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ADAP Update:

Check Is In The Mail; Legislature To Vote On Future Funding for Program

by Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) -- There will be another check in the mail.

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) provides life-saving medication and health care to those people living with HIV/AIDS. In Arizona, that will be the case...at least through March 31.

According to Francie Noyes, press secretary to Governor Jane Hull, who said in an exclusive interview, that the governor will provide monies, totalling $330,000 to get the beleaguered program through the current fiscal year, which ends March 31.

"If there is an additional need, the governor will make sure it is covered," Noyes said. She added that the moneys would come from the state's emergency Tobacco Tax Health Care Fund.

As first reported statewide in September 1997, the state's ADAP, run by the Arizona Department Health Services (ADHS), reported a nearly $1 million shortfall due to expanded client lists and the cost of medications, such as protease inhibitors.

Arizona was one 37 ADAP's facing funding shortfalls.

The newly sworn-in Hull, in October of 1997, declared a health crisis and directed staff to allocate $600,000 from the state's emergency Tobacco Tax Health Care Fund for ADAP.

According to Chris Brown of ADHS, who said previously the moneys helped to get ADAP through mid-January 1998.

What precipitated the latest funding crisis, Brown said previously, was ADHS serving 480 clients, on average, in November and December of 1997, totalling over $340,000 in costs for medications.

In November ADHS had placed another request for funding.

With time running out, Brown said ADHS was starting to move patients to Compassionate Use Programs and was ready to cap client enrollment.

Now with the Governor's action,

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Kolbe Delivers First Address To Tucson G/L Group

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) -- U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-CD 5, this past week addressed the Community Business Association (CBA), marking his first-ever speech to a Tucson Gay and Lesbian group.

The CBA, with close to 200 members, provides a forum for Tucson's Lesbian and Gay Business community for the purpose of networking.

A standing-room-only crowd of close to 250 attended the morning breakfast meeting at the Windmill Inn to hear Kolbe's speech.

The Congressman had come out in 1996, in lieu of an article in a national Gay and Lesbian magazine which was to "out" him over his vote in favor of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

Here are the highlights of Kolbe's address:

In opening remarks, the congressman saluted the Gay and Lesbian business owners stating that they were a very impressive group.

Kolbe gave those assembled an update on what has been going on Washington and how it affects small-business owners.

The majority of Kolbe's remarks were about the Republican's efforts to overhaul the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

The congressman went into detail about how the IRS operates free of the federal government, with only five employees which are appointed by the president.

He cited as an example was the IRS spending $4.2 billion on a computer system which was a complete failure.

Kolbe called for a change in the tax code especially for the discriminatory estate tax, which he wishes to eliminate altogether.

With the pending crisis over the Social Security retirement fund, Kolbe told

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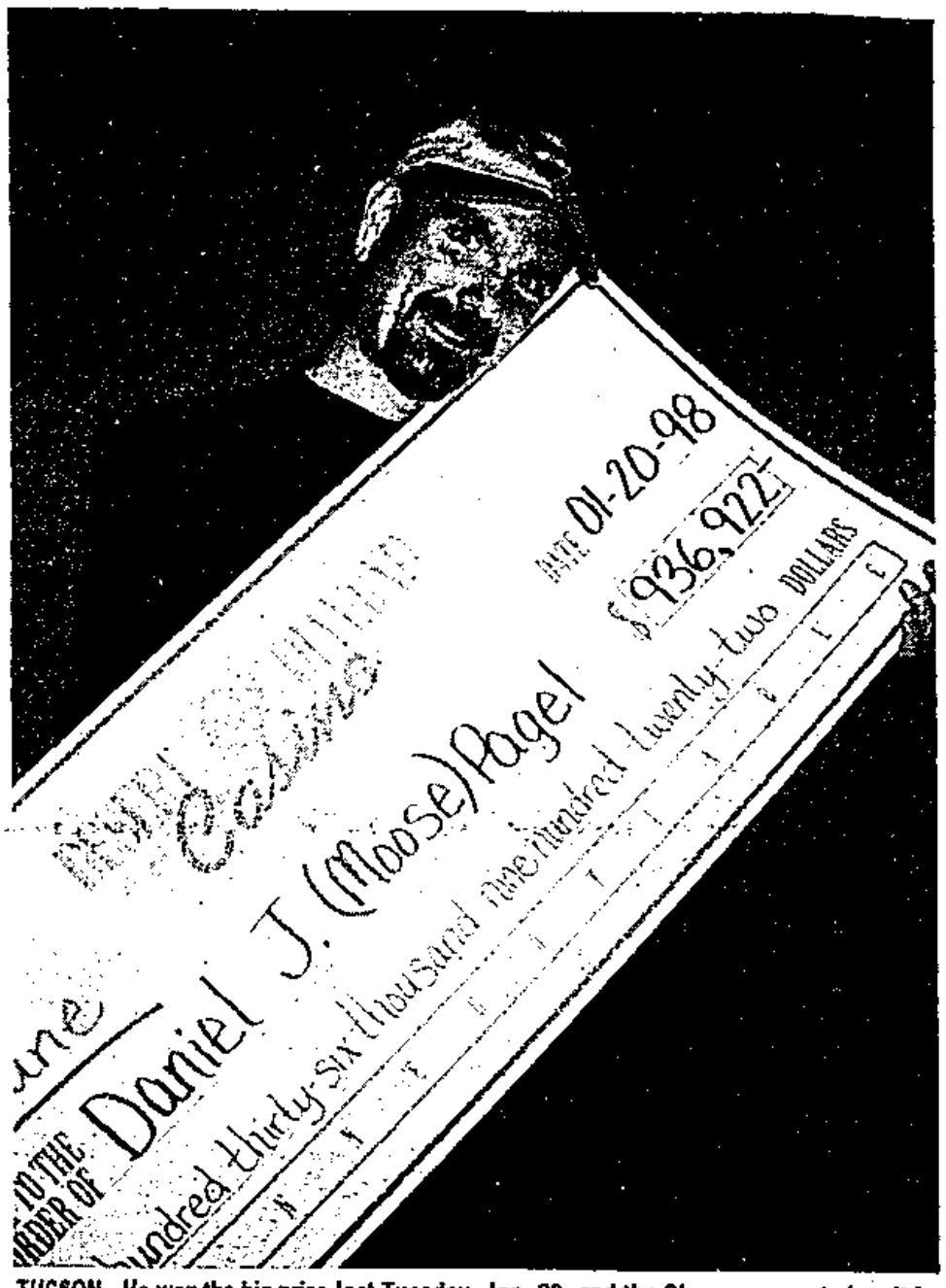
Danny 'Moose" Pagel Shows Off His Million Dollar Check With A Million Dollar Smile!



TUCSON - He won the big prize last Tuesday, Jan. 20, and the Observer reported on it in last Wednesday's paper. Then the Arizona Daily Star featured him in a 5x7 front page photo, so it was only fair that the Observer do the same. Danny "Moose" Pagel hit the slots at Desert Diamond Casino for a record total $936,922. The previous high was $465 thousand.

After a short evening of gaming, and not winning anything big, "Moose" started out of the casino when he noticed a 'Wheel of Fortune' slot that took three silver dollars to play. Having only six silver dollars on him, "Moose" decided to drop it in the slot machine. The first three did nothing, and when the second roll came around it began ringing and he knew he had won something, but never dreamed that it would be nearly a million dollars!.

He made the evening news on all channels as well as newspaper stories the following day. He now has that big check framed at home. The casino gave him an actual check for $36,000 which was the first of 20 installments to be paid over twenty years. That sum is his payout out with taxes deducted.

It couldn't have happened to a nicer person. Pagel had to quit working on doctor's orders about a year ago. He was a very well known bartender around Tucson for many years.

'More Tales Of The City' To Air In June On Showtime

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (WS) -- The broadcast of Armistead Maupin's "Tales of the City" on Public Television several years ago provoked such a howl of protest from social conservatives, PBS said it had no choice but to drop its sequel.

The four-hour 1994 mini-series depicted a very Gay, very 70s San Francisco long on Gay cruising, bathhouse pick-ups, deep kissing, bawdy humor, and sleeping around. Its sequel promised even more of the same.

That, according to accounts made PBS very nervous. They announced after facing down conservative threats the first go around, that they were backing away from airing the sequel. Maupin was dev-

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UPDATE

hOURS Bar To Re-Open Friday, Jan. 30

TUCSON (ON) -- On Friday, January 30, HOURS will re-open its doors at 3:00 P.M.

The only reason this is news is that it's been less than two weeks since the doors of this bar were closed with the announcement that HOURS was no longer in business.

The truth is the old HOURS is gone. After taking some time to look at what the community wants and to address some management issues, Lee Nordmark decided to gather her strength and resources to reopen with a change of focus and a fresh approach.

This bar has been a part of the community for over 7 years and in that time Lee has put many improvements into the building. When faced with the option of selling her business to "total strangers" she toured them through the bar and saw for herself all of the progress and work that has gone into making HOURS a place she is proud of. Lee opted to keep her dream alive and to make the changes needed to continue serving our community as a unique gathering place HOURS has always been.

There will be many changes. Some not visible to the general public since this is not a remodeling project. The music format will return to total country music and activities will be gauged to fill the interest of the country crowd. There will be some familiar faces along with many new ones in the coming weeks. So, stop in and tell them "howdy."

The other change will be in the hours the bar is open. Closed on Monday, HOURS will be open at 3:00 P.M., Tuesday through Sunday.

The staff of the Observer welcomes hOURS back into the Tucson bar scene and wishes Lee and her new staff the best of luck.

Desert Voices Records For CD

TUCSON -- Desert Voices has recently recorded Conrad Susa's "Carols & Lullabies" at the historic San Xavier Mission.

Thirty-nine members reveled in the glorious acoustics of the mission as they sang folk carols of the Mexican, Catalonian, Puerto Rican and Spanish traditions. The group was accompanied by harpist Jaymee Schmuck, marimbist Bob Brudvig, and guitarist Chris Tackett. Desert Voices Artistic Director, Keith Koster, served as producer, Emmy Stringham, Principal Accompanist, as associate producer, and Frank Fregoso as recording engineer.

"The experience was certainly a thrilling one for all of us," stated Koster. "The chorus is singing at its finest. And the time has come for us to share our voice with a greater audience."

At times battling the sounds of flying helicopters and barking dogs, the group recorded several takes of nine carols in a three-hour span.

The work will appear on their holiday recording, "Traditions," scheduled for release in 1999. Other favorites will include a suite of Appalachian carols by Gwyneth Walker (to be premiered by Desert Voices in December), "Miracle" with Mary Redhouse, "Silent Night" in English, Spanish and Tohono O'odham, selections from the film musical "White Christmas," and several secular vocal jazz holiday songs.

The chorus proudly wishes to recognize the efforts of two members, Davey Sumner and Anne Levy, who have been singing with the organization for nine years!

For further information about Desert Voices: Write to POB 270, Tucson, AZ, 85702, or call (520) 791-9662.

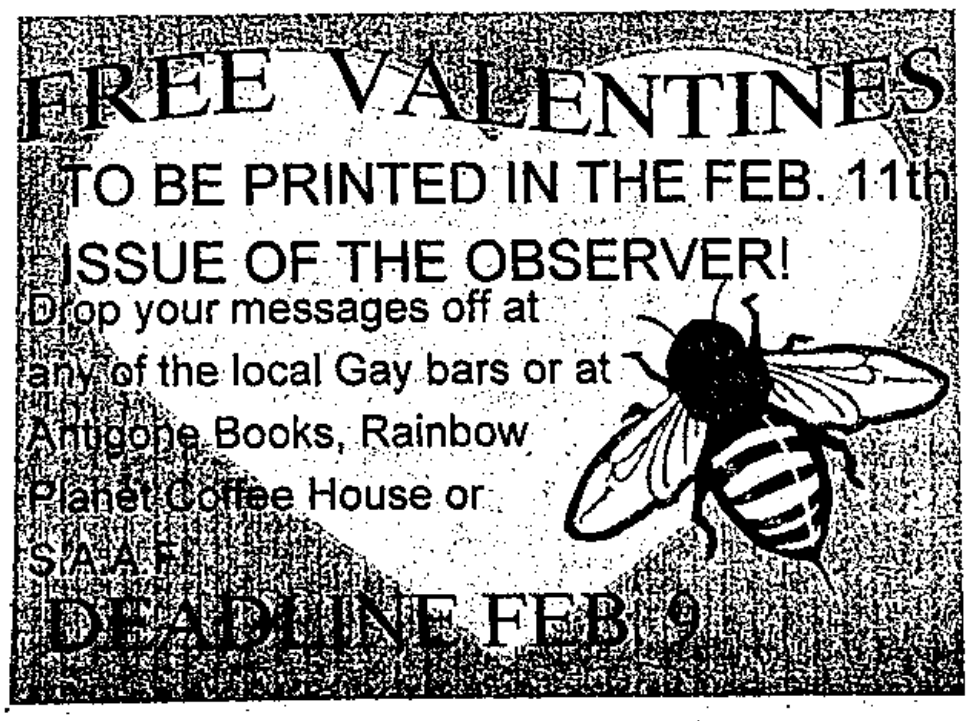
Valentine's Dance

TUCSON -- Have a festive time at the St. Francis Valentine's Dance to be held Saturday, February 14, 7:00 - 11:00 P.M. at St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 East River Road.

The cost of the dance will be a five-dollar donation. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for a nominal fee. St. Francis would like to have an eclectic mix of people of all ages to attend this fun-filled event.

The purpose of the dance is to bring together all people in reconciling regardless of sexual orientation, ethnicity, age, gender, etc.

This special event is in celebration of the June 1998 10-year Anniversary of St. Francis becoming a Reconciling Church.



