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11th Annual International AIDS Conference Ends With A New Sense Of Optimism

VANCOUVER, British Columbia - For most of the past 15 years, gloom has been the official mood of the International Conference on AIDS. But as the 15,000 delegates gathered last week, the spirit was closer to elation.

After years of bad news about AZT, the first AIDS drugs approved and until recently the only one, scientists were revealing in dispatches from a new therapeutic era. Two research teams showed that when AZT and a related drug are combined with new agents called protease inhibitors, the effect on patients is breathtaking.

The new regimens have plenty of down sides: they're toxic, complicated and very expensive. But they have optimists whispering a word that AIDS experts have long eschewed. The word is cure.

In the first of the new studies, researchers at New York's Aaron Diamond Research put nine volunteers on a three-drug regimen within 90 days after they contracted HIV. The virus was flourishing in the patients before they started the treatment. But after several weeks on AZT, 3TC and the protease inhibitor ritonavir, none of them had any detectable HIV in their blood.

The researchers have now followed the volunteers for periods of three to 10 months, and blood tests have yet to turn up any sign of virus. HIV may still be holed up in their lymph nodes and other tissues.

But if the drug regimen can keep the virus from replicating until all the infected cells have died and been replaced, it will have reversed the disease process.

The second study is larger, and its participants started out sicker. Working our of four medical centers, researchers led by Dr. Roy Glick of New York University have treated 97 advanced AIDS patients with different drug regimens for up to 11 months. Glick reported at the Conference that six of the seven patients who have spent 48 weeks on a three-drug cocktail (AZT, 3TC and the protease inhibitor indinavir) are now producing virus-free blood samples.

The next step, as in the first study, is to test other tissues, and to see if the remission lasts. At some point the researchers will try taking successful patients off the drugs.

For all the scientific excitement, controlling the AIDS pandemic is still a distant hope. Getting patients to stick to a complicated, 15-pill-a-day drug regimen is no small feat. If the new drug combinations don't prove curative, the variants of HIV that survive then would be highly resistant.

And even if they do prove curative, few sufferers will benefit any time soon. Some 90 percent of the world's 22 million infected people live in developing countries where virtually no one has $15,000 a year to spend on medication. Last year alone, a million people died of AIDS worldwide and cases increased by 19 percent.

The infection rate is down in the United States, an estimated 40,000 Americans contracted HIV last year, but that's an exception. India is now approaching five million infections, and China is a huge and vulnerable target. "We have to avoid the idea that we're arrived," warns Dr. Scott Hammer of Deaconess Hospital in Boston.

Despite this, some people with AIDS will often attempt suicide to end their suffering, and doctors appear increasingly willing to attempt suicide to end their suffering, and doctors appear increasingly willing to help them.

Fully half of the San Francisco AIDS doctors surveyed admitted they've prescribed deadly doses of narcotics. Reports from the International Conference on AIDS suggests suicide is a common way out for people with the disease.

Botched attempts are frequent, because physician-assisted suicide is illegal in most places. Nonetheless, the evidence suggests that doctors and nurses are often willing to skirt the law or break it to relieve suffering.

"We suspect attitudes are changing. Inhibitions are loosening," said Thomas Mitchell of the University of California-San Francisco. "Physicians are accepting assisted suicide more than in the past."

Mitchell, a public health specialist, surveyed 28 members of a San Francisco-area group of AIDS specialists. Half of them returned anonymous questionnaires, and 53 percent of those doctors said they had helped patients commit suicide by writing prescriptions for narcotic overdoses.

"Everyone knows this occurs, but there has been no quantifiable data on it," Mitchell said.

The apparent growing acceptance of suicide for AIDS patients comes as medical breakthroughs raise hopes that death from the disease can be delayed for years or perhaps avoided entirely.

Roz Leiser, an AIDS research

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Miss Gay Latina 1996 Chosen

TUCSON - Last Sunday, July 14, the annual Miss Gay Latina Pageant was held at the Stonewall/Eagle. A packed house of over 200 persons were entertained by an excellent show which featured Miss Gay Latina 1995, Jasmine Bouvier; Miss Gay Latina 1994, Sasha; Miss Gay Tucson America 1996, Felice Renard. The show was hosted by Miss Gay Tucson America 1988, Christina de Alexis.

Four contestants were entered in this year's pageant and when the dust settled, Dulce Morano (pictured above) was chosen Miss Gay Latina 1996. Others participating in the pageant were Karina, Jade and Priscilla.

Congratulations to Dulce Morano and all the contestants as well as Holliday Productions for a fine evening of pageantry and entertainment..

House Votes Against Gay Marriages

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Political Reporter

WASHINGTON, D.C. - James Madison must be turning over in his grave!

The House of Representatives approved last week, by a margin of 347-67, H.R. 3396, the "Defense of Marriage" Act (DOMA). The measure would define marriage as a commitment between one man and one woman, thus barring same-sex couples from receiving any federal benefits.

DOMA mandates that states wouldn't be forced to recognize same-sex marriages from other states, a violation of the "Full Faith and Credit" clause of the U.S. Constitution.

All six of Arizona's representatives voted in favor of the bill. The measure goes to the Senate, where it could face a tougher fight. President Clinton has previously stated he would sign DOMA.

The legislation was prompted by the Hawaii court case, where three same-sex couples are suing for the right to marry. The case goes to trial next month. Supporters said the potential ruling could open the door for federal benefits and raise legal issues if couples relocate. Opponents accused them of bigotry and political pandering.

The sponsor of the measure, Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., a three-time divorced person, said that the measure was needed because, "the flames of hedonism, the flames of narcission, the flames of self-centered morality are licking at the very foundation of our society, the family."

The debate was very emotional. Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., called the

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TIHAN Fundraiser Aug. 21

TUCSON - A night of fun is in store, Wednesday, August 7, when the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) presents "An Evening at the Gaslight Theatre." A benefit for TIHAN.

Tucson's premiere comedy theater will be featuring a spoof of the movie "Batman Forever." Tickets are $15 for the show, which begins at 7 P.M. Theater doors open at 6:15 P.M.

There will be a raffle, held by TIHAN, with the grand prize being a Disneyland Adventure. Included is round-trip airfare for two along with two passes to Disneyland. (Courtesy of America West Airlines and Disneyland).

Additional prizes include round-trip airfare for two to Las Vegas on Reno Air, and various brunch, lunch and inner prizes for the other lucky ticket holders.

Raffle tickets sell for $1 each, or six for $5. The drawing will take place at the Gaslight fund raiser, however there's no need to be present at the drawing to win.

Tickets can be purchased from TIHAN, located at 4625 East River Road, or by calling the office at 299-6647.

'Simply Equal Tucson' Getting Action!

TUCSON - Simply Equal Tucson (SET), Tucson's newest Gay and Lesbian activist and political action committee are making progress toward their formation goals.

During their last, closed meeting, it was reported a possible reason has been discovered about the increased police activity in the bookstores during the summer months. With every oncoming summer, school resource officers, those assigned to schools during the fall and spring, are assigned to new departments. Allegedly with most officers being reassigned to the vice squad.

With more officers allegedly working in vice, patrolling bookstores, with no or little supervision, thus the increase in activity, and the potential for harassment. SET is looking for people who have been cited in the bookstores and feel they had been entrapped. If so, please call SET at 751-4652.

During the meeting, it was reported that a SET supporter will be appointed to a seat on the Citizens Police Advisory Committee. The person, Edna S., will receive the Women's Commission Seat on the board. SET is also looking for persons to attend the Citizen's Police Academy training sessions for this fall. If interested, please call SET at 751-4652.

It was also reported at the meeting that L/G police officers fear coming out to their fellow workers. Reasons given were they're afraid of the retribution they may face, no back on some calls, or perhaps a little too much, as in "friendly fire."

This past weekend, reports of increased police presence at one of the Gay and Lesbian nightclubs surfaced. SET would like to know if there have been other occasions of police in marked vehicles present at the clubs. Please call SET if that has occurred, SET needs to know the day, time and location. Call 751-4652 if such has occurred.

SET is obtaining 501(3c) tax exempt status. With that a Board of Directors must be formed for the group. For more information call SET at 751-4652. It was also reported that the first open meeting for SET will be held within the next few weeks.

Desert Voices Wows Them In Tampa

TUCSON - Desert Voices recenily returned from their exhilarating visit to Tampa. Twenty-two singers and several supports participated in GALA Festival V.

Nearly 6,000 singers from 89 Lesbian and Gay chorus from across the U.S., Canada and Europe attended the festival.

Desert Voices was one of only three sold-out concert blocks, 3,500 attendance, during the week. Other highlights included: Maya Angelou and Harvey Fierstein at opening ceremonies; participating in Tampa's pride march; awarded a matching grants commission from GALA, to help fund a Native American work in progress.

Desert Voices Artistic Director, Keith Koster was elected to the national board of GALA.

Deporting The Divas Runs Through July 21

TUCSON - Borderlands Theater in residency at the PCC Drama Department is proud to present *Deporting The Divas* by Guillermo Reyes. The play's run is in its last week, running until July 21.

This zany comedy narrates the story of Michael, a befuddled Border Patrol Agent, bound by duty and honor to job and family, who wrestles with his wild fantasies of wigs, queens, and femmes fatales.

Tickets are today, Thursday and Sunday: $10 for general, $8 for senior, $6 student with I.D. Friday and Saturday, all seats are $10. For reservations or more information, call 882-7406.

Drag Queen Night Set

PALM SPRINGS, CA - With attendance low at their Western Baseball League games. An attempt to boost attendance through a "Nudist Night" failing, the Palm Springs Suns are now planning a salute to drag queens. This idea has some people in the resort town seeing red.

The Palm Springs Suns have announced they will hold "Drag Queen of the Desert Night" during their August 9 game against the Salinas Peppers.

So the question prevails, "Will they be fabulous?" Only time, and the Suns box office receipts will tell!

In Memoriam

MARK ALAN ELENZ

Mark Elenz, 43, former owner of IBT's and well known to Tucson's Gay Community, died July 12, 1996.

Mark is survived by his loving sister Sandy; her partner Lisa, nieces Brandy and Taffy; and brothers Russell and Daniel.

He will also be sorely missed by his missed by his boys Justin and Rubin; his baby boy Studley; his kitty Margaret; the testosterone terrier, Worthington; Ivory; and Snuffer.

Mark suffered an extended illness and is at last pain free and at peace.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward F. and Helen "June" Elenz; paternal and maternal grand parents; as well as his Aunt Gwen.

Mark brought laughter and happiness into many peoples lives and will certainly be missed. May he rest in peace.

Donations may be made in Mark's name to Carondelet St. Mary's Hospice, 1802 West St. Mary's Road, Tucson, AZ 85745 or Metropolitan Community Church, 3269 North Mountain Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85719.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

RICHARD WAYNE BLUM
July 15, 1950 - July 7, 1996

Rich Blu, made his transition to Higher Realms around 4:00 a.m. at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Tucson. Rich made this comment shortly before his passing: "I am going to a fancy ball at a fancy hotel." My interpretation of this statement is that he's going to a place of unbounded freedom and bliss in one of the many Heavily Mansions.

There was a Celebration (Memorial Service) to honor the Rich's life on Monday, July 15, at St. Francis of the Foothills Church.

The Family has requested donations to St. Francis of the Foothills Church in lieu of flowers.

