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IGRA Finals In Phoenix Oct 23-26

PHOENIX – The International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) have announced its 11th annual Finals Rodeo of Champions and the Finals Royalty Competition, October 23-26 in Phoenix.

All events will be held at the Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds, SE corner of 29th Avenue and Baseline Road.

IGRA has previously held Finals Rodeos in San Francisco, California; Reno, Nevada; Denver, Colorado; Fort Worth, Texas; and Albuquerque, New Mexico. This will be the fourth time that Phoenix has been the site for and the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) has hosted the IGRA Finals Rodeo.

The Grand Marshal for this year's Finals Rodeo is Mr. Tom Vance of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was elected as Grand Marshall at the IGRA Convention this past July in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The IGRA Finals Rodeo is a charitable event, as are all IGRA rodeos. Net proceeds from the weekend's activities will benefit many health and social agencies in the Phoenix area. As all IGRA member associations, AGRA is made up entirely of volunteers who give of their time and resources to produce a high-quality rodeo and entertainment event.

The Finals Rodeo features the top five contestants in each event from each of the four IGRA divisions across the United States and Canada. Contestants qualify for the Finals Rodeo by having the highest scores from the 17 regional rodeos held throughout the rodeo year (November 1 to October 31). IGRA rodeos feature traditional rodeo events such as Bull Riding, Bareback Bronc Riding, Barrel Racing, Team Roping and 9 others in all. IGRA rodeos are intended to be amateur events and each event is open to men and women equally. Contestants are competing for the title of "International Champion" in each event. That title goes to the person or team with the highest score or best time for the two days of rodeo. Contestants also win money, buckles and ribbons for their efforts.

IGRA rules are strictly enforced at all IGRA sanctioned rodeos in order to guard the health and safety of both contestants and rodeo animals at all times. The IGRA endorses the promotion of animal welfare and the humane, responsible treatment of animals in their housing, feeding, training, exercising and competition. Any contestant, official or contracted personnel are immediately disqualified or reprimanded for treating animals in an inhumane manner.

Another part of the IGRA Finals Rodeo weekend is the IGRA Royalty Competition Representatives from member associations will compete for the titles of Mr., Ms., and Miss IGRA 1998 at the Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds from Thursday, October 23 to Saturday night, October 25 when the winners are announced. The IGRA Royalty represent IGRA at many functions and at local rodeos throughout the coming year and help to organize fund-raising activities both on behalf of member associations and IGRA as well as local charities.

Tickets to the Finals Rodeo are $12 per day and admission to the evening dances is free! Children under the age of 12 are admitted free to all events. All events are to be held at the Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds in Phoenix, Arizona.

For more information about the schedule for rodeo and royalty competition events, please call the AGRA Rodeo Hotline (602) 265-0618 or consult the AGRA website at www.agra-phx.com. You may also consult the IGRA website at www.-igra.com.

For more information regarding IGRA, please contact Thom Sloan, (505) 272-2670 or e-mail to tsloan@salud.unm.-edu.

Walking Across America For AIDS Awareness

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) – LouisMichael Figueroa is walking across America, a "Leap Of Faith," as he called it.

LouisMichael is doing this for AIDS awareness and to benefit local AIDS networks. He began his trek in Bangor, Maine, May 9 of this year.

The real reason, or catalyst, as he put it, for the walk, was his older-brother, Jimmy.

LouisMichael said it all started at the funeral of his sister in November of 1995. "Jimmy was treated with disdain, family members were afraid to even touch him," Figueroa said.

According to Figueroa, the stigma was just too much, and that's when he decided to take a "Leap Of Faith," and walk across the country for AIDS awareness.

Figueroa began his journey on May 9, in Bangor, Maine. Twenty-days into the walk, LouisMichael received word that his brother had but a few days to live. He called Jimmy, and told him that he was flying down to be by his side. "No LouisMichael. You keep on walking so maybe someone will listen and not end up in the same situation I'm in," was Jimmy's wish.

Jimmy Figueroa died a few days later. LouisMichael stated he'd received word when he was in Lake Placid, New York.

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Newly Engineered Virus Seeks Out, Kills HIV

BOSTON, MA (NYT) – In a dramatic new development in the fight against AIDS and other viral infections, scientists have redesigned a cattle virus to seek out and destroy HIV and HIV-infected cells.

In laboratory experiments with cultures of infected human cells, there engineered virus virtually wiped out HIV and killed the human cells it had infected. The new approach may lead to an entirely new kind of therapy in combatting AIDS and other viruses.

One version of the HIV-hunting virus, created by Dr. John K. Rose and researchers at Yale Medical School, is a genetically altered form of VSV, a bug that infects livestock. Another is based on the rabies virus, created by a German research team led by R. Karl-Kraus Conzelmann.

Experts caution that injecting live viruses as a form of therapy will have to go through a rigorous approval process before being okayed for use in people. Rose is already preparing a modified version of the virus for testing in monkeys infected with the simian version of HIV infection known as SIV.

Details on both the experiments are being published in the science journal Cell. Accompanying critical text written by Dr. Garry Nolan, a biologist at Stanford University, called the work "highly significant" and a "leap forward."

Receptor proteins which coat human T-cells are powerfully attracted to the gp120 proteins that coat HIV. When they attach, HIV turns the human T-cell into an HIV factory, releasing more of the virus into the body. The HIV-hunting virus seeks out the very gp120 proteins that allow HIV to infect T-cells. If HIV mutates to escape attack, it can do so only by rendering itself unable to bond with other T-cells and therefore impotent and harmless.

Yale's bullet-shaped VSV can actually command the HIV-infected T-cell to stop manufacturing HIV and make new versions of VSV before killing it – a sort of reverse HIV. Newly manufactured VSV then spread to other HIV infected T-cells, becoming what one scientist termed "a self manufacturing AIDS drug."

Dr. Rose said that HIV has other targets, cells known as macrophages, for example, but that the surface proteins can be easily modified to make the HIV-killer virus seek out new targets. "It's a completely new approach to limiting viral infection," Rose said. "This is the first virus that's an anti-virus."

Ellen's Mom To Serve As Spokesperson For National Coming Out Project

LOS ANGELES, CA (WS) -- Betty DeGeneres, the mother of actress and comedian Ellen DeGeneres, will serve as spokesperson for HRC's National Coming Out Project, the Human Rights Campaign announced.

"Ending discrimination based on sexual orientation is a family issue, and we are so grateful Betty DeGeneres will be driving that message home," said HRC Executive Director Elizabeth Birch. "She'll be encouraging Gay people to come out and be honest, while also urging our fair-minded friends and family members to come out for equal rights."

As 1997-98 spokesperson, DeGeneres will appear in television and print public service announcements, and will speak throughout the country to promote honesty and openness about being Gay or, as in her case, having a Gay family member and supporting equal rights for Gay people.

"As long as our Gay sons and daughters face discrimination and are excluded from the basic protection of our laws, I will urge all American families to come out for fairness," said DeGeneres. "I am thrilled at this wonderful opportunity to talk with Gay and straight Americans about the importance of coming out, because honesty truly is the best policy."

HRC's public education campaign featuring Betty DeGeneres will kick off in time for National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11, the observance created in 1988 to recognize the importance of coming-out and to honor the anniversary of the 1987 march on Washington for Lesbian and Gay equal rights. HRC's National Coming Out Project is an ongoing campaign to encourage and assist Gay people to be honest about their lives; provide guidance to campus groups and individuals dealing with coming out; and sponsor National Coming Out Day events.

The selection of DeGeneres marks the first time the Human Rights Campaign has named a heterosexual to serve as a National Coming Out Project spokesperson. In past years, public figures chosen for that role were Gay, and included Amanda Bearse of Fox-TV's "Married ... With Children," Candace Gingrich, Chastity Bono, Dan Butler of NBC's "Frasier" and Sean Sasser, formerly of MTV.

"The fact that Betty is a concerned mom underscores the point that ending discrimination based on sexual orientation is not just of interest to Gay people," said Birch. "It's a family issue that all Americans have a stake in."

DeGeneres' daughter, Ellen, made

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UPDATE

Wingspan Seeking New Board Members

TUCSON -- Wingspan is seeking new members for its Board of Directors.

Board members are responsible for maintaining the direction of Wingspan in its mission to provide support, education, and outreach related to Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual issues, and to promote the acceptance, well-being, and freedom of Lesbians, Gay men, and Bisexuals.

Wingspan is dedicated to serving the full diversity of the Tucson community, and is thus seeking increased representation of women, youth, people of color, and the differently abled on the board. Service on the board includes a commitment to attend board meeting and serve on a committee.

Also, potential members must have a willingness to volunteer for other activities. In particular, Wingspan is seeking board members willing to help expand our fund raising capabilities and efforts.

The slate of Board members for 1997-98 will be presented for elected at the annual meeting, October 12. If interested in serving, please send a letter of interest to Wingspan, c/o Rich Muszynski, 300 E. Sixth Street, Tucson, AZ 85705, or call him, 323-7503.

TEGLO Meeting Sept. 11

TUCSON -- The Tucson Employee Gay & Lesbian Organization (TEGLO) will meet, Thursday, September 11, 7:00 P.M., at the Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 North Fourth Avenue.

TEGLO is planning to develop a draft for the City of Tucson Human Resources Department concerning orientation of new employees. We are also working on the development of sensitivity training for all city employees, as well as issues related to the City's new Domestic Partnership Policy.

All city employees and concerned persons are invited to attend. For further information contact: Richard DiRusso at the Main Library, 791-4393, or Michael Smith, TPD Communications, 791-2557.

Desert Voices Seeks Production Manager; Holding Auditions For 1997-98 Season

TUCSON -- Desert Voices is seeking a Production Manager for the 1997-98 season.

This part-time position works closely with the Artistic Director on all artistic elements of production, concert planning and is responsible for all technical aspects of concert productions.

Previous experience in direct supervision of technical crews and managing concert or theatrical productions required. Please submit resume and references to Desert Voices, POB 270, Tucson, AZ 85702.

Desert Voices invites men to audition for the 1997-98 season, "Many Hearts, One Voice."

The chorus is currently 60 in total but the rich tones of additional male voices are needed to round out the chorus. By being a member of Desert Voices, you have the opportunity to sing, learn, and to play with other Gay members of the chorus.

For more information, call the Desert Voices office, 791-9662.

Community & State Perspectives On Funding Of HIV Services Sept. 17

TUCSON -- A community forum on the issues surrounding of the funding of HIV services will take place, Wednesday, September 17.

The forum is scheduled to run from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in the Century Room in St. Mary's Hospital, 1601 West St. Mary's Road.

The featured speakers will be: Dr. Kevin Carmichael, who will give an update on new treatments for HIV. Caitlin Gannon, M.A. of the Tucson Community Foundation; Judy Norton of the Arizona Department of Health Services, HIV/STD Office and; David Hoover of Pima County Public Health will discuss the issues surrounding the funding of HIV services within our community.

