

## Federal Trade Commission Issues New Brochure On 'Viatical Arrangements'; 'Living Benefits'

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Federal Trade Commission has issued a special brochure to advise terminally ill people who are considering selling their life insurance policies in order to get funds to pay their bills.

Arrangements to accelerate financial benefits from life insurance policies, whether they are called "living benefits" or "viatical arrangements," have legal, financial and tax consequences that are complicated, and they should be reviewed in advisors, according to the FTC.

"The emotional and psychological burdens of a terminal illness are overwhelming. When you add the challenge of dealing with costly medical treatments, consumers and their families may be tempted to act quickly to get funds to settle short term problems," said Jodie Bernstein, Director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. "But viatical arrangements are complicated, and must be approached cautiously and with great care," she said.

The FTC brochure states that terminally ill people have a number of alternatives for translating the face value of their life insurance policies into cash, including a loan from the original beneficiary of a life insurance policy, accelerated benefits on a life insurance policy, or a viatical settlement.

In a viatical settlement, the consumer assigns his or her life insurance policy to a viatical settlement company in exchange for a lump sum payment equal to a percentage of the policy's face value. The viatical settlement company then becomes the beneficiary to the policy, pays the premiums and collects the face value of the policy after the original policyholder dies.

The FTC brochure cautions that certain choices may have state or federal tax implications and that collecting benefits in advance may affect eligibility for public assistance programs.

The brochure specifically advises

consumers contemplating viatical or other accelerated benefit programs, before making any final decisions, to:

contact several viatical companies to be sure they're getting the best value;

check with state insurance regulators to ensure that any viatical company meets licensing requirements;

resist high pressure sales tactics;

verify that the company has the payout money on hand, and is not "shopping" the policy to a third party;

ask the company's policy for protecting the consumer's privacy;

check the tax consequences and implications for public assistance benefits; and

check with a lawyer about probate and estate considerations.

The brochure also suggests that consumers contact the following, among other, organizations for more information:

Affording Care, (212) 371-4740, 429 E. 52nd St. Unit 4-G, New York, NY 10022-6431.

American Council of Life Insurance, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., 20004-2599.

National Association of Insurance Commissioners, 444 N. Capitol St., NW, Washington, D.C., 20001.

National Association of People with AIDS, 1413 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20005.

Free copies of the brochure, "Viatical Settlements: A Guide for People with Terminal Illnesses," are available from the FTC's Public Reference Branch, Room 130, 6th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580; (202) 326-2222; TTY for the hearing impaired (202) 326-2502.

## Congress Members Object To Sheldon As Guest Chaplain

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The selection of the Rev. Lou Sheldon as a guest chaplain in the U.S. House of representatives brought protests from several members of Congress and staffs who objected to Sheldon, and his organization, the Traditional Values Coalition, for which they've taken against Gays and Lesbians.

Sheldon "has made a living bashing Gays and Lesbians and persons with

AIDS," insisted Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-CA), after Sheldon had delivered the traditional prayer at the start of the House's official business day.

In a letter circulated among House members and delivered to House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA) with 22 signatures, Woolsey added that Sheldon "preaches that

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## Military To Boot Soldiers With HIV

WASHINGTON, D.C. - People with HIV will be discharged from military service because of a provision in the 1996 Department of Defense Authorization Bill, which passed by a 267-149 vote in the House of Representatives.

The discharge provision attached to HR 1530, a \$267 billion defense appropriation bill, was added by Representative Robert Dornan, the right wing and virulently homophobic Congressperson from Orange County, California.

The measure will lead to the immediate discharge of an estimated 1,550 service member with HIV, said an angry U.S. Representative Nancy Pelosi.

"This provision is discriminatory because it treats people with HIV differently from the way people with other chronic diseases are treated. It is inappropriate to single out people with HIV for premature separation from the armed services and in so doing, treat these individuals differently than the military treats other healthy productive members with chronic illnesses," Pelosi said.

Service members who suffer from conditions such as cancer, diabetes, heart

disease, and other long-term illnesses continue their duties but are restricted from overseas deployment.

According to the Pelosi's office, the Secretary of each of the respective military branches determines when it is necessary to release individual servicemembers because of their medical condition.

Pelosi said the Dornan provision was not supported by the Department of Defense, because the federal agency did not believe that servicemembers with HIV presented a deployability problem.

"The current policy was initiated and supported both by President Reagan and Bush DOD officials, and received the support of senior military officials.

"The policy is the product of serious analysis and deliberation by the Pentagon of the impact of HIV positive individuals on military readiness," Pelosi said.

According to the legislation, servicemembers with HIV would be separated or retired from service within six months of testing HIV positive, unless the

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## Graduate Changes Hands



TUCSON - The new year brought a change of ownership to Tucson's oldest continuously running Gay bars. Art Lewis, pictured above, passed ownership of The Graduate, 23 West University, to new owners Dave Huff and Frank Schepis. Schepis and Huff currently own and oper-

ate It's 'Bout Time (IBT's) on 4th Avenue. Lewis cited reasons of health as the cause of giving up his tenure at the Grad. Meanwhile Huff and Schepis do not plan on any great changes at the venerable old bar. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," said Huff.

# UPDATE

## Tucson Softball To Begin Third Season

TUCSON - The Tucson Greater Softball Association (TGSA) is looking forward to its third season of play and wants you to be a part of it.

There will be a sign-up & information meeting at Hours on Wednesday, January 10, from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. We are looking for all skill levels of play as well as for coaches and sponsors.

Play is tentatively scheduled to start on Sunday, February 4, pending negotiations with the City Parks & Rec. Department for field availability.

This year, the team fee is \$200 per team as well as a \$26.00 player fee. The Gay Softball World Series is scheduled for mid-August in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Who knows, maybe your team will get a chance to represent Tucson at the G.S.W.S. in 1996, TGSA helps to pay for part of the expense through fund raisers.

For more information, contact Robert Serrano 882-8513 or Bertie Lozano at 318-3415.

## Wingspan Art Gallery January Photo Exhibit

TUCSON - Wingspan, Tucson's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Center is pleased to announce the January exhibit of Black & White photographs by Robert A. MacMahon. The exhibit will start today, January 3.

Mr. MacMahon, the curator of the Wingspan Gallery, is presenting his photographs in lieu of another artist. If you are interested in exhibiting your work, please contact Wingspan at 624-1779 or Robert MacMahon at 571-8783. The gallery offers a month long exhibit of your work plus an Artist's Reception on the first Saturday of the month.

The Artist's Reception for Mr. MacMahon's work will be January 6, from 7 to 10 P.M. The public is invited to attend the reception.

## Shanti Presents 'Images Group'

TUCSON - The Shanti Foundation of Tucson has formed Images Group. The group is an experimental, ongoing wellness workshop.

Images seeks to promote mental, physical and spiritual well being. Using various methods and techniques, individuals will explore guided visualization, shamanic drumming, yoga breathwork, meditation and affirmations.

Images group is open to anyone and it meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The first meeting will be January 30, 7 to 8:30 P.M. Call the Shanti office to register at 622-7107.

## Submissions Sought For Anthology Of Lesbian 'First Time' Stories

LOS ANGELES, CA - Alyson Publications is seeking contributions to a new book in which Lesbians will talk about their first sexual experience with another woman.

Early Embraces will be a collection of true, first person stories by women from around the world, describing their first consensual same-sex experience. It should provide an intriguing look at the myriad ways that Lesbians begin the process of exploring their sexuality, whether at age thirteen or thirty. First time experiences run the gamut from disappointing to thrilling; this range will be captured in Early Embraces.

The book is scheduled for release by Alyson Publications this year. Deadline for submissions is March 30. For guidelines, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Early Embraces Guidelines, Alyson Publications, POB 4371, Los Angeles, CA 90078.

## MSN Continues To Reach Milestones

TUCSON - In eleven months of existence, the Men's Social Network, social organization for Gay men of all ages, has surpassed 200 members. Tucson Gay men continue to respond enthusiastically to the

wide variety of social activities offered by the MSN social organization.

The group has expanded its social offerings to three or four activities per week as an effort to emphasize its goal of building an extended Gay family in Tucson. This goal was especially effective over the holidays as over 40 men joined their extended family at a potluck Christmas dinner at one member's home. On New Year's Eve another 40 men celebrated the holiday at a couple's home with board games and conversation.

The MSN social events offer an opportunity for men to meet in an alcohol free environment and particularly has offered a quick introduction to the Tucson Gay family for recent arrivals in Tucson.

Interested people are encouraged to attend events to get acquainted before joining. If they decide to join, the \$15 membership (\$25 for couples living together) pays for the monthly newsletter, table service, refreshments, etc., at events.

For information about MSN and a newsletter listing the calendar of events, call Jerry at 690-9565.

## LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

EDITOR:

Through the combined efforts of the entertainers listed below, we were able to present gifts to children with AIDS, Children of parents with AIDS and our AIDS brothers.