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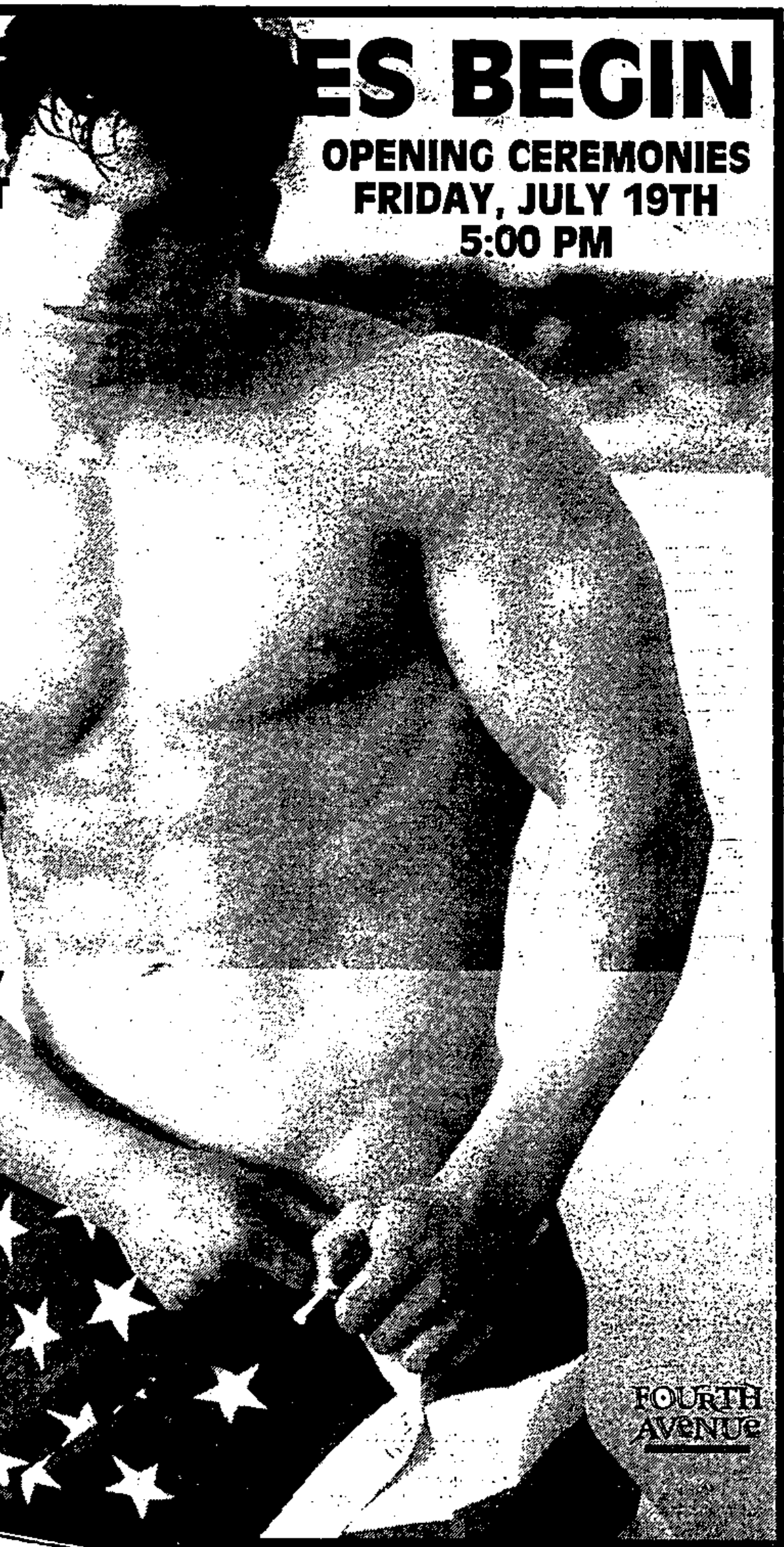

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From The POOP SHEET
by Ace Lundon

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Can you imagine being forty years old and being proposed marriage to? From someone 23 years younger than you!? And drop-dead gorgeous!

We dated for a few months before we actually moved in together, and we'd being living together for enough months to got to really know one another not only in body but also in mind; then out of the proverbial blue, when we were walking to work together one chilly West Hollywood morning, he asks me to marry him!

Surprised? You bet! We may have known each other pretty well, but this took me totally off guard. My response was dumb and I spoke, full knowing I knew the answer, as I glibly responded, "Men can't marry one another legally." You see, we'd actually talked about this *topic* weeks previously, as one of the reporters on the newspaper I was Managing Editor of had begun working on an article about the Metropolitan Community Church providing a "Rite of Holy Union" for members of our newly emerging Gay/Lesbian community. I guess his response to my response should have been expected.

"Of course we can. Through the MCC. Remember?" Of course I remembered, and, I know what Patrick would say next: "Legal marriage with its vows of Holy Matrimony is a sham; whereas the vows of Holy Matrimony is a sham; whereas the vows of Holy Union makes it an eternal affair, and if I believed in God, I think he'd approve of that."

Then continuing with his marriage proposal: "And, since you think you can go out with anyone and everyone as long as you're not married to a partner, and, since you're so stuck in your belief in monogamy, well, I figured if we got married, we could live monogamously."

Since all of this was out of blue, I told him that I'd have to give it some thought. I'd honestly never thought about marrying a man. I still was living with some very painful memories of marriage and divorce, hetero-style, four years earlier; would marriage with a man really be much different than a straight marriage?

Without batting an eye and staring dead ahead, he blankly commented, "Well, you've got three blocks to think it over and give me an answer."

Yes siree, I thought I knew him, but who was this seventeen year old I'd never noticed before, with "balls as big as melons," as the old saying went. He should have seen my jaw drop to my chest!

"It's really an easy decision, if you think about it," he continued, and then that miserable Virgo logic emerged: "Either you're in love with me or you're not. If you're not, it's stupid for us to continue and I'll just walk on out of your life when we get to work. Of course, if you're in love with me like I am with you, then we should spend the rest of our lives together."

Of course, he was absolutely correct, and although I didn't hear an "amen!" aloud, I heard it anyway. I really had no other choice than to accept his proposal of marriage; a marriage of Holy Union. And to make sure it would be a vow of eternal love, he even changed the Church marriage vow. He deleted "Till death do us part" and added "Till love is no more." A half a year later and weeks of counseling, the Rev. Troy Perry tied the knot for us.

I never regretted making that commitment, and although Patrick died in my arms in December '89, we are still sharing an eternal love.

Also, don't be surprised if some day someone might come up to you and propose marriage. If it can happen to me, it can happen to anybody; and, like me, you too may glance around to see if there might be a hidden camera around covering this surprise.

And that's the straight poop from the Poop Sheet.

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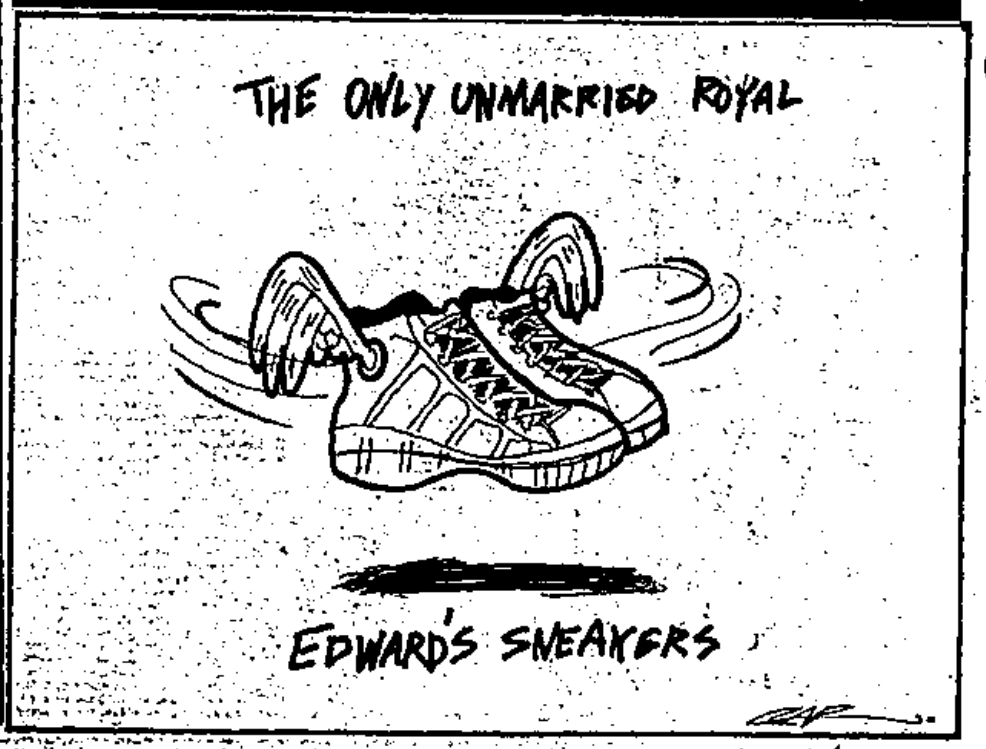

TGSA New Officers and Fall Softball Schedule

TUCSON - The Tucson Greater Softball Association (TGSA) recently held their year end banquet at the Stonewall/Eagle, with 120 players and fans in attendance..

The trophies for league play were presented. Team Tucson took the first place trophy in the Open Division. Ain't Nobody's Bizness and Bad Habits took the first and second place trophies in the Women's Division. TGSA express their congratulations to all members of the respective teams.

Elections were held at the banquet. Incoming officers are: Mary O., Commissioner; Barb P., Treasurer; Nauni D., Activities Coordinator. The Graduate softball team has accepted the honor of representing TGSA at the Gay softball world series in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 20-24. TGSA stated they will hold fund raisers to support the team. They noted to look in this publication for stories or ads for the upcoming events.

TGSA will begin its winterball schedule on September 8, and run through November 10. All games will be held at Freedom Park. If you have never played softball or if you want to brush up on your skills, this is the time to do it.

The fees are only $120 per team. Please contact Mary O., at 770-9979 or Bertie L., 318-3415 for more information. If you're not currently on a team, TGSA will do it's best to find one for you.

Martina Has A New Steady, A Reno!

by Jeanne Williams

NEW YORK, NY - Martina Navratilova says the paparazzi can take a break and the tabloids should give money to charities, not those photographers.

They've wasted a lot of film shooting (as possible lovers) her sister, a real estate agent, even her mother. But the fact is that the tennis legend's current significant other is the model Hunter Reno, who happens to be a niece of U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno.

"I've never been one to hide. And I love Hunter in a way I haven't loved before. It's a pure love." That's the word we got from Navratilova, who's visiting her parents in the Czech Republic, minus Reno, who has just left the U.S. on a TV job.

The couple were seen together in London at Wimbledon, and Reno's comment, via Navratilova's spokeswoman, is, "Martina's a very special person, and we enjoy spending time together."

[This feature was reprinted from USA Today.]

Activists Sue GOP In Free Speech Flap

SAN DIEGO, CA - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Voices '96 has filed suit in United States District court in San Diego against the Republican National Committee (RNC) and the City of San Diego, seeking an injunction prohibiting the RNC and the City from moving the "free speech zone" for demonstrations during the GOP National Convention.

