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Election '98 Results
'Monica Who?' & 'Too Close To Call!'

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) — It was a battle of voter turnout nationwide.

On Tuesday, November 3, voters across the United States went to the polls to cast their votes in the 1998 midterm general election. All 435 seats in the U.S. House, 34 in the U.S. Senate, and more than a dozen state Governors where just some of the many offices up for consideration by the voters.

An election yes, a referendum on President Clinton? Not according to the results. As of press time, the Democrats didn't lose a seat in the U.S. Senate and may pick up to five seats in the U.S. House.

In Arizona, more than 45% percent of registered voters went to the polls to elect candidates for offices, ranging from local school boards to the U.S. Senate. A total of fourteen statewide ballot propositions, dealing with such subjects as: marijuana, pay-raises for state legislators and cockfighting.

Here are the results, as of press time:

The race for the U.S. Senate in Arizona wasn't. John McCain, the current Republican incumbent and potential GOP presidential candidate in 2000, easily defeated his Democratic challenger, Ed Ranger by more than a two-to-one margin.

All six Arizona seats in the U.S. House of Representatives were up for consideration this year. The two seats encompassing Pima County and southern Arizona were a mixed bag, one close contest and the other a walk.

In Congressional District 2, Democratic incumbent Ed Pastor easily won reelection, defeating token Republican opposition by more than a two-to-one margin.

The most anticipated race was in Congressional District 5. Jim Kolbe, the current Republican incumbent faced his toughest challenge, since being elected in 1984, in the Democratic candidate, former Tucson Mayor, Tom Volgy. With 80% of the vote tallied, Kolbe leads by 5%, with the outlying counties, with Democratic voter registration edges still to be counted.

History could be made involving the top statewide offices with the possibility of five women leading the state.

Jane Hull, the former Republican Secretary of State who ascended to the post of Governor after Fife Symington resigned, won a full term outright, becoming the first woman to be elected to the office of Governor in the state's history. Hull defeated the Democratic candidate, former Phoenix Mayor Paul Johnson by more than 20%.

Betsey Bayless, the former Republican Maricopa County Supervisor appointed to fill the remainder of Hull's term as Secretary of State, was elected, defeating former State Representative Art Hamilton, the Democratic nominee by a three-to-two margin.

For the race for Attorney General, the Democratic candidate, Janet Napolitano, as of press time, was leading the Republican candidate, Tom McGovern, by less than 2%, or less than 18,000 votes with more than 80% of the vote tallied.

Carol Springer, the former Republican State Senator was elected to the post of State Treasurer, defeating Libertarian, Ray Price.

The race for the open seat on the Arizona Corporation was too close to call. As of press time, current State Treasurer, Republican Tony West, was leading the Democratic candidate, former State Representative, Paul Newman by less than 15,000 votes.

Current Superintendent of Public Instruction, Republican Lisa Graham Keegan and the State Mine Inspector, Douglas Martin were both unopposed in the general election.

All 90 seats in the State Legislature were up for consideration. Many of the contests decided in the primary election through partisan contests or no opposition.

Pima County had contests in three Legislative Districts to see who will serve in the 44th Legislative session, starting January 1999.

In Legislative District 12, which covers northwest Tucson and Pima County, Republican incumbent Dan Schottel and Steve Huffman were elected to the State House to represent the District in Phoenix.

An incumbent did not fare well in the Legislative District 13 House race. Republican challenger Kathleen Dunbar edged out Democratic incumbent Representative, Brian Fagin. The other incumbent, Democrat Andy Nichols was reelected to another term, his last due to term limits.

The Democratic team in District 14, State Senator Ruth Solomon and State Representatives Herschella Horton and Marion Pickens easily won reelection.

Arizona voters also had fourteen ballot propositions to consider:

Proposition 100, which would

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Gay & Lesbian Film Fest 1998
Curtain Down On Huge Success

TUCSON — The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Film Festival for 1998, a fund raiser for Wingspan, has been heralded as a fabulous success.

The Fest, which screened 23 films aimed at the diversity of our community pulled viewers out of the foothills and off the living room couches of midtown. It also set new attendance records and instilled a wonderful feeling of unity which was sensed by all who attended.

The Opening Night Reception was the start of a weekend of great films. The atmosphere at the Historic Rialto Theatre was just fabulous, the food was great and the sounds of the Reveille Gay Men's Chorus, Take V, had the crowd going wild.

The film that was featured, "We're Funny That Way . . ." a comedy documentary of 11 Queer comics had the crowd rocking with laughter. "When a crowd of 300+ Queers sit down together, laugh, belly rolling and then applaud the screen, as if these comics were actually there, you have to agree it was a huge success," stated Film Fest Co-Chair, Joe Saracco. "It was great to have a Queer celebration like this, it makes us all feel a part, I wish we could feel like this all year round."

Friday night screenings at the Gallagher Theatre, on the University of Arizona campus, also filled the house for both films, the wonderfully tender, real and steamy Lesbian feature "Out of Season," which the Fest was honored to have the film's male lead actor, Dennis Fecteau, in the audience. Fecteau and his wife motorcycled down from Telluride, Colorado to participate in the festival. Also screened that evening was the beautiful and magical story of young love and deceit in "Lillies," which was sponsored by Culture Q Connection/Aristical.

Saturday's matinee program "Coming Out: Q-Youth Xperience," sponsored by the Circle of Friends, had a full house of young Gay people and students who viewed not only films about their experiences but films made by Gay and Lesbian student of film.

The "Women's Briefs: Stories that Bind" program, sponsored by Centra Realty and hosted by Beverly Seckinger of the University of Arizona film school, was the first of three sold out programs for the day.

The hysterical "Drag-a-Rama" program had te audience howling-starting with the short film "Avant Toi" to the lasting visions and Queer quips from the feature "Dragtime," a crowd please to another Standing Room Only (SRO) crowd.

"Leather Jacket Love Story," considered by many as the Fest favorite, did what it intended to do, "to bring in all the boys" to screen a wonderfully sexy, funny and touching film. A good time had by the "geared up" SRO audience.

Sunday started out with the "Queer Chaps: Our Gay Western Lives." The house near full, had a chance to view two films, "Horse Dreams in BBQ Country" and "Unsung Cowboy." Both crowd pleasers. The last program that night was "R-Pixs: Fest Faves," which screened again the short film "Shoulda-Coulda-Woulda" and provided a question period with the films' director, Sean Michael, who, along with his producers, musical director and film lead, Jason Boegh flew in from Los Angeles for the Festival screenings.

So the curtain has come down, until next year. The Festival Committee wants again to thank all who were involved and to those who supported and attended this year's "Diversity in the Desert" film celebration. If you are interested in working on the Fest for 1999, check our website: members.aol.com/tlgff98 or call Wingspan, (520) 624-1779.

President Announces $156 Million For New AIDS Fight

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) — President Clinton announced a new $156 million program aimed at combating HIV and AIDS in black and Latino communities.

"Like other epidemics before it, AIDS is now hitting hardest in areas where knowledge about the disease is scarce and poverty is high," Clinton said in a White House ceremony. "In other words . . . it is picking on the most vulnerable among us."

AIDS mortality in the United States has dropped significantly owing to the availability of new treatment methods, but the death rate is dropping much more slowly among minorities. And while infection rates among whites have steadied, rates of infection in black and Hispanic communities continue to climb.

Blacks are eight times more likely than whites to contract the virus, and Hispanics are four times more likely. Blacks now account for more than half of all new HIV infections.

AIDS in the African-American community has become a national health emergency, say black leaders. "What is most striking about this whole situation is that every hour seven Americans become infected with HIV -- three of those seven Americans are African-Americans," Dr. Beny Primm of the National Minority AIDS Council told reporters.

Cries for government action have

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UPDATE

TLGA Donation Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 10

TUCSON — The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will be conducting a meeting, Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 P.M., at Wingspan to accept information on charitable organizations to donate a portion of the proceeds collected from beer sales from OUToberFEST.

In order to be considered, an organization must meet the following two criteria:

1) You must be a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization and (2) You must service the Tucson Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community.

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No religious affiliation is needed to attend. This group is an outreach of St. Francis being a Reconciling Congregation, accepting all people regardless of sexual orientation.

Recreational volleyball is also played every Saturday, 1:00 P.M., on the sand court at the church. People of all playing levels are invited.

For more information, please contact the church office, (520) 299-9063 or Davey, (520) 886-1208.

Cable Channel To Program AIDS Films For World AIDS Day

LOS ANGELES, CA (NP) — In honor of World AIDS Day on Tuesday, December 1, Sundance Channel will air Cyril Collard's award-winning film Savage Nights (Les Nuit Fauves) at 10:30 p.m. (Eastern and Pacific time).

The film (based on the Collard's best-selling 1989 autobiographical novel) was released in October 1992 and prompted some of the first public discourse on AIDS and safe sex in France. Collard, himself HIV-positive and one of the first public figures in France to openly acknowledge it, died of an AIDS-related illness in March 1993, three days prior to receiving four Cesar awards (the French version of the Academy Awards) for Best Film, Best Debut Film, Best Editing, and Best New Actress (Romane Bohringer).

The Sundance Channel will also air Richard Glatzer's film Grief at 9 p.m. on the same day. The film stars Illeana Douglas, Jackie Beat, and Craig Chester

NYC Police Officers Charge Harassment

NEW YORK, NY (NP) — Two male New York City police officers have filed a sexual harassment lawsuit charging that the city, the police department, and others practice and condone homophobic attitudes against Gay and Lesbian officers.

Officers Joseph Baratto and Steven Camacho allege that police department policy sanctioned anti Gay attitudes within the department up to the highest levels of management. Also named in the civil suit filed in Manhattan supreme court were a commanding officer, a police lieutenant, and other officers at the precinct where the men worked.

The officers also claimed civil rights violations and are seeking unspecified damages for having been "slandered, humiliated, and embarrassed." Marilyn Mode, a spokeswoman for Police Commissioner Howard Safir, said the department had not seen the complaint and that it would be inappropriate to comment on it. "But Commissioner Safir has made it very clear that he will not tolerate discrimination of any sort, be it race, religion, gender, or sexual preference,"

Mode added. Baratto, a 13-year member of the force, said he has been subjected to offensive and harassing conduct by officers, including being assaulted, forced into his locker, handcuffed, and suspended from a coatrack. He said members of the command attempted to force him into simulating oral sex with another officer. Camacho, who joined the force five years ago, said fellow officers referred to him as "Camacho the Homo" and that the words "Camacho is a butt pirate" were scrawled on precinct walls.

Reveille Sets Season

TUCSON — What's the soothingest, movingest, grooviest entertainment ticket in town this year? Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC), that's what, and season tickets are now on sale.

Reveille's first concert of the year, "Gaily We Sing," will take place, December 5, 8:00 P.M., at Grace St. Paul Episcopal Church, 2331 East Adams Street.

