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Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing On Hate Crimes Highlights Need To Pass Bill

WASHINGTON, DC — A hearing on a bill to allow federal law enforcement authorities to investigate hate crimes based on sexual orientation, gender and disability is an important step toward ensuring that all Americans affected by hate-motivated attacks have protection, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

"We hope the hearing will lead to the extension of justice to those Americans who are held hostage to hate," said Winnie Stachelberg, HRC's political director. "Gay Americans are disproportionately victims of hate crimes and we would like to see this bill passed by the end of this congressional session. For many people, this hearing may be the beginning of renewed faith in the great ideals of American justice and personal liberty."

Pat Cramer, who owns a Gay bar in rural Boswell, Pa., spoke at a news conference about how her patrons are frequent targets of hate-related incidents, including a shooting. On March 9, 1997, three customers were injured when gunshots were fired into the Casa Nova lounge. Patrons continue to be physically threatened and verbally abused, while local authorities refuse to get involved, she said.

"My husband and I live above the Casa Nova and every day, I fear for our lives. I hope we don't have to wait until a bombing or [another] shooting before they listen. I believe that this bill will allow federal law enforcement to become involved in cases like mine," said Cramer.

Hate crimes against Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals make up the third-highest category of hate crimes reported to the FBI -- 11.6 percent of all hate crimes reported in 1996, the latest year available. The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, an umbrella organization for local groups that combat anti-Gay violence, reported a 6 percent increase in reported anti-Gay crimes for 1996, while violent crime continues to decrease nationally. Only 21 states and the District of Columbia include sexual orientation-based crimes in their hate crimes statutes. While states continue to play the primary role in the prosecution of hate violence, the federal government must have jurisdiction to address those limited cases in which local authorities are either unable or unwilling to investigate and prosecute, Stachelberg said.

Current law allows investigation and prosecution of hate crimes committed on the basis of race, religion, national origin and color. The Hate Crimes Prevention Act would amend federal law to include sexual orientation, gender and disability and expand federal law enforcement jurisdiction.

"This bill needs to be passed because prosecutors are fighting these crimes with one arm tied behind their backs," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., a lead sponsor.

"I don't see how any member of Congress, liberal or conservative, Republican or Democrat, would not support this bill," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., another lead sponsor.

Other lead sponsors of the bill are Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla, and Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. The Hate Crimes Prevention Act is also supported by the Clinton administration.

There are several federal hate crimes laws that include sexual orientation as protected categories, but none involves investigation or enforcement. The Hate Crimes Statistics Act of 1990 was the first federal law to add sexual orientation as a protected category, although it does not address investigation or enforcement. Congress also addressed hate crimes against Gays and Lesbians in the Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, both enacted in 1994.

THE HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT

H.R. 3081: Reps. Schumer (D-NY) and McCollum (R-FL) S. 1529: Sens. Kennedy (D-MA), Specter (R-PA), and Wyden (D-OR)

Current law (18 U.S.C. 245) permits federal prosecution of a hate crime only if the crime was motivated by bias based on race, religion, national origin, or color, and the assailant intended to prevent the victim from exercising a "federally protected right" (e.g. voting, attending school, etc.) This dual requirement substantially limits the potential for federal prosecution of hate crimes, even when the crime is particularly heinous.

What the Hate Crimes Prevention Act Does:

The Hate Crimes Prevention Act would expand federal jurisdiction to reach serious, violent hate crimes. Under the bill, hate crimes that cause death or bodily injury because of prejudice can be investigated federally, regardless of whether the victim was exercising a federally protected right.

The bill describes a "hate crime" as a violent act causing death or bodily injury "because of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, or disability" of the

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Gay Games Travelers Threatened In Tour Dispute

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — With less than one week to go before the start of the 1998 Amsterdam Gay Games, hotel and sightseeing arrangements for thousands of participants and spectators expected are being held hostage to a legal dispute between foreign tour operators and Gay Games travel companies.

Many of the hotels in Amsterdam are reporting they still have not received payment and rooming lists from Wens Reizen, Holland Arrival Travel and the Netherlands Reservation Centre -- all official Gay Games travel companies.

Funds from prepaid hotel and sightseeing packages secured by foreign tour operators are being withheld by Wens Reizen until it is paid hundreds of thousands of dollars in what it says are "cancellation fees." The company says funds and rooming lists to area hotels will not be released until these fees are secured.

Wens Reizen has hired lawyers in an attempt to force payment of the charges foreign tour operators have angrily denounced as groundless and undocumented. Wens Reizen threatens tourists booked through overseas operators will be refused their rooms and will be accommodated only if they can repay Wens Reizen upon arrival unless the conflict is resolved.

Accusations of gross mismanagement and questionable business practices on the part of Wens Reizen, Holland Arrival Travel, the Netherlands Reservation Centre, the Federation of the Gay Games and the Netherlands Board of Tourism are being leveled.

Attempts to negotiate a settlement through the Netherlands Board of Tourism, the Federation of the Gay Games and the Dutch Consulate have so far proven fruitless.

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Green Bay Packers Apologize For Reggie White Anti-Gay Ad

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) — The Human Rights Campaign has received a letter of apology from the Green Bay Packers because the pro football team's jersey was worn by defensive end Reggie White in newspaper ads attacking Gay men and Lesbians.

Packers president and CEO Robert E. Harlan in the letter to HRC executive director Elizabeth Birch wrote: "The use of the Packers uniform in this case -- as Greg Aiello, the National Football League's vice president of public relations acknowledged in a recent public statement -- was not approved and was an inappropriate use of the uniform. And we obviously concur in that view. As an organization, we regret the misuse of our uniform in the advertisement. Please accept our apology."

Birch responded: "We are pleased that the Green bay Packers organization has indicated that they will not tolerate Reggie White intentionally using the prestige of the team or the NFL to legitimize discrimination against Gay Americans. I am sure that there are many Gay and Lesbian Green Bay Packers fans, as well the majority of fair minded Packers fans, who are relieved that the team is not officially sanctioning White's ill-informed rhetoric."

After White appeared in uniform in a full-page anti-Gay ad in USA Today last week, the National Football League and the Packers requested White conform with NFL policy against using team logos in personal political promotions. But according to news reports, White again appeared in uniform in an anti-Gay ad in the Washington Times again.

White family spokesman Bill Horn said the recent usage was a mistake, and that any future appearances by White would not be in uniform. "It's taken care of, and we've got a new picture being overnighted to the people doing the ad."

HRC communications director David Smith said, "He was wearing a Packers uniform to legitimize his message of discrimination. Clearly, they knew that the NFL did not want them to use his picture, but they had every intention of using it until the very end."

New Peer Counseling Coordinator At SAAF

TUCSON — The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) has named David A. Gunton as its new Peer Counseling Coordinator.

Gunton brings to the position twelve years of recruiting and supervising volunteers within non profit organizations and numerous years of experience in managerial positions within the private sector.

"I see my job as focused on providing the Peer Counselors with the resources and skills they may need to compassionately and effectively serve SAAF clients," said Gunton. "I know how much caring, loving support has meant in my own battle with AIDS, and I want to see that kind of support and empowerment here for others when they come seeking services from this agency." David returned to Tucson in October after a twelve-year absence and has been an active volunteer with SAAF prior to being named to this position.

Peer Counselors play a very special

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UPDATE

'Celebrate Yourself' Deadline Aug. 12

TUCSON — The Gay Men's Health Project is currently seeking submissions from photographers for a new prevention program to be produced locally, "Celebrate Yourself."

The winning photographs submitted will appear in posters and educational material to be distributed to the Gay community in and around Southern Arizona.

The photos should represent the photographer's interpretation of the three topics in "Celebrate Yourself: "Celebrate Diversity" - These photos should show the wonderful diversity that we have within the Gay/Lesbian community. "Celebrate Pride" - These photos should artistic interpretation of what it is like to be out, Gay and proud. "Celebrate Sex" - These photos should represent the joy of a sexual being.

Please submit 8 x 10 black and white photos including your name and telephone numbers. Please do not send negatives. All photos submitted become the property of the Gay Men's Health Project. The Gay Men's Health project will not be able to return the photographs. Please include a model release form for all models in all the photographs and all nude models must have proof of age as adults, 18 or older.

All accepted photographs will be on display at the OUToberFEST picnic in October as a part of the Gay Men's Health Project photo essay show, "Celebrate Yourself."

The deadline for submissions is August 12, 1998. All winners will be notified by mail. Please send photographs, personal contact information and copies of model release forms to: Rodney Shanks, Gay Men's Health Project, 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211, Tucson, AZ 85716.

Remember always, "Celebrate yourself!"

GMHP Community Forum August 16

TUCSON — The Gay Men's Health Project will hold a community forum to discuss Community Diversity, Sunday, August 16

This forum will take place at the Holiday Inn City Center, 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

The forum will feature a panel discussion and audience participation to discuss the diversity between the chosen sub cultures of the Gay community.

Historic Hawaiian Bar Closes

HONOLULU, HI (NP) — Hula's Bar and Lei Stand is pulling up roots, but its landmark 100-year-old banyan tree will not greet another century.

Twenty-four years after its opening, Honolulu's Hula's Bar and Lei Stand, a world-renowned Gay venue, closed with more than 1,000 people turning out to say goodbye. Both the Waikiki bar and its landmark nearly 100-year-old banyan tree must make way for new development, after years of being a place many Gays and Lesbians found support for coming out, celebration of their relationships, and comfort in the face of loss. They use words like home and ohana, family, when talking about Hula's.

The bar is moving to the Waikiki Grand Hotel in September after a temporary stay in the Wave Waikiki, but the tree -- held together with cables and love by bar owner Jack Law since it was split by Hurricane Iwa 16 years ago -- has been deemed unable to withstand either relocation or new construction.

New Zealand Government Acts On Domestic Partners

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (NP) — New Zealand's new labor law provides time off for Lesbians and Gays to care for sick domestic partners.

Same-gender couples would be recognized for the first time in New Zealand labor law under a package proposed by the government this past week. The option of taking a special leave of absence to care for an ailing dependent would be expanded so that Gays and Lesbians could take time off to look after their partners. In welcoming the move, Lesbian activist Jools Joslin said that many labor law provisions which apply automatically to heterosexual couples are at the employer's discretion for same-gender pairs.

Labour Minister Max Bradford said the change brought the legislation into compliance with New Zealand's Human Rights Act, while the head of the Employers Federation called it inevitable.

Reveille Looking For Some Good Men

TUCSON — The Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC) will be holding auditions for the 1998-99 season during the entire month of August.

The fall will commence with the annual "Kick-Off" in late August. Rehearsals for the December Holiday concert will begin after Labor Day.

Anyone interested in joining the chorus can do by calling, 881-1369, to set up an appointment. The chorus is looking for low basses and first tenors.

Next year's season includes the following events:

Holiday Concert - "Gaily We Sing." RGMC's traditional holiday concert will include works with chorus, brass, organ and percussion. The season of Chanukah will be featured at the event.

Viva la Diva - Book 2. Presented in March of 1999, this sequel to te wonderfully entertaining concert of two years ago will feature classical opera pieces, as well as some camp and music by contemporary divas and divos to the Gay community. RGMC will be joined by the Grand Canyon Men's Chorale of Phoenix and local soprano and incredible diva, Elena Todd.

