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Last Gasp Reprieve For McVeigh

HONOLULU, HI (NP) – It looked like the sailor discharged on the basis of his AOL profile was going to get a fast push down the gang-plank, but the government has stepped on the brakes – for now.

Seventeen-year Navy veteran Senior Chief Petty Officer Tim McVeigh, about to be discharged based solely on the gay content of the profile associated with one of his several America Online screen names, today saw his discharge delayed at least through January 21.

It's been a roller-coaster week: on January 12, McVeigh was given a notice that his discharge would be effective at midnight on January 16; on January 13 he was notified that it would be effective one day earlier, at midnight tonight.

As McVeigh was filing a lawsuit against the Secretaries of Defense and the Navy, including a request for a temporary restraining order to stall the discharge, top aides to Defense Secretary William Cohen hurriedly reached an agreement with the Justice Department to offer the six-day delay. Some sources say the delay was approved by Navy Secretary John Dalton.

Because of that offer, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (Washington, DC) delayed its own ruling on the temporary restraining order.

The requested restraining order would bar the Navy from discharging McVeigh until a full investigation has been made of its alleged violations of "don't ask, don't tell" procedure and of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, in seeking and obtaining protected personal information from America Online without McVeigh's consent and without a court order or warrant (in fact, without the Navy investigator even identifying himself as such).

Details of the lawsuit have not yet been made available.

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, also working with McVeigh (who is not related to the convicted Oklahoma City bomber), had been hoping to convince the office of Secretary of the Navy John Dalton to delay the discharge and review the case, but at last report the Navy had failed to respond to them directly.

Gay White House staffers have also been vocal in demanding action on the case, which the Clinton Administration is reportedly monitoring closely. McVeigh's situation has received extensive coverage in major national U.S. media and has caught the attention of international media as well.

Both the Navy and America Online continue to deny any wrong-doing in the case.

hOURS Closure Disheartens Many

TUCSON - It opened its doors in 1990 and last Sunday, January 18, 1998, hOURS closed its doors. After nearly eight years of serving the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community, owner Lee Nordmark finally called it quits. High overhead and declining revenues forced the closure. Some of the folks who attended that last "Happy Hour" are pictured above.

Lee is to be commended for the operation of this 'neighborhood' bar. It was always clean, efficiently run and had a friendly staff.

Always an active member of the Gay and Lesbian community, Lee was especially proud of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) and the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA). We hope that her participation in these organizations will continue, and we are sure that all organizations who were always welcome to use hOURS as a fund raising venue, will be disheartened at this news.

We will all miss hOURS and we wish Lee the best of good fortune in her future endeavors.

1998 Legislative Update:

Legislation Planned to Ban L/G Adoption & Foster Parenting; Reduce HIV/AIDS Rights

ADAP Still Facing Funding Crisis

by Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX (ON) – Another year, another session of the Arizona Legislature...and the same results.

With Governor Hull's state-of-the-state address this past week, the second session of the 1997-98 Arizona Legislature kicked off its 100-day session.

Over 700 proposals have been introduced as of press time, some of the notable bills would restrict the rights of citizens.

Proposed legislation being considered would end affirmative action; the state lottery; restrict abortion rights; restrict the citizen's right to initiative and referendum of state legislation and; make it a felony to assault a politician.

As usual, with the start of the new session and especially in an election year, anti-Gay and Lesbian proposed legislation have been filed by conservative-Republican legislators.

If Rep. Karen Johnson, R-Mesa has her way with H.B. 2482, Gays, Lesbians, and unmarried heterosexuals living together (in a common law marriage) would not be able to adopt children or be a foster parent in Arizona.

This issue came up in November when Governor Hull issued a directive for the state Department of Economic Security (DES) to look into the adoption policy since Gay and Lesbian couples were eligible to adopt children in the foster care and unmarried heterosexual couples could not.

According to James Hart deputy director of the Division of Children with DES, case-workers did not ask about the applicants sexual-orientation when interviewing about potential adoptions. Also, Christine Powell, an Assistant Attorney General said in an interview that the state's cohabitation law did not apply to Gay and Lesbian couples.

In a previous interview, Johnson had threatened to introduce legislation barring Gays and Lesbians from adopting or being foster parents. "The problem is that children have been placed in homes of Lesbians and homosexuals," Johnson said in an interview.

Johnson went on in the same interview, "They've been traumatized so much, most of these children, that they need to be in as well-rounded a home as possible with traditional role models...The ideal would be a man and a woman, a mother and a father."

H.B. 2482, introduced 1/15, is co-sponsored by 14 conservative-Republicans, of which are: Speaker of the House Jeff Groscost, R-Mesa; Rep. Lela Steffey R-Mesa; Rep. Debra Brimhall, R-Snowflake; Rep. Dean Cooley, R-Mesa; Rep. Marilyn Jarrett, R-Mesa, Chair of the House Government Reform and States' Rights Committee -- where H.B. 2482 has been assigned.

When reached for comment, Rep. Cooley said in an interview, "Why do they have interest in having children? If they want to, then let them enter into a traditional family relationship...If their way of life to be perpetuated, we'd end up with no people."

As of press time, the bill was not on the committee's schedule to be heard this week.

On the other side of this issue is H.B. 2138. Introduced 1/13 and "by request" by House Majority Leader Lori Daniels, R-Chandler, the measure states that a foster home can not be denied a license based on the marital status of the foster parents.

Chances for this bill getting through the process are slim:

First, Daniels filed this proposed legislation "by request," which means legislators don't won't full credit or blame for the measure. Rep. Daniels will not push H.B. 2138, especially since it is an election year.

Second, the bill has been assigned to four different committees for consideration by Speaker Jeff Groscost, R-Mesa,a sponsor of the opposing measure, H.B. 2482. Under current House rules, the bill must get out of all four committees, chances of which are slim-to-none.

In a previous interview, James Hart said there are over 6,000 foster care kids; 1,883 licensed foster care homes for 4,000 children in Arizona.

S.B. 1037, sponsored by the conservative-Republican Sen. Tom Patterson , R-Phoenix, as the mainstream press describes it, is a "Good Samaritan," bill, which would make the Department of Health Services release confidential medical information to "good Samaritans" who fear they were exposed to a communicable disease at an accident scene.

As the old saying goes, "Don't

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UPDATE

Danny 'Moose' Pagel Hits The Big One At Desert Diamond Casino

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) -- Danny "Moose" Pagel, photographer, bartender and U of A student, can now add "slots winner" to his impressive list of achievements.

"Moose" won $900,000 in a jackpot at the Desert Diamond Casino, Tuesday, January 20. Pagel hit it big on one of Desert Diamond's slot machines.

According to Pagel, he initially thought he had won only $900. "Moose" was told by casino employees that he had won the big jackpot, over $900,000.

Pagel is well-known in the community as a bartender at many nightclubs, recently for the now-defunct Club-2520. He also known especially for his photographic work: his "Men of Moose" portraits and his photographs of people and events for this publication.

The staff of The Observer wishes to express their congratulations to "Moose" on his big win.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MCC Valentine Dance and Celebration Feb. 14

TUCSON -- For that special evening on the town with the love of your life, Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church of Tucson (MCC) will be hosting a Valentine's Dance and Celebration at the church, 3269 North Mountain Avenue, Saturday, February 14, 7:00 P.M. until 10:30 P.M.

Dance to the sounds of "Sunday's Child," our live band while you enjoy light refreshment and hors d'oeuvres in a LesBiGay/Transgender affirming, smoke-free, alcohol-free environment.

As the church marks both Valentine's Day and Statehood Day, they will also be introducing their recently installed Pastor, Ms. Joyce Cook to the community and celebrating all the wonderful things that have happened over the past several months.

So circle Valentine's Day on your calendar and bring that special someone for an evening of dancing, good music and friendship. Tickets are now available at the church and will also be available at the door for $5 per person. For more information call the church, (520) 292-9151.

AGRA-Tucson To Hold Board Elections

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) -- The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association-Tucson Chapter will be accepting nominations for their Board of Directors at their meetings, Sunday, January 25 at the Stonewall/Eagle.

According to current AGRA-Tucson President, Terry Delaney, the Board positions are for the upcoming 1998-99 term.

In addition to the nominations, AGRA-Tucson will also be holding their regular Board and General Membership meetings on January 25 at 2:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. respectively.

Members of AGRA-Tucson, over two-dozen according to Terry Delaney, went up to Phoenix this past weekend for the thirteenth annual Road Runner Regional Rodeo.

Close to 10,000 cowboys and cowgirls from all over the world converged on Phoenix for the rodeo. The annual event was put on by the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association-Phoenix Chapter.

Delaney added that eighteen members of AGRA-Tucson volunteered their time to help AGRA-Phoenix put on a successful rodeo and had a blast at the Phoenix event.

For more information about AGRA-Tucson or the upcoming Saguaro Regional Rodeo, call the AGRA Hotline, 323-0805.

National Group Honors Gay History For First Time

SEATTLE, WA – At its annual meeting, the American Historical Association for the first time gave an award to a book about Gay/Lesbian history.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C. (and chartered by Congress in 1889), the organization gave its Herbert Feis Award to D. Michael Quinn's "Same-Sex Dynamics Among 19th-Century Americans: A Mormon Example."

