a stable relationship of 16 years, provided a role model. "Just seeing how she was made me feel safe, so that was when I was like, 'OK, I am a Lesbian. I am cool with that.'" Shortly after, Durban began attending youth group meetings at Wingspan, as well as activities sponsored by Queer Voice, such as Caf Chat and Boyz 'N' Girls Nite Out. All are centered on giving Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender youths, 23 and younger, places to meet with peers and talk about concerns.

Just knowing that she isn't alone helps, Durban said.

"There is just an overwhelming sense of community, and I think if I didn't have that, I wouldn't know what to do. I will be in, like, Target, and I am, like, 'Nobody in here is Gay,' then I am, like, 'Yes, they are,'" she said, laughing.

To promote tolerance at Tucson High, students in its GSA developed a campaign with the slogan "No Hate Speech." It took a couple of weeks for people to warm to it, but Durban said people are taking it seriously now.

And since the faculty meeting, several teachers have asked her to make presentations in their classrooms, so she plans to team up with Pollack to educate her peers.

"I guess because of Queer Voice, I have helped facilitate things, and I have been on panels both with Mikey [Pollack] and at Wingspan. So I am getting used to facilitating discussions.

"I am determined to change the world so that people understand each other, or at least have the same rights that everybody else has," Durban said.

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GO IN GOOD HEALTH... BY REV. ANDREW BROOKS

This time we have a book review for my fellow Gay Pagan and Gay readers. There is an alternative (New Age, that is) publishing house in Scotland known as Findhorn Press and I got their catalog some time ago, since I wanted to submit a manuscript to them. I discovered an intriguing title therein, *Gay Spirit Warrior* [280 pages, \$15.99, available through www.findhornpress.com or your local bookseller.], by John R. Stowe. I read the description in the catalog, and on the cover we read that it is an "Empowerment Workbook for Men who Love Men."

I found this book in the Gay section of one of those big bookstores, and it looked promising. Here was a book for Gay (and Bi, let's not lose ourselves on labels here) Men's Spirituality, a book for wholeness, not just sex, like the *New Joy of Gay Sex* (a very good and explicit book for men to know all about the ways of Gay sex — safe sex also) or the "Gay Kama Sutra".

Gay Sex books are manuals, how-tos for the neophyte, but everyone seems to obsess on the bedroom, and the sex acts two men perform together. We are

the brunt of all those jokes about anal sex, and there is more to men making love with each other than that. We are Gay when our clothes are on, too, and we are NOT women trapped in men's bodies. In shamanic cultures, we were revered as sacred, not reviled by radical religious types who need a scapegoat for their agenda to seize power in our society.

This book helps us embrace our Selves. I got a review copy of this book in the mail, and it won the "Lambda Literary Award." It deals with truly being happy and whole as a Gay man. It's not just having sex with other men, it's letting go of emotional baggage and old wounds and societal repression. He helps us heal through identifying with Gay Archetypes - The Magic Boy, the Elder, the Lover, the Sacred Androgyne, and more.

This is an intriguing book. It might just be the very thing you need to read to have a transformative epiphany to lead a truly "Out and Proud" Gay lifestyle both in and out of the bedroom.

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HouseCalls, a reality show starring a problem-solving psychiatrist, is the first of the crop of rookie syndicated shows to get canceled, but several more seem to be lining up for the chopping block. Foremost among the low-rated shows is Dr. Laura, the talk show featuring controversial advice-dispensing physiologist Laura Schlessinger, who angered activists by referring to homosexuality as a "disorder" and for equating Gay men with pedophiles. Every year many low-rated new syndicated shows are canceled before the annual National Association of Program Executives convention, and other shows apparently on the verge of doom are Moral Court, Sex Wars, and Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus.

In Tucson, where Schlessinger's hatred still spews at 3:00 p.m., a total of 95 businesses have stopped advertising on the "Dr." Laura television program. Call the list of businesses who have run ads during the past week, and tell them to pull their ads from the program or you will spend your dollars elsewhere, at their competition!

