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AGRA 'Road Runner Regional Rodeo' In Phoenix This Weekend

PHOENIX - The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association will hold its 12th annual Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix this weekend. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 17-18-19.

More than 200 contestants are expected to participate in this annual event which takes place at Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds, 29th Avenue and Baseline.

Tickets for the rodeo are $12.00 for each day (Saturday and Sunday) The gates open and events begin at 8:00 a.m. each day. There is no charge for the entertainment events which begin after 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There is no charge for children under 12. The ticket office will be open at the rodeo grounds from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. all three days.

Registration for new contestants will be from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday. Registration fee is $20.00 per event.

Phoenix activist Artie Michaelis is this year's Grand Marshall who will lead the Grand Entry Parade at noon Saturday. Rodeo events will begin at 8:00 a.m.

At 10:30 on Friday night's entertainment event at the rodeo grounds, Ms., Mr., and Miss AGRA will be crowned after several months of fund raising activities for various Phoenix AIDS agencies and other community organizations, to garner their respective crowns.

In addition to the rodeo events and entertainment, there will be many, many booths set up selling a multitude of different clothing, food and jewelry items and other souvenirs of the event.

Entertainment line up will feature many members of the Phoenix and Tucson entertainment arena plus nationally known country artists including Britany Marks and Randy Riggs on Friday night; Torry Beatty and David Pace on Saturday night; and Brenda Allen with Jeff Wilmott performing on Sunday night.

Tucson's Saguaro Regional Rodeo will take place March 21-23.

For more information on the Phoenix rodeo call the AGRA Hotline (602)265-0618.

AZ Legislature Begins New Session With Anti-Gay Measures Coming Up Yet Again

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Political Reporter

PHOENIX (ON) - The forty-third session of the Arizona State Legislature kicked off this past Monday. As years past, there are several anti-Gay pieces of legislation to be considered in this session.

As reported previously, [Observer 650], a group of lawmakers, former House Speaker Mark Killian and Frank Meliti of the Traditional Values Coalition have drawn up four measures being considered during this session.

Two of the four bills would ban Gay and Lesbian student clubs from universities down to local public schools.

[In Tucson, there are G/L groups at the University of Arizona, Pima Community College, Desert View High School and Tucson High Magnet School.]

The third measure would require the firing of university and college employees who participate in any organization that supports illegal sexual activity. The fourth related proposal would increase the penalty for sodomy from a misdemeanor to a class six felony.

[As of press time, these proposals have not been assigned a bill number. Thus they haven't been assigned to a committee. The expected sponsors of the measures are Rep. Karen Johnson, R-Mesa; Rep. Debra Brimhall, R-Snowflake and Rep. Dan Schottel, R-Tucson.]

The school-club measures, according to Frank Meliti, in an interview, are patterned after legislation that was approved in April 1996 in Utah. According to Meliti, that law, approved in a special session, allows school districts to deny access to clubs that "materially or substantially encourage criminal or delinquent conduct, promote bigotry or involve human sexuality."

Meliti, in that interview, said the Arizona legislation would require school districts to deny access to these clubs.

The Utah legislation had many problems, according to Jeansie Anderson attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union in Utah (ACLU). Anderson stated in addition to violate the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, the measure violated the Federal Equal Access Act.

The Federal Equal Access Act, adopted in 1984, requires that schools accepting federal funds provide equal treatment to all school clubs. If a school bans one group, it must forfeit federal funds. Thus the proposed Arizona legislation could be quashed.

According to Anderson, the Salt Lake School District then banned all non-curricular clubs on school grounds. Thus the uproar began. The Granite School District then asked the Utah State Education Department to write a policy concerning school clubs.

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Advocate 1991 'Woman Of The Year' To Speak In Tucson

TUCSON - The Reverend Dr. Dusty Pruitt, noted southern California Lesbian activist and religious leader, will be speaking at the local Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) January 17-19, with a focus of healing the past and moving into the future.

Rev. Dr. Dusty Pruitt

The service time on Friday, January 17, is at 7:30 P.M. and on Sunday, January 19, at 10:45 A.M. At 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, January 18, she will lead a seminar focused on healing; letting go of the old and spiritually moving to the future with God, followed by a dinner at 6:00 P.M.

Beginning in 1980, Rev. Dr. Pruitt served as the Senior Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of Long Beach California. She lead that congregation into unprecedented growth, and quickly became well known for her dynamic preaching and powerful healing ministry. Rev. Pruitt was also active in community organizations promoting justice and civil rights issues.

Pruitt was honored by the Long Beach Lambda Democratic Club for her outstanding commitment to human and civil rights, and in 1993 was awarded the Southern California Women for Understanding's "Outstanding Woman" award. She also recently presented her doctoral dissertation on "But Thou Shalt Forget the Same of They Youth: A Study of Authoritarianism, Religiosity and Child Sexual Abuse" at the National Gay and Lesbian Health Conference in Washington, D.C. Currently, Rev. Dr. Pruitt serves as the Interim Pastor at Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church in Phoenix.

Rev. Dr. Pruitt received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texas. In 1980 she earned her Master of Divinity Degree from Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, and she was awarded her Doctor of Ministry Degree in 1987 from the Claremont California School of Theology.

Rev. Pruitt serves as an Instructor with the U.S. Army until her dishonorable discharge in 1980. In 1983 she filed suit against the Army, seeking reinstatement. In 1991, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in her favor, and she was named as the "Woman of the Year by The Advocate, a national Gay news magazine. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Circuit Court ruling in 1992. She was reinstated in the Army and promoted to Major before retiring in 1993. She was a noted leader during the national debate on Gays in the military in 1993. Currently she is a member of the U.S. Army Retired Reserves as a Major. Her military honors include the National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation with first Oak Leak Cluster, and the Army Reserve Medal.

Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church is a member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Church, with headquarters in West Hollywood, California. The Universal Fellowship was founded in 1968 with a special and affirming Christian ministry with and among the Gay and Lesbian community. Today, there are more than 300 MCC congregations around the world, including congregations in the U.S.A., Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Nigeria, South Africa, the Philippines, and throughout Europe and South America.

Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church is proud to sponsor Rev. Dr. Pruitt's visit to the Tucson community. The church is located at 3269 N. Mountain Avenue (between Ft. Lowell and

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Free Valentines to be printed in the Feb. 12 issue of OBSERVER. Check with your bartender or TAP, PACT or SHANTI

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Desert Voices Receives Cultural Heritage Grant

TUCSON - Desert Voices was recently awarded a $300 cultural heritage grant award from the Tucson Pima Arts Council.

The award will assist their March 15-16 concerts, Go West, featuring the Tejano band Rare Breed as guests. The chorus will perform with Rare Breed on two Spanish folk songs.

"We're very excited about this truly collaborative effort," said Artistic Director Keith Koster. "We're grateful to the Arts Council for making this collaboration possible."

For more information about the upcoming concert, call the chorus office, 791-9662.

Recreational Volleyball Begins

TUCSON - Enjoy the new year by joining the Recreational Volleyball group! The group will play, which started this past Sunday, and every Sunday at 1:00 P.M. on the sand court at St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 East River Road.

Men and women of all playing levels are welcome to play. Volleyball is a fun way to meet people and get exercise at the same time!

For more information contact Davey, 886-1208.

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Phoenix Police Detective To Receive M.L.K. Jr. Award

PHOENIX - Patricia A. Boyd, ten year veteran with the Phoenix Police Department (PPD) and six year veteran as the PPD's Gay/Lesbian Liaison, has been awarded the 1997 Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream Award by the city of Phoenix.

The annual award is given to seven recipients who exemplify the ideals of Dr. King regarding cultural diversity, civil rights, social and economic justice and human dignity. The Awards will be presented at the 11th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast to be held at Symphony Hall in Phoenix, Friday, January 17.

Detective Boyd volunteered to serve as the first liaison between PPD and the Gay/Lesbian community in December 1991. This position, first of its type in Arizona, was created partly due to the advocacy of Detective Boyd. At that time tension and intolerance concerning Gay and Lesbian issues were volatile because the Phoenix City Council was preparing to vote on a controversial anti discrimination ordinance to include sexual orientation.

Detective Boyd has had to deal with many sensitive issues within her own department and within the Gay/Lesbian community. Since Detective Boyd has been the Gay/Lesbian liaison, many critical issues have been resolved with the PPD and the Gay community, examples:

PPD now follows the anti-discrimination ordinance in hiring practices (PPD no longer discriminates against Gay and Lesbian applicants), established cultural awareness and diversity training, acted as crisis management and rumor control during major crisis in the Gay community, (hate crimes that deal with extreme violence or homicide) established the Gay/Lesbian Citizens Advisory to further open and create lines of communication between PPD and the Gay community and its leaders.

Most importantly, due to Detective Boyd's involvement with Gay leaders, PPD began dedicating personnel and resources to investigate hate crimes, making it an issue of grave importance. Also, Detective Boyd does speaking engagements to various Gay/Lesbian groups, especially the Valley One In Ten youth group.