Voices '96 is being represented by the ACLU of San Diego, and is joined in the suit by the San Diego chapter of NOW and the Federation of San Diego County.

The original site of the "free speech zone" was located directly across from the San Diego Convention Center. The area met the criterion set down, and was endorsed by the FBI and the Secret Service. But the RNC had approval of the security plans for the convention.

In an apparent partisan political endeavor to move projests as far away from the convention., In a "compromise", City Manager Jack McGrory moved the "free speech zone" to a lot located a full three city blocks away from the originally designated site and is logistically inferior for staging demonstrations and rallies.

At a press conference, Jordan Budd, ACLU attorney for the case commented, "The City calls this new site a compromise. The only thing being compromised is the First Amendment."

LGBT Voices '96 Co-Chair, Brenda Schumacher commented, "This is clearly a move by the City of San Diego to placate the Republican National Committee by negotiating away our constitutional rights."

Christian Coalition Tax Exempt Status Questioned

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - The Christian Coalition may soon pay a price for its spectacular rise into the forefront of American politics, millions of dollars in back taxes to the federal government.

Tax experts and election regulators are joining moderate and liberal critics whether the organization has crossed the line from a "promoter and educator" of religious issues to a powerful political machine.

The Christian Coalition was founded in 1989, the group has paid no federal taxes, claiming an exemption for

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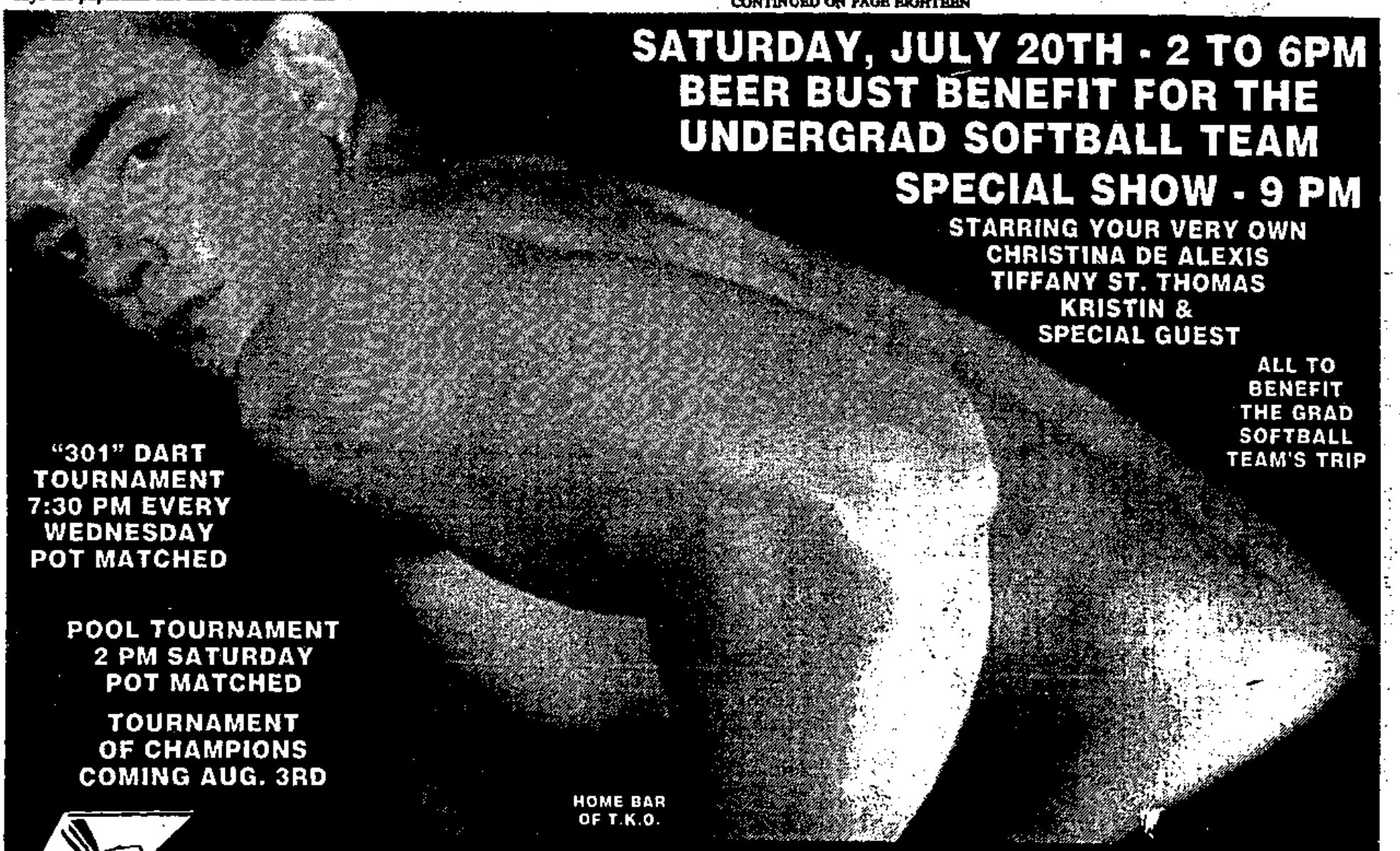

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POLITICS 1996

By MARK R. KIEBR

"He's Not A Size Queen! He Just Likes Big Monitors!"

Three cheers for the poor oppressed majority, heterosexuals!

Radical heterosexuals in the U.S. House of Reps approved H.R. 3396, the "Defense of Marriage Act" (DOMA). If approved DOMA would forbid same-sex marriages. [See accompanying story.]

The vote was 347-67, and all of Arizona's six representatives voted in favor of the measure. Yes, Kolbe and Pastor did too! Whoopie!

Yes, that legislation which: clearly violates the "Full Faith & Credit" clause of the constitution; drafted due to the Hawaii court case, that won't be decided on for two years; is a political ploy by those Republicans advancing the "radical heterosexual agenda" has made it through one side of Congress.

But if faces a battle in the Senate. Senators Kennedy, Liebermann and Jeffords stated last week they will attach the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) on to DOMA as an amendment. ENDA would ban discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation.

The bill isn't expect to be heard until this September, so fireworks during the election. Just what we wanted! . . .

An interesting article from the *Washington Feminist* that details the marital histories of legislators pushing for DOMA. What to do with those heterosexuals! A rundown:

Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole dumped wife #1, who nursed him through near fatal WWII wounds.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-GA, asked for divorce while wife #1 was hospitalized after cancer surgery. Newt also admitted that he had cheated on his wife.

Rep. Bob Barr, R-GA, the measure's House sponsor, has been married three times, was caught licking whipped cream from the chests of two buxom women.

Rep. Bob Dornan, R-CA, has been the subject of four divorce actions from his wife, claiming spousal abuse. Family values my ass! . . .

Yes, the day we've all been waiting for finally arrived last week!

The hero of our long-running melodrama, Arizona Governor J. Fife Whitewash III, R-In Deep Trouble, had his initial hearing in federal court on his 23 count federal indictment. Ooh!

So where was Court-TV and Geraldo to cover the next "trial of the century?" Where was Christopher Darden and Mark Fuhrman?

Whitewash pleaded not guilty, like duh, to the 23 felony counts including fraud, attempted extortion, bad hair, and lying under oath in his bankruptcy proceeding.

Fiferama didn't go through this alone, his "wife" Ann was present, along with his "mouth-piece" and a minister. Yes, start praying Fife, it's gonna get hot!

The trial date was set for August 27, but that's unlikely. With one million papers to review, the defense probably won't get through it all by August. Maybe they should take the Evelyn Wood speed reading course!

Prosecutors are prepared to go to trial immediate, but our hero won't invoke his right to a speedy trial. The trial is expected to last 10 weeks. Yea, right!

Prosecutors tried to get Whitewash to post bond, and to limit Fifester's travel outside the state. But the judge denied the motion, and Fife was free without having to post bond. How could he?

Gee, I wonder if the Robert Vesco suite at the "Havana Hilton" is open now? . . .

Well, on the statewide ballot for the general election ballot, five initiatives will be there for our consideration. Goodie! The five are:

A proposed repeal of a quarter-cent sales tax that's bankrolling construction of the Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix. Require the governor to negotiate gaming compacts with the Salt River-Maricopa Indian community. Expanding health care for the poor. A redundant juvenile justice initiative. Stiffen penalties for drug related companies.

Let the campaigning begin! Let the lies, and b.s. flow! Let us endure the endless commercials! Oh please! . . .

As first reported here in this column. [Observer 625] A potential political hit maybe in the making for Arizona's only openly Gay State Representative, Ken Cheuvront (D-Phoenix), with former Republican Rep. Margaret Updike running again, as a Democrat. A follow up.

In the exclusive interview with this reporter, Updike claimed she's running on an education platform and her record, since her former party "wrecked the system," according to Updike. Remember, Democrats vocal, Republican's less effective!

With that, the Arizona Education Association (AEA) would've backed her? Right? Wrong!

According to Daffney Atkinson of AEA, Updike never received any endorsement from the state education association. Daffney stated there were better candidates, and Updike had some controversy while serving on a Phoenix school board.

Plus, Atkinson reported that Updike didn't file to be considered this time by AEA for an endorsement. Talk about holding a grudge!

Questions, you bet we have questions! . . .

This past week, several candidates in Pima County were thrown off the ballot for insufficient or questionable signatures. Could there be another one, say Richard Gonzales, Democrat for County Attorney?

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Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

"An Ending. A Beginning.

Liz and I are breaking up after seven years together, and I'm sitting here searching for a proper metaphor to explain how it feels. Atom bomb? A smashed life? The end of the world?

Well, it's painful as hell, and completely disorienting, but it's not an atom bomb. It's more like the bungee cord breaking while I'm bouncing over a rabid river.

But that's not accurate. There's good news too. We had wonderful years together. We laughed and loved and had fabulous sex and great conversations. And now I'm hopping on my horse and riding into the sunset, my cowgirl hat and chiseled jaw making a poignant silhouette against the labial pinks and purples of the evening sky.

No. First of all, if I were to ride off into the sunset, I would need a U-haul behind me dragging my stuff, which would ruin the silhouette. And breaking up, even amicably, isn't quiet or particularly pretty. Liz and I have stopped fighting, but what's going on inside is tumultuous. I experience anger and grief and astonishment and relief and shock and despair a dozen times a day. I'm like one of those cuttle fish that changes colors depending on how safe or scared or happy it feels, except that I'm a constant rainbow.

Okay, so I'm a rainbow-hued cuttle fish whose bungee cord was broken by an atomic bomb, so I'm hopping on my horse and leaving.

I don't where things went wrong. I can't think of what I'd do differently. I can think of what Liz could have done differently, of course, but I also know that she did the best she could and that she really truly loved and loves me.

So what the hell happened? Where's the lesson to learn to make this pain worthwhile?

It's hard to dig through all the feelings, and all the errands, too. I'm moving out of the home we shared for six years, and we're dividing books and sheets and towels and furniture and plates and cups and lives.

I was most scared of splitting the CD's, since we bought them together, but when the time came, greed kicked in. Grief was replaced by disappointment that I didn't the Pet Shop Boys orange CD and Ferron's Drive and Bonnie Raitt's live two-CD set, though I did get Annie Lennox's Diva and all other Bonnie Raitt's.

