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Steers and Queers: It's almost ready

Lesbian Filmmaker putting final touches on gay rodeo documentary.

By John Thomas Lotardo

The last time the Phoenix gay press spoke with independent filmmaker Paula Gauthier was nearly three years ago.

Gauthier was a *HeatStroke* cover subject when she came to the Valley in 1997 to shoot film and video footage of the Road Runner Regional Rodeo. The footage would become part of a documentary she was then making about gay

rodeos.

With Gauthier's documentary nearly finished, we tracked the San Diego resident down to find out what's happening next with the flick. Local interest is strong: the film includes interviews and footage of several Arizona-based gay and lesbian competitors.

The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association's contest, held each January over MLK weekend in Phoenix, was the fifth gay rodeo at which Gauthier and her then-partner Rebecca West gathered informa-

tion, filmed events and recorded interviews with contestants and others behind the International Gay Rodeo Association.

Since that time, Gauthier has been engulfed with the arduous task of editing hours of footage to create the finished documentary.

While she was here shooting, Gauthier had not named the film. "Normally, I don't name my films until they are finished," she says. With the bulk of the documentary completed, she has at last named it: *Steers and Queers*.

The name seems apt and to the point. Some of the other names considered were not very plausible nor marketable, she explains. One name jokingly suggested was "Homo on the Range".

Gauthier anticipated that Phoenix in '97 would be the last location for filming. However, shooting continued for another year. "We completed filming in Denver in July 1998." She says "it would have been a completely different piece" if they stopped the film when originally anti-

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A Life Less Ordinary—AHRF Chair Bill MacDonald honored with "Living the Dream" award

By Allen Kalchik, Editor

As a corporate CEO in the early '80s, Bill MacDonald assumed that any lasting contribution he'd make to the world at large would come from his impressive business successes.

Instead, the Phoenix resident is best known in the Valley and across the state not for his entrepreneurial savvy, but for his unyielding work on behalf of equal rights for Arizona's gay and lesbian citizens.

For 14 years of commitment to human rights, MacDonald, an original board member of the Arizona AIDS Project and a founder (and currently co-chair) of the Arizona Human Rights Fund, will be honored by the City of Phoenix this month.

"The way my whole life has been is that when I get involved, I really get involved," MacDonald said of his present immersion in gay politicking and civic issues.

MacDonald, who turns 60 in March, said he approaches advocacy in the public sector with the same passion he had for work during his many years in mail-order retailing, a career that earned him millions. "Usually—when I do get involved in something—I want to be hands on . . . I guess some of my fervor leaks out of

me."

MacDonald will be among seven individuals recognized by Phoenix's Human Relations Commission with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Living the Dream" award at the city's annual MLK breakfast on Jan. 14.

"There wouldn't be an Arizona Human Rights Fund today if it weren't for the tireless work of Bill MacDonald," said Ron Passarelli, AHRF board member. "He is motivated by the highest principles of good citizenship."

Passarelli first worked closely with MacDonald during the formation of Arizonans for Fairness, a group organized in the mid-'90s to counter a right-wing movement that was pushing an anti-gay ballot initiative in Arizona. The ballot proposal was based on Colorado's notorious Amendment 2. Fortunately, the homophobic initiative never made the state ballot.

Whether speaking out against discriminatory ballot proposals or reacting to the latest anti-gay statement by one of the state's addled legislative theocrats, MacDonald has long been a reliable community contact for the mainstream media. As such, he has established himself as an articulate and level-headed spokesperson when it comes to gay issues.

But Bill MacDonald was not always an outspoken gay rights activist. Far from it. "Work, work, work. That was all I thought about," he said of his life before public advocacy.

Born in 1940 and raised in a northwest Chicago suburb, MacDonald was the youngest of three children in a Catholic household. He attended a parochial high school in Evanston, then went to Marquette University in Milwaukee.

After graduating college in '62, MacDonald joined the Army for six months "right before the Vietnam war got really hot."

His focus at that time was not on social issues, but on getting ahead in his career. "My parents were never active politically. And I never was, either," he recalled.

He took a job in Chicago with Montgomery Wards and began to learn the ins and outs of the mail order business. When Wards was later overtaken by General Mills, MacDonald saw firsthand the way corporate giants operate.

He stayed with General Mills until 1976, then moved to California to accept another position. He was recruited to come to Phoenix by the Ambassador mail order company in '78.

"I was fortunate," MacDonald said of his move here 22 years ago. He was hired as executive vice president, but the company "had a few problems. I wound up putting together a package and I purchased the company in 1980."

In the late '70s, Ambassador was an \$80 million direct-marketing retailer of handbags, luggage and other goods. MacDonald bought the company "on a shoestring", with very little personal investment and several million in leveraged debt.

"Things just worked out," he said of his risky but lucrative business transaction. In 1984, MacDonald sold Ambassador to a Chicago-based retailer, stayed on for a few more years, then settled uneasily into an early retirement.

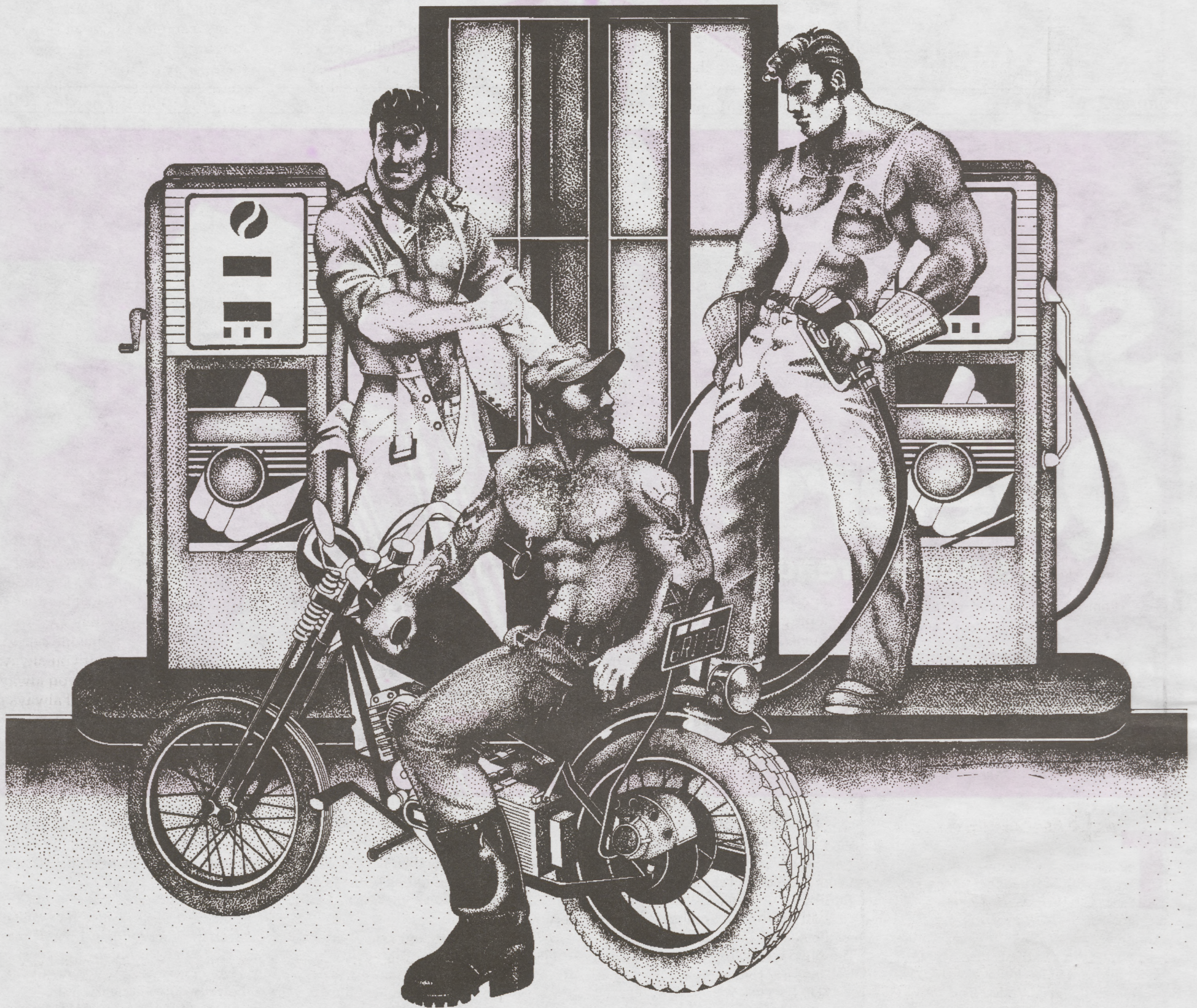
Though MacDonald was no gay activist at the height of his business career—"I was just too damned busy"—, he wasn't exactly closeted, either. Unlike many gay men of his generation who were climbing corporate ladders, he never married a woman.

Instead, when he was 29, MacDonald met and moved in with Michael Reiser, now a Phoenix realtor and co-chair of the Phoenix AIDS walk. The two men lived

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Guest Commentary

Beyond the Millennium Madness: Why 2000 Is Important

By Kerry Lobel

Where were you when the century turned? Odds are you weren't among the three million huddled masses shivering at Times Square, or with the 300,000 celebrants gathered before the Washington Monument.

No: Odds are you were at home, or perhaps at a small gathering with friends, family or your partner.

As humans, we like to bring order to our lives by keeping count. One way we keep count is by marking time. For those who follow the Julian calendar, of course, this past Jan. 1 became the new day of a new year, a new century and a new millennium.

What is the significance of this new date for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered campaign for equality?

On the one hand, there is little significance whatsoever about the new date, except for the coincidence of the calendar change. But when one considers the importance of the year 2000 through the rainbow lens of the GLBT movement, the year takes on monumental significance.

Three factors will set this year apart—and determine whether it is a progressive year for our movement. They involve ballot initiatives, primary and general elections and last but not least, state and federal legislative activity.

Let's take these one at a time. By now, many readers of this column know that on March 7, voters in California will vote on the Knight initiative, officially known as both Proposition 22 and the Limit on Marriage initiative.

What many may not know is that our community could face a record number of GLBT-related ballot initiatives this November. According to Dave Fleischer, an elections expert who heads up NGLTF's Electoral Training Initiative, we could face ballot fights in Colorado, Maine, Nevada, Oregon, and Dade County, Florida. These elections won't be won or lost by a coin flip; their outcomes will be determined by which side organizes the hardest—precinct by precinct, neighborhood by neighborhood, door by door.

Primary elections and

November's general election also will provide a test. We know that not only is Congress and the White House up for grabs (and the Supreme Court appointments that most certainly will follow).

Also at stake is the composition of almost every state legislature. This outcome will go far to determine not just our success and failure over the course of the next two years, but potentially throughout the next decade. That's because the state legislatures that are seated beginning in January 2001 will decide redistricting—and winners get to draw the lines. Some political analysts believe that redistricting in California alone could determine who controls the U.S. House of Representatives through the year 2012.

Finally, there is the upcoming

Three factors will set this year apart—and determine whether it is a progressive year for our movement. They involve ballot initiatives, primary and general elections and last but not least, state and federal legislative activity.

federal and state legislative activity. Congress has yet another chance to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, adopt nondiscrimination legislation that covers both sexual orientation and gender identity in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations, and repeal the "Don't ask, don't tell" ban on military service.

If Congress continues to refuse to address our standing as gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people who deserve full equality under the law, then we need to send a message that we will elect a Congress that will act on our behalf.

Of course, that means local organizing. And local organizing is the key to the other part of the equation—state legislative activity.

In 1999, for the first time ever,

favorable GLBT-related bills outnumbered unfavorable bills in all state legislatures combined by a margin of 269 to 205. We recorded many a significant breakthrough, ranging from repeal of New Hampshire's ban on adoption by same-sex couples to employment rights legislation in Nevada to a sweeping series of bills in California to a hate crimes bill in Missouri that included both sexual orientation and gender identity.

All of these gains were documented in NGLTF's recent report, *Capital Gains and Losses: A State By State Review of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and HIV/AIDS Related Legislation in 1999.*

Today, because of gains both last year and during the past decade, more Americans than ever before live in towns, cities, counties or

states with some type of law banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. But a majority of Americans live in areas where they can be denied employment, housing, access to public accommodations just because of who they are.

Someone once said, "If you always do what you always did, you'll always get what you always

got."

A new millennium, a new century. Sounds exciting. But the truth is, unless we work hard for change this year, we're just going to get what we always got. And that's the real significance of the new millennium.

Kerry Lobel is the executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Founded in 1973, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force works to eliminate prejudice, violence and injustice against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people at the local, state and national level. As part of a broader social justice movement for freedom, justice and equality, NGLTF is creating a world that respects and celebrates the diversity of human expression and identity where all people may fully participate in society.

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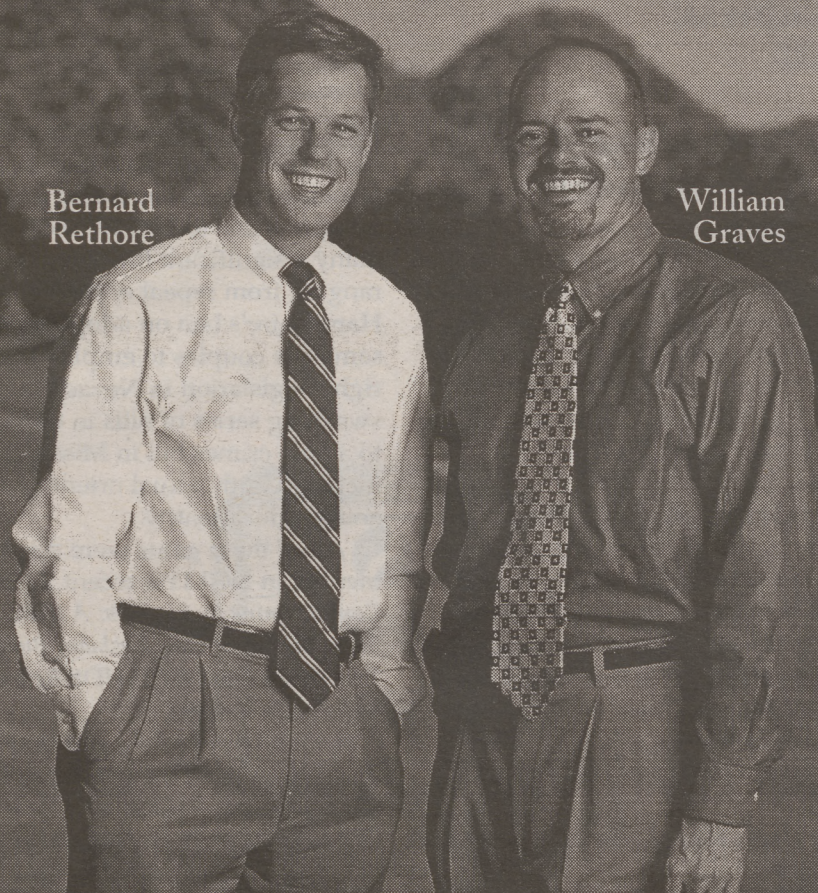


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States, like people, respond to peer pressure



They don't want to be first or last to do most anything. They want to be modern, but not radical; traditional, but not backward. So, because states see one another moving toward embracing their gay citizens, the momentum for progress is starting to snowball quite delightfully.

The 2000 presidential and congressional campaigns certainly demand attention, yet our day-to-day lives are shaped in large measure by state politics.

State laws and courts, for example, normally control who can marry, who can adopt, whether unmarried couples have legal rights, how hate violence is punished and whether adults' sexual privacy is invaded. And since Congress has yet to protect basic gay civil rights, whether gay people are shielded from bias in employment, housing and public accommodations depends on state and local governments.

