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Barney Frank admits hiring male prostitute

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass) says he hired a male prostitute as a personal employee but fired him three years ago when he became suspicious the man was selling sex from Frank's Capitol Hill apartment. (See related story on page two).

"I was victimized," Frank said from Boston in a lengthy telephone interview with The Associated Press on Friday, Aug. 25.

"I knew he had been a prostitute. . . . I was trying to get him to stop. I didn't know he was expanding his business. From firsthand knowledge I (still) don't know that," he said.

Frank, 49, a liberal Democrat who publicly acknowledged his

homosexuality in May 1987, confirmed details in Friday's edition of the Washington Times.

Frank said he met the man in 1985 through an "escort model" advertisement in a Washington Gay newspaper. The congressman admitted having paid $80 for sex with the man, but said the relationship later became one of friendship.

In Washington, buying the services of a prostitute is a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and $1,000 in fines.

A man identified by the Times as Greg Davis told the newspaper that Frank was aware that sex was being sold from the congressman's apartment and was concerned that it might be discovered.

Frank called the allegations "absolutely untrue".

When asked if the revelations might force him to resign from Congress, Frank replied: "Of course not. Why should I?" He said he planned to run for re-election for a sixth term in 1990.

The newspaper said Davis was a professional name and it did not disclose his real name, but Frank identified the man as Steve Gobie.

"He was a male prostitute and I thought . . . that he was smart enough to do something else," Frank said. "I said he should get a job. He said he was on probation and couldn't get a job because of that."

The Times said the man's probation stemmed from four felony convictions in 1982: possession of obscene material, production of obscene items involving a juvenile, oral sodomy and possession of cocaine. He also was convicted of cocaine distribution in 1975, the newspaper said.

"I thought I could help him reform," Frank said.

Frank said he hired Gobie as a personal assistant to do work around his house, drive his car and run errands. Frank said Gobie was paid $20,000 per year with personal money and that no government or campaign funds were used.

The congressman said he knew that Gobie sometimes stayed at his apartment when he was out of town and that he told Gobie there should be no drugs there.

"But it never occurred to me to say don't engage in prostitution," Frank said.

In August 1986, Frank said his landlady's husband saw "strange goings-on". Frank said he went to Gobie, who gave what seemed to be a viable explanation.

After a second call from his landlady, Frank said he told Gobie the situation was "intolerable".

"After the second complaint from my landlady, I became convinced he was lying to me," Frank said. "I threw him out ... I fired him."

The congressman said he didn't go to the police because he had no concrete evidence. He also said he thought Gobie might go to the media when he was fired, at a time when Frank had not publicly acknowledged him homosexuality.

But Frank said the possibility that Gobie might go public "didn't deter me".

Meanwhile two leading Democrats said that members of Frank's own Democratic party are likely to ask for a formal House investigation of Frank's admitted 18-month relationship with Gobie.

The Democrats, who spoke on condition that they not be identified, said the request is all but unavoidable in light of demands this summer by many Democrats for an investigation into sexual misconduct by Ohio Republican Rep. Donald E. Lukens. Lukens was found guilty in an Ohio state court in May of paying to have sexual intercourse with a 16-year-old girl. The ethics panel is now investigating Lukens.

Democratic House Speaker Thomas S. Foley and other leading Democrats suggested that the political damage resulting from Franks

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Controversy surrounds S.F. minister's claim of Skinhead attack

GALEN MCLAUGHLIN/REACTION

Lynn Griffis with grafitti "Die with your fags", spray painted on her garage wall after her first alleged attack. See related story (Photo courtesy San Francisco Sentinel)

by Jennie McKnight

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GCN) - The case of a Lesbian minister who reported being attacked by "skinheads" took a bizarre turn when she changed her story after investigators challenged her account of what happened. The woman, Lynn Griffis, has since resigned from her job and left San Francisco, while police have referred the case to the district attorney, who may charge Griffis with filing a false police report.

Griffis generated a huge outpouring of Lesbian and Gay community support, stepped-up police protection, and public condemnation of anti-Gay violence by city officials when she reported being attacked on two separate occasions.

The first incident - the one challenged by investigators - took place July 27 near her home, according to Griffis. In her original report, Griffis said she had been abducted by two "skinheads". She said her attackers verbally and physically assaulted her and then threw her out of their moving vehicle.

On August 3, a week after the alleged attack by the "skinheads", San Francisco police investigators called a meeting with Griffis and others closely involved in the case. According to one of the people present at the meeting, Melinda Paras of the Community United Against Violence (CUAV), investigators told Griffis the physical evidence they had collected was inconsistent with the report she had given about the incident.

Paras said the investigators asked Griffis whether she had anything to add or change about her story, at which point Griffis became "very upset", and at Paras' suggestion, left the room.

Paras said she and Griffis' co-worker at San Francisco's Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) Jim Mitulski, met in the next room with Griffis where they reiterated the issues raised by the investigators and asked Griffis if she wanted to change her story. At that point Griffis said she did want to change her story, and she returned to the meeting room and told the investigators she had been sexually assaulted.

According to Paras, Griffis did not give a full account of the new story at that point, but was instead escorted by investigators to the sexual assault unit of the police department. She was interviewed by a woman officer of that unit, according to Paras, and later taken to San Francisco General Hospital for a physical examination.

The police turned the entire case over to the sexual assault unit, which proceeded with the investigation until it was closed Aug. 10. According to San Francisco Police Department spokesperson Jerry Senkir, Griffis' report was considered "unfounded". He said when Griffis was last contracted by police, "she indicated that she wished no further investigation into this matter and for the police not to pursue it at this time."

Paras said she and Mitulski met with Griffis again late on the night of Aug. 3 after she was examined at the hospital. When the two expressed their doubts about the truth of Griffis' story, Griffis resigned her position and left. The next day Griffis left San Francisco, reportedly for her parents' home in Nebraska. Two San Francisco dailies sent reporters after Griffis, while Gay community members were stunned by the revelations in the case.

None of the people close to the investigation contacted by GCN could comment about specific discrepancies or contradictions in Griffis' report. Those who have seen the physical evidence in the case, however, agree with the police that it does not substantiate Griffis' report.

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LESBIAN/GAY BAND FOR TUCSON?

TUCSON - Attention former band people! You have seen Lesbian and Gay marching bands in pride parades in other cities and thought, "Wouldn't it be fun to be playing again?" Well, how about starting a Lesbian and Gay band in Tucson? Eighteen cities across the United States already have such groups. These bands march in Gay Pride Parades, give concerts and appear at rallies and many other community activities.

A national group promotes communication and cooperation among the existing bands. Lesbian and Gay Bands of America (LGBA) is a federation of bands, incorporated in Washington, DC as a non-profit organization. LGBA provides help and support to people interested in starting new bands.

LGBA also organizes special events for its member bands. For example, in 1984, LGBA member bands participated in the production of "A Gay Night at the Bowl" at the Hollywood Bowl in Hollywood, California - a concert to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Stonewall riots in New York. In 1986, LGBA member bands participated in the opening and closing ceremonies for Gay Games II, and performed to a sold-out concert held at Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco.

LGBA also coordinated the participation of its member bands in the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay rights and produced a sold-out benefit concert the night before the March. In 1990, LGBA will be an important part of Gay Games III in Vancouver, British Columbia with opening and closing ceremonies, along with a concert featuring all of the member bands.

LGBA's development plan includes Tucson as a community which should have a band. LGBA would like to hear from individuals or groups which are interested in helping start a Lesbian/Gay marching/concert band in Tucson.

For more information about LGBA or tips on how to start a Lesbian/Gay marching/Concert band, write to LGBA's V-P for Community Outreach, Eddie Davis at LGBA, P.O. Box 57099, Washington, DC 20037.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR PHIL SANTHON SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SHANTI/TUCSON PWA DIRECT AID FUND

TUCSON - At the request of Phil Santhon's mother, Mabel, donations in memory of Phil, who passed away from complications of AIDS Aug. 18, should be made the the Shanti Foundation/Tucson, PWA Direct Aid Fund.

At the beginning of summer this year, Shanti started a Direct Aid to PWAs Fund. Monies were earmarked by the givers to be placed in a special fund that would be available only to PWAs in need. Phil was just such a person.

Following the initial series of contributions, no other funds have been received for the Direct Aid Fund, and those funds donated have been spent on direct aid to PWAs. The Direct Aid Fund is currently empty.

It is suggested that when donating in memory of a departed friend (perhaps in lieu of flowers at the funeral or in memory of the anniversary of a death or as a remembrance in a will), the money be sent to Shanti for the Direct Aid Fund in the name and as a memorial to the friend. Donations for this purpose should have noted on the check or accompanying instruction sheet that the money is to be placed in the Direct Aid Fund.

MS. GAY LATINA '89 CONTEST SEPT. 16

TUCSON - El Proyecto Arizona-Sonora will present "Noche Mexicana" in celebration of the crowning of Ms. Gay Latina'89 on Sept. 16, at the Joshua Tree from 7 to 11 p.m.