Reveille Gears Up For March Concert

TUCSON -- The Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC) is gearing up for its upcoming concert, March 14-15, entitled "For Love and For Life," at the PCC Center for the Arts Proscenium Theatre.

Featured in the concert is the work by Jay Kawarsky, "Prayers for Bobby."

Gay and Lesbian community organizations and businesses, as well as Gay friendly organizations are becoming involved with the production of this tremendous event that deals with suicides among Gay youth. With the statistics that indicates one-in-three successful teen suicides is Gay/Lesbian related, the importance of this event cannot be overstated.

RGMC is aiming to put together a "return" to the community in some fashion that would provide assistance and/or support for Gay youth. The Chorus urges all organizations and supportive individuals to investigate the possibility of supporting this worthy cause. If you and/or your organization would like more information, you may call the RGMC Hotline and leave a message and phone number.

MEMBERSHIPS STILL OPEN

Memberships in RGMC are still open for the first and second tenors for this spring season. The group rehearses Tuesday evenings at the Metropolitan Community Church, 7:00 - 9:45 P.M. Anyone interested in auditioning call, 325-4778, to set up an audition appointment.

Gay Minister Opens Tucson Office For Spiritual Development

TUCSON -- With over 15-years experience working in the Gay and Lesbian Community, MCC minister, The Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D., is opening an office for spiritually based counseling and development in Tucson.

A new member of the Tucson community, Kavar was the founding pastor of Miami, Florida's MCC-South Beach and clinical director of the HIV Pastoral Care Network in South Florida.

"The Tucson Gay and Lesbian community is a unique and dynamic place," Kavar stated, "with many people here interested in their growth and development. That's part of what attracted me to Southern Arizona."

With a Ph.D. in counseling psychology and a masters degree in spirituality, Dr. Kavar has lectured both nationally and internationally on issues related to personal and spiritual development. Having completed his doctoral dissertation on AIDS-related bereavement, Kavar is author of four books including "Living with Loss and Families Remembered."

Kavar is available for individual pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, and hypnotherapy. In coming moths, he will offer groups on spiritual development for Gay men, bereavement, and meditation. He also plans to offer workshops and classes in conjunction with several Tucson based organizations.

For more information, contact Dr. Kavar at (520) 290-1591.

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Forced Youth 'Behavioral Modification' Treatment Is Legal

OAKLAND, CA (NP) -- If one of your parents has you kidnapped, it's a felony, but if both of them consent -- if they're sending you off for anti-LesBiGay brainwashing, for example, or other b-mod -- it's legally for your own good.

You're awakened at midnight, bundled off with two large strangers in a locked car for a 700-mile ride despite your protests, and sent on from there to a foreign country where you're held behind a high fence by people who can use physical restraints, pepper spray, mace or a stun gun against you and deny you any contact with the outside world.

Have you been illegally kidnapped and falsely imprisoned?

Not if you're a minor, the venue is deemed a treatment center, and your parents agreed to it all, according to an Alameda County, California judge who ruled in the case of David Van Blarigan, a 16-year-old who didn't even have the opportunity to testify on his own behalf.

The case has been closely watched by Gay and Lesbian groups because -- although this was not the case for Van Blarigan -- often the subjects of such forced treatment are young Gays and Lesbians whose parents won't accept their orientation.

David was able to manage a phone call from the airport in Jamaica before he was hustled off to Tranquility Bay, "a behavior modification school." He called his neighbor Neil Aschemeyer, an administrative law judge, who in turn contacted Deputy District Attorney Robert Hutchins.

Aschemeyer filed a civil petition to require David's return to Oakland, describing David's parents as "aiders and abettors" in the kidnapping and false imprisonment of their son, and charging that they exceeded the law in November by signing over all their parental authority to Tranquility Bay and to Brightway Adolescent Hospital in St. George, Utah (where David was evaluated before being shipped to Jamaica), including authorizing the restraints, pepper spray, mace, and stun guns.

Hutchins believes that at the very least the process by which David was packed off to Jamaica constitutes psychological abuse, and that David may be in physical danger.

The Van Blarigans are genuinely convinced that they have acted in David's best interests, that he is "safer" in Jamaica than he would be at home with them. They pay something like $3,000 per month to keep David at Tranquility Bay and continue to correspond with him.

David's father, Jim, says that sending him away was the most difficult decision of his own and his wife Sue's lives, but that they would make the same choice if they had it to do over again. They describe David's problems as poor

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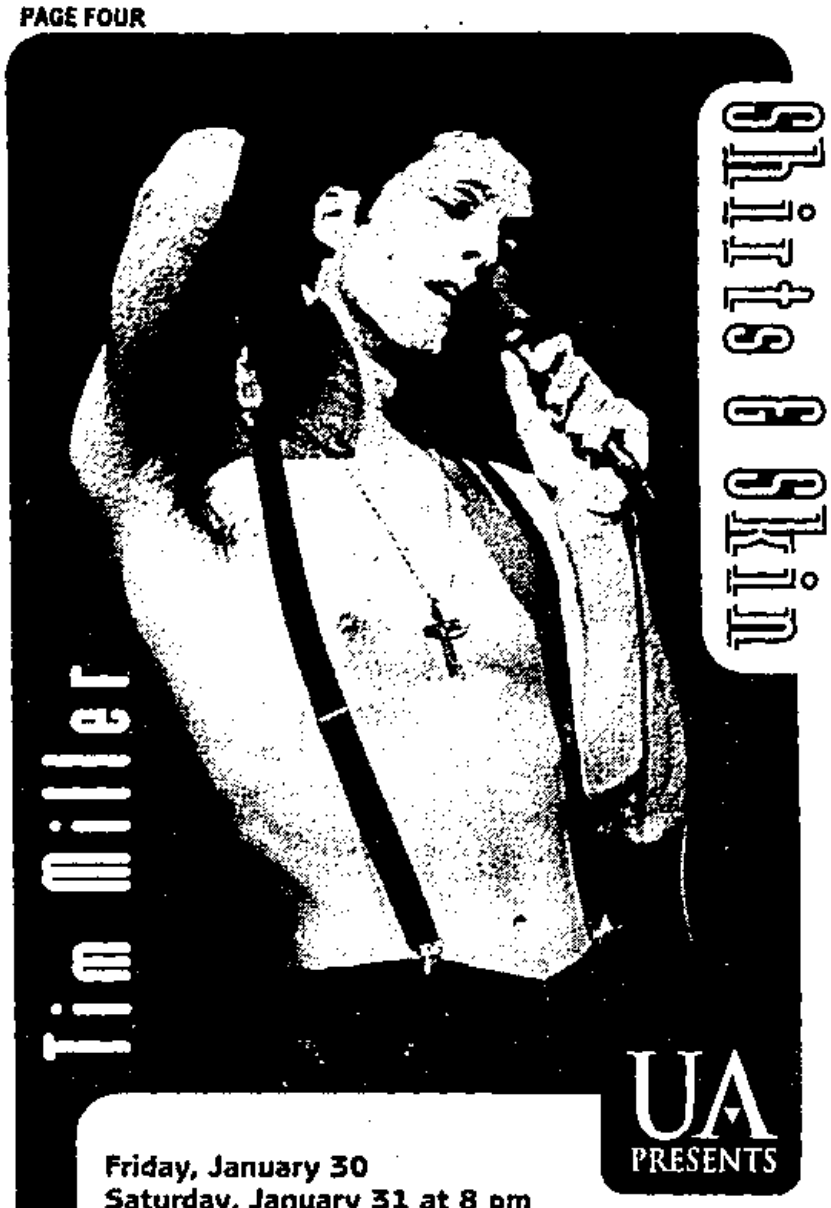

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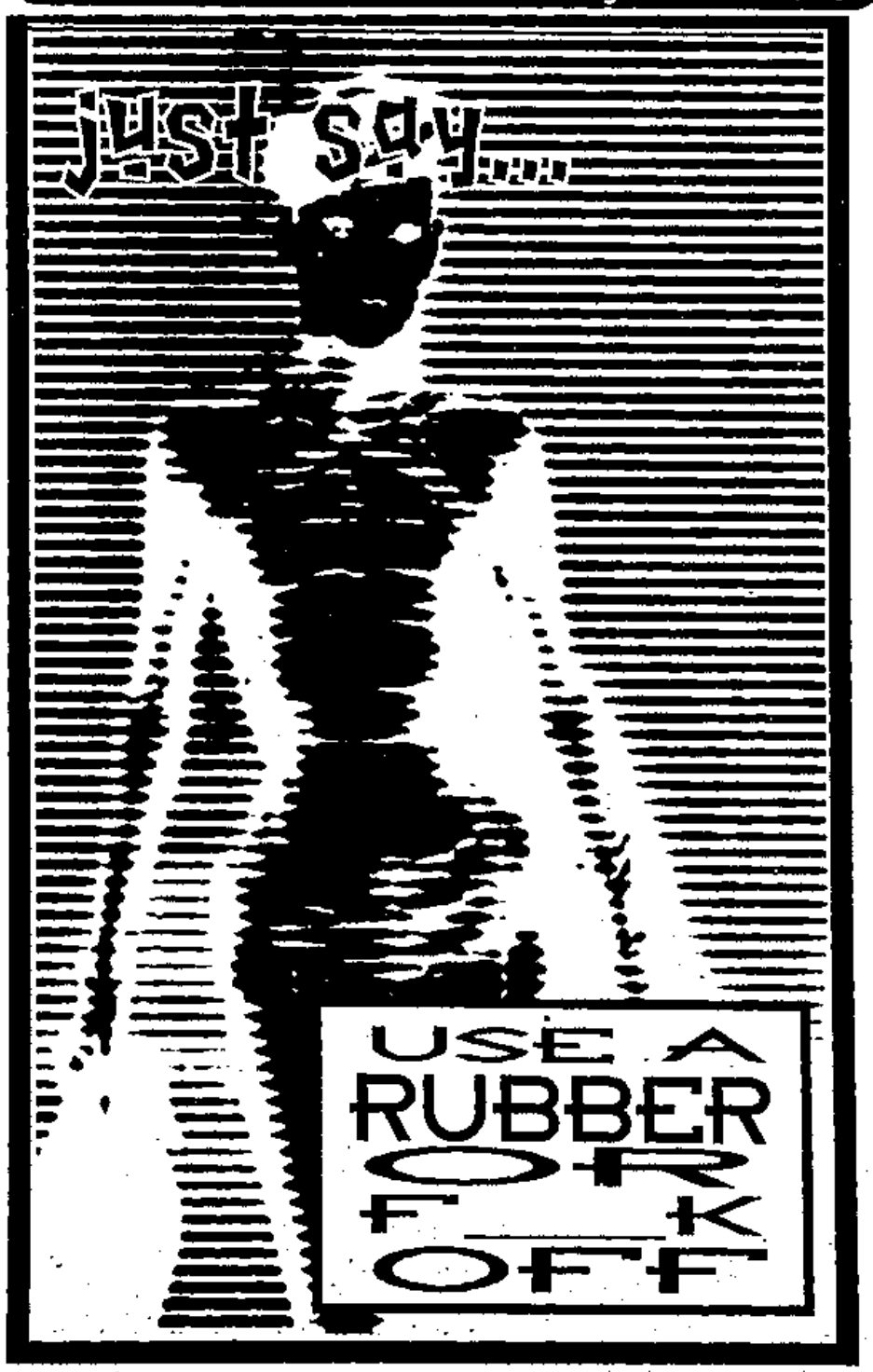

Preliminary Ruling For McVeigh

HONOLULU, HI (NP) -- Broadsiding both the Navy and AOL, a federal judge has granted an injunction so that the sailor who didn't tell can now be the one who pursues.

It was only a preliminary injunction, but if U.S. District Court Judge Stanley Sporkin's ruling were the final one, it would mark complete exoneration for Senior Chief Petty Officer Timothy McVeigh -- and a lot of egg on the face of the U.S. Navy for attempting to discharge him based solely on the "Gay" profile content for one of his several America Online (AOL) screen names.

In no uncertain terms, Sporkin ordered that McVeigh be retained on active duty until the completion of his current lawsuit charging the Secretaries of Defense and of the Navy with violation of his privacy in the course of the Navy's investigation.

The Navy had prepared final papers for discharge of the decorated 17-year veteran as early as January 15, but had been delaying action voluntarily for the injunction ruling by means of extending his leave (servicemembers cannot be discharged while on leave).

Sporkin's 15-page ruling touched on every major aspect of the case, in terms most favorable to McVeigh (who has never said he is Gay and has indicated that he is not). He found that while McVeigh had "complied with the requirements imposed upon him under 'Don't Ask, Don' Tell, Don't Pursue,' the Defendant [the Navy] went further than the policy permits.

Although Officer McVeigh did not publicly announce his sexual orientation, the Navy nonetheless impermissibly embarked on a search and 'outing' mission." Sporkin further said, "Plaintiff did not openly express his [putative] homosexuality in a way that compromised this 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy.... In its actions, the Navy violated its own regulations.... All that the Navy had was an e-mail message and user profile that it suspected was authored by the plaintiff.

Under the military regulation, that information alone should not have triggered any sort of investigation. When the Navy affirmatively took steps to confirm the identity of the e-mail respondent, it violated the very essence of 'Don't Ask, [Don't Tell,] Don't Pursue' by launching a search and destroy mission."