Now in our fourth full season, RGMC is 49 voices strong this year, twice the size of last year's chorus and response to appearances thus far has been enthusiastic. So they just can't help using our bigger sound on some songs that have been performed before at holiday time, such as: Franz Biebl's "Ave Maria," "Mi Y Maltel" and, on the lighter side, "Salve Regina." There will be traditional pieces like "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," "Mary Had A Baby," and "Do You Hear What I Hear?" Oh, and wait until you hear "Christmas in the Cloister."

Joining the Chorus for this special holiday event will be a brass ensemble, harpist, and St. Grace Paul's newly installed pipe organ.

And that's only the first concert of the season! On March 20, 1999, Reveille presents "Viva La Diva II" at the Pima Community College West Campus Proscenium Theatre. It's a second edition of the chorus' 1996 spring hit, selections of which ran from heavy-duty opera to torch songs. This show will feature the Grand Canyon Men's Chorale of Phoenix and Tucson soprano, Elena Todd, as well as another guest soprano from Dallas. A second performance of this concert will be held in Phoenix the following weekend, March 27, 1999.

Finally, on June 5 at the Proscenium Theatre, RGMC will offer you an "extrABBAganza," featuring songs recorded from the internationally-famous, Swedish pop-group, ABBA, in the 1970's and 80's. The arrangements were assembled by the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus.

Reveille Gay Men's Chorus is under the artistic direction of James H. Gall, and our principal accompanist is Brent Burmeister.

Season tickets are available for just $30 each, which include reserved front-and-center seating at all three shows and a season savings of $6. Individual concert tickets, with festival-style seating are $10 in advance, $12 at the door. (Students and seniors are $10, and children under 12 are $8.50). All shows are sign interpreted and wheelchair accessible.

To order season and/or individual concert tickets, or to get more information about RGMC, please call (520) 617-3100, and leave your name and phone number.

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amend the state's constitution to require that state employee retirement accounts be based on accepted actuarial methods and placed in independent trust funds to benefit only those vested in the accounts was passing with more than 85% of the vote tallied, as of press time.

Proposition 101, which would increase the size of the board that makes recommendations on increases in state officials' salaries was failing.

Proposition 102 which would allow state trust funds to be invested in equity securities as well as interest-bearing securities was leading.

Proposition 103 which would allow independent and undeclared voters to cast primary ballots was passing by a wide margin.

Proposition 104, the weaker of two measures, crafted by the Legislature, to restrict changes legislators can make to a voter approved initiatives was losing.

Proposition 105, the stronger measure, restricting what legislators can do to a voter approved measure was leading by a close margin, less than 5% with more than 85% of the vote tallied, as of press time.

Proposition 200, which would establish a system for public funding of election campaigns for candidates was being approved by a wide margin earlier in the evening, but the "yes" vote has decreased and is too close to call.

Proposition 201, which would ban cockfighting in Arizona is passing by more than a two-to-one margin.

Proposition 202, which would have made candidates for president or Congress to pledge for the elimination of the federal income tax and the IRS, was going down to defeat.

Propositions' 300 and 301, which would have gutted the 1996 Medical Marijuana Act, approved by voters, were going down to defeat, as of press time.

Proposition 302, which would give State Legislators a $9,000 pay raise was passing, by more than 100,000 votes.

Proposition 303, called the Growing Smarter referendum, which would buy state trust lands for 11 years was getting the thumbs up by voters.

Proposition 304, which would continue the State Lottery until 2003, was leading by more than 20%.

In other races. All the State Supreme and Pima County Superior Court judges were retained by the voters. Pima County Supervisor for District 4, Republican Ray Carroll was elected for the remainder of the two years left in the term. Carroll was appointed to the Board after the death of Supervisor John Even. Former State Senator Patti Noland was elected as the new Pima County Clerk of the Court. Rosalie Lopez and Carolyn Kemmeries were elected to the Tucson Unified School Board. Ken Smith was elected to the Amphi School Board.

More complete results in next week's Observer.

Tom Cruise Awarded Half Million Dollars in UK Libel Case

LONDON, UK (NP) — Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman were awarded a half-million dollars in damages after winning their libel case against a London newspaper that claimed their marriage was a sham to hide their homosexuality.

Cruise sat in court to hear the final settlement, which gave the couple $330,000 in addition to $250,000 for legal fees. He pledged to donate the damages to charity. He and Kidman filed suit, the star said, as "the last recourse against those that printed vicious lies about me and my family."

The article, which ran in the Express on Sunday magazine last year, alleged that the couple, who are Scientologists, married on the orders of their religion to cover up their homosexual inclinations. A lawyer for the paper acknowledged in court that the allegations were completely false.

Study of Lesbians and Their Sisters

BURLINGTON, VT — A University of Vermont professor is looking for volunteers to complete a survey about how Lesbians and their sisters are similar or different.

To participate, please contact: Esther Rothblum, Box 1126, John Dewey Hall, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405, Phone: (802) 656-4156, E-mail: esther.rothblum@uvm.edu and leave mailing address.

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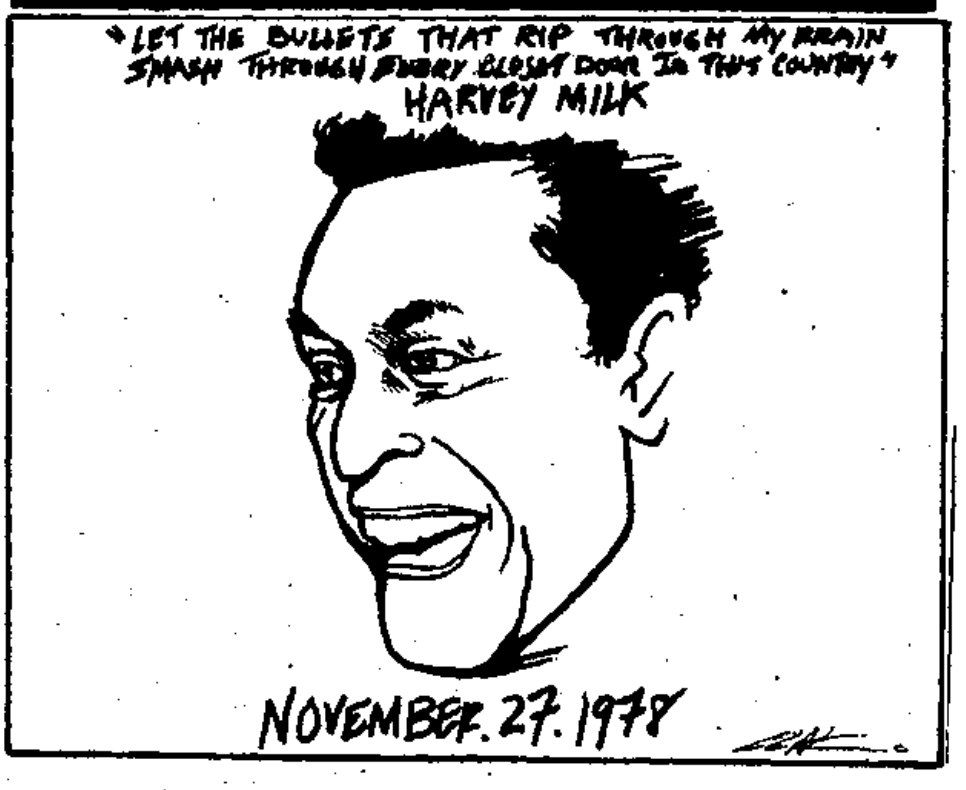


Venturing Out

by Sasha Alyson

As the autumn air turns crisp, many of us start thinking about a warm-weather escape for the coming winter. A generation ago, that meant finding a beach resort and spreading your towel on the sand. But over the past two decades, cruises have skyrocketed in popularity.

Some vacationers are still skeptical, of course. "For several years, I resisted the idea of a cruise, because I didn't care to be stuck on a boat all day," Brian told me. "Finally I had a new boyfriend who really wanted to go on an RSVP cruise. We had a great time – and never a dull moment. It wasn't at all what I had expected."

Four companies offer a variety of choices for Gay men and Lesbians looking for a cruise where they won't feel uncomfortable holding hands on deck:

Way back in the 1970s, Windjammer Barefoot Cruises (800-327-2601; www.windjammer.com) pegged one or two sailings a year to be Gay, making it a true pioneer. I enjoyed everything but the food on my 1984 Windjammer voyage, and recent customers assure me that meals have improved since then. The company has also added entertainment for its Gay departures: California drag performer Teflon Pan was on deck for the 1998 trips – but the old Windjammer standby, the crab race, hasn't been forgotten.

Try Windjammer if you'd enjoy a smaller group (the four-masted schooner S/V Polynesia, with a Gay departure set for Sept. 6, 1999, holds 126 passengers), and prefer snorkeling, hiking, or exploring an island over pool-party mixers. While improved since 1984, meals will be less elaborate than on the larger cruise vessels, and entertainment less elaborate. On the other hand, the informal atmosphere makes it easy to meet everyone on board, and a small Windjammer vessel can set anchor at out-of-the-way ports that are off limits to a ship about to disgorge a thousand passengers. Women are welcome on Windjammer's Gay cruises, but most departures turn out to be all-male affairs, with far more couples than single guests. . . .

Windjammer was first, but it was RSVP (800-328-7787; www.rsvp.net) that really opened up the Gay cruise market. RSVP's five-day Caribbean excursion (Feb. 13-18) could be just the ticket if you're still not sure you want a whole week on a boat. You'll get a full sampling of the cruise life: snorkeling, shopping, pool games, and underwear parties. RSVP also offers a 9-day Caribbean cruise departing February 4. (Their week-long departures to Greece and Thailand are already sold out for 1999.)

With some 70 sailings under its waterline, RSVP is justly known for the smooth organization of its cruises, and for bringing aboard high-caliber entertainment. In addition to the ubiquitous tea dances, costume balls, and "dating game" mixers, past cruises have offered everything from tea with Harvey Fierstein to financial seminars to a presentation by Oregon activist Donna Redwing. Perennial favorite Danny Williams will return as MC in 1999, ready to offend all guests equally.

