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Colorado Pays For Unrestrained Homophobia To The Tune Of $1,370,000

DENVER, CO (NP) - Colorado's voting populace is paying top dollar for its moment of unrestrained homophobia.

When the U.S. Supreme Court in May, 1996 struck down Colorado's successful 1992 anti-Gay ballot measure Amendment 2, it also ruled that the state also had to pay the plaintiff's court costs. This week, Colorado did just that -- to the tune of $950,000.

Amendment 2 was intended to prevention recognition of Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals as a minority group. It would have prohibited the enactment of new local civil rights protections for them and overturned such laws where they already existed -- in Aspen, Boulder and Denver. But judge's injuction orders prevented Amendment 2 from ever going into effect before the Supreme Court finally struck it down.

Plaintiffs' attorneys had originally asked for $1,400,000. That was to cover costs for the original three-week trial in Denver District Court, appeal to the Colorado State Supreme Court, and appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, including photocopying, expert witnesses, and other costs in addition to attorneys' billable hours. It was attorney's hours that were at issue in negotiating the payment down to the final amount.

The state paid the money into a trust fund on December 31, 1996, to be divided among four legal groups that worked on the case: the Colorado Legal Initiatives Projects (CLIP); attorneys Jean Dubofsky and Jeanne Winer of Boulder, Colorado; Holland & Hart of Denver, Colorado; Wilson Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati of Palo Alto, California; the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in Denver and New York; Lambda Legal Defense Fund in New York; and the Denver city attorney.

The City of Denver was a plaintiff, along with several Gays and Lesbians, including Martina Navratilova, as one of the three Colorado Cities whose existing civil rights protections from discrimination based on sexual orientation would have been overturned by Amendment 2.

It's as big a payment as anyone seems to remember Colorado making in a civil rights lawsuit, and apparently not out-of-line with other attorneys' costs in pursuing the case from pre-trial through U.S. Supreme Court ruling. And that's only the cost to the victors; the state's own costs in defense of Amendment 2 reportedly totalled at least $420,000.

The State of Colorado has made unrestrained homophobia a more expensive habit than skiing.

Disgruntled state taxpayers need look no further than Colorado Attorney Gale Norton, R, for a scapegoat: Although required to defend Amendment 2 in the trial court, the appeals were made at Norton's discretion. The state lost its case at every level.

While it was Colorado's generous gift to the nation to have the courts test the Amendment 2 initiative approach, the state will need to consider how many times more it's willing to keep giving that same gift.

The used car salesman behind Amendment 2, Will Perkins of Colorado for Family Values, says the big dollar signs won't stop him from trying again. Although he described the costs as being "absurd" as he felt the U.S. Supreme Court's decision was, he reacted primarily with a sense of being confirmed in the importance of what he had been trying to do: deny legal minority status to Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals.

In addition to the direct costs of the lawsuit, Colorado was extensively boycotted by Gay-friendly cities, conferences and business in the period from Amendment 2's passage to its nullification. The loss of gross business income believed to have exceeded $10,000,000.

SF DA Puts Basher's Name On National Computer Registry

by Dennis Conkin

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - San Francisco Municipal Court Judge Herb Donaldson has issued a no-bail arrest warrant for the arrest of convicted Gay basher Jonathan Bell, 22, who was sentenced to six months in San Francisco County jail but failed to surrender to authorities.

Jonathan Bell.

Bell was sentenced to the term by Municipal Court Judge Julie Tang after a jury found him guilty of a Halloween eve 1995 hate crime assault on Ronald Bennett, a Gay man.

"It's a no bail warrant, and we have made an application to the police department to have it entered into a national criminal warrant computer system," District Attorney investigator Ron Huberman said.

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TGSA To Kick Off Fourth Softball Season

TUCSON - The Tucson Greater Softball Association (TGSA) will kick off it's fourth season with an information/planning meeting Tuesday, January 21, 6:00 P.M., at Hours, 3455 East Grant Road.

The meeting is open to all prospective coaches, players and sponsors.

The league is looking for sponsors and especially open division players - skill level is not as important as the commitment to your team and the league. This season, the league will be divided into the open (men and women) and women's (women only) division.

Pending confirmation from the City Parks & Recreation Department, all games will be played on Sundays at Freedom Park, (29th between Swan and Craycroft) between 4:00 and 10:00 P.M., beginning March 2.

There is a team fee of around $200 per team and a player fee around $30 per player. Both of these fees will be finalized at the information/planning meeting....These fees are used to pay for field use, umpires, balls and other operating expenses.

As of press-time, there are approximately six women's teams and three open teams. A fourth open division team is needed to meet with the minimum requirements per the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA) which governs Gay softball in the U.S. and Canada.

Winners of the season's end tournament in each division will get the honor of representing TGSA at the Gay Softball World Series in San Diego, California in August. TGSA picks up part of the expenses, the amount varies depending on funds raised through the season. Last year's tourney in Minneapolis-St. Paul drew over 70 teams in five divisions.

Prospective sponsors should call Mary O. (TGSA Commissioner) 770-9979 for more information. The three open division sponsors and contacts are: 1BT's, Robert S., 296-2738. The Plug, Mike S., 623-6969. Venture-N, Dan F., 745-6613. Please contact any of the above for practice times and any other team information.

TGSA is hosting its own Old Pueblo Classic Tournament the weekend of February 21-23 All games will be played at Sportspark (Ina & I-10). For more information, contact Bertie L., 318-3415.

Farrakhan Condemns Gays In Speech

by Christopher Clark

KANSAS CITY, MO (AP) - A touch of the flu could not keep Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan from giving a speech in Kansas City. Nor could it keep him from making the kinds of remarks that have made him on of the most controversial figures in black America.

Farrakhan, who last spoke in Kansas City in 1990, was about 1 1/2 hours late in arriving to address the mostly black audience in the hall. He apologized and said he had just risen from his "sickbed."

Farrakhan then challenged black men to take more responsibility in the home and to show respect for women.

But such solemn encouragement quickly gave way to Farrakhan's fiery persona. He mixed passionate pleas for spiritual commitment to God with angry attacks on Gays and the "white government" that he said dehumanized America's blacks.

During the speech, Farrakhan urged black men to drop profane references to women and to embrace women and family as a "second self." The remarks were in answer to claims from feminist groups that Farrakhan's 1995 Million Man March was anti-women.

But later, Farrakhan -- who has drawn criticism from those who allege he promotes racial separatism and homophobia -- made some remarks similar to those that have earned him controversy.

Farrakhan condemned the Gay lifestyle, saying, "God don't like men coming to men with lust in their hearts like you should go to a female.

"If you think that the kingdom of God is going to be filled up with that kind of degenerate crap, you're out of your damn mind."

The crowd hopped to its feet, applauding and cheering loudly.

Farrakhan was brought to Kansas City by members of the K.C. Million Man March organizing committee. Before Farrakhan took the stage, Ron Hunt, a local Farrakhan support whose repeated letters to the Islam leader were credited with bringing him here, told the crowd, "A lot of people didn't want this to take place."

PETA To Honor Homophobe In LA

by Bob Roehr

LOS ANGELES, CA - People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) is once again demonstrating its priority for animals over people with AIDS with their PETA Animals Ball and Humanitarian Awards Gala.

The award recipients included Ricki Lake, Martina Navratilova, Ellen

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Medications Assistance Program Update

TUCSON - The Medications Assistance Program (MAP) is a program designed to assist clients in obtaining medications in emergency situations.

Previously, MAP provided the entire amount of funds to cover medications. Due to funding limitations, however, clients eligible for MAP are being asked to pay ten percent copay for medications. If individuals can't afford the ten percent copay, alternate arrangements may be made to cover fees.

Also, due to minimal funding, clients are only eligible for up to $1,000 dollars of coverage per year. Clients must be registered at any Tucson ASO to be eligible for this service.

If you are in need of assistance, please call PACT, 770-1710, for an appointment. Clients are requested to bring in prescriptions at time of appointment.

Clarification

In the story about HIV testing in Pima County [Observer 650], Sue Eisen of the Theresa Lee Clinic stated that the number of people tested in November 1996, for the month, was 483, compared to November of 1995, for the month, when 625 persons were tested.

Recreational Volleyball

TUCSON - Enjoy the new year by joining us for Recreational Volleyball! This Sunday, January 12, we will play on every Sunday, 1:00 P.M. at the sand court of St Francis in the Foothills, 4625 E. River Road, (NW corner of Swan & River Roads).

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

For more information contact Davey at 886-1208.

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TLGA To Hold Board Elections

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance will hold board elections at the January meeting. That meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 P.M., at Wingspan.

The new board will coordinate all TLGA activities in 1997, including Pride Week activities in June and OUTober-FEST '97 in October. The TLGA board consists of four officers and several members-at-large. Several permanent positions exist, as well as numerous committees that are formed to produce OUToberFEST. The permanent positions include directors of fund raising, events and public relations.

At the meeting in December, the board filled three of four officer positions. TLGA's new president is Tim Redmon, the vice president will be Chad Froeschke, and Rhonda D'Urso will serve as treasurer. Theresa Barnabei, who has led the organization for the past two years, is stepping down as president but will remain on the board.

If you would like to contribute some time and energy in the Gay community, TLGA is a great way to make a real difference, make some new friends and have fun in the process. Please mark January 14 on your calendar!

Desert Voices Seeks Male Singers

TUCSON - Desert Voices will be holding auditions for our 1997 spring and pride season Monday, January 13, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. at the University of Arizona School of Music Building.

Desert Voices are especially seeking men (tenors & baritone/bass) to come join us for our upcoming Go West! show in mid-March and our exciting Fairy Tales show in June.

Artistic Director for Desert Voices, Keith Koster, is very excited about the future of Desert Voices and would be glad to talk with anyone interested in singing with us. Prior choral experience, while helpful, is not required for joining Desert Voices.

Please call the Desert Voice's office, 791-9662, to set up an audition time.

G/L Bowling Leagues Prepare For Spring Season

TUCSON - In two weeks, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling leagues will start their 1997 Spring Season of fun and bowling.

The Desert Coyotes Bowling League will start their season, Wednesday, January 22 at Golden Pin Lanes on Miracle Mile. The Desert Coyotes is a trio's league that bowls at 9:00 P.M. on Wednesdays.

The Lambda Lizards Bowling League will begin their season Friday, January 24 at 6:30 P.M. The Lambda Lizards consists of teams of five persons.

Both leagues will bowl a fifteen-week schedule. For more information about the Desert Coyotes, call 743-3303. For more information about the Lambda Lizards, call 798-1549.

Gay Arts Foundation Accepting New Grant Applications Fgor 1997

PHOENIX - The Arch and Bruce Brown Foundation has announced that it is accepting submission for grants in two different arts disciplines; Fiction writing and Drama/Music production.