Participants will be judged in three categories for a combined total of 30 points per judge (150 point total). Three questions (oral or written) of 5 points each (total 15) on issues relevant to our community (Gay & Lesbian, Latinos, and AIDS); 10 points on originality (Latino theme); and 5 points for talent. El Proyecto will not participate in the judging.

Persons of Latino origin interested in entering should attend meetings to be held Sunday, Sept. 3 at 2:00 p.m. or Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7:00 p.m.

MALE PROSTITUTE USED SCHOOL OFFICES

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - The principal of an elementary school in an upscale Washington suburb acknowledged that he allowed a male prostitute to use school offices, The Washington Times reported. School officials placed the principal on leave after the story broke.

In an interview with the Times, principal Gabriel A. Massaro said he had a four-year relationship with a call-boy and for several months gave him access to facilities at Chevy Chase Elementary School.

The prostitute told the Times he used a telephone in the school guidance counselor's office to arrange liaisons.

The prostitute told the newspaper he had no contact with any children and generally used the building in the evenings, when no classes were in session. The Times said the prostitute, identified by the alias Greg Davis, used the offices during October and November 1987.

The Times said Davis was a professional name and it did not disclose his real name. But Rep. Barney Frank identified the man to the Associated Press as Steve Gobie. Frank (D-Mass.), says he hired Gobie as a professional employee but fired him three years ago when he became suspicious the man was selling sex from Frank's Capitol Hill apartment. The Times ran the Frank Story and the school story side-by-side at the top of its front page last Friday, Aug. 25. (See related story page one)

Massaro said he did not know the man was engaged in arranging prostitution services from the building.

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indiscretions would be short-lived.

But other Democratic officials took a far bleaker view of the affair, saying that it holds the potential to revive charges by the Republican Party that Democrats are tolerant of corruption and lax morality. "The Democratic party cannot allow itself to be portrayed as having values that say, 'Anything goes in the House of Representatives,'" one strategist said.

"Understanding a person's sexuality is one thing," this strategist continued. "But procuring the services of a male prostitute at 80 bucks an hour from an ad in the community's Gay newspaper is not something that reflects well on the House of Representatives, and I think a couple of Democrats in the House will be willing to say that."

Still, Frank's Democratic peers in the House expressed hope that the scandal would be brief. "I think Barney has made it clear that this was a mistake," said Rep. Thomas J. Downey of New York. Rep. Barbara Boxer of California called Frank "an acknowledged leader in the House" and a man of "style, wit and debating skill."

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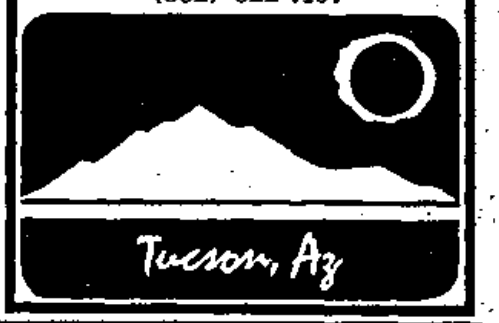

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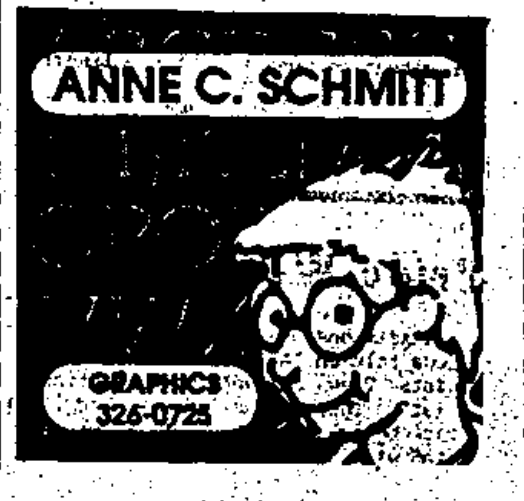

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In addition to CUAV and the MCC, the officers of Mayor Art Agnos and openly Gay Board of Supervisors President Harry Britt were involved in the Griffis case. When the investigation unraveled, nearly all those involved issued statements reiterating the seriousness of anti-Lesbian and Gay violence. Several also expressed continued support for Griffis.

(l to r) Police Chief Frank Jorday, MCC's Jim Mitulski, and CUAV's Melinda Paras at the Griffis press conference, Aug. 3. (GCN)

"Regardless of what happened to Lynn," said Jean Harris, an aide to Britt, "she needs help and support." Harris said she and Britt had pledged to "stand by Lynn and support her all the way," if she chooses to return to San Francisco and pursue the investigation.

Mitulski, issued a statement Aug. 10 pledging to "help provide (Griffis) with the best professional help available." Mitulski's statement said that upon reviewing Griffis' performance with MCC, her work with the AIDS ministry was "impeccable," but that "other problems with other aspects of her work would have led to her termination regardless of the outcome of the police report."

Said Mitulski, "We pray for the healing of all those whom Miss Griffis has hurt, including herself and the wider community. We find that healing has already happened in our midst as we break the denial and open ourselves to the truth and as we begin to look toward the future."

Paras said the Griffis incident has generated "a lot of summation, discussion and venting of feelings within the Lesbian and Gay community:" She said the predominant response, especially among Lesbians was one of sadness. "There is a sense that the sister [Griffis] has been through something bad, really terrible, but we don't know what that was," she said.

Paras added that there has also been some "angry backlash" among community members who felt Griffis had undermined the legitimacy of the issue of violence against Lesbians and Gay men.

"The basic message that CUAV has tried to advance," said Paras, "is that it's important that our community believe victims. Our community didn't respond inappropriately to this case ... It is not our job to evaluate the accuracy of these reports - that's the police department's job.

Paras said the number of reports of anti-Gay violence received by CUAV has "doubled" since the beginning of the Griffis case. She added that she believed the increase represented a heightened awareness on the part of victims of violence, not necessarily an increase in the number of incidents. She also added that there is still concern about continued threats of violence against Lesbian and Gay community members. "There are still other phone calls and other threats," she said.

Griffis could not be reached for comment by GCN.

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DEAR BOB -

I was scheduled to meet with the Gay and Lesbian Democratic Caucus Wednesday night, Aug. 23rd. I was also scheduled to meet with a veterans organization at 6:30 and Legislative District 14 at 7:45 p.m. that same night.

I had mentioned to two people who were to be attending the Gay and Lesbian Caucus that I would be there around 8:30 p.m. There was some confusion. I got to 560 S. Stone at 8:45 p.m. Everyone had gone home earlier.

I am sorry for this confusion as I very much wanted to talk to all in attendance and would be glad to at anytime.

I know that itt's tempting to interpret such things as missing a meeting symbolically, but in this case it was purely circumstantial. Anyone who heard me speak at the Picnic knows that I am a strong supporter of the rights of the Gay and Lesbian community.

Once again I am sorry for this confusion.

Steve Leal
Candidate for City Council

DEAR ENTERTAINERS -

Just a little note to let those of you who are wondering about the Miss Gay Arizona Pageant and when it is actually being held.

Yes, the Pageant will be in Phoenix at the Sheraton. The dates for the Pageant are Dec. 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Due to the fact that there are so many contestants it will be a 3-day event. The final evening will be the top ten contestants which will be decided on Saturday.

The crowning of the new Miss Gay Arizona will be Sunday, Dec. 3rd.

Good luck to each of this years contestants. Everyone is a winner as far as I'm concerned. Thank you