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DENNIS L. SCHMIDT

Dennis L. Schmidt, 29, a resident of Tucson, passed away September 7 at his home.

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Charyn & Gene Davis of Tucson; a brother & sister-in-law, John & Kate Schmidt and a nephew, Kyler, of Indianapolis. Dennis never married but had many relatives and friends who loved him dearly.

Deep appreciation and love goes out from his family to all who cared about him; Kino Hospital, Pima Medical Health Systems, Home Care Nursing Staff, TAP (an organization in which he volunteered his time to help others and received Volunteer of the Year recently.) and with special thanks to his many friends who kept him going.

Local arrangements were made at Southlawn Mortuary for cremation.

ON DI
by ALK

Who killed beauty?
Was it tabloid assassins
Striking in the night
Or, just you and me
And the fourth estate
Harmlessly reading on
Private things, admitting
To no beastly appetite
With sidelong glances in
Check-out lines?
But if this be true,
How could we endure this
Guilt that our loose change
Killed a loving lady?

* * *

Or maybe Beauty killed
Beauty by a fatal flaw?
Ah, that is the way out . . .
A burial with much lamenting
Till she lay at rest and we can
Go right back to tongue
Wagging and finger pointing.

Miss Carousel Raises Funds For SAAF

TUCSON (ON) -- In addition to crowning a new Miss Carousel, pageant organizers raised funds for a worthy cause.

Misti Malone, Pageant Promoter, said that proceeds from the event, over $300, would be given to the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

The proceeds, Malone said, would go specifically to patient services.

For photos of the contestants from the Carousel Pageant see page Sixteen.

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IT'S NEWS TO ME . . BY STEVE RISLEY

What a Week: During the past week the world lost two people who represented the best examples of service to their fellow man. They were, of course, Mother Theresa and Princess Diana. Both had their critics (the Princess had enough for several people), but no one disputes that they both genuinely cared about those among us who found themselves in desperate circumstances and were least able cope with that.

The two women were as different as night and day but each used her own unique position in the world to help focus attention on the causes and conditions they felt strongly about and to aid the human beings who suffered under those conditions. One group of people who were the beneficiaries of the efforts of both of those women was those living with HIV and AIDS.

Both women demonstrated that whether you have wealth or not there is something important you can do to assist those people even if it's just a visit, a touch and a smile. There are plenty of opportunities right in our own backyard for us to emulate their example. Perhaps you will want to contact one of the several local public and private groups and organizations working to assist area residents living with HIV and AIDS to see what you can do to help. They will welcome your call.

Turning the Other Cheek: Baptists, who recently called for a boycott of all things Disney, demonstrated in 100 degree weather outside of the entertainment giant's offices in Burbank, Ca., last Friday. Among other gripes, they object to the company's extension of health benefits to the same sex partners of its employees.

In a truly Christian way the employees responded by delivering water, soft drinks and cookies to them.

In a truly Baptist way a spokesman for the group whined, "We want Mickey to come home. We don't want him to have a dress when he gets here."

We pray the Baptists get a clue and some correct information. They might want to take note of the next item.

It's not a Choice: Last week the Council of Representatives of the 150,000 member American Psychological Association (APA) affirmed the now wide spread scientific agreement that homosexuality is not a choice. The APA now urges all of its members to abandon any attempt to "convert" Gay patients and to focus on therapy designed to help them to cope with the prejudice that they face.

The APA rejected what it termed "anecdotal reports" of success in converting Gay men to heterosexuality, and warned that attempts to do so can exacerbate feelings of guilt and depression. It further warned that pressure to change is a leading cause of suicide among Gay people.

And then it was now.....

(You can access Steve Risley's website at http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/7423)

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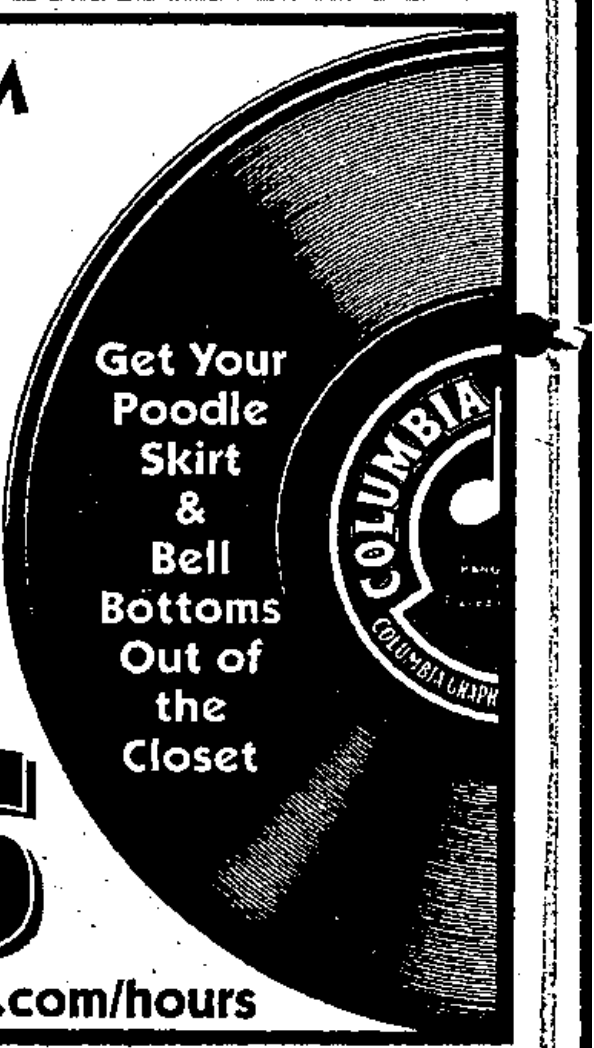

Kick Boxer Convicted Of Murder In California Gay Bashing

SAN DIEGO, CA (WS) -- 26-year-old Paul Bradford Cain has been convicted of first degree murder Thursday for the fatal beating and strangulation of 72 year-old University of Alaska geophysicist, Stanley K. Runcorn nearly two years ago.

After one day of deliberations, the Superior Court jury also convicted Paul Bradford Cain of robbing 73-year-old Stanley Runcorn at the Hotel San Diego on Dec. 5, 1995.

Cain, a professional kickboxer, claims he killed Runcorn, a man almost three times his age, in self-defense after the scientist made an unwanted sexual advance. The jury foreman, who asked not to be identified, said self defense might have been credible had it not been for Cain's martial arts ability. "He's not a very believable character," the juror said after the verdict was read.

Cain underwent a second trial after the first jury deadlocked last February. Ten jurors favored a first-degree murder verdict, two maintained Cain deserved only a second-degree conviction.

In closing arguments, prosecutor Andrea Crisanti said Runcorn was killed by a blow to the head and that he was strangled with a nylon strap. Prosecutors said shoe marks were found on Runcorn's face, which given Cain kickboxing ability, demonstrated the sheer brutality of the crime.

Runcorn was a recognized pioneer in nuclear physics and served as an advisor to Pope John Paul II. He was widely recognized as the world's leader in the study of the earth's magnetism and among the first to develop the now almost universally accepted theory of continental drift. He was visiting San Diego to discuss an upcoming Vatican conference when he met Cain and asked him back to his hotel room.

Cain fled to Mexico when he learned police had discovered his pager which he left at the murder scene. Mexican officials deported him on for getting into several fights in the resort town of Cabo San Lucas.

Cain could be sentenced to life in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 2.

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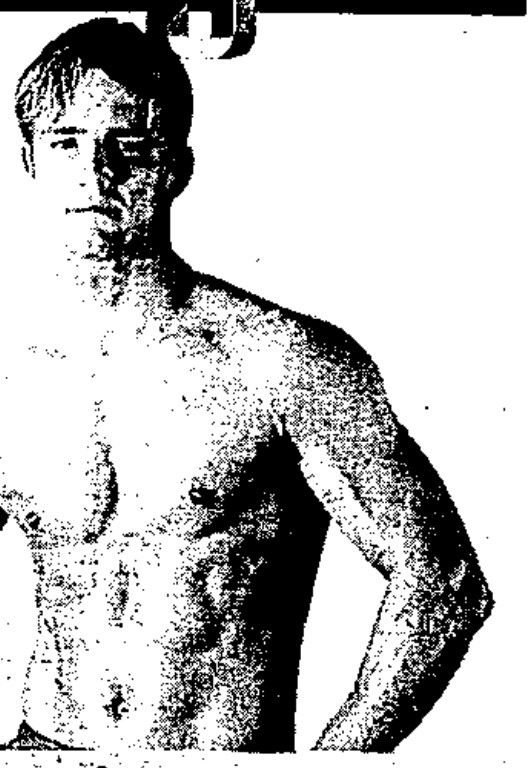

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BY Rich Muszynski

IN FLIGHT . . . . WINGSPAN

Fairly early in my life I became aware that the words sissy, fag, and homo had relevance to me, without fully knowing what the words meant. At that young age, I also knew that those words referred to other kids at school and in the neighborhood. To escape the bullying and ridicule those boys suffered, partly by instinct and partly by conscious decision making, I avoided the people most like me. This strategy kept me free from some of the most direct and personal assaults of heterosexism, but it also isolated me from making vital connections to my own kind.

By high school I knew what the words meant and I knew enough to guess which of my teachers were Gay. I knew that we were all isolating ourselves from each other. I was ready to come out by the time I arrived at grad school, but on the first day or orientation my fellow students started a steady stream of heterosexist talk and humor that sent me back into the closet and kept me isolated from the other isolated Gay and Lesbian grad students and faculty. I came to the U of A to study community psychology, and only now can I appreciate the irony of not connecting to my own community.

Communities can be defined as groups of people sharing common characteristics and interests. The act of sharing is vital to a community. By gathering together people can share the work that our common interests set forth before us and the joy that our common characteristics excite within us. The power of like minded individuals coming together in collaboration is not to be underestimated. Our early experiences of isolation as Lesbians and Gay men too often inhibit us from sharing the work and the joy. Thankfully I have found the courage and the pride to connect with my community. I have seen the power of our community manifest in social, economic, educational, artistic, professional, and personal realms. Witnessing that power can still take my breath away.

The power of community is fed by connection. The power grows weak and dies if we isolate. With our recent move, Wingspan has arrived at a new developmental stage in our ability to expand our community's power. Wingspan now has much more space available in which individuals and groups in our community can share the work and the joy. When we talk, gripe, laugh, shout, sing, debate, teach, negotiate, strategize, and joke with each other, our power grows. When we are able to share a common space, the regularity and frequency of our connections increase, and our power grows. If any organization or group would like to share Wingspan space, please call the center, 624-1779, and talk to Bruce Corey, Wingspan president. Feel the power grow.

