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Vermont Committee Endorses Civil Union Bill

MONTPELIER, VT - Members of Vermont's House Judiciary Committee overwhelmingly endorsed a modified civil union proposal that, if passed by the full House and Senate, would create the most comprehensive set of legal guarantees for same-sex couples in the country.

"I'm incredibly proud of what we've done," said Rep. William Lippert, a committee member on the winning side of the 10-1 vote.

The only openly Gay member of the state Legislature, Lippert made the formal motion to recommend the bill before a packed room of spectators.

New York anti-abortion activist Randall Terry stood near the rear of committee chambers scowling. "The day of judgment is coming, folks," as the meeting ended and an animated crowd pushed past him into the hall.

The sole dissenting committee vote came from Rep. William MacKinnon, who said Gay men and women should be granted full access to the state's marriage laws.

The Vermont bill still must be reviewed by the Ways and Means Committee before it goes before the full House. The bill is not likely to go to a floor debate until the middle of March. Gov. Howard Dean supports the civil union compromise measure.

Lippert, beaming after the commanding vote said it was an historic day for the rights of Gay men and Lesbians. For Gay people, Lippert said, "This bill represents the most comprehensive, strongest piece of legislation proposed anywhere in the United States through a legislative body."

California Votes To Ban Recognition of G/L Marriages

SACRAMENTO, CA (WS) - On Tuesday, March 7, Californians approved a ballot measure banning recognition of Gay and Lesbian marriages,

California, like every other state, does not license Gay marriages. Proposition 22 bans recognition of Gay marriages performed in any other state.

Similar ballot measures passed in Alaska and Hawaii in 1998, and signatures are being gathered in Colorado and Nevada. But the stakes, as always, seemed higher in the nation's most populous state.

The issue galvanized politicians and church leaders on both sides, with each side claiming they were fighting for families. Supporters raised about $8 million and opponents about $5.5 million.

Proposition 22 was sponsored by Republican state Sen. Pete Knight; the opponents included Knight's Gay son.

Advocates of the initiative said the measure isn't about discrimination. They maintain it's about closing a legal loophole to prevent Gays and Lesbians from ever being able to marry somewhere else and have the marriage recognized in California.

They point to Vermont, where they fear lawmakers have moved one step closer to legitimizing Gay marriage.

For religious conservatives, the issue of same sex marriage has become so emotionally charged and threatening that in many places around the country Gay marriage has replaced abortion as the No. 1 concern on their social agenda.

Influential evangelical leader James Dobson told his 5 million radio listeners the vote to restrict marriage to a man and a woman would have profound national consequences.

He said on his radio broadcast, "If it fails, the institution of family is going to be damaged forever."

Some Protestant and Jewish groups joined the opposition to Proposition 22. But Catholics, Mormons and evangelicals, who make up more than 40 percent of the state's population, raised millions of dollars to pass the amendment.

"It's time for us to take a stand in favor of what God planned," says one pastor.

The significance of this issue hasn't been lost on the presidential candidates. Democrats Al Gore and Bill Bradley, who have been competing for the Gay vote, opposed Proposition 22.

Republican John McCain endorsed it. "I would vote for Proposition 22," he said, while rival George W. Bush only endorsed the principle: "I do not support Gay marriage," The Texas governor said.

California isn't the first state to take this step, but it is the biggest. Thirty other states has similar laws on the books and 12 others are considering such a move.

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Military's Lesson Plans Reflect Unease On G/L Policy

WASHINGTON, DC - In the next few months, every member of the armed forces, from private to general, is supposed to undergo instruction to stop harassment of Gays in uniform. But the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines have prepared widely differing, sometimes contradictory and often perfunctory lessons, the Washington Post reported.

All hands in the Navy, for example, will see a slide show that begins with sailors working heroically together as wind-whipped waves crash around their ship. The theme is "developing and building trust," with just two slides—out of 25—citing harassment of Gays as the kind of behavior that hurts teamwork.

The Air Force, meanwhile, has added its anti-harassment message to a two-hour lesson on military law, where the Pentagon's stance on homosexuality is explained along with prohibitions on desertion, dereliction of duty and other uniquely military crimes.

This mishmash reflects a continuing unease within the military over how to carry out the six-year-old policy known as "don't ask, don't tell," an approach that is widely considered paradoxical and in some quarters repugnant, according to senior Pentagon officials.

"This is not sensitivity training for homosexuality," said one high-ranking Army officer. "The law says that even a propensity to engage in homosexual acts creates unacceptable risks to military capability, and that is what we have to convey."

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen ordered each military service to develop training programs and legal procedures to stop harassment of homosexuals in the wake of the murder last July 4 of a Gay soldier, Pfc. Barry Winchell, by his barracks mates at Fort Campbell, Ky.

But the response to Cohen's initiative—his third effort in two years to remedy mishandling of homosexual cases—suggests that the difficulties of implementing "don't ask, don't tell" will persist.

The policy, enacted as law in 1993, maintains the military's long-standing prohibition on homosexual conduct but allows Gay men and Lesbians to remain in uniform as long as they do not profess their sexual orientation or engage in homosexual acts. At Cohen's request, the top brass in each service has dispatched an all-points bulletin denouncing all forms of harassment, threats and even derogatory jokes aimed at Gays. This third element of the policy has come to be known as "don't harass."

Senior officers insist that the policy itself is sound. "It is a law that, I think, strikes the proper balance between the requirement for good order and discipline in the military and individual rights . . . but there have been some problems with its implementation, which we are now trying to correct," the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton told the Post.

Since the beginning of the year, each service has developed its own training programs and submitted them to Cohen's office for review. "I think the idea here is to make the training more uniform," said Kenneth H. Bacon, Cohen's spokesman, when the defense secretary announced his approval of the programs Feb. 1.

The delivery of the training, however, is anything but uniform.

The Navy leaves it up to individual commanders "to get anyone familiar with the subject" to conduct the training sessions, according to an officer who directs the Navy's "trust" program.

Army commanders in some locations, such as Fort Sill, Okla., have been told to deliver the instruction personally. Elsewhere, personnel officers, legal affairs officers and even chaplains have done the teaching, and in some cases unit commanders have chosen not to attend the sessions, according to Army officers.

"Homosexuality remains a very hot rock," said a senior officer, "and commanders are going to differ on how they present it."

This worries some activists. "Beyond the content of the training, we have to see whether commanders show a personal commitment to the message that harassment will not be tolerated, because if they don't, the troops will very quickly realize that this training is a check-the-box exercise," said Michele M. Benecke, co-director of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, an advocacy group for Gays in the military, in the article.

The substance of the training also varies enormously.

In the Marine Corps, recruits will be assured that complaining about harassment will not lead to an investigation of their sexual orientation. "Otherwise, everything else [in training sessions] is pretty much the same as it has been," Capt. Pete Mitchell, a Marine spokesman told the Post. "We already teach that mistreatment of any fellow Marine, for any reason, is unacceptable conduct."

The Army, in contrast, has designed a separate briefing on "don't ask, don't tell." The script calls for the trainer to explain that commanders must maintain a

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UPDATE

City of Tucson Invites LGBT Community To Participate In St. Patrick's Day Parade

TUCSON - In a stellar display of support for its Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community, the City of Tucson has invited the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance to participate in the city's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, Friday, March 17.

This marks the fourth consecutive year the city has invited the LGBT community to participate in it's festivities.

So pull out your green duds and come joint the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA), marching proudly through the streets of downtown Tucson, Friday, March 17. Call the TLGA Outline, (520) 622-3200 for more information and updates.

'When You Bid Upon A Star', March 23

TUCSON - The Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual (LGB) Studies and the Women's Studies Department at the University of Arizona are hosting a joint fund raising event, March 23.

"When You Bid Upon a Star" is a combination rollicking dance party/auction, featuring appearances by lesbian performance artists Holly Hughes and Marga Gomez (both in town for performances at Centennial Hall).

"When You Bid Upon a Star..." features music by rock/blues combo Betty Diamond (featuring guitar genius Mitzi Cowell and singing powerhouse Rebecca Horton), and an array of fabulous auction items, including the grand prize: brunch with Hughes and Gomez!

The event will inaugurate the Hotel Congress' new party venue, the Lounge (across from the hair salon in the SW corner of the hotel's main floor). Suggested donation, $10. Doors open at 7 p.m. Cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, great dance music, lots of terrific stuff to bid for, hosted by auctioneer Susie B. from KXCI. Don't miss it!

For further information, contact Julia Balen at (520) 626-4037.

KXCI Fundraiser March 10

TUCSON - A dance concert and benefit for KXCI Community Radion will be held at the Nation's Hall at the International Arts Center, 516 N. Fifth Ave., Friday, March 10, 8:00 p.m.

Performing at the benefit concert will be FRUIT, on tour direct from Australia. FRUIT is the most exciting, inspired and delightful band to storm onto the scene in years. Their sound can be best described as "acoustic electric funk," or as "The Indigo Girls meets INXS."

Tickets are on sale at Antigone Books, 411 N. Fourth Ave., and Hear's Music, 2508 N. Campbell. Tickets are $12 in advance, $14 at the door, with a $2 discount for KXCI members. For more information, call (520) 795-4135.

ADHS Calls For Nominations

PHOENIX - The Arizona Department of Health Services' (ADHS) Office of HIV/STD Services will again honor Arizona individuals, groups and agencies for outstanding service contributions to the health and quality of life of those living with HIV/AIDS. These awards will be presented at AZ Symposium, June 23.

ADHS looks forward to receiving nominations from all communities throughout the state. Awards and eligibility are for: Outstanding Contribution to HIV Prevention (Individuals or Groups within or independent of an agency). Outstanding Contributions to HIV Care and Services (Individuals or Groups within or independent of an agency). Outstanding HIV/AIDS Volunteer (Individuals or Groups within or independent of an agency). HIV Lifetime Achievement (Individual). Outstanding HIV/AIDS Agency.

Nominees will be evaluated on the following criteria: Compassion. Commitment. Success and Impact of Service Performed. HIV Community Involvement. If you wish to nominate someone from multiple individual awards, submit a separation nomination for each one. Anyone who has received an outstanding service award within the past three years isn't eligible this year. The deadline for nomination submissions is April 14.

For more information or nomination forms, please call Lee Connelly at (602) 230-5819.

'Voices From The Margins' March 23-26

TUCSON - UApresents, the University of Arizona's performing arts series, will present the premiere of a new artistic venture, "Voices from the Margins: A Singular Festival of Uncommon Artists" at Centennial Hall, March 23-26.

"Voices from the Margins" features four of today's most daring and innovative solo performers on four successive nights, offering fresh perspectives from the boundaries of our culture: actor-musician Rinde Eckert, hip-hop monologist Danny Hock, audacious Latina comedian, Marga Gomez and the controversial performance artist Holly Hughes. Gomez and Hughes will be performing two shows, March 24 and 25.

All performances will take place in an intimate 250-seat "black box" theater created onstage at Centennial Hall. Because of strong language and adult subject matter, the series is recommended for mature audiences.

"Some of the most innovative and compelling works being created today comes from solo performers who are exploring the boundaries, the margins of contemporary life," said UApresents Executive Director Ken Foster, who selected the artists for the series. "Voices from the Margins is about artists whose voices are not often heard but who have something important to say."

For more information, call the UA Centennial Hall box office, (520) 621-3341.