"Pat Boyd is a incredible person, dynamic," said Mark Colledge, founding director of the Arizona Human Rights Fund. "If it were not for Pat's dedication and honesty, a working relationship guided by community based policing would not have been possible."

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in memory we find
their song plays on within the hearts
of those they leave behind.

Bruce touched many lives and filled them with love. His song will play softly forever. Bruce was a gentle man, gentle soul and he will be missed deeply by many.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 18th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills. A potluck and celebration of his life will be held at Nancy Norman-Anaya's home following the service.

Women Softball Players Wanted

TUCSON - Women's B/C competitive softball players are wanted for league and tournament play.

The first organizational meeting has been held, but there are spots in the lineups to be filled. For more information, call Bertie, 318-3415, or Angie, 751-2987.

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EDITOR:

J.O.D.Y sends a special Thank You to all who supported the J.O.D.Y. Memorial Benefit show, held on Sunday, January 12, 1997.

Thanks to your support we were able to raise $227. We hope that you will continue to support this special cause. Thanks to management and staff of the Stonewall/Eagle. We hope to see you at the next event.

Hugs and Kisses
JODY

EDITOR:

Pima AIDS Ministry delivered 90 holiday packages to adults and 10 toys to children with AIDS.

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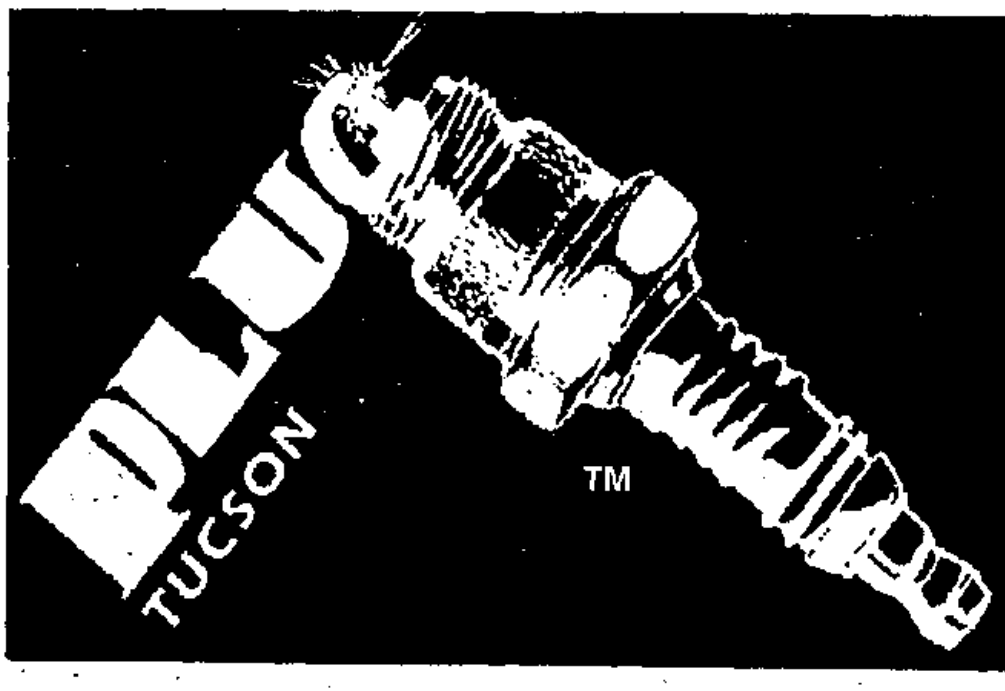

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IT'S NEWS TO ME . . . BY STEVE RISLEY

Call the Fashion Police!: Recent newspaper reports described a male suspect who knocked off a local bank while wearing a blonde wig, pink lipstick and a serape. Although this is a slight improvement over the usual baseball cap and T-shirt, anyone with an ounce of taste knows that whenever you're going to do business with your bank the occasion demands a more formal fashion look.

And sadly these days, typical armed robbers of convenience stores inevitably fall back on that tired old hooded sweatshirt and sunglasses look. Face it, fellas, it's been done to death, it's a low class statement, and entirely unsuitable for our warm sunny clime.

Therefore, with the hope of bringing a little class to crime here's the hottest and latest fashion tips guaranteed to get you onto the Best Dressed Criminal list.

BANK HEISTS - Dress for success in a black velvet Anna Sui pantsuit with bijoux buttons, a pair of 50's retro-look Ray-Bans and your banker will know YOU mean business! Sesto Meucci's alligator loafers with a square toe and stacked heel are this season's perfect choice if you're planning an escape on foot. And if worse comes to worst, you'll be the talk of the sheriff's holding tank in your Lenni Navarro amethyst and sterling silver necklace and matching earrings.

KNOCKING OFF A 7-11 - Casual doesn't have to mean street grunge anymore if you choose a hound's tooth windbreaker in milkweed or taupe from Fleurette. The generous buttonflap pockets are a perfect place to stash all that small change and a stolen, chrome plated, snub-nosed .38. A blue Ermenegildo Zegna brushed poplin blouse paired with brown gabardine slacks says you may be small time now, but you're on YOUR way to the Big House!

CAR THEFTS - The classic sportswear look is the watchword here! You'll be able to preserve your modesty while shimmying through the broken out side window of a Buick Regal in your kicky Andrea Jovine pleated "skirt". The rush of cool evening air won't be a bother for beautiful you in a Popsicle Pink, rayon chenille and cotton rollneck sweater from Coogi Australia. And, of course, imported Italian stringback driving gloves and matching driving shoes in gray calfskin from this year's hottest "Shoemaker to the Stars", Bruno Magli, are a natural choice for those high speed police pursuits through the city.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES - Everything old is new again and this season's fashion wise "second story man" will be fit to frisk wearing a smart Victor Costa lattice back column gown in champagne colored satin. Punctuate the "bad-girl with a heart of gold" look with a Moschino patent croc, flap front evening bag and coordinated pumps in luscious lavender. Don't forget matching opera length gloves and the boys down at the precinct station will be lined up to do the strip search.

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Reveille Revving Up Rehearsals

TUCSON - Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, now in its second full season, is getting set for an exciting New Year with a full slate of activities, and an invitation for singers and volunteers to add their voices, talents and energies to this year's programs.

A member of GALA (Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses), Reveille is Southern Arizona's only Gay men's chorus and is under the direction of Jim Gall.

Rehearsals for the 30-member chorus are held at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday evenings at the Metropolitan Community Church on North Mountain in Tucson, with auditions commencing at 6:30 P.M. Tuesday - through January 28.

The second major concert of the second season -- titled "(Not Exactly Straight) From the Heart" -- will be in late May, and addition "out" of town activities are being planned, including a chorus retreat and performance in Bisbee.

The semi-annual "Great Closet Clean-out Patio Sale" fund raiser is set for the weekend of February 1. Find that treasure you've always longed for, whether it be a quilted tea cozy, a long-lost Partridge Family album, or your very own Chia Pet (fully house trained). You're sure to find something you can't live without!

If you've made a resolution to clean out your closet and have any items you'd care to donate -- or if you'd like to volunteer a couple of hours to help coordinate the event, please contact Bryan Teske at 881-5904 as soon as possible.

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus is proud to be a part of Tucson's multi-faceted arts community. Though our members are of diverse backgrounds, professions and interests, we are in many ways a family, united in the pride we take in our singing and our being Gay. As we sing, we hope that our audiences can also share in the unity and joy expressed through the common language of music.

RGMC is a non-profit organization and, as such, is dependent upon patron support. Arts groups such as Reveille cannot operate on ticket sales and fund raisers alone, so an on-going program of attracting sponsors, both corporate and individual, is essential. You can show your support of this unique Gay organization, and enjoy a tax deduction in the process, by sending your contribution to "RGMC," P.O. Box 2136, Tucson, AZ 85702. All donors are recognized in performance programs and receive a receipt for their contributions.

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Una alentadora noticia que nos llega a través del Infectious Disease News del mes de diciembre '96, es de los estudios que esta llevando a cabo el Dr. Joseph A. Kovacs investigador del National Institutes of Health Clinical Center sobre: El tratamiento Interleukin-2 por vía intravenosa, parece ser que incrementa el recuento de CD4 en pacientes con VIH. El 57% de pacientes tratados con IL-2 experimentaron un incremento de más de 50% sobre sus recuentos de CD4; de acuerdo a los resultados en estudios recientes, 31 participantes recivieron terapia antiviral más infusiones intermitentes de IL-2; 29 recivieron terapia anti-retroviral solamente. Las caracteristicas en la linea básica de ambos grupos fueron similares. Los pacientes que recivieron terapia con IL-2 fueron hospitalizados cada 3 meses por 10 meses para un total de 6 ciclos de terapia; infusiones intravenosas continuas fueron administradas por cinco días, empezando con 18 millones IU/por día. La dosis fué reducida de 6 millones IU/al día, luego a 3 millones IU/día si había evidencia de tóxicidad. Todos los pacientes recivieron terapia anti-retroviral. Unicamente un paciente en el grupo de IL-2, que tenía bajo recuento de CD4 cuando entró al estudio desarrolló una infección oportunista durante el período de estudio. 57% de los pacientes tratados con IL-2 experimentaron un incremento de más 50% sobre sus límites de CD4 al final del estudio que duro aproximadamente un año... El Dr. Kovacs dice: "Los efectos tóxicos fueron disminuyendo a medida que las dósis fueron bajando durante los ciclos finales"... A pesar de que los resultados son prometedores, sin embargo los investigadores han notado que los beneficios a largo plazo en los incrementos de recuentos de CD4 no han sido determinados...

