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1996: We Had A Gay Old Time!

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON - Ring out the old, ring in the new! Dance one year in, kiss one goodbye! Kiss 1996 long and lovingly, it's was great!

The Gay and Lesbian had a terrific run in 1996, with many successes, some minor setbacks but looking forward to more triumphs in the new year.

AIDS researchers, for the first time in the sixteen year epidemic may have found the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel. The development of protease inhibitors and combination therapies, or "cocktails" that have offered hope of enhancing and extending the lives of those living with HIV/AIDS.

Gays and Lesbians have made enormous inroads through into gaining mainstream acceptance, with several important court decisions handed down in 1996:

First and foremost was the Colorado Amendment 2 case. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Gays and Lesbians have the same legal standing under the law as all other citizens.

The recent decision by Hawaii Circuit Court Judge Kevin Chang, which declared that the state must recognize same-sex marriages. This case has created a national debate and action [See later] to the decision.

Gay and Lesbian youth won in court as well. A Gay high school student, Jamie Nabozny, won a \$900,000 settlement against his local school district after suing the administration for failing to protect him from anti-Gay violence and harassment, depriving him of an education. The federal court ruled that sexual minority youth have the right to a violence-free and safe learning environment.

Several court decisions regarding Gays and Lesbians serving in the military helped to bring down the foundations of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

This past year showed a growing mainstream acceptance of Gay and Lesbian relationships when *The Birdcage* - a film about an endearing, flamboyant Gay couple - was a box office success. Other films, such as *Jeffrey* for example, helped to create acceptance of Gays and Lesbians.

In the national elections, the Republican candidate, Bob Dole and Democratic incumbent Bill Clinton fought for the "center." Of course, the Gay and Lesbian community was the scapegoat during the campaign.

The Religious-Right, no longer

able to use anti-Gay ballot initiatives, shifted their focus to same-sex marriage to whip up support and to fill their coffers. Gays and Lesbians to them rake in the bucks!

With the Hawaii case pending, Republicans in Congress, hoping to score political points, introduced the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). With the fall campaign in full swing, the GOP leadership railroaded DOMA through. Many Democrats joined Republicans in the election-year feeding frenzy on this measure.

Some fallout and a coming out from DOMA. Arizona Congressman, Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Tucson, publicly came out of the closet in lieu of a national magazine article which was going to out him over his vote for DOMA.

President Clinton signed DOMA in a midnight ceremony: "A gesture of support, or just wanting to make sure the press didn't pick up on it, which they did anyway."

In Arizona, Gays and Lesbians faced the usual attacks from the Arizona State Legislature and the Governor. Joining the frenzy, they passed and the governor signed state-DOMA. This despite the fact that marriage was clearly defined in two places in the statute. Talk about a waste of taxpayers money.

The Legislature also cut funding for AIDS education programs in schools. Reduced the budget for the Arizona Department of Health Services. Tried to get the "Just Say No Homo" law passed and failed.

The Legislature also passed a statewide hate crimes ordinance that included sexual-orientation in one of the protected categories. Must have been a full moon! Success on this front was short lived, Governor Fife Symington, R, vetoed the measure.

Speaking of which, Governor Symington made the news this past year for his financial acumen. Symington, a great businessman in his own mind, filed for bankruptcy this past year. In his filing, the governor said he owed \$23 million.

That wasn't all! Symington was also indicted by a federal grand jury. The Grand Jury handed down a 23 count indictment of the governor over his business dealings. Can we say fraud!

In Pima County, the last bastion of freedom in Arizona, government went on as turbulently as ever. Taxpayer paying for the mistakes made by the Board of

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Arizona Legislature Session Near, Will Consider Anti-Gay Legislation Yet Again

by Mark R. Kerr

PHOENIX - The first session of the 43rd Legislature begins Monday, January 13, 1997. Some legislators aren't waiting to begin their annual Gay bashing with legislation drawn up before the session has started.

A group of lawmakers, past and present and anti-Gay zealots are spearheading the latest effort. This group is proposing legislation that would make sodomy a felony in Arizona and to ban Gay and Lesbian groups from the state universities and schools.

Local news reports stated that former House Speaker Mark Killian had arranged the meetings with lawmakers and anti-Gay activists, led by Frank Meliti of the Traditional Values Coalition. Meliti had tried to get a Colorado-style Amendment 2 on the Arizona ballot in 1994 but failed.

During these meetings, Meliti had been giving the legislators a copy of the video, "Gay Rights, Special Rights." Meliti claims that protecting Gays from discrimination bestows upon them "special rights."

One of the prominent supporters of the four anti-Gay measures is newly elected St. Rep. Karen Johnson, R-Mesa. Johnson, the former state chair of the Pat Buchanan for President told local reporters, she is "protecting our children and protecting our society."

Johnson, in an interview, went on to say, "I have a problem with having my tax dollars sponsoring that. They [Gays] want to sodomize, and I don't want them recruiting on campus for that."

She didn't stop there. In the same interview, Johnson said that "she could work with queers in the Legislature on other issues, but not on this one."

There are four bills. One would make sodomy a class six felony. Another would ban Gay and Lesbian clubs from universities. The third would bar Gay and Lesbian clubs from schools from High

School down. The fourth would prohibits school employees and volunteers from encouraging "criminal conduct."

Opponents, such as openly Gay St. Rep. Ken Chevront, D-Phoenix, said the bills are another attempt to discriminate against Gays and said the proposals could disrupt the Legislature as it tries to solve the problems such as the state's system of school finance.

St. Rep. Mike Gardner, R-Tempe, said in an interview, that he had attended a bizarre meeting on the bills with Meliti and three other lawmakers in Killian's office. "I don't like any of the bills, they target a problem that doesn't exist," Gardner said in an interview.

Gardner went on, "Identify the problem? If there's not a problem, then why create one."

After the initial reports on these four bills, the resulting flap may have stalled some progress on these measures. Chevront said that he had gone on a local-radio talk show to discuss the measures, plus the flack from Johnson's comments may work against them.

Chevront said that his sources with the Republican caucus said the bills aren't going anywhere. On the other hand, Republican sources in the capitol said that the bills will be assigned to committee, probably States Rights and Mandates.

If they are given a bill number and assigned to committee, Rep. Chevront says all Gays and Lesbians must get involved in the process.

"Gays and Lesbians must call their legislators and tell them not to support these four bills. The bills are an embarrassment to the process. Tucsonans can call 1-800-352-8404 and leave a message with their State Representatives or Senator."

If you are not sure who your State Representatives or Senators are, you can call the Tucson Legislative office, 628-6596, after January 6, to find out.]

HIV Testing In Pima County; Much Ado About Nothing

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON - For those of you who read the story, in the afternoon daily, about fewer people being tested for HIV in Pima County; you thought the proverbial "sky was falling." Well, perhaps not.

According to Sue Eisen of the Pima County Health Department, the numbers of those tested is down from last year. A total of 623 persons were tested at County test center in 1995 compared to 485 this year. Overall, the numbers are down, by just 8% last year.

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UPDATE

ASOs To Present Spring Gala

TUCSON - Dining and dancing under the stars. Star gazing through giant telescopes. Fortune tellers reading your stars, mixing and mingling with stars. Sounds fabulous, doesn't it? Planning is underway for the first ASO Spring Gala, STAR-LIGHT.

Volunteers and community members are needed to plan and prepare for this major event which will benefit PACT, Shanti Foundation and the Tucson AIDS Project.

The event is tentatively planned for April 26, 1997 under the stars at the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum. For more information call PACT, Shanti or TAP.

1-In-10 Yard Sale Jan. 6

TUCSON - One In Ten Actors needs your junk just to survive. One In Ten Theater Company will hold a fund raising yard sale, January 6.

The theater company is currently seeking to raise funds for the production costs associated with their upcoming staged presentation of Remember My Name by David Lemos.

To have items picked up or for more information, call 293-5397.