The good news is that the state's lawmakers and judges are responding more favorably than ever before to gay pleas. Advances in state laws, judicial rulings, corporate employment and benefit policies, and public opinion are creating a gay-friendly synergy. The 1999 legislative season, which broke all records for gay state-level progress, pointed toward even better years. (For state-by-state progress reports from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Forces Policy Institute, see www.nglft.org.pub.html.)

As NGLTF Director Kerry Lobel points out, today's breakthroughs are a result of gay people's willingness to be out at home and at work, in small towns and big cities. "As more of us are living openly, we touch the lives of people who are closest to us, who touch the lives of people closest to them. Our visibility is a ripple in a pond. It reverberates in ways we can't even measure," she says.

When we do try to measure progress, using one giant federal yardstick probably isn't the best approach. Ironically, as NGLTF notes, a set of smaller state and local yardsticks provides a better indication of how far we've come as a nation—and how far we still have to go:

• **Protective job gear:**

Laws in 11 states, 18 counties and more than 100 cities protect 103 million Americans from anti-gay job discrimination and often from bias in housing and public accommodations. That's 38 percent of the U.S. population.

• **Fair play mandates:**

Following San Francisco's hugely

successful lead, Los Angeles and Seattle are telling would-be city contractors, "If you want to play ball with us, you must give the same benefits to gay and straight workers."

• **Bedroom snooping:**

Only 18 states still have sodomy laws—archaic, privacy-violating sex laws primarily used as an excuse to discriminate in, for example, custody decisions. Georgia's top court hastened the demise of sodomy laws nationwide by striking down its infamous law in 1998.

• **Saying no to hate:**

This year, new states will likely join the 23 with hate-crimes laws covering anti-gay attacks.

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• **Family matters:**

Even among gay-marriage foes, there's a growing realization that gay couples haven't been treated fairly. Seven states and 83 localities offer domestic partner benefits to their own workers. California and 41 local governments have domestic partner registries.

The Vermont court decision requiring that state to offer same-sex couples all the legal benefits of marriage "will cause lots of other state legislatures that have made clear they are not open to (gay) marriage to start reconsidering whether they ought to be doing something in terms of domestic partnership," predicts Matt Coles, chief gay-rights attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union.

By most measures, life in this 50-state union is improving for those of us who are gay.

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McCain attacks Gore, Bradley for their position on gays in the military

DURHAM, New Hampshire (AP)—Sen. John McCain questions whether the two Democratic presidential candidates are qualified to be commander in chief because of their beliefs about gays in the military.

"If anyone imposes a social agenda on the prospective chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff—which totally politicizes that job—then they're not qualified," McCain said Nov. 9 after addressing a Republican State Committee dinner held

at the University of New Hampshire.

The comments came on a day of busy politicking by the Republican presidential candidates, first at the youth forum at St. Anselm College in Goffstown, New Hampshire, and then at the university. The pace of events highlight the fast approach of the New Hampshire primary, the nation's first, on Feb. 1, in which voters will choose delegates to their party's nominating convention this summer.

McCain's remarks about gays in the

military stemmed from comments that Democratic rivals Vice President Al Gore and former Sen. Bill Bradley made on the subject during a debate last week.

Gore first insisted that anyone he appointed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff must share his belief that gays should be allowed to serve openly in the military. At a news conference two days later, he modified his comment, saying he would not tolerate any commander who would not follow his orders.

Bradley said at the same debate that a litmus test was unnecessary because military officers follow orders from their commander in chief no matter what.

The Bradley camp replied to McCain's criticism Sunday, saying their candidate had no litmus test. "Clearly, Senator McCain's statement has more to do with Republican presidential politics than with candidate qualifications," said Bradley communications director Anita Dunn.

Bush says 'don't ask, don't tell' should stay; McCain insists policy is working

DURHAM, New Hampshire (AP)—In the first of back-to-back debates Jan. 6, the Republican presidential candidates split on the question of whether gays should be allowed to serve openly in the military.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush and U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona said they supported the White House policy now in effect—which members of their party long have reviled.

"I'm a 'don't ask, don't tell' man," declared the front-running Bush.

Their rivals, however, said that gays should not be permitted to serve openly.

On gays in the military, McCain said the existing policy could be fine-tuned.

"I cannot change a policy that's working. I rely on people like General Colin Powell, people I served with all my adult life, who tell me that this policy is working."

But in apparent agreement with Bush, added, "I cannot change a policy that's

working. I rely on people like General Colin Powell, people I served with all my

adult life, who tell me that this policy is working."

The "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which President Bill Clinton, a Democrat, and others have said has not worked well, requires gays in the military to keep their sexual orientation a secret.

The other Republicans on stage trashed the policy.

An animated Keyes said, "I will return to the ban on homosexuals in the military."

Forbes said open gays should not be allowed, saying the military is "not an agency for social experimentation."

Gay groups disappointed by first lady's position on same-sex marriage

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP)—Influential gay groups are expressing disappointment with Hillary Rodham Clinton for coming out against legal recognition of homosexual marriages.

Mrs. Clinton, the likely Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate, said Monday that she favors full benefits for partners in homosexual relationships but that marriages should be between a man and a woman.

"Marriage has got historic, religious and moral content that goes back to the beginning of time, and I think a marriage is as a marriage has always been, between a man and a woman," Mrs. Clinton said

after a news conference.

Tim Sweeney, spokesman for the

"While domestic partnership recognition is important and we continue to work toward achieving that recognition, it still represents a separate-but-equal doctrine."

Empire State Pride Agenda, said the endorsement of benefits "rings a little hollow" when accompanied by the refusal to recognize gay marriage.

"We expect and deserve from society the full support that married couples

receive," he said.

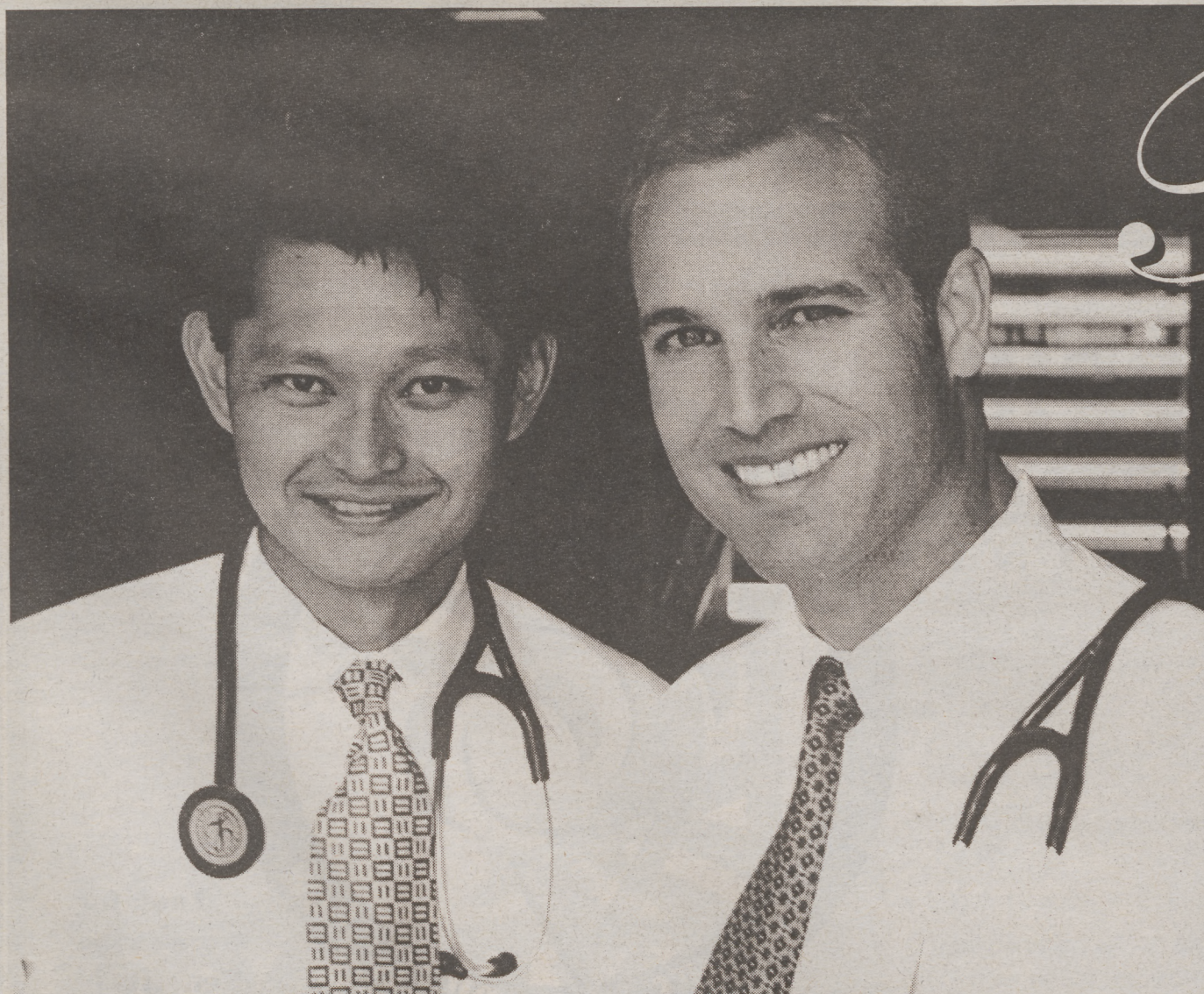
David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign in Washington said he was disappointed in Mrs. Clinton's position on

civil marriage.

"While domestic partnership recognition is important and we continue to work toward achieving that recognition, it still represents a separate-but-equal doctrine," Smith said.

New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who is expected to be Mrs. Clinton's opponent in the Senate race, had no immediate comment.

Last month, Mrs. Clinton angered some gays by saying she would march in New York City's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, which excludes the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization.



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Vermont legislators tackle same-sex benefits/marriage issue

Now the hard work begins: lawmakers must meet the requirements of the Vermont Supreme Court decision

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP)—Vermont lawmakers began a methodical debate Jan. 11 over how to extend the rights and benefits of marriage to gay and lesbian couples.

The House Judiciary Committee opened what promises to be nearly three weeks of deliberations about current state marriage law and what the Supreme Court said last month about how the benefits must be provided to gay and lesbian couples just as they are to married couples.

Despite an attempt to keep the proceedings focused on existing state law and the court's decision, it wasn't long before the discussion zeroed in on the central issue: marriage.

"Really this case is about people and this case is about families," said lawyer Susan Murray, who with law partner Beth Robinson successfully argued the gay marriage case before the Supreme Court.

Even the attorney general's office, which lost the case before the high court, conceded that marriage might be an attractive option. "Probably, gay marriage would be the easiest to defend," Chief Assistant Attorney General William Griffin said.

But he also voiced what is attractive to some about a domestic partnership scheme that many have talked about as an alternative to outright marriage. "In a way, the partnership argument could be a transition and next year or the next decade (lawmakers) could take the next step," he said.

But that's unlikely to satisfy the couples who sued for the right to marry.

"Every single day that the Legislature does not act is a denial of the common benefits and rights that our clients are entitled to and all gay and lesbian Vermonters are entitled to," Murray said.

Despite the heartfelt message that Murray and Robinson were delivering,

the day's proceedings for the most part were dedicated to a thoughtful analysis of what the court did and did not say when it ordered last month the Legislature to come up with some way of providing marriage benefits to gays and lesbians.

The hearings attracted broad interest as they opened. More than 50 people packed into the committee's cramped hearing room, designed for perhaps half that number, early in the day.

Eventually, the session was moved to a larger space. But by the time the day closed, the crowd had thinned considerably and the heated rhetoric that many have feared and predicted never cropped up.

"We're going to focus to the extent of our ability on the underlying law, the Baker decision and marriage and common laws in the state of Vermont," said Committee Chairman Rep. Thomas Little, R-Shelburne. "I would think that 2 1/2 weeks out we're going to make decisions. We're going to keep focused on the law

until we get to that point."

Reduced to its simplest terms, lawmakers will have to decide whether state marriage laws should be amended to allow two men or two women to marry. Or they will have to decide whether to recommend some alternative domestic partnership system that provides the same benefits but does not call it marriage.

A Vermont Law School professor said his reading of the Supreme Court's decision was that a domestic partnership scheme may very well pass constitutional muster, but it would have to be crafted carefully.

"The core issue, I think, is going to be if you decide to go with domestic partnership, how do you justify that distinction?" said Peter Teachout. "What does it you don't get if you have domestic partnership?"

But Little really does not want to reach those issues just yet. He cautioned committee members and witnesses to resist

the urge to "cut to the chase" too early. He prefers a much more academic and thoughtful analysis of what the court said and what laws say so lawmakers understand the implications of their decisions once they make them.

To reach that, the legislative staff prepared thick binders for each committee member packed with memos, a copy of the state Constitution, copies of the court's decision and a summary of "statutes potentially affecting the rights and responsibilities of married persons."

Just a listing of those laws takes up 24 single-spaced typed pages.

Part of Little's design is to prevent the committee's hearings from degenerating into disputes about homosexuality. He repeated Tuesday that he had no plans to allow the case to be argued over again in the Legislature.

"Moral and religious arguments, while valid within a person's personal ideology, are not relevant to our job in the Legislature," he said.

Calif. Gays and lesbians begin registering as partners

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Gays and lesbians throughout California began registering Jan. 3 as domestic partners under a new state law that gives them the right to visit their companions in medical facilities.

The Declaration of Domestic Partnership, which went into affect Monday, also gives health insurance coverage for dependents of qualifying government employees covered by the California Public Employees Retirement System.

"It's a good step in the right direction," said Lisa Belsanti, a field coordinator with the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center. "It's important to keep in perspective where we've come from and where we're going."

Couples register through the California secretary of state; the fee is \$10.

Many people signing up Monday said they were grateful for the new law because hospitalization visits would otherwise be restricted to family members.

However, most gays and lesbians pointed out that domestic partner status confers just a fraction of the rights married couples receive.

"We are involved in a commitment with caring and loving and all the things I hear people say about their husbands and wives," said Sam Catalano as he and his partner registered Monday. "But today I have gained one benefit, and those married couples have 1,400."

Twelve California cities and four counties, including Los Angeles, already had

policies giving health benefits to domestic partners, as do many corporations.

Under the new law, partnership status is available to either same-sex couples over age 18 or opposite sex couples over age 62.

The couples must share a common residence and be jointly responsible for each other's basic living expenses to qualify.

Older couples were included in the new law because they often hesitate to marry in later years because of potential cuts in their Social Security income.

Domestic partner status does not give couples tax benefits, Social Security benefits, inheritance provisions or the ability to make medical decisions for each other. Those rights are reserved for married couples.

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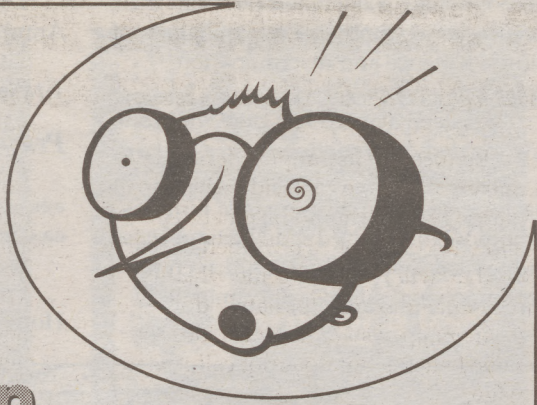
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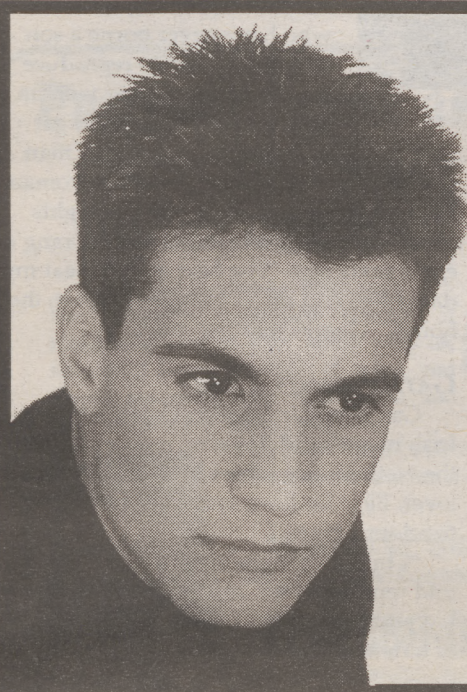
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QUEEN WELCOMES DISCREET QUEENS

Britain's Queen Elizabeth let it be known that gay employees' partners were welcome at her Windsor Castle Royal Household Christmas party this year as long as they didn't kiss, dance together, or otherwise display the nature of their relationship.

