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 limelightAdult entertainers by night, college students by day, dancers defend their lifestyles.
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## Go go gadget

motic denstrate the robotic wheelchair their group designed through the ASU Conexiones Project while other student look on The Conexiones Project allows area junior high minority students to work with ASU faculty, researchers and staff to learn about technology in an academic setting. Forty-four students learned computer-programming skills and used Lego Programmable bricks this summer to design the robots ranging from carousels to moon buggies which were unveiled during a presentation Friday at the Computing Commons.


## Atlanta killings show how easily murderers slip away

## By Arlene Levinson

## AP National Writer

Last week, Sheriff Roy Wynn's heart broke. He saw carnage in Atlanta by a man long suspected of carnage in his own Cherokee County in Alabama.

There, six years ago, the man was linked to the hacking deaths of a woman and her mother. Months of police work in Alabama came to naught. Now, the same Mark O. Barton splattered blood in Georgia.
"I just felt real saddened, all these people had lost their lives," Wynn said from Centre, Ala. "I hoped someday we could bring this man to trial."

Barton's case was only the latest in which it seemed police had their hands on a killer only to see him slip away to kill again.
Early this year police questioned Cary Stayner in the killings of three Yosemite National Park sightseers. But
they dismissed the 37 -year-old motel handyman as a sus pect - until he confessed to the July 21 beheading of a park naturalist. He later confessed to killing all four.
While the FBI and Houston police hunted Angel Maturino Resendiz for a string of murders, unwitting immigration agents nabbed him for illegally entering the country, and sent him back to Mexico.

Another spectacular murder case. Another spectacula blunder. All in a matter of weeks. Or were they blunders at blund
all?

The public is getting a horrifying look at the daily frustration of police work, experts say.
"It's more common than the general public knows," says Vernon Geberth, former head of Bronx homicide in the New York Police Department. Now a consultant Geberth claims prosecutors are more reluctant today to take on cases that aren't a sure win.


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## Honors College uproots, to settle in Irish Hall



The ASU Honors College will be moving to Irish Hall Aug. 12-13.

By Bill Ward
State Press
The ASU Honors College will be moving from McClintock Hall to the newly refurbished Irish Hall Aug. 12-13, where more than 25 offices and 600 bed spaces await.
"Student and office space has been unbearable for years," said Janet Burke, associate dean of the University Honors College.

Irish Hall, built in 1930, is located in the Central Complex near the former home of the Honors College, McClintock Hall. The rooms are currently under restoration and will be ready for student life for the fall semester

McClintock Hall has served as a center of academic and o-curricular activities for students in the University Honors College since its inception. McClintock Hall currently has 174 bed spaces and 21 office spaces. Irish Hall ultimately will have 600 to 800 bed spaces and 25 office spaces by next spring

Administration from two ASU departments moved out of Irish Hall Friday. Staff from Veterans Upward Bound

American English Culture administration moved to Mariposa Hall.
"What we are trying to do bring the college together so we are a tight-knit community, similar to the old English-style universities where students are located together based on their disciplines," Burke said. "Right now everyone is spread out. It is exciting to think that everyone will be together this fall."
Honors College is among the first honors colleges in the nation and is the only one in the Southwest. Honors College graduates have had a 100 percent acceptance rate into law and medical schools since the program began.

David Techau, director of Academic Facilities said the restoration process in Irish hall will include new Ethernet technology for Internet connections, and the rooms and offices will get a cleaning and painting overhaul.
"These same offices have been here for 10 or 12 years. After that period of time, we really need to get in there and give it a fresh look again," Techau said.

Irish Hall is named after Dr. Fred Irish, an ASU found ing father that contributed to ASU's science department from 1856 to 1940.

## ASU student directs drag queen fairy tale

By Dave Maass State Press

Georgia Geis new one-act"play begs the question. How many ASU Bookstore workers are actually drag queens.

Cindes: A Modern Da Fairy Tale opens Aug. 14 at Modified, 407 E. Roosevelt in Phoenix. The show starts at $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and costs $\$ 4$ per ticket Geis is keeping the details about the satirical comedy in the closet. Afterall, it's only 50 minutes long. However,

## she said, "It's the story of one woman ing with a few falsies and wig

 stuggling to be herself in corporate America-Evil Corporate America." The play centers around Sparkles, a working girl suffering from low selfesteem, who finds redemtion in a place where men dress as women, and women do their own auto repair." Namely, the mystical Club 409 , transvestite bar.Geis, who works at the ASU Bookstore, said she based Sparkles, character loosely on herself, embellish sparkles is the longest performance piece Geis has written. It is also will be the first work she has acted as producer and director on.

Darlene Foxmore (she's a man, baby!) makes his/her theatrical debut as Sparkles' drag queen Fairy Godmother: Former ASU student Michelle Cruff stars in the title role, and Jonny Oberdorfer, another ASU alumnus and coworker at the ASU Bookstore, plays Fantasy Man.

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## Opinion

## Editorial

## Society leaves nothing to be desired, loved

Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ear.
Society finds itself in a vicious circle nipping at its tail like a mangy, dumb dog.
Like the Epicurean and Roman civilizations of old, we find ourselves engourged at the trough of amorality.
In ancient days, undesirable people were wiped, beaten, tortured and fed to various beasts for entertainment. Attendees numbered in the thousands, packing arenas the size of Sun Devil Stadium.
Today, everything is fair sport.
Turn on a TV set and observe how we have become cold and callous to the family structure, to the opposite sex and to strangers.
Family values is a joke, more a political catchphrase than an actual way of parenting and learning.
There's syndication's Change of Heart, a show that has a simple theme: "If you don't like your partner, we'll find you a new one." There's MTV's The Blame Game, a mock court filled with a hooting monkey-like audience as jury. Both shows send a simple message: eat, drink and be carnal for tomorrow we shall break up.
Then there's Woodstock '99. This tradegy didn't boil up overnight. It's a key point in a downward spiral of events since the original Woodstock. Attendees watched a number of acts dedicated to carnage such as Limp Bizkit and Korn. Then they decided to join in on mayhem, breaking others bones, raping women, having muddy orgies and finally rioting.
In July alone, 23 people - including three gunmen - have died in mass killings in Atlanta. Think of what's happening in other cities throughout the world.
"It's just mind-boggling," said Georgia Hall, who lives across the street from the house where a July 12 murder-suicide left seven dead in Atlanta. "It's almost unbelievable that these tragedies are just happening all together. You get to the point where you wonder what's next?"

Although we are on the same downward thrust that lead the Roman and Epicurean societies to destruction, we have surpassed the them in cruelty and in amorality. That being the case, we will face a far worse worse outcome.


