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Jell-O Wrestling Raises A Record $18,000+ For SAAF

Nearly 200 Attend AIDS Candlelight Memorial Afterward

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) -- More than $18,000 was raised at the eleventh annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza/Raffle and Auction for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

This annual event took place in the parking lot of The Graduate. Hot temperatures and the wind did not dampen the spirits of the standing room only crowd in attendance.

The fund raiser was the idea of the late Reno Gannon. Reno had initiated the idea of Jell-O Wrestling as a fund raiser for the Shanti Foundation ten years ago. Gannon lost his battle to AIDS in 1989.

This event has raised a large amount of money for the ASO. According to Anne Maley, executive director of SAAF, close to $100,000 had been raised from this event over the past eleven years.

Maley went on to say that next to the Festival for Life and the AIDS Walk, the Jell-O Wrestling is the third biggest fund raiser for SAAF.

This year's event was hosted by The Graduate and their owners, Dave Huff and Frank Schlepis.

For the eleventh extravaganza, the hostesses again were Gilda Fatale and Lucinda Holliday. Both regaled the audience with jokes and raised money for SAAF through auctions and raffles. Assisting the two were Ajia Simone and Victoria DuPuis, Miss Gay Tucson 1998.

So what was the flavor of the Jell-O? Last year's flavor was Orange, according to Dave Huff, who said at the time it was changed from Lime to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the invention Jell-O.

This year was a combination, "Luscious Lucinda" or "Glamorous Gilda" some in the crowd named the big vat of Jell-O.

In addition to the wrestling, audience members had the opportunity to participate in raffles and live auctions for items.

More than 50 merchants and individuals had donated items to the raffle and auction. Items ranged from trips to gift packages, "Men of Moose" portraits to "Mail" boxes.

Anne Maley said the monies raised helps SAAF to serve a greater number people living with HIV/AIDS.

Matthew Palmer, Jell-O event coordinator stated that the support means the world to all of those living with HIV/-AIDS in the community.

People cheered, bid on terrific items and the Jell-O flew this past Sunday, all for a good cause. . . .

Close to 200 people attended the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial held the same evening at Armory Park.

This event was marked in Tucson and many cities across the United States and the world. The Memorial is to remember those who lost their battle to AIDS and to show support for those living with this dread disease.

This year's theme was "Rekindle the flame, renew the fight against AIDS."

According to reports, speeches given reminded those in attendance that AIDS is not just an issue, but about their lives and the lives of those they love.

A candlelight vigil followed the speeches. The 200 in attendance walked down the streets, holding candles while being serenaded by the Desert Voices chorus. An interfaith service at St. Augustine Catholic Cathedral followed the march.

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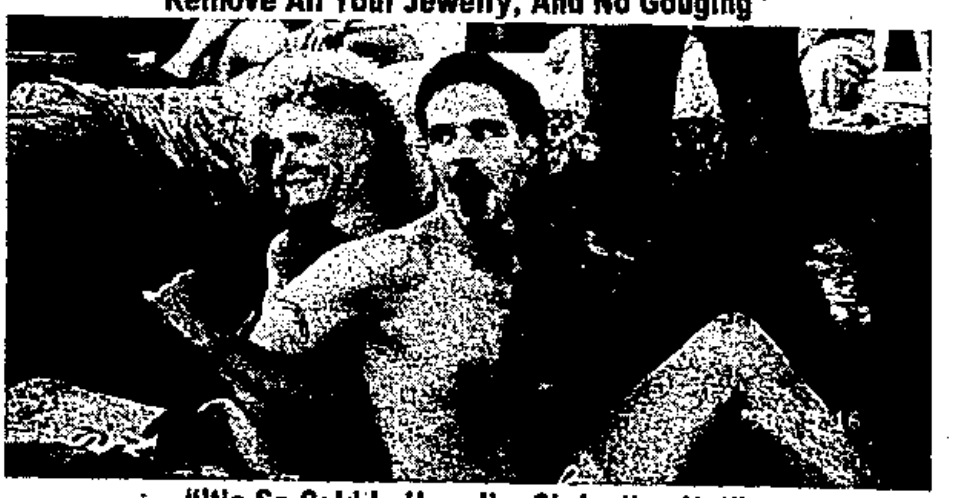
"Remove All Your Jewelry, And No Gouging"



"It's So Cold In Here I'm Shriveling Up!"

"That Gooey Stuff Is Getting In Every Crack And Crevice"

Tucson Police Alert Community

by David Hensley

TUCSON -- The Midtown Division of the Tucson Police Department (TPD) held a meeting this past Monday to discuss the continual problem of sexual activity in public parks. As the weather heats up, so does this illegal activity!

Captain Jill Vogel, Midtown Commander, called together command officers and representatives from the Gay and Lesbian community to appraise us of the current problems and complaints. The discussion focused on who, primarily, the offenders are, how we can best inform and educate the public and, what measures they are planning to take in working on the problem.

It was great encouragement to hear Lt. Charles Armijo say that, "this is basically not a Gay problem at this time, because all of the persons we have currently arrested are married or 'straight' men." Let's keep up the good report!

Now the warning! Police officers are patrolling the parks. The first two weeks of June will see an increased high-profile, uninformed patrol of the parks, park restrooms, and surrounding areas. Neighborhoods are on alert and actively contact TPD when there are problems. Reid Park and Greasewood Park are the greater problem areas. However, these certainly are not the only parks where activity occurs.

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UPDATE

AGRA Phoenix Announces Poster Contest

PHOENIX -- The Phoenix Chapter of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) is sponsoring a poster contest for the 1999 Road Runner Regional Rodeo (RRRR).

The rodeo will take place January 15-17 at the Corona Ranch and Rodeo Grounds in Phoenix. Judging for the contest will be by vote of the members present at the monthly AGRA meeting on June 14.

All entries must be received by 5:00 P.M. that day, June 14. Entries may be delivered either in person or by mail to "RRRR Poster Contest" c/o Charlie's Phoenix, 727 West Camelback Road, Phoenix, AZ 85013 (by the deadline stated).

Entries must be 17" x 22" finished size with the only lettering being "1999 Road Runner Regional Rodeo." Exception to the size rule will be made for computer-generated artwork, with the original art being on a MacIntosh-compatible CD or ZIP Disk. Sufficient space must be left within the design or in a border included in the finished size for dates, hotel information and sponsor logos.

Entries must be received with the artist's name and phone number in the upper right-hand corner on the back of the design. Entries received with the artist's name on the front will be disqualified. The winning design and artwork become the property of AGRA-Phoenix Chapter. All other entries will be destroyed unless arrangements are made to have them returned at the artist's expense.

The artist of the winning entry will be awarded a $200 prize. For further information, contact Ed Powers, Public Relations Director for AGRA-Phoenix Chapter, (602) 265-0618.

Positions Available At SAAF

TUCSON -- The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) has the following positions available:

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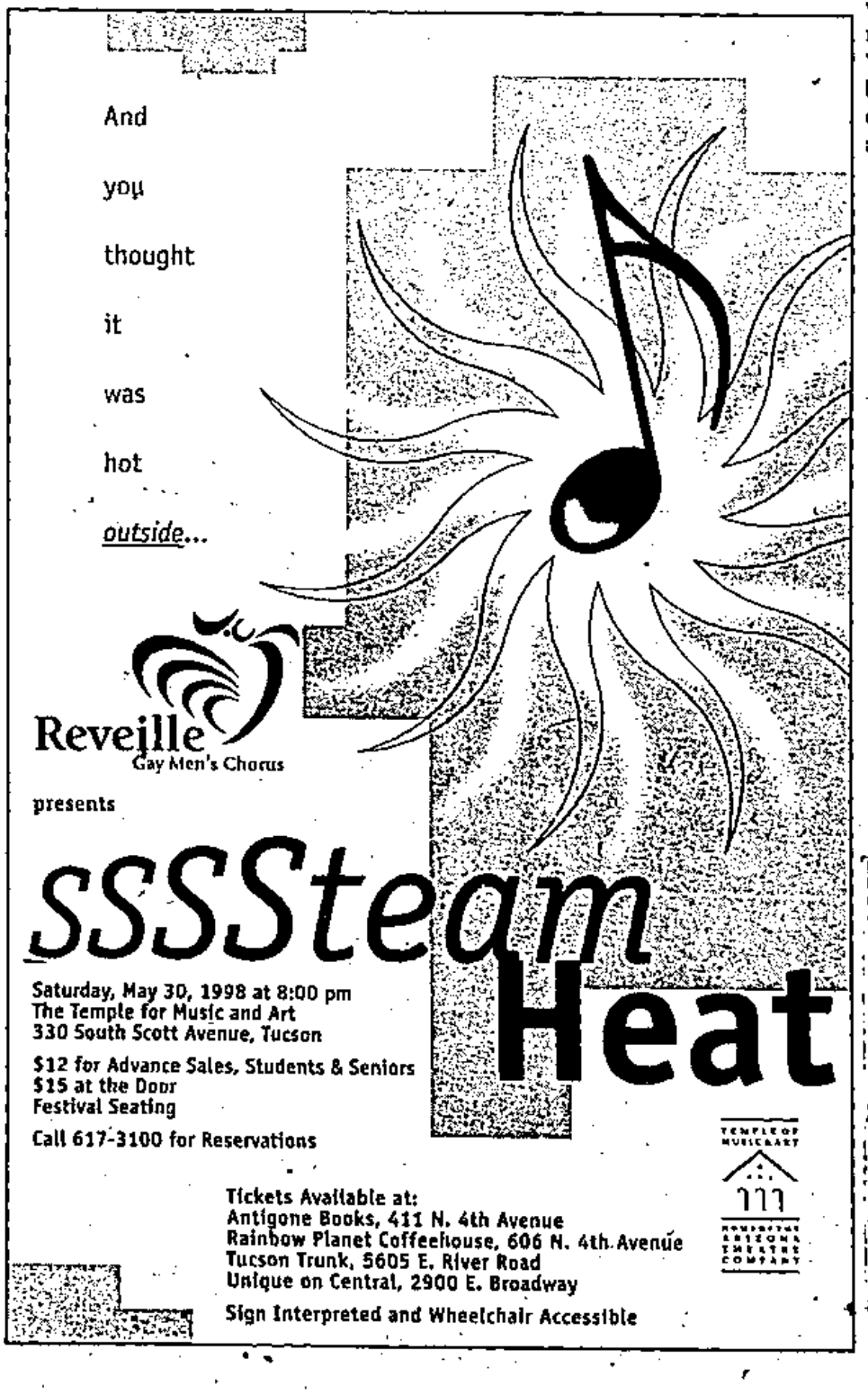
To apply, pick up job description and application instructions, Monday - Friday, 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., at 151 South Tucson Boulevard, #211, or call 322-6226 to have them faxed. Open until filled. AA/EOE



Desert Voices Southwest Fest June 19-20

TUCSON -- Desert Voices is pleased to announced Southwest Fest, a two-day choral festival and celebration at the Temple of Music and Art, June 19-20.