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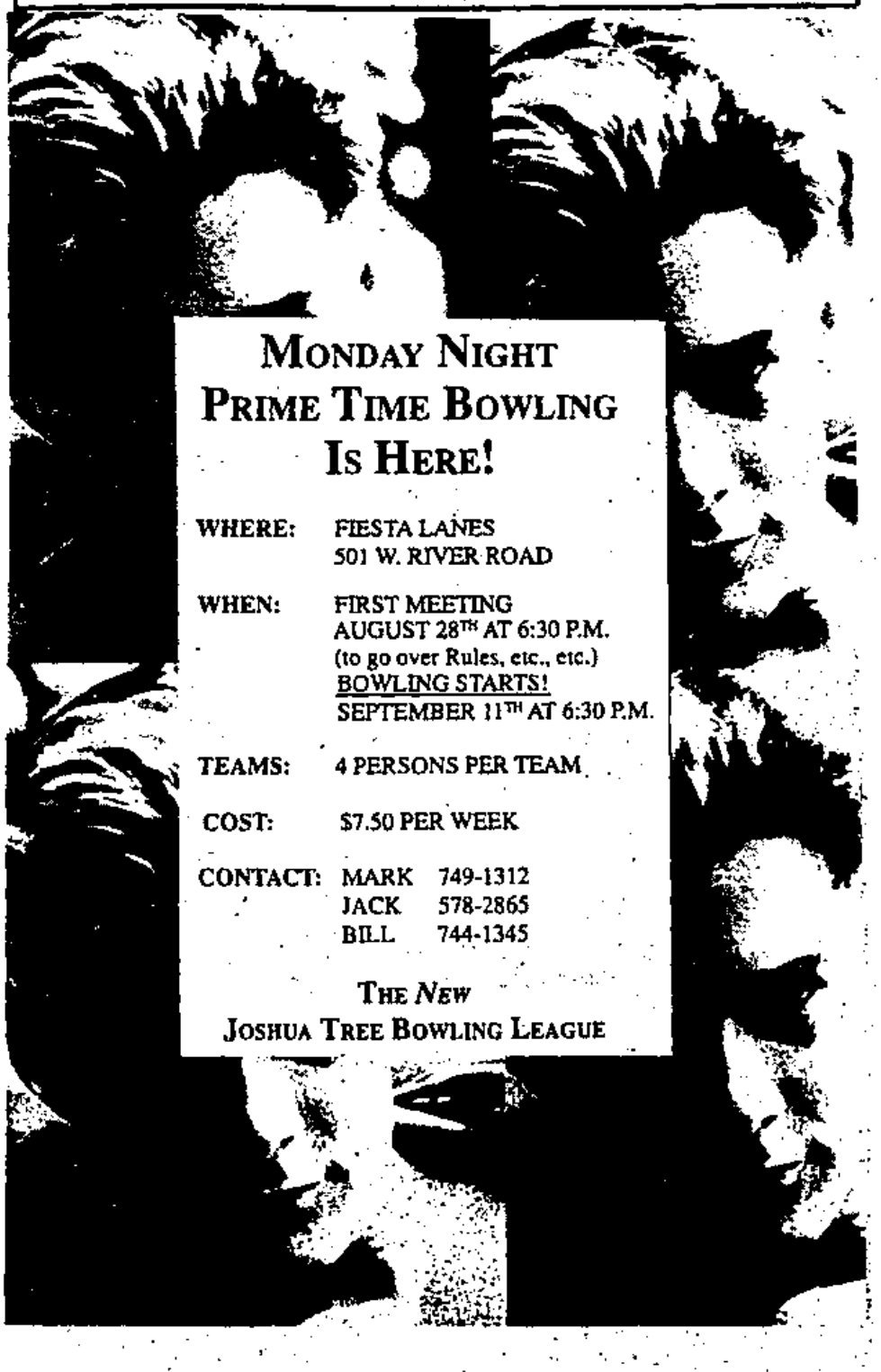

Prom For Shanti Sunday

TUCSON – This coming Sunday, Sept. 3 will be the next fund raising event for Shanti Foundation/Tucson. "The Last Prom" will take place at Rumor Hazzit, 2222 N. Stone. A cast who will act as 'students' and 'faculty' of Rydell High School has been rehearsing specialty numbers as well as learning dance crazes of the sixties – the era that this "prom" takes place.

A cast of 20 to 30 persons have been rehearsing, learning the dance crazes of the sixties, the era that "The Prom" takes place.

The "gym" will be decorated with posters of prom queen candidates, as well as other memorabilia of high school days. The "kids" will be dancing the Madison and other fancy-steps, as well as other shennigans that "kids" that age partake in.

There will be members of the "faculty" who will act as chaperones, and various activities taking place throughout the "gym" and in the parking lot "Drive-In". Vintage cars, school bus (if it's not in the garage for repairs), hot dog and popcorn vendors – everything that will remind you of that high school prom you went to or wished you could have gone to.

Quoting from the latest issue of the "Rydell High Times": "After weeks of intense consideration on the part of the entire student body, the Prom Council has met ... the home rooms have voted and nominations for Prom Queen are in. Your future "Queen" could be:

Patty Simcocks: President, Girls "Glee" Club; head cheerleader; student council vice-president; very popular; every girls "lifelong" friend? (Too pure...for sure!)

Barbie Bombshell: Voted the girls "Most Likely To"; lots of "stiff" support from the football team; available for large parties! (Not too bright... not too tight!)

Marty Maraschino: President of the "Cherry" Club; parking lot monitor; girl's restroom monitor; hall monitor; cafeteria monitor. (No nookie from this cookie!)

Cha Cha De Luega: Transfer student; known as the best dancer at St. Bernadette's all girl's school; wants to become a cosmetologist or a Chevy mechanic. (Lipstick or dipstick?)

Tracy Turnblatt: Hair-hopper; school liberal; one of the sweetest, most sincere girls on campus; part-time model for "Mr. Pinkie's Hefty Hide-Away. (Lots of bounce with every ounce!)

CoCo Chanel: Foreign exchange student with an uncertain future; claims she comes from royalty; owns the largest collection of tiaras in the city. (Supporter or deport her?)

Frenchie Ferguson: Newest member of the "Cherry" Club; very active with Future Stewardesses; popular with the boys; runner-up, "Miss Teen Dacron". (Nice lips... great hips... but, knees together... whatever the weather!)

The Prom King has already won election and will be on hand Sunday also, so we extend our congratulations to Prom King – Biff Preston.

And at presstime Prom chairman, Corky Collins, has finally confirmed the surprise entertainment for the evening. Aside from the latest in shoo-wop, heartbreakers and rock 'n roll, the Prom Committee has tried for weeks to obtain a work release for its "Mystery Guest" entertainer.

At last, the Alabama State Correctional Facility in Birmingham has agreed to let him out for the weekend and it has been reported that "traveling money" was found in his cell just the other day. Watch out for this exciting entertainer on Sunday.

Witness the bitchy Prom Queen candidates as they vie for the title – See some of the "Rydell High Trojan" football, basketball and baseball team as they strut their stuff – See the crowning of the Prom King and Queen – It promises to be an outstanding event and all proceeds will go to the Shanti Foundation/ Tucson. Plan to attend Sunday, Sept. 3.

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Underground Q trials show promising results

by Jeff Beins

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Dr. Larry Waites announced preliminary results of the underground Compound Q study, as well as plans to meet with FDA officials in early September, at a press conference held by the Bay Area Non-Partisan Alliance on Monday, Aug. 21.

"We've found dramatic drops in P24 antigen (HIV viral) activity without any evidence of suppression," Dr. Waites said. "T-cells have drifted up, but not dramatically. However, a number of Nobel Laureate immunologists feel it may take about 21 weeks for the numbers to drift up in an unstimulated immune system. There are some immune modulators - interleukin, interferon - that we could use to drive the T-cells up."

In a compromise with the Food and Drug Administration, conductors of the underground Q study have agreed not to continue the study until preliminary data is presented to FDA officials in Washington, DC, according to Dr. Waites, who said the main purpose of the trip is to make the drug more accessible to those who need it.

"If, on the one hand, they give me a Federal license . . . to use the Chinese drug, then we can talk insurance companies into paying for it," Dr. Waites said. "Or, if they want us to use the American drug to go into Phase two (of the study), we can treat thousands of people within a couple of months, and it would be free to them . . . I think the absolute earliest we can move into phase two or phase three . . . would be similar to what they did with AZT, which was about 120 days. But it may be a little longer than that.

The conference was also called to warn people of the possible dangers of clandestine usage of the drug without medical supervision.

"The issue is that many drugs in the past have become whole industries in the community before the FDA was finished with the studies," Martin Delaney, Director of Project Inform said. "It is a very dangerous drug to give to yourself."

Out of the 80 people in phase one of the study, only five had severe side effects - all of whom were in the advanced stage of the disease, and probably would have died without medical supervision, according to Delaney.

"We're going to have to learn a way to measure the doses, because the system can't tolerate the drug well - it's too strong," Dr. Waits said. "Just one molecule of the drug can kill one infected cell."

Dr. Waites also mentioned that past participants in the study had to be off other drugs, such as AZT, as well as show no evidence of any opportunistic infections.

"Up to now, we've restricted such people from our protocol, because we just don't know what the interactions are going to be with those other drugs," Dr. Waites said. "We're particularly concerned with someone with an active infection, because the Q is suppressive of an immune response, temporarily. For a two or three day period, the drug shuts down immune activity."

How much will the drug cost if it becomes available for commercial distribution?

"I can tell you what it costs in China," Delaney said. "It's four or five dollars per ampule of the drug . . . so the production costs can't be that high. What people are going to charge over here, I have no idea. Because it's not a drug you would take every day, it may not be as important a question as with AZT."

Although it cannot be scientifically measured, patients report feeling better.

"Beyond the lab markers," Dr. Waites said, "patients report well beyond the expected placebo effect, an incredible increase in energy and a sense of well-being."

(San Francisco Sentinel)

Tucson women to Take Back the Night

TUCSON - In conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness month, "Tucson Women Take Back the Night" will hold a march to protest violence against women on Saturday, Oct. 7. TWTBN is a group of women in Tucson who have gathered for the purpose of bringing awareness to the community regarding the many acts of violence against women and children that occur daily. Such acts of violence include rape, battering, sexual abuse, prostitution, pornography, child abuse and sexual harassment.

A general organization meeting will be held Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Tucson Women's Commission Building, 240 N. Court. In addition, committee meetings are being held each week in the areas of publicity, peacekeeping, finance, events and programming and route planning.

Peacekeeper training will be held separately. With any large gathering, rally or march it is important to maintain the unity and safety of the participants. Peacekeepers are people trained to assist in maintaining this unity and assure a smooth flow to the March. Peacekeeper training for one event is useful for others, however, even if you have been trained as a peacekeeper, you must go through training for this march to assure consistency and unity.

Peacekeeper training dates and locations are:

Sept. 7 - 6-9 p.m.
El Rio Neighborhood Center, 1390 W. Speedway.