Thanks go to: Crystal Abrams, Jade Abrams, Electra Bleu, Victory Valour, Holly Boo, Jalissa Michaels, Tera and Felice Reynard. And to all those who contribute to this very special cause, thank you very, very much.

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by Raul Almeraz

Happy New Year everyone! Hope everyone made their new years resolutions. Hope all of you made resolutions with in reason. That way if you break them, it won't be such a big disappointment.

In this issue we have a couple of items we need to cover and then we can move on to our first annual, "AGRA-Tucson, The Year In Review."

Coming up on January 10, we are having a fund raiser at the Tucson Convention Center. AGRA will be manning the novelty sales at the Stars On Ice. We are looking for volunteers and AGRA at this time is sharing the spotlight with the MPS and will be splitting the percentage of sales. This is a good opportunity for AGRA to do some fund raising for the 1996 Saguaro Regional Rodeo, March 15-17. We have been offered a great opportunity and we need everyone's help. We are looking for at least 30 volunteers. Please call the AGRA hotline and leave your name and number so we can contact you back with details. Please volunteer ASAP so we can make more arrangements.

The Roadrunner Regional Rodeo is fast approaching. The dates are January 12-14. Call now to make your reservations and arrangements. Phoenix has been working very hard and it looks to be a very successful rodeo. AGRA-Tucson will be needing volunteers to help man the Tucson booth. So if you will be at the Phoenix rodeo, call the AGRA hotline or call my voice mail at 512-9696 and leave your name, number and when you would like to volunteers.

Other fund raising events coming up are the AGRA, rummage sale on January 20 at Hours; the Valentine's Sweetheart dance on February 9 at the Southwest Center for Music, and our annual Hoe Down on February 25 at Hours. The month's meeting will be held at Ain't Nobody's Biz. So mark your calendars and bring a friend. All these events are a great time and something for everyone.

### AGRA-TUCSON YEAR IN REVIEW

Raybelline, Flip and his underoos; AGRA meets the X-rated Santa at Charlie's; Raybelline's going away video debut at Club 2520; Raybelline and his S.O.B. (Sleep Over Bob); Richard with

his bad knee (walk this way); Bill Nugent's bad knee; To Wong Foo & Club 2520 drag fest; Clap on (clap, clap), Clap off (clap, clap); Pavement Princess;

Gary, the "Do Not Disturb Sign" goes on the outside of the door; Julie McCoy, we had to be nice to her; We have a doctor in the family; Raul and RJ and their compacts; Chi-Chi and her sombrero; Royalty follows no one; Somebody call security;

Yes Gary, we all know you had to work Monday after San Diego Rodeo; Yummy Butty; The Quicker picker upper; Sandra and her famous dismount; Mighty Morphin Flower Arranger; Will the real Terri please step forward; The boys and their towncar;

AGRA, The Carpenters make a come back; Miss Merry Christmas gone bad; Darrin and the Macarena; Give Bryan a dollar; Joseph's Big Hair Seminar 101 & 102; George, you need big hair; Oklahoma Rodeo road trip, "Should Oreos be fat free?"; San Diego's Boots & Briefs.

To quote a great friend, "Well, there you have it". AGRA-Tucson the year in review! It has been quite a busy and fulfilling year. Let's make 1996 an even better one. Until next time, have fun and play safe.

[AGRA-Tucson, POB 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717-0894. (520) 323-0805.]

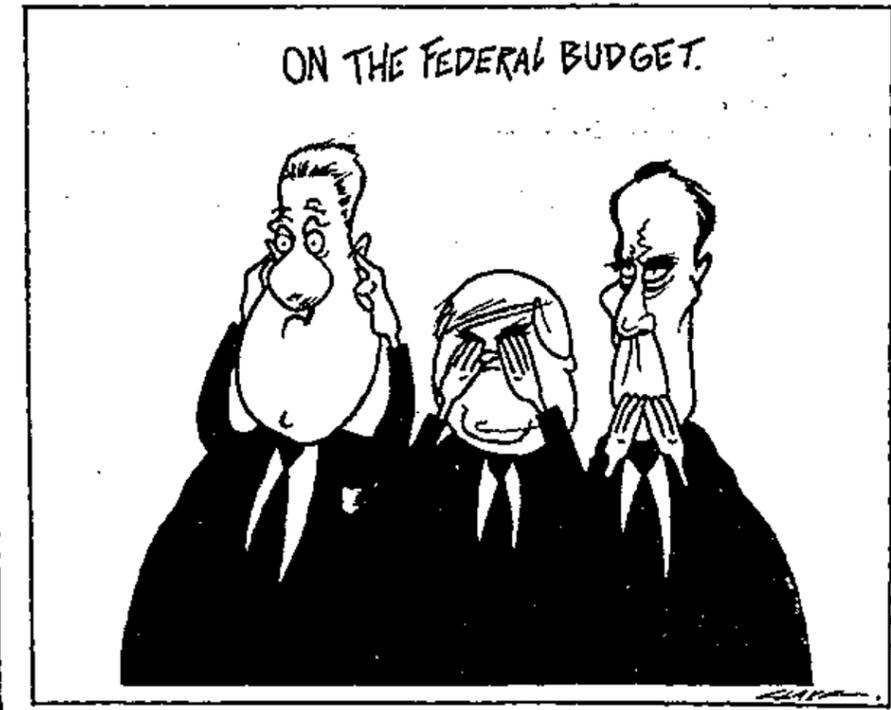
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## As I See It by Clark



# IN MEMORIAM



**MICHAEL GRIFFIN**

Political activist, AIDS activist and psychologist, Michael Griffin, who created the widely used voter targeting system, passed away December 30th. He was 51.

Michael's voter targeting system fundamentally changed Tucson politics, allowing pro-neighborhood people to get elected to the Tucson City Council for the first time in the early 70's.

Today Griffin's computer tracking of voters is widely used throughout the nation. Griffin served as the Pima County Democratic Party's logic and accuracy expert for local elections until 1992.

In his spare time, in the early 1970s, Michael helped found and operate the first Gay men's clinic (FALAH), in Tucson before the AIDS epidemic began.

In more recent years Griffin got a Phd from the University of Arizona in clinical psychology, and worked as a clinical psychologist for the Mountain States Regional Hemophilia Center at the Arizona Health Sciences Center (AHSC) from 1986 to 1993.

Griffin was the founder and first executive director of the Tucson chapter of the Shanti Foundation and brought the first Shanti trainer from San Francisco. Michael changed a lot of people's lives for the better by bringing Shanti to Tucson.

Later Michael joined the board of directors of the People with Aids Coalition of Tucson (PACT For Life).

Through Michael's activism, he was instrumental in getting anonymous HIV testing in Pima County and eventually in the entire state.

Michael was everyone's best friend. His impact on the people's lives he touched will be long remembered. He will certainly be missed by many people.

Griffin is survived by his parents Leonard and Claire Griffin of Sierra Vista, sisters Karen Dumoch of Prescott and Kathleen Gamble of Tucson, and brothers James Griffin of Marana and David Griffin of Heber Springs, Arkansas.

Information about a memorial service that is being planned for Michael Griffin and will be announced in the Observer. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Shanti Foundation 622-7107 or to PACT For Life 770-1710.



**MICHAEL SHAWN BREWER**  
8/29/64 - 12/26/95

Michael Shawn Brewer (Mikee), born August 29, 1964, left this earth on December 26, 1995. He was 31 years old.

Michael was a quiet, shy, gentle man. He is survived by his two sisters, Ginger Riley, and Cindy Garrison, and his mother Evelyn Van Hoose, and several nieces and nephews all of Moberly, Missouri. He is also survived by his lover of 10 years, Glenn Sabel.

Those who knew Mikee will never forget him. He was one of a kind. He will always be remembered with fondness, compassion and love. Michael went to high school here in Tucson, and after graduating, moved to Reno, Nevada where he met Glenn. They shared a wonderful 10 years together. Michael Shawn Brewer will be missed by all.

"Rest in peace Michael and know that we will all meet again. I love you." - Glenn.

Services will be announced at a later date.

## AmFAR Ads Ask 'What If Three Leaders Had AIDS'

NEW YORK, NY (UPI) - A new advertising campaign by the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) asks Americans to consider what would happen if Pope John Paul II, President Bill Clinton or House Speaker Newt Gingrich had AIDS.

"If the pope had AIDS, he'd need more than just your prayers," reads one of the ads, which AmFAR officials have decided to post only in New York City. The other two, with Clinton ("If the president had AIDS, he'd need more than just your vote") and Gingrich ("If the speaker had AIDS, he'd run for his life") are being used in other cities across the nation as well.

AmFAR chair Mathilde Krim said the campaign emphasizes the "universality of the need for research."