In addition, Sporkin spoke to the arguably illegal behavior in the case by both the Navy and AOL, writing that, "steps taken by the Navy in its 'pursuit' of the Plaintiff [McVeigh] were not only unauthorized under its policy, but likely illegal under the Electronic Communications Privacy Act [ECPA] of 1986.... In soliciting and obtaining over the phone personal information about the Plaintiff from AOL, his private on-line service provider, the government...failed to comply with ECPA.... The government knew, or should have known, that by turning over the information without a warrant, AOL was breaking the law. Yet the Navy, in this case, directly solicited the information anyway. What is most telling is that the Naval investigator did not identify himself when he made his request.... In these days of 'big brother,' where through technology and otherwise the privacy interests of individuals from all walks of life are being ignored or marginalized, it is imperative that statutes explicitly protecting these rights be strictly observed."

Sporkin believes that, "The 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue' policy was clearly aimed at accommodating Gay men and women in the military," and emphasized that, "Nothing has been produced before this court which would in any way suggest that his [McVeigh's] sexual orientation has adversely affected his job performance." The judge also made reference to his own 1995 ruling which allowed Sgt. Justin Elzie to remain in the Marine Corps despite having come out on national television in January 1993, shortly after President Bill Clinton took office after promising during his election campaign to lift the military's then-total ban on service by known Gays and Lesbians.

Elzie had been expecting his early retirement program to be effective within a month when he came out, but ended up serving as an openly Gay Marine into 1997 before retiring with his full pension. Another 2 1/2 years' service would also allow McVeigh to retire with his full pension, which a discharge now would entirely deny him. Sporkin wrote, "As this Court stated in Elzie v Aspin, 897F.Supp 1,3 (1995), it cannot understand why the Navy would seek to discharge an officer who has serviced his country in a distinguished manner just because he might be Gay."

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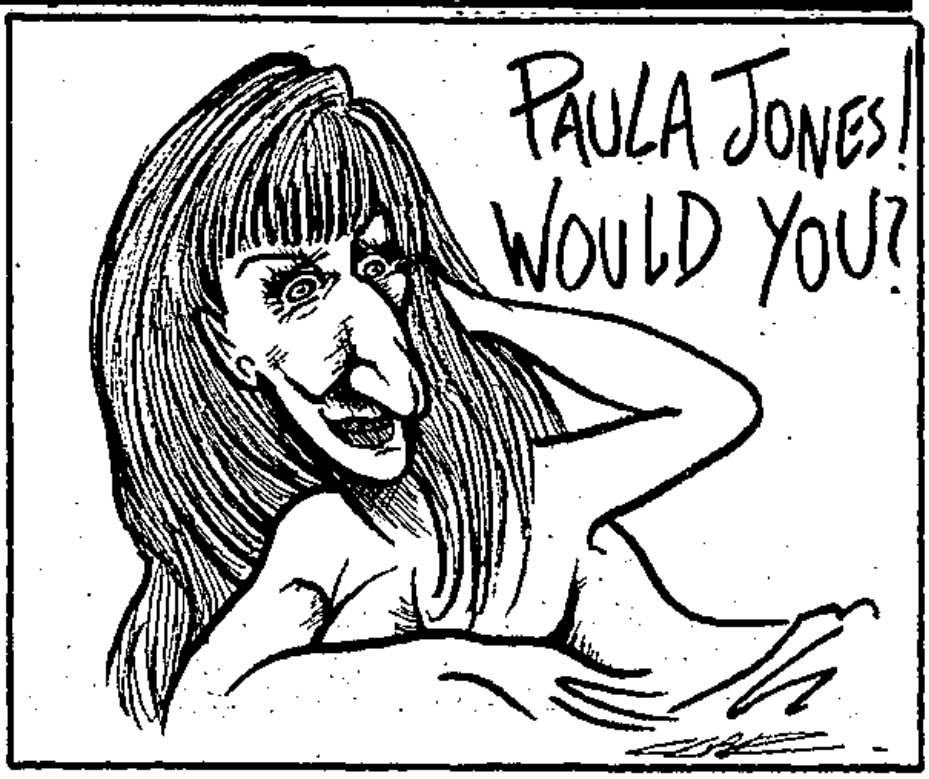

POLITICS 1998

by Mark R, Kerr

"Someone Has To Be 'Butch!'"

Hormel's "Stew." With Congress back in session, conservative, anti-Gay lobbyists are actively campaigning to kill the nomination of James Hormel, openly-Gay philanthropist and heir to be the U.S. ambassador to the ever-so-strategic-country of Luxembourg. "Call Him Madam?" Not yet!

As previously reported, Hormel's nomination had been put on "hold" by Sens. James Inhofe, R-OK, and Tim "God, Gays & Guns" Hutchinson, R-Whitewater. Both had stated their objections of Hormel's support of "The Gay Agenda."

Under Senate rules, for those not playing the home game, the Majority Leader, Sen. Trent "Good Hair Day!" Lott, R-MS, can still schedule a vote anyhow. According to Susan Irby, Lott's spokesperson, who said in an interview that Lott has not made a decision on whether he will do so, or for that matter if he uses hair spray or styling-moose.

With this delay, the rabid-radical-religious-right are stepping up their efforts.

The "Family Research Council," (FRC) according to reports has produced and distributed defamatory "information packets," (other words, lies!) and are producing a video on him. "Gay Rights, Special Rights II: The Hormel Years."

According to Steve Schwalm, a FRC "researcher, "We're trying to educate people about what Mr. Hormel has been doing....Hormel openly 'flaunts his homosexuality.'" Like this bunch of hate-mongers know what educate means...it is more like slander!

The FRC and the radical-right are leveling new charges against Hormel in their increased efforts to kill his nomination. One of which is that James Hormel "displayed disrespect for the Catholic Church by laughing at the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence at the recent Gay pride parade in San Francisco. How would they know?

For those not playing the home game -- the Sisters are a internationally-known group of Gay men who dress as nuns. Drag? Just like the radical-right, who dress up as human-beings!

Of course with this "startling accusation" Whitewater Sen. "God, Gays & Guns," was incensed. Miffed, mad, broke a nail! Gasp!

During their recent tea, "God, Gays & Guns," confronted Hormel about this, wondering if Hormel actually thought they were funny. Hormel replied he though them humorous. They are Blanche! They are!

Will there be a vote? . . . .

Ill winds are "blowing" as well in the "Evil City of the North," home of the Inquisition, err State Legislature. An update:

HB 2482, the proposed legislation that would bar Gays and Lesbians from adopting and being foster parents still sits before the House Government Reform and States Rights Committee. The committee met on Tuesday, but did not take up the measure.

The anti-thesis of this measure, HB 2138, which states a foster home can not be denied a license based on the marital status of the foster parents, is gathering dust...real fast. House Speaker Jeff Groscost, R-Mesa, a supporter and sponsor of HB 2482, assigned the bill to four different committees. Can we say DOA!

The "Good Samaritan" legislation proposed by the "Dr. Kevorkian" of the State Legislature, Sen. Tom Patterson, R-Phoenix was actually heard by the Senate Health Committee. Oh the irony!

SB 1037, not a friendly bill to people living with HIV/AIDS, would make the Department of Health Services release confidential medical information to "good Samaritans" who fear they were exposed to a communicable disease at an accident scene. Before the Senate Health committee hearings, the only communicable disease listed in the bill was HIV.

In committee, the bill was amended, adding Hepatitis B and C. Go figure! The bill was approved by the committee by a 5-3 vote. Here's how Southern Arizona Senator's voted on SB 1037:

NO -- Sen. Gus Arzberger, D-Bisbee; Sen. Elaine Richardson, D-Tucson. YES -- Sen. Keith Bee, R-Green Valley; Sen. Ann Day, R-Tucson.

SB 1037 was sent to the Senate Rules Committee where the bill was held. Is it still alive? Only parliamentary procedures, later in the session, will tell.

The official "dirt" is dead for the moment, and the raging debate over old lizard bones still goes on:

SB 1039, which would name Casa Grande soil as the official dirt has been held by the Senate Rules Committee. So I'm still the "Official State Dirt!"

SB 1005, naming some old-dead lizard the "Official Dinosaur," is still mired in controversy over which one to get the title. Puh-leeze! Stupid-saraus! Complete-waste-of-time-saraus! How about democracy in Arizona!

A proposal to place on the ballot a proposition to bar all affirmative action programs in Arizona, a bastion of liberalism, is stuck in committee. Surprise?

The deadline for introduction for bills is Monday, February 2 in the House and the following Monday, February 9 in the Senate. Not soon enough! . . .

So it goes for now kids!

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HOME ON THE RANGE / AGRA TUCSON

by Scott Weidamoyer

Hey Tucson! Hope everyone had a great week, this month seems to be flying by! This weekend AGRA-Tucson managed to squeak in a Board and General Membership meeting at the Stonewall/Eagle. Thanks again to Jeff and the entire staff for all of their support of AGRA and our meetings, even on Super Bowl Sunday. To all of you Cheeseheads...my condolences! Denver rules! Take note that the IGRA Offices are also located in Denver so there are two winning teams in the state of Colorado! (Brownie points on that one...I will make sure IGRA gets a copy of this article!)

A few notes from the Board and General Membership Meetings this past Sunday: AGRA-Tucson would like to welcome a big player in the 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo, as well as a big supporter of the Tucson Chapter, PSN! (Planet Systems Network, Inc. is a local internet service provider based out of Phoenix and in the process of providing their services to the Tucson area. Stay tuned for more information on PSN and its services.

The state audit of Tucson, Phoenix and State books is now complete; all chapters passed the audit with flying colors.

Rodeo buckles have been ordered and are in the process of being made. AGRA-Tucson should receive them in three-to-five weeks.

Run-off elections were completed at the General Membership meeting for the State Vice-President position between Tommy R., and Chuck B. In a close vote, Chuck B. won the runoff and is our new State Vice President. Thanks to Tommy and Chuck for all of your hard work and dedication.

AGRA-Tucson received a check for $94 to be presented to the Tucson Interfaith HIV AIDS Network (TIHAN) as our charity selected for the Raffle of the Revere Cruise raffled off at the Road Runner Regional Rodeo.

Attention artists, AGRA-Tucson is looking for a few good (donated) designs to be used as a logo for Tucson's bid to host Convention 2000. AGRA-Tucson is hard at work getting details and other information to present on the Convention floor in July at this year's IGRA convention in Baltimore. Any submissions can be sent to the AGRA office.

Advertising applications are now available for the 1998 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. One thing I omitted from the application, non-profit groups are entitled to a free quarter-page ad or business card ad. Please contact the AGRA office, 323-0805 or contact me on my pager, 516-9003 for more information.

It's that time of year! Did you renew your membership by December 31, 1997? AGRA-Tucson wants to make sure that you all enjoyed fun-filled year as a member of AGRA, so the State has decided to extend renewal time until the end of this month. January 31 is the end! After January 31, it is $40 rather than $20. So make sure to get your renewal forms in ASAP!

Mark your calendars for February 14, 1998 at Old Tucson Studios Stage-2. The annual Rodeo Romance Dinner and Dance will be held at Old Tucson. AGRA-Tucson will be serving an Italian Buffet dinner from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. and have dancing from 9:00 - 12:00 Midnight. Bring a date or just come stag. Tickets are being sold in advance for $10/person for the dance only or $17/person for dinner and dance admission.

Stay tuned for more information!

Until then, remember to keep your pride and always play safe in the saddle.

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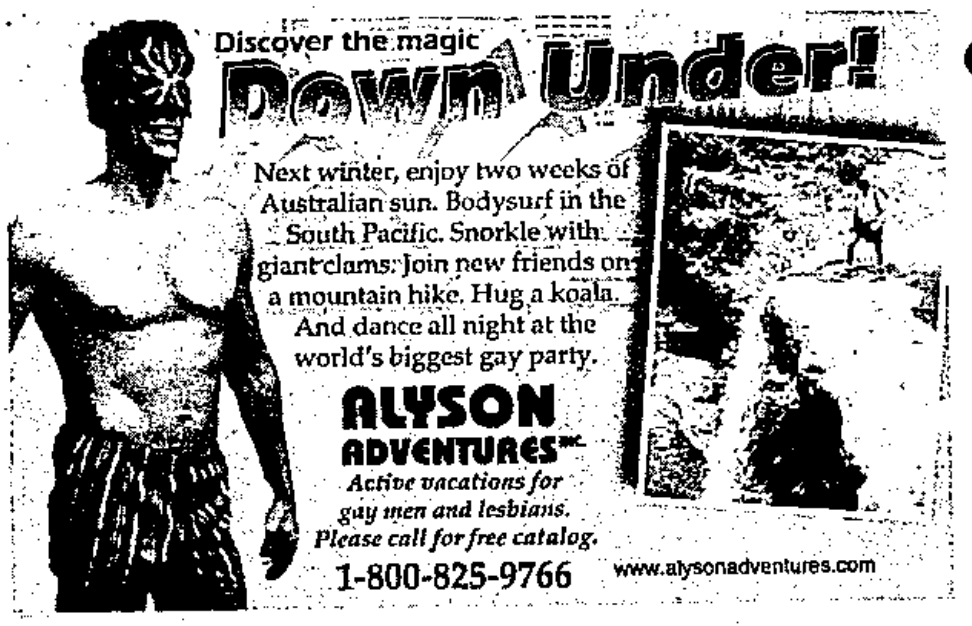

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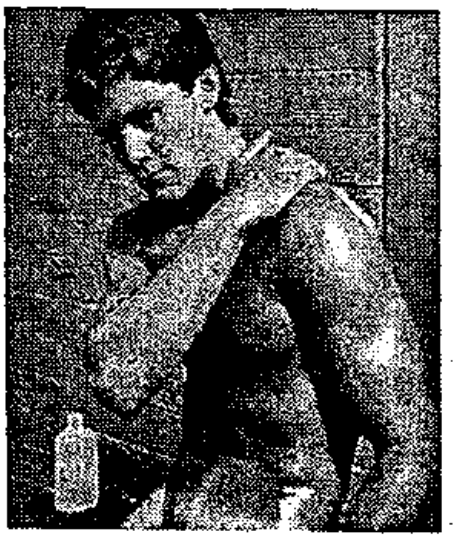

