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Shanti softball benefit a triumph



TUCSON - Last Sunday, Feb. 22, a softball game was held at Himmel Park. Two teams, Colette's West and It's 'Bout Time played before a large crowd under clear, warm skies.

Beer and food was available, with the proceeds going to the Shanti Foundation of Tucson. The game itself, took most of the afternoon, and at last count, which was either in the last of the fifth or sixth inning, found Colette's team leading IBT by a score of 45 to 19, that's not football we're talking about friends, it's softball.

At any rate, it was a very pleasant way of spending an afternoon outdoors and helping a very worthy organization. At the end of the afternoon, a total of \$216.52 was raised for Shanti and a great time was had by all.

Shown above are members of the losing team, It's 'Bout Time, showing off their Shanti T-Shirts. These T-Shirts are another fund-raising program for Shanti. They are available for \$10.00. Thanks to IBT's for their mass purchase of these shirts which swelled the Shanti treasury in addition to the money raised for food and refreshments. Thanks also to everyone who attended this fun event. Another game is being scheduled for sometime in April. Watch for it and make plans to attend.



Gay law attacked in Wisconsin

by Brian Jones

MADISON, WI (BAR) - Former Green Bay Packers quarterback Bart Starr is leading a blitz against the Wisconsin Gay-rights law. With him at the line of scrimmage are fundamentalist Christians and right-wing Republicans - including the new Wisconsin governor. The defenders are on the run.

The Bart Starr squad already has forced dismemberment of a statewide Gay council. And last year, they came within five votes in the 100-member Assembly in their effort to weaken the law. They're at it again this year. With conservative Tommy Thompson now in the governor's office, they have more muscle in the front line.

"We are quite concerned," said Dane County (Madison) Superintendent Richard Wagner, who is openly Gay. "If they get it out of committee, it will be a nip and tuck battle."

In 1982, Wisconsin became the only state to prohibit discrimination against Gay and Lesbian citizens. Assembly Bill 70 added the clause "sexual orientation" to the state law against discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, licensing and union membership.

Wisconsin's anti-bias law is more than just a paper tiger. The state Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations has the power to investigate discrimination and enforce sanctions against violators, and it often uses that power.

Since the Gay-rights law was signed by moderate Republican Gov. Lee Dreyfus five years ago, the state has pursued dozens of cases against employers and others who were charged with discriminating against Gays.

The Gay-rights law was strongly back by progressive Democratic Gov. Tony Earl, elected in 1982 and defeated last year. Earls was the most pro-Gay governor in the nation. He appointed an openly Gay press secretary and formed a statewide Gay and Lesbian council to oversee implementation of the anti-discrimination law.

But Earl's progressive coalition unraveled in the 1986 election. Conservative Republican Tommy Thompson - who made the Gay council an issue in the campaign - defeated the incumbent by a 52-48 percent margin.

"The new governor has made it clear in his campaign that he would abolish the Gay and Lesbian council," said Wagner, who was a founding member of the council and a close advisor to former Gov. Earl.

Rather than be fired, council members quit. They resigned en masse the week before Gov. Thompson was inaugurated.

The council was a key force in implementing the Gay-rights law, even though it was not formally a part of the legislation. Council members held

town forums throughout Wisconsin publicizing the law. They told Gays and Lesbians how to file complaints, and the told local governmental officials and business leaders what they were required to do in order to comply with the law.

Thus, the council was the most visible target for those who opposed the Gay-rights law. Gov. Thompson's threats against the council were just the first play in a bigger blitz to undo all legislative gains made by Gays in Wisconsin.

"In his campaign, Tommy Thompson portrayed Tony Earl as a social engineer - and the Gay-rights law was part of that," said Wagner. "He publicly attacked the Gay-Lesbian council on a number of occasions."

Thompson previously served in the Assembly, representing a conservative district from the northeastern part of the state. In the Assembly, Thompson pushed a bill to weaken the Gay-rights law - a repeal that nearly passed last year, and may pass in 1987.s

The repeal measure is called the "Rawhide Bill". It is named for a boy's camp not far from Green Bay which is championed by Super Bowl hero Bart Starr. In the northeastern half of Wisconsin, Bart Starr is second only to God, and then not by much.

Rawhide Boy's Ranch is not a religious institution but it is run by a religious institution - a fundamentalist Christian church. The distinction is important. The anti-bias law makes an exemption for churches per se. For example, the Catholic Archdiocese of

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In Memoriam



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UPDATE

FIESTA DE MAYO KING AND QUEEN SOUGHT

TUCSON - The Second Annual Fundraiser for the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance is scheduled to take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 1, 2 and 3. 'Fiesta de Mayo' features three days of partying with live mariachi music, booths, games, food, fun.

Last year was the first Fiesta de Mayo celebration and it was a huge success. Plans are beginning earlier this year to ensure another successful benefit. Proceeds are used to help defray costs of a weeklong Pride week activities which are produced by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance.

Fiesta de Mayo takes place outdoors at the Joshua Tree and last year over three thousand dollars was collected by TLGA. One of the fund-raising events is the running of candidates to be proclaimed King and Queen of the Fiesta. People run as a couple and raise money, which is counted as 'votes'. The ones with the most money are selected 'King and Queen' and reign over the entire Pride Week activities.

Candidates are currently being sought to enter the contest. You must be living in Tucson and be at least 21 years of age. Male or female, everyone is encouraged to enter this fun event. For further information or to get applications, call Frank Perez, 628-1550.



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POMPEII'S SAILORS' ORGIES

POMPEII, ITALY (CCN) - Gay erotica has been uncovered by archaeologists digging here. The unearthed remains of a sailors' bathhouse reportedly include five murals depicting all-male orgies.

The Weekly News of Miami reports that the relics are expected to end up in a private, locked chamber at the National Archaeological Museum of Italy where only "genuine, unemotional art scholars" will be allowed a viewing.

Erotic objects of Italy have been stored in the special chamber since 1819 when King Francisco I ordered that all such material be removed from public view.