Cash grants will be awarded to individual authors of completed original unpublished Novels, Novellas or Collections of Related Short Stories.

Grants will also be made available to Theatrical and Musical Organizations to assist in the production of Plays, Musicals, Operas, Choral Works, Song Cycles and Orchestral works with texts.

The foundation was formed in 1995 by playwright Arch Brown in memory of Bruce Allen Brown, his partner of 27 years who died of a brain hemorrhage in 1993. Because of the founders' belief that we can learn from our own past, all works submitted must be based on or inspired by a historical person or event. All submissions must also portray the Gay and Lesbian lifestyle in a positive manner.

Please send a SASE to the following address for specific 1997 submission guidelines. Do not send manuscripts. Mail to: The Arch and Bruce Brown Foundation, POB 45231, Phoenix, AZ 85064.

Women Softball Players Wanted

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

The first organizational meeting will be held, Monday, January 13, 6:00 P.M., at 1222 East Broadway.

For more information, call Bertie, 318-3415, or Angie, 791-2987.

Job Opening At APC

TUCSON - The AIDS Prevention Collaboration (APC), a project of PACT, Shanti, TAP, PCHD and Wingspan, has a position opening.

The Gay Men's Health Project Coordinator will work in the Gay bars implementing preventions. Applicants should have experience in HIV prevention targeting self-identified Gay/Bisexual men; coordinating and implementing prevention targeting self identified Gay/Bisexual men; coordinating and implementing prevention activities and events; community organizing; materials development and experience working with volunteers. Prefer knowledge of prevention methodologies.

Applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to: Search Committee, 300 East Sixth Street, Tucson, AZ 85705. Position open until filled. EOE

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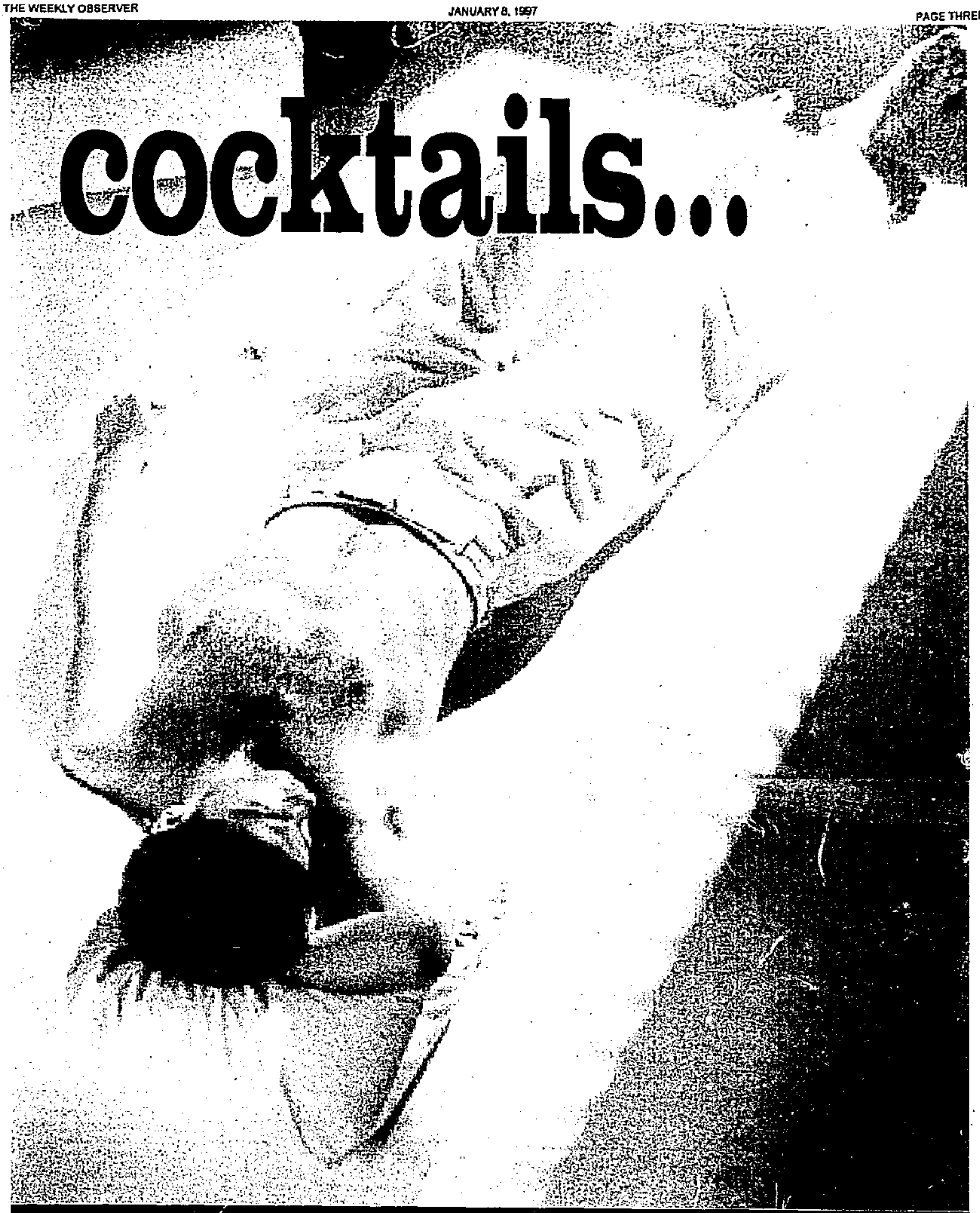

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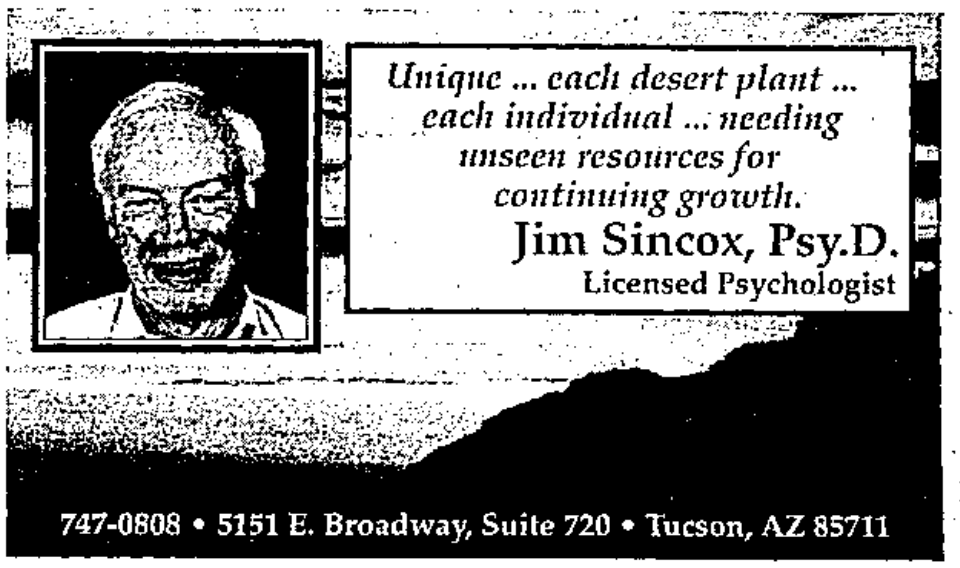

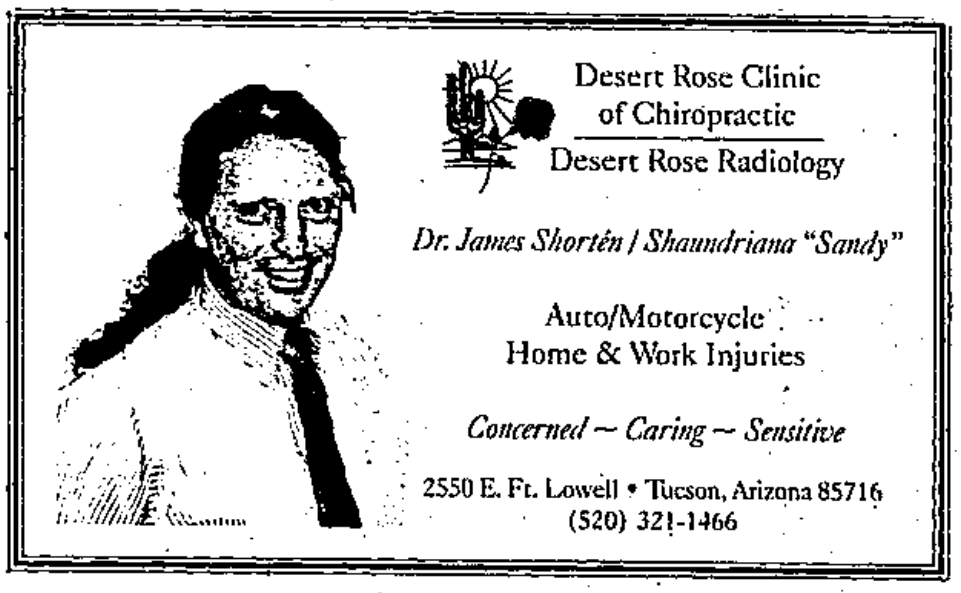

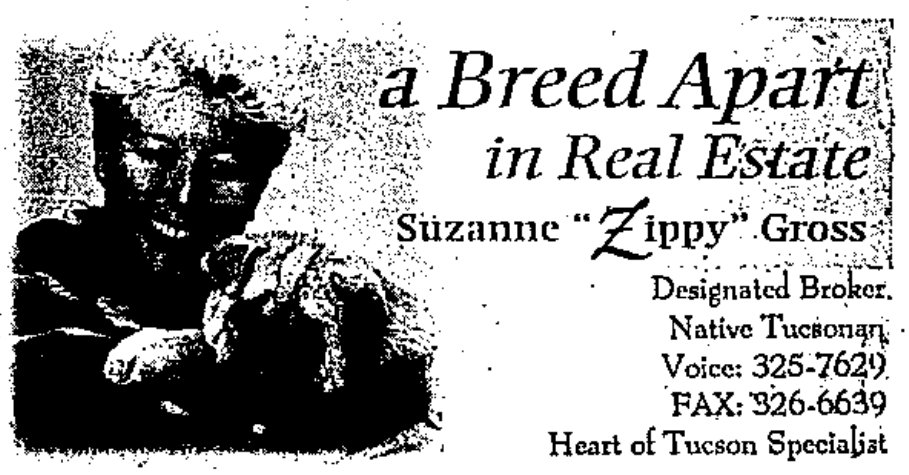

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AIDS Action Announces 1997 Priorities As 105th Congress Convenes

WASHINGTON, D.C. - AIDS Action, the nation's flagship AIDS advocacy organization, announced its top legislative and policy priorities for 1997.

Among these priorities are:

1) Securing increased funding for AIDS programs.