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Plans Being Made For Worlds First L/G Bank

JONESBORO, AR -- During a news conference at its operations center, Steven Dunlap, founder and chairman of the G&L Bank announced the formation of the world's first Gay and Lesbian Internet bank.

Dunlap, along with vice-chairman and co-founder, Keith Cotham, outlined the concept of the bank, how it will operate as well as providing a time-line regarding G&L Bank's opening of branches over the next few years.

"G&L will officially open for business pending all regulatory approvals via the Internet late Fall of 1997 or Spring of 1998," said Dunlap.

Dunlap added, "The Concept of G&L Bank is to provide a high standard of customer service, combined with the latest in personal banking services that G&L customers can take advantage of for the security of their home or business."

Keith Cotham reinforced the importance of customer service, "G&L will provide and maintain the highest levels in customer service at all times." He added, "The bank will offer traditional banking services such as checking and savings accounts, commercial and personal loans, ATM and credit cards, and electronic bill paying."

Dunlap responded to a question if the bank is specifically targeting Gays and Lesbians, "Yes and no. G&L is designed to meet the unique financial, mortgage, and insurance needs of the Gay and Lesbian community, but all potential bank customers will be solicited and welcomed, regardless of race, gender, creed, color, ethnicity, or sexual orientation."

G&L Bank is currently in the regulatory approval process, and Dunlap reemphasized the seriousness of the bank's mission. "Money is a very serious business, and I want to emphatically state that

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UPDATE

Holocaust Museum Sued For Inclusion Of Gays

NEW YORK, NY (WS) -- A group of Orthodox Jewish rabbis filed suit against New York City's Holocaust museum for using public funds to memorialize the Gay victims of Nazi-era persecution.

More than a dozen rabbis from Brooklyn and two Roman Catholic priests from Queens are suing the Museum of Jewish Heritage and the New York Holocaust Memorial Commission alleging the views expressed by the museum are "abhorrent" to the Orthodox Jewish and Catholic plaintiffs.

One of the plaintiffs is quoted as saying, "The memorializing of homosexuals of the Nazi era is not only objectionable on religious grounds to the plaintiffs, it wrongly memorializes Nazi-era homosexuals, who were prominent founders and leaders of the Nazi Party."

Gay advocates and historians bitterly refute the "prominent leader" charge, saying that while certainly some members of the Nazi Party were homosexual, official Nazi policy was one of wholesale anti-Gay suppression.

The number of Gay victims of the Holocaust continues to be the subject of scholarly dispute, though most estimates range from 10,000 to 15,000. The history of the Gay experience in Nazi Germany has been difficult to document fully. Survivors of concentration camps (and other forms of anti-Gay persecution such as imprisonment, forced castration, and conscription in delinquent military battalions such as the "Strafbatallon Dirlewanger"), tended to hide their sexual orientation following liberation.

Appeals Court Upholds 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) -- A federal appeals court upheld the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, saying two service members who declared their homosexuality were discharged for conduct, not free speech.

"The military has a legitimate interest in discharging service members on account of homosexual conduct in order to maintain effective armed forces," the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals said in a 2-1 ruling.

The court also said the military was entitled to presume that self-declared homosexuals had a "propensity to engage in prohibited homosexual conduct. The presumption can be disproven, and some have done so, the court said.

A dissenting judge said the policy "severely burdens speech," encourages lying and has no rational connection to military effectiveness.

The ruling upheld the discharge of a Navy officer in Washington state and reversed a judge's decision in favor of a California Army National Guard officer who challenged his discharge.

Three other federal appeals courts have also ruled that service members can be discharged for declaring their homosexuality and failing to prove that they would not engage in homosexual acts, either on or off the military base, while in service.

'U.S. Conference On AIDS' Sept. 18-21

MIAMI BEACH, FL -- The U.S. Conference on AIDS, the largest AIDS meeting in the U.S. will bring 2,500 front-line professionals to Miami Beach, September 18-21.

This conference is sponsored by the National Minority AIDS Council. The conference is to be held at the Miami Beach's Fontainbleau Hilton.

Advances in treatment, successes and setbacks in prevention, and the expanding HIV epidemic among people of color, women, and poorer Americans will be on the agenda.

The Conference will being professionals together for an intensive three and a half day schedule of programs ranging from small workshops to plenary addresses by internationally known figures such as talk-show pioneer Phil Donahue and AIDS researcher and Time "Man of the Year," Dr. David Ho.

The Conference will feature twelve day-long institutes, sixteen half-day seminars, and over 130 workshops addressing HIV prevention, treatment, care, public policy, and the fund raising and management issues facing AIDS organizations across the U.S.

Ruby Moon On The Move Again

TUCSON -- After a August hiatus, Ruby Moon Productions, the producers of the documentary, "Silver Linings: Path of Gay and Lesbian Elders," are on the move again.

Recenly doing a 450 piece nationwide mailer which explains the importance and essence of this project, as well as soliciting financial assistance and accepting donations for memorials (which will be listed in the film credits). The team is also working diligently on grant applications so final shootings can commence.

Ruby Moon has already interviewed over 40 Gay and Lesbian seniors. Joe Saracco, Director/Producer, said, "It's been a long, hot summer and so many of the individuals we wished to continue on with and start filming left in June and July to escape the weather, they are now returning. We hope to shoot with them soon, as well as pre-interview any new Gay and Lesbian elder who would be interested in sharing their lives and history with us."

"We have extended our search for these elders, born before 1940, from all ethnic, economic, political and religious backgrounds and whose geographical roots cover the country," states Sam Muchmore, Associate Producer.

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Texas Private Gay/Lesbian School Opens

DALLAS, TX (NP) -- A small group of Texas highschoolers are going back to school, but not back to the harassment they faced until two teachers offered them a safe alternative.

Throughout much of the U.S., the day after Labor Day is the first day of school, and in Dallas, Texas it was the very first day for students at the nation's first private school targeting Gays and Lesbians.

Ironically, the Walt Whitman Community School -- which has received notable coverage in the national mainstream press -- began with 7 students of whom three are heterosexual, there because of harassment they experienced for having Gay and Lesbian parents.

The harassment and abuse experienced by so many Gay and Lesbian students, and the self-destructive behaviors that often plague them as a result, were the motivation behind two veteran educators founding the new school. New York City, Los Angeles and Toronto have public schools specifically for Gays and Lesbians, while some smaller cities have smaller-scale drop-out prevention programs for them.

Right now, Walt Whitman is housed in a leased building with 4,000 square feet of floor space for three classrooms, and three teachers. The tuition of $7,000 per year is already largely subsidized by donations from those who hope to see the school succeed, and the school is looking for additional grants from private foundations. The curriculum for individualized instruction includes language arts, math, natural science, social studies, human development, extensive programs in health education and the fine arts, and self-defense instruction.

Later this month, the building will be used during after-school hours for the Hope Youth Community Center (a project of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches' Cathedral of Hope) where LesBiGay and Transgender youth can study, socialize, play, or just relax in a safe atmosphere. Walt Whitman is expected to grow to serve 30 - 40 students.

The founders are open Lesbian Becky Thompson and non-Gay Pamela Stone, both of whom left a local private school at the beginning of the year. They'd observed first-hand the kind of harassment that students inflicted on those who were different and the way it drove children out of the educational system, and realized that there was an underserved population to whom they could offer a solution.

Thompson told reporters that the school was named for the 19th century Gay poet (as are a number of mainstream schools in the U.S.) because, "He wrote beautifully about how important it is to be yourself." Thompson is the math teacher, Stone is the English and social studies teacher, and Wally Linebarger teaches art and Spanish. They hope to hire a science teacher in the near future.

There have been a few surprises for Thompson and Stone in getting underway, aside from the number of heterosexuals in the student body (the school does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation). They'd been expecting their typical student to be close to high school graduation, entering Whitman just to catch up on the last credits needed.

Instead, only three of the initial group are seniors, which the founders attribute to the ever-decreasing age at which youth come to identify themselves as Gay (recent research suggests that the typical coming out age has decreased from 19 to 16 years). Whitman students identified in press reports are as young as 13.

They may also not have been anticipating that there would be some resistance among Gays and Lesbians to their concept of a segregated facility as the answer to school harassment issues. A slowly growing number of students in the U.S. and Australia are filing lawsuits to try to make the mainstream schools safe, following in the footsteps of Jamie Nabozny's highly-publicized success last year with a lawsuit against school administrators in Wisconsin for failing to protect him from abuse.

As long as schools remain dangerous places for Gay and Lesbian youth, there will be those for whom a segregated school -- if they're among the few to have access to one -- is the only safe alternative to receiving no classroom education at all.

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POLITICS 1997

By MARK R. KIRK

Arizona's Reputation? What Reputation!!!

He's outta there! As you have heard, read, or perhaps saw on the "idiot box," the jury convicted the-now-former Arizona Governor, J. Fife Whitewash III, R-Convicted Felon, of bank-fraud, wire-fraud, and perjury in his federal trial.

The box score? Fiferama was found guilty on seven counts; not guilty on three; hung jury (no pun intended) on the remaining eleven counts. Since the twenty-one count indictment were all felonies, Whitewash just needed to be convicted on one count to be removed from office. The jury met that challenge, seven times over! Guilty, guilty, guilty, guilty, guilty, guilty, and guilty!

Would Whitewash "fade away," or be dragged from the governor's office kicking and screaming? At his farewell press conference, the Fifester announced he would leave office on Friday, September 6. Whoopee!

The ironic twist in the case will take place, November 10, at his sentencing hearing on the seven guilty verdicts. Fiferama has been a strong-supporter of mandatory sentencing. Will he or his mouthpiece declare this during the sentencing hearing? Can we say "ask for probation?" Wonder Bread doesn't want to do time!

With all that, Arizona Secretary of State Jane "Eunice" Hull has become the state's twentieth governor. End of story? Far from it!

As the events were "hurling" this past week, our TV news bimbettes, radio rabble-rousers, and the mainstream print media implied that this was "an historic, first-time occasion," "the state's reputation has gotten a black eye," and "this was a tragedy and that all Arizonan's need to pray for the state." Yes, praise be and pass the honest leadership!

Check please! Can we say memory loss?! This "deflowering of Arizona's political reputation" has been ongoing for the past decade:

Remember former Governor, Ev Mecham . . . and his hair. In his short tenure, the Glendale Republican:

Rescinded the Martin Luther King (MLK) holiday, resulting in a boycott costing the state $25 million dollars in lost convention business; called African Americans "pickaninnies;" demeaned women and; said Gays, Lesbians and people living with HIV and AIDS should be quarantined.

Ev . . . and his hair were eventually impeached and removed from office.