Un comentario especial para los residentes mexicanos aquí en éste lado de la frontera... En el Consulado de México se pueden obtener muchísimos consejos gratuitos sobre cualquier problema que se les presente mientras esté en el extranjero... La gente que trabaja en el Consulado le puede ayudar en los siguientes casos: Asesoría en asuntos de migración, en casos laborales, en materia penal, búsqueda de personas, comunicación con sus familiares en México si se encuentra en el hospital o en prisión. Por otro lado, como desde hace muchos años, los consulados de México expiden la siguiente documentación oficial: Matrícula Consular, Pasaporte, Poderes Notariales y Testamentos, Cartilla Militar, Legalización de documentos y Visas para los extranjeros que desean viajar a México. También le pueden ayudar a obtener una copia certificada de la acta de nacimiento mexicana, una copia certificada de acta de matrimonio si se casó en México e incluso se puede casar y registrar a sus hijos en el Consulado... Algunas de las funciones que podríamos mencionar ahora y que casi la mayoría de los mexicanos desconocen son: Acompañar al aeropuerto y hasta la puerta del avión para su repatriación a menores de edad infractores que son repatriados y enviados directamente a sus familias en cualquier parte de México,. -Contestar por escrito un enorme número de cartas de mexicanos presos,. -Acudir al hospital o a los refugios en caso de mexicanos involucrados en desastres,. -Asistir a eventos oficiales en sábados y domingos y, para no olvidar el lado positivo,. -Participar con la comunidad mexicana en sus festividades como la del "5 de Mayo". El personal que trabaja en los consulados de México es generalmente mexicano, procede de diferentes regiones de la República y se encuentra en la mejor disposición de atender a sus compatriotas. Por tal motivo, no dude en acudir a ellos para aclarar sus preguntas. A partir de 1990, las funciones de los consulados de México se han incrementado, se siguen expidiendo los documentos oficiales mencionados, pero también se trabaja en la educación para adultos apoyando círculos de estudio para impartir clases de alfabetización, primaria y secundaria para los paisanos que organizan los 41 consulados de México y los 21 institutos y centros culturales mexicanos en los Estados Unidos. También promueven cursos de educación bilingüe para los maestros. En el area cultural se fomenta intensamente la conservación de las tradiciones y cultura mexicana, mediante la organización de exposiciones y presentaciones musicales o artesanales. Por lo que respecta a deportes, se han venido organizando actividades infantiles durante el verano y en Estados Unidos, durante, durante todo el año, se realiza un torneo de futbol que se llama "Copa la Raza". En lo que se refiere a salud, en los consulados puedes encontrar folletos en español que tienen información sobre cómo prevenir las adicciones como el alcoholismo, tabaquismo o el consumo de drogas. Si participa en algún grupo de mexicanos que toque música, o ejecute bailes folkloricos mexicanos, por ejemplo, puede hacer muchas cosas con organizaciones similares de Jalisco, Michoacán, Zacatecas o cualquier otro estado de la República Mexicana. Hay un sin número de actividades "muy padres" que puede desarrollar con su Consulado o a través de los institutos y centros mexicanos, visíteles o llámales para que participe con ellos en estas nuevas actividades muy a la mexicana. (Reproducido de La Paloma No.33 Año 07) Si necesita información adicional puede comunicarse con la señorita Nelly Luevano al Consulado de México al (520)882-5595 localizado en 553 South Stone Ave. en Tucson, Arizona.

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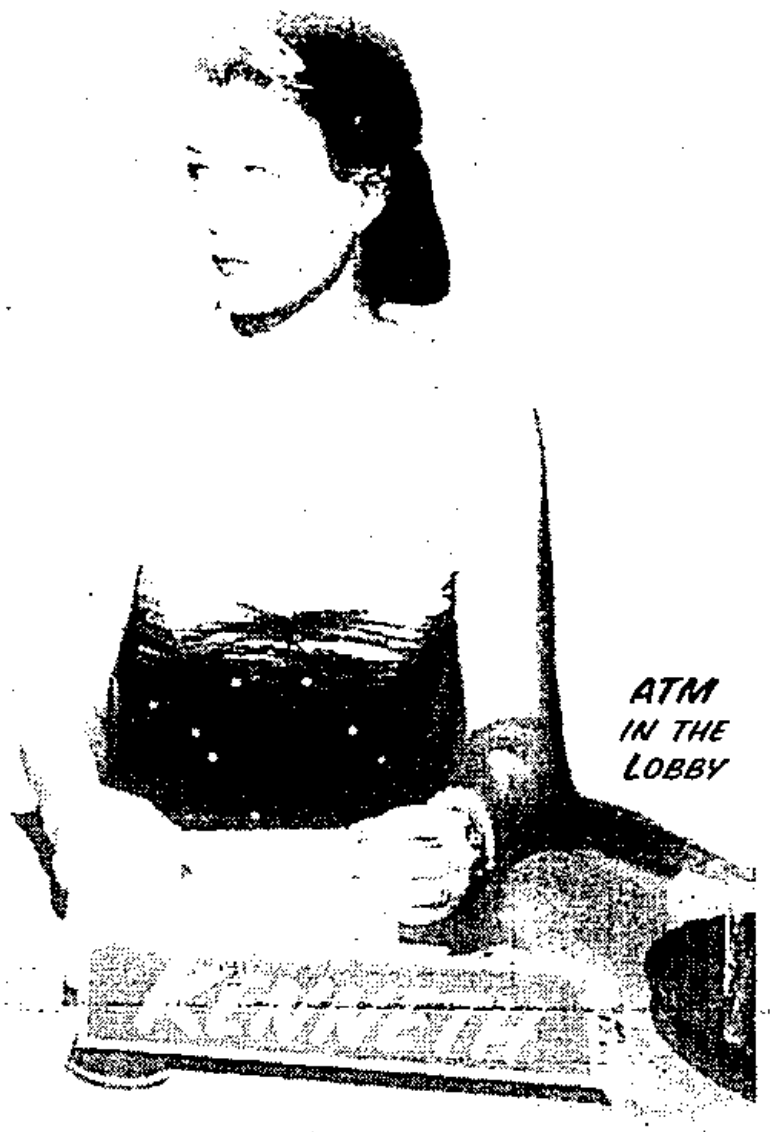

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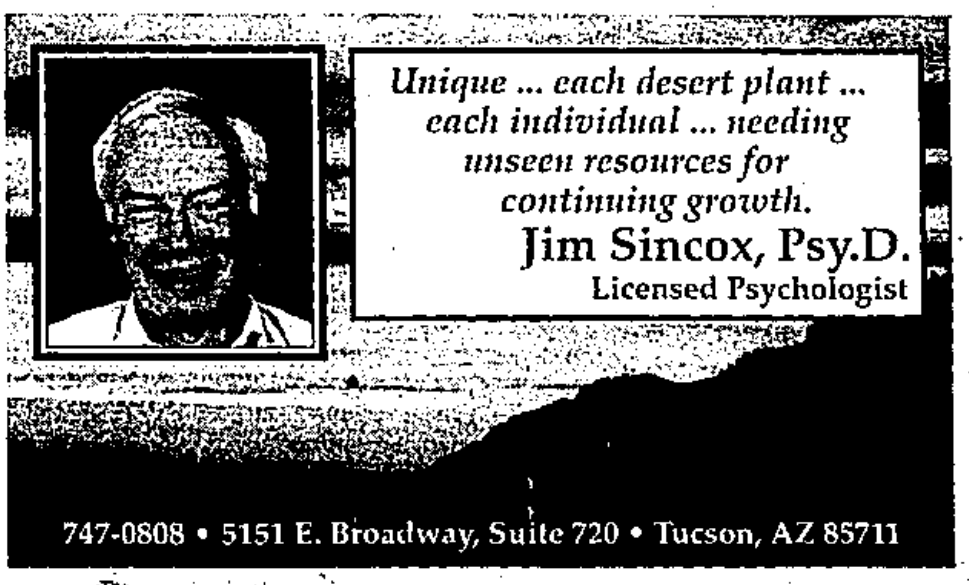

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POLITICS 1997

By MARK R. JUDD

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"They want to sodomize, and I don't want them recruiting [on campuses] for that." Do they mean the ROTC?

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"I don't think it's a slam on homosexuals. There's a lot of things we don't do on school grounds." Yeah, like HIV/AIDS education, sex education, and for that matter, provide funds for a good education!

The quotes, sans retorts, must mean it's January and the Arizona State Legislature is in session. Be afraid, be very afraid!

Ah yes, the bunch who gave us the "Dildo" bill, State-DOMA and no rights when it comes to HIV testing is back in action. The state faces many problems, education funding, the environment, health care, just to name several. What will the "Peanut Gallery" do to solve these important problems? The usual, resort to Gay-bashing!

