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**Bill To Repeal Arizona's Archaic Laws
Gets Committee Approval**

By Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) - A bill that would repeal Arizona's archaic laws, dealing with cohabitation, sodomy and "lewd and lascivious" acts is on its way through the Arizona Legislature.

The House Judiciary Committee heard testimony, Tuesday, February 13, on HB 2414, introduced by state Representative Kathi Foster, (D-Phoenix). After hearing witnesses, the Committee voted 7-3 to approve the bill; three Republicans joined the Democrats in its support.

Brendan Mahoney, a Phoenix attorney testified on behalf of the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), the statewide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender rights organization, testified that Arizona's archaic laws are unenforceable, with the last attempt to enforce the laws taking place more than 30 years ago. Mahoney also said that these laws are used to discriminate against segments of the population, in most cases, Gays and Lesbians. Arizona's laws, specifically those dealing with cohabitation, Mahoney said, puts Arizona Gays and Lesbians in an awkward position when filing a job application, or applying for government benefits. If they are honest, they could be punished, Mahoney testified.

Opponents of HB 2414 were present for the Judiciary Committee hearing, to state their case on why Arizona's archaic laws should not be repealed, but when questioned by Committee members on their reasoning behind their opposition, opponents didn't respond to the questions directly. "muddying the waters" on the issue for the legislators seeking answers.

The Rev. Andrew Constantino, who said he was the executive director of the Interfaith Council for Sound Government, was first to testify. Constantino compared people and the act of procreation to taking one's car to a mechanic and that repealing the archaic laws would be a "dangerously destructive, lube and oil change for the nation." "People should follow the manufacturers manual, the Bible," he added. State Representative Bill Brotherton, (D-Phoenix), asked Constantino whether religious scripture allows married heterosexual couples to commit sodomy. Constantino said that "wasn't the main issue and that God presents the answer in scripture."

Charlotte Reed, a citizen, followed, and stated her opposition to repeal Arizona's archaic laws. "Any social conduct

outside of marriage is wrong," Reed said. Malcolm Reed followed Charlotte, saying "homosexuality is the equivalent for abhorrent behavior, like shoplifting."

The Concerned Women of America (CWA), a conservative, anti Gay, political group, got their "two cents in" on HB 2414.

Patricia Oldroid of the CWA testified that if HB 2414 is passed, it would send a message to the people that "the state doesn't believe in marriage between a man and a woman." Oldroid testified that cohabitating couples are 180% more likely to experience or participate in domestic violence and 115% of children in these relationships, live in poverty and that 15 to 30% suffer from child abuse. State Representative Kathi Foster, asked whether this testimony was relevant to the bill itself. State Representative Linda Binder (R-Lake Havasu City), asked whether a senior citizen couple, living together, not married because of marriage tax penalties and losing benefits from Social Security, should suffer. Oldroid didn't answer the question from Binder.

Norma Odezio, the CWA legislative liaison, called homosexuality an "unnatural lifestyle" and passage of the bill would "be an act of legitimacy" for the homosexual activists. In her testimony, Odezio stated the dictionary defines anal sex as "an unnatural act between two men. And an unnatural between a man and an animal." Representative Foster then asked Odezio, "As a married woman, I have violated Arizona's archaic laws, should I be punished?" Odezio said the laws shouldn't go into the bedroom.

Arizona's archaic laws on the books, John Atkins, a former GOP legislative candidate, testified, sends a message that the state will protect woman's rights. Atkins added that "the same moral principles which governed 1000 years ago, still govern today." Representative Brotherton asked Atkins "Whether a senior citizen couple, or a Gay or Lesbian couple, that have lived together for more than 5, 10 or 20 years together and are model citizens, be prosecuted under Arizona's archaic laws?" Atkins said "the laws shouldn't apply to either but to those people who are promiscuous and commit fornication." He didn't state who was promiscuous and commits fornication, triggering an argument between himself and state Representative Linda Binder, who followed up with questions about married heterosexual couples committing fornication. Atkins refused to

answer her questions, stating he didn't "want to muddy the waters."

An individual, who was in the "public eye" 7 years ago, trying to overturn ordinances in Arizona which prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation, followed Atkins. Frank Meliti, the self proclaimed head of the Traditional Values Coalition, said Arizona's archaic laws helped a Glendale neighborhood to clean up a city park against "sodomy and other unnatural acts." He went on to state that there were other instances where these laws helped clean up bad situations, but didn't cite specifics. Something Meliti has a track record of doing, making general accusations and claims, but not following up with facts.

Meliti and his group took out petitions to place a proposition on the 1994 general election ballot which would have outlawed state and local ordinances that prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation. During a press conference outside the Arizona Secretary of State's office, July 7, 1994. Meliti said the group had gathered 247,000 signatures, well over the 158,311 then required to place the measure on the ballot, but wouldn't file the petitions, because "militant homosexuals" would keep the issue tied up in court for years. When asked by reporters to open the four cardboard boxes sealed with duct tape, which he had said held the petitions, Meliti refused to do so.

During his testimony, Meliti continually stated that he "didn't hate homosexuals but doesn't approve of them." Representative Brotherton, an attorney, told Meliti that it wasn't Arizona's archaic laws which helped the Glendale neighborhood deal with the situation in the parks, but the "Public Sexual Indecency Act," a class 1 misdemeanor. Brotherton then asked whether a married couple should be prosecuted for committing oral sex. Meliti didn't answer, stating he wouldn't want to "muddy the water."

After the "muddying of the water" by opponents, two persons, representing political groups who support repealing the archaic laws, testified before the House Judiciary Committee.

Eleanor Eisenberg, executive director of the Arizona Civil Liberties Union, testified that HB 2414 wouldn't legalize adultery and wouldn't permit non consensual sex. She went on to question

**Bush Stumble
Exposes Troubling
Policy Goals**

WASHINGTON, DC - The very public and highly embarrassing scramble yesterday over published reports that the White House intended to abolish executive level offices on AIDS and race relations was the subject of an interesting analysis in The New York Times.

Comments made by White House chief of staff Andrew Card and printed in USA Today on Wednesday, were disavowed by the administration's press secretary Ari Fleischer within hours of their publication. The Times called the "highly unusual" sequence of events a case in which Bush's usually smooth message machine simply fell apart at the seams.

The newspaper quotes AIDS advocates, African American groups and their Democratic allies as suspecting that Card was not mistaken, as Fleischer told the press, but was giving voice to an agreed upon course of action.

The symbolism of such a course, however, coming so soon after John Ashcroft's controversial confirmation as attorney general, could not have been more inopportune for Bush, and many suspect higher ups in the administration abruptly reversed course and decided to let Card take the fall.

Dr. Yvonne Scruggs-Leftwich of the Black Leadership Forum told The Times as much when she said, "I'm assuming that Andy Card fell on the sword." She strongly questioned whether someone as high up as the chief of staff could have been so misguided on a important point of domestic policy.

Democrats were ready to call the administration out on the stumble. "I hope that President Bush will maintain a strong commitment to addressing both of these matters as well as the institutional presence within the White House that each issue deserves," said House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri.

David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign told The Times that he would reserve judgement on the administration's efforts on AIDS, but said what happened on Wednesday was "breathtaking in its political clumsiness."

The missteps ironically will now serve to focus more attention, not less, on administration policy on both issues. The

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UPDATE

Cece Penniston Joins Desert Voices For Concert

TUCSON - R & B/Dance Diva Cece Penniston joins Desert Voices in their annual spring pops concert, Heart & Soul, Saturday, March 17, 8:00 p.m., at the Berger Performing Arts Center.