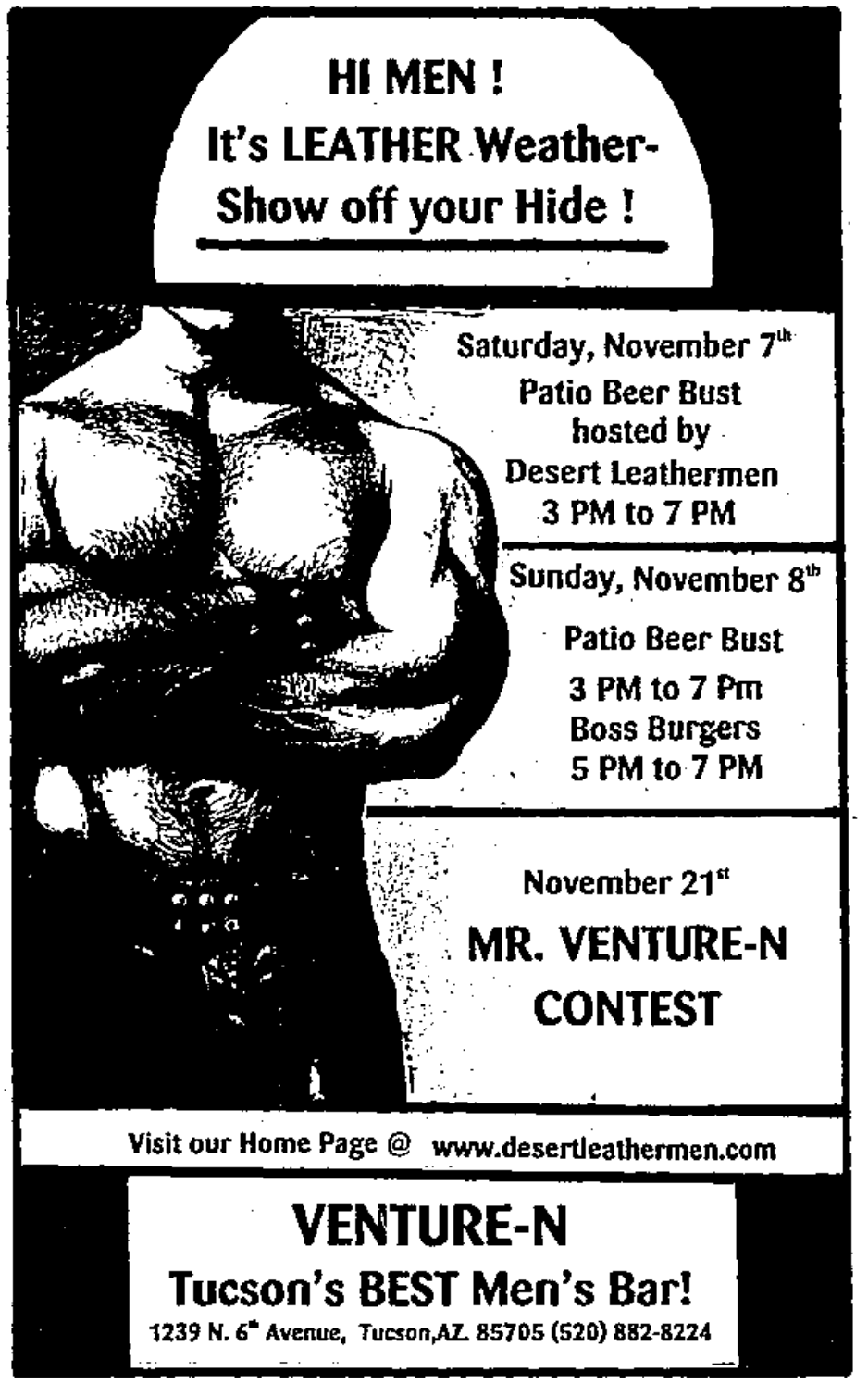
A typical RSVP cruise is about half couples, half singles. Women (nearly all as couples) account for 10-15% of a typical departure, says spokesman Paul Figlmiller. . . .

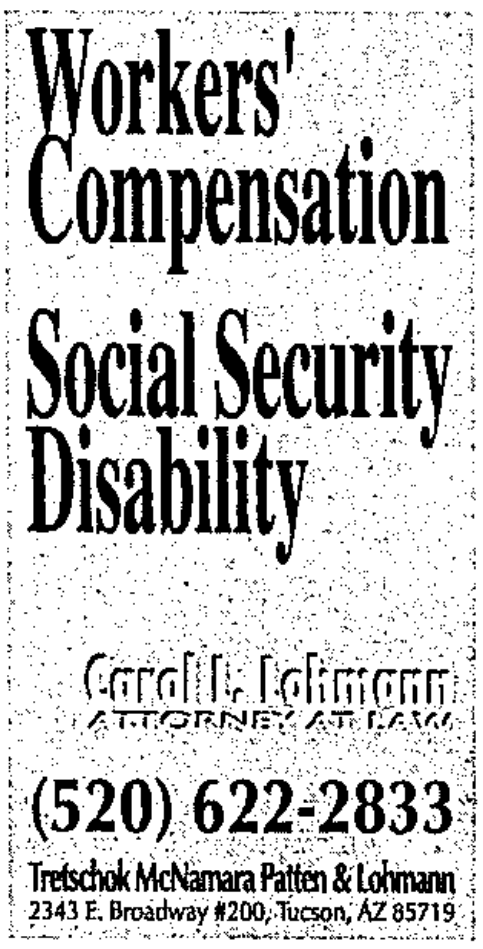
Atlantis Events (800-628-5268; www.atlantisevents.com), best known for its Club-Med style beach vacations, now offers an annual cruise, as well. Its January 31 Caribbean trip is billed as "the largest all-Gay cruise ever" with space for 1700 passengers.

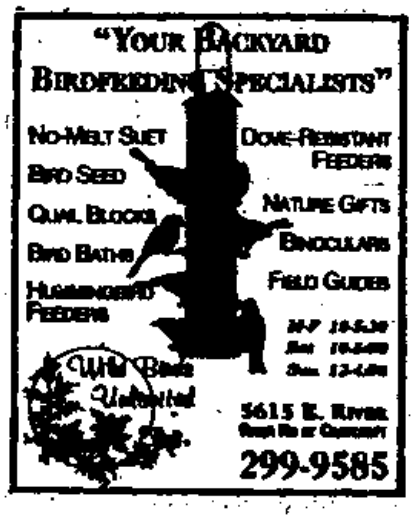
What's the difference between RSVP and Atlantis? Not a great deal. Atlantis's brochures have more of a circuit-party look than do RSVP's, and although hard statistics aren't available, Atlantis seems to draw a slightly younger crowd, more single men, and fewer women. RSVP, with the benefit of many years' experience, sets a high standard of professionalism and organization. . . .

Olivia Cruises and Resorts (800-631-6277; www.oliviatravel.com) is a women-owned company serving almost entirely a Lesbians clientele. Olivia gets a much higher percentage of couples than do the mostly-male ships – as high as 75% to 80% for a typical sailing. On a ship of 500 women, however, that still leaves a hundred who arrived by themselves, and Olivia has a designated Singles Coordinator to make sure they all get a chance to meet. Olivia's 1999 destinations include the Caribbean, Greece, and Alaska. . . .

Every ship has a tier of prices, depending on size and location of your room, ranging from $583 for an inside cabin on RSVP's 5-day cruise to $731 for a standard Windjammer share, and up to $3000 for the top cabins on the big ships. (These prices reflect the list price that appears in big print in the brochures, plus port taxes, mandatory "gratuities" and other surcharges of anywhere from $40 to $300 per passenger that somehow end up in a less visible spot.)







Phobe Demons Cast Out

SEATTLE, WA (NP) — Peripatetic homophobe Fred "God Hates Fags" Phelps of Topeka, Kansas -- recently condemned from both the left and right and even the floor of the Congress for anti-Gay picketing at the funeral of bashing victim Matthew Shepard -- was scheduled for a radio interview in Seattle, Washington. But Seattle didn't want to hear him.

The station, KOMO, was deluged with phone calls, letters, faxes, and e-mails telling them so. Four activists (former TV news anchor Lamar Stone, pride march organizer Kate Tossy, Commission for Sexual Minorities representative Ken Schulman, and "Seattle Gay News" editor George Bakan) met with the news director and other staff, who explained that the station's intention in airing Phelps was not to support him but to expose just what he's about.

The activists explained that his very presence was an insult to Gays and Lesbians. Still more community protest was organized at a local Gay bar the next day. On October 28, KOMO management officially announced their cancellation of the Phelps show. . . .

The National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH), an organization of those seeking to change homosexual orientation led by psychiatrist Charles Socarides (father of openly Gay Clinton administration community liaison Richard Socarides) and Joseph Nicolosi, had scheduled a conference for October 24 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Co-sponsored by the Claremont Institute, the conference was entitled "Making Sense of Homosexuality" and had the stated purpose "to explain to a wide audience how the homosexual movement has targeted children, the family and popular culture in its attempt to increase its numbers and acceptance in society."

Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center executive director Lorri Jean fired off a fax to the manager of the hotel owned by Merv Griffin, suggesting that NARTH's "defamatory and potentially dangerous rhetoric" was "not the kind of messages with which the Beverly Hilton Hotel desires to be associated." That was just one of numerous calls from activists that swamped the hotel switchboard.

Later that day, the hotel notified the Center that it would not be hosting the conference. The hotel told reporters that NARTH had failed to sign a contract or make payment, although NARTH says the hotel had already canceled its $5,000 deposit.

Conference literature also said that, "Constitutional scholars will discuss why homosexuality is not a civil rights issue and how homosexuals are trying to destroy organizations such as the Boy Scouts, which seek to promote decency and traditional morality," as well as promising a discussion of how "children are being indoctrinated through homosexual propaganda in school and in the media." The Los Angeles City Council unanimously passed a statement condemning the conference as promoting "fear and intolerance," while Mayor Richard Riordan issued a statement saying, "I condemn any and all rhetoric that preaches hatred, intolerance or divisiveness. It has no place in the city of Los Angeles."

The Center held a press conference to condemn the NARTH meeting and to announce that 75 organizations and civic leaders (including three Congressmembers, the Speaker of the California Assembly and President Pro Tem of the California Senate) had joined in signing a statement denouncing the conference.

NARTH moved its meeting to the Regal Biltmore, where it was attended by about 50 therapists, doctors, social scientists, conservative activists, and politicians (including state Senator Raymond Haynes and Assemblymember Keith Olberg). There were also about 50 protesters who blocked the doors, and a few of them eluded beefed-up hotel security to make their way inside and disrupt conference sessions.

Conference participant and "ex-Gay" John Paulk of James Dobson's Focus on the Family later told reporters, "So much for First Amendment rights. We live in a police state where we can't express our opinion."

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Cathedral Of Hope Sues Chicago TV Station

CHICAGO, IL (NYT) — The nation's largest Gay and Lesbian church has filed suit against a Chicago television station, accusing the station of breaking its agreement to broadcast a 30 minute infomercial that portrayed Gay men and women in a positive light.

Leaders of the Cathedral of Hope in Dallas said the station, WGN-TV, fed by satellite to cable systems around the country, rejected the infomercial based on its content. A lawyer for the church, Christopher Wolf, told The Times the station's reference to "appropriate content" are code words "for homophobia and for anti-Gay discrimination."