## Heroes don't wait to do their best

Tmere has been more than in the sadness and negativity
${ }_{\text {and Moore }}$ geest columist in the news lately. But just when the bad news twins, Gloom and Doom, appear to have a stranglehold on Good Guys everywhere, a new superhero rides to the rescue. (Pun intended.)
Lance Armstrong completed the mother of all comebacks July 26 , by winning the mother of all bicycle races, the Tour de France. His victory lap around the Champs Elysée must have been difficult because he had millions of those who suffer from life-threatening conditions riding on his shoulders.
Armstrong whad been diagnosed with a particularly deadly form of testicular cancer which later spread to his lungs and brain. He was told his chances of survival were less than 40 percent and that his cycling career was over. Apparently, he doesn't listen very well. After two surgeries and 12 weeks of chemotherapy, Armstrong started training for a race that was then two years away.

His training regimen was so successful that Armstrong dominated this year's race from the start. In fact, his only real headaches were accusations by the French press of drug use. The allegations were unsubstantiated and, to his credit, Armstrong did not allow them to break his concentration or weaken his determination
Armstrong has become hope's poster boy not only for people suffering from life-threatening diseases, but for those with any disability - and that's as it should be. During the race, Armstrong was quoted as saying that one of his motivations was to give hope to everyone who has gone through the same thing he has.
Armstrong joins a long list of famous people who have overcome all kinds of adversity and now provide hope to millions.

My thoughts are that this story is both too common and too uncommon. Thousands of people every day overcome or ignore life-threatening conditions to make a positive impact on the world around them. We hear their stories all too seldom. It is unusual for the media to cover the long list of people in this category unless they happen to be famous.

I'm not so naive to think that the media would, could or
should stop its coverage of the less than uplifting things that happen in the world. We won't get into the debate here about whether or not media coverage has become part of the problem; that is a column in itself. But it doesn't take a rocket scientist to understand that some increase in positive news items, coupled with some decrease in negative news, would dilute the arguments of the anti-media crowd. Of course, it shouldn't be about strength of arguments, it should be about numbers of results.
Armstrong's story, and the others I've alluded, to are all oo common because of the circumstances behind them Why is it that, individually and collectively, we apparently must be faced with death or the threat of it before we can even begin to achieve our full potential? Why does it have to take the threat of tragedy to produce triumph.
It took the very real threat of nuclear extinction to scare world leaders into efforts to overcome the cancerous threat of global warfare, although it's still not entirely clear that we are willing to eliminate small but potentially dangerous umors that still exist. Tumors with names like Khadafy, Hussein, ethnic cleansing, etc.

Is it in our genes? Will we be classified by paleontologists in the distant future as the "come-back" species? One that had to be pushed, individually and collectively, to the edge of extinction before it could make significant progress? And will we one day ran out of comebacks?
This is not just about prolonging life, it's also about quality of life. The exuberance, joy and pride that radiates from people who overcome their adversities are the things we need to try to experience on a daily basis. Yes, I know that the intensity of emotion is a direct reflection of the amount of effort and danger involved. All I'm saying is that we need to strive for whatever degree of pleasure and pride we can every day of our lives, not wait until that life is threatened.

We need to do more than just read about the accomplishments of the Armstrongs of this world. We need to start figuring out how we can evolve that trait of strong, positive reaction to deadly menace into a strong, positive attitude that anticipates and counteracts the Gloom and Doom brothers.

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## Millennium memories of the next century

with the last year of the $20^{\text {th }}$ century more than half finished, have you thought about what has already occurred in 1999? It has been a year rich in history, no doubt. But with the millennium approaching, will 1999 receive more attention in the history books than other years?

Surely, in 2099, the New York Time will do a monthly feature looking back 100 years. Just what will be written?

I have a few ideas
January 1999 - The people spoke and they were heard. That's why a for mer steroid using, World Wrestling Federation bad boy was inaugurated as Minnesota's governor. Jesse Ventura may be more familiar to all of you as the United States' $44^{\text {th }}$ President, but January of 1999 was when Ventura's political career was really launched. By becoming Minnesota's governor, Ventura lit the spark that ignited the nation's love for the Reform Party

After Ventura's inauguration, political pundits had only one question for Minnesota voters. "What were you think

February 1999 - The second impeachment trial of a U.S. President

ended the same way the firs one did, with an acquittal The nation's leader actually had to watch as Republicans brought his sex life into the homes of every single American. It was proven that Bill Clinton liked to play doctor with one of his interns, but in a fashionable partisan vote, the Senate decided to keep Slick Willie in office, As usual, the Teflon Prez watched his popularity among the American people increase during the scandal.

March 1999 - In a move that would leave every U.S. Supreme Court Justice in state of disbelief, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani implemented a new program that saw vehicles confiscated from people who drove drunk. A worthwhile program indeed, but the cars were taken away before convictions were attained. It seems the mayor forgot about the great American principle that you are innocent until proven guilty. The Supreme Court would later declare the statute unconstitutional. A couple years later, Giuliani would find himself spending more and more time in Washington, D.C. after winning a seat in the U.S. Senate.

April 1999 - NATO continues its air war against Kosovo. Never heard of Kosovo? Don't worry, most Americans didn't know where it was even when the war was taking place. The United States ended up as the official winner, even though our success (or lack thereof) is still argued to this day.

May 1999 - After waiting in lines for more than 6 weeks, some intense fans finally watched as their dream become a reality. Star Wars: The Phantom Menace was officially released. To this day researcher can not quit the the phe nomenon that surrounded the Star War films. When asked about
it, one psychology expert at Columbi University could merely, offer, "Peopl were weird. People are weird. People will always be weird. What can I say?

June 1999 - The Cox report asserts that China might be an enemy to the United States. After looking back at the political cli mate and China's actions during the latte part of the $20^{\text {th }}$ century, we can only say

## "Duh!" No one really believed China would

 be content to be number two, did they?July 1999 - The sentimental nature of America is truly shown when John F Kennedy, Jr. crashes his plane off Martha' Vineyard, killing himself, his wife and he sister. Americans flock to Kennedy's apart ment, leaving flowers, pictures, and other tokens of affection. The media labels the crash a great tragedy and asks if some curse surrounds the Kennedy family. Experts realize, 100 years later, that a poor decision and not some sort of curse was the true cul prit in the death of John What else will 1999 bring? Will Y2K make 9 people go
crazy? will razy? Will
President Clinton have a tough time keep ing his zipper closed? Will anyone see Mystery Men? These and other question will be answered as the $20^{\text {th }}$ century comes to a close.
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## LettersEditor

## Taiwan deserves true independence from China

Whether you want to accept that Taiwan and China are in fact two separate countries, all the citizens of the world should recognize that the era of "One China" has already and irrevocably ended.