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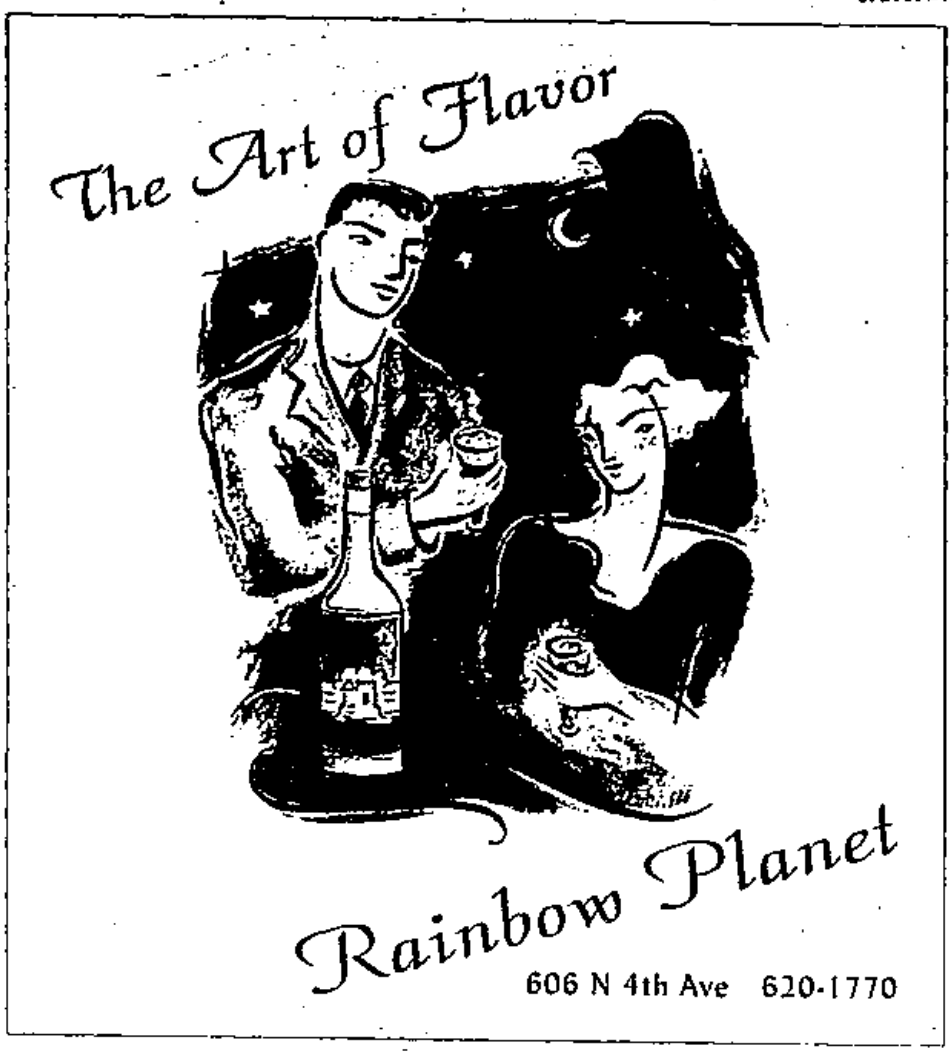

Life Is A Drag . . . .

By Elise Barbara Fox

A witches' cauldron. I'll explain later.

One of Lucinda's numbers was dedicated to the latest tawdry revelations of what certainly is a beleaguered presidency. I visited Neon Moon this past Saturday to catch the latest version of Star Traxx, a cozy bit of drag entertainment with prominent headliners. I last saw this troupe, which has a changing cast, at Neon Moon's grand opening as a Gay-friendly nightclub so I thought it was time to return and chronicle how this troupe is doing. Answer: better than ever.

One addition I liked: recognizing birthdays of people in the audience. I think Kirk was flattered. The birthday cake the queens presented him had only one candle. In the straight world, Tucson's melodrama Gaslight Theatre does this for the visiting snowbirds and it's great showmanship. So credit Lucinda (a.k.a. Larry) with inspiration.

[If you can't wait to get my "take on 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, scan ahead; otherwise bear with me.]

This Star Traxx was the night of the black pantsuit and the catsuit. I was impressed with all performers. Karina Montenegro, for example, is a fashion plate. For one number, Miss Gay Latina wore a sheer black blouse that let her bra peek through; flowing black pants underneath. It looked like a snapshot off a Paris runway.

Lucinda, who lived up to her nickname "Queen of Comedy," sensibly performed in pumps. Her case preferred stilettoes or high-heeled platforms. The risk: you lose you balance just like some of those ice skaters last weekend in a two-night extravaganza on NBC. Every queen at Neon Moon stayed on their feet.

The first few numbers, with brunette or black wigs, made me wonder if blonde bimbos were "out." Mr. Kenneth Blake was up first. "If you touch me like this, and if you kiss me like that."

I must say Mr. Kenneth Blake never looked so good -- in a trim pantsuit with a short brown hair resembling a combo shag and page, something like Jennifer Aniston would wear on "Friends." The reigning Miss Gay Tucson Arizona was positively elegant.

I have a bad case of leg-envy. You know who: Victoria du Puis: svelte, shapely limbs. Thankfully, she didn't recognize me. I was in "boy drag," including my standard in such attire -- a rumpled gray jacket with leather elbow patches.

The song was contemporary. Meredith Brooks, straight off Top-40 radio: "I'm a bitch, I'm a tease, I'm a goddess on my knees."

Victoria had glowing makeup, auburn hair and was clad in form-fitting Lycra. And she's grown professionally, cracking jokes with the audience: "If you ever see a drag queen in flats, honey, that means it's a Lesbian!"

Ajia Simone ("The Black Cat") in one number is a statuesque goddess in an emerald catsuit. She even manages to turn lighting a cigarette into a sensual act. Her best bit was the last of the evening: live stand-up comedy as "Sister Cantelope."

I'm not sure which Lucinda skit was better: the world's oldest profession (the bit for the Oval Office; how does a young woman with minimal skills land a job in the Pentagon unless it's a payoff?); her Barbra Streisand or Miss Piggy, both with theatrical fake noses.

Mr. Kenneth Blake reprised his Hooters girl. You know, things that jiggle. Like don't look, turn your bear in shame T-&-A from "Baywatch." The crowd loved it. It was in medley with "Girls Just Want to Have Fun."

The music was bright and bouncing: the staging -- using terms of ice skating judges -- rated 9.9. Some of the acts were a 10.

If you missed it, you have another chance. Star Traxx will be back at Neon Moon February 7. The cast will include several regulars and guests including Adrienne Alexander. (I am somewhat in awe of her. She was a judge last year in a pageant in which I was invited to perform at the last minute at Phoenix. She critiqued me. Poor Elise, she couldn't do anything right. Maybe you'd better take that into consideration when you read what I write. On the other hand, no other drag girl who's performed on stage reviews local shows.)

Wherever you are this Wednesday, The Observer's weekly publication date, I wish you a happy holiday.

I once spotted Christina De Alexis in a high-collar silky sheath gown with a marvelous Oriental cut. I'm reminded of her because today is the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Tiger, 4696. Happy new year, again! The tiger is a creature that by legend brings wealth and good luck.

In reality, 20th century tigers are an endangered species, jeopardized by poachers and the march of civilization into their habitats. Our "human ecosystem" is fragile too. Enough wish us to go away that we probably have a "defend the moat" siege mentality.

From the crime blotter: hate crimes in Arizona are up -- 294 in 1996, up by 74 incidents from 1995. In the Tucson area, the most victims are African-Americans followed by Gay men and members of the Jewish faith.

Maybe it's just better reporting and willingness to file complaints. But you need to be safe. If you're spooked walking out of one of our entertainments venues some night, turn around and ask security to accompany you to your care.

We need to stop labeling people. I can't fault members of our community who prefer to retain their privacy. Let those of us who are "out" carry the banner. Within the confines of the Nazi's Warsaw Ghetto in the early 1940's, there was a trolley that shuttled back and forth. Its route sign: The Star of David. You can guess the only ones allowed to ride it: people labeled as enemies of that criminal dictatorship. Being a member of a minority class bears risks -- even today.

Would you have believed it? The communist dictator of Cuba, dressed in a guy suit and paying greetings to Pope John Paul II, in the same week a U.S. President is reeling from accusations of

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ADAP Update: Check Is In The Mail

the state's ADAP will have the funding needed for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

"This shows the Governor is committed. We will be able to meet the demand for AIDS drugs, such as protease inhibitors," commented Chris Brown of ADHS over the news of Hull's action.

David Hoover, Board President of the Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance (AZAPA) said, "I'm very excited to have full support from the Governor's Office. This will make sure that life-saving medications will be given to people living with HIV/-AIDS."

It was good news to Anne Maley, executive director of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. She added that the governor understands the "economics of AIDS," where it saves money to keep people healthy instead of keeping them in hospitals or hospices.

With the funding for ADAP secured...at least through March 31, what about future funding for the program?

This past week, the Joint Legislative Budget Sub-Committee heard testimony on the Governor's proposed budget, which including funding for ADAP for fiscal year 1998-99, effective April 1, 1998.

In her executive budget, Hull proposed $1.632 million for ADAP. The committee is considering adding this proposal to the Joint Legislative Budget, which recommended no funding for ADAP.

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The Joint Legislative Sub-Committee consists of:

Senators -- Gary Richardson, R-Tempe; Victor Soltero, D-Tucson; Russell Bowers, R-Mesa and; Senator John Wettaw, R-Flagstaff.

Representatives -- Bob Burns, R-Glendale; Jim Weiers, R-Phoenix; Linda Gray, R-Phoenix; Herschella Horton, D-Tucson; Andy Nichols, D-Tucson and; John Verkamp, R-Flagstaff.

Rep. Herschella Horton, D-Tucson, said she is hopeful that Hull's proposed $1.632 million or "pretty close" will be approved by the Joint Legislative Committee to keep ADAP going through the fiscal year 1998-99.

A vote is scheduled on Monday, February 2. This would not settle the matter according to Horton. "This is the first round of the Budget negotiations."

Horton went on to say that the state's budget for the next year will be settled by March 17, in a special session of the Legislature. Horton said that the figures agreed to by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee on March 1 are locked in for consideration.

Lobbying efforts to get the $1.-632 million for ADAP are intensifying before the vote.

David Hoover, Board President of AZAPA is urging everyone to call the legislators on the sub-committee, 1-800-352-8404, and urge them to vote for Governor Hull's full proposal.

"Legislators are strongly influenced by messages from their constituents," Hoover said.

Kolbe Delivers First Address

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those assembled that if nothing is done, small business owners would have to pay up to 38% of their income in taxes to keep the system afloat.

When asked during the Question and Answer period about changing the tax-code, to be able to leave Social Security to significant others or the inheritance or estate tax regulations. Kolbe expected an attempt at change to take place in 1999, not in 1998. "It's an election year," Kolbe said.

During the Question and Answer period, Kolbe was confronted about Gays, Lesbians and hatred within the Republican party.

In his opinion, he is accepted by his Republican colleagues in Congress, Kolbe asserted.

"Hate and intolerance is just not in one political party," Kolbe went on to say. "I reject intolerance and will not permit them to have their charges go unanswered."

At the end of his speech, Kolbe took a straw poll of CBA members on their opinions about taxation. He asked them which system would they prefer.

One-third favored the status-quo, the current system; one-third favored a flat-tax and; one-third favored a national sales tax.

Reaction to Kolbe and his address was varied:

Mary Higgins, President and CEO of The Queens of Clean commented that it was great to see Jim Kolbe and what he said.

"Taxation and Social Security is about our future, because we have our businesses and it is time that we pay attention to that," Higgins added.

Brad Sensenbach of Prudential-Aegis Realty said, "The thing that struck me the most about the speech was when he mentioned how we were doing the most we can for the Gay community by being out there...It helps the whole cause."

"I actually think it was courageous that he came to this group. However I felt he was obsessed with economic issues which were not particularly that relevant to a Gay and Lesbian group. He should have talked more about human rights," James Lefkowitz of The Window Covering Company of Arizona said.

Michael Shoel of Phoenix Video Distributors was pleased Kolbe showed up and addressed CBA. He said he felt that Kolbe was not prepared to answer questions about Gay and Lesbian issues.

Shoel went on saying that he found it interesting that Kolbe gave insight on, "How can we do it [advance G/L rights] that won't be threatening to the heterosexual community." He feels the community should call Kolbe on that.

Greg Hollman, President of CBA thought Kolbe gave a good speech. "I was very pleased by the address. I think he handled it with grace and ease. Kolbe demonstrated his commitment to small business community by talking about the tax breaks. He handled the question and answer period very well."

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Scouts Challenged In D.C.

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) – Two more Gay Eagle Scouts are trying to earn merit badges in non-discrimination, but they'll have to qualify for the Order of Litigation first.

The latest challenge to the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) policy excluding open Gays is now being heard by the Washington, DC Human Rights Commission, in the city's first discrimination complaint in at least seven years based solely on sexual orientation.

What Chief Hearing Examiner Cornelius Alexander, Jr. expects to be a "huge," three-week long hearing, after almost six years of study and preliminary legal tussles. In fact, the Scouts are still challenging whether the case should be heard at all, because it was dismissed in 1995 and then reopened in 1996.