Even before the 43rd session commenced this past Monday, the Arizona Legislature, a.k.a. "The Loony-Bin," made national headlines with four anti-Gay pieces of legislation. [See an accompanying story.]

Two of the measures would ban support groups for Gay and Lesbian students from public school, college and university campuses.

The third measure would requiring the firing of university, college or public school employees who participate in any organization that supports illegal sexual activity. Does the military count?

A fourth proposal would increase the penalty for sodomy from a misdemeanor to a felony. More you miss, demeanor you get!

Who is behind this? The ringleader is none-other than Frank Meliti and the stealth organization, The Traditional Values Coalition. Also involved is former House Speaker Mark Killian, R-Osmond World.

Who is sponsoring the current measures. The school-bills are being carried by Rep. Dan Schottel. The sodomy measure is being spear-headed by Rep. Karen Johnson, R-Mesa; the former state chair of Buchanan for President '96; and Rep. Debra Brimhall, R-Snowflake.

The school-club bills, according to Meliti, are patterned after similar legislation approved in February 1996 in Utah. Several problems with the legislation:

1) The bills are in violation of the 1984 Federal Equal Access Act. The Act was passed to end discrimination against religious speech in public schools. If they discriminate, they won't get federal funds.

2) The Utah State Department of Education have drawn up a new rule that prohibits school boards from banning school clubs because of their content. Gay and Lesbian clubs are allowed.

3) The universities don't give monies to G/L college groups. These groups get their funds through student fees and not taxpayer dollars.

Lastly, Doug Bates, attorney for Utah's State Education Department, in an exclusive Observer interview, said Arizona could "faces many million dollar lawsuits, district by district," if the measures pass.

Doug Bates went on to say that, "Arizona can't pass legislation that violates the Equal Access Law." Bates said of those pushing the measures, "They're dumb if they believe they can absolutely do this." Logic, federal law and the U.S. Constitution does not apply with this group!

About the sodomy proposal. Openly-Gay state Rep. Ken Cheuvront, pointed out that homosexuality itself is not illegal in Arizona. Sodomy is - but that includes certain sex acts not only between homosexuals, but heterosexuals. Breeders? Call the bedroom police!

What can we do? According to state Rep. Ken Cheuvront, state Senators Elaine Richardson and Ruth Solomon, "Call our legislators now and often on these measures!" So true! Since we've gone into a new Legislative Session, number 43, we have many new faces allegedly representing all Arizonans! Here's the names of our Southern Arizona Legislators:

LD-8: Reps. Gail Griffin (R), Paul Newman (D); Sen. Gus Arzberger (D). LD-9: Reps. Lou-Ann Preble, Bill McGibbon, (R); Sen. Keith Bee (R). LD-10: Reps. Sally Ann Gonzales, Ramon Valadez (D); Sen. Victor Soltero (D). LD-11: Reps. Deborah Norris, Carmine Cardimone (D); Sen. Elaine Richardson (D). LD-12: Reps. Dan Schottel, Freddy Hershberger (R); Sen. Ann Day (R). LD-13: Reps. Brian Fagin, Andy Nichols (D); Sen. George Cunningham (D). LD-14: Reps. Herschella Horton, Marion Pickens (D); Sen. Ruth Solomon (D).

The number to call, 1-800-352-8404, the title of this piece. It's a free call! Yes, they pay for the call as we pay for their actions!

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AZ Legislature

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Doug Bates, attorney for the Utah Department of Education drew up the new guidelines. Bates stated the Federal Equal Access Act and to prevent costly district by district civil rights litigation were the factors for the guidelines.

The rules, according to Bates, are expected to be approved on January 17 by the State Board and the districts. Bates stated the new guidelines would allow school boards to set different regulations for different types of clubs.

The school boards can place a host of restrictions on clubs, such as: adult supervision, parents okay, deny clubs access to school newspaper or other outlets, just to name several of the many restrictions.

Bates said these guidelines are consistent with the Equal Access Act. Bates stated the Arizona Legislators can't pass law in violation of Federal Equal Access Act. "If they believe they can absolutely do this, they are dumb," Bates said.

Tucson Rep. Dan Schottel, R-Tucson, who chairs the House Education Committee, defended his decision to sponsor the legislation. Schottel said, in an interview, it is bad enough that schools don't teach more about morality without allowing this kind of activity on campus. "I don't think it's a slam on homosexuals," Schottel said in an interview.

Not all Tucson legislators were in agreement with the four bills. State Senator Ruth Solomon, D-Tucson, commented, "It's amazing that these bills come from people who want government out of people's lives. We should not waste our time on non-issues. There are many more important issues we need to deal with now!"

State Senator Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson, said that these measures "are a complete waste of legislator's time and taxpayers money." "We need to tackle the other more important issues, not these documents of hatred," Richardson said.

Locally, Bruce Corey, president of Wingspan said of the school-club bills, "Look at the youth suicide rate, most are Gay or Lesbian. Gay and Lesbian kids needs support groups to build self-acceptance. This is so outrageous, these bills should never be passed, but this is Arizona."

Corey said Wingspan, and their youth group, which is part of the Desert View Club, will launch a letter writing campaign to help defeat these measures.

Openly Gay state Representative Ken Cheuvront, D-Phoenix, urges Observer readers to write or call their legislators to tell them these measures are a waste of time and should be defeated.

[See Politics '97 Column in this edition for the names and numbers to call for Southern Arizona Legislators.]

Cheuvront went on the say that he is planning to come down and speaking to the University of Arizona Gay and Lesbian student group, BGALA, to stir up support.

[More news in future editions of The Observer.]

Rev. Dr. Pruitt

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The speaker will be Bob Lind, proprietor of Camelwest Tax Service, which has served the Phoenix G/L community since 1983.

Quote of theWeek...

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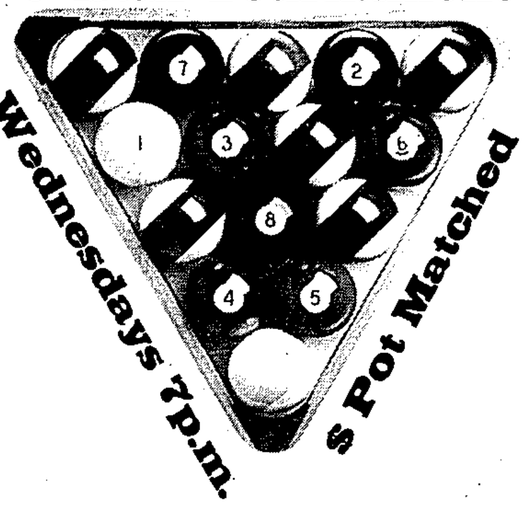

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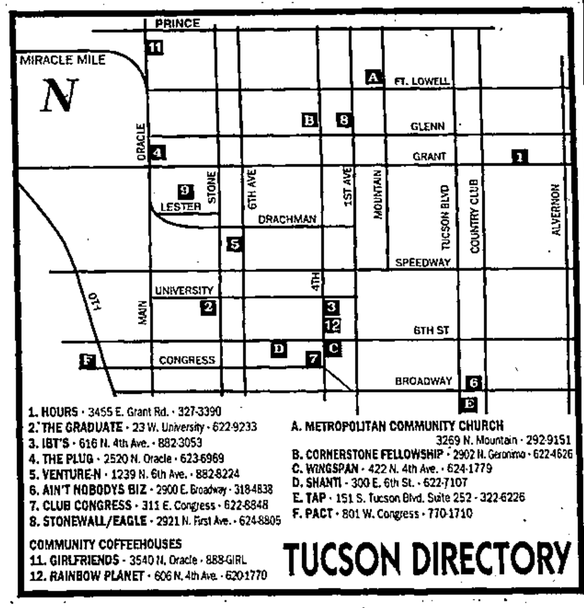

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THE WHOLE MAN

ROBERT FELDHAUS, PH.D.

Spirituality Sane and Insane

Jack, a friend of mine, was raised in the Catholic church. He still loves a lot of the traditions, and more important, he loves God. But, not surprisingly, he can't stand the pope's teaching on homosexuality (as well as other things). Another friend of mine was raised outside of any religion. Talked about a mixed blessing! On the one hand, he's free of a lot of the useless guilt that plagues people raised Christian. But on the other hand, he finds a hunger within him for something greater, and doesn't have a framework for expressing it.

It seems a lot of people have a desire for spirituality, and yet there are few who feel they have found a completely healthy way of being spiritual. So many of the established ways are slightly insane! Christianity is on a weird kind of authority trip, and you'll find it in both Protestantism and Catholicism. Christians, no matter how liberal, also seem to have this big worry about sex. For another thing, Christianity likes to talk about love, and yet its history is full of cruelty, ignorance, torture, and murder of those who beg to differ from the established teachings. Certainly, there are alternatives to Christianity, for example, the New Age movement. Yet, in the New Age, you're asked to believe things nobody should be asked to believe. You're asked to believe that a guy talking in a fake accent with his eyes closed is actually "channeling" an extraterrestrial entity. You're asked to believe that somebody else has the gift of seeing your previous incarnations, if they stare at you in candlelight. And so on.