Photo Exhibit At Wingspan

TUCSON - Wingspan has announced they will be exhibiting the photographs of Valeria R. Enney as their artist for the month of January. Enney's exhibit, "Friends & Family," will open for viewing January 1, at the Wingspan Gallery.

On New Year's Day Wingspan will hold a reception for Ms. Enney. The reception is at the gallery, 422 N. Fourth Avenue, from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

For gallery hours or more information, call Wingspan at 624-1779.

Calling All Queer Quilters

TUCSON - Queer Quilters (QQ) of Southern Arizona will gather to form a quilting group with membership to all. The first meeting of QQ will take place January 11, 1997.

If you want to learn how to quilt without the raised eyebrows of others, or continue to expand your knowledge of quilting, this is the group for you.

For more information or to reserve your spot call Kathy Costello Lewis, (520) 743-7768.

Desert Voices Seek Male Singers

TUCSON - Desert Voices will be holding auditions for our 1997 spring and pride season on Monday, January 6, from 6:00 - 7:00 P.M., at the University of Arizona School of Music Building.

Please call the office, 791-9662 to set up an audition time. We are especially seeking men (tenors & baritone/bass) to come join us for our upcoming "Go West!" show in mid-March and our exciting about the future of Desert Voices and would be glad to talk with anyone interested in singing with us. Prior choral experience, while helpful, is not required for joining Desert Voices.

Come add your voice to ours, we are waiting for you!

Job Opening At APC

TUCSON - The AIDS Prevention Collaboration (APC), a project of PACT, Shanti, TAP, PCHD and Wingspan, has a position opening.

The Gay Men's Health Project Coordinator will work in the Gay bars implementing preventions. Applicants should have experience in HIV prevention targeting self-identified Gay/Bisexual men; coordinating and implementing prevention targeting self identified Gay/Bisexual men; coordinating and implementing prevention activities and events; community organizing; materials development and experience working with volunteers. Prefer knowledge of prevention methodologies.

Applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to: Search Committee, 300 East Sixth Street, Tucson, AZ 85705. Position open until filled. EOE

Arson Fire At AIDS Center

LAFAYETTE, IN (NP) - An arson fire damaged Lafayette's AIDS Center early Christmas morning.

Fire inspectors found that several small fires had been started at the same time in different places at the of Project AIDS Lafayette (PAL), probably with matches or a lighter.

The fire was reported by a passer-by at 4:00 A.M. When fire fighters left the scene, the downstairs office was gutted, but the upstairs offices were almost undamaged. The building itself is owned by a local Catholic church.

PAL serves several counties with counseling for people with HIV and AIDS. The attack comes in wake of a recent city council vote not to repeal an ordinance that bans discrimination based

on sexual orientation.

Local religious right organizers had responded to the vote with threats of a boycott and a general strike to "financially handicap the City of Lafayette and apply pressure equal to threats by the homosexual rights groups."

G/L Bowling Leagues Prepare For Spring Season

TUCSON - The Desert Coyotes and Lambda Lizards, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian bowling leagues have just concluded their winter season.

The two leagues are taking a month hiatus before starting their Spring season. The Desert Coyotes' Spring season will commence on Wednesday, January 22. The Lambda Lizards league begins Spring play, Friday, January 24.

Both leagues will bowl a fifteen-week Spring schedule. The Desert Coyotes bowl at Golden Pin Lanes on West Miracle Mile. The Lambda Lizards bowl at Lucky Strike Bowl.

Wanted to bowl in G/L league? Have fun with fellow "sisters?" Now is the time. Both leagues are looking for persons to fill team rosters.

Costs are minimal. For more information about the Desert Coyotes, call 743-3303. For more information about the Lambda Lizards, call 798-1549.



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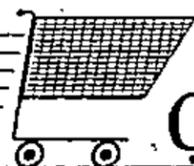
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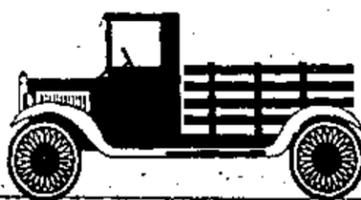
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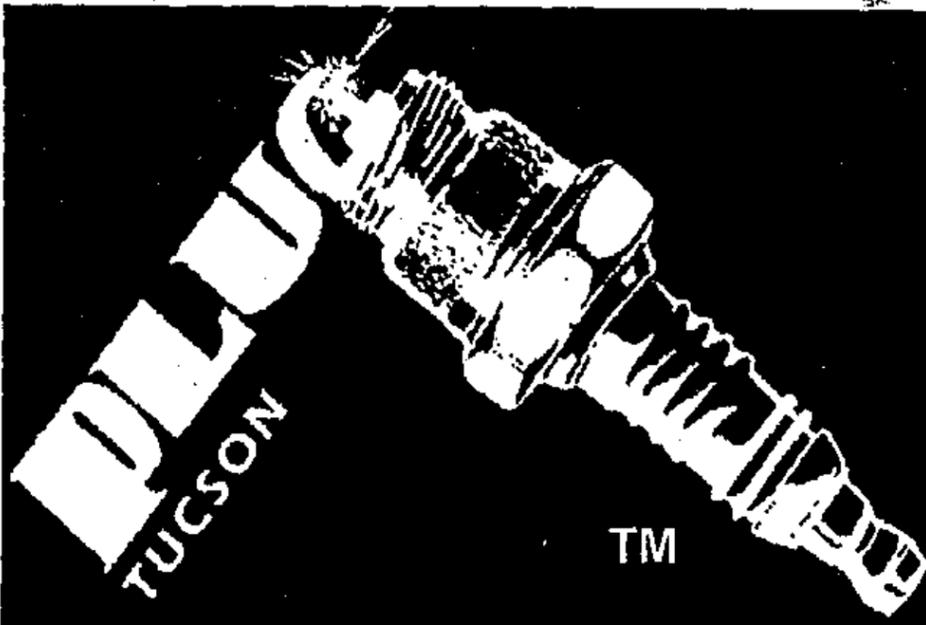
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Every spring, tens of thousands of Lesbian and Gay visitors flock to Palm Springs, California, for the Nabisco Dinah Shore Golf Tournament and the annual men's White Party.

companies, airlines and destinations. These are balanced by their "Rock Bottom" awards to companies and destinations with anti-Gay policies.

The golf tournament is always held during the last week in March, and the White Party over Easter Weekend. This year those times coincide. As neither group re-scheduled its event, the desert town will be more packed than ever. Business owners in Palm Springs aren't thrilled with the overlap, because either event would fill the town on its own. Anyone planning to attend should reserve well in advance.

This year's Dinah Shore tournament will be held March 24-30, and will attract the top names on the women's golf tour. Although not officially identified as a Gay event, the week has become one of the largest Lesbian social events in the world. Many women even skip the golf, opting instead to party and play. Numerous beer bashes, dances, and pool parties are held throughout the week at local clubs and hotels, with some attracting several thousand women.

Tournament officials were reluctant to provide much information, but for those going to watch golf, Monday is a practice round, Tuesday and Wednesday the Celebrity Pro-Am, and Thursday to Sunday the actual tournament. Ticket packages range from \$20 to \$75, with some discounts available if you order before January 31. For tickets, call (619) 324-4546. ***

The White Party is becoming, for men, what the tournament is for women. The 1996 event was the largest ever, with 20,000 attendees from all over the world. This will be the eighth White Party, and organizers promise the biggest and most spectacular ever. Friday night features the Hardcore Ball, Saturday the White Party, and Sunday the tea dance. Guest DJ's will include Frankie Knuckles and Warren Gluck from New York, Miami's Abel, and Manny Lehman and Mark Tarbox from LA.

The White Party Weekend-Pass costs \$85, or \$80 if ordered before February 1. For more information, call toll-free, 888-7778886. ***

I recently reviewed the leading guidebooks for Lesbian and Gay travelers. Here are two periodicals that also belong on your reading list.

Out & About is a 16-page newsletter for lesbian and gay travelers and their travel agents. Editor Billy Kolber-Stuart says the publication's goal is to be "one part Consumer Reports, one part Damron's Guide and one part Conde Nast Traveler." It succeeds admirably.