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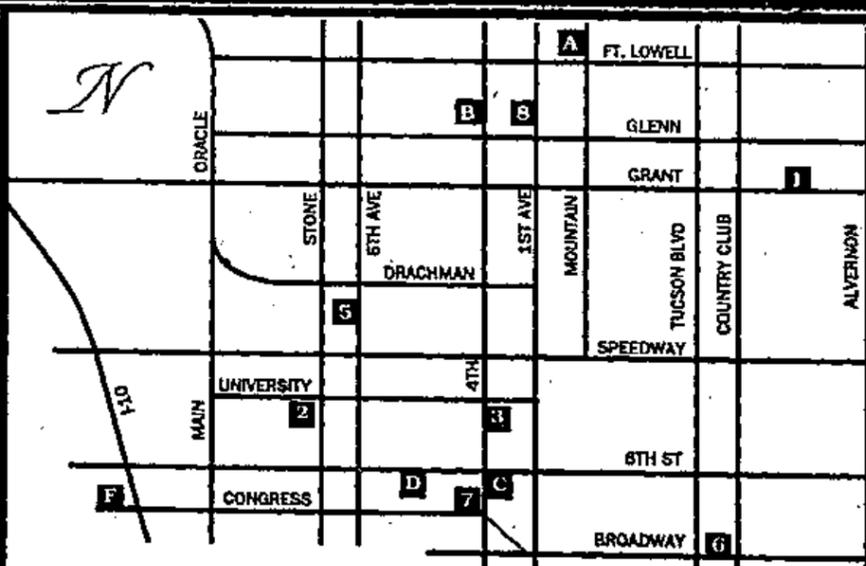
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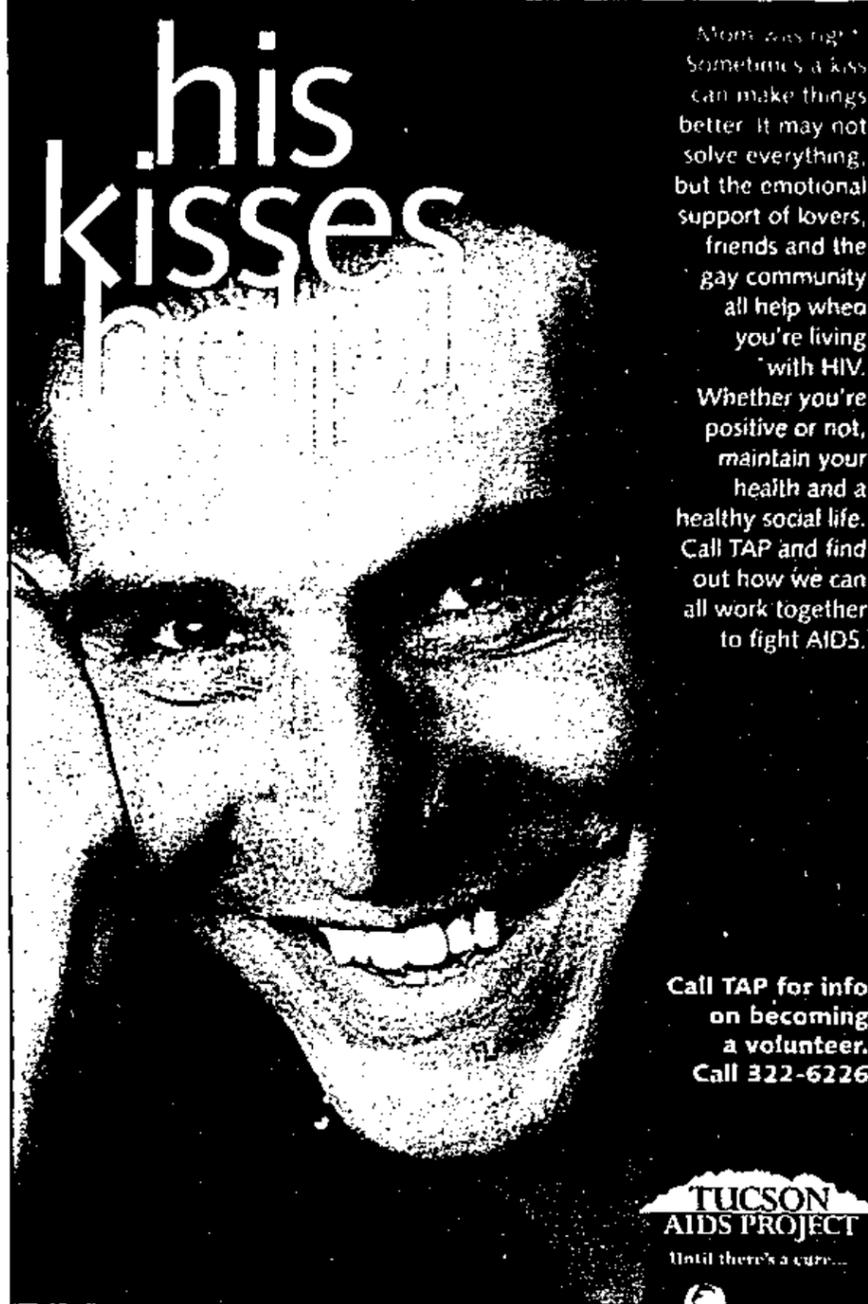
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**POLITICS**

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By MARK R. KERR

## "Screw The Gipper!"

**"THEY'RE STILL GETTING PAID?":** With the ensuing budget battle/crisis between the "Salamander of the House", his "Toadies", Senator Bob "Log Cabin" Dole, and the President, resulting in the continuing shut down of the federal government for two plus weeks and still counting. You think they're not getting paid or accepting their checks during the crisis. Right?

Wrong! Do not pass go and collect \$200! Congress and the President still are getting their weekly moolah! President Clinton is looking into freezing his salary. But what about Congress? Democratic members in the House and Senate have sponsored legislation to freeze Congress' paychecks until the budget stalemate has been resolved. But the Republicans in the House have struck down legislation five times!

According to one GOP freshman member of Congress, a "Newtie", who said, "Congress is part of the Constitution, not the federal government." [Wrong! So with "logic" being strewed about, the "Newties" still get paid, and the country gets screwed! And speaking of the Newties...

Independent thought does not exist with the "Newties." The GOP freshman class voted with House Salamander, Newt Gingrich on average of 83% of the time.

On the key vote, 72 of 73 GOP freshman voted for the GOP assault on Medicare, slashing funds for the program.

On the key vote, 65 of 73 GOP freshmen voted to aid polluters and to hamstring the EPA which protects the environment.

On the key vote, all 73 GOP freshman voted against freedom of choice by defeating a measure to ensure freedom of access to and protection for abortion clinics.

Arizona has three "Newties", J.D. Hayworth (CD-6), Matt Salmon (CD-1) and John Shadegg (CD-4). They voted with the "Salamander", 95.27%, 93.44% and 93.51% respectively. [Yes, the "pod" people are ruling!]

**AZSHAM:** Over the next two months, the state will be besieged by nine, middle-aged to really old, conservative homophobes, and their entourages.

Why? **AZSHAM**, Arizona's first Republican presidential primary, when a minority of voters go to the polls and participate while the rest of the state taxpayers, who can participate, foot the bill for this "sham", [Can we say poll tax!], which now is being estimated at \$4 million dollars. [Voting rights act. Arizona don't need no stinking voting rights act!]

This past week, Arizona Secretary of State Jane Dee "In It For The Pension!" Hull stated that turnout is expected to be only 10%, or about 100,000 voters. [So if my math is right, that comes to about \$40 a voter. Frankly darlings, you get better rates in Chicago!]

**MISGUIDED FIFE!:** A quick recap of the highlights from our continuing soap starring Arizona Governor, J. Fife Whitewash III:

In a rare plot twist, the Judge in his Fifenesses bankruptcy hearing reverses his order allowing union lawyers to go over Whitewash's trusts and records. But the judge said the ruling is not permanent, so depending upon the writers, this could change. The Judge also granted the union lawyers request for a delay in Whitewash's deposition. The deposition will be given in April, just in time for sweeps!

Whitewash continued his Diversion tour by ordering his bureaucratic hacks to find the moolah and keep Grand Canyon open. His Fifeness then traveled to Tucson to do a "powderpuff" interview with KUAT-TV's Peggy [Insert last name for this week]. Fife declares that Pima County will get tax equity this year, and promises to fight for it. The interview resulted in 52 deaths from the overdose of sugar the interview produced. The story continues...

**"THEY'RE BACK!":** Next Monday, January 8, the Arizona State Legislature goes back into session. Yes, the inmates have returned to run the asylum. [Be afraid, be very afraid!] Speaking of which...

House Democratic "leader", Art Hamilton of Phoenix, this past week announced that there was an opposition in both houses of the State Legislature. [Hey, that's a first!] Hamilton stated in an interview that the opposition plans to be more vocal. [A little late isn't it? It must be an election year!]

Hamilton continued on, as he normally does ad nauseam, and said that the more vocal "leadership" will have the result of the Arizona Democrats, the alleged opposition in the legislature, to be more unified.

[Right, and with the lifting of the embargo on abortion bills, when one comes before the House, and it will, Hamilton, a rabid anti-choice legislator, with a voting record to boot, will be heard saying, "You're own your own!" What a freaking crock!]

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** Here's why I won't give to public T.V. for a long time!