Tucson contended with former Republican Ward 5 Councilmember, Roy "the Boy-Toy" Laos, and his charges that the Tucson Women's Commission was subjected to "overt Lesbianism." Laos lost the subsequent election. Yes!

The proposed MLK holiday was voted down, and the NFL pulled the Super Bowl, that was scheduled for to be played in Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe because of the vote. Voters got wise and eventually approved the holiday, for the football game. Ball game over bigotry! Right!

In one year, the state had a "double-header" in scandals! We lived through AZSCAM, the influence peddling scandal involving member of the State Legislature. Remember? Casinos, Joseph Stedino and the pimp concession, err shrimp concession.

St. Reps. Sue Laybe, Jim Hartegan, Jim Meredith, and Don Kinney (the quarterback), resigned. St. Sen. Chuy Higuera of Tucson resigned as well. St. Sen Carolyn Walker was expelled. St. Rep Bill English was defeated for re-election.

U.S. Senators, from Arizona, John McCain and Dennis DeConcini were among five U.S. Senators dubbed the "Keating Five" for their ties to Charles Keating Jr., the Arizona-based financier imprisoned in the savings-and-loan debacle (Remember Lincoln Savings?) that cost taxpayers $3.4 billion.

Keating spent four-and-a-half years in prison before a judge overturned his conviction last year and granted him a new trial. Money talks, the guilty walk! Just ask O.J.!

Pima County Assessor Alan Lang was next. As soon as Lang took office, the troubles began:

Questionable and shady assessments; threats and intimidation of employees; carrying a gun to work; alleged sexual harassment of employees; arrests for drunken driving; and alleged nepotism were just some of the items which made the news locally and nationally.

Lang was featured in a national tabloid magazine story as, "The Worst Boss in America." He didn't stop there! Lang was interviewed by the illustrious television tabloid show, "American Journal."

Lang was drunk and belligerent to the reporter during the report. Plus the fact he was holding a beer can didn't help. "I'm the best Assessor ever!" Sure, do it, don't slur it!

Lang was recalled from office, finishing last in a seven person race. He was the first Pima County elected official to be recalled from office.

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EDITOR:

RE: Fife Symington

It is unfortunate that the image of Arizona is once again tarnished in the eyes of our sister states, but it is even more unfortunate that for the last six years we have had a criminal representing the highest office of our beautiful state.

What a shame.

Patrick Dooley

DEAR OBSERVER:

Well, it's over! But, I must take time out to thank the many people without whom, Miss Carousel would not have been such a success.

First. To each of the contestants, you were absolutely stunning in every way. Your transformations, your answers to the questions, and that talent what can I say. It was such a close race. I wouldn't have wanted to judge this year. Congratulations Faith, you worked hard and you hard work paid off. I look forward to working with you in the coming year. To the First Runner-Up, Miss Lia Perron, your performance was magnificent. You have a responsibility to continue in the art of female illusion. To Dani and Sabrina, I wish you the best and hope that you don't give up. You were both remarkable. It's not easy to get up there on stage. The experience you received from this pageant will help you in the future. I do hope to see both of you next year at Miss Carousel 1998.

To the Judges: Parker, Kenny, Truly, Holly, Scott and Vanilla, thank you so much. Each of you hold a very special place in my heart. Your integrity and experience are second to none. I would not have had anyone else.

Larry and Richard, what can I say, you held the show together. I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you so much!

Raul, that you for stepping in at the last minute to play our music, and Stan for running our lights. You both helped to make us look fabulous.

I am so lucky to have such wonderful friends in the "Drag" community. To my performers that entertained during the transformation, thank you. Felice Renard, Lani, Citabra, Victoria Depuis, Regina Reed, Holly Boo, Scott Sayer, Mr. Kenneth Blake - Miss Gay Tucson, Truly Fabu - Miss Gay Western States, and Miss Carousel 1996, Vanilla Starr. Who says you can't get that many Queens together in one room? You always come through for me!

A very special thanks to Jose Duran for the beautiful floral tributes and memorial arrangements to set the stage. It added elegance to the whole production.

Patrick and Richard, thank you for doing the difficult task of tabulating the scores. Your speed, accuracy and efficiency made it possible to get out on time.

Mathew, thank you for taking pictures and getting me in and out of my outfits. That I know had to be a major effort. It takes a lot to pack me into a dress. Louie Munoz, you talent with make-up is outstanding. I know it must have been very stressful for you. I do apologize, you can't imagine the pressure that I was under.

To our roommates, Daniel and Myron. Thanks for putting up with the mess, the stress and having the coffee brewing for those late nights when I though I would never be ready on time. We love you both!

And Brian, you and your staff treated us like royalty. Before I had a chance to ask, you were there asking if there was anything we needed. It truly made our jobs easier. I hope your expectations were met. Giving us the opportunity at such short notice was a god-send. I hope to work with you again real soon.

Lastly, to the community. Your tremendous show of support and generosity made this year's Miss Carousel one of the best ever. All the proceeds from this year's production will be given to SAAF, (patient services), in loving memory of David Andrews, a.k.a. Nina.

I hope I didn't miss anyone. If I did, I am sorry. Again, much thanks to all for making this year's production a huge success!

Misti Malone
Miss Carousel Pageant Promoter

DEAR OBSERVER:

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported and believed in me during my run for Miss Carousel. Last Sunday was the most challenging, difficult, but rewarding experience of my "drag" life.

I first want to thank Louie Munoz, my "fairy drag mother" who worked his magic and made me look better than ever. I owe him a great deal for his skill and dedication. Thank you Louie for your patience, and everything you've done for me.

Thank you Richard Villa for your support and your belief in me. Your friendship is worth more than a hundred crowns and titles You're the greatest.

To the other three contestants I had the great pleasure of knowing and competing with; specifically Faith, Sabrina and Dani, the support and friendship the four of us gave to each other backstage felt so natural and instantaneous, it was almost magical. I seriously want the four of us to get together and make some awesome shows for this town.

To Brian and the hard working staff at Boom-Boom's, what an incredible group of people you guys are! Thanks for providing such an ideal place for the Miss Carousel Pageant, and for giving such great support and service to the show people and the audience.

To all the judges, your input was invaluable and flattering coming from such a prestigious group of performers. I feel a great potential in me, and I hope someday to be included among Tucson's most valuable entertainers.

To the audience who witnessed the show that night, I'll always remember the roar of praise coming from you as I gave my all on that floor. You shouted your support for me in a way I didn't expect, and it touched me deeply. Thank you Tucson for enjoying my modest attempt at entertaining you. I promise to only get better.

Lastly, I thank Misti Malone for making the Miss Carousel Pageant in the first place. There is a real need for a pageant like this one to introduce new potential talent into our town, and to give anyone the chance to give female impersonation a try.

Sincerely,
Lia Perron
Contestant #4
First Runner-Up

Study Says One-In-Four Gay Men Suffer Spousal Abuse

BOSTON, MA (BG) -- A survey conducted of 2,000 Gay men in Boston found that one in four had been a victim of domestic violence - about the same ratio for heterosexual women.

The study, conducted by the Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project during Gay Pride Week, confirmed something Gay activists have long suspected: namely, that domestic violence is as much a part of Gay relationships as straight ones.

Curt Rogers, executive director of the group, said a large part of the problem is the lack of attention the issue receives. "Mainstream America characterizes domestic violence as a gender issue, not a power and control issue," Rogers said. "Gay male victims have a hard time self identifying what's happening to them."

The June survey found that eighty percent of men surveyed could not list a resource that handled the needs of domestic violence victims. It also found little differentiation between age, income, and ethnic boundaries. "Many people assume [Gay spouse abuse] is not an issue," Rogers said. "But it's a severe health crisis."

Rogers hopes to have a shelter system in place for battered men by 1998 and in the meantime is joining with another group, the Fenway Community Health Center's Violence Recovery Program, in launching a public education campaign targeting Gay men and Lesbians in abusive relationships.

A recently commissioned poster reads: "Contrary to popular belief, straight people do not have a monopoly on abusive relationships."

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Training sponsored by Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, AIDS Prevention Collaboration, Wingspan, QueerVoice, and Circle of Friends Mentor Project.

Ryan White Care Act Title II Funding

by Jason Vogler

[The follow are remarks given by Jason Vogler at the Arizona Department of Health Service (ADHS) hearings on Ryan White held in Tucson September 10.]

"My name is Jason Vogler and I have AIDS. I have been involved with HIV/AIDS services for some time now.

"ADHS has requested input on the best use of Title II funds. I can only say that Title II funds must continue to be distributed on a fair per capita basis so that everyone in this state who has HIV/-AIDS is provided the same opportunities for services, be they social, medical, or drug assistance. Additionally, Title II must continue to provide support for ADAP as well as services in the areas outside of the Greater Phoenix Area. There can be no compromise here. Drugs without services are a waste of time. HIV/AIDS has always required the treatment of the whole individual, that has not changed. Furthermore, if ADAP receives the bulk of Title II funds, then the situation will exist where persons afflicted with HIV/AIDS not residing in the Phoenix metropolitan area will not have access to the same services as those who do. That situation is tantamount to discrimination by zip code and would simply be intolerable.

"The current 'conventional wisdom' seems to be to underfund both ADAP services. While that may be the most expedient solution, it belays the fact that funding for HIV/AIDS services must be increased as Title II funding in an of itself is insufficient to meet the current need in this national health crisis. It is time for ADHS to exercise true leadership for a healthy Arizona. Under ARS Title 36 Section 104 the Director of ADHS shall"

"'Determine when a health care emergency or medical emergency situation exists or occurs within the state that cannot be satisfactorily controlled, corrected or treated by the health care delivery systems and facilities available. When such situation is determined to exist, the director shall immediately report such situation to the legislature and the Governor. Such report shall include information on the scope of the emergency, recommendations for solution of the emergency and estimates of costs involved.'

"I submit to you that HIV/AIDS is indeed a health care emergency and that as Title II funding and AHCCCS programs are insufficient to meet the current and projected future needs, that the systems and facilities are not available to treat, correct or control the situation. One need only look at the current usage statistics for services provided under Title II and ADHS projections for ADAP usage to see that there is an urgent need. That need will only increase now that the draft HIV treatment guidelines have been released.

"It is time for Arizona to cease being 27th in infections and 49th in funding. It is some 16 years past time for ADHS, the Governor, and the Legislature to step up to the plate and pitch in. While I realize that ADHS cannot appropriate moneys, it must acknowledge the crisis and request the funding! Due to the political climate at the capitol, the leadership may not appreciate hearing the request, however, it is the moral, humane, and socially responsible thing to do. After all, what purposes does ADHS, and the entire state government for that matter, serve? To protect and serve the public of this state. By not adequately funding HIV/-AIDS services, the government of this state has breached the trust reposed in it by the people, from whom the state's power is derived.