This annual award honors the best book by an independent scholar on any historical topic, about any country, during any time-period..

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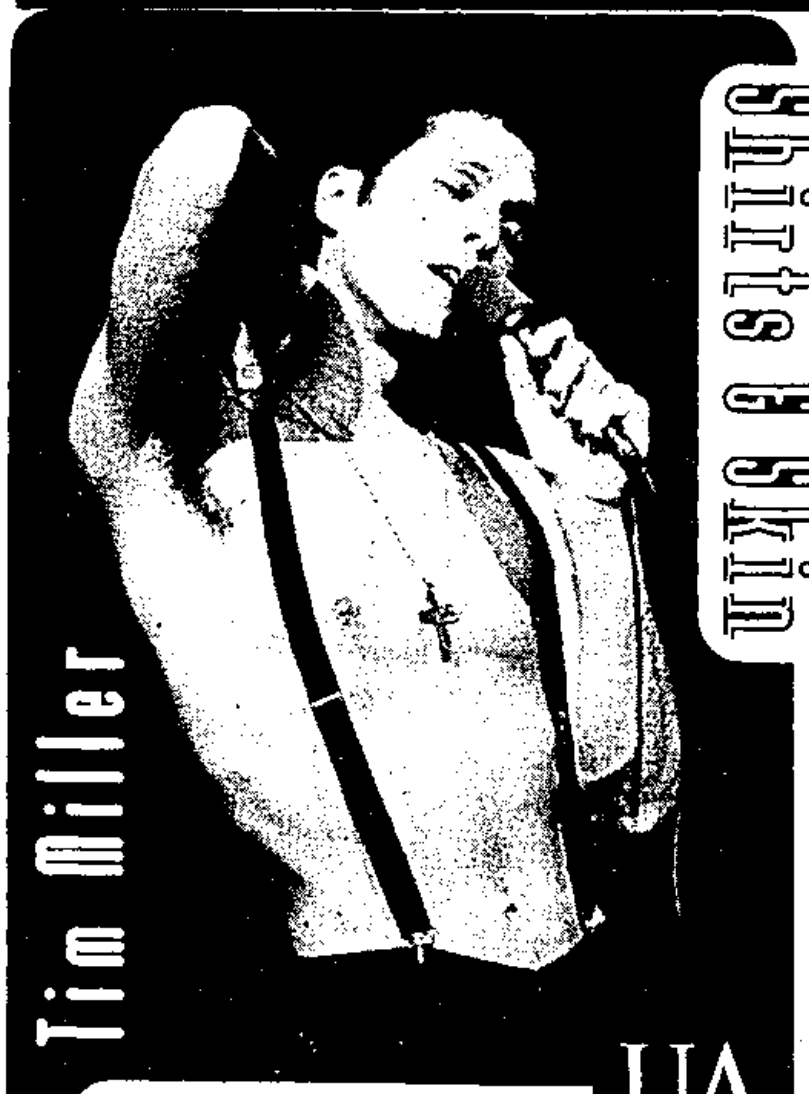

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In Reversal, GMHC Now Favors Mandatory HIV Reporting

NEW YORK, NY (NYT) -- The Gay Men's Health Crisis, the nation's leading AIDS service agency, is reversing a long-standing position and calling on New York doctors to notify the New York State Health Department of people testing positive for HIV.

Privacy concerns that have long set HIV-infection apart from other infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, gonorrhea, and syphilis were fading and that elected officials, health professionals and a growing number of advocates for people with AIDS are reconsidering their positions regarding mandatory testing and notification.

Every state in the country requires mandatory reporting of newly diagnosed AIDS cases. The Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta announced last fall that it would now request identical name reporting procedures for people testing positive for HIV.

Groups like GMHC have for more than a decade resisted mandatory disclosure, arguing it would discourage people from being tested and from obtaining early treatment.

But in a policy statement, GMHC officials said that clinical advances and the need for the most up-to-date information on HIV infection demanded new approaches, and that simply tracking people with AIDS was no longer an effective means to gauge the extent of the epidemic.

The GMHC statement does not oppose reporting names, but urges the State Health Department to consider using coded identification systems as a privacy safeguard. "This is not a static epidemic and our position cannot be a static position," Ronald S. Johnson, GMHC's managing director said. "It certainly is a change. We look to it more as a progression in our thinking."

The case for using codes instead of names suffered a setback late last week when the CDC announced a three-year evaluation of the Maryland and Texas systems had found that tracking HIV by codes "did not reliably count cases." The CDC cited incomplete data and other problems that made linking the codes to actual people and case studies difficult.

The New York State AIDS Advisory Council, co-chaired by Jeffrey Reynolds, said that reporting is now seen to be necessary but that the question of whether to use codes instead of names for tracking was still being hotly debated.

AIDS policy experts at the CDC said it is only "a matter of time" before name reporting becomes standard procedure throughout the country. . . .

GMHC Decision Angers Many in Community

The GMHC decision not to take a stronger stand against name reporting has deeply angered many AIDS advocates. Some in the community argue that name reporting is indicative of a stronger public appetite for more coercive measures against people who test positive for HIV.

"There are real-world implications when the world's largest AIDS service organization comes out in tacit support of name reporting," said Jeffrey Reynolds who opposes name reporting and serves on the state's AIDS Advisory Council. "It plays out in all different ways. It opens the door to divide and conquer. It gives the government the opportunity to do it their way. That doesn't reflect the concerns of the community."

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AS I SEE IT..... BY CLARK

DNA Links Two Virginia Serial Murder Victims

NORFOLK, VA (NP) -- Genetic evidence provides an important clue in the murders of a dozen Gay men in Virginia, a case that has spanned a decade with little to no progress.

There's been a break in one of the United States' longest-running cases of a suspected serial killer. Since 1987, there's been a series of a dozen murders of Gay men in the Tidewater area of Virginia, their strangled bodies dumped naked in roadside ditches.

A lack of physical evidence and the victims' milieu -- the street life of hustlers and drug addicts in nightlife neighborhoods serving thousands of Navy personnel -- had left police frustrated.

The last victim was Andrew "Andre" Smith, killed in July 1996, and police were able to indict Elton Jackson of Portsmouth for that murder, for which Jackson will stand trial in April. But it's only now that physical evidence connecting Jackson and a second victim has been announced.

At a bond hearing for Jackson, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Michael Massie revealed that DNA testing on bedding from Jackson's home had found matches with both Smith and Reginald Joyner, victim number six. Joyner's body was found in Suffolk in March 1993. Jackson had been known to be acquainted with Smith, as well as several of the other victims.

Jackson has claimed that he and Smith had engaged in consensual sex not long before Smith's body was found, but has denied killing Smith or any of the others. DNA testing had also helped to link Jackson to Smith, based on samples from cigarette butts in the ashtray of Jackson's car.

There are at least two unusual aspects to the killings. One is that some of the victims have been white and others African-American, when it is fairly rare for killers to select victims outside their own race. Another is that the victims showed no sign of struggle, although testing did not find evidence of drugs that might have subdued them. The strangulation method used would require considerable physical strength.

The bodies have been left in spots well-travelled enough that they did not go undiscovered for long. In at least three instances, there was a witness at a dump site who saw nothing less than an hour before the body was found.

Profilers identify the killer as "organized," one who intelligently plans the slaying and the removal of evidence afterwards, as opposed to the impulsive actions of disorganized" killers.

Organized serial killers are typically sexually motivated and keep "trophies," and have almost always been white men, such as John Wayne Gacey. Jackson's attorney has pointed out that he is an African-American of unremarkable intellect.

The victims in the suspected series have been Charles F. Smith (found in Chesapeake in August 1987), Joseph Ray (found in Chesapeake in 1988), Stacey Reneau (found in January 1989), John W. Ross, Jr. (found in January 1992), Billy Lee Dixon (found west of Norfolk in August 1992), Reginald Joyner (found in Suffolk in March 1993), Raymond Bostick (found in Chesapeake in June 1993), Robert Neal (found in Chesapeake in September 1993), Garland Taylor, Jr. (found in Suffolk in 1994), Samuel Aliff (found in Chesapeake in May 1995), Jesse James Spencer (found in Chesapeake in January 1996), and Andrew "Andre" D. Smith (found in July 1996).

'In The Life's' February/March Program
"Image, Identity, Diversity - Crossing Borders"

PHOENIX -- The February/March episode of "In The Life" explores the depth and complexity of the Lesbian and Gay community, a vast population drawn together by sexual orientation, yet made up of numerous distinct identities sometimes at odds with each other over a range of cultural, religious, economic, and gender expressions.

In seven new stories this episode of "In The Life" journeys to:

Tijuana, for a report on the growing AIDS crisis in the border city;

North Carolina, where a Gay man confronts his family's secrets as well as his own;

Brooklyn for a look at the Audre Lorde Project, the nation's first community center devoted to serving the needs of Gay, Lesbian, Bi, Transgendered and two-spirit people of color;

Toronto and The Clark Institute of Psychology to uncover what's behind Gender Identity Disorder; the heart of Jewish culture to see where modern Gay and traditional Jewish identities come together; and

cyberspace with special guest correspondent Kate Bornstein for a look at the world of virtual activism.