As usual, invites went to staff members "and guest," but this year, for the first time, senior employees spread the word that the guest could be a same-sex lover.

In other royal news, gay icon and AIDS diva Elizabeth Taylor was among those knighted on Dec. 31. And the London Gay Men's Chorus performed on New Year's Eve before the queen, the prime minister and the archbishop of Canterbury at the Millennium Dome.

BELGIANS REGISTER PARTNERSHIPS

Belgian gays began registering Jan. 4 under the nation's new partnership law, which also extends to opposite-sex couples and platonic cohabitants.

The law is mostly symbolic as it does not extend much in the way of matrimonial rights.

Activist Alain Bossuyt, who registered with his partner Luc Legrand, told reporters, "It doesn't go as far as we would like, but even so it's the only official recognition of our union, our affection — if not of our marriage."

AUSSIE YOUTH POLL 6 PERCENT GAY

More than 6 percent of Australian stu-

dents in grades 10 to 12 are attracted to people of the same sex, a new survey from the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health & Society has found.

Another 2.3 percent are unsure of their sexual attractions.

Researchers questioned 3,500 students at

118 schools.

They also found that students who acknowledge same-sex attraction are up to four times more likely to binge drink or use illegal injectable drugs.

The study is published in the current issue of the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health*.

MUGABE ATTACKS AGAIN

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe attacked gays again in his New Year address.

"We cannot have a man marrying a man or a woman marrying a woman here. What an abomination, a rottenness of culture, real decadence of culture," he said.

"Once you impose a foreign culture on us then you naturally evoke the devil in us."

Mugabe previously has said: "[Homosexuals are] repugnant to my human conscience ... immoral and repulsive. ... Animals in the jungle are better than these people because at least they know that this is a man or a woman. ... I don't believe they have any rights at all. [Gay sex is] an abomination."

BRITISH GAYS ZAP MILLENNIUM SERVICE

Members of the London gay group OutRage! staged a protest outside Britain's National Millennium Service Jan. 2 at St. Paul's Cathedral.

As Queen Elizabeth II arrived, the demonstrators unfurled a banner denouncing "2,000 Years of Church

Homophobia." Fake blood ran from their foreheads "to symbolize two millennia of church violence and discrimination against gay people."

The queen averted her gaze when she saw the demonstration.

"Over the last 2,000 years, church teaching has led to hundreds of millions of homosexuals worldwide being rejected and reviled by their families, driven to depression and suicide, discriminated

The group's new head is Bashkim Arapi.

Their address is S.G.A., P.O. Box 104, Tirana WE, Albania.

PERU GETS A GAY MAGAZINE

Revista Paradero is Peru's first gay magazine, reports the Spanish Web site chueca.com.

It appeared on newsstands Jan. 4.

Produced by the Movimiento Homosexual de Lima (MHOL), the publication offers opinion articles, interviews, reviews, a nightlife guide, news and nude pictures.

KENYAN WOMEN DIVORCE

The South African Press Agency reported Jan. 7 that a court in Western Kenya allowed a woman to divorce her wife due to "cruelty and violence."

The report said that among the Kisii people of Kenya's western highlands, widows who have never borne a son and are too old to reproduce can marry a younger woman who is then expected to get pregnant via sex with a man

and produce an heir for the older woman. Kisii women have no inheritance rights.

Nyoero Ongori married Mary Orang'o eight years ago. "She beat me up, beat my daughters and never brought a son to the house," Ongori told the court.

GATELY WANTS A BABY

Gay pop star Stephen Gately of the Irish mega-band Boyzone may move to the Netherlands where he and his Dutch lover, Eloy De Jong, would be permitted to adopt a child.

"I think I'd make a good dad," Gately told reporters Dec. 28. "My sister has a kid and my brother has a boy. There's lots of kids always around me."



OutRage! protesters outside Britain's Jan. 2 National Millennium Service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

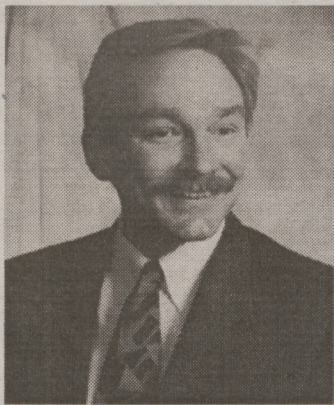
against by anti-gay laws, and condemned to death for sodomy," said OutRage!'s John Hunt.

"The celebratory, triumphalist tone of the National Millennium Service is an insult to the millions of queers who have suffered as a result of Christian intolerance. None of the churches have ever shown any remorse for their persecution of gay people. We call on Archbishop Carey to express his regret for the pain inflicted on homosexuals by the church, and urge him to offer his apologies to the gay community."

ALBANIAN GAYS REORGANIZE

Society Gay Albania has been reborn after its founder immigrated to the U.S.

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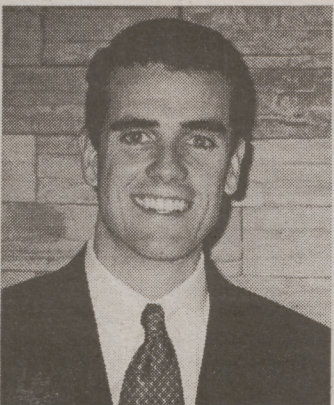
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Goings On

2nd Annual Greg Olson Barrel Race Jan. 17

The Second Annual Greg Olson Memorial Barrel Race will be held on MLK day, Monday, Jan. 17 at Cowboy Country in Levine.

Olson was a Phoenix bartender and horseshoer who was also a well-known member of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association. He was a star athlete on the International gay Rodeo Association circuit, winning innumerable buckles and All-Around Cowboy titles prior to his death in 1995 due to AIDS complications.

Last year's barrel race drew approximately 100 horses and riders, and this year organizers are expecting nearly 200 because many out-of-state contestants from the Road Runner Rodeo are planning to stay in the Valley an extra day in order to participate. There will be \$2,000 in added prize money, with proceeds going toward the 2001 All-Around Racing saddle in memory of Olson.

Admission to watch the barrel race is free. It will begin at noon. Cowboy Country is located 3.5 miles south of Baseline Road on 51st Ave., across from the Vee Quiva Casino.

PFLAG discusses grieving Jan. 17

The Phoenix Chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will host a discussion on "Healthy Grieving" at its Monday night meeting on Jan. 17. Grief Recovery specialists Barb and Karen Nasco will join the program and support group members to discuss healthy steps in the grieving process. The

News & Events of Interest to the Phoenix Queer Community

Phoenix Chapter meets at the Palo Cristi Presbyterian Church, 3535 E. Lincoln Dr. in Paradise Valley at 7 pm the third Monday of every month.

In other PFLAG news, the West Valley PFLAG will meet Sunday, Jan. 23 at Sunland Mortuary, 15826 Del Webb Blvd. in Sun City. West Valley's PFLAG Chapter meets at 1:30 on the fourth Sunday of every month. East Valley PFLAG meets the first Friday of every month at the Pyle Adult Center, 655 E. Southern in Tempe at 7 pm. The next meeting will be Feb. 4.

For information on upcoming meetings or to learn more about PFLAG, call the local helpline at 602/843-1404.

Chamber plans Tourism Summit

On Wednesday, Jan. 19, the Greater Phoenix Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce will hold a Tourism Summit at Pookie's Cafe. The summit will begin at 4 pm.

On the agenda for this summit will be discussions of how to better market Phoenix as a gay tourist destination to the rest of the country, and to compare Phoenix to other nearby cities as a gay travel destination. Gay and gay-friendly professionals working in fields related to travel, recreation and accommodations should be particularly interested in this meeting. The chamber hopes that this meeting will give birth to a tourism council.

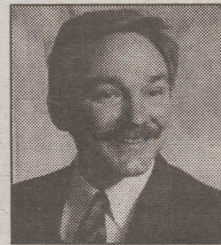
Pookie's is located at 4540 N. 7th Street in Phoenix. To find out more about this event or to join the GPGLCC, call 602/225-8444.



New Church opens doors in Valley

Valley of the Sun Community Church celebrated its opening service Sunday, Jan. 9. Services are held at 11 am at The Parkway Inn in Phoenix (on I-17 northbound between Northern and Dunlap), in the hotel's community room.

The new church is led by Rev. Jerry T. Cook, recently Senior pastor of White Rock Community Church in Dallas. Cook founded the Dallas church eight years ago and grew the church to its current membership of more than 700 before his recent relocation to Phoenix. White Rock Community Church is the largest independent church in the world ministering primarily to the gay and lesbian community.



Rev. Jerry T. Cook

Cook, 44, the son of an Arkansas Baptist family which has had its share of preachers, came to the attention of CBS news' Dan Rather and was featured on CBS Reports five years ago. Cook began preaching at the age of 14 and worked as a Baptist pastor until he began the gay ministry eight years ago.

Although the primary focus of the ministry of valley of the Sun Community Church will be to the gay and lesbian community, its founders hope that all will feel welcome.

DA turning 20; heading to rodeo

Desert Adventures, the Valley's outdoor gay and lesbian social club, turns 20 this month. The group will celebrate with an anniversary kickoff party at Pookie's Cafe on Thursday, Jan. 20.

But first, DA will be hosting a commu-

nity information booth at the Road Runner Regional Rodeo on 29th Ave. and Baseline, Jan. 14 - 16. The booth will give interested people an opportunity to stop by and meet some DA members, and to learn more about this active organization's regular hikes, parties, camping trips, and other bar-alternative social events.

Later in the month, DA will hold its annual group Super Bowl Party at a private home in North Scottsdale. The afternoon tradition will start before kickoff on Sunday, Jan. 30. The sports party for NFL fans and the non-sporting alike includes food, frivolity and football for a fee of \$7 for members and \$10 for guests.

To find out more about DA activities, to learn how to get to the Super Bowl event or to join the club, call 602/266-CAMP.

Lunch Celebrating Roe v. Wade

The annual Roe v. Wade Luncheon, sponsored by Planned Parenthood of Central and Northern Arizona, will be held Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Pointe Hilton in Phoenix.

Congressman Ed Pastor is the Honorary Chair for the luncheon and Carol Coghlan will give the keynote address. Tables and individual tickets for the event are available by calling Bre Thomas at 602/263-4225. The luncheon brings together local advocates to celebrate and support a woman's right to choose.

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Gay group at Phoenix College

PALS (People of Alternative Lifestyles) is an organization for the members and friends of Phoenix College's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. Its purpose is to provide a social outlet and a sense of community for queer people on campus and to educate the campus community on homosexual, bisexual and transgender issues.

PALS will kick off a new format for 2000 with a Pizza Party on Monday, Jan. 31 from 12 noon - 1:30 pm in HC-3. This party will offer interested students, faculty & staff at PC a chance to meet, eat pizza and find out about PALS programs planned for the spring.

For information, contact PALS advisor Dr. Bob Fernie at fernie@pc.maricopa.edu, or call 602/285-7262. Send an e-mail to be placed on the PALS e-mail list for future activities and events notices.

LifeGuard's programs for Jan/Feb

Project LifeGuard, the outreach and prevention arm of AIDS Project Arizona, has several events and programs going on each month aimed at educating and informing gay and bi men.

On Jan. 19, the organization will hold a workshop on Male Intimacy. This workshop will explore the many levels of intimacy that men can share. Call Bryce at 602/253-2437 to sign up.

On Jan. 22, another popular "Feeding Frenzy" party will be held, this time at Doc Gireaux, 12032 N. Cave Creek Rd. It's a nighttime dating game and so much more—call Bryce for information.

On Feb. 14, LifeGuard goes on line for a chat workshop. Access the Arizona Room at gay.com to chat it up with the boys and learn more about prevention. The online chats are a new way for project staffers to contact and be contacted by men who may wish to remain anonymous.

In addition to these upcoming events, LifeGuard hosts weekly rap groups including LifeTalk, a group for gay or bi men 21 and over, QueerTalk, a group for gay and bi men aged 18 to 21, and My Brother's Keeper, a weekly rap group for gay and bi African American men.

For times, meeting locations and information, call 602/253-2437.

Youth group to auction dates for dollars

For the second consecutive year, The Community Center in Phoenix will hold a bachelor auction on Valentine's weekend to raise money for its youth programs, Valley One in Ten (VOIT) and Horizons.

A Chance of a Lifetime, a romantic date auction, will be held at Amsterdam in downtown Phoenix on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 7 pm. There, eligible male and female dates will be on the block, with a number of prearranged date packages available for bidding as well. It's all in good fun, and all for a great cause.

For information, call 602/264-5437. Amsterdam is located at 718 N. Central Ave. in Phoenix.

Bas Bleu lines up laughter for Feb. 19 show

The hysterical comedy and singing lesbian pair known as The Derivative Duo will be featured performers at non-profit Bas Bleu Productions' next community concert event. The show is set for Feb. 19 at Phoenix College Auditorium.

Also appearing will be New York comedian Paul J. Williams. Williams grew up in a Southern Baptist home in Texas and is now the toast of the Gay Big Apple, with Rave Reviews and the recent success of his one-man show, *Left, Out, . . . Not Rights!*

This fun-packed evening of music and comedy will raise funds for the Valley One in Ten youth program and for the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Obelisk, Changing Hands and Unique on Central. For information call 602/957-7663.

Team AZ hosting April tennis tourney

Team Arizona, the state's primary organization supporting athletes participating in the Gay Games, has announced that as part of its Saguaro Cup Spring Sports Festival, a round-robin doubles tennis tournament will be held April 1 & 2 from 8 and to 2 pm at the Ranch at Camelback Mountain, 5700 E. McDonald Dr. in Paradise Valley.

The tournament will be called "Arizona's Balmy, Crazy Doubles" (ABCD) and players at all levels are encouraged to participate. The \$60 fee includes two days' play, a welcome party, a banquet on Saturday evening, and more. The tournament is limited to 64 players and the draw closes Feb. 29. Monies raised will go to help Arizona athletes attend the Sydney Gay games in 2002.

For an application, contact Paul D. Cain, Tournament Director, at 602/495-9750, or by e-mail at paulcain@aol.com.



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Living the Dream Award
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together for nearly 30 years, splitting in June of 1999. MacDonald had 1200 employees at one point, and he presumes some of them knew he was gay. Maybe they didn't—he didn't worry about it then and doesn't think about it now.

MacDonald's parents knew he was gay and accepted his relationship with Reiser, he believes, although it was never openly discussed. His parents have died, and he lost his older brother to cancer 13 years ago. His sister now lives in the Valley and they see "quite a lot" of each other. Interestingly, MacDonald's brother was homosexual as well.

After he left the business world in 1986, MacDonald's life changed. That same year, some prominent gay citizens were mobilizing to raise money for AIDS.

Freshly retired, he had time to devote. He agreed to attend the first meeting of what was to become the Arizona AIDS Project, warning his colleagues that he had a prior engagement and would be an hour late. Upon his arrival, MacDonald learned he had been elected Chairman in absentia.