Sept. 16 - 1-4 p.m.
Columbus Library, 4350 E. 22nd St.

Sept. 24 - 1-4 p.m.
383 N. Wilmot Recreational Center

Sept. 26 - 7-10 p.m.
El Rio Neighborhood Center, 1390 W. Speedway

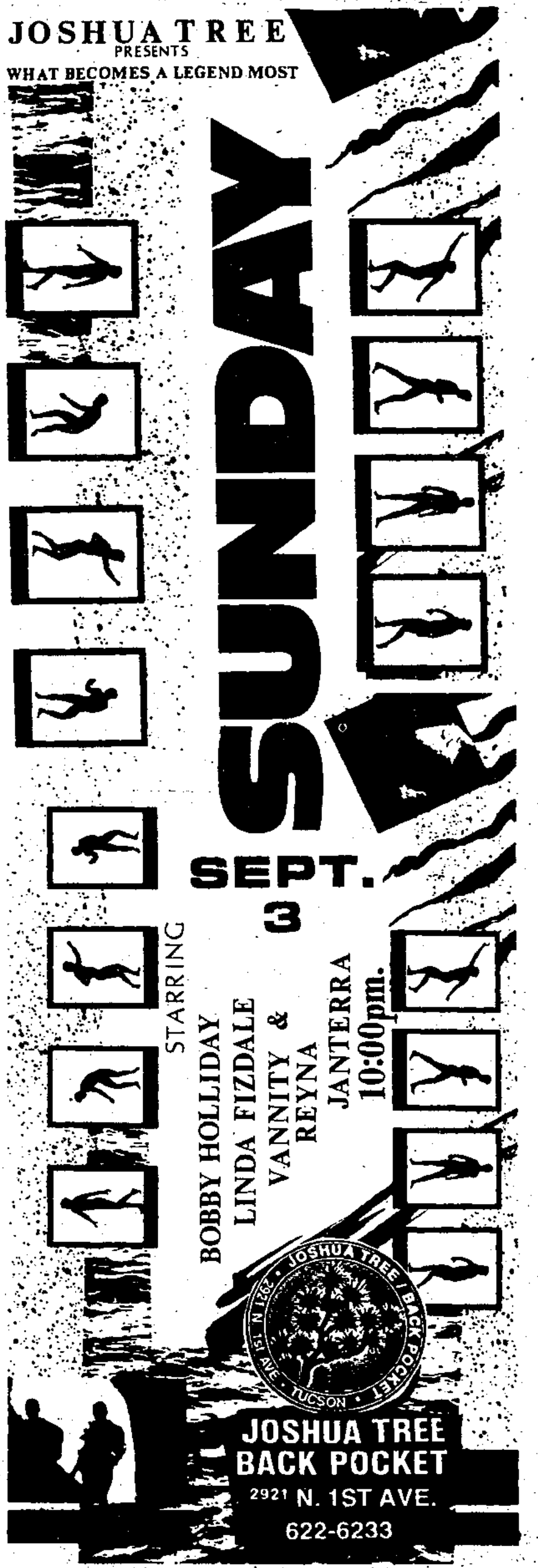
Oct. 7 - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia

There will be several fundrasing events prior to the actual March on Oct. 7. One of the first will be held at Colette's, on Sept. 15 beginning at 8:00 p.m. Proceeds will help cover the costs of the March and Rally.

All women and children are encouraged to join in acknowledging the violence in their lives and to share the hope for a future of peace and justice.

For more information and additional meeting dates please call 791-7891, 887-7880 or ask for Julie at 326-2153.

Women Take Back the Night has spokeswomen available from professions dealing with the different forms of violences against women and children including representatives from the Southern Arizona Task Force Against Domestic Violence, the Legal Community and Counselors working with victims of violence. Should any business or organization be interested in contacting a WTBN spokeswoman, please call any of the above numbers.



STARZ by Deymoux

ARIES
Relationships could have you on the irritable side. Relaxing at home is a good way to reduce your anxiety. The workplace offers you more stability. Job superiors recognize your ability and compliment your progress.

TAURUS
Be careful not to be overly expansive in communicating your feelings to co-workers. Relationship responsibility can have you extremely active socially. Stronger ties to loved ones brightens your weekend.

GEMINI
This is not a good time to invest with partners. Financial dealings involving mutual funds may cause you more stress than is necessary. A desire to gain more security may have you feeling rushed. Take time to think before you act.

CANCER
You may be experiencing difficulty concentrating on important matters. If you are feeling low on energy, find a little solitude to help you gain more peace of mind. New ideas will come to you if you just relax and meditate.

LEO
A breakdown in communication at work may cause problems for you and co-workers. If things seem disorganized, do what you can to bring order to the chaos someone has left for you to deal with. When the pressure is on you, do your best.

VIRGO
You may feel responsible for mistakes a romantic partner has made. This is not a good time to risk your financial security on a possible profit. Make sure you are being practical about your hopes for the future.

LIBRA
A secret you are keeping will be best revealed at home. Always desiring peace and harmony, you may be feeling that there is no such thing. Control an urge to speak before you think about what it is you want to say.

SCORPIO
Communicating with friends will be easier than communicating with a partner. Intense emotions you are feeling may be difficult to express in words. Be aware that some one may not be being completely honest with you.

CENTAUR
A professional associate may be trying to fool you about an important project. Your ability to see through this deception will reward you with increased respect for your own honesty.

CAPRICORN
Avoid acting hastily concerning any partnership arrangements. Misinformation could unjustly damage your reputation. Avoid entanglements that could undermine your own chances to succeed. Rely on your own ability.

AQUARIUS
Long-range goals associated with your work could be unrealistic. In the future be sure to carefully scrutinize any papers you are responsible for or have to sign. Listen to your intuition if you suspect something is concealed.

PISCES
If you are involved with a serious romance be careful that no one interferes with your ability to communicate honestly. A strong friend can help you clear the air of any misunderstandings created by not-so-close friends.

El Proyecto Arizona-Sonora

presenta:

El Primer Concurso de

Ms. Gay Latina

♀ 89' ♂

Sabado, 16 de Septiembre
Saturday, September 16th
Joshua Tree
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
gratis/free

Participants will be judged in three catagories for a combined total of 30 points per judge (150 total points).
Three questions (oral or written) of 5 points each (total 15) on issues relevant to our community (Gay & Lesbian, Latinos, and AIDS); 10 points on originality (Latino Theme); and 5 points for talent.

Judges will not be from El Proyecto.

Invitamos a personas (de raices latina) interesadas en participar en el concurso, a que se reunión con nosotros el:

We would like to invite persons (of latino origin) interested in entering, to attend a meeting on:

Domingo, 3 de Septiembre, 2:00 p.m. o
Miercoles, 6 de Septiembre, 7:00 p.m.

Joshua Tree Patio

Sunday, September 3rd, 2:00 p.m. or;
Wednesday, September 6th, 7:00 p.m.

1º lugar: Viaje para dos. • Ist Prize: Trip for two.

WHAT'S UP DOC?

Well, the beginning of another month and as always, at least two of Tucson's clubs holds their monthly meeting the first weekend. On Saturday it will be TRO's and on Sunday, Partners. If you would like to attend either meeting contact a member of either club for meeting time and location. Both clubs have something to offer anyone willing to put a little time into the overall operation of the club - helping with the success of that club.

This coming Saturday, DL will also be in operation. They will be holding their monthly Beer Bust at the Graduate from 2 to 6:30 p.m. The theme for this one will be "Back To School Beer Bust" with a special guest - School Marm Miss Marple. Stop in and held DL welcome the students back and find out just who the special guest is.

This Saturday will also be the first football game for the UofA Wildcats. For those going to the game, stop by your favorite watering hole after and help celebrate the UofA victory. After leaving the bar, drive carefully because we all know the local cops will be out in force that night!

At this time I would like to extend my personal thank you to Margo Lee for the wonderful and entertaining show last Saturday evening at the Rainbow Room. This show was a benefit for the CAT Committee and that Committee would also like to thank each and everyone of you who were in attendance for this show. Margo was the show director, coordinator, organizer and in general did everything needed to have the wide variety of entertainers in this show.

Once again, Margo, a big THANK YOU for the very entertaining evening and I look forward to your next production. My congratulations also goes to each of you who were in the show. You all did a very professional job, and I'm sure everyone in the audience enjoyed each of you.

Before closing for this week, (yes, a short column for a change), I do have one special TBBS to pass on to you. Forgive me but you will have to fill the blank names in for this one, (I want to live). It was overheard by myself and probably more than I saw, last week W—— was overheard saying, "The reason I do not wear underwear is H—— charges me by the piece." It shouldn't be hard to fill in these two blank names, just watch for roommates.

With that I'll close. With school back in now and all the new beauty running around loose, or I should say free, I hope at this time, all singles find one and be happy all winter. Thank you and I'll see you this coming weekend, my birthday - 29 and holding!

POLITICS '89

by Mark R. Kerr

G.L.D.C.