Included are interviews with Tony Award winning playwright Tony Kushner and dance music "Diva" Joi Cardwell.

"In The Life," is produced by Life Media Inc., a not-for-profit, member-supported organization, and is presented by Thirteen/WNET in New York. The bi-monthly newsmagazine series chronicles the history and contemporary experience of the Lesbian and Gay community, and airs on over 100 public television stations nationwide. Tucson's PBS channel 6, KUAT, still does not carry this important program.

A complete list of airdates can be found on the internet at http://inthelifetv.-org. "In The Life is distributed by the American Program Service.

"In The Life," is seen in Phoenix on Channel 8, KAET, Friday, February 13 at midnight.

Tucsonans are urged to call or write KUAT and request that it carry this excellently produced and very informative program. You may write to: KUAT, TV Channel 6, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85719 or call the program director at 621-5828.

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Life Is A Drag . . . .

By Elise Barbara Fox

Where have all the drag shows gone?
Long time passing
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-- with apologies to Peter, Paul and Mary

I am disappointed: not much to review and even less for a girl to buy. The fashion magazines show European runaways with slit skirt micro-minis. They're cute, show great legs but, I'm afraid, not in Tucson. Do our department store buyers live in circa 1880s Tombstone?

I can't resist getting involved with life's mini or maxi travails.

I talked to a source Sunday who told me that Hours is shut down; the apparent reason, I was told -- financial problems. If so, that would mean a loss to us of two nightclub venues in less than one year including Boom-Boom's. Don't say I didn't tell you. It's getting more difficult for small business to survive. We, consumers, tend to take things for granted: they'll always be there. You'll say, this bar or that store seemed to be doing a great business. What we don't know is that the stuff of financial ledgers: the tax burdens, the lenders who won't wait or renegotiate terms. I once bought beautiful handmade earrings from a curio shop on East Grant. She's gone: a victim, I suspect, of the same crushing burdens. Say a prayer for Dave and Frank: IBT's and The Graduate rank as historical landmarks. The late 1990s economy just isn't kind to enrrepreneurs.

Oh well. If the regulatory and business burdens get too great, maybe Dave and Frank would like to go public. Even if it's only over-the-counter shares. Guys, if you need it, our community will give you capital: we can't afford to lose you, we love you, we need you. Cute vision -- New York Stock Exchange: a listing for IBT's. Sure would put Tucson on the financial map.

The demise of Hours is unhappy news for another reason. Self interest because I need to see this publication thrive. Fewer nightspots diminish advertising revenue that pays printing costs. In the world of newspaper presses, there are no Wal-Marts.

You watch TV news. So you probably saw it: the gap sinkhole into a silver mine that opened wider on Toughnut Street in Tombstone. There's a bigger sinkhole in Arizona. It's address is 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix. You know it better as the state Legislature.

Oh, I know. I probably shouldn't label our new "guv" Jane Dee Hull as the Red Queen, but we should consider the "Alice in Wonderland" quality of the State Capitol. Jane's heart is in the right place: she included funds in her $5.7 billion state budget proposal for AIDS-funding drugs. The Chesire Cats over at the Joint Legislative Budget Committee grin at us and say: no way.

I guess our concerns are trivial to JLBC. Maybe members would like this apocryphal story. A seaman on watch on a warship spots a light and informs the captain of a possible collision. The captain orders this sent by signal lamp: "Change course immediately. This is a battleship and I'm its captain." The reply comes back: "With respect captain, you'd better alter course. This is the lighthouse."

Youths under 21, Gay and straight, are risking the future of our planet in ever greater numbers. We have a tax-funded obligation -- as a matter of public policy -- to treat the afflicted of all ages and encourages prevention.

Gov. Hull and legislators gathered at Saint Mary's Basilica, Phoenix, this afternoon for St. Thomas Moore Society's Red Mass, an annual event wishing divine inspiration to state elected officials in pursuit of their duties.

They need all the help they can get. Have you ever known a drag show to start on schedule? So be patient; government is like that too. All social change takes time.

It depends on one thing: whether you, as an individual, wish to make a better world. You will be tested in ways big or small. 1998 is no exception.

I'm thinking this would not bother Felice Renard, Ajia Simone, Regina Reed or Victoria DuPuis. They're all brave. Drag queens have to be -- to blatantly defy society's conventions about who dresses in what and to perform on stage. I mention them because they compromise the case of tonight's Girlie Show at IBT's.

A moral dilemma for the Gay world:

It could be something as simple as an idle conversation with a co-worker in the break room who asks what you're going to do tonight. You truthfully blurt: "I'm going dancing at XYZ nightclub." Your friend in the office or on the production line asks, "What that? I've never heard of it."

Do you risk raised eyebrows of "straights" if you say it's a Gay-Lesbian nightspot that has fantastic DJ music that young heteros love too. Or do you stay in the closet and mumble something inconsequential?

The military folks in our ranks have a special predicament. The Pentagon, Congress and White House need to know: "don't ask, don't tell" not only is stupid but is, to one voter's thinking, patently unconstitutional.

Hey! What good is a constitution if you can't ignore it? (If you ask the political left or right, they'll say the same either about U.S. Bureau of Tobacco or Firearms, or U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.)

There is one thing in American life that is non-negotiable: the First Amendment: which is why you are reading this now. Our historical experience: freeing the slaves, women's suffrage, the civil rights movement championed by The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the anti-war Viet Nam back lash and Gay rights -- all benefitted because people could speak freely or voice their opinions in print.

I hope you understand: we're not asking for much -- just mutual respect. 98 percent of patrons I've seen at our nightclubs I could not spot as Gays or Lesbians (or Transgenders or Bisexuals) if I passed them on the street. I think this is why the stereotypes of Hollywood and network TV

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GLAAD Nominates Positive Media

LOS ANGELES, CA (NP) – GLAAD has announced most of the nominees (except for the L/G/B/T* Print and Electronic categories), and it's hard to see how they'll glean the cream from these outstanding choices!

The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, today announced the nominees for its Ninth Annual GLAAD Media Awards, honoring "balanced and accurate representations of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community and the issues that affect their lives." As last year, the awards will be presented at three different events, March 30 in New York City, April 4 in Washington, DC, and April 19 in Los Angeles.

"Ellen" turns up not only as a nominee for Outstanding TV Comedy Series, but also in Outstanding TV Talk (Oprah Winfrey Show "Ellen's Coming Out" Episode and Geraldo "Ellen Coming Out: Celebration or Catastrophe?") and Outstanding Magazine Article ("1997 Entertainer of the Year" in Entertainment Weekly and "Yep, I'm Gay" in TIME Magazine).

GLAAD has added two new additional categories for 1998 for Print Media and for Electronic Media "with an intended audience of primarily Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people." Those nominees will be announced at a later date by a nominations committee headed by Larry Gross, Professor of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg School of Communications.

THE 1998 GLAAD
MEDIA AWARD NOMINEES:

Outstanding Film (Wide Release): As Good As It Gets; In & Out; Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil; My Best Friend's Wedding.

Outstanding Film (Limited Release): All Over Me; Bent; Different For Girls; Lilies; My Life in Pink (Ma Vie En Rose).

Outstanding Documentary: Behind the Music: Boy George (VH1); Hide and Seek (PBS); I Shall Not Be Removed (PBS); Licensed to Kill; Paul Monette: Brink of Summer's End (Cinemax).

Outstanding TV Movie: Any Mother's Son (Lifetime;) Breaking the Code (PBS); In the Gloaming (HBO); Twilight of the Golds (HBO).

Outstanding TV Drama Series: ER (NBC); 413 Hope Street (Fox); NYPD Blue (ABC).

Outstanding TV Comedy Series: Ellen (ABC); Mad About You (NBC); Spin City (ABC); Suddenly Susan (NBC.)

Outstanding TV Individual Episode: HBO Comedy Hour "Drop Dead Gorgeous (A Tragicomedy): The Power of HIV-Positive; Thinking" (HBO); The Practice "Civil Rights" (ABC); The Simpsons "Homer's Phobia" (Fox). South Park "Big Gay Al's Big Gay Boat Ride" (Comedy Central); Xena: Warrior Princess "Here She Comes, Miss Amphipolis" (Syndicated).

Outstanding TV Talk: RuPaul Show "The Family Show"; Geraldo "Ellen Coming Out: Celebration or Catastrophe?"; Oprah Winfrey Show "Ellen's Coming Out" Episode;

Outstanding Daytime Drama: All My Children (ABC).

Outstanding TV Journalism: 20/20 (ABC) - "TOPS Cops"; 20/20 (ABC) - "Married Lesbians Come Out"; Legal Cafe (Court TV) - "Domestic Partnership"; Entertainment Tonight (syndicated) - Body of Work; AIDS: A Journal of Hope (Time Warner/NY1.)

Outstanding Music: Ani DiFranco Living in Clip Erasure Cowboy; Indigo Girls Shaming of the Sun; Janet Jackson The Velvet Rope; White Town Women in Technology.

Outstanding Magazine Article: "Her Son/Daughter" New York Times Magazine; "A Daughter's Story" Seventeen Magazine; "I'm Just Like Any Other Mom" McCall's; "1997 Entertainer of the Year" Entertainment Weekly; "Yep, I'm Gay" Time Magazine.