"That's sort of the story of my life. I get to be chairs, and presidents, and things like that," he said.

It's no real mystery why that is. An admitted workaholic, MacDonald soon focused the energy he had been used to expending in the business world onto the developing AIDS crisis.

AIDS in Phoenix, "was a fairly new phenomenon." No one realized then that fighting the disease would quickly consume so much time, energy and money, or that the face of the gay community would be so drastically changed.

"I hope we did a lot of good," he said of the organization's early years. "I was proud of the work we did there." Arizona AIDS Project later evolved into AIDS Project Arizona, which is today the largest AIDS service organization in the state.

As his involvement in the AIDS crisis escalated, so did MacDonald's gay rights activism.

He initially viewed AIDS solely as a health crisis and was dead-set against fighting the disease as if it were a gay issue. He clashed with other AAP board members, then fired AAP Executive Director Kirk Baxter. Because, he said, he saw Baxter as being too radical—too closely aligned with aggressive gay groups like ACT Up.

By the time MacDonald left the AAP board in 1991, he was coming around to accepting AIDS as a gay issue and was growing more and more interested in legislative injustices affecting the entire queer community.

In 1992, MacDonald was already a

community spokesperson when then-City Councilwoman Linda Nadolski proposed a non-discrimination ordinance that would have made history by allowing Phoenix gays and lesbians employment protections equal to their heterosexual co-workers'.

Right-wing backlash was swift and venomous. The news media played up the situation as skinheads wearing Nazi symbols carried anti-gay banners outside the Civic Plaza and "citizen spokespersons" read from the Christian Bible and wept during volatile public hearings on the ordinance.

MacDonald and others decided to establish a political advocacy organization to better represent gay and lesbian issues at the civic and state levels.

The city council caved in to the right and passed a drastically watered-down version of Nadolski's ordinance that summer. The Arizona Human Rights Fund was born in March of 1993, with MacDonald elected its first Chairman.

Since then, MacDonald has selflessly worked to raise money and awareness for gay and lesbian candidates to public office. He's been instrumental in building bridges between gay supporters and non-gay candidates as well.

AHRF has steadily grown in size, funding and scope with each passing year. Today, gay issues are regularly addressed by candidates at all levels, as well as by the media.

MacDonald has had a huge hand in AHRF's success, serving as chair every year but one since the organization was begun. He currently shares the title with Phoenix attorney Kathie Gummere. "It is not like a lot of boards," he said, "because we have never yet been able to hire an executive director. So being chair is like doing the work of an executive director as well. It's almost a full-time job."

It is for AHRF's broad reach and AAP's legacy that MacDonald is being honored with the "Living the Dream" award, but also for his personal integrity and commitment.

"The city is fortunate to have people like Bill MacDonald, who for years has contributed his energy and time to make our community a better place," said Phoenix City Councilman Phil Gordon of MacDonald's selection.

Gordon is one gay-friendly voice on the City Council. He has openly courted the gay vote, and he and MacDonald have worked closely together on many issues.

This is the fourth year in a row in which the city has honored an openly gay person who is known primarily for his or her work on gay issues.

Councilman Gordon said including gay advocates in the Human Relations Commission's award process honors the ideals the slain civil rights leader stood for. "One of the things Dr. King did advocate and would support is that prejudice of

any type is a horrible cancer," he said.

He added, "The ability to reach beyond race discrimination with the MLK awards is something Martin Luther King would have been proud that the city of Phoenix is doing."

MacDonald is proud to accept his "Living the Dream" award and is looking forward to the ceremony. He takes activism seriously and is thrilled to be recognized. "I look at these things as very important, both the AIDS issues and the human rights issues."

In the last few years, MacDonald has also "gotten very involved" in the City of Phoenix itself. He currently chairs a city board called the Private Industry Council, which manages federal job-training money flowing into the city.

"So I have really a double passion now," he said. "I work with job development for the City of Phoenix, and certainly there is still the Arizona Human Rights Fund."

Phil Gordon met with gay leaders shortly after his first election a few years ago and urged gay and lesbian citizens to get involved in government by participating on more city boards and commissions. That was MacDonald's pathway to the Private Industry Council, and he believes the visibility of himself and others in similar positions is making a difference.

MacDonald also communicates between gay city employees and City Manager Frank Fairbanks, and said he sees the provision of domestic partner benefits to gay spouses of city employees as a reachable goal.

Communication plays a big role in MacDonald's advocacy. He said that when he was first confronted by news cameras in 1986 as the chair of AAP, "I stepped back. I was timid and shy." But then, he said, years of public speaking in his business life "sort of kicked in. I realized: you just do it."

And now he does. From appearing on PBS's *Horizon* to the local nightly news, MacDonald handles himself very well on camera and can be counted on to deliver concise—and often quite witty—summations of pro-gay positions whenever he's called upon.

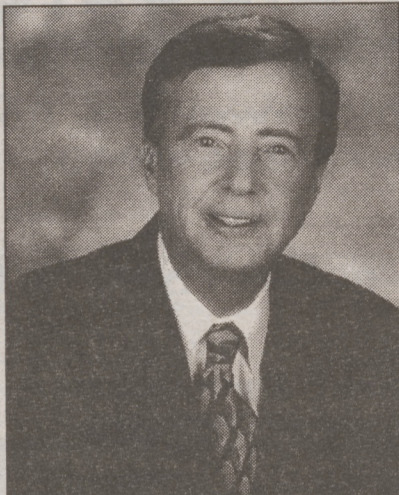
What motivates a man to continue to accept new chairmanships and plan high-pressure meetings, when he could more easily be enjoying early retirement on a tropical beach somewhere?

"I think it's a paycheck," he said. "My life has been comfortable. I've never known any discrimination against myself. I'm sure it may have occurred, but I didn't know about it."

Nevertheless, he said, he has talked to plenty of people who have been discriminated against. "There are people who lose jobs, get called names, whatever. And my outrage comes out. I figure, well it didn't happen to me. But rather than saying it must be something they are doing, I say that I'm just lucky."

MacDonald acknowledged that he has had plenty of good fortune in his life.

"I think people who are fortunate should give it back with their money, and their time, and their effort. And I try to do all three. I'm comfortable with myself, and I enjoy it."



Bill MacDonald will be honored by the City of Phoenix on Jan. 14.



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Gay groups raise funds for GOP Rep. in Scottsdale

A fundraiser co-sponsored by the Arizona Human Rights Fund and Log Cabin Republicans of Central Arizona was held Jan. 6 at the North Scottsdale home of Steve Brandwein to assist the reelection campaign of State Rep. Carolyn Allen (R-Dist. 28).

Brandwein and Nancy Stephens, both constituents of Rep. Allen, co-hosted the evening reception, which asked attendees for a minimum suggested contribution of \$50.

Rep. Allen is counted by pundits among the more socially moderate Republicans in the Arizona Legislature. She supports a woman's right to choose and consistently supports gay and lesbian Arizonans. The AHRF and the gay GOP group refer to Allen as a "rational, reasonable, respectful Republican" in the event invitation.



(l-r) Steve Brandwein, Rep. Carolyn Allen and Nancy Stephens

Politically Speaking



Arizona Human Rights Fund

By Kathie Gummere

The Arizona Legislature opened its latest session on Jan. 10. It should be a very interesting session.

With Governor Hull and House Speaker Jeff Groskost at loggerheads (even though they are in the same party), with the publicity still surrounding out gay Representative Steve May, with many controversial legislative issues, this could be an exciting year even for the rarely quiet or staid arena of Arizona politics.

To add to the fun, the ever mean-spirited Fred Phelps demonstrated in front of the capitol on opening day. This time he hoped to gain publicity for his hateful message by protesting Steve May's position in the military.

Many of you may remember the Reverend (and I use that term very lightly in this case) Phelps from such previous instances as his demonstration at last year's Gay Pride Parade in Phoenix. He and his pitiful band of 5 or 6 people stood on the sidelines holding their placards of obscene messages, and were pretty much ignored by everyone except the press.

What Phelps is doing in Phoenix on any given occasion is beyond me, since he is supposedly running a church in Kansas, but he seems to have plenty of time to demonstrate around the country, and has taken a personal interest in our fair state.

I hope that he continues his demonstrating here, and he gets lots of mainstream publicity. The usual result from these demonstrations (such as his display at the funeral of Matthew Shepherd), is that our

community gets more support.

The reason for the increased support is obvious: he—and others like him—are so vile and ignorant that social and political moderates move to our side of the spectrum just to ensure they are not lumped into the same category.

Think about it. Even if you were a conservative but rational Republican, who would you rather be associated with—the intelligent, articulate, and successful, but gay Ken Chevront and Steve May? Or the disheveled, angry, hateful Rev. Phelps?

If you were in the legislature, would you rather align yourself with Ken and/or Steve, or would you rather be associated with Barbara Blewster, who has not only said that homosexuality leads to cannibalism, but has recently proposed that the solution to the school violence problem is to arm all elementary and high school teachers with guns?

The publicity these people generate for our issues is enormous. This is publicity that we could not get on our own without doing something spectacular and negative.

Let's face it, the media love controversy, like to publicize negative events, and love to support a presumed underdog. The likes of Rev. Phelps, Karen Johnson and Barbara Blewster give us all of these things and more. Every time one of these bigots spouts off about homosexuals, the press reports it and soon there are editorials and commentaries popping up everywhere favorable to our position. Additionally, these hatemongers stir

our community to action. These people are wonderful in helping us in fund-raising and gathering volunteers. We make enormous gains when we are fighting Karen Johnson. Without her—and the others like her—our community tends to become complacent.

I would like to say that we are where we need to be. I would like to say that it is no longer necessary to generate funds to introduce and pass needed legislation. I would love to say that we don't need to support GLBT candidates for office, or that they don't need any more money. I would love to say these things and more, but I can't.

We still need money to fight. We still need volunteers to do all sorts of things. We still need to convince our non-GLBT

friends in the legislature and in other public offices that we need their support.

It is unfortunate that we need people like Phelps, Johnson and Blewster to stir us to action. But as long as this is the case, I say let's reelect Karen and Barbara. Their two votes against us on any given issue are probably worth at least five for us—not to mention the stir to action on the part of members of our community and our friends.

Seems like a good trade to me.



Kathie Gummere is an attorney practicing in the area of wills, trusts and estates for the gay & lesbian community. She may be reached at kgrn@goodnet.com

Activist addresses new transgender group

By Allen Kalchik, editor

More than 50 people turned out to hear transgender activist Dana Rivers speak at the inaugural meeting of It's Time, Arizona! on Jan. 8.

The meeting was held at the Gentle Shepard MCC in north Phoenix.

Rivers, a California high school teacher, was forced out of her school when she attempted a return to the classroom last August after completing sexual reassignment surgery. With the support of most students and parents, Rivers initiated a suit against the district but later accepted a settlement to end the public spectacle created by her case. She now lectures widely on transgender issues and works as a software consultant.

Rivers talked about her situation with candor and often directly addressed her remarks to the many transgendered people present. She reminded listeners of Joan of Arc, who was sentenced to death in medieval

France after refusing to dress in standard female attire.

"I hope my story can be as inspiring as Joan of Arc's," Rivers said as she wrapped up her talk. "I only hope the ending is different."

ITAZ was organized by local activists Monica Helms and Amanda Schrader to



Monica Helms (l) with Dana Rivers at ITAZ's first meeting.

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Rodeo documentary

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pated.

Going that extra year allowed Gauthier "to get under the first layer" of the rodeo scene and really see what the rodeo and its participants are all about.

Her previous film experience had been in the dramatic genre, so Gauthier is elated to have completed this documentary project.

Her past works have been "in the short films and experimental arena. *Which is Scary* was Gauthier's first film. Then she made *Le Poisson d'Amour* (The Fish of

envisioned the final product to come in at just under an hour in order to fit the PBS format. She battled with the length of the piece for some time. It now looks as though the movie will remain a 30-minute documentary.

Asked why not the hour-long documentary she originally envisioned, Gauthier explains that it was a tough choice. But she would prefer the audience "walk away from the 30-minute piece saying they want more, rather than watch a 60-minute one and say it was 15 minutes too long."

The auteur has already received inquiries for the new film from various



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Cambodia. Filming should begin this fall. Gauthier is currently seeking funding for the video. She also plans to work on the projects of others to learn more filmmaking techniques.

Gauthier hoped to have the final print of *Steers and Queers* in time to show at the Phoenix rodeo this year, but it won't be

ready for another few weeks.

She may help arrange a special screening of the documentary in the Valley soon—possibly as a fundraiser for a local charity—so that everyone involved in AGRA and the local community can share the fun of the Arizona competitors' screen debuts. Watch

coming issues of *HeatStroke* for details.

In the meantime, contestants and others attending the 2000 Road Runner Regional Rodeo this month can take pride knowing that one out, creative lesbian has accomplished her goal: *Steers and Queers* is, as they say, a wrap.



Filmmaker Paula Gauthier (r) interviews rodeo participant T.J. Alvis during the 1996 Phoenix event.



Love), which played gay and lesbian film festivals across the U.S. and was shown on public television in Australia.

Gauthier got "a great deal" of film stock for free when *Le Poisson d'Amour* took a prize at a New England film festival. She used that film for the rodeo documentary, and accepted donations from the gay and rodeo communities throughout the filming and editing process. *Steers and Queers*, therefore, was almost entirely self-financed.

When the writer/director set out, she

distributors. "One LA distributor has expressed interest." She also expects the piece to be a good fit for the long-running (and gay-friendly) P.O.V. series on PBS.

Steers and Queers will probably soon start showing up in documentary and lesbian and gay film festivals. Acknowledging that there are very few other venues for short films in the U.S., Gauthier says her "more likely market is European broadcast."

What is next for Paula Gauthier?

She plans to begin filming a health-education video for a free health center in

The Lowdown on the Hoedown

By Allen Kalchik, Editor

It's January—time once again for the annual Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Arizona.

Part cowboy competition, part country/western dance party and all around fun, this popular queer community event happens every year over the MLK weekend at the Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds in southwest Phoenix.

The Arizona Rodeo, put on by the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association, is among the longest running and best attended on the International Gay Rodeo Association circuit. Seventeen rodeos are scheduled across the continent this season, from Washington, D.C.'s The Atlantic Stampede in the East to the Canadian Rockies International Rodeo in Calgary, Canada.

The AGRA rodeo here is only the second of the season, which runs all through spring and summer and wraps up in October with the Finals Rodeo, hosted this year by New Mexico's IGRA chapter and held in Albuquerque.

With vendor booths to browse, week-end-long entertainment, great food and a variety of adult beverages available in the stands as well as inside the dance pavilion, there's always plenty to see and do at the rodeo.

Can't tell a heifer from a hinny? Don't fret. The rodeo program clearly explains each event, and the competitors, volunteers and contestants are a friendly lot. The Grand Entry procession held at noon during both days of competition is a must see.

From the seriousness of Bull Riding to the camp fun of Steer Decorating, the games, races and rides going on inside the arena are always exciting. The stands and pavilion, meanwhile, are unsurpassed for people watching. Or cruising—if that's what you're into.

Here's some basic information to get you there and get you around:

Locale:

The Corona ranch and Rodeo Grounds is situated on the southeast corner of 29th Ave. and Baseline Rd. in Phoenix.

From I-10, either take 19th Ave. or 35th Ave. south to Baseline. If you are using 19th, hang a right at Baseline and watch for the arena to pop up on your left, just after you head straight through the light at 27th Ave. From 35th, turn left when you hit Baseline and then look for 29th Ave. and the entrance to the parking lot coming up on your right. The telephone number is 602/237-3303.

Accommodations:

Host hotels are the Ramada Camelback at 502 W. Camelback Rd.