The Chorus will host two local choruses - the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus and the Sons of Orpheus. The three choruses will perform individual sets on Friday, June 19, with all 120 voices closing the evening with a number conducted by Reveille's Jim Gall.

The second evening of music will feature TLC Women's Ensemble of Phoenix. Led by Kim McCreary, the women make a return engagement with Desert Voices - their first in several years. The forty-five member New Mexico Gay Men's Chorus, with members hailing from Albuquerque and Santa Fe will also appear. South Coast Chorale, a Lesbian/Gay chorus from Long Beach will round out the evening. All six choruses, nearly 200 singers in all, will share the stage with two rousing numbers, conducted by South Coast Chorale's Bob Phibbs and Desert Voices' Keith Koster.

"This is like a mini-GALA festival," says chorus member Kathy Costello. "I'm excited about making new friends, hearing new music and singing with other men and women who love to sing like I do."

It will also be the first time that Tucson's two Gay choruses share the stage for a full-length concert.

"Both choruses are doing great work within the Lesbian and Gay choral movement," stated Artistic Director Koster. "This city, and Tucson's Gay community, have much to be proud of. This is a great opportunity to show other choruses and the arts community at large what we can do."

The second annual Freedom Rings Dance will take place in the Temple courtyard following the concert Saturday night. Guests are encouraged to wear white! Several world premiere works and regional premieres will take place over the two days.

Concert tickets, $12 and $10 advance, are currently available at Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk, Unique on Central, Allergy Vacuum Store, through the local choruses, or by calling Desert Voices, 791-9662. Any tickets remaining at the door on performance night are $15 each. Tickets for the Freedom Rings Dance are $8 each and available through the chorus office. This GALA event kicks off Lesbian and Gay Pride week in Tucson.

If you're interested in assisting in housing our guests, or volunteering throughout the weekend, please call Kevin at (520) 791-9662.

Poll Shows Wide Tolerance For G/L Themes

NEW YORK, NY (WS) -- According to a national survey conducted by the Mulryan/Nash advertising firm, television executives should not broadly rule out future shows featuring Gay characters based on recent audience reaction to "Ellen."

"The public is not opposed to Gays in prime time, but they are quick to use their remote controls if they do not feel the show is entertaining," said Dave Mulryan, president of Mulryan/Nash, a company that helps mainstream businesses target Gay audiences.

The Mulryan/Nash survey showed a majority of viewers enjoyed ABC's controversial comedy "Ellen" but that even the show's most loyal viewers drifted away when it became too issue-focused. A common complaint was that the humor was being lost in the drumbeat of "the message."

Thirty-one percent of straight viewers polled and 90 percent of Gay and Lesbian audiences told researchers they were interested in watching a future show featuring a Gay character. Despite the controversy surrounding the show's star, Ellen DeGeneres, most of those polled said they would welcome Ellen back in another format.

"America loves Ellen DeGeneres and they would enjoy seeing her back in a featured role," said Mulryan. The survey, which polled 1,000 people, also showed straight and Gay viewers disagreed about the impact of Ellen. Seventy-nine percent of Ellen's straight audience say the ABC comedy had no effect on their feeling towards Gay people. But 59 percent of Gay people think the show had a huge impact on how the rest of the world sees the community. Sixty-seven percent of Gay viewers believe ABC made the wrong decision in canceling the show.

The survey indicates most of the viewing public blame both the comedian and ABC for failing to take advantage of the show's potential. "Ellen DeGeneres and ABC share the blame for squandering a golden opportunity," said Mulryan. "At a time when the networks are frantically searching for ways to retain audiences, ABC and 'Ellen' let small differences of opinion ruin a successful prime time show."

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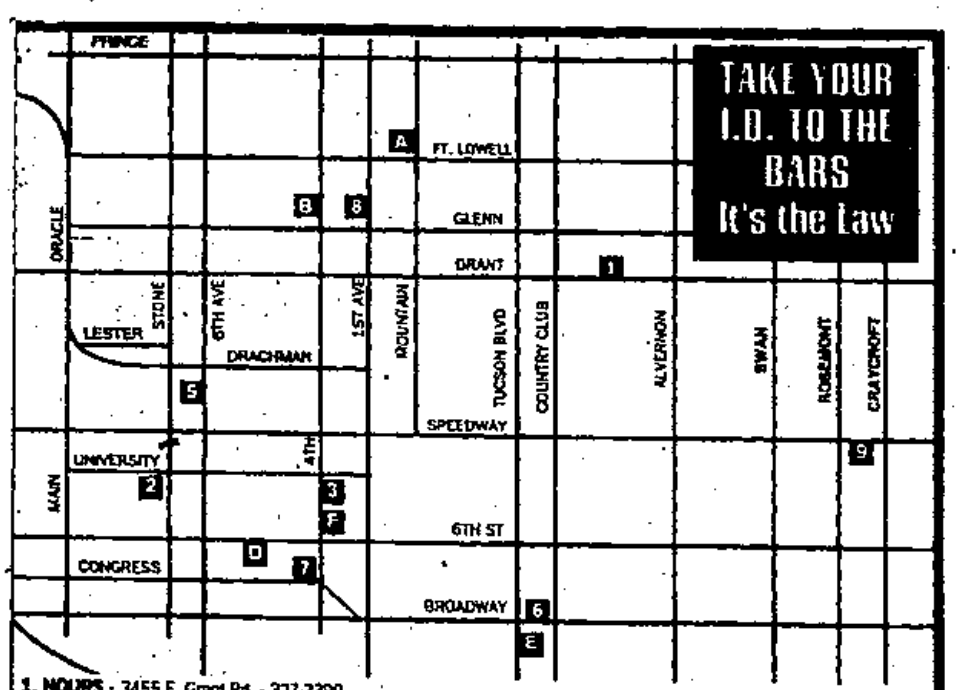

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POLITICS 1998

by Mark R. Kerr

"Up Your Nose With Rubber Senator!"

This past weekend, the Tucson community came together for those people living with and who had lost their battle to HIV/AIDS.

The eleventh annual Jell-O Wrestling fund raiser took place, raising more than $18,000 for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation and people living with HIV/AIDS.

This year's International AIDS Memorial and Candlelight March took place in Tucson and cities across the U.S. and the world. Close to 200 Tucsonans marched in support of those living with, and in memory of those who died of, AIDS.

While the community was taking the proverbial "two steps forward," as usual, the Inquisition, er Arizona Legislature was pushing the community "three steps back." No surprise here!

Who lead the Legislative push? None other than Sen. Tom Patterson, R-Phoenix, an emergency room doctor with a questionable beside-manner! Marcus Welby he is not!

Sen. Tommy, threats, bluster and conservative cunning got one of his two companion measures dealing with HIV/AIDS, the "Good Samaritan Act" through the Legislature. Yippie-skippie!

The bill, SB 1037, would force the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to release confidential medical information to any bozo off the streets who claimed they exposed to a communicable disease (AIDS – the only disease listed and defined!) at an accident scene.

What about confidentiality of the person who oozed bodily fluids at the scene that the alleged bozo got on them doing the job of a paramedic, police or the fire department? According to state health officials, their names will not be given to the person with the fluids on them. Right, and former governor J. Fife Whitewash was a good businessman!

SB 1037 is on the governor's desk and Jane said she will sign it! So drive carefully kiddies!

Patterson's other bill, SB 1261 was rammed through a conference committee this past week. It actually took two tries and taking a Republican House member to the woodshed for actually voting against his measure. The nerve of her!

For those of you who haven't been playing the home game, SB 1261 is the proposed legislation that would dismantle the last vestiges of the 1990 AIDS Omnibus Act, requiring hospitals to use written permission forms for HIV testing of patients.

Caregivers under this draconian measure, would be allowed to obtain oral consent for HIV testing, which would be noted in a patient's medical record. Can we say high risk? Can we say no health insurance? Wonderful . . . not!

What about a patient's right to confidentiality? According to state and county health officials, "The guidelines aren't always followed." In a few, short days, that could be the case for all.

Informed consent? What about it! In Patterson's measure, it's history! Pretest counseling? Gone as well. Health workers claim that most good caregivers will continue to do informed consent and counseling. Sure they will! This is Arizona!

"Can you get AIDS from a toilet seat," a silly question that may not get answered, (in a few short days), if this, when this bill becomes law.

Why these measures? According to Capitol sources, Sen. Patterson believes no disease should get any special treatment what-so-ever.

Right, no treatment what-so-ever is more like it! This is the elected official, who was purporting to have commented at a State AIDS Task Force that the disease can be contracted through the air! Puh-leeze!

This session of the Inquisition, according to Capitol sources will end this week. None too soon! These clowns have been messing with our collective health and livelihoods!

Did I mention that all 90 Inquisitors get free healthcare and you pay for it! Another reason to vote no on Proposition 300 this November!

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Reveille Heating Up With sssSSSteam Heat! May 30

TUCSON -- It will be indeed be hot and heavy at the Temple of Music and Art, 8:00 P.M., Saturday, May 30, when the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC) performs its final event of the season, SSSTEAM HEAT!

Cited by Artistic Director James Gall as "an evening of pure froth," the evening includes movements from one of the principal music works of the 20th Century, "Carmina Burana," by Carl Orff. The 13th century lyrics of this work, found in a monastery in Beuren, Germany, indicate that the monks at that time most certainly did more than pray! In keeping with the theme, the RGMC men will perform two newer pieces entitled, "Fagrigals." ("Behold My Love is Large" and "O Dish Me Not.")

Among other offerings in the evening's fare is a set of music from the 1920's - 1940's, including a Duke Ellington medley, some Gershwin and Cole Porter. A Country and Western set will pay tribute to some of the great divas/divos of the genre: Patsy Cline, Tammy Wynette and the Sons of the Pioneers. A number soloists and ensembles will be featured in the program, including the well-known a capella ensemble of Reveille GMC, Take V, which will perform two sets of its own.

The finale of both acts of the show will feature respectively Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd in the infamous operatic cartoon, "What's Opera, Doc?", and the great "Queen" number by Freddy Mercury, "Bohemian Rhapsody."

Tickets for the event are $15 at the door and $12 when purchased in advance from any RGMC member or at Antigone's, Tucson Trunk, Unique on Central of Tucson, and the Rainbow Planet Coffee House on Fourth Avenue. Students and Senior Citizens are also discounted for ticket prices.

Don't be left out in the cold! Make your plans now to attend SSSTEAM HEAT! . . .

Also on May 40, RGMC will be offering an opportunity for some budding lyricist to create his/her own Country & Western tune.

During the show, a contest will be held whereby all persons in attendance will be able to submit their lyrics for a C & W tune for RGMC's performance during the evening. The person whose lyrics are chosen will have the opportunity to hear them live that very night, and will win several great prizes for having been chosen RGMC Country & Western Lyricist of the Night.