The newsletter, which accepts no advertising, is a well-researched guide to a variety of destinations and travel topics. A recent typical issue featured stories on holiday get-aways, brief guides to four of Germany's largest cities, an informative look at the circuit party scene, and "Our Favorite Lesbians' Favorite Lesbian Bars" which cited 15 of the best clubs for women from Anchorage to Amsterdam.

Out & About also bestows annual Editor's Choice Awards recognizing outstanding Gay guesthouses, events, tour

Our World is a more traditional travel magazine, which features full-color and black-and-white photos, and also accepts advertising. Editor Wayne Whiston, who founded Our World eight years ago, says the ads not only help to keep the magazine affordable (the \$4.95 cover price has not changed since the magazine debuted eight years ago) but also provide useful information on products and services.

Every issue has a cover story, with two or three related articles on that topic. In the past year, these have included the British Isles, Gay cruises, Asian destinations, and Gay nudist resorts and activities. Each issue also contains four or five other articles and numerous short blurbs updating readers on new tours, events, and hotels.

Whiston plans to upgrade the graphics and photos in Our World this year, and says an expansion in the number of pages per issue is being considered as well. Internet users can read Our World at www.rainbowmail.com/igta/ourworld.

I heartily recommend either (or both!) of these publications to travelers. They do an outstanding job of presenting a wealth of information to Gay men and Lesbians in a user-friendly format. Editorial content is generally well-balanced for both women and men readers.

Both periodicals appear 10 times a year. For subscriptions to Out & About (\$49/year) call (800) 929-2268; for Our World (\$35/year), (904) 441-5367. They can also be found at most Gay and Lesbian, and some mainstream, bookstores.

If you're like me, you'll save each issue of Our World and Out & About for reference on future trips and vacations. ***

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**POLITICS
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By MARK R. KERR

"Another Year, Another Hormonal Moment!"

Another year has been put "into the can." We've gotten older, fatter, wiser or dumber and even balder. With that, a lot has occurred in the queer political world during the past 366 days.

Nationally, 1996 began with Newt and the Congressional GOP up in the clouds and Clinton looking for a home back in Hope. How things can change quick! Newt shut down the government twice and took it in the polls! Clinton's comeback started.

Congress jumped into our "Pink World" this past year on several fronts. The Ryan White CARE Act was reauthorized . . . barely.

Those federal nitwits paid tribute to anti-Gay Rep. B-1 Bob Dornan, R-Loopyland, by approving his amendments to the military budget. Dornan's rantings stated that the military would discharge any service-member who tested positive for HIV and cut off their benefits. Fair ain't it. The Senate, after pressure and media hype dropped the amendments, even with B-1 Bob's temper-tantrum.

History was made during this past session when the full Senate took up the Employment Non-Discrimination Action, the first federal anti-discrimination ordinance dealing with sexual-orientation. After heated debate the measure failed by just one vote, 49-50. Close only counts in horse-shoes kids!

The GOP-controlled Congress, in an election year fit of hysteria, rammed through the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). DOMA was the premature reaction to the Hawaii same-sex marriage court case. [See later]. The GOP had to protect that sacred institution for the poor, oppressed, straight-breeder-majority!

The Republicans also showed that they don't give a rat's ass about the U.S. Constitution's "Full Faith & Credit" Clause and got the measure approved by wide-margins. President Clinton signed the bill in a midnight ceremony. Whenever, a signature is a signature.

After-effects from DOMA were tremendous! One of which was that Arizona Congressman Jim Kolbe, R-Tucson, who voted for DOMA, came out of the closet in lieu of an Advocate magazine article which "outs" him. Talk about perfect timing!

As mentioned too many times, it was a national election year, the President, one-third of the U.S. Senate, the whole U.S. House and other races down to dog-catcher were on the ballot. Thrilling? Perhaps not!

Well after a short and very dull primary season, the winners were Republican Bob Dole and President Bill Clinton for the Democrats. The two prepared for their big infomercials to be broadcast in August to the nation, who didn't watch!

One place where we did well was the judicial branch of government: Supreme Court; Federal Circuit; Court of Appeals or otherwise.

Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2 was struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court. Hawaii's Supreme and Circuit courts have ruled in favor of same-sex marriages. The foundations of "don't ask,

don't tell" began to crumble. Just three of many cases where we won. Got to love those men and women in those robes!

On the other hand, Arizona made the national scene for dubious reasons. Governor J. Fife Whitewash, R-In Trouble, filed for bankruptcy and was indicted by a federal grand jury on 23 charges pertaining to his "immaculate" business practices and real estate dealings.

Another session of the "Inquisition," a.k.a. the State Legislature took place, and we were afraid, very afraid. That bunch passed state DOMA, cut funding of school AIDS education programs. They somehow passed a statewide hate-crimes ordinance, but Fife vetoed it. I thought it had a provision for white-guy who owe \$24 million and have a 23-count indictment over their heads!

Arizona had it's first presidential primary, albeit Republican. We made the headlines by the national-media sharks. Despite election foul-ups in Pima County, a winner was called. A future trivia question, "Who won?" None other than Steve Forbes, Mr. Entertainment!

In Pima County, we had election screw-ups and the premiere of the novella, "As the Computer Glitches." County government was turbulent as ever with Board Stupes Mr. Ed and Dimbulb making us pay, literally, for their ineptness.

In the Old Pueblo, police ran a-muck. CDBG funding went up for the AIDS Service Organizations. We realized how faboo La Detrick is at running elections. Plus, another year passed with no domestic partners ordinance or measure to recognize same-sex relationships. Oh, well!

Elections? Of course you ninnies! We had a buffet of them. Clinton was re-elected by the worst turnout in 70 years. Hey, the President carried Arizona, something we won't see a Democrat do again in our lifetime.

The Congress stayed in GOP hands, more in the U.S. Senate and a little-less in the U.S. House. A big note, B-1 Bob Dornan got defeated by a Democrat, Latina, and worse of all, a girl! Loretta Sanchez defeated B-1 in the 46th District contest in California.

In Arizona, the GOP now controls the Corporation Commission. Remember, "A kiss on the hand is quite continental, but profits are a girl's best friend!" The State Legislature remained a Republican stronghold. Go figure! Congressman Jim Kolbe, out and all, trounced his three opponents by a two-to-margin combined. Steve Owens, Democratic candidate in the Sixth Congressional District showed how to lose a sure-thing election, by opening his mouth and sticking his foot in it. The result, another two-years of J.D. Hayworth, B-1 Bob's prodigal son.

Voters approved propositions ranging from Indian gaming, to juvenile torture, er justice to the "Marijuana Medicalization Act," or proposition 200.

The passage of proposition 200 got Senator Jon Kyl's bloomers in a wedgie, after the fact! Kyl had the gall to

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To Test Or Not To Test

"Why should I get tested for HIV?" This is a common question. In conversations with folks in the Gay community, people have said to me "What can I do anyway.... If I'm gonna die I'd rather not know.... I couldn't stand it if I were positive."

I understand the fears related to getting tested for HIV. Anxiously waiting two weeks for test results often feels like an eternity. It is frightening to face the answer to the question - "Am I positive?" Despite these fears and questions, it is extremely important that every Gay person know his or her HIV status.

In 1985 there was much debate about whether or not people should get tested. Without any treatments, it was argued, "why bother to get tested?" Much has changed since 1985. Every major Gay, Lesbian, and AIDS organization promotes the importance of HIV testing. Here are the reasons why:

1. Most AIDS related opportunistic infections can be prevented or their likelihood reduced if you know early your HIV status. For example, pneumocystis pneumonia is now an essentially preventable disease. MAC or CMV (diseases which can be life threatening for people with HIV) can now be avoided through treatment before symptoms start showing up. It is unfortunate when a person's first knowledge of an HIV positive status comes from developing a preventable disease.
2. With the development of protease inhibitors, even more can be done to slow down the progression of HIV. You can only take protease inhibitors if you know your are positive.
3. Knowing that you are HIV positive gives you a chance to take control of your health. There are countless decisions to be made once a person tests positive. This involves making choices about treatments that will strengthen your body and lead to maximum health.
4. It is much easier to adjust to an HIV positive status when you are well. Imagine what it is like to adjust to being HIV positive while you are coping with physical illness. By knowing early that

you are positive you can begin making the emotional adjustments needed to begin taking care of yourself.