Openly Gay complainants Eagle Scouts Michael Geller and Roland Pool are seeking reinstatement in Scouting, and name both the national BSA and the National Capital Area Council of BSA as respondents.

Pool had served as an assistant scoutmaster and worked on staff at a Scout camp for five years, while Geller had continued to renew his membership. Both men revealed their sexual orientation to local BSA officials in 1992 and were told to end their association with the organization.

The first day of testimony had Geller telling the Commission about the merit badges he'd earned.

As has been true in discrimination lawsuits filed against BSA across the U.S., the key question is whether or not BSA is a public accommodation subject to civil rights laws, in this case the city Human Rights Act. Once again the Scouts are maintaining that they are a private entity protected by the constitutional right to freedom of association, excluding Gays because (a la the U.S. military) homosexuality is incompatible with Scouting values.

While the parties involved are restricting themselves to formal statements while the case is in progress, others are stepping in: the anti-Gay Family Research Council's Robert Knight to charge that, "These suits are designed to destroy the Scouts, not open them up," and Tim Curran, openly Gay former Scout suing BSA in a long-running case in California, to counter that, "Scouting is a wonderful program that has been hijacked by the religious right."

A decision is expected in June.

Forced Youth 'Behavioral Modification'

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grades, refusing to attend church, and disrespecting them.

He's been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder, for which he has been prescribed Ritalin. David's perception, as stated in a letter presented in court, is that the family relations were a "power struggle" in which he tried to retaliate by hurting his parents for punishments they applied which hurt him.

The parents' attorney Daniel Koller insisted that the order Hutchins requested would constitute a "forbidden government intrusion into the sacred domain of parental rights" and that the situation was no business of the neighbor's, the prosecutor's or the state's.

As for the restraints, pepper spray, mace, and stun guns, Koller took the position that, "Just because it's in a contract doesn't mean it's being used." In fact, he asserted that none of those methods were being used against David.

Judge Ken Kawaichi emphasized that his rejection of Hutchins' request for David's return represented neither "a stunning victory or severe defeat" for either side. He believed that Hutchins had failed to present evidence that David is in imminent danger, and since the ruling was made "without prejudice," the case could be reopened if such evidence is found.

(Hutchins believes there's no way to know whether David is harmed or endangered without his presence in Oakland to speak for himself, and he also said after the ruling that "this case dies at this point.")

Kawaichi does see a gray area in the law with many questions unanswered, and is not happy with the notion of an American citizen being potentially subject to the physical "controls" without American supervision. Some other California courts have recognized some limited rights of teenagers to consent to or refuse such treatment.

However, despite Kawaichi's perception, a crowd of about 100 parents who were in the courtroom in support of the Van Blarigans definitely took the ruling as "a stunning victory," cheering and giving each other high-fives in celebration. Many of their children are in facilities similar to Tranquility Bay, while of course other minors were required to be in school at the time of the hearing.

There were a few child advocates present, though. Loren Warboys of San Francisco's Youth Law Center told reporters, "It's a sad day for children in America. A parent can send a kid off to any place for any reason. There is no rule protecting the teen-ager and that can't be right. There has to be some restriction."

Shannon Minter of the San Francisco-based National Center for Lesbian Rights said that, "You should not be able as a parent to have your child forcibly abducted and sent to another country against his will."

Cathy Sutton, a parent who became an activist after her daughter died in a treatment program in Utah, hopes the dialog opened by the case will continue and lead to government regulation of safety standards for such facilities.

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EDITOR:

The Board of the Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance (AZAPA) is urging immediate action. Governor Hull has included 1.6 million dollars in her budget for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. This is very good news indeed. The Governor's proposal will not become law, however, unless legislators approve this money for the Arizona Department of Health Services' budget.

Your legislator needs to hear from you know! It is important for everyone to call, but it is particularly critical for people to call who live in conservative districts. There likely will be many calls from people opposing AIDS funding, and calls from supporters are urgent. Legislators are strongly influenced by messages from their constituents, so your calls do make a difference.

Call (520) 628-6593, (602) 542-4221 or (800) 352-8404, and ask your legislator to support Governor Hull's request for 1.6 million dollars in the ADHS budget to cover funding for ADAP.

Thank you, David Hoover
Board President – AZAPA

DEAR EDITOR:

Out & About, the Gay travel newsletter, has called for a boycott of the Grand Cayman Islands following their government's decision to ban Gay and Lesbian tourists.

Please call the Grand Cayman Islands Tourism Office (on their dime) at 800-346-3313 and tell them what you think about their government turning away Gay tourists.

Even if you weren't planning on a Caribbean vacation, every call to the Grand Cayman's tourism board coasts them money. Five-hundred calls would effectively erase what an average couple might spend in a week's vacation! Explain why you are calling and be polite-800 number holders sometimes get your home address and phone number!

Remember that a boycott is not an angry or vengeful act, but a tool. At the other end of the telephone will be employees and residents of the Grand Cayman Islands, but not the person(s) directly responsible for the ban on Gay tourism.

Yours truly, Mark Haile
Los Angeles, California

DEAR OBSERVER:

I would like to write you and the Venture-N a thank-you letter.

I live up in the White Mountains in a small town called Springerville. I am HIV+ and healthy thanks to your paper and lists of organizations for HIV people.

Also, I don't go to clubs etc., until I stopped at the Venture-N a few months back, knowing Bert and Ernie for some years; meeting Jim and John and Buck and Mark and the warmth and openness they gave me was and has been for me a great gift of welcomeness and friendship, along with some of their clientele: Larry, Glen, and James and Cal. Nothing but openness and warmth.

So thank-you all for your warmth and smiles.

Best wishes, Andy Brown

DEAR EDITOR:

Hi all. Too often people do not get the recognition, thanks, or praise they deserve. I just want to say thanks to every single person who took time away from their partying to help out at the Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix this month.

There have been a number of you guys and gals that have always been there for me, and the AGRA organization. I have learned to depend and rely on you all for the support that it takes to put together a great bar!

You bartenders know how to turn a buck, and those barbacks who do all the work that "ain't pretty." Thank you! Thank you! (Jake R. & Robert C. of Tucson & Steve R. of Phoenix) To each and every one of you that helped out, not just this year and years gone by, you are the greatest!

Special thanks to those out-of-town men: Brian B. (Mr. Hot Body) of Michigan; John H., Jesse G., and Scott M. (crowns & sashes) of Colorado and; David Medzerian & Steve C. (sash queen & the man) of California.

Oops! It would not be complete without the names of my favorite Phoenix group: Heston V., Sean E., John B. (Buns & Men of Harley's), Joe S., Michael H., Gary W., Doug S., JRH, David T., Michael B., Rick D. (always ready to help) and my main lady of the night, Kathy, thank you, thank you!

Thanks to Tucson Dan, Dave, Ray, Raul, Terry & Scott – the colorful group.

You all could have been partying your asses off, (Hmm, there must be a line in there somewhere!), instead you are working them off, setting the tone for the rodeo. The ass's part – that is what I like, ha-ha!

To all the bar/beer tenders and bar backs: Bob J., Bob R., Tom T., El-P, Stan H., Richard G., Joseph M. & Randy T. (working hard for that cold beer!), lot's of warm, wet kisses on the inside of your thighs! Thanks again to all of you, looking forward to seeing you all at the Saguaro Regional Rodeo in Tucson at Old Tucson Studios in March. Maybe I'll just deliver all those kisses I promised. I do have a supply of industrial strength Chap-Stick.

I would also like to send a warm-heartfelt congratulations to the new AGRA State Vice President, "Chuck B," a great guy. It's always fun running next to a hot cowboy like you. Chuck is now State Trustee, State Vice President and is running for Phoenix Chapter President...he has his work cut out for the year.

Also, thanks to Dan Iverson, State President, for coming down to Tucson for the General Membership meeting at Stonewall/Eagle this past Sunday. He had in-hand a check for $94 for TIHAN, proceeds from an International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) fund raiser.

Thanks again.
Tommy Ragan
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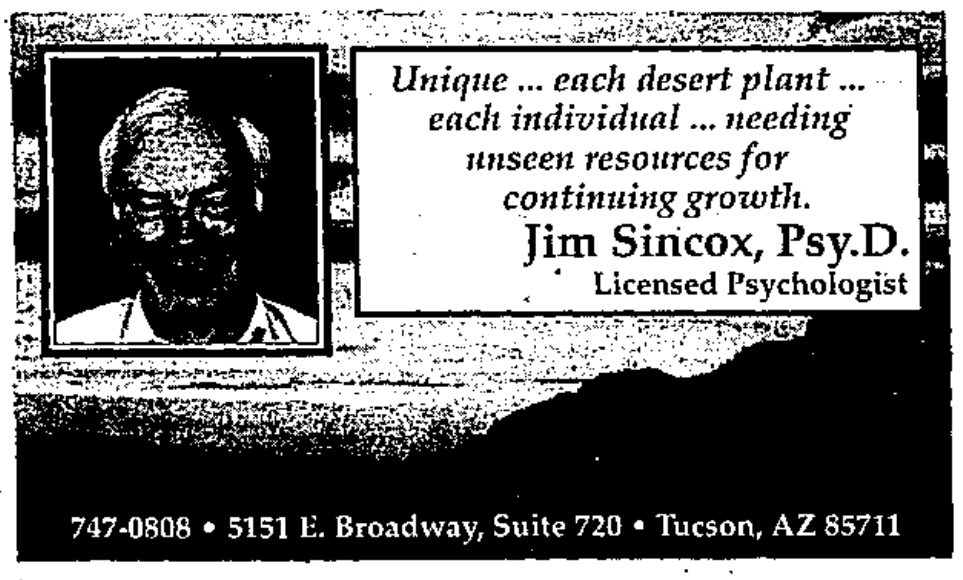

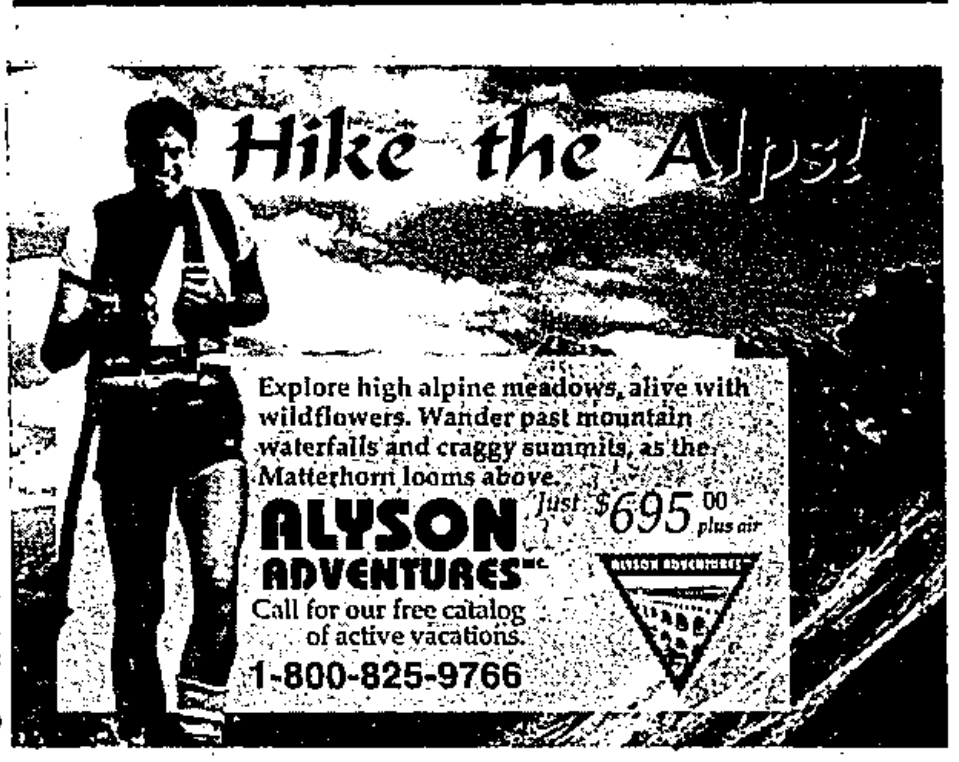

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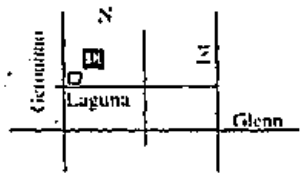

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Life Is A Drag

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scandal.

Monica: poor lady, only 24. The future of the nation is resting on her shoulders. Is she a black widow or an angel? We talked last week about ex-Lt. Kelly Flynn, B-52 pilot. Shall we court-martial the commander-in-chief? Does a State of the Union Message from someone under suspicion carry any weight?

High crimes and misdemeanors are serious. Sexual conduct is a murky area depending on your definition of morality and socially appropriate conduct; to suborn perjury is clearly an impeachable offense. You've hear a lot about this in the last few days. What you haven't heard (and you business people take note), an economic slump could be in the offing. And why? Because the riveting events, whether resulting in an impeachment indictment or trial, will keep Americans glued to their TV sets and radios – even at work.

If you're old enough to remember the galvanizing and disturbing days of Watergate, you'll know how it was then and would be again.

Paula Jones, Gennifer Flowers, Monica Lewinsky. This is beginning to remind me of a witches' cauldron ("bubble, bubble") and Shakespeare – classic tragedy: someone who knows the risks and yet plunges headlong into perdition.

Gennifer, after a 12-year affair with the President: "The truth is I loved him. Now he tells me to deny it."

"Power is the ultimate aphrodisiac." – Henry Kissinger.