Don't miss this opportunity to have your name in lights!

Arizona Central Pride Receives Letter From President Clinton

PHOENIX - Arizona Central Pride, Phoenix's Gay and Lesbian pride committee received a letter from President Clinton regarding their recent celebration and parade.

GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE
CELEBRATION 1998

Warm greetings to everyone taking part in the 1998 Gay and Lesbian pride celebration.

As Americans, we can be proud of our diversity. Striving together, people of different ethnicities, backgrounds, races, beliefs, and sexual orientation have contributed to the success of our nation, reflecting the profound truth that this rich diversity is one of our greatest strengths. But we must face the reality that sometimes our differences divide us; sometimes the voices of hatred and prejudice drown out the harmony in our national life. Events like the Pride Celebration help us to recognize anew that working in a spirit of community is not a hope but a necessity, and that our individual dreams can only be realize by our shared efforts.

Our ideals and our history hold that the rights guaranteed us as Americans are inalienable. They are embedded in our Constitution and amplified over time by our courts and legislature, and I am bound by my oath of office and the burden of history to reaffirm them. Our nation stands to lose if we let prejudice and discrimination stifle the hopes or deny the potential of a single American. And we stand to lose when any person is denied or forced out of a job because of sexual orientation.

I commend each of you for your dedication to working for an America that celebrates our diversity,. builds on our strengths, and fulfills our fundamental values of mutual respect and compassion. Working together, I am confident that we can enter the 21st century as One America.

Best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

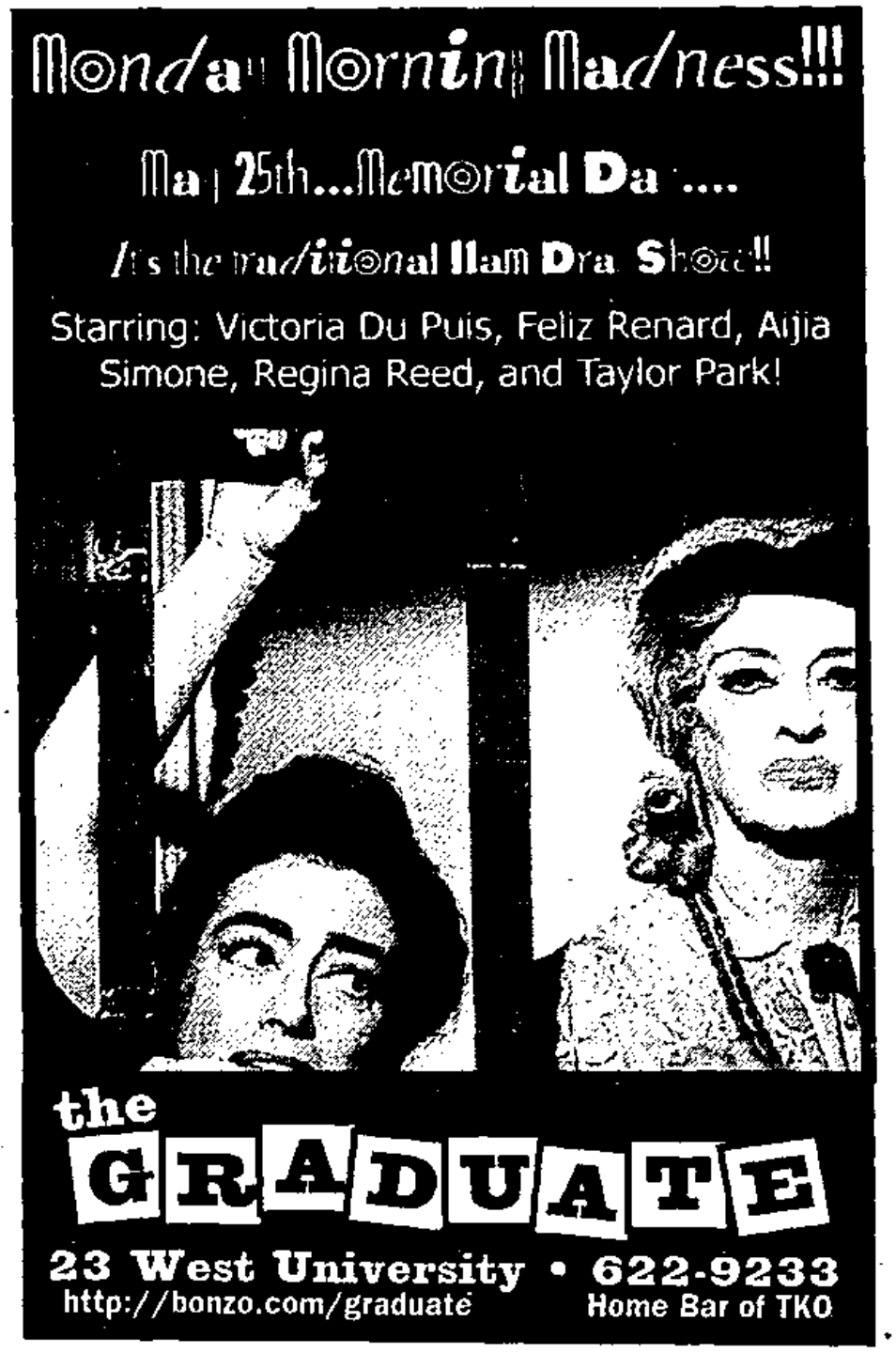
(signed) Bill Clinton

Missouri Court Hears HIV Case

JEFFERSON CITY, MO (SLPD) -- Lawyers for two men sent to prison in Missouri because they knowingly exposed others to HIV argued before the state supreme court that the law is unconstitutional.

They argued that the 1994 law could be a violation of privacy, making a criminal of consenting adults who know the risks involved with their actions. One of the two men, 29-year-old Charles Mahan from southeast Missouri, is Gay and was convicted after having had unprotected sex with another man 20 times in 1995 without ever once divulging that he is HIV-positive. He was sentenced to five years in prison.

The court gave no indication how it would rule in the case.



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Columna Abierta. by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¿Qué tal?... Se les saluda un poco cansado, pero no de las vacaciones que había planeado, sino de los trabajos en el hogar que de una manera u otra se tenían que hacer... ni modo... Lo bueno que me encontré con Horacio, un maestro de de los que hay pocos; ya que se las sabe de todas... todas. Bueno, pues así pasé mis vacaciones!!! Así es que no les podré comentar los detalles de las fiestas de Granados como se les había prometido, pero nos pondremos en contacto con Octavio Barceló para hacerles saber como celebraron el día de San Isidro Labrador...

Lo que sí se pudo apreciar fué el gran show que presentó Fuerza Latina en el BIZ el pasado fin de semana, de verdad que fué uno de los mejores; como lo han estado presentando últimamente, felicidades a cada uno de los integrantes y desde luego a las nuevas integrantes que personificaron al Grupo Limite... de verdad lo hicieron muy bién... Este pendiente de las siguientes presentaciones para que disfrute de un show de calidad.

Una de las últimas preguntas que me han hecho es sobre lo cierto de: ¿Drogas con receta?.

Numerosas evidencias médicas y científicas, así como testimonios de pacientes y enfermeras, ponen de manifiesto la eficacia terapéutica del cannabis como amtiemético-antináuseas- y para estimular el apetito en los pacientes con SIDA. Mientras esperan ver hecho realidad su sueño, millares de personas en todo el mundo consumen cannabis de forma ilegal para, entre otras cosas, aliviar la presión intraocular del glaucoma, combatir el dolor crónico, aplacar los espasmos musculares de la epilepsia y la esclerosis múltiple, paliar el asma y la migraña y, como ya se ha mencionado, èlimirar los vómitos provocados por la quimioterapia y estimluar la falta de apetito en las personas con SIDA. A esta batalla en favor del cannabis se suma también un sector de la población que defiende la eliminación de las barreras legales que obstaculizan la utilización con fines curativos de otras drogas hoy ilícitas en la mayoría de los países industrializados. Nos referimos a sustancias psicoactivas del tipo de la heroína, las anfetaminas, la cocaína, el éxtasis, el LSD y la heroína. Algunas de ellas son de uso restringido a nivel médico, como ocurrre con la morfina, que se administra a pacientes oncológicos con tremendos dolores; la cocaína, que se emplea como anestesia local en el ojo, la nariz y los oídos y en las exploraciones endoscópicas de la parte superior del aparato respiratorio y digestivo; y las anfetaminas eficaces en el tratamiento de la denominada obesidad mórbida y en el de los niños hiperactivos. Como reconocen muchos científicos, no hay estudios definitivos que permitan adoptar una postura en uno u otro sentido. A esto hay que añadir que las discordancias se agudizan cuando entran en escena, además de los aspectos puramente médicos, sociales y religiocos relacionados con la legalización del cannabis y otras drogas prohibidas. Además, entre otras consideraciones; la marihuana procedente del contrabando y que se vende en las calles en muchas ocaciones está adulterada y contiene pesticidas y microbios; como hongos, que resultan perniciosos para las personas con SIDA y otras inmunodepresiones.

En otro informe científico, Gaetano DiChiara y sus colegas de la Universidad de Cagliari, en Italia, concluyen sin lugar a equívocos que el TCH (delta 9-tetrahidrocannabinol) de la marihuana constituye la misma llave bioquímica que refuerza en el cerebro la dependencia a la heroína, la nicotina y otras drogas.

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

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EDITOR:

Again I have been awe struck by the wonderful generosity and support, of the greater Tucson community.

There are so many people to thank for the success of the benefit for TIHAN.

Jeff and the Stonewall/Eagle, without your support, none of this would have been possible. David "Zipperman" Zinke, you are truly the Michael-Angelo of stage design. Thank you for being so very creative and willing to help.

Markie Mark, you won the 50/50 then you truly are a gem. The two lonely bartenders, I forgot to get your name that night so let it be known here and now. Rob R., and Rob W., are the hardest working, best looking and most dedicated bartenders in town. (Am I forgiven now?)

Raynman, your calmness amidst this semi-controlled insanity is amazing. Between last minute show-sheet and last minute changes (Only one this time!) You again showed why you are one of the very best.

As I look over the mentioned names it becomes obvious why the Stonewall/Eagle is such a great place to put on a benefit show. The staff and management's willingness to help their community.

Stan the light man, thank you for working so hard. You always seem to be there when you are needed, lucky for us we need you a lot. Misti Malone, you made me beautiful, and as hard as that was to accomplish. You still kept the show running smooth.

To my very special friends, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You made the show such a success.

Victoria DuPuis (Miss Gay Tucson 1998), I'm sorry that I am not gifted enough with the written word to do justice to your talent, your generosity or your heart. You are the finest kind. Christina De' Alexis (Miss Gay Tucson 1988), I could fill a book just listing the good you have done for your community. My respect, admiration and love for you is endless. Faith (Miss Carousel 1997), your talent and grace are only outdone by your wonderful personality and your giving heart.