5. It's important to have financial plans in place. Again, this is much easier while you are feeling well.

6. If you test negative you can assess your behaviors. You can commit to eliminating risky behaviors and exploring the advantages of consistent safe behaviors.

One final point about counseling and testing. All testing that is done is confidential; there are strict limits about how information can be shared. In Arizona, anonymous testing is only provided by the Health Department. With anonymous testing, no one knows your name or address. Your results cannot be shared, because no one knows them but you.

The advantage of anonymous testing is that it gives you control over the results. You then can begin to make decisions about how the information is to be shared. It is important to plan carefully how or if you want to share the information with your employer, loved ones, doctors, insurance companies, etc.

If you haven't done so already, I urge you to be tested right away. If you have engaged in risky behaviors since taking an HIV test you need to be tested again.

You can be tested anonymously at the Theresa Lee Clinic, 332 S. Freeway or at the Early Intervention Center at 801 W. Congress. The Theresa Lee phone number is 791-7676 and the EIC is 770-1710. The Health Department also does anonymous testing at various Gay bars in town and at Wingspan. Look for ads in the Observer for dates and locations.

Most important, if you are not infected with HIV you don't have to be. Know the facts about safer sex and practice them.

If you have any questions or comments about AIDS services, please write me: David Hoover, AIDS Program, Pima County Health Department, 150 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ 85701.

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Domestic Partners Okayed By Colorado District Court

DENVER, CO (NP) - A legal challenger to Denver, Colorado's new domestic partners benefits plan has been aborted by a District Court judge.

In a preliminary hearing, Judge Larry Naves rejected the claims of local residents Paul Schaefer and Irene Tader that Denver was overriding the state's definition of marriage and family, saying the ordinance "doesn't even attempt to define what a family or marriage is, but simple extends the benefits" to additional people - the same-gender partners of the

city's and county's Gay and Lesbian employees.

Judge Naves ruled that Schaefer and Tader had failed to establish a likelihood of success in a trial on the merits of the case.

Denver's domestic partners plan applies only to same-gender partners. The city council had originally wanted to extend it to unmarried heterosexual couples as well, but were advised by legal counsel to restrict it to Gay and Lesbian

couples. The plan goes into effect on Wednesday, January 1, with 46 employees having registered their partners at last resort.

The case in favor of Denver's domestic partner benefits was argued by Assistant City Attorney Stan Sharoff, who said the plan was "long overdue" and "was enacted to remove a barrier for a valued and important segment of Denver's workforce." He presented four city employees who testified to the devastation that could result if their partners fell ill and were not

covered.

A friend-of-the-court brief was filed by the Colorado Legal Initiatives Project (CLIP), the plaintiffs in the case against Colorado's anti-Gay ballot initiative Amendment 2, which was struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court earlier this year. CLIP's public statement calling the suit by Schaefer and Tader a "thinly-veiled attack on Denver's Gay and Lesbian community" was poo-pooed by Rouse, who said, "That's pretty much the stock allegation if you oppose anything they do."



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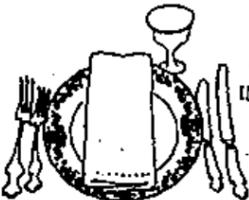
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1996: We Had A Gay Old Time!

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Supervisors. Go figure.

Gays and Lesbians in Tucson and Pima County celebrated a Pride Week, of sorts, in June. OUToberFEST '96 took place in October, celebrating National Coming Out Day. AIDS Walk '96 was a tremendous success. We marked another World AIDS Day in the Old Pueblo.

Desert Voices and Reveille hit the high notes. One In Ten followed the saying, "The show must go on!" HITT '96, G/L Bowling Tournament gave new meaning to the term, "good sports."

A new club opened in the Old Pueblo, "The Plug." The Gay Mentor Project started this past year with terrific success. The ASO's made gains in Community Development Block Grant funding from the City of Tucson.

This paper and this reporter was

honored this past year by the Arizona Press Club for its work. This paper celebrated another anniversary, 13 years and counting! Time flies when you're having fun!

In the national elections, Clinton won and took Arizona. This marks the first time since 1948, a Democrat has won the state. Congress stayed Republican, Jim Kolbe trounced his opponents.

Arizona voters approved several ballot initiatives, one of which expands the state health insurance rolls, not at taxpayer expense. State voters gave the okay to the "Marijuana Medicalization Act" despite Senator Jon Kyl's humiliation. Pima County elected a Democratic majority for the Board of Supervisors.

Dance 1997 in, kiss 1996 good-bye. Gays and Lesbians had a very good year!

HIV Testing In Pima County

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Why the decline? Eisen said one that historically, people just won't get tested for HIV during the holiday season. In addition, Eisen added that the reduction in funding has resulted in staff being cut with the end being fewer people getting tested.

Is this a trend across Arizona. Not according to Chris Brown of the Arizona Department Health Services (ADHS). Brown said that statewide, more people are getting tested than did in 1995.

Brown said that HIV testing can go through two entities, the Arizona State Lab and ADHS.

Through the State Lab: In 1995, 34,304 persons were tested. In 1996, 35,406 persons were tested. [Through 12/27].

Through ADHS: In 1995, 18,515 persons were tested. In 1996, 21,588 persons were tested.

In Pima County, 6,640 persons have been tested in 1996, compared with 7,203 persons in 1995.

Brown said the eight percent drop is not a trend to be of concern. "A slight reduction of testing figures does happen." He said that figures for a time-period of five years should be analyzed, before judgement is passed. If then there is a continuous reduction of the numbers of those being tested, then there is concern.

Gary Fowlkes of PACT said that the numbers of those being tested do go down slightly. Fowlkes expressed his frustrations with the numbers of positive results from testing for the past month. "It's more than in a long while," Fowlkes said.

Could one of the factors be the new home-HIV test kit out on the market? Fowlkes discounts that.

He said that the home-HIV test kit just became available in Tucson in the middle of November and that wouldn't have an significant effect with the figures. "Not many people know that the HIV home test is available in Tucson," Fowlkes said.

Why then the story with the sensational, front-page headline? According to Eisen, the reporter, Stephanie Innes was using an angle to build a story around. The reporter cited the incident in Florida where computer disks, containing the names of 4,000 persons who were HIV+ or living with AIDS were mailed to two newspapers.

[As reported in the Observer, a Florida state health department employee had allegedly shown the list to friends at a Gay bar. The man is facing criminal charges over the incident.]

Eisen stated the reporter had asked if the event had a "chilling" effect on people wanting to get tested, thus the reduction. Innes, as of press-time, was unavailable for comment.

Eisen said 99 percent of the people her department tests ask for anonymity, and that's what they get. People tested for HIV are identified by number only.

With all that, the ASO's urged everyone to get tested.

"All of us in AIDS work hope people who are at risk for HIV will seek out testing. New drug protocols are working wonders for people, and knowing one's HIV status has thus, never been more useful," said Craig Snow, executive director of the Tucson AIDS Project.

AIDS Prevention Gets Gay Again

NEW YORK, NY (NP) - It's a period of turbulent transition for programs for providing direct services to people with AIDS, but look for prevention services in the coming year to shift back to targeting Gay men.

Private funders are coming to recognize that generic prevention messages simply have not been effective for high risk groups.

Private foundations have been sinking more than \$35 million per year into a range of AIDS-related activities. About 1,800 foundations and corporate donors are participants in Funders Concerned About AIDS, a New York-based association. The group's executive director announced this month that targeted prevention be a leading concern for the year to come and the year that follow.