What does all this have to do with basic spirituality, you might ask? What does it have to do with feeling your connection to what is larger than you, attaining peace of mind, and treating other people with kindness and fairness? Those things, I submit, are the core of religion. But too often, religion gets off the track, and lost in some side-path. The most dangerous thing to look out for is the religious authority figure's emotional needs getting in the way. For example, fundamentalists who start legal initiatives to prevent Gays and lesbians from having equality, are, to use the clinical term, whacko. They've got emotional needs to feel important, that they are on the side of right, and probably to deal with their own homoerotic feelings. When they use religion to try to deal with these feelings, everybody suffers. A similar example would be the Catholic church, more than half of whose clergy are Gay. These same closeted Gay men issue dire warnings to their more self-accepting Gay brothers, that they are headed for hell unless they repent. They won't even approve the use of a condom to save a life. That's sick, in my book.

Yet, for many of us, the spiritual hunger is there and demands to be filled, despite the craziness of so many "religious" people. Can a person be sane and spiritual at the same time? Perhaps; let's explore the possibility. A sane spirituality would leave its hands off of people's sex lives, for starters. It would be a very personal thing, not based on fear of punishment or obedience to authority. It wouldn't obsess about implausible beliefs of any kind. Catholics obsess about their belief that the bread and wine literally turn into God in the Mass. Protestants obsess about their belief that unless someone believes in Christ as their personal savior, they're going to be fried in hell forever. New Agers obsess about their belief in crystals, astrology, and reincarnation. What about a spirituality that didn't have any improbable beliefs at all?

Just an understanding that we humans are all part of a larger Whole. That's the essence of spirituality. And it doesn't strain your credulity to understand that. You can be sane, and still understand that we humans are all part of a larger Something-or-Other, and therefore, part of each other. This is why it has been said, "Judge not, lest ye be judged." We can't see or define this Something-or--Other, because It's too close to be seen. We're part of It, and we can't see God for the same reason that we can't see our eyes, or pull our brains out of our heads for inspection. But we can feel It, and use our intuition to get a glimpse of It. And that glimpse can set our minds and hearts free.

If you understand that we are all connected in a larger pattern, then being "moral" follows without fuss. The larger Whole, of which we are all a part, is extremely loveable and loving. The One divine spirit looks out through each person's eyes. Of course you're not going to rip off your neighbor when you see that s/he is part of you! Of course you're going to have respect for yourself if you understand that you are connected to the whole, as a natural child of this universe. And of course, being same-sex-oriented is no impediment whatsoever to being part of this grand symphony of life.

If you feel the desire to commune with the universe, there's no need to feel embarrassed. Just go out to the desert alone, for example, and feel the oneness. You don't have to worry that you're crazy. Despite the antics of organized religion, being spiritual is actually the ultimate in sanity.

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PACT NEWS

by Frank E.G. Gallego

The Medications Assistance Program (MAP) is designed to assist clients in obtaining medications in emergency situations. Previously, MAP provided the entire amount of funds to cover medications. Due to funding limitations, clients are asked to pay 10 percent copay for medications. If individuals cannot afford the 10 percent copay, alternative arrangements may be made to cover fees. Also, due to minimal funding, clients are only eligible for up to $1,000 of coverage per year.

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I leave you with this in mind, "Love creates an 'us' without destroying a 'me.'" - Leo Buscaglia

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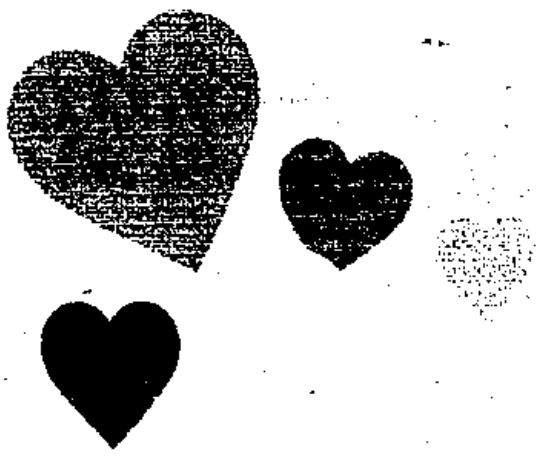

Be My Valentine

Free Valentines to be printed in FEB. 12th issue of the Observer.

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DEADLINE FOR VALENTINES MONDAY, FEB. 20

CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

GRADUATE - New!!! 9-Ball Pool Tournament starts here every Wednesday beginning at 7:00 p.m. Pot matched.

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. to closing, "Male Box Party" with prizes, surprises and drink specials.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - "Ladies By Choice" show with Kenneth Blake and guests. Don't miss this show.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

IBT'S - College Nite at IBT's. Wear your favorite college shirt and get $1.50 well drinks 9:00 p.m to closing.

FRI. SAT. SUN., JANUARY 17-18-19

VENTURE-N - The Bears of the Old Pueblo will be celebrating "La Fiesta De Los Osos" all three days. Join 'em!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Avatar is back!! Santana-style Latin music, cumbias, corridas. Music starts at 9:00 p.m. $1.25 pitchers and shots of Cuervo Gold $2.25 all nite!! Cover.

IBT'S - Beer Bust and Bar-B-Que from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. to benefit Shanti. Then at 9:00 p.m., the return of "The Wheel Of Bad rag" hosted by Bulemia Dahaviland. Prizes, prizes, prizes! Then this will be followed by IBT's own "Torn, Tattered and Tattoo'd Party" with drink specials from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. $1.50 Long Islands and Madras'

STONEWALL/EAGLE - "Divas Of Drag" with Jacqueline De Savoi and special guest Afotia Whoremoans.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

IBT'S - An all new "Girlie Show" hosted by Miss Gay Arizona Gilda Fatale and featuring Angelica West, Mr. Kenneth Blake and the live vocals of Pete Lara and Jonathan Brown.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 (Super Bowl Sunday)

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Enjoy the super Bowl here on the Big Screen TV + 3 smaller TVS Free food and shot specials. $1 50 long necks. Come out and root.

IBT's - Mark your calendars for IBT's Super Bowl Party and -After-The-Game Locker Room Dance and Party.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Big Super Bowl Party here with 8 TV's and Big Screen! Plus (weather permitting) Steak Fry on the patio. Get your Super Bowl memorabilia.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

VENTURE-N - Ray Greg returns! Chinese New Years Buffet 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Advance sale $4.00

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Cronies Social Club Movie Night at Leo's. Call Leo at 624-6768 for more info and RSVP.

Join Girlfriends resident musician Jass Hawk Oakenstar from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. $2.00 cover.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bob M. will host a Topic of Discussion of being single and feeling good about it. For directions and reservations, please call Bob at 747-2258.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Gays and Lesbians United (GLU) will have its next information sharing supper hosted by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) at Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore, 3540 N. Oracle Road at 4:30 p.m. To RSVP call David at 323-7943.

Free seminar at Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore "Friends You Leave Behind" by Fran Westra. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, JAN. 17-18-19

12th Annual AGRA 'Road runner Regional Rodeo'. For times, places and events, see story on page on of this issue of Observer.

FRIDAY, JANUARY17

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our video presentation this evening will be "The Brady Bunch Movie." Mark will host this funny, campy tribute to these ultimate icons of TV families. Held at Les & Jerry's house. For directions and reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore will be playing country music all evening beginning at 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore will host a free seminar by Fran Westra "The Stuff Beyond The Will" from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Then Tari & Vanessa will perform in concert at 8:00 p.m. $3.00 cover.

Tucson Arts District Downtown Saturday Night 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. Jack will host an evening devoted to French cuisine. He and his partner Bill have room for 8 others at their dinner table. Call after January 3 if you are interested in attending. For details, directions and reservations, call Jack at 298-3044.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Recreational Volleyball this Sunday, and every Sunday, at 1:00 p.m. at the sand court at St. Francis in the Foothills church, 4625 E. River Road (NW corner of Swan and River Roads). Men and women of all playing levels are welcome. For more info call Davey at 886-1208.

Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bisexual men over 30) will have their regular monthly meeting 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. Following the meeting the group adjourns to Caruso's for a social dinner. Members of At-Ease Again and Cronies Social Club are welcome as are all mature Gay men. Become a part of International Prime Timers, the largest Gay Social Club in the world!