The church reportedly spent two years producing the infomercial and has tried unsuccessfully to market it to national cable stations all over the country. The half hour pre-paid program was designed to combat negative images of Gay people perpetuated in a national print media campaign over the summer.

"We just wanted to make our voice heard against the overwhelming onslaught of people using the media to say how bad Gay people are," said the Rev. Michael Piazza. "We wanted mostly to reach out to Lesbian and Gay teenagers but also people living in rural areas, to tell them there is this possibility that you can be Gay and Christian, there is this possibility that you are a child of God."

Phil Rozansky, president of Tower Media Advertising in Chicago, brokered the arrangement between the station and the church and says the church is attempting to manufacture a political issue where none existed.

"I think what they're trying to do is make this a slam against Gay rights," Rozansky said. "They are jumping to conclusions and making accusations that are not appropriate and do not logically follow the facts."

The church says station executives had signed off on the deal to air the broadcast. Rozansky says he also believed that was the case, but was mistaken. He says changes made to the title and some portions of the program's content were suggestions, not conditions for airing as the church understood them to be. Rozansky also alluded to other "specific issues within the show that made it inappropriate for airing" on WGN.

Rozansky said infomercials that touch on sensitive subjects are routinely turned down by television stations. He said WGN had turned down paid programming that had "Gay-bashing" themes and said the other stations, including the Discovery Channel, Black Entertainment Television and Odyssey, had turned the church's broadcast down for varying reasons, including length, religious content and controversial subject matter.

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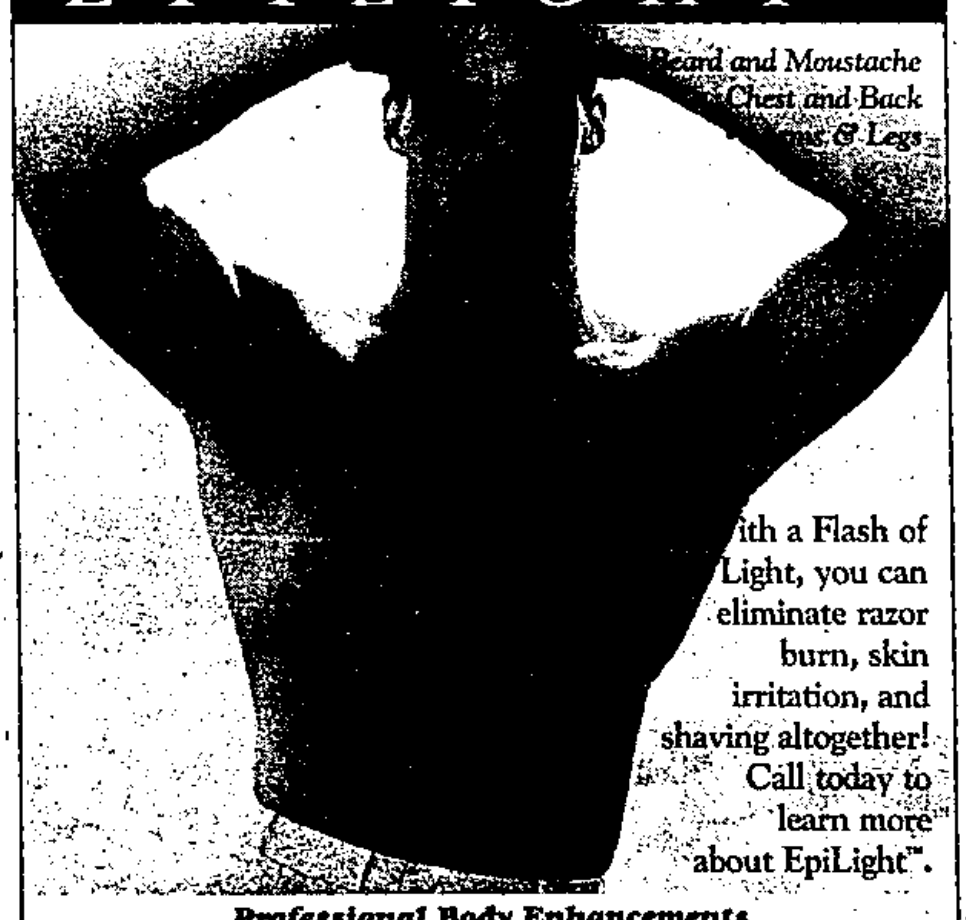

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POLITICS 1998

By MARK R. KERR

'Crapaign Aftertaste!'

This past Sunday, one of network television's "Beltway Blabfests" summed up the opinion of Washington, D.C. press corps about the voting public.

During ABC TV's "This Week with Sam & Cokie," White House reporter and part-time pit bull, Sam Donaldson was pushing Cokie Roberts to make a prediction on how many gubernatorial contests the Republicans would win. After a lot of prodding and a threatening whipping by Sam's toupee, Cokie uttered, "I can't make a prediction, they are just *local* races." Well, excuse us Miss Thing!

Local races *do* have national implications, and there were several of concern to the Gay and Lesbian community in this election.

There were three open Lesbian candidates, all Democrats, running for the U.S. House of Representatives, for those playing the home game, they are: former Wisconsin State Representative, Tammy Baldwin, former San Diego City Council member, Christine Kehoe and, Grethe Cammermeyer (Remember "Serving in Silence?"), from Washington State.

No open Gay and Lesbian had ever been elected to Congress. Those currently serving came out while a member. That has changed, and in all places, Wisconsin. I just bet Green Bay Packers star bigot, Reggie White is choking on his "Campbell's Chunky Soup" over that!

Tammy Baldwin defeated her Republican opponent, Josephine Musser by more than 15% in the race for the vacant seat in Wisconsin's second Congressional District.

The other two races are too close to call as of the press time. Kehoe trailed the Republican incumbent, Brian Bilbray, by less than 1,500 votes with more than 50% of the vote tallied in California's 49th Congressional District race. With less than 30% of the vote tallied in Washington, Cammermeyer trailed Republican incumbent, Jack Metcalf by less than 8%.

Another race of note in California concerns the 46th Congressional District contest, or the "Return of B-1 Bob Dornan: The Rematch." Our favorite homophobe, former banned Member of Congress, "B-1" Bob Dornan, R-Loopyland, challenged our heroine, Democratic incumbent, U.S. Rep. Loretta "Won Fair & Square" Sanchez for the seat he lost in 1996. CNN called the race for Sanchez after initial returns came in from California. Please let it be so!

Two ballot initiatives were on the ballot in Alaska and Hawaii, dealing with a Republican favorite topic and sure-fire fund raiser, same-sex marriages. Gays and Lesbian were losing on both fronts with voters over proposed amendments to each state constitution which would recognize marriage as between a "man" and a "woman." More results next week.

The 1998 election is now over. Will peace prevail? Of course not! If Cokie, Sam and the folks at the MSNBC (More Stuff No Body Cares about) cable network gets their way, the impeachment hearings will begin in a week or two with live coverage.

Didn't America send a message (with the unprecedented Democratic gains) to Congress to drop the impeachment, censure Clinton and just get on with it?! Only time will tell! . . .

Crapaign '98 notes to end with this week:

Do you know if the McCain-Feingold bill had passed, John McCain would have been in legal doo-doo since he raised more than what would have been allowed under the proposal? Hey John, your counterpart, Russ Feingold limited his spending, and nearly lost his seat! Oh well, we only have to deal with McCain for another two years!

A computer glitch occurred during the counting of the ballots during the general election. Can you guess where? If you said Pima County, home of smooth running elections, pass go and collect the millions spent on the new computer system to tabulate the ballots!

Who prepared "Ken and Barbie," the news bimbette anchors on KOLD-TV with the convoluted election misinformation that spewed from their pie-holes?! Where was Bud Foster, and his hair when we needed him?!

The Republicans picked up two seats in the Arizona State House of Representatives during this election, one before (District 3 fiasco) and Brian Fagin of Tucson choking on the election, with more than 100 signs and many mailers. Okay, but guess what?

House Speaker Jeffie Groscost picked up a third. Whom could it be? According to Capitol sources, none other than the other candidate for the State House from District 3, Democrat Sylvia Laughter. She was asked by Jeffie to run. I bet he's laughing now! . . .

So it goes for now kids!

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Protests During 'Our' Holiday

LOS ANGELES, CA (NP) — It just wasn't the usual "trick or treat" for this past Halloween in the two Meccas of Gay and Lesbian life:

San Francisco's October 31 March Against Violence saw 800 demonstrators, by police estimates, proceed from the Castro to the Hall of Justice without incident. The march was in part a memorial to Gay University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard.

For the first time anyone could recall, there was some special cooperation from the police in arranging Muni shuttle buses at the end of the march. Marchers were grateful, but police were simply trying to disperse a large crowd as quickly as possible.

New York City's anti-violence contingent of about 100 marched in the 25th annual Greenwich Village Hallowe'en Parade of some 20,000 on October 31, before more than one million spectators.

The demonstrators were not in costume and carried signs reading, "Are you a bigot or a basher?" as well as mock tombstones with the names of bashing victims, including Matthew Shepard.

Despite its contrast with the rest of the celebratory event, the protest group was generally well-received by the crowd. The city had considered ending the traditional parade because of rowdiness associated with it in the past, but a heavy police presence at the event appeared to keep things in good order this year.

Religious Right Goes To Hell

ARVADA, CO (NP) — For just $7 round trip, you can go with them - but you may turn red with rage when you get there if you don't think that's where Gay men with AIDS or Bill and Monica belong.

"Shake your city with the most cutting-edge incredibly effective evangelism tool of the 21st Century," says the direct mail ad for the $200 kit to set up your very own Hell House, the Halloween haunted houses some conservative Christian churches use to "scare straight" young people who may be tempted by sin — and one of the standard offerings inside is the AIDS death of a Gay man.

A standard advertising blurb proclaims, "Homosexual Lies . . . Violent Rape . . . Medical Murder . . . Business is Booming in [your town's name here]! If You Can't Take the Heat, Stay Out of Hell!" In a series of morality plays, some of the "sins" punished in a manner too gory for children to be allowed include drunk driving, abortion ("medical murder") and suicide. The climax is a visit to hell itself, and at the end visitors are welcome to accept salvation. The concept has been growing in popularity and is being enacted at a number of locations around the country.

The acknowledged king of the Hell House concept is minister Keenan Roberts of Arvada, Colorado, who's now running his fourth edition in the Denver suburb after pioneering the concept in 1993 in Roswell, New Mexico. He's sold 352 of the kits, which include a videotape, a sound effects CD, and a 300-page how-to manual. He describes Hell House as "a Bible message, but a very aggressive sight-and-sound communication tool. It's a tool that gets the attention of the MTV generation." Of some 20,000 visitors over the last three years, Roberts says that "7,000 have made a spiritual decision to dedicate their lives to Christ."