POZ Cafe March 16

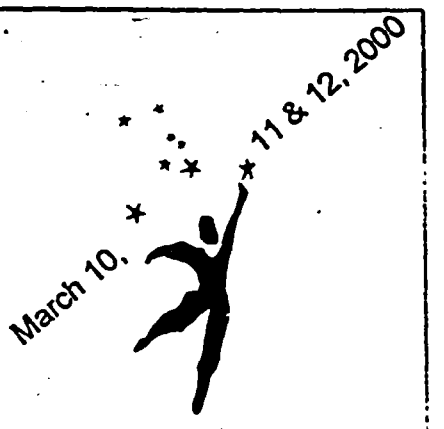
TUCSON - People living with HIV are invited to Poz Cafe, a free lunch with social and recreational activities, Thursday, March 16 at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC (corner of Swan and River Roads).

Poz Cafe's doors will open at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. This month's menu, balanced between good nutrition and comfort foods, brings out the barbecue grill and cook up hamburgers, breasts of chicken and veggie burgers. It'll be served up with lots of fresh condiments, cowboy and cowgirl beans, potato salad, carrots and celery sticks. After which will be a terrific dessert: fresh fruit on a scoop of vanilla ice cream or a home-made brownie. A wide selection of teas and coffees will also be available to wash it all down with. This months meal is being prepared and served by volunteers from Casas Adobes Congregational Church.

After lunch, there will be several games of Bingo, with prizes, board and card games. People can also just sit and socialize, or be creative with crafts, decorating their own candle. Like all Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), it's Gay friendly, free, thanks to the donations of AGRA, St. Francis in the Foothills and other caring TIHAN individuals, and no proselytizing or evangelizing is permitted. The purpose is to enhance social opportunities and nutrition for adults living with HIV/AIDS.

Reservations are requested so that TIHAN can have an idea of how much to cook. Each HIV+ person may have one guest accompany them if they so choose. Everyone will be reminded of confidentiality concerns, volunteer staff included. Transportation can be provided with advance notice, and please not that there has been a change in the way transportation is scheduled, now done with one phone call through the TIHAN office.

For more information, or to make reservations or a transportation request, please call the TIHAN office by Monday, March 13, (520) 299-6647.



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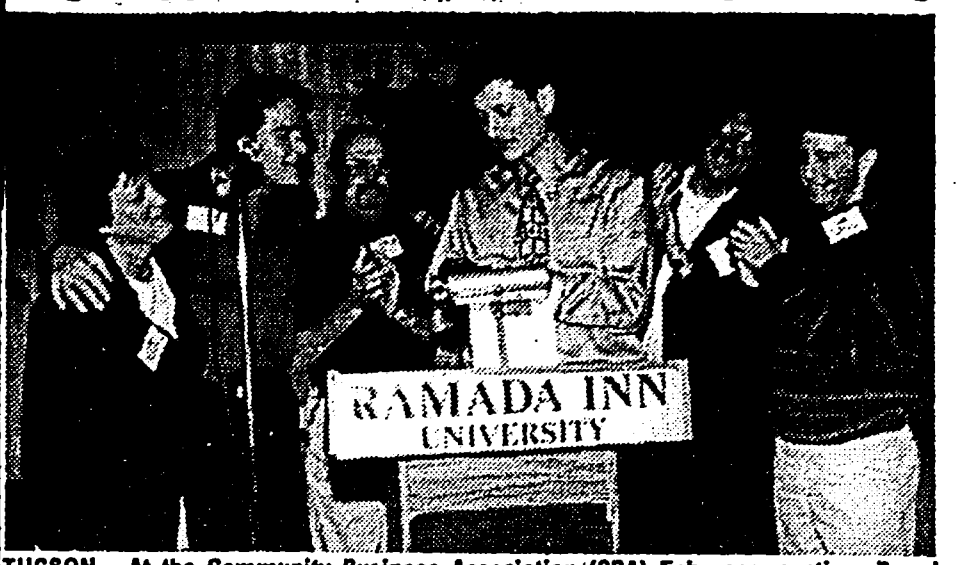

TUCSON - At the Community Business Association (CBA) February meeting, Board members presented Greg Hollman with a Philabaum art glass paper weight commemorating four years as CBA president. L to R, Rebecca McReynolds, Brad Sensenbach, Terry Rich, Greg Hollman, Larry Cummings and Gerry Connor. Not pictured is the photographer, Deb Whalen.

Arizona State Representative Steve May speaks at CBA Dinner.

Openly Gay Arizona State Representative Steve May (District 26) was keynote speaker for Tucson's Community Business Association's fourth Anniversary dinner meeting held February 17, 2000 at the Ramada Inn/University.

Because May is openly Gay on the floor of the Arizona House of Representatives, he is currently embroiled in a legal battle with the Army as having violated the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. Rep. May regaled the crowd with tales of the right-winged, sex-obsessed leadership of the Arizona Legislature and a military that is angry at him for recent publicity-yet keeps him on active duty while continuing its investigation against him.

"Equality under the law may be a 200-year-old concept, but equal rights take work," said May. "Life for Gay people is changing," he continued, "but I get upset with people who say 'Oh, it [Gay rights] will happen.' Equal rights are not a given," the Phoenix Republican added.

May explained his current battle with the U.S. Army and the issues of military equality for Gays and Lesbians. It was a February 1999 debate on the Arizona Legislature floor on a bill to prohibit municipalities from funding domestic partner benefits that flung May into the national spotlight.

Days after defending himself and his family against Rep. Karen Johnson's homophobic attack, including her infamous rant against "Gay bowel disease," May received notice to report back to duty in the Army Reserves as the crisis in Kosovo began heating up.

Five months later his superior officer asked the first lieutenant if he was interested in leading his unit. At the same time, she showed him an Arizona Republic article about his comments in the Legislature and said the military would have to investigate his "alleged homosexuality."

"After six months, the military found that indeed, I might be a homosexual," May said with a smile, adding that the military continues to pursue a case against him for violating the "don't ask, don't tell policy"-but refuses to deactivate him in the Army Reserves.

One reason the military has taken a stand against homosexuals, May said, is an irrational fear that homosexuals could jeopardize a unit's cohesiveness. The irony is, May pointed out, that the military's attempt to take him away from his unit has actually built unit cohesiveness.

May said the publicity about his woes is what has most angered the lawyer who will likely prosecute him in military court. "I'm just doing my job," he told the colonel. "It's your policy, not mine. You called me back, not me."

May is quick to point out the struggle other groups have had to surmount in order to gain equal rights under the law. Women and ethnic and racial minorities have had to struggle to be granted the same rights guaranteed to straight white males during the founding of this country.

"The government is obsessed with keeping heterosexual marriage the norm," he said. "Arizona has 867 laws and the federal government more than 1,000 laws specifically designed to keep straight couples together." Karen Johnson, he said, "...laments that if we don't have these laws, our heterosexual families will fall apart." [Chuckles ran through the crowd.]

But May contends you can't legislate happiness. "These laws make it harder for heterosexuals to break up," he said, "but how many of these marriages still end in divorce?" On the other hand, all the laws criminalizing homosexual behavior cannot keep Gays and Lesbians apart. "Denying me benefits cannot break up my family," he said. "Love keeps us together, the law can't keep us apart."

May said he has the votes to repeal Arizona's sodomy laws, but legislative leadership continues to kill any bill he attaches his amendment to. Too many politicians are slaves to the heterosexual agenda that controls our government. But change will not happen unless others take up the fight.

"Our government was founded on principals of equality," he said. "But our freedom is restricted, our liberty is limited and they try to limit the pursuit of happiness to heterosexuals only. We cannot just wait for it [equality] to come," he said. "There's no time for any of us to rest." ...

DEAR FRIENDS:

Community voices have been, since GLAAD's beginnings, at the heart of our work -- informing it, shaping it, an integral part of what makes our work effective. During the last two weeks, some of you have expressed concern about GLAAD's recent work concerning Dr. Laura Schlessinger and her move to television. Although some of this criticism has been hard to hear, we know how important it is to listen. And we've been listening.

Close to two years ago, media monitor volunteers brought the homophobic rhetoric of Dr. Laura to GLAAD's attention. A self-proclaimed "moral warrior," Dr. Laura's radio program reaches millions of listeners daily. Our path began with the unique approach of direct conversation with the adversary herself. We then mobilized the community to raise concerns and thousands of you did. We monitored radio broadcasts daily and used those transcripts to raise awareness about Dr. Laura's rhetoric with both GLBT and mainstream media. This campaign was also intended to garner the attention of Paramount and it did, leading to a recent meeting with key executives there to discuss its deal for a television show with Dr. Laura to premiere this September. (for more details on GLAAD's Dr. Laura campaign, click here).

With those who argue that GLAAD should have been advocating "pulling the plug" on the Dr. Laura television show from the start, we respectfully disagree. Our plan has been intentional from day one. We have always believed that there were series of cards to play and that it has been our responsibility to play each of them. We are all working toward the same end -- to ensure that Dr. Laura does not spew her homophobic rhetoric to a television audience and that media professionals are held accountable for portraying the reality of our lives. And we started this work far enough in advance to have meaningful conversations with Paramount before her show even went into production (currently slated for a September airdate).

Our recent meeting at Paramount included senior executives of Paramount Television, the co-presidents of Paramount Domestic Television, the head of Paramount Syndication, the executive producer of the upcoming show and the executive producer of Dr. Laura's current radio show. From GLAAD, I was there along with our communications director, Steve Spurgeon and the meeting lasted nearly three hours. We did a lot of talking but, using direct quotes, let Dr. Laura speak for herself. We provided them with numerous examples of vitriolic homophobic monologues and educated these executives about her primary source of research, the Family Research Council. Samples of quotes from the FRC webpage offered stunning illustrations to them of the depth of prejudice in Dr. Laura's words and her sources.

When Paramount made this deal, Dr. Laura's rhetoric was not top of mind for them. With GLAAD's work and our collective voices, they now know. Paramount didn't just buy controversy when they bought Dr. Laura; they bought trouble.

In this first meeting, we made solid progress. First, GLAAD was adamant that Dr. Laura's opinions not be unopposed in this show. Secondly, we looked for assurances that credible research be cited in any discussions on homosexuality. Paramount assured us on both of these points. Our third request, the critical one -- that we be assured that Dr. Laura not defame the Gay community -- remains unfinished business. And it is GLAAD's intent to finish it.

I acknowledge that since this first meeting with Paramount two weeks ago, we have not given the GLBT community enough information -- about what we've planned and about what we as a community can do together. So here's what's next.

A letter was sent to Paramount today requesting a second meeting within the next seven days to continue that conversation. We will ask for direct assurance -- in writing -- that Paramount has a zero tolerance for defamation directed at the Gay and Lesbian community (or any group) by Dr. Laura Schlessinger. We are hopeful that Paramount will see such a request as an opportunity to illustrate a fundamental sense of fairness towards all of us. Without an assurance of this sort, we'll call on Paramount to pull the plug on Dr. Laura and will ensure that our power as a community is felt.

As a national organization, GLAAD has proven to be effective working proactively behind the scenes and it is also part of its rich history to mobilize the community through direct action. These strategies live side by side in GLAAD's toolbox. We can only be truly effective if they do.

A few comments on our tactics and the steps we'll be taking: More information to you regularly. Continued daily monitoring of Dr. Laura's radio program and press she generates. Development of creative strategies to mobilize our community and Hollywood. Look for GLAAD to be more visible in the coming weeks as we continue to keep the pressure on. We'll continue to use our media expertise and our resources to keep Dr. Laura on the front burner everywhere.

GLAAD has been an effective force in the GLBT community for fifteen years. Our work is about media and its extraordinary influence on shaping attitudes and opinions about our community. But much of our strength comes from our ability to mobilize the community to stand with us as we advocate for change. We continue to be committed to ensuring that each of you is a part of GLAAD's work -- both informed and participating -- because we know we can't do it without you.

In that spirit, we must all continue to put pressure on Paramount -- many of you already have. But as you can imagine, Paramount is being flooded with letters from Dr. Laura's fans and from members of the Family Research Council. You need to send a letter today. And then have ten others send letters.