The first Men's Massage Group meeting of 1997. This is a wonderful way to meet other men in a safe and fun way. The group lasts for two hours and there is a small fee. Call no later than Saturday to sign up or inquire. Call Marc at 881-4582.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. Join Ray and David as they host Ice Cream Sunday. All you have to do is bring your favorite pint or quart of ice cream to share with the other guys. Our hosts will have toppings to help you make a sinfully rich treat. For directions and reservations, call Ray or David at 797-6648.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night devoted to getting out the MSN newsletters. It's a fun way to help the organization and get to know the MSN guys. Dessert and door prizes. Call Les at 690-9565 for directions.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Cronies Social Club mid-month dinner at "Old Timers Cafe". Call Richard for more info and RSVP 578-0840.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join MSN for a fun night of roller skating on "Adult Night." The cost will be $5 for rental of tradiional skates, or $8 for in-line skates. Call Chris at 290-4266 or Donn at 325-4257 for details and directions.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take place at Les & Jerry's house. Simply bring $4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For directions and reservations, call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Card games of all sorts will be played at Martin's home. Hearts, Pinochle, Uno and Rummy are just some of your choices. For details, directions and to reserve your space, please call Martin at 623-1732.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 12:00 p.m. A Super Bowl Party will be hosted by our sports-hound Robert. If you're interested in watching men on the field, join Robert for a day devoted to football fanatics. You're asked to bring a munchie to share with the others. For reservations and directions, call Robert at 296-2738.

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

Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 3pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.50 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.

PLUG - Open Noon. 25¢ Beer Bust and afternoon dance 3-8.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-8pm. Pool tournament 2pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee. Beer Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Too! 4-11pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 9 to 1 am.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer $1.25. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, $1.50 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, $1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. $1 schnapps all the time. Campy movies with Mouse 8pm. Dart Tournament 8:30pm. $1.00 Well all day and all night.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon to 8pm. Party with Stephan. Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm Hi-NRG Dance Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. 2for1 on all wine, well and long necks from 9 to close.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.25. Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.50 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattoo Tuesday. $1.25 well and $1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoo. Prizes and surprises.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. $1.00 Bud and Bud Light longnecks all day and all night.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. $1.25 pitchers from 8 to midnight. Tucson's hottest country music from 8:30 to close.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. 301 Dart Tourney 7:30 p.m. Singles $3 entry Pot matched Double elimination.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, $1.50 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. $1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 2 for 1 Well 9pm - 1am. Queer Dance at 9pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold $1.50

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold $2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! open 8:30pm.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Heineken or Corona $2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm $1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. $1.25 Well and $1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 9-close.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. $1.50 Skyy vodka cocktails with "The Smed" 9pm - 1am. Live DJ at 9pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-8pm. Beer specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm $3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! open 8:30pm

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres. Hot dance music with Alex 8:30. Shot specials every ½ hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer $1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm $1.50 domestic beer and well. .. Patio Bar with Loosey 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

PLUG - Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. $1 schnapps all the time. Hi-Energy Dance music at 9pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-8pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! opens at 8:30 pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%. Hot dance music with Alex 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every ½ hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, $3 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pina Coladas $3. Country/Western Music 8-1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm $1.50 domestic beer and $1.25 well. Patio Bar with Loosey 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

PLUG - Open Noon. Happy Hour hit 8pm. Free Pool hit 8pm. Hot Dance Party at 9pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Bitches & Bagels w/$1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! Opens at 8:30pm.

HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by Anida Cowboy

Hey Tucson!!!

Hi y'all! Another week has come and gone. I have a feeling that this week is going to last forever! I am just too excited! Phoenix Rodeo is this weekend and I am going to be there in the middle of all the glitz and glamour! My Cowgirl drag is ready to go (hell, I've been ready since Monday huh Raulie?) I am learning that being a "Rodeo Groupie" can be a very expensive (but rewarding) habit. Ain't it sickening?

Speaking of sickening, the PR Cowboy has been in seventh heaven lately! So anyone who needs a favor from him, now is the time! Rumor has it the only word he knows how to say lately is yes! On a gentler side, I would like to welcome this dream man to the group! By the way "J," you may still be on your honeymoon, but it is no holds barred with the rest of the group!

AGRA-Tucson has received full stock on the Official 1997 Saguaro Regional Rodeo T-Shirt with the beautiful "Rodeo Baby" on the back. Look for them on a chest near you. We will be debuting the shirts at Phoenix's rodeo, so if you are there, stop by the AGRA Booth and get one.

We are also in the process of planning our Annual Valentine's Dance. This will be held at the Quality Inn on Valentine's Day evening. The cost is $10 per person. If interested, contact Raul Almeraz at 512-9696 or Scott Weidamoyer at 792-5653 for more information or to purchase your tickets. This should be a very special evening. A great idea if you are looking for a place to spend with that special person or just among friends. Look for more details to come.

MEMO: AGRA-Tucson will be accepting nominations for all AGRA Board Position for the upcoming year. If you have someone in mind that you would like to serve on the Board of Directors, please submit your written nomination to AGRA-Tucson at the address below. If you have any questions regarding nominations, please feel free to contact the AGRA Hotline and we will be glad to answer your questions. It is a whole new year and there is no better way to be involved than to serve on the Board.

That's all I have for now! I can't wait for next week to fill you all in on the Rodeo Dish! As always, remember to keep your pride and play safe in the saddle!

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

If you could choose, what kind of "greatness" would you like to attain? Would you like to become a great financial wizard, manipulating the stock market, making millions of dollars? Or perhaps you would prefer to be a star in the music business, performing your own compositions on world tour, while fans throw themselves at you. Maybe your choice would be to be a famous athlete, known not only to fans of your sport, but to the world at large through your numerous commercials. Is it possible that you have day-dreamed of becoming a political leader, one who would change the course of history (for the better, of course!)? If we were to talk with a dozen people about what makes for greatness in this world we would probably get at least fifteen different answers!

But what does Jesus say makes someone great? When he was speaking with his disciples on this subject, he said, " . . . You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave, just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20;25-28).

What a different idea of greatness this is from that which this present world would have us believe! You are not great in God's kingdom because you make a lot of money or are well-known or wield a lot of power! You become great because you are willing to be a servant!

And Jesus said that he gave us the perfect example,of servant-hood. He left his comfortable home in Heaven, where the angels praised him continually, to com to this earth and be born into a peasant home in an insignificant country. He did not make a show of who he was as the only Son of God and demand that his followers serve him. Instead, he spent his life serving others, and when he died it was "to give his life as ransom." He died so that we who believe in him will one day be able to live with him in Heaven forever.

How can we who believe in Jesus follow his example and become "great" servants? Here are some ways I have thought of; perhaps you can think of others. ". . . Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in Heaven." (Matthew 5:16) When someone thanks you for doing something for them, be sure to give the glory to God; do not take the praise for yourself. Do not be afraid to show God's love to others, whether through things you say or by your actions. Even if you do not feel comfortable interacting with others, remember God's promise that "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13) He will help you show his love to those who need it most. Listen to the Holy Spirit and do what he directs you to do, because Jesus said that the Holy Spirit " . . . will speak only what he hears . . ." (John 16:13) The Holy Spirit is God's voice in our hearts, helping us understand what his will is in every situation.

It is difficult to be a servant on your own. Come join us at Cornerstone Fellowship as we endeavor together to learn to be the "great" servants that our Lord would have us be!

He who has a thing to sell and goes and whispers in a well, is not so apt to get the dollars as he who climbs a tree and hollers.

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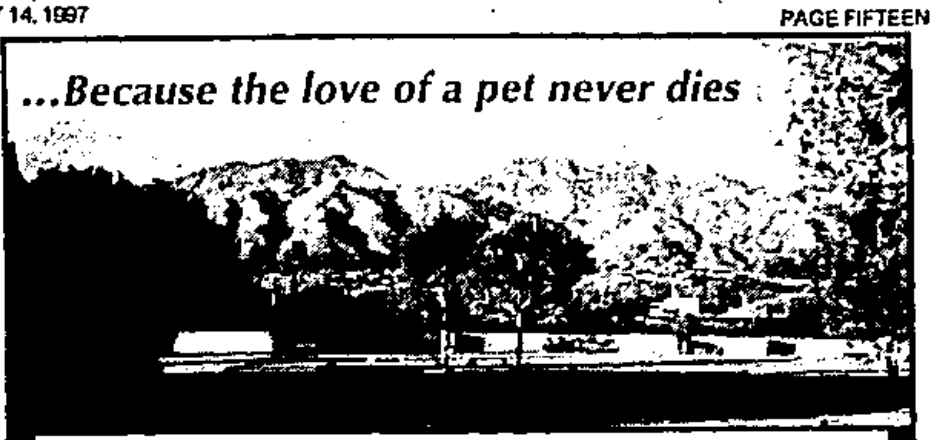

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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Wayward Mercury finally changes course this week and goes "direct." We can finally mean what we say and say what we mean with no confusion and no vagueness. Sounds like a great opportunity to shout it from the rooftops, kids.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams may have screwed up an otherwise fine professional opportunity in the past couple of weeks when Mercury drove your communications over the edge. Now that the old sod has changed course, at least you have a chance to salvage the remnants of your corporate pinstripes. That is, of course, if you still want to. Ever thought of finding a wealthy lover instead...?