To keep his show up-to-date, Roberts has added a scene of Monica Lewinsky and President Bill Clinton in the Oval Office, where they're accompanied by the Spirit of Lies, the Spirit of Lust, and the Spirit of Adultery. Last year's Hell House was staged at a cost of $25,000 (despite in-kind donations and volunteer workers) in anticipation of a net of about $40,000. Admission has gone up from $6.50 last year to $7.00 this year (or $6.00 plus two cans of food "for the needy").

Something similar was started almost 20 years ago by the Reality Outreach Ministries of St. Catherine's, Ontario, which stages a show called "Heaven's Gate and Hell's Flames." The ministry rents out a director, lighting and costumes so that local volunteer actors can put on the play. Fifty shows are booked already for the year 2000, and there's a long waiting list.

In Bowling Green, Kentucky, a Hell House is being staged in a shopping mall by Victory Hill Ministries, but students from Western Kentucky University's Lambda Society have been picketing in protest. Lambda President Matthew Leffler said that, "A lot of impressionable people are going to this thinking it's a haunted house for fun. Instead, they are going to get a political statement from very warp-minded fundamentalists."

Sodom Back From The Dead

JERUSALEM, Israel (NP) — Although many Bible scholars maintain that the story of Sodom and Gomorrah is not about homosexuality at all, there's no escaping centuries of tradition labeling Gays as "sodomites."

Having disappeared utterly perhaps 5,000 years ago, the two cities just may have been rediscovered on the floor of the appropriately salty Dead Sea. Bible scholar Michael Sanders thinks this could be the explanation of anomalies seen in satellite photos, and is organizing an expedition to get a closer look next year using a mini-submarine. The anomalies under some 1,200 feet of water look as if they might be buildings.

Pointing Sanders in what he believes is the right direction was the discovery more than 30 years ago of an ancient cemetery by the Dead Sea containing the remains of more than a half-million people, and the ensuing discovery of four other sites in the same area which also had massive burials. These cemeteries are more than 3,000 years old, and some archaeologists believe the sites relate to the five Biblical Cities of the Plain, of which Sodom and Gomorrah were two.

What was interesting to Sanders is that the area has long been so arid that it would be impossible for it to support anything like the population indicated by the grave sites. Even at the time the Bible story was written, the land in no way resembled its description as "well watered in every direction like the garden of the Lord" and as lush as the Nile delta. He believes that once the Jordan Valley was indeed verdant, but that an earthquake perhaps 5,000 years ago sent up an explosion of pitch, which caught fire.

That might create a scene to match the verse, "Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire out of heaven. And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground."

If that disaster in itself were not enough to account for the area's desertification, the rising waters of the Dead Sea itself may have helped; the satellite photos seem to indicate its north end covering more area now than in the past. Sanders' colleague geologist Rich Slater remarks that, given the preservative qualities of salt, "We might find that Sodom and Gomorrah are in pretty good condition."

GLSEN Conference Takes Aim At Anti-Gay Violence

OAKLAND, CA (SFE) — The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network's second annual conference on anti-Gay violence in the nation's schools on Saturday, underscoring federal determination to help find a solution to the problem.

"This is the first time the department has sent representatives to the conference of a Gay organization to talk about how to protect Gay youth in schools," said Kate Frankfurt, a GLSEN organizer. She said more than 900 Gay and straight students, teachers, administrators and advocates from all over the country were attending the weekend conference — triple the number who attended last year.

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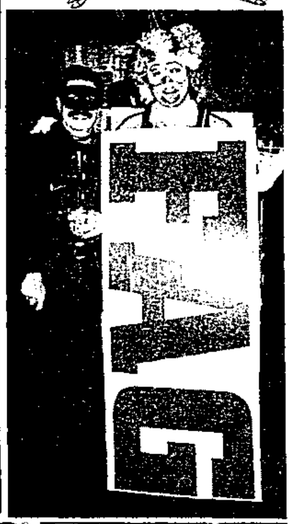

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HOROSCOPES
BY C LICHTENSTEIN

Let's elect elect to examine the entire month of November this week. Cast your vote for a winner when more than a few planets traverse strategic Scorpio to electable Sag. But don't count the votes just yet, cousin; there are transits to both Pluto and Saturn this month that will prick any inflated ego. By the end of the month, you could be eating crow rather than turkey...

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Feeling lost? Proud Rams may be forced to adjust their personal compasses this November when even minor tremors on the job reverberate on the Richter scale. Reestablish your personal magnetism by the 13th when lucky Jupiter changes course but be prepared to overturn some established life tenets after November 20. A new broom sweeps clean or at least pushes the dust around.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Gay Bulls are hot to trot this November but should be careful not to trot into their own smelly piles. Friendships may be strained around November 10, when your party hearty proclivities upset pals£ plans. By November 20, you realize that the dreamboat who cruised into your port may be a destroyer. However you happen to pack a fairly big gun yourself. . . .

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

It's difficult to climb the corporate ladder when you have family ties that tightly bind. The straight jacket loosens around November 10 but then queer Twins are faced with partnership issues as Pluto conjuncts the Sun around November 20. If it's not one thing it's another, cousin; Maybe all you need is a little quiet time away from all the stuffed turkeys and baked hams.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crabs don't usually shoot from the lip, but you can't help it this November. Innocuous things you let slip before November 13 hit global proportions and overturn the landscape. This may not be a bad thing, friend; Sometimes you have to burn down the old shack to build a new pink palace. Expect major changes at work around November 20. You may move from worker ant to queen bee.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Love for sale? Check the price before you buy, queer Lion. Gutsy Jupiter overcharges you before November 13, but will exceed your wildest temptations after that. Play hard compadre, but recognize your limitations; the Sun conjuncts Pluto around the 20th and delivers more fun than you can easily handle. Exactly how much can you handle, pal?

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Expect to deal with the ying-yang of relationships during the first two weeks of November. How much of yourself are you prepared to give up to form a partnership? Mergers and acquisitions may take place towards the end of the month, possibly resulting in a change of residence. Isn't it about time you gave up that naugahyde day glow orange ottoman?

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Feed your inner soul this November. Nirvana can be attained through a heaping bowl of ice cream or is it through frenetic exercise or is it through contemplative meditation? Crack the cosmic egg after November 13, when Jupiter goes direct. Well placed words pack a punch after November 20. Fire off a media missive that catapults the rainbow cause. You'll be heard if you shout Out.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Everything you value will be held up for inspection this November. What you find is that what you value the most in your life doesn't cost very much. Such revelations abound after November 20. Before that, Gay Scorps may become too wrapped up in meeting others' expectations. Remember, you only have to live up to your own standards, low and lurid as they may be.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

The trade off between a happy home life and a demanding career makes itself evident in early November. Balance is everything Gay Sag so juggle those balls and smile a lot. All may tumble though around November 20, when your Sun conjuncts Pluto. Volcanic changes occur especially in how you appear to others. Is piercing your forehead a fashion statement?

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

How accurate is your intuition? Gay Caps may be tempted to go to the Outer limits through most of November but will find static on the psychic line before November 20. No matter what though, open up lines of communication with family members after November 13 and make this Thanksgiving an all Out affair, thanks to Jupiter. Only the turkey should be stuffed and trussed.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

You are voted most likely to this November when spicy Mars opposes expansive Jupiter. But all that hot unfettered sex will prove to be more expensive than first thought both emotionally and fiscally. Aqueerians reassess their social circle after November 20. Are you canoodling with the "A" list or with something lower on the alphabet? (But if "A" stands for a-hole, buy another vowel.)

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Pink Fish may experience an "expansion" this November thanks to unbridled Jupiter. If clothes no longer fit, buy a new wardrobe and call it a new look. Check out the progress of your career after November 20 when Pluto unleashes transforming changes and, dare I say, once in a lifetime professional opportunities. Please be kind to all of us drones in the mail-room.

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

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Unfortunately, this card promises far more that it can possibly deliver. There is no human invention that can guarantee "complete" peace of mind.

However, I do know the source of complete, absolute peace. Jesus told his disciples the night before he was betrayed, "Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27 NIV)

Jesus was very clear about the kind of peace he was giving. He said it was his peace, not the world's peace. His peace is not the absence of troubles but rather knowing that he is with you in the troubles and will take you through them. Having Jesus' peace is no guarantee that you will never run out of gas or have money worries. But in spite of the outward circumstances, a person who has Jesus' peace has a quiet confidence that because Jesus is in control all things will work out all right in the end.

Have you experienced Jesus' peace?

Columna Abierta. by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¿Qué tal?, saludandoles como siempre, esperando que estos cambios del clima no haya sido pretexto para desencadenarles reacciones no deseadas como las gripes, o otra infección viral, y que esten disfrutando lo mejor de la vida...

Algunas personas me han estado haciendo preguntas en relación al uso del **Viagra**, y he aquí algo sobre; **La fiebre del VIAGRA**; El prospecto de la venta de Viagra en Europa explica no sólo en qué casos no es consejable la utilización de este estimulante sexual, sino también la necesidad de consultar al médico en el caso de que la síntesis entre fármaco y excitación sexual se concrete en una erección que dure más de cuatro horas. Otras recomendaciones explican que Viagra sólo es efectivo si va acompañado de estímulo sexual, que no pueden usarlo, ni si se toman medicamentos que contengan derivados de nitratos o de óxido nítrico, como el nitrato de amilo. El texto aclara además que con ese nombre se está refiriendo al "popper", un acelarador cardíaco muy utilizado para acentuar el placer sexual aunque su uso médico se restringe a suavizar las crisis de angina de pecho. En Estados Unidos, donde se han dado 3,6 millones de recetas, se han registrado más de 70 muertos por el uso de Viagra. Asi es que hay que tener cuidado con el abuso de este medicamento y sobre todo se le recomienda consultar a su médico antes de querer "quedar bién" con su pareja...

Otra noticia médica que creo que es de interés, sobre todo para aquellas personas que "estan de moda" sobre el uso del internet... Un informe afirma que en Estados Unidos hay más de 70 millones de personas conectadas al internet, es decir, que un 34.9% de los 202 millones de adultos que vive en éste país está "on-line". Además, el uso por grupo étnico entre mayores de 16 años ha sorprendido a muchos: en primer lugar están los asiáticos con un 47%, seguidos de caucásicos con un 36%, hispanos con un 30%, afroamericanos con un 24% y nativoamericanos con un 24%. Sin embargo, un estudio publicado en The American Psychologist afirma que el uso regular durante algunas horas a la semana del internet puede producir depresión y aislamiento del individuo. Según el estudio, una hora en internet por semana aumenta el potencial de depresión en un 1% de media, y reduce en un 2,7% personas el círculo de relaciones personales medias. El estudio, cuyo diseño ha sido duramente criticado entre otras cosas por falta de aleatoriedad, afirma que el uso del internet favorece un desarrollo patológico incluso en personas que no suelen padecer depresiones...