Cece Penniston hit the big time with her platinum smash Finally when she was just 21 years old! Other hits Ms. Penniston is known for include We Got A Love Thang, Keep On Walkin', Crazy Love, I'm Movin' On, Hit By Love and Somebody Else's Guy. Her latest hit Lifetime to Love recently reached #2 on Billboard's Dance Charts.

The March 18 Sunday matinee performance will feature performers from Tucson's Savoy Entertainment International. Concert tickets are \$10/12 in advance and available by calling the chorus hotline (for season ticket seats) at (520) 791.9662. General Admission Tickets are available at Antigone Books and Tucson Trunk. To further accommodate availability, tickets are NOW AVAILABLE at these outlets as well: Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse at 606 N. Fourth Avenue, Hear's Music at 2508 N. Campbell Avenue and Zip's University at 946 E. University Blvd. near Park.

Valentine's Sweetheart Dance At MCC Feb. 17

TUCSON - The fourth Annual Valentine's Sweetheart Dance will be held this Saturday, February 17, 2001 at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC).

(This way you can make amends if February 14 slipped your mind!). Dancing begins at 8:00 PM and continues until midnight.

Music for this incredible dance will be provided by Music2Go4U. They will be offering a very nice mix of tunes to dance, romance and have fun with. In addition to enjoying a wonderful evening of dancing, refreshment will be available and door prizes will be awarded. Tickets for the Sweetheart Dance are only \$5 and are available at the church. Tickets will also be available at the door the evening of the Sweetheart dance.

For further information, please contact the church office at (520) 292-9151 or you may contact the Pastor at WOL-MCC@aol.com.

Film Fest Meeting Feb. 17

TUCSON - Wingspan is calling on people who have a real interest in film, and in producing of one of our community's most exciting cultural events, to get involved. Yes, it does take time, hard work and talent to deliver a successful festival! But the personal and community rewards are many and satisfying.

Film Board member roles are: 1) Film Investigation and Submission, 2) Venue Management and Scheduling 3) Community and Commercial Sponsorships, and Hospitality, 4) Media Development and Relations, 5) Communications and Web Site Management, and 6) Technical and Equipment Management.

An introductory meeting for individuals interested in Film Board positions, as well as the volunteer committee, will be held February 17, noon to 2:00 p.m., at the Wingspan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street. Detailed Board position description and responsibilities will be available for review. For additional information, contact Joe Saracco at (520) 750-8636, E-mail: CasaRozAz@cs.com, or call Wingspan at (520) 624-1779.

Bike Club Forming Meeting This Thursday, Feb. 15

TUCSON - Rainbow Bike Club is having its organizational meeting for Gay and Lesbian bicycle riders, at the Rainbow Planet Coffee House on 4th Avenue beginning at 6:30 p.m.

This social group plans a once-a-month ride for all levels of riders, plus much more. Plan to attend or call Rik 577-2686 for more information.

Marsha Stevens At Cornerstone Feb. 21

TUCSON - Lesbian singer, songwriter and evangelist, Marsha Stevens will once again, perform her original music at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo, Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m.

The concert is free, and a love offering will be taken.

Highly respected throughout the UFMCC churches, she is the first lay recipient of the prestigious Purple Grass Award for excellence as an evangelist. Stevens has recorded six solo albums and a concert video on her independent Born Again Lesbian Music label, and performs between 150-200 concerts a year.

For more information, call (520) 622-4626.

Positions Available At SAAF

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

Case Manager: Exp. social worker to provide comprehensive case mgmt. to people with HIV/AIDS. Req. exp. in provision of direct case mgmt services and substance abuse programs. MSW pref. plus 2-4 yrs. exp. in human services. Salary up to \$24,500, excellent benefits.

Clinical Case Manager: Exp. social worker 20 hours/wk to provide intensive case mgmt. to people with HIV/AIDS and substance abuse/mental illness. Req. clinical exp. in provision of direct services to people with substance abuse/SMI. MSW pref. plus 2-4 yrs. exp. in human services. Salary up to \$15,000.

Director of Programs: Exp. manager to oversee HIV/AIDS client, prevention, and housing programs. Req. supervisory, administration, program design, and grantwriting exp. in grant-funded social services; exp. with HIV/AIDS, case management, prevention, public policy, housing; masters degree. Salary up to \$48,000, excellent benefits.

To apply, pick up job description and application instructions, Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at 375 S. Euclid Ave., or call (520) 628-7223, or see www.saaaf.org. Open until filled. AA/EOE.

GLBT Commission Meeting Feb. 20

TUCSON - The City of Tucson GLBT Commission will be holding their monthly meeting, Tuesday, February 20, 5:30 p.m. at the EOO Conference Room, 100 North Stone (First Floor).

In addition to monthly reports from the Commission's subcommittees, they will also be hosting a panel from the Transgender community.

For more information, call Bertie Lozano (520) 628-7223, ext. 230.

Treasures For TIHAN Feb. 24

TUCSON - The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) will hold its fourth annual Treasures for TIHAN auction Saturday, February 24, at the Clarion Hotel/Randolph Park, (Alvernon Way just north of Broadway).

Items to be auctioned will be on display at 5:30 p.m., and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The silent auction ends at 7:00 p.m., and is followed by a live auction.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information call (520) 975-0378.

New Men's Group Forming

TUCSON - A Tucson Gay couples group, "Men Together" is forming. This group will be a social and positive supportive group for men in relationships. All are welcome from men just beginning in their relationships to those with longevity.

The group hopes to bring couples activities such as social outing, weekend camping, trips, poker night, dinner night, etc. All events would be planned and hosted by group members.

For more information, call Jim or Charlie, (520) 219-8675.

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Academy Awards Nominations Announced

BEVERLY HILLS, CA (WS) - A clash of cultures erupted in Hollywood on Tuesday, February 13, pitting "Gladiator" Romans against Qing Dynasty warriors from "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" and a scrappy activist named "Erin Brockovich" for the movies' highest honors, the Oscars.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences named its Oscar nominees and early favorite "Gladiator," about an outcast Roman general seeking vengeance for his family's death, claimed the most nods with 12, including best picture, best actor for Russell Crowe and best director for Ridley Scott.

"When you make this kind of epic movie, if any aspect fails the whole movie fails," producer Doug Wick said. "So, what was really exciting was the pleasure of seeing Ridley get nominated, then Russell. It's like playing on a team, and playing on a team where no-one dropped a pass."

Ang Lee's Mandarin-language drama "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," which has wowed audiences and critics with its blend of martial arts and a stirring love story, surprised industry experts with 10 nominations, the most a foreign language film has ever received.

"Crouching Tiger" also earned nominations for best picture and best foreign language film, marking only the third time a film has been nominated in both categories in the Oscars' 73-year history. Lee was also nominated for best director.

"I feel relieved because it was such hard work for a year and one-half," Lee said. "After 10 months (since its debut at

the Cannes film festival) I feel I've done everything I can to help the film. I feel at peace."

Lee said he doesn't look upon the Oscars as a competition, but he noted their importance to the film industry and to helping a film gain attention. "This is the biggest movie event in the world," he said.

The Battle For Best Film: But come March 25, when the Oscars are handed out in a gala Los Angeles ceremony televised around the globe, "Crouching Tiger" and "Gladiator" will be up against some tough competitors.

"Erin Brockovich," in which best actress nominee Julia Roberts portrays an environmental activist who brings a mighty utility to its knees, and the drug war drama "Traffic," earned best picture nods for director Steven Soderbergh.

"I can't even put into words what I'm feeling," Soderbergh said in a statement. "I think if I didn't have the distraction of shooting a film I would have to be sedated."

Rounding out the best picture nominees was "Chocolat," which proved to be a surprise for many industry watchers because the movie, though well-liked by audiences, had been left out of many of the early awards.