"In summary, I feel that Title II funding must continue to be allocated through the state in a fair manner, services must be provided for as well as Drug Assistance, and that ADHS must show leadership and commitment in securing the allocation of additional funding streams from the legislature and Governor."

[Jason Vogler is an HIV/AIDS activist and serves on the Pima County Ryan White Title II CARE Act Committee.]

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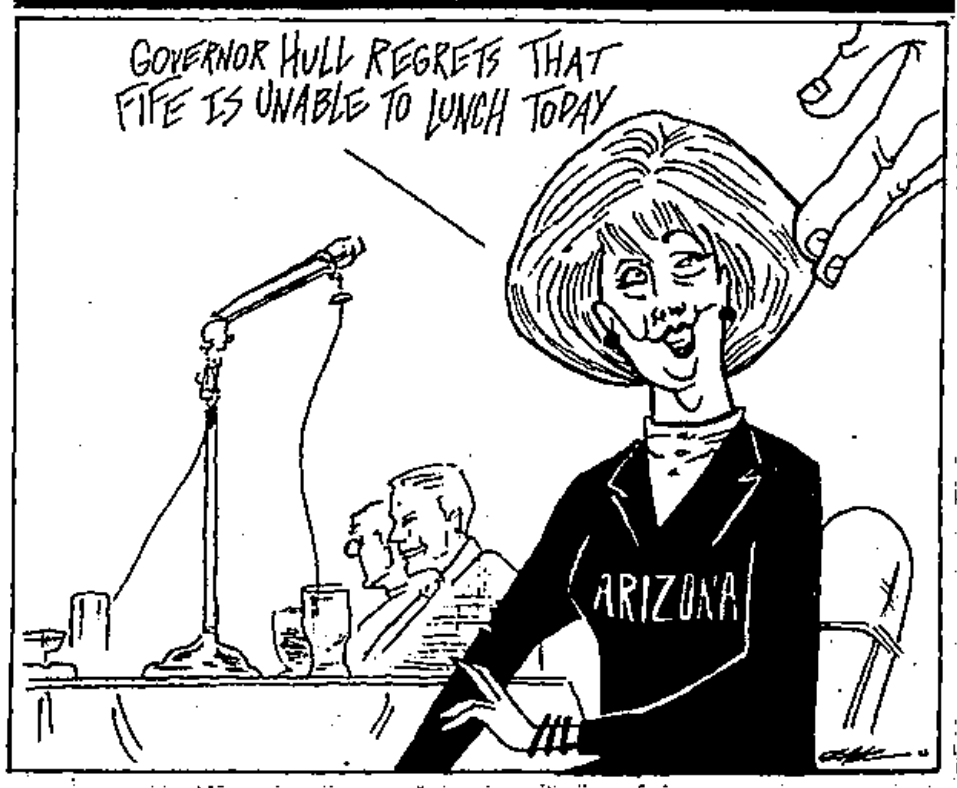

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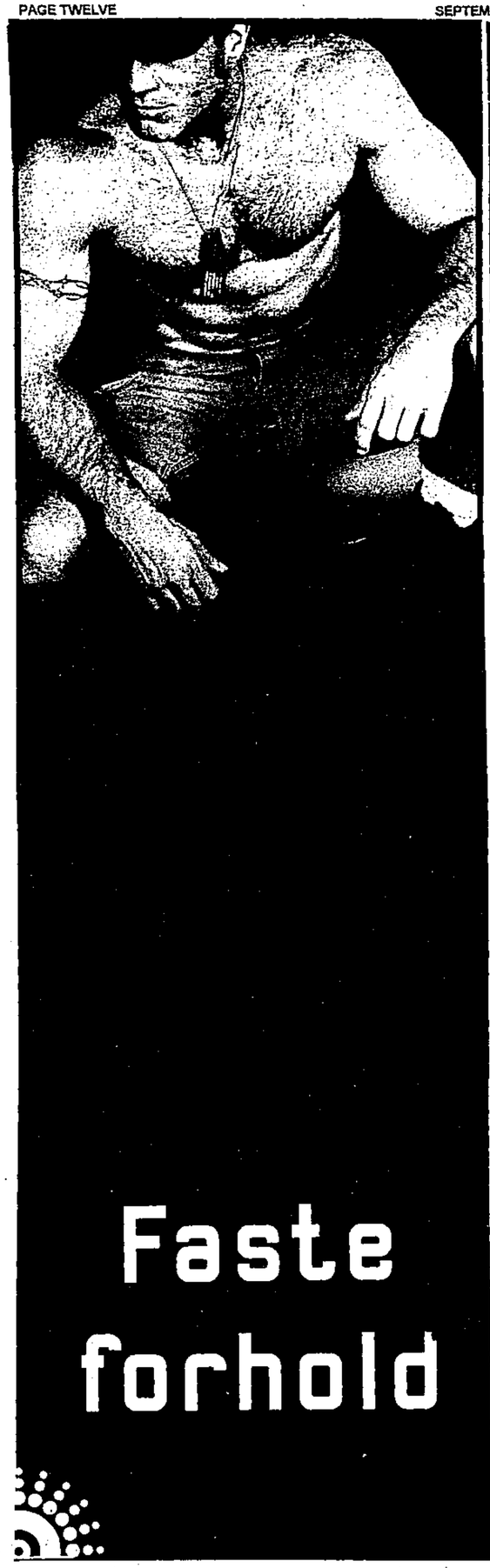

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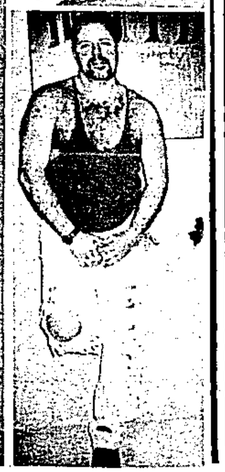

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Notre Dame Refuses Gay Bias Protection

SOUTH BEND, IN (WS) – Despite intense lobbying from campus groups and civil libertarians, officials at the University of Notre Dame have refused to include sexual orientation in its non-discrimination policy.

In a nod toward compromise, officials at the Roman Catholic institution issued a "statement of inclusion" that welcomes Gay and Lesbian students and faculty to the university. "We value Gay and Lesbian members of this community as we value all members of this community," it read.

Notre Dame's president, the Rev. Edward A. Malloy, said adopting sexual orientation into its non-discrimination policy would "mean that our decisions in this area would be measured by civil courts," something officials at the university clearly opposed.

Malloy said that placing the Gay and Lesbian issue in the "broader societal milieu" of civil courts "might jeopardize our ability to make decisions we believe necessary to support Church teaching."

Allison Dobson, a Notre Dame junior who has helped organize protests against the university's position, said that while she was "slightly encouraged" by the inclusion statement, "in no way do we agree with the university not having a policy to which they are legally bound."

Chicago G/L Neighborhood Plan Under Fire

CHICAGO, IL (CT) -- Most of the 170 neighborhood residents speaking at a recent Lakeview community meeting criticized the city's plan to invest $3.2 million in a beautification effort earmarked for a predominantly Gay stretch of North Halsted Street.

Surprisingly, many of the plan's critics were Lesbian and Gay.

The centerpiece of the investment effort was the most harshly criticized. As envisioned by Architect Richard Gibbons, two 25-foot-high saucer-like structures will serve as gateways to both ends of the six block area.

Nearly 200 steel towers ringed in colored lights will re-emphasize the rainbow motif, producing a vast and dramatic nighttime display. The scheme was described by most of those in attendance as "over the top."

Many Gay residents expressed the fear that triumphantly designating the neighborhood as Lesbian and Gay would actually attract Gay bashers. Other longtime residents complained it gave the traditionally diverse and inclusive neighborhood an "exclusively Gay" feel.

The structural improvements called for under the plan received more general praise. The city plans to ease pedestrian traffic by widening sidewalks and creating informal mini-plazas, installing benches and antique light posts, and planting nearly 180 trees.

"Widening the sidewalks on Halsted Street is wonderful," one 22-year resident, Larry Ellison, told the neighborhood committee. "Taking Halsted and putting it in drag is not."

SPORTS

Desert Coyotes & Lambda Lizards Start Fall Season; Bowling Spots Still Open

TUCSON (ON) – It's September in the Old Pueblo and that means the start of Gay and Lesbian bowling.

The Desert Coyotes bowling league started their season this past Wednesday at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile. The Desert Coyotes are a mixed trio's league that bowls at 9:00 P.M. on Wednesdays.

Spots are still open on some of the teams in the Desert Coyotes league. Skills is not important, having fun is the only requirement. If interested, show up at Golden Pin Lanes a few minutes before the start of bowling tonight. For more information call 743-9659.

The Lambda Lizard's will begin their season, this Friday, 6:15 P.M. at Golden Pin Lanes. Spots are still open on the five person team league. For more information, call 622-2395.

Walking Across America

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The walk, according to Figueroa, has three goals: to erase the stigma attached to AIDS; to advocate safe-sex, using condoms and testing; and for people to send one dollar to their local AIDS network, such as the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

LouisMichael said his walk has raised nearly $300,000 for AIDS organizations.

This is Figueroa's second journey across the country. In the summer of 1982, at the age of 16, LouisMichael ran across the United States to fulfill a promise he made to a friend dying of cancer. Figueroa, a leukemia patient in remission, broke the record set by Jay Birmingham and covered the route in 60 days.

As for the trek, LouisMichael said he's had broad spectrum of people and reactions to him.

Figueroa said when he was walking through Kansas, he was picketed by the homophobic Rev. Fred Phelps and his Westboro Baptist Church. Figueroa held a press conference and dedicated the Kansas portion of the walk to Phelps. He said, Rev. Phelps was very angry over the "dedication."

Figueroa added that the positive responses outnumbered the negatives. He said he's received many positive reactions during his walk through Tucson.

LouisMichael has been delayed in his walk, and is far behind schedule, due to complications from his leukemia. But with his medications tucked away in his 50 pound knapsack, to symbolize the stigma people living with HIV/AIDS must endure, he is determined to make it to the beach and the Pacific Ocean in San Diego, California, by the second week in November.

For the last mile of the trek, LouisMichael said he would like to have people who have been touched by HIV/AIDS to join him in the finish of his "Leap Of Faith."

OUTlines by Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance

Plans are well underway for OUToberFEST '97 and TLGA promises to promote a full day of pride, fun and professional entertainment. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 18 and come celebrate Tucson's Annual Gay Pride Picnic. Once again, the festivities will be held at Reid Park, on the Southwest corner of Country Club and 22nd Street. OUToberFEST '97 will get underway at 10:00 A.M. and will conclude at 6:00 P.M. As soon as everything is finalized, TLGA will give you more specifics on venues and entertainment, so keep watching here for more details.

If you would like to be a vendor, a sponsor or a volunteer, call 622-3200. Leave us a message and we will get back with you as soon as possible. We appreciate any and all help!