Write to: Frank Kelly, Paramount Domestic Television, 5555 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90038, E-Mail: television@pdc.paramount.com

Sincerely,
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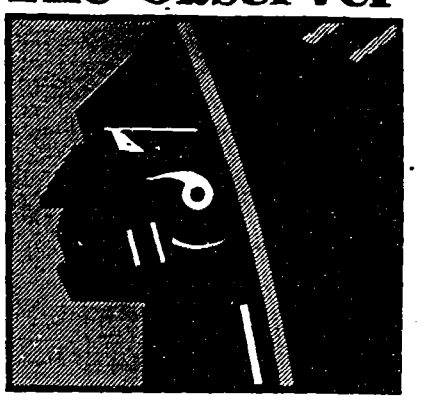

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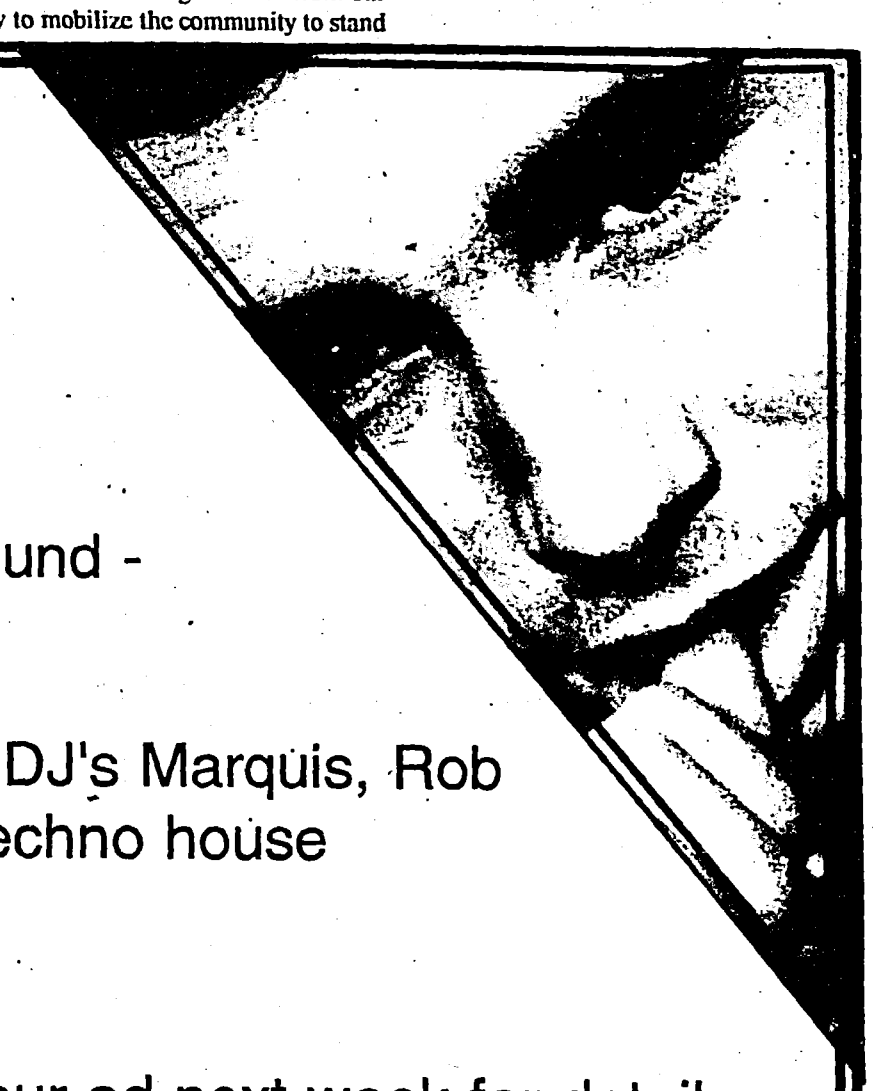

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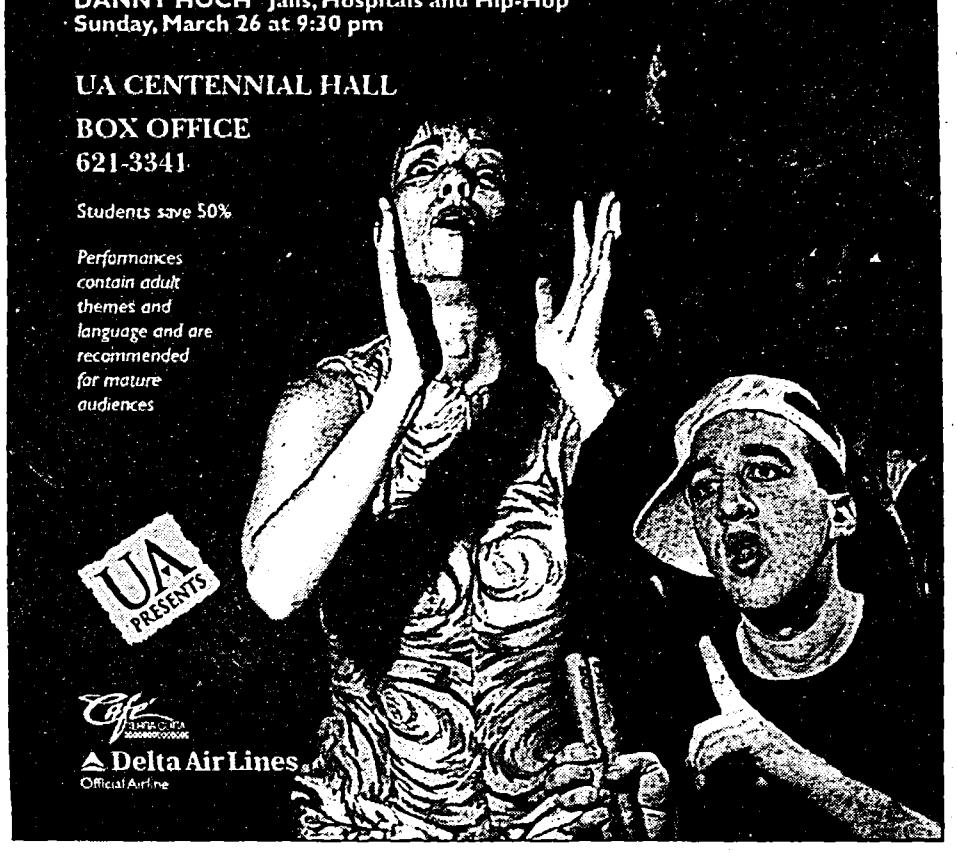

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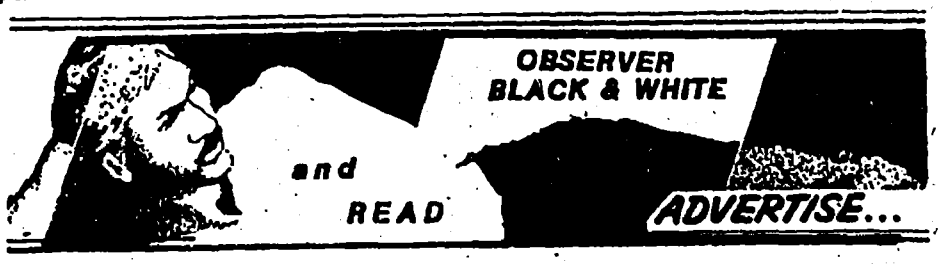

POLITICS 2000
by Mark R. Kerr

Dotting The "T's" And Crossing The "I's"

Arizona's legislature continues at a break neck speed, trying to finish by March 31, for a total of 82 days, if the Republican leadership gets their way.

Rules? Procedure? Pending legislation? Forget it. Finish by March 31 is the cry heard in Phoenix. Let the strike-everything amendments flow! Without the budget process to deal with, the race is on to finish, and then start the campaign season.

This week marks another of the self-imposed deadlines. Friday, March 10, marks the last day for the two chambers of the Arizona Legislature to hear each other's bills in committee.

Even with all that, an update on legislation that has survived so far:

There is a provision in the Arizona statutes that recognizes same-sex couples, "intimate partners," pertaining to domestic violence situations.

If the Arizona trial lawyers, and surprisingly, many domestic violence groups, get their way, that language would be removed from Title 13, under SB 1173. This bill would purportedly expand protection against the use of domestic violence, as a basis for denial, cancellation, or refusal to renew to all types of insurance.

The reasoning behind this? Robbing Peter to pay Paul, or as sources stated, "It's another give us this today and we'll come back and fix it next year BS."

SB 1173 sailed through the state Senate and was approved by the House Banking and Insurance Committee, by a 3-1-2 vote. (State Rep. Steve May, R-Phoenix voted no). The House Rules committee now takes up SB 1173. ...

Archaic laws, dealing with "cohabitation," "crimes against nature," and the infamous sodomy statute have been on the books in Arizona since 1901. These laws are seldom enforced, but are used to discriminate, by the radical right, against it's Gay and Lesbian taxpaying citizens.

Attempts have been made to repeal these statutes, and there is a majority of support in both chambers in the Legislature to do this. They've been thwarted by the radical-right Republican leadership though, who have flouted the rules to prevent legislation getting through the legislature.

Under HB 2462, if approved, these laws would stay on the books for a long time, used to discriminate against future generations.

Sponsored by state Rep. Mark Anderson, R-Mesa, an ultraconservative Mormon, HB 2462 would create a Marriage and Parenting Skills Commission and teach marriage classes to school children. One of the provisions would "prohibits discussion or encouragement of unlawful behavior."

Anderson was questioned about this provision by fellow House members, he wouldn't define what "unlawful behavior" was. Though he didn't define it, sources stated it's another attempt by the radical-right to force their morality down the throats of others.

HB 2462 is on the Senate Family Services committee agenda which will meet Friday, March 10.

In other legislative action:

HB 2122, the radical-right's attempt to control school curriculums was derailed in that form, by a 23-30 vote.

HB 2585, state Rep. Karen Johnson's, R-Mesa, attempt to teach creationism never got out of the state House. It didn't make the deadline for a bill to get out of its respective chamber.

HB 2297 and SB 1552, dealing with the regulation of adult businesses failed in their present form.

Before HB 2297 and SB 1552 were killed in their present form, they were the subject of a radio stunt, where a half dozen legislators hopped a bus for a "fact-finding" tour of area topless bars. The tour was symbolic in the end - the bills were pulled off the legislative calendar and thus killed in their present form.

"I really think it's pretty tame," says Rep. Christine Weason, D-Phoenix, of the Hi-Liter show club in Phoenix. She said in an interview that she wasn't offended and saw no criminal activity in the club.

The tour was sponsored by a Phoenix radio host in a bid to poke fun at the two bills. One other Democrat and four Republican lawmakers accompanied Weason on the tour.

Openly Gay Rep. Ken Cheuvront, D-Phoenix, said in an interview that he wanted to stand up for "law-abiding citizens who frequent these places."

Rep. Carolyn Allen was more reserved in her support. "I support their right to do what they want for a living," she said in an interview, "but the feminist in me is a little sad," says the Scottsdale Republican. "I wouldn't want to walk in here and see my granddaughter up there."

State Senator Randall Grant, R-Phoenix, also made the tour, as did Rep. Linda Binder, R-Lake Havasu City and openly Gay Rep. Steve May, R-Phoenix. ...

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MI5 Spied On Tallulah

LONDON, UK (NP) - Fearing that the deep-throated diva was corrupting the boys of Eton, not to mention her "ambisextrous" escapades, British authorities tried to find grounds to deport her.

Legendary U.S. stage and screen star Tallulah Bankhead (1903 - 1968) cheerfully identified herself as "ambisextrous," but her 1920's stay in London was a little too roaring for British authorities, according to secret files just released under Britain's "open government" initiative.