ExtrABBAganza. This wonderful and very popular collection of music by ABBA, written for the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, will be coming to Tucson with RGMC in performance - a show not to be missed.

TIHAN Seeks Volunteers

Orientations Begin Next Week

TUCSON — Volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of options through the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN).

For people who are interested in exploring volunteer opportunities with TIHAN, there are two upcoming orientation sessions to choose from:

Tuesday, August 4, 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. or Wednesday, August 12, 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

TIHAN is seeking people with a sense of compassion, a desire to help people in need, and a commitment to break down the fears, misunderstandings and myths related to HIV/AIDS . Over the past four years, TIHAN volunteers have contributed over 15,000 hours of direct service to people living with HIV/AIDS in our community. Assistance is also needed in administrative, fund raising and event areas.

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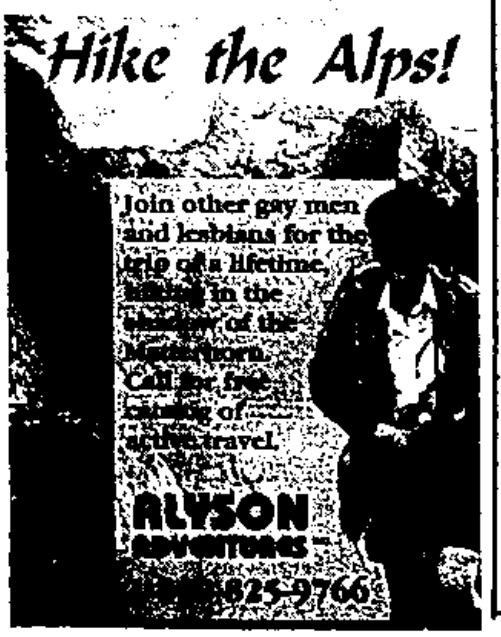

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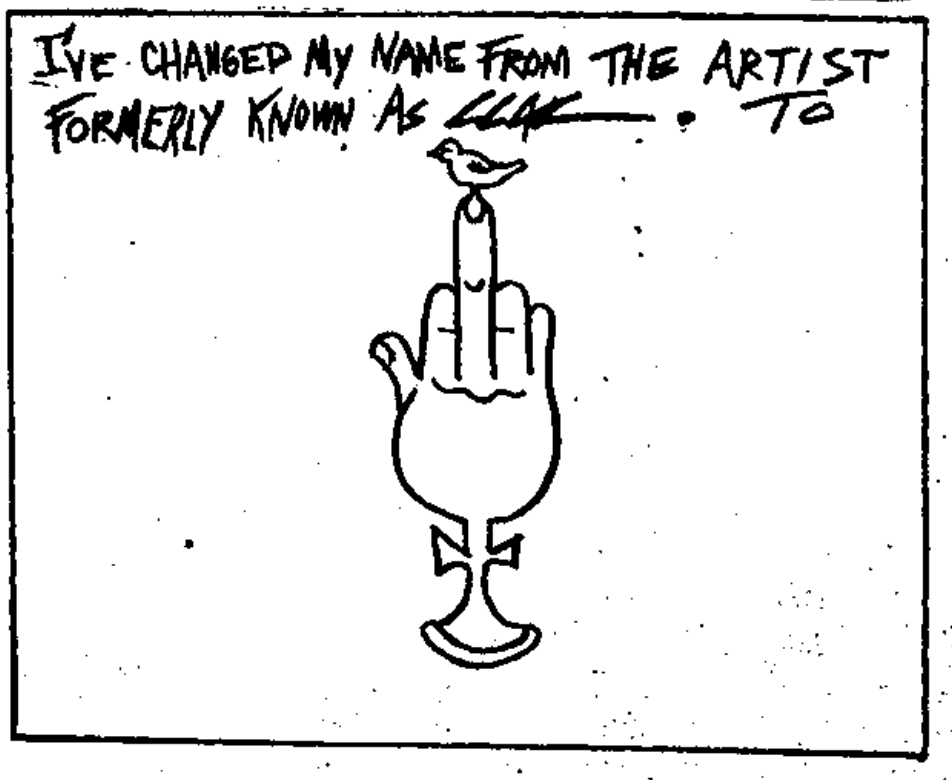

McVeigh Leaves Navy

JACKSONVILLE, FL (NP) — Bidding the Navy bon voyage, the AOL-outed soon-to-be-ex sailor is going home to mother ... and to speaking engagements, a new book, and well, who knows what might happen. . . ?

Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Tim McVeigh has left his posting in Hawaii and headed for his home in Jacksonville, Florida to await the discharge papers ending his outstanding 18-year career. After the Navy attempted to discharge him for homosexuality based on the "Gay" content of the profile associated with one of his America Online screen names, he filed a lawsuit that became the first ever to find that a branch of the military service had violated the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Both the Navy and America Online were also found to hat ve violated the Electronic Communications Privacy Act. America Online, which had confirmed for an investigator the connection between McVeigh and the screen name, revised its policies and paid McVeigh an undisclosed settlement; the federal government agreed to pay McVeigh's $90,000 legal fees and allow him an early retirement with full benefits.

McVeigh would have preferred to complete 25 years in the Navy if he could have returned to something like the work he did before the allegations were raised, serving as Chief of the Boat (top enlisted man) on a fast-attack nuclear submarine. Instead, he was first assigned some menial tasks and then moved into desk jobs, first as a librarian and most recently handling training assignments. However, he says that co-workers continued to treat him well, except for a few senior officers in the submarine squadron. He spoke of his case in mild terms to reporters saying, "I think the Navy has been fairly pig-headed. I just got set up and this thing just kept getting passed up the line and no one stopped to look at it."

McVeigh has some speaking appearances scheduled for September and October and says he plans to write a book about his experience. Once the discharge is complete, perhaps McVeigh can finally "tell" one way or the other – throughout the trials and the attendant heavy media coverage, McVeigh has held strictly to the regulation and neither denied nor confirmed being Gay.

Lesbians Win Custody

RICHMOND, VA (NP) — The same Virginia court that took Sharon Bottoms' son away will allow an 8-yr-old girl and her 6-yr-old brother to stay with their Lesbian mom – and their co-mom.

In the same Henrico County, Virginia court where Sharon Bottoms lost custody of her son to her own mother in 1993 because of her Lesbian relationship, a different judge has allowed another Lesbian living with her partner to retain custody of her two children. The names of the parties have been suppressed to protect the children's privacy. A July 20 deadline passed without the children's father filing an appeal, leaving intact a ruling by Judge Sharon Breeden Will of the Henrico County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

The parents separated in 1995, and in 1996 their divorce became final, with the mother keeping custody of the children, a girl now eight years old and a boy now six. Later in 1996, the mother's partner moved in with her, but it wasn't until the latter part of 1997 that the father filed for custody based on the Lesbian relationship's possible effects on the children. The mother says the father primarily wanted the partner out of the mother's house.

When the case was heard, testimony from an array of witnesses maintained that the children were doing just fine in the Lesbian household. Will, who had declared that she would treat this like any other custody case, found that it was in the children's best interests to remain with their mother. Although the Virginia Supreme Court in 1995 affirmed that judges could take sexual orientation into consideration in custody determinations, it did not require that all Gay and Lesbian parents be found unfit solely for that reason.

Oral and anal sex acts (and soliciting others to commit them) are still on the books as a felony in Virginia, whether committed by people of the same or opposite genders, although the charge is rarely brought. The sodomy law played a key role in the Bottoms decision even though she was never charged with a crime. In Charlottesville recently, the sodomy statute was used against men seeking sex with female prostitutes, instead of the misdemeanor solicitation charge that's standard for those situations.

Emmy Nods Degeneres, 'Tales', Gia

HOLLYWOOD, CA (NP) — In the running for TV statues: Ellen vs. Helen . . . Emma as the best guest . . . . more Mrs. Madrigal . . . Gia in the ring with King . . . and others to make one GLAAD. . . .

Nominations for the 50th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards were announced by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, with open Lesbian Ellen DeGeneres, "Armistead Maupin's More Tales of the City" and the Lesbian biopic "Gia" all receiving nods in major categories. The awards will be presented in a televised four-hour golden anniversary celebration on September 13 from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

Perhaps the best odds for a statuette from the pink offerings is Emma Thompson, nominated for Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series for playing a closeted Lesbian version of herself on "Ellen." In fact the storyline of that episode centered around an awards show, at which "Emma" set off to come out with the later-protested words, "Let's go scare some Baptists!" The author of those words, Lawrence Broch, got a writing nomination for the episode.

Although DeGeneres shared an Emmy with her writers last year for the landmark coming-out "Puppy Episode" of her now-defunct ABC sitcom "Ellen," she's never won the Outstanding Actress award. As if it weren't tough enough to be up against perennial repeat winner Helen Hunt ("Mad About You," where DeGeneres made a guest turn at the end of the season), there are six nominees instead of the usual five because of a tie. The other four are Kirstie Alley of "Veronica's Closet," Jenna Elfman of "Dharma & Greg," Patricia Richardson of "Home Improvement," and Calista Flockhart of the hour-long surreal dramedy "Ally McBeal."

HBO's "Gia" took a total of six nominations, including Outstanding Made for Television Movie, and an Outstanding Lead Actress in a Miniseries or Movie for Angelina Jolie in her role as the supermodel. "Gia's" movie competition is CBS' "What the Deaf Man Heard," HBO's "Don King: Only in America," HBO's "A Bright Shining Lie," and SHOWTIME's "12 Angry Men."

SHOWTIME's "More Tales" took

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POLITICS 1998

By MARK R. KERR

"The Drapes. The Color Of The Drapes Was Very Important!"

Closing notices may be posted soon in the long running "Broadway" show in Monica D.C. "The Kenny Starr Follies" - more than four years and forty mil of your tax dollars may be bringing down the curtain for the last time soon.

Monica got her immunity. Tripp's finishing her eight encores. Bruce Lindsey, the prez's government mouthpiece, will be singing solo. The Secret Service isn't after their soliloquy and the prez has been served a subpoena. There's a final act for you! "Zippergate" will be bumping homosexuals off the front page as the "flavor of the moment" until the start of impeachment hearings, er for the time being.

Just what the elephants on Capitol Hill would love especially since they've been taking a beating over anti-Gay remarks and pending legislation in an election year. Doesn't queer bashing account for votes and big contributions (bucks)? Usually, but we digress.

As previously reported, two GOP lawmakers, Rep. Joel Hefley, R-CO, and Rep. Frank Riggs, R-CA, have tacked on amendments to two appropriations' bills, H.R. 4276 - Commerce, Justice & State Department appropriations, and H.R. 4194 - Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and Veteran's Affairs appropriations for those playing the home game, which would overturn the president's executive order (with no authority) banning discrimination against Gay and Lesbian federal workers and cut off federal housing funding for San Francisco because of their domestic partners' ordinance. Remember though, it wasn't a "Gay thing," just political doctrine and beliefs being forced onto others, according to Rep. Riggs. Sound familiar?

It's not a Gay thing? Sure it isn't. Not according to the remaining few, unhappy, moderate Republicans, the latest endangered species on the Hill. "I am being more and more offended by what people feel our base is. I am pretty determined to speak out against any statement that goes after Gays and tries to dehumanize them for the purpose of gilding our base," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-CT, in an interview. Trouble.