Splitting the books was more difficult. Many were inscribed to both of us, and neither of us relishes the idea of opening one in the future and being reminded that once we were Liz-&-Wendy.

For years, I believed we'd never break up. I knew there was no one out there better for me. Liz was talented and sweet and lovely. And Liz is still talented and sweet and lovely, but we just don't get alone anymore. We also have different plans for our lives, possibly in different cities. If not, we might have given it one more try, with couples counseling and hard work.

But I'm not sure we would have or could have worked it out. Too much had changed. All the mistakes we made, all the fights we had, all the things we needed and didn't get, all the things we couldn't give, all the ways we grew to be different people, no single one was particularly big or unusual or remarkable or outstanding, but they added up to a physical parting as though the earth had cracked between us. And if we had to do it all over again, there's not a lot we could change.

I feel disloyal. I feel like a failure. I feel like I did something terribly wrong. I feel like Liz did something terribly wrong. I feel like life is terribly unfair and hopeless. I feel angry and bereft.

But I also feel loyal and successful and not at fault. I also feel that life is just life, not fair or unfair. And I feel hopeful and excited at the new possibilities ahead of me.

I feel like I can't possibly leave my home, but I'm looking forward to my new place. I can't wait to have sex with other people, but I'm going to be celibate forever.

This break up is the most terrible thing that ever (ever!) happened in the history of the world, but it's okay.

Liz and I had a great relationship. It was a gift and a lot of fun. I can't believe it's over, but it's over.

I want to throw things and break things and act out and sleep a lot and be really quiet and peaceful.

I haven't got any metaphors, but I've got pain and fear and anger and hope and resolve and optimism and love, and they'll have to do for now.

Politics

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According to records obtained by *The Observer*, Gonzales has changed his voter registration address twice since January of 1996. (Regal Manor to Via Sonrisa and then back for those playing the home game).

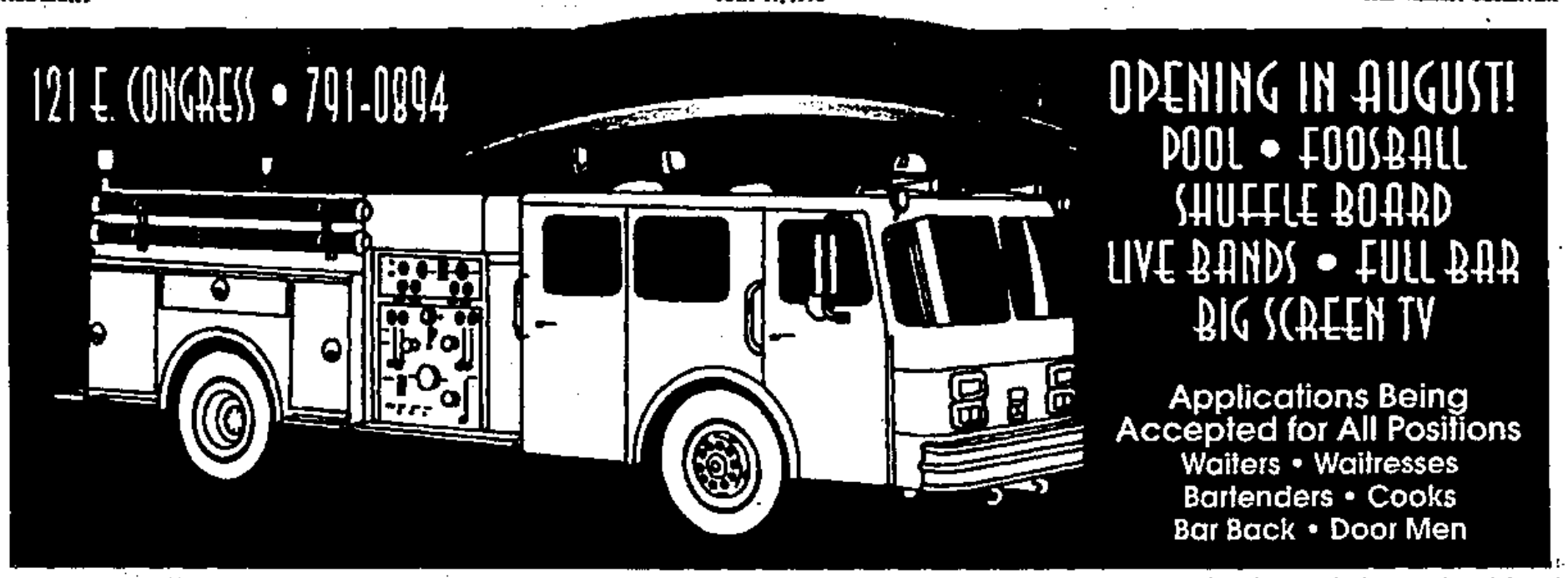
The last address change was June 25, 1996, the day after he filed his petitions? The petitions, 235, list two addresses, 162 at Via Sonrisa, 73 at Regal Manor.

Granted it's a county race, but since he changed his registration three times, doesn't that invalidate those listing the other address, since he didn't live there? So where did he live? What's he trying to pull? Questions, you bet we have questions! More next week! . . .

So it goes for now kids!

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

- Henry David Thoreau



Columna Abierta. . . . .

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

Saludandoles de nuevo, y agradeciendo los buenos comentarios que nos han hecho llegar, y sobre todo que parece ser que, han aumentado los lectores de esta Columna Abierta, y les invitamos a que nos hagan saber los temas a comentar o cualquier sugerencia en relación al contenido de ésta columna,...

Felicitaciones sinceras a Ernie Pérez por el éxito que se ha mantenido en las Noches Latinas sobre todo el pasado día 9 donde se presentaron los actores de la obra "Deporting the Divas", y sobre todo el éxito se debe en gran parte a la participación del mejor grupo transvestis: "Extasis"...

Si tiene planeado visitar Nogales, Arizona, el día 19 de este mes; le invitamos a que pase un buen tiempo mientras aprende a como conservar el agua, ya que en ese día habrá un evento familiar en el parque del "City Hall" de la avenida grand; donde habrá música, rifas, piñatas, juegos, refrescos, palomitas, y mucha diversión, y sobre todo información en relación a la conservación del agua, esta gran fiesta esta coordinada por los estudiantes del grupo interdisciplinario de la Universidad de Arizona y de la Universidad del Estado de Arizona, y la ciudad de Nogales bajo el plan de acción sobre el medio ambiente de ambos Nogales, y asistido por nuestra agencia; S.E.A,H.E.C. éste evento será desde las 4:00 a 8:00 p.m. asi es que los esperamos por "Los Nogales"...

Y para entrar al tema sobre salud; ya me habían sugerido algo sobre la masturbación, y realmente es un tema considerado durante siglos como una práctica inmoral e insana que causaba las enfermedades y los trastornos psíquicos más variopintos, la masturbación es concebida hoy como una parte importante e insustituible de la sexualidad humana. Pese a ello, existen grandes discrepancias entre los expertos acerca de sus posibles perjuicios psicológicos. Durante el siglo pasado, los médicos consideraron la autoestimulación sexual como la causa de un sinfín de males y peligros para la juventud. Con el fin de evitar que los muchachos se masturbaran, los médicos idearon todo tipo de remedios. Al menor síntoma, los adolescentes eran enviados a la cama con las manos atadas, unos gruesos guantes y otros artilugios que impedían la excitación sexual. Los métodos represivos eran todavía más drásticos en el caso de las niñas masturbadoras, ya que se puso de moda la extirpación o ablación del clítoris.

Sin embargo, pese al avance de la sexología como ciencia y al desarrollo cultural, la masturbación sigue siendo con mucha diferencia la manifestación sexual peor tratada en el mundo occidental. Sobre ella recaen los mayores reproches, prejuicios, estigmas, tabúes, recelos, errores, y miedos gestados en tiempos pasados, y una extensa literatura rodeada de una magia negra médica. Hoy en día, todavía existen ciertos sectores de la sociedad moderna que consideran la masturbación como un acto reprobable. Para el entorno judeocristiano, por ejemplo, constituye una de las prácticas sexuales más condenadas, debido a que no está al servicio de la procreación. "Es el placer por el placer mismo", dicen.

Basta asistir a una reunión entre sexólogos, psicólogos y psiquiatras para comprobar cómo aún hoy su tratamiento levanta ampollas y apasionados debates. Derivada de la locución latina MANUSTRUPATION o estrupación manual, que significa profanar con la mano, la masturbación es una práctica erótica que consiste en procurarse placer sexual uno mismo. También se le conoce (por cierto de forma no muy acertada) como onanismo, término que proviene de Onán, hijo de Judá y nieto de Jacob. Es probable que el rechazo de la Iglesia a la masturbación tenga su origen en este pasaje bíblico. Sin embargo, pese a su prohibición, la tercera parte de los católicos confiesa recurrir a ella más de una vez al mes. Aunque a lo largo de la historia el sexo en solitario ha sido tachado de ser un vicio moralmente censurable, especialmente dentro del pueblo judío, que llegó incluso a condenarlo con la muerte, fue durante el siglo XVIII cuando se urdío una maquiavélica maniobra médica contra la masturbación. Pieza clave para ello fue la publicación en 1758 de la obra ONANISMO: UN TRATADO SOBRE LOS TRASTORNOS PRODUCIDOS POR LA MASTURBACION. Su autor, el alemán Tissot, médico influyente y consejero del Papa en asuntos de salud pública, sostenía que el pernicioso hábito de masturbarse era la causa del cansancio continuo, la ceguera, la catalepsia, la locura, la melancolía, la parálisis y otros muchos males. Y para recalcar las terapias ideadas por los doctores para reprimir el "insano" hábito, en 1858, Isaac Baker Brown, uno de los más prestigiosos ginecólogos ingleses, introdujo la clitoridectomía (extirpación quirúrgica del clítoris) para "curar" a las mujeres y niñas que eran sorprendidas masturbándose.

Sigmund Freud, con su profundo estudio de la conducta masturbatoria, la despojó definitivamente del catálogo de patologías que se le adjudicaban y que nada tenían que ver con esta práctica. En la actualidad, pese a que a nivel escolar se enseñan todas las cuestiones referentes a la sexualidad, aún perviven falsas informaciones de la larga historia de prohibiciones sociales que pueden crear sentimientos de desesperación, inquietud, y culpabilidad. Y esto puede hacer de la masturbación, en vez de un placer exquisito, una experiencia agridulce. Hay que aclarar que el autoerotismo NO causa daños físicos ni mentales. Hoy, hasta la OMS (Organización Mundial de la Salud) considera que la masturbación es una práctica normal e incluso necesaria para el adecuado asentamiento de la sexualidad adulta. Además, reconoce que esta práctica "es un derecho legítimo de la persona a darse placer y disponer del propio cuerpo".

En una entrevista hecha al Dr. Juan Luis Alvarez-Gayou, director del Instituto Mexicano de Sexología; sobre: ¿Qué les dice cuando le preguntan si es malo masturbarse mucho? - No hay un exceso. ¿Cuánto es mucho? ¿En qué punto ya no es mucho? Nuestro propio organismo, cuando ya es MUCHO, responde no respondiendo.

¿Qué tan importante es la masturbación en la adolescencia para el desarrollo posterior?