2) Preserving present health care entitlements.

3) Advocating for managed care consumer protections.

4) Addressing the access to care and drug therapies crisis.

5) Protecting the civil rights of all people living with HIV and AIDS.

Other priorities for AIDS Action include:

1) Advocating for community-based prevention efforts to curb HIV infection.

2) Strengthening programs that provide adequate housing for people living with AIDS.

"Last year brought exciting news about the potential of new AIDS drug therapies to produce dramatic health improvements for people living with HIV and AIDS," said Deputy Executive Director Christine Lubinski.

Lubinski continued, "Access to care will be the most salient issue we face in 1997. However, this issue is only one piece of the puzzle. It has always been AIDS Action's position that the most effective federal response to the epidemic must address all the needs of Americans living with HIV and AIDS, and our legislative priorities reflect that philosophy."

AIDS Action is dedicated to defeating the AIDS epidemic and improving the quality of life for hundreds of thousands of HIV-infected Americans. AIDS Action represents all people living with HIV and AIDS and over 1,400 community-based AIDS service organizations that serve them.

Germans Debate Memorial To Gays Persecuted By Nazis

BERLIN, Germany (NYT) - An angry debate has erupted in Germany's Gay community over how to proceed with a central Berlin monument to Gay victims of the Holocaust.

A recent symposium on the memorial sparked bitter objections from some delegates over proposals to include Lesbians who were never targeted under Nazi laws.

Joachim Muller, a prominent historian, boycotted the symposium to underscore his point that "the persecution was always a persecution of men." Muller said 50,000 Gay men were arrested and punished by the Nazis, and of those, "between 10,000 and 15,000" were sent to concentration camps. Hundreds died from ill treatment and disease.

"The laws were exclusively against men," he told reporters. "It is not acceptable to equate what happened to these people" with the treatment of Lesbians.

Albert Eckert, one of the principals of the joint-monument, disagreed: "Lesbians lived in a climate of fear and intimidation, and so we think that they should be remembered together. But the monument should show how differently the two groups were treated."

Eckert noted other disputes. Many in the Gay community want the monument built on a Berlin square called Nollendorfplatz, which is a popular stomping-ground for Gay Berliners. A small plaque shaped in the familiar inverted triangle is located in the area commemorating Gays who suffered under the Nazis.

Others want the Gay monument to be close to the Brandenburg Gate, which is where many expect the Jewish Memorial will rise. Members of the city council have questioned the appropriateness locating a monument recalling Gay persecution near monuments recalling mass-genocide against six million Jews and 500,000 gypsies.

HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by Anida Cowboy

I hope everyone had a great holiday and a healthy New Year! It's been a while since we last visited. I really missed you all on the Range. I made a resolution not to procrastinate this year, but this is an issue we can talk about later!

The BIG talk this week is the Phoenix Rodeo! Our friends to the North will be hosting the 12th Annual Road Runner Regional Rodeo the weekend of January 17, 18 and 19 at Corona Ranch on Baseline Road in Phoenix.

Many Tucson members are looking forward to helping the Phoenix Chapter to make their Rodeo a great success. In order to host a great Rodeo, you need to have great volunteers. If you are planning to attend the Rodeo, why not sacrifice a few hours of your time and really be a part of the event! If interested, you can contact Darrin Land, 629-3700 or Scott Weidamoyer, 792-5653 for a Rodeo Volunteer form, or look for Slade Grove, Phoenix's Volunteer Coordinator at the Rodeo Grounds. And remember, volunteering has its privileges!

In the mean time, the Tucson Board is busy putting plans into action in the preparation of the 1997 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. The T-shirts, posters and promotion packs are slowly coming into existence. If there is anyone in need of this information, please contact that AGRA-Tucson Hotline and we will be sure to get the information to you.

Also, calling all businesses! We are also in the process of getting the Rodeo program together. This is great opportunity for all community businesses to place an ad in the program. We have many contestants and Rodeo Supporters that come from out of town and are ready to spend their dollars! If you are interested in ad space, contact Darrin at the above number or the AGRA hotline for more information. Also, if you are a vendor and you are interested in selling your goods at the rodeo grounds, vendor space is available. Contact Raul Almeraz at 512-9696.

Stay tuned for more information on the upcoming rodeos and also Board Meetings and General Membership meetings for dates and locations.

That's all I have for now! It is so great to be back and I look forward to serving you with more information (and possibly some Rodeo Dish!) in 1997. As always, remember to keep your pride and play safe in the saddle! I remain A.C.!

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The Shanti Corner

Happy New Year to all and welcome back to Tucson to those of you who traveled over the holidays. Our joint Holiday party in December with PACT and TAP was packed. It was wonderful to see such a large turn out. We hope that you enjoyed the evening as much as we did.

Shanti is extremely fortunate to be located in a community that is so enthusiastic and supportive of the work that we and the other ASOs are doing. Time and time again we give thanks to our volunteers, donors and advocates who are so caring and willing to lend their support to those living with and affected by HIV and AIDS. Shanti truly could not accomplish, or even attempt to reach it goals if it were not for this community's continued dedication and generosity.

As we look back on the past year we also look optimistically to the new. Shanti is pleased to publish its budget for January through July 1997. For those of you who may be interested in reviewing our 1996 audit it will be available in approximately six to eight weeks.

Shanti's Board of Directors recently voted during its December meeting to adopt a new fiscal year, which will now begin in July 97. This will allow Shanti to operate "in line" with PACT and TAP. This is why we have only published a six month budget. In July, as we move forward with our collaboration with PACT and TAP, our budget will change to reflect changes due to the collaborative effort.

The Board of Directors has also decided to change its monthly meeting from the second Wednesday to the first Wednesday of each month beginning in February. This decision was made in an effort to coordinate the ASOs' Board meetings all with in the same week, so that the three agencies can better discuss and vote on items in a more efficient and timely manner; and as a result better serve our clients.

As always, thank you for all that you do for Shanti -- We are looking forward to seeing all of you this year, one which is bound to bring us down exciting new roads and offer tremendous opportunities.

The Shanti Foundation is located at 300 East Sixth Street, one block west of Fourth Avenue. Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. Phone: 622-7107 Fax: 622-1554.

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JANUARY - JUNE 1997
BUDGET

PERSONNEL	
Staff Salaries	$84,356
ERE	$11,500
TOTAL	$95,856
EXPENSES	
Rent	$ 6,000
Utilities	$ 2,000
Bldg. Maint.	$ 1,250
Equipment	$ 1,000
Equip. Lease	$ 1,500
Insur/Liab.	$ 1,450
Audit/Acct.	$ 3,500
Office Supplies	$ 2,000
Training Exp.	$ 2,500
Subcrip./Fees	$,650
Fund Raising Exp.	$ 6,000
Advertising	$,500
Printing	$ 2,000
Newsletters	$,750
Postage	$ 1,750
Telephone	$ 2,350
Staff Travel	$,900
Staff Trnings/Mtg.	$ 1,500
Consultants/PACT	$ 7,800
Consultants	$,750
Client Financial Asst.	$ 4,500
Food Pantry	$ 1,750
Safe Havens Group	$ 1,000
Client Transportation	$ 9,000
Volunteer Expense	$ 1,500
General Expense	$ 1,050
Depreciation	$ 3,600
Sub-Total	$68,550
TOTAL	$164,406
INCOME	
Grants	$82,000
Individuals	$35,506
Benefits/Events	$40,500
Sales/Fees	$ 6,400
TOTAL	$164,406
EVENTS	
Jell-O	$20,000
Gala	$ 3,000
Concerts (2)	$ 3,000
Dinner/Auction	$ 4,500
Other	$10,000
TOTAL	$40,500
GRANTS	
HOPWA	$13,000
CDBG	$20,000
ADHS	$ 9,000
Ryan White	$17,500
Other (NAF, MACY'S)	$22,500
TOTAL	$82,000

AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK

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

Back in the Saddle Again: In response to those of you who have been kind enough to inquire about the recent absence of this column, I've taken a few weeks off to participate in the secular seasonal celebrations.

Which means: 1) I've been involved in three store brawls over Tickle Me Elmo and the cast just came off, 2) I've been busy converting cheese balls into body-fat, and 3) there was an unfortunate little New Year's Eve incident involving champagne, a new pair of rollerblades and the speed limit through the 4th Avenue underpass.

The Flour Will Fly: My good friends M. and A. gave me one of those wonderful Atlas pasta machines for Christmas. It's a real gem and highly recommended as the only way to go for those of us who, when it comes to pasta making, are dumber than a sack full of hammers.

The real trick is in the dough - you have to be careful to get the correct ratio of eggs to flour at the very start because, like alligator wrestling, once you've started there's no turning back. Although I followed the recipe to the letter, I ended up with a desiccated mess resembling crumbled saltines. Kneading it and getting it to stick together was rather like trying to make gravel-balls.

That batch went straight into the trash but the second attempt was more successful and soon I was merrily cranking out fettucine. And more fettucine. And still more fettucine. This is one important fact pasta recipes never reveal - when fully rolled out, one batch of dough will make enough noodles to feed 1,000 starving Tutsi's.

Fearless 1997 Prognostications: I've been closely studying the tea leaves in the bottom of my Villeroy & Boch cup, the one with the crack in it, and since everyone from Joan Rivers to Pat Buchanan are doing it here are my own predictions for the coming year:

1) Former White House advisor George Stephanopolis will provide proof that he really is the only heterosexual since World War II to live in the DuPont Circle neighborhood of Washington, DC

2) On the anniversary of her death, an image of Judy Garland as the innocent Dorothy will miraculously appear in the bottom of empty vodka bottles in Gay bars all across America. At the exact same moment, an image of a drunken Joan Crawford flipping the bird will appear in the bottom of empty bourbon bottles.

3) Buckling under the pressure of relentless hounding by the British tabloids, the former Princess Di will flee England with her disco instructor and move to a third-world country where the literacy rate is so low that no one can read, and rickets is so prevalent no one can dance as well as she can.

And then it was now.....

Go In Good Health

by Rev. Andrew Brooks

Compromised Immune Systems

Part One

This information is for the benefit of those with a compromised immune system. A variety of illnesses can manifest from a compromised immune system.

As I write this article, I just heard "Tarzan Boy" by Baltimora on the radio, one of those "one hit wonder" eighties groups, and the man who wrote that song died of AIDS. Every time I hear it, it reminds me to keep fighting in the war against AIDS, so I dedicate this article to his memory, and to all who suffer from immune disorders, including AIDS. My prayers and healing thoughts are with you, now and always!

As was pointed out in a recent response by Doctor X to someone who was concerned because he was sick a lot, and his friends thought he had AIDS (which he tested negative for) "maybe he just had a crummy immune system." Unfortunately, a lot of people have compromised immunity, and often, it is not due to AIDS!