With the goings on, according to Nancy Buermeyer, Senior Policy Analyst for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), Republican leadership in the House has framed consideration of the measure in a discussion of presidential powers and placed a minuscule for House standards, 20 minute cap on the whole of the debate. "Protected in the rule," she said. Buermeyer added that both sides will only get 10 minutes to arguing their case to the full House. Goodie.

The Republican leadership in the House is fearful a long debate on the repeal measure could provoke embarrassing anti-Gay statements from conservative party members. Arizona's own blowhard Representative, J.D. Hayworth, R-Phoenix, would be first of course with the rest to follow, except Kolbe. Are those VCR's ready?

Gay and Lesbian federal employees take on the pending legislation. "If passed, the Amendment will send the message to federal managers and supervisors that it is 'open season' on employees due to their sexual orientation," said Rob Sadler, President of Federal GLOBE, the Gay and Lesbian federal employees' organization. It is already. Crapaign '98 season!

Hefley's amendment received the "protection" of the elephants, but Riggs' amendment though did not. Rep. Frank Riggs, R-CA had tacked on his amendment this past week to the Veteran's Affairs/HUD moolah bill which would cut off federal funding to the City of San Francisco for their domestic partner's ordinance, which according to Frank, "forces a political belief . . . a doctrine on others." Yes, support the poor oppressed majority, since us queers are picking on them. Oh, Frankie!

San Francisco's ordinance requires companies with city contracts to offer the same benefits to unmarried domestic partners which are offered to the spouses of married employees and that could cost the "city by the bay" a cool quarter billion. Local authority! Republicans don't need no stinking local authority! Big brother has spoken!

That's not all to this story unfortunately. With the GOP Gay bashing in season, another Member of Congress has joined in. Rep. Van Hilleary, R-TN, this week has tacked on his own amendment to the Veteran's appropriations bill. Hilleary's amendment would cut the HOPWA increase in funding for fiscal year 1999 which Congress had already approved, $21 million, and divert it to a federal Veteran's Housing program.

According to Anne Maley, executive director of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF), the proposal could greatly impact the clients. Maley said the funding covers emergency assistance with rent and utility payments, mental health and substance abuse counseling and treatment, support services such as transportation. She added that the funding also assists many clients in maintaining their housing so that they do not become homeless. Budget cuts anyone?

Nancy Buermeyer of HRC said that the three amendments on the two bills will be considered this week (due to the shootings on Capitol Hill this past Friday) by the House of Representatives. What are the chances? According to Buermeyer, it will be a tough call on all three amendments, especially cutting the increase for HOPWA funding. . . .

The "anti-Gay" agenda finally reached the local breeder press. Surprise! "Anti-Gay agenda could hurt GOP at polls, Kolbe says" blared this past week as a front page headline in the afternoon fish-wrap. This "piece" came from the same reporter who allegedly "outed" Air Force Captain Craig Button in a story that ran the day his grieving parents buried him. The subsequent investigation called it a suicide and could not prove Button was Gay. Suicidal sissy huh?

Republicans' recent anti-Gay actions (Really?) and Kolbe's upcoming race for an eighth term to Congress were the focus of the recent "article." One of the politicos quoted in the "piece" is Linda Barber, second vice chair of the Arizona Republican Party, who said Gay activists, not GOP leadership, started the debate. We are the cause of every problem!

"These are the people who pushed this to ballot, and these are the people who brought the idea of same-sex marriages," Barber blathered in the interview. Sure it

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DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to comment on two recent letters concerning AGRA.

I moved to Tucson in December, 1993 after I retired from my job. At that time, I was a wreck; my partner of over eight years had died and I was alone. I joined AGRA in January, 1994 and I found out by experience that it is one thing to belong to the association, but quite another to belong to the clique. I was repeatedly ignored by AGRA members at functions that I would attend; I was never made to feel really welcome there or that I even belonged to AGRA at all. AGRA was not the least bit supportive of me, even though everyone knew my partner had died.

What John Repetto said in his letter is precisely the image that AGRA projects to the community, and that's why nobody wants to support it. The cliquishness in AGRA cannot help but be noticed at any AGRA function. When I joined AGRA, I filled out the regular volunteer form, and on it I mentioned that I was a notary public and could notarize legal documents and would do so free of charge for AGRA; I also mentioned that I was retired and that my time was no longer structured by work requirements. In spite of this, I was called by the volunteer coordinator just three times to do any work for AGRA. If AGRA has been crying out for help, I sure haven't heard it. Why didn't AGRA people call on me to volunteer? I was available, and everyone reasonably should have known it.

As I say, AGRA has always had its own little clique, and those who are in it seem to want to run things their own way, regardless of what anyone else thinks or says. Once or twice, during the time that I was a member of AGRA, I wrote a letter stating my opinions about things that I though would benefit AGRA, but those letters were totally ignored. I could easily see by the abysmally poor attendance at the Tucson AGRA rodeos that the handwriting was on the wall, at least for the Tucson chapter of AGRA. What had been going on was bound to catch up to AGRA sooner or later.

I have a friend who lives out of town who says that AGRA gets the rejects from California, Texas and Colorado. I can't say, speaking for myself, that is entirely true, but there seems to be quite an amount of evidence to support that opinion.

Sincerely,
Cactus Ken

EDITOR:

Thanks to Frank and Dave for the barbecue at IBT's and the show at The Graduate. With my frequent trips to Los Angeles, my social life is nil. It was great to have fun with the gang again.

To Kristin: you organized a great show for MPS and The Graduate. I've watched you grow up in the community and you're definitely have become a professional. To Shaudrianna: you continue to delight us all with Dolly Parton. To Victoria DuPuis: Miss Gay Tucson, staff off my wife's lap you sexy thing! Love ya! To Bunny Foo-Foo, Faith and Sabrina Crawford: thank you for giving us great entertainment. You haven't yet met Woody, but you will at the Roast. To Stanley: Trix are for kids silly rabbit.

Thanks once again for supporting our family and MPS. It's been a great year.

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Police Say Hate Crime Was A Hoax

LANCASTER, SC (WS) — Regan Wolf, a South Carolina Lesbian who reported being the victim of two horrific incidents of anti-Gay violence, stands accused by Lancaster County authorities of faking her own beating.

Police say a friend of Wolf's, whose name was not released, approached authorities with an accusation that Wolf paid him $50 to beat her. The witness said Wolf promised him $350 for his participation in the hoax.

According to Hugh Munn, spokesman for the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division, the pair went to Wal-Mart and bought gloves, a belt and spray paint. They returned to Wolf's home where "she laid across the bed and he took a double wide belt and whacked her across her back," he said.

News of the attack garnered headlines across the country. Wolf reported she was knocked unconscious and tied spread-eagled on her porch above the spray-painted message, "Jesus weren't born for you, faggot." Munn told reporters forensic experts who consulted photographs taken of Wolf's injuries reported they were "consistent with her being a willing participant."

Wolf's lawyer Joe McCulloch said the police theory was an effort to deflect attention from their lack of progress in the case. "She's a victim twice of two serious, really offensive crimes resulting in serious injuries to her and, in a sense, this is a third injury to her," McCulloch said.

Wolf; her mother, Jackie Adams; her partner, Jenna Wolf; and Gay rights groups have called her a symbol of persecution. They held a Statehouse rally this spring to support hate-crime legislation that got buried in a state Senate subcommittee last year. They also blasted police officials for dragging their feet in the investigation.

Steven Bates, executive director of the state chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said Sheriff Cauthen failed to conduct a thorough investigation and that speculation of a hoax was an attempt to deflect criticism from the law enforcement's handling of the incidents. "[They have] spent more time and resources investigating the victim than in tracking down suspects," Bates said.

Tony Snell, co-chairman of the South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement, which sponsored the Columbia rally, said he was not ready to buy into the allegations against Wolf. But he said if they were true, the damage to the community would be long-lasting. "This would only give the Christian right and the opposition more fuel for their fire," he said.

Accused Woman Denies Beatings Were Staged

Regan Wolf turned herself in to police and was formally charged with falsely reporting that she had been the victim of two anti-Gay bias-related assaults.

Forty-year-old Wolf maintains she was attacked and has professed her innocence against the charges. She was escorted in handcuffs to the Lancaster County Courthouse, where her attorney gave a magistrate evidence that she had passed a lie detector test.

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office and the State Law Enforcement Division say an acquaintance of Wolf came forward and admitted to having inflicted the December beating for money. The unnamed witness said Wolf promised him $350 for his participation in the hoax. Arrest warrants say her accuser also passed a polygraph test.

"Frankly, we got dueling polygraphs," Wolf's attorney, Joe McCulloch of Columbia said. Polygraphs are admissible in court if both the prosecution and defense agree to admit them.

Wolf remained composed throughout her hearing and was released two hours after being charged. She is scheduled to appear in court July 28. Wolf has the option of having the charges against her heard by a judge or jury.

"We intend to enter a not-guilty plea and contest these charges vigorously," McCulloch said. "It's unfortunate that a victim will have to win a criminal accusation against herself in order to get an investigation completed on the more serious accusations."

Police have based their theory of a hoax based on the testimony of the anonymous witness and what they say is compelling forensic evidence. Authorities say injuries to her hands and feet were not consistent with her statements; and that forensic experts said the "symmetric and evenly divided marks" on her back indicate she made no struggle to escape. Wolf says she couldn't make any effort to get away during the beatings because she was unconscious.

McCulloch said that police assertions that her statements were inconsistent with her injuries would not hold up in court. "This is not a Tawana Brawley situation," said McCulloch, referring to the case of a New York woman who was found to have falsely claimed she had been beaten and raped. "These are certifiable, verifiable, medically documented injuries."

Obits Around The Nation

NEW YORK, NY (NP) — A Gay civil rights attorney, a conservative closeted pastor, a Lesbian book dealer, and an empress depart this mortal coil.

Tom Steel, a San Francisco attorney who fought many civil rights legal battles, died of an AIDS-related illness at the age of 48. He founded the Gay Caucus of the national Lawyers Guild and was a founding member of Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom. Among his high-profile cases was his role on the team which successfully defended Black Panther Huey Newton in 1978. He was involved in a number of cases to obtain government documents under the Freedom of Information Act and to defend free speech rights of "adult" businesses. He is survived by his partner Dr. Milton Estes and their son Jacob. Contributions in his memory may be sent to the National Lawyers Guild, 558 Capp Street, San Francisco 94110, or the ACLU of Northern California, 1663 Mission Street, San Francisco 94103.

Richard Snipstead, a pastor who while serving as president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations in 1992 announced that he had been engaging in anonymous sex with men for twenty years, died in Minneapolis at the age of 70. He had transmitted HIV to his wife Leone, and she died of AIDS-related illness in 1992. Snipstead had been part of founding the conservative Free Lutheran denomination in 1962 and served as its president from 1978 - 1992; church leaders including his successor in the presidency joined the family for the burial.