Outstanding Magazine Overall Coverage: Time Magazine; The Progressive; Advertising Age.

Outstanding Newspaper Article: "Death of a Sailor" by Cheryl Lavin (Chicago Tribune); "What A Difference A Modem Makes" by Matthew McAllester (Newsday); "A Self Made Man" by David Tuller (San Francisco Chronicle); "Nowhere to Hide: When Love Turns Mean" by Katherine Seligman (San Francisco Examiner).

Outstanding Newspaper Column/Columnist: Clarence Page "What Kids and Their Parents Should Know About Gay Rights" (Tribune Media Service); "Outlooks" (Miami Herald).

Outstanding Comic: The Invisibles; The Flash; Superboy and the Ravers; For Better or For Worse.

Outstanding Interactive Media: Ann On-Line; Gay.com; GLORadio; Sol's Activist Page; Oasis Magazine.

Outstanding LA Theater Production: The Sum of Us; Mountains; Gay 90's Musical; Rent; The Normal Heart.

Outstanding NY Theater Production: A Question of Mercy; Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde; Hedwig & The Angry Inch; In-Betweens; Tell-Tale.

Water Of Life MCC Bake Sales

TUCSON – That resolution you made to slim down for 1998 is going to have go on hold for a while.

Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of Tucson will be holding a Bake Sale to be held on alternate Saturday evenings, February 7 and February 21, 6:30 P.M. to 12:00 Midnight at Rainbow Planet Coffee House, 606 North Fourth Avenue.

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POLITICS 1998

by Mark R. Kerr

"I Grabbed The Green One Instead Of The Brown One!"

This past week, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) "Spammed" out a press release that their Executive Committee had given the go ahead to a proposal that state delegations to the 2000 Democratic National Disinfomercial ensure representation of "historically under-represented groups," of which Gays and Lesbians are included. Oh goodie!

"Gay and Lesbian Democrats and our community have taken a significant step forward," said Jean O'Leary, an open-Lesbian and member of the DNC Executive Committee. Step forward or step-in-what?

More queers to lead the cheers. Puh-leeze!

The conventions are such an important part of democracy. Not! They are a relic of times past, when the party was in control of the process, and the respective nominee actually followed the party's platform if they got elected.

That is no longer the case! The conventions are nothing but severely-staged managed infomercials which wouldn't even be shown on the WB network.

To note: the 1996 conventions got the lowest ratings since they were televised in 1948. Where's Dionne Warwick when we need her!

Gays and Lesbians have supported the Democratic party and their candidates. What thanks do they get? Can we say: "Don't ask, don't tell," the non-passage of the "Employment Non-Discrimination Act" and the nominations of open Gays and Lesbians, such as James Hormel for posts in the Clinton Administration and; "the Defense of Marriage Act."

So why the move? The Democrats are still in deep financial doo-doo over the 1996 Presidential election for which they are still owing millions for Clinton's big "Electoral Victory." Call the Money-Store! Gays and Lesbians have contributed big money to the Democrats and the DNC sees the big "cash-cow." A little flattery will open the check-books? Are we that dumb?

This is window-dressing. For this to be a "step forward" would entitle Gays and Lesbians writing policy and laws for which the Democrats stand behind and not conveniently abandon come election time. Sound familiar?

Gays and Lesbians should be serving in prominent posts, not ambassadors for third-rate countries or under-secretaries for minor government departments.

Step forward? Perhaps not. Once again, it is Gays and Lesbians that must bail out the breeders! . . .

The Grand Inquisition, err Arizona Legislature is back in session. Another year, same damn results! It's an election year and the Gay, Lesbian and HIV bashing has begun.

Bills to ban G/L adoption, foster parenting and restricting the rights for those living with HIV even further have been introduced.

Chances of passage are good unless we act. Call the Southern Arizona office at (520) 628-6596 and leave a message urging your legislators to vote against these bills. If you don't know who they are, they will be able to help you with that and direct your message to your legislators.

In addition to the hate legislation, (for fun and political profit), other lame-brained proposals have been filed for consideration during this session. Can you just hear the flush of taxpayers money down the toilette!

SB 1039, introduced by State Senator Pat Conner, R-Yuma would name "Casa Grande series soil," as Arizona's official dirt. I thought I held that title!

In an interview, Conner sponsored S.B 1039 to spur student interest in soil conservation. Like they can read!

Then there's SB 1005 which would name some really-dead lizard Arizona's dinosaur. I thought the State Democratic party held that title! An amendment has been filed to the bill to change the name of the dinosaur. To Stupid-saurus perhaps?!

If Rep. Richard Kyle, R-Chandler has his way, and he won't. Assaulting a politician would be a felony under HB 2006. Shouldn't they be charged under a felony for what they have done to us?

Sen. Tom Patterson, R-Phoenix, the "Dr. Kevorkian" of the legislature, in addition to his drive to reduce the rights of those living with HIV, SB 1037, wants the state to take over and run social security. That could possibly be the case if SCM 1001 passes.

Patterson's "solution" for old people is just like his "solution" for welfare. Send them to the moon!

Lastly, the Republican-dominated legislature would like to join the bandwagon to rename Washington D.C.'s National Airport to the Ronald Reagan Airport. That would be the case if SM 1001 or HCM 2003 is approved.

How ironic. Naming an airport for a man who fired most of the air-traffic controllers in the early 1980's setting the airline industry back-to-the-point where it is just recovering now.

Where is that "dildo bill" when we need it! . . .

So it goes for now kids!

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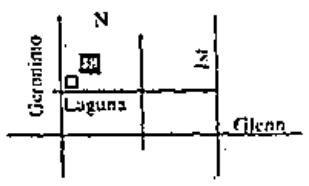

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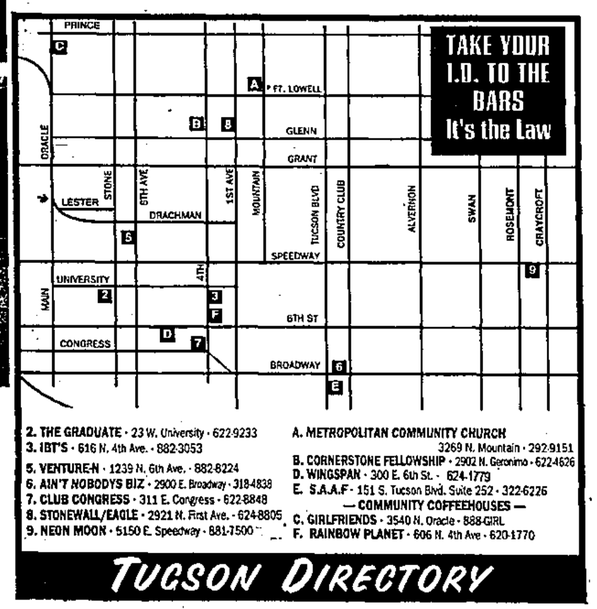

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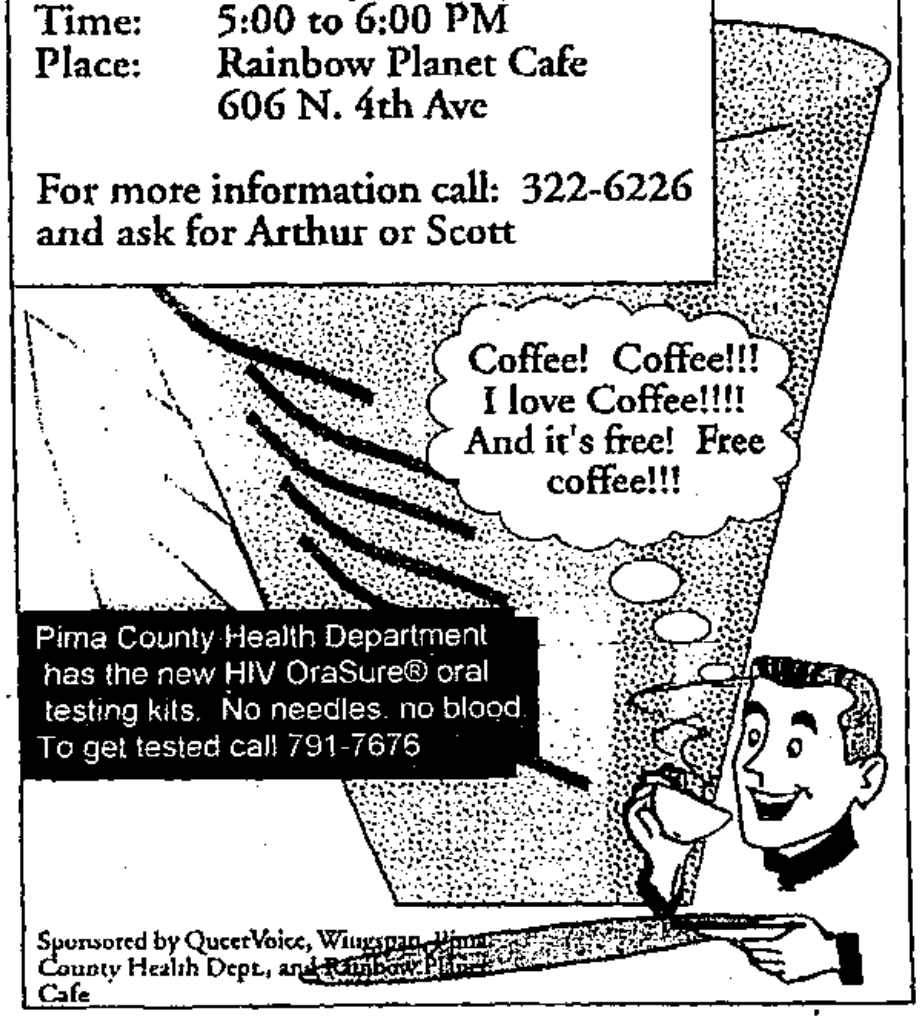

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Columna Abierta . . . .

by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¿Qué tal?, un poco descansado por el "puente" para la celebración del Sr. Luther King y con mucho repertorio para esta Columna Abierta...