MOVE OVER BARBIE

MIAMI, FL (CCN) - Barbie move over and make way for Grace, the "anti-abortion doll." The creation of Praises Unlimited, a Florida-based company, Grace sells for \$39.95, according to Out! of Wisconsin. Among Grace's specialties are singing "Jesus Loves the Little Children." She also spouts such pithy lines as "God knew me before I was born," and "I used to be a little person inside my Mommy's tummy. Now I'm all big!"

NO MORE TIPTOEING THROUGH THE TULIPS IN TUPELO

TUPELO, MS (CCN) - Bible thumpers here are hoping enforcement of sodomy laws will clear the town of Gay people according to the Weekly News of Miami. A group called "Morality In America" has urged town leaders to use the state's sodomy and underage drinking laws to crack down on the local Gay bar, Tulip Creek Estates Clubhouse Disco and Show Bar.

The group's leader, T.K. Moffet, has denounced the bar as a "threat to the moral fiber" of Tupelo. A local Christian radio show host has also gotten interested in the anti-Gay campaign. Host Bob McCuston recently stated, "Our desire is to see these people [Gay people] helped. Our secondary desire is to see the bar closed."

REPUTED LESBIAN FORCED TO QUIT JOB

CHARLESTON, WV (CCN) This state's Supreme Court has ruled against reinstatement for a teacher who was pressured to resign due to allegations of lesbianism, according to the Washington Blade. The high court's decision upheld a lower court's ruling.

In 1983, Linda Conway, a teacher at a kindergarten in Hampshire County, resigned after the local community rallied against her. Parents had been complaining about her "masculine" appearance since 1980, as well as about her alleged relationship with another female teacher. In 1982, the parents circulated a petition condemning Conway's "way of life [as] not morally acceptable or in the best interest of the children." Subsequently, 400 people attended a county school board meeting to oppose Conways continued employment as a teacher.

At the same time, the state Attorney General issued an opinion that school boards had the right to ascertain a teacher's sexuality from public opinion alone and the right to dismiss any reputed homosexual on grounds of immorality.

In Conways appeal to the state Supreme Court, she argued that her resignation occurred under duress, that the jury in the lower court had not been adequately instructed about the law of duress, and that she was entitled to reinstatement and back pay.

Her attorney, Robert Bastress, argued that the state Attorney General's opinion and the resulting court decision granted the school board "a carte blanche for arbitrariness... [which] will necessarily chill teachers from exercising their constitutional and statutory rights." He also argued that community beliefs and "mere opinion" had been given unprecedented power to "terminate teachers and ruin their livelihood."

The state Supreme Court upheld the lower court ruling against Conway, stating that they could not conclude that "the jury verdict was contrary to the evidence nor that the trial court erred in instructing the jury."

LEGAL ABORTIONS FAVORED BY WOMEN NEW YORK, NY (AP) - Women overwhelmingly support the legal right to an abortion, and more than half would have one, a New Woman magazine survey of 14,000 readers shows. Only 21 percent said they wouldn't have an abortion, although 42 percent of those still support others' right to choose.

If abortions were banned in the United States and they faced an unwanted pregnancy, 25 percent said they would seek an illegal operation, 26 percent would travel outside the United States for a legal one, 23 percent would have the baby and 28 percent were undecided.

GAY GROUP AT ASU FILES BIAS SUIT PHOENIX (AP) - Gay activists at Arizona State University have filed a federal lawsuit seeking to force the ASU Student Senate to provide funds they claim have been denied to a Gay-students group for the last three years.

The student government has repealed a bylaw that had denied funding to the organization, but Craig Mehrens, the attorney for the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union, said he would follow through on the suit.

In denying funding for LGAU forums and speakers during the last three years, student senators based their decision on bylaws that prohibited funding any club that "aligns ASASU into biased sponsorship of a controversial matter."

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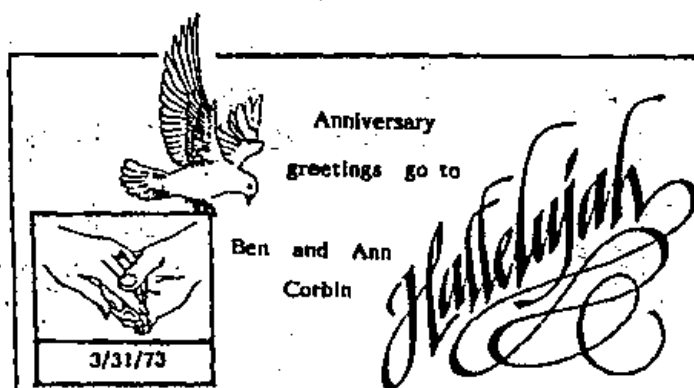
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GAY LAW ATTACKED IN WISCONSIN
 Milwaukee - which in fact, supported the Gay-rights law in 1982 - could not be ordered to hire Gay staff members.

But social services agencies run by a church are covered by the law. Rawhide Ranch falls into that category. It receives much of its funding - and many of its referrals of delinquent youths - from the state.

"The Rawhide Ranch has refused to comply with the State Fair Employment Law, which includes sexual orientation, and it has made a point of that refusal," Wagner said.

Bart Starr held televised press conferences pushing the "Rawhide Bill" and attacking the Gay-rights law. The Rawhide Bill would exempt any non-profit organization with a "sincerely held religious belief" from being covered by the fair employment law.

Although the Rawhide Bill attacks only one aspect of the Gay-rights law, it opens the door for wholesale repeal. If the bill wins strong support in the Wisconsin Legislature, amendments could be added to gut the Gay-rights law entirely. Gov. Thompson has privately said he would support such an effort.

Defenders of the anti-discrimination law have reason to be worried. Last year, the "Rawhide Bill" passed the Senate and won approval in the Assembly by one vote - before being blocked on a second Assembly vote with five votes to spare.

The leadership of the Assembly hopes to keep the Rawhide Bill in corral - and with long-time Gay rights champion David Clarenbach now serving as Speaker Pro Tem, the pro-Gay

leaders have considerable clout.

But in Wisconsin, with its volatile mix of right-wing conservatism and left-wing progressivism - and little in the middle - anything could happen next.

IS 'EX-GAY' GAY AGAIN?

READING PA (BAR) - According to Colin Cook, Gay men and Lesbians can be "converted" to straight sex. Cook founded the Quest Learning Center, an ex-Gay "ministry", as well as the group, Homosexuals Anonymous, to make his point.