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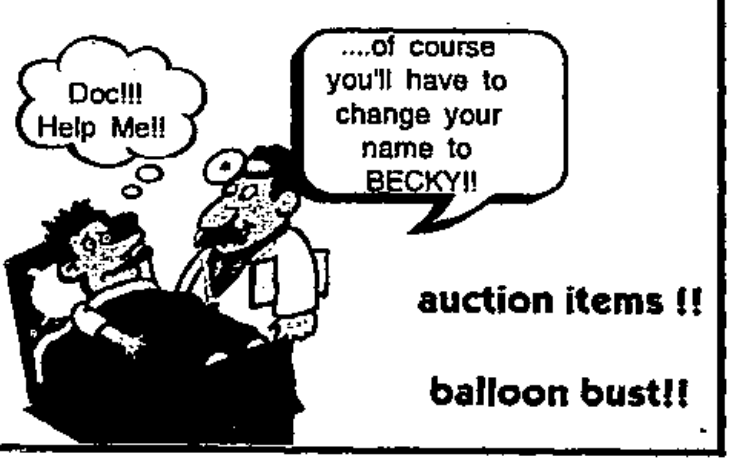

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Viewpoint

by Ellen Goodman

BOSTON, MA — So what do we have here? The economy is humming along, the country's at peace, even the battle of the sexes seems scattered along the Lewinsky line, and suddenly the religious right is focusing on homosexuality as a threat to the Republic.

If 1994 was the Year of the Angry White Male, is 1998 being cast as the Year of the Angry Heterosexual?

You don't have to be a conspiracy theorist to see some political method behind the madness. First James Dobson of Focus on the Family goes to Washington to tell the Republican leadership to get with the program. Then Trent Lott calls homosexuality a sin and compares it to alcoholism or kleptomania.

Next, a small, symbolic set of bills begins moving through Congress. One would overturn Clinton's executive order barring discrimination against homosexuals in federal hiring while the other would deny federal funds to cities - i.e., San Francisco - that mandate certain employer benefits to domestic partners.

And then we get a new set of ads from a coalition of religious right groups extending a heavenly hand to Gay men and Lesbians. But the ads offering to straighten homosexuals out carry the not-so-subliminal message that homosexuality is a disease and religion is the cure.

All this is familiar enough. But the most fascinating part of this campaign - and it is a campaign - is the way the message is now framed. The latest party line is a slightly pained insistence that those who believe Gays are sinful and Lesbians are sick, are the ones being victimized, silenced - indeed, discriminated against.

Gary Bauer, the head of the Family Research Council, complains repeatedly that "as the homosexual movement has come out of the closet, there seems to be an expectation that everybody else is supposed to go into the closet."

One ad claims that "Christians" are being persecuted: "For years Christians have taken a stand in the public square against aggressive homosexual activism. We've paid a heavy price with sound-bite labels like 'bigot' and 'homophobe.'"

Another ad promoting "an open debate on homosexual behavior" has Reggie White, resplendent in his Green Bay Packers uniform, insisting that he's been denied "free speech." Indeed, he claims that he has been the target of hate speech. "I've been called homophobic. I've been called stupid. I've been called unintelligent, and I've been called a nigger by so-called Gay activists."

In fact, the only one so far who's denied the defensive end free speech is his coach. He nixed an interview reporters had scheduled with White. Reggie broke Packers' rules - not the Gay activist rules - by wearing his uniform in the ad.

But the deliberate reframing of anti-Gay rhetoric is deliciously perverse. We are told that calling an opponent of equal rights for homosexuals a "bigot" is a form of bigotry itself. It's as if we were expected, in the name of fairness and the American way, to give equal respect to those who teach the biblical inferiority of women or the mark of Cain on blacks.

This tactic was honed in the war over prayer in the schools, when conservatives insisted that Christianity was denied equal billing with secularity. It's a spin that shows both the overwhelming value of "tolerance" to most Americans and its easy manipulation.

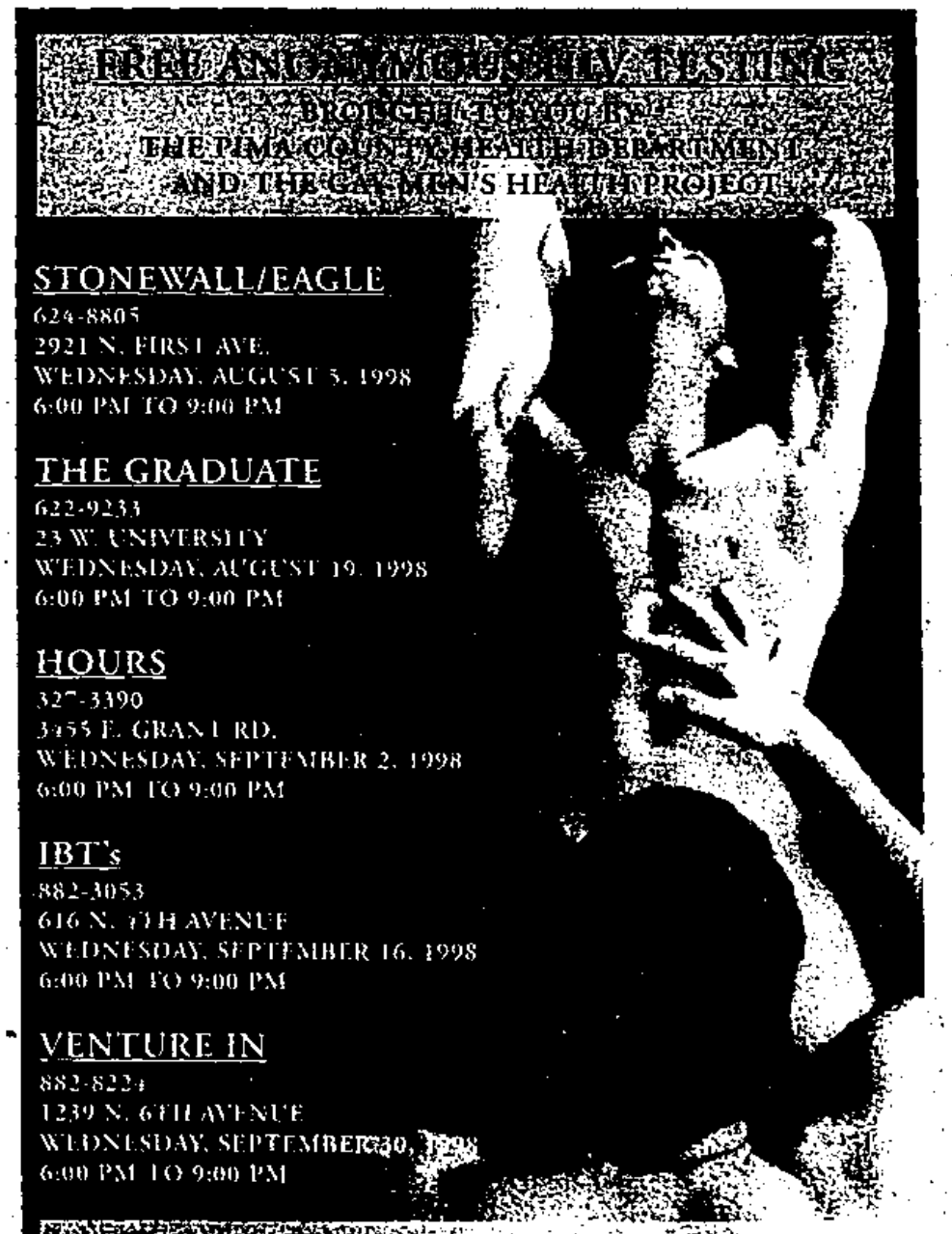
The religious right is not just trying to run away with the election this year. It wants to usurp the word "tolerance" the way it usurped the words "family" and "life." So we are now instructed to be open-minded to the close-minded, tolerant of anti-Gay intolerance.

As a First Amendment junkie, I have - gulp - supported the right of the KKK to march and had reservations about laws against "hate speech." I think the word "homophobic" is bandied about much too loosely. Reggie White has my blessing to speak against homosexuality in his home, his church, his locker room or his ad. Gary Bauer can whine about how "closeted" he feels on all 100 of my cable channels.

But eventually the argument comes down to public policy. In an era when homosexuals in most states can still be fired, denied housing, or lose their children because of their sexuality, this is a matter of civil rights and wrongs. It's an argument between those who see homosexuals as sick sinners and those who see them as citizens.

Sometimes in this climate it's OK to be just a touch intolerant of the real intolerance.

[Ellen Goodman is a columnist for the Boston Globe. This article was reprinted from the Arizona Daily Star.]



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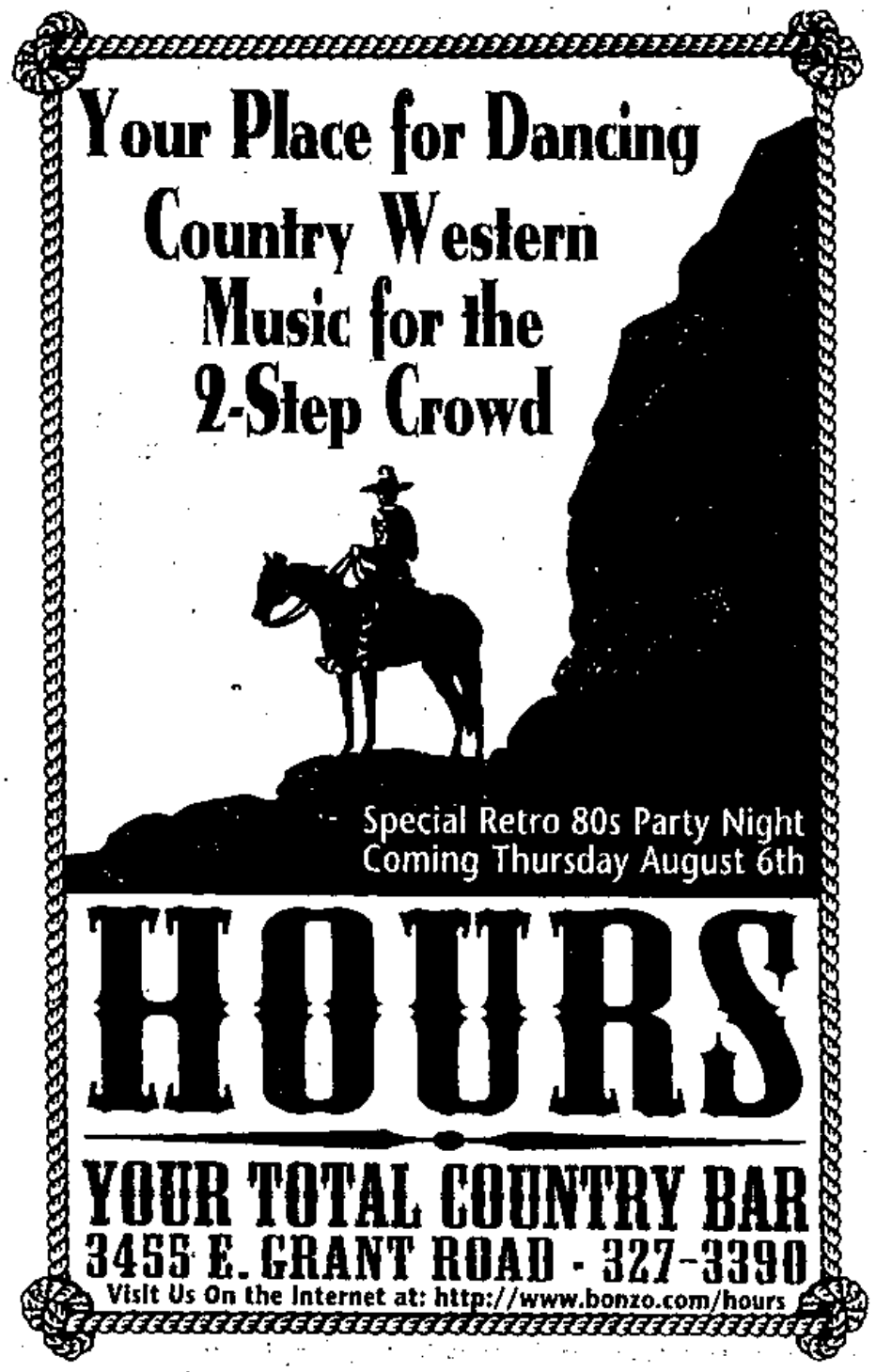