During an international media interview, Taiwan's President Lee Teng-hui remarked that relations between Taiwan and China should be based on a "state-to-state relationship."
I support Lee's truthful statement and urge that you also accept the reality that Taiwan is a sovereign nation-state. Looking back on the whole history of the region, Taiwan was never ruled by China for even a single day. The "One China" policy is not only based on a mirage, hi bas also created problems between Taiw long history Taiwanese people have a the s) matic repression of their national ident Chinese identity was imposed on Taiwanese nat mals by the policies of the Chinese Nationalist government, which also suppressed the recognition of their Ta anese identity. Moreover, under the "One China" administration, Taiwan has been isolated from participation in the international arena because of its lack of clear nationhood status.

The Taiwanese people, through a progressive democratic process, should determine their own motherland's statehood.

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## Mayor: students welcome on Mill - as long as they 'behave'

Editor's note: The following guest neit Giuliano column is in response to the State Press editorial of June 15, which voiced concerns about the city's role in current downtown Tempe development projects and the effect those projects may have on ASU students.
met recently with the editorial board of the State Press to
discuss my reaction to a recent editorial headlined, "A letter from some angry, insignificant students." The editorial accused me and the Tempe City Council of trying to keep college-age students out of downtown Tempe. Nothing could be further from the truth.

As I told the editorial board, we openly welcome ASU students and the energy and vitality that they bring with them to downtown Tempe. But, we do not welcome ONLY college students - and, perhaps, that is where the misunderstanding lies.
often refer to Mill Avenue in downtown as Tempe's living room - over the years it has become the place in our community where people come to gather, talk and just hangout. But, just as you would require of those visiting the living room of your own home, we also expect all visitors to downtown, including college students, to properly behave and obey the laws of our community

Over the past twenty-some years, we have changed a broken down old downtown that was not attracting anyone into a thriving, interesting and energetic place that attracts huge crowds every day. Downtown Tempe is now a model for downtown areas across the country, and I will continue to work to ensure that it remains so

So, you see, the editorial's argument doesn't really make sense - running college students out of downtown would be completely contrary to the plans that we have for downtown, now and in the future. Those plans do include, how ever, a responsibility to make downtown Tempe a safe and enjoyable place for everyone.

Yes, college students have long been a fixture on Mill Avenue. And recent surveys show that the ASU community including students, represents about 50 percent of the downown Tempe patrons. But families, business people, the young and the old, visitors and tourists, individuals as young and the old, visitors and tourists, individuals as
diverse as this community and this entire nation, are all weldiverse as this community and this entire nation, are all wel-
come. And they do come to downtown. That diversity is the real beauty of downtown Tempe - many different people with many different views on the world, who are interacting sharing and debating those views.
For many young people, going off to college is the first opportunity to be out there in the real world on your own You probably are finding that your college years are a time for establishing your own independence, an opportunity to find out who you are and who you want to be. And, ultimately, who you are is all about the choices that you make. You can choose to feel "insignificant" and "angry" as portrayed in the editorial, and that is your absolute right. Might I suggest, instead, a slight attitude adjustment.

I sincerely hope (and, in fact, I know, from the hundreds of college students that I meet each year) that, as students and as human beings, you strive for more than "roving the streets, vomiting in gutters..,hooting at passing cars...and making general nuisances of (y)ourselves." I do understand that, to some degree, this is all part of the "college experience." But please don't ever forget that what you do and how you do it affects others - not only in downtown Tempe, but wherever you go.
Despite the editorial's claims to the contrary, downtown Tempe does not belong to ASU students. Nor does it belong to the Tempe City Council or any one particular group of individuals. Downtown Tempe belongs to all of us, and that means that all of us must abide by a set of standards for behavior that will allow all of us to enjoy it.

## Woodstock `99:

## BY SCOTT BRACKEN

State Press
Did you happen to catch all the peace, love and good vibes up at Woodstock `99 a few week-
ends ago? It's way too easy to make news analysis the comparison to the "original"
Woodstock, but that's exactly what this year's concert and its fans seemed to lack: "originality." And a sense of dignity.
Back in 69 , the festival seemed to be more of a sense of togetherness for the common good, yet in '99 it appeared everybody was getting together for a common coup d'etat. Riots, looting, moshpits and now there are even reports of several rapes that occurred during the show.

Is this a trend? And if so, how do we explain it?
I believe there are a few reasons. For starters, kids today (more specifically young white boys) are way too bored. They have to vandalize, start fires and physically abuse women for fun.

They mean to tell us that women, the most noble creatures on earth that carry and help raise our children of tomorrow, can't even attend a live music event without having to fear a sexual
celebration of mayhem, rape, pillage
attack by some punk with a pierced face and tattoos on his calves? If young white boys can't have enough respect towards females to let them enjoy live music free of molestation then we either need to have undercover cops combing the mosh pits or just put an end to rock concerts - period. The female of the species have been targeted for oppression, rape and murder since the beginning of time and sadly enough, it seems it will only get worse before it will get better.

And it's also easy to point the finger at MTV, the very conglomerate behind this cheap promotional campaign and the talentless music they filter through to the masses. Limp Bizkit? Do they have any original material? I guess the " $z$ " in "bizkit" automatically places them in the hip-hop category. Kid Rock? Isn't the chorus to his only hit strangely reminiscent to the Sugarhill Gang's "Rapper's Delight," which makes him nothing more than a jack-ass hopping around stage in a red jumpsuit? Kom? They sound like good musicians with their catchy guitar hooks, but I can't take them seriously. Not only are they named after a vegetable, but they can't even spell it right. Then there's all the other MTV players who might've been
shot if they performed at Woodstock '99. They've got their three interchangeable singing groups, with identical sounds, dance moves and boyish faces: the Backstreet Boys, N Sync and 98 degrees. In addition there's a couple former New Kids On The Block trying to turn back the clock, the rumored soon-to-be Sun Devil, Britney Spears and the "Jeanie in the Bottle" girl.

Underneath all the make-up, tweaked vocal tracks and over-produced videos, you see that MTV itself has financial interest in these group.

I don't even want to call them bands, these 'trend setters' Granted, they're better role models and have a more positive influence than some of the Woodstock ' 99 bands, but that soft, cheesy teeny-bop crap should air on Nickelodeon instead of MTV. Or at least limited Disney Channel afternoon specials.