Miss I.O.D.Y. (Joy Of Dedicating Yourself), you live up to your name in everything you do, in or out of drag. Phoenix may have stole you away, but in our hearts you will always be a Tucson icon of good. Jerry C., what can I say you let me tie you down then work you up, it was great fun. We need to do it again without the audience (Ha!).

Sincerely, Dani Bordello

DEAR TUCSON:

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the many people and organizations that came together to produce this year's local commemoration of the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial.

With the outstanding leadership of Mark Schaye and David Hoover, and an excellent planning team made up of representatives from the event's host organizations (Wingspan, TIHAN, Desert Voices, SAAF, MSN, APC, TLGA, and the Pima County Health Department), it was a beautiful and very moving evening.

The speakers at the Armory Park ceremony and then also at the Interfaith Service were very touching, and reminded us (again) why we are doing this and why it is so important. This isn't just "an issue," this is about our lives and the lives of those we love.

After the candlelight vigil through the downtown streets (being serenaded by the gifted singers of Desert Voices), the interfaith service was especially inspiring. Showing our true diversity, it was quite an experience.

It is so powerful to see us all come together in unity: Gay and straight, Native American, Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, clergy, nuns, Hispanic, African-American, physically-challenged, men, women, children, seniors . . . and it was extraordinarily good to see so many new young faces from the Wingspan youth group. I also want to thank Sister Patricia Walsh and the parish of St. Augustine Catholic Cathedral for providing the space for the event again this year.

Not only this even touch all 150-200 people in attendance, but through the substantial media coverage, thousands throughout Tucson were reminded of this year's theme to "rekindle the flame, renew the fight against AIDS." We've made so much progress, let's not slow down now. Thank you Wingspan and the others responsible for this event. This inspiration will help keep us going! Until there's a cure, we're here.

Scott Blades,
Executive Director, TIHAN

DEAR EDITOR:

Frank and I would like to thank all of the people who came out to the Eleventh Annual Reno Gannon Jello Wrestling Benefit for SAAF at the Graduate last Sunday.

This year's event out did last year's tremendously successful event due to the great support of the Tucson community.

An event of this magnitude takes months of planning and weeks of preparation. We would like to personally thank those who unselfishly gave of their time to make this event happen.

Thank you to Eddie Gallegos, Bruce Lundquist, David Locke, Michael Yeomans, Will Arehart, Chip Crimble, Larry Parfrey, Steve Barreto, Tim Aguilar and his crew, Lance, Doc, Granny, Ray and to Hal Bardach as well as Matthew Palmer - the event coordinator from SAAF, to Lee Nordmark for allowing us the space to make the Jell-O, and David Z., for his terrific music.

A special thanks to the Grad regulars for jumping in and helping when things needed to be moved and for sharing the Grad for this one special day. A special thanks to David Zinke for his hours of dedication to help make this event happen.

To all the bartenders and employees of Tucson's Gay Bars for a great job of selling raffle tickets - particularly the Stonewall/Eagle and IBT's.

Our apologies if we have missed anyone.

Sincerely, Dave and Frank,
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DEAR OBSERVER:

The Prom at the Biz was a great event that raised over $500 for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

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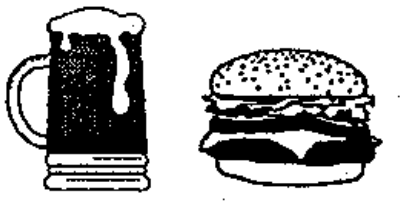

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George Michael Fined, Sentenced To Probation For Bathroom Spree

BEVERLY HILLS, CA (RNS) — British pop star George Michael, who came out as a homosexual after being arrested in a public men's room, has pleaded no-contest to performing a lewd act and was fined $810 and ordered to undergo sexual counseling.

Judge Charles Rubin also ordered the singer, who was not in court, to perform 80 hours of community service and banned him from the Will Rogers park in Beverly Hills -- an alleged meeting place for men seeking casual Gay sex -- where he was arrested April 7 by an undercover policeman.

Michael's attorney Ira Reiner said the star was in Britain and had agreed to the sentence which had been worked out in negotiations between Reiner and the Los Angeles District Attorney's office.

Under California law, a no-contest plea is equivalent to pleading guilty. The 34-year-old singer, whose hit song "I Want Your Sex" was banned on many radio stations, did not have to appear in court because the charge was a misdemeanor.

Four days after being arrested, Michael, who was charged under his real name of Georgios Kyriacos Panayiotou, said during a television interview he was a homosexual and apologized to his fans for the way in which he had been forced to reveal his sexual preference.

During the 15-minute hearing in Beverly Hills Municipal Court, the precise nature of the "lewd act" in the men's room where Michael was alone, was never divulged.

The offense carried a maximum sentence of six months in jail and a fine of $1,000, but Rubin said he felt such a fine was insignificant to a man of Michael's wealth.

He fined Michael $810 and sentenced him to 24 months "informal probation," ordered him to perform 80 hours of community service and to attend five one-hour sessions of sexual counseling.

Deputy District Attorney Kathy Solorzano recommended that Michael perform his community service with the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center. She also told the court that Michael was already undergoing some sexual counseling.

"As long as he's getting counseling that's what important," said Judge Rubin. "That's what the court's concerned about, so he doesn't get into this situation again."

Outside the court, the singer's attorney Reiner had little to say to reporters, but prosecutor Solorzano said that the sentence was more than usual for such a case because it not only included a fine but also community service and counseling. "The sense I'm getting is that he's always wanted to admit his culpability in this case and we didn't want to treat him more harshly than other people in this situation."

During the sentencing, Judge Rubin referred to Michael by his Greek given name, but continually mispronounced it. When Reiner told him to call the singer simply Michael, the judge got it wrong and referred to him as Michael George.

S.F. Pot Clubs Vow To Stay Open

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (WS) -- Defiant in the face of a federal judge's order, two medical marijuana clubs pledged to keep their doors open because, as one director said, it would be "against moral law for us to do otherwise."

U.S. district judge Charles Breyer ruled that he would order the closure of six Northern California clubs for violating federal law against distributing drugs. The 1996 ballot initiative that legalized medical marijuana under California law does not override the federal make that makes it illegal, Breyer said in his ruling. He rejected the clubs' argument that they were entitled to furnish the drug because their customers, many of whom suffer from AIDS or cancer, cannot survive without marijuana to ease the pain and side effects of therapy.

The ruling covers only the six clubs targeted by the Justice Department: two in San Francisco and one each in Oakland, southern Marin County, Santa Cruz, and Ukiah. But its reasoning could deal a serious blow to the state's more than 30 marijuana clubs, most of which sprang up after voters approved Proposition 215 in 1996. The Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Club, with 1,700 patients, will "stay open, serving its members and its patients as long as possible, until they cart them away," attorney Rob Raich said. San Francisco's Cannabis Healing Center also plans to keep doing business as usual, said Hazel Rodgers, the club's director.

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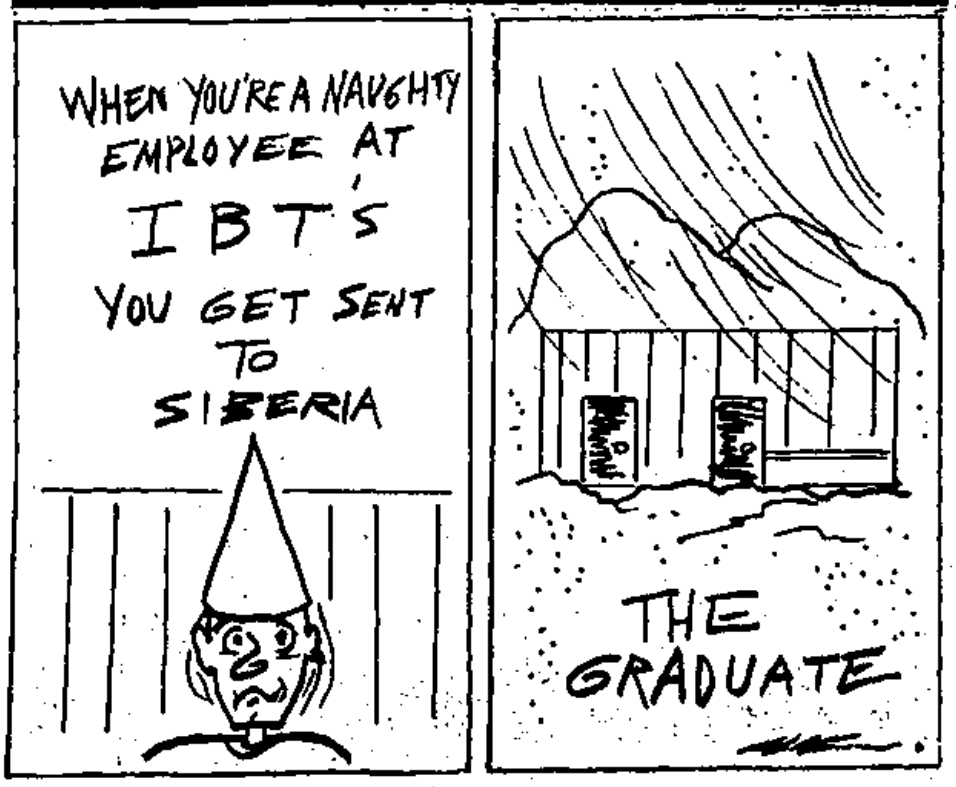

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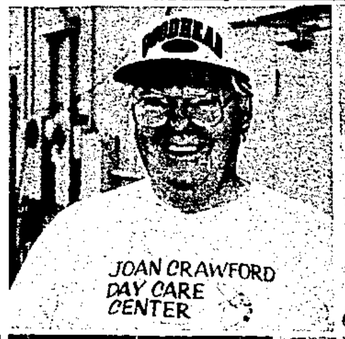

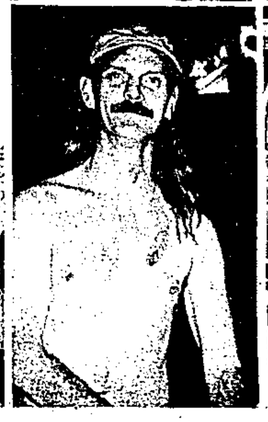

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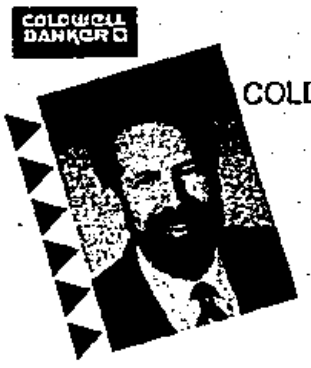