A yeast infection is a sign of a compromised immune system, and those with "chronic fatigue syndrome" are suffering from an "overregulated" immune system, which can lead to immune burnout. So I share this information with all who need it, so that they can help themselves to heal.

The natural healing effect of herbs and other vital supplements is not intended to replace compassionate, competent medical care. I sincerely hope that those suffering with AIDS will consider using these supplements. As a counselor and a healer, I will gladly discuss them with you! It is important to manage your healing with wisdom, and remember to face this illness with hope, not despair! We can make remarkable progress!

Homeopathic medicine is another valid approach to healing, and is based on the principle of "curing you with the hair of the dog that bit you," or so the saying goes.

Homeopaths use minute doses of substances, that, if taken in higher doses, would make you sick, but in small amounts, stimulate your immune system to fight back, and the ward of the sickness. There are many ailments like hemorrhoids (which though the subject of many jokes, can be a problem for many, especially Gay men, since they can make sex unpleasant) and a wide variety of ailments, such as arthritis, insomnia and other ills.

Homeopathy was widely respected in America until the 1930's, when the modern medical industry pushed them aside. As the homeopathic medicines begin to work, they may temporarily worsen symptoms (a sign of bodily response), then relief is obtained. This is due to the bodies own immunity rising to the challenge and beginning to fight the illness. I suggest you do more reading and ask a knowledgeable person at a health food store about homeopathic medicines.

All illnesses are due to something getting around our immunity, so keeping our immune systems strong is vital. AIDS has definitely shown that.

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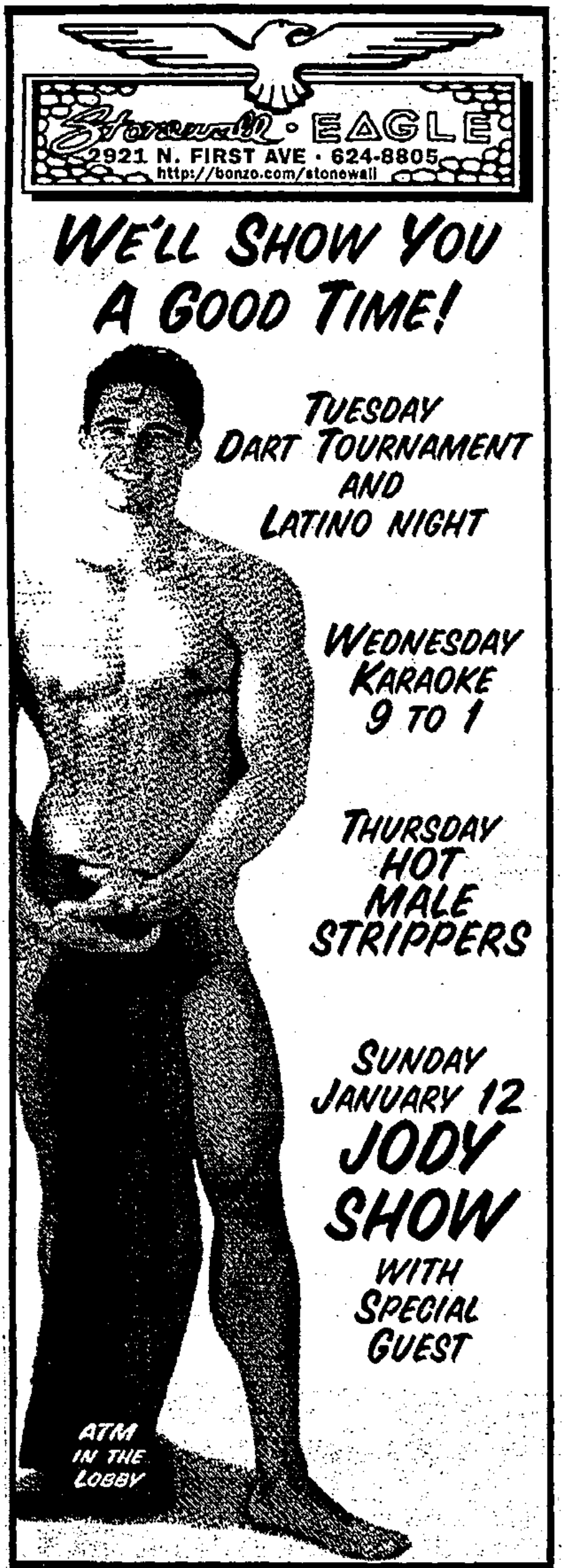

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POLITICS 1997

By MARK R. JUDD

"Blonde, Brunette, Auburn, Black and Brown. He's Been Them All And More!"

"You wouldn't treat me so cruelly if I wasn't Speaker?! But you are Newt! You are!" You thought 1997 was going to be a dull year. On Tuesday, the new 105th Congress convened. First business for the House of Representatives, elect a Speaker for the 105th session of Congress.

With the GOP in control, Rep. Newt Gingrich was reelected for another term as Speaker . . .barely! Despite admitted ethics violations of financial misdealings regarding his college course; his admittance of guilt; and calls for him to step aside from some GOP leaders, he was reelected.

But wait, "What about holding the Speaker of the House to a higher standard?" as Congressman Newt Gingrich said in 1989 during his mia-culpa against former Speaker Jim Wright, D-TX.

It's just beginning for the Salamander: In two weeks, the House Ethics Committee will release its report and the full House will consider a punishment for Newtie. The Speaker could get anything from a reprimand to full censure. If censured, Newtie is no longer Speaker. Gingrich also faces a Justice Department probe and an audit from the Internal Revenue Service for the possible violation of federal tax laws. Words can come back to haunt someone. Hey Newt, boo! . . .

He likes to dance a little sidestep! Arizona Congressman Matt Salmon, R-District 1, made the rounds of the television news shows this weekend proclaiming Newt was tainted and should step aside. He's bad, very bad. Salmon flatly stated he was not going to vote for New Gingrich for Speaker. Well, the vote took place and Salmon voted for . . . Newt Gingrich! Go figure! . . .

Make it stop, make it stop! With the 105th Congress now in session, two elections are still to be settled. They are not from Pima County though, home of "smooth running elections."

One challenge is by B-1 Bob Dornan. Surprise! The other challenge is by Louisiana Republican Senatorial candidate Woody Jenkins, a man who makes Jesse Helms look like a communist. B-1 is still ranting about the alien vote fraud. From Jupiter? "Woody" cited voter fraud in his senate race against Democrat Mary Landrieu. Let's see, fixed elections and Louisiana. Tell us something we didn't already know! . . .

A new habit that is more expensive than skiing. Starbucks coffee? Hostess Twinkies? Thunderbird and Ripple? Aqua-Net hair spray? If you said "unrestrained homophobia," you get ten more princess points!

As per the U.S. Supreme Court decision that struck down Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2, the taxpayers of the state had to pick up the tab for the lawyers on both sides of the case. [See an accompanying story.]

Colorado's voters are paying top dollar for its grand moment of unrestrained homophobia. The state of Colorado, per the ruling, had to pick up the check for the plaintiff's court costs, to the tune of $950,000. That's not all, include the $420,000 for the state's own legal costs in the case which made homophobia a more expensive habit than skiing.

Who to blame for the bill? Disgruntled taxpayers need look no further than to the state's head ambulance-chaser, Attorney General Gale "Special Rights Norton, (R).

Norton was required to defend Amendment 2 in the trial court, the appeals were made at Norton's discretion. The state lost its case at every level. The result, taxpayers are gonna pay for the bigotry. Just maybe they will learn from this. . . .

There were petitions, really? Governor J. Fife Whitewash III, R-Chapter 7, has one less thing on his calendar for 1997 to worry about. In March, Fife's criminal trial on his 23 count federal-indictment starts. Later in the year, his bankruptcy-fraud trial will start. Fiferama can scratch off a recall election for him in 1997.

The alleged organizers of this stealth recall of Whitewash were to turn in their petitions to force a recall election of the Fifester. Well, the deadline passed and no petitions. What happened? They didn't get close.

One of the leaders of the recall, former St. Rep. John Kromko said the recall could muster just over 100,000 signatures from voters (280,000 needed). Kromko cited the lack of money and volunteers as the reasons for failure. The voters didn't know it was going on until the last minute.

Chalk another one up to John. He's kept his record intact, no-petition drives finished in the 90's. So how is the Pima County Charter Committee going John? Remember, you're on that too! . . .

Here we go again! Mark your calendars for January 13 kids! On that dubious day, the 43rd session of the Arizona Legislature will convene. Be afraid, be very afraid! It's just less than a week away!

As reported, [Observer 650], there are four anti-Gay bills hovering about the state capital in the "Evil City of the North." Will they receive a sponsor? Will they get a bill number? Will they be assigned to a committee? Most important, will they pass? Stay tuned, same hate-time, same hate-channel! . . .

Was Manoj Vyas waiting on that table? On Tuesday, a kinder, gentler Pima County Board of Soups convened. Sharon Bronson and John Even joining the cast for the next four seasons.

Before they officially convened. The Board members had various lunches with each other, no more than two present, to discuss the future. Soup-elect Sharon Bronson, in maneuvers reminiscent to the 1993 "GOP Pima Massacre," is pushing for the ouster of County Manager Chuckie Huckleberry.

Three questions arise from all this: 1) What did they have for lunch? 2) Who picked up the tab? and 3) Is history repeating itself as when the GOP Board majority had their secret meetings in 1992? Pima County taxpayers are still paying for those illicit meetings! . . .

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

THE WHOLE MAN

ROBERT FELDHAUS, PH.D.

Post-Holiday Reflections

The holidays are times of great focus. Focus on friends, lovers, and blood family; focus on gifts, giving and receiving; holiday entertainments; focus on sweet and fatty foods, alcohol, worrying about weight; for some, focus on spirituality, Christian or otherwise; focus on the end of one year and the beginning of the next. A time for looking backwards and forwards, making resolutions for how we want to be better. This can add up to a lot of stress, for anybody and especially for Gay men. We don't have the standard straight person's road map for life. (Neither do straight people, of course, but at least they can pretend!) I think that's where our stress comes from: we have to creatively structure our lives based purely on our own judgment. We are forced, in a way, to trust ourselves. That's also where our fun and freedom lie: we get to live our lives the way we want.

Maybe if we acknowledge the stress that living a Gay life creates, we can be in a better position to deal with that stress of not having a pre-printed road map. Unfortunately, many of us are heavily into denying that stress, because it seems like too much to deal with. The thing is that denied stress is no less stressful; in fact, it's much more stressful. Trying to lead a successful Gay life without acknowledging our special stressors is like trying to drive a car with a blindfold on. There's no way to avoid hazards and get to where you're going without clear vision. Emotional issues do not get healed through denial. They only get worse. That's why I often must talk about difficult issues, basic emotional issues, with people in my professional work. It's my attempt to help us deal with things more realistically and cope more successfully...and develop an unsentimental compassion for ourselves. A clear perspective on things, and respect for your basic self: those are probably the two most important assets in the struggle to create a meaningful, rich, and happy life.