That targeting will include Gay men and also needle exchange programs.

Prevention services should no longer have to pass as mainstream to get a piece of the private charitable dollar, as they've done to obtain government prevention funds focused on counseling and testing for the general population.

Although the rate of new diagnoses among Gay men in the U.S. has levelled off in recent years, especially by contrast with the growth curve among heterosexual women, many studies have documented continuing risky behavior among Gay men and particularly Gay youth.

Private funders are looking to target not only the audience messages are pitched to, but the medium and geographic locations as well. You can expect to see less of billboards and bus signs on the highways and more directed materials located where the case rates are high.

The International AIDS conference earlier this year in Vancouver offered some exciting hints of success for non-traditional prevention programs for Gay youth -- programs that were designed to meet young Gay men's personal and social needs through peer groups and community centers, rather than simply repeat the wear-a-condom message they've heard before.

PACT NEWS

by Frank E.G. Gallego

People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson wishes everyone a year of peace, harmony and love. We look forward to the new challenges 1997 will provide as we continue our service to the community.

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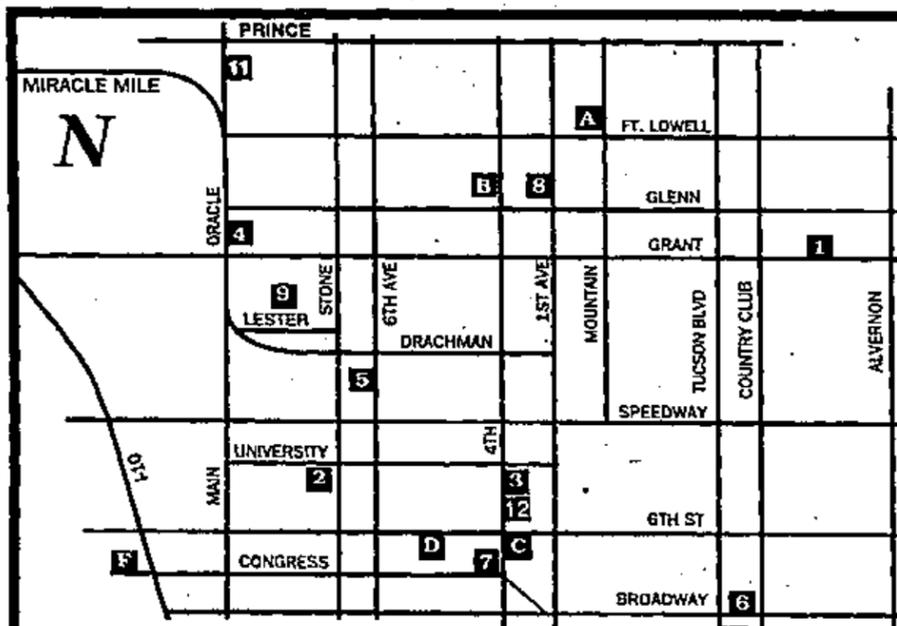
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GRADUATE - New Year's Eve at the Grad. Male Strip Show 9:00 p.m. No cover. Join your friends. Party favors and champagne at midnight.

HOURS - New Year's Eve bash at Hours - Party favors, champagne, hors d'oeuvres, dance to a mix of country and party music. No cover.

IBT's - New Year's Eve Gala 8:00 to close. Food, favors, champagne at midnight. No cover charge. Join your friends and ring in the new year. Hot dance all night long.

PLUG - New Year's eve in the Cabaret Room with a big show starring Adrienne Alexander, Devina and Electra Bleu. \$8.00 per couple includes champagne and party favors. Show starts at 10:00. Doors open at 8:00. Make your reservations now.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - The Biz will open at 10:00 a.m. today.

GRADUATE - New Year's Day at the Grad. Bucky's Omelette Bar and Bloody Marys 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - "Peep Show Unplugged" Live music from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. \$3.00 Cover.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Avatar is back!! Santana-style latin music, cumbias, corridos. Music starts at 9:00 p.m. \$1.25 pitchers and shots of Cuervo Gold \$2.25 all night! Cover.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

IBT'S - A big Sunday here starting with the Benefit Bar-B-Que to benefit IBT's University of Arizona Scholarship Fund. 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Then, at 9:00 P.M. The Torn - Tattered - Tattooed Party! Drink Specials if you are Torn-Tattered or Tattoo'd. \$50 for best costume at 11:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

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Girlfriends First Annual New Year's Eve Lavender Ball 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tickets available through the 29th. Formal wear requested. Tickets \$15.00. Call for more information 888-GIRL.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

1. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 3:00 p.m. Laugh in the New Year at Les & Jerry's with a couple of rude comedies. First up is "Caddyshack" starring Chevy Chase and Rodney Dangerfield. It's the snobs vs. the slobs in this crude, rude and funny comedy. Call Jerry at 690-9565 to reserve your space and obtain directions.

2. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The second movie of the day is "Blazing Saddles." This Mel Brooks film is the ultimate spoof of westerns. It stars Madeline Kahn and Cleavon Little. Call Jerry at 690-9565 to reserve your space and obtain directions.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join MSN for a Board Game Night. There are lots of games to choose from, but you're also encouraged to bring one of your favorites to teach and play with others. For reservations and directions, call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Tucson Arts District Downtown Saturday Night 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 6:30 p.m. Our monthly Pollack and Social Gathering starts earlier this month because we'll also be holding our Annual Auction. You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the 100 men who come to our monthly gathering. Come and bid on the items or just come for the food and friends. It is held at the Scottish Rite Hall at 33 Decha Street. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for more details and directions.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join us for a traditional Mexican Celebration as we say so long to the holiday season. Jorge hosts this event at Les & Jerry's house. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for reservations, details and directions.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Tucson Prime Timers invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly Wednesday dinner at the Mandarin Grill, 505 E. Grant Rd. (West end of Fry's Shopping Center, 1st Ave. and Grant Rd.) at 6:30 p.m. Please note change of venue and date.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m.ish. Our Movie Out this month will most likely be "Evita" starring Madonna. For complete information on time, place and movie, please call Larry after the 3rd of January at 795-9125.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 p.m. Join MSN for a fun night of roller skating on "Adult Night." The cost will be \$5 for rental of traditional skates, or \$8 for in-line skates. Call Chris at 290-4266 or Donn at 325-4257 for details and directions.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Brian Club will be discussing Best American Gay Fiction 1996, edited by Brian Boudrey. Half the book will be covered last month, and the remainder will be completed tonight. Even if you don't read the book, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, call Steve at 388-4849.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

1. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 2:00 p.m. A new feature for the MSN is Out to Lunch. Bill & Stephen will be our hosts for a lunch at the larger Cafe Poca Cosa downtown. Large portions of good Mexican food abound. For details and reservations please call by Friday, January 10. Bill & Stephen's number: 647-3436.

2. **Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our video for the night is "Lis Down With Dogs." This comedy is about a young man trying to find a job, happiness and true love while spending his summer at Fire Island. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 690-9565.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Intermediate bridge night. Bridge for men who may want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. Call Perry at 321-4387.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our reservations for Dinner Out will be at the Sweet Tomatoes restaurant at 4420 N. Stone. Please call Bill by 12:00 at 615-0979 for details and directions.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bob M. will host a Topic of Discussion of being single and feeling good about it. For directions and reservations, please call Bob at 747-2258.

Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Bear Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.25 to 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 5-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.

PLUG - Open Noon. 25¢ Beer Bust and afternoon dance 3-5.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-8pm. Pool Tournament 2pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Best Burger 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 9 to 1 am.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!)

HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Camp movies with Moose 8pm. Dart Tournament 8:30pm. \$1.00 Well all day and all night.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon to 8pm. Party with Stephan. Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-ERG Dance Music.

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

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. 2for1 on all wine, well and long necks from 9 to close.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25, Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattoo Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoo. Prizes and surprises.

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1.00 Bud and Bud Light longnecks all day and all night.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.