602/264-9290; and the Quality Hotel & Resort, 3600 N. 2nd Ave. 800/256-1237. Both in Central Phoenix.

Ticket Information:

Tickets are \$15 per day for Rodeo admission only. Admission to the Saturday evening dance (it'll be held in the adjacent pavilion) is \$5. A weekend package is available for \$30 through Friday, Jan. 14. Parking is free, and children under 12 are admitted to all events free.

The aforementioned weekend package includes: 1) A BBQ/Pool Party on Friday Jan. 14, 2-7 pm at the Quality Hotel (that saves you the \$5 individual event price). 2) Rodeo admission on both Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 15 & 16 (\$15 per day individual event price). 3) Admission to the dance/party on Sat., Jan. 15 at the Rodeo Grounds (\$5 individual event price). 4) A Survivor's Brunch on Monday, Jan. 17 at 11 am at Charlie's (\$5 individual event price). The Survivor's Brunch price includes the cost of your first beverage.

To order tickets with VISA, Mastercard, American Express or Discover, call 602/265-8166. Tickets are non-refundable. A \$1 service charge will be added to each credit card order processed.

Eats, Drinks & Miscellaneous:

Food and beverage service will be available at the Quality Hotel on Friday during the Pool Party and dance. Drinks and food can also be purchased at the rodeo grounds Saturday and Sunday. You must be 21 with valid I.D. in your possession to purchase and/or consume alcoholic beverages. No outside beverages are permitted.

Pets are not permitted on the rodeo grounds, with the exception of seeing eye/ear dogs—so leave fluffy at home. Firearms are not permitted on the grounds.

Schedule of Events:

Friday, Jan. 14 (Quality Hotel):
2-7 pm • BBQ/Pool Party
6-9 pm • Contestant Registration
7 pm • Show/Entertainment/Dancing

Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 15 & 16 (Corona Ranch):
8 am • Ticket Office/Gates open; Rodeo Events begin
12 noon • Grand Entry/Parade
1 pm • Entertainment/dancing begin
6 pm • Show/Entertainment/Party

Sunday, Jan. 16 (Corona Ranch):
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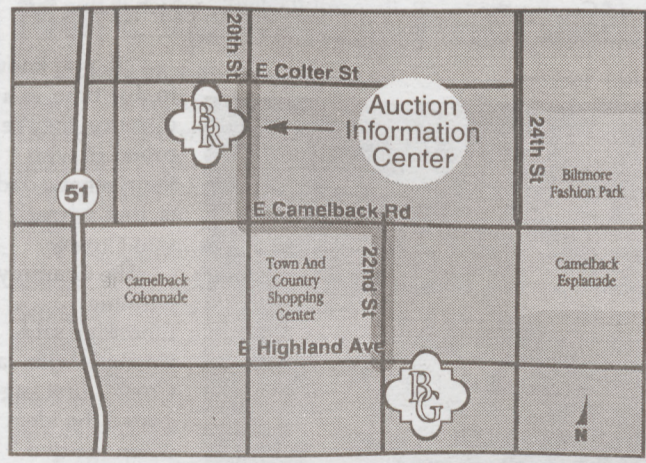
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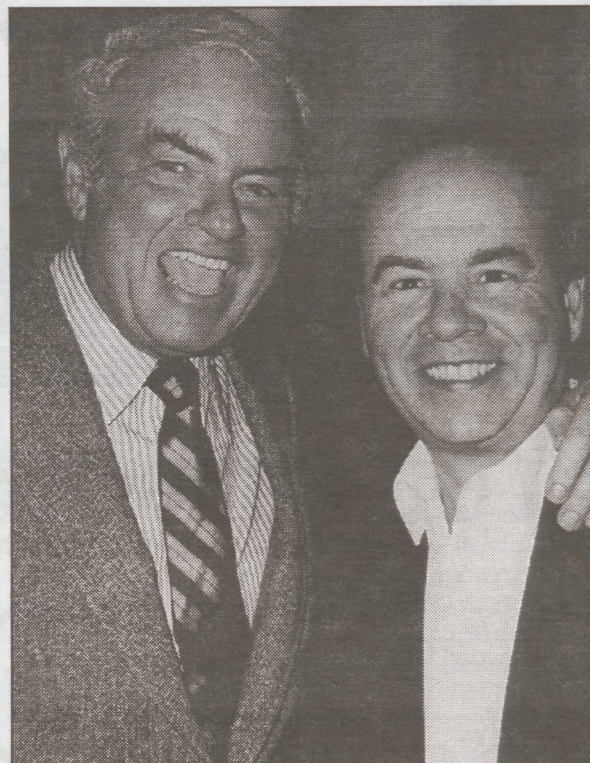
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Conway/Korman combine comic careers again at Sundome

Tim Conway and Harvey Korman, both multiple Emmy winners and veterans of the long-running and much loved *Carol Burnett Show*, will team for two performances on Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Sundome in Sun City West.

Conway followed his post-Carol success with a string of supporting television appearances and movie roles, as well as his popular "Dorf" video series. Korman is equally known for his character turns in many of writer/director Mel Brooks' hit films. The longtime friends will be joined at the Sundome by comedienne Louise DuArt.

Tickets to the show are \$14 - \$39, with



a matinee slated for 4 pm and an evening performance to begin at 7:30.

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The group will appear with an accompanying chorus of female voices and dancers in vibrant costumes at the historic Orpheum Theatre in Phoenix on Jan. 24 & 25 at 8 pm. The Drummers of West Africa will be bringing, from their homeland of Senegal, instruments unseen and unheard before on Valley stages.

Tickets are \$28 - \$36 and are available through Dillard's, 480/503-5555.

Etheridge reveals father's identity— fellow rocker David Crosby

NEW YORK (AP)—Rock star Melissa Etheridge has revealed the paternity of the two children she shares with her lesbian partner, and it turns out he's one of the founding fathers of rock 'n roll.

In a cover story for *Rolling Stone* magazine, Etheridge says David Crosby, the singer and songwriter from Crosby, Stills and Nash, fathered her toddler children with filmmaker Julie Cypher.

Etheridge, 38, had long refused to disclose the paternity of 3-year-old Bailey and 1-year-old Beckett, prompting speculation on the biological father's identity. Gossips speculated on celebrities such as Brad Pitt and Tom Hanks.

But the couple revealed the secret in grand fashion—posing on the cover of *Rolling Stone* with the two children, Crosby, and his wife, Jan. The article was released to the media on Jan. 9; the magazine hits newsstands on Jan. 14.

"We just got so tired of this secret," Etheridge told the magazine. "It wears

you out. And keeping this big secret goes against how we are choosing to live our lives—very openly."

Cypher, 35, carried the children. Crosby, who is 58 and the father of three other children, doesn't plan to help raise Bailey and Beckett—which is fine by Etheridge and Cypher.



Lesbian rocker Melissa Etheridge

"If, you know, in due time, at a distance, they're proud of who their genetic dad is, that's great," said Crosby.

The Grammy-winning Etheridge said Crosby's wife, Jan Crosby, first suggested the idea when the two couples chatted during a vacation in Hawaii a few years ago.

"It came from her, which was the best, most perfect way," Etheridge said.

"For one, he's

musical, which means a lot to me, you know, and I admire his work. And he has his own life, has his own family."

Cypher and Etheridge live in Los Angeles.

In the cool, cool, cool of the Jan. 19 evening

ASU's Sundome will house a retrospective of song and dance performances honoring one of America's favorite composers Jan. 19, when the West Valley venue plays host to *The Hoagy Carmichael Centennial Celebration* at 7:30.

The show features Tom Fay as musical director and pianist with the 14-piece Stardust Orchestra, the vocal foursome The Small Frys, tap dancer Tony Waag, and two vocalists from Broadway.

Carmichael was born in 1899 and is best known for such American standards as "Ole Buttermilk Sky", "Georgia on My Mind", "Lazy River", and "Stardust". In 1951 he and Johnny Mercer won an Academy Award for "In the Cool, Cool, Cool of the Evening".

Tickets for the one-night only show



are \$7 - \$24. Call Dillard's or the Sundome Box Office at 623/975-1900 to order.

Ludlam's "mysterious" farce extended at ATC

The Arizona Theatre Company's production of Charles Ludlam's *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, has been extended—in all its



camp-horror hilarity—through Jan. 23.

The play is a clever concoction of old movie scripts and Gothic cliches. It features eight dramatically different characters, all played by two quick-changing actors. In this case, Valley favorite Bob Sorenson and Seattle actor R. Hamilton Wright—who do a grand job with Ludlam's witty material under the direction of David Ira Goldstein.

If clever writing and solid acting aren't enough, the majestic sets and period-spoofing costumes in this lush production are over-the-top great.

Tickets are \$28 - \$35. Call 602/256-6995 for times and details.

Long running *Phantom* still haunts

Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera*, sometimes called "the last big dinosaur" of Broadway musicals with a touring company playing for weeks on end around the country, returns to the Valley this month.

The third national touring production of the 1988 Tony-winning extravaganza opened here Jan. 12 at ASU's Gammage Auditorium in Tempe and will continue through Feb. 18. The show stars Brad Little as the Phantom and Rebecca Pitcher as Christine.

Ticket prices range from \$16.75 to \$69.25 and are on sale now at all Dillard's outlets or by calling 480/503-5555.



More upcoming entertainment events...

- Enjoy Phoenix's original forum for poetry and spoken word at the free *Downtown Spoken Word Series* featuring poets Paul Dlohy and Eileen Reynolds at ARTlab 16 on Friday, Jan. 14. 602/242-0126.

- Experience the guitar and clarinet sounds of *The Lightwood Duo* at Scottsdale's Kerr Cultural Center on Friday, Jan. 14. 480/965-5377.

- Take in *Echoes of Centuries Past* at the Chandler Center for the Arts, Friday, Jan. 14 & Saturday, Jan. 15.

- Thrill to the feats of the *Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats* when the spectacular troupe of tumblers performs at the Orpheum Theatre on Thursday, Jan. 20 & Friday, Jan. 21. 480/503-5555.

- An inept theatrical troupe's tale is hilariously told in the comedy *Noises Off*, the next production at Desert Foothills Theatre, playing Jan. 20 through Jan. 30.

- Mowgli and the gang come to life in a stage interpretation of Kipling's *Jungle Book*, at the Valley Youth Theater, Jan. 21 through Feb. 6.

- The Fountain Hills Community Theatre will rock to the New Testament with its production of the Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice classic, *Jesus Christ*

- Superstar*, opening Jan. 21 and running through Feb. 13. 480/937-9661.

- Clarinetist Robert Spring performs at the Sundome in Sun City West on Sunday, Jan. 23. 623/975-1900.

- Student bodies comprise *Danceworks II*, presented by the ASU Dance Department Thursday, Jan. 27 through Jan. 29. 480/965-5360.

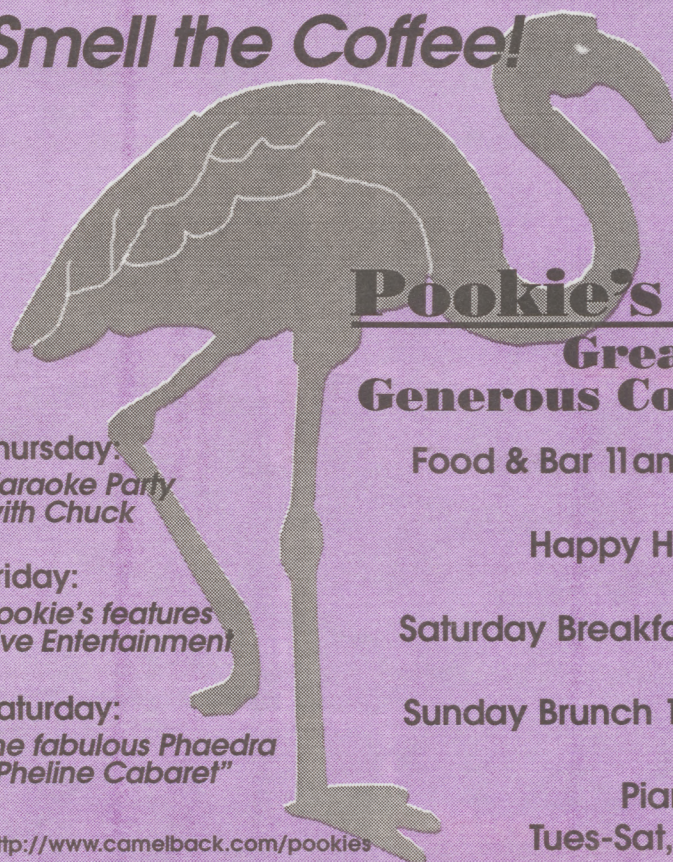
- Ibsen's deliciously deceptive *Hedda Gabler* will soon weave her wicked web onstage at the Herberger. It's Actor's Theatre of Phoenix's new production, opening Jan. 28 and running through Feb. 13. 602/252-8497.

- Damon Runyon's Manhattan is lauded and lampooned in the musical *Guys And Dolls*, playing at Scottsdale's Stagebrush Theatre Jan. 28 through Feb. 20. 480/990-7405.

- An intellectual and a prostitute enlighten one another in *The Owl and the Pussycat*, at Tempe Little Theatre from Jan. 28 through Feb. 20.

- What can it mean? *Telegentsia* is an evening of original video works by the Valley's leading artists in this medium. At ARTlab 16 on Saturday, Jan. 29. 602/242-0126.

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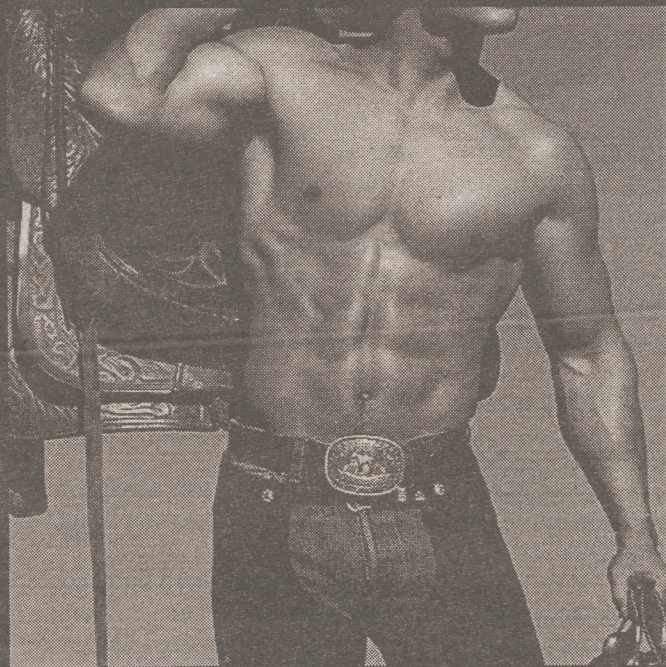
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"We hold that the state is constitutionally required to extend to same-sex couples the common benefits and protections that flow from marriage under Vermont law. Whether this ultimately takes the form of inclusion within the marriage laws themselves or a parallel 'domestic partnership' system or some equivalent statutory alternative, rests with the Legislature. Whatever system is chosen, however, must conform with the constitutional imperative to afford all Vermonters the common benefit, protection, and security of the law."

—The Vermont Supreme Court, Dec. 20.

"There is a particular variety of American gay man—you know the type: perfect physique, perfect tan, perfect hair, and so on—who is so glossy that my eyes somehow slide right off of him. No, the 'Stepford gay' look doesn't work for me, just as I think the 'body fascism' of the gay scene often fails on its own terms, namely aesthetic."

—Former *OUT* magazine editor James Collard, writing in the December issue of *OUT*.

"I write about things that are going on in the lives of my friends: child abuse, AIDS, contaminated water that got into their system and gave them cancer. It's not like I make these things up. The trick for the songwriter—for me—is to take these issues that are too painful to hear about and put them in a context so that you can listen."