No wonder kids are so angry these days. The music sucks, or at least the music MTV airs that inevitably spills over into the Top 40 charts and eventually results in record sales. And I know there are some good bands out there with some solid music to boot, but just don't go looking to MTV to find them.

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## New home entertainment system excels, may widen scope of TV

## Jearold Hersey

State Press
The summer usually brings attention to movies in theaters but this year the home market has been making noise.

Digital Video (Versatile) Disc technology is a fast growing home entertainment medium, out selling the debuts of VHS videocassette recorders and CD players.
According to statistics from Consumer Electronics Manufacturer's Association (CEMA), retailers have purchased about $1,050,000$ players for sale as of June 18 compared to about 1.1 million in all of 1998. At the current pace there will be about 2.5 million players in American homes by the end of the summer

In June, CEMA took a survey of fathers to find desired Father's Day gifts and DVD finished third (8 percent of consumers), behind computer ( 25 percent) and personal digital assistants ( 15 percent)
The growing DVD format has brought several high profile releases to consumers and seen the demise of the maligned DIVX
"The biggest problem with DIVX was the confusion it generated due to the company's twisted hype, marketing and commer
cials," said Darius DeMartini, editor of DVDReview.com, a Web site that focuses primarily on DVD news and information.

## DIVX R.I.P.

Circuit City, in a partnership with Digital Video Express and the law firm Ziffren Brittenham, Branca \& Fischer, introduced DIVX in the fall of 1998.
After struggling to find financial backing, Circuit City began exclusively selling DIVX enhanced DVD players to support a pay-per-view option for DVD.
The DIVX system played $\$ 4.50$ discs that could be viewed for 48 hours. To view the disc afterward, the customer would have to pay a fee for additional 48 hour viewing. The player, which had to be connected to a phone line, would call DIVX billing to report the viewing.
Circuit City scratched the operation June 16 and estimated the venture will cost \$114 million to shut down; including $\$ 100$ rebate to DIVX buyers.

The criticism of DIVX mostly came from DVD owners who balked at a system that had discs that would not play in regular or "open" DVD players (DVD discs will play in DIVX)

Opponents took the argument to the Web. DVD information Web sites, such as BanDIVX.com, were completely against the venture.
"DIVX just had nothing to bring 5 to the table. The highly touted convenience factor wasn't exis-
tent and all other features were stripped down from DVD, Most DIVX discost DIVX discs didn't offer the added features (trailers, deleted scenes and commentaries) or the theatrical aspect ratio of DVD. DeMartini added campaign seemed to try to challenge DVD confusing the consumer.
"They tried to make people believe that with

DVD they get an inferior product, which wasn't the case as we all know," DeMartini said. With the growing DVD community, the Web sites function much like computer user groups, discussing issues and topics to bring the videophile units to the mainstream.

DVDFile.com provides a large amount of information, including a introduction for new DVD users

Our primary role is the dissemination of information," said Jarod Musgrave, DVDFile.com webmaster and writer.
"Our site can also act as an intermediary between the studios and the consumers by relaying information and questions between the two groups," he added.

Musgrave points out desired films like the Star Wars and Indiana Jones trilogies have "no release date in sight" and pricing is an issue as well
"Hardware prices have dropped nicely over the past two years, but some studios use a pricing scheme on software that is too high to attract buyers used to VHS prices," Musgrave said. "An average DVD should not have a street price over $\$ 20$."
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## DVD

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Suggested or list prices for DVD discs range in the \$2430 range, while special additions can cost as much as $\$ 50$ While recent release hit DVD about the same time as VHS, older films release schedule can vary.
"One thing that is most important is that DVD needs to break into the mainstream seriously and provide content for everyone," DeMartini said. "DVD needs pan-and-scan and DVD needs more 'classic' content in order to attract the masses."

## WIDER IS BETTER?

Among the desire to see certain films released, the aspect ratio of the film is of major concern as well. Pan-and-scan, with the exception of films up to the early ${ }^{\circ} 50$ s, manipulates the picture to fit a standard TV screen. Widescreen preserves the theatrical format.

Pointing out that DVD appeals mostly to "film enthusiasts," DeMartini said anamorphic widescreen is hotly debated in the on-line community,

The theatrical aspect ratio of a film is about 1.85 to one, or 16 wide by nine high. Standard televisions screens have a four to three ratio. In order to show a film in it's original ratio, it has to be letterboxed with black bars at the top and bottom to preserve the ratio.
With DVDs that are not anamorphic widescreen, resolution is lost in order to maintain the black bars on the TV set. Widescreen TV sets are capable of displaying the image without the black bars through discs that are anamorphic.
While widescreen TV sets won't be in wide use until the arrival of High-Definition Television, Musgrave said the enhancement is important now for those who do have widescreen TVs and to avoid repurchasing enhanced dises in the future
"Paramount has unfortunately chosen to release Titanic without the enhancement, probably because they would like to release it again in a couple years, only with the enhancement added, thus increasing sales," Musgrave said. Among the studios drawing criticism, 20th Century Fox, which was one the last studios to support DVD, won't offer for the time being.
A Warner Bros. spokesperson said decisions regarding enhancements and features come down to cost. Remixing sound from older films for DVD can cost up to $\$ 500,000$. For the "master," the source film for the DVD, older films often have to be restored for quality.
Warner Brothers released a collection of seven Stanley Kubrick films on June 29. The set, which includes Clockwork Orange, Dr. Stranglove and 2001: A Space Odyssey, has mono sound and no films in anamorphic

6 Paramount has unfortunately chosen to release Titanic without the enhancement, probably because they would like to release it again in a couple years, 99 only with the enhancement added, thus increasing sales.
Jarod Musgrave, DVDFile.com
webmaster and writer

On the subject of anamorphic widescreen, the pokesman said all aspect ratio decisions are weighed with "Our primary goal is the quality of sound and picture econdary goals are picture galleries and (director commentaries)," said Columbia Tri-Star DVD "answerman" mentaries),"
im Adams.
Columbia June 29 release of Ghostbusters was one of he most anticipated DVDs of the summer. The disc is anamorphic, has a Mystery Science Theater 3000-like director's commentary, documentaries and interactive stoy yboards to name a few of the features.
Adams said Sony-owned Columbia (who along with Warner has shown the biggest commitment to DVD) is interested in testing the limits of the medium.
"We're trying to educate people as well as put product together," Adams said. "We know that (anamorphic widescreen) is the future and we're gearing most DVD toward the $16 \times 9$ format."