She was investigated for the Home Office by the First Lord of the Admiralty, the intelligence service MI5 and Scotland Yard in search of reasons to deport her as a danger to public morality, but adequate evidence was never obtained. To other Britons of the time, she was the most popular actress in London; one lord remarked that, "There are only three people in England who are front-page news: the Prince of Wales, George Bernard Shaw and Tallulah Bankhead." She returned to the U.S. not by the boot of the Home Office but by an attractive offer of film work with Paramount.

The greatest concern to the Home Office was that Bankhead might have "corrupted" a half-dozen students at Eton, including sons of the nobility. Their fears were apparently triggered by newspaper headlines in 1928. The file alleged that, "It is common knowledge at Eton that certain boys, numbering five to six, were caught breaking bounds at association with this woman." It also said, "I hear from another quarter that one or both of Sir Matthew Wilson's older sons used to motor down to Eton with her to see the third son who was smuggled away for the afternoon under a rug in the car. It was said this was the beginning of the Tallulah Bankhead Eton boys clique."

One Etonian of the era told the "London Times" this week that, "Oh, I remember Tallulah. She was a well-known dope fiend. I think she came and had tea in one of the boy's rooms and he didn't ask permission."

First Lord of the Admiralty William Bridgeman was sent to Eton to make inquiries, but received little cooperation from headmaster Cyril Allington. Allington said there had been no expulsions, although parents had been asked to withdraw three boys who had broken rules regarding cars. Allington said that Bankhead had once visited Eton but had been asked not to return. Bridgeman was advised that, "no information could be obtained at Eton, and no inquiry or action which the Home Office could make or take regarding TB could embarrass Eton." As the MI5 investigator identified as "FHM" later wrote, "The headmaster is obviously not prepared to assist Home Office by revealing what he knows of her exploits with some of the boys, i.e., he wants to do everything possible to keep Eton out of the scandal."

Scotland Yard described Bankhead as "a theatrical artiste of some ability" and reported, "Although it is rumored in theatrical circles that Miss Bankhead is regarded as a sexual pervert, it has not been possible to gather any information to confirm this."

MI5 developed an inch-thick dossier based solely on rumors. The service submitted a confidential report to the Home Secretary in August 1928 saying, "The charge against Miss Tallulah Bankhead (an American aged 26) is quite simply a) that she is an extremely immoral woman and b) that in consequence of her association with some Eton boys last term, the latter have had to leave Eton. As regards a) according to informant, she is both a Lesbian and immoral with men. Informant believes she comes from a respectable American family, her father, a Senator, having turned her out of the house when she was young owing to immoral proclivities." In fact it was her grandfather who was a Senator; her father was a Congressmember who served as Speaker of the House from 1936 - 1940. Her family was quite liberal, but her mother died when she was quite young, so she spent much of her youth in boarding schools.

The MI5 report continued, "It is also said she 'kept' a Negress in America before she came to the country [England] in 1925 and she 'keeps' a girl in London now. As regards her more natural proclivities, informant tells me that she bestows her favors 'generously' without payment." And although the investigator was too shocked to record all he learned regarding Bankhead's male friends, he did write, "Informant added that her circle is a center of vice patronized by at least one of the most promiscuous sodomites in London." Even in 1974, MI5 still felt these materials were too sensitive for release.

Scotland Yard's Inspector George Yandell spent two Sundays visiting the Hotel de Paris -- alleged site of the corruption of the Etonians, and according to the police report a gathering place for a "fast, smart set" -- without finding corroboration for the allegations. The report concluded that it was "not likely that it would have been possible for the alien [Bankhead] to practice within the hotel premises any of the indecent and unnatural offenses with such students, as are alleged."

Bankhead's finest film work is universally agreed to be her performance in Alfred Hitchcock's 1944 thriller "Lifeboat," for which she won the New York Film Critics' Best Actress award, although some find a campy pleasure in Silvio Narizzano's 1965 "Die! Die! My Darling" (known in the U.K. as "Fanatic"). She also appeared in Frank Borzage's star-studded 1943 "Stage Door Canteen" and 11 other films beginning in 1918, including some silents. Much more of her career was devoted to the stage than to the screen.

But Bankhead is remembered even better for her bourbon-fueled and often quite salty wit than even her five successful decades on the boards, although it's no longer entirely possible to distinguish truth from legend. On one occasion, she received a telegram from a man saying, "I want you for my wife," and Bankhead allegedly replied, "Splendid. Is she good-looking?" A noted party-goer and party-giver, she is said to have once quipped, "My father warned me about men and booze, but he never mentioned a word about women and cocaine."

"I've rejoiced in considerable dalliance, and have no regrets ... I found no surprises in the Kinsey Report," she once said -- or as she put it more succinctly on another occasion, "I'm as pure as the driven slush."

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Bush Trips Over His Tongue Into Meeting With Log Cabin Republicans

BURBANK, CA (WS) - A spokeswoman for Texas Gov. George W. Bush repeated the presidential candidate's insistence, made over the weekend, that his views on Gay rights and Gay Republicans had been "misrepresented" by the national media, and that his willingness to meet with Gay Republicans was not a reversal.

Karen Hughes, Bush's communications director, said that Bush's comments made during an appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press" last November had been interpreted incorrectly.

Asked to comment on John McCain's meeting with Log Cabin representatives, Bush said that he would "probably not" meet with the group. Asked why, Bush said, "I don't believe in group thought, pitting one group of people against another. And all that does is create kind of a huge political, you know, nightmare for people."

"I am someone who is a uniter, not a divider," Bush continued. "I don't believe in group thought, pitting one group of people against another." A week later, he defended his comments, saying he did not wish to"politicize" a matter as "personal and private" as someone's sexuality.

Bush told reporters that he welcomes support from Gay Republicans and that he wants to meet with the group. Hughes insisted the candidate's "initial reluctance" to meet had been directed at only two leaders of the Log Cabin group, whom Bush believed had already backed McCain.

"The governor does have many supporters who are members of local chapters of different Log Cabin organizations," she said. "He welcomes their support and will certainly consider meeting with them."

The airy spin on six months of mutual distrust and almost open animosity between Log Cabin officials in Washington and advisors to the Bush campaign drew a stunned reply from national spokesman for the group Kevin Ivers. " It seems the more she talks, the more bizarre this gets. If you look at the video, it is pretty clear" what Bush said and what he meant, said Ivers.

"Still," he said, "we stand by our statement that what the governor said (Sunday) is a positive development."

Bush's refusal to meet with the Gay group was the subject of a pro- Bush radio ad produced by the Christian Coalition and aired in South Carolina. The ad questioned McCain's conservative credentials by noting that he had met with the organization.

Bush was again reminded of his exclusionary practices in a speech on tolerance made at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles. Bush was repeatedly heckled by a man later identified at 31-year-old Richard Noble, who shouted: "He talks about tolerance and inclusion -- but he can't open his heart to include Gay Americans? What about Gay people?"

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Half A Million Watched Sydney G/L Mardi Gras

SYDNEY, Australia (WS) - More than 500,000 revellers braved strong winds and drizzle to cram Sydney's Oxford Street for the city's most glam party of the year -- the Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.

Up to 750,000 people were expected to descend on the city's pink heart but the poor weather kept some away, organizers said of a get-together church leaders have labeled an exercise in gross exhibitionism.

As spectators stood on their now-traditional milk crate perches, flesh and exotic costumes went on display as more than 200 floats and 7,200 marchers sashayed their way through the city streets.

Assistant area co-ordinator for the Mardi Gras, Liz Dods, estimated the crowd an hour before the parade kicked off at just under half a million strong

"But it is building -- building quite quickly", she said.

The parade, which began as a civil rights demonstration, has retained a political edge.

The Bloody Marys marched in a colorful and glamorous protest of a federal government decision to tax tampons, while a large Aboriginal contingent made clear their thoughts on reconciliation, prompting roars of approval from spectators.

Hot on their heels came the Asian Marching Boys, a contingent of Gay police, and Lesbian doctors riding on a surgical green float with a pink heart centrepiece.

Perhaps the most eye-catching costume was that of Darko Marquesi, who wore a multi-media outfit with 393 lights, turbo rockets, microprocessors and flashing rainbows.

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BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Lucky Jupiter "squares" foggy Neptune this week. Just when we think we caught a lucky break, we simply get caught! The wilder we behave the wilder the consequences. So be it, compadres!

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Friends can lead you into temptation when rollicking Jupiter squares Neptune. Platonic interludes are costly ventures but what the heck! Rainbow Rambos goaded to spend, spend, spend and forget about the proverbial rainy day. You only live once, cousin, and when you finally run out of gas and cash, compadres will be there to fill you up. Won't they...?

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Gay Bulls are guaranteed to make ... ahem ... memorable impressions on those stuffed corporate shirts in the corner offices when feisty Jupiter aspects out-of-control Neptune. Of course it may not be the impression you intended to make! Neptune conspires to pull down your pants at the most inopportune moment. Perhaps you can make it work for you? Wear clean underwear just in case.

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Expect an affirming intuitive jolt when Jupiter squares Neptune. Your best kept secret is Out! Out! Out! and the world will soon know. Good thing too; global proportions are just your size now. But for every action there is an equal reaction. Expect to get hit in the head as the pendulum swings if you don't carefully assess your moves during this transit. Big IS better - don't waste a drop.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23

There is a blurred line between friends and lovers when Jupiter squares Neptune. It may be that pink Crabs can push a platonic relationship to a more intimate level, but more than likely, this transit means that your latest "true love" may not mesh well with the rest of your gang. It's "either/or" for the next two weeks, bubbele. Can you stand it?

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Jupiter blows minor professional gaffs into massive explosions. Now as it squares Neptune, repercussions splatter onto current or potential partnerships. As much as you yearn for a comforting shoulder, this transit will more than likely deliver a cold one. Poor queer dear; perhaps it's better to shoulder your own troubles for a while or rub 'em away with the help of a powerful mentor.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

If you're feeling under the weather and unable to go the distance, blame the drain on Jupiter square Neptune. Although proud Virgins are usually buttoned up and implacable, this may be a time of foggy thinking, detours and wasted energy. Be especially careful of shoddy efforts at work - you get away with absolutely nothing now. How about a vacation?

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Volumes could be written on what can happen to hapless Gay Libras reeling in the throes of Jupiter square Neptune. You could be swept off your feet intoxicated by that tall drink posing by the bar. Or maybe you can unwrap that box of candy sitting next to you at the movies. But before you indulge your sweet tooth, set limits to your sexual consumption and don't overdo.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Proud Scorps may have trouble finding a compromising place in domestic disputes when expansive Jupiter chaffs foggy Neptune. Your grandiose remodeling or moving plans may not fit in with partners' schemes. Can't live with 'em? Can't live without 'em? Single scorpions are advised not to shack up with anyone right now. A deity can turn into a troll overnight.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

As frustrated as you may be in your day to day job, Gay Archers are well advised to keep their pungent opinions to themselves while gross Jupiter squares uncontrollable Neptune. Your saucy crabapples will inevitably hit the mark and you will be fed a bowl of sour mush in return. Hungry, compadre? Heck, you're not that hungry! Hold your tongue, or get a friend to do so.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Fun may prove to be far more expensive than first anticipated. Frugal queer Capricorns pay through the nose for their Gay jollies. And speaking about nose, larger than life Jupiter may tempt you to overindulge in all sorts of recreational dust ups. What can I say except burn the midnight oil at work until this transit passes. It may keep you out of trouble... or maybe not!