This year's T-shirts and hats are available for sale. If you don't have yours yet, you can purchase them at Girlfriends now and in the very near future at Antigone's. You can also shop by phone! Call us at 622-3200 and tell us size and color you want, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We have a correction on our next fund raising event. Our IBT's BBQ will now be held on September 28. Following the BBQ, there are plans for a show to be hosted by Shaudriana, our contestant for Miss Gay Pride. Come out, have fun and help support your Gay Pride Picnic. We need you.

Also, TLGA welcomes any new volunteers to the organization. Right now, about a dozen people are committed to producing this event. In actuality, there needs to be a lot more help and support. If everybody pitches in just a bit, then no one person is burdened with a great deal of work. So if you have some time available, come see us every second Tuesday of the month at Wingspan. Better yet, call us now at 622-3200 and get involved.

HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

by Scott Weidamoyer

Hey Tucson! Hope all is going well in the Old Pueblo! I had a great week and hope you had the same. The Board is really pumping up and getting ready for this year's rodeo at Old Tucson and at the new host hotel, the Rodeway Inn. We are getting a lot of things done early in preparation for the rodeo so that we can relax and enjoy the weeks ahead and possibly take in the Las Vegas rodeo to plug Tucson the following weekend. We'll see how it goes.

The finishing touches are being applied to the rodeo poster and the promotional tri-folds so we can get them to print in time for San Diego's Rodeo, September 25-28. I am going . . . are you? It's not too late to make your reservations! And I will try my best to have a good time.

Attention! AGRA is now selling the latest issue of the Entertainment Books . . . they are $35 a piece and offers are good immediately (you don't have to wait till January to use it). Call the AGRA office or see the AGRA table at upcoming events.

As for upcoming events, Chili Verde Days is happening September 19-21 at the Stonewall/Eagle! For those of you who don't know, this is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year so make sure to join us for a great time.

Until next week, keep your pride and always play safe in the saddle.

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A Taste of the Water of Life

News from MCC Tucson

Classes At MCC Sept. 13

TUCSON -- Pastor Joyce Cook is announcing two special classes at Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), Saturday, September 13.

Membership Inquirers Class will be held from 10:00 A.M. to 12 Noon; and Spiritual Gifts Class will begin at 1:00 P.M., concluding by 4:00 P.M.

The Membership Inquirers Class provides extensive information regarding the denomination – the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) – and the local congregation. The class also will explore and discuss the church's vision, mission; and ministry in the context of the larger community.

The Spiritual Gifts class focuses on providing each person the opportunity to more clearly identify their particular spiritual fits and talents for service in the church and in the community.

Individuals who complete both classes may choose to become a member of Water of Life MCC. These persons will then formally be received as members in a special Rite of Membership during the Sunday 10:45 A.M. worship service, September 21.

Pastor Cook is issuing an invitation to everyone to come and learn more about the local congregation in the Membership Inquirers Class, or gain greater insight on personal spiritual gifts in the afternoon Class. All classes are open to the public.

For further information, please contact the church, (520) 292-9151, or e-mail WOLMCC@hotmail.com.

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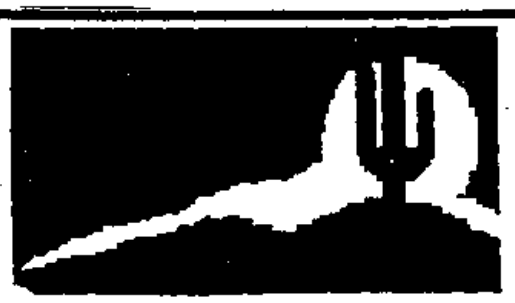

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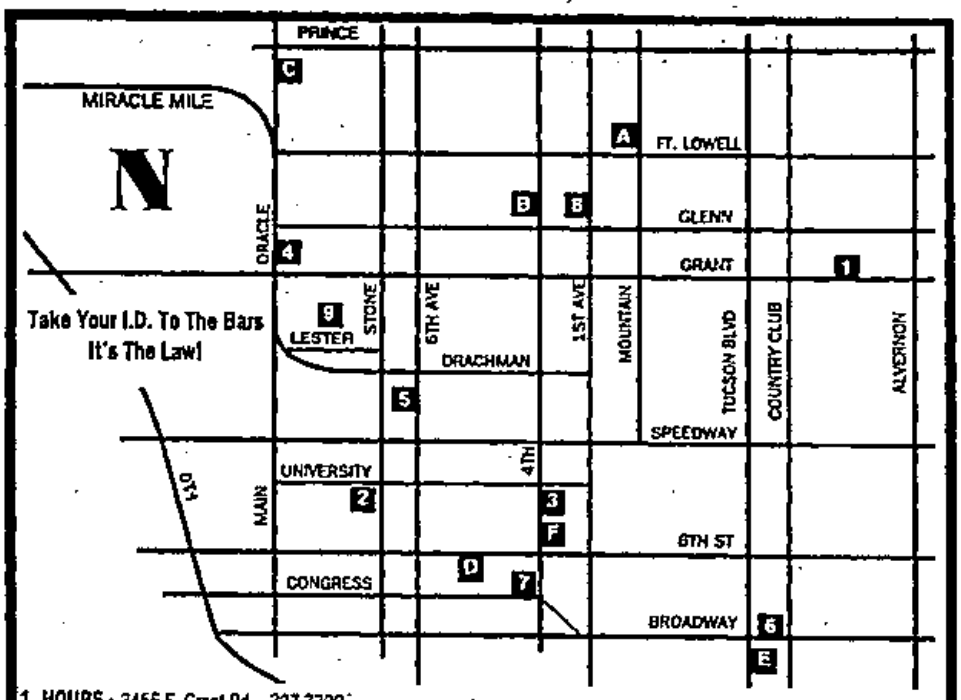

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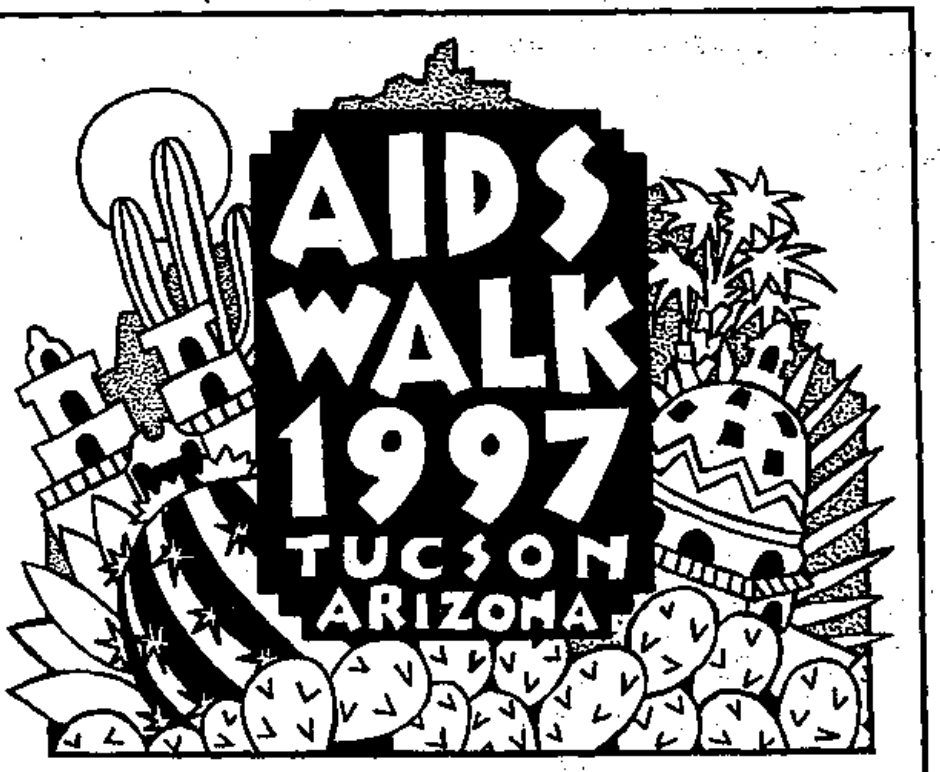

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Gay Man Runs For Irish Presidency

DUBLIN, Ireland (NP) – It could be "Bloomsday" in October if an activist Gay Irish senator and Joycean scholar can beat the odds in this fall's presidential elections.

In July, bookies gave 20-1 odds against renowned Gay activist Senator David Norris becoming the next President of the Irish Republic, and it may yet turn out that Social Democratic & Labour Party (SDLP) leader John Hume gets the post without an election being held at all, but the Norris campaign for the presidency is now underway. As an independent, Norris is distinctly handicapped in gathering the support of 20 members of parliament (The Oireachtas) or 4 county councils that his nomination would require, but three members are asking the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP) to support him.

Labour did support current President Mary Robinson in 1990, even though she was not a party member. The various parties are making their decisions in the next two weeks for an election that would be held October 30.

In writing to PLP leader Dick Spring (who says he has "the highest regard" for Norris), Senators Shane Ross and Brendan Ryan and Tony Gregory, TD, said, "Senator Norris belongs to the same tradition as Mary Robinson. An Independent Dublin University senator, he is a tireless campaigner for minority causes, a liberal champion of human rights and a Joycean scholar with an international reputation."

As for the Robinson connection, Norris and Robinson were classmates at Trinity College (University of Dublin). Robinson represented Norris in his legal challenge of Ireland's sodomy law that went to the EuroCourt, and ultimately it was Robinson who as President signed into law the repeal of the hoary anti-Gay statutes inherited from Britain.

While most notable for his work as chair of the Campaign for Homosexual Reform, Norris has indeed exerted himself in other human rights efforts as well (notably standing against abuses in East Timor and Tibet), and he emphasizes that, "Whoever becomes president has to put behind them all sectional interests. You don't just represent one strand of opinion." And although he retired three years ago, Norris was a Trinity College lecturer specializing in Irish author James Joyce for over 25 years and has become emblematic of "Bloomsday" celebrations.

The "Irish Times" calls 54-year-old Norris "one of the most expressive and lucid politicians in Leinster House." He's served in the Senate for a decade now, and it was what the "Times" called his "spectacularly high vote" in elections last month that gained him serious consideration as a presidential candidate.

Norris is game to make it a contest even if the poll-leading Hume – whom the PLP will not oppose – decides to seek the presidency. A spokesperson for the Democratic Left Party, which does not want to see Hume chosen by agreement among the parties, called Norris "a very fine fellow who has made a significant contribution to public life" and said the party would be happy to discuss the Presidency with him.

Norris told the press, "I am honoured that this [nomination] process has been started, but there are a lot of hurdles still to be overcome. I would like to think I could be a reconciling factor in Irish society." He doesn't believe his sexual orientation will bar him from election, because, "People have got used to the idea that I am not a professional Gay – I do not spend all of my time doing it. I lead a respectable, decent life."