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Retrograde Mercury may have made mincemeat out of your best travel plans, but now that the putz has gone direct, why not give vacationing another chance? Now at least your luggage won't get lost or travel to Brazil without you. If the holidays have restricted your travel allowance, find closer to home exotic outlets to feed the travel bug. No names please.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Your best sexual maneuvers might have taken a detour during Mercury's wayward days but now at least proud Twins can whisper the words of lust and have them clearly understood. Sing the song of love and see who dances to the tune. You still may not bag your attractive quarry, but at least the message is received and processed. For best results, avoid wearing a marshmallow green leisure suit.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Even the homiest of pink Crabs may have unintentionally scuttled the love nest during Mercury's retrograde period. Thankfully, Mercury now swims direct and so do you. Wrap those claws around your partner and say everything you want to say . . . and more. The message will come through proud and queer. If you are still searching, send a missive Out far and wide. It won't get lostin the static.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Sometimes it seems that the harder you work, the harder you work. Retrograde Mercury hasn't been helping matters either as your plaintive cries for assistance have been lost in the translation. Further, those that work for you have not been getting the message about their performance. Heck, it's a new year and a direct Mercury; clear up any static on the job now. Take a long lunch.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Fun might have had a way of getting way out of hand during Mercury's wayward travels. Now that the old bastard has decided to go direct, you have to find a way to retrieve the old confetti and relaunch the festivities. Artistic blockage evaporates and you may be tempted to get back to the easel or typewriter. Proud Virgins can use this time to unleash their Gay muse and give it free reign.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Gay Libras may have experienced more than a few holiday gaffes with relatives because of the annoying retrograde Mercury. Now however, it's time to repair bridges damaged by careless or misinterpreted talk. Try using a few kind and understanding words. Diplomacy is your middle name, cousin, so let the bon mots flow. Don't compromise or make promises that you can't keep though.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Gay Scorps pride themselves on their clever and calculating communications. What a surprise when Mercury was retrograde and even your best missives fell short of the mark or ran astray. But proud Machiavelli is back in the game now that Mercury has gone direct. Plot and plan all you want but please use your communication for good and not for evil, dear, queer friend.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Even the most astute Gay Archer might have sold short during Mercury retrograde. If the wallet is a little threadbare, blame it on the miscommunication that Mercury gave you monetarily. But there is now ample time to recoup your losses with Mercury direct. At least the financial information you now receive is on the mark. You will still have to decide when to buy and sell though.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Wearing a tux to a pool party? Finding yourself in hot pink chaps at the White House? Don't despair, conservative, queer Cap; Mercury is going direct and you will find that your wardrobe is far better coordinated and appropriate for the occasion. Even your approach is more approachable. Get Out there and meet and greet; you never know who you will meet . . . and where.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

If you found that your intuition has been a little off, blame retrograde Mercury which has given the spirits a run for their money. Aqueerians can rest easier now that old planetary putz has gone direct. Any effort that you make on behalf of our community will now be worthwhile, recognized and appreciated. A bonus; you may be inspired to do a little ultra creative thinking. Plan it Out.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

If retrograde Mercury has caused some tiffs with friends, use the energy of Mercury direct to repair damaged fences. Things might have been said that were unintended or misinterpreted. Don't carry a grudge or a perceived hurt. Pink Fish are sensitive souls, but life is too short to get your panties in a twist over minor slights. Give them a call.

For entertainment purposes only. For best results, read both your Sun sign and Ascendant. For a free ascendant calculation, send birth date, time, place, name of this paper and s.a.s.e to: LICHTENSTEIN, POB 1726, NYC 10011-1726.

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SPORTS

G/L Bowling Leagues Prepare For Spring Season

TUCSON - The Desert Coyotes and Lambda Lizards are getting ready for their spring season. Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling leagues will be starting their seasons, January 22 and 24 respectively.

The Desert Coyotes league bowls on Wednesdays, 9:00 P.M. at Golden Pin Lanes, located at 1010 W. Miracle Mile. The Desert Coyotes is a trio's league and the season will run 15 weeks.

The Lambda Lizards league bowls on Fridays, 6:30 P.M. The league is returning to Golden Pin Lanes for the spring season. The Lambda Lizards consists of teams of five persons, and the season will also run 15 weeks.

For more information about the Desert Coyotes, call 743-3303. For more information about the Lambda Lizards, call 798-1549.

Softball Tourney Feb.21-23

TUCSON - It's softball time again! The Second Annual Old Pueblo Softball Tournament will be held the weekend of February 21-23 at Sportspark.

Last year's tournament was a great success and this years can only get better. The tournament is expected to draw teams from as far away as Boston and British Columbia as well as a host of teams from the Tucson and Phoenix area.

The tournament can accommodate up to 28 teams. Divisions have been set up as follows: Open B, Open C, Women's Competitive, Women's Recreational. The entry fee for the tournament is $250 per team due by February 7. Every team is guaranteed four games. The host hotel will once again be the Plaza Hotel and rooms are available for $56 double occupancy and $66 for quad occupancy.

The tournament committee is currently seeking sponsors and advertisers. If you would like to place an ad in the tournament handbook, need an entry form, or would like more information about the Second Annual Old Pueblo Softball Tournament, feel free to contact Mary O., 770-9979 or Michele G., 620-0956 for rates or write to P.O. Box 40444, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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Go In Good Health

by Rev. Andrew Brooks

Compromised Immune System
Part II

There are various things we can do to combat the onset of AIDS. Proper nutrition is vital. Malabsorption is a common factor in those with AIDS, and we must assist the body in it's efforts to throw off the onslaught of damage this virus causes. I would strongly recommend limiting all alcohol intake, and the use of recreation drugs of any kind!

When we add the stress of drug use to the body, when it is already run down, then we open the door to more serious problems. It is as simple as this: Abuse the body, pay the price! When we support our bodies, even if illness occurs, we stand a much better chance to win. So I recommend reevaluating lifestyle and examining our intake of food and other substances. Is this for our highest good, or simply an old bad habit?

The herb Astralagus is an ancient and potent Chinese medicine that fights infection, and enhances immune function. It is best to avoid using it while you run a fever, as it can induce sweating. As you may know, your body attempts to rid itself of toxins with a fever. Certain microorganisms are destroyed at higher body temperatures. So if you have a fever, rest, and take it easy. White Willow will alleviate a high fever, and bring you down to safer levels, but I still encourage proper rest. The modern medicine, aspirin, is a synthetic copy of the biochemical salicylic acid found in white willow bark!

The potent herb Goldenseal's most active component, berberine, is a broad spectrum antimicrobial, antiprotozal, and antifungal agent, effective against a wide array of organisms. It can be of direct benefit to the AIDS patient. Echinacea is debated as to whether or not it is good for AIDS patients, although it strongly enhances immune function. Since it stimulates the T-cells, there is concern it may increase replication of the HIV virus. However, this is theory, not a proven fact.

Nutrition is important, so add Vitamin C, and Carotene to the diet, and also Bioflavanoids, Zinc and Catechin. Look around to locate these supplements, and take them as directed.

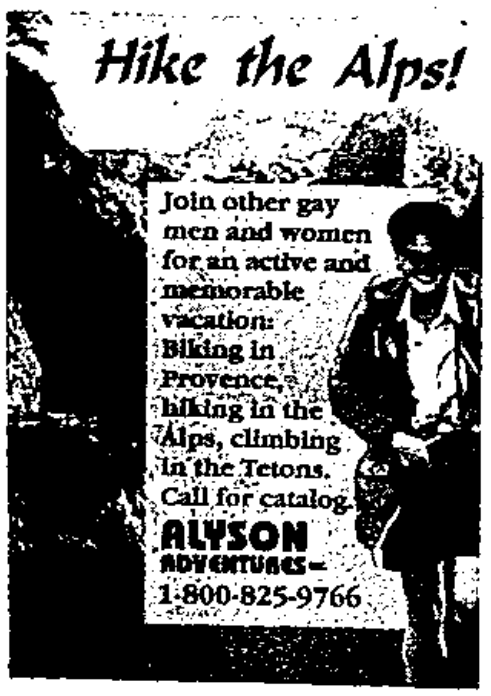
The herbs Lomatia and Osha, two powerful herbs, are good for a great number of infections. Those with AIDS have greater susceptibility to all strains of the herpes virus, so I advise adding this herb to your regimen. It is believed that the Epstein-Barr virus causes chronic fatigue syndrome, so those with this disorder should consider using Lomatium-Osha compound to assist in their recovery also.