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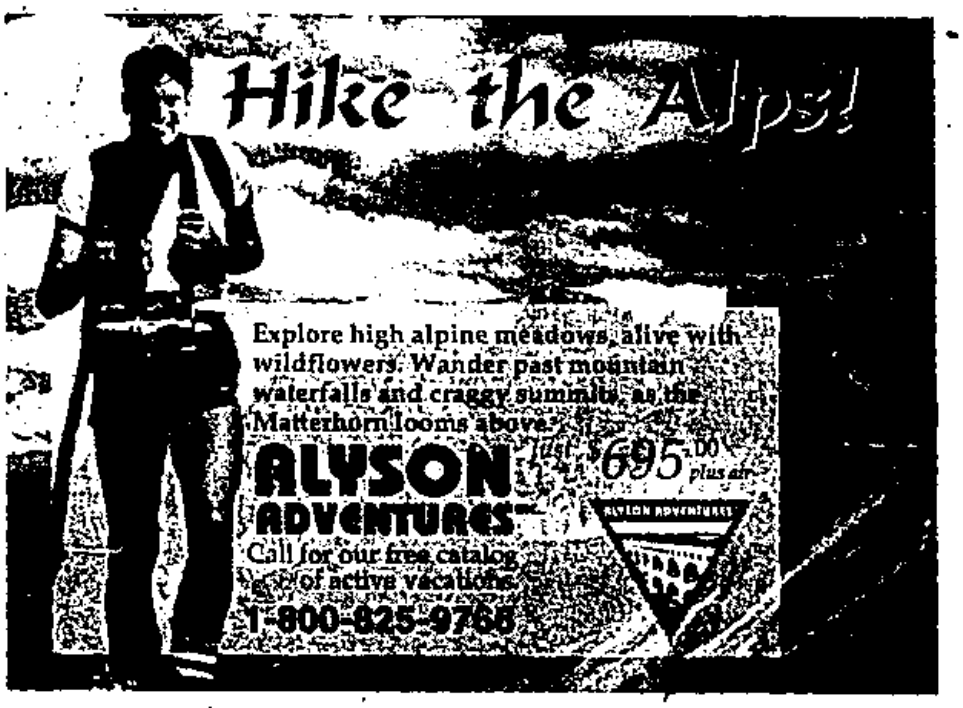

Kerry Misquoted On G/L Parents

WASHINGTON, DC (NP) – If you were surprised by a Reuters story citing Sen. John Kerry's views against Gay and Lesbian parents, imagine how he – and his diligent Gay staffer – felt!

A wire-service item last week had liberal U.S. Senator John Kerry (D-MA), a possible Presidential candidate in 2000, speaking out for the teaching of values in schools -- but against the value of Gay and Lesbian parents.

That raised quite a few eyebrows, since according to the Human Rights Campaign Kerry has had a perfect record of support on Gay and Lesbian issues, including vocal advocacy for civil rights. Not only was he one of the few Senators brave enough to vote against the anti-Gay so-called "Defense of Marriage Act" in September 1996, he was the only Senator to do so who was up for re-election two months later.

Kerry's office has issued a denial in a press release claiming that the political correspondent had misquoted him in the piece. Kerry's openly Gay director of communications Jim Jones was present at the interview and personally affirms the Senator never made the inflammatory remarks attributed to him.

"It frankly amazes me that an interview which was supposed to focus on my early childhood development legislation was the source of a story about Gay parents or the 'advocacy of non-traditional families," Kerry said in his release. "I deeply regret any misunderstanding which might arise from this misquote. I have not and will not change my position that Gay people in this country deserve all the rights that are afforded to every American. I hope that all supporters of Gay civil rights judge me by my votes and deeds and not spurious comments attributed to me."

The story said that Kerry "indicated little patience for those who advocate teaching about non-traditional families or homosexual or Lesbian marriage. 'They are not parents by definition. They are parents by law but they're not parents by biology,' Kerry said. 'The battle in America right now is not over the non-traditional family. The battle in America right now is over whether or not we can even save the traditional family. And that we ought to be able to agree on. . . .'"

Kerry responds in his press release that, "I have never said that Gay people cannot or should not be parents. The quotation in the story was taken wholly out of context. I have personal friends who are Gay parents. I draw no distinction – as the reporter would have you believe – between people who are parents 'by law' and 'by biology.'"

Jones added, "I sat in on that interview from which the story was written. John Kerry never said that Gay people cannot or should not be parents -- the quotation in the story was taken wholly out of context. (Trust me, if he had intimated it, I would have clearly spoken up.) I even spoke to the reporter after the interview to make sure he understood the context of the Senator's comments. The Senator obviously understands that women – Gay or straight – are able to bear children." Jones also noted that Kerry "supports non-discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians in the work place, opposes marriage restrictions on Gay people, and supports Gay people being foster parents."

Gay Physicians Say No To Alcohol And Tobacco Money

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Concerned about the implications of receiving support from corporations whose activities might threaten the health of the Lesbian and Gay community, the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) has passed a policy that establishes strict restrictions on accepting funds from tobacco or alcohol companies.

The new policy precludes GLMA from sponsoring, co-sponsoring, or being a beneficiary of any event that accepts primary sole sponsorship from alcohol or tobacco manufacturers or distributors. The policy also establishes strict guidelines for accepting support from the pharmaceutical industry or other corporations. GLMA will also encourage corporations and foundations that support its work to create an environment respectful of Gay and Lesbian employees and customers.

"This policy is designed to send a message to the community that we want to be conscious of how the funding we accept impacts Lesbian and Gay health," said GLMA President Michael Horberg, MD, a San Francisco Bay Area internest. "As physicians, we can do no less."

GLMA, the San Francisco-based association of Gay and Lesbian physicians and medical students, is believed to be the first national Gay and Lesbian association to pass a formal, comprehensive conflict of interest policy addressing support from the alcohol and tobacco industries.

GLMA passed this historic policy to address the increased targeted marketing to the Lesbian and Gay community by tobacco and alcohol corporations and to demonstrate its concern that such financial support may be detrimental to the community's health. GLMA plans to distribute its policy to other Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered organizations and will encourage these groups to develop policies that are aimed at promoting the health of the LGBT community.

"As a non-profit organization, we know first hand that turning down money isn't easy," said GLMA Executive Director Ben Schatz. "But if the choice is money or our community's health, we don't believe it's really a choice."

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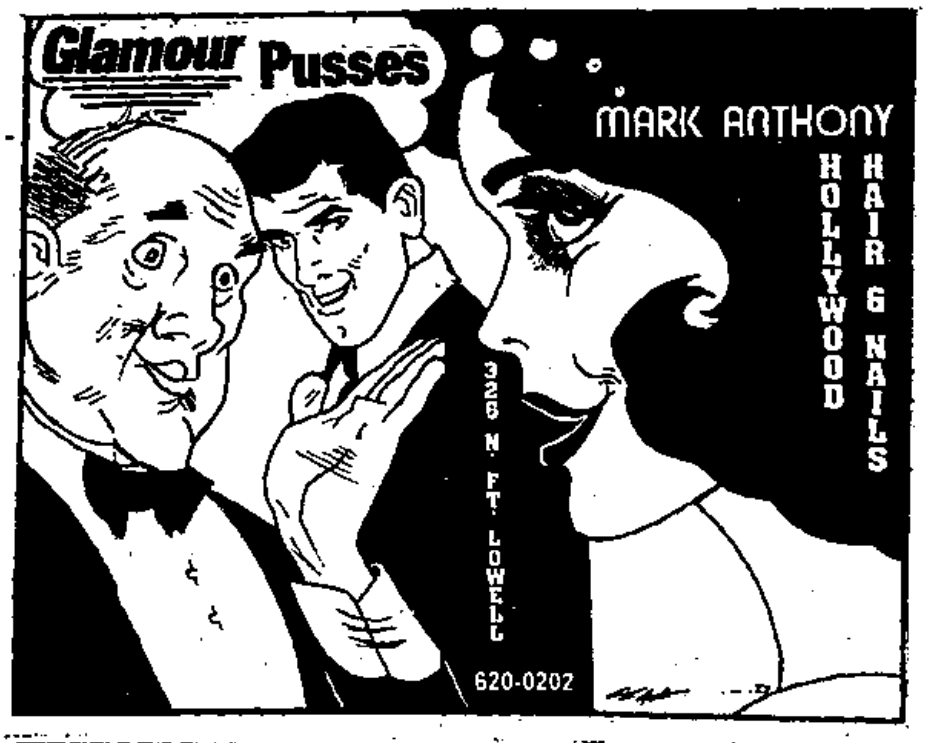

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HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Contemplative Mercury squares delusional Neptune this week while the Sun faces off with powerful Mars in randy Taurus. Think of it as spending on a freeway with a road-map covered in assorted food stains. Before you pull over for lunch, take a nibble out of the following insights:

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

All this planetary activity in practical Taurus has even pioneering Queer Rams peeking over the shoulders. Hold onto your gotten gains when the Sun conjuncts Mars; You're tempted to spend first and tally the damage later. Are pals in need of a few bucks or some sage (read: free) advice? When Mercury squares Neptune, it may be hard to tell friend from fiend.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Proud Bulls make quite a first impression this week when the Sun and Mars conspire to rip the seat of your pants just as all eyes turn your way. (Crotch less panties? Your call. . .) Meetings with the power cadre should be postponed until next week after the Mercury/Neptune transit has passed. In the game of chutes and ladders, you could slide down into the sub-basement.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

That spark of enlightenment that sets the world on fire could just be gas when the Sun conjuncts Mars. Avoid any grandiose displays that stir up the masses and then leave them in the lurch. Queer Twins are usually crystal clear but this week Mercury and Neptune conspire to turn almost any idle thought into a feckless adventure. But it is a time of great creativity so quietly create.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Gay Crabs can step over the platonic line this week when feisty Mars conjuncts the wistful Sun. Friendships can turn into much, much more in the passion of the planetary moment. Mercury and Neptune add some moon dust to the heated festivities. Will it be a trip to the moon on gossamer wings? Sweetheart, next week it may just be one of those things.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

It may be difficult to convince the powers that be you're an evil corporate shark when you're such a cute little guppy outside of work. Such is life's little ironies when Mercury squares Neptune. But proud Lions can put on a professional show thanks to Sun conjuncts Mars. Bellowing roars fill the boardroom in a sound and fury. Ultimately though, what does that signify?

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Contrary to your usual nature, Gay Virgins would rather play than work now. Chalk up this lapse to Sun and Mars which offer enticements to escape. But make sure that you're not leaving any loose ends before you go. Mercury squares Neptune which indicates that there is something that you are either not seeing or are seeing incorrectly. Leave no turn unstoned.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Queer Libras are packing a pistol this week as the Gay Sun conjuncts lusty Mars. Both the Sun and Mars conjunction and the Mercury Neptune square rev up the pleasure boat and skim the waters. Neptune encourages you to go one step too far though, so party within your means. It's just one long love fest this week, but will they respect you in the morning? Do you care?