Y hasta aquí la dejamos por esta semana, seguimos esperando sus comentarios y preguntas... Se les recuerda que el Simposium sobre VIH/SIDA que presentará ADHS y la Cruz Roja Americana, se llevará a cabo los días 5 y 6 de noviembre en Phoenix, Arizona si necesita información adicional, comuníquese con Donna al (602) 336-6660 ext. 1053. Este programa es co-patrocinado por Arizona AIDS Policy Alliance, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Arizona Department of Education. Indian Health Services, Arizona Public Health Association y American Red Cross Statewide AIDS network. y por allá les saludaremos...

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

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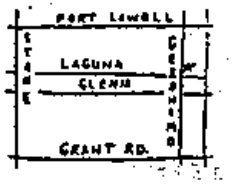

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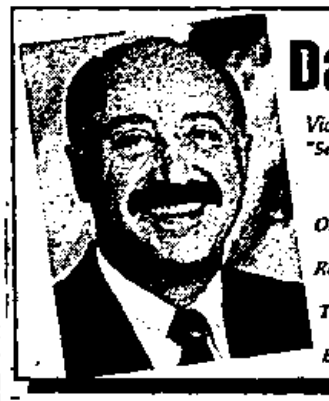
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Desert Vision

by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D

Prayer and Meditation - Part 2

In my last column, I shared an experience of prayer that resulted from watching the stars one night a few years ago. I concluded by saying that while many activities can be transformed into a form of prayer, it is important to begin by simply learning to pray. As with any skill, to benefit from the skill, one has to start with the basics and then learn how to adapt them.

Learning to do something new is often awkward for all of us. I remember when my father tried to teach me how to spade the garden. It was really frustrating for me. The shovel seemed clumsy and awkward. I wanted to just hoe the ground because I knew how to do that. But my father insisted that I use the spade. The hoe did not dig deep enough. To make enough room for the roots, it was necessary to first turn over the ground with the spade, then hoe the larger clots of ground.

My father was an expert gardener. The garden edges were neat and straight. He made them with ease when he spaded the ground. But when I picked up the shovel, I couldn't get it down into the ground. Sometimes I turn over too much ground. Sometimes not enough. My edges were never straight and even. I believe the next-door neighbor used the phrase, "Crooked as a dog's hind led" to describe my progress. I was not amused. But in time, with practice and real work, sweaty work in the sun, I learned how to use a spade. Eventually, the implement became an extension of my arm. I never had the same ability as my father, but I learned and didn't do a bad job.

This is often the process when we learn anything new. We become frustrated because we don't get it immediately or can't do it as well as someone else. With prayer, people often wonder, "Why isn't it good enough the way I do it?" The truth is that prayer is not unlike spading. You need to take the time to learn to dig deep enough with the shovel for the roots to grow. Then you can use the hoe to break open the larger clots of ground. With prayer, the simple, basic forms need to come first. Then they can be adapted.

Of all the spiritual writers of address prayer, I believe that the work of M. Basil Pennington provides perhaps the clearest and easiest to understand way to learn to pray. Pennington describes a type of meditation he calls Centering Prayer in a book by this title published in 1980 by Doubleday.

Having spent years of research on prayer, Pennington asserts that the most basic forms of prayer can be summarized in a few simple steps. Taking time to master these steps is essential for a good, hearty prayer-life. Centering prayer, sometimes called "centering", is a basic form of meditation.

The process of Centering Prayer can be outlined in four simple steps:

1. At the beginning of the time of prayer, take a few moments to settle yourself. Taking a few deep breathes will be helpful. Sit quietly and simply be still. Open yourself to the Presence that is greater than we are ourselves.

2. After resting a bit and allowing yourself to be quiet, silently repeat a "prayer word" to yourself as you breathe. Keep it a simple word. The prayer word may be a word for God as you understand the Divine, like Spirit, Jesus, or Creator. Or it may be a word that has importance to you for that time in your life, like love, strength, healing, hope, or peace. Allow yourself to simply repeat the word. Don't concentrate on it, merely repeat it.

3. When you become aware of any distracting thoughts, feelings, or sensations, simply return to repeating your prayer word. Distractions will occur. Don't worry about them. Don't focus on them. Don't try to control the distractions. Most people can't control them. Simply return to repeating the prayer word quietly as you breathe.

4. After a period of prayer, perhaps 15 to 20 minutes for beginners, close by praying a familiar prayer, like the Lord's Prayer or the Serenity Prayer. Pray the words slowly and gently as you end this time of Centering.

The beauty of Centering Prayer is its simplicity. It doesn't take anything beside a quiet place and your willingness.

There are many books written about prayer and meditation. Often, for those beginning to pray, they are confusing because they recommend so many different things. As with anything new, keep it simple. Using a form of meditation like Centering Prayer, a person is able to grow as fully spiritually as the person attempting spiritual gymnastics with elaborate techniques.

Again, I recommend keeping a journal of your experiences in prayer. What happened? What was important to you while you prayed? What impact did that time of prayer have for you?

Times of prayer and meditation are often quite ordinary. There are periods when it seems like nothing is happening. Many people become discouraged and stop. Continuing through periods that are dry and dull are often important. They are often the time of quiet before a period of growth. It's important to stick with it.

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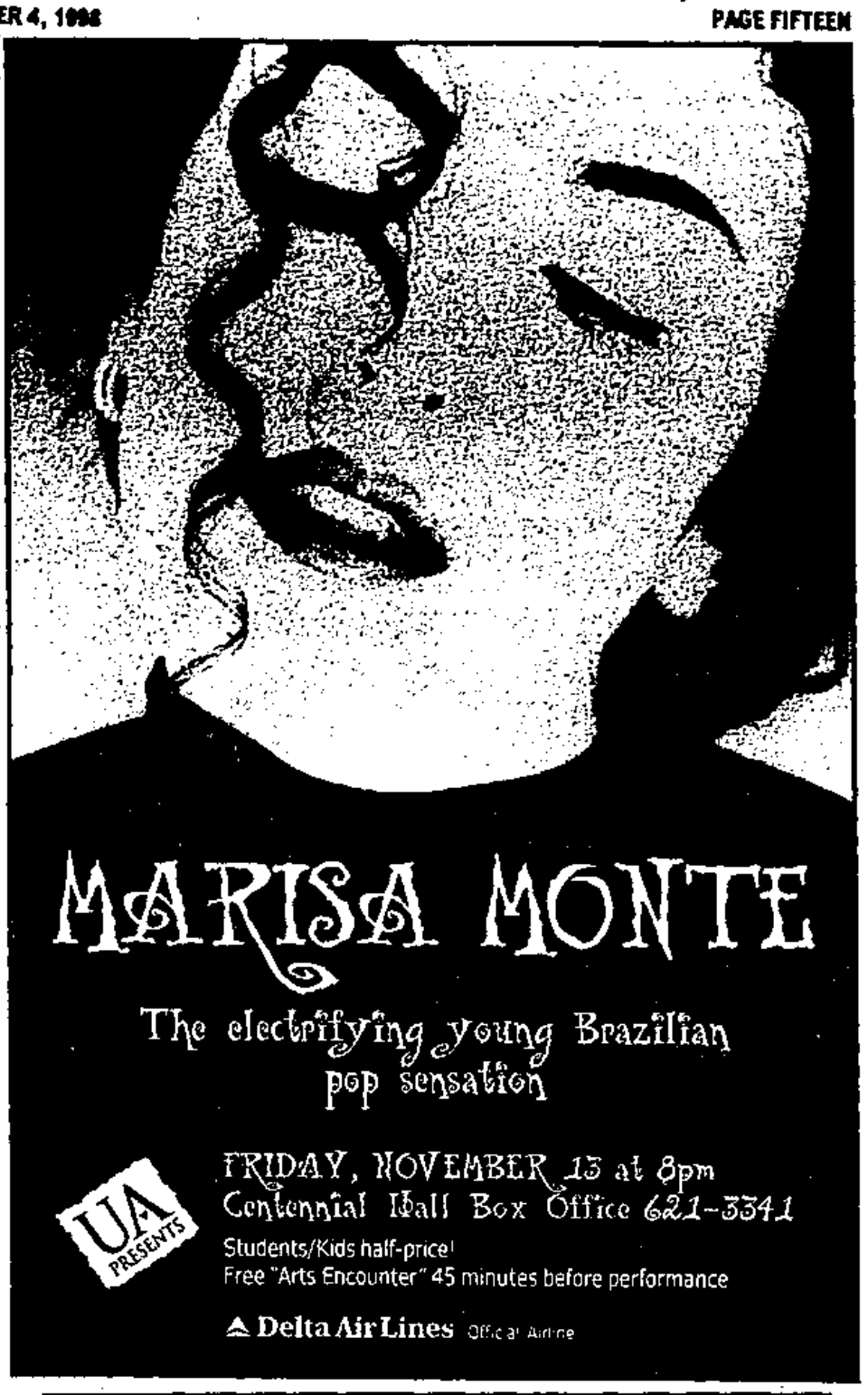

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GLSEN Conference

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Art Coleman and Gloria Estolano of the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights explained in a conference workshop how Title IX of the Civil Rights Act had extended some measure of federal protection to Gay and Lesbian high school and college students.

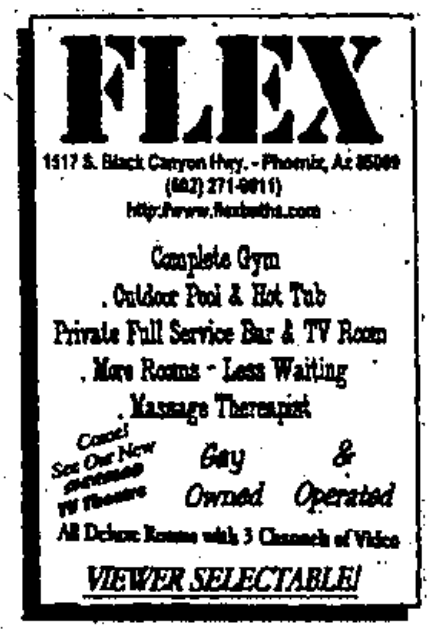
"I'm not saying we came to tell you we've got all the magic bullets and right answers," said Coleman regarding the applicability of Gay harassment claims filed under Title IX. "Frankly, we are struggling with as many questions as you have."

Many defining legalities are still out of reach, but a succession of court decisions are helping to clarify the level of protection afforded Gay students under Title IX. For instance, said Coleman, a boy who is harassed because he is effeminate may have a valid claim he is a victim of sexual discrimination -- because he doesn't behave in ways males are expected to act. Such a case is reportedly under review by Estolano's office.

The issue of Gay harassment has taken on a new urgency in the wake of Matthew Shepard's beating death last month in Wyoming. "When you don't deal with sexual harassment, it leads to society accepting it, and that leads to tragedies like that," said Estolano. "He was only 21 years old."