I hope you know: sex, by consent among adults, is not illegal in our country unless you happen to live under archaic state laws. Essentially, the women are saying this guy is a bedroom "Jurassic Park" Velociraptor. Other critics say he's a draft dodger but that's another story. Venture-N guys, don't start; don't go there, stay on track. (I swear to you by my long vanished MACV patch, the flares that drifted over Saigon, the monks who burned themselves with gasoline and the VC mortars and rockets that rained down and the bar girls who were a passing parade but not to me, for obvious reason, an obsession – have I listed enough to convince you of my credentials?).

Hey gang! We better get a heart-healthy diet. You know how you snacked junk food and gulped beer watching the Super Bowl. If we replay Watergate, there are no downs and no quarters; even the line of scrimmage is unclear – it's a gripping soap opera (with lots of cholesterol-filled snacks) until it's over. Where election figures are concerned, we have a right to know indiscretions. They bear on fitness to hold office.

The Founding Fathers weren't able to completely sink the tea thrown into Boston Harbor. It floats to the surface because what we have are the impromptu trappings of monarchy. In Britain, the prime minister is a politician and is understood as such. The royalty cuts the ribbons and takes the hits from tabloids for scandalous – or giggly – things. The Oval Office rolls it all into one. Which is why America gets so upset when president and prince are not synonymous titles.

Maybe we ought to blame ourselves; it's the Legend of Sleepy Hollow. We voters are the somnolent Icabod Crane; he is the Headless Horseman.

Since I "play girl" I must give credit to Hillary. Strong woman. She's taken the role of crisis manager: whether she can prevail is anyone's guess. My trademark blonde wig is box-labeled as "President's Lady." A no-nonsense page; run a brush through it and you're ready to take on the world. Things I appreciate: she's smart; wears stylish clothes well. Why a husband would cheat on her is beyond belief.

Poor Monica is a lovesick case. Media reports say she saved as a memento a dress which had Bill's you-know-what splattered upon it. Oral sex, phone sex with a paramour – no big deal, unless you happen to be the elected leader of the world's most powerful nation. Turning 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue into a defacto brothel is not what our KIA's, MIA's and POW's had in mind.

Who knows better about sex, its value, commitment and peril, than we do?

Next up, my friends, Valentine's Day and Tucson rodeo season. Prepare yourselves. Don't tell them. I'll scandalize my friends Charlene, Zoe and Amber with bun-bearing "Daisy Dukes of Hazzard" denim shorts I found at Ross Dress for Less. Cute garment. But I better not wear them to Wal-Mart!

Chorus Conductor's Weekend Jan. 30 - Feb. 1

TUCSON – Desert Voices is honored to host for the first time in its chorus history, the 1998 Music Directors Weekend, January 30 - February 1.

This event will be held at the Clarion Santa Rita Hotel & Suites.

The Music Directors weekend in Tucson will include workshops for conducting skills, "The Relationship Between the Music Director and the Board of Directors," "Keeping Discipline In Your Rehearsal" and "Producing and Marketing CD's."

Repertoire reading sessions, one-on-one mini-conferences where conductors discuss wide range of topics with experienced leaders from the GALA Choruses network. Desert Voices is a member of GALA (Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses), an international association of 160 G/L affirming choruses' with a membership of more than 8,000 Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered persons, their friends and families.

One of the sessions to be shared with directors will be their insight to help plan input on the Festival 2000, with the festival committee. Over 45 music directors from the U.S., Canada and Europe will attend this year.

Desert Voices will host a reception and share some of its favorite songs. For more information, call the Desert Voices office, 791-9662.

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Softball Season Begins February 22

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Tucson G/L Arts Coalition To Form

TUCSON -- The organizational meeting for a Tucson G/L Arts Coalition will take place today, Wednesday - January 28, 6:30 P.M., at the Rainbow Planet Coffeehouse.

Interest lies in forming an organization that can unite all artists in the old Pueblo, helping in networking, support, exchange of ideas and resources, grant applications and setting a base knowledge of existence in the Gay and Lesbian community.

"It is quite obvious as to the wealth of the various Gay & Lesbian artists we have in Tucson," stated Joe Saracco of Ruby Moon Productions. "It would be great to have a community arts coalition to lend support to the individual artists as well as additional support to the already existing arts organizations."

'More Tales Of The City'

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astated.

Four years later, Maupin is celebrating, as is the fee-based cable channel that will broadcast "More Tales of the City" this June -- Showtime. These are good days for the author, quoting Maupin's recollection of the final days of shooting of "More Tales" in Mexico.

"We were all exhausted, it was raining," said Maupin, "and I was looking around and I thought, 'I'm a happy man. I wrote this story and here are these two hunky straight guys sitting there just playing tonsil hockey all night.'"

"I thought, 'Things are changing. The world is changing, and we're helping to do it. We're doing it the way I always wanted to it, which is to show that this is about love. It's about affection. It's about people connecting."

The sequel picks up just days after "Tales" left off, takes place on the Pacific Coast of Mexico and in Nevada, in addition to San Francisco, and will air as a two-part saga when it debuts on Showtime.

Olympia Dukakis, who played Anna Madrigal in the original PBS drama and who returns in Showtime's "More Tales" said it was a "little triumph that somehow what was attempted to be buried did not get buried."

Laura Linney, who returns as Mary Ann Singleton, put it a little differently. Aping the PBS slogan, "If PBS won't do it, who will?" she declared, "Well, the answer is Showtime!"

Play Safe!

Team Arizona Meeting February 11

TUCSON - The Tucson chapter of Team Arizona will meet, February 11 to plan participation and fund raising for the 1998 Gay Games, which will be held August 1-8 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The meeting will take place at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street in Tucson. The meeting will start at 6:00 P.M.

For more information about Team Arizona and the Gay Games, contact Edna in Tucson, (520) 293-9356; Kevin in Phoenix, (602) 489-5998, or Jay in Phoenix, (602) 285-1558.

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Schools Daze Over Rights

NEW YORK, NY (NP) -- Learning to spell "respect" in Modesto...categorizing harassment in Las Vegas...adopting healthy protections in St. Louis...upholding civil rights in Ypsilanti....

Modesto, California: Modesto's City School Board will vote on proposals regarding "respect" and school clubs, made by a 115-member school and community committee.

The committee was formed to heal last year's controversy over including sexual orientation as a protected category in the district's anti-discrimination policy.

As a sample of the language changes involved, the Board will be reviewing what used to be "Principles of Tolerance, Respect and Dignity to Ensure a Safe School Environment," which will now be called "Principles of Rights, Responsibilities and Respect to Ensure a Safe School Environment."

Two categories of clubs are defined. One, "equal access" clubs, can use school space outside of school hours, are merely monitored by non-participant teachers, and do not require parental permission for student participation; the other, Associated Student Body organizations, must tie into the school through curriculum or an activity, and would require parental permission.

Although it was an area of controversy, this structure does make a Gay and Lesbian student club possible.

Previously, Modesto had also become embroiled in controversy over teachers attending a sensitivity training by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, which opponents charged was not "balanced"; the committee's recommendations for staff development will be presented at a later date.

Las Vegas, Nevada: A policy against harassment including "Gay orientation" as a protected category is progressing in the Clark County School District of Las Vegas, Nevada, having passed what's expected to be the first of three votes by the district's policy committee.

A first draft of the policy did not include sexual orientation, generating protest from Gay and Lesbian groups, and also came under fire from the Nevada American Civil Liberties Union (NACLU) as possibly violating free speech rights, so NACLU executive director Gary Peck and the district's attorney Bill Hoffman worked together to create the current version.

While many of those who had come to the meeting to testify were there to demand the sexual orientation clause which had already been inserted in the rewrite, the meeting ended with opposition from Kris Jensen, president of Nevada Concerned Citizens.

Jensen believed that no groups should be specified, but that a generic "harassment is prohibited regardless of the basis" clause should appear instead. Jensen charged that, "What they're [Gay and Lesbian activists] looking for is recognition that automatically highlights them but de-emphasizes others," noting that obesity and mental illness were categories not specified.

Other categories currently specified are race, color, age, creed, religion, national origin, handicap, marital and parental status, and "any other basis." Once the policy committee has given its final approval to the measure, it will go on to the school board.

St. Louis, Missouri: The Saint Louis, Missouri School Board voted unanimously to add sexual orientation as a protected category under the district's policy banning discrimination against students.

The move followed recommendations from a student health task force and a report from Superintendent Cleveland Hammonds, Jr. The Board also considered the question of condom distribution in schools, which Hammonds says is prohibited under state law, and voted unanimously that a health education plan should be developed for the next school year.

Ypsilanti, Michigan: The City Council of Ypsilanti, Michigan faced a rerun in miniature of its recent battle over civil rights protections for Gays and Lesbians, this time as part of contract negotiations for school-based services from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

The group that had opposed last month's passage of the rights measure and is now working on a ballot measure to repeal it, Citizens Opposing Special Treatment (COST), turned up to try to delete sexual orientation as a category protected from discrimination under the proposed contract for school liaison with the Sheriff's Department.

The contract was approved by the Council with the sexual orientation clause intact by a vote of 4 - 2.

Kolbe Address

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Colette Barajas of Rose Realty commented, "...I appreciated him being here and as I do for others who have a narrow path and vision, I hope his 'vision' widens because it can only help us."

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A View From The Rock

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The news reports of the last few days regarding what our president did or did not do with various female acquaintances has raised some interesting questions. One that intrigues me is the continuing debate over values, morality, ethics; standards to which we should or should not hold individuals accountable. What is right or what is wrong? Where does standard time come from? Who decides? Does that standard apply to every one in every situation?

Ethics, according to the dictionary, concerns dealing with what is good or bad, and with moral duty and obligation. Moral is defined as relating to principles of right and wrong in behavior; ethics. That leads us back to my questions: What standard should be used? Is there more than one standard? And where does that standard come from?

In old England, a measurement called a foot was determined by the measurement of a foot (or sometimes the hand) of the reigning king. If the king had a big foot, you got a lot more of the measured material than if he had a small one. It seems obvious that the measurement changed from time to time, as old kings died and new ones took the throne. This must have made for confusion, and probably cheating by those so inclined.

In the United States, we use a yard for a standard of measurement. You always know it is 36-inches; it never changes no matter what king (president) is at the head of the government.

Which way of measuring length is more precise-the one that changes or the one that remains the same? The answer is obvious, but why is it that when it comes to morals we so often let everyone set their own standards? Many people subscribe to the popular concept that if something doesn't (appear to) harm anyone then it is all right to do. And there are those who carry this to the extreme of believing "I can do what I want when I want because I am ultimately responsible to myself." If everyone acted on this belief we would have a country with no laws at all. Everyone could do just as they pleased; they could murder, rape, steal, or whatever, and there would be no consequences.

The Bible tells us what the ultimate result of this kind of thinking is: "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." (Proverbs 14:12) You see, the only constant in this world is God. He is "...the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) In his word we learn the moral standards of right and wrong. You may choose to ignore his standards, even his very existence, but in the end you will suffer the results of your willful ignorance: "...in the end it leads to death. This death spoken of in the Bible is the eternal separation from God in a place of continual torment.

Because God does not want "...anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (II Peter 3:9b), he had made a way for each of us so that we do not have to suffer this eternal separation from him. The way he made is through accepting what Jesus Christ did on the cross for each one of us. After we accept him as our savior, he leads us into the right way and helps us to keep following his way and living by his standards, which never change.

Which standards would you prefer those around you to live by? Changeable or unchangeable? And, more importantly, by which standards are you living?

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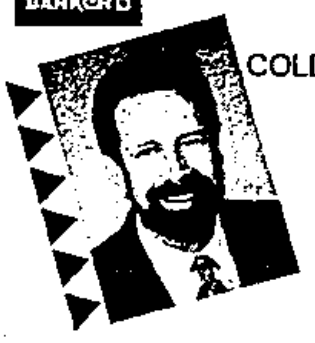

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Treatment Advances Focus Of AIDS Conference

CHICAGO, IL (SFE) – New easier-to-administer AIDS drugs will take center stage at the Fifth Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections meeting in Chicago February 1.

Experts say the rigor and complexity of the dosing schedule hinders the effectiveness of the most successful AIDS treatments. Combination retro viral therapy requires some drugs be taken on an empty stomach, others with food, at regular, timed intervals throughout the day.

Bloomberg News is quoted as saying much of the conference will be devoted to devising ways to offer "easy-to-take, consistently effective and durably potent drugs" to persuade those now delaying treatment to begin.

The competition among pharmaceutical companies to develop more effective and convenient AIDS treatments is fierce. Analysts expect that the convenience factor – taking 2 pills as opposed to 10 per day – will determine who will win the lion's share of a market expected to swell from $2.4 billion per year today to as much as $5 billion by 2005.

Every major drug company in the world is expected to release new, more powerful AIDS drugs this year. DuPont Merck is expected to win FDA approval for its new once-a-day anti-viral agent, Sustiva.

Some AIDS drugs are reaching the end of their lifespan. Glaxo is expected to phase out AZT in favor of a drug called 1592, a more powerful cousin. And Agouron Pharmaceutical's new protease inhibitor, Viracept, can be taken only twice a day.

French Confirm CCR-5 HIV Immunity

PARIS, France – French scientists at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paris have isolated a gene mutation which creates a natural resistance to HIV-1 infection.

The finding by French scientists is the latest in a promising arena of AIDS research which focuses on inducing or replicating inborn resistance to HIV infection.

The study, published in the French science journal Lancet, took blood samples from 18 HIV-negative men who were repeatedly exposed to the virus. They then tried to infect their blood cells in vitro with HIV-1 and found one of the subjects - known as ExU2 was completely resistant to infection.

Subsequent analysis found the subject in question carried two hereditary mutations in a co-receptor gene, known as CCR-5, which is targeted by HIV-1 when it enters the body.