Intimacy is probably the most important issue facing us as Gay men. Every human being needs intimacy in his or her life. We need other human beings who care, whom we allow to be close enough to care. This means we have to let others know who we are, allow ourselves to be touched, emotionally and physically, by others. Sexual intimacy is also vital for most of us. We need to have some relationship(s) in which we can express ourselves sexually, allow ourselves to know and be known sexually, and allow sexuality to create connection and healing in our relationships.

Straight people, again, have a road map for these things. Even though I think that straight road map is faulty in many ways, at least it is there for straights, and they can simply follow the script without too much thought, and count on the approval of others if they do. Straight people usually find their social and sexual intimacy within the nuclear family. The straight road map tells them to get married to someone of the opposite sex, get a good job, and raise a child or two. Take on the duties of these relationships, they're told. Straight men don't have a clear road map for intimacy with friends, however. Most straight men have a difficult time having close friendships with other males. Their road map says other males are for playing sports with and having business relationships with, period. Many straight men are emotionally isolated, even from their wives and children. Yet, no matter how unfulfilling or dysfunctional their family relationships are, they are trained not to turn to other males for emotional nurturance. Men, straight or Gay, need other men's energy. It's crucial, it's vital, and...it's perfectly natural. The straight guy's road map has a serious flaw, because other men's energy isn't part of the equation.

But back to our particular configuration: as Gay men, I think having a close friendship network, that is there whether or not you are dating someone at the time, is absolutely crucial. These friends should include a healthy mix of other (out) Gay males, but lesbians and completely non-head-tripping straight people can certainly also make delightful friends, and can often offer things your Gay male friends cannot. Since we often don't have the full support of our nuclear family, we need to develop and maintain a circle of friends who will be there for us in the ups and downs. Many of us, however, don't make this a priority, and therefore can be very lonely. A life spent only in the bars can be an intense existential trip of loneliness and adventure, worthy of Holden Caulfield transported into the postmodern nineties. After awhile, however, most people feel the need for true human warmth; call it family, a sense of tribe, affection, respect: it all boils down to allowing yourself to care and be cared about.

The holidays can be a time when this isolation is acutely felt, since the illusion is that everyone else is having a wonderful time, being close, being approved of, while we are left out in the cold. There are places to turn to if the stress of the holidays becomes painful, including counselors, Gay support groups and social clubs, and Gay religious groups. To those who had a difficult holiday, I'd like to say, hang in there! Life will be back to normal soon.

But business as usual includes the task of getting enough intimacy in our lives. Be creative in your plans to get and maintain intimacy in your life! Bars, 900 numbers, and X-rated videos, though they can be fun and entertaining as part of your life, aren't enough all by themselves. We have to take the risk of trusting other people enough to get the emotional nourishment we need. This need for trust and emotional closeness is rarely talked about in the usual Gay media outlets, and that's why I talk about it, again and again.

You've identified yourself, at least to yourself, as a Gay or Bisexual man, and that takes an incredible amount of strength. You should commend yourself for being courageous enough to be Gay. And then you should encourage yourself to use that strength and courage to create a life that is ever more fulfilling to you. A fulfilling life is one that includes closeness to others, in whatever manner you choose. Don't be bothered by the lack of road map. You might have to do some spiritual bushwhacking, blazing your own trail where none exists. The reward is awesome, though: taking responsibility for forging your own life can lead to a much greater feeling of satisfaction than just following a pre-existing trail.

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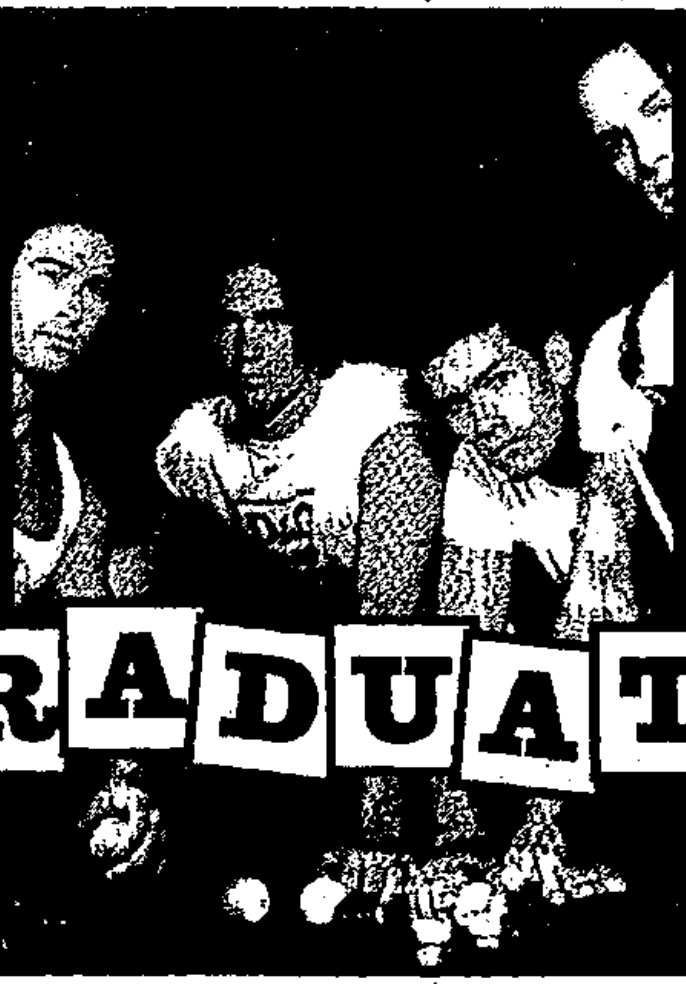

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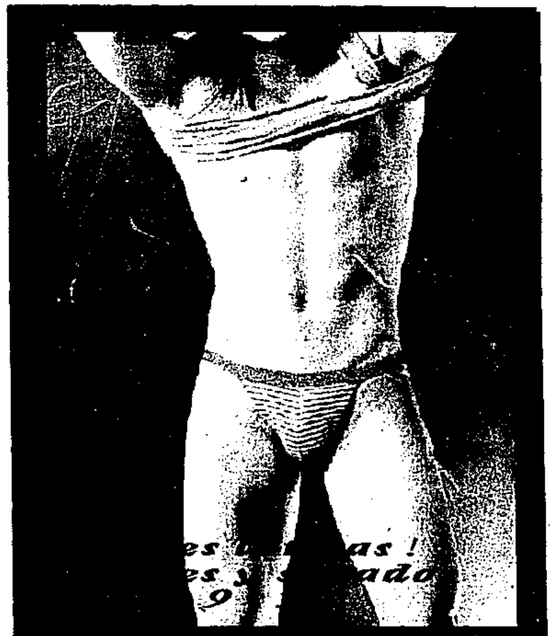

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Mass Gay Wedding In Florida February 15

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL - Organizers have announced that a mass Gay commitment ceremony in Ft. Lauderdale will take place, February 15, during Winter Gayla '97.

Some of the nation's leading corporations will help finance Winter Gayla '97, a weekend of events to celebrate pride in Gay culture, which will draw thousands of Gay and Lesbian couples to the city.

"We want to give couples the opportunity to pledge their commitment to one another in a loving, caring and sharing way," said Rev. Grant Lynn Ford, who will officiate the massive service known as "Love Celebration" on behalf of The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC).

Events throughout Winter Gayla '97, made possible through the support of corporate sponsors, include: a beach party, MCC Love Celebration, Fantaseas; from Saturday, February 15, through Monday, President's Day, February 17.

A portion of the proceeds from the weekend's events will benefit MCC in its effort to establish a couple's ministry to help same sex partners deal with the challenges of ongoing relationships. For more information call (954) 525-4567.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Gay Pilots Association will host its fourth annual, Southwest Regional Conference in Palm Springs, California, January 17-19.

All pilots and aviators are invited to attend. The conference features speakers of interest to Gay and Lesbian pilots from general aviation, corporate aviation and the airlines.

On Saturday night, January 18, participants will enjoy a private "You're In The Army Now" reception in the new Palm Springs Air Museum. The Air Museum, located on the Palm Springs Airport, features one of the world's largest collection of flyable World War II aircraft. Participants are encouraged to wear WW-II era flight clothing to this unique reception.

NGPA has negotiated reduced rates at several area hotels. For additional information, contact the NGPA at (703) 660-3852, or write to: NGPA, POB 27542, Washington, DC 20038-7542.

Idaho Imposes Strict Abstinance Standard For AIDS

BOISE, ID (DN) - Idaho State Schools Superintendent Anne Fox has decided to deny federal funds earmarked for AIDS education to any public school program that advises students on any strategy other than abstinence.

The decision ends a five-year state policy that -- while stressing abstinence -- acknowledged that nearly half of all high school students have sex before they graduate and need information to reduce the risk of HIV infection. Under the policy adopted by Fox, students can only receive non-abstinence based AIDS prevention information if they specifically request it.

Lloyd Kolbe, director of the Division of Adolescent and School Health at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta told reports no other state in the country has adopted such a restrictive policy.

AIDS prevention specialists were harshly critical of Fox's move. Many furiously denounced her as bowing to pressure from the religious right and said the more restrictive policy was certain to lead to a new rise of HIV-infections among teens in the state.

Cameron Lewis of the Idaho Sexually Transmitted Diseases-AIDS Program in the state's health department said Fox's decision was based on fiat, not research. All available research suggests the old program was the most successful of available state options.

GLAAD Gives Tentative OK To New TV Rating System

NEW YORK, NY (WS) - The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) has expressed cautious optimism that the new age-based television rating system will not indiscriminately rank Gay and Lesbian content as being more sensitive than similar heterosexual material.

GLAAD expressed concern earlier in June that the new rating system would show an unfair bias to Gay and Lesbian content. When it was learned that ratings committee chairman Jack Valenti had met privately with members of an anti-Gay conservative group called the Media Research Center, GLAAD voiced its alarm.

The group's protests sparked a meeting with Valenti and several members from GLAAD's Board of Directors in July. GLAAD's managing director Will Waybourn said later that "Gay and Lesbian issues are an important part of our national discourse and consciousness" and that television should reflect that standard fairly.

While Waybourn categorized the meeting as "extremely productive," he noted "we remain concerned that any rating system runs the risk of restricting our right to free speech."

GLAAD promised to monitor the new ratings system to prevent it from being used as a tool to prevent positive Gay and Lesbian imagery from reaching a wide audience.

ASOs To Present Spring Gala

TUCSON - Dining and dancing under the stars. Star gazing through giant telescopes. Fortune tellers reading your stars, mixing and mingling with stars. Sounds fabulous, doesn't it? Planning is underway for the first ASO Spring Gala, STARLIGHT.