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

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. \$1.25 pitchers from 8 to midnight. Tucson's hottest country music from 8:30 to close.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. 301 Dart Tourney 7:30 p.m. Singles \$3 entry. Pot matched. Double elimination.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

PLUG - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 2 for 1 Well 9pm - 1am. Queer Dance at 9pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold \$1.50

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

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing cocktails with "The Smed" 9pm - 1am. Live DJ at 9pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-8pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.

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

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres. Hot dance music with Alex 8:30. Shot specials every 1/2 hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Patsie Bar with Lousey 9-1. Once Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

PLUG - Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Hi-Energy Dance music at 9pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-8pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening

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

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%. Hot dance music with Alex 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana D'ougie's, Pilsa Coladas \$3. Country/Western Music 8-1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and \$1.25 well. Patsie Bar with Lousey 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

PLUG - Open Noon. Happy Hour 88 8pm. Free Pool 108 6pm. Hot Dance Party at 9pm.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 8pm Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.

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



Reconciling United Methodists Cross Threshold

CHICAGO, Ill. - Over 400 United Methodists met in 18 regional gatherings this fall to work for fuller inclusion of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual persons in the church. Building on a powerful *Open the Doors* campaign at the denomination's quadrennial conference last spring, participants "crossed a threshold" into higher levels of networking and activism. These *Threshold* meetings occurred in numerous cities across the U.S. including Seattle; Omaha; Fort Worth; Brunswick, Maine; and Billings, Montana. Similar gatherings have been scheduled in eight additional regions in early 1997.

The *Threshold* meetings were organized by the Reconciling Congregation Program, a national network of 117 United Methodist congregations, 16 campus ministries, and 6 regional conferences that publicly welcome all persons regardless of sexual orientation.

The *Open the Doors* campaign, a national witness to the April 1996 General Conference of The United Methodist Church, sought to redirect the church's focus from judging Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual persons to "opening doors" to all persons, regardless of sexual orientation. Over 10,000 publicly-identified "Reconciling United Methodists" carried out creative witnesses calling the church to "open its doors". As a result of the campaign, the Reconciling Congregation Program has a greatly expanded grass roots constituency and a higher national profile, including being targeted by anti-Gay groups within the church.

Designed as opportunities for grass

roots organizing and networking. *Threshold* meetings celebrated the success of *Open the Doors* and generated creative strategies for continuing the expansion of the Reconciling Congregation movement. Groups planned to increase local organizing by recruiting additional Reconciling United Methodists, impacting regional conferences through legislative action, and creating resources for supporting congregations and campus ministries in the process of becoming "reconciling". One meeting will build an actual bridge of bricks at their annual regional conference as a symbol of their commitment to "building bridges" in the name of Christ.

"These meetings have generated such energy and spirit for our movement!" observed James Preston, outreach coordinator for the Reconciling Congregation Program. "A growing resolve to making our church more welcoming to Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual persons is emerging across the country. We have truly crossed a major 'threshold'!" added Preston.

Reconciling United Methodists will gather in Atlanta, July 24-27, for the fifth national Reconciling Congregation convocation. Approximately 500 persons are expected to attend this weekend of celebration, worship, grass roots training, and reflection.

Persons can call the national Reconciling Congregation Program office at 773/736-5526 for further information about organizing in their area or to register as a Reconciling United Methodist.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

One of the work areas in my office building has a wall to which someone has attached a chalk board. Written on the chalk board is "New Year's Resolutions," and fellow employees are invited to write theirs down. Whenever I pass that wall I read with interest what people have written: "Get more sleep," "Lose a body part," "Take the stairs at least once a day," "Work out at the Y at least four times a week." Reading these New Year's Resolutions makes it evident that this year many people at my work seem to be concerned with improving the shape of their physical bodies. Since most of us at work have desk jobs, it is obvious that no one will be able to get in shape on the job. Anyone who works there and feels the need for some physical conditioning is going to have to make an effort to get it outside of work (except possibly the person who indicated the intention to take the stairs).

Since God made us, he knows how important it is to keep our bodies in good shape. In the book of 1 Timothy, the apostle Paul wrote to his young convert Timothy, "... physical training is of some value..." (1 Timothy 4:8) He was aware of what David had written in the book of Psalms: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." (Psalm 139:14) If we expect these wonderful bodies which God gave us to be able to do all the things we would like them to do, it is our responsibility to take good care of them. That includes eating properly, getting the right amount of sleep and exercising.

However, let's go back and read the whole verse which Paul wrote to Timothy: "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all

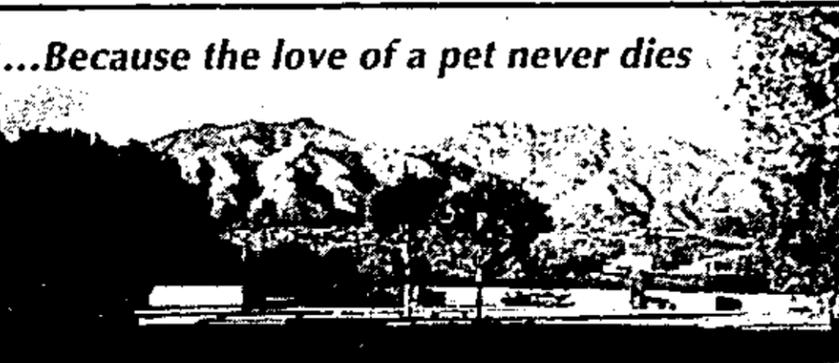
things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." While it is important for each of us to take good care of our physical bodies, Paul reminds us that those bodies will not last forever, and it is more important to take care of our spiritual bodies, our souls, which we have now and will continue to have in the "life to come."

Do you try to take care of your physical body? That's good! But what about your spiritual body, your soul? If you have never thought about it, what better time than now? You can begin by reading the Bible, which is the handbook of instructions which God has given us on how to get and keep our souls in shape. When you come to something you don't understand, just pray and ask God to help you understand it, and he will.

Just like keeping your physical body in shape is a life-time project, so is keeping your soul in shape. And just as it is helpful in physical conditioning to have someone to work out with, someone to keep you on track when you rather skip it, so it helps to have someone to encourage you with your spiritual "work out." That is one reason for churches. People go there to encourage one another with their spiritual work-outs. If you don't have a place you can go to for spiritual encouragement, I would like to invite you to come to Cornerstone Fellowship, where we are all working on having the best spiritual bodies we can have for now and for eternity. Adult Sunday School begins at 9:00 A.M. and morning worship is held at 10:30 A.M. We also have a Wednesday evening Bible Study which begins at 7:00 P.M.

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It's a new year and a new outlook friends. Let the revolution, I mean resolution begin! 1997 means that we no longer have to kowtow to the straight and narrow. Let's use the volcanic power of Pluto as it slowly wends it's way through Sagittarius in 1997. Where does our inner strength lie? Read ahead, dear friends:

ARIES**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

Pluto in Sagittarius unleashes a powerful jolt in any global enterprise. Proud Rams may also find that legal issues upend in surprising ways. Maybe it means that you need to listen to others rather than shout them down. Maybe it means that you can't rush into conflict on steam power alone. Whatever it means, you'll emerge slightly scathed but ultimately victorious.

TAURUS**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

1997 can be the year that Gay Bulls finally express their sexual range in full glory. Give a big thank you to Pluto in Sag which bursts the floodgates, as it were, bringing personal fulfillment. Of course, the other aspect of this transit is a psychological cleaning of the pipes where Pluto dregs up some rather sinister muck that you would rather bury than examine. But examine you must!

GEMINI**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

All Gay Twins who pine for a fulfilling relationship will sit up and take notice of the change in 1997. Pluto in Sagittarius drags your hopeful plans through the streets until you either find your intended soul-mate or know how to recognize the gold among the dross. If you are currently involved, Pluto levies some fairly substantial tariffs on the union. Don't accept taxation without representation.

CANCER**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Pluto in Sag should carry a warning label for all pink Crabs: Don't fall around with your health this year. Eat sensibly and get into a sound exercise regime. Pluto can act as the great healer, soothing and regenerating, or grim hammer, smashing energy into tiny bits. Stress may build up on the job, but the secret is to let Pluto do with you what it will. It can lead you to an entirely new line of work.