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians are itching to move, remodel or push a bit of furniture around when Jupiter squares Neptune. Take it one small step at a time, compadre; you have a tendency to go overboard in any home related project and may not like your artistic touches next week at this time. This is also not an opportune moment to get into heavy discussions with family. Wait before you bait.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Rainbow Fish are usually very... ahem... imaginative. Now, as foggy Neptune squares expansive Jupiter, your mind is awash with wild ramblings that you're not afraid to announce to the immediate world. Before your mumblings send you to the edge of social hell, contain yourself. Use this energy to gain greater insight by studying yoga, mediation or, dare I say, astrology.

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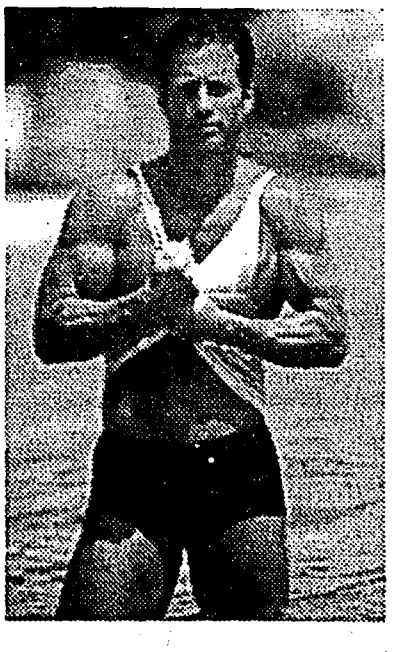

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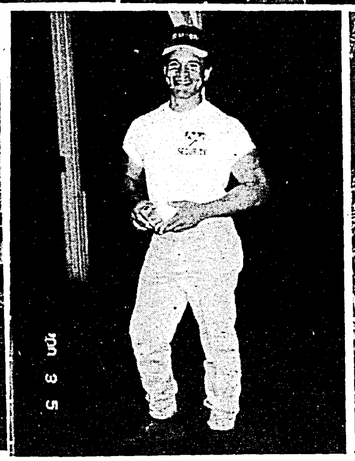

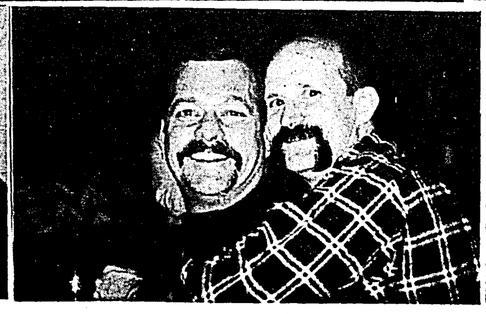

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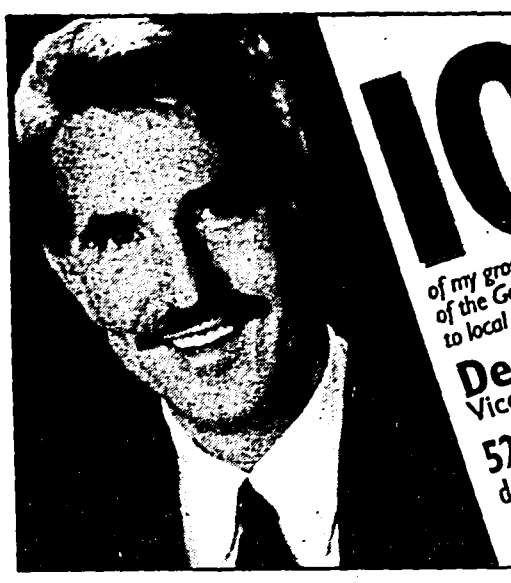
NEWS FROM WATER OF LIFE MCC

The Reverend Elder Darlene Garner of Los Angeles returns to Tucson to facilitate a weekend planning session at Water of Life MCC. The weekend events will begin with a Lasagna supper at 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 10, and continue with discussion of the new Water of Life Mission Statement, as well as begin the strategic planning of programs that will aid in the church's ministry in Tucson and Southern Arizona. The programming will focus on the three major points of the mission statement, which are, "Reaching out to all generations, Serving all who seek Christ's touch in their lives, and Celebrating the love of God for all people."

Saturday, March 11, the work will continue at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. "These time of planning is a key element for the continued growth and development of this church", said Rev. Joyce Cook, pastor of the local congregation. Since the Saturday meeting will continue through the lunch hour, participants are requested to bring a sack lunch for themselves, and a desert to share with others at the event.

Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church, located at 3269 N. Mountain Avenue between Fort Lowell and Prince Roads, is a member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Founded in December 1970 with continuous service for more than twenty-nine years, Water of Life MCC of Tucson is one of the early congregations of the UFMCC. The Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry founded the UFMCC in 1968 in southern California as a Christian church with an affirming ministry and outreach to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered communities.

The congregation of Water of Life MCC is pleased to have the Rev. Elder Garner as our guest and looks forward to working with her to shape our programming for the years ahead. Rev. Joyce Cook extends an open invitation for everyone to join us for this exciting weekend, and to visit the church at the regular 9:15 or 11:15 a.m. Sunday worship services. For additional information, please call the church office at (520) 292-9151, or email WOLMCC@aol.com.



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A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

This computer that I write my article on each week is truly amazing. It helps me type with great speed and accuracy, stores all sorts of information for me and is now, thanks to the Internet, a link for me to the world. I am truly amazed at the incredible amounts of information that are available to me through it.

Of course, information is not the all important thing in our lives that some people make it out to be. Some people seem obsessed with "surfing the Net" and finding all sorts of obscure items and tid-bits of info. Yet I've always thought, "what good is information if you can't apply it or use it effectively!" Yes, just about anything I want some information about is accessible through my trusty computer but how much of it I will ever search out is still to be seen.

The study of God's Word, The Bible is much the same. It has so much information that one could spend a lifetime devoted to studying its facts. And in deed, some people do. I have known some people who are extremely well versed and knowledgeable in the Bible. But sadly, they don't know how to apply what they know. I guess that's where legalisms stems from...you know, a need to be correct without considering the consequences. Jesus warned the pharisees of His day to stop looking only at the law instead of the intent of the law. An example was demonstrated when Jesus healed a blind man on the Sabbath, a day of rest. The Pharisees would rather a man remain blind than have Jesus "work" which seemed in their minds a violation of God's law.

Yes, information is a tremendous asset but only if used wisely. As a Christian I often pray for God to enlighten me to better understand his scriptures and then use it appropriately. Probably many of you have had scripture used to condemn you and the fact that you are homosexual. But I challenge you to re look at the facts. Study God's Word in direct translations of the original languages it was written. Perhaps you will come to an understanding that God not only can love you, but does!

I won't go so far as to say too much information is bad for us. But I will caution all of us to try to seek truths and then apply that knowledge in a meaningful way. We would all be the better for such effort.

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EDITOR:

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made the reactivation of the Share Bears fund raising program a huge success this past Saturday night, raising $505 for emergency assistance to clients of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF). One hundred percent of these monies will go to directly support clients of SAAF for emergency needs not covered by any other available funding sources.

Thank you to IBT's, Stonewall and the Venture-N for hosting Share Bear volunteers this weekend. And thank you to Woody's, and Ain't Nobody's Nusiness who have agreed to participate in this ongoing program. And to the bar patrons who gave so generously Saturday night, thank you so much . Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of those affected by HIV/AIDS.

Thank you to the great volunteers: Andrew, Del, and Marc, and their friends who came along to assist, who got this program started again. You all did a fantastic job!

Share Bear volunteers will be out in the participating bars again the first Saturday of next month, April 1, from 9:00 p.m. to midnight. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for the Share Bear program, please contact Lindsey at SAAF, (520) 628-7223.

Thank you again everyone.

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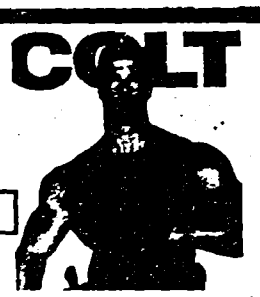

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Big Happenings At CBA's February Meeting

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AN EXPANDED BOARD AND A NEW PRESIDENT!

The Community Business Association is Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking organization, the largest of its kind in Arizona. With approximately 250 members, it is ranked the 12th largest business organization in the metropolitan Tucson area.

If asked to capsulize the state of affairs in the CBA Board of Directors in a single word, "growth" fits. Since the organization's beginnings in 1996, CBA has grown to a membership of approximately 250, and is ranked by Inside Tucson Business (January 10, 2000) as the 12th largest business/trade association in the Tucson metropolitan area-becoming a significant networking organization for Gay and Lesbian business people.

CBA co-founder and president since its inception, Greg Hollman, stepped down from his four years of service as of March 1, 2000. Members owe a great deal to Greg, realizing that CBA would not have reached its current stage of development without his leadership and foresight. Both Greg and co-founder Brad Sensenbach will remain members of the Board.

In the fall of 1999 the Board began to expand-to bring new energy, new ideas and new leadership to CBA. New Board members Rebecca McReynolds, Financial Writer, and Gerry Connor, Mediator and Arbitrator, were announced in September, 1999. In January, three more Board members were added: Larry Cummings, City of Tucson Office of Economic Development, Deb Whalen, Photographic Works, and Terry Rich, TBRich Design.

Board member Mae Krueger, DynaSet, LLC, announced her decision to step down from the Board and the Secretary's position, but will still act as "Keeper of the Database." Joey Martinez, Wells Fargo Bank-Treasurer for all these years-has also stepped down. CBA thanks Mac and Joey for all their hard work and valiant commitment to CBA!

Rebecca McReynolds was selected to take over the function of CBA President as of March 1, 2000. Janette Bunge will act as Treasurer, and Gerry Connor is the new Secretary. The current mix brings the number of Board members to seven, with four Advisors (see inset). For information about CBA and how to join, call (520) 615-6436. It should be noted that members need not own their own businesses to become a member of CBA.

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SAAF Offers Workshop For People Affected By HIV/AIDS March 10-12

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) offers PLUS (Positive Living for Us Seminar), March 10-12.

PLUS is a weekend of educational workshops, empowerment, and celebration for those affected by HIV/AIDS. The seminar is free and open to anyone whose life has been touched by HIV/AIDS. Participants must register by calling Artt at SAAF, (520) 628-7223. PLUS opens March 10, 6:00 P.M., with dinner, an inspiring address by counselor Linda Sherwood, and African drumming and dancing led by the extraordinary teacher and dancer, Eno Washington.

The spirit of celebration and empowerment is carried through the workshops Saturday and Sunday. Workshops include Eastern Approach to Wellness, Affordable Nutrition, Acupuncture Detox, Eroticizing Safer Sex, Reflexology, Navigating Managed Care, Women and HIV, an open forum with Dr. Neal Ampel. Presenters include licensed acupuncturist Maryann Tully, author Michael Mooney, therapist Pamela Stevens, and Dr. Kelly Vollmer. Morning refreshments, lunch, hor d'oeuvres, receiving acupuncture, massage and listening to good music will be offered.

PLUS seminars began in Los Angeles in 1987, and became a regular program of the Los Angeles Shanti, an organization offering emotional support to people with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. Seminars are offered by other AIDS service organizations across the country.

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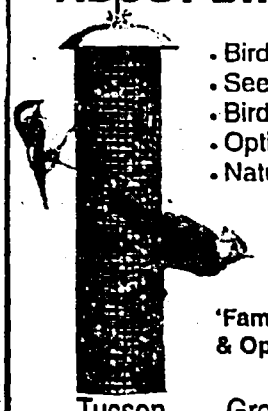

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Our Global Struggle For Equality

By Kerry Lobel

Women in some 138 countries around the world marked International Women's Day on March 8 with marches, protests, teach-ins and other events. This day, where the feminist and labor movements converge, recalls both the victims of some of the most horrific labor disputes and the women who heroically fought for better working conditions.