- Se ha demostrado que la gente que se masturba cuando adolescente, si no tiene culpas y lo ha asumido naturalmente, tiene más probabilidades de llevar una vida sexual satisfactoria. Además, la masturbación ayuda a tener un mejor conocimiento y reconocimiento del propio cuerpo y de su funcionamiento.

Lo que sí parece innegable es que en las dos últimas décadas, ante el fantasma del SIDA y otras enfermedades de transmisión sexual, la masturbación, ya sea en solitario o dentro de la pareja, ocupa un papel cada vez más destacado como alternativa al coito en las relaciones eróticas.

Por hoy es todo, hasta la próxima semana, D.M.:

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THE WHOLE MAN
BY DR. BOB

Gay Is Good

That phrase, "Gay is Good," was one of the early rallying cries of the Gay liberation movement in the 1970's. It still has power today: the power of simplicity. In a single stroke, it wrecks all of homophobia. It proposes the radical idea that homosexuals are people, equal in dignity and value to straight people.

If you think about it, all homophobia reduces down to the simplistic phrase, "Gay is Bad." No sophisticated arguments. A simple idea: in the homophobic universe, everything about same-sex love is, with a very broad brush, painted as "bad." No reason. Homophobes don't give very good reasons for their prejudices. They simply work on the fear of the unfamiliar. To a straight person, Gay people are unfamiliar, and unfamiliarity is always an opportunity for irrational fear. "Those folks—the Jews, the Asians, the Catholics, or whom ever are different from us. Chances are they're from the devil, and they're to blame for all the ills of society." We Gay people simply get caught in one of those nets.

I suppose the stereotype straight people have of us is that we work as a decorator or hair dresser or other creative field; have sex anywhere, any time, with as many different men as possible; have AIDS or are going to get it; care only about our own pleasure; have more disposable income than they do, since we have no kids; lisp and mince and have perfect hair; and want to overthrow the church and the government in one fell swoop.

This is a caricature. I can tell you that, because nobody I know fits all those descriptions. Some people I know fit one or two of those descriptions, but nobody fits them all! Furthermore, a lot of straight people have a lot of sex with a lot of different people: a lot of straight people are in creative fields; and a lot of straight people want to overthrow the existing structure. So the stereotype is not the truth about us. (Except the one about the perfect hair—outside of Tucson!)

On the contrary, I sure have seen a lot of nobility among us. The AIDS epidemic is probably the best example, because it's under extreme stress that a group shows its true colors. If some other group, say the Seventh Day Adventists, were ravaged by an epidemic like AIDS, I can't imagine that they would face it with any more courage than we have shown. I have seen us take care of our own. I have seen those of us who are ill face their suffering bravely. I have seen the survivors, the mourners, make sacred space in their lives for the memories of the fallen. I have seen us take care of each other by practicing safer sex. I have seen us reflect on our mortality and connect to our spiritual Source (what some people call God) as a result.

But it's not just about AIDS and the terrible suffering we've faced because of it. Gay love is just a damned good thing. Two guys loving each other is a source of strength for each of them. They bring out the best in each other. They support each other. They give each other pleasure, and pleasure also is a great moral good. Pleasure heals the body and the soul, and makes for peace and creativity. When men love each other, society is strengthened as well. After much soul searching, I have simply come to know that I love homosexually, and that that love is a force for good in this world, just as heterosexual love is. Gay is Good.

But no, homophobes will say. Gay is Bad. To those who say Gayness is unnatural because it is sex without procreation, I would say: what about when straight people perform oral sex, or use contraception? That is also sex without procreation, but what straight person is raising the battle cry about oral sex or contraception? To those who say it is against the Bible, I say: the Bible also says that women cannot be preachers, and that eating shrimp or a ham sandwich is an abomination, and that a child who strikes his parent should be put to death. (By the way, the same Hebrew word, translated as "abomination," is used in the Bible for both homosexuality and a ham sandwich.) Whose loose-leaf Bible are we going to follow?

To those who say it undermines the family, I say: then why not allow Gay people to get legally married, so that we will be in socially-approved relationships, and society will benefit even more from our love? To those who say it is disgusting, I say: you have your neural wires crossed, so that you cannot distinguish lust from disgust.

The men who most violently oppose homosexuality are, it is well known, subconsciously attracted to it. These guys must then go and compete with and kill other men, since they will not allow themselves to love them. They long to see men writhe in agony, in a sports arena or a battlefield, as a substitute for seeing them writhe with ecstasy in the bedroom. Sports and the military—those two most masculine of institutions, which are all about men conflicting with each other—are both highly homoerotic in practice, as long as it is not admitted in words. Civilization may well be destroying itself—creating war and conflict—by repressing homosexuality. "Make love, not war" may be a highly practical suggestion.

Gay is Good. Believe this, and you will be well on your way to making better choices, choices that will add to your own happiness as well as others. Gay is Good. Meditate on this, and feel a deep sigh of relief within. Gay is Good. Not just tolerable, but a positive force. Unleash this force in your own life, and let yourself and others be blessed by your sacred, sexual, loving energy. Anything less than this is a crime against your own God-given nature.

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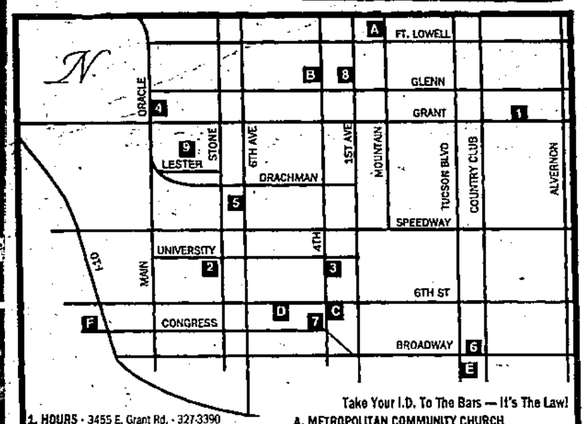

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by the Prez

Howdy friends! Don't forget the July Board and General Membership meetings are this Sunday, July 21, 3 and 5 P.M. respectively, at the Venture-N.

An important part of this meeting will be the vote for the 1997 Saguaro Regional Rodeo poster. Let's get those entries in! The deadline for the poster contest is 5 P.M., just prior to the start of the meeting on Sunday. Entries mailed to the AGRA post office box must be received no later than, Saturday, July 20.

There will be a $100 prize for the winning entry. Entries cannot be signed by the artist prior to judging, however the winning entry can be signed after the voting is completed. If there are any questions, and for additional information, leave a message for Cindy Chamberlain at the AGRA Hotline.

Mark Sunday, August 18 on your calendars as this is the date of the August General Membership meeting. As always, the Board will meet at 3 P.M. and the General membership at 5 P.M. The August meeting will take place at the Stonewall/Eagle.

I would like to thank Lee and the staff at Hours for all of their support during the Fifth Annual AGRA-Tucson anniversary party held last Sunday. The event was a success!

Thanks also to Raul for the organization and a special thanks to Randy for the great decorations. Also on hand was some wonderful entertainment from Teresa Housley, Jerry Harrell, Ms. NGRA, Annette White, and as always, Ms. AGRA, Sherry Reedy. Thanks Sherry for making the trip down from Phoenix, and for surviving the detour on the road. We were also treated to some wonderful fry bread by Adrian. I know I didn't leave hungry.

In addition to all the entertainment inside, there was a special treat outside on the patio. The AGRA jail! I think that Sheriff Dan has way too much fund with the handcuffs. And it was fund to see Bryan try to raise his bail, I mean how many times have you seen him ask for money from strangers! And of course Pat and Sherry were locked up together (again). Just can't keep those two apart. Thanks for all your good humor, it's for a good cause.

Well, it's getting late and those coyotes get up real early around these parts. Thanks again to all the entertainers, volunteers, members and community support for the anniversary party last Sunday. See you this Sunday at the Venture-N.

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Seven	17.0	3.0	1823
Jam It Hard!	12.5	7.5	3053
Lil Darlings	11.0	9.0	2506
Carboyz	11.0	9.0	1854
Court Jesters	8.0	12.0	2489
Bar Bitches	7.0	13.0	2321
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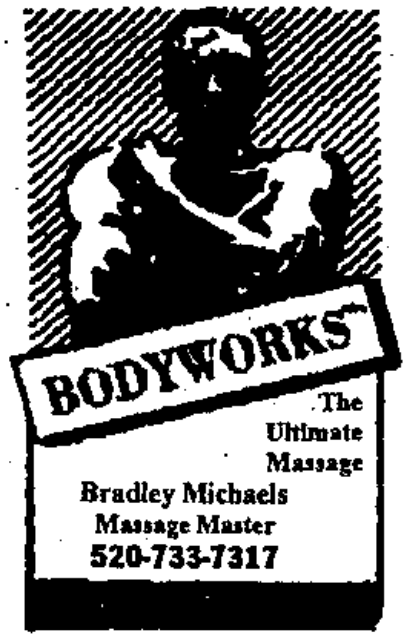

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Mist From The Water Of Life

by Pastor Nita

News From MCC Tucson

Hello again to those of you who read this column regularly. And a special hello to each of you who are reading this for the first time. Again it's my great honor and pleasure to have this opportunity to reach out to you.

If you missed the Karen Ann Edwards concert here last Wednesday night, you missed a wonderful show! Karen Ann sings many solos, is accompanied by Sean for a few songs and Sean signs a few solos. Karen used to sing as a professional in night clubs, and she hasn't forgotten how to use her stage presence to include the whole audience. So, if you missed her last week, she will be at Cornerstone Fellowship tonight at 7 P.M. Believe it's "time well spent," to coin a phrase used on A&E.

I usually don't get into political issues in this column. However, recently I was called by a reporter for *The Tucson Citizen*, asking my opinion concerning the bill that would make it illegal for any same-sex marriages in any of the part of the U.S. as it would be federal law. The really hurtful part of this was the margin of votes it passed the House, 347-67. If the Senate votes the same way, President Clinton has stated that he doesn't believe that same-sex marriages should be allowed. Where do we go from here? As this is an election year, the timing couldn't be more perfect to bring such a bill to the forefront to boost potential reelection by many in political office. If it were next year or even December '96, I believe the vote could be much closer and perhaps even have been denied.

For those of us who believe that we, as a community, need to be seen and recognized as the loving, God fearing people we are. This stupid video, "The Gay Agenda" that has flooded the country not so long ago is nothing more than a blatant lie.

When personally confronted by the Religious Right in the recent March on Washington, the news cameras zoomed in on me and microphones were stuck in my face. Why? Because I had made a hand gesture at the jeering crowd. The gesture, my hand held high, waving side to side, the middle and ring fingers touching my palm, index, pinky and thumb extended. The news reporters were literally screaming at me, "What is that? What does that mean?" When I told them it's the American Sign Language for, "I love you." The press retreated as fast as they'd come. When the words, I love you, were uttered, the microphones fell away and camera operators told "Don't waste time on this." Well, you know as well as I do. The news media loves to publicize the stories that bring rating points. A Lesbian clergyperson, return love for hatefulness wasn't the story they needed.

So it goes. We still need to contact our Senators and yes President Clinton about this issue. Laws can be made. Unconstitutional laws can be challenged and overturned by the Supreme Court.