Soderbergh, too, will go up against Scott and Lee in the best director category after having been nominated for both "Brockovich" and "Traffic," becoming the first director to accomplish that feat since Michael Curtiz did it in 1938.

The double nomination could present a problem, however, because many industry watchers think votes for Soderbergh could be divided between the films, leaving room for Lee, Scott or final nominee, Stephen Daldry of British movie "Billy Elliot."

"I think it's a real dilemma for Steven because he is very scrupulous guy, and he has been unwilling to make a choice, and say I support one or the other film," said "Traffic" co-producer Marshall Herskovitz.

Left out of the director category, however, was Cameron Crowe whose "Almost Famous" about a young rock critic on tour with a band in the 1970s earned a Golden Globe award in Jan. Crowe did collect an Oscar nod for best original screenplay.

Music categories were loaded with talent, as rock music legend Bob Dylan earned a nomination for best original song with "Things Have Changed" from "Wonder Boys."

Joining Dylan were Sting with "My Funny Friend and Me" from "The Emperor's New Groove," Icelandic pop star Bjork with "I've Seen It All" from "Dancer in the Dark," Randy Newman with "A Fool in Love" from "Meet the Parents," and Jorge Calandrelli and Tan Dun for "A Love Before Time" from "Crouching Tiger."

Despite the high-powered musicians, it is films, actors and actresses that grab the Oscar spotlight. Included with Crowe in the best actor category was Tom Hanks in drama "Cast Away," considered a

favorite for playing a modern-day Robinson Crusoe stranded on an island. Hanks won back-to-back Oscars in 1993 for "Philadelphia" and 1994 with "Forrest Gump."

Longshots against Crowe and Hanks will be Javier Bardem, who plays a Cuban poet and novelist in "Before Night Falls," Ed Harris playing the artist Jackson Pollock in "Pollock" and Geoffrey Rush as the infamous Marquis de Sade in "Quills."

Best actress nominees included box office queen Roberts for "Brockovich" along with two actresses who received strong reviews but little popular attention in independent-style films, Laura Linney playing a single mom whose estranged brother returns home in "You Can Count on Me" and Ellen Burstyn portraying a TV-addicted mother in "Requiem for a Dream."

"I've been kicking around for a long time and this feels pretty damn good," Linney said.

Also on the best actress list are Juliette Binoche playing the owner of a chocolate shop who turns a small French town upside down in "Chocolat" and Joan Allen as a female vice president appointee under political fire in "The Contender."

"It seems like going to the moon," Binoche said, adding that as a little girl growing up in France she'd always fantasized of Oscar stardom. "It's like being in a dream."

Supporting actress nominees were Judi Dench in "Chocolat," Kate Hudson

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IBT's Sunday Party Line-up, Feb. 18th

11am - 9pm Jeffs Bloody Mary Recovery Bar

4:30 - 7:30 Karaoke on the Patio with Billy Dee

5:30 - 8pm Benefit BBQ
16oz Beerbust for Arizona Leukemia Society

9 pm Special Benefit Show for the Leukemia Society featuring: Mr. Kenneth Blake, Faith Michaels, Miss Saigon, Stella Virgin, Miss Kristin, Shaundrianna followed by hot dance for Presidents? Day (well most Presidents)

Monday February 19th
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JOHN at the V. - Thanks for many afternoons of out-of-control fun. M&M *****

NICKOLAS at the V-N - Miss our Thursday nites. Happy V-Day. Love, Merlin *****

MARCUS & ED - I'm glad to have you both in my life, and glad you have each other. Have a special Valentine's Day. Love, Nick *****

JACK & TONI - We all love you. IBT's Bartending Staff. *****

JEFF S. - Thank you for entering my life. Boo *****

JIM, DENNIS & CHRIS - Party on! You're the best! Ernie *****

JOHN - I love you and always will. Happy Valentines Day! Love, Rich *****

TO ALL MY CO-WORKERS AT WOODY'S - Hope you have a nice Valentine's Day. Rueben *****

TONY - Love Yal Richard *****

CARLOS - Without you there would be no me. Love you always. John *****

MARTIN - Mi vida te deseo lo mejor y lo mejor soy yo. Tu Changito *****

My VIDAL - No matter what life sends our way, it's our love that keeps us strong. Happy 3rd anniversary and a brighter future. Love, Randy *****

FRANK F. - I love you my friend. Paullie *****

Love to all the ARIZONA ACES. Frank and Dave. *****

FRANK - Thank you for 25 fun and wonderful years. Here's to 25 more. Hppy Valentine's Day. Love, Dave *****

Happy Everything to Everybody. Granny *****

CARLOS & KATE ORNEIAS - My Parents, Sorry for the trouble. I love you both. Your ml jito, Paul *****

MS. ASHLOCK - Happy day! Party down and say hi to Mary and Chrissy. DST *****

TO THE TRAMP I LOVE - You make me laugh, you make me think. To my Dutch tramp I hold up my drink. I think about you day and night. Can't wait to hold you tight. Be my Valentine. JNS *****

ROGER - It's called the 86 Club. Save me a seat. Mark *****

TKOs, BEARS, EMPIRE, MSN - Happy Valentine. Love your love and support. I'll always be there for you. Mr. Chuck Bayles (Mr. Fabulous) *****

MIKE, PETE and GRAMMA - We love and miss you!! Alan, Lil' Mike, Greg, Mario, Bill and Kevin. *****

SYBIL - Are you going to PAS? Let me know. Happy V Day. DST *****

To my new Valentine's FRANK & FRED - The best friends anyone could ever ask for. Thanks for being there for us all, Frank. *****

Thank you for your patience and comfort, Fred. The two of you have a place in our hearts that always makes us feel good. Love, Deborah, Gabie and Lauren. *****

MICHAEL - Love you always. Reyes *****

RANDY & VIDAL - Happy Valentines. Phat Boo *****

DENVER - Happy V-Day. Tia Julia *****

NOVA & ROY - Con amor. Tia Julia *****

TO MY FAVORITE BARTENDERS - Thank you! Watch over me, please. Love, Paul *****

BARBARA - One year ago it was yes!! Yours truly, Cindy *****

Stephanie adores LORI *****

JESE - I love you and thank you for your help. Paul *****

LORI - You and I always and forever. My lover, best friend - everything. Your Stephanie *****

HAPPY V-DAY TO ALL MY FRIENDS AND FANS! Thanks for being there for me. I now know who my real friends are! Mamma Reyna. *****

STEVE W. - Happy Valentines. Have a great one. Your buddy, Lou *****

JULIANDRA, JULIANDRA - Someone is calling. Do you sense the sound resonating in your soul? *****

TO MY BROTHERS AT V-N - You have true heart. Mikle *****

Hey there LONELY BOY. You'll always be loved. Happy Valentine's Day. Always, Reuben *****

LOUIS - Even though we don't see each other, I miss you. I love you! Boo *****

TIM - Flowing hair of auburn, red glints in light. Hands of healing, heart of holy. Your blessings abound. *****

Happy Valentine to all my lost friends and new ones. Chuck Bayles (Mr. Fabulous) *****

JACK F. - Thanks for 8 wonderful years. Love, Ron F. *****

Happy Valentine's Day and much love to all the staff at IBT's and Woody's. Dave and Frank *****

KEVIN (My little Boogaloo Bear) - I love you more than ever. Happy 3rd Anniversary. Bill *****

To my honey STEVE - I'm so glad we're together! Love, Gene *****

TO ME - For living life to the fullest without HIV *****

MERLIN - You're my Sweetie-Boy. Love, Mark *****

ROBERT - I'm hanging by the moment for you. Always, Gilbert *****

DEAR FOURTEEN YEARS - Congratulations! You once said I deserve better. Well, I do; better than you!! Me *****