In April, American researchers at the Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda announced they had made a similar discovery, and that they were pursuing methods which would prevent T-cells in the human body from making the surface protein CCR-5.

Dr. Carl June told reporters, "We know that if you are born without the CCR-5 gene, it is very hard to get infected with HIV. Our research shows you can artificially induce this immunity by turning off the CCR-5 gene in the nucleus of the cell."

June said that without CCR-5, most strains of HIV will not become infective. He said his research offers doctors new avenues of vaccine research to explore and hopes the discovery will soon lend itself to real-world application.

AIDS Increase In Those Over 50

NEW YORK, NY (RHIS) – In the last five years, there has been a 22% increase in reported cases of AIDS among those aged 50 years and older, more than twice the rate of increase among younger people, according to a survey released by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The survey analyzed all AIDS cases reported to the CDC during this five-year period, a total of 68,473. Results indicate that incidence of the disease remains higher among those between the ages of 13 and 49 (which rose from 46,000 cases in 1991 to 50,300 in 1996), compared with that among older people during the same period (5,260 to 6,400 cases).

Nevertheless, the rate of increase among the young was only 9%, less than half of the proportional rise seen in the older population.

The survey results appear in he Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

The survey also found that AIDS patients over 50 were more than twice as likely than younger patients to die within the first month of diagnosis (13% versus 6%).

These findings "suggest that persons aged 50 years and over had AIDS diagnosed later during the course of HIV infection than persons aged 13 to 49 years," wrote the researchers. "(O)ne reason for later diagnosis... is that physicians may be less likely to consider HIV infection among this group...(missing opportunities for) timely use of...antiretroviral therapies to prevent progression of disease," they speculated.

Moreover, older patients may not consider themselves at risk, according to the report. The CDC stated that sexually active individuals over age 50 are more likely to engage in unprotected sex, and less likely to be tested for HIV infection, than their younger counterparts.

This tendency is cause for concern, as heterosexual transmission of HIV was shown to have more than doubled for both men and women during the study period.

"Because of the frequently long incubation period from HIV infection to AIDS diagnosis," the report added, "many persons who were diagnosed with AIDS at age 50 or older were probably infected as younger adults....(H)ealthcare providers should be encouraged to discuss risk factors, obtain sexual and drug histories for patients, and consider HIV infection in the...diagnosis of clinical illnesses... in this age group."

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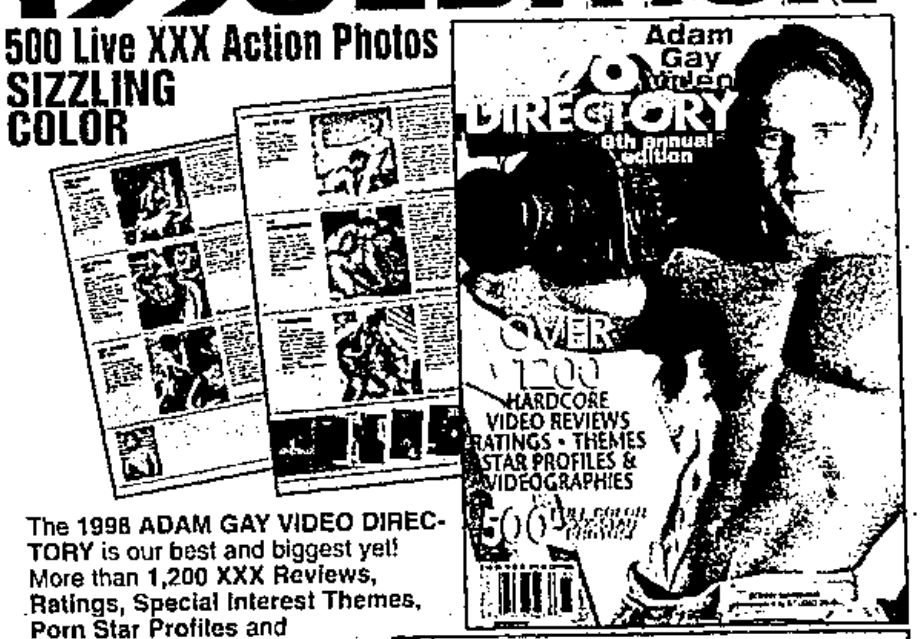

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SPORTS

Desert Coyotes Bowling League Standings

	Won	Lost	Pins
Tres Amigos	4.0	0.0	26819
Prickly Pears	4.0	0.0	26641
Erratica II	4.0	0.0	25854
Triple Dickys!	3.0	1.0	27380
Triple T	3.0	1.0	26908
Six	3.0	1.0	26663
Fourteen*	3.0	1.0	1737
Smokin Bears	1.0	3.0	26386
Buddies	1.0	3.0	26274
Ft Lg Hot Dogs	1.0	3.0	24968
Thirteen*	1.0	3.0	1731
The D's	0.0	4.0	26854
Weeblows	0.0	4.0	26535

*Joined league 1/14/98

Lambda Lizards Bowling League Standings

	Won	Lost
We Suck Good!	37.0	23.0
The Denim Men	32.0	28.0
Gays & Dolls	31.0	29.0
Miracles Happen	20.0	40.0

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DESERT COYOTES
NEEDS BOWLERS

TUCSON (ON) – Tucson's G/L Wednesday bowling league has a couple of spots open on team rosters.

If interested, just show up a few minutes prior to the start of bowling, Wednesday, 9:00 P.M. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile.

For more information about the Desert Coyotes, call 743-9659.

LAMBDA LIZARDS
NEEDS BOWLERS

TUCSON (ON) – The Lambda Lizards, Tucson's G/L Friday bowling league has openings on teams.

If interested in bowling, show up a few minutes prior to the start of bowling, Friday, 9:00 P.M. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile.

For more information about the Lambda Lizards, call 622-2395.

George W. Bush In Lawsuit Over Homophobic Comments

AUSTIN, TX (HC) – Two former employees of Republican Texas governor George W. Bush sued his office saying their supervisor used hostile language to describe victims-assistance programs for Gays

Valerie Curbo and Carol Funderburgh, the plaintiff's in the lawsuit, say they were fired from the governor's office after complaining about hostile language and attitudes toward Gay men and Lesbians from its executive director, Nancy Hugon.

They claim Hugon called the assistance programs "homo projects." The women, who, according to their lawyer, are not Gay, are seeking at least $700,000 each in damages.

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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Both feisty Mars and Nebulous Neptune changes signs this week. Mars redirects our energy force into new battles while Neptune turns on the bubble machine and creates potholes that we inevitably fall into. Neptune takes about 14 years to go through a sign so its effects are slow and grinding while Mars changes through each sign every 1 1/2 months. Storm the barricades friends, but beware of the moat.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams charge into their closets with brooms poised for action when Mars enters mystical Pisces. Empty it and don't fob any crap off onto friends; Neptune changes signs and will be unforgiving of these tacky little foibles. Treat pals royally, even if they become horribly spoiled. They're going to need your help time and time again for the next few years so be warned.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

You won't have to rely on the kindness of strangers. Mars in Pisces heats up your desire to platonically connect with others so dive into the social swim and get very wet. Try to make powerful (and wealthy) friends now; as Neptune grinds it way into Aqueerius, Gay Bulls may find their career dreams do not hold up to the new reality. It's nice to have a pal to bank on.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

You're a shooting corporate star in the making with Mars in Pisces. Take your aspirations to the heights and try not to be swayed by the siren lure of exotic travel for the next three weeks. Examine the merchandise carefully before you buy (people and products). Gay Twins wouldn't buy the Brooklyn Bridge from a stranger, why buy the Taj Mahal?

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Proud Crabs are itching to see the world and why not? Mars in Pisces opens up your shell to new and exotic stimuli. There is a chance that Neptune will cloud your better judgement in the romance department. Beware of pouring your precious heart and soul into the tall drink at the end of the bar. Champagne does not mix well with Thunderbird.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Leos are too hot to handle during this Mars cycle. Allow the satyr in you to run wild during this feisty phase. Chances are you'll be the hit of any orgy (dress appropriately...). Will there be any lasting bonds with your conquests at this time? Neptune in Aqueerius can cause static on the partner line but it can also spark a "spiritual" connection. Wear your turban just in case.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Neptune in Aqueerius can divert well planned projects into never-never land. This can cause great heartache for meticulous and detailed-oriented queer Virgins but don't sulk. Thankfully Mars directs your considerable energy into more worthy pursuits - partnerships. Why toil in the salt mines for pennies when you can bank on a golden relationship? Just marry wealthy.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Even lethargic Gay Libra can get off their lovely butts and do a good day's work when Mars enters Pisces. Roll up your cuffs and wade into the mess. You never know what or who you will find at the bottom of the pile. If you scratch the itch to indulge, note that Neptune doesn't place limits on consumption; one drink works like ten. Okay, you're a cheap date for quite a while.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Party on proud Scorp! That's the Mars rallying cry for the next month-and-a-half. But why not direct energy into more creative pursuits? Tap into your Gay muse and see what happens. Family discussions take off in an unanticipated direction when Neptune enters Aqueerius. It may be time to toss that ancestral straight jacket into the trash where it belongs.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Your home is your castle so why are you contorting to other's rules? Mars in Pisces makes you queen of the rouse in no uncertain terms. Wear your pride where relatives can see it but don't go into long explanations; Neptune will tickle that Sag propensity to say the wrong thing at the exact wrong time. So what? Actions speak louder and prouder than words.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Practical Gay Caps may go through a period when money seems to vanish like smoke. Blame it on the latest Neptune transit and try to hold onto your dough as best as you can. Mars, however, charges forward and is not afraid to take action on hypocrites, crooks and thieves. Why not blast homophobes and their stupid laws? Mars give you a cannon for a mouth -- shoot it off.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Neptune in your own sign gives you a new "look." Well, "new" may not be the best work; try retro 1960's with a wild and woolly "do," effusive togs and a spacey look in your eyes. But who would argue with success? Mars energizes your bottom line and your financial picture suddenly brightens. It's amazing how stylish Aqueerians become when they wear green and lavender.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Mars enters your own sign and catapults you into center stage. Proud Fish must learn to command the social forces and make it work to their advantage. Do it now; Neptune in Aqueerius may cloud your better judgement into other's motives and you may be surprised at the extent of the deception. It's easier to have everyone dance your way when you control the music.

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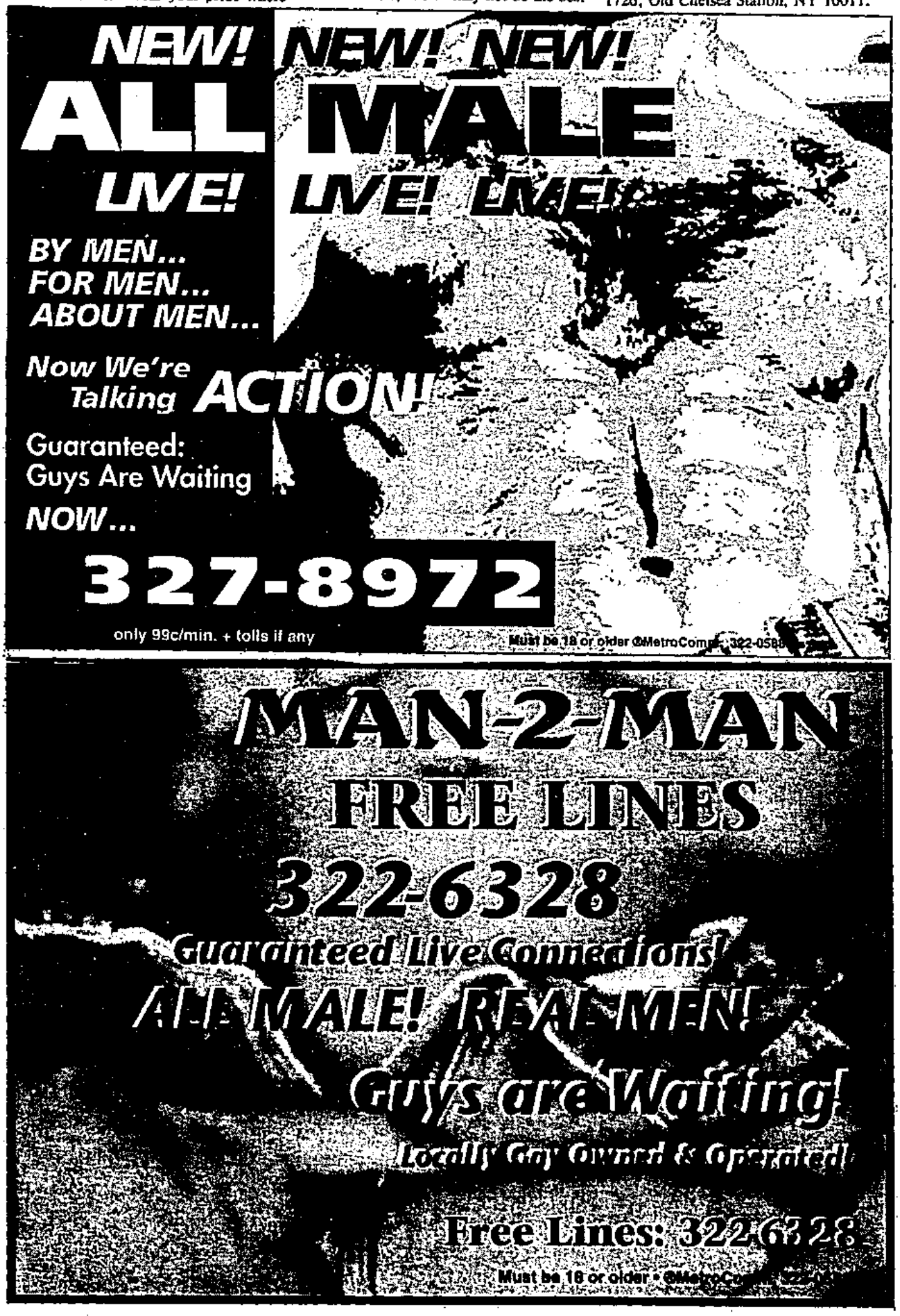

CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28
IBT'S - 9:00 P.M., THE Love Company presents "Puttin' On The Lips" Lipsinc Contest. $50 first prize.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Fuerza Latina Travesti Show. 10:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1
IBT'S - Male Box Nite returns. Play Post Office and get a chance to win prizes and meet new friends. Sunday's benefit all-you-can-eat and 16oz Beer Bust Millennium Theatre Company. 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
IBT'S - 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the new PCHD Mobile Clic Van. Free Anonymous HIV testing brought to you by the Pima County Health Department and the Gay Men's Health Project. Then at 9:00 p.m. The Girlie Show featuring Felice Renard, Bunny Foo Foo, Karina Montenegro, Shaundrianna and special guest Brisa.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5
IBT'S - Fetish Party! Dress in your favorite fetish for show and fall for $1.50 well drinks.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Pool Tournament of Champions VI. Guaranteed pot. Trophies, new pool cue to grand champion. Hosted by Zipperman. Warm up at noon. Tournament begins at 2:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14
IBT'S - Valentine's Day Party. Be sure to get your valentine messages in the envelope behind the bar by Feb. 9th to get in the big Valentine's Day issue of the Observer. It's free!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Rare Breed will be playing their great sounds here from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Cover.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Benefit Show for Wingspan 9:30 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Free/Anonymous HIV testing brought to you by the Pima County Health Department and the Gay Men's Health Project. Look for the PCHD Mobile Clinic Van in the parking lot. 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Discussion Group will read a section from the recent bestseller "Conversations with God", then discuss the reading. For reservations and directions, please call Justin or Gary at 792-4224.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29
'Creating A Queer Community Vision', a workshop for the Lesbian and Gay Community. From 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. Sixth Street. RSVP to Maria at 322-6226.

Gay performance artist and activist Tim Miller will read from his new book 'Shirts & Skin' a companion to his current performance piece of the same title. The reading will take place at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave. Miller will be appearing at Centennial Hall on the 30th and 31st. Miller has been writing solo theater works since 1980, provocative commentaries about Gay life and culture and the AIDS crisis. In this memoir 'Shirts & Skin' "Miller explores emotional development, sexuality, the politics of difference and of resistance with honesty, intelligence and humor," *Tony Kushner.*

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Hitchcock Retrospective continues with a showing of "Rear Window." This classic movie stars Jimmy Stewart and Grace Kelly. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30
UA Presents 'Shirts & Skin" by Tim Miller, An unforgettable revelation of Gay body and spirit. 8:00 p.m. The audience will be seated on stage at Centennial Hall. Seating is limited. 'Shirts & Skin" includes nudity and sexually explicit language and is recommended for mature audiences.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Have a safe and happy New Year's Eve as MSN has a Game Night devoted to all sorts of games. Play a favorite card game or board game--the choice is yours. If you have a favorite you'd like to play, bring it along, but there will be plenty of games from which to choose. For reservations and directions, please call Les or Jerry at 690-9565.

The new Men's Relationship Group meets tonight at 7:00 p.m. The purpose is to explore the dynamics of what a good relationship consists of for men with men. It will last for 1½ - 2 hours. Refreshments and fun. Cal in advance to reserve a place. $5.00 fee. Call Marc at 881-4582.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31
UA Presents 'Shirts & Skin" by Tim Miller, An unforgettable revelation of Gay body and spirit. 8:00 p.m. The audience will be seated on stage at Centennial Hall. Seating is limited. "Shirts & Skin" includes nudity and sexually explicit language and is recommended for mature audiences.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). A bike ride from Arivaca to Tubac has been planned. At press time, all details were not confirmed, so please call Alan at 623-4390 for details.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1
1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 12:30 p.m. A Brunch Extravaganza. Gordon & Ed will prepare waffles & pan cakes (not pancakes) for you. All you do is bring a favorite topping. Space is limited. For details, directions and reservations, please call Ed at 323-7181.

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. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

Late 20th century American piano music featuring James Ramos in collaboration with Erika Scheidel 3:30 p.m. at Pima Community College Center for the Arts Recital Hall. $7 general admission, $5 seniors, $3 students Tickets at the event.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who may want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 790-8735.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3
TGSA Softball General Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Wingspan. Coaches/team rep's must attend. All softball players welcome to attend. Great time to meet the coaches. Softball season begins Feb. 22nd.

7:00 p.m. Volunteer meeting for the Condom Brigade at the Wingspan office. Everyone is welcome to attend. Volunteers are needed to help get this project off the ground. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. For more information call Rodney at 322-6226.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. We'll have a discussion on the various aspects of love. What kind of love do you want? What kind of love do you get? What kind of love do you give? We'll discuss these and much more. For directions and reservations, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Study Group will discuss a section from the recent bestseller "Conversations with God." You're encouraged to read the book first. For reservations and directions, please call Justin or Gary at 792-4224.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Join us at a special location this month as we move to make room for the Gem Show. You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the men who come to our monthly gathering. Join us at 6801 N. Oracle (Casas Adobes Congregational Church). For more information and/or directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8
1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 12:30 p.m. From the D.C. area? Three MSN members are hosting a D.C. Brunch for all the guys in Tucson who hail from our capitol. Share your stories about life there and get to know some other guys who have a common point of reference. For details, directions and reservations, please call Jerry at 298-7415.

Tucson CALENDAR

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

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well $1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Drink Specials do not apply during special events.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 Well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Party with Stan. Complimentary hot dogs.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Pool Tourney 2pm with Zipperman. Beer Bust 2-7pm$1.75 Pitchers, 75¢ a glass. Karoke Nite 9-close, hosted by Billy Dee. Stonewall opens at 9pm, hot sounds with Raynman.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee. Best 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. Bar/Restaurant Appreciation Night. $1.00 off on all drinks 8-12.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50 Draft $1.75 Domestic. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, $1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s Dance 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 4pm. Happy hour 4-7. Drink specials to pool and dart players.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Party with Rob in the evening. Free pool all day.

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

Tuesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm 2for1 well and domestic long necks. 2-7 p.m. Pool Tournament 7:30 pot matched. $1 longnecks all night for tournament players. Boys Night Out 9pm to closing. Hot dance music.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50, Domestic $1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. 9 pm to close 2for1 well/ Miller Lite. High Energy Dance with David Z.

NEON MOON - Happy Hour 4-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee. $1.00 off drinks to singers.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Doc's Dart Tourney 8:00 in the Eagle. Miller & Miller Lite $1.75 Cuervo Gold $2 after 8pm.

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. $1.25 pitchers from 9 to midnight. Alternative music w/Stephanie 9pm-1.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well $1.50; Domestic $1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourney. 7pm, Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. Mystery Night. $1.75 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Happy Hour 4-7. 2 for 1 from 7-10. Liquordation 7 to 10 pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close. Stonewall opens at 9:00 p.m. with Raynman.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold $2 all daylnight. 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 8:30 pm to close. (New time)

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well $1.50, Domestic $1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Underwear Nite. $1.50 Well and $1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 4pm. Happy Hour 4-7pm. Drink specials to pool and dart players.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Latino Dance Party w/Eduardo at the Stonewall. Opens at 9pm.

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. Hi energy dance music 8:30 to close. Drink specials every ½ hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well $1.50/ domestic $1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well... Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Country/Western Dance Party with Billy Dee.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Hors d'oeuvres 5pm. Wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt and receive½ price all night.

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 - Hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every ½ hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks $1.50/domestic $1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm, Double Elimination, pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

NEON MOON - Open 2pm. Happy Hour 4-7. Saturday Night Party & dance!

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Happy Hour til 8pm. Free Pool all day. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hot sounds with Raynman.

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.

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. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A fun evening devoted to British comedy series. Three episodes from your favorite series: "Absolutely Fabulous," "Fawlty Towers," and "Keeping Up Appearances." This event is on the east side of town. For directions and reservations, please call Loren at 733-0072.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
7:00 p.m. Gay Men's Health Project Peer Working Group meets at Wingspan. Pizza and Soft Drinks will be provided.

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE .25 PER WORD $5.00 MINIMUM

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NOTICES

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Roon 968-2384.

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

CROMES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Merle at 888-7264.

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 Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrienne at 889-7298.

MANE MEN: Long-haired Gay male penpal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA, K1P6C4

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

"AY EASE AGAIN", a men's discussion group meets at Wingspan at 7 p.m. every Tuesday. 300 E. 6th St.

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. 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 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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.

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 322-6226.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9020

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 570-0027 for more

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 Bearz Hotline (520)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, A social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving collectible vehicles. Call 298-9454.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmoor Building). Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 56264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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 300 E. 6th Street 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 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

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

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

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

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd 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 299-9063 for information.

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

NOTICES

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, 300 E. 6th St. 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 3 to 5 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1208 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRATucson, P.O. Box 40894, 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.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

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.

"EVOLVERE" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held on 4th Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. Call 884-0541.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-9602.

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

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. BB or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 10:00 a.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.

THE JOHN HANTEN MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1946 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-6015 or Jane Perri at 326-8577.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollman 577-6333 for more info.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3200.

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.

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson. Call 797-3116 for more information and a membership bio.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6676 or 327-4293.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7676.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

COCAINE ANONYMOUS

"The Fruits Of Sobriety" particularly for Gays and Lesbians (but everyone is welcome) meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Hotline: (520)326-2211

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9602 or Sr. Joan 742-8900.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9920, Ext.449 or Emmett 322-6057 (eveiten@ix.netcom.com)

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail ryan@thariver.com and request guidelines.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio XXCI. This show alternates with "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 883-3765 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 15th year! (1st in Tucson).

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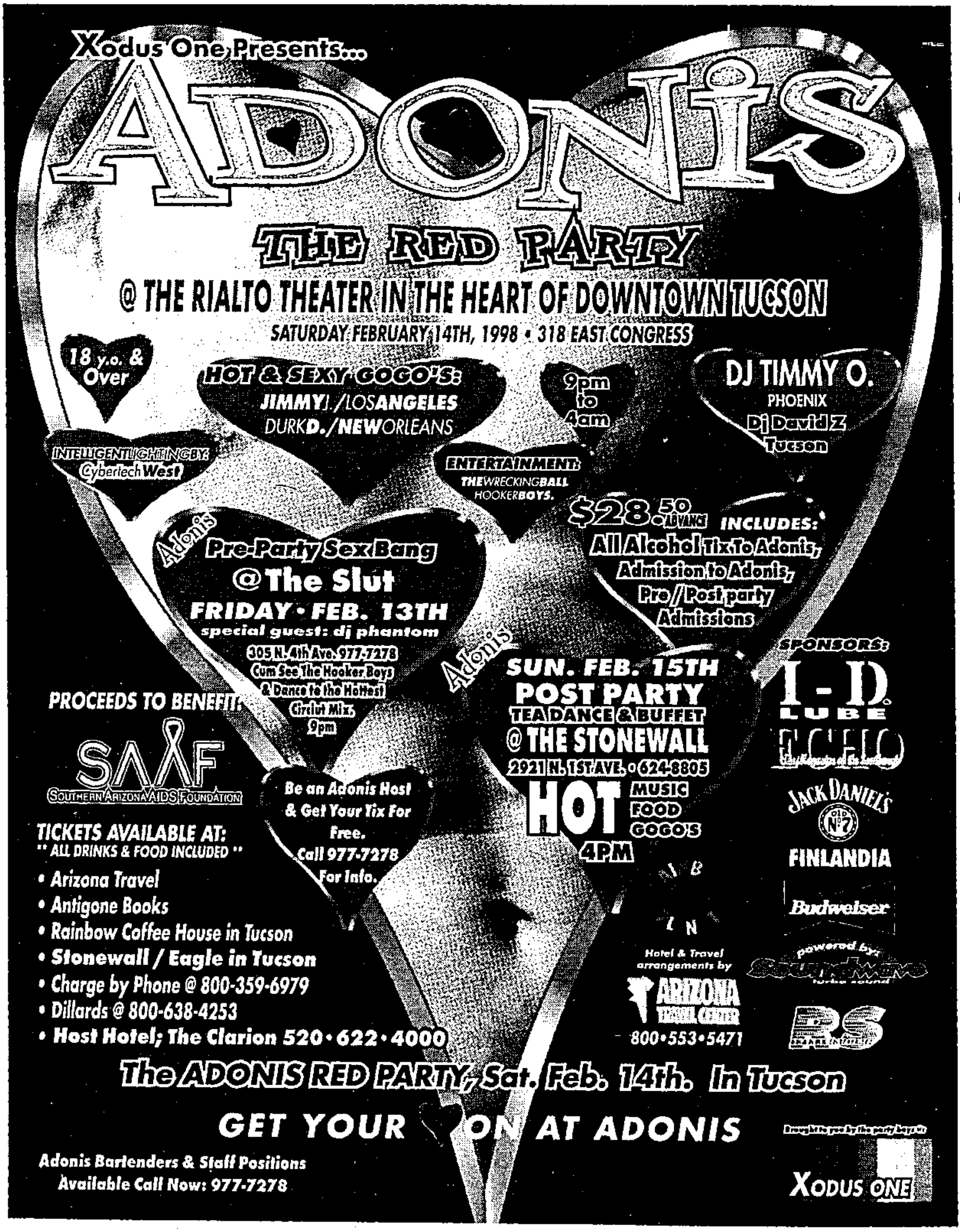
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