LEO**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

If fun takes on an intense, over the edge immediacy, blame Pluto in Sag. Proud Lions are not content to simple sidle up to the nearest T bar and snowplow down the bunny slope. Fun has to entail a helicopter drop down some ravine where they'll find you in the spring that (or maybe not). Make good use of this burst of creativity through 1997 but don't cut off an ear to show your devotion.

VIRGO**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Have an urge to relive your childhood? No, but Pluto in Sag will drag you there anyway. (So why not go in drag?) Gay Virgins may face a power struggle with parents, but this will prove to be cathartic and affirming. You simply cannot go on compromising your life because of Mom and Dad. Look deep down into your heart and soul and you'll realize that personal happiness is an all Out imperative.

LIBRA**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Pluto in Sagittarius forces you to examine how you communicate with others this year. Diplomatic queer Libras find that their words can move mountains, so be prepared to have a mountain move on top of you. On the bright side, it is the per-

fect time to raise the rainbow banner high and proclaim our freedom. As long as you are moving mountains, move one onto Washington.

SCORPIO**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Even the most pernicious proud Scorps will have their loot wrenched from their grasping hands this year as Pluto in Sag runs amok with your finances. Maybe it's a good thing; you don't want to be accused of worshipping the almighty dollar at the expense of your self esteem (or do you?). 1997 will be remembered as the year that you get your values in proper priority.

SAGITTARIUS**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Expect a complete rebirth and regeneration with Pluto transiting your own sign. Gay Archers can experience a change of personality or appearance and feel the lift of total freedom and affirmation during this

period. If there was ever a time to step Out and be yourself, this is it. Anyway, Pluto can't stand the hidden or repressed; you'll be shoved out of that closet ready or not!

CAPRICORN**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Pluto in Sag acts as the great sanitation worker in your chart. All the muck and the mire that prevents you from living life proudly out will be carted away in heaps. There's no holding you back cousin, so don't even try to play the wallflower. 1997 is the perfect year to express yourself fully through volunteer work for our community. Pluto, like the gods, looks kindly on good deeds.

AQUARIUS**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Aqueerians dance to the tune of a different drummer this year as Pluto in Sag switches the beat. Old friends or social groups may no longer hold the same appeal as

your basic philosophy undergoes a change of perspective. Maybe you're maturing or maybe the old crowd is getting a bit stale. Whatever it is, avoid any new friends who wear "I love Pat Robertson" buttons on their lapel.

PISCES**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Do you know who you are and where your strength lies? If the answer is yes, Pluto in Sag bestows rewards upon you. If the answer is no, prepare for an abrupt professional jolt. Pink Fish can master their corporate fate, but don't evolve into a petty dictator. If you don't keep your whips to yourself (or among friends) the fates find a way of serving you a heaping portion of hubris au jus.

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Viewpoint

by Patrick J. Dooley

I am a native Tucsonan, born and raised in this valley. I have never known another home. Until recently I lived in the home that I was born in. My mother left when I was young, but in my culture that is not unusual. She left me our home where I grew up. I met someone and had kids of my own. One day while they were still young, I went out to get a bite to eat. When I came back it had already happened. My home had been destroyed with my children still inside. Not a thought was given to their well being during this heinous event.

It was not only my home, but my neighborhood destroyed in the blink of an eye. My life as I knew it ended. Today I have trouble just making ends

meet. I go to sleep hungry and cold. If I make it through this winter it will be a miracle. Some of my friends who live down the way sit on the brink today; their lives hang precariously in the balance in the face of the same biological infestation that destroyed my home, my friends, and my family. I am jackrabbit. The infestation is human.

We are a narrow minded, greedy, pompous, self serving species. There are 90 million more people on earth every year and that is after we count all those who have died. When are we going to finally give up outdated religious dogma regarding our privileged place in the universe and admit that the world does not revolve around us? We are but one part of a greater reality. The web of life is delicate. If we continue to tear it apart at the rate we are now, the whole web may come crashing down with us in the center of a biological catastrophe.

It is time to face up to the fact that educating the poor in our country and in the third world about birth control is becoming a reality. If we spent one dollar on birth control for every dollar we spend on feeding one starving child today, we might keep ten from starving five years from now. We might also end the mass destruction of the true Garden of Eden: the biological diversity God gave us to start out with.

[Note: This came to me today when I saw the mangled bodies of baby rabbits at the edge of a construction site on the edge of the desert.]

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POLITICS

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publicly state he was embarrassed by the Arizona voters. Who then elected you bozo? It's called democracy stupid!

Despite the reoccurring election snafu-du-jours, in Pima County, we elected a Democratic majority on the Board of Soups. Mr. Ed was sent to the glue factory and Dimbulb burned out. We elected a charter committee with the hope of home-rule, but that's questionable since they are wasting time dickering. Salad fork on the outside!

The future, Newt could be out on his keyster. Clinton could face many special-counselors. Hawaii same-sex marriage, the court case, will wind its way up

to the Supreme Court. The Arizona State Legislature will continue it's Gay bashing trend to divert the public's attention. Fife has his show trials in 1997, with the probably result of Governor Jane Dee Hull. Scared, be very scared!

Elections perhaps? Of course! We'll have a charter election, if the county charter committee gets their act together. The City of Tucson is supposed to hold elections for Council seats in Ward's 3, 5 and 6.

Rumor has it that if the audience for the Tucson election is as small, as it was in 1993, they're just going to rerun an old "Facts of Life" episode where Tootie and Natalie compete for the presidency of the student council! Oh the drama!

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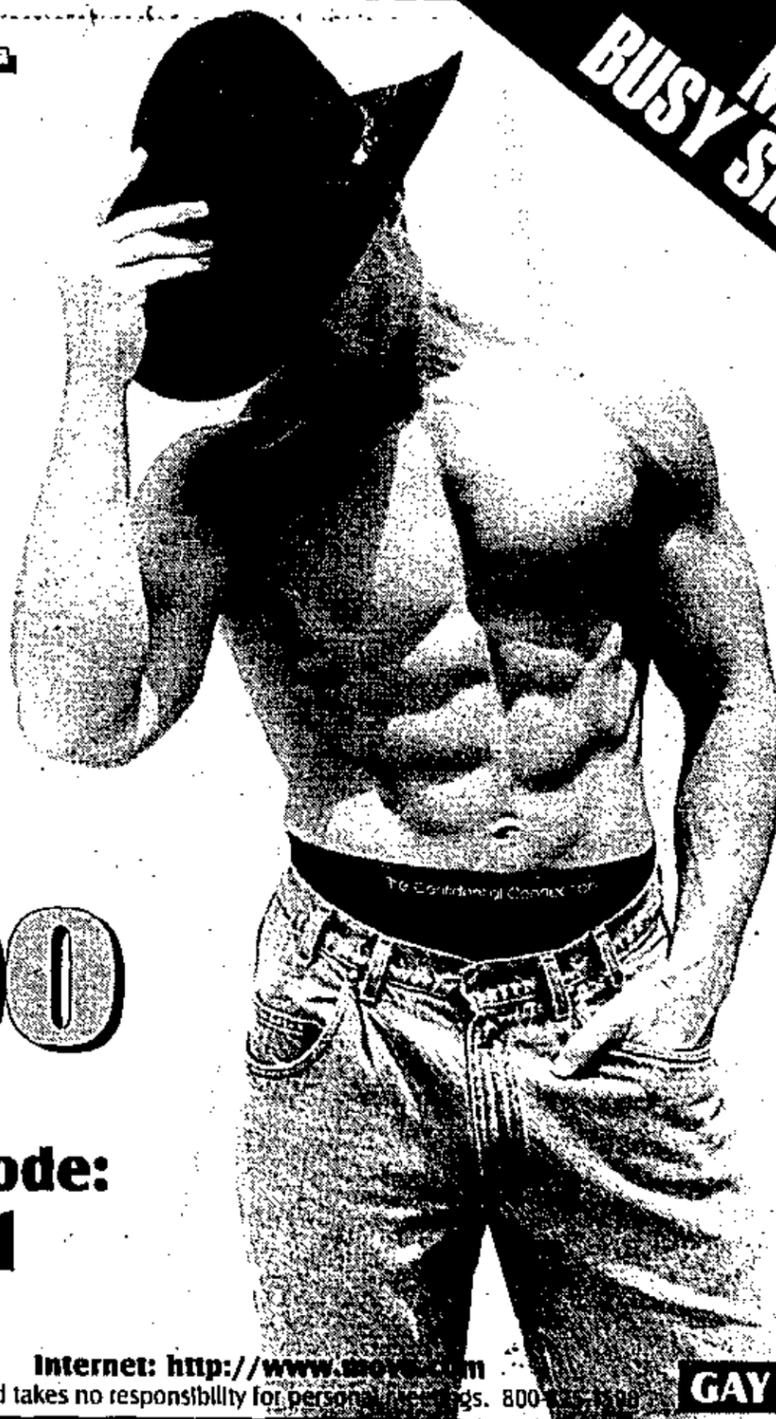
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GAY OWNED!