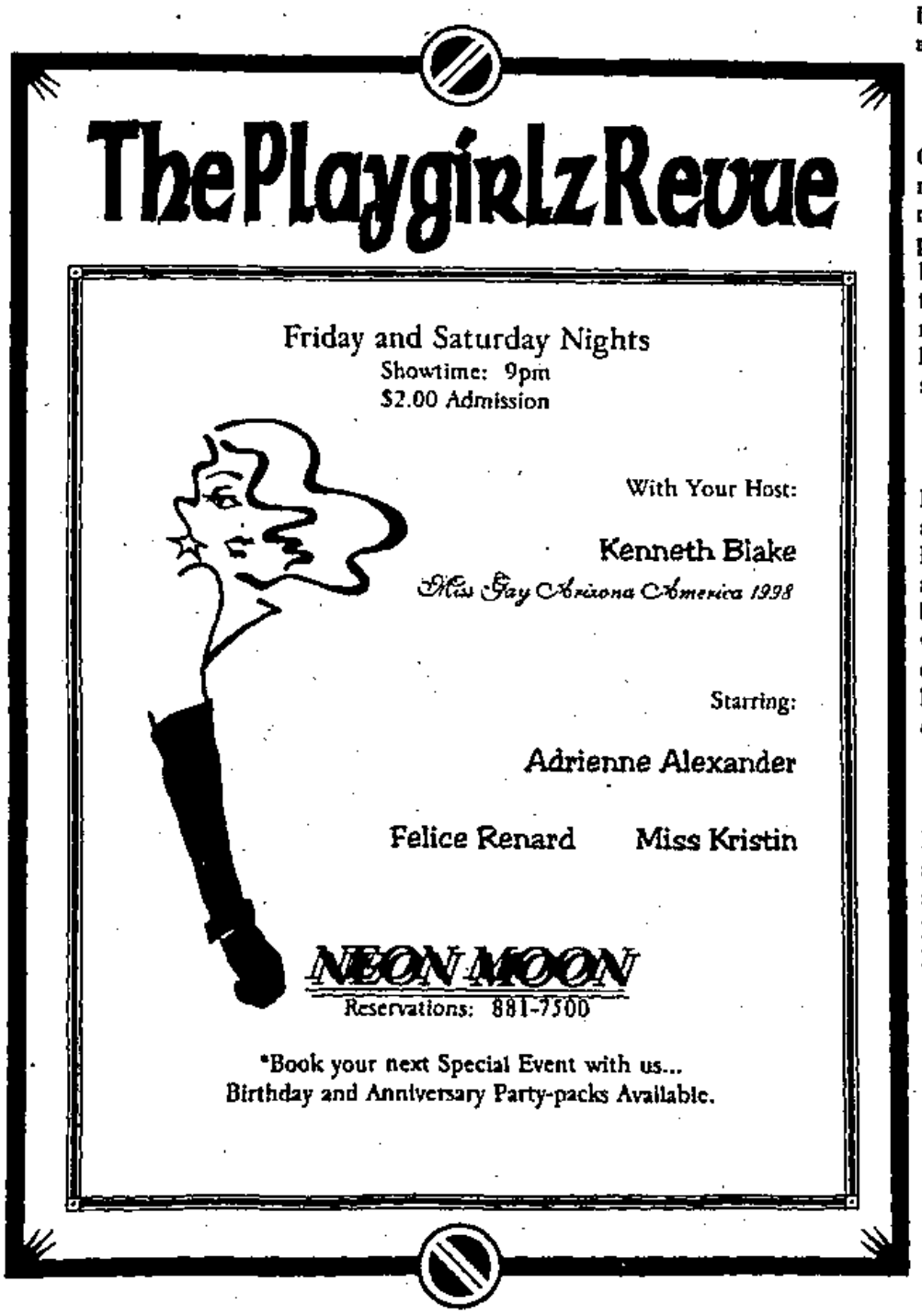

HOROSCOPES

BY C LICHTENSTEIN

Chatty Mercury "retrogrades" in undisciplined Leo this week as all forms of communication go awry. Yeah, the check is in the mail. . . .Sure hon, I'll call you. . . . This transit lasts a little over a month, taking into account all the shadowy aftershocks. In the meantime, don't believe everything you hear kids.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Avoid the temptation to bet the bank in Vegas. Retro Mercury makes fun a bit more frantic to otherwise directioned Rambos. Anything having to do with creativity, romance and luck will have an unexpected element; Like winning the lottery but losing the ticket or finding that perfect Gay blade but losing their phone number. Thank goodness you still have your, ahem, looks.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

If your phone isn't ringing off the hook, blame retrograde Mercury and check for any loose wires or dangling receivers. Things around the house may malfunction during this transit. Also, queer Bulls may suddenly take a jaundiced look at their current abode and decide that it~s not up to par. It's time to move it or spruce it up, cousin.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

It's fine to freely express your opinions, but think carefully before you speak. Randy Mercury retrograde can make you sound about as eloquent as Jesse Helms on helium if you decide to brazenly shoot from the lip. Pink Twins love the fermenting of ideas and strategies with the ensuing discussion. It would be a shame if this month's crop is a fine whine.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Queer Crabs often invest with their hearts, not their heads. Now, retro Mercury can make a financial task more demanding and potentially racked with pitfalls. All is not lost dear, queer Crab; Simply use this time to reexamine your priorities. Can money really buy happiness? If your definition of happiness includes champagne baths and sweet young things, the answer is yes.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Retrograde Mercury can create false starts and crazy detours in any new project. Before you rush into any opportunity that appears fabulous at first glance, take a breath. Stop, look and listen. In addition to wasting precious time, reckless Gay Lions can lose their pants. If all else fails, at least heed mother's advice and wear clean underwear.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Readjust your turban before you gaze into any crystal balls and don~t blindly follow any inner voice. Retro Mercury stirs up your Pandora's Box of secrets; If you want your closet opened, expect it to stick closed and if you want it bolted shut, it will fly open.. Take heart dear queer Virgin; once this all clears up you can showcase your admirable stuff.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Proud Libras may find that their personal goals and needs may not coincide with the current group dynamic when Mercury goes retrograde. There are still plenty of good Gay times to be had, but you may prefer to be a passive participant rather than the planning kaiser. Consider toning down the fierce social tango to avoid mashed toes. Lambada all you want in September.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Do you insult friends or bosses? I suppose it depends on exactly when and where you fly off the handle when inconsiderate Mercury goes retrograde. Queer Scorps are usually quite strategic and secretive but now the urge to purge your mind may be all too tempting. Hold off and count to ten before you bleat. Heck, for the next five weeks, count to a hundred.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

If you are planning a trip, check the itinerary and your carefully packed luggage several times before departure. Even then expect your baggage to travel to Bali as you disembark in Miami. Proud Archers should maintain their considerable sense of humor and taste for adventure when Mercury goes retrograde. On the other hand, maybe you should stay home and order in.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Your mind is percolating with all sorts of creatively exciting positions. So how can you possibly ruin a hot, steamy sexcapade? I don't know, but with Mercury retrograde, I'm sure you'll think of something appropriate. Gay Goats now have all the savoire faire of loose Bermudas and wingtips. Maybe lovers like it like that, but do we really want to take that chance?

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians possess great depth and sincerity, but are you expressing yourself as effectively as you would like? If your soapbox feels a bit wobbly blame it on retrograde Mercury and rest your case. Let partners have their way now and meekly follow along. Who knows what wild adventures you'll have when you trust in others to lead the way? Pack a map just in case.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Don't subordinates listen to you the first time you wail it out? Must be that old yutz Mercury in retrograde again. Patience is a virtue dear, queer Fish. Jobs will not jump start and folks will not understand you the first time (or the third) when you explain the process. When in doubt, do it yourself but be careful of papercuts and disgruntled employees with pickaxes.

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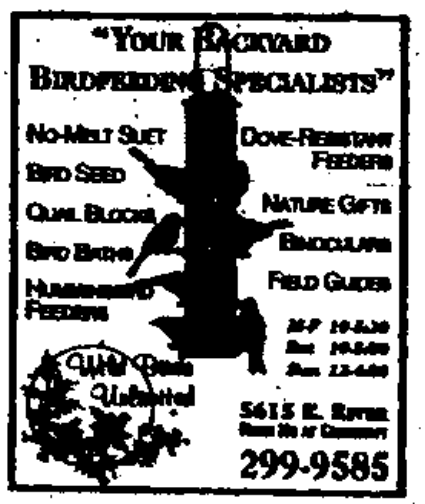

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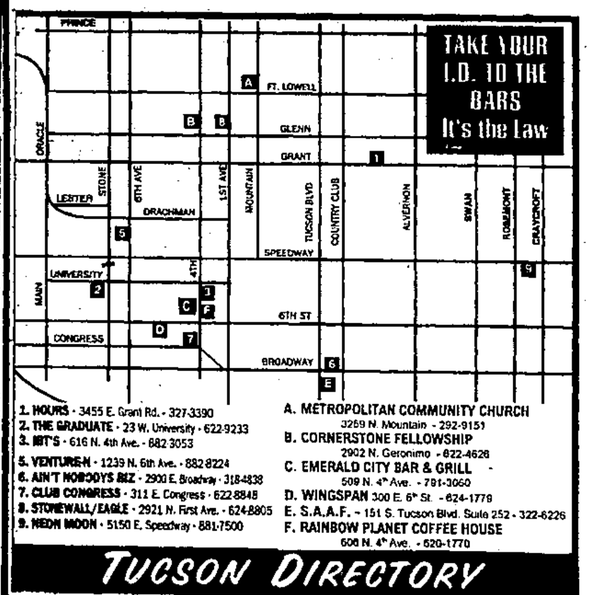

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En lo que respecta a la serie de **SIDA al Día:** ¿Se puede suspender con seguridad el tratamiento supresor de infecciones oportunistas (IOs) en remisión clínica en pacientes que están respondiendo al tratamiento antirretroviral (TAR)?. Esta pregunta se hace más frecuente a medida que más pacientes del SIDA con enfermedad avanzada e infecciones por Citomegalovirus (CMV) o Mycombacterium avium complex (MAC) responden al TAR y sus conteos de linfocitos T CD4+ alcanzan cifras que teóricamente deberían bastar para impedir la reactivación de tales infecciones. Aunque la experiencia con el VIH sugiere que las infecciones por CMV, y MAC, Toxoplasma y Criptococo tienden a recidivar cuando se suspende el tratamiento supresor, la experiencia en otros campos, como la oncología y los transplantes, a demostrado que la recuperación de la inmunocompetencia elimina casi siempre la posiblidad de recaídas. Por tanto, es razonable pensar que los pacientes de SIDA cuyas cifras de linfocitos T CD4+ han aumentado por encima de los umbrales del riesgo están fuera de peligro de recaer y no necesitan seguir tomando el tratamiento supresor. Según los resultados de varios estudios recientes sobre éste tema, la recuperación inmunológica de los pacientes de SIDA que responden al TAR es no sólo cuantitativa, sino también cualitativa, funcional. Sin embargo, no han podido responder a otras importantes preguntas; ¿Cuál es la cifra de linfocitos T CD4+ a partir de la cual se puede/n suspender el/los tratamiento/s supresor/es? y ¿Durante cuanto tiempo hay que tratar a un paciente antes de que se pueda pensar en suspender el/los tratamiento/s supresor/es? Así pues, la decisión de suspender el tratamiento supresor de OIs en pacientes que responden al TAR requiere una cuidadosa evaluación de sus riesgos y beneficios que por parte de médico y paciente. Los pacientes que deciden abandonar el tratamiento supresor deben ser advertidos que han de buscar asistencia médica inmediata si vuelven a tener síntomas.