On KUAT-TV's newsmagazine "Arizona Illustrated" on their segment "Reporter's Roundtable", the host, reporter Peggy [Insert last name for this week.], asked the panel of journalists the following, extremely stupid question, "How will Arizona go in the 1996 presidential election?"

[Gee, lets see. Who will win? The Democrats have lost the state, 11 consecutive times, dating back to 1948. Any reporter in the state knows that! So the answer would be a Republican.] Jim Nintzel of the fabulous Tucson Weekly responded, "President LaRouche!". [Yes! Stupid is as stupid does!]

But it gets better, earlier in the show, Peggy did a "softball" interview with his Fifeness. At the end of the program, Peggy gave her predictions and said the following, "I predict that a Republican would win the Arizona Republican presidential primary!" [Well, duh! Please change the channel quick! Jim J. and Tammy Faye are on!]

So it goes for now kids!

# The AIDS Quilt Comes Of Age

by Jerry Roberts

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - For those who sew the AIDS Memorial Quilt, the goal of their work is clear and simple.

"Our mission," said Anthony Turney, executive director of the foundation that sponsors the famed quilt, "is to put ourselves out of business."

A wry and engaging native of Great Britain who has led the San Francisco based NAMES Project since 1993, the 57 year old Turney marked the commemoration of World AIDS Day by throwing the spotlight on several new campaigns surrounding the quilt, the world's most vivid symbol of the enormity of the AIDS pandemic.

With its ever multiplying number of 3 foot-by-6-foot squares, each one carrying personal effects, scraps and words of another human life that was ended by AIDS, the Quilt since 1987 has been transformed from an icon of mourning and emotional reaffirmation into a powerful pragmatic instrument for prevention and education programs about AIDS.

"Two or three years ago, the quilt was a memorial, a means for grieving," said Turney. "Today, we have a much more active role to play in ending this epidemic."

The story of how the world's largest community arts project began is by now familiar: Gay rights activist Cleve Jones, a friend and protege of the late Supervisor Harvey Milk, learned shortly before the 10th anniversary of the assassinations of Milk and Mayor George Moscone that the number of San Franciscans

who had died of AIDS had just passed 1,000.

A consummate political organizer, he arranged for those marching in the annual candlelight vigil for Milk and Moscone to carry placards with the names of friends claimed by the disease. When the names were taped to the Federal Building at the end of the march, Jones thought the image resembled a quilt; he soon established the NAMES Project, which began to stitch together a vibrant, ever growing tribute to those who died of AIDS.

Today, the size of the icon is dwarfed only by the magnitude of the epidemic itself. With 100 new panels mailed from around the world to the quilt office on Townsend Street each week, organizers expect to have more than 45,000 for a planned display on the National Mall in Washington next October.

Where the first display in 1987 contained 1,920 panels and covered a space somewhat larger than a football field, next year's 40 tons of quilt will cover 27 acres, or nearly 30 football fields.

Statistics alone cannot convey the human stories of the quilt, which are woven of fabric, materials and personal objects of every description, afghans, Barbie dolls, buttons, cowboy boots, credit cards, cremation ashes, fishnet hose, flags, hats, jeans, jewelry, lace, leather, love letters, photographs, records, stuffed animals, tennis shoes and wedding rings, to name a few.

Beyond the touching individual

remembrances of friends, families and loved ones, however, the quilt carries a broader message about AIDS. Along with plans for the election-eve display in Washington, for example, is a "Remember Them With Your Vote" voter registration campaign.

The foundation's most intriguing new project, however, is the National High School Quilt Program. Since it began last fall, the program has sent pieces of the quilt to more than 100 schools across the country in an educational campaign to spur awareness, discussion and prevention of HIV infection.

Having killed 311,381 Americans, AIDS is now leading cause of death of those between the ages of 25 and 44, many of them infected as teenagers; one in four of those infected with HIV last year were 20 years old or younger.

Displaying panels of the quilt, particularly those made for young adults who died of AIDS, increases awareness of the causes of the epidemic among teenagers in a way that no lecture, whether about abstinence or how to put on a condom, could ever do.

Follow up surveys at schools that display pieces of the quilt show that more than two-thirds thought more about their own chances of being infected after viewing it; nearly 90 percent said they would be more willing to take steps to avoid contracting the AIDS virus.

"It makes AIDS real, it's what teachers call 'a teachable moment,'" Turney said. "The quilt is seen as neutral and

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From The **POOP SHEET**  
by Ace London

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Ol' Tommy Jefferson said a mouthful, didn't he! "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty". Quite a mouthful, huh? And to think it came from the mouth of Thomas J. who was far, far, from being angelic with his treatment, er, MIS-treatment of women, and his stable of slaves. I guess this just goes to go ya there's so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us that it's hard to tell which of us ought to reform the rest of us, huh!?

who think of themselves as being superior White or Black or whatever elitists who see other Races as being inferior.

Now, if these dear brothers and sisters were educated, they would know that Science has provided us with facts; facts which reveal we are races with one source; Red, Yellow, Black, White, Brown, Albino, etc., one source! Thus: all being related to one another as any family group would be. We are all cousins, no matter what color our skin, of probably a 55th generation. If we truly knew scientific facts we would realize there might be sibling rivalries rather than bigotry and prejudice exhibited even in our Gay and Lesbian community.

Jefferson did tune into reality however in stating that if you and I as world citizens are to be free, we must be eternal vigilant. Vigilant that the freedoms citizens deserve are granted to them and vigilant that the freedoms already gained are not taken away from us. A truth or any human on the planet and a further truth we all must deal with is: There is a price to pay plus an upkeep cost!

Now what would happen if our dear, decent fellow heteros knew the history of homosexuality? Knew the history? Yes, there is a history to every physical or philosophical present. If they knew that when we tell them some figure of ancient history was, as we would say, "Gay"; what we were actually saying was that they were involved in same sex activities. "Gay" wasn't even used to denote homosexuality until 1969ish and "homosexuality" wasn't even a word until 1869ish, and we may know this but maybe they don't. We know that same sex relationships were even totally acceptable socially for century after century. We know because we have taken time to study history; but do they know? We know it became unacceptable to have same sex relationships because it became politically profitable to condemn it. The Religious groups didn't even condemn it until later when they realized it could be a profitable move on their part as well.

Why must this vigilance be? Aren't we an intelligent people? Yes, but vigilance must be because not all humans mature at the same rate and not all humans progress in intelligence at the same rate. Progress is a determinable factor resulting from education or lack thereof. Ignorance causes decent people to become planetary buttheads, and buttheads must be lived with until??

"Decent people"? Yeah, you know; like a lot of us have folks who are decent people, and, they're real pains in the neck or some lower extremity because their ignorance allows them to be bigoted, prejudiced or even hateful as a result of their small-mindedness. It all comes to light maybe after they found out we are homosexuals. We thus have problems with many of our normally very decent parents and relatives because of their ignorance regarding the subject of homosexuality.

And how do we know all this? We can know by erasing ignorance through education. IE: Historical Research. It's all available in Archives around the world for anyone seeking release from the bondage of ignorance...Gay and straight archives. Needless to say, but I will anyway: this is not an overnight educational process; becoming erudite is never overnight. But for those straights and Gays who don't wasn't to appear as the south end of a donkey going north, it should be a goal. So where might one start? Fortunately for you and me there have been some wonderful latter-day publications this past quarter-century; which makes our starting point much easier than it was for our closeted and uncloseted predecessors as well as the straight community at-large.

Now, heteros don't have a corner on the ignorance market however. One may find the same ignorance amongst members of our very own Gay and Lesbian community. Have you tuned in to some of the TV Talk Shows lately featuring our own!? We have many of our own

My first suggestion would be Yale professor Dr. John Boswell's 1980 U. of Chicago Press book titled: Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality: Gay People in Western Europe from the Beginning of the Christian Era to the Fourteenth Century."

Secondly: a 1994 Alyson Publications book edited by Kevin Jennings titled: "Become Visible - A Reader in Gay and Lesbian History for High School and College Students.

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**Resolutions Or Responsibility?**

This is the time of year that we are urged to give up our indulgent ways and make resolutions to be more self-restrained in our pleasures and more productive in our work. The holidays (for many of us more appropriately named the alcohol holidays!) are times of pleasure, especially the pleasures of drink and certain kinds of food that maximize taste and fat calories.

Now we're supposed to get back down to business, be more prudent and serious, and put our nose to the grindstone (a curiously masochistic image for work). Of course, a very high percentage of resolutions are speedily broken, and many more never get made. The ritual is a compulsory one for many of us, all the same.

I am suspicious of resolutions, as I am of all kinds of goody-goodness, where people are trying to be good because they feel they ought to be. Emphasize the "trying" in the last sentence, because when people feel they ought to be good out of a sense of duty, they often will fail but save face by saying, "At least I'm trying. At least I feel guilty enough to try to be better, so I'm a decent person; not like those animals who don't even try to reform. Give me some credit for that!" All the while they continue to indulge in whatever sin or vice they feel inclined to, only now guiltily, hiding it from others.