Se me había pasado decirles que George de Hollywood ya se encuentra entre nosotros otra vez, como que se aburrío de Douglas y aquí anda preparando su próxima actuación, que promete ser su lanzamiento mundial, con decirles que Mario, ya empezó a diseñarle parte del del "ajuar" esten pendientes de los anuncios que estaní distribuyendo Salud es Poder...

Es necesario comentar el gran show que presentó Fuerza Latina, el pasado jueves 15, ganaron bastantes puntos los artistas y se pudo notar que el público ya empieza a reconocerles y gratificarles sus actuaciones; Itzel se llevó la noche con la personificación de la señora Lupita D'Alessio, y Victoria sigue ganando "fans" con la personificación de Rocio Durcal, y Valeoro le hiso muy "buena esquina" con el dúo del Sr. Juan Gabriel.... Y que decir de Grecia y de Liliana que siempre han sido dueñas del escenario al momento de sus actuaciones... Muchas felicidades para cada uno de ellos y que sigan los exitos!!!

Otro de los grandes acontecimientos que Salud es Poder llevará a cabo, es la presentación a la comunidad de Ambos Nogales de los objetivos del proyecto de trabajar en forma binacional en lo que respecta a prevención, promoción y educación sobre el VIH/SIDA enfocado a hombres que tienen sexo con hombres:. Arizona/México Border Health Foundation será a agencia en coordinación con SAAF para desarrollar conjuntos los compromisos que se tiene con CDC... y para "hechar andar" el proyecto se tiene programada una presentación y una gran velada en "La casa vieja" Bar & Grill de Nogales Sonora el viernes 23 desde las 7:00pm si necesita información adicional sobre este programa, por favor comunicarse con Ernie Pérez al 322-6226... También ya se está anunciando el siguiente show de Fuerza Latina para el jueves 29 de Enero en el Stonewall, no falte le aseguramos una gran divertida!!!...

En Agua Prieta, ya se estan enviando las invitaciones para el segu foro de consulta comunitaria; "Unidad Familiar, Juventud Sana" y será el miércoles 29 desde las 6:00pm esperamos una gran asistencia ya que el primer foro que se llevó el pasado 10 de diciembre se contó una gran asistencia; ya les traeré la información y los resultados desde luego...

También el Consejo Binacional de Ambos Nogales, tendrá su primer reunión del '98 el jueves 22 en el local de CANACINTRA en Nogales, Sonora, en esta ocación nos acompañarán grandes personalidades del Sector Salud del Estado de Sonora así como de la Oficina de Campo de la Organización Panamericana de Salud de El Paso Tx. y de la Asociación Fronteriza de Salud México/Estados Unidos; ya les daré los detalles en la siguiente Columna Abierta

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ABC Uncertain On Future Of 'Ellen'

HOLLYWOOD, CA (LAT) – Though network executives insist they "couldn't be more thrilled" with the creative direction of the program, ABC executives have yet to make a decision on whether to renew "Ellen" for another season.

Sources are quoted as saying, Ellen DeGeneres, the series' star, has repeatedly asked the network for an early decision so that the program can either be steered to a close or into another season. ABC Entertainment President Jamie Tarses said, however, the network wants to review the show's rating performance before it decides.

The series has receive critical acclaim since DeGeneres ousted both the sitcom's character and herself, but the show continues to lose one viewer in five from it's 8:00 P.M. lead-in, "The Drew Carey Show," in an average week.

ABC has been forced into a defensive position over its handling of "Nothing Sacred," an enormously controversial drama centered around a Catholic priest suffering doubts about his faith. Catholic groups have – since its debut – raised strong objections to the show's central premise, but they reached a fevered pitch when it was learned one episode would feature a Gay priest's battle with AIDS.

The network last week told the show's former co-executive producer and writer of the episode, Richard Kramer, that it would not air the episode. An infuriated Kramer said, "ABC's decision to bury it was based on cowardice, cruelty, and co-option of the religious right's agenda."

Asked about the recent flap, Tarses hinted that ABC may have changed its mind when he told reporters that while the show "hit some real hot buttons" it's "likely it will turn up at some point."

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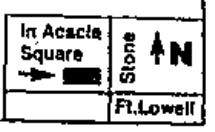

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A View From The Rock

A Comentary From Cornerstsone Fellowship

The other morning I was getting on the city bus when I noticed a man who looked vaguely familiar to me. He was clean-shaven, recently showered, and dressed nicely. I stared at him trying to remember why he looked so familiar to me. Who was this guy? No name came to my mind, so I forgot the incident.

Later during the week, I remembered who he was. This guy is someone I've seen at the Broadway and Wilmot intersection, as well as Grant and Oracle, with a sign saying he will work for food. His sign, which he had at both intersections, is rather long, all about how he is disabled and has a family to support.

Sometimes I am skeptical when I see people with signs like he had-I certainly am skeptical of him! Did you ever meet someone like that; someone who made you feel that they weren't what they pretended to be? A lot of us put on facades. We're afraid of really being honest about who we are. To be really honest about ourselves takes courage.

What if our boyfriend/girlfriend/spouse doesn't like what they see? Not only might they dump us, but they might tell others about what they discovered. Being honest about who we are makes us vulnerable, and that can be pretty scary.

Did you know, though, that there is someone who knows our innermost thoughts? The Bible tells us, "O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord." (Psalm 1319:1-4) Even though God is well aware of the parts of us which we try to keep hidden from others, even though he recognizes our real motives, he still loves us. And he waits for us to realize that he loves us even when we act unlovable. We can pretend with others but not with God. He's there even when we don't acknowledge him!

Are you like that guy I saw on the bus. Do you appear to be someone or something you're not...afraid of letting anyone know the real you? You read this article for a reason, and God knows what is happening in your heart. He can change it all for you. If you don't know where to go to find God, come to Cornerstone Fellowship. God already knows everything about you. Isn't it time you learned about him?

New AIDS Vaccine Trial

NEW YORK, NY (RHIS) – Three experimental AIDS vaccines will be put to the test in upcoming clinical trials, announced researchers from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Volunteers are currently being recruited at six clinical units of the NIAID's AIDS Vaccine Evaluation Group (AVEG) located in: St. Louis, Missouri (University of St. Louis); Nashville, Tennessee (Vanderbilt University); Seattle, Washington (University of Washington); Birmingham, Alabama (University of Alabama); Baltimore, Maryland (Johns Hopkins University); and Rochester, New York (University of Rochester Medical Center).

The AVEG centers have conducted 42 different vaccine trials, including a total of 2,400 volunteers since 1988, according to the government research group.

One of the new vaccines consists of a live recombinant canarypox virus that contains the genes for three proteins found on the surface of HIV. The researchers hope that the vaccine can trigger an anti-HIV immune reaction in mucus membranes – often the point of entry of the virus.

The vaccine, known as ALVAC-HIV vCP205, can infect cells and prompts them to produce HIV-like particles known as pseudovirus. While the particles are harmless, the researchers hope they still can fool the body into producing an immune reaction that recognizes and kills HIV. The trial will include 84 volunteers who will receive the vaccine by injection as well as booster doses administered orally, vaginally, nasally or rectally.

The second vaccine, known as VVG203, is a genetically engineered Salmonella bacteria – an organism more commonly associated with food poisoning. But the bacteria in this vaccine have been altered so they cannot multiply in humans. The bacteria have been engineered to carry one HIV coat protein in the hopes of inducing immunity against the virus.

The vaccine will be administered orally to 47 adults at low risk for HIV infection to see if it can stimulate the production of an anti-HIV immune reaction in the mouth, or elsewhere in the body.

In the third trial, researchers are trying to determine if human macrophage colony stimulating factor, or (GM-CSF), can act as an adjuvant, a compound mixed with all vaccines to stimulate a stronger immune reaction.

Currently, alum compounds are the only adjuvants approved for use in human vaccines.

But GM-CSF, a naturally occurring protein in the body, is already being used to treat transplant and cancer patients. The growth factor can increase blood cells counts, and is known to stimulate antigen-presenting cells, which play a key role in an immune reaction.

The trial, using ALVAC-HIV vCP205 combined with GM-CSF, will include 36 volunteers who will be followed for 18 months.

More information about the trials can be accessed by calling the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (1-800-TRIALS-A) or visiting their website at www.actis.org.

