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Old Pueblo Softball Tourney This Weekend

TUCSON - The Second Annual Old Pueblo Softball Tournament gets underway this weekend, February 21-23.

On Friday, registration will be at the host hotel, the Plaza, between 6:00 - 11:00 P.M. A manager's meeting will begin at 8:00 P.M. at the Hotel.

The softball competition will begin on Saturday, February 22. The softball games will be played at Sports

Park (Ina Road at I-10), starting Saturday at 8:00 A.M.

The Old Pueblo Softball Tournament has seven local teams entered as well as teams from Boston, Los Angeles and Phoenix.

Please come out and show your support for what promises to be a fun weekend. For more information, contact tournament director, Bertie L., 318-3415.

Two Charged In Florida AIDS List Leak

TAMPA, FL (NP) - An openly Gay public health worker and his former roommate have been charged with leaking confidential info on 4,000 Florida people with AIDS.

This case has raised questions about reporting requirements and security.

As reported in The Observer, the U.S. medical establishment and its patients were shaken in September when a Florida county health department's confidential listing of names and contact information for 4,000 people with AIDS was mailed to two are newspapers, believed to be the worst breach of confidentiality in the nation's history.

Misdemeanor charges were filed against two men, former roommates, who will make their first court appearance on March 6. Each proclaims his own innocence and the other's guilt in an incident prosecutors believe was part of a bad break-up.

Openly Gay public health worker William Calvert III had been under scrutiny from the first, since he was named in anonymous letters sent to the newspapers along with the computer disks bearing the AIDS listings.

Those letters said he'd been showing off the confidential information on a laptop computer at a Gay bar, and that he'd dropped the disk after becoming intoxicated. It was alleged that he used the listing to check out men and his friends were considering dating.

Calvert was investigated at length and maintained throughout that he had not put the list to personal use nor otherwise acted inappropriately. His work with the Pinellas County Health Department made him one of only a few people with access to the information, and he legitimately used the disk and his laptop to record data at doctors' offices and clinics.

Calvert was suspended from his job during the investigation, forced to resign, and filed a formal appeal of his termination. The charge against him is misusing confidential information, a mis-

demeanor with a maximum sentence of one year in jail and a fine of \$1,000.

The other man charged in the case is Gregory Wentz, who was Calvert's roommate and business partner at the time. Wentz is believed to be the one who actually mailed the information to the newspapers. He also says he is innocent of the charge against him, intentionally disclosing confidential information, a misdemeanor with a maximum sentence of 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine.

A recent case in Florida established that there is no legal basis for civil lawsuits against those who break confidentiality, and a state appeals court let that decision stand.

The lists of patient information were developed under Florida's mandatory AIDS reporting law, which is shared with about half the states.

The scandal caused Florida to delay its planned institution of a mandatory reporting requirement for HIV infections, which some activists now hope to repeal altogether. Both the Centers for Disease Control and the Florida state health authorities reviewed and upgraded their security procedures in the wake of the incident.

Liz Taylor Postpones Surgery For AIDS Benefit

HOLLYWOOD, CA (NP) - Liz Taylor will put off surgery for a brain tumor to host an AIDS fund raiser, giving enhanced meaning to the event's title -- "Happy Birthday, Elizabeth: A Celebration of Life."

Film star Elizabeth Taylor has been an extraordinary campaigner for AIDS charities for more than a decade, but now she's topped her own dedication: she's delaying brain surgery rather than let it interfere with a major benefit celebrating her 65th birthday.

Taylor was recently diagnosed with a benign tumor on the left frontal lobe, which doctors plan to remove immediately following the February 16 event.

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Hate Crimes Bill Approved Future Bright For Measure; State ENDA Approved By House Committee; Bill Running Out Of Time; Four Hate Bills Never 'Made It Out Of The Gate!'

by Mark R. Kerr
Observer Political Reporter

PHOENIX (ON) - With the deadline for introduction of new bills passed and the deadline to hear current bills fast approaching, two Gay and Lesbian measures are going in different directions.

The State House Judiciary Committee, last week, approved a hate crimes bill by a vote of 9-0. H.B. 2182 is a statewide hate crimes ordinance will full criminal penalties. "Sexual orientation" is one of the groups listed in the protected categories.