Yes, prayer will help, but sometimes we need to put our prayer into action. Affirmative Action isn't dead. We must rise as the phoenix from the ashes and flame, a united, loving, caring, stout hearted people. The easy thing to do is just roll over and say there's nothing I can do. I agree to one point of that. One lone individual or small group can't change much. Let us united, a force to be reckoned with.

May God, or your higher power, give you the strength to connect into the massive effort that's now revealed itself.

Until next time, take care of yourselves.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Jesus Is Like, Well, You Know. . .

Recently a friend of mine wore an interesting T-shirt from Maui. The shirt compares God to various commercial products.

The shirt starts out, "God is like. . .". Since Jesus is my Lord and savior, I decided to put things on a more personal level, and compare Jesus to various commercial products. The results were interesting. "Jesus is like. . .":

Coke, he's the real thing. Pan Am, he makes the going great. General Electric, he lights your path. Bayer Aspirin, he works wonders. Hallmark cards, he cares enough to send the very best.

Tide, he gets stains out others leave behind. VO5 Hair Spray, he holds through all kinds of weather. Sears, he has everything. Alka Seltzer, try him, you'll like him. Scotch Tape, you can't see him but you know he's there.

Dial Soap, aren't you glad you know him? Don't you wish everyone did? NASDAQ, he has the answers for the next 100 years. Chevy, he's the heartbeat of America. Magnavox, his quality goes in before the name goes on. Sta[illegible] a good neighbor, Jesus is the

American Express, do[illegible] home without him. Allstate, you're in good hands with Jesus. Post Office, he delivers for you. Valvoline, people know how to use Jesus. Midas, nobody does it better than Jesus, nobody. Prudential, he gives you peace of mind. Jiffy Lube, he knows how to achieve success.

GTE, with him, it's amazing what we can do together. Met, get Jesus, he pays. Chevy, he's like a rock. Coca-Cola, he'd like to teach the world to sing, in perfect harmony. E.F. Hutton, when he speaks, the world listens. Prudential, he's the answer.

Mastercard, he's all the security you'll ever need. Packard Bell, the world grew up listening to him, and still does. Nike, he just does it. Xerox, he's got a simpler way to do good work. Energizer Bunny, he keeps going, and going, and going!

Or how about: Jesus, because I'm worth it. Jesus, the pain stops here. Jesus, you can get a little closer. Jesus, so good you can never get enough.

The next time you watch a televi[illegible] commercial remember: Jesus is [illegible] better, does more things faster [illegible] can ever imagine. Give [illegible] a try, you'll be amazed at the results. He comes with an eternal guarantee.

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"Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." *Romans 8:1*

Tucson United Against Domestic Violence

Take Lesbian and Gay domestic violence seriously

Call for Help

Help On Call 323-9373 24-hour crisis line (se habla español).

Brewster Center 622-6437 24-hour crisis line and shelter; outreach counseling 881-7201 (se habla español); for women, children and men.

Tucson Centers for Women and Children 795-4266 24-hour crisis line, shelter, and outreach counseling (se habla español); for women and children.

Assistance to Victims of Abuse (AVA) 795-4880 24-hour crisis line, shelter, and outreach counseling; for women and children.

Tucson Rape Crisis Center 327-7273 24-hour crisis line; counseling 327-1171; for children, adolescents, men, women, couples and families.

Pima County Victim Witness Program 740-5525 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.; call 911 after hours; 24-hour on-site counseling for crime victims (se habla español).

CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, JULY17

HOURS - Free and anonymous HIV testing by Pima County Health Dept. From 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

IBT'S - Male Box Nite! Post Office opens at 9:00 pm. Meet and make new friends.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

IBT'S - Underwear Thursday! $1.25 well or $1.50 Domestic for those in their underwear. 9:00 p.m. to close!

FRIDAY, JULY 19

HOURS - Come watch the opening of the Olympic Games on the Big Screen TV. Hours will be carrying as much of the Olympics as is available.

IBT'S - Let the Games begin! 5:00 p.m. Olympic p[emomg ceremonies. Party and watch on three - count 'em - three TVs!

SATURDAY, JULY 20

GRADUATE - Beer Bust Benefit for the Under Grad Softball Team 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Special show 9:00 p.m. starring your very own Christina de Alexis, Tiffany St. Thomas, Kristin and a special guest. All to benefit the Grad softball team's trip.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que Beer Bust for IBTs Scholarship Fund4:00 to 7:00. Then at 9:00 pm. Oympic Costume Party. "Synchronized Swimming * Diving * Gymnastics * You Name It! $100 first prize.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - 1996 Jody Awards here at 7:30 p.m. These annual awards are presented to those who help in the HIV/AIDS community.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

IBT'S - 9:00 "THE GIRLIE SHOW" featuring Lucinda Holliday, Aja Simone, Eufemia DeHavilland and special guest Adrienne Alexander.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

IBT'S - Greek Toga Party to honor the original Olympics. $100 first place prize for Best Toga! 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 27 & 28

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Christmas in July Party, More later!

SUNDAY, JULY 28

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz is proud to present "La Onda De Tucson". They will play live Tex-Mex from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The cover is only $3.00. This band will rock the house. Come out and enjoy the music. $1.25 pitchers 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

IBT'S - Purple Team - Roland and Brian - Bar-b-que and show fundraiser for TLGA Picnic. Mark your calendars.

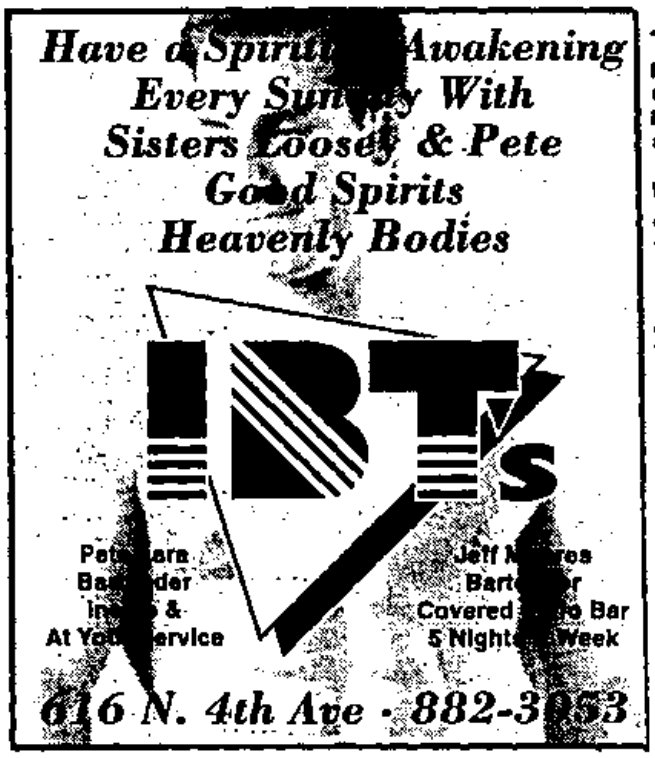
STON EWALL / EAGLE - Miss Carousel Ball 7:00 p.m.

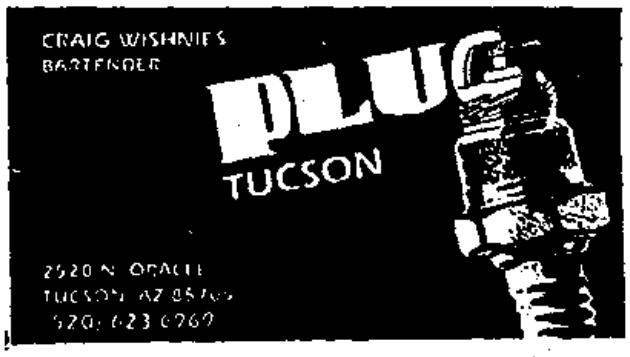
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

GRADUATE - Pool Tournament of Champions. Watch for upcoming ads.

Coming Sunday, August 4

The next 'Roast and Toast...." to benefit the National MPS Society. You won't want to miss this one! Mark this date on





Non-Bar CALENDAR

NOW PLAYING

Borderlands Theatre in residency at Pima Community College is presenting "Deporting The Divas" by Guillermo Reyes, through July 21 at the PCC Center for the Arts BlackBox Theatre, 2202 N. Anklam Road. "Deporting the Divas" is a zany comedy that narrates the story of Michael, a befuddled Border Patrol agent, bound by duty and honor to job and family, who wrestles with his wild fantasies of wigs, queens and femme fatales. The play is rich with themes that intertwine, producing a tapestry of sub-plots within plots. Tickets are $10 General, Remaining regular performances July 17-20. 8:00 p.m. curtain. Matinee Sunday, July 21 with curtain at 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7:30 p.m. Movie out at the Gallagher Theater located on the U of A campus. "Mighty Aphrodite" starring Woody Allen and Mira Sorvino in her Oscar winning role as a hooker. Call Larry at 795-9125 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Barbecued beef dinner prepared and served by Bill. Limited to 20 people. Call Bill at 296-7661 for reservations and directions. East side. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Girlfriends Coffee House and Book Store, 3540 N. Oracle, Suite 126, Juke Box Nite, 7:00 p.m. Dig out your '60s and '70s garb.

Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Parents Network, holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. Meet at 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills Church at River and Swan, Room 31. All Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents, partners and family members are welcome. Call Craig at 318-9348 for more information.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 a.m. Salt River tubing. We will car caravan up to the Mesa area and tube down the river. Return to Tucson about 6 p.m. Call Donn at 325-4257 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

Girlfriends Coffee House and Book Store, 3540 N. Oracle, Suite 126, Jam Night 6:00 to ???. No cover

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 10 a.m. Sunday Brunch. Limit of 15 people. Call Steve at 388-4849 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome. 2 p.m. MSN hike in Marshall Gulch on Mt. Lemmon. This will be a shaded hike & it is 30 degrees cooler on Mt. Lemmon than in Tucson. Call Larry at 795-9125 for directions. We will car caravan to the site. Guests always welcome. MSN - 4 p.m. Triangle Tribe, a support group using communication and relationship skills towards developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. Call Tom at 318-1650. Guests always welcome. MSN - 6 p.m. Upper body massage class. Learn the use of touch for relaxation. Call Bob at 623-1732 for reservations and directions. Restricted number of participants because of facility limits. Guests always welcome.

MONDAY, JULY 22

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Intermediate bridge night. Bridge for persons who want to refresh their bridge skills. Table talk learning. Call Perry at 321-4387. Guests always welcome.

TUESDAY, JULY 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Summer Chiller comedy movie "Lover Come Back", starring Rock Hudson and Doris Day. Call Les at 690-9565 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Girlfriends Coffee House and Book Store, 3540 N. Oracle, Suite 126, Movie Night. "Meeting Magdalene" 8:00 p.m. $2.00

THURSDAY, JULY 25

Cronies Social Club Mid-Month dinner at Old Times Cafe, 1485 W. Prince Road at 6:30 p.m. Call Richard at 578-0840 RSVP.