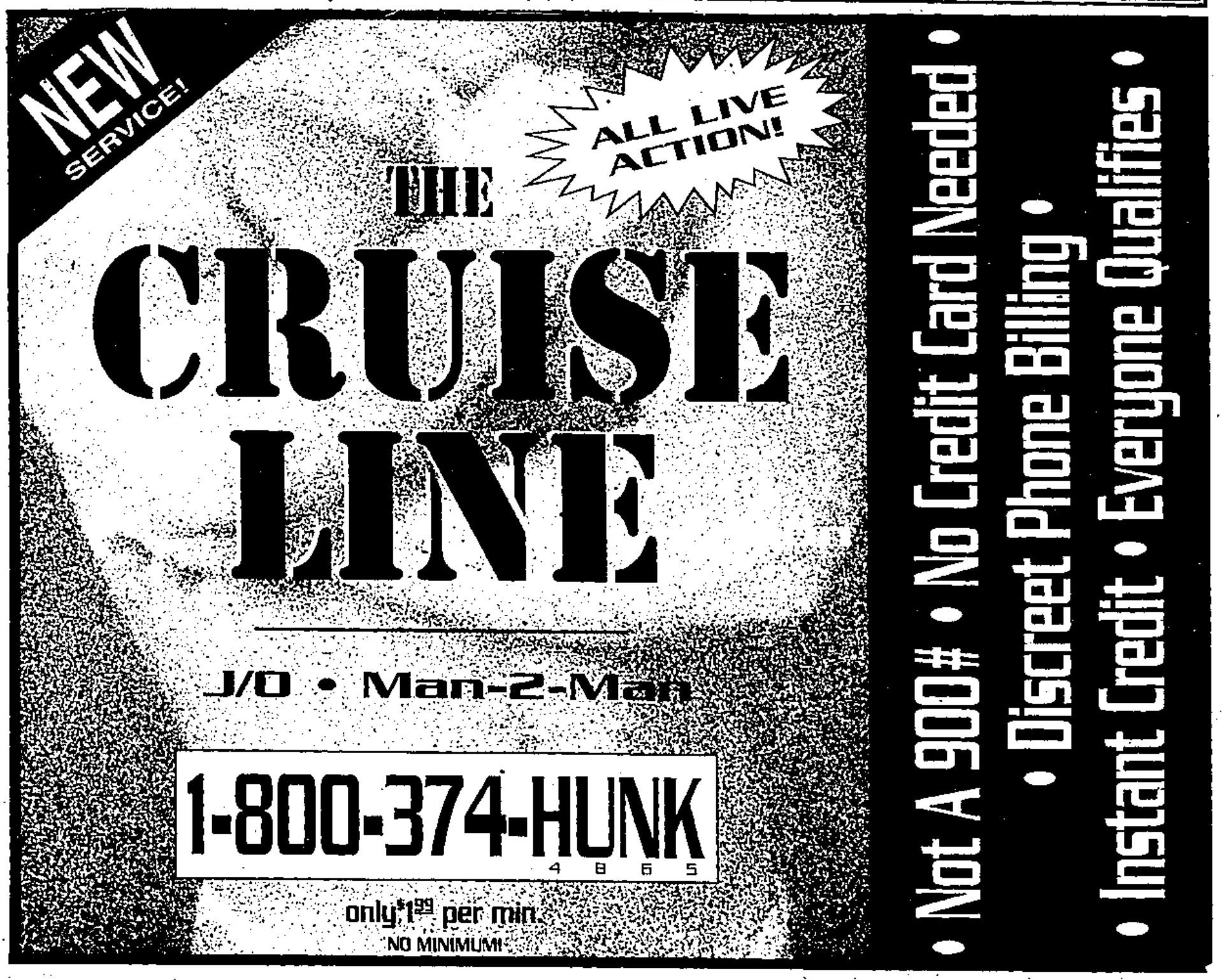
There is evidence that the herb Liquorice (from where we get the candy of the same name) has immune-building power, so you may wish to try this also. In all cases, take these herbs as directed. I suggest telling your doctor that you are using herbs to help you, and don't let him or her talk you out of it! You own your own body, and some doctors, unfortunately, are a bit on the order of playing God with patients. I think we need to stand up and take charge of our own health.

Red Clover is a blood purifier, and will help clear the blood, and this helps to fight AIDS and other conditions also. The herb Myrrh, which fights dental infections, is antimicrobial, and enhances immunity. There are so many wonderful things we can do to boost our immune function. Never give up hope!

The new cocktail of AIDS drugs shows early promise, but some people get very sick while taking these, so be careful! Discussion about resistance, toxicity to the liver, and other factors must be considered. The effects are remarkable, and they do buy time! Anything that helps may be considered.

[Andrew Brooks is a holistic herbalist and counselor, and can be contacted at 326-0841.]





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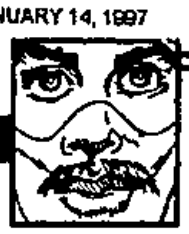

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BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, call the Bears Hotline (520)733-8409, write 1830 E. Broadway #124-403, Tucson, AZ 85719, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome. Office 574-2272.

"LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 298-8454.

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Roan 968-2384.

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

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merle at 889-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Jeff or Art (520)762-8135.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7288.

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

"AT EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. 422 N. 4th Ave.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #182. For information call 791-9682.

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

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9585 for information and a newsletter.656

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

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9063.

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BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan. 320-1319.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. BB or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 5:00 p.m. Check it out!

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

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmel Park Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555

People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT ForLife), 801 W. Congress. Office hours MWF 8am to 5pm, Tu 8am-7pm. Th. Noon - 8pm. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Call 770-1710 for more information.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON

Help us help others in giving emotional support to persons with HIV and AIDS and their families, friends. Contact us Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 300 E. 6th Street. 622-7107. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8560 or write P.O. Box 36284, Tucson, AZ 85740-6284. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7268.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Information and Referral about Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7483 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-8 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 181 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6220. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

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

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Room 32. Call the church at 299-9083 for information.

NOTICES

LICHEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubytruk Journal available at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1779.

L.D.S., EX-L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays. 7pm. 320-1319 for information.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 1:00 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 888-1208 for more info.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROTECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745. 770-1314.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40884, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

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ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all -- Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1900 N. Camino Pia Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 577-8333 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets every third Thursday at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Avenue at 7pm.

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

TIHAN, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

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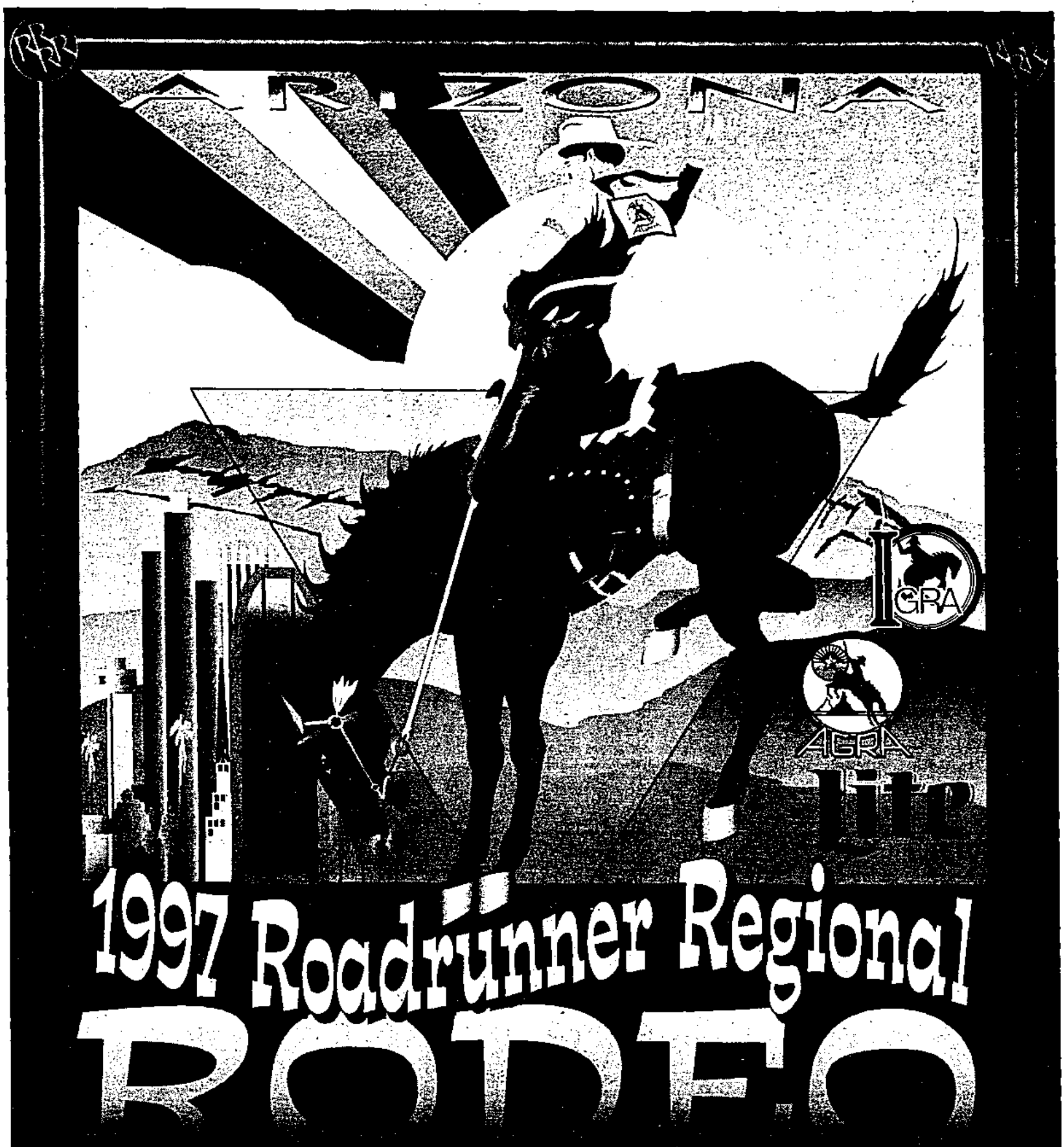

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