Volunteers and community members are needed to plan and prepare for this major event which will benefit PACT, Shanti Foundation and the Tucson AIDS Project.

The event is tentatively planned for April 26, 1997 under the stars at the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum. For more information call PACT, Shanti or TAP.

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In December of 1995 I discovered that the AIDS Service Organization, while able to help clients in numerous ways are unable to help when we lose a loved one. There are times when no money is available to send our loved ones to their final resting place. That is what prompted me to come up with the J.O.D.Y. Memorial Fund. The money raised will be used to help families in their time of need.

The First J.O.D.Y. Memorial Benefit Show will be held on January 12, 1997 at the Stonewall Eagle. Please come out to support our effort to raise these much needed funds.

Sincerely,

Reginald B. Robinson

Reginald B. Robinson
AKA J.O.D.Y.

Ad space paid for by Elise Fox because friends are what life is all about!

CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
IBT'S - "The Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday featuring Felica Renard, Ajia Simone and Bulemia De Havilland. 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Beer Bust 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. plus regular Saturday pool tourney. 2:00 p.m.

SNDAY, JANUARY 12
IBT'S - "Welcome Back Students Party" 9:00 p.m. to closing, plus "Tom-Tattered-Tattoo'd Party" and drink specials. ALSO, win a new VCR. Drawing at 11:00 p.m. (Must be present to win!).

STONEWALL/EAGLE - J.O.D.Y. Memorial Fund Show to benefit all who have come to know this thing called AIDS. Featuring a few of Tucson's finest Drag Queen Divas including Mama Reyna and Elise Barbara Fox and others.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15
GRADUATE - New!!! 9-Ball Pool Tournament starts here ever Wednesday beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

FRI. SAT. SUN., JANUARY 17-18-19
VENTURE-N - The Bears of the Old Pueblo will be celebrating "La Fiesta De Los Osos" all three days. Join 'em!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Avatar is back!! Santana-style latin music, cumbias, corridas. Music starts at 9:00 p.m. $1.25 pitchers and shots of Cuervo Gold $2.25 all night!! Cover.

IBT'S - Beer Bust and Bar-B-Que from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. to benefit Shanti.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - 1 Big screen TV + 3 smaller TV's. Free food and shot specials. $1.50 longnecks. Come out and root!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
VENTURE-N - Ray Gregg returns! Chinese New Years Buffet 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. Advance sale $4.00.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
Jess Hawk Oakenstar performs tonight at Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. $2.00 cover.

Tucson Prime Timers invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly Wednesday dinner at the Mandarin Grill, 505 E. Grant Rd. (West end of Fry's Shopping Center, 1st Ave. And Grant Rd.) at 6:30 p.m. Please note change of venue and date.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m.ish. Our Movie Out this month will most likely be "Evita" starring Madonna. For complete information on time, place and movie, please call Larry after the 3rd of January at 795-9125.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9
Girlfriends Card and Game Nite 7:00 p.m. 3540 N. Oracle Road.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing Best American Gay Fiction 1996, edited by Brian Bouldrey. Half the book will be covered last month, and the remainder will be completed tonight. Even if you don't read the book, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, call Steve at 388-4849.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 2:00 p.m. A new feature for the MSN is Out to Lunch. Bill & Stephen will be our hosts for a lunch at the larger Cafe Poca Cosa downtown. Large portions of good Mexican food abound. For details and reservations please call by Friday, January 10. Bill & Stephen's number: 647-3436.

Cronies Solal Club monthly meeting 7:00 p.m.: MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our video for the night is "Lie Down With Dogs." This comedy is about a young man trying to find a job, happiness and true love while spending his summer at Fire Island. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore will be playing a dance mix of music all evening beginning at 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
Recreational Volleyball this Sunday, and every Sunday, at 1:00 p.m. at the sand court at St. Francis in the Foothills church, 4625 E. River Road (NW corner of Swan and River Roads). Men and women of all playing levels are welcome. For more info call Davey at 886-1208.

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

Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore will hold a reception for artist Lorraine Inzalaco from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. today.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13
Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore will be showing Lesbian TV on Tucson Access Cable at 7:00 p.m. and then Movie Night at 7:30 p.m. $2.00 for the movie.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Intermediate bridge night. Bridge for men who may want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. Call Perry at 321-4387.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14
Al-Anon meeting at Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore 7:00 p.m.

Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) will hold board elections at their January meeting to bve held at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan. The new board will coordinate all TLGA activities in 1997 including Pride Week activities in June and OUToberFEST '97 in October. If you would like to contribute some time and energy in the Gay community, TLGA is a great way to make a real difference, meet new friends and have fun in the process.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our reservations for Dinner Out will be at the Sweet Tomatoes restaurant at 4420 N. Stone. Please call Bill by 12/08 at 615-0979 for details and directions.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15
Cronies Social Club Movie Night at Leo's. Call Leo at 624-6768 for more info and RSVP.

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

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16
Gays and Lesbians United (GLU) will have its next information sharing supper hosted by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) at Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore, 3540 N. Oracle Road at 4:30 p.m. To RSVP call David at 323-7943.

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

Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, $1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.

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 6-8-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.

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

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

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-6pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee. Bert 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. 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 9pm-1am.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. $1 schnapps all the time. Campy movies with Moose 8pm. Dart Tournament 6:30pm. $1.00 Well all day and all night.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 9pm to close.

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

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

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

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-8pm. 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 Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Too! open 8:30pm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Columna Abierta. . . . .

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¿Qué tal? Esperando que ya se encuentren descansados del "ajetreo" y de las fiestas de navidad, y sobre todo que se les realicen todos los planes que se han propuesto para el año que gracias a Dios hemos podido empezar, y se les recuerda que hay que iniciarlo con mucha energía positiva y de muy buena gana, que al fín del cuento es lo que vale... y sobre todo ponerle muchas ganas a lo que venga...

Pues, como les digo, hay que empezar con muchas, pero muchas ganas y así es, ya estamos "empacando" para asistir a la conferencia para jóvenes del suroeste, en relación al VIH donde se espera unos 400 participantes, y según se ve la agenda será una gran oportunidad de convivir y aprender de toda esa gente que estará compartiendo sus experiencias y trabajos en relación al SIDA, uno de los principales oradores será Sean Sasser quien es activista y maestro del tema de los afectados por el VIH; Sean es actor en el programa de televisión "el verdadero mundo III", Sean y su finado socio Pedro Zamora, le dieron al mundo una visión muy personal sobre el VIH... En realidad, toda la agenda se contempla bastante interesante y ya habrá la oportunidad de compartir con ustedes un breve resumen de la mencionada conferencia la cual ha sido nombrada "SWYPES" por sus siglas en ingles; y se llevará a cabo los días del 17 al 19 de este mes en la ciudad de Albuquerque, NM., y si necesitan información adicional al respecto, por favor comunicarse conmigo (520) 287-4722 o con alguna de las personas que aparecen al final de ésta Columna Abierta...

Otro gran evento que se llevará a cabo en éste mes de enero, es la 6ta. Conferencia Anual para los trabajadores migrantes del oeste, La Familia Campesina, dicha conferencia está programada para los días del 24 al 26, y será en la ciudad de Phoenix, también se contempla un magnífico contenido en sus talleres de trabajos así como en las sesiones majisteriales; ya les tendré los resultados en las siguientes ediciones...

Una de las preguntas que me hicieron, fué en relación a la alopecia (calvicie) y específicamente ¿tiene arreglo?:... El pelo es el elemento que nos conecta con el medio externo, de ahí que los lamas se despojan de él como señal de interiorización y desconexión con el exterior. Hoy en día se ha acelerado más que nunca el proceso de caída del cabello debido al estrés, hábitos alimenticios, problemas hormonales y otros trastornos de la salud. El cabello crece una media de unos dos centímetros cada mes. El pelo tiene un largo período de crecimiento que dura entre dos a seis años, y un período de descanso de unos tres meses de duración. Por regla general, siempre hau un 85% de pelo en fase de crecimiento. Los cabellos que se ven en la almohada, o en el cepillo están en fase de su caída no representan ningún problema, Por otro lado, cada cambio de estación (sobre todo en primavera y otoño) aumenta la caída del cabello. El cabello es la antena que nos conecta con nuestro entorno, el receptor que nos orienta; es una parte viva e íntegra del cuerpo, como cualquier otro órgano; prospera cuando el cuerpo es saludable y se debilita cuando el cuerpo está enfermo. Muchos jóvenes se están quedando calvos con sólo 20 años, el 65% de los hombres y el 20% de las mujeres padecen algún grado de alopecia y la herencia no es la única culpable de este proceso. Actualmente, ya no es algo

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

We Americans have many rather interesting New Year's traditions. I imagine that in at least half of all the households the TV was on from morning till night. First there was the Rose Parade, mandatory watching while the house was getting "undecorated." Then there were all the college bowl games, some exciting, some boring, but all part of New Year's Day tradition. And of course there was the making of New Year's resolutions! Some of them were serious, such as resolving to lose that 20 pounds you have been carrying around for far too long; and sometimes they were funny or even silly, like resolving to the win the Lottery! However, whether they are made in jest or with great sincerity, it usually doesn't take too long for most people to decide that they really can't follow through with their New Year's resolutions.

It has been about a week now since you made your resolutions. Be honest with me, are you one of those people who having second thoughts about them? Have you just about decided that maybe next year would be a better time to tackle that self-improvement that you promised yourself would come this year?

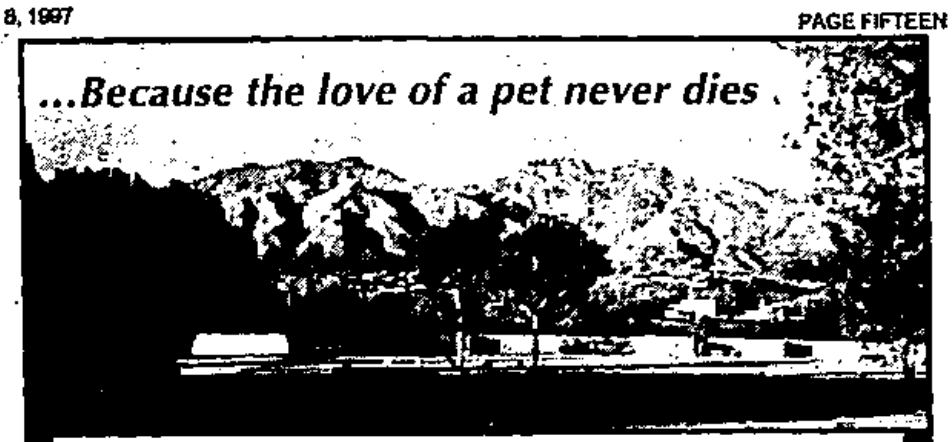
If that's what has happened with you, I can help! Well, actually, I am not the one who can help you, but I know someone who can!