I prefer a person whose "vices" and "sins" are unapologetically out front, so I can deal with him man to man, or even rascal to rascal.

In looking ahead to the next year, I'd rather emphasize the virtue of responsibility than talk about resolutions. Responsibility is an interesting word that conjures up in most of us the duty-bound mentality I was mentioning above. "Responsibility...oh no, not more responsibility! But I guess I have to take on responsibility, just as dear old Dad taught me." Responsibility equals burden in most of our minds. And yet, the word itself means simply the ability to respond, "response-ability."

I would define responsibility as the ability to make a large number of different responses, freely, to a given situation. Irresponsible behavior is the inability, the un-freedom, to respond creatively to a situation; mechanized, determined behavior that springs from our past conditioning. Responsible behavior is conscious, free, and intelligent behavior.

For example, an irresponsible approach to sexuality might be one in which a Gay man keeps himself unenlightened about sexual matters. He doesn't listen very well to his own body and its feelings; these he deadens because no one has ever told him to honor his body. He has never actively sought knowledge about how to refine sexual pleasure, about the best uses of sexual energy, about the ethics of sexuality.

He keeps himself ignorant of safety issues in sexuality. He simply imbibes the brainwashing of the lowest-common-denominator Gay culture about sex: mainly pornographic or semi-pornographic images, implying that cheap, anonymous sex is the only kind of sex, that only certain body types are acceptable, that only certain types of emotional responses

are possible in Gay sex.

This conditioning may co-exist in his mind with earlier, sex-negative conditioning from childhood and religion. So his sexual behavior is characterized by a strange mixture of degraded lust and guilty shame.

This kind of response is irresponsible first because it is unconscious. The Gay man in our example is keeping himself unaware of certain types of knowledge and experience about sex. He is unconscious of the conflict between his Gay cultural conditioning and his parental, guilty conditioning. He may limit himself to one type of sex.

But he is also being irresponsible because he is not free. He has a very limited range of options. He is like a machine responding mechanically to those around him, preacher, parent, or pornographer, who have an interest in controlling his behavior.

Now let's sketch a Gay man who is responsible in his approach to sexuality. This is a man who listens to his body and its feelings. He explores his body first-hand to deepen his knowledge of it. He actively seeks out knowledge and opinion about eroticism from many different sources, sifting them for ideas that are useful and compelling for him.

Opening himself to many different kinds of sexual experiences, as long as they are emotionally and physically safe, he explores. He listens for his own responses to these experiences, and sees which ones make him feel whole and which ones don't.

He takes responsibility for making his own choices about sexuality, choosing consciously from a broad spectrum of options that he has generated for himself. These options might range from celibacy to monogamy to pornography to S/M to group sex to bisexuality to... He doesn't assume that any of these are right or wrong.

The point is that he chooses freely, knowing he could choose a number of other behaviors. He chooses one that feels good to him, bodily, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. He is open to changing and growing, and probably makes different choices as he learns and grows. He makes no childish solemn "resolutions;" he simply sees that taking responsibility for his sexuality is the only sane and intelligent way to go about it.

Fundamentally, responsibility is not to other people, but to oneself. A responsible person feels accountable only to himself for the choices he makes, and thrills to the freedom he has in shaping his life. Being responsible or irresponsible in any area of your life is your choice, and no one can make it but you. Choose freely but wisely!

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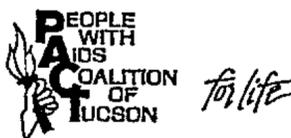
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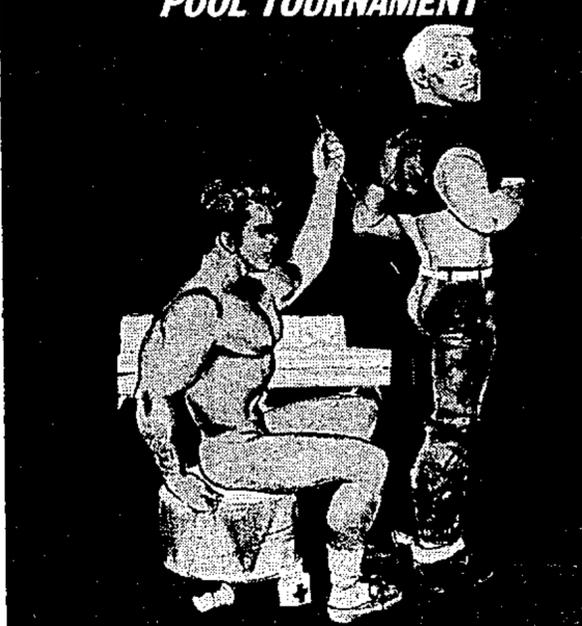
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# Mist From The Water Of Life

by Ms. Church Chat

News From MCC Tucson

Come out, come out wherever you are!!

It truly amazes me that we have over 5,000 people attend the Gay Pride Picnic and only 40 or so people attend a Sunday morning service. I would like to ask the people of Tucson, why? Why is it that nobody likes to attend church, especially Water of MCC. Is there something wrong with this church, with the service, what!

I know this church isn't perfect but, what church or person is, except Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit! That's right, nobody's perfect, not even me! I know that this is beginning to sound like a infomercial but, I'm upset with the fact that some people think they must tell vicious lies about the church I call home!

Why don't you ask those people to show their faces and find out for themselves that there really is a lot of changes happening at Water of Life. We don't play church, we have been called to be Christians and that's what we intend to do. We worship God in a lot of different ways, not all ways may be like how you would worship him but, what's wrong with trying something different. Maybe all of this is happening because some of you have been hurt in the past by other church's or maybe by this church, I say let all of the past hurts go and start the new year off in a positive step. If not here, maybe somewhere you can worship God in

your way, I just pray that you find God.

Maybe some of this is happening because some of you have been hurt by someone here at this church, I say to you that those people probably aren't here and that those people need to be forgiven. I too was hurt by this church at one time, but I found that I have forgiven those people. Life is too short to hold on to old hurts and painful memories. A lot of maybes you say, well I'm really curious as to why out of 5,000 people that at least 10 percent isn't attending this church.

I feel that one can find spiritual peace, and a sense of belonging here at Water of Life MCC. It's about time that we all pull together as a community and except our differences. These differences is what makes this such a unique community. Besides why fight over petty idea's and old wounds.

Since when did we start listening to rumors and not find out the Truth. Come by the church and see for yourselves that Water of Life is a Christian Church that worships God to the fullest extent, in many different ways. Maybe you could come by some Sunday and share your idea's with us, you never know you just might like what you see. Just as a last thought, don't always believe what you hear because Christopher Columbus didn't believe that the earth was flat, and you shouldn't believe that Water of Life is a house of lies and rumors, either!

## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

What were your New Year's resolutions? Did you decide that this year is the year you are finally going to go on a diet and lose that extra 10, make that 20 pounds? Or are you going to improve your mind this year and read some of the classics which you always meant to read but never did? Maybe you resolved to learn a new skill and are planning to go back to school to accomplish this. Or are you like 54% of the people across the country who said that they never keep them anyway? If you made a resolution, how are you doing with keeping it? It's been just a few days since this new year began, so you should still be on track, shouldn't you?

When I think about New Year's resolutions I wonder how people expect to keep them. If the resolution is one which is made year after year, like going on a diet, and broken year after year, what's the use? If we are the same people this year as last year, with the same amount of self control, or lack of it, how can we expect anything but defeat in our New Year's resolutions?

As I continued to ponder New Year's resolutions, however, I came to a comforting conclusion. Those of us who are Christians don't have to enter this new year thinking we will be defeated before we even begin to effect positive changes in our lives. You see, while we are still the same people as last year, we have someone who can help us do those things which will enable us to become better people, more pleasing to God. Philippians 4:13 reminds us, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." Even though I cannot stop lying, or stop gossiping, or stop eating more than I should in my own strength, this verse says that I have some-

one who will give me the strength to do those things if I truly desire to do them. Who is that someone? The Apostle Paul answers this question in his prayer for the Ephesian believers: "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being." (Ephesians 3:16) One of the gifts we receive when we accept Jesus Christ as our savior is the Holy Spirit. While he does many things for us, one of his functions is to strengthen us in our efforts to become more like Jesus.

If you are not yet a Christian, I have some good news for you as well. You do not have to wait another minute to accept Jesus as your personal savior! As soon as you acknowledge to yourself, and him, that you are not perfect, accept the fact that he took the punishment for your sins, imperfections, which you deserve, and ask him to forgive you and be your savior, you will receive, alone with salvation and eternal life, the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then you, too, can be assured that you will have the strength to follow through with those New Year's resolutions which please God.

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to read the Bible, and you do not have one, we at Cornerstone Fellowship would be happy to give you one. Call us at 622-4626 and leave a message, and one of our staff will return your call as soon as possible. If you resolved to attend church in this new year, I extend an invitation to you to join us on Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M. for Sunday School or 10:30 A.M. for worship. If you are unable to attend on Sunday morning, we have a Wednesday evening Bible study each week which meets at 7:00 Hall. You may call the church for more information on any of

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# Teachers And Gay Sex Talk

by Prof. Ruth Rosen

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The right wants to convince us that the left has hijacked public education. But the chill from culture wars blows in all directions. Consider what has happened in San Francisco, where two teachers may lost their right to teach.