H.B. 2182 is the latest attempt to adopt a hate-crimes ordinance. As reported on in the Observer, an ordinance was approved by the State Legislature last year but was vetoed by Gov. Fife Symington, (R).

The bill's primary sponsor is state Rep. Robin Shaw, R-Phoenix. Shaw said in an interview of H.B. 2182, "The bill is a crime-fighting measure. Currently, there exists no express basis for a judge to levy an enhanced sentence for the commission of felonies for discriminatory reasons."

The current proposal allows judges to find aggravating circumstances, and allowing the judge to impose a stricter sentence - if a crime was committed because of victim's sexual orientation, race, religion, color, national origin, gender and national origin.

Rep. Shaw said H.B. 2182 was amended from last year's measure to attempt to win the support of Governor Symington and from conservative legislators who objected to the inclusion of sexual orientation.

The solution was an amendment stating that including sexual orientation, the law doesn't create a protected class that would allow someone to file a discrimination lawsuit based on sexual orientation.

H.B. 2182 now goes to the House Rules Committee for consideration. Rep. Shaw said that the bill will get a hearing by the House Rules Committee. Shaw stated that it could be this week or next for the bill to be heard.

Of H.B. 2182's chances, Shaw said there is firm support for the proposed hate-crimes ordinance. Rep. Shaw expressed her appreciation for the support of the measure.

The hate crimes ordinance is moving through the legislative process. On the other hand, the other bill of concern is in trouble.

The Arizona Employment Non-Discrimination Act, H.B. 2431 was approved, 7-0 vote, by the State House Commerce Committee last week. H.B. 2431 is a proposed ordinance that would bar discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation.

H.B. 2431 was based on the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act. The measure, the first bill dealing with Gay and Lesbian rights to be debated in the U.S. Senate, was narrowly defeated by one vote.

One of the sponsors of H.B. 2431 is openly Gay state Rep. Ken Chevront, D-Phoenix. Chevront said that he had lined up the votes on the Commerce Committee, thus testimony was limited and no amendments were offered. "It's incredible to make headway on this measure," Chevront said.

H.B. 2431 now goes to the House Judiciary Committee. Chevront said the chances for the bill to get through the committee are good, but getting on the agenda is going to be the tough part.

The Chair of the House Judiciary Committee is state Rep. Mike Gardner, R-Tempe. According to Chevront, Gardner stated that time factors may prevent the bill from being heard by the committee. Chevront is urging readers to call the Arizona Legislature, (800) 352-8404, and urge Gardner to hear H.B. 2431.

Capitol sources have stated that H.B. 2431 may be in serious trouble. Rumors abound that the bill will be withdrawn for consideration from the House Judiciary Committee sometime this week.

One of the sponsor's of the measure is Tucson Rep. Carmine Cardimone, D-District 11. Rep. Cardimone said he had heard the rumors, but could not confirm if the bill is being withdrawn as of press time.

Cardimone stated that he would continue to push for the bill through other parliamentary procedures if the current measure is withdrawn.

The four anti-Gay measures dealing with school clubs; school employees and increasing the penalty for sodomy were not assigned a bill number. Thus

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UPDATE

Jello Wrestling Set For May 18

TUCSON - It's time to get ready for a rump in the Jello. Yes, it's that time of year again. The 10th Annual Reno Gannon Memorial Jello Wrestling Benefit and Auction is scheduled to be held Sunday, May 18th at the Graduate. All proceeds will benefit people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Representatives from Tucson's Gay bars and ASOs met at the Shanti Foundation on Tuesday, February 11th to begin planning for the event this year as well discuss the future of Jello Wrestling. In attendance were Anne Maley, Art Siversen and Eddie Gallego of Shanti; Matt Palmer and Tim Janes of the ASO Collaboration (PACT, Shanti, TAP); Jeff Meyer of the Stonewall; Dave Huff of the Graduate/IBT's; Pete Lara of IBT's; Lee Nordmark of Hours; Marty Price of Ain't Nobody's Biz.

Representatives agreed to hold Jello at the Graduate this year. This decision was made in part due to the huge increase of money raised after moving Jello to the Graduate in 1996. In fact, Jello raised \$15,000 -- double the amount of money in 1996. This year it is projected that the event will raise \$20,000.