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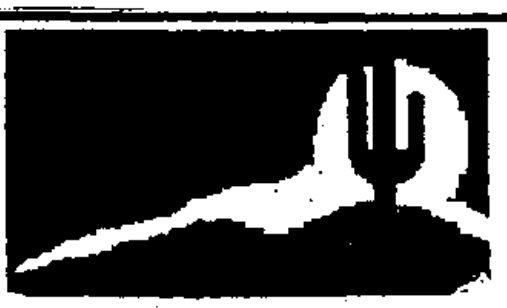

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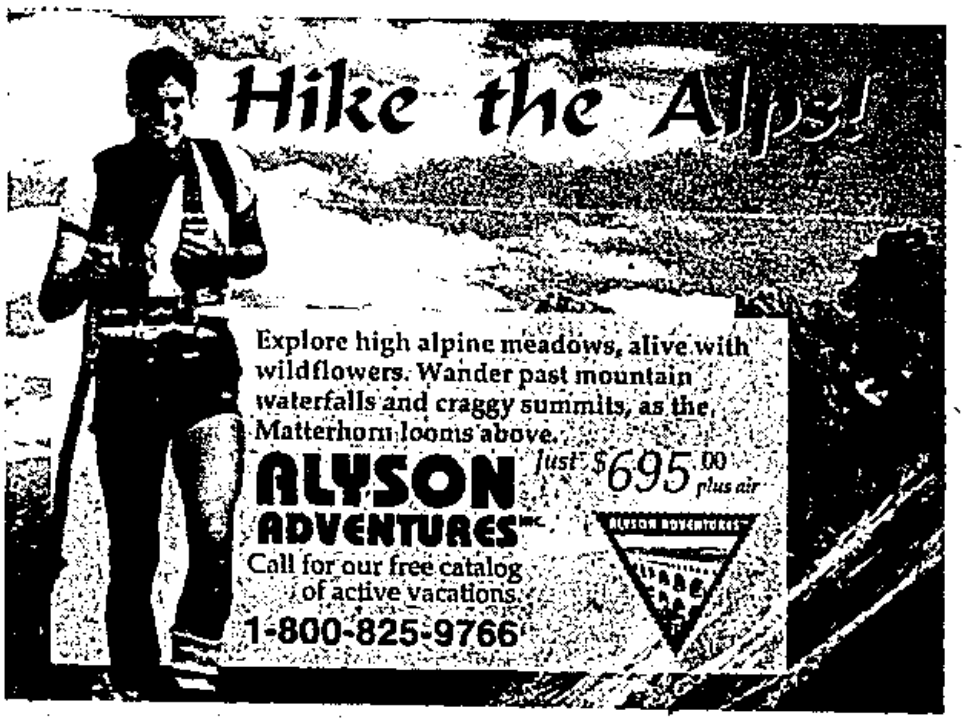

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Life Is A Drag

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are so detrimental. No matter how subtly stated, most (but not all) shows still love the "flaming faggot" image.

Drag queens are a bit more problematic. Our height, voice, facial features or mannerisms may give us away. But every queen I know loves "playing girl."

For some, it's psychological; for others a fashion "trip." I'm "out" and will tell anyone who asks. Obviously I get a kick, as I did the other day, when a woman out walking her Scottish terrier told the pup to stop bothering "that lady." Or the woman behind me in a Kmart checkout line when I started to walk away without something: "You forgot your checkbook, ma'am!"

"Her hair is Harlow gold
"Her lips sweet surprise
"She'll turn her music on you
"She's got Bette Davis eyes"

– Kim Carnes

We need clarity of vision; we can weather adversity, we are strong. We must battle housing, employment and social discrimination. And intolerance. We will eradicate these blights, my friends, with smiles, kind words and friendship. You see, ours is a secular morality and righteousness.

For sister queens (or "drag girls" if you prefer since I've never won a title): the business world calls them mentors; for us, they're known as drag mothers. They teach; they criticize. I wish I'd had one. My garment-packed closet, discarded makeup, and dust-gathering wigs are testament to my mistakes. Accept the baton. You have a teaching role.

The stage is demanding. It's why queens worry about an unhooked dress snap or hair out of place.

Maybe it's just as well the wrinkles show around my eyes. I can give advice to the young queens who probably really will win titles. Rehearse, rehearse and rehearse. Know your material and the stage will be like a wispy cloud you'll float through applause.

So. I'm waiting. Who can top the recent JODY show at IBT's, some of those Girlie Shows I spotted last year, or the glitzy spectaculars that happened at The Biz, The Graduate, Hours, or Stonewall/Eagle?

I hope show producers will humor me: do great things and give me a reason to pound the hell out of this beat-up keyboard. (Hey folks! Do I have to go back to a Royal manual when the year 2000 problem blights our computers? You "tech" type guys or gals in our community should be able to brainstorm solutions that will earn your fortunes.)

It's stupid of society to waste brainpower – just because of sexual orientation. All of you have this gift. It's what distinguishes us from, say, armadillos. They're cute. They're armored but they prefer to burrow and hide.

I think the "straights" need our input.

Let's see. We, U.S. taxpayers, spent $1 million to train Lt. Kelly Flynn. You know what Flynn did in the straight world – had a fling. How many of us haven't? And maybe with people we shouldn't? We would have done better to urge the resignation of Air Force Secretary Sheila Widnall – a Clinton appointee.

Never mind that she vetoed a Tucson, Pima County and Arizona offer to extend the DMAFB runway to minimize urban encroachment and keep our Tucson men and women in blues and fatigues secure from a painful base closure. None of us in Tucson who care about our economy and our friends wish DMAFB to become a ghost town.

Whitewater, Paula Jones and "I didn't inhale." Does this stuff remind you of Teapot Dome? Got an idea: let's rename the White House as Tammany Hall. Boss Tweed would be proud.

Flynn was America's first female B-52 pilot. She put it this way, an airplane knows no gender. Poor Flynn; she should have known better: that life is full of hidden risks. Ask us. We know.

It's a lesson for all of us. If you grant sex it carries an obligation: you need to wake up next to your partner knowing you've made the right choice and be prepared to accept life's consequences.

Never sell yourselves short, my friends. We live on intellect, not instinct. I want you to live in the sunlight; not the burrow.

Which is why we are going to beat AIDS and compel the rest to feel no revulsion from something as humanitarian as a hug. It says: I love you – you are my brother or sister; I care.

The Flynn story gave me an idea: I want to do a column updating sex in our community: 1998. You could be a civilian or military. What are the problems? What are the issues? No names, please; just initials. I'll quote you if you send a paragraph or two to The Observer by mail or facsimile. I have a lot of questions. No answers.

Samples: obviously, do you use condoms? What type of encounter (and there are various), do you prefer? Are you "looking for love" or do you want a long term relationship? What do you want most from your partner? – sex, loving support or just listening to you bitch about life's difficulties. How does he or she react? It's really a good storyline. You'll be interested in the results. But I can't do it without you. All responses are confidential. I'm sworn. The Redcoats put John Peter Zenger, colonial publisher, in jail because he wouldn't reveal sources. It's my profession.

Be glad you were born or naturalized as a U.S. citizen. It gets no better than this. I embrace any who wants to be an American. To quote a Top 40 pop tune, "I don't care who you are, where you're from...as long as you'll love me."

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SPORTS

Desert Coyotes Bowling League Standings

	W-L	Pins
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Buddies	19-9	24572
Triple Dickys!	18-10	25650
The D's	17-11	25099
Ft Long HotDogs	17-11	23246
Smokin Bears	14-14	24644
Tres Amigos	13-15	24952
Six	12-16	24849
Erratica II	12-16	24099
Weeblows	10-18	24839
Prickly Pears	9-19	24834

Lambda Lizards Bowling League Standings

	W-L	Pins
We Suck Good!	34-22	32931
The Denim Men	31-25	33384
Gays & Dolls	30-26	32995
Miracles...	17-39	32111

Bowlers Wanted!!!!

TUCSON (ON) -- Did you make a New Year's resolution to have more fun and socialize more in the community? Keep that resolution by joining one of Tucson's G/L bowling leagues!

The Lambda Lizards and Desert Coyotes bowling leagues have a couple of openings on teams. Both leagues bowl at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile. The Desert Coyotes bowl on Wednesdays at 9:00 P.M. On Fridays at 6:30 P.M., the Lambda Lizards take to the lanes.

If interested, just show up a few minutes before the league's start. For more information on the Desert Coyotes, call 743-9659; the Lambda Lizards, call 622-2395.

Recreation Volleyball At St. Francis

TUCSON -- Start out the new year with some physical activity -- volleyball!

Men and women of all skill levels can join the games, which begin every Sunday, starting at 3:00 P.M. at the sand court of St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 East River Road (NW corner of Swan & River Roads).

Volleyball is a great way to make new friends and get exercise at the same time! For more information contact Davey, 886-1208 or Brian, 882-4726.

Sons of Orpheus Performing Feb. 8

TUCSON -- Saguaro Christian Church, 8302 East Broadway, at Sarnoff launched a quarterly Musical Arts Series this past fall at the church.

This premiere season included Sharon Flint on November 16. Next on the Series are the Sons of Orpheus on February 8.