However, the darling of the Fundamentalists had a little problem: he couldn't keep his hands off men.

Amid allegations of sexual improprieties with counselees, Cook resigned his position as director of the Quest Learning Center. Cook sent a letter to Neal Wilson, president of the General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, the primary financial backer of the Center. Cook sent his resignation in response to a letter sent to Wilson by Dr. Ron Lawson, a sociology professor at Queens College in New York.

Lawson said he had interviewed 14 men who had complained about intense sexual pressure everytime Cook interviewed them. According to Lawson, 13 of the men interviewed said Cook would begin every session with a "long erotic crotch-to-crotch hug, during which time he would get an erection."

Lawson said the only person who didn't get the attention of Cook was a man in his 50's, who according to Lawson, "was probably out of the range of attractiveness as far as he was concerned."

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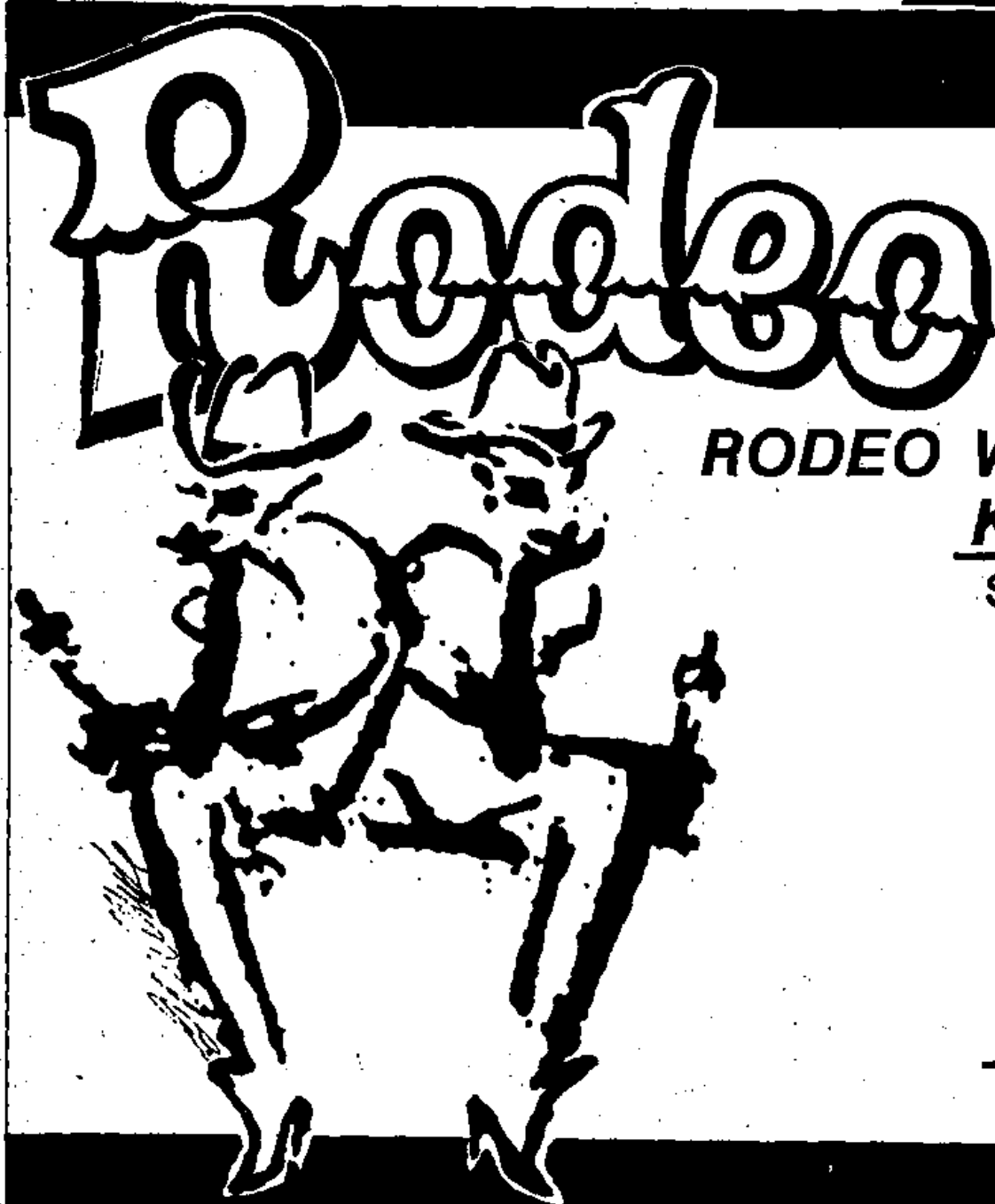


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A View From Within

A COMMENTARY BY
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

AIDS II: THE SEQUEL "THE STRAIGHT PLAQUE"

"The sad thing is thanks to queers, whores and drug users, innocent people (such as children) must suffer from a fatal disease."

"I would not knowingly treat a homosexual patient with AIDS, but I would treat patients who got the disease by blood transfusion and I would treat children with AIDS."

"Homosexuality is a sin, deserving the death penalty!"

"We used to hate faggots on an emotional basis. Now we have good reason."

--Quoted from the January 1987 issue of MD Magazine. All quotes are from doctors responding to a questionnaire in the same magazine. The questionnaire sought to "poll... American doctors on [their] attitudes about AIDS."

Where there is smoke, there often can be found a fire. In this case, where there is bad news to report, there is also some good news. First, the bad news:

On Nov. 8, 1986, the Associated Press reported the discovery of a second, equally-deadly AIDS virus. The new virus, tagged LAV-II, had at that time been found in fewer than 100 persons. (The current AIDS virus is LAV-I. Both names given by their discoverer, Dr. Luc Montagnier of the Pasteur Institute in Paris.

Currently found only in Africa and Europe, LAV-II has not

yet been discovered in the United States.

More bad news: The Associated Press announced, in a released dated Feb. 15, 1987, that a French researcher has discovered that this new AIDS virus cannot be detected with conventional tests for AIDS. In other words, LAV-II is just as deadly as LAV-I, yet cannot be detected in any already known ways.