None of these incidents made it into my history textbooks as a child, but they are important nonetheless for what they teach the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community about the strategies necessary to form one global movement for social justice.

March 8, 1857. Women working in clothing and textile factories in New York City staged a protest against inhumane working conditions and low wages. The police attacked the protestors and dispersed them. Two years later, these women created their first labor union.

March 8, 1908. 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter working hours, better pay, voting rights and an end to child labor. They adopted the slogan "bread and roses," with bread symbolizing economic security and roses a better quality of life.

March 1911. International Women's Day was recognized for the first time in history. More than one million women and men took to the streets in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. Tragically, just eight days later, the "Triangle Fire" occurred in New York City, where more than 140 workers, mostly young Italian and Jewish immigrant women, lost their lives at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company. A silent funeral march, organized by the Women's Trade Union League and the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, brought more than 100,000 protestors out on the streets and led to passage of favorable labor legislation.

There is a solid line that connects these events and organizing strategies of the past with our work today. Witness the important agenda of Pride at Work, a sister organization that works on GLBT economic issues, the GLBT folks who protested at the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle, and those at the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission that work for civil rights for the GLBT community throughout the world.

In an era of increased globalization, we increasingly live in a world without borders. Home and work can be rooted anywhere. It can be California or Calcutta, Bosnia or Burlington, Michigan or Mozambique. While organizations like NGLTF may focus on the center of gravity being in individual states, that doesn't mean that the center of gravity for the worldwide GLBT movement for equality lies in the United States. On the contrary, some of our most stunning victories are found in other countries.

Look around us. The Canadian Parliament has tentatively approved a measure that would amend 68 federal statutes to give same-sex couples legal status equal to that of unmarried heterosexual couples. The move - prompted by a Canadian Supreme Court ruling that heterosexual-only spousal laws are unconstitutional - means that same-sex partners can enjoy such benefits as the right to file joint tax returns, share health care coverage and use other benefits offered to spouses of government employees, including permanent immigration for foreign partners.

Great Britain has lifted its ban on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people serving in the military. The Netherlands can no longer discriminate against Lesbian couples seeking in vitro fertilization, and is in the process of expanding its marriage law to include same-sex couples. Israel is beginning to grant permanent resident status to same-sex foreign partners. And Brazil is considering strong hate crimes legislation.

As we continue to receive the good news of GLBT advances around the world, let us step up to the challenge of organizing on the home front. Canada, Great Britain, France, Brazil, Israel and the Netherlands are examples of countries that are showing us the way.

International Women's Day teaches us that there were those before us who both recognized and lived an international movement for women's freedom that found gender and economic issues to be indivisible. This month, let's join those who realized that the struggle for women's freedom could only be won through an international movement. Let's work for the day when our many movements for social justice work as one in a world without borders or boundaries.

[Kerry Lobel is the executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

G/L Mardi Gras

quesi, a web designer who won the best parade costume last year.

After 22 years the Mardi Gras has developed into the world's biggest in-your-face celebration of Gay pride and is the only street parade to rival for crowd pulling power the Carnivale in Rio and the New Orleans Jazz Festival.

Worth upwards of 150 million dollars (93 million US) a year to the national economy, it was being beamed live on television, and the Internet for the first time.

But the divas and drag queens are not popular with the leaders of the two biggest Christian churches.

Catholic Church leader Cardinal Edward Clancy and Anglican Archbishop Harry Goodhew said it was little more than a highly erotic and gross way of promoting homosexuality.

Both have steered clear of criticism previously but decided to break their silence this year as the extravaganza goes from strength to strength.

"The annual Gay Mardi Gras is an exercise in gross exhibitionism that promotes a homosexual lifestyle, and does not merit our presence or our support," said Clancy.

Goodhew said: "This highly erotic display promotes a homosexual lifestyle, and is certainly not deserving of the presence or support of citizens of this city," he said in a recent statement.

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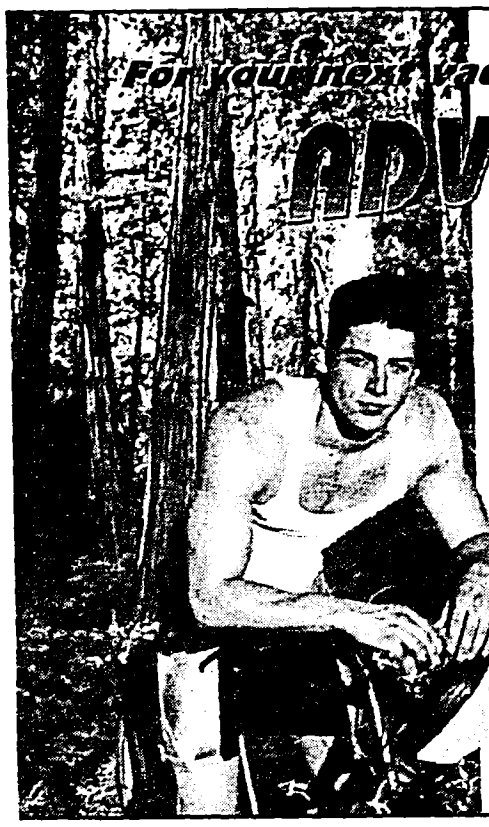
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A three-week program, June 11-30, that includes roundtable discussions, guest speakers (artists, activists and community leaders), field trips, museum visits, videos, encounters with local community groups, activities of the Gay Cultural Month in Mexico City and the 23rd Gay Pride March in Mexico City. The program includes a homestay with a Mexican Gay man or couple, which makes this experience more personal and profound. Students are evaluated and placed at the appropriate level of Spanish language instruction with a maximum of five students in each class. For more information contact: cetlalic@mail.giga.com (Antonio Ortega - Gay Program Coordinator) or visit our web-site, www.giga.com/~cetlalic. ...

For all women interested in studying Spanish while learning about Lesbian life in Mexico today. Roundtable discussions, lectures, field trips, museum visits, and encounters with local community groups afford participants an understanding of the cultural context of Lesbian identity in Mexico, June 11-30.

Students are evaluated and placed at the appropriate level of Spanish language instruction with a maximum of five students in each class. The program includes a homestay with a Mexican Lesbian or couple, which makes this experience more personal and profound. It also includes activities of the Lesbian Cultural Days in Mexico City and the 23rd Gay Pride March in Mexico City. For more information contact: cetlalic@mail.giga.com (Marisela Chaplin - Lesbian Program Coordinator) or visit our web-site, www.giga.com/~cetlalic.

Israel's Singing Star Dies Of AIDS

JERUSALEM, Israel (WS) - Israel's singing star Okra Haza, whose cause of death last week has been kept a closely-guarded secret, died of complications resulting from AIDS.

Haza died at the age of 41, two weeks after being hospitalized in Tel Aviv with a mystery ailment.

Blood tests confirmed that Haza was infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and cited a senior doctor at the hospital who complained that neither Haza nor members of her family informed medical staff of her condition.

The hospital, however, said only: "We refuse to comment on the cause of Okra Haza's disease."

Haza, the daughter of Jewish-Yemenite parents, was known as Israel's Cinderella after emerging from humble roots to win international acclaim for her exotic melding of Middle Eastern music with the latest dance styles.

Thousands of tearful Israelis turned out to mourn the singer when she was buried last week.

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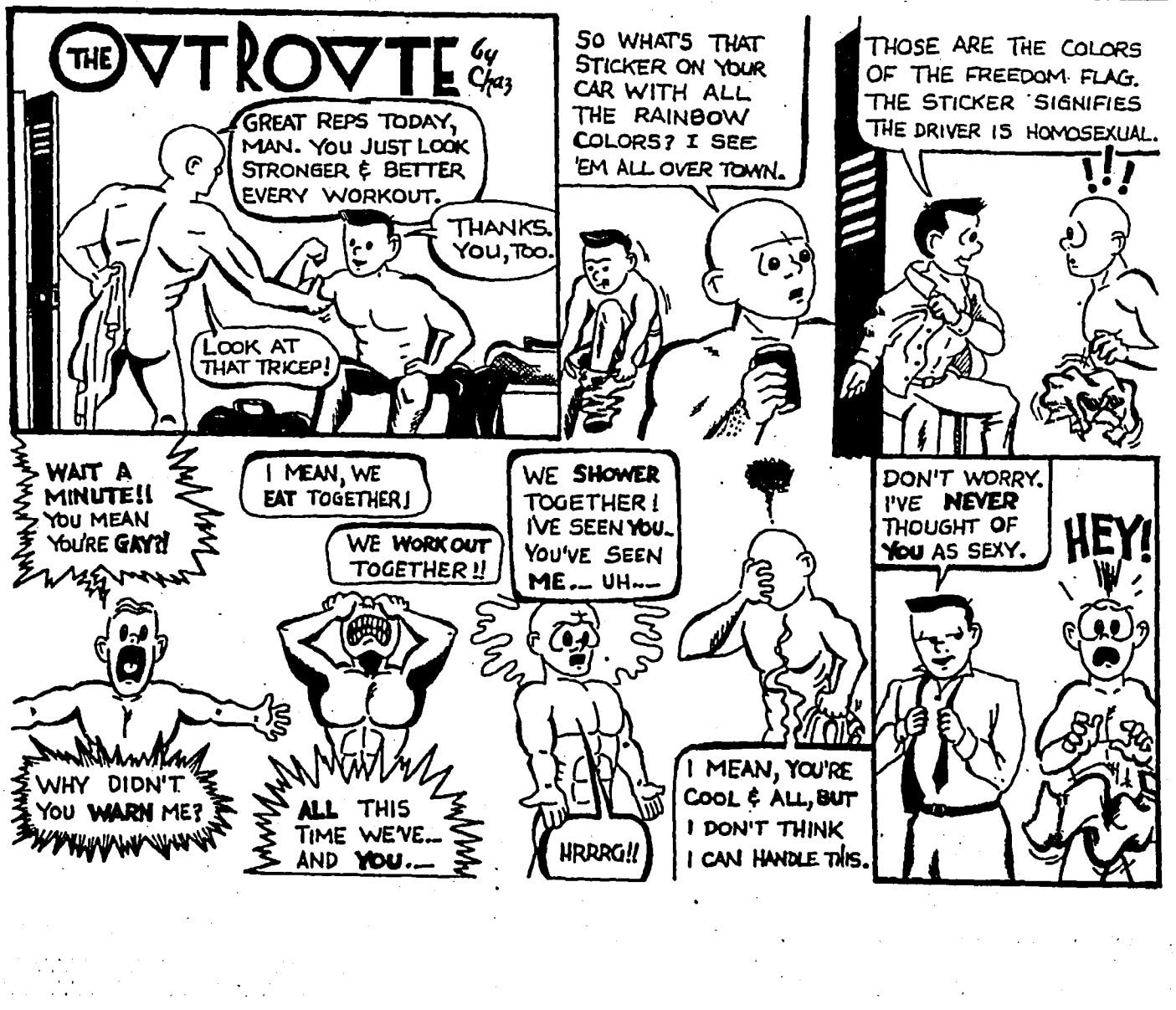

Military's Lesson Plans Reflect Unease On G/L Policy

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"climate which ensures all soldiers are treated with dignity and respect." But only a single slide, out of 15, deals with such harassment as anonymous threats, derogatory language and graffiti.

For the past two years, the Navy has not included any materials on Gay issues in its general training program. In response to Cohen's directives, it developed the lesson on building trust. After explaining that faith in fellow sailors is an essential requirement of Navy life, the lesson focuses on sexual assault and then turns to a lengthy examination of sexual harassment, particularly of women by men. Nearly an hour into the presentation, after slides and a video on other matters, the Pentagon's guidance against harassment of Gays finally is presented on two quick slides.