DR. JAMES ALLENDER - Roses are red, balls are blue; vampires are black, so glad I'm over you. Simply, Mr. Fabulous. P.S. Move on dude! *****

DANIEL - You have my love, my heart, soul. With this ring, may I have your hand? Raul *****

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MARTIN V - Chaparito, I love you with all my heart. I miss you baby. Martin B. *****

This is for everyone who is alone this Valentine's Day. Love you! Rueben *****

EGOR - With love, always, Princess Andy B. *****

ALLEN - I love you with all my heart. "Mae" *****

JERRY & LES - Thanks for everything. You're the best. Happy Valentine's Day. Nick *****

TERRY & MIKAIL - Your huge pieces of meat served in your private dining room were delicious. May I please have seconds? Call me. JRC *****

BORIS - You will always be my Euro-Trash dream. Kenny *****

JIM, RAY, DAVID, JOHN, NICK, ROBERT, BOO, GARY, TOM, MIKE, FUZZY, BART, CHRIS, ROCKY, JIMMY and BRUCE. Happy Valentines and all my love. Your Mr. Fabulous, Chuck *****

PRINCESS ANDY - Wish you were here! Happy V-Day. Morenaux *****

POLITICS 2001

by Mark R. Kerr

Brief Reprieve For Arizona Enda

The lack of just one state senator could keep Arizona Gays and Lesbians from getting job rights, but the search for someone willing to sign on can continue a few more days.

Arizona's job rights bill is still in limbo, but the deadline has been extended for the sponsor to find 18 colleagues who'll stand up to the state senator who blocked the legislation in committee because he thinks homosexuality is chosen — and she only needs one more. State Senator Elaine Richardson (D-Tucson) is challenging the action of the Senate Rules Committee which refused to send Arizona's Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA), SB 1225, to the Senate Committee of the Whole. The deadline to file a discharge petition on the bill had been February 12, but Senate President Randall Gnant (R-Scottsdale) has given Richardson a few more days.

Arizona ENDA had been considered by the Senate Rules Committee on February 7. In both chambers of the Arizona Legislature, the Rules Committees are supposed to determine whether legislation is constitutional, and if the bill passes muster it is usually sent on to the respective Committee of the Whole for consideration. In some cases if the Rules chair or a few committee members don't support a bill the measure will be held, which goes against the guidelines set for the Rules Committee in both chambers. As prescribed the Rules Committee members asked their staff of attorneys whether the bills on the agenda were constitutional, and the legal staff had reported back that SB 1225 passed their test.

However the bill didn't pass the test of Rules Committee chair state Senator Darden Hamilton (R-Glendale). Hamilton also sits on the Senate Commerce Committee, which to his disappointment approved the bill on January 31. After that hearing, Hamilton maintained that the bill is unconstitutional because other ethnic minorities and handicapped people do not choose their lot — but he believes that homosexuals do. Hamilton's victory in the Rules Committee surprised and angered ENDA supporters who were outside the chambers planning strategy for the bill's consideration in the Senate Committee of the Whole; they had expected the committee to follow the guidelines.

The February 8 defeat of Arizona ENDA was widely reported, with most media outlets saying that Richardson had succeeded in getting the assent of the 18 senators necessary to bring SB 1225 to the Senate Committee of the Whole for consideration. So supporters were caught off guard when later reports revealed that when the signatures were actually gathered Richardson had fallen one senator short. The count still stands at 17 signatures, thirteen Democrats and four Republicans. Unlike the Arizona House, which thanks to a recently adopted rule pushed by Gay Representative Steve May (R-Phoenix), can free a bill from committee with a discharge petition requiring only a simple majority, the Senate requires 60 percent of its members to discharge legislation from a committee.

Kathie Gummerie, co-chair of the Arizona Human Rights Fund (AHRF), the statewide Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender rights group, disagreed with Hamilton's contention about the bill,

stating there is no language in the proposed state ENDA that is unconstitutional. Richardson also expressed her frustration on the Rules Committee vote because it violates the procedure agreed upon when the Senate was organized. With an equal split down the aisle — 15 Democrats and 15 Republicans — and the possibility of gridlock and strong one, an agreement on committee assignments, Senate officers, and rules for the upper chamber was crafted out. One of the key provisos of that agreement was that the Rules Committee could not blithely kill bills before it strictly for political reasons.

Supporters of SB 1225, including AHRF, the Human Rights Campaign, Gay state Representatives May and Ken Chevront (D-Phoenix), Arizona Attorney General Janet Napolitano, and U.S. Representative Jim Kolbe, the only openly Gay Republican in the U.S. House, launched an effort to get the last signature needed to move the bill on. Kolbe said he personally called several senators, but doesn't know if he succeeded. "I made the calls, but I'm not up there to see if I succeeded in convincing anyone to sign." Even with the developments, the nine-term congressman remains hopeful. "I'm optimistic that this is going to pass, if not now, then eventually," Kolbe said.

E-mails, letters, and phone calls have poured in to several senator's offices, urging them to sign the discharge petition — even those senators on the Rules Committee who had voted no, including state Senator Jay Blanchard (D-Mesa). These efforts have so far not convinced Blanchard to sign, despite his past promises. According to a letter to AHRF dated July 6, 2000, then-candidate Blanchard expressed his support for an Arizona ENDA, saying, "Let me assure the members of AHRF, through this letter, that I find workplace discrimination in any form deplorable and an insult to individual rights."

With the lobbying ongoing, Richardson says that the "few days" Senate President Gnant has extended the deadline for signatures on the discharge petition will end February 15. Even if the current version of SB 1225 can't be revived, the issue isn't dead and can come back as a "striker amendment" on another bill later in the session. As they say up at the Arizona legislature, "nothing is over till Sine Die."

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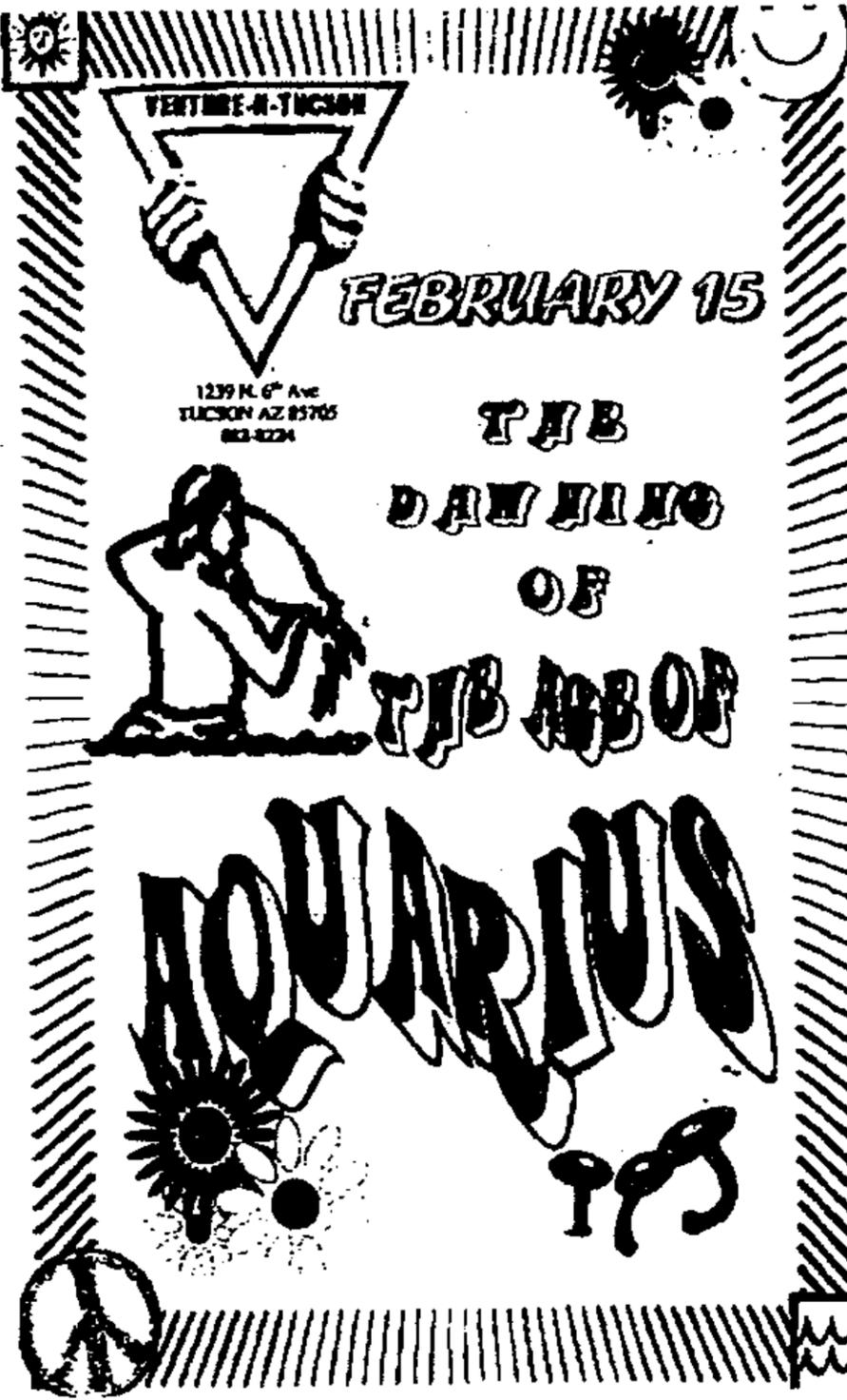
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GARY - Hard to believe it's another Valentine's Day. But that doesn't mean you are getting older, just me! You're just getting better. Love, Bob