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Suit Versus Lesbian Teacher Fizzles

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claim was dismissed outright. She had charged that because of her own religious beliefs, she would not have addressed in the locker room had she known of Weaver's Lesbian orientation, because Weaver might have entered the room. Although Barney did attend Spanish Forks High, she was never Weaver's student and Weaver did not recall having seen her before the lawsuit.

The claim that was dismissed without prejudice was that of former student Joshua Lee, who says that Weaver violated his rights by making remarks in an advanced psychology class disparaging his Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints (Mormons). Lee alleges that Weaver told a class that holding farewells for Mormon missionaries had "no purpose."

In November 1998, Weaver was completely victorious in her own federal lawsuit against the Nebo School District, after officials had ordered her never to speak of her sexual orientation to anyone connected in any way with the school, whether on or off the campus, on pain of termination. That federal court ruling overturned the gag rule place on her and ordered her reinstated as a volleyball coach (although the demands of her and her partner's real estate appraisal business and the couple's seven children led her to decline that offer); the district also had to pay her legal expenses of over \$60,000. Weaver continues to teach psychology and volleyball at Spanish Fork High and reportedly remains popular with her students.

Veteran conservative activist Matt Hilton has been the mover and shaker behind the Citizens of Nebo School District for Moral and Legal Values, as well as the lead attorney in its lawsuit. Hilton, who was also doing legal work for Republican Utah Congressman Chris Cannon during the Weaver battle, was unavailable for comment due to health reasons according to The Desert News. Once Harding signs the final court order, the Citizens can appeal his rulings to the Utah Court of Appeals.



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Dear Bruce,

My partner and I have been together for two years now, but he only came out to his family recently. His parents are in their early 60s and his mother is like a hippie.

His father, however, is more like an army sergeant. His father was shocked, to say the least. All the same, they'll be spending five days in our city next month. I've never met them and am extremely nervous about meeting them. I don't know what to do. Maybe I'm overreacting. No, I am NOT overreacting. How can I make an openly hostile man feel welcome? Help, Bruce!

Welcome Wagon

Dear WW,

So, Mom's a hippie chick from the 1960s, and Dad is a decorated hero from the Viet Nam War? Far out! They sound like an absolute riot, and Bruce would like their address in order to invite them over for drinks. Mazel tov! to your partner for coming out to his parents. Good move, and it has resulted in the dear old hippiechick Mom and her military-sque hubby planning a visit to your fair city. How delightful! Like all guests, Josh's parents deserve to be treated with hospitality and politeness. You have them to your home, you take them out-you socialize like the well-brought up people that you are.

Bruce does not understand why

people feel they need to tolerate rude, hostile behavior. If your "father-in-law" says something rude you merely respond with, "Oh, in this house we don't use language like that. Would you care for a cup of coffee?" Nice smiles and bright eyes all around. Respond to stupid comment - should there be one or two-with silence.

The truth is, WW, that you are giving dear old Mom and Dad a rough deal. They aren't planing to visit because they hate you. They are dropping into town to show that while dear old Dad acted like a drill sarge he is actually a gruff old dear who just wants his son (the homosexual) to be happy. He has probably been putting up with Mom and her macrame', batik prints and dirndls for years now and is really quite used to her friends, too. Chances are Mom has a few Gay guys in her coterie of chums, and Dad has - since the good ol' days when they met at a Love In at a commune - met more "bohemians" than you have.

Lousen up and have some fun with the folks, WW. Don't treat Dad like a pariah because he let his emotions show when Josh told them he was Gay. So what? Dad's human and he made a mistake. Cut him some slack.

You'll have fun with the parents, WW, as long as you behave with friendly good manners. Take care, and make sure Mom doesn't smoke anything in your bathroom when you aren't looking.