None of the materials, in any of the service branches, mentions the murder at Fort Campbell and its role in prompting the training. If troops ask why Gay issues are getting more attention, Army trainers are advised to respond that "the basic elements of the Department of Defense homosexual conduct policy remain unchanged. The recent emphasis is due to recently published additional guidelines."

Despite the Defense Department's new insistence on "don't harass," none of the service branches has issued instructions on how to treat individuals who do harass. Whether specific acts of harassment merit punishment is a judgment left to individual commanders, Pentagon officials said.

Moreover, the Defense Department does not keep records on the number of harassment cases, nor does it track how such cases are handled, the officials said. The department's inspector general, on Cohen's orders, is surveying attitudes toward "don't ask, don't tell" at a representative sample of 38 bases around the world and will assess the extent of harassment as part of the study, the officials said.

Some indication of the Army's thinking about harassment is evident in a handout for trainers.

To promote discussion, the trainer is instructed to pose the case of a sergeant major who comes across a unit marching to "a cadence that is slanderous to blondes, homosexuals, Eskimos and legs [non-airborne soldiers]." That scenario mirrors a real-life incident, now under investigation at Fort Campbell, in which an airborne unit allegedly marched to the cadence, "Faggot, faggot, down the street. Shoot him, shoot him, till he retreats."

Army trainers are supposed to explain that in such circumstances, the sergeant should either stop the marchers for "counseling on the spot" or, more discreetly, take the soldier in charge aside and have that soldier "make the correction." The sergeant is also advised to report the incident—either formally or informally—through the unit's chain of command. But there is nothing in the training materials to suggest whether disciplinary action is appropriate.

In one point, however, Army headquarters does offer clear guidance: "We do not want our equal opportunity advisers to become associated with the homosexuality issue," said a senior officer who helped develop the training program.

Equal opportunity advisers are assigned to every command team throughout the Army and are meant to convey the service's strong commitment to positive race relations. But the Army is adamant that these advisers should not play any role in advocating tolerance or equal treatment of homosexuals, as they do for minorities.

"We are trying to keep the two very separate," the senior officer explained. "When we say we want to celebrate diversity, that we want to ensure everyone gets a fair chance at advancement, we cannot apply that same spirit to people whose sexual conduct violates the law."

Nevertheless, the training programs fail to satisfy activists on either side of the issue.

"The new guidelines are full of contradictory and frustrating messages which are going to increase the already substantial alienation that many service members feel toward the military hierarchy," Robert L. Maginnis, a retired Army officer who is senior director for national security affairs at the Family Research Council, an advocacy group that opposes the presence of Gays in the military, told the Post.

Maginnis said he particularly objects to the Pentagon's advice to commanders who come across "credible evidence" of homosexual conduct.

In April 1998, a top-level Pentagon review recommended that even when commanders believe they have evidence of homosexual conduct, they should consult with legal officers at headquarters level before starting an investigation. That became official policy last August, although the services did not fully disseminate the new guidelines until this year.

While the materials issued by the Army for troop training note the changed policy, a briefing prepared for commanders offers different guidance. It says that on discovering "possible conduct," a commander should "contact law enforcement or [the] appropriate Defense criminal investigative organization."

That advice appears to conflict with the original intent of the Clinton administration in instituting the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which was to avert criminal investigations of Gays and Lesbians in uniform.

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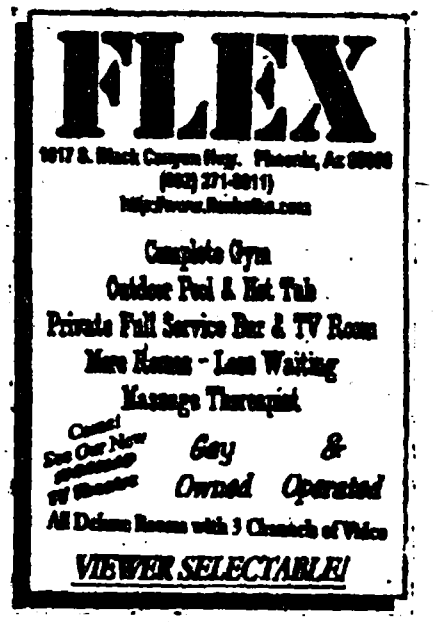

Non-Bar Calendar

Groups / Clubs / Organizations

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. This Ash Wednesday, join Bill for a showing of "Priest"-an excellent movie about a priest coming to terms with his gay self and the problems of those around him. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill for Dinner Out as we go to The Grill (downtown) for a tasty meal. 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, MARCH 10

8:00 P.M. Reveille Gay Men's Chorus will perform an outstanding collection of songs from the best contemporary Broadway Musicals at Pima Community College West Campus Center for the Arts tonight and tomorrow. Tickets are available from chorus members, Antigone Books, Tucson Trunk or the PCC College Center for the Arts Box Office or by calling 617-3100. $10 in advance or $12 at the door.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. MSN joins with their gay brothers in Reveille for a night of song at Reveille's "Lights! Action! It's Broadway!" concert. If you'd like to see the concert with fellow gay family members, just give Jerry at call at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Bill as he hosts Pinochle Night. If you're a fan of the game, this is the place to go. If you don't know how to play, but want to learn, we'll help you out. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

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SUNDAY,MARCH 12

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 a.m. There's a hiking expedition in the Tucson Mountains this morning. For details, directions, and reservations, please call John at 743-8138.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 2:00 p.m. A potluck BBQ will be on tap for those interested in a pleasant afternoon in the Tucson Mountains area. For details, directions, and reservations, please call John at 743-8138.

3. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

MONDAY, MARCH 13

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Terry at 577-3545.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. March Madness takes on a new meaning when Bill hosts the "March Madness Ice Cream Crazy Event". Just bring $2 to help cover costs, and Bill will have all sorts of ice cream possibilities waiting for you. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 546-7539.

2. If you're interested in going out the Lunch at Poca Cosa on the 29th, today is the last day to reserve your space. For details, please call Steve at 318-9162.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:30 p.m. Join Jerry for a Lunch Out to Nonie's. This New Orleans bistro serves up the best southern cooking this side of Louisiana. For directions and reservations, please call Jerry at 298-7415.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Richard & Doug host a Lunch Out at Szechuan Omei today. For some of the best Asian cooking in town, join them and other MSN family members for a memorable meal. For details, please call Les at 690-9565.

POZ Cafe Monthly Luncheon providing a delicious free lunch, aong with friendship, games and social activities. Open to all HIV+ adults and one guest (partner, family, friend or volunteer respecting confidentiality/privacy concerns). Doors open at 11:30 - lunch is served at noon - and games, crafts and social time until 2:30 p.m. Located at St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church, a Gay-friendly church at the corner of River and Swan. Reservations requested. To reserve your space or request transportation, call the TIHAN office at 299-6647 by Monday, March 13.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly Pizza Party held at Jerry & Les' 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 or Les at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by

Bar Calendar

Of Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

IBT'S - 9:00 p.., The Girlie Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday featuring Veronica Lake with Tori Steel and special guests.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

IBT'S - Come by and welcome Jeff Back Home. He'll be working the patio bar beginning at 9:00 p.m.

THURS-FRI-SAT-SUN, MARCH 9-10-11-12

STONEWALL - A four Day Grand Opening Celebration ! Watch for details next week. It's a blast!

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que/16oz Beer Bust 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. to benefit GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Educational Network), plus Karaoke. Then, at 8:00 p.m. The Bud Team will be in to host games with prizes. At 9:00 p.m. it's the Men of IBT's Male Revue. 3 hot guys show off for you.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. The Girlie Show hosted by Lucinda Holliday with Bunny FuFu, Phaedra and Faith Michaels.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

IBT'S - St. Patrick's Day and the party is being planned. Get set for the Corned Beef and Cabbage and maybe some green beer too. Watch for details.

VENTURE-N - The annual Hides of March begins here with three fun packed days and nights. Check in tonight , there's food and drink specials. And it's Uniform Night! Wear your uniform and get 50¢ off of your mixed drinks.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

VENTURE-N - Hides of March continues today with a big Beer Bust, Tucson Knight Owls 'Body Wash', dinner and a 'Village People' show.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

VENTURE-N - Hides of March winds up today with a send-off Brunch with Bloody Mary and Screw Driver specials. Wear a Village People outfit and get 50¢ off your mixed drinks.

FRI-SAT-SUN, MARCH 24-25-26

IBT'S- This is home base for the 4th Avenue Spring Street Fair. Shows hosted by Lucinda Holliday and Ajia Simone and featuring Kenneth Blake, Adrienne Alexander, Bunny FuFu, Veronica Lake, and from Phoenix, Virginia Sacrifice, Phaedra and Devina., Showtimes Saturday and Sunday 3:00 p.m. And an additional show on Sunday for the community at 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

VALENTINA'S - The First Annual Miss Valentina Pageant will be held here tonight. For more information call (520)557-1189.

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Thursday, March 16 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).

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:00 a.m. After the recent attack of a Gay student on 4th Avenue, now may be the perfect time to learn about self defense. The 1 in 10 Self Defense class is a day-long hands-on experience on how to avoid dangerous situations, and how to take care of yourself if you find no other way out. Cost is $45.00. For reservations and directions, please call Donn at 331-3056.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join Robert for a singles sleep-over. Bring your pjs and get ready for a fun night with your Gay family. For reservations and directions call Robert at 408-7114.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:00 a.m. There's a hiking expedition for single guys to the Tanque Verde Falls this morning. For details, directions, and reservations, please call Robert at 408-7114.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4:30-6:30 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group, meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1650.

MONDAY, MARCH 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The first day of spring brings on changes, and one man has big changes in store for him in "In & Out". Join Bill for this hilarious movie about a man who is outed on the Oscars. For reservations and directions, please call Bill at 297-3569.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m.ish. Join Donn for an Oscar Nominee Movie-"American Beauty". This dark look at the American dream gone awry is this year's most nominated film. Please call Donn at 331-3056.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Bob hosts a Lunch Out at Las Margaritas today. For some good Mexican food, join him and other MSN family members for a fun fiesta in the middle of the day. For reservations, please call Bob at 888-2725.

Daily Bar Calendar

Sunday

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

IBT's - Open 11am-1am. Happy Hour 11-4pm, $2.00 domestic beer and well. $1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7pm. Karaoke with Billy Dee on the patio 4:30-7:30. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Bar open Noon. Smimoff Sundays /make your own Bloody Marys bar. Flashback Sundays in the Dance Club. Open 9pm. Music of the 70s and 80s with DJ Rob. New Digital Karaoke sound system in the bar 9pm to close. Free popcorn and Hot Dogs.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour 11am to 7pm. Bloody Mary & Boiler maker specials. BBQ ($2.50 & $5.00) from 4-9pm. All request DJ 9pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Bust 3-7pm 75¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm $3 entry fee (pot matched). Boss Burgers 5-7pm Hides Leather Goods opens at 4pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. Check in with bartender. Karaoke with Bill Dee now on Sundays 9pm to close.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. $1.50 Wells 8-midnight.

IBT's - Open 10am. Martini Monday all day all call martinis's $2.50. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, $2.00 domestic beer and well. $1.75 well and domestic beer 4-9pm. 9pm to closing, $1.50 / 32oz pitchers. Karaoke Billy Dee 7:00-9:30pm Retro 80's dance 9:30pm to closing. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Bar opens noon. Dance Club opens 9pm. Hot dance mix with DJ Rob. Free Popcorn and Hot Dogs.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7; BBQ ($1.50) 4-9pm. Big screen sporting events. Dart Tournament. All request DJ 9pm to closing.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Dart Tourney 8pm, pot matched. Patio opens 5pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Karaoke w/Billy Dee 9pm to close Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm. $3 entry, pot matched. $1 longnecks for pool players. Funky disco w/DJ Starskee & DJ Butta Fly 9-1.