Last Wednesday, Aug. 23, the Gay and Lesbian Democratic Caucus held their August monthly meeting Several things were on the agenda before the 7:00 p.m. meeting, a Deputy Registrar Class was held at 6:30 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church, 560 S. Stone. I am proud to say that GLDC now has a total of 20 Deputy Registrars, an increase of 18!

After a little break, the meeting commenced. There were several items on the agenda. First off, a proposal was brought to give the group a formal name for endorsements, mailings etc. After discussion, the formal name of the group became the LAMBDA DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS. The group is also known as the Gay and Lesbian Democratic Caucus.

Next on the agenda was the election for the post of Treasurer. At the first meeting, the proposed candidate for Treasurer was not a member in good standing. Once again, during the August meeting, one candidate was proposed. Ms. Beatrice Snowhite, mother of the Vice-Chair of the group, was elected by acclamation.

Then on the agenda was new business. A proposal to launch a voter registration drive was discussed and it was agreed that it would be launched the weekend of Sept. 16 through 18. (the day before the September 19th Primary). Details of the drive will come later.

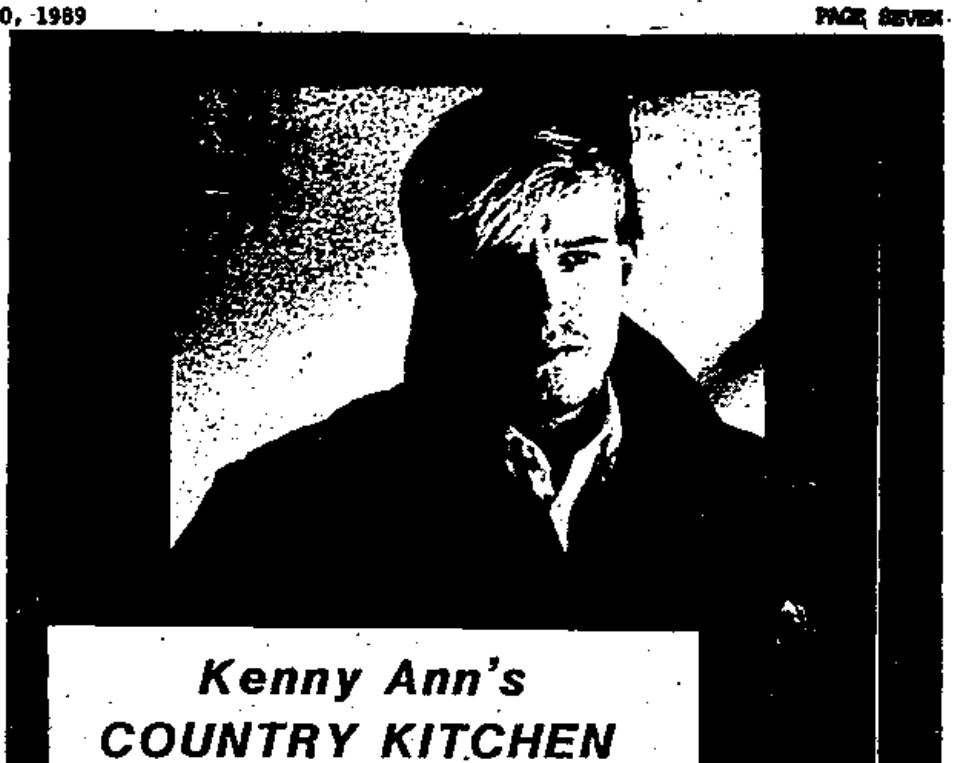
Next on the agenda was supposed to be Ward 5 City Council candidate Steve Leal. Steve is running for the Democratic nomination. He will oppose the homophobic Republican incumbent Roy Laos. The meeting went steadily downhill at this point as the officers tried to fill until Steve arrived, which he did not. So the meeting adjourned, people left confused and perplexed and the officers left wondering what happened.

I received a phone call the next day from Steve stating that he had four events to attend, or in other words a scheduling conflict. After listening to this, I began to wonder if he was taking the Gay and Lesbian community for granted when it comes to voting. Kind words and good position papers will not suffice, we have relied on this before and look what it has gotten nothing!

If a politician wants our vote, they have to show up to our events and state that they will take action when it comes to alternative lifestyle issues. No more being taken for granted, we have had enough. Steve has profusely apologized, but there are fences to mend. To show my displeasure at this blunder, I have resigned as Media Coordinator of his campaign. I still feel that he would make great City Councilmember but we should not be taken lightly. The mending process has begun.

Until next time, take care.

[ED NOTE: Mr. Leal has written a letter of explanation and it appears in the Letters section of this issue of OBSERVER].



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- **see: Prom King**
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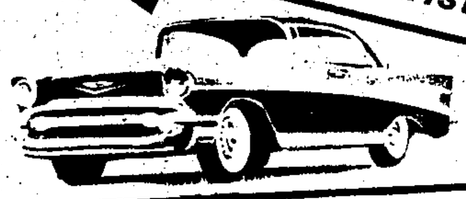

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

GRADUATE FD- Desert Leathermen hold their monthly Beer Bust here from 2 until 6 p.m. Come on by and say hi, join the crew and sip a cold brew!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

COLETTE'S - Labor Day Bar-B-Que from 1 to 7 p.m. Good food, good friends, good time at this women's bar where everyone is welcome.

JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - "What Becomes A Legend Most" starring Bobby Holliday, Linda Fizdale and Vanity, Reyna and Janterra. Showtime 10 p.m.

RUMORZ - "The Prom" - A benefit for Shanti/Tucson will take place here from 8:00 p.m. to 1 a.m. This promises to be a real "event" with a cast of thirty-some people all in character and dress of the '60s. Some events will take place in the "school parking lot" and others inside in the "gymnasium". Participate in voting for Queen of the Prom which promises to be a heated affair with 7, count 'em 7 'students' running for the Queen title. There will be plenty of 60s music for dancing,-plus a complete chorus line showing lyou what it's all about plus much much more. A donation is requested at the door but will be waived for those who cannot afford it. Get into the spirit of this unique day and join in on the prom of your life.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

JOSHUA TREE - Starting tonight and running for four weeks, JT's will be having a "Fall '89 Talent Search". Winners of each week's contest will receive a $25 first prize. Contestants must register by 7 p.m. on the evening of the particular contest entered. The finals will take place on Oct. 11 and the first place winner will take home the $75 first prize as well as a position in the regular show cast. It's OIL hosted by Bobby Holliday. For more info contact Bobby Holliday @ JT's.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

COLETTE'S - The second presentation of the hilarious "Newly Wed Game". If your remember the first one you will surely not want to miss this and if you weren't we'd advise getting there early!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

COLETTE'S - Singer Anne English performs here again much to the delight of her many fans.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

COLETTE'S - A benefit will be held here to help cover the "Take Back The Night" rally and march. It begins at 8 p.m. Help make this important event a success by your attendance.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

JOSHUA TREE - El Proyecto Arizona-Sonora will hold host "Noche Mexicana" - the first "Miss Gay Latina" contest from 7 to 11 p.m. No admission. Persons of Latino origin are invited to enter. There will be a meeting on JTs patio on Sept. 2 at 2 p.m. and Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. for those wishing to enter or get more info

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

COLETTE'S - Vocalist Cynthia Stacey will be in the spotlight here for the evening. Check it out!

RAINBOW ROOM - A benefit for People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT) will be held here featuring the live band sounds of Rare Breed and some other surprises. Watch for further details.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

COLETTE'S - A regular monthly event occurs again - it's a anight of Womyn's Music. Come on down!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

COLETTE'S - Country/Western Night again - It's a monthly affair, you know - headliner will be Mr. Loren Johnson. Always an entertaining evening.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

COLETTE'S - The popular band Razz-Ma-Tazz returns for a second time by popular request. They will be playing from 5 until 7 only so get there early. $2.00 cover.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

COLETTE'S - Vocalist, musician, songwriter, and general all-around wonderful entertain Anne English performs here. Don't miss it!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

COLETTE'S - Big 3rd Anniverdary celebration with an all-star, live variety show. Watch for details.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

JOSHUA TREE - Beach Party II will be celebrated here following the big outdoor concert held elsewhere. There was a big crowd on hand last year and this year promises to be even better. Watch for more details and get your sun screen ready!

Directions

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Non-Bar
CALENDAR

[NOTE: IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT OR SPECIAL HAPPENING THAT YOU FEEL SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS NON-BAR ACTIVITY CALENDAR, PLEASE CONTACT BEN CORBIN PRIOR TO MONDAY OF THAT WEDNESDAY'S PAPER FOR INCLUSION IN THAT WEEKS ISSUE. AFTER FIRST NOTICE HAS APPEARD IT WILL APPEAR WEEKLY UNTIL THE EVENT HAS TAKEN PLACE. MR. CORBIN MAY BE REACHED AT 297-1909 OR 622-4536].

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

Positive Approach to Living with HIV, at P.A.C.T. office every Wed. 7 P.M. You do have choices, come and learn. 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #282.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

P.A.C.T. Open Board Meetings noon to 1 p.m. Rm. 282. HIV Wellness Clinic for HIV+, ARC/AIDS. Balancing the mind, body and spirit in a supportive and confidential atmosphere. Yoga, nutrition and treatment options. Every Saturday, 1-4 p.m., 151 S. Tucson Blvd. TAP and P.A.C.T. offices.