VICTOR - Happy Valentine's Day! As if

..... Robert

DKP Jr. - Love Always. MJBQ

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I don't know about you, but I find Valentine's Day a horrible exercise in futility. No sooner do I offer what I think is the perfect, passionate gift, than it becomes just another dust collector. As a public service to the community, I offer an easy guide to the love styles of the zodiac. How do we love? Does a heart go pitter pat or kaboom? Should Cupid's arrow aim at the heart, the stomach or the head? Get a clue and reap the rewards:

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud, dominating Aries are the great pioneers when it comes to marking out a territory and conquering it. (Hmmm. Doesn't that make you feel special?) The secret is, of course, that you have to get them to see you as a country that needs to be conquered. Send up a flare to get their attention and then lie back and let them march through. Watch the cleats.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

The way to a queer Bull's heart is right through the stomach. These sensual folks can be happily seduced with a wonderful meal and a divine bottle of wine served on a fur rug in front of a roaring fire. Rub them on the stomach and tell them how beautiful they are. They will become putty in your hands... if that's what you're looking for.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Pink Twins can be quite romantic, but it tends to be more of a mind game with notes, clues and dirty whispers on the phone. Can you put up with more talk than pure passionate action? Get used to it: It may be the one way to hold these fickle, flirtatious fiends to just one lover. Send them an unsigned valentine and see how crazy they become.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Oh those sensitive souls! Cancers love much too much to be considered sane. The Gay Crab has a hard exterior shell that is difficult to penetrate, but once you do, it reveals a soft, vulnerable, very mushy center inside. The best way to net them is to play the little lost child and allow them to smother you with affection and cheesecake.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Regal Leos are very proud - and why not? They need constant affirmation and always need to be told how absolutely fabulous they are. But when they love, they love BIG and can be wonderfully generous as long as they are in total control and the center of attention. HINT: Compliment them lavishly and let them take you out for a great (expensive) time.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

These folks are clean fanatics so don't show up all hot and bothered with dirty, smelly underwear; it just won't stir up the flame of passion in the meticulously clean rainbow Virgo. There are, of course those afflicted Virgins that love that dirty, mucky sort of thing but it is against the law of astrological averages. Invite them over to do laundry and watch them kvell.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

These folks don't mind an argument as long as both sides can kiss and make up when it's all over. If you go just a little crazy when the scales fail to tip decidedly in your direction, don't panic. Let these diplomats of the zodiac carry the rainbow flag forward and tell them how charming and delightful they are when they do. Oyl! You won't be able to get rid of them!

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Sex, sex and more sex. Queer Scorps are motivated by the intense passionate power play of it all. If you didn't already know, Scorpios are exactly why satin sheets and leather straps were invented! It is not a bad thing to play a bit of a mind game with them if you are prepared for the volcanic finish. These folks take no prisoners and refuse to share. Oh good thing too!

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Give the Gay Archers their freedom and they will not stray far for long. Entice them with faraway travel and exotic treats. Speak to them in a foreign language (preferable french...) and rub their thighs with hot oil. If that doesn't work, give them a kick in the patoot and wait until they come crawling back to you. Don't be surprised if they trip over the coffee table as they bear hug you.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Rainbow Goats measure their own worth by society's yardsticks. If you find them more than just a little closeted, give them the benefit of the doubt and blame it on their neurotic astrological karma. They need to feel important because they really have such a low self image. Listen to their advice and make them believe you will follow it. They will love you for it.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

It may seem that ice water runs through the veins of these cool and calculating folks but it's not really true. They are simply impassioned by humanity in general and not a person in particular. Reach Aquarians through their sense of duty. Let them take the reins of your favorite Gay charity and work together to make the world a better place... or at least a more loving place.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

They not only get their kicks from champagne and cocaine, but they can become downright addicted to love! Mystical and psychic Guppies need all the help they can get to focus their attention and effort on the right lover. If you are such a person, romance them and let them use you as they will. Gay Fish are water signs. Try a scented oil bubble bath to win them over and over and over.

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eternity in the presence of God.

The Bible says we will all spend eternity...somewhere. The somewhere depends on whether or not we have accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior. He has already paved the road for us, paid all the debts we couldn't pay and prepared a place for us. All we have to do is accept what he freely offers.

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MY DARLING - IK HOU VAN JOU (which means 'I love you' in Dutch). Janny

Happy Valentine's Day to the staff and friends at the Venture-N and The Biz from the staff and management of IBT's and Woody's.

IRENE - My love, My life, My only one. Marry me. Love you, Lisa

My Darling JANNY - I long to touch you. I long to taste you. But most of all, I long to live long with you. Our loving life partner of 8 fabulous years. Be my Valentine. Shari

CHUCK - I love our smile next to the cappuccino machine, in the cup. Happy Valentines Day. J.....

DI - You make me thump. Chey

To My Sweet Love, MIKE ROBLES - You most surely are the wind beneath my wings. I love you ever so much. Ian Tingle

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ROBERT - Our 36th anniversary is coming soon. I've enjoyed every minute. Love, Glen

RICK W. - I still want to be friends. T.N.

PUNKIN' - These short years have been the best of my life. I love you. Nukes

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. Hope everyone is happy and healthy. Lots of love. Nancy Norman

JOSE - Roses are red, violets are blue, (Isn't that original?); I dread the day, I can't be with you. Your lover/ soul mate, Carl.

JEREDITH - Our hours together are what I live for. JG

JOEY - Thanks for all the compliments. Doug

RAMON - Happy V-Day. Much blessings to you for your friendship and love. "Billy"

LISA - Let's make hot love! Baby Girl

PAUL BUCHANNAN (PAULIE) - Happy Valentine's! Looking forward to your recovery so you can be back among your friends! Eddy Galvez

JESSE SILVA - I love you mi jol! Que sigas siendo feliz. L.E.O.