Y comentando sobre acontecimientos locales, nos perdimos del gran show que ofreció **Fuerza Latina** el pasado jueves 23 en Stonewall donde se reafirmó la calidad interpretativa que han mejorado bastante cada uno de los integrantes del mencionado grupo. Felicidades!!! a todos y cada uno de ellos y que sigan los exitos!!!

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

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Perspective

by Frank Rich

Claims Of 'Ex-Homosexuals' Have A long Way To Go To Reach Credibility

NEW YORK, NY — In the latest volley in the escalating, Trent Lott-inspired culture war against Gay Americans, 15 religious-right organizations have co-sponsored full-page ads in national newspapers, this one included, to promote the idea that Christian "hope and healing" can rid homosexuals of their sinful ways. The human face for this campaign is Anne Paulk, billed as "wife, mother, former Lesbian," but a far more credible poster boy would be Marshall Applewhite, the departed guru of Heaven's Gate.

Ms. Paulk represents Exodus International, an association of "ex-Gay" ministries and agencies that purport to "change" Gay people into straight. Yet the ads don't mention that two Exodus co-founders, Michael Bussee and Gary Cooper, not only failed to "change" but fell in love and exited Exodus to start a family they consecrated with a marriage ceremony. Exodus's unscientific boasts of "success" in general must be taken on faith, and even Ms. Paulk's status as a "former Lesbian" has been questioned by Margaret Carlson in this week's Time. But of Applewhite's "change," at least, there can be no doubt: with castration and suicide, he did successfully rid himself and some of his co-religionists of homosexuality.

Short of Applewhite's final solution, there is no sound research to suggest that a homosexual can be transformed into a heterosexual -- were that even a desired goal -- any more than a heterosexual can be turned Gay. "What really happens is a suppression process," says Doug Upchurch, 30, a computer trade-association executive in Austin, Tex., who spent 12 years being "cured" by ex-Gay ministries and now proselytizes against them on the Web (members.aol.com/exexGay). Though Mr. Upchurch had girlfriends and "had experiences with the girlfriends physically," he couldn't change his sexual orientation and eventually realized he didn't want to. He now lives happily with a male partner.

Homosexuality is not a disease and needs no "cure." For all the tough-love sentiments, the real agenda of this $200,000 Christian Coalition-Family Research Council media blitz is not to heal but to divide Americans for political advantage. By pushing the false premise that homosexuality is not an innate human condition but a sinful choice that can be reversed through prayer and counseling, the ad's sponsors are putting it in the same category as kleptomania and alcoholism, much as did Senator Lott (whose name is invoked in the ads).

From there, it's only a small step to the argument that Gay Americans who refuse to change are no more entitled to civil-rights protections than thieves are. The false premise that homosexuality is a choice also facilitates the ads' promotion of such Gay-bashing canards as "homosexual recruitment in public schools."

Another ex-ex-Gay man I spoke to, Michael Seiler, points out the damage the ads' hype of ex-Gay ministries, often amplified by unskeptical news coverage, can inflict on the vulnerable. In the 1980's Mr. Seiler, then in his 20's, was a "poster boy" for Desert Stream, a California ex-Gay ministry; now, via a long route that included the Yale Divinity School, he is an Episcopal priest at St. Mark's Church in Philadelphia. He says that "not one" of his circle at Desert Stream has changed sexual orientation, but that the other fallout was severe. By insidiously preaching to Gay people that "their relationship with God isn't working" if they can't "change," ex-Gay ministries "destroy faith and often destroy lives."

Speaking as a "priest and pastor who picks up the pieces," Father Seiler calls this "outrageous spiritual malpractice" and says that "it's despicable that this message is going out in the name of Christ." He also mocks the unproven high "cure" rates -- 40 percent -- tossed around by Exodus affiliates. "What does that mean -- that someone has not had sex with someone of the same sex for the last three months? That's not a real high bar."

If Senator Lott and the other Congressional leaders, Dick Armey and Tom DeLay, who share his views really want to prove that all Gay people should and can turn straight, why don't they begin the experiment at home, by "healing" their own party? They could enlist high-profile Gay Republicans, like the Congressman Jim Kolbe and the D'Amato-Pataki political strategist Arthur Finkelstein, in ex-Gay ministries, along with Gay Hill staffers, then publicize the results. The operators at the 800 number in the ads are standing by for their call.

[Frank Rich is the cultural commentator for the New York Times. This article was reprinted from the Arizona Daily Star.]

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Desert Vision

by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D

Where Can I Find Something More?

Does my life have a purpose? Is there some plan for me? Do I have a particular call or mission?

At different times in life, many people ask these kinds of questions. The field of developmental psychology maintains that there are times in a person's life when these questions are a natural part of the life cycle, particularly when moving from adolescence to young adulthood and again during mid-life transition. These are times of major life transitions when we take stock of our life direction and make decisions about what we are doing. During the early adult and mid-life transitions, people often make decisions about work, career, and relationships. The decisions made at these times give shape to how one lives during the years between the transitions.

There are other times when some of us experience a sense of searching for something more than what is already in our lives. We work, go to school, and have relationships of various kinds. We're mostly satisfied about what we are doing with our lives and aren't really looking to make major changes. Yet, we want something more than what's there. We want our lives to mean something, to have a sense of purpose. We want to belong to or be a part of something that's bigger than just ourselves. This "more than" dimension of life is the transcendent aspiration that is often called spirituality.

At times when we are looking for ways to respond to the desire to fulfill the transcendent, "more than" dimension of life, we may find that we begin to struggle more and more frantically for answers. We read books, attend classes, and try to find answers that are right for us. Sometimes, people who call themselves "spiritual teachers" of one sort or another are more than willing to provide an answer as long as we do it their way. Yet, in the end, the resolutions of our transcendent aspirations are deeply personal and unique. No other person can provide us with answers. Those who provide authentic assistance help us find our own way.

At times when I've wondered about my life and what I am doing, I've learned that the last thing to do is become frantic and be stressed about it. Instead, it is important to stop and take time in quiet solitude and listen to what's really going on inside. Taking time to be quiet and listen to what our hearts are telling us is very difficult because our lives are fast paced and filled with lots of noise. Yet, we learn more about ourselves in silence than by talking, reading, or doing things.

Making the time and finding a place to be quiet on a regular basis helps us understand what's happening inside of us. But just spending time alone and silent by itself doesn't provide the answers to our questions. Instead, once we've become comfortable in the silence, it's valuable for us to reflect on our past. We need to remember those times in our lives when we felt a sense of being "spiritually connected." Many of us describe such experiences differently. Perhaps we've had a sense of being whole in ourselves, at one with the universe, or in the presence of God. Remember those times and think about what was happening. It's often helpful to write down all that we can remember about those moments in our life in a notebook and then read through them at a later time to understand if there is a pattern to them.

The foundation for our sense of meaning and purpose in life is already within us. Most of us have had experiences of it in the past. When we take time to listen to our hearts in silence and then reflect on the spiritual moments from our past, we then are in a much better position to understand the way we need to go in our future. Understanding life's meaning is often a matter of paying close attention to our past before heading into our future.

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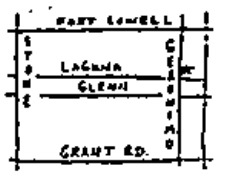

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A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

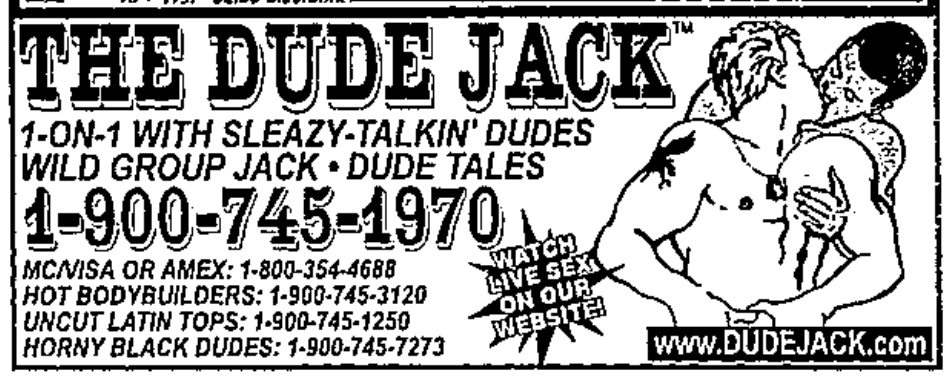
Ever since I can remember, I have had a "save box." When I was growing up this box contained all kinds of things which were important to me, some artwork which I did in fourth grade, a popsicle stick with what I thought was a love note on it, love letters, essays which I was especially proud of. When I looked through the collection in my box I could feel all the excited, happy emotions which I experienced when I first read the love letter, or received that "good job" on a paper. Even though I am an adult, I still have a save box. Now it contains opera tickets, Valentine's cards, wedding invitations, funeral notices and all items which remind me of special events in my life, whether joyful or sad. When I go through these things, I remember special people in my life. Although the funeral cards may be a reminder of someone's death, they are also reminders of someone's death, they are also reminders of that person's life and the good times we shared together.

There is another kind of "save box" which many of us have, but this is not a box in which we place tangible remembrances of people and events. This box contains reminders of the hurtful things which are said and done to us. Did someone break a promise? Plop, in the box it goes! Does someone tell an untruth about us? We can't wait to put it in the save box! And if someone does something which hurts us, and then comes to apologize to us, what do we do? "I can forgive you, but I'll never forget what you did," we tell that person and then we run to add yet another treasure to the box! When we are feeling especially lonely, unhappy, forgotten or we just go to our save box, open it wide and lovingly take out all the hurt and pain stored there. Then we look at each remembrance and experience once again all the emotions which we felt when the event first occurred!