While a number of Norris' possible opponents are very Gay-friendly, former Eurovision Song Contest winner and anti-abortion activist Dana has been tagged as potentially "another Anita Bryant" (referring to the singer whose religious-themed "Save Our Children" campaign won repeal of Gay and Lesbian civil rights in Dade County, Florida twenty years ago).

Robinson is about to become the new United Nations Human Rights Commissioner. The huge party that was to have celebrated her retirement this week was cancelled out of respect for the death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

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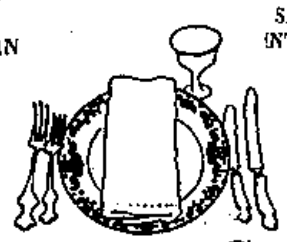

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by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

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Me tocó participar en una de las juntas planificadoras para el certámen de Miss Gay Hispanidad '97, la pasada semana; y de verdad todo parece indicar, que este será mejor que el anterior, ya que Ernie cuenta con un gran equipo de colaboradores con muchas ganas de que todo salga de lo menjor... Dentro del equipo planificador se encuentran: Brissa, Edoardo, Valentín, José, Goerge, Carolina, Juan, Ruben, y algunos más que se me escapan de la memoria al momento de hacer este comentario, (desde luego disculpas); y la noticia que hiso Ernie, fué de que Jorge Rascón, es el nuevo "Outreach Specialist" de Salud es Poder, desde aqui le deseamos suerte y sobre todo muchos exitos en su nuevo trabajo, que desde luego, va a depender de los apoyos que todos le podamos ofrecer, bienvenido Jorge!!!.

Para la próxima edición de esta Columna Abierta, les tendremos la entrevista de Sasha I, no se la pierda, en tal entrevista Sasha nos explicará los "por menores" y detalles de todo un año de haber sido la Miss Gay Hispanidad '96, y sobre todo los consejos para las personas concursantes para la próxima elección que se llevará a cabo el día 13 de septiembre en el Stonewall desde las 7:00 pm, y lo que se aclaró en la reunión planificadora, fué sobre todo que se exigirá puntualidad a los participantes; ya se tiene la confirmación de cinco concursantes y de verdad que todos merecen ganar, ya que hemos tenido la oportunidad de verles en eventos pasados y se asegura que será una decisión nada fácil para los jueces, quienes vendrán de ciudades vecinas a Tucson, y que ninguno de ellos conoce o tiene conocimiento de cada participante; los jueces son de Douglas, AZ., de Hermosillo, Sonora; de Nogales AZ. y de Nogales Sonora; y de Phoenix AZ. y una persona de Tucson, los cuales estarán puntualizando tres categorias: a) Traje típico y presentación ante el público; b) Actuación y popularidad ante la asistencia; y, c) Respuestas directas sobre los diferentes temas que concierne a la comunidad gay hispana. La puntuación se irá dando a conocer inmediatamente despúes de cada categoria para que así; tanto los participantes como el público este pendiente de los puntos sumados y sobre todo para que sea clara y rápida la elección... Dentro del elenco y las presentaciones estelares se cuenta con la participación de Brigitte I quien poseé el titulo de Miss Gay México '97 y también estará actuando Miss Gay Tucson, Miss Jody, Miss Gay Indian, Miss Gay Nogales, y Carolina como invitada especial, y falta por contestar la invitación Miss Matus de Agua Prieta, Sonora, quién fué Miss Gay simpatía en 1993 si recordamos bién la fecha... Como les comento, hay un excelente programa y se les estará pidiendo una donación de 3.00 dolares ya que habrá bocadillos mexicanos... y habrá reservaciones de sillas por una donación razonable... Si necesita más información comunicarse con Ernie Pérez al 322-6226...

Una invitación muy importante es al foro público que se llevará a cabo en día 17 de septiembre desde las 6:00 pm. en el Century Room del Hospital Santa María en el cual participarán el Dr. Kevin Carmichael, Caitlin Gannon, Judy Norton y David Hoover, donde se dará una explicación sobre los nuevos tratamientos para el VIH, y habrá una discusión sobre los fondos para los servicios en relación al VIH en nuestra comunidad.. No falte ...

Por hoy es todo, le esperamos la próxima semana, D. M.

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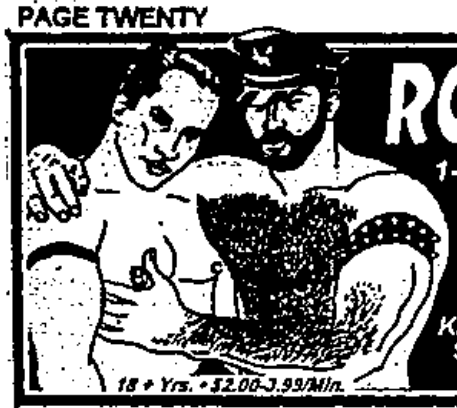

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G&L Bank will treat each customer's finances in a serious and professional manner at all times," he said.

Cotham spoke on the importance of security safeguards that G&L Bank will utilize at all times. "Several layers to ensure confidentiality will be in place at all times, including Netscape's Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protocol and 128 key encryption," Cotham said. "This is the same level used by government agencies to provide privacy between the browser and the bank server," he added. Other security measures include filtering routers and firewalls.

According to Dunlap and Cotham, within 24 to 36 months of its opening, the G&L Bank will begin opening physical branches in the top 30 Gay/Lesbian friendly cities across the United States.

Politics

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nor, now-con, J. Fife Whitewash III. In his Evita-esque farewell address, he claimed that he's leaving the state better than when he took office.

School funding crisis. Tax-cuts for the wealthy and big-business. No funding for HIV/AIDS programs. Child abuse cases not being investigated. The state's mental-health and medical programs in disarray. The environment is worse, smog-alerts, ozone-alerts, etc. What about the Constitutional Defense Council, just naming one boondoggle of a program for example? Money for nothing!

Successful businessman? No! Successful politician? No! Convicted felon? Yes, seven times!

Don't feel sorry for Whitewash, "he has made his bed, and must now sleep in it, in prison!"

Arizona's dubious reputation has had a black eye for the past decade. For the second time in ten years, the Secretary of the State has become governor.

It's now Governor Jane "Eunice" Hull. How will she do?

With a transition team that has members ranging from moderates, such as former St. Rep. Christ Herstam, Tucson Republican Steve Jewett, to the former St. Rep, Leslie Whiting Johnson, the ultra-conservative Republican from Mesa, who gave the state, the infamous "dildo bill," only time will tell.

So it goes for now kids!

Ellen's Mom

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history last April when she and the character she plays on her ABC sitcom "Ellen" both came out of the closet, becoming the first lead actor and character on network television to honestly acknowledge being Gay.

During that April 30 coming out episode of "Ellen," HRC aired a groundbreaking television ad on 35 ABC affiliates throughout the country, spotlighting the fact that job discrimination based on sexual orientation remains legal in most states.

Birch emphasized the importance of coming out as a key element in the struggle for equal rights for Gay Americans. Polls consistently show that Americans who say they know Gay people are much more supportive of ending discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Distributor Drops Controversial Comic Strip

KANSAS CITY, MO (AP) -- The comic strip, "For Better or For Worse," the focus of some controversy in recent weeks for featuring a Gay character, is being dropped by longtime distributor, Universal Press Syndicate, for what is says is a contract disagreement with cartoonist Lynn Johnston.

A spokesperson for Universal of Kansas City, the parent company of Universal Press, denied the dispute had anything to do with the controversy over the Gay character.

Universal said the contract dispute focused on disagreement over the length of the contract and the amount Johnston was to be paid over its term. "She decided to try her hand with someone else," the spokesperson said.

The comic strip appears in more than 1,800 newspapers and has been carried by Universal Press Syndicate for 19 years.

It has already been picked up by Universal Feature Syndicate, so many readers may not notice the change.

The cartoon encountered similar controversy in 1993 when the same Gay character, Lawrence, first came out to his best friend. In his recent appearance, Lawrence talks with the strip's main characters, the Patterson family, about being a young man in love.

A handful of newspapers pulled the comic strip entirely, and 30 others ran reruns during Lawrence's four-day return.

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We've all heard the old saying "There is not such thing as a free lunch," but what does it really mean? The planets serve up the answer this week when lovely Venus opposes stern Saturn. Everything wonderful and delightful has a price friends, so be prepared to pull out the gold card for this little purchase.

HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

So you've been whining to your friends about how much you want a special relationship; something magical and delicious. If empress Venus delivers that dreamboat to your port, Saturn will demand concessions from you this week. Fiercely independent Gay Rams may find their wandering hooves hog tied and their butts branded. Start to panic when they fire up the barbecue.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

It's difficult to soar with the angels when you are shackled to the ground. Proud Bulls are given a fabulous job opportunity, until they realize that it will curtail their more spiritually uplifting, charitable endeavors. Venus opposite Saturn stresses duty over dreams and business before enlightenment. Forget about queen bee; the planets now cast you as drone.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Capture the beauty when Venus heightens creativity and ignites your great Gay muse. But a spark can turn into a raging fire when Venus opposes Saturn this week and friends barge into your act. It's hard to strut and fret your hour upon the stage when you're followed by a bunch of untalented wannabees. Be kind; A diva needs an appreciative audience, you know.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crabs are happiest when they can blissfully retreat into their comfortable shells and nest. Unfortunately, while Venus does provide the blissful retreat, opposing Saturn stirs up a professional maelstrom which needs to be carefully handled with sensitive claws. Tame the corporate sharks dear, queer, Cancer, it's a jungle under the sea.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Perhaps it's always been a dream of yours to be the next Liz Smith. Venus certainly gives your thoughts a certain charm and panache, but the Saturn opposition gives you a voice of tin. Proud Lions may be unable to see the forest for all the trees this week and may focus on the one speck that doesn't mean a darn thing. My advice; listen to some nice music and don't obsess.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Meticulous Gay Virgos can become fairly smug and self satisfied when it comes to their financial acumen and personal possessions. Little do they know that a bull has been released in their dust free china shop when Venus opposes Saturn. A sexual bolt out of the blue can become a rather expensive exercise. Love for sale anyone? Is it dressed in leather?

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Venus turns on the floodlights and places you where you're the fabulous focus of everyone's attention. But do I see danger in paradise? Venus opposes Saturn this week and casts a pall over relationships. It seems that you can't be in two places with only one tush and partners feel left out of the action. Try to find a happy balance, cousin; it's hell to sleep alone.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Proud Scorps feel an overpowering need to give back to our community when Venus highlights charitable endeavors. Get Out there and do a few good Gay deeds. However, no good deed goes unpunished when Venus opposes Saturn. Pressures on the job mount and may compromise or curtail you're best efforts. Even Mother Teresa has a stressful day. Keep on going, friend!