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

The planets give you a new perspective on partnerships, sharing, family and personal space this week. This is good as long as you realize that both transits are fleeting and difficult. Don't overreact to seemingly intractable issues because the Sun and Mars are screaming now, now, now! Wait! Neptune is blocking a new light that you can cast in a dark corner next week.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Sagittarian foot-in-mouth disease can strike at work this week if you become frustrated and angry. Count to ten and smile proud Archer! The Sun/Mars conjunction and the Mercury/Neptune square could easily undo all the good will that you have been building over the past few months. Put your mouth into motion for more enjoyable pursuits and stay off work issues.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Fun turns out to be pricier than expected. Gay Caps are not considered bon-vivant spendaholics, but this week you have an itch to splurge on tawdry times. Chalk it up to the combination of the Sun/Mars conjunction which revs you into party hearty mode, and the Mercury/Neptune square which blithely pulls large denominations out of your billfold. No checks please.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Who you are can come into direct conflict with who your family would like you to be. The Sun/Mars conjunction pushes any latent or long festering family problem to the fore while the Mercury/Neptune square pits environmental against genetics. Frankly Aqueerian, in my opinion, you have no issue to worry about. It's their problem; Just be your beautiful self.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Mystical pink Fish are usually fairly intuitive, but now during the Mercury/Neptune square, your psychic signals get sidetracked. Avoid possible embarrassment by reigning in what you would normally say; The Sun/Mars conjunction wants to blast your nuclear missives from the rooftops without thinking about the fallout. The less you say, the wiser you will appear to be.

For entertainment purposes only. For best results, read both your Sun sign and Ascendant. For a free calculation of your ascendant, send birth date, time, place, name of this publication and S.A.S.E. to: Lichtenstein, POB 1726, Old Chelsea Station, NY 10011.

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To Claire Thomas, Marti Price, Hillary Delgado, and all the staff at Ain't Nobody's Bizness, thank you. Your ongoing support is wonderful!

Sincerely, Anne Maley
Executive Director - SAAF

DEAR OBSERVER AND TUCSON COMMUNITY:

It is with much gratitude that we thank the Board and membership of AGRA-Phoenix Chapter for their generous award of $1,476 to benefit the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN).

We were very honored to be voted one of the five beneficiaries of proceeds from the very successful 1998 Road Runner Regional Rodeo in Phoenix. And we were very glad to be able to have Board members present at this month's chapter meeting at Charlie's in Phoenix to personally accept this contribution and convey our "thank you."

We are proud of our affiliation with our many friends of the Phoenix and Tucson chapters of AGRA, and are grateful for your support. I would especially like to thank Tommy Ragan, Dan Iversen, Ron Trusely, John King, and the thousands of supporters who made the rodeo such a success. One of the many benefits of the prosperous rodeo will be continued HIV education and continued support for people living with HIV/AIDS in Southern Arizona. Thank you! We're looking forward to the 1998 IGRA Finals Rodeo in Phoenix this October!

With gratitude,
Scott Blades
Executive Director, TIHAN

DEAR OBSERVER:

The 11th Annual Reno Gannon Jell-O Wrestling Extravaganza was an amazing success raising in excess of $18,000 for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF)!

Yes, that's right, $18,000!

Thank you to the Graduate for hosting this event. Kudos to Stonewall/Eagle, IBT's and the Graduate for selling raffle tickets. A big round of applause goes to Hours and the Graduate for the use of the walk-in refrigerator needed to make and store 300 gallons of Jell-O. (Five calories per serving x 284 servings per container x 30 containers = 42,600 calories).

A standing ovation to all our wrestlers, Jason Wilkins, Tim Hulst, Carrie Jane Singleton, Shaundriana, Sabrina Crawford, Sherry VanDellen, Elizabeth Applegate, Matthew Harding, Carrie Moore, Brigid Gannon, George Laos, Robert Hatley, Laura Talamonti and Gina, Eric Castro, John White, Thom Medina and Gloria Quintaglie. We sincerely appreciate your participation and good sportsmanship.

The wrestler that raised the most money, Juan Noriega! Big thanks! Juan raised $1,140.00.

Who made all that Jell-O? Mr. Bruce Lundquist and Mr. Dave Locke, who both deserve a blue ribbon.

Bruce Lundquist, David Zinke, Michael Yoemans, Will Archart, and Eddie Gallegos receive the Bronze Muscle Award for their help in setting-up ad breaking down the event.

Stacey Peterson, Lorna Peterson, Susan Gregory, and Jenny Porter deserve a hearty handshake for wrestler check-in, raffle ticket control, and collecting the cash.

Thanks to our always - efficient crew that comes back year after year. Those are the folks that sit at the front desk, who control the auction items, and keep track of everything - Helga Wocherl, Harry Lewis, Bruce Lundquist, Willie Gradillas, and David Locke. You all are the backbone of Jell-O!

David Z., our DJ Diva gets the golden platter award.

David Zinke (the other Z.) Is the best referee in town! And sold 500 raffle tickets!

Bob Fischella our hoser, offer gets a smile and a wink.

AGRA, thank you for the burgers and the great buns.

The Diamond Tiara Awards go to Gilda Fatale and Lucinda Holliday - our incredible hostesses and auctioneers.

Ajia Simone, and Victoria DuPuis for gracefully displaying the auction items and working the crow, the Golden Scepter Awards.

To all the businesses and individuals that donated items for the Auction, you have our never ending gratitude. We could not have done it without you.

Dave Huff really works hard making this event happen and we truly appreciate it.

And finally, thank you to everyone that came to the event. Your support means the world to all of those living with HIV/AIDS in the community. The proceeds will go to benefit the programs of SAAF including prevention, education, and assistance/

Sincerely, Matthew Palmer
Event Coordinator

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1239 N. Sixth Ave.
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Wednesday
June 10, 1998
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Club Congress
311 E. Congress
622-8848
Wednesday
June 24, 1998
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

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July [illegible] 1998
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Neon Moon
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Wednesday
July [illegible] 1998
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Stonewall/Eagle
921 N. First Ave.
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Wednesday
August 5, 1998
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The Graduate
23 W. University.
622-9233
Wednesday
August 19 1998
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Hours
3455 E Grant Rd.
327-3390
Wednesday
September 2, 1998
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

UPDATE

Giuliani Proposes Sweeping G/L Rights Law In New York City

NEW YORK, NY (NYT) – Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has proposed legislation that would require the city's government to treat unmarried couples the same as those who are married, allowing them to continue as tenants in apartments leased to their partners and insuring their rights to be buried together in a city-owned cemetery.

The mayor has forwarded the legislative proposal to the City Council, where the measure will be sponsored by Peter Vallone, the council speaker. With Vallone's support, the proposal is virtually certain to pass.

Giuliani's proposal, which fulfills a campaign promise he made to Gay & Lesbian rights advocates last year, would give New York City one of the nation's broadest set of policies regarding domestic partnerships.

It would enshrine into city law the initiatives relating to domestic partnerships begun by Mayors David Dinkins and Edward Koch, Giuliani's two immediate predecessors. Those initiatives included granting bereavement leaves for city employees and visitation rights in city-owned hospitals.

The mayor's proposal would also obligate the city to give registered domestic partners the same benefits as spouses under the city's future collective bargaining agreements and would allow the mayor to provide "Good Samaritan" awards to the domestic partners of uniformed city employees who are killed in the line of duty.

The law, said Matt. Foreman, director of the Empire State Pride Agenda, "would be a psychological and emotional affirmation of our relationships."

The sweeping proposals come at a time when Giuliani is trying to raise his profile as a potential Republican candidate for higher office. In recent weeks he has traveled to Michigan, New Mexico and Arizona to speak to rock-solid Republicans about the strides he has made in reducing crime and cutting budgets. Gay and Lesbian rights were not mentioned.

Several Republican leaders around the country said that they were baffled by his proposal. A few said that it reinforced the perception that the mayor is too liberal for the generally conservative Republicans who participate in the party's presidential primaries.

'Ellen's' Last Stats

HOLLYWOOD, CA (NP) -- The ratings: quite honestly, they were poor. The poll: green guys with latex facials outstrip Lesbians. The theory: people don't like change. The surprise: there will be summer reruns!

Ratings: Despite a last-gasp flurry of the kind of on-air promotion "Ellen" hasn't had in months, the pioneering ABC series' finale ended with a ratings whimper – the next-to-lowest audience turnout of any new edition in its history. With a 7.1 rating (equal to 6,958,000 homes) and an 11% share (of the actual viewing audience at the time), the closer came in 19% below the series' average for the 1997 - 1998 season.

In fact, it was beleaguered ABC's lowest rating in the same time slot since July 1989. The long hiatus that preceded the broadcast and the near-unanimous advance pan by print media critics surely did nothing to help, but ABC's "Drew Carey" and "Dharma & Greg" also scored record lows for new material on the same night, while FOX's "Party of Five" and NBC's "Working" also did poorly in the same hour.

It was a good night only for CBS' "The Nanny," whose season finale wedding equaled its series high mark at 11.9/21, making a kind of circle from the beginning of the 1996 - 1997 season when the same show pushed pre-outing "Ellen" right out of the earlier time slot it once comfortably led.

Some critics have remarked that "Ellen's" odds of survival might have been stronger had the ABC network been in a stronger position overall; in the first three weeks of this crucial sweeps month (when audience size determines future advertising rates), ABC at 7.8/13 is averaging 14% less than its already-weak showing a year ago, and an even more painful 24% less in the key 18 - 49 age group at 4.4/13.

Reruns: But wait, there's more! ABC surprised pretty much everyone by announcing that "Ellen" will rerun through the summer in its familiar Wednesday 9:30 PM timeslot beginning May 27 -- including the two "lost" episodes which were scratched from the late April schedule in favor of mid-season replacement "Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza Place." The pizza gang will move to Tuesdays at 9:30 PM. And that's aside from the LIFETIME syndication reruns of "Ellen" beginning in the fall.

TV Guide "Which Show Will You Miss the Most?" Poll: At press time, a total of 8,152 votes had been cast online, with the "Babylon 5" fans trouncing all other competition with over 65%. Among the more terrestrially oriented, "Seinfeld" leads with 15%, followed by "Ellen" at 7%, ahead of "Murphy Brown," "Cybill," "Family Matters," and "The Larry Sanders Show."

Favorite Theory: Openly Gay actor Patrick Bristow (the recurring bouncy redheaded Gay "Peter" on "Ellen") said in an interview, "I think that if this season of 'Ellen' had been the first season -- if you erased the years before and started with this season -- I think it would have been hailed as brave and wonderful, and she would have been considered the latest complex comedy character on TV. But since it grew up and changed in front of the audience, that might have been one of the reasons some people pulled back. People don't like change."