When the apostle Paul was in prison, he wrote a letter to the church at Phillippi. We call his letter the book of Philippians in the New Testament. In it, he said, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13) And who is the one who gave Paul strength to do "everything," even when he was in prison? Paul gives us the answer in the same letter: "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:14)

No matter how hard it may be for you to do what you have resolved to do in this new year, if you have the same relationship with God that Paul had; if you can call him "My God" because you have accepted his son Jesus as your savior, he can strengthen you to do whatever pleases him.

Maybe, like me, you didn't make any New Year's resolutions. That doesn't mean you won't need God's help this year! There are certainly going to be times when you feel that you just can't do something you know you should. When those times come, remember Paul in prison, who said he could do everything with God's help!

No matter what situations you face this year, God wants to be there to strengthen you so that you can get through them. By accepting Jesus as your savior today, you are guaranteed God's strength for every situation, not just this year, but in all your years to come.



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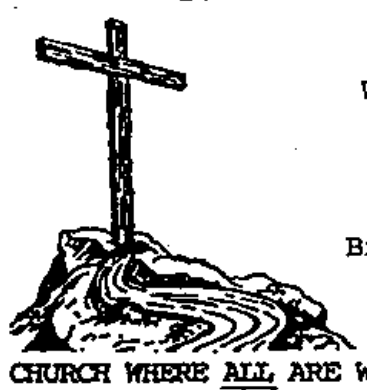

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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Now that the New Years hangover has (hopefully) dissipated, what better time to begin our 1997 resolutions than in January when a cluster of planets in uncompromising Capricorn gives us strength, direction and chutzpa. Let's review the month of January this week. Full steam ahead, brothers and sisters!

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Queer Rams have full professional plates now when all those planets in Capricorn pile on the responsibilities. Are you prepared to ascend to the star-chamber my proud master builder? A word to the wise; All this stressful corporate activity may make you fairly short tempered and snarly so avoid any avoidable confrontations with partners now.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

All these planets in Capricorn may tickle the hooves of even the most complacent and sedentary queer Bulls. Maybe it's time to get your show Out on the open road, cousin, and seek some of our lost tribes-folk. (A good place to start is some beach somewhere... oh let's say maybe Key West or Sobe.) Expand your mind while you're at it and breathe that continental air.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

If January feels hot and sultry maybe it's because Gay Twins feel hot and sultry themselves. Sexual stimulation is a must have with all those planets in Capricorn. But be warned: As you dance the night away in your alluringly drafty leather outfit, friends may feel a little like old peeling wallpaper. Try not to ruffle the feathers of a few good birds.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

All these planets in Capricorn demand that you reassess what you are looking for in a relationship. Be rational and practical. Heck, be lusty and sleazy! Then examine yourself in the mirror warts and all and see if your idealized partner would be attracted to you. If the answer is a resounding yes, then get Out there and seek your mate. Come clean, but don't come cheap!

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Although I've always recommended that proud Lions should eat Out as often as possible, you may find an apres holiday bulge where that fabulous flat stomach used to be. Use the month of January and all those disciplined planets in Capricorn to choose a diet and exercise regime and develop a svelte, alluring you. Cruise season is a year round sport in my book.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

If you though that party season was over, think again proud Virgin.. All those planets in Capricorn seem to be plotting and planning a jolly January so don your party hat and hop on the party train. You may feel slightly sexually repressed (so what else is new...) but take heart; even if money can't buy love, it can certainly buy an excellent bottle of strong champagne.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Queer Libras may get their fill of family mandates this January. Expect all those planets in Capricorn to stir up all the ancestral dust that you have been shoving under the rug. Good thing too; you can no longer live your life according to the mandates and expectations of others. Life is far too short to compromise. Come out, come out, wherever you are!

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Manipulative and calculating queer Scorps will be happily surprised at how well their repartee is received. Give thanks to all those planets in conservative, discerning Capricorn for the bountiful bon mots. Perhaps you can put your eloquence to work at one of our worthy community causes. Try shouting and waving the rainbow flag where everyone can hear and see.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Helping friends in need comes at the expense of fun and frolic but who cares? Queer Archers realize that their value system needs a recount so grab a calculator and add up the points. There is money to be made for those of you with a clear sense of risk and reward. Thankfully, all those planets in practical Capricorn prevent you from buying that fur lined bathing suit.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Every cloud has a silver lining so it's a good thing to have all those planets clouding up your sign. It's an excellent month to begin new projects and test the waters on a new wardrobe or hairstyle. Have we achieved stylish cult status yet? If not, seek the advice of those in the know. It may be true that you are just the type to wear those hot pink chaps.. Then again...maybe not.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Although the Age of Aquarius is still a few years off, all those planets in Capricorn turn on the mystical bubble machine full force. Aqueerians are well advised to allow the spiritual energy to flow freely and seek affirming kinships to strengthen your fortitude. It also couldn't hurt to volunteer for a worthy Gay cause. Karma builds on all levels now. Build a pink palace.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Pink Fish find a comforting school to swim in now. Thankfully, all those planets in Capricorn enable you to draw friends from all ranges of social groups. Choose carefully, dear, queer Pisces. You only want to hang around those that make you feel proud and happy with yourself. There can be no compromise. You don't have to dance with just anyone who asks.

For entertainment purposes only. For best results, read both your Sun sign and Ascendant. For a free calculation of your ascendant, send birth date, time, place name of this publication and s.a.s.e. to: LICHTENSTEIN, P.O.B. 1726, Old Chelsea Station, NY, 10011.

PETA

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DeGeneres, Todd Oldham and homophobic Sen. Robert Smith of New Hampshire. All received the same "Humanitarian Award."

Smith is no ordinary garden varietyzero-rating-from-the-Human Rights Campaign (HRC) legislator. He is an outright homophobe, and one of only three Senators who voted against reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act for people with AIDS. Of course he wants to muzzle effective HIV prevention education, putting him in the illustrious company of Jesse Helms.

Steve Michael of ACT-UP Washington spoke of the hypocrisy of Gay and Lesbian stars lending their names to a ceremony that will honor as virulent a homophobe as Smith.

"You can't wear a red ribbon and give an opponent of HIV prevention an award," he said. "You can't do it."

[Bob Roehr is a reporter for the Bay Area Reporter, from which this article is reprinted.]

SF DA

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That national criminal information computer system identifies wanted criminals for police around the county, and can lead to their arrest in other states when they are charged with traffic violations or other relatively minor violations.

Misdemeanor crimes are generally not entered into the system, but can be, based on the nature of the crime, Huberman said.

Donaldson, who was assigned to the Department 17 court room while Tang was on vacation signed the no-bail warrant after Huberman alerted the Sheriff's Department to Bell's failure to appear.

Bell and co-defendant John Cody Lee were found guilty of attacking Bennett last year as he was walking from the Lone Star Saloon to the SF Eagle, two bars. A group of four men jumped out of a car and punched and slugged the victim, threatened his life, and taunted him with anti-Gay epithets and verbal abuse in the round robin attack. Lee is currently serving a five month sentence for his role in the attack. Joseph Stellin, a third man charged in the attack, failed to appear for trial and is the subject of a no-bench warrant for his arrest.

[Dennis Conkin is a reporter for the Bay Area Reporter, from which this article is reprinted.]

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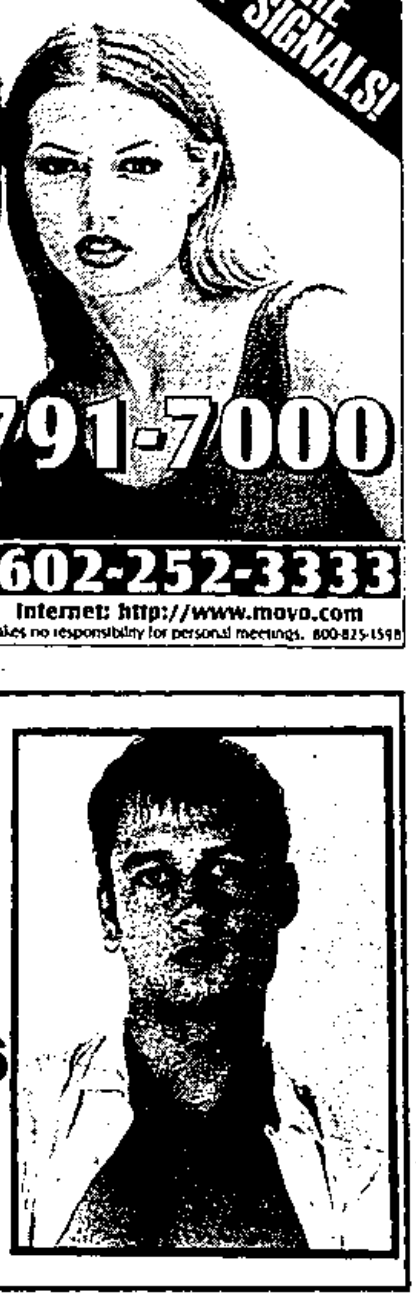

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With original graphics, scaleable street maps, various search techniques to find places of interest, and a special gaysf.com Passport designed for the Gay traveler, gaysf.com is destined to become a valuable alternative to traditional tour books, maps, or word-of-mouth ways of planning a business or holiday vacation trip to San Francisco - the "Gay capital" of the world.

Beginning in the summer of 1996, BBS Systems coordinated gifted artists, designers and HTML programmers in the Gay community to design the look and feel of gaysf.com - a look as unique and engaging as the audience it is intended to serve. Prototype designs were tested with Gay tourists attending San Francisco's renown street fairs, resulting in a website that is useful to both the detail-oriented and the artistically-oriented visitor.

Participating locations have a choice of a simple HTML link to an existing website, a basic page showing their location, hours, and offerings, or a custom-designed page using photographs, text descriptions, and a map insert of their location. Designers have created specific visual themes to identify each Gay and Lesbian district, and the type of establishment at the location to aid the user in quickly identifying points of interest.

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Since the gaysf.com Passport is only available to travelers, participating sponsors know for sure that customers are coming to their door as a results of gaysf-.com Passport program - proving to themselves that gaysf.com advertising works. The initial response has exceeded expectations, with over 100 business joining gaysf.com already.

A Gay tourist planning trip to San Francisco may now stay at Gay friendly hotels, inspect the rooms before making a reservation, and select places to go and things to do based upon their own personal interests or proximity to Gay districts for entertainment and reaction.

The site is available through-standard web browser software, including Microsoft's Internet Explorer, or Netscape's Navigator on MacIntosh or Window PCs. By pointing the browser to the gaysf.com address (URL) at http://www.-gaysf.com/, the user is presented with a menu of community activities, entertainment venues, restaurants and nightclubs, maps & travel tips, shopping, and other San Francisco travel resources.