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

The Gay group dynamic holds a certain charm and allure for even the most independent Gay Archers now. But Venus opposite Saturn prevents you from playing the commanding diva. When the crowd calls for the hook, it's always better to give up the stage. Stay in the chorus and let someone else wear the sequins for a change.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Gay Goats are often considered the most politically astute folks in the zodiac. Venus now gives you considerable advantage in the corporate arena, so make the most of it. The problem is the Saturn opposition which screws up home related projects. Nobody has time to take out the garbage when they're jet setting on the company tab. Throw out the garbage next week.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians are seekers of truth and harmony and often have a clear vision of what they need to do to get the word Out. Why is there so much static on the line now? Blame the Saturn opposition for causing problems in communications. Thankfully, it's a short transit and by next week you'll get your point across loud, proud and queer. Amen!

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Romantic pink Fish have all they can do to maintain a balance between their personal values and the values of lovers this week when Venus opposes Saturn. At what point does compromise become total capitulation? You are far too giving, friend, and could risk being swallowed up in the passion. But, then again, what a way to go!

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Play Safe!

CALENDAR of upcoming events

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

BOOM BOOMS - BB's presents the Southern Comfort "Southern Belle" promo. Free give-aways. Brush up on your Southern drawl and come on over.

IBT'S - Cruise in your underwear from 9:00 p.m. to closing. Enter to win a free RSVP Cruise and/or sign up for IBT's/Arizona Travel R.S.V.P. cruise along the Mexican Riviera. Special drink prices for those in their underwear.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Beer Bust 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Plus 2:00 p.m. Pool Tourney with pot matched.

HOURS - 50s/60s dance Party with Lucinda in a benefit for the Food Pantry. 8:00 p.m. Come on down and dance to your old favorites and help your community.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Miss Gay Hispanidad Pageant 1997 Pageant 7:00 p.m. Pre-Mexican Independence Fiesta in the Stonewall 10:00 p.m. to closing.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

IBT'S - You've seen his movies and videos. Now see him live! It's the David Burrill Show Live vocals from David's new CD plus watch him take it off and show it off! 9:00 p.m. Don't you dare miss it. Sunday benefit 16oz Beer Bust and all you can at Bar-B-Que for SAAF. 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Meet City Council candidate Michael Crawford for re-election in Ward 3 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Latino Men's Health Project presents the Mexican Independence Fiesta and Tardeada from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Mexican Independence Day Fiestas continues with Noche Latina, featuring Miss Gay Hispanidad 1997 and the Proyecto Latino Dance Troupe from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Showtime is 10:30 p.m. Hosted by Latino Men's Health Project.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

IBT'S - "The Girlie Show" hosted by Larry Moore featuring Celia Putty, Truly Fabu. Live vocals by Jay Cotner, Virginia Sacrifice, Regina Reed with special guest, Brisa.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Kick-off for Chili Verde Day hosted by AGRA.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

BOOM BOOMS - Undulating undies you ask? Well Boom Booms thinks it's a good excuse to parade around in your underwear. Shot specials for every one in their skivvies. Clothes check available. John Green and Julie McCoy ill be available for personalized "fluffing".

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Turnabout! Come see your favorite bartenders explore their feminine side. All proceeds to benefit TIHAN. Show starts at 9:00 p.m. sharp!

FRI-SAT-SUN, OCTOBER 10-11-12

HOURS - It's the 7th Anniversary for hOURS Make it on over and join in on the celebration.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

HOURS - 6:00 p.m. "Promo Night" with all of hOUR's vendors participating all night long. Drink specials, give-aways, etc.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

HOURS - The anniversary party continues. Come dance the night away at the big party.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

HOURS - Finishing off the big anniversary weekend with some country dance instructions, dancing, pool tournaments and fun.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

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Desert Players Community Theater presents "Steel Magnolias" written by Robert Haring and directed by Robert Ulsrud. The show opens this Friday, Sept. 5th at 8:00 p.m. at the Tucson Center for the Performing Arts located at 408 S. 6th Ave. The show will run Friday and Saturdays (Sept. 5-6-12-13) at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays (Sept. 7-14) at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are $8.00/general admission and $7.00 seniors, students and military. For reservations and information please call 733-0733 or 579-3208.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 a.m. For the early birds, there's a chance to eat breakfast with the guys as we go to the Green Frog. For details, directions and reservations, please call Jack at 573-6653.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" by John Berendt. Even if you don't read the book, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) holds a yard sale from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Desks, lamps, household furnishings and lots of other treasures available at low prices. Everything will be half-price for the last two hours (noon-2:00 pm.) of sale. Sale at SAAF offices parking lot, 151 S. Tucson Blvd. (One block south of Broadway and Tucson Blvd.) All proceeds benefit SAAF.

Cronies Social Club monthly meeting 7:00 p.m. MCC church, 32169 N. Mountain. A speaker from Wingspan will be featured. All are welcome.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). Noon. In conjunction with St. Francis' Reconciling Program and Thursday night support group, MSN will be having a potluck picnic at Ft. Lowell Park. We invite all interested people to come and join us for a fun afternoon. A volleyball court will be set up for those interested in playing. Sodas, juices, ice, and tableware will be provided. For reservations and directions, please call Davey at 886-1208.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). Noon. Join the MSN family for a potluck brunch and a matinee movie in Vail! The brunch will begin at noon, and the movie, "The Boys of St. Vincent" (about boys who are emotionally and sexually abused by priests) will be shown at one. For directions, details, and reservations, please call Art or Jeff at 762-9135.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe-it's an awareness group which 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.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. Due to popular request, Jack is having a second class on Stained Glass. This class meets every Tuesday for six weeks (this is the sixth, and final, class). By the time it is over, you will have completed your very own piece of Stained Glass Artwork. To be in this class, you need to have attended from the first session, but if you would like to attend a class in the future, please call Jack at 745-8844.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages, guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Dinner Out will be held at the Ye Olde Lantern this month. If you'd like to join your gay family for a nice dinner out, please call Bill at 615-0979 by Monday, September 15, to reserve your place at the table.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Cronies Social Club mid-month dinner at Maria Callenders, 220 W. Wetmore, 6:30 p.m. Please call Ron at 648-2775 so he will have a head count.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Rainbow Families, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual parents network, holds a support and discussion group every third Saturday of the month. 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; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Can't get that summer heat off you mind? How about joining us for a morning expedition to Colossal Cave. A specially guided tour for a group of gay men has been arranged just for us. For details, directions, and reservations, please call Steve at 887-1771.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bi-Sexual men over 30) will have their regular monthly meeting from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. Following the meeting, members will go to a social dinner. Members of At-Ease-Again and Cronies Social Club are welcome as are all mature Gay men. Become a part of Prime Timers, the largest Gay Social Club in the world.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Join your gay family for a Sunday Brunch at one of our members hosts a potluck brunch at his downtown apartment. For details, directions and reservation, please call Steve at 388-4640.

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.

BOOM-BOOMS - Open at 4pm. $1.25 small pitchers of Bud or Miller. Happy Hour 4-8. Karaoke with Nancy 7-11pm. Bump & grind dance music 11-1 with $1.75 pints of Fosters.

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

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.50 til 7 pm. Pool Tournament 4pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Beer Bust 2-7pm$1 Pitchers, 50¢ a glass. Free hamburgers 4-7 Pool Tourney with Zipperman. Karaoke Night, drink specials to singers.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 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. $1.75 white well 8pm to close.

BOOM-BOOMS - Closed Mondays. See you out at the other bars.

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

HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer $1.50. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. 2-4-1 Well & Domestic 2-6pm. 50¢ draft 6-9pm. Service Industry Nite: ½ price drinks for those in service industry. Monday Night Football and Doc's Dart's at 8:30. Free pool all day.

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

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm 2for1 well and domestic long necks. 2-7 p.m. Boys Night Out 9pm to closing. $1.00 longneck Hot dance music.

BOOM-BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8 daily. Dart Tourney 8:30. Special prices for all tourney players. $1.50 domestics $1 Cocksucker 9-close. DJ at 9.

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

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.50. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close. Karaoke 9pm.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. 9 pm to close 2for1 well/ Miller Lite. High Energy Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. 2-4-1 Well & Domestic 2-6pm. 50¢ draft 6-9. Salsa Nite: $1.75 Corona, $1.75 Tequila Gold.

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

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. $1.25 pitchers from 9 to midnight. Alternative music w/Stephanie 9pm-1.

BOOM-BOOMS- Happy Hour 4-8pm. Karaoke with Christopher 9pm - 1am. $1.50 White Well 9pm to close.

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

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.50. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. Feb. 19 New Pool Tournament Begins 6pm

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. 2-4-1 Well & Domestic 2-6pm. 50¢ Draft 6-9pm. Karaoke Nite: Drink Specials to singers.

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

Thursday

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

BOOM-BOOMS - Playgirls Cabaret Show at 9:30 in the "Other" Room $1.50 Dark Well 9pm to close. Hi NRG Dance Music at 9 with Raymond.

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

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.50. Corona $2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. 2-4-1 Well & Domestic 2-6pm. 50¢ draft 6-9pm. Naughty Sadies Male Dance Revue 10:30pm.

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. Michael spins hi energy dance music 8:30 to close. Drink specials every ½ hour.

BOOM-BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8pm. Latin Dance Party in the "Other" Room at 9pm. Dance Party with Raymond in the main bar at 9.

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

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer $1.50. Country Western Music 8-1am.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. 2-4-1 Domestic and Well 2-6pm. Hors d'oeuvres 5pm. Beer Bust 6-9pm $1 pitchers 50¢ glass. 2-4-1 Well & Domestic 9-11pm. Wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt and drink half price all night long.

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%. Michael spins hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every ½ hour.

BOOM-BOOMS - Happy Hour 4-8pm. Country/WSestern Danced in the "Other" room at 9:30 with lessons starting at 8pm. Dance to the latest club mixes in the main bar 9pm to close.

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

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 $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Happy Hour til 8pm. Hors d'oeuvres 4pm. Free Pool all day. Student nite: Students drink ½ price all nite long.

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.

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

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

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

YOUNG AND GAY?
Lesbian and Gay youths 21 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

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

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

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

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

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Room 32. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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

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

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

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday at 4:00 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1208 for more info.

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

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

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

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

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GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. B5 or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 10:00 a.m. Check it out!

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

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

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

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

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

LESBIAN/GAY/BI OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm in UMC Dining Room "F". 325-6676 or 670-1954.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Very Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7678.

NOTICES

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

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

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9602 or Sr. Joan 742-6900.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (evelten@ix.netcom.com)

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TUCSON ROOMMATE LOCATOR SERVICE Men and women welcome. Pager 388-6843.

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

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

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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 791-9662.

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

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

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

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

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

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