Why would we want to do this to ourselves? Who is hurting when we review all the painful experiences through which we have gone? Certainly not the person who inflicted the pain upon us!

Jesus gives an invitation to each one of us: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28 KJV) The Apostle Peter directs us to, "Cast . . . all your care upon him; for he careth for you." (I Peter 5:7 KJV) Each one of our hurts, each disappointment we have in life, Jesus wants to life from our shoulders. As long as we put these things in our save box, they remain burdens, to be reviewed again and again. When we give them to Jesus, he takes them from us and gives us joy and peace in their place. Does this mean we never hurt again? No, but each time we remember something hurtful we should immediately give it to Jesus instead of putting it in our save box. If we developed this habit, the time may come when our save box will be completely empty! Then we can start filling it with remembrances of kind words and loving actions others show to us. That kind of save box is one which will be a continual encouragement!

Does Jesus promise to take the burdens of everyone? Absolutely! Each one who comes to Jesus, believing that he is the only way to have sins forgiven, receiving Jesus' promise not just of eternal life but of peace and rest in this life as well. If you have not yet come to him, what better time than now? What better day than today?



Obits Around The Nation

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owner with her partner Carole Goodwin of Chicago's Left Bank Bookstall, died in an auto accident at the age of 59. Zientek served 30 years in the Cook County Juvenile Court system as a probation officer and advocate, until retiring last year. Until its closure last year, the store was a source of Gay and Lesbian books and a center for readings and other literary gatherings.

T. John Darling, since the 1960's better known as La Kish Hayworth, died of complications of stomach cancer at the age of 70. The drag star was empress of the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Inc., a vehicle for raising thousands of dollars for a variety of Sacramento, California area charities. After a turn in the Merchant Marines in the 1950's he served as hairdresser to his idol Rita Hayworth. For a time a server at San Francisco's historic Black Cat Gay bar, he moved from San Francisco in the 1980's to live in Sacramento and work at its venerable Gay bar, the Mercantile. Memorial donations can be made to the La Kish Hayworth Fund at CGNIE Inc., P.O. Box 160636, Sacramento 95816; at Darling's request, the fund will be divided among Avalon, the Mercy Hospice Program and the American Cancer Society.

Gay Games

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Wens Reizen insists hoteliers have charged them cancellation fees in excess of $100 per bed for rooms canceled two and three months in advance but can provide no documentation to back up their claims. Other operators bringing tourists to Amsterdam for the Games deny such fees have been levied.

American and Australian tour operators have joined forces to protect their clients' investments and vacation plans and joint legal action has been initiated. The operators insist they are most concerned with ensuring that their clients simply receive what they purchased and enjoy the Gay Games as planned.

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POLITICS

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was Linda! What about the passage of the Republican Defense of Marriage Act in 1996 - an election year? What about the state version, passed in 1996 despite the fact marriage was defined twice in the statute as a man and a woman? Just naming two of many examples of Republicans bringing it to ballot, not Gays. . . .

As previously reported a while back with the question, "Suppose there was an election and no candidates showed up," an update on the race with no candidates - Arizona State House of Representatives from Legislative District 3.

Communications snafu or royal donkey screw-ups resulted in no candidates running for the State House from this Democratic stronghold district covering Northern Arizona. Well, some news to report, there are now candidates running for the thankless job of State Rep., as write-ins of course. Now the fun begins.

On the dumb-donkey, er Democratic side is Kenneth Hallock and Steven Kee. The Republicans are fielding Ronnye Etcitty and Tom Gordon. Advantage Dems right? Well, maybe not. According to local election officials, write-in candidates for party nomination must get votes equivalent to the minimum number of signatures required to get on the ballot for the partisan primary. For those playing the home game, in District 3: Democrats' minimum requirements are 460 and Republicans are 139.

Since the Democrats royally screwed up this race (remember, fielding no candidates), do you think they can muster getting people to write in the names of the quickly selected individuals who agreed to this? Good question! . . .

So it goes for now kids!

Emmy Nods Degeneres

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a total of five nominations, including an Outstanding Lead Actress in a Miniseries or Movie for Olympia Dukakis in her role as the Transgendered landlady Anna Madrigal (although it's open to debate if hers was in fact the lead role in this ensemble piece). In the Miniseries category, "More Tales" is up against HBO's "From the Earth to the Moon" — the most-nominated show this year with 17, TNT's "George Wallace," NBC's "Merlin," and USA's "Moby Dick."

Jolie and Dukakis are up against an awesome field of Ellen Barkin ("Before Women Had Wings"), Sigourney Weaver ("Snow White: A Tale of Terror"), Jamie Lee Curtis ("Nicholas' Gift"), and Judy Davis ("The Echo of Thunder").

GLAAD, the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, also counts "Television programs with recurring Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender characters nominated this year include 'ER' (Dr. Maggie Doyle), 'The Larry Sanders Show' (Brian), 'NYPD Blue' (Officer Abby Sullivan) and 'The Simpsons' (Waylon Smithers)."

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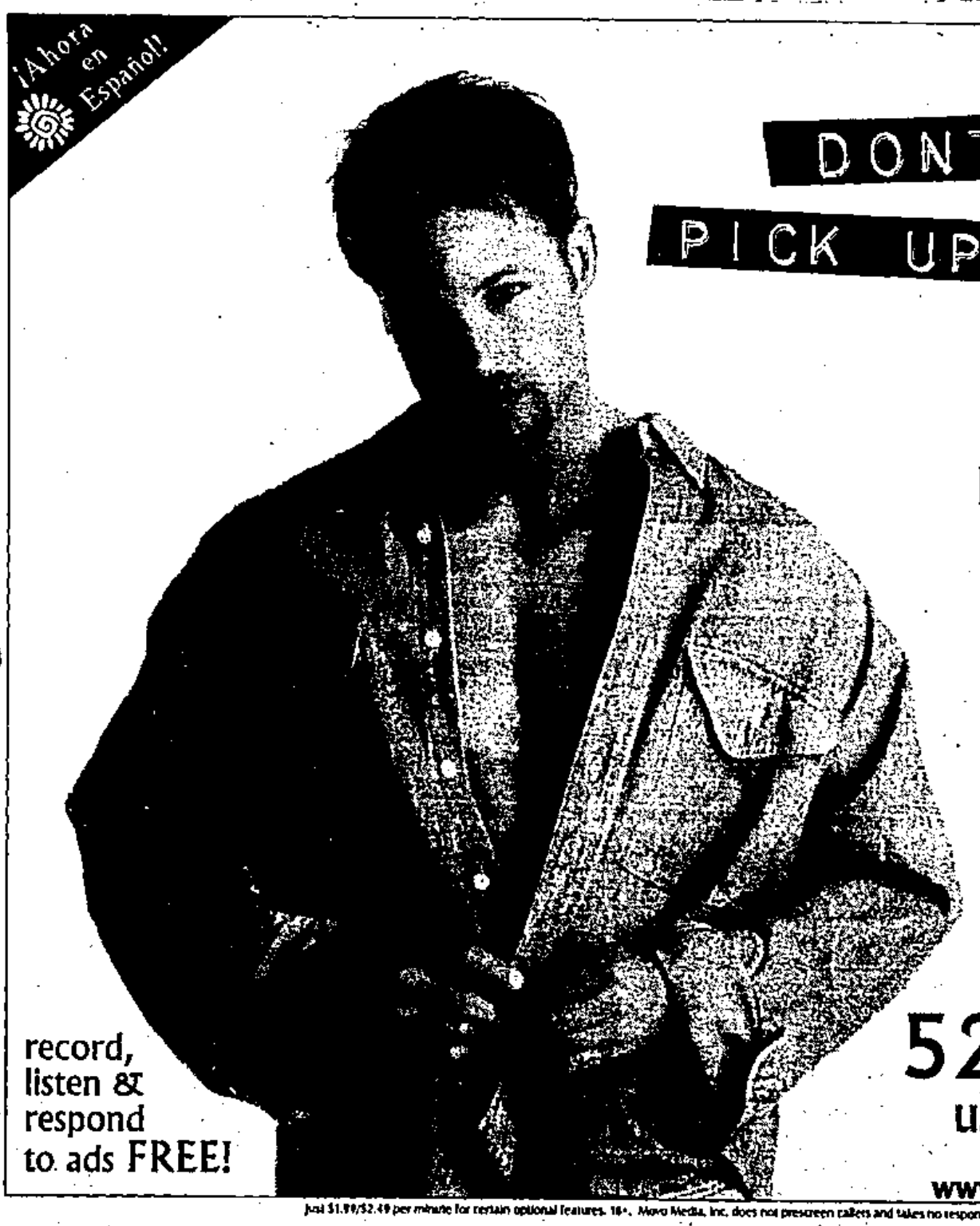

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Desert Voices, Tucson's premier Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual chorus, will be holding auditions for individuals who would like to sing this coming season. For more information and to schedule an audition call 791-9662.

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, AUGUST 1
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly potluck as we sit down to eat with some of the nicest Gay guys in town (like you!). You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the men who come to our monthly gathering. This month we're having the potluck at 6801 N. Oracle (Casas Adobes Congregational Church). Please call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and any questions you may have.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
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, AUGUST 3
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our Summer Series of James Bond videos. Our first presentation this month is "You Only Live Twice". Sean Connery stars as the ultimate suave & sophisticated spy. For directions and reservations, please call Les: 690-9565.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4
1. 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." This event is on the east side of town. For directions and reservations, please call Loren at 733-0072.

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
Tucson Prime Timers dinner get-together at Shogun Restaurant, 5036 Oracle (at River Road behind Denny's) 6:30 p.m. Call 584-0280 for more information.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a night of conversation as we discuss "Power & Control & Relationships." Who has the power in your relationships? How do you handle your power? These and other questions are bound to come up. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). Noon. Just us for an "Insider's Tour" as we visit the Arizona Historical Society for a tour created just for MSN. Space is limited, so please call early if you'd like to have a spot. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill (on the east side) as he shows a summer rerun of "Beautiful Thing". This is the wonderful story of two young teenagers who meet and fall in love despite all the obstacles. Funny, biting, sad and sweet, this is a great film for any Gay man-and especially for anyone just coming out. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
It's the Attack of the 50 foot drag queen - Gilda Fatale! A roast and Toast of Gilda by her peers in a benefit for the National MPS Society at the Holiday Inn-City Center, 181 W. Broadway. 5:00 p.m. Cocktails. The Roast begins at 6:00 p.m. For Ticket information call Natalie or Beth at 747-7425. Be there and see what the past fund raising for MPS has done to help cure Beth's child, Woody. He'll be there to greet you too.

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.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 885-5408.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12
Tucson Prime Timers luncheon get-together at Bum Steer, 1910 N. Stone. 12:30 p.m. Call 584-0280 for more information.

Bar Calendar
Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29
IBT's - The Love Company presents "Puttin' On The Lips" Sploc contest at 9:00 p.m. $50 first place. Hosted by Victoria Du Puis and Felice Renard. Register to win a trip for two to Universal Studios Wednesday through Sunday. One entry per day per person please.