Irmo Students Still Suspended

COLUMBIA, SC (NP) – A judge rejected an ACLU request on behalf of the "Indigo 5" of Irmo High on grounds that the school has the right to direct people to go to class, even if their freedom of speech is outside.

A federal judge in Columbia, South Carolina has refused to lift suspensions imposed on five Irmo High School students who did not return to class as ordered when protesting the cancellation of a free concert by the Indigo Girls. Irmo Principal Gerald Witt had canceled the concert in the wake of parent complaints about the Grammy-winning duo's Lesbian orientation. Eight student demonstrators were suspended for eight days and two others for shorter periods; but only five took their case to court with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union of South Carolina (ACLU/SC), claiming violation of their First Amendment right to free speech.

U.S. District Judge Patrick Duffy rejected the request for an injunction lifting the suspensions, finding that they did no irreparable harm to the students because of several concessions by the school: that they could continue to do schoolwork at home, could take advanced placement tests, would graduate unless there were additional problems, and would not have the suspensions registered on their permanent records.

He also held out little hope for the ultimate success of the students' case, saying, "The school has to have the right to direct people to go to class during instructional time," a judgment which won the whole-hearted support of school district officials.

"I'm not a straight man, but I play one on television."

Dan Butler, Bulldog on NBC's hit series, Frasier.

Many gay and lesbian people like Dan Butler thought acting straight was better than being open and honest. They hoped that others did not know, or that they feared friends and family would not accept them. After coming out, the love and support many receive tells them one thing -- that being themselves is the best act to follow.

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Desert Vision

by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D

#2. What Is Spirituality?

We were just hanging out at my apartment, talking. My Native American friend, Bob, stood in front of the bookshelves looking through the titles. "You have a lot of books about spirituality," Bob remarked. "How come you white folks are always talking about spirituality? What is it, anyway?"

I was sort of surprised by Bob's question. Given the pride he takes in his heritage, it seemed to me like an odd question. Many people think of Native American cultures as being inherently spiritual. I asked Bob to explain what he meant. "I just don't understand spirituality, or what you mean by it. Just seems like lots of words. Tell me what it is."

I have to agree with Bob. There are times when spirituality just seems like lots of words. The words can often be confusing. With all the talk and the variety of books, it's unclear what spirituality really is. Under the heading of spirituality, people talk about religious experiences: twelve-step programs; readings with tarot cards, crystals; and runes; channeling the spirit of a person long dead; past-life regression; or things as simple as a hike in the mountains. So, what is spirituality?

To understand spirituality, it may be easier to first talk about spiritual experiences. Think about a moment in your life you would describe as a spiritual experience. Maybe it was a time of prayer in a church, synagogue, or temple when you believed God was present with you. Perhaps it was a time outdoors, while hiking or looking at the stars when you felt connected to nature. Or maybe it was a time reading a book or talking with a friend when you found that you were really inspired. There are many different experiences that people consider "spiritual."

What makes an experience "spiritual" is that it touches our spirit, the core of our being, and empowers us to feel connected to something more than our ordinary awareness. That connection may be to a sense of a Divine Presence, an awareness of the cosmos being alive, or of deep communion with another person. Ordinarily, a religious service is just a ritual; a hike in Sabino Canyon is just time outdoors; and a discussion group is just people talking. Each of these things becomes a spiritual experience when our inner most self is touched by something more than what is evidently present in what we are doing. It's the transcendent dimension of something "more than" the activity itself that makes an experience spiritual.

Spirituality is a quality, dimension, or capacity in human life that enables us to live with a transcendent awareness of something more than any activity we are engaged in. Spirituality begins with the experience of bein part of a larger whole or in communion with something greater than ourselves. Spirituality builds on these kinds of experiences to change, shape, or transform our lives with a greater sense of meaning and purpose.

Many people confuse spirituality with spiritual experiences. For these people, the spiritual experience is the end in itself. However, spirituality is much greater than just an isolated experience. After all, spiritual experiences are like other experiences: you can have them and keep them to yourself and it doesn't have to make much difference in the rest of your life. However, when we take spiritual experiences seriously and pay attention to what they mean in our lives, they offer us a greater awareness of our lives and everything else around us. Their real power is that they evoke a greater sense or depth in life itself. Living our lives from this greater sense of depth is what spirituality is really all about.

"It's really about how you live your life?" Bob asked. "Yep," I replied. "Oh," he said with a dismissive gesture, "That's easy. You either live your life the good way or the bad way. Indians always knew that." "I'm sure that's true," I said, smiling to myself.

The Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D., is a counselor and spiritual director in private practice in Tucson.

Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

NOW SHOWING

Artist Richard Helmick, Jr. will be displaying his mixed media work at Wingspan Gallery, thru June 7. Opening night will be May 14 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wingspan is located at 300 E. 6th Street. For more information call 624-1779 or 722-4239. Richard creates spiritually-oriented mandellas using magic marker, water color, and other mixed media.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join the guys for a relaxed Lunch Out as we eat at the Nosie. This new restaurant has been highly praised for its authentic New Orleans style of cooking. For reservations and directions, please call Richard at 616-7156.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our final Hitchcock Festival presentation of "The Trouble With Harry." This dark comedy stars Shirley MacLaine in her film debut as one of the townspeople who has trouble with a dead body. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Antigone Books will present Michael Thomas Ford, award winning author and syndicated humor columnist who will read from his new book "Alec Baldwin Doesn't Love Me & And Other Trials From My Queer Life" at 7:00 p.m. These autobiographical essays are hilarious and refreshing, but what else would you expect from a guy whose childhood was spent saving the souls of his playmates while planning a wardrobe for the second coming, and whose adult life is spent competing with his best girlfriend for the attentions of firemen while obsessing about a married actor. Sometimes irreverent, sometimes thought-provoking and always wickedly funny, *Alec Baldwin Doesn't Love Me* is a terrific look at the state of queer America.

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 should be made by Friday, May 17, at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join the MSN family as we go for a night out at the theater. We'll see a funny play called "Pageant" and help TIHAN raise funds at the same time. Tickets are only $15.00, and the proceeds will be used to helps those living with HIV/AIDS. For reservations and information, please call Dan at 622-8112.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

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

MONDAY, MAY 25

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. The pool is open, and the guys are there, so join us for a day of fun in the sun. Bring your suit, a towel and some sun screen. If you want to bring along a favorite food dish to share, that's great, too (but not a necessity). We'll have games inside for those who don't swim or want to get tanned, so come out and play. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

The Wingspan Domestic Violence Project announces the opening of an office in the Wingspan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street. Come celebrate with the group at an open house today from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. For more information call 624-0348.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

7:00 p..m., Antigone Books will join in the celebration of the recent relocation of Rising Tide Press to Tucson. This small feminist press has been publishing Lesbian fiction for six years, including mysteries by Sharon Gilligan and science Fiction by Jean Stewart. Owners Alice Frier and Lee Boojamra will give a peek into the world of feminist publishing: (a) How feminist publishing empowers women. (b) The writer, publisher, bookstore, reader conection. (c) How to get published by a feminist press. (d) Who decides what gets published? (e) Journey of a manuscript. (f) How to help feminist presses and bookstores thrive. Join in the reception following the event and enjoy a celebration special of 20% off all Rising Tide titles. Also, if you're interested in reviewing manuscripts for Rising Tide, come by and they'll tell you what it entails.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us as we have 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.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus presents "...Steam Heat" at 8:00 p.m. at the Temple for Music and Art, 330 S. Scott. Tickets are $12 advance sales, students and seniors, $15 at the door and are available at Antigone Books, Rainbow Planet Coffee House, Tucson Trunk and Unique on Central. Call 627-3100 for reservations.. Festival seating.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. The MSN family goes out for a night on the town to hear Reveille rip the roof as they perform "SSSteam Heat." Support of brothers and hear some of the best music in town! For reservations and directions, please call Bob at 318-8175.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

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

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., The Girlie Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Adrienne Alexzander, Bunny FaFa, Truly Fabu and Miss Kristin.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - The return of Hollywood Creations - Strippers from Los Angeles. 10:00 p.m. $2.00 cover. Bump and Grind - you'll be Hot!

THURSDAY, MAY 21

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

FRIDAY, MAY 22

IBT'S - Happy Hour today will feature Live Jazz music on the patio 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Music by the "Dukes of York"

SUNDAY, MAY 24

HOURS - Bar-B-Que on the patio begins at 3:00.

IBT'S - Sunday benefit all-you-can-eat Bar-B-Que and 16oz Beer Bust 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Benefits the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus. Karaoke on the patio with Billy D. from 4:30 to 7:30. Then it's a Wet Shorts Contest tonight and the winner will take home $150!!! Sign up at 9:00 p.m. Dance music follows. A busy day at this 4th Avenue bistro.

MONDAY, MAY 25

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Memorial Day Cook-out. Free hamburgers and hot dogs. 2 for 1 ice cold long-necks. No Cover. Grilling starts at 4:00 p.m.

IBT'S - Community Bar-B-Que 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Drink specials. Retro 80s dancing from 9:00 to closing.

GRADUATE - Monday Morning Madness in celebration of Memorial Day. Tucson's most decadent drag show. Show stars Victoria Du Puis, Felice Renard, Ajla Simone, Regina Reed and Taylor Park! Get there early for this yearly debacle.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Latin Night at the Biz. No cover. Shot specials all night.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Dreamgirls Revue with Mr.Kenneth Blake, Miss Gay Tucson-America 1997 and special guests.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Male strippers in the Stonewall. Watch for time and mark your calendars.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

HOURS - 'Girls Night Out' softball team will be holding a yard sale here from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Come on out and support the softball women.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Comedy troop benefit for TIHAN. Win a trip to San Francisco. Stonewall opens at 8:00 p.m. Show begins at 9:00 p.m.

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Daily Bar 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.

HOURS - Open 1pm. $2 Bloody Marys & $1.50 Screwdrivers til 8pm. Country music & dancing with FREE country dance instruction 7pm.

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. $1.75 pitchers 75¢ a glass. Food Buffet 3pm. Pool Tourney 2pm w/Zipperman. Karaoke Night 9-close hosted by Billy Dee. Stonewall opens at 9pm with hot dance music with DJ Raynman

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee (pot matched) Bert Burgers served 5-11pm. Tuff Stuff Too! Open at 7pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Absolutely Fabulous at 9:30pm with $2.25 Stoli and $3 Absolute drinks

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

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

IBT's - Open noon. Martini Monday all day all call martinis's $2.50. 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. Doc's Dart Tourney 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon.