—Lesbian singer Holly Near to the *Sacramento (California) Bee*, Dec. 12.

"We have been a voice for the people who are traditionally shut out and we will be shut out no longer. My heart swells. I am verklempt. I have courage because of you. I have hope because of you. ... Every journey starts with a very small step. And we have started on a very big journey."

—Gay San Francisco Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammiano acknowledging to supporters that he had lost the mayor's race to incumbent Willie Brown, Dec. 14.

"I am not conceding the war. I am conceding the battle. My voice may be high, my orientation may be gay, my politics may be left, but we are right. We moved San Francisco forward."

—Gay San Francisco Board of Supervisors President Tom Ammiano acknowledging to supporters that he had lost the mayor's race to incumbent Willie Brown, Dec. 14.

"I think that were Harvey Milk able to come back today, he would be amused that our movement's two top goals are the right to marry and the right to be in the military. In the 70s we were about dismantling the patriarchy and exploring personal liberation and we were not trying to be like straight people. We were radicals! We were part of a radical movement then that did not wish to be marketed to by Anheiser Busch or American Airlines. I'm not complaining—bring it on, bring it on. I'm grateful to be alive to see it happening."

—Cleve Jones, founder of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, to the *Associated Press*, Dec. 13.

"'Don't ask, don't tell' was never more than a gloss. Mr. Clinton tried, to his credit, as no president had before and at considerable political cost, to achieve more. He lost; the resulting compromise requires both sides to engage in a form of hypocrisy. Gays must pretend they're not gay, and the military must pretend it doesn't care."

—The *Washington Post* in a Dec. 15 editorial.

"I support the policy. I believe that it's working."

—Republican Presidential candidate John McCain on the U.S. military's anti-gay 'Don't ask, don't tell' policy, on Cable News Network, Dec. 19.

"The military is not an institution for social engineering. It has a very real role of protecting us. It ... operates in very special circumstances, and therefore a president must take heed of leaders such as Gen. Powell and Gen. Schwarzkopf who say that you cannot have open gays in the military. ... Homosexuality is a lifestyle that I personally do not approve of. I don't think the government should be in the business of making laws about it. But I do think, in terms of the military, the military should not have to take open gays."

—Republican Presidential candidate Steve Forbes on *Fox News Sunday*, Dec. 19. Forbes' dad, Malcolm, was gay.

"Sometimes I know I look ridiculous, but the more ridiculous I feel the more confident I am; the more outrageous the outfit the less I care whether people laugh at me."

—Singer Boy George to Britain's *The Guardian*, Dec. 16.

"You're brought up in a culture that tells you that heterosexuals are better than you, that straight relationships are happier and more fruitful. Gay people are denied proper emotional development. Often the first time you discover who you are is through sex, which is why so many gay people have problems with intimacy and commitment."

—Singer Boy George to Britain's *The Guardian*, Dec. 16.

"I feel like I'm in a sexual no man's land. I'm too poofy for the poofs and too scary for the straights."

—Singer Boy George to Britain's *The Guardian*, Dec. 16.

"I do believe in true bisexuality. We all have the capacity. [My partner] Julie is much more bisexual than I am. The more the world understands their bisexuality the better we'll be. I'm attracted to souls. I can be attracted to both."

—Singer Melissa Etheridge to the Los Angeles gay newspaper *Fab*, Dec. 23.

"Fabulous!"

—Singer Melissa Etheridge on Cher to the Los Angeles gay newspaper *Fab*, Dec. 23.

"They [the Log Cabin gay Republican group] asked me whether or not I'd meet with them. I said probably not, because I didn't want to create a ruckus. I believe someone's sexual orientation is their personal business. ... I've got a lot of mem-

bers of the Log Cabin Republican club that support me. I welcome gay support. I want gay support in my campaign. ... I've got a record of tolerance as the governor of the state of Texas. People know that I judge each person by their heart and soul, but I don't ask people that work for me what their sexual orientation is. ... I don't think we should. I don't think we ought to be asking that question. I think my sexual life is my personal business and I believe yours is as well. ... What's an issue to me is, does the person share my philosophy, my conservative philosophy, can they do the job. But I don't ask people what their sexual orientation is."

—George W. Bush on CNN's *Larry King Live*, Dec. 16

"We are poised to expand the circle of human dignity yet again, to say that it will no longer be permissible to discriminate against someone because of who he or she falls in love with or because of that person's sexual orientation."

—U.S. Vice President and Presidential candidate Al Gore in Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 21.

"Straight man wins Mr. Oklahoma leather contest"

—Headline in the *Gayly Oklahoman* newspaper, Dec. 15.

"In Barcelona, and I think this is perceived differently than for example in Madrid, for young men who are growing up, as part of their developing, is included one visit to one of these places where transvestite prostitution takes place, and includes one experience with a transvestite."

—Filmmaker Pedro Almodovar to *Atlanta's Etcetera* magazine, Dec. 17.

"I never officially came out in any kind of really public way. I just always lived very simply and openly, but the press has never made a big fuss about me

or said anything to me. ... In some ways I don't even identify myself in any kind of limited way. I don't want to. I wish none of us had to. I wish we were just people. And so often in the gay community, particularly in the male community, everything is overly sexualized, instead of really profound, complicated humanity that we have as a group, in terms of taste, in terms of humor, in terms of artistry. If you're any kind of hip performer, if you don't have a good percentage of gay people in the audience, it's not going to be a great, hip night because the other audience is a little bit more repressed and they're not going to be quite as much fun. But I don't mean that there's not a lot of pain and everything."

—Lily Tomlin to the Denver gay newspaper *Out Front*, Nov. 3.

"I meant it when I said I'd like to have a baby. I was deadly serious. I don't think it matters whether you're gay or not. Still, I don't think I'm responsible enough to bring up a child. My lifestyle doesn't allow for children. I'm not saying I've ruled out being a parent forever, though. ... I just don't want to be like Madonna and have a kid as another accessory to go with her new handbag."

—Boy George as quoted by *Yahoo! News*, Dec. 20.

"The question of whether Ben [Affleck] and I are gay is so awkward in a lot of ways. There is no real right way to answer it without offending somebody. It's offensive to just deny it fiercely, as if there would be anything wrong with it if we were a couple. That would be offensive to the people I grew up with. I don't want to be that person. At the same time, I can't say it's true because it's not."

—Actor Matt Damon to the *Advocate*, Jan. 18.

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Wall Street Journal looks inside LGBT pockets

In the Dec. 30 issue of the *Wall Street Journal* staff reporter Ronald Alsop examines in "Are Gay People More Affluent?" whether reports of "gay wealth" are valid or faulty and how the image of lesbians and gay men living in luxury can affect the community's struggle for equal rights.

It is often easy to manipulate statistics to support a desired position, but Alsop avoids this by citing several sources—some that support the idea of gay wealth and some that don't—while he explains the importance of accurate financial representation.

He writes why activists prefer lower numbers and why those who oppose equal rights for the lesbian and gay community prefer high figures. By being objective, he lets the readers reach their own conclusions.

Examples of those quoted are Scott Seitz, a partner in Spare Parts Inc., a New York-based gay-marketing consultancy, who says: "We're not all a bunch of \$100,000-a-year white guys who want to buy everything in sight, as a lot of early studies of the gay market suggested."

On the other hand, Jeff Vitale, president of Overlooked Opinions, says he believes that lesbians and gay men, on average, are more affluent than the general population. But, he qualifies that by saying: "That doesn't mean gay people don't need protection from discrimination and hate crimes. But I don't think academics should distort the numbers [lower them] just to make their case with politicians."

Alsop quotes U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who wrote in a dis-

senting opinion to support Colorado's anti-gay rights Amendment 2 that lesbians and gay men do not need "preferential treatment" because they enjoy a "high disposable income."

That the *Wall Street Journal*, whose editorial and opinion pages often take anti-gay positions, would print a balanced and fair article is commendable. Please let it know you appreciate seeing this candid and balanced look at a topic that is often skimmed superficially.

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Baltimore Sun responds to transgen- der community

In November, the *Baltimore Sun* covered a crime spree carried on by five people. The group shot and killed Tacy Ranta, a transgender woman; robbed another 12 people; and carjacked two vehicles.

Although aware Ranta was transgender, throughout its initial reporting on Nov. 24, the *Sun* used male pronouns and made mention that Ranta was "wearing woman's clothing." The newspaper also, by the use of bracketing, inserted "he" twice into a quote from one of Ranta's friends who actually used the word "she."

In a Nov. 25 follow-up article, once again the newspaper continued to refer to Ranta with male pronouns and again mentions the wearing of woman's clothes. The newspaper's lack of sensitivity about transgender people was noted by several organizations. This diverse group, which included Baltimore's Gay and Lesbian Community Center, transgender rights lobby group It's Time America and

GLAAD, contacted the newspaper to express concerns and to educate the staff.

In response, the *Sun* ran a third article. While the newspaper could have done nothing at all, or could have ran a blurb about pronoun usage or clarified that Ranta was a transgender woman, not a transvestite, the newspaper featured a lengthy, well-written profile about Ranta in its Dec. 15 issue.

Reporter Michael Ollove touches briefly on the murder, but then goes into detail on Ranta's life, interviewing her friends and co-workers. He covers Ranta's early life as a male, her activism for the transgender community and the issues faced by transgender people, including family reactions, problems of obtaining legal identification documents such a driver's license and the political apathy found both in and out of the transgender

community.

Also included in the article is a quote from Ranta's friend Jessica Xavier, a transgendered woman, who explains what the desire to start the transition process is like: "It becomes this force that builds in you and you can't live without it anymore. Most of us look at it as life and death. After all, if it were a choice, who would choose to face universal disapproval and discrimination?"

Please thank the *Baltimore Sun* for providing an informative and nonjudgmental view of the transgender community. Also, the newspaper needs to hear that we appreciate it listening to our community and responding quickly and positively.

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Pride Festival 2000 sanctioned by City of Phoenix

By Allen Kalchik, Editor

Board members of Arizona Central Pride, the volunteer committee that produces Phoenix's annual Gay Pride parade and festival, were notified early this month that this year's planned festival events have been officially sanctioned by "Phoenix Celebration 2000".

According to ACP President Ernie Mendoza, it means that all Gay Pride events here, including the festival, parade, royalty pageant and a 5k run, will be eligible for promotion as part of the city's year-long millennium celebration.

"It means our events will be listed on their calendars with all the other major events in Phoenix between now and the end of the year, Mendoza explained, "and we can use their official logo in all of our advertising and promotions." He said it was the first time the city has endorsed an event produced by an openly gay organization that is geared toward the gay, les-

bian, bisexual and transgendered community.

Mendoza called the mainstream recognition "a proud moment" for Phoenix. He

added that the Celebration 2000 endorsement will mean more positive visibility for the community and could lead to other opportunities for cross-marketing gay events.

This year's festival will be held April 15 at



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the Margaret T. Hance Deck Park in downtown Phoenix. The parade will be held the same day and will once again march down Central Avenue.

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Hollywood Deep Inside

By Romeo San Vicente, HeatStroke Contributor

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

Tony-winner and openly gay actor Nathan Lane is returning to Broadway to star in a revival of the 1939 Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman comedy, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*.

The pudgy funnyman will play a pompous writer-slash-critic who breaks his leg and is forced to stay with a Midwestern family through the winter, thoroughly disrupting their well-ordered lives and driving them crazy in the process. Veteran stage director Jerry Zaks (*Six Degrees of Separation*) will helm the



Nathan Lane will star in a Broadway revival of the classic *The Man Who Came to Dinner*.

production, which is slated to begin performances June 30 at the Roundabout Theatre Co.'s new digs on 42nd Street.

Having someone of Lane's magnitude on board doesn't guarantee success on the Great White Way. This fall Lane starred in the workshop production of Stephen Sondheim's new musical, *Wise Guys*; the show, which was expected to arrive on Broadway this spring, has been postponed indefinitely.

SPACEY DOES DARIN

Kevin Spacey has rescued Bobby Darin from the dead... sort of. He's become involved in a long-in-the-works biopic of the singer, who died during open-heart surgery at the age of 37 in 1973.

Warner Bros. was thisclose to scrapping the project when Spacey's interest resurrected it. The film's plot is based on a book written by the singer's son, Dodd Darin, entitled *Dream Lovers: The Magnificent Shattered Lives of Bobby Darin and Sandra Dee*.

Bobby Darin, brash and sometimes

unlikable, moved fast through life because his damaged heart virtually guaranteed that he would die young. The book tells of his romance (and crumbled marriage) with America's sweetheart, actress Sandra Dee, who was a closet anorexic and sexually abused by her stepfather. While Darin died in the 1970s, Dee survives, an alcoholic recluse.

Before embarking on the project, Spacey will first play a burn victim in the drama *Play It Forward* with Helen Hunt (and likely pick up his second Academy Award for his performance in *American Beauty*).

NO SECOND HELPING FOR JODIE

It's official. Jodie Foster has passed on reprising her role as FBI agent Clarice Starling in the über-pricy *Silence of the Lambs* sequel, *Hannibal*.

Instead of reteaming with Anthony Hopkins (who will again play Hannibal the Cannibal) on location in Italy this spring, the Ivy League grad will direct another Yalie, in the form of talented 20-year-old Claire Danes, in the drama *Flora Plum*, a yarn set in the 1930s.

A kind of big top Phantom of the Opera, the movie tells the story of a circus "freak" who attempts to make a wayward girl (Danes) a star and falls in love with her in the process. Rumor has it that Danes's willingness to take a year off from school to make the film helped sway Foster's decision.

Foster, who won one of her two Academy Awards for *Silence*, has appeared ready to bail out of the sequel for the last few months, apparently turned off by Clarice's embracing of cannibalism in Thomas Harris' book *Hannibal*.

While a plethora of Hollywood actresses are hungry for the flesh-feasting role (Ashley Judd's name has been uttered on occasion), Foster's no-show could make it more difficult for Universal to justify the project's hefty budget (the film rights to the book alone cost a whopping \$9 million). *Hannibal* is currently expected to start production in April.

Meanwhile, the lackluster reception of Foster's *Anna And the King*—and her rejection of the role in *Hannibal*—hasn't deterred the Yale-educated thespian from shepherding projects with difficult subject matter.

She's now set to produce and star in a film about the life of Hitler's favorite filmmaker, Nazi propagandist Leni Riefenstahl, who made that paean to buff men, *Triumph of the Will*, about the 1936 Berlin Olympics. No word if Riefenstahl, who is still alive and kicking at 97, will consult.

While the project seems challenging, no doubt having gay screenwriter Ron

Nyswaner (who was nominated for an Oscar for his work on *Philadelphia*) attached to write the screenplay should increase its chances for success.

THEY'RE SELLING IT

Queers traveling abroad should turn on the telly if they want to get a load of some of their favorite stars moonlighting.

The London tabloids claim that Jodie Foster picked up an extra \$1.3 million hawking Caffé Latte overseas. Madonna earned some pocket change as pitch-woman for a Japanese soft drink, and Whoopi Goldberg got a rumored \$800,000 payday just for saying that Kamu Kamu Gokkun is her favorite Japanese fruit bar. No word on what her second fave Japanese fruit bar is, or how much it's worth.

CONDON IS HIGH ON THE KINSEY SCALE

Bill Condon, the gay writer-director who garnered an Academy Award for his



Nazi filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl is the subject of one of Jodie Foster's upcoming projects.

work on *Gods and Monsters*, is developing a project about pioneering sex therapist Alfred Kinsey.

Currently untitled, the movie will be based on the upcoming biography *Sex and the Measure of All Things: A Life of Alfred C. Kinsey* and Diane Ward's documentary *Sex And the Scientist*. Kinsey made the, um, seminal report about human sexuality in the '40s and '50s and invented the "Kinsey scale," to indicate the degree a person is homosexual; he also did the research that came up with the 10 percent estimation of the number of gays in the population.