Women's Massage Group meets 8 to 9 p.m. Registration by Sept. 1. Call Marc 881-4582. Small fee. A safe, sensual, non-sexual, nurturing environment.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

HIV/AIDS Emotional Support Group, 7:30-9 p.m. every Tuesday, TAP office, 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #252. call 322-6226 for more info.

Mi Casa Su Casa's Taco Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. This will be held by the poolside, swimwear is encouraged. There will be a buffet with $4.00 as the suggested donation. Call 885-0115 for details.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

A special get-acquainted party/meeting will be held at Mi Casa Su Casa for a anew social group called 'The Cronies'. This will be a group of Gays and Lesbians over 40 to socialize in a non-bar atmosphere with group outings to theatres, restaurants, etc. Call Chuck at 323-1661 for more details.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Men's Massage Group meets 7 - 9 p.m. Registration by Friday, Sept. 8. Call Marc at 881-4582 to register. Small fee. A safe, sensual, non-sexual nurturing environment.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Women Take Back the Night, an international organization whose purpose is to end violence against women, will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Tucson Women's Commission Building located at 240 N. Court. The meeting is being held to prepare for the Women Take Back The Night march which will take place Saturday, Oct. 7. All women interested in participating are invited to attend the meeting or call 791-7891, 887-7880 or Julie at 326-2153.

The "New Joshua Tree Bowling League" will start their bowling league at Fiesta Lanes, 501 West River Road at 6:30 p.m. Call Mark at 749-1312; Jack at 578-2865 or Bill at 744-1345 for more information.

The Winter Bowling League at the Cactus Bowl, 1630 South Alvernon, starting at 9:00 p.m. Call Rick at the Rainbow Room, 327-3390 for more information.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

HIV/AIDS Emotional Support Group, 7:30-9 p.m. every Tuesday, TAP office, 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #252. call 322-6226 for more info.

Mi Casa Su Casa's Taco Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. This will be held byt poolside, bring your swimwear. There will be a buffet with $4.00 as the suggested donation. Call 885-0115 for details. This will also include another get-together for The Cronies, call Chuck 323-1661 for info.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Invisible Theatre presents the 4th annual benefit for Tucson AIDS Project presenting Christopher Durang's "Laughing Wild" at 8 p.m. Tickets $10. Call IT 882-9721 or TAP 322-6226 for more info.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

The C.A.T. Committee (Community Awards of Tucson) will beet at the Joshua Tree starting at 7 p.m. All members are urged to attaend. To retain your status as a voting member on the Committee, you must attend full membership meetings.

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BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys $1.25. Steak Dinner 5 pm to 7?? $4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am, Linda Fizdale.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Wine Down Nite" $1.00 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.

GRADUATE - Check for daily drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Flamingo Cafe open noon to 4, great food from your hostess Kenny Anne. Noon to ??? Country Music - line dancing - drink specials. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - DJ "Spin" Flinn plays 9 pm to 1 am.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys $1.25 + Schnappe .50/shot. DJ Dwayne 9 to 1.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 1 am Miller bottle or Schnappe .75 5-8 pm non-Premium Beer $1.25, Well Drinks $1.50. DJ 9 to 1 Dave Pierson.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. All White Well $1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well drinks $1.25 (w/juice $1.50), Longnecks $1.50, Draft .75; 4 to 8 pm Two for One. 8-1 Miller Products $1.25. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm: Two for 1 drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Open noon to 1 am. 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Dewey DJs beginning at 9.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. Corona Beer $1.00 or Well Tequila $1.50 from 8 pm to 1 am. + 'Stop Light' specials. Bobby Jr. DJ's at 9.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Longneck Bottle Beer Special: $1.25 from 8:00 until midnight. DJ from 8 to midnight.

GRADUATE - Check daily board for drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm Well drinks $1.25 (w/juice $1.50), Longnecks $1.50, .75 draft; 4 to 8 pm Two for 1. 8-1 Bud Products $1.25. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m.: Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well/ beer 4-7 pm. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Dwayne.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. Draft Beer Bust .50 per glass plus $1.00 Schnapps from 8 pm to close! DJ Linda 9pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Schnapps $1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight. Pool Tournament 8:00 p.m.

GRADUATE - Check board for daily drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 p.m. Well drinks $1.25 (w/juice $1.50) Longnecks $1.50 & .75 draft. 4 to 8 Two for One. 8-1 Well Nite, all Well .75, Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bud Can Beer Nite - .50 per can, plus .50 schnapps from 7 pm until close. VJ/DJ Reuben begins at 9

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50, 8 to close Well Drinks $1.50, DJ 9 to 1 Dave Pierson.

COLETTE'S WEST - Big League Baseball on TV with .50 draft and .50 Hot Dogs during game. "Sudsersize!" .75 draft beer from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Check board for daily drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm Well Drinks $1.25 (w/juice $1.50). Longnecks $1.50. Draft .75, 4 - 8 pm Two for One. 8-1 Beer Bust, all can beer .50/can. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 well/beer 4-7 p.m. Kegger 8 pm to 12 am .50 per glass, munchies. Video/disco dancing with Reuben from 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. DJ 9 pm to 1 am, Bobby Jr.

COLETTE'S WEST - International Happy Hour plus Party Nite - Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well Drinks $1.25 (w/juice $1.50), Longnecks $1.50, draft .75; 4 to 8 Two for One; 8-1 Well drinks $1.50 (w/juice $1.75); Dance 9-1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks. DJ "Spin" Flinn plays from 9 to 1.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 beer/well 4-7 p.m. Progressive Friday: Well drinks .75 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour til 1 am. VJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Happy Hour 5-8 pm $1.25. non-Premium Beer and $1.50 Well Drinks. DJ 9-1 Bobby Jr.

COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Drink Specials 8 to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well Drinks $1.25 (w/juice $1.50), Longnecks $1.50, Draft .75; 4 to 8 Two for One. 8-1 Well drinks $1.75 (w/juice $1.75); Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - DJ "Spin" Flinn plays from 9 pm to 1 am

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. .99 Corona Nite 8 pm-12 am. A hot dance nite with VJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

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Inside The Washington Lobby

by Chai Feldblum
and Laura Markowitz

THE LOBBY FROM THE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE OF ONE OF ITS LEADERS

At the end of July, Jeff Levi stepped down as director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. A central player in the AIDS and Gay rights lobby for the past six years, Levi offered his perspective on the history of the lobby and his organization in an exclusive interview with "Inside The Washington Lobby".

"I became the Washington representative to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force six and a half years ago. I was a one-man operation in Washington — the main office was in New York. (NGLTF moved to Washington three years ago and now has a full-time lobbyist in addition to the Executive Director). It was really the Task Force's first foray into full-scale lobbying of the federal government.

"Before that we had an agreement that the Gay Rights National Lobby would lobby congress and the Task Force would lobby the executive branch. There was something naive about that artificial division, and it was the AIDS crisis that helped us get over that approach. Anyone who knows how lobbying works knows you need to work both with Congress and the Administration to effectively accomplish anything.

"But the movement was young back then, and also reflected a narrow agenda. Our entire Congressional agenda was a Gay rights bill that we knew wouldn't pass for a long time. We learned that we needed to address the appropriations process and that to get the government to respond to the AIDS crisis, more sophistication was required.

"Comparing what we had the capacity to do six years ago to now is like night and day. The fact that we became part of a coalition to deal with the hate crimes statistics bill is part of a lobbying sophistication we developed in dealing with the AIDS crisis.

"From a historical perspective, the debate in Washington has changed over the past few years. The number of organizations that care and are willing to put resources into AIDS issues has grown. The NORA (National Organizations Responding to AIDS) coalition involves hundreds of mainstream organizations and helps account for the dramatic shifts in attitude and legislation we have seen.

"It also taught us an important lesson: Gay groups were behind the formation of these coalitions and we can do it around other issues too. The Gay rights lobby has now gone into coalition. We aren't always welcome members of coalitions, but we ARE a part of them. The whole point of the AIDS coalition is to show that AIDS is a public health issue, not a Gay issue. It is the same with Gay rights -- it is a civil rights issue, and we work in coalition with civil rights groups.

"AIDS and Gay rights lobbying is one main agenda of the Task Force, but we have done lots of organizing work as well, which will be the ultimate success of our lobbying effort in Washington. If I learned anything during my time with the Task Force it has been that we, who formally represent the Lesbian and Gay community on the Hill, will only be effective if there are visible Gay communities in the districts and states of the Congressional representatives we are trying to influence.

"Our grassroots organizing on issues like the violence project, privacy project and family issues project will create structures and issues where local Lesbians and Gays work with their local officials. When state and local officials learn to work with the Lesbian and Gay community it creates a sense of accountability between politicians and the Lesbian and Gay community.

"When those state and local officials make it to Congress, then we'll see the real shift in attitudes and legislation. It is beginning to happen. There is a core of people we can rely on in Congress, and they are the people who have worked with the Lesbian and Gay communities in their home states. It is really a long-term education process. By the time members of Congress come to Washington, their political perspectives are pretty much established.