Adams added put both aspect ratios on the disc (which is common) is the best way to appeal to the broadest market. Buena Vista Home Entertainment, which represents Disney, Miramax and Dimension movie studios has not put its latest releases in anamorphic.
"We're looking at it on a title-by-title basis," said Kevin Kasha, Executive Vice President of Miramax Home Entertainment.
"We want the film to be viewed in the best possible format," Kasha added.

Kasha said his studio is "very committed" to DVD and now without DIVX, the format can move forward. "We're getting as many titles out as we can. I think (DIVX's cancellation) will only help DVD in that's one format to talk about now."

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## Musician McCain brings his 'message' to the Valley

## By Lindsey Collom

## State Press

Edwin McCain soars to new heights, and into the Valley, on the forged wings of Messenger, his much-anticipated third label release.
Despite the success of his 1997 breakthrough Misguided Roses, propelled by the success of the acclaimed single "I'll Be," McCain cast conventional methods aside to draw from new wells of creativi ty and musicality in dealing with his recent effort.
"Typically, I'm wrong much more than I'm right when it comes to my own opinions and judgment calls about music," McCain said. "I had to suspend some of my own knee-jerk reactions and just make plans to try anything to make better music. That's kinda how we came after this album. If it works, great. If it doesn't, at least we tried. That's the theory."
It appears to have worked. Enjoying a prime spot on the Billboard 200, Messenger seems to have taken flight and is gaining speed, due largely in part to the widely popular Diane Warren-penned single "I Could not ask for More." This lover's anthem, however, was initially a raw stone in need of refinement. After some re-tooling, McCain and his cohorts fashioned the song into their own
"I felt somewhat weird about chang ing the song, but I think when I have trepidation towards something, to me, that's a challenge," McCain said. "I would have much rather written the

first single myself. But then, I think this is a really good vehicle to turn people on to what I do.

And what he does is translate the human experience into a musical language "that everyone can understand." For his current release, McCain constructed a compilation of the lessons and observations of two-years worth of ravels into a tiny package with a large sound
"I just write about what I know and what I've seen," McCain said. "It's very rare that I invent something to write about. It's mostly situations I've seen on the road, of characters I've met that I may have embellished, but most of the people are the real thing.
"The truth of the matter is, I goofed off until it was time to go into the studo, and then I really got down to writing about what I know and what has been my experience over the last two years. And basically, this album is a shot of that headspace.

McCain's idea of "goofing off" consists of touring. Ever the wanderer, McCain has likened the North American continent to his backyard. After having kicked-off a nine week tour in St.Louis on July 27, McCain and company will be performing at the Celebrity Theater on Aug. 10.
"I do like touring, but I'm not as big a fan of it now as I used to be," McCain said. "I've been doing it for so many years that I really enjoy my time at home and being around my family. It's kinda tough to leave."

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## Painter finds human flesh better canvas



Melanie Corradi outlines Don "Muff' Pluff'of Phoenix's latest tatoo while his daughter, Amber Lynn, looks on

## By Trisha Coffman

## State Press

Melanie Corradi prepared to tattoo her friend's leg, filling ink caps with different colors of brightly colored ink, readying the needle she'll be using and shaving a section of his leg

Corradi, who has been working eight months in a tattoo apprenticeship, turned on the needle and it buzzed in her hand. Her friend winced with pain as she retouched the outline on his "barrel of monkeys" tattoo.
"It's really interesting to me that people would trust you to do permanent artwork on their bodies," said Corrad, who "practices" on friends in her Tempe studio.
"I've found it's a totally different medium (than painting) because what you're working on changes. Whereas if I'm painting on canvas, canvas is always canvas. Everybody's skin is different. It's crazy to learn all of that and try to adapt to it. You don't get a second chance.'

Corradi received a bachelor's degree in
painting from ASU this year and studied art in Italy. As an apprentice, she works for free but gains the skills and knowledge needed to achieve professional status.

Although the tools and mediums are different, Corradi said tattooing techniques are very similar to those used in water color painting.
"The ideas you're using for blending the color are the same as you would use for painting," she said. "The manipulation is a little different.
Needles are almost just like brushes, said Corradi, who still paints and shows her work at Art One in Scottsdale.
"Every tattoo artist will learn the needles they like and what work best for them for their style of tattooing. Lots of tattoo artists will make their own needles.'

Corradi said she wants to learn the art of tattooing so she can pay the bills, while still creating art.
"By picking up another art form that was totally different, I can keep my painting as my painting and still do something creative."

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## SummerDestinations

## Ancient cave still mystifies tourists

## By Denise Estfan

State Press
Often referred to as the jewel in the desert, Colossal Cave Mountain Park, is a crystal-filled hollow mountain with cave formations that curve through six and a half stories of limestone, calcite and gypsum rock.

Colossal Cave offers daily tours through the rock formations where the cave's history, legends and geology are explained thoroughly by a tour guide. Walking through
the cave, formations such as stalactites, month, at night when all of the cave's lights flowstone, boxwork and helictites surround and wow visitors with their beauty. First discovered in 1879, Colossal Cave has been used by the Apache Cave Hohokam peoples, and been a hideout for old train robbers of the Wild West. With its dormant atmosphere that creates a yearround 70 degree temperature, the cave is rout
an attractive day trip.
atractive day trip. The park is also a great place for a picnic
Off-route tours or "ladder" tours are Wooded areas around the cave provide plen-
have been turned off. Tourists, provided with hard hats, can climb up ladders and Posta Quernada Ranch where riders can fol crawl through restricted tunnels, with a rib low natural paths through the Sonoran dinner and a bonfire at the end of the Desert. Hiking and biking are also popular adventure.
with the tourists. While visiting the scenic park, tourists can take a trip on an old-fash ioned stage coach or have a real cowboy cookout at the ranch.
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## By Lindser Collom

## State Press

Emerging from the smoky haze, the dancer steps into a seedy world saturated in flashing lights, pulsating music, and rhythmic flesh.

Weaving through the random darkness, she dons the mask of a cunning saleswoman and begins marketing a pricey piece of self.

The air thick with promises of money, she moves methodically amongst the seemingly faceless patrons ome robed in business suits, others in casual attire - all cloaked in the anonymity provided by the club's exterior walls

At the end of the day, when the last dance has ended and the last dollar is earned, these particular dancers shed their skin and clothe themselves in yet another role that of a student.

A market of titillation and sex appeal, the life of an exotic dancer can be taxing for those involved, but for many students pay ing their own way though college, the financial incentives outweigh the negatives.

Financial security has been the crux for many students seeking to earn a large profit in a minimal amount of time. So it is no surprise that the adult entertainment industry lures many with its siren-song of wealth and material gain.