The Sins Of Mrs. Clinton

by Arthur Hoppe

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - With the Republicans baying at the heels of Mrs. Clinton, I dropped by the offices of Congressman Bagley Boodle, one of the stalwart leaders of the pack. I found him exchanging Hillary jokes with his staff.

"How many Hillaries does it take to screw up an administration?" he asked me, chuckling happily.

"Why are you so down on our first lady?" I asked him.

He leaned back in his chair, stuck his thumbs in his waistcoat pockets and frowned. "I'm confident that after several more months of investigation," he said, "we will be able to prove conclusively that Mrs. Clinton was behind the firing of the White House travel office staff and the hiring of her personal friends, thus convicting her on the spot of the unspeakable sin of cronyism."

"That's a crime?" I asked.

"Worse," he said. "It shows a flagrant disregard for the merit system which has made our country great, and it poisons the trust the public should have in their elected officials. It's no wonder the nation is shocked at these unprecedented disclosures of flagrant cronyism in the White House."

"Yes," I agreed, "just as shocked as it was during the Truman, Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations."

"It is up to us representatives of the people," continued Boodle, "to put an end to this insidious threat that will destroy, destroy, Ned, I need some language. Find me that speech I delivered to

the Kiwanis Club on the subject."

"Right away, Uncle Bagley," said a sallow young man, ambling out of the door.

"My sister Ruth's boy," explained Boodle. "Makes a fine research assistant. As I said to my press secretary, Al Sny-pes, 'If you can't trust relatives or old friends like you, Al, whom can you trust!'"

"Getting back to Mrs. Clinton," I said, "I suppose you agree with William Safire that's she's a congenital liar."

"Worse," said Boodle somberly shaking his head, "I agree with Mark Russell that the woman is a congenital lawyer."

"That's a far more serious charge," I said. "Do you have any proof?"

"Look at those billing records from the Rose law firm that mysteriously turned up in the White House book room," he said. "They show that she charged Madison Guarantee \$7,000 for 60 hours work over 15 months. And to think that she claimed she did only a 'minimal' amount for a minimal sum."

"But that's only an hour a week at \$116 an hour," I said. "That seem reasonably minimal."

"You forget that a lawyer's billing hour is only 15 minutes long," said Boodle, wagging a finger. "That means she was secretly charging her client \$464 an hour."

"That's a crime?" I asked.

"It may not be a crime," he said, "but it's this kind of cheating and conniving that is destroying the America that we honest citizens hold dear."

"If you can prove her guilty of not committing any crimes," I said, "then what'll you do?"

"Win the November elections," said Boodle confidently, "Meanwhile, I'm off to Pago Pago to inspect their armed forces with my chief of staff Mom? Are you packed."

[Arthur Hoppe is a writer for the San Francisco Chronicle from which this article is reprinted.]

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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 900-9385 for information and a newsletter. 558

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ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40884, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 222 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-8105.

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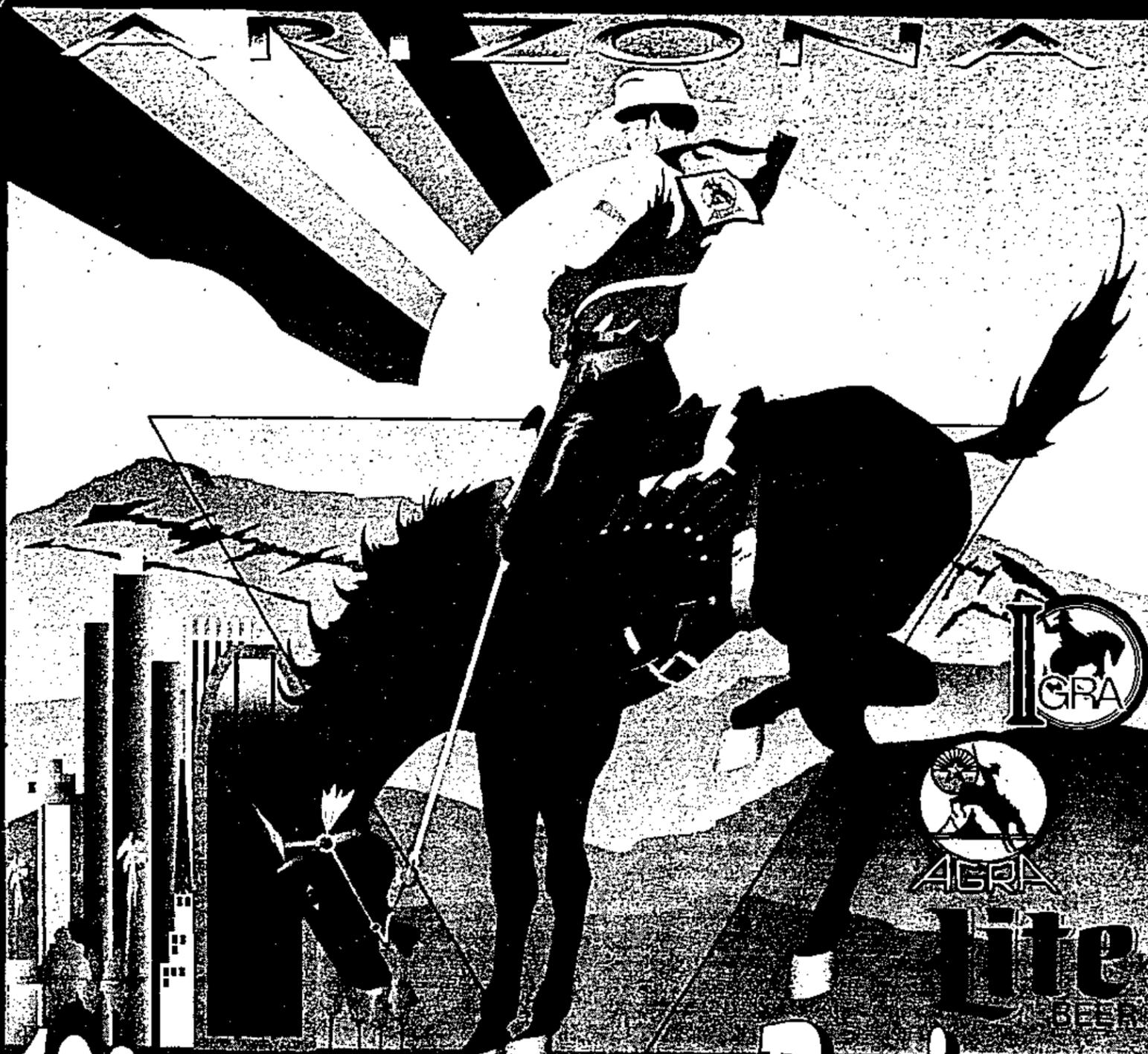
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