LAV-II, which Montagnier called, "as dangerous as the first one," brings with it some news which will be comforting to us all. I quote from the Associated Press release of Nov. 8, 1986: "The new virus infects men and women, can be transmitted by heterosexual contact, and seems to have been spread by a blood transfusion...." Further, Dr. Montagnier said, "It has not been detected in homosexual men or intravenous drug users."

I don't want to drive home this point too pointedly, but in case you did not understand the significance of this fact: the discovery of a second AIDS virus -- one which has no direct relationship with homosexuality -- proves beyond any shadow of a doubt that Gays are NOT responsible for the creation of the current AIDS crisis.

True, our sexual activities may have helped spread the advance of the disease, but how were we to know our sexual activities were so deadly? Did we not -- once we found out about AIDS -- actively change our sexual habits? Dr. Mervyn Silverman, on the ABC show 20/20 which aired Feb. 12, said

that new cases of reportable sexually-transmitted-diseases have decreased among Gay men in San Francisco a full 90%. This shows how concerned we have become with changing our sexual activities; a decrease of reportable sexually-transmitted-diseases means a decrease in sexual activity which could spread these disease, therefore a change in sexual habits.

Gay communities across the country were the first to push for increased funding for AIDS research; we pushed for safe sexual practices; we educated our own. Now, all these years since AIDS was first discovered, the heterosexual communities are scrambling around trying to get money for research, education, and information on safe sexual practices because this hideous disease is now affecting them! All the while blaming "queers" and "faggots" for their plight.

All the while, we were insisting that AIDS was not our fault, that we were innocent bystanders just like everyone else. But would they listen to us? Of course not. We knew AIDS was going to spread into their world just as it had spread into ours. We tried to help them to help themselves. We suffered their insults and injustices while trying to cope with this horrid disease with no compassion or understanding from them.

And now the tables have turned.

Sure, they will find some way to pin this one on us too. The proof exists that LAV-II is spreading amongst and killing straight men and women -- and NOT homosexuals. But there are those who will ignore the facts and blame us. They were the ones who ignored the facts about the current AIDS virus. They were the ones who wanted to exterminate

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homosexuals -- or at least isolate us all on a deserted island somewhere.

But the facts will remain: LAV-II is currently not found in homosexuals at all, anywhere in the world.

Oh, and as for those doctors, those educated men and women whom I quoted at the beginning of this column. I feel sorrow for them. Sorrow that supposedly educated, intelligent persons can be so blind to the rational facts. And sorrow for whichever group they and anyone else now choose to blame, for they no longer can blame us.

(The best summation of the battle to discover the secret of AIDS, can be found in the January 12, 1987 issue of New York Magazine. The cover story, "Fighting AIDS," sums up much of the research that has been done and is being done).

Thanks to KFYI Phoenix, for your information, AM Radio 910, for daring to be first to run the all-important public service announcement for AIDS, which began running Feb. 20. I hope this will encourage other radio stations to follow this lead.

That's the view for now: see you next week.



Gabriel Bazurto - Photography



Our Tucson Calendar Man for the month of March is Chad. Chad is too shy to give us much more information about himself, but when you see him, stop and say hi. He's friendly and on a one-to-one basis will fill you in on all the details.

TUCSON ORGANIZATIONAL CALENDAR
MARCH, 1987

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 EVERY SUNDAY MOC SERVICES 622-4536 CORNSTONE SERVICES 881-3519	2	3	4	5 GREAT OUTDOORS GENERAL MEETING 792-8888	6	7 TWO MEETING 523-9527 DESERT LEATHERMEN MEET 882-5102
8 TUCSON LESBIAN GAY ALLIANCE MEETING 785-3515 BEER, BUST, DESERT LEATHERMEN 187's 2 to 5 p.m.	9 G/L RAP GROUP 7:30 pm. 795-1662	10	11	12 TUCSON AIDS PROJECT MEETS 7:30 PM. 792-3772	13	14 DIGNITY MASS/ FOOTLOCK 7 pm. 887-1188
15 EVERY SUNDAY 7-SQUARES DANCE 781-0308 LESBIAN CO-OP MEETING 785-1006	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 First Day of Spring.	21 TUCSON SOUTH MEETING 5 pm. 881-1794
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

NOTES FROM NANCY

by Nancy Neman

"Homosexuality 'not acceptable', Mechem says on radio." This is a headline that was buried on page four of section B in the Arizona Daily Star on February 13, 1987. The article went on to say our illustrious governor belongs to a church (Mormon) that does not allow homosexuals to participate in any way. Mechem says there is also no place for homosexuals in government, and homosexuality is just a plain "unacceptable" lifestyle.

After reading this travesty, about an elected public official who is supposed to represent "the people" lambasting a whole group of people unlike him (we can only assume), I started to write a sarcastic, biting, tongue-in-cheek piece about Gov. Ev's homophobia. But then I got mad, really mad, at the whole idea of a used car dealer dictating morality to me, a voting citizen of this state and this country.

I also started thinking about the Gay Rights Movement, and how through no fault of its own, for every step forward it seems to take two or three back. For example, remember the Take Back the Night march? A little girl happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time on that night, and I remember hearing rumors about some sick individual trying to sabotage the "TBTN" effort. I was working in the media then, and I remember how that brutal murder overshadowed any successes the march might have made.

The AIDS epidemic hasn't helped the cause much either, principally because of narrow-minded individuals just like Ev who are so anxious to assign blame for it to the whole Gay populace.

And now, Arizona has a governor who not only thinks homosexuality is "unacceptable", but wants creationism taught

alongside evolution. He also claims homosexuals do not comprise ten percent of the voting population, and claims these numbers are put out "to create a power of fear."

In that mathematical faux pas, however, lies some hope for a solution. What say that "fictitious" ten percent rally to the cause and start signing petitions for a recall?

There is an effort currently underway for a recall gubernatorial election, and in order for that to be accomplished, a certain number of voting Arizonans must sign petitions. Why not start a petition in the Gay community contributing to that effort. Such stupidity in government should not go ignored, especially when a very important minority group does in fact have the voting power to make the difference.