GLYN DARLING - Everything I have is yours. Everything you want, if she is willing, you shall have. I cherish you with all I am. Content within your arms.

To my sweetie IAN TINGLE - Sweet Valentine, I love you so, so much with all my heart. Your baby, Mike Roblas

S.R. PAUL BUCHANNAN - Que pases un dia de Valentines bien... Con mucho amor. Tu corazon. Jesus

IRENE - you are my dream come true. Love you always & forever. Lisa

To My Bonito KEVEN - We've only just begun. My love always. Daniel

MARK L. - You're the love of my life. Happy Valentine's Day. Love Merlin

LISA B. - Can I LYK you?

DENNISE - Sorry for pushing you down the Bunny Hill. We love ya! Judy and Sheri

EFREN (JAIME) - Nunca te voy a olvidar misa. Tu amigo. L. Ortiz

MARK K. - You may be a wallflower on the dance floor, but you are a Lily in the Field. P.S. Your bucket is almost ready. Happy Valentine's Day. Bob and Gary

YOGI - To a wonderful man and especially my friend. Thank you. All my love, Boo Boo

JIM and your lovely wife CAROLYN - Merlin and Mark love you so much. Come on back... I promise not to talk during the movie. Mark

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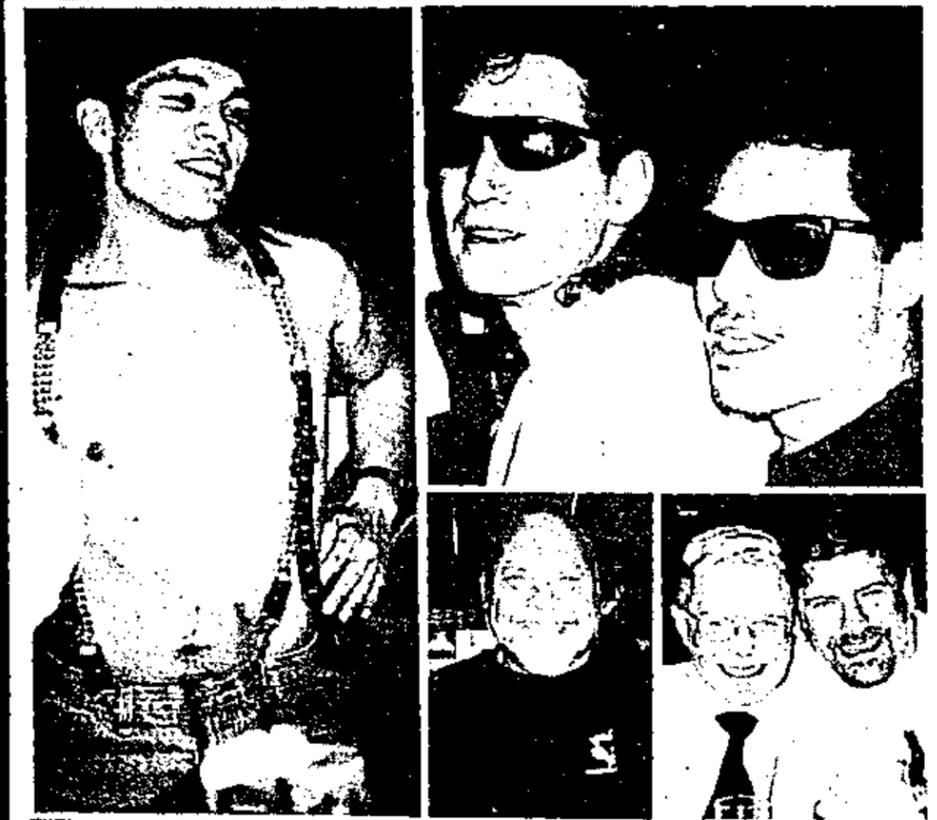
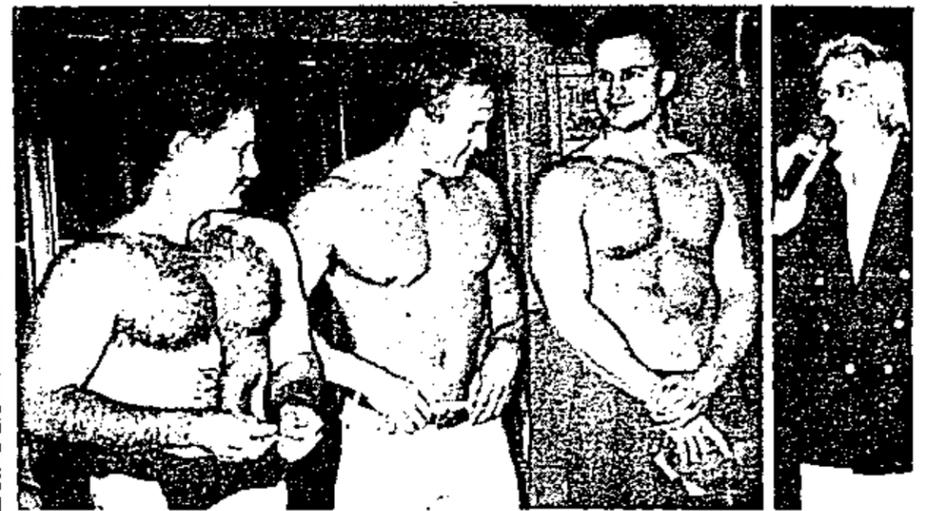
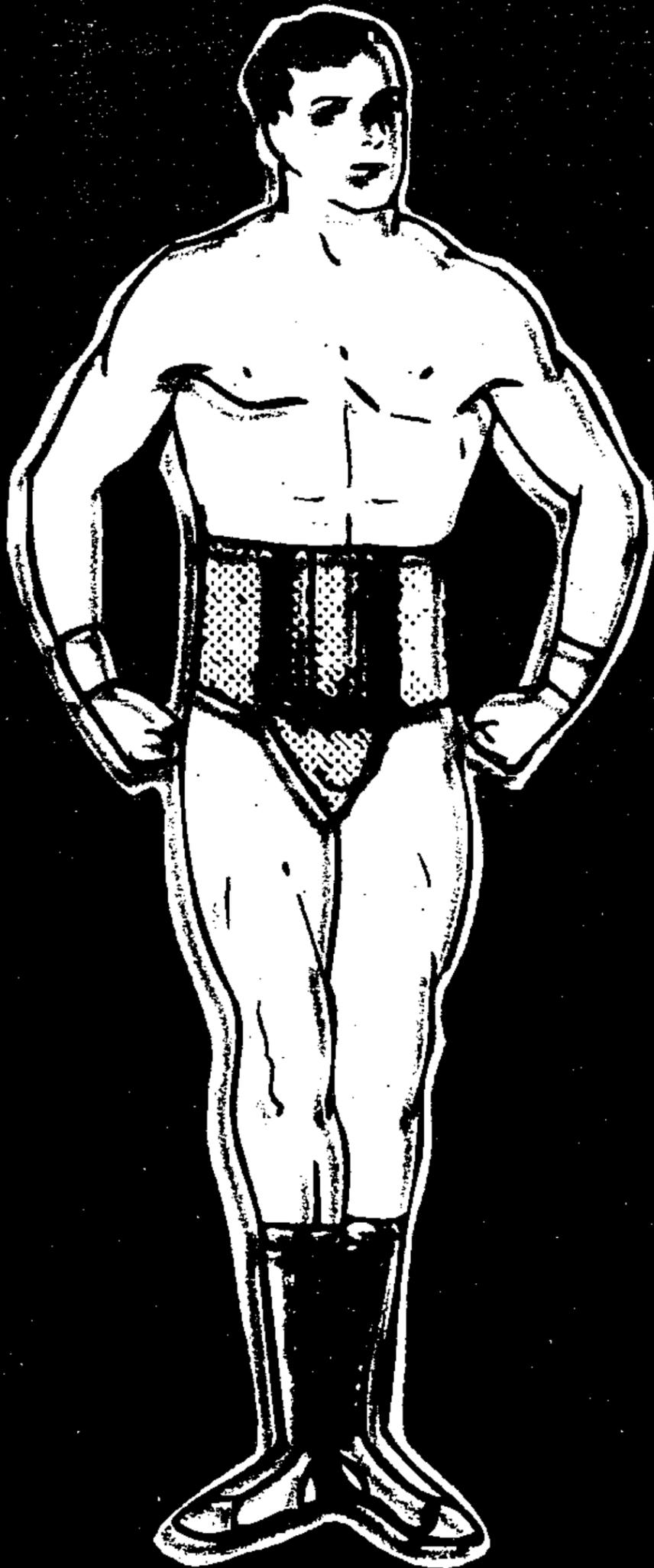
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UPDATE