Bruce

A View From The Rock
 A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Well the "holidays" have come and gone. It sure seems that Christmas comes and goes so very quickly. I suppose it has to do with all the build-up...the purchasing of gifts, the social engagements, church commitments, etc... Strange how we, make that I, can fill up such a special time of the year with so much activity that it almost becomes difficult to truly just enjoy Christmas as the celebration of Jesus' birthday.

I've never been really excited about New Year's Celebrations. I prefer to stay home or at a friend's home playing board games and watching TV. But I know that for many it too is a time of many social commitments and can become extremely hectic (and exhausting).

So now what? The "holidays" have passed and the new year begun. Well, many of us have made the famous so-called New Year's Resolutions. And perhaps, have already fallen short in our attempts. I would

like to share an idea I had last year and found to be meaningful.

Instead of plodging to do the usual things of losing weight, exercising more, and the like, how about setting a goal for your spiritual self? Some ideas I had were to: spend time each day in prayer, spend time each day studying the Bible Study, attend Bible study each Wednesday and/or Sunday, get involved in one of the church's ministries, visit a shut-in on a regular basis, write to someone in jail...and the list goes on.

I tried this last year and found I was not only better able to keep my commitments (unlike a diet) but I felt that it helped me mature as a Christian as well. I am trying to do this again this year and hope that 2001 will draw me closer to God. I encourage each of you as well to commit yourself to a resolution that has eternal worth. I'll pray that each of us is successful. Happy New Year and may God bless each of you abundantly!

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tions" and had asked the Arizona Attorney General's office to launch an investigation. In an interview with this report, Bayless said her office "has a zero tolerance for fraud," and when the forgeries were discovered in the Barajas case, "she treated it in that vein" and took action.

"I hope this is a reminder to Ms. Barajas and others that the state won't tolerate voter fraud being committed," Bayless commented about the Barajas sentencing. "It is very important that these laws mean something." ...

One of the Arizona's three, openly Gay state Representatives, Ken Chevront, D-Phoenix, will be in Tucson delivering an address and answer questions, Monday, January 22, 5:30 p.m. in Room 216 of the Chemical and Biological Sciences building on the University of Arizona campus.

This forum, open to all GLBT Tucsonans, is sponsored by OUTreach, the GLBT faculty, staff, graduate student campus organization. Chevront will be talking about the November elections and the effect they have had on the community, and the recent National Conference of Lesbian and Gay Elected Officials, which was held in Phoenix, and for which Chevront is the Co-Chair of the group who sponsored/organized the event, the International Network of Lesbian and Gay Elected Officials.

For more information about this event, contact Keith Humphrey, Vice Chair of OUTreach, (520) 626-9330.

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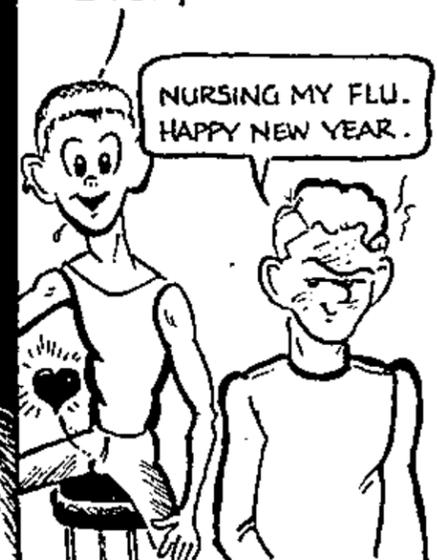
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THE TROTE

The Boy Scouts In Y2K

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) - The Scouts saw their right to discriminate against Gay leaders upheld by the Supreme Court this year. But in the long run, it may not turn out to have been much of a victory after all.

It took nearly a decade, but James Dale — the assistant scoutmaster who sued the Boy Scouts after he was fired for being Gay — finally had his case heard by the U.S. Supreme Court this spring. The crux of the dispute: Could New Jersey Scout troops continue to bar Gay leaders, despite a state law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation? The New Jersey Supreme Court said no, but the U.S. Supreme Court said yes, arguing in the 5-4 majority decision that forcing the organization to accept a Gay leader would place an unconstitutional burden on their "expressive purpose."