This is extremely important, because worse still than stupidity is apathy, indifferent acceptance of intolerance of alternative lifestyles. What follows criticism from the highest office in the state? Police raids on Gay bars. Legislation against anyone who doesn't fall into the conservative, God-fearing mold? Who knows, but this is something the Gay community cannot afford to find out.

Sign the recall petitions. Write letters to your legislators. Protest this incredible threat to freedom. It is only through the use of our constitutional rights that we prevent them from atrophy.

Public officials are supposed to be there for the people. For ALL the people, and not just a few. And certainly not just for those whose romantic relationship preference is only for the opposite sex.

Readers' Input

While I realize that opinions expressed in columns by contributors to your newspaper are not necessarily that of the Observer and the Observer assumes no responsibility for same; nevertheless, I have to express my views on a column authored by one Christopher Geoffrey McPherson (Observer, February 11, 1987) in his column "A View From Within" said column entitled: "American Atheist: Food for Thought."

This column is an insult not only to anyone who is a Christian but also to anyone who is Gay because it presupposes that one cannot be both. I read Mr. McPherson's tirade with astonishment because I am both Christian as well as Gay. I could shoot his argument full of holes without any difficulty but it would take more room to print in your newspaper than I am sure you would allow spacewise and once you edited same (which is your prerogative), I would no longer recognize it as that which I submitted.

Let me say this, however, along the lines of McPherson's "thinking", one must conclude that he (McPherson) also upholds Darwin's Theory that man evolved from the ape. With this thought (conclusion) in mind, I would like to ask McPherson how then he relates the fact that the ape acts on instinct and man (acts) on intelligence? How did man's intelligence originate? Did he (man) program it into the computer of which you speak in your column; clone it to suit his own personality; then when he had it just the way he wanted it, transplant it into his own being? Your article certainly would have your readers conclude as much. Think about it and you will realize how irrational your

writing on the subject really is.

In conclusion, I will say that McPherson did say something that made good sense when he stated, "Maybe I'm right. Maybe I'm wrong." No maybe about it, you are dead wrong and I feel that an article such as this has no place in a Gay-oriented publication and I hope I never see anything like it in the Observer again!

Very truly yours
John Parker - Phoenix

GULPING DOWN LIQUEUR RISKY
BOSTON, MA. (GON) - Drinking fancy liqueurs slowly makes them last longer and apparently also is safer than bolting them down, doctors say.

In a letter to the New England Journal of Medicine, doctors described a young man who gulped down - and inhaled - liqueur at a party.

"While drinking in this manner, he began to choke and cough repeatedly," they wrote. A few hours later, he began to spit up blood.

The doctors eventually dubbed this condition "liqueur lung," but at first they weren't sure what was wrong. However, after more tests, they blamed the problem on the man accidentally having gotten liqueur up his nose.

The doctors, Rick Conetta and colleagues from New Rochelle Hospital Medical Center in New York, noted that liqueurs often are highly acidic and might cause hemorrhaging of the lungs. The liqueur guzzler got better in a few days, and he has been free of symptoms for two years.

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WHAT'S UP DOC?

This week's column is devoted to the Tucson Knight Owl's 'Closet Ball'. Due to a few major changes, I felt I would spell them out, plus give an overall picture as to what the Closet Ball is all about.

Before I get into that, don't forget SOS's "Hoe Down" at IBT's this Sunday starting at noon. This sounds as if it's going to really be a fun day for all who stop by. Check IBT's ad in this issue for further details.

Now on to the Closet Ball. The Closet Ball is set up yearly, primarily for those individuals who have often wondered just what they would look like in drag. This is the opportunity for those people to do so. Comical drag (unshaven) does not count in this case—such as a Halloween drag costume.

For those of you who have just recently moved to Tucson, and at your previous location appeared in serious drag, or appeared in drag shows in drag, this contest is not for you. If you were in drag under different circumstances, either check with me or Tommy Marlin for an official TKO ruling.

The following are general and specific rules governing both the contestants, sponsors and/or make-up artists:

First, the sponsor can also be the make-up artist or they can enlist the help of someone else to do the making up of the contestant. If the sponsor does enlist another person to do the make-up, that person's name and signature should also appear on the application. In either case, the sponsor and make-up artist can only sponsor and/or work on one contestant.

When it comes to the dressing room and the transformation period, only one contestant and one make-up artist will be allowed into the dressing room. After the contestants transformation, the make-up artist will be allowed to leave the dressing room, but the contestant must remain until called for by the judges on stage.

A TKO door monitor will strictly enforce both this rule and all other rules pertaining to the Closet Ball. Any deviation or infraction of these rules observed by the door monitor could cause disqualification of both the contestant and make-up artist, with no refund of the entry fee.

All contestants and make-up artist should arrive at Colette's no later than 7 p.m. with all needed materials for the contestants appearance in this years Closet Ball, and place said items in the dressing room. As stated before a TKO member will be

at the dressing room to let you in and to watch over your supplies for safe keeping.

The make-up artist is only allowed to work with one contestant. Verbal instructions in minor ways will be allowed at the discretion of the TKO monitor. This also applies to the contestants (zipping up a fellow contestant's dress is ok but helping in any other way (make-up or hair) is not allowed.

All materials needed by each contestant can be supplied by either the contestant, the sponsor, the make-up artist or a combination thereof. If either the sponsor or make-up artist supplies everything for the contestant, the contestant should share the expenses of material supplied.

Any drinks ordered by the contestant and make-up artist must be paid for by them at the time of ordering. The waiter/waitress will not be asked to look for someone out in the audience for the money, so have money with you in the dressing room.

As a final reminder, this years Closet Ball is being held at Colette's West, on Saturday, March 14, starting at 7:30 p.m. Entry Fees (\$15.00) and all applications must be submitted and received by TKO no later than March 8. No applications will be accepted after that date or at the Closet Ball itself. Make all entry fees (checks or money orders) payable to the Tucson Knight Owls. Any further questions concerning this year's Closet Ball should be directed my myself (Doc) or Tommy Marlin.

The following are specific rules governing both the sponsor, make-up artist and the contestant:

(A) SPONSOR:

1. Can only sponsor one contestant.
2. Responsible for entry fees, paid by either themselves or the contestant.
3. Make sure the contestant arrives on time.