IBT's - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm, $2.00 domestic beer & well. $1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. 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. House Hi-Nergy Dance 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices until 7pm. Dance Club opens 9pm. DJ Eduardo. Free Popcorn and Hot Dogs.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Extended Happy Hour til 9pm: BBQ ($1.50) 4-7pm Oh So Scary-oake (Karaoke) 9pm - 12:45am.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. 1st Tuesday TKO Spaghetti Feed

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Party 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes. Skyy's the limit $2.25

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7pm. Free Pool 2-4. $1.50 Longnecks 8-midnight. Dance with DJ Stephanie 9-close.

IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am to 4pm, $2.00 domestic beer & well. $1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. $1.75 Bud Products 9pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices til 7. Dan e Club opens at 9pm with DJ Rob and his hot mix. New Digital Karaoke Sound Sytem 9pm til close in the bar. Free Popcorn and Hot Dogs.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 9pm. Pool tourney 7:30pm (pot matched). Lounge Lizards Paradise: 50¢ shot sampler/bartenders choice. All request DJ 9pm

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Cuervo Gold $2 and Cuervo 1800 $2.25 Open to close. Patio opens at 5pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball on demand 7 days a week. See bartender.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7pm, 2for1 Free pool 2-4. Karaoke with Melissa 9pm to close. W/creamy cowgirls & $2.50 Tequila Rose.

IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm $2.00 domestic beer and well. $1.75 Well & domestic 4-9. Underwear Nite. $1.50 well and $1.75 domestic beer to those in their underwear (pant check available). Hi energy dancing 9-close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Happy Hour prices until 7pm. Dance club opens at 9pm. Dance with DJ Eduardo. Free Hot Dogs and Popcorn.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7: $1.50 Well or Domestic 9-11pm. Karaoke 9pm-12:45am.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio open 5pm. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-ish. $3 entry. Hides Leather shop opens at 8pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Trivia Thursday 8pm-close. Top score on NTN per game wins special prizes.. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour Two-For-One 2-7. Free pool 2-4. Free food at 5:30pm. Dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Hill. Drink specials every 1/2 hour

IBT's - Open 10am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm $2.00 domestic beer and well. $1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9. Live Jazz on the patio with the Susan & Tracey 5:30-8:30pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club open 9pm. Dance with DJ Marquis. Free Popcorn and Hot Dogs.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7. Girlz will be Boyz drink specials posted above the bar. All request DJ 9pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Snacks served at 5pm. Patio open 5pm. Hides Leather Store opens 8pm.

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm Martini Party - Well Martini's $2, Call Martinis $3 from 4pm to close. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODYS BIZNESS - Open at 2pm. Drink specials all day. Pool Tournament 5:30pm $3 entry. Pot matched. Dance music w/DJ Hill 9-close. Drink specials every half hour..

IBT's - Open 10am to 1am. Happy Hour 10am-4pm $2.00 domestic beer and well. $1.75 well & domestic beer 4-9pm. Patio bar 9-1. Dance 9-1. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL - Open Noon. Dance Club opens at 9pm. Dance with DJ Marquis. Free Hot Dogs and Popcorn.

VALENTINA'S - Open 11am. Happy Hour til 7. A variety of shows hosted by 'Crystal Abrams'. 9pm. All donations go to charity. All request DJ 10pm to close.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Bust with 50¢ drafts, $1.50 pitchers. Hides Leather Store opens at 8pm. Cricket Dart Tournament 9pm

WOODY'S - Open Noon. Happy Hour 3-7pm. Volleyball Court is Open. See bartender.

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TUCSON INTERFAITH HIV/AIDS NETWORK (TIHAN), a coalition of faith communities committed to a compassionate response to HIV/AIDS, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer CareTeams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope. For more information call 299-6647.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays 1 to 2m new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contacts 325-6878 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.

GRACE GROUP - CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madonna Hall at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1436 N. Campbell across from University Hospital. For more info. Call Eddie Betrano 888-4595.

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 684-9920, Ext.448 or Emmett 322-6057 (eveltan@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 every Wednesday at 6:03 pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KXCI. The show "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show is aired at 5:30 pm every Wednesday.

THEATER / DINNER / ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 888-8010 before 10:00 p.m. The group dines out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 16th year! (2nd in Tucson).

SOUTHERN ARIZONA GENDER ALLIANCE (SAGA). Meetings on the 1st Monday, 7pm. Dezert Girlz (MTF) Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Dezert Boyz meets 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. of every month. All meetins take place at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Call 624-1779 for more info. SAGAEmail@aol.com http://members.aol.com/sagaemail

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

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy. For more information write AZAPA, 6523 N. 14th St., #112, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or call 602-279-4805.

TUCSON'S 100% CONSENSUAL, Pan-Fetish, Pan-Sexual, Informational Safe Space for the B&D, S&M, D&S and TV community. Call us at (520)617-4661, or-http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Heights/5086

LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA. Local chapter of the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian Republican organization. Meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. For information, call Patrick at 615-1887.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS. Starting this February, the Tucson Rape crisis Center will be providing free confidential group services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender survivors of all manner of sexual assault. Interested persons please call Mirto Stone, MSW, at 327-1171 (if unavailable leave message with phone number.

AAPSP - ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROFESSIONALS - a confidential organization committed to providing support and networking for all Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual public safety professionals in Arizona. Membership open to Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Probation, Parole and Corrections Officers and civilians working within these agencies. Website: AAPSP.org or e-mail: AAPSP@aol.com or call Dave (520)745-9059 (Tucson) or Kim (602)534-6219 (Phoenix)

GLSEN - Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network meets first Thursday of every month at 4:30pm at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street. 743-4800.

TUCSON CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY. Currently meeting the 4th Monday of every month at SS Peter & Paul Church, Madonna Hall 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Fiedler in attendance every meeting and willing to speak one on one. Reaching out to Parents and Families. For more info call Doc or Barbara 293-6624.

WOMEN'S OUT OF THE CLOSET GROUP. Welcome to women in all stages of the coming-out process. We are here to support the Lesbians, Bisexuals and straight women of all races, religious and ages. Meeting times are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30pm at Wingspan at 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779. Call Wendy Bailey at 235-1893 after 5pm for more information.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED -- Tucson chapter for Gay/Lesbian Lutherans meets 4th Sunday, 6:30 p.m. each month at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church, 6809 S. Cardinal Ave. For more information write: LC, 7014 E. Golf Links Road, PMB 212, Tucson, AZ 85730.

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS: Confidential individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual or Trans men who are victims/survivors of domestic violence. For more information call 624-0348 (24-hour line)

REVEILLE GAY MEN'S CHORUS rehearses Tuesdays 7-10pm at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Have any history/ experience singing? Join us!! Call 881-1369 to audition. 617-3100 for more info.

HIKE & BIKE DYKES. Meets 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call 327-7239 for info.

NOTICES

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 375 S. EUCLID. 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. 628-SAAF (7223). World wide web: http://www.saaf.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

RELATIONSHIP SURVIVORS. For Lesbians whose relationship has just broken up. Designed to support each other. Meets 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 9am to 10am. For info call Dorian Easty, group facilitator. 882-7723

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

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

YOUNG AND GAY?
GLBT Youth 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 4:30 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings luncheons and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-0280, leave name and phone number.

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

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

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

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

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

LESBIAN SOCIAL DISCUSSION GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7 to 8:30 pm. Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Come Chat!

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

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

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

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

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

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

CRONIES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Leo at 624-6768.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-9486 or Ray at 749-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Adrianne at 882-7208

NOTICES

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

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-6647.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPORTS TEAMS and updates on Gay Games 2002, contract TEAM ARIZONA at their website: teamarizona.org

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 628-7223.

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.

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 Hollman 529-7542 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.

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

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

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

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3881 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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

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

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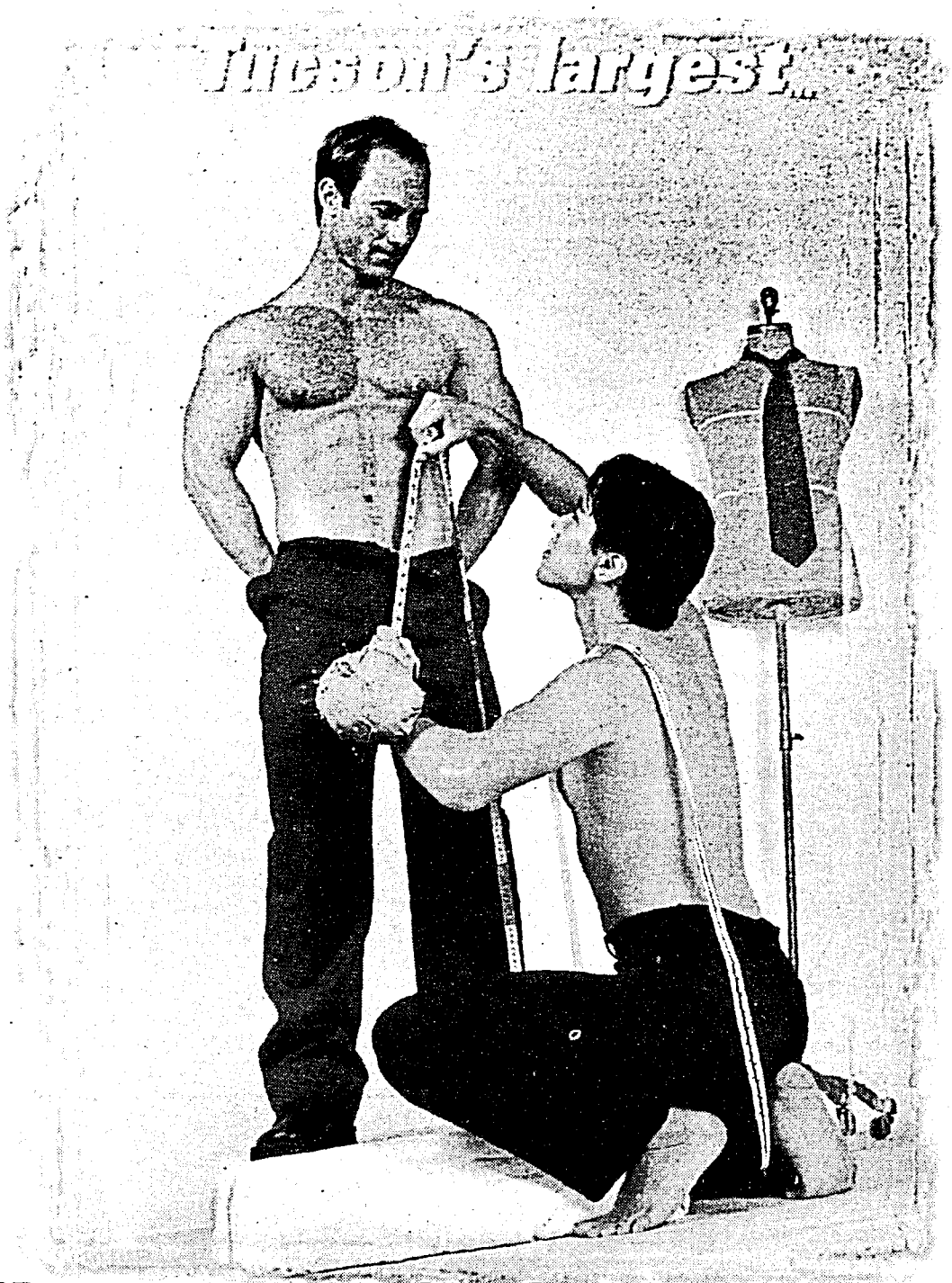

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