While they may share a common motivation each story is personal, individual and distinct.

## Role Playing

"My goal when I started dancing was I wanted to get an education," recalled Lori, 30, an ASU recreation tourism management major, who asked to have her last name kept confidential. "I didn't care how I had to do it, but I was going to get an education, and I was going to pay for it myself and not rely on anybody. I'd be going to a university and I'd be graduating. And I'm doing it.'
Like Lori, many women have entered into the adult entertainment industry, declar ing their choice as means to an end. She took on the role of a dancer five years ago and never intended to secure a long-term career in dancing.
Lori worked at several Valley clubs and now Pink Kitty Strippers, a local bachelor party company
"There's no way
any half-decent, intelligent person could stay in this business," she said. "Your body is no going to be up to par with all the younger girls, and you're going to get burnt out."

Despite the limited window of opportunity, the quest for a greater, more fulfilling life has led a wide variety of women to the industry's bosom
"I have experience working with a mix of girls," Lori said. "Anything from a single mother to a really young girl who doesn' even have her high school diploma, all the
way up to seasoned dancers who are older than me and still dancing. And they look fabulous.
"And then you have the older girls that are just trying to hang on, and they don't look as good, and they don't have any education. No car. No money. Nothing stashed away. You know they're doing drugs and you think to yourself, 'Where's the money after all these years?

She said her job is flexible enough to allow her time to tend to her personal life.
"That's the great thing about it," she said. "It's easy to juggle dancing and (school) because you can really pick the amount of hours you can do if you get into a nice club. If you have an exam, then just don't go in that week. Then, after that, just go in three or four times to make up for it, and it's okay. It's not like being in a rea job where you're going to get fired if you don't come in that week.'

Dancers for large establishments, such as Tiffany's Cabaret in Tempe, enjoy a flexibility stemming from the benefits of a high employee volume.
"We have about 250 girls working here, so there's no set schedule," said Missy, a supervisor and former dancer at Tiffany's Cabaret. "They basically show up when it' convenient for them. A lot of our girls are working moms or students, and they can fix their schedules accordingly.

However, flexibility is not an advantage present in every facet of the industry. For some women, the preservation of various roles is bittersweet and often exhausting.
"I study between dances, I study a work," said Dina, a student at Pima Medical School. "There are times that I don't get out
of (the club) until two or three o'clock in the morning, and I don't get to bed until four. I get pretty tired."

Like many single mothers, Dina is persevering in the struggle to carve out a better life for herself and her daughter - a forged road leading to graduation, a "nine to five job, a house and a normal kind of life." The effort, although strenuous, is not without some semblance of immediate gratification.
"It's hard work mentally and physically," Dina said. "But it can be fun. It's fun to be up there in the lights and dance and have a good time. I enjoy what I'm doing, but it's different for everyone.
"And there are times when you get burnt out. There are times when you feel guilty."

Be it a product of conflicting values or contradiction of upbringing, guilt, often accompanied by shame, is not an uncommon side-effect of the trade.
"I was not raised like this," Dina said. "My mom knows about what I do, and she doesn't approve, but she deals with it.
'To me, we do it to entertain. The dancers aren't harming anybody and they're not out there to be sleazy or do anything wrong. People have a right to do what they want to do."

## Private Discretion

Some women prefer to keep their job and personal lives as separate as possible, but to shelter a personal life from the radiating glow of the club spotight can often become a cumbersome task.

Lori related an experience in which she was confronted by a boisterous former customer in public.



I was in the computer lab (at ASU) and some guy walks up to me and says, 'Hey, I know you. Didn't you do a party for so-and-so last week?' And at first, I didn't recognize him because I was knee-deep in my work," she said. "But once I started talking to him, I began to recall the situation, and he said, 'Yeah, you guys stunk. You just kinda bounce up and down on this guy, bounce up and down on that guy, and you move on to the next one. You weren't sen sual enough, and you weren't sexy enough.
"And all I could think of was, 'Who is this guy? What's he talking about?' Because I didn't notice anything like that. Clearly he wanted something our service doesn't offer."
Lori said, as the tone of his voice began to escalate, she told the man to change the subject.
"He was making a scene, talking loudly So I said, 'Hey, let's take this outside because people can hear everything we're saying.' I mean, I appreciate that he had a problem and wanted to address it, but the tone of voice he was using and the place was inappropriate."

Although Lori said she is not ashamed of her work, she said she feels it is a private matter to be shared at her discretion.
Some women prefer not to tell friends or family members about what they do; others share freely.

Above: Nikki, a part time student at Maricopa Community College, takes a break during while work ing as a dancer.
Left: Mercedes receives a cue from her instructor While preparing boneless chuck roast at the Matertainment industry. By working in the adul self through school. Her goal is to become a butcher.
"At first, I was really freaked out about telling anybody because I didn't know what they would think," Lori said. "And then I started telling a few close friends, and it didn't seem to be such a big deal. And I'm having mixed feelings about it now. God, maybe I shouldn't have said anything."

## The Money

A student at Paradise Valley Community College, Jisty has become well acquainted with the crown jewel of the industry. However, the cash flow doesn't always wash in as a flood. Sometimes it merely trickles And occasionally, there are droughts
"Sometimes I'll come home from work and just be so frustrated, and I'll wonder why I do what I do, and then I think," Jisty throws her head back and laughs, "Oh yeah - the money!"
"I haven't made anything in the past five days, but it just works like that. You have your good weeks and bad weeks. But don't let her tell you she's had a bad week," Jisty said with a grin, nodding to Nikki, a fellow dancer at Secret Seductions

Flashing a wide smile, Nikki admitted to the week's indulgence, but also pegged it as irregular for the off-season.
"Things are slow this time of year. But as long as I get my bills paid, hey." Nikki said, shrugging.

Appearing at home amongst the rigid couches and red-drenched glow of the mirrored conference room, the dancers spoke of contention in the pursuit to make a dollar. Each is responsible for alluring customers to their services, and when the clientele is sparse, there's not much for a dancer to do.

Cash flow is a factor primarily dependent on the type of outlet. A dancer employed by a cabaret or similar enterprise has greater money-making potential than a woman vying for customers at a relatively small establishment simply because of customer base and fluidity. However, some will chalk it up to a matter of self-marketing.


All photos by Leah Fasten of the State Press Above: "Midnight," a Paradise Community College student, sits in a private dancing room at Secret Seductions. New to the industry, "Midnight" sees working as a dancer as an opportunity to support her
child. Her family and friends, unaware of her dancing, believe she is a waitress.
"If you're really smart with sales, and about their intellect, or maybe even their hair, you know how to sell yourself, and you have a good attitude," Lori said, "you can make a large amount of cash, under the table, really really fast. You can pay for an entire tuition at ASU - the whole thing in one week. And nobody knows."