"Breaking down stereotypes they have of us is difficult, but as frustrating as many of the defeats we encounter can be, every opportunity we have to reach a few more people makes the effort worth it."

Inside the Washington Lobby salutes Jeff Levi for his innovative, hard-hitting, and often galvanizing leadership on Gay rights and AIDS in the political arena.

[ED NOTE: Chai Feldblum is an attorney with the ACLU AIDS Project. Laura Markowitz is an editor of a national magazine and Lesbian activist]

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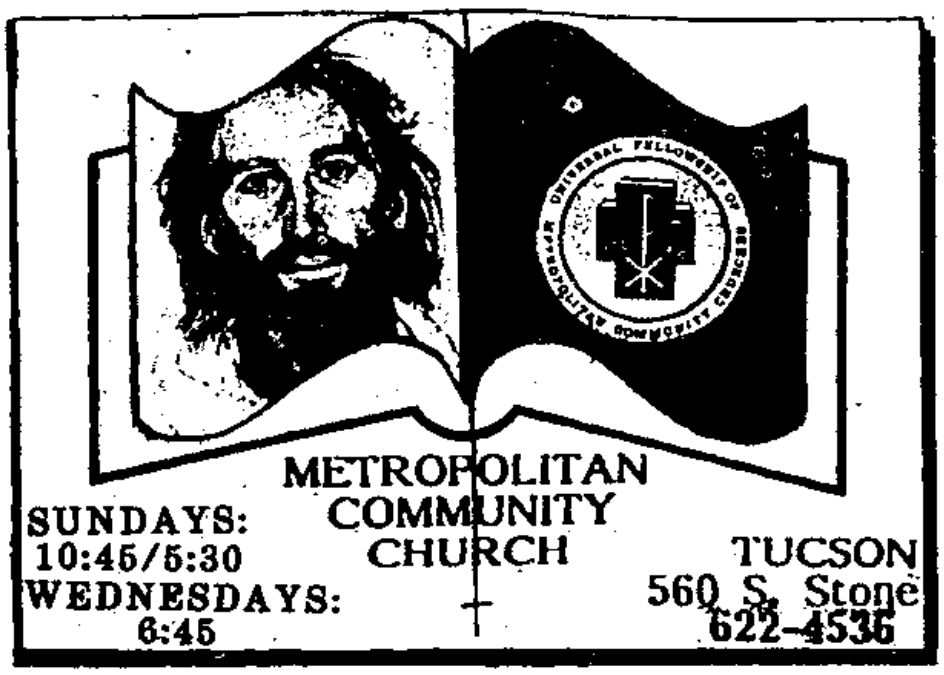

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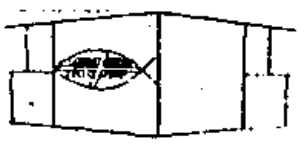

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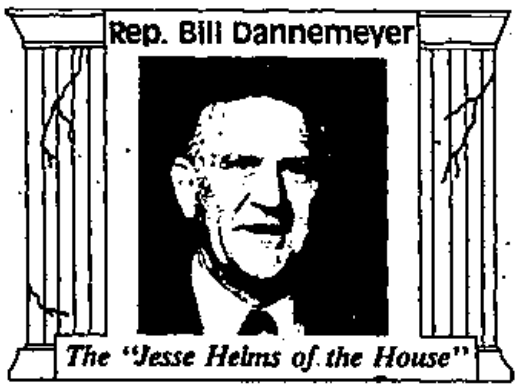

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The Job Is Not Yet Done: Part Two

Last June, the Food and Drug Administration gave final approval to aerosol pentamidine, the drug used to prevent occurrence of pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, an opportunistic infection which kills about 60% of all AID patients. Official FDA approval means more insurance companies will now cover at least part of the cost of the drug for which a monthly dose runs about $150. (Few insurance companies will cover expenses for any drug or treatment considered experimental).

The drug, manufactured by LyphoMed Inc., will help about 100,000 AIDS-infected people who are at risk for developing pneumocystis.

More recently, comes word of the significant effects of the drug Zidovudine (known as AZT) when taken by people in various stages of AIDS infection, from HIV-positive with no symptoms, to full-blown AIDS infection. In trials, the drug has been shown to significantly slow onset of symptoms in those who have tested positive but have no symptoms, and to slow progress of symptoms in those who are already affected by the disease.

HHS Secretary Louis W. Sullivan said, "We are on the threshold of a time when advances in biomedical research will enable HIV-infected individuals to live longer, more comfortable lives." In effect, a time when AIDS will become more a treatable, survivable, chronic illness —much like diabetes— than an always-fatal disease.

AZT, manufactured by Burroughs Welcome Co. could help an estimated 200,000 people with early signs of the disease.

Although neither drug is a cure, the corner of successful management of this disease may have been turned. It is another landmark that has been passed leading to a cure or complete treatment for this disease. There is reason to celebrate these two advances, but there is still more to be done, and other promising drugs to be tested and approved by the FDA. Keep fighting a good fight!

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CAPSULE COLUMN #1: Watch this space for details on NBC's television miniseries "And The Band Played On", based on the best-selling, non-fiction account of the history of AIDS. The script is by Emmy-winner John Gay and the producer is Oscar and Emmy-winner Edgar Sherick. The four-hour miniseries is being overseen by the book's author Randy Shilts, writer for the San Francisco "Chronicle". The cast has not yet been announced.

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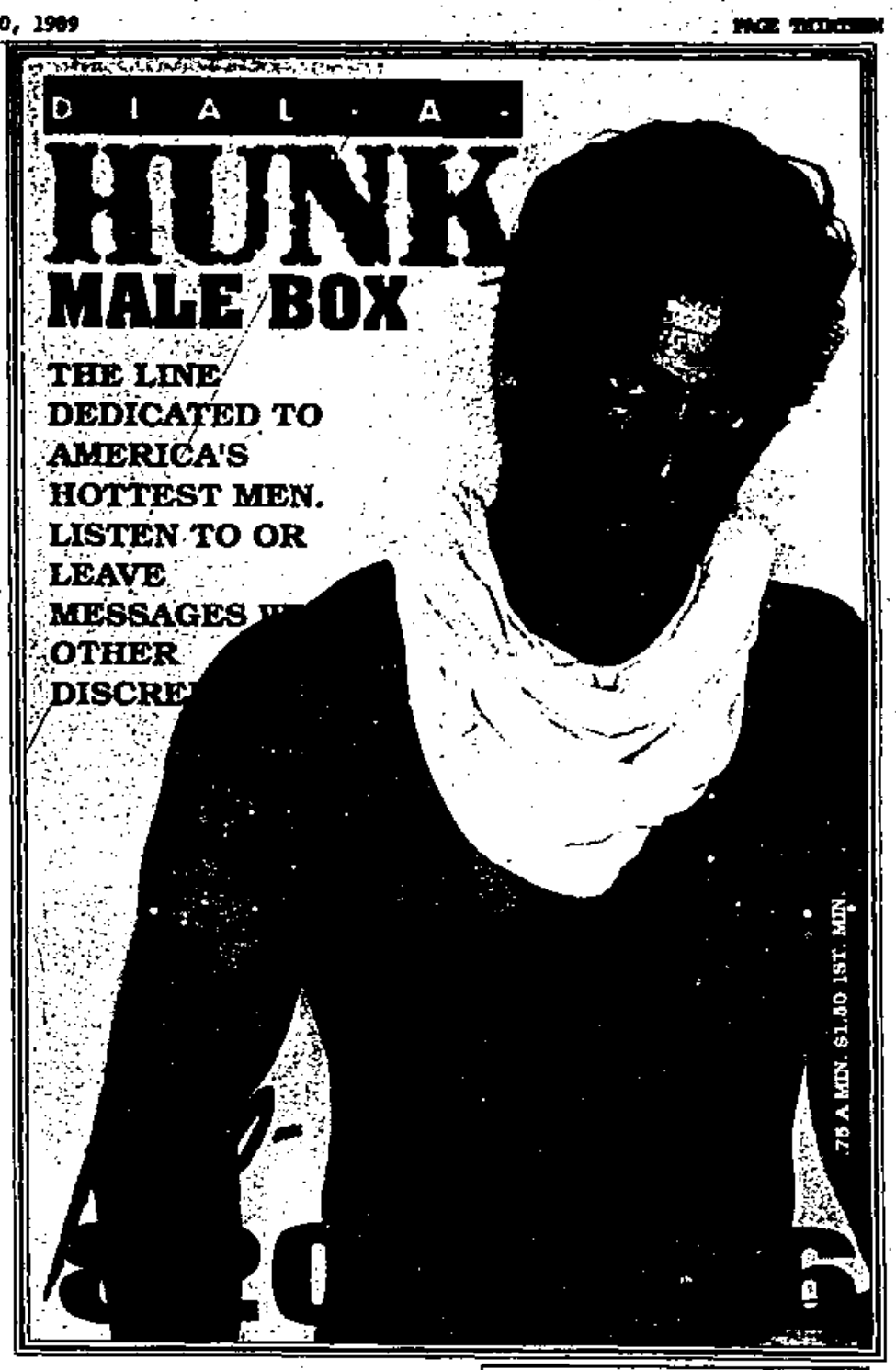
CAPSULE COLUMN #2: This must be the year for good books on Hollywood history. The newest, "The Zanucks of Hollywood", by Marlys J. Harris, is certainly no exception to the trend. Detailing the ignominious end to movie mogul Darryl F. Zanuck's far-flung personal and professional empire, this book chronicles an often unseen but desperately important fact of the industry.