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. 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.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. $1.50 well or domestic beer. Draft Beer Nite 8-close. $2 small/$4 large pitchers.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. 9 pm to close 2for1 well/ Miller Lite. Fetish Night, dress in your fetish and get special drink prices 9-1. 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. Miller & Miller Lite $1.75 Cuervo Gold $2 after 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $1.50 Well drinks and longnecks 6am - noon.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. $1.25 pitchers from 9 to midnight. Neon Xami's $2; Schnaps $1 all nite. 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.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm $1.50 well or domestic beer. Import Night $2.25 8pm-1 am

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. 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 w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9:00 p.m. Dance w/Raynman

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon. Cuervo Gold $2 and Cuervo 1800 $2.25 Open to close.

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.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm $1.50 well or domestic beer. 75¢ Schnapps 8pm to close. $2 Cuervo shots and country/western dance at 9pm

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 which opens at 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am $1.50 Well Drinks & Longnecks8am-noon. Patio Bar open 8pm. Fosters Bottles $1.50 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. $3 entry (Pot Matched). Tuff Stuff Too! Open at 8:30

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Latin Happy Hour 5:30 - 7 free food. Dance music 9pm-1am Shot specials all nite.

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

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm $1.50 well and domestic beer. Country Western Music and Dancing 9pm to 1am.

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. Food Buffet 6pm. If YOU wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt YOU get happy hour prices all night. DJ Raynman 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-noon. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 5pm. Tuff Stuff Too! Open at 8:30pm.

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.

HOURS - Open 1pm. Small Pitchers $2 & FREE pool 2-5. Xena on the big screen with pot luck at 6pm. Country Western Music all night.

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. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ draft 3-7pm. Tuff Stuff Too! Open at 8:30pm. Partnership Cricket Tournament 8:30pm $3 entry (Pot Matched).

McVeigh's Promotion Closeted

HONOLULU, HI (NP) -- The Navy apparently hoped it could hold the AOL-outed sailor's frocking celebration without having to "tell."

Tim McVeigh's attorney is angry that the "frocking" celebration of the embattled sailor's promotion to Master Chief Petty Officer was held almost in secret. Lieutenant Derek Cole said, "We're upset. Normally this type of ceremony is held in the open in front of all the troops in full view of everybody, and not behind the closed doors of a commander's office."

Media were barred from the Pearl Harbor event, and two Naval public relations staff have chastised Cole and McVeigh's publicist for somehow violating military procedure by inviting them. Cole vigorously denies any error and wants an apology.

One of those PR men, Commander Kevin Wensing, said "The ceremony is not considered a media event." He also wasn't sure if two other men being "frocked" at the same time wanted to share in the notoriety of McVeigh, whom the Navy was ready to discharge for homosexuality based solely on the Gay content of a profile associated with one of his America Online screen names, before a federal judge found the service to have violated the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

Wensing denied that the closed ceremony reflected any embarrassment on the Navy's part.

McVeigh himself noted that, "Normally, the Navy celebrates such an occasion, because it's a chance to show off the best it has," adding that he was "very disappointed." Since his promotion orders were released, the "frocking" marks McVeigh's adoption of the insignia, rights and responsibilities of his new rank, even though he won't see the pay increase until sometime between now and July 1999.

Cole said, "They have tried to abuse this man . . . they won't give him anything. They stripped this honor from him by playing this game. They didn't want this public ceremony because they didn't want people to realize why the Navy is kicking him out. We won our case in court. They are mad that Tim made E-9 [his new grade] because that's adding insult to injury."

Dana International Returns Home To Heroine's Welcome

JERUSALEM, Israel -- Singer Dana International caused a ruckus in the lobby of the Israeli Knesset when she arrived in the building to attend a meeting of the Education and Culture Committee.

Hordes of waiting photographers rushed to take pictures of the Eurovision song contest winner, knocking over a large flowerpot and several people who were in their way.

Since her weekend victory, Dana, who is a male to female Transsexual, has reluctantly become a symbol for the increasingly bitter rift between Israel's secular majority and its ultra-religious minority.

The country's Orthodox wing has denounced her as an abomination, unnatural and decadent, a disgrace to the Jewish state. The secular side responded with a volley of complaints about intolerance and narrow mindedness while praising her contribution to the international reputation of the country.

Dana herself is trying to stay above the fray. At her first news conference since her return from Britain, where the song contest was held, she had not a single harsh word for her detractors. "I want everyone to be happy," she told a jostling mob of journalists and well-wishers. "My victory!"

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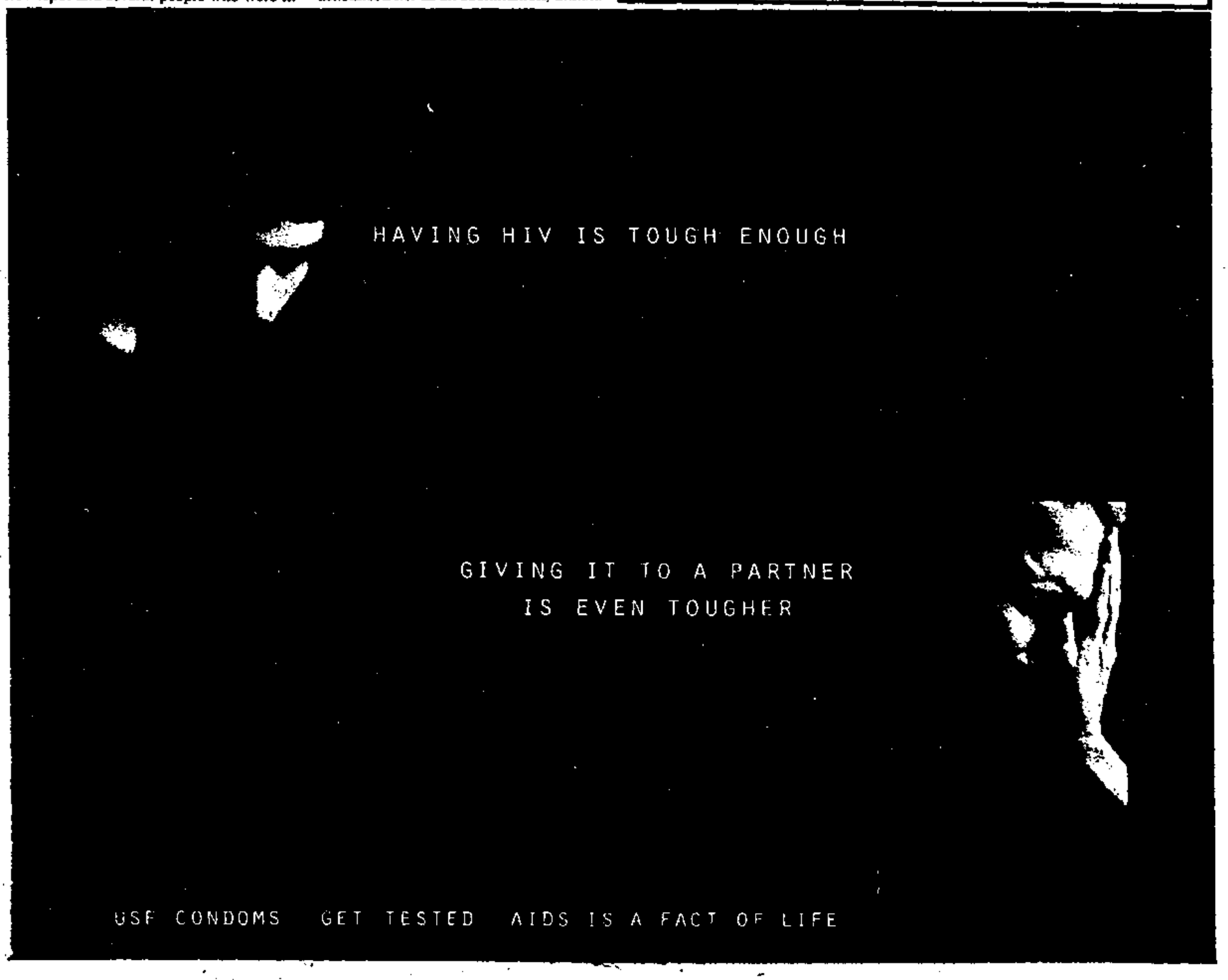

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Desert Coyotes Summer League June 3

TUCSON (ON) -- Looking for something fun for Wednesday? Bored with the same old scene? How about Tucson's Gay and Lesbian summer bowling league, the Desert Coyotes!

The Desert Coyotes will begin their summer season Wednesday, June 3, 7:30 P.M. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile. Teams will consist of three people. Skill is not important, having fun is!

For more information, call (520) 743-9659.

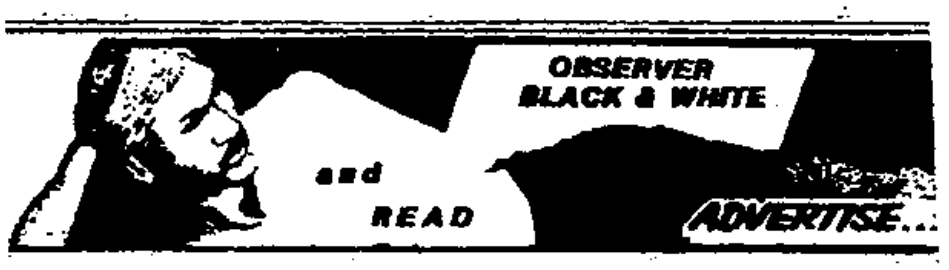
Himmel Volleyball Has New Summer Playing Time

TUCSON – The Himmel Park Volleyball Gang has just changed their playing time for the Summer to 4:00 P.M. from 10:00 A.M.

This social gang consists of intermediate and advanced players that are planning to participate in a league, take a trip to San Diego to play on the beach and at Balboa Park, and soon to begin weekday play (after 5:00 P.M., probably Tuesdays).

Himmel Park is located on Tucson Boulevard. (One block South of Speedway). Net is set up at the Northwest Corner.

If you really enjoy all types of volleyball (grass, sand, and court w/two - six persons) please join us! Any questions? Please call Dan, 624-2310 or Robert, 762-5141. Come join the gang!



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NOTICES

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. 322-8226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS. World wide web: http://www.saaf.org. 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 340 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

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

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

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

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

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

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 886-1208 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

LICHEN HIKING CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Hike with other women. Listings in Ruhyfruit 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. 624-1778.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Saturday 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 323-8805 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. 322-5855. 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.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9620

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 816, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5581. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

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

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1520 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.

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 Rona 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 886-7264.

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 Lagona). 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. Philips 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.

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.

NOTICES

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 791-8662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3461 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 776-9979 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 322-8226.

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 Parri 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. 694-7663.

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 299-5647.

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 325-8678 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 791-7678.

CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1360 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2883 or Anne 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 297-9692 or Sr. Joan 742-8940.

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 884-9420, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6857 (avalkan@ix.netcom.com)

AZ4yhes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information mail tyan@thetrue.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.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 883-3785 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 15th year! (1st in Tucson).

"EVOLVERS" 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 884-6541.

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

TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Desert Boyz. For information call Cory at 628-8458 or send email to: moonlightdrive@earthling.net.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

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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. 723

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