GTV" - All-live Gay cablecast program #22 of this season begins at 8:00 p.m. on Tucson Cablevision channel 64 (or for cable ready TV's try channel 56) . If you would like to participate in the audience be at the studio at 124 E. Broadway by 7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Pizza party at Bob's house. Bring $3.00 to help cover the cost of pizzas. It is important to call Bob at 623-1732 for reservations. Guests always welcome.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 7 p.m. Board game night. All sorts of games available with easy learning for beginners. A nice way to meet your MSN brothers. Call Denis at 321-1559 for reservations and directions. Guests welcome.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

Girlfriends Coffee House and Book Store, 3540 N. Oracle, Suite 126, Jam Night, 6:00 to ??? No Cover.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages). 4 p.m. Triangle Tribe, a support group using communication and relationship skills towards developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. Call Tom at 318-1650. Guests welcome.

Tucson CALENDAR

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 8-10, $1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 6pm.

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

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

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

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy hour 3-8pm. BBQ 'Delano' with Brian & Michael 4-7pm. 50¢ Beer Bust 4-8.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 2pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.

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

monday

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

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

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

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

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. $1 schnapps all the time. Campy movies with Moose 8pm. Dart Tournament 8:30pm.. $1.00 Longnecks 8pm-close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon to 7:00pm. Party with Brian. Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm til 4AM Dance Music. Party with Stephen.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

tuesday

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

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

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

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

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. $1.75 well 8pm to close.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.

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

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Boogie Night. Music from 70s & 80s from 9to1. Beer Bust 7-11pm - $1.25 pitchers.

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

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

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

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 2 for 1 Well 8pm - 1am.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold $1.50

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold $2 all daylight. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

thursday

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

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

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

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

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Martini Jazz Hour 4-8pm. $1.50 well martinis; $3.25 call martinis.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour 12pm-7pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.

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

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

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

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

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm with Candee. $1 schnapps all the time. Dance music with Dave from Phoenix at 8pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening long.

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

saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Pool Tournament 6 pm. Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%

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

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

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

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to8pm. Free Pool noon to 6pm. On 3 tables. Dance music with Dave from Phoenix at 9pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.

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

LEATHER BITS by Desert Leathermen

by Ernie Hoop

It only comes around once a year. The mere though of it makes your heart race and makes your palms wet. And your forehead. And your crotch. And the small of your back. And all of your toes.

That's right, it's time again for Desert Leathermen's annual Wet 'n Wild party. This third annual fund raising is enough to make Kevin Costner's "Water World" look like the Sahara Desert.

It's where the normally quiet and tasteful patio of the Venture-N is transformed into high tide at the looney bin. Where else do you get the chance to display sheer love and utter respect for your fellow man with ice cold water balloons?

Saturday, August 3, from 3 to 7 P.M., DL will make available a virtually endless supply of chilled water balloons at the unbelievably low price of 50 cents apiece for your dining and dancing pleasure.

Not only will you have the opportunity to pelt your friends and neighbors with juicy projectiles, but a whole host of local celebs and noteworthy personalities will be taking their turn as your target. For 15 minutes at a time, some of your favorite people in town will be locked in the stocks or perched on the throne allowing you to pay homage in the moistest possible way. We like to think of this as our little "Rain of Terror."

The proceeds from all this good clean fun will help beef up the DL Condom fund. For three years, DL has been providing the Gay bars in town with free condoms for their patrons. Remember the night when that hunk you'd been cruising all night finally threw you over his shoulder and headed for the door. But you panicked as you realized you were fresh out of condoms. Not to worry. On the way out, you just reached into the DL condom basket and grabbed a couple to go. Now you were on your way to paradise, safe and ready!

Believe me, the way all you studs play, we go through thousands and thousands of condoms every year. And the Wet 'n Wild party is one way to help crank out enough money to keep those free condoms flowing nonstop.

So put a big wet spot on your calendar and come out and help us make a splash on Saturday, August 3, from 3 to 7 P.M. at the Venture.

A special thanks goes out to Cal for his generous donation of that gorgeous Gay pride afghan will pillow shams and the adorable elephant family. The raffle of those unique items brought in $514 for DL's Holiday Package Fund.

Each holiday season, DL puts together gift bags consisting of basic toiletry and hygiene products along with some treats. These are donated to the local ASOs who pass them on to the PWAs they support. This has always been paid out of the pockets of the DL members, with occasional outside contributions.

Unfortunately, the number of PWAs grows annually, and last year we were only able to provide 150 of the 240 packages needed. That $514 puts us much closer to our goal of supplying holiday packages to all who need them. Thanks, Cal!

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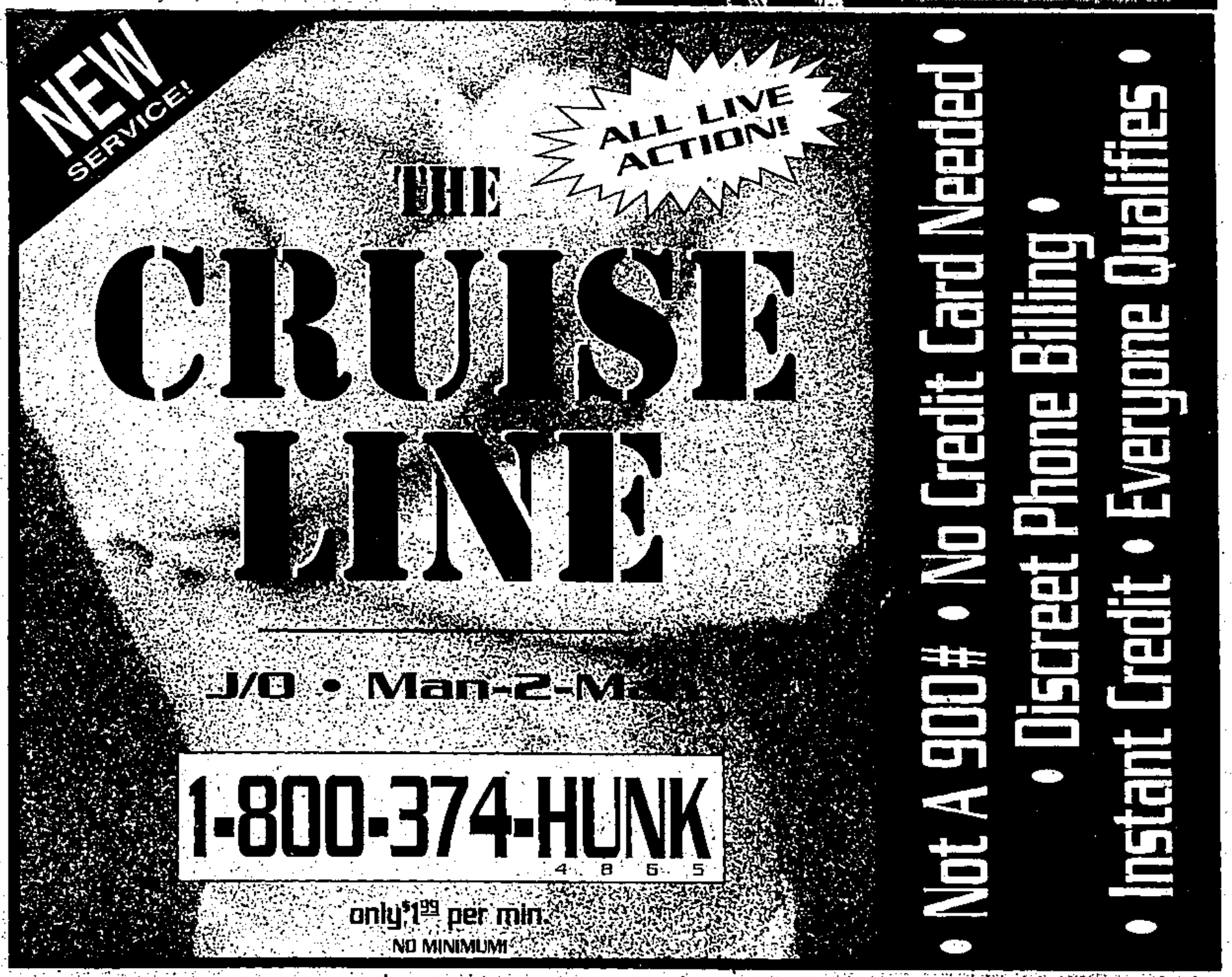

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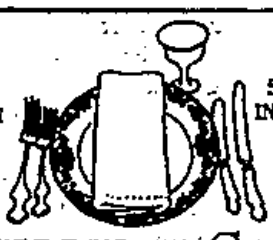

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Mercury, the planet of communication changes signs this week, moving from sensitive Cancer to dramatic Leo. Swift of foot and of mind, Mercury is the messenger of the gods. Now, this randy messenger has no hesitation to spur use to grandiose statements and expansive thoughts. Read ahead to see how our communications push the heavens for the next 16 days:

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Proud Rams are party planners extraordinaire when chatty Mercury moves into Leo. Mercury is naturally placed in your solar chart now which means the old fart is happy, comfortable and sending out good vibes. It may be time to write that great Gay novel or get more involved with some fabulously creative artistic venture. Channel that natural Aries feistiness into fun and beauty rather than war. We'll all be happier for it.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

If thoughts turn homeward, blame it on Mercury in Leo. Perhaps it's time to return to those home based issues that have reached a stalemate. Mercury gives you tremendous powers of concentration and persuasion; rethink and try again. If all this bog and fog has to do with gaining parental approval before you'll feel truly affirmed, Mercury provides clarity of mind to place your own needs first and foremost. Damn the disapproval!

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Mercury enters Leo this week and your words pack a clarity and appeal that no one can set aside. It's time to speak Out and let your opinions be known. Perhaps you should use this serviceable energy to write an astute and sharp dictum (some folks like it that way . . .) on behalf of one of our worthy political causes. Your voice rises above the clatter and takes our case one step further. Remember that it's an election year!

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crabs may find their minds are more focused on personal finances when Mercury waltzes into Leo. It is an especially good time to reevaluate all that you value and hold near and dear. It may be that you need to "deaccessorize" in order to feel more in control and more secure but carefully study your financial homework first. At least, Mercury's energy enables you to soak up knowledge for a rainy day.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Dramatic and proud Lions can roar up a storm when Mercury enters their own sign. If you can harness the immense potential of this planetary transit, you can ask for almost anything, no matter how outrageous, and receive it. Dangerous? You bet! Just be careful of what you request. Queer Leos can become prom queen or cranky despot. Let's see a bit of that benevolence and charisma, dear.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

If your inhibition is more alive and acute, chalk it up to the delightful effect of Mercury in Leo. Queer Virgins are almost unconquerable during this transit. It's certainly time to air out that musty closet; Leo's energy will not stand for anything hidden and repressive. In fact, the clarity of your thoughts enable you to divine the evil designs of any hidden enemy. That, of course, is always divine!

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Social circles swirl to a crescendo when Mercury enters Leo. Gay Libras can attract and engage almost any social group and that, of course, makes you very happy and content. The only thing you may wish to avoid is the tendency to say what you think others would like to hear rather than what you truly believe. I always feel it is better to be true to yourself and thus acquire true friends.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Calculating, queer Scorps are in their strategizing element when Mercury glides into Leo. Plan your professional course of action carefully when this fabulous energy is hot. If you have a hankering for a key to the board room, you may wish to set the stage for it now. Corporate sharks are no-match for committed and directed Scorpions at most times. Now you pack a neutron bomb.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Randy Archers can set their sights on the farther horizon. Plan a fabulous vacation when Mercury enters Leo. The beauty of this transit is that whatever intellectual pose tickles your fancy, you'll pursue with great success. Mercury focuses your mind on high philosophy or even mysterious and exotic strangers. Anything lofty and foreign will pique your curiosity. Practice safe piquing.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Mercury in lusty Leo sets your thoughts on sex, sex, and more sex. Perhaps it's because, deep down, queer Caps actually crave personal merging and connection but cannot quite find it. Whatever the psychological motivation, it may be time to reevaluate what truly makes you happy and fulfilled. Is it a cheap and tawdry bite or is it a committed relationship between to mature and elevated individuals? On second thought, don't answer that!