You might recall the wrangling over his will and estate in the early 1980s during which his three children (including successful producer Richard "Jaws" Zanuck), his wife and ex-mistress all vied for part of his relatively small fortune. It wasn't money they were fighting over —it was principle and prestige.

For eight long years the fight continued —ending in courtrooms and with the death of his wife and one daughter. It is not a glorification of the "Golden Age" of Hollywood; it is, rather, a detailed look at the inglorious end to that age. (Crown Publishers; $24.95; 352 pages; 36 photographs).

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.



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Man reports secret relationship with congressman who died of AIDS

by Dean Golembeski

WESTPORT, CONN. (AP) – A man contesting handling of the will of the late U.S. Rep. Stewart B. McKinney disputes official reports that McKinney contracted AIDS from blood transfusions, saying he had been an active homosexual for years.

Arnold R. Denson says he was the Connecticut congressman's lover for five years.

McKinney, 56, a liberal Republican who died in 1987 during his ninth term in Congress, left a car and 40 percent share of his Washington house to Denson, according to documents on file in Probate Court. Denson's share of the estate is worth at least $59,200.

"Stewart was my lover. We lived together for five years," Denson said in an interview last week as he displayed photographs, bills and other documents to support his claim.

Vic Basile, former executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, confirmed that Denson and McKinney were lovers. The Washington-based Human Rights Campaign Fund is the nation's largest Gay-Lesbian political action group and lobbying organization.

McKinney's wife, Lucie, denied that her husband was homosexual.

Denson, 34, a real estate agent who asked that his hometown not be revealed because he lives in a Gay community in Georgia and doesn't want his neighbors harassed, said the two lived together in McKinney's Washington home. Mrs. McKinney remained in Connecticut, where the congressman spent most weekends.

He said they kept their relationship secret from the congressman's family to protect them.

McKinney's family learned of the affair while McKinney was on his deathbed, Denson says. He said he agreed not to reveal the relationship at the family's request, and was told that in exchange for his silence he would receive the property willed to him.

But Denson has not received his inheritance and is battling Mrs. McKinney in Probate Court in Westport.

It was after a hearing on Monday, Aug. 21, and criticism of him by a McKinney family member that Denson decided to speak publicly.

Cesar Caceres, McKinney's physician, issued a statement the day of McKinney's death on May 7, 1987, saying McKinney had contracted AIDS from a blood transfusion he received after coronary bypass surgery in 1979. At the time, about 12,000 Americans were estimated to have been exposed to acquired immune deficiency syndrome through blood transfusions from 1978 to 1985.

When informed of Denson's statement, Mrs. McKinney on Monday again denied that her husband was a homosexual. "You caught me at a loss," she said. "I guess it follows the little blackmail letters we've been receiving." She refused to elaborate.

Her attorney, Lawrence J. Halloran of New Britain, said she was referring to a call she received several weeks ago in which a man claiming to be Denson told her to pay him or he would go public with his story.

Denson denied any contact with Mrs. McKinney since her husband's death.

Halloran also disputed Denson's claim. He said McKinney and Denson were friends and business associates, that McKinney lived alone in Washington, and Denson rented an apartment attached to McKinney's home.

But Basile, of the Human Rights Campaign fund, said he and his lover had dinner on many occasions with McKinney and Denson. He said the apartment at McKinney's house was a facade to protect McKinney's privacy. "I was never in their bedroom, but they had every appearance of a Gay couple," Basile said.

Denson, a divorced father of two, said he believes McKinney was already infected with AIDS when they met in 1982, and said two previous lovers of McKinney have died of AIDS. Denson said he recently has tested negative for the virus.

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Remember, Granny is real deep. She lives it from sex feet under. But beware of Granny - she still knows what's going on from six feet under. There is something to be said for dust.

Sister Mary Virgette certainly has been saving on hay recently, but now she does have another mouth to feed. Now she too can cruise without wearing out her pumps. However, the Kelley girls have to watch their dimes and nickels for good pumps since their magic coach turned into a tiny wad of green.

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Traditional religion will eventually accept homosexuality Methodist minister says

TUCSON - All traditional Judeo-Christian religions will either accept Gay men and Lesbians as full members of the family of the Messiah or they will die, the Rev. David Wilkinson predicted on Aug. 18.

Wilkinson was speaking at the monthly meeting of Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association held at the Hotel Park Tucson. He was explaining why his St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church underwent a process called "reconciliation" little more than a year ago.

"I know some of you here have been hurt by the stand Christianity has taken on homosexuality," Wilkinson said. He pointed out that official Methodist canons declare that homosexuality is "incompatible with Scripture".

"Officially, we can reject homosexuals, but can we reject human beings?" Wilkinson asked. "It is an absolute fact that every human being on the face of the earth is created in God's image, as an incarnation of God.

"The people in power who decide what is incompatible or unnatural are usually men, usually white, usually protestant Christians," he said.

In the reconciliation process, he said, the St. Francis congregation examined Scripture used to denounce homosexuality.

"I found it wasn't homosexuality those Scriptures were talking about at all but rather the values of human beings," Wilkinson said.

Scripture is consistently used across the nation to justify rejection of not only homosexuals but blacks, native Americans, women, Jews, Italians and Poles.

"When we make decisions from our head, we're likely to use spiritual beliefs to keep separations intact," Wilkinson said.

"When we make decisions from our hearts, it is inevitable that we will come to know the other person."

To grow as humans, he said, we must be moved by compassion. We can only have compassion if our hearts are open, if we achieve "oneness" with one another, to really "know" them, in the emotional sense.

"If we allow our hearts to open, we will do the inevitable and embrace all of humanity," he said. "That's a small step for some and an absolutely giant step for others. Fundamental Christianity is nowhere near it yet, but it will be."

Next month, OPBPA will hear Tucson Mayor Tom Volgy, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Hotel Park Tucson.

OASIS MCC/PHOENIX CELEBRATES 10TH

PHOENIX - Oasis MCC will be celebrating it's 10th year anniversary on Oct. 7 and 8. Plans and fund-raising efforts are in the works now.

A decade of service to God and the Gay and Lesbian community of Phoenix is a remarkable achievement. The Anniversary Committee, Kenn Wilson, Gwenda Saylors and Donna Gipson plan on not only celebrating a decade of passing services, but to celebrate a new decade of services, which will make Phoenix take notice that Oasis is alive, well and a valuable asset to the community.

The celebration festivities will include an awards banquet honoring individuals within the church who have demonstrated outstanding leadership by their committed and dedicated services. After worship service on Sunday, Oct. 8, there will be an open house to "show off" and dedicate the newly remodeled sanctuary followed by a picnic and games to be held on the church grounds.

Oasis MCC is located at 2405 E. Coronado, Phoenix, AZ 85008. For more information call 225-8889.

News From MCC Tucson

Last Saturday night was a fun night for many Bingo players and a profitable evening for a few. The winners of this month's games were, Dennis, Peggy, Nita, Linda, Karin and Marie. There were several who won more than one game and the last game with a $40 cash prize was shared by two players, this is against the odds and doesn't happen too often. Our next Bingo games will be played Saturday, Sept. 23.

Next Saturday, Sept. 9, there will be a Swim/Social Party starting at 1:00 p.m. This will include a Pot-Luck Luncheon served during the afternoon. Everyone is invited to join with us to share the fun and fellowship of the congregation. Call 622-4536 for more information. Or better yet, come to worship services next Sunday, full details will be given.

This coming Sunday, Sept. 3, will be our monthly Birthday Party for all of those with September birthdays. There will be a birthday cake and other treats for those celebrating their birthday. Come and join us on this festive day.

Thought for the Week: Most people have SOME sort of religion - at least they know which church they're staying away from.

PHOENIX CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO CHANGE GAY SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

PHOENIX - Managing sex in the AIDS era is the topic of discussion groups to be presented this fall by the Gay Men's Sex Project. The Project is a cooperative effort of the Community AIDS Council (CAC) and AIDS Referral, Counseling and Education Program (ARCE), with support from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Modeling their approach on a successful effort operated by the San Francisco Stop AIDS Project, the Gay Men's Sex Project will hold free discussion groups weekly in private homes throughout the valley. Each meeting is conducted by two trained facilitators. Meetings are designed to stop the transmission of the AIDS virus by changing sexual behavior to safer practices. Emphasized is the belief that one can do this an still have healthy and satisfying sexual relationships.

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and last for approximately 3 1.2 hours. Refreshments are provided by the host. Groups are designed to provide a safe environment in which Gay men can explore ways to respond to the impact that AIDS has had on their lives.

Anyone who would like to participate in a group, host a discussion group in his home, or who would just like more information about dates and places, call CAC at 265-2437 or ARCE at 461-2437.

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