Kevin Jennings, GLSEN's founder and executive director, told conferees anti-Gay environments pervasive in many schools had to be attacked with as much vigor as racial bias was during racial desegregation. Gay harassment will not end, he said, until Gay harassment becomes as socially shameful as racial bias.

"If we're ever going to break the cycle of bigotry, we have to have teachers who say that this language is unacceptable," Jennings said. "Silence is not neutrality."



SPORTS

Desert Coyotes Bowling League Standings

	Won	Lost
Looney Toones II*	21.0	7.0
Two	19.0	9.0
Fourkneecatorz	18.0	10.0
Just Throw It!	17.5	10.5
It's In Da Hole	16.0	12.0
Helen	15.0	13.0
Poppin Fresh	15.0	13.0
Cocktails for 17	12.5	11.5
Pretty Balls	14.0	14.0
Eat At Ed's	13.0	15.0
Tres Amigos	13.0	15.0
Erratica III	13.0	15.0
Damn It II	12.0	16.0
Three Way	12.0	16.0
Low Ballers	12.0	16.0
Curious George	11.0	17.0
Miracles Happen	9.0	15.0
Oops	5.0	23.0

*First Quarter Champions

High Average - Paul K., 193; Heather H., 158; Just Throw It, 499.

High Series Scratch - Heather H., 542; Mark K., 700; Two, 1699.

High Game Scratch - Two, 605; Ken M., 258; Heather H., 202.

High Series Handicap - Brad H., 739; Two & Miracles Happen, 2011; Heather H., 677.

High Game Handicap - Heather H., 247; Brad H., 285; Miracles Happen, 752.

Desert Coyotes Bowling League Has Spots Open

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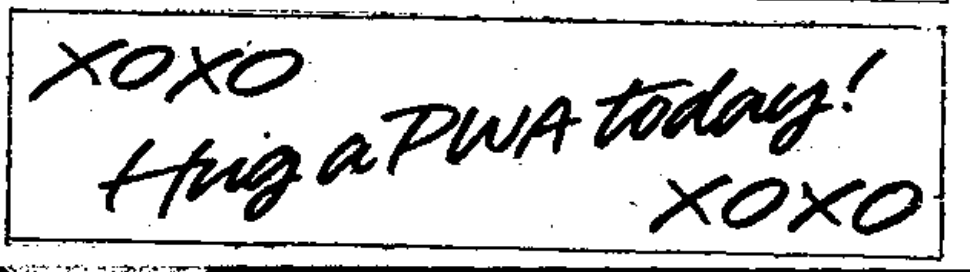

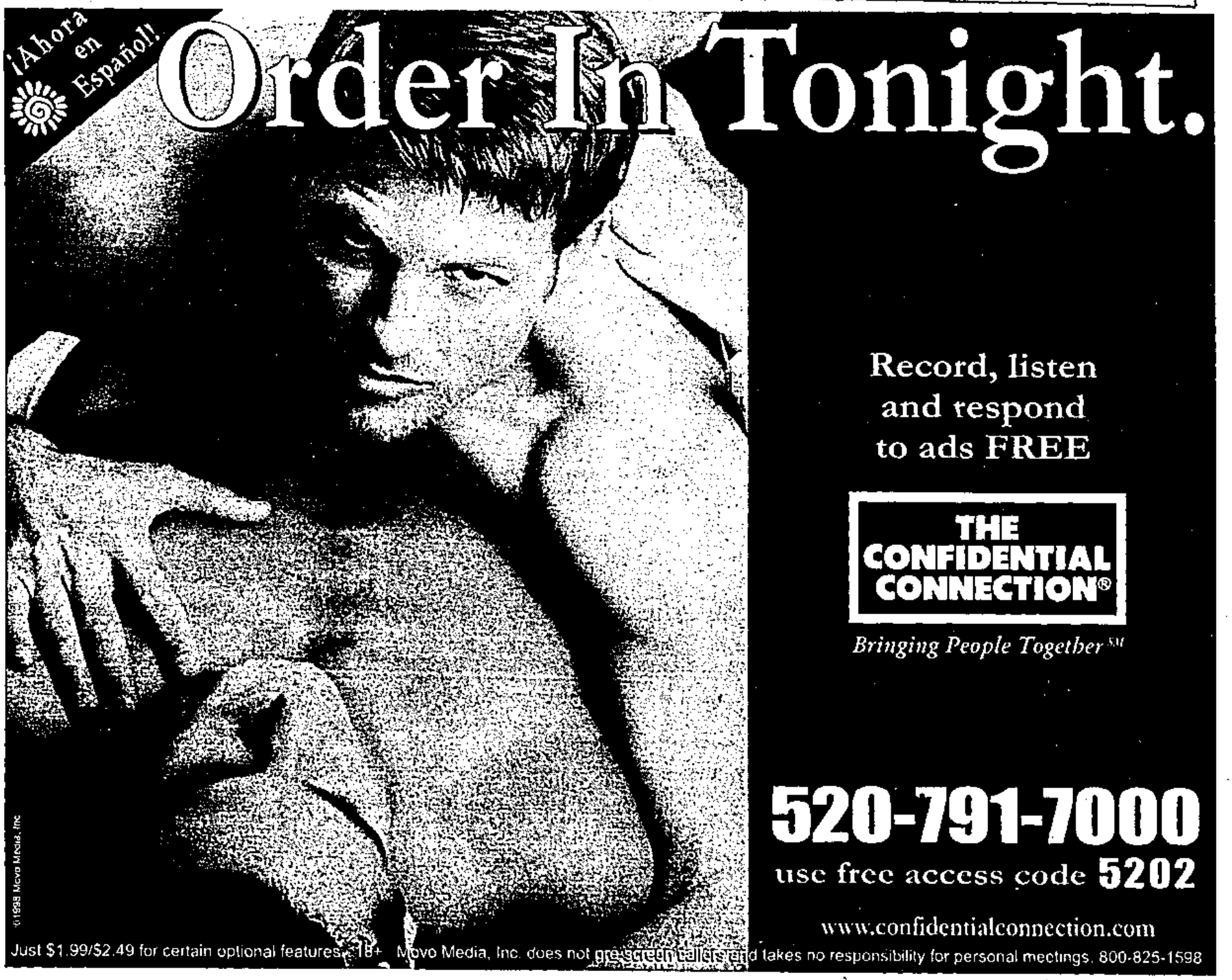

Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 5:30 p.m. Join Davey as he works in conjunction with IBTs & The Tucson Weekly to present a "Personals Party". Come on by for a free ad in the Weekly, and stay for the fun and festivities. For more details, please call Davey at 886-1208.

Quentin Crisp, who will be 90 years old Christmas Day, will impart his 90 years of scathing wisdom and present his world famous one man show "An Evening With Quentin Crisp" at the Center for the Arts, Pima Community College, West Campus, 2202 W. Anklam Road tonight and tomorrow (Thurs. & Fri.) At 8:00 p.m. The show has no script, no director and every performance is different. For tickets call (520)206-6988. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see and hear England's renowned Gay Expatriate.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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, NOVEMBER 8

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 3:00 p.m. Two members open their art studio for a private tour. Come and check out their paintings, drawings, and sketches. For directions and details, please call Don or Bob at 740-0335.

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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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 some of your favorite series or other British fare will be offered. 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 "Boys Like Us". 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, NOVEMBER 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for Dinner Out as we visit El Torero at 231 E. 26th Street. 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.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. It's Friday the 13th, so the only possible film to run is that ultimate unlucky incident: "Titanic". Moon over Leo one more time, and hang on for the ride! For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:30 a.m. You're invited to relaxed morning of birding, as the guys go to Sweetwater Wetlands (at the end of Prince, west of I-10). For more information, please contact Gene at 625-8109.

2. 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 "Tolerance in Our Gay Family." Do we treat drag queens as equals? What about PWAs? Is there really as gay man/lesbian rift? These and other questions are bound to come up. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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Comedienne Suzanne Westenhoefer presented by In Concert and Antigone Books will be performing at the Berger Performing Arts Center, on the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind campus, Speedway just west of I-10. Recommended for mature audience. Tickets are $17 for reserved seating, with general admission $15 in advance or $16 at the door. They are available at Antigone Books and Tucson Trunk. "A center stage Diva who bursts out of her closet with little explosions of outspoken bemusement that could make even Bette Midler blush," says the New York Daily News.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who November want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 790-8735.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

IBT'S - "Puttin' On The Lips" lip sync contest hosted by Victoria Du Pais and Felice Renard 9:00 p.m.

VENTURE-N - Full Moon Madness! More later!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

IBT'S - Tucson Weekly Gay and Lesbian Singles Party 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Miller product prizes.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Miss Desert Diva / Miss Desert States / NCC Pageants. Personal interviews 6:00 p.m. Pre-Pageant Show 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Miss Desert Diva/Miss Desert States / NCC Pageant '98. Stonewall opens at 5:00 p.m. Pageants begin 7:00 p.m. $5.00 Cover (Stonewall Only) Contestants Wanted (602) 888-8525.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

IBT'S - Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust to benefit Reveille Gay Men's chorus, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. with Karaoke on the patio from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Then at 9:15 it male stripper time! It's The Men Of IBT's Male Strip Revue. Get there early!

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 & 14

STONEWALL / EAGLE - AGRA Annual Chili Verde Days. The Stonewall goes country this weekend only.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

STONEWALL / EAGLE - "Winners Circle" Pool Tournament of Champions. Play begins 2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

STONEWALL / EAGLE - FREE/Anonymous HIV Testing by Pima County Health Dept. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

VENTURE-N - Mr. Venture-N Contest. Watch for more details.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Session VII Pool Tournament of Champions. Play begins 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

STONEWALL / EAGLE - Russian Roulette Pool Tournament. Warm-up at Noon. Play begins 2:00 p.m.

November 15 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

10 annual Jerome Bellard Memorial "Festival For Life" at the University Park Marriott Ballroom. Silent Auction at 4:00 p.m. Live Auction 5:00 p.m. Benefits SAAF and features designer holiday trees, menorahs, paper prayers, wreaths, fine art, gift baskets, celebrity collectibles and many unique gifts. Enjoy a dessert buffet, no-host bar and entertainment as you show your support for Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation. $25 advance sale or $30 at the door. For nearest ticket outlet or for more information call 322-6226.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:00 p.m. A showing of the little known film "We Think The World Of You", starring Gary Oldman & Alan Bates as lovers in the 1950s. Join us for one or both of these events (but you don't have to help with the newsletter). For reservations & directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A fun evening devoted to all things British. Three episodes from some of your favorite series or other British fare will be offered. This event is on the east side of town. For directions and reservations, please call Loren at 733-0072.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join your gay Tucson family for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. There's no reason to be home alone on a holiday. Join us, and discover the family you've always wanted. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539. If he's not home, please leave a message, and he'll get back to you as soon as he can.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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 Perry or Stephen at 321-4387.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a new monthly feature called Classic Cinema. We'll showcase an old movie, along with a cartoon and a short. Tonight's feature is "The Shop Around The Corner" starring Jimmy Stewart as a man who is writing letters to an unknown pen friend. This movie is currently being remade as "You've Got Mail" starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

Daily Bar Calendar

sunday

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

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well $1.50, Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Drink Specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. $2 Bloody Marys & $1.50 Screwdrivers til 8pm. Country music & dancing.