All those present representing Tucson's Gay bars agreed to take an active roll to ensure its success by sponsoring Jello as well as sitting on a steering committee that will oversee all planning of this year's event. The group will meet after this year's event to discuss possible sites to host Jello Wrestling in 1998.

If you are interested in volunteering at the event or wrestling, please contact Matt Palmer this year's coordinator at 322-6226.

Softball Players Wanted

TUCSON - The Tucson Greater Softball Association (TGSA) is looking for players for its open division.

Both men and women are welcome. Ability and experience are secondary to wanting to participate in a fun team sport. Team coaches and players will work with you to improve your skills.

The TGSA season is scheduled to begin March 2, so please contact the following coaches, Shane A., 793-3948, Greg F., 326-2053 or Robert S., 296-2738.

The next TGSA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25 at IBT's. The meeting begins promptly at 6:00 P.M.

Members as well as other interested persons are encouraged to attend. For more information call the TGSA Commissioner, Mary O., 770-9979.

Reveille Chorus To Perform In Bisbee March 1

BISBEE - The Reveille Gay Men's Chorus (RGMC) of Tucson will be appearing in concert at the Bisbee Repertory Theatre in Bisbee, Saturday, March 1, 8:00 P.M.

RGMC Live!! -- In Concert will include music by Gay American composers of the 20th century such as Copland and Sondheim, who have become icons for Gay choruses today. Also featured will be an appropriate amount of camp and familiar tunes with a "twist."

The concert is open to the public, for Tucsonans who are interested in combining a weekend trip to Bisbee with a Reveille GMC concert.

Tickets for the event are \$6 (advance purchase), \$8 (purchase at the door). Advanced tickets can be purchased at One World Travel and Atalanta's Music and Books in Bisbee and at Antigone's Books in Tucson. The concert is open to the public.

New NW Catholic G&L Support Group

TUCSON - Come join our group as we listen to "My Brother Dan" an audio tape of a talk given by Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of the Archdiocese of Detroit at the second annual national retreat for parents of Gay and Lesbian Catholics.

Bishop Gumbleton, whose story appeared in the November 1996 issue of Liguorian magazine, tells of his family's response to their Gay son and brother and discusses the pastoral approach of the Church. There will be a discussion following the tape.

The meeting is February 24, at St. Odilia's Parish Hall (Conference Room, bldg. north of church), 7570 N. Paseo Del Norte. For more information call Mary, 297-7602, Sr. Joan, 742-8900, or Alice, 888-8380.

Hate Crimes

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these measures can't be heard as new bills.

Though, like Dracula in a countless sequel, the four measures could be resurrected through the parliamentary procedure, "strike-everything." This procedure is where a bill is gutted and new language is put in.

The legislative session is expected to end in April.

Panel Hears Of Ex-TPD Officer's Slurs

by Mark R. Kerr

TUCSON (ON) - A former Tucson police officer seeking to regain his job said he hated homosexuals and made jokes about the Holocaust, a police captain testified before the Civil Service Commission.

Officer Joseph Hite, a seven year veteran, was fired last year after he made repeated anti-Gay and anti-Semitic comments, according to Capt. Kevin Danaher of the Tucson Police Department.

Hite, fired in July 1996, is appealing his termination before the Tucson Civil Service Commission. Hite will present his defense today and it's expected the Commission will render their decision this week.

[More on this developing story in next week's Observer.]

HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA - TUCSON

By Anilda Cowboy

Well, we are making the final turn into the home stretch. We are less than five weeks away from the 1997 Saguaro Regional Rodeo. This is the time of year that all Board Members opt to screen their phone calls, fearing the dreaded voice of our Rodeo Director saying "Do you have your Rodeo Information Handy?"

Everyone is in full swing with their rodeo plans and we are working like clockwork. Last Sunday we hosted our annual Hoe Down at Hours. This was our final major fund raiser of the year and it turned out to be quite a success. I want to take a moment to thank a few people who helped make Sunday a big success. To Dave, thanks for flipping our burgers and Adrienne for kicking out the killer Frybread. Your help in keeping our tummies filled is greatly appreciated.

To all of our entertainers, the 1997 Royalty Team - TJ, Adrienne, and Kurt thanks for making the 360 trip to show your support. To Miss Toni, Robert and Eric your live vocals gave me chills and we look forward to