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians may quiver at the thought of a committed relationship, but don't panic. Mercury in Leo enables you to balance the needs of the individual with the greater Gay cause. You can have your partner and eat cake too, (or something like that). The secret is to express needs honestly, fully and unequivocally and let the chips fall where they may. I'll bet they fall in just the right arrangement.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Pink Fish can plan out even the most detailed and unpleasant projects when Mercury enters Leo. The best thing about this transit is that you may make a most difficult job much easier. Put your considerable mental capacity to work now. Make everyone at the office work like a well-oiled machine. Speaking about well oiled machines, it's also a great time to reevaluate your exercise regime.

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Christian Coalition

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groups that promote public welfare. Such groups can dabble in politics, but it cannot be their primary purpose.

Christian Coalition's director, Ralph Reed, however, is a consummate Washington player, dispensing endorsements and threats behind a warm handshake and a boyish smile.

Reed, at a Florida gathering of lobbyists as saying, "In Virginia, there was a state senator we did not care for. None of us could take a chance on him being elected." Reed then detailed how the organization's resources were placed squarely behind the conservative GOP challenger, Ken Stolle, who defeated Democratic state senator Moody Stallings in an upset.

Joseph Conn of Americans United for Separation of Church and State said, "It has seemed to use that from day one, their purpose has been to elect candidates they want for public office." He accused the Christian Coalition of "playing fast and loose" with federal tax laws from the very beginning.

Reed insists his group is well within the law.

The Democratic Party has filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission, demanding the Christian Coalition register as a political action committee and disclose its money sources and aid to candidates. If the FEC rules against the organization it will lose its exemption, pay up to 10 years in back taxes, and force it to reorganize.

GLAAD Blasts Homophobic Ad

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - Two television commercials produced for the Partnership for a Drug-Free America have been labeled "patently homophobic" by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), according to reports.

The partnership disputes the GLAAD charge, and is so far scoffing at their demand that the commercials be immediately withdrawn.

The commercials are part of a new public-service campaign against heroin use, which the partnership began offering last month to television networks and stations. The ads feature a young heroin addict describing how, after losing his job, he was forced to "have sex with men for money to support my habit." In one of the spots, the young man mentions his girlfriend before recounting his life as a prostitute.

GLAAD's news media director, Alan Klein said the commercials suggest homosexuality "is merely an extreme reaction made by young people in life-threatening situations," and that the only thing worse than being an addict is being a homosexual. GLAAD is in the process of contacting broadcast executives in charge of running public-service announcements and urging them not to run the commercials.

According to reports, Richard Bonnette, president and chief executive at the partnership in New York, told Klein in a letter that the partnership did not intend that any commercial "pass judgment on homosexuality, nor would we support one that did." The spots, Bonnette said, depict only as addict whose "life is ruined by heroin use that leads to prostitution."

Amendment Proposed To Gay Student Club Ban

SALT LAKE CITY, UT (AP) - Democratic Representative Grant Protzman will propose new amendments to the controversial Utah state law passed in April which banned Gay and Lesbian student clubs from public schools. The amendments, he said, will address the concerns of school counselors and educators who fear for the safety and mental well-being a Gay and Lesbian students.

Protzman said the law needs to be amended "specifically make it clear that students with gender identification problems can be assisted in variety of ways including support groups, peer counseling and group therapy, all supervised by professionals."

The law enacted in April prohibits school employees and volunteers from supporting or encouraging criminal conduct, in this case, sodomy. The prohibition applies to the conduct of employees and volunteers in their personal lives, if their actions result or could result in interference or disruption of normal school activities.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Craig Taylor, (R), said the law already gives educators sufficient latitude to deal with troubled students.

Clinton Faulted And Praised By His Own Panel

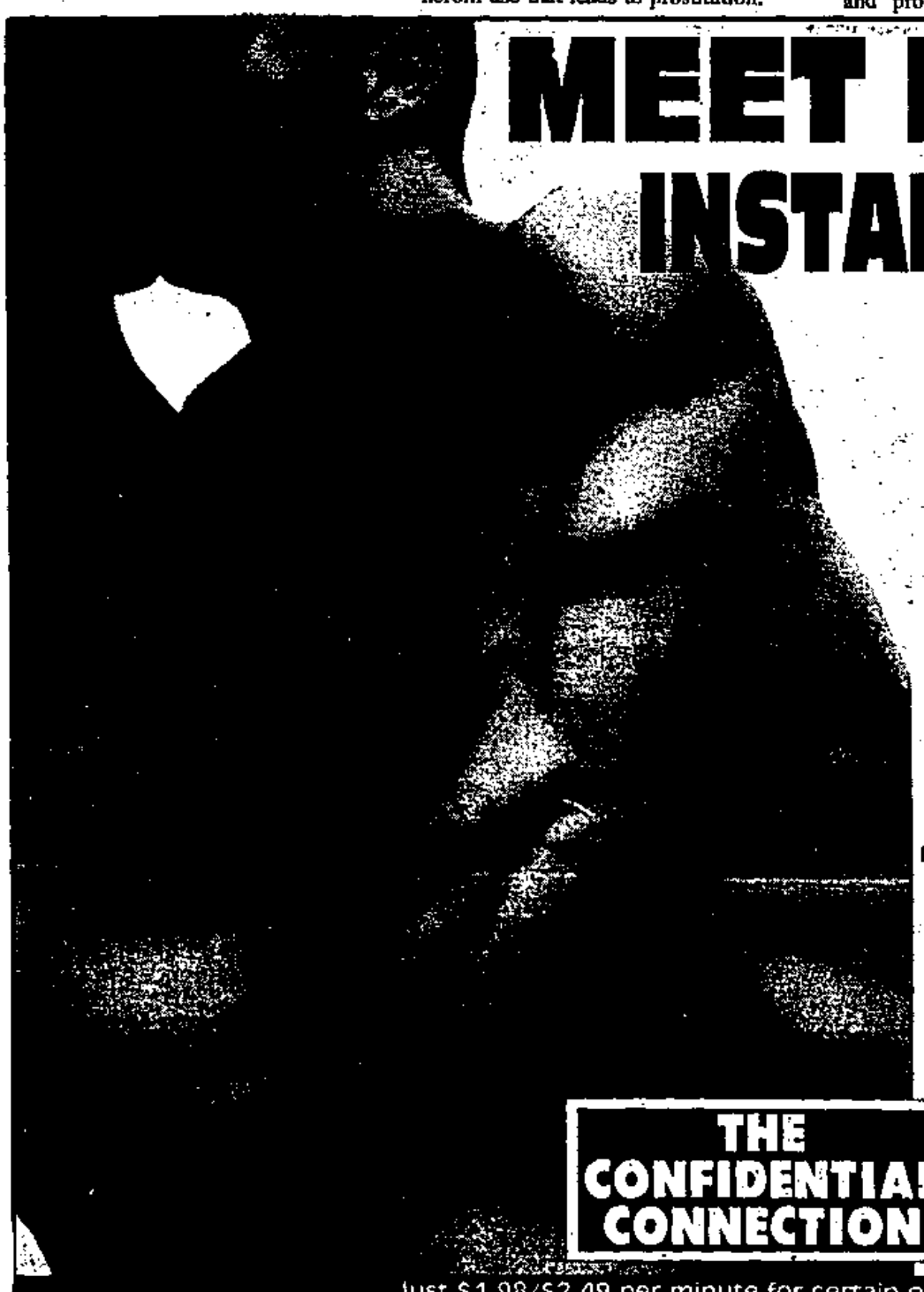
VANCOUVER, B.C (NYT) - In a heated appeal before the 11th International AIDS Conference, President Clinton's own Advisory Council on HIV called upon the White House to show "greater courage and leadership" in halting the spread of HIV and protecting those infected with the virus from discrimination.

"We commend the President's dramatically heightened responsiveness to the urgency of this epidemic," quoting the commission report.

"However when compared with what truly needs to be done, this Administration's efforts are still insufficient."

The 30 member council specifically faulted the Government's failure to fund and expand needle exchange programs which have been proven to halt the spread of HIV. Federal prevention policy, said the report, is "underdeveloped, lacks focus, and is overly timid." The report labeled administration efforts at ending discrimination against people with AIDS as both "notably strong and notably weak."

The council lauded the President's "strong commitment" to increase money made available through the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resource Emergency Act, repeatedly attacked in the Republican-controlled Congress, and by his "vigorous resistance to the proposed dismantling" of Medicaid, which finances the care of half the AIDS patients in the country.



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ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Ucson, AZ 85717.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 603, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1102

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

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DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #162. For information call 791-9582.

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

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

FACT - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 401 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (8-7 Wed); Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 770-1710 for info.

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

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AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

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

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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.

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CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1500 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

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

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Sense Of Optimism

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nurse at the University of California-San Francisco, said the new treatments will be ineffective for some patients, and they may still opt for suicide.

Leiser conducted a separate survey of AIDS nurses in the San Francisco are. Fifteen percent acknowledged actively helping patients plan or carry out suicide. Two-thirds said they were willing to give AIDS patients information about how to kill themselves.

"I have seen people die horrible deaths," Leiser said. "It's a choice people should have."

[This story was compiled from news stories, wire service reports, and the current issue of Newsweek Magazine.]

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House Votes Against Gay Marriages

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bill," . . . an absolute outrage. . . If you think there isn't enough hate and polarization in America, you're going to love this bill."

Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., said, "The real debate is about homosexuality. My constituents believe homosexuality is immoral, based on a perversion, which it is based on lust."

The big moment came when Rep. Steve Gunderson, R-Wis., the only openly Gay Republican in Congress, took the well, turned to his colleagues and asked: "Why are we so mean?"

Gunderson went on, "I stand here with respect and with each of you as fellow members of the human race. Don't intentionally make me any less worthy than you. Must we impose such indignities even on the death of a person's very best friend? Why shouldn't my partner of 13 years be entitled to the same health insurance and survivors benefits that my colleagues and third wives are able to give to them?"

The bill goes to the Senate, where the companion measure, S.1740 is now taken up. The measure is before the Senate Judiciary Committee where hearings on the bill have been delayed twice. As mentioned, the fight on this legislation would be tough. Last week, Senator James Jefford, R-Vt., Senator Joseph Lieberman, D-Ct., and Senator Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., announced they would attach the Employment Non-Discrimination Act to the bill. It's unclear how this will effect the bill.

If the bill passes and the inevitable signature from the President then what? Experts are troubled that the law would give the states the right to refuse recognition of same-sex marriages performed in other states. "I think there's absolutely no question that portion of the bill is unconstitutional under the Full Faith & Credit clause of the Constitution," said ACLU Gay and Lesbian Rights Project director, Matt Coles in an interview.

Coles went on to say in the interview, "Congress can't tell states that they can ignore each other's final court decisions." But Coles concedes it could be years before the constitutional issue would be settled in court.

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