TLGA To Pick Tucson Grand Marshall For Phoenix Pride Parade

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance, producers of Tucson's Pride events Gay West V and OUToberFEST 2001 "OUT in the Desert", is excited to have been asked by Arizona Central Pride (producers of Phoenix's Pride) to pick a representative from the GLBT community in Tucson as our regional Grand Marshall in Phoenix's Pride Parade, April 21.

or your organization would like to submit an individual for consideration, please write a brief description about what makes this person your choice for Regional Grand Marshall and mail submissions to:

TLGA, P.O. Box 40301, Tucson, AZ 85717.

Deadline is Friday, March 16, 2001

TLGA is asking for community input regarding this prestigious title. If you

For more information call the OUTline at (520) 622-3200.

N. Arizona United Way, Boy Scouts Part

FLAGSTAFF - The Associated Press reported that the United Way of Northern Arizona will no longer contribute about \$12,500 to a program sponsored by the Boy Scouts, in part because of the Scouts' policy of excluding Gays as leaders, officials said.

The Scouts did not receive direct, unrestricted funding that was available to other United Way agencies through blanket payroll deductions.

Only contributions that were specifically directed toward the Scouts were forwarded by United Way.

Both groups announced Friday, February 9, that they were parting company after 34 years. The United Way contributed about \$12,500 last year to a Scout-sponsored program for at-risk children.

And even though United Way pulled the \$12,500 in funding, the Scouts said the program isn't in jeopardy.

Blake Rolley, a Northern Arizona Boy Scouts board member, said the Scouts' policy toward Gays played a minor part in the decision.

This is the second split between the United Way and Scouts in Arizona this year.

"As the two agencies have grown, the values of each agency aren't really aligned," Rolley said. "In a broad sense, (the controversy over Gays) played a part, but I don't know that it is the absolute lead issue."

Last month, the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, faced with the possibility of losing \$1.7 million in city funding, decided that agencies seeking money must comply with anti-discrimination laws.

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Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Tucson Prime Timers Brown Bag Picnic & ASARCO Mine Tour. ASARCO Mine Discovery Center, W. Pima Mine Road, Sahuarita, Call 622-1835 for details.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

First Annual "Sweetheart Ball" for the Gay & Lesbian Community and their friends... 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Amcoy Park Senior Center Bldg. Cost \$10 per person. Please call Arlie at 795-3902 for more information.

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 \$5.00 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, February 15 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, FEBRUARY 17

Tucson Prime Timers Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. Four Points Sheraton Hotel, SE corner Speedway & Campbell. Call 622-1835 for details.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Bill invites the MSN family and others to join him at MCC's annual Sweethearts Dance. A DJ will spin CDs, and it's an event open to all. For details and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Men's Massage Group / Single Men's Dating Meeting at 5:00 p.m. Call 881-4582 well in advance to meet new men, have safe fun and be entertained. Be There. Limited space.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Tucson Prime Timers 1:00 Buffet Lunch Hometown Buffet 5501 N. Oracle (NW corner Oracle & River). Call 622-1835 for details.

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, FEBRUARY 21

Marsha Stevens in concert at Cornerstone Fellowship at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free. A love offering will be collected. Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 2902 N.Geronimo. 622-4626 for more information.

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 "If You Only Knew"-a light and fluffy movie about a straight man pretending to be gay in order to rent a room from the woman he loves. Know if only she would stop finding dates for him! For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Workshop on Clinical Assessment Issues with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered People. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. La Fontera Center, Maria Urquides Conference Center, (MUCC Room) 402 W. 29th Street. Community Foundation for Southern Arizona is funding the event and admission is free. Open to mental health professionals. 884-9920 ext 262.

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 Jerry or Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Tucson Prime Timers Dinner 5:30 p.m. Hidden Valley Inn, NW Corner Sabino Canyon Rd. & Snyder Rd. 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, FEBRUARY 26

Tucson Prime Timers 1:00 Buffet Lunch Hometown Buffet 5501 N. Oracle (NW corner Oracle & River). Call 622-1835 for details.

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.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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.

BAR CALENDAR

OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Valentine's Day. The Biz's annual "Lez-B-Wed" show takes place tonight starting at 7:00 p.m. Lots of juicy secrets! No Cover.

IBT's - Valentine's Day Party and Show. "The Girlie Show" 9:00 p.m. featuring Lucinda Holiday, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Samantha White and Special Guests.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

IBT's - Leukemia Society Benefit Day. Party line-up includes Jeff's Bloody Mary Recovery Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Benefit Bar-B-Que / Beer Bust from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This weeks proceeds go to the Leukemia Society. Then at 9:00 p.m. a special fund raising show for the Leukemia Society featuring Mr. Kenneth Blake, Faith Michaels, Miss Saigon, Stella Virgin, Miss Kristin and Shaundianna. Followed by a hot dance for Presidents Day! (Well for most presidents!)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

IBT's - President's Day Community Cook-Out 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. plus \$1.50 small pitchers bud Light ad Bud from 8:00 p.m. to closing.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

IBT's - 9:00 p.m. The Girlie Show hosted by Lucinda Holiday with Faith Michaels and Jane Starr plus special guests.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

IBT's - Mardi Gras Party begins at 8:00 p.m. Baubles, Bangles and Beads plus a lot more. More later.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 9

Opening the 6th annual Sex and Scholarship Symposium on the UofA campus, "Out At Work" video featuring Lesbians and Gay men on the job. This screening will be followed by a discussion with filmmakers Tami Gold, Kelly Anderson and KipuKai Kualii, President of Pride at Work (AFL-CIO). For more information call 621-1239.

Daily Bar Calendar

sunday

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

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

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

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

monday

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

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

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

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

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. \$3 entry, pot matched. \$1.50 longnecks for pool players. \$2 Long Islands all nite. Dance to music w/DJ S. Country music 9 to close

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. 7pm Dart Tournament with Doc. Pot matched. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Sky's the limit \$2.25.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. \$1.50 pitchers 9-close. 80s Retro & house music with DJ Sarafina.

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

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio opens at 5pm.
WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Pick-up Volleyball games start 7pm. Spaghetti & meatballs 5-9pm \$2.50. Patio bar open.

thursday

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

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

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

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

friday

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

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

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

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

saturday

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

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

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

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



NOTICES

TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (THAN), 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 325-6876 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 791-7876.

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, 1438 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Betrano 688-4595.

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 322-8057 (evetel@ix.netcom.com)

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyaz@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 KOCJ. 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 18th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Dezent Ginz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetings take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. 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) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

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

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

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

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

LUTHERANS CONCERNED - Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 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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AIDS HOTLINE - 328-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.LAG. - 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 575-8680 or write P.O. Box 35254, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-6977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Thursday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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

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

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SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact: Mary 770-9979 or Bertie 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

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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.