The ruling was obviously a disappointment to Dale and his lawyer. But it brought the issue national attention, and now governments and companies that have supported the Scouts are beginning to reconsider giving their money to an organization that believes discrimination is central to its purpose. The Scouts have also seen some of their own speak out against the policy — most notably, Scott and Steven Cozza, the father-son team who founded Scouting for All. They have organized demonstrations across the country and encouraged current scouts to return their awards in protest. But the Boy Scouts of America remain intransigent: In late October, another Scout leader was fired because he came out.

S.F. Community Center Opening Delayed

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (SFC) - The San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center will not be able to open during Gay pride week in June as planned.

The \$15.3 million center will have to delay opening until the fall because of construction problems related to the discovery of toxic soils on the center's site.

"Each day I drive by and see the progress on the building, and it makes me very pleased," Patricia Martel, president of the center's board, said. "Over the years there have been many people who have doubted we could do this. I feel more confident than ever that not only will we succeed in our mission of establishing a community center but that it will be a place that will be embraced with pride."

LAPD Recruiting In Arizona For G/L Officers

PHOENIX - The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is launching a recruitment effort for new officers in the Phoenix area.

Officer Amy Schieder of the LAPD Department Recruitment Section said that the written exam is open to the general public, but her goal is to actively recruit new police officers from the Gay and Lesbian community. She stated that herself and Officer Joe Torres will be staffing a recruitment booth at the Road Runner Regional Rodeo, January 13-14. Anyone from the Gay and Lesbian community, Schieder added, considering a career in law enforcement should visit the booth.

The written exam will be administered at the Parkway Inn, 8617 N. Black Canyon Highway, on Monday, January 15, 2001, at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and will take approximately two-and-a-half hours. Picture I.D. is required. Minimum requirements: 20 ½ years old and no more than 34 years old. High School Diploma or GED. U.S. Citizen or have applied for citizenship and no felony convictions and be in excellent health.

The LAPD will offer full pay during Academy training starting at \$42,824 - \$46,311, plus a \$2,000 relocation bonus. LAPD offers family and domestic partner health and dental coverage. Paid vacation, sick leave and holidays are part of the package. For more information, call the LAPD at (323) 957-4529 or (800) 954-0321.

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Desert Valley Squares "Fun Night" at Charlie's, 727 W. Camelback Road, in Phoenix, 7:30pm to 9pm, information, 602-331-8839 or email gmccaw@qwest.net

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for the latest showing of "Queer As Folk" at Jerry & Les' house. For reservations and directions, please call them at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Tucson Prime Timers, 9:30 a.m. Breakfast, Sportsman's Cafe, 2933 E. Grant. Call 622-1835 for details.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Desert Voices, Arizona's premiere Lesbian and Gay chorus auditions for their annual spring pops concert. Auditions for "Heart & Soul" a tribute to R&B music will take place at 6:00 p.m. At the Armory Park Senior Center.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Tucson Prime Timers, 1:00 p.m. Lunch at Wildcat House, 1601 N. Stone. Call 622-1835 for details

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). Join Jorge for Dinner Out as we go to Pipian's. Please phone in our reservation to Jorge as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Jorge at 869-7219.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Les' home. It's a chance to meet 60-75 new faces. 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, January 18 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Marc & Jeff for a Topic of Discussion on "Putting Your Best Foot Forward" when meeting men. For reservations and directions, please call Jeff at 299-1194.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Lloyd sponsors the Lois Brandwynne concert. This classic pianist grew up in Tucson and is returning for this special concert. For details, please call Lloyd at 792-8537.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

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

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Peter as he hosts Bridge Night. Beginners and seasoned players are welcomed. For reservations and directions, please call Peter at 615-8974.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