While the quantity of money and earning capacity varies in each segment of the industry, the job provides, for most, an easier route.
"It's a better living than most jobs," said Mercedes, a student at Maricopa County Skills Center. "It provides better than any job that pays minimum wage. You're providing for your family and yourself without really struggling."
"It's the money," Dina agreed. "I'm paying for school, and I'm a single mom. I have to pay the rent, the bills The money is there."

Attributing her comfortable lifestyle to the job, Mercedes views the industry as a virtual cash cornucopia
"(The opportunity) seemed like a good way to get out of where I was," she said. "I'm going to school, and I have a car now, a home of my own. I couldn't have done this by working at McDonalds."

Many women in the business prefer dancing rather than a job producing minima pay in exchange for an acquired skill. And the skills needed to attain a job producing a cash crop remotely close to that gained by adult entertainer seems an insurmountable feat.
"With my skills, I just didn't have the means to support and do everything," Dina said. "The regular jobs just weren't paying enough."
"I don't feel I have the necessary skills to get a normal job," Lori admitted. "What's the point in me getting a (low paying) job when I can take my clothes off and make way more?"
"It's kinda like, gosh, can't you find a real job where you can make money instead of taking your clothes off?" Lori said, mimicking naysayers. "I mean, what's wrong with you? Why can't you be more independent and use your brain instead of dancing around and using your body?"

## The Naked Truth

Joy Shearman, a clinical assistant professor of nursing at ASU West, reasons that self-esteem has greater pull than most would care to admit.
"There's a lot of self-esteem issues connected with that kind of entertaining," said Shearman, who specializes in psychosocial behavior. "People who do that tend to be people who derive self-esteem solely from their bodies. In other words, they don't feel good
or the way they look, maybe their face.
"But if they have an attractive body, that's kind of human nature to seek out and emphasize the part of us that we feel good about, and we get that from the positive and negative (reinforcements) we receive throughout our lives.

And while the validation of ones selfesteem may be perfectly logical reasoning, it is certainly not applicable for every dancer, Shearman added.
"I know gals who do it that feel perfectly good about themselves, and some, I think, truly do it for the money," she said. "Others may think that they're not worth anything else. The only way they can get money or do anything is selling the body in one way
"At first, I was really freaked out about telling anybody because I didn't know what they would think," Lori said. "And then I started telling a few close friends, and it didn't seem to be such a big deal. And I'm having mixed feelings about it now. God, maybe I shouldn't have said anything." , other. Because that's the one thing that is positive, their body."

Whether or not dancing merely benefits the purse, appeases a psychological need or is done out of sheer enjoyment, the motivation is determined by the individual.
"Not all of the dancers are the same," cori said. "We are all so different; it's not fair to prejudge us. Some are in it just for the money and some of us are just so focused in on getting that degree and trying to survive."
"Everybody looks down on us because we do what we do," Mercedes said, defending her profession. "But they need to know that we're just normal people, like everybody else, trying to make it, trying to make a life for ourselves.'

The pangs of regret, the physical and mental endurance, the familial and personal obligations - aspects resting firmly upon the shoulders of each dancer. And exactly how heavy or light the weight becomes is variant. Undoubtedly, as any dancer will tell you, the promise of financial provision and likely excess lightens the load.

And it is the pursuit of this "life" that leads women from various backgrounds to a stereotypically unsavory line of work. But this same line of work also ushers these women to the door of opportunity. The adult entertainment industry has been one of many launchpads for mainstream career professionals.

Hands outstretched, the industry summons the financially insecure, the unskilled, the dreamer, the student, anyone who will distributing to each a chance to temporarily undertake a role leading to the betterment of traditional roles, such as wife or mother, by way of provision. A role leading to the betterment of self by way of education. For many, a means to an end.
'Giant' director: a Bird of a very likable feather

## Br Gayle Bass

## State Press

The Iron Giant is a "split of my Disney training and the more interesting, multi-layered material that was on TV shows," said the movie's director and writer Brad Bird.

The first-time director wrote Steven Spielberg's *batteries not included and works as executive consultant on television's The Simpsons and King of the Hill.

Despite his talents, Bird said he's shocked and amazed that he was able to make The Iron Giant under the Warner Bros. banner.

The movie centers a boy who befriends a giant robot, which happens to be an elaborate gun

As their friendship blossoms, the movie begs the question, "What if a gun has a soul?" and becomes a commentary of life in the 1950's and living in the nuclear age

At first Warner Bros. wanted to make it into a musical, but Bird had different plans after he read the books by Ted Hughes.
"I got captured by the image of this little boy and the metal man," he said. "I had my own notions of where the story should go.
He said his goal for the film was to have the emotional part of a Disney movie and the edge of TV animated fare, minus its sarcasm.

He took his story in a bit of a different direction of the later half of the book because it got away from the relationship of the boy with the giant. "To me it felt like the core of what would be a good movie version of it," Bird said.

Although the book doesn't specify a year or time period, Bird said he set his version in the 1950's for the country's time of great social change.
"America had a clean cut everything is fine exterior, underneath it we were petrified about how we were going to live with the bomb
"There was great unease under this calm, you know lenched teeth exterior," he said
Bird said he also was attracted to the absurdness of the era, the advent of rock ' $n$ ' roll, beatniks and the beginnings of the social rebellion that marked the 1960's.



Young Hogarth befriends a metallic giant in Warner Bros.' Bros. latest
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## Romantic pairings paint different pictures in ‘Crown,' 'Bride’

The Thomas Crown Affair is a delicious game of wit between Crown (played by Pierce Brosnan) and Catherine Banning (Rene Russo) who is
The Thomas Crown Affair Crown Affair hired to find a stolen Monet
painting.
The film follows the romance between Russo and Brosnan, which is fueled by their adversarial relationship. The two realize they may be soulmates, even as they try to outsmart each other.
Directed by John McTiernan, the film is loosely based on the 1968 flick of the same title, which starred Steve McQueen in the

title role. Faye Dunaway, who played the part of Banning in the original, makes a cameo as Crown's psychiatrist

Brosnan, who also co-produced the film, magic that is easily both sly and likeable, and Russo's made Pretty slinky get-ups are forgivable only because Woman a sucshe wears them while tossing out savvy cess.