On April 14, 1992, two speakers from the Community United Against Violence, an organization approved by the S.F. school district and its public health department, were invited to speak to sixth grade students about the violence and hate crimes committed against Gays and Lesbians.

Curious about the lives of homosexuals, the students peppered the guests with questions about Gay sexual practices. The speakers responded with explicit examples, described common sexual practices and even divulged the fact that the woman intended to have a baby.

Infuriated, a few parents filed complaints against the two teachers who had invited the guest speakers. In an unprecedented decision, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing has recommended that the licenses of both teachers be revoked, effectively ending their careers in public education.

Depending on whom you speak to, the guest speakers either responded with frank honesty or tried to proselytize sex toys. Certainly, they were too explicit for sixth graders, and the teachers should have reigned them in. But should two teachers be punished for acts they didn't commit? And what about their academic freedom?

The troubling question also remains: Were the students really harmed? I think not. Amid all the screaming, lies the unexamined assumption that the guest speakers were talking to a classroom of heterosexuals who shouldn't know, and need not know, about Gay and Lesbian lives, not even in a city where large communities of homosexuals live and work.

The fact is, some of those students, unknown to their parents, teachers and friends, have spent much of their conscious life desperate to understand their forbidden desires. In a newly published book, "Joining the Tribe, Growing Up Gay and Lesbian in the 1990s," Bay Area writer Linnea Due offers a riveting portrait of the anguish that plagues today's young Gay teens.

Fearful of coming out to themselves or anyone else, they endure years of deception, quietly disguising themselves as heterosexuals. "This pain," writes Due, "is borne in almost complete invisibility. Most people cannot imagine Gay kids exist because they do not believe children have an incipient sexuality...and we pretend we protect our kids from sexual knowledge in spite of the fact that we live in a highly sexualized culture. In this world view, all 10 years old are 'soft straights', malleable innocents who would grow up heterosexual if given proper direction and shielded from the wrong information."

But most of the teens Due interviewed already knew they were different when they were quite young. One young male teen confides, "I didn't think anything was weird until reached the fifth grade." By the ninth grade, he considered the day a success if he came home without being called a faggot.

The tales these kids tell are unforgettable. Confused and scared, girls and boys learn to survive by hiding and lying. To please their parents, they secure dates to pass as heterosexuals. The normal anguish of adolescence is intensified by fear of discovery.

After reading Due's book, I find it hard to believe that 11 year olds were harmed by hearing these speakers. On the contrary, for some it might prove life-saving; Gay and Lesbian teenagers commit suicide far more often than do their heterosexual counterparts. Gay teens need to know there are adults like themselves. And their heterosexual classmates need to understand, rather than hate, those who are unlike them.

Compassion, not censorship, is what we should be teaching young people, before they absorb the language of hate. Two teachers tried to do that in San Francisco. For that, they should not lose their right to teach.

[Ruth Rosen, a professor of history at the University of California at Davis, writes regularly on politics and culture for the San Francisco Chronicle, from which this article is reprinted.]

## Soldiers

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member is within two years of retirement. Members within the two year limit would be retained until reaching retirement eligibility.

Upon discharge, HIV positive people would remain eligible for care in the Defense Department healthcare system, according to an agreement of joint House/Senate conferees.

The defense measure now goes to President Clinton for signature or veto. A call to the White House Press Office to determine Clinton's intent was not returned.

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# NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

## The AIDS Alphabet

by Sarah Barrios

AIDS can be prevented.  
 Blood exchange is one way AIDS can be spread.  
 Cures for HIV and AIDS have not yet been developed.  
 Drug needles shared by various people can cause AIDS.  
 Education is essential for life.  
 Fight for people with AIDS not against them.  
 Getting tested for HIV if you've been exposed can help the fight against AIDS.  
 Homosexuals are not the only ones who can get AIDS.  
 Ignorance is your worst enemy.  
 Jokes about those who are ill are not appreciated.  
 Know the chances you take.  
 Latex condoms are not always 100% effective.  
 More & more people are contract-

ing HIV each year.  
 No safe sex without a condom.  
 Protect yourself.  
 Questions lead to answers; answers lead to help.  
 Reach out to those who need your help.  
 Support those with HIV/AIDS.  
 Teenagers are at the highest risk of contracting HIV.  
 Unlike you might think, you are responsible for your actions.  
 Very few people live more than 3 years with full blown AIDS.  
 X-men are immortal, you are not.  
 You can not get AIDS from being with or talking to someone with AIDS.  
 Zebras can live without practicing safe sex protection, you can not.

[Sarah Barrios is a 9th grader at Emily Gray Jr. High School.]



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	Won	Lost	Pins
Looney Tunes	14.5	5.5	45833
High Rollers	10.5	9.5	45328
Ooh Sh*t!	10.0	10.0	46343
Pigs R Us	10.0	10.0	45236
PACT Rats	8.0	12.0	41276
Too Much	7.0	13.0	45943

High Average: Ann R., 173; Jack S., 192; Too Much 797.  
 High Series Scratch: Ann R., 566; Jack S., 650; Ooh Sh\*t!, 2663.  
 High Series Handicap: Hilda C., 648; Ray A., 693; Ooh Sh\*t!, 3077.  
 High Game Scratch: Ann R., 224; Ray A., 288; Ooh Sh\*t!, 1027.  
 High Game Handicap: Jackie M., 256; Ray A., 303; Ooh Sh\*t!, 1165.

[The Desert Coyotes Bowling League took last week off for the Christmas holiday.]

### DESERT COYOTES STILL HAVE OPENINGS

TUCSON - There are still openings available on Tucson's Gay and Lesbian Wednesday bowling league, The Desert Coyotes.

The Desert Coyotes Bowling League bowls, as mentioned, on Wednesdays at 9:00 P.M. at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile. The league consists teams of three persons. The cost to bowl is \$8 per week.

If interested, show up approximately 20 minutes before the start time. For any other information call 743-3303.

### Anonymous HIV Testing Sites In Tucson

TUCSON - Here are the anonymous HIV testing sites, their addresses, days and hours and their phone numbers if you have any questions:

Theresa Lee Clinic, 322 S. Freeway. Hours - Monday - Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Thursday, 11:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. Phone - 791-7676.

COPASA, 3912 S. 6th Ave. Hours - M-F, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Phone - 749-7156.

TB Clinic, 150 W. Congress. Hours - Tuesday only, 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. Phone - 740-8406.

PACT for Life EIC, 801 W. Congress. Hours - Monday - Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, 8:00 A.M. to 12 noon. Phone - 770-1710.

IIACER (IV Drug Users Only), 1221 W. Speedway. Hours - Monday - Friday, 8:15 to 4:30 P.M. Phone - 623-9833.

Pima County North, 3550 N. First Ave. Hours - Monday, 11:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. Tuesday & Wednesday, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Phone - 887-0715.



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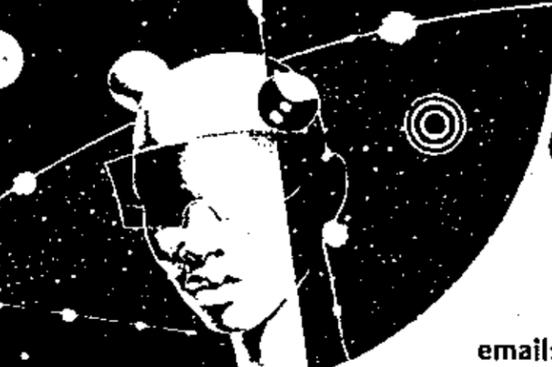
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- because your partner says she is sorry or ashamed afterwards does not change the harm done or the danger you may be in.
- no one ever deserves to be verbally, physically or sexually assaulted.
- what is done in the privacy of the home must be agreeable with both people.
- you are free to manage your own life and ask for the help and support that you need.

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 YOUR PARTNER'S ABUSE IF YOU HAVE:**

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- been compliant due to fear of being verbally or physically "punished" by your partner.
- been called names, or been blamed and humiliated either privately or publicly.
- been unjustly accused of having affairs.
- changed your decisions about your activities, social/family contacts in anticipation of your partner's wants, needs or reactions.
- found yourself feeling ashamed of or responsible for your partner's behavior when you have been treated badly.
- been kicked, hit, shoved or had things thrown at you or around you.
- been threatened with being "outed" if you do not comply with your partner's demands.

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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

IBT'S - The Circle Show hosted by Mr. Kenneth Blake and special guests. Showtime 9:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

IBT'S - Benefit Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust 4:30 to 7:00. All proceeds benefit Shantl.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

IBT'S - "The Circle Show" hosted by Mr. Kenneth Blake and starring Helena Bubbles, Felice Renard and special guests. Showtime 9:00 p.m.