Condon's commitment to the project, however, doesn't guarantee the Kinsey film will get made. There have been a few other projects about the scientist around town in the past that never made it to the big screen, including a comedic biopic penned by screenwriters Larry Karaszewski and Scott Alexander (*Man on the Moon*). Condon is still work-

ing on the script for the Kinsey bio, and no production date has yet been set.

QUEER SHORTS

Gays who have booked passage to this month's Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, should make sure to take in the short film programs.

Among the 63 shorts showing at the festival are lesbian actress Anne Heche's directorial effort *Reaching Normal* and Q. Allan Brockas' *Rick and Steve, the Happiest Gay Couple in the World*. Sundance runs January 20-30.

WHO WANTS TO BE A QUEERIONAIRE?

Virtually every network has a big-money game show these days, and CBS is no exception.

In *Winning Lines*, hosted by Dick Clark, 49 participants compete for the right to face the Wonder Wall round, in which one contestant listens to questions from the best-preserved septuagenarian in America and selects answers from a large board.

And guess what? The first person ever taped playing this final round—which offers prizes of up to \$1 million—is one of our own! David Bianco, author of *Gay Essentials* (Alyson) and publisher of Q Syndicate (the company that distributes *Deep Inside Hollywood*), is refusing to tell friends and family how much he won before the show airs.

However, Bianco—who writes the nationally syndicated gay history column "Past Out"—did tell Romeo that one question related to Truman Capote and the answer to another was "Tinky Winky."

Now's a good time for your friendly neighborhood Hollywood columnist to ask for a raise, don't you think? As of press time, the first episode was scheduled for Saturday night, January 8.

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Out of Town

By
Andrew Collins



Spa Getaways in the West

Although just getting away from the daily grind can help reduce stress and restore sanity, many vacations end up being exhausting in themselves.

But if you want to make rest and relaxation the raison d'être of your holiday, the Western United States abounds with retreats and resorts that focus on healthy living, spiritual awareness, massage, and other stimulating body and mind treatments.

What's more, all this can take place in some of the world's most beautiful natural settings. Head deep into California's scenic Wine Country or ride high into New Mexico's spectacular Sangre de Cristo Mountains, and already you'll feel your cares evaporating. Spend a few days at a spa in such places, and you may just come away with a brand-new outlook on life.

And for those who crave the bright city lights, a distinctly urban spa experience can be found right in the heart of San Francisco. Here the gay-friendly Joie de Vivre hotel group provides two health-centered options: the Nob Hill Lambourne, a sumptuous small downtown hotel that offers guests massage treatments, and Kabuki Springs, a traditional Japanese communal bath and spa. Whether you're in town for business or pleasure, a visit to either place will leave you feeling deeply relaxed and refreshed.

The Lambourne, in the shadows of some of Nob Hill's most hallowed grand hotels and restaurants, is a 20-room urban retreat, long a popular choice among female business travelers—and savvy visitors of all kinds—who appreciate the staff's personal attention, the soothing massage sessions in the hotel's Asian-style spa treatment room, and the healthful and extensive Continental breakfast. Six suites contain exercise cycles, treadmills, and rowing machines, and all guests have free use of laptop computers and can set up a session with the Lambourne's own Nob Hill corporate psychologist.

In the tradition of Japanese public baths, Kabuki Springs offers a peaceful communal experience that utilizes a hot pool, cold plunge, sauna, steam room, and private bathing and showering areas; complimentary bath products and sea salts are at guests' disposal. Depending on the day, the baths are either women- or men-only (except Tuesdays, which are co-

ed, when bathing suits are mandatory). There are 18 different spa treatment rooms offering a wide range of experiences, including shiatsu, Reiki energy work, facials, and seaweed wraps. Joie de Vivre also operates a number of other outstanding properties throughout San Francisco, from budget-oriented inns to upscale hotels; be sure to visit the company Web site, www.sftrips.com.

Lest you think Napa County, less than two hours north of San Francisco, is solely about wine tasting, consider the area's several curative springs, including the gay-popular White Sulphur Springs in scenic St. Helena. This 330-acre spread amid redwood and oak forest consists of a rustic lodge, dining room, carriage house, inn, and several cottages. Massage here takes place not in some sterile room but beneath the boughs of massive redwood trees; you can also bathe in a sulfur pool (recommended especially for easing arthritic pains and sore muscles) nestled beside a mountain cascade, or soak with your mate in a mud bath.

Accommodations are in nine creek-side cottages with barbecues and picnic tables or in either the 14-room Victorian inn or the 14-room carriage house (the simplest and least expensive choice); this is the ideal deep-woods retreat, perfect for hikers and minutes from the exceptional wineries and restaurants for which Napa is famous.

In Arizona, the 70-acre Canyon Ranch, founded in 1979 and now one of the most popular spa resorts in the world, sits among the tall saguaro cactus-studded foothills that climb above Tucson, a city with clean air and a gorgeous Sonoran Desert setting. Vacations here are semi-structured, meaning you can partake of any of the resort's various programs, including the comprehensive, weeklong Life Enhancement Program, where you work with staff to create activities, workshops, group discussions, and classes that best suit your personal needs.

Whatever your approach, you'll still have plenty of free time to amble about on your own, take spa treatments, and relax—this is by no means a regimented place. The ranch's Spa Club offers 120 treatments, plus use of a state-of-the-art fitness center, a beauty salon, and an excellent casual restaurant. The accommodations, in adobe buildings and casitas, capture the essence of the region with Southwestern prints and colors.

If you're going to be in the Las Vegas area, note that in 1999 Canyon Ranch opened a sparkling 65,000-square-foot day-spa facility at the Venetian Resort and Casino, complete with a full-service health and wellness center, a five-acre pool deck with Venetian-inspired landscaping, a fitness center, and the Canyon Ranch Cafe.

Another wonderful spa vacation awaits you in the high desert city of Santa Fe, N.M., up in the hills near the area's ski valley. Here Ten Thousand Waves, a serene Japanese-style center popular with both local and visiting gay men and lesbians, offers massage therapy, face and

skin care, wraps, salt glows, and soaks in both private and communal tubs.

Kimonos, soaps, and lockers are provided. Once primarily a day spa, Ten Thousand Waves has added a number of sumptuous overnight suites in recent years, some that sleep four and have kitchens. The center is close enough to downtown, however, that you'll find it practical to stay at any of Santa Fe's queer-friendly B&Bs, such as the Turquoise Bear, the Triangle Inn, and Adobe Abode.

In addition to the main tub, Ten Thousand Waves offers several smaller group tubs (for which reservations are required), including a waterfall tub that holds 12 persons and the Ichiban tub, which sits on a private redwood deck with a beautiful view of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. The main communal tub is for both men and women, but there's also a women-only tub. During the day, the facility is clothing-optional, but after 8:15 p.m. bathing suits are required in the communal tub and also for aquatic massage.

Ten Thousand Waves specializes in a number of treatments seldom found elsewhere, including a high-desert re-moisturizing facial, which is perfect after spending time in New Mexico's super-dry climate. An exfoliating salt glow is another bracing option, as is the Japanese hot stone massage—72 smooth basalt and marble stones, heated and bathed in warm oils, are deeply massaged into areas of tension.

With the exception of Napa County's White Sulphur Springs, where some rooms begin at under \$100 nightly, accommodations at most of these getaways run from \$150 to \$300. Where spas welcome guests for day visits—notably at Ten Thousand Waves, Kabuki Springs,



Many of the tubs at Santa Fe's Ten Thousand Waves afford breathtaking views of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

and Canyon Ranch at the Venetian (but not at Tucson's Canyon Ranch West)—budget-conscious travelers can stay at a cheaper motel or guesthouse in the area and still manage to have a relaxing and restorative spa vacation.

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The only thing I'm truly unhappy about in our relationship is the fact that he isn't the type of man who is willing to commit to someone symbolically. He doesn't believe in domestic partnerships or holy unions and I do. In fact, when we

discussed moving in together, he still wants to have separate bedrooms. He keeps telling me it's because he's ten years older than me and he's too used to living alone.
Am I just setting myself up for one big disappointment after another with this man? Should I be leery of moving in with someone who wants separate bedrooms? Are these signs we are not meant to be together? Should we go our separate ways?
Signed, In a Quandary

Dear Quandary,
All the questions you've ended your letter with lead me to think you'd be best

off with a counselor who can really sit you down in the saddle for a spell and take the time to talk everything out.
That isn't to say you're loco—I'm only suggesting you invest more time than I can give you here, in order to figure out your priorities in a partnership. And in life, for that matter.
Can relationships work when the partners are set up in separate rooms of the bunkhouse? Sure they can, but whether that's the kind of relationship you want is what you're going to have to figure out. I don't buy his excuse about his age—there's more burr under that blanket than he's letting on.
It's good you are able to communicate and compromise, but it isn't good if you hang onto

deep resentments long after the compromise is made. As for the ceremony problem, you ought to realize that in the long trail of life, six months is a pretty short time to be loving and committing and fretting over your differences with this cowpoke on such major issues as sharing holiday time and setting move-in dates.
If you're still fighting and hurting and resenting over these same events a year from now, then I'd say you'd need to work things out between yourselves and make a play-or-stay decision one way or another. But for now, ease up the pressure on him and just keep getting to know each other.
Set your sights a little lower and ride a little slower. And consider a couple of those counseling sessions for yourself. Good luck, Partner.

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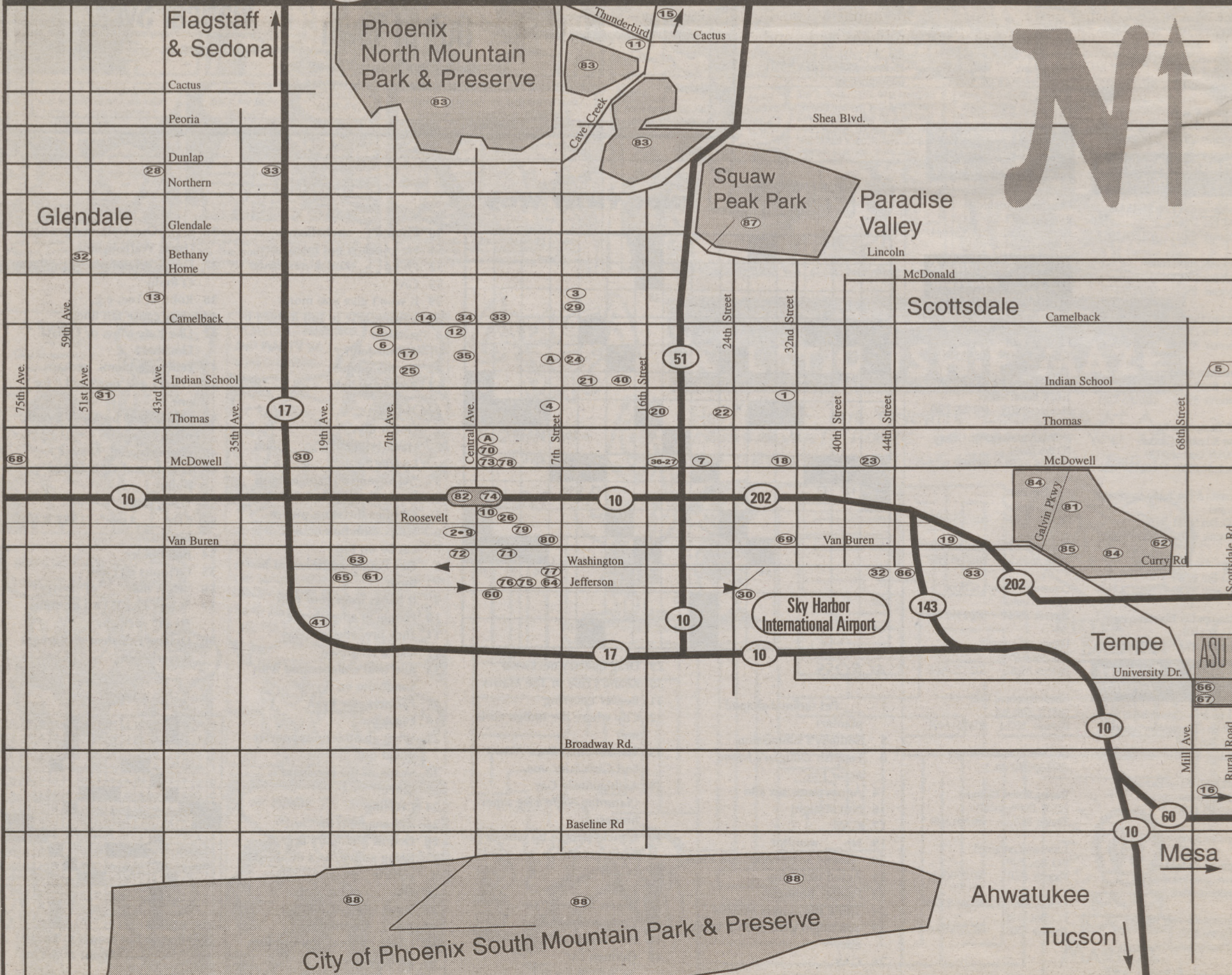
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Q Q Q Q Q Q Q S C O P E S

By Jill Dearman, Contributor

ARIES: Do something artistic and unusual, something that really pushes your limits, and you could unlock a hidden part of your personality. People want to talk to you and learn what you're all about. Practice the fine art of communication. Words are an aphrodisiac to a Leo.

TAURUS: Lucky Jupiter is in your house of the unconscious, which means that the psychic part of you is super-strong, so stick to your guns and stop second-guessing yourself! Be emotionally brave, and you can get a lot done, professionally and personally. A Pisces thinks you're deep.

GEMINI: You are about to get a chance to travel and do the exciting things you've only dreamed about. Get rid of those uptight vibes and get ready to live. A relationship needs more attention than you've been giving it, especially if it's with a Libra.

CANCER: The Sun moves into your house of permanent partnerships on January 20, which means it's time for you to start making firm commitments. You have a chance to collaborate with someone witty, brilliant and challenging. Don't run away from an Aquarius out of fear.

LEO: Mars is passing through your house of other people's money, so it's a good time to invest, apply for grants, or find yourself a nice benefactor. Go ahead and let yourself be a little irrational—in your love life. A Cancer will catch your fall.

VIRGO: Mercury moves into your work sector on January 19, so use that way you have with words. Ideas you pitch now are well worth the effort. Closer to home, it's a good time to focus on a more healthy way of life. A Capricorn will give you a nice dessert if you eat your vegetables.

LIBRA: The full moon falls in your house of friendship on January 20, so expect the unexpected from your inner circle. Your outer circle, too: Folks you flirt with could become business associates, so be careful to

ride the line but not cross it! Save your mojo for a Taurus.

SCORPIO: This is a great time for you to patch up old problems with your family. Just because you had a fight doesn't mean you can't be really close again. In your work life, you could experience a major turning point, but you'll have to put your ego on the line! Be forgiving with a Libra—and yourself.

SAGITTARIUS: While Mars is transiting your home sector you may want to throw out all the crap that reminds you of past lovers and redo your boudoir in the sexy style that suits you *now*. A Taurus wants to play dirty with you, and you may have just met your match!