Sons of Orpheus, the male choir of Tucson was founded by distinguished tenor Grayson Hirst. A U of A Professor of Voice, has performed with America's leading orchestras and; appearing on stage, recital and concert in his 29-year singing career.

The chorus explores a broad range of classical and popular choral literature for men's voices from all periods, styles and languages. Since 1994 the chorus has shown an increasing interest and appreciation for music from the Southwest region -- from old cowboy songs to music of the Mexican-American experience and Mexican folk songs.

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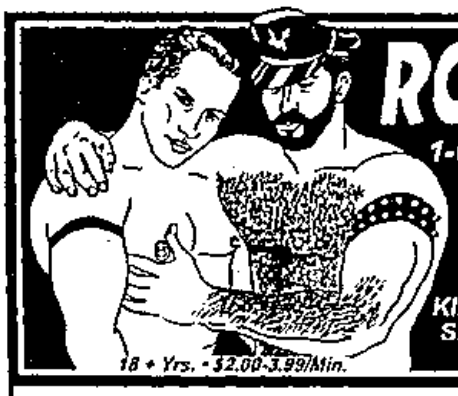
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The Sun moves from careful Capricorn to independent Aqueerius this week. It's time to passionately embrace a worthy Gay cause (is there any other?) and charge forward. In its highest form, Aqueerius' unrestricted energy can be directed towards our community's needs with unrelenting strength and service. Either that or it can be used to throw a fabulous party.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Friends bring out your warm and fuzzy side and good thing too; the Sun in Aqueerius can be a cold and manipulative influence in large social circles where political ends take precedence over group means. Queer Rams love to dominate, but for now lie back and enjoy the Gay camaraderie. There is plenty of time to be the whipper next month.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Let the Aqueerian Sun's independent energy guide your career for now. Gay Bulls become more astute corporate players as thoughts and strategies hone in on the essentials. Let the superfluous stuff take care of itself. Delve deeply into the minds of authority figures and lead them to your way of thinking. Then, when you are totally in control, toss the bastards out!

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

The world beckons and you must answer the call. Proud Twins may find themselves craving more exotic fare, from food to people, as the Sun in Aqueerius gives you a more global perspective and a hankering to travel and spread the word (among other things...). Plan a wonderful getaway. You are frazzled to a fizzle and a little "R & R" is just what the planets ordered.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crab find themselves feeling particularly sizzly and sexy when the Sun moves into Aqueerius. A door of self illumination opens and you'll derive unprecedented pleasure from deep connections to others. Dive right in and enjoy the energy while you can; Before you know it, the sun moves on and the wind may be taken out of your sails. Cruise the high seas while you can, commander.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Partnerships take on a greater importance with the Sun in egalitarian Aqueerius. Queer Lions become more cognizant of the importance of one to one relationships in their lives. A large adoring crowd is always pleasing to these self-important souls but the sun now demonstrates the value of an adoring audience of one. Don't forget to thank those specials fans for their support and love.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

The Sun in Aqueerius makes any onerous job go a little easier. Use this superb cosmic energy to make some necessary changes around the workplace. You may be tempted to overthrow the current power structure with aqueerian humanistic zeal but hold off. The practical astrologer in me wants to remind you of the importance of a paycheck. Sad as it may seem, we all must eat and pay rent.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

This is a particularly happy time of year for you when the Sun in Aqueerius encourages you to relax and have a jolly good time. The creative juices flow and proud Libras can express themselves in song, theater or dance. Take your show to the stage, darling, and do your special thing. If the crowd tosses you rotten tomatoes, just wear something washable.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Proud Scorps may have more agita than they can easily handle at home. The Sun in Aqueerius turns up the heat on any unfinished business there. Whether this means sitting down with the folks for a good old heart-to-heart or changing the look (or location) of your abode, is up to you. It's a new year so make your personal life a reflection of the new lavender you. I wouldn't accept any imitations or limitations.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Although most would disagree, Gay Sags usually know what they are talking about. Now, with the Sun in Aqueerius, others recognize your insights. The problem is, many may not be receptive to what you have to say. Tough! Today I crown you the Gay community spokesperson to say what needs to be said on our behalf whether "they" want to hear it or not. Tough? You better be!

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

The Sun in Aqueerius brightens and enhances finances. Be absolutely sure that you prepare for this bonanza by properly doing your investment homework. Begin by examining what is and is not important to your sense of well being. The planets have a way of reminding you that all that glitters is not gold. Listen and learn cousin before money is wasted or not enjoyed to the fullest.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

The Sun in your own sign is a time of rejuvenation and new beginnings. Get Out there and strut your stuff, honey. You make an excellent first impression and become the adoring center of activity if you use this fabulous energy effectively. This birthday time affords you the opportunity so make necessary changes in your appearance. Qiana may be fine in some sordid circles but not where you want to dance.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Are you marching in the Gay movement or just watching? Sun in Aqueerius commands all proud Fish to do their bit for the rainbow cause. Volunteer at an AIDS hospice or help at a benefit. You may be torn between the innate Piscean desire to quietly serve behind the scene and this thrusting Aqueerian mandate to take charge and lead. Whatever method you choose, you won't be swimming upstream.

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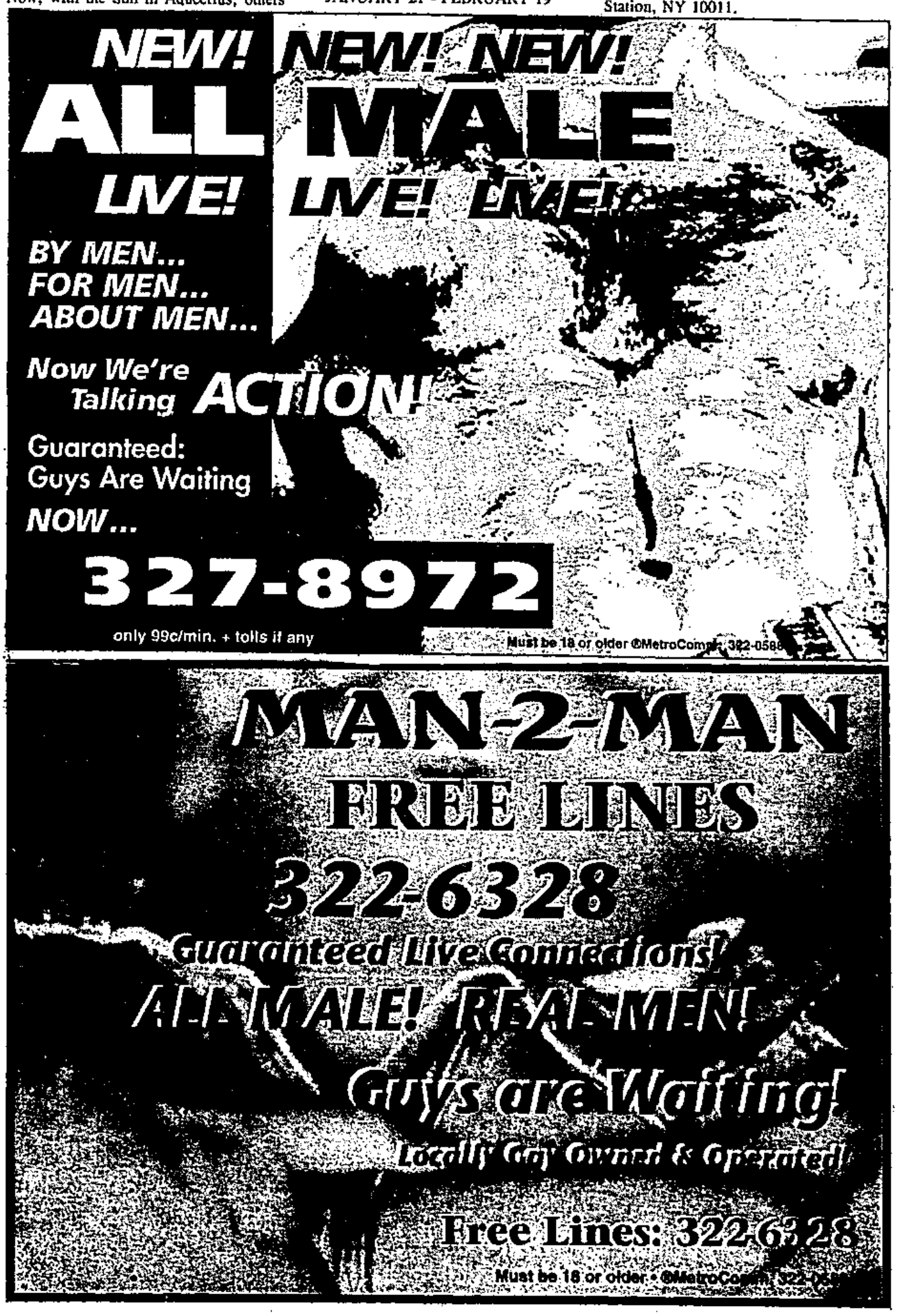

CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

GRADUATE - Free/Anonymous HIV testing brought to you by the Pima County Health Department and the Gay Men's Health Project.