FRIDAY, JULY 31
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Latin Night (The last Friday of each month is Latin Night). DJ Hill spins the hottest Latin house plus a little top 40 dance. No cover. Lots of fun.

IBT'S - 5th Anniversary Party Weekend kicks off tonight with Jazz on the Patio by the Dukes of York playing from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Happy Hour Buffet from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and hot dancing with David Z from 9:00 to closing. Register to win a trip for two to Universal Studios now through Sunday. One entry per day per person please.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
GRADUATE - "Bucks for Bucky's Bowels" a benefit show and fundraiser to help defray costs for bartender Bucky's operation. 9:00 p.m. Auction items, balloon bust and a really big show hosted by Gilda Fatale and Lucinda Holliday with Felice Renard, Victoria DuPuis, Ajia Simone and Peter Lara.

IBT'S - 5th Anniversary Party Weekend continues with Door Give-Aways to the first 150 guests. Hot dancing with David Z and Lots of fun! Register to win a trip for two to Universal Studios now through Sunday. One entry per day per person please.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Purple Team Yard/Bake Sale, 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the Patio. TKO Beer Bust 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. to benefit the Purple Team.

VENTURE-N - Desert Leathermen's Wet & Wild '98! From 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Help support the Desert Leathermen's Condom Fund.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
IBT'S - 6th Anniversary winds up today with IBT's Traditional Anniversary Buffet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Karaoke on the patio with Billy D from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Then, a special Salute to Hollywood Show featuring Lucinda Holliday, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Felice Renard and Truly Fabu. Register to win a trip for two to Universal Studios. Drawing for the winner will take place tonight at 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
IBT'S - It's the return of the Girlie Show starring Lucinda Holliday, Felice Renard, Regina Reed and Shaundrianna.

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Free and anonymous HIV testing by Pima County Health Department 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6
HOURS - Special Retro 80s Party Night coming. Watch for more details.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
Don't forget the big Roast and Toast of Gilda Fatale, a benefit for the National MPS Society. Holiday Inn-City Center. 5:00 cocktails and 6:00 p.m. the Roast begins. Ticket info 747-7425. See the Non-Bar Calendar.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
STONEWALL / EAGLE - Burger Bust to benefit the Purple Team, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m..

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
STONEWALL / EAGLE - Second Annual Turnabout Show benefitting T.I.H.A.N.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
STONEWALL / EAGLE - Miss Carousel Pageant. Contact Misti Malone for info. 327-6299.

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Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for Dinner Out as we visit Club 21 on Oracle Road. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 546-7539.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our summer reruns continue with another showing of Strictly Ballroom". This funny, off-center love story is about a young man who wants to dance his own steps, despite the expectations of everyone else (in other words, it's a Gay man's story told with straight people!). For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15
1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 a.m. John Donn as he leads a tubing trip down the Salt River. Get wet, have some fun, and enjoy the day with the guys. For reservations and details, please call Donn at 325-4257.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Starting tonight, we bring you the next chapter in the saga of 28 Barbary Lane. Join us for part I of "More Tales of the City". Please note that space will be limited, so call early if you would like to see this entertaining follow up to the original "Tales of the City". For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
Tucson Prime Timers monthly meeting will be held at Wingspan, 600 E. 6th Street. 4:00 p.m. Call 584-0280 for more information.

1. 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.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Tonight, we conclude our miniseries about the residents of 28 Barbary Lane. Join us for part II of "More Tales of the City". Please note that space will be limited, so call early if you would like to see this entertaining follow up to the original "Tales of the City". For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17
Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Bond films continue with the 6th movie, "Diamonds Are Forever". Sean Connery stars. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
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,"

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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 till 6pm. Country music & dancing with FREE country dance instruction 7 pm.

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. $1.75 pitchers 75¢ a glass. 1/4 lb. Burgers with cheese, potato salad & chips $2 at 2pm-7? Pool Tourney 2pm w/Zipperman. Karaoke Night 9-close hosted by Billy Doe. Stonewall opens at 9pm with hot dance music with DJ Rayaman

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 5-7pm. Tuff Stuff Too! Open at 7pm.

monday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Open Jam Session 9-1. $1 Pitchers all night.

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 martini's $2.50. Happy Hour noon-8pm, $1.75 domestic beer and $1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, $1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Extreme dance with DJ Michael 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

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 9am. $1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 8am-noon.

tuesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm. Free Pool 2-4pm, Pool Tournament 7:30 pot matched. $1 longnecks for pool players. '70s/'80s dance music 9-1. Shot specials all night.

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 smalls/$4 large pitchers.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. 8 pm to close $1.75 well. Wear a Tank or T. Extreme Dance with DJ Michael 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Miller & Miller Lite $1.75 Cuervo Gold $2 after 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. $1.50 Well drinks and longnecks 8am - noon.

wednesday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free Pool 2-4. Beer Bust 9-midnight w/$1.25 pitchers & 75¢ glasses. Alternative music 9-1.

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-1am

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

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Karaoke Nite: 8 to close w/Billy Doe in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9:00 p.m. Dance w/Rayaman

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. $1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 8am-noon. Cuervo Gold $2 and Cuervo 1800 $2.25 Open to close.

thursday
AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 20oz well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 9:30 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 (past check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

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

VENTURE-N - Open 9am $1.50 Well Drinks & Longnecks8am-noon. Patio Bar open 8pm. Feature 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. Free pool 2-4. 5:30 - 7 free food. Top 40 dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill.

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. Live Jazz on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour til 8pm. Food Buffet 6pm. If YOU wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt YOU get happy hour prices all night. DJ Raymman 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. $1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 8am-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.

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

VENTURE-N - Open 9am. 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).

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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. 322-6226. 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 326-3556

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 575-8668 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 and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-0280, leave name and phone number.

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), 6:30 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 Me. Hike with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Journal available at Antigone Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2697, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

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

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 AGRATucson, 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. 322-5455. 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. 579-9020

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

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 578-8827 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)327-1628 or write P.O. Box 43919, Tucson, AZ 85733-3919, 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 all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 888-6541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2948 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-8850 or Rosa 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)371-1182

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

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

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

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

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

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 791-0962.

NOTICES

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, 3288 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 696-6565 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 776-0979 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 299-9963.

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

"EVOLVERE" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held at Wingspan on 4th Saturday of each month at 6 p.m.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 231-9642.

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4885.

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

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

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

THE JOHN HANTEN MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1046 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-5615 or Jane Perri at 326-8577.

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

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

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 884-7983.

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 299-8647.

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 325-8476 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, 1300 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Ernie 721-2883 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-3573.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7578 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 297-9662 or Sr. Joan 742-8900.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at different locations. For more information about SMART, contact Brenda at 884-9820, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-8857 (evolve@ix.netcom.com)

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

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

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TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Desert Boyz. For information call Gary at 628-9568 or send email to: monkeydyke@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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Hate Crimes

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victim. These are the same protected categories that are already in federal hate crimes law. (Existing law provides enhanced penalties for hate crimes that are committed on federal property, such as Indian reservations or national parks.)

To avoid federal involvement in every hate crime, there are certain limitations to the bill. There is a constitutional requirement that the perpetrator or victim has traveled in interstate commerce, or used the "facilities" of interstate commerce. Further, under current law, the Attorney General or her designee must certify, in writing, that a federal prosecution may go forward. Under current 18 U.S.C. 245, which has been in place since 1969, there have never been more than 10 prosecutions brought under the statute in a single year.

The Hate Crimes Prevention Act also authorizes grants to state and local prosecutors for combating hate crimes committed by juveniles.

Some examples of crimes that were outside federal jurisdiction but could have been prosecuted under S. 1529/H.R. 3081: In December 1995, self-identified neo-Nazis murdered two African American residents of Fayetteville, North Carolina. The victims were selected solely because of their skin color. In April 1994, two African-American men murdered a white father of three in Lubbock, Texas; the killers later stated that they set out to find a white victim. In January 1996, two men in Houston, Texas stabbed a Gay man thirty-five times, killing him. Evidence showed that the assailants were outspoken opponents of Gay rights who had traveled to Houston in part to commit violence against Gay people.

Violence based on prejudice is a matter of national concern that federal prosecutors should be empowered to punish if the states are unable or unwilling to do so. S. 1529/H.R. 3081 would begin to bring uniformity to the categories covered under current federal hate crimes law.

Further, many states lack comprehensive hate crimes laws, and FBI statistics show the incidence of hate crimes reported continues to be unacceptably high, although rates of most violent crimes are decreasing.

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Peer Counselor

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role within the SAAF Client Services department. When a person has a positive HIV test through on-site testing, the tester takes them directly over to the Peer Counselor office to talk one-on-one with another HIV positive person. It is the Peer Counselors who are there to meet with anyone who needs to talk with someone else who is dealing directly with the virus in their life or who has been touched by HIV/AIDS in other ways. Not only do they counsel, they do the initial intake paperwork for most new clients. Peer Counselors also keep in touch with clients as they access services from the agency.

SAAF is currently recruiting individuals who are HIV+ or are affected by HIV/AIDS and who are willing to commit to a minimum of one four-hour shift per week. Shifts currently run from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. In addition to the four-hour shift, Peer Counselors are required to attend both regular team meetings and In-Service training and workshops. The training requirements include successfully completing both the Emotional Support training and the AIDS Educator training as well as the Peer Counselor training provided by the Volunteer Services Department.

For more information on SAAF Peer Counseling services, please contact David Gunton, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., (520) 322-6226.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES - DIVISION OF DISEASE PREVENTION
AIDS, HIV+ SURVEILLANCE REPORT FOR ARIZONA THROUGH JUNE, 1998

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	1990 POPULATION	CASES OF AIDS THROUGH JUNE 97	JAN. 98	JUNE 98	DEATHS	CASES OF HIV+ THROUGH JUNE 97	JAN. 98	JAN.'98.	DEATHS
APACHE	66,299	7	7	9	7	4	5	5	2
COCHISE	105,671	56	60	64	37	50	51	52	5
COCONINO	108,381	47	47	48	30	35	35	34	3
GILA	42,845	11	11	11	7	2	5	5	0
GRAHAM	29,094	10	10	11	7	6	6	5	0
GREENLEE	8,617	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	0
LA PAZ	15,522	8	9	9	6	6	7	7	0
MARICOPA	2,399,600	3593	3719	3954	2510	2713	2794	2874	310
MOHAVE	116,523	73	82	88	41	46	51	50	13
NAVAJO	84,150	16	17	18	11	8	8	8	1
PIMA	751,311	1137	1187	1250	777	882	848	889	69
PINAL	128,820	69	78	82	50	47	49	49	9
SANTA CRUZ	33,340	16	16	16	8	1	1	2	0
YAVAPAI	123,894	63	64	64	37	43	47	48	4
YUMA	120,827	59	64	66	33	57	57	58	9
UNKNOWN		4	5	2	2	109	109	108	2
TOTALS	4,134,894	5172	5379	5696	3565	3956	4076	4196	427**

** NOTE: ON MARCH 15, 1989, THE OPTION TO RECEIVE HIV TESTING ANONYMOUSLY BECAME AVAILABLE. AN ADDITIONAL 3257 ANONYMOUS HIV POSITIVE TESTS WERE REPORTED. THIS REPORT IS NOW ISSUED TWICE A YEAR BY ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.