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# Non-Bar CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

A Queer New Year's Party for Gay young men at the Flouline, 101 West Drachman from 10:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. For under 21 years old. And it's free. For more information call 322-6215. Sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control, Arizona Department of Health Services and the Gay Young Men Project of Tucson. Be there or be square!

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

MSN Board games nite 7:00 p.m. All sorts of board games available. Call Craig 318-9348 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

Men's Social Network, 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a moonlight hike (full moon) as a joint activity with the Gay and Lesbian Hiking Club. This will be a 'Moonwalk' to Wasson Peak in the Tucson Mountains. Call Larry at 795-9125 for information and directions.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

MSN monthly potluck social at Cornerstone church social hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. Bring your favorite dish to share with friends. For more info call Jerry at 690-9565. Guests always welcome.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Men's Social Network (MSN) 3:00 p.m., Open Meetings are held every three months to discuss planning events and to decide future directions for MSN. The meeting will be held at Jerry and Les' home. Please call 690-9565 for reservations and directions.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 8

MSN Bridge night 7:00 p.m. Open to all bridge players. Beginners welcome. Call GI at 690-0601 for reservations and directions.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

MSN Evening out at the inexpensive theater. Call Chris at 887-3478 after Jan. 5 for the location and name of movie. Guests always welcome.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Men's Social Network (MSN) 7:00 p.m., TV Video Night showing of "The Black Adder, outrageous British TV comedy series. Call Loren or Stephen at 795-6718 for reservations. Limited space.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

MSN Book Club will be discussin Michael Nava's "The Hidden Law" the most recent novel in the Henry Rios series. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for reservations. Guests always welcome.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Cronies Social Club monthly meeting at MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain, 7:00 p.m. Pot luck and a speaker.

MSN day trip to Magdalena, Mexico. Travel by van under the direction of resident Mexico tour leader. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for reservations. Then at 7:00 p.m., Men's Social Network (MSN) Video Night, movie "Parting Glances" about the last day together for two Gay men who are about to be separated for awhile. Call Jerry or Les 690-9565 for reservations and directions. Guests always welcome.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Men's Social Network (MSN) Gay men of all ages, Noon Hike the Bog Springs Trail in Madera Canyon. This is a joint hike with the Gay and Lesbian Hiking Club. Call Larry at 795-9125.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 15

MSN (Gay men of all ages) 7:00 p.m., Beginners Bridge night. Bridge lessons for beginners taught by GI. For reservations and directions call GI at 690-0601. Guests always welcome.

## SATURDAY JANUARY 20

Cronies Social Club, 7:00 p.m., MCC Church (front bldg.), 888-7264 for more information. Contemporary movies.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Cronies Social Club Mid-Month Dinner at Golden Corral, 6:30 p.m. Call 888-7264 for RSVP.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Cronies Social Club "Classic Oldies Video Nite" at Leo's. Call 624-6768 for RSVP.

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## sunday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Beer Bust 8-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Sales Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 764 Schnapps 764

**HOURS** - Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.25 W 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 8-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

**IBT's** - Open 11 am to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.80 domestic beer and well. Bar with 8-8 pm and Beer Bust for community organizations 8-7:30pm. Hi energy dancing with DJ Clint 8pm to close.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 8pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 2-4pm 604 draft. 301 Dart Tournament 8pm \$2 entry fee. Barl Burgers 8-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

## monday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. "Card Club" 7-9pm.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 764 Schnapps 764 bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No puns please!)

**HOURS** - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 804 Draft Beer 7 to close.

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.60 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.80 32oz pitchers. Barre 80s with DJ Justin 8pm-1am.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-ROG Dance Music. Party with Stephen, your bartender.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 8am. Draft Beer 764 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 8am - 8pm.

## tuesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7pm. Boys Nite Out At The Big Horn Premium Beer \$1.80 8pm to 1am.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25, Draft 764 Schnapps 764

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 764 7pm to close

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.60 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tazoo Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.60 domestic beer for those showing their tattoos. Prizes and surprises.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Spagetti Feed \$2 donation for Shantl. Stonewall opens at 9pm with HI-ROG dance music.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 8am to 1am. Draft Beer 764 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 8am - 8pm.

## wednesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Western Nite. Beer Bust 7-11 pm. \$1.25 Pitchers, 764 Glass.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 764 Schnapps 764

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 604 off all call drinks 7 to close. DJ Mixed Music Nite! Request your favorite country, dance or disco.

**IBT's** - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.60 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. \$1.60 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Fresh Disco. Corona and Curro Gold \$1.60

**VENTURE-N** - Open 8am Draft Beer 764 6am-8pm. Curro Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 8am-8pm. Backside open 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

## thursday

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

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 764 Schnapps 764

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

**IBT's** - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.60 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and \$1.80 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 8pm-close with DJ Clint Austin.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Peter special all night long. Stonewall opens 8pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 8am Draft Beer 764 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open open 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

## friday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 764 Schnapps 764

**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Dance Music 8pm to 1am.

**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.60 domestic beer and well. ... Pat's Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour noon-7pm Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 8pm. Stonewall opens 8pm with High Energy music.

**VENTURE-N** - Open 8am. Draft Beer 764 Bar 8am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 8am-8pm. Backside open 8pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

## saturday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Pool Tournament 8 pm. Pot matched, 1st 70%, 2nd 20%, 3rd 10%

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 764 Schnapps 764. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$2 entry fee, pot matched.

**HOURS** - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Delights, Pilsa Coladas \$3. Dance Music 8-1.

**IBT's** - Open 11am to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.60 domestic beer and \$1.25 well. Pat's Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 8pm with High Energy Music.

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# HIV Positive Male Prostitute Sentenced To Utah Prison

SALT LAKE CITY, UT - A male prostitute who continued offering sex for sale despite knowing he was HIV positive has been sentenced up to five years in prison.

Richard S. Gutierrez, was the first person to be charged with felony sex solicitation under a recently enacted Utah law designed to crack down on the spread of AIDS.

Gutierrez tested positive for HIV in June 1994 after a misdemeanor sex solicitation conviction. At that time, a judge informed him of his condition and warned he could be charged as a felon the next time.

Despite the warning, Gutierrez had sex with 70 to 80 men during the next eight months, according to his own estimate.

Gutierrez was arrested last February by a male police decoy who said Gutierrez offered to perform a sex act for \$20. Based on Gutierrez's history, 3rd District Judge Sandra Peuler sent Gutierrez to prison.

"He doesn't have the ability or wherewithal to quit prostituting himself," the judge said. "My priority is to protect the public."

Defense attorney Mark Moffat has argued for probation, saying Gutierrez needs treatment for drug problems and schizophrenia. Gutierrez also has such low intelligence that he borders on mental retardation, Moffat said.

"He needs extensive treatment that takes into account his mental illness and intellectual function," Moffat said, contending that it would be travesty to lock up his client now.

"He has not been clean this long in his adult life," Moffat said. "For the first time his thinking is unclouded by drugs. This is the opportunity we've all been waiting for."

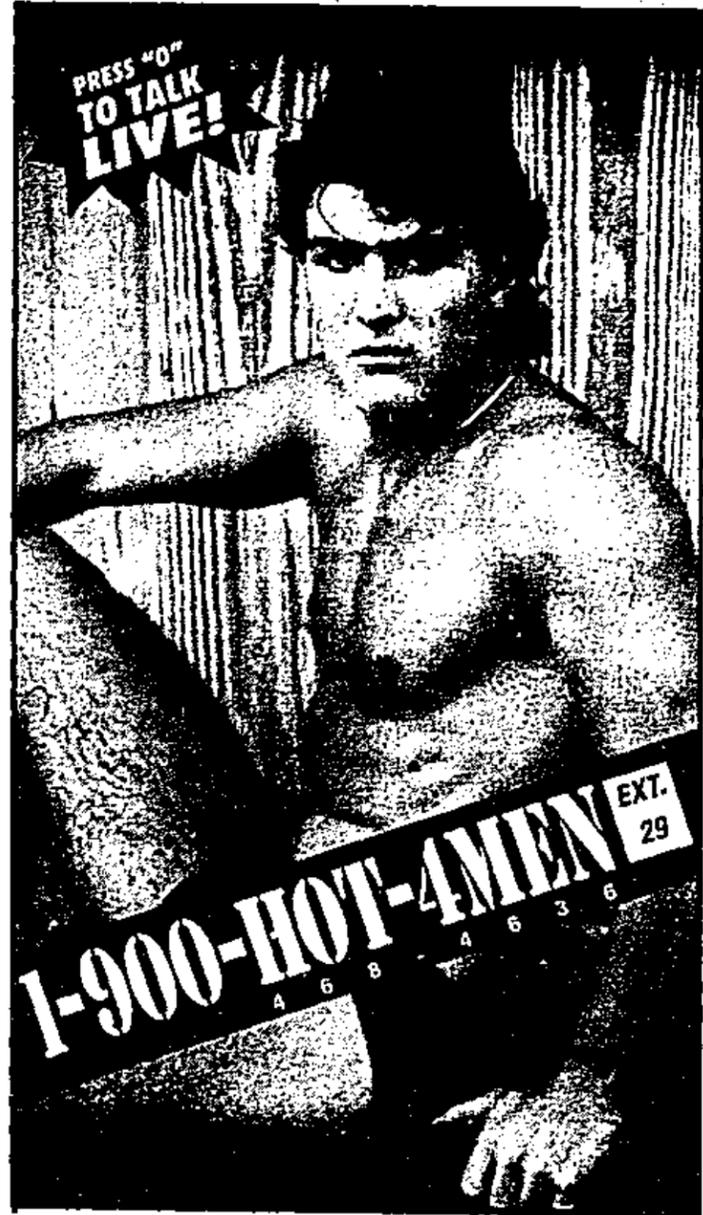
Prosecutor Paul Parker agreed that treatment, not prison, would be best. In fact, Gutierrez pleaded guilty as charged in exchanged for the prosecutor's support of treatment.