IBT'S - The Girlie Show featuring Ajia Simone, Felice Renard, Regina Reed, Victoria Du Puis with a special appearance by Kanae Ving. Hosted by Larry Moore. 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Super Bowl Party here. No cover. Big Screen, 3 TVs. Surround sound. 75¢ cactus juice, $1.00 puckers. Lots of fun. Then at 9:00 p.m., AGRA's Talent Show featuring Christina de Alexis, Victoria Du Puis, Felice Renard, and Ivanna Goodwin. Cover.

GRADUATE - Super Bowl Party time! 4:00 p.m. -- Food and Happy Hour Prices!

IBT'S - Super Bowl Party! Food-Fun-Prizes! Folowed by a Torn, Tattered, Tattooed Party at 9:00 p.m. $100 cash prize for the best torn clothing. NOTE: There will be no Brunch/Bar-B-Que this Sunday.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Super Bowl Party. Huge food buffet and prizes. 2:00 p.m. Game at 4:00. Scotch Doubles-8 Ball Pool Tournament. Pot matched. Hosted by Zipperman.

VENTURE-N - Super Bowl Party! Cheer for your favorite team. Lots of munchies.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

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

THURSDAY, 29

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Fuerza Latina Travesti Show. 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

IBT'S - Free/Anonymous HIV testing brought to you by the Pima County Health Department and the Gay Men's Health Project.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

VENTURE-N - Free/Anonymous HIV testing brought to you by the Pima County Health Department and the Gay Men's Health Project.

...*And* you thought there was only espresso at the *Planet*!

606 N. 4th Ave 620-1770

Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

UA Presents "Daughter of the Regiment" at Centennial Hall at 7:30 p.m. Presented by the New York City Opera National Company. An orphan adopted by a troop of Grenadiers finds her true love and her true identity in Donizetti's delightful *bel canto* comedy. Super titles in English.

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:30 p.m. A session devoted to planning future outdoor activities for MSN. If you'd like to be involved in our outdoor fun, please come and give us your ideas. For reservations and directions, please call Patrick at 615-1887.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00 p.m. at Antigone Books join the crowd for a fun filled evening as editor Nancy Manahan and local contributors Jamie Anderson and Judith McDaniel read from "On My Honor: Lesbians Reflect on their Scouting Experiences." This is a wonderful book filled with touching stories and insightful commentary about the largest girl's and women's organization in the world. Manahan is also the editor of "Lesbian Nuns: Breaking Silence".

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take be held at Les & Jerry's home. 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 reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565. Please note: reservations MUST be made by Friday, January 23 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Join us for a hike in the Cactus Forest Complex of the Saguaro National Park East as we do a six+ mile hike. For details and directions, please call Patrick at 615-1887.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-5 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

An independent Gay Man's HIV/AIDS Support Group will be organizing this evening at 7:00 p.m. at Stephenson House, 3533 N. Estrella. Persons interested in attending these meetings in a private and secure environment are urged to come. For more information contact Pat at 323-3295 or Daniel at 296-1434.

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

7:00 p.m. Gay Men's Health Project Volunteer Meeting at Wingspan. Everyone is invited to attend. Volunteers needed in all aspects from community forums to peer-working groups. For more information call Rodney at 322-6226.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

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

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

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

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

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

The new Men's Relationship Group meets at 7:00 p.m. The purpose is to explore the dynamics of what a good relationship consists of for men with men. It will last for 1 ½ to 2 hours. Refreshments and fun. Call in advance to reserve a place. $5 fee. Cal Marc at 881-4582.

Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8:30 pm to close. (New time)

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

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

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

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

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

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres. Hi energy dance music 8:30 to close. Drink specials every ½ hour.

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Hi energy dance music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every ½ hour.

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

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

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

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CLASSIFIED ADS ARE .25 PER WORD $5.00 MINIMUM

CLASSIFIED ADS MUST BE MAILED, NO PHONE ADS.

NOTICES

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 6:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Renn 968-2384.

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

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

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9466 or Ray at 749-5247.

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

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

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

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

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

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30pm at Armory Park Senior Center, 220 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9662.

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.

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

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 578-9020

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

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 578-0027 for more

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO — a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43910, Tucson, AZ 85733-3910, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

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

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmoor Building). Office Hours 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 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 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

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

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

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

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Room 32. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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

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

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

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

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Sunday 3 to 5 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1208 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COCAINE ANONYMOUS

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

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

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

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

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

PERSONALS

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HORNY FRATHOUSE TALK! 1-268-404-5292. Only 1st 1 dr apply. 18+ 710

ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION

Si eres hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres ayudarnos a extender y apoyar los programas para Los Latinos, llama para una entrevista extrictamente confidencial al 322-6226 y pregunta por Ernesto. 709

If you are a Latino man who is having sex with other men and you want to help us to support and expand our programs for Latinos, call for a confidential interview at 322-6226 and ask for Ernie. 709

HOUSING/FOR RENT

TUCSON BOULEVARD ELM STREET AREA: 1 BEDROOM GUEST HOUSE FOR RENT. $495.00 PLUS ELECTRIC. Please call for details 327-9199. 706

ROOMS FOR RENT IN A NICE EASTSIDE HOME near Escalante/Kolb. $250 monthly includes utilities, phone, washer/dryer and kitchen access with a $50 deposit. Call Jerry 747-5551 daytime only. 706

VARIOUS CENTRAL TUCSON LOCATIONS. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments from $325 - $495. Clean, private, quiet. Many extras. Mention this Observer ad. 885-6022. 710

ROOMMATES

ROOMMATE: Great 2br, 2ba apt. 1st floor, newly remodeled, central. $325/mnth. +1/2 utilities. Gas, cable, water, trash incl. Call Chad @ 557-4135, leave message. 705

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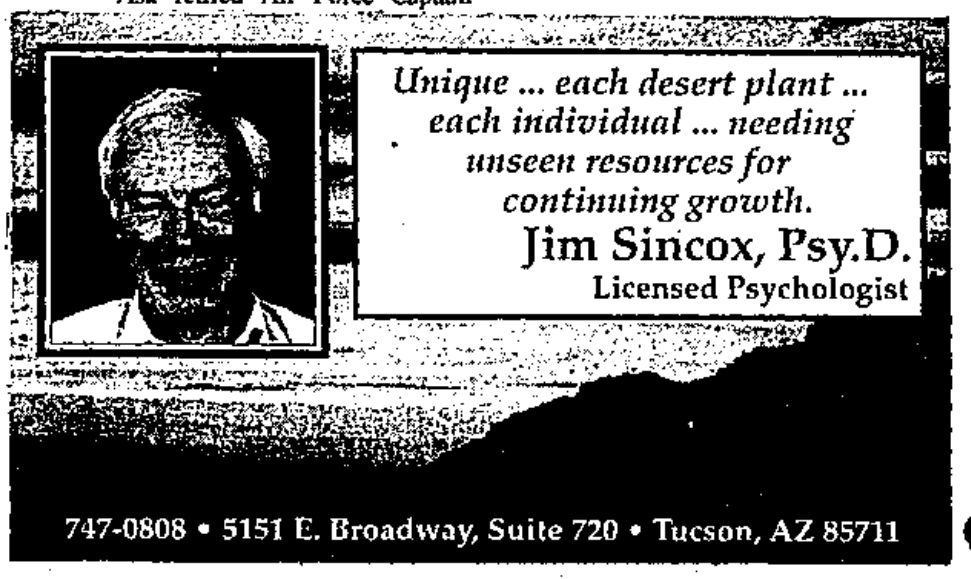

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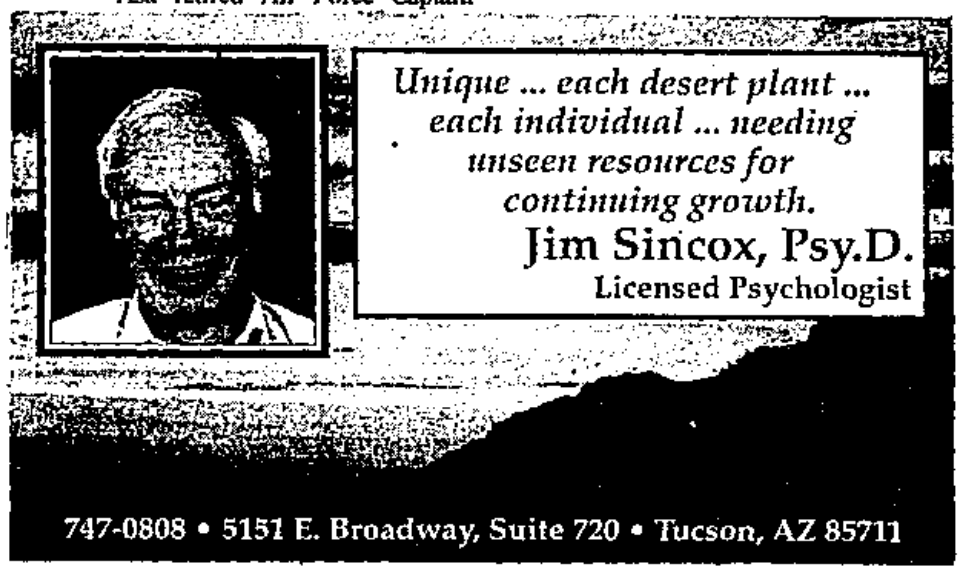

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