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 881-4582 for more information or sign up.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call 615-6438 for more info.

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DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9862.

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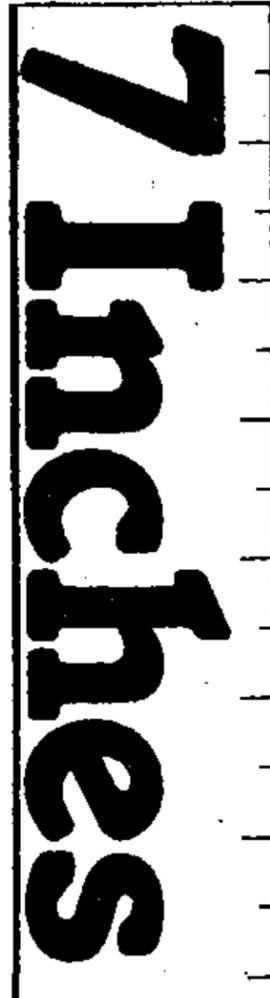
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Archaic Laws

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why conservatives support these laws, since they "invade the boardroom and bedroom." "It is not the job of government," Eisenberg said, concluding her testimony, "to determine what sex between consenting adults is normal."

Marjorie Mead, a lobbyist for the National Organization For Women (NOW), testified that the group supports HB 2414, and that she was "astounded such archaic measures are still on the books."

Representatives Linda Binder, (R-Lake Havasu City), Bill Brotherton (D-Phoenix), Peter Hershberger (R-Oro Valley), James Sedillo (D-Flagstaff), Henry Camarot (D-Flagstaff) and Judiciary Committee Chair Roberta Voss (R-Glendale) voted in favor. Representatives John Nelson (R-Glendale), Steve Tully (R-Phoenix) and Marilyn Jarrett (R-Mesa) voted no.

Steve May (R), the openly Gay state Representative from Phoenix called the vote, "a great step." Openly Gay state Representative Ed Poelstra, R-Tucson, said the vote was "long overdue." Kathie Gummerie, co-chair of AHRF expressed her pleasure in the 7-3 vote, but added that people need to get active for the next step in the legislative process of HB 2414, since the House bill to repeal the archaic laws now goes to House Human Services, chaired by conservative state Representative Mark Anderson, R-Mesa, who is trying, with other legislation (HB 2403) to prohibit cities from cutting off government funding to the Boy Scouts, because of their anti Gay policies. If either the Speaker of the Arizona House, or the Senate President, doesn't like a particular bill, it will get assigned to two committees and the respective Rules Committee, and must be heard and approved by both committees before going to the Rules Committee.

So is this the end of HB 2414? State Representative Kathi Foster, said she intends to go to the House Speaker and ask to have the bill heard before the Human Services Committee. State Representative Steve May said that alternative parliamentary maneuvers to get the bill to the House floor will be looked at but remains optimistic that the Legislature will approve a measure repealing Arizona's archaic laws.

Kathie Gummerie is urging people to call, (1-800-352-8404) or E-mail members, who voted in favor of HB 2144, of the House Judiciary Committee and thank them for their support. Rep. Roberta Voss (also for hearing the bill in her Judiciary Committee): rvoss@azleg.state.az.us. Rep. Kathi Foster (also for sponsoring the bill): kfoster@azleg.state.az.us. Rep. Henry Camarot: hcamarot@azleg.state.az.us. Rep. Linda Binder: lbinder@azleg.state.az.us. Rep. James Sedillo: jsedillo@azleg.state.az.us. Rep. Bill Brotherton: bbrother@azleg.state.az.us. Rep. Peter Hershberger: phershbc@azleg.state.az.us.

Gummerie also wants GLBT Arizonans to call (1-800-352-8404) or E-mail members of the House Human Services Committee and leave polite messages, urging to have HB 2414 heard. Rep. Eddie Farnsworth: efarnswo@azleg.state.az.us. Rep. Laura Knaperek: knaperek@azleg.state.az.us. Rep. John Loredco: jloredco@azleg.state.az.us. Rep. Kathi Foster: kfoster@azleg.state.az.us. Rep. Richard Miranda: rmiranda@azleg.state.az.us. Rep. Victor Soltero: vsoltero@azleg.state.az.us. Rep. Peter Hershberger: phershbc@azleg.state.az.us.

Bush Stumble

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HRC, in reviewing Fleischer's limited comments on the restructuring of both offices, issued a press release condemning early moves to share responsibilities of the offices among different agencies.

Instead of a full-time position exclusively concentrating on HIV/AIDS, it appears the administration may hand the work over to people who deal with a myriad of healthcare issues, thus diluting the focus," said the group's statement. The HRC also noted with serious concern that the administration may cut the number of employees from the Health and Human Services department detailed to work on this issue.

"At a time when statistics show AIDS is ravishing the African-American community, the Bush administration needs to show this issue is a priority," said the HRC's Winnie Stacheberg. "One way to do this is by meeting with leading HIV/AIDS advocates to hear our concerns before making hasty decisions that might hinder efforts to combat the disease."

Academy Awards

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and Frances McDormand for "Almost Famous," Julie Walters in "Billy Elliot," about a boy who wants to study ballet instead of boxing, and Marcia Gay Harden for her acclaimed portrayal of artist Lee Krasner in "Pollock."

Gay Harden called the nomination and "a real tribute to (Harris) and his 10-year labor of love, making Pollock."

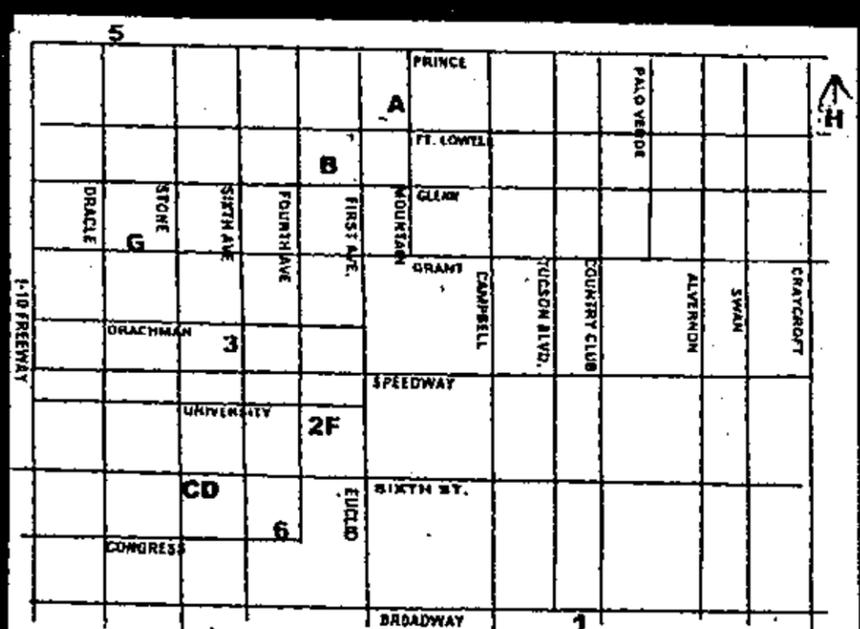
Nominees for supporting actor were Jeff Bridges in "The Contender," Willem Dafoe in "Shadow of the Vampire," Benicio Del Toro in "Traffic," Albert Finney in "Erin Brockovich" and Joaquin Phoenix for "Gladiator."

"It's a good way to wake up," said Dafoe of learning his nomination before dawn in Los Angeles.

Joining "Crouching Tiger" in the foreign language film grouping are Mexico's "Amores Perros," the Czech Republic's "Divided We Fall," Belgium's "Everybody Famous" and France's "The Taste of Others," marking the 31st time a French film has been nominated for that award.

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