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 4:30-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2:00pm. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 'til 8pm. BBQ 2-8. Hottest sounds in town with DJ Raymaan

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer 9am 3-7pm 50¢ draft. 501 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee (pot matched). Bozz Burgers 5-7pm Tuff Stuff Too! Open at 7pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 9-Ball tournament 6pm, $3 entry, pot matched. Monday Night Football - 3 screens. $2.00 Cuervo Gold all nite.

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. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour 'til 8pm. Party with chuck in thenevening. Doc's Dart Tourney 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day and night.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. $1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 6am-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 small/$4 large pitchers.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, $1.75 domestic beer & $1.50 well. 9 pm to close $1.75 well. Wear an IBT's T-shirt get happy hour prices 9 to close, or buy an IBT's T-shirt for $5 and get a complimentary drink. Extreme Dance with DJ Michael 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 8pm. Eight Ball pool tourney, warm-up 6pm, play begins 7pm. Latin Dance Party w/ DJ Eduardo 9pm - 1am.

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

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free Pool 2-4. $1.25 pitchers 8-midnight. Free swing dance lessons 8:30-9:30pm. Swing music 9:30-close.

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

HOURS - 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 Bud Product Special 8 pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Daily Drink Specials. Happy Hour til 8pm. Karaoke Nite: 9 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hottest sounds in town w/DJ Raymaan

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

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 21oz well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8:30 pm to close. (New time)

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well $1.50, Domestic $1.75. 501 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 (paint check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 8pm. Latin Dance Party w/Eduardo in the Stonewall 9pm to close. Biweekly Travesti Show 10:30pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am $1.50 Well Drinks & Longnecks 6am-noon. Patio Bar open 8pm. Footers Bottles $1.50 from 9pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. $5 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 with the Dukes of York 6-8pm. Patio Bar 8-1. Dance Party 8 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 8pm. T.G.I.F. Free snacks 4:30-6pm The hottest sounds in town w/DJ Raymaan 9pm. To close in the Stonewall.

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

saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S 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. 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. Daily drink specials. Happy Hour til 8pm. Free Pool noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens 8pm. The hottest sounds in town w/DJ Raymaan.

VENTURE-N - Open 6a m. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ draft 3-7pm. Tuff Stuff Too! Open at 8:30pm. Partnership Cricket Tournament 6:30pm $3 entry (Pot Matched).

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NOTICES

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. Intermediate or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Himmel Park 11 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.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA), Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Hollmen 377-8333 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. Unisys Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients. Training every 6 weeks. 884-7863.

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 325-6679 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.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7575 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9602 or St. 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 884-6920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6457 (ovelme@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 XXCI. This show alternates with "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 30+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8418 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 10th year! (2nd in Tucson).

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 628-9658 or send email to: tmsaboydyke@earthlink.net.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 882-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

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 602-278-4885.

GAY MORMON, EX-MORMON. New support and discussion group. For information call 529-4586

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS. Individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual and Trans men who are victims/survivors in same-sex relationships. Group meets Tuesdays 7 to 8:30pm at a confidential location. For information or appointment call 218-2827. Wingspan Domestic Violence Project.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9028

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 818, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (602)432-5581. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 570-0927 for more

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1620 or write P.O. Box 43918, Tucson, AZ 85733-3918, 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 888-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Ellie 581-5850 or Rose 968-2384.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 883, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1162

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, 2302 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 629-7298.

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

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets 1st and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more information.

SCUBA DIVING CLUB. For information call digital pager 291-0662.

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. 322-6228. 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 326-3668

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 575-8860 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 881-1784 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

YOUNG AND GAY?
Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men 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 584-0230, 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 881-1784 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

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

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

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

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Sunca and River Road, Room 43. Call the church at Davey at 886-1288 or Brian at 882-4720 for information.

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

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2987, 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 1 to 3 pm at St. Francis in The Foothills for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1288 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0885 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a social 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.

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

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

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #345, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3219 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9585 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact. Mary 776-9979 or Bertie 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselyting - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-5663.

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 322-6228.

"EVOLVERS" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, T.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held at Wingspan on 4th Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. 624-1779.

TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, International Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)617-4661, e-mail us at http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/5808

EMPLOYMENT

Experienced bartenders apply in person Monday, Thursday or Friday from 1:00 p.m. Gay, Lesbian, Bi, Trans, or friendly straights. (No Phone Calls). Stonewall Eagle, 2921 N. 1st Ave. 746.

LOOKING FOR EXPERIENCED DAY SHIFT BARTENDER. Fill out application at Hours, 3466 E. Grant. 746.

PERSONALS

I DIDN'T GET YOUR NUMBER, BUT MANAGE TO GET YOUR BRACELET. Give me a call. 886-3934. 746

GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN DOING TIME. Looking to meet some pen pal playmates. If interested please write David DeCosta #83662, A.S.P.C. Phoenix, Alhambra - B Ward, P.O. Box 52100, Phoenix, AZ 85072 747

NUDE MALE MODELS. Do you need pics for internet? For your boyfriend? Just for the hell of it? Amateur photographer seeks attractive young men to photograph. Male couples welcome. Call 624-2990. 742.

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CYBER CRUISE - Meet Arizona Gay men and women as well as people all over the U.S. Gay owned. www.move.com 758

ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION
Si eres hombre que tiene sexo con otros hombres y quieres ayudarnos a extender y apoyar los programas para Los Latinos, llame para una entrevista estrictamente confidencial al 322-6228 y pregunta por Ernesto. 758

If you are a Latino man who is having sex with other men and you want to help us to support and expand our programs for Latinos, call for a confidential interview at 322-6228 and ask for Ernie. 758

HOUSING/FOR RENT

TUCSON MOUNTAINS, TWO BEDROOM + COMPUTER ROOM HOUSE. City and mountain views. Close to downtown, UofA, St. Mary's. Security system, W/D. New carpet and paint. $650/mo., first & last, deposit, references. 624-1349. 746.

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GM TO SHARE 3-BEDROOM HOME with pool and Jacuzzi. Speedway / Craycroft area. $225.00 per month plus 1/3 utilities. Must be employed, responsible and have references. Call Lloyd or Marc at 745-3019. Available Now. 746.

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Pro-Life Gays & Lesbians Disavow Violence

NEW YORK, NY — Moses Remedios, President of the Pro-Life Alliance of Gays and Lesbians, issued a statement in response to the murder of a physician who performed abortions in New York State:

"Crisis pregnancies are a profound individual and social dilemma; however, those of us active in the pro-life movement understand that the destruction of an unwanted human life doesn't solve the problem, but merely replaces it with a deadly solution. The wanton destruction of humankind through abortion is a profound and endemic evil; however, the truly pro-life intuitively accept that we are not empowered to take human life, whether embryonic or of those who reap fortunes and prey on women by killing their progeny.

"The assassination of the New York abortionist drives home the distinction between those who are just 'anti-abortion' and those who are 'pro-life.' The anti-abortion individual looks on abortion as an evil that must be stopped. This belief we all share, however, the pro-life individual understands that all human life deserves dignity and respect, even for those who are engaged in the genocide of the unborn. While there is something noble in placing your life and liberty at potential risk by engaging in life-affirming activities to protect the innocent who cannot defend themselves, there is something equally sinister in taking the life of another who disagrees with you.

"Individuals who bomb clinics and shoot abortion providers are similar to those engaging in anti-Gay activities: they ascribe different values to different human beings. Mankind has traversed that dark and ominous road before, the holocaust of the unborn being yet one more chapter in man's inhumanity to man. All who truly respect human life must condemn the senseless and violent act of shooting a doctor who provides abortion services. All who truly respect human life must condemn the slaughter of the unborn."

Cracker Barrel Needs To Change Policy

KNOXVILLE, TN (NP) — Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc., once the perpetrator of some of the most egregious anti-Gay employment discrimination the country has ever seen, lobbied its stockholders to reject a proposed policy against discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The Tennessee-based restaurant chain maintains that it already complies with local, state and federal laws in providing equal employment opportunities to people regardless of race, color, creed, age, or gender, and that management "does not believe that a specific non-discrimination policy relating to sexual orientation is appropriate or necessary."

In 1991, the company had a publicly-stated official policy of removing Gay and Lesbian employees for not conforming to its "family" image, and that was carried out with a number of firings, for which there has never been any apology, much less compensation. Among a large number of widely diverse protest actions which ensued was a shareholder effort to enact a non-discrimination policy, but a Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) staff ruling joined the company in classing the issue as one which management could not be forced to bring before the shareholders.

That decision ended an era of shareholder activism more generally, but after a series of legal rulings and finally the insistence of Congress, the SEC instituted a new set of rules this year for shareholder proposals. The latest call for a non-discrimination policy is expected from the New York City Employees' Retirement System (holder of some 415,000 of the company's 62 million outstanding shares), at the company's annual meeting November 24.

Nathan Lane TV Show Pulled Off November Schedule

HOLLYWOOD (VN) — NBC has decided to pull the high-profile Nathan Lane sitcom "Encore! Encore!" from its Tuesday lineup for the November sweeps.

"Encore! Encore!" is the first comedy at NBC to be pulled this fall. It also continues the curse of high-profile flops, including last season's sitcoms with Jenny McCarthy and Tony Danza at NBC and Tom Selleck at CBS.

NBC says the show, which was reworked extensively after its pilot was picked up, will return to the schedule in December. In the meantime, NBC will double-pump "Just Shoot Me" in both the 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. time slots during the sweeps, which began on Thursday.

"Encore! Encore!" has averaged a third-place 7.3 rating and 12 share in homes and a second-place 4.6/12 among the key adults 18-49 in its 8:30 p.m. slot. It retains an average of 90% of its "Mad About You" lead-in, but is off 35% from the adults 18-49 slot average last season

'After Stonewall' Seeking Film/Video Footage

NEW YORK, NY — The producers of a new sequel documentary to "Before Stonewall" are seeking film and video for their new production.

"After Stonewall" is a new documentary scheduled for release in June of 1999. The production will document Gay and Lesbian life following Gay and Lesbian life following the landmark riots in New York in June, 1969.

The producers of the documentary are looking for film or video footage of: people's lives, events, participation in marches and protests and, Gay and Lesbian culture.

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