(B) MAKE-UP ARTIST:

1. Does all facial (and body if needed) make-up.
2. Does all fix-up work on hair and style.
3. Arranges for proper appearance of contestant's clothing and hair.

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(C) CONTESTANT:

1. Do their own shaving.
2. Puts on all basic clothing (under garments).
3. Puts on all other clothing with assistance from sponsor or make-up artist.

Good luck to every contestant from all of TKO. One bit of information to each contestant: a TKO member will be this year's head judge to explain all rules, requirements, etc. to the fellow judges.

News from MCC Tucson

This coming Sunday, March 1, will be the first Sunday that our new pastor, the Reverend Edward E. Perry will be officiating at our Sunday services. Rev. Perry arrived in Tucson this week to be the full-time pastor of MCC/Tucson. Rev. Perry, with Lee Cain, has great plans in store for the ministry to the Tucson community.

Rev. Perry was born in Vallejo, California on June 1, 1923. His mother took him to Simcoe, Ontario, Canada where he grew up and attended grade and high school. Rev. Perry graduated from the University of Buffalo with a B.S. degree. Rev. Perry worked at Cape Canaveral, Florida prior to moving to Seattle, Washington in 1966. Rev. Perry gave up all of his secular career when he became a paid secretary at M.C.C./Seattle in 1982. Rev. Perry continued in this capacity until he was licensed as a minister of the U.F.M.C.C. in 1986. Before joining M.C.C./Seattle in 1973, Rev. Perry was affiliated with the United Church of Christ.

Last Sunday, Rev. Bern David officiated his last service for MCC/Tucson for awhile. Rev. Bern will continue in his capacity as Associated Pastor of MCC/Tucson and will continue to minister to the congregation and to the Tucson community. As we have stated previously, we are fortunate to have Rev. Bern on our pastoral staff and because of him we have had a smooth transition between pastors these past two months. God bless, and be with you, Rev. Bern David.

MCC/Tucson is extending an open invitation to the Tucson community to attend our services this Sunday, March 1, to welcome Rev. Perry to MCC/Tucson and to the Tucson community.

We had a former member of MCC/Tucson with us last Sunday. Stan moved to San Francisco a few years ago and is in Tucson visiting his family. It was great seeing you again, Stan, we miss you and Steve being with us.

Thought for the Week: When in doubt, mumble; when in trouble, delegate; in case of doubt, make it sound convincing.

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GAY HEALTH

RUBBERTALK II

by Bill Richards

All folks. Rubbertalk time again. It's been in the papers. The hot topic of talk shows. Special segments, newlines and magazine discourses are all talking rubbers. What are they all talking about is whether or not they should talk about rubbers! Such controversy! Meanwhile, back in reality, all we want to know is how to protect ourselves from the rapidly spreading Human Immunodeficiency Virus. AIDS.

The controversy lies in the perception that condoms are meant for birth control. Now, birth control can be a pretty hot issue for some people, seeing as anal intercourse, oral intercourse, homosexuality and special postures have been popular methods to achieve satisfaction while avoiding conception since ancient times, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica. (No, there weren't pictures of those special postures). This rubbertalk is for everyone.

Let's start with where to get our little latex lifesavers. Drug stores are the first place to come to mind. They usually have a selection that will satisfy the most discriminating of customers. The marketing masters of Madison Avenue know there are potentially tens upon tens of millions of closet condom consumers out here, so now rubbers are for sale in places like the grocery store. English muffins, condoms and cucumbers. Some of the 7-11s carry them as do some Circle K stores.

You might have to ask for them at the convenience stores. Something to do with the "kids" stealing them off the shelves, so they keep rubbers behind the counter. In Tucson, it's easy to ask your bartender for a couple of Gold Coins, and you'll get, for a mere twenty-five cents, 2 easy-open, highly rated medium size rubbers, ready to be lubed and used. The Federal Drug Administration has strength requirements for American made condoms. When asked about the imported rubbers, the girl at the FDA said she'd have to mail me that information. This should be interesting.

No matter where you get your favorite variety of condoms, in actual use you will need extra lubrication. Even if they are pre-lubed, more lubrication is a must. Always a water-based lube. The shelf life of a condom is said to be about 5 years, with deterioration beginning after about 2 1/2 years. A lube other than water-based will start the deterioration immediately. You might not be able to watch the latex dissolve, and then again you might. Included with this article is a list of lubes. There are other water-based lubes also available.

Some of these lubricants have an ingredient called Nonoxonyl-9. It is a sperm killing chemical that also kills HIV in the test tube. Some people have had allergic type reactions to Nonoxonyl-9, but most do not. A condom, used correctly, is an efficient barrier against HIV. The worst case HIV infection is AIDS. By always using condoms, you protect yourself and the other person from being exposed, or re-exposed to HIV. Re-exposure could have worse results than an initial exposure.

Try different types of rubbers. You can get a list of available condoms from the Tucson AIDS Project office. Who would

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Juicy Lucy

After my few words last week, I'm not sure if you pea pickers can handle more, but those black-eyed peas just got my quill flowing.

Just what freight train did those (?) girls that tried to put on the show over at the blue watering hole think they were? The humor I've seen before, the costumes were old, and even the material well-used (as were those girls). Listen, you all, I could give you better material, dress you better, and have better humor that you could ever handle. Even with my own feelings on this, you did have a good show and everyone (not me) enjoyed themselves. The next time you are on stage, I'll be on the road.

What has happened to that big mouth Doc? I've hit each watering hole around town and that ??? is not there. Is it possible I've finally showed this little cow town just what she is like and she got on her jack ass and left town? As for the jar at the Graduate, I don't need this type of help - I'm good. Of course she (Doc) would try to out-do this sweet pea-pickin' person.

I see that this paper has a benefit coming up. I plan on attending. Now, each of you all, get to it because I enjoy writing about each of you and I need this paper.

They started a new dance

group up over at the Bottom Line and I slipped in to watch. Miss M., you should have stayed with the square dancing. Then I saw this girl pull up in her funeral home car. That one should just drive her toy.