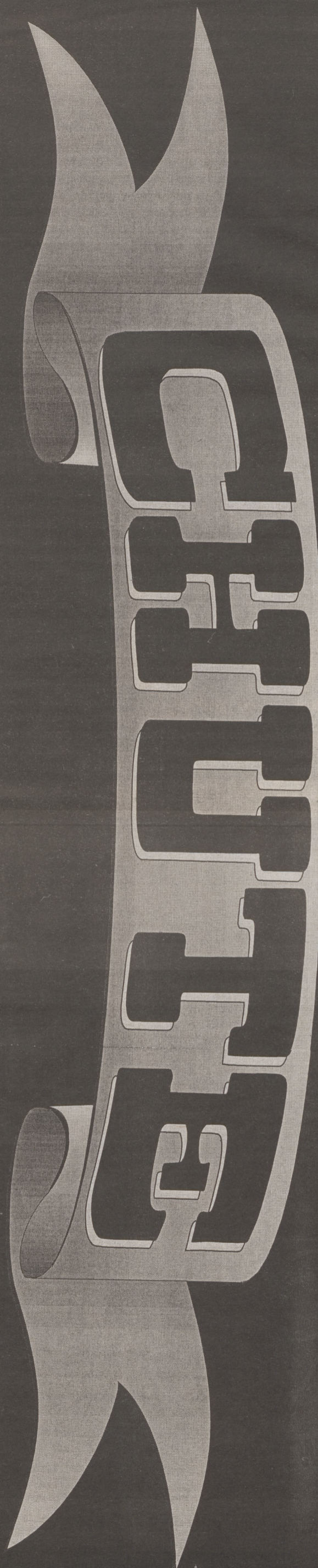
CAPRICORN: You may need a break from other people right now. Spend time being blissfully out of touch with all group experiences. After January 20, it's easy for you to get what you want, financially and sexually, especially if a Gemini's involved. Your chutzpah is your greatest strength.

AQUARIUS: The Sun slips into your sign on January 20, which means your time for glory and glamour has begun! Don't worry about what anyone thinks of you. Put all your petty problems aside, and open up your heart. Stop talking yourself out of a great romance. A Cancer has the goods.

PISCES: It's a strange time of year for you, as omens abound and disappointments weigh heavy on your heart. Experience all the joy and pain and don't block any of it out. You're slipping into your astrological incubation period (which happens right before your birthday season). Give yourself a break. A Leo is ready when you are.

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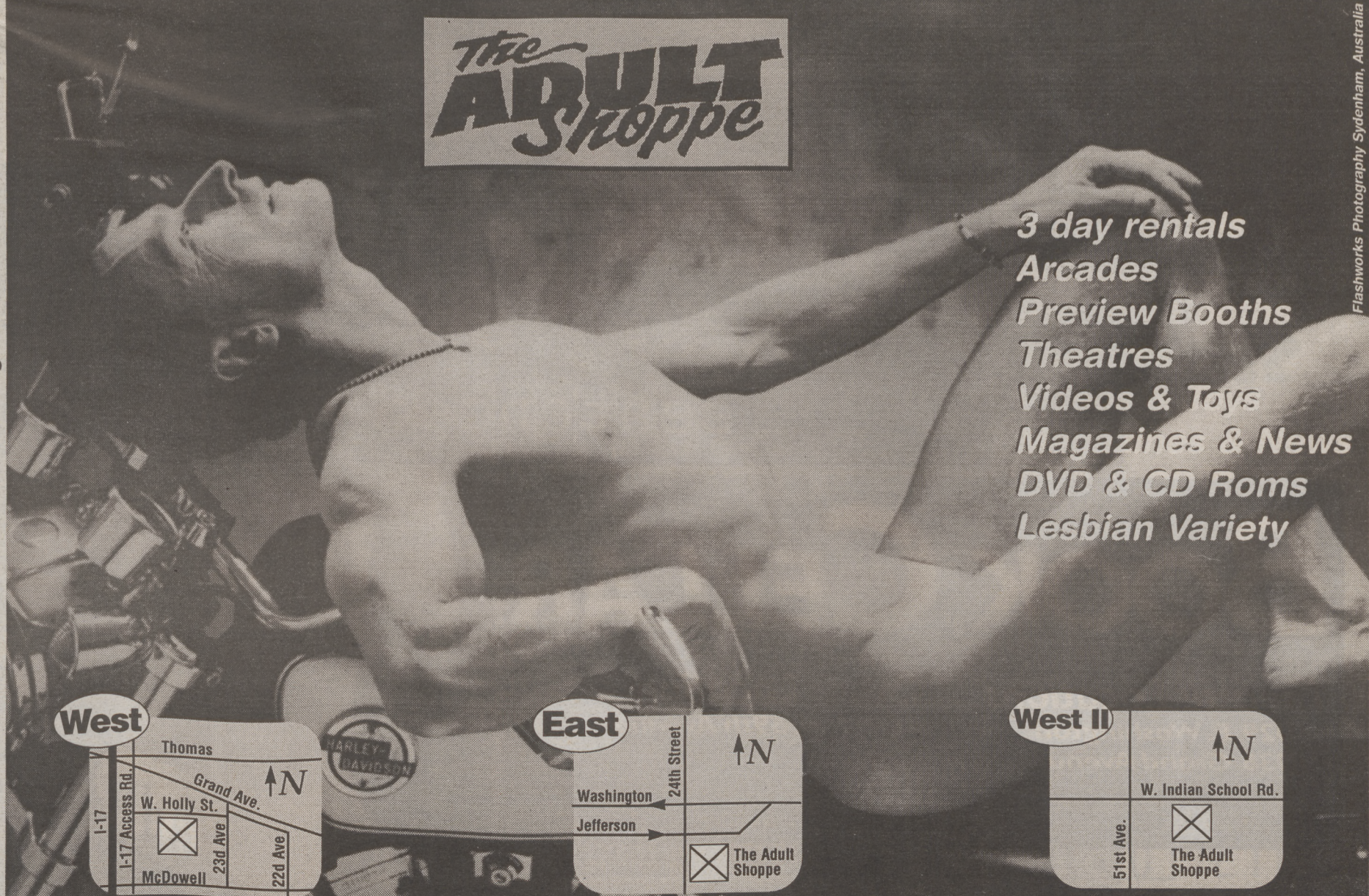
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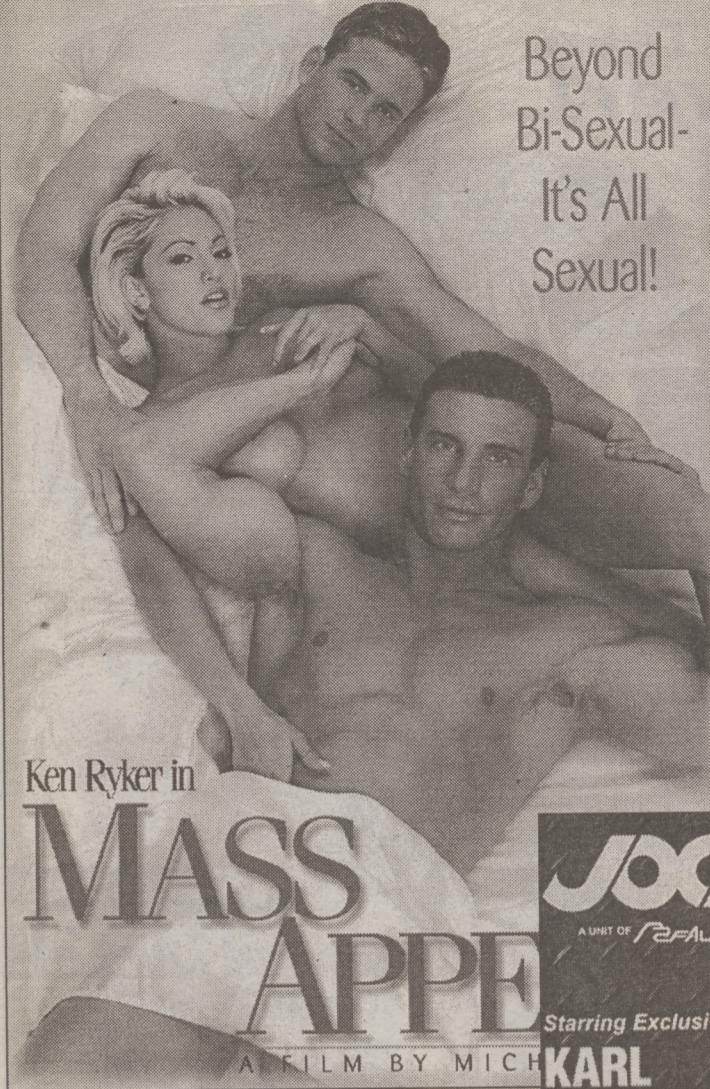
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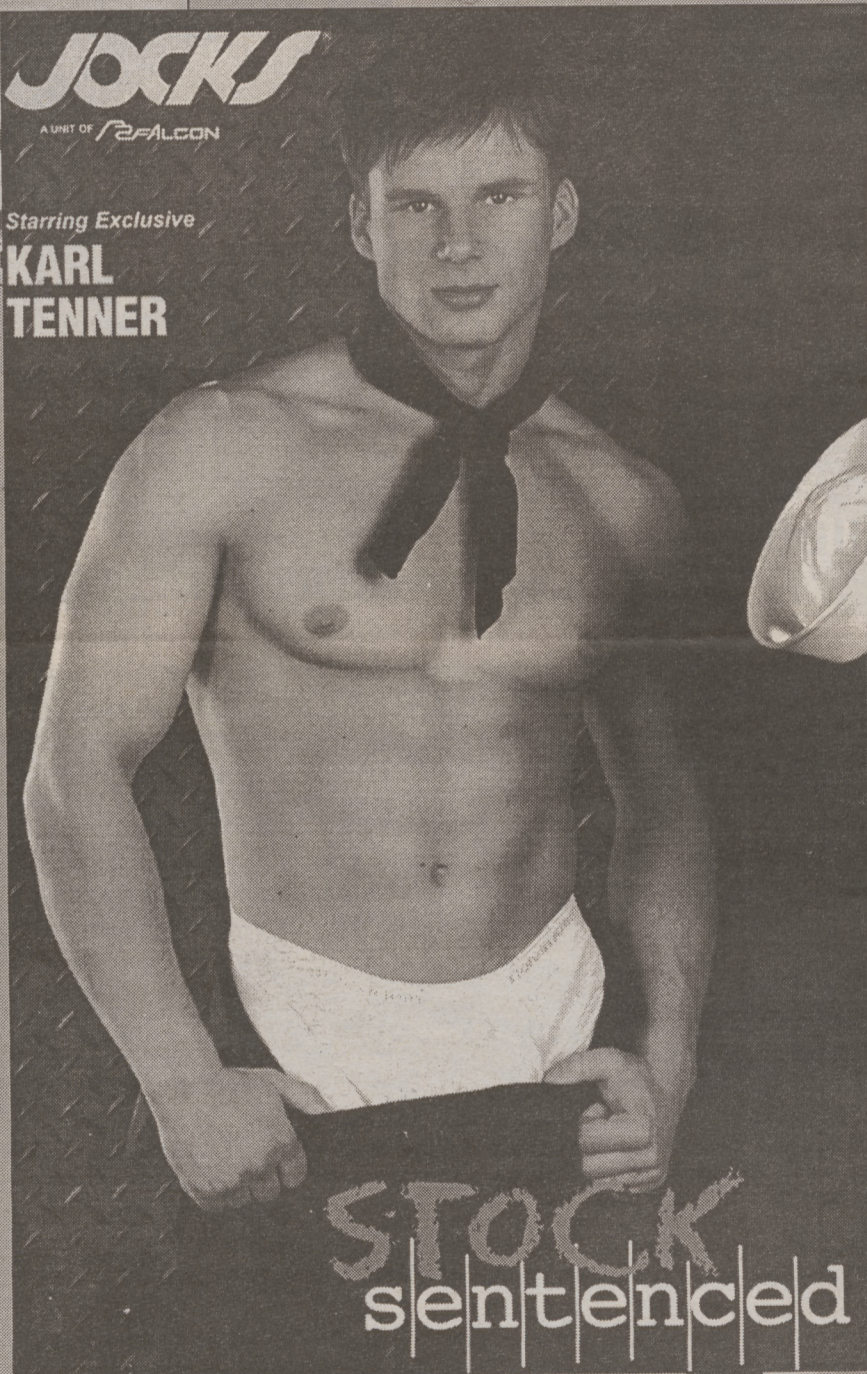
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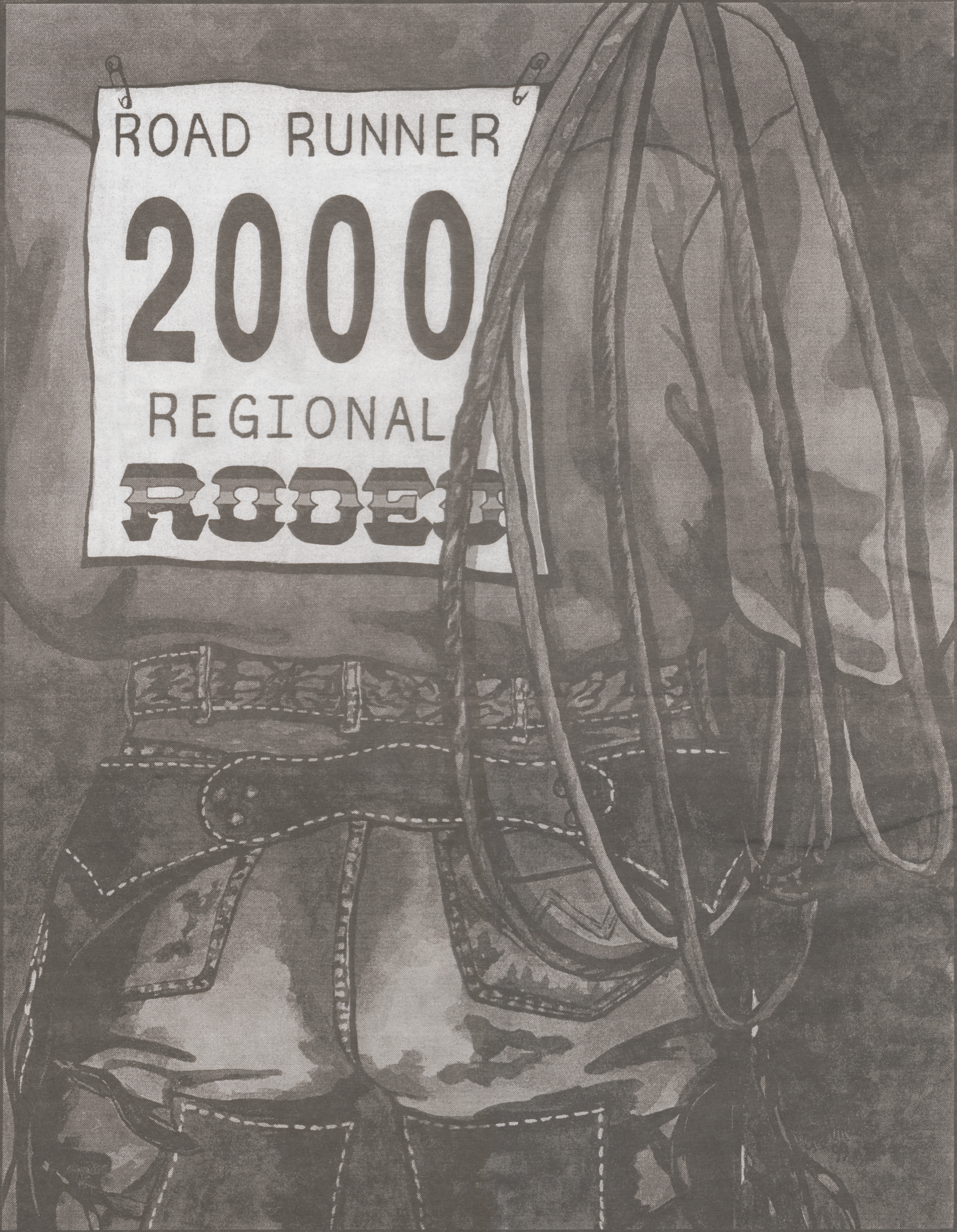
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