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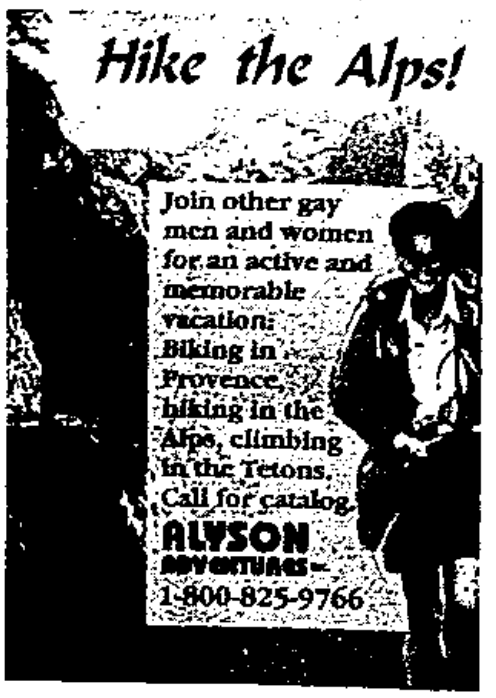

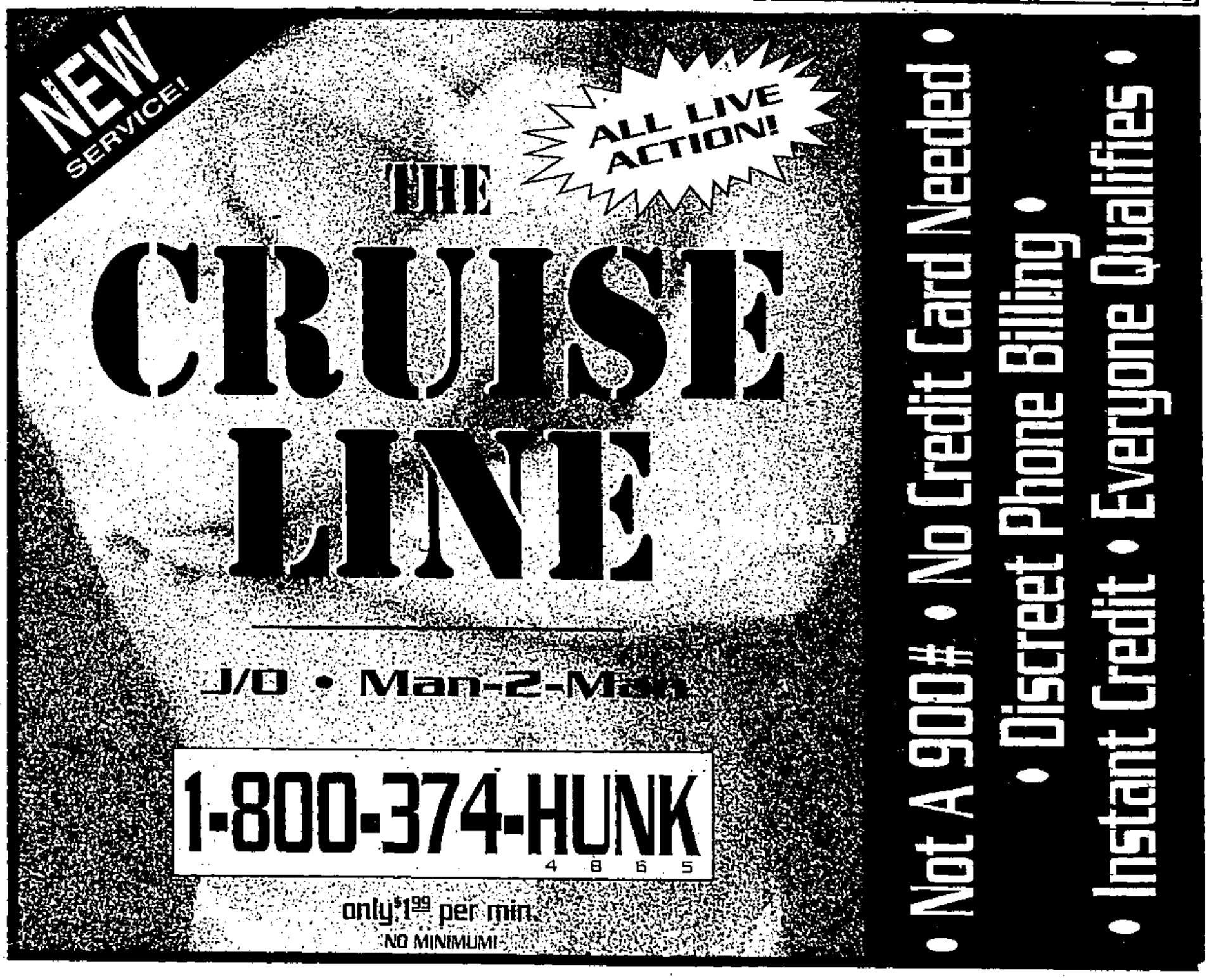

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TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome. Office 574-2272.

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

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What a tragedy it would be to fail our friends in Hawaii just as they are about to win this great victory for us all!

Yesterday, I received an urgent, personal request from the Hawaii Equal Right Marriage Project (HERMP). Thanks to the courageous and committed HERMP team, headed by activist-lawyer, Dan Foley, Lesbian and Gay couples facing life-threatening illnesses like breast cancer and HIV/AIDS.

What I didn't know is this. Foley and the others on his HERMP team have conducted this entire, history-making endeavor with almost no financial support from the mainland. Our national organizations and millions of individual Lesbians and Gays have been quick to celebrate this great victory in Hawaii, but none of us yet has offered any significant financial support to the very people who are making the victory possible.

[The one great exception is the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (LLDEF), who, through the services of Evan Wolfson, has provided expert co-counsel and a powerful national campaign to support same-gender marriage, but no significant funding to assist HERMP. When I asked Evan if we should help HERMP pay this debt, he answered in one word: "Yes!"]

Now HERMP is facing a "severe financial crisis." They are $60,000 in debt and the battle is not yet won. This exhaustive group of hard-working and multi-talented volunteers has won us this incredible victory with no staff, no office, no paid media help and limited support from the small and barely organized Les/Bi/Gay community in Hawaii.

For all these years of legal struggle, HERMP is chief legal counsel, Dan Foley, has donated 20-40 hours weekly to this cause. Dan is a heterosexual with a passion for Gay rights. He only bills for a token of the time he spends on our behalf (yet, he has two children, a mortgage, an office and an office staff to support.)

If this $60,000 debate makes HERMP unable to pay him anything, Mr. Foley may have to devote his time to other clients and cut back severely on the time he spends making our cause with the local and national media and with a whole host of political forces who will eventually determine whether we win or lose our much-needed rights. We cannot fail this man who has never once failed us.

It is a disgrace that HERMP is fighting this battle alone when all of us will share in the rights and protections they are about to win for us.

After appealing to the major activist groups on the mainland and receiving almost no financial support, they shared their heart-breaking dilemma with me. Our friends at HERMP feel frustrated, cut off, and pretty much abandoned by the mainland Les/Bi/Gay community. Will join us in helping them raise the $60,000 that threatens the victory that is so close at hand?

Today, Gary and I are sending a check, for $500, to HERMP from our own limited funds to help show Dan Foley and the people of HERMP that we are grateful for the sacrifices they have made for us all and that we, in turn, are willing to sacrifice a little of ourselves.

Please, send a check today. Be generous. It's tax deductible but even more, your gift will be an incredible spirit boost to our friends in Hawaii.

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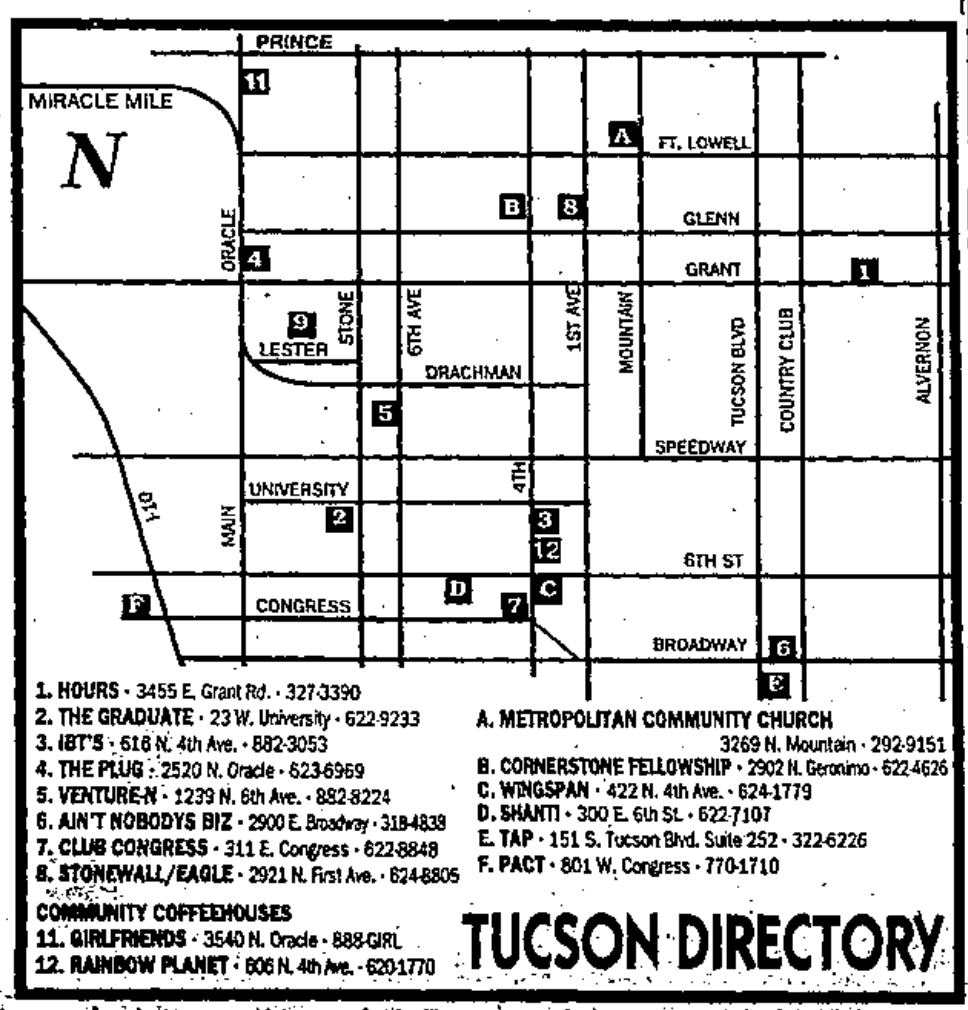

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