Speaking of her, did you see that bunch floating around town last Friday night with their cute little vest with the rat on the back? If I would have been one of the bartenders on duty at one of the stops, I would have refused to even give you the time of day. They just run off all the town to earth long neck drinkers that were on hand.

Looking at that bunch, I felt sorry for them. They spent a good months allowance on the stuffed animal machine over at the Back Pocket, and each time a prize was won, you'd think they hit the lottery. It just proves, it doesn't take much to please kids.

Then that group was rude. They let that poor 90-year-old woman fall on the floor. I couldn't get over to her or I would have shown all of you what a true gentleman is like. Even that old fart of a husband just stood by.

Well, my ink well is running dry, so I'll put my quill away for now. I do want to thank each of you cowpokes for getting rid of my ex.

1ST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MS LEATHER CONTEST

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The First Annual International Ms Leather Contest will be held on Saturday, March 21 at the CLVD OVB, 540 Howard Street in San Francisco. Mistress of Ceremonies, Sharon McNight. Entertainment will include The Blazing Redheads, Danny Williams, and Mistress S from New York. DJ for the evening will be Odis Campbell.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance at \$25 at the door. Tickets may be ordered by mail - International Ms Leather, Inc., 1519 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103. Please do not send cash.

Contestant applications must be received by International Ms Leather, Inc. by March 12, 1987. Applications available by writing Intl. Ms Leather. Individuals need not be a title holder in order to enter. A contestant may enter either as an individual or be sponsored. Entry fee is \$20 to enter as an individual and \$40 to be sponsored. Contest is open to women of all sexualities.

The 1st Annual International Ms Leather Contest is being sponsored by International Ms Leather, Inc., a California non-profit corporation.

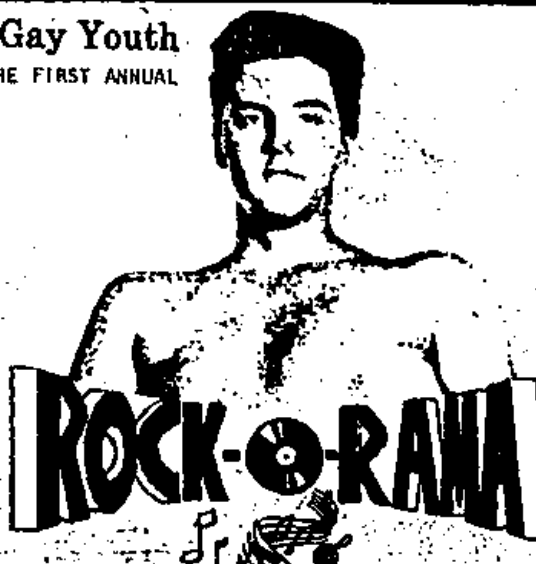
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RUBBERTALK II

have thought rubbers came in so many sizes and shapes, not to mention the options like colors and pleasure bumps! The people who put this list together belong to a group of researchers. That must have been some fun research project! As far as price of rubbers go, you'll find they range from our Gold Coins - a mere 2 for .25, to around \$1.50 apiece for the deluxe models. Still inexpensive for the protection they afford us.

like a pictorial description of these condom tips, you can get it by writing to the *Hot and Healthy Times*, 333 Valencia St., Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103. They cost \$2.00 per copy for up to 10 copies. If you want 11 to 100 copies, the price goes down to \$1.00 per copy.

Many people will be looking to the Gay community to learn about the many pleasures of Safer Sex. As our practices become habits, spread the word. As they say in those commercials, "Tell a

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Here are some practical condom tips:

1. Have a supply of different sizes of condoms readily available. You may not know the best size for who knows who, so be prepared. Heat and light can rapidly age a rubber, so don't keep them in your glove box or wallet for long periods of time.

2. Open the package carefully. No need to test the rubber by inflating or stretching it, that could just weaken it.

3. Before putting the condom on, you might want to put a dab of water-based lube in the tip to increase sensation without causing slippage.

4. As you begin to put the condom on, gently squeeze out the air bubbles. If you are using a rubber without a receptacle tip, leave some room (about 1/2 inch) at the end to hold what's cumming. If there is foreskin, pull it back before unrolling the rubber. Air bubbles can cause a rubber to break, so make sure all the air is squeezed out.

5. Unroll the rubber all the way to the base. This is easiest done when the penis is fully hard, but if it is still soft, just keep checking and unrolling the rubber to the base.

6. Use that water-based lube. Don't be shy, use plenty of it. If the lube begins to get sticky, add a little water from a squeeze or spray bottle or squirt gun. Something that keeps the water clean and fresh. Keep checking the rubber to make sure it is still at the base of the penis.

7. When it's time for withdrawal, hold the base of the rubber as you pull out to avoid spillage or leaving the rubber inside. Perfect! Now throw the rubber away. Under no circumstances will we use the same rubber more than once.

You probably won't find a description on how to use a rubber in the popular press, so keep this as reference and share it with friends. All friends. If you'd

It takes two to have unsafe sex,



only one to prevent it.

If you are with someone who hasn't learned to stick to safe sex, or who is too loaded to care, or who just doesn't know any better—you can make sure both of you are safe

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Stunt Malibu Christi Fan Club Newsletter

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Ronda Jons certainly has kept a smile on her face lately. Could it be the music she's been listening to lately? Miss Jade and Miss Latina have been keeping the town entertained since Miss Mae hasn't been out and about much lately. Is she going back to the closet or could it be Mysterious Mountain Magda had something to do with this. Maybe Mae is just staying home to practice up on her cooking.

What deep, dark secrets is Anna Stadia de la O. hiding anyway? Will these secrets be revealed soon or what?

Easter is approaching, and Ronda and Helen need to get their red baskets out so they can vend their tulips. That's one street corner to avoid (along with the Ralph & Rest).

Oggie Puppie took a dive in JT's parking lot. She saw Miss Mae kiss the pavement and thought she could do it better. Girlfriends, I didn't say "Kiss my asphalt!"

Teresa Brewery managed to spill her beer when Debbie whacked

her dingy-wah, and when Debbie isn't busy whacking Teresa's ding-ee-wah, she's stealing her hubbies.

Several local watering holes have noticed a severe drop in revenues. Could it be possible Ronda's still on the wagon? Keep it up girl! Don't forget the seat belt. So is Tottie's navel getting fuzzy again or will Tottie have her walking pumps on for this weekend for Phoenix. Maybe she just needs some new shampoo or maybe a sharper razor. God knows the claws are sharp enough. Anyway, let's hope she meets someone soon, if she doesn't break a nail on the phone.

Little Miss Muffet now knows there are spiders in the Sahara.

Oh sweet Candi Plastique - just how much honey does she really have in her store? No wonder Miss Muffet is scared of spiders - all those arms, not to mention those legs.

Is Camille Devoon really down from the mountain or is she still working on her tan?

Did Sir Lawrence escape from Paradise or did he eat the apple and get banned from Paradise? And is Key really going west in search of Oz? The West Winds will tell.

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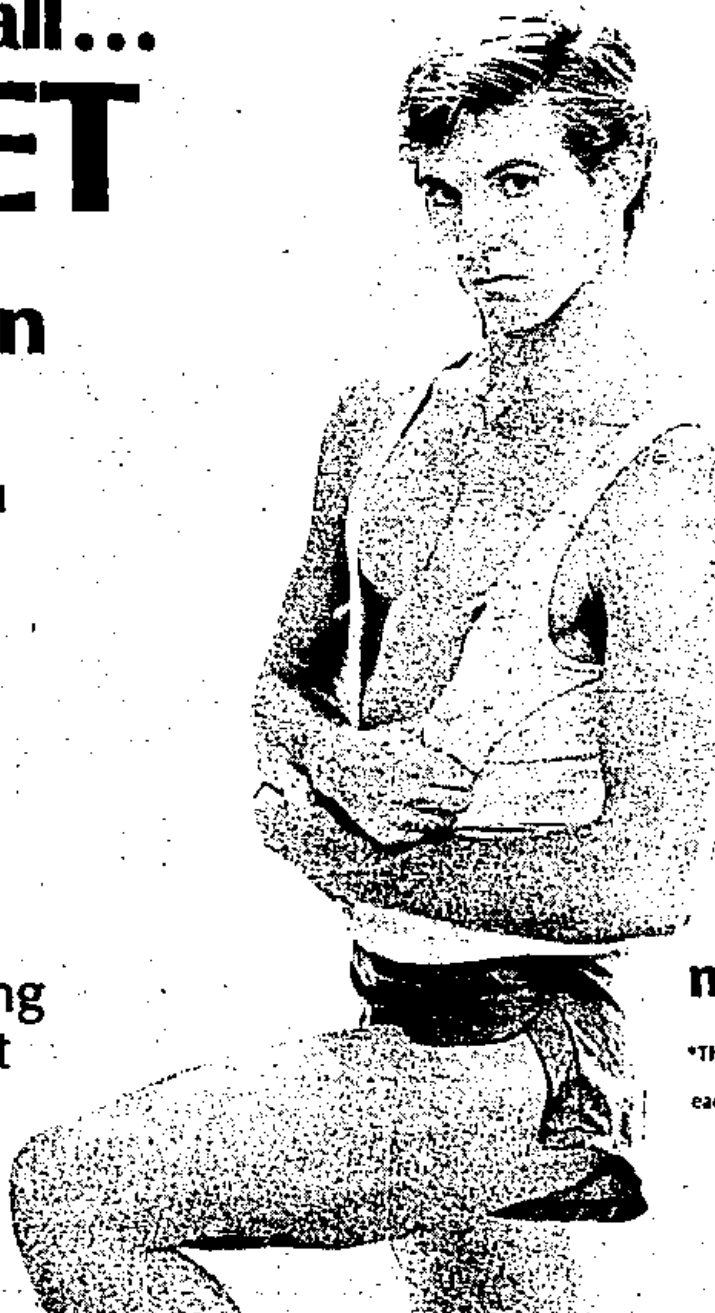
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ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING A SUPPORT GROUP for Parents and Friends of Gays please contact Herb at 792-0893 or Shawn at P.O. Box 27929, Tucson, AZ 85726. All information is strictly confidential.

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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP) meets the second Thursday of each month at the University of Arizona Medical Center in Dining Room "C" (second floor) at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome and urged to attend. Get involved! For more information call 792-3772.

The Tucson Alternative Therapies for AIDS/ARC (T.A.T.A.) is holding an introductory seminar on a national research program for AIDS/ARC and chronic diseases i.e. Epstein Barr Virus. DATE: Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7:00 p.m. PLACE: Desert Institute, 639 N. 8th Avenue. FEE: Free (Donations Accepted). To make reservations please call 795-8731. 136

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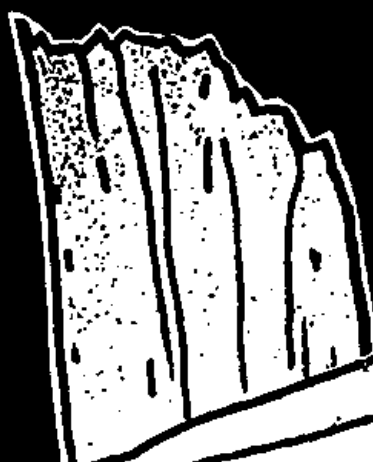
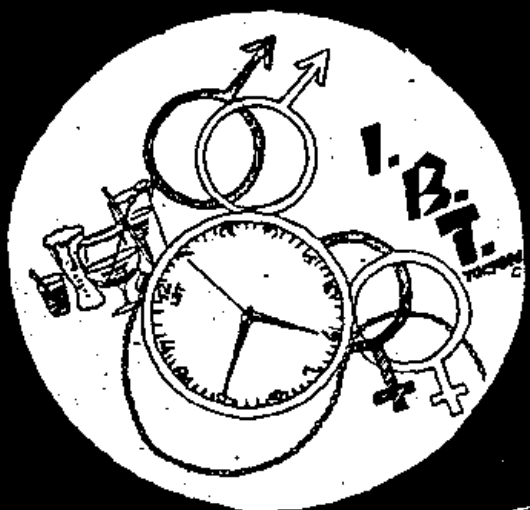
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