Affair does well in steering clear of the newspaper columnist who hears about a predictable, managing to remain interesting Maryland woman who ran away from the with each new and playful curve of the plot. Just as summer films should be.
-Trisha Coffman
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Despite the dynamic on-screen chemistry between Julia Roberts and Richard Gere, the actors' highly publicized reunion in

Gere plays Ike. Graham, a New York
Runaway Bride does not capme Runawoy Bride
$\star \star \star$ stars (of 5 ) $\star \star \star$ stars (of 5) Paramount altar more than once. Intrigued, Ike composes a column about the "runaway bride, which eventually leads him to her small Mayberry-like hometown.
With the exception of her infamous near escapes from matrimony, Maggie Carpenter (Julia Roberts) seems to be a normal smalltown girl who drives a truck and runs a
hardware store. Annoyed with Ike's presence and only a few days until her next wedding, she decides to fight back.
Even though Gere seemed uncomfort able with his delivery at times, he was able to pull off a comedic performance that rivaled Roberts and Cusack.

Roberts is charming and amusing. Yet her polished performance and ease at times overwhelms Maggie's insecurity and neurotic lifestyle and trivializes the concept of her dumping so many men.

Runaway Bride stays light and funny throughout. The romantic comedy's storyline is a little cluttered, but it's unique nature and great leading actors carry through.

- Erin Sweeney


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## 'Visitant' should score big with readers

Review By Denise Estfan
State Press
The Visitant is both a work of historical fiction and an enticing suspense novel, tying an ancient Anasazi manhunt for a serial killer with a present-day archaeological mystery.

Written by wife and husband team, Kathleen O'Neal Gear and W. Michael Gear, the novel jumps between New Mexico 1250 A.D. when the land was tended by the Anasazi Indians, and a modern archaeological dig. The two different stories are intertwined, which both release clues to the reader, little by little, to fill in the holes each story leaves.
Most of the novel revolves around Browser, the War Chief of the Katsina people, as he searches for a masked murderer who is slaughtering women and children in several villages. When Browser's wife is found dead, he recruits the help of his great uncle, Stone Ghost, an ancient version of Columbo, to help solve the murders.

With Stone Ghost's aid, Browser and his warriors search the canyons and comb the wilderness in search of the evil-spirited killer.

The Visitant
by Kathleen O'Neal and W. Michael Gear $\star \star \star \star$ stars (of 5) Release date: Aug 10 )
nsight into the killer's identity. While the suspense is not as dangerous or as exciting in the present-day sections, when discoveries are made in the present day, it heightens the tension in the Anasazi chapters.

Various characters are introduced throughout the story. and well-researched legends and customs of the Anasazi, their homeland of Chaco Canyon and their way of life are interwoven lending authenticity to the novel.

The Gears are professional archaeologists, and it's this first-hand experience that ultimately works to not only paint a vivid picture of ancient Anasazi culture, but also to show the realistic interaction between two archaeologists passionate for their chosen field, yet at odds with each other on both a philosophical and a gender level.

This novel is the first book of the authors' Anasazi mystery series, so the ending is satisfying, yet leaves the reader knowing the story is not complete and more is to come.
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Wednesday, August 4
The Fat Possum Showcase of Down Home Mississippi Blues will present T-Model Ford with Paul 'Wine' Jones at the

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Ziggy Marley \& The Melody Makers with Ghetto Youth Crew featuring Julian and Damian Marley will be at the Cajun House at 8 p.m. Tickets will be $\$ 25$.

Thursday, August 5
Santana, Mana and Ozomatli will be at the America West Arena at 7 p.m. Tickets range between $\$ 30$ and $\& 54$.

Kirkland and the Energy Band will be at the Rhythm Room. There will be a $\$ 5$ cover. Call 265-4842 for more information. ash on Ash will hold their weekly swing lessons followed by Magnum Brutes. Doors open at $7: 30$ p.m. and there will be a $\$ 7$ cover.

## Friday, August 6

Donna Summer will be at the Celebrity Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets range from $\$ 35$ to $\$ 45$.
Lady " J " and Blues Ratio with Maxine Johnson will be at the Orbit Restaurant and

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Saturday, August 7
Bad Company and Billy Squier will be at the Blockbuster Desert Sky Pavilion at 8 p.m. Tickets will range between $\$ 20$ and $\$ 45$. The Wise Monkey Orchestra will be at the Green Room. Cover is $\$ 5$.

## Old Bard festival livens up Sedona <br> <br> By brian Policoff <br> <br> By brian Policoff <br> \section*{Disney's Totally Toy Story and has appeared in specials for}

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Shakespeare Sedona, now in its second season, has engaged talent from throughout the nation for its productions of Much Ado About Nothing, The Hamlet Project and A Midsummer Night's Dream. In order to give the productions a decidedly different flavor each is being performed in a different venue.

Much Ado About Nothing features Beatrice and Benedick and their age-old merry war of wits. This brilliant comedy is ideally performed outdoors at the Tlaquepaque Arts \& Crafts Village. A Midsummer Night's Dream, the Bard's enchanting. mischievous fantasy plays, at the Verde Valley School, an institute well known for its theatrical excellence. Both performances feature seasoned stage and screen actor David Barlow. Barlow was featured in

HBO along with numerous stage productions.

Shakespeare's dramatic masterpiece is brought to life in Shakespeare Sedona's The Hamlet Project. Patrick Page suffers the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune as the disenfranchised prince of Denmark. Page has brought star power to Sedona theater. He is currently the star of Broadway's Beauty and the Beast and has dozens of film roles to his credit, but his true love is Shakespeare.
As Shakespeare Sedona's summer season comes toward a close, the repertory of Sedona delivers its second performance of the year with the uplifting musical The Fantastiks, which runs through till Aug. 21

Most local venues have gone dark during these scorching ides of summer, but only two hours away theatre is thriving in the home of the red rocks.

The Weekend Box Office
LOS ANGELES (AP) - The Witch stole some of the newlyweds' blush, but the Julia Roberts-Richard Gere reunion Runaway Bride still managed to debut atop the weekend box office, according to estimates Sunday.
The Blair Witch Project, the summer's low-budget surprise, came in second with $\$ 28.5$ million in its first weekend of wide release. The horror tale, told through videotape purportedly shot by filmmakers who vanished while hunting for a witch, had played to sold-out theaters in its first two weeks on just a few dozen screens. 1. Runaway Bride, $\$ 34.5$ million. 2. The Blair Witch Project, \$28.5 million.
3. Deep Blue Sea, $\$ 18.6$ million.
4. The Haunting, $\$ 15.1$ million.
5. Inspector Gadget, $\$ 14$ million.
6. American Pie, $\$ 6.7$ million.
7. Eyes Wide Shut, $\$ 4.4$ million.
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