But no program could be found that combined treatment with the kind of security that guarantees Gutierrez would remain off the streets.

"There doesn't seem to be a facility that meets his need," the judge said.

Gutierrez's case was delayed while his attorney looked for a suitable treatment program.

Since May 1993, HIV testing has been mandatory for anyone convicted of prostitution, soliciting a sex act or patronizing a prostitute. If the test comes back positive, the defendant is notified in open court he or she is an HIV carrier, and the next offense can be a third degree felony that may land the offender in prison.



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Let's take a break from the usual planetary movement this week and focus on the year ahead. I am often asked to prognosticate but demurely refrain from doing it publicly. However, it's a new year and a new leaf for this proud astrologer. Dust off the crystal ball so we can predict away.

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

The spirit of Bette Davis (born April 8) should infuse you for most of 1996 with the usual feistiness and in your face attitude that makes you so well loved in certain, limited circles. When you travel, try not to announce "What a dump!" on your arrival. Prediction: Christopher Walken (born March 31) will renounce his relentless quest for money and will join us in the greater rainbow cause.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

When two divas such as Cher (born May 20) and Barbra (April 24) are Taurean, it can only mean that all proud Bulls are destined for adulation. 1996 is the year for you to explore sexual and psychological issues within yourself. It seems to be the one thing that will transform you from the housefrau to the divine. Prediction: Barbra performs at next year's pride march and only charges \$500 a ticket.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Consider the following Geminis: Harvey Milk (born May 22), Judy Garland (June 10), Marilyn Monroe (June 1), Sandra Bernhard (June 6). With all, sex marks the psychological spot. Screaming it out or hauling it in, crucified for it or exalted by it, the story has a common thread. Your quest for 1996 is to harness sex and find domestic bliss with a significant other. Prediction: Boy George (June 14) runs for Parliament, or becomes the next Queen.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Tom Cruise (born July 3) is probably as good a Crab as any to delineate the intricacies of the sign. He intensely plays out his various roles with deep commitment. Cancers go for the gusto in whatever turns them on. Usually it's home and hearth, but often it's task oriented, detailed jobs as it will be in 1996. Prediction: As a hot drag act, Cruise will star in "Interview with Vampira" where he will wear it well.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

What do Madonna (born August 16) and Patrick Swayze (born August 18) have in common besides a fabulous wardrobe? You guessed it; the need to show it off in a big way. The royal Lion needs dollops of recognition and praise like the rest of us need air. Thankfully, all proud Leos revel in fun and artistry in 1996. Prediction: Arnold Schwarzenegger (July 30) becomes the cigar industry poster boy and always has one in his mouth. (Is a cigar just a cigar?)

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Virgos always do what's upstandingly right and are probably the best allies anyone could have. That is if they are not criticizing your bathing patterns or examining their collection of vitamins. I couldn't even imagine if Kristy McNichol (born September 11) does that sort of thing, but I do know that all Virgos can expect to become involved in family issues this year. Prediction: Lily Tomlin (September 11) launches a new line of Edith Ann children's clothes.

**HOROSCOPES**

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23  
SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Both Olivia Newton-John (born September 26) and Martina Navratilova (October 18) are diplomatic and charismatic Libras. Libras love to expand their world, even if it reaches across continents. 1996 brings a refreshing and transforming approach to communication whereby you can make events happen by just asking. Prediction: Martina will get her own talk show.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Scorps are secretive and intensely aware of what others are thinking about them. Don't let 'em know what you're thinking in order to keep up appearances. Rock Hudson (born November 17) was a Scorpio. If success is measured by money, 1996 will prove to be a telling year for all Scorps. That which you value may not live up to its worth. Reassess and reinvest with fresh eyes. Prediction: It's a secret, but it's guaranteed to be on target.

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Queer Caps have the least amount of self confidence of any sign. But the good news is they learn from past mistakes and succeed admirably in later life. They strive to please. Escape the mundane in 1996 and explore your more spiritual side through yoga, the occult or religion. Also, volunteer for a worthy Gay cause. Prediction: David Bowie (born January 8) announces he will marry Princess Di, but

it is only a marriage of convenience.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

How can Greg Louganis (born January 29), Sonny Bono (February 16) and Zsa Zsa Gabor (February 6) all be Aquarians? I guess they were born that way. Aquarians raise the rainbow banner high. Always seeking a greater goal, they sometimes forget the small human interactions that most other signs crave. 1996 catapults you into the eye of the Cause. Be ready to go forward and Out. Prediction: Farrah Fawcett (February 2) returns to the small screen as Charlie's Angels: the Cellulite Years.

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

The always lovely and fabulous Elizabeth Taylor (born February 27) is Pisces. Spiritual, other worldly and hopelessly romantic, pink Fish crave illusion, and usually get it. 1996 is a form fitting year for all of you dreamers. Think career, think another rung on the corporate ladder, think long term sell out. Prediction: Lovely Liz will marry again. (My one prediction in tribute to Jean Dixon...)

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## Sexual Orientation Makes White House Aging Conference

by Mary Ann Swisler

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Last May, during the White House Conference On Aging (WHCA), San Francisco Lesbian activists Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin were told, with a straight face, that their "group didn't have enough of a track record" to be included in an anti-discrimination policy to be developed during the conference.

But after several months of lobbying for inclusion, the two recently received a letter from organizers on Aging, stating that sexual orientation would be part of the anti-discrimination statement included in the final report.

Lyon tempered her enthusiasm for the achievement by saying that the Republican led Congress seems intent on dismantling all the suggestions and programs outlined in the final report.

She said, "They're already trying to dismantle everything we got included in the final report, which are really important Gay issues, which Gay people don't have a clue about it." Lyon credited activists like Lisa Hamburger and "other people all over the country," for pressuring for inclusion of sexual orientation.

The letter sent by Robert Blacato, the Executive Director of the White House Conference on Aging, stated, "On behalf of the White House Conference of

Aging, after a period of review [the preamble] has been revised. The WHCA is especially grateful to U.S. Congressional Representatives Nancy Pelosi, Dianne Feinstein, and Gerry Studds, for their interest in helping this important revision."

The preamble, which is expected to reach Congress sometime in February, reads: "As America prepares for the 21st Century and the dramatic increase in our aging population, we affirm our commitment to all older persons and their families. Especially those at risk. Aging is a part of the continuum of life. Hence, policies that provide security to the elders of our society, also enhance the lives of their children and grandchildren and create a bond between generations. We recognize the importance, value and interdependence, of people regardless of age, sex, race, ethnicity, religion, culture, or sexual orientation and seek to safeguard all persons from discrimination."

[Mary Ann Swisler is a reporter for the Bay Area Reporter from this article is reprinted.]



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by Mary Ann Swisler

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Authorities discovered the body after Acrement provided them with details of how he shot and then dumped George's lifeless body on the ranch, owned by his father.

Visalia Police Sgt. Jim German said that George's autopsy, performed by the Tulare County coroner, showed no signs of sexual assault or mutilation. German did not know if George was Gay, but added that he doubted it since George was known to have a female fiancée, although they'd recently broken up.

George had met Acrement through his parents about a year ago, and were not thought to be close friends, said German. Robbery appears to be the only motive.

Acrement is not expected to face criminal charges anytime soon for killing George, according to German. Acrement is in Medford, Oregon jail awaiting a January 17 hearing, where he is expected to enter guilty plea for the double, execution style slayings of Roxanne Ellis and Michelle Abdill, two Medford Lesbian activists.

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non-threatening. As Cleve says, "it's also very subversive."

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## Sheldon

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homosexuality is 'the most pernicious evil today' and has written that 'Gay and Lesbians live perverted, twisted lives that feed upon the unsuspecting and the innocent, like our children.'

"We strongly urge you not to provide bigots like Reverend Sheldon with an official platform in the future," said the letter.

Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY) said Sheldon should not have been given the "stamp of approval" that is implied by an appearance on the House floor.

Gay and Lesbian staffers also objected. A statement by the Lesbian and Gay Congressional Staff Association said, "We find this morning's activities on the House floor to be counterproductive to a health working environment."