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

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Desert Valley Squares "Fun Night" at Charlie's, 727 W. Camelback Road, in Phoenix, 7:30pm to 9pm, information, 602-331-8839 or email gmccaw@qwest.net

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

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

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

IBTS - 8:00 P.M. "The Girls Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Faith Michaels and Mr. Kenneth Blake.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

VENTURE-N - The Bears of the Old pueblo host the 5th Annual La Fiesta de Los Osos, a Bear gathering in the warmth of the desert sun! Brining in town Bears from across the country. Venture-N is Home Bar for the four-day weekend. With the Flamingo Hotel host hotel. Welcome supper from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at V-N.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

VENTURE-N - Fiesta de Los Osos continues with various activities throughout Southern Arizona winding up with the Bears of the Old Pueblo Beer Bust from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. And a Fiesta Bear Contest from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m. at V-N. Open to all.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

IBTS - Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 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. Then at 9:00 p.m. a special fund raising show for GMHP featuring Bunny FuFu, Faith Michaels, Miss Saigon and Janea Starr.

VENTURE-N - Fiesta de Los Osos continues with various activities throughout Tucson and Southern Arizona and winds up with the Bears Bar-B-Que from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. At V-N. Everyone is invited.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

IBTS - 9:00 P.M. "The Girls Show" hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Phaedra, Janea Starr and Domino Blush.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

IBTS - Super Bowl Sunday. Watch for upcoming ads.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

IBTS - Valentine's Day and Mardi-Gras Party. Watch for the details.

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

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

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

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

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

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AIN'T NOBODYS BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music with DJ Hill 9-1. Shot specials all night.

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

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). Boes Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

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

monday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. \$1.50 Wells 8-midnight, 25¢ cups of draft 8 to closing.

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

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

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

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODYS BUSINESS - 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/DJ S. Country music 9 to close

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

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

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. 7pm Dart Tournament with Doc. Pot matched. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Sky's the limit \$2.25.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODYS BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. \$1.50 pitchers 9-close. 80s Retro & house music with DJ Sarafina.

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

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

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

thursday

AIN'T NOBODYS BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2fort. Karaoke with Liz 9pm to close. \$1.50 Tequila & 75¢ Watermelons.

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

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

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

friday

AIN'T NOBODYS BUSINESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill. Drink specials every 1/2 hour

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

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

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

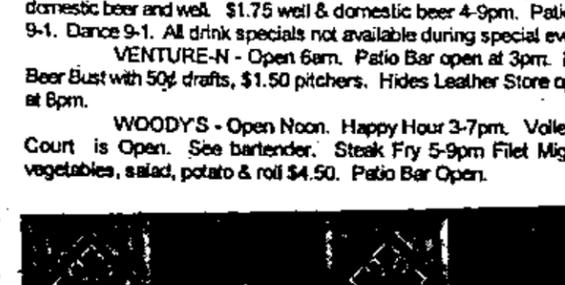
saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BUSINESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 6:30pm \$3 entry. Pot matched. \$2 pitchers for pool players. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half hour.

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

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

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



NOTICES

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAM), 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. Contact: 325-6676 or 327-4793.

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

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Bebrano 688-4565.

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 322-8057 (evetten@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 8:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCL. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 pm. 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 Girls (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Desert Boys 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/sagae@mail

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 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 293-6824.

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 8:30 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)

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

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

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

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

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

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.saaaf.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 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 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 Rher Road. Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 686-1208 or Brian at 882-4728 for information.

HIKE & BIKE DYKES. Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7238 for info.

GREATER PHOENIX GAY & LESBIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (GPGLOCC) P.O. BOX 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. E-mail: webmaster@gpglocc.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.

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SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact Mary 770-9978 or Berta 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 289-6847.

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 626-7223.

NOTICES

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 681-4582 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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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 581-8450 or Ronn 968-2384.

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

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6788.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Gerontimo (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 689-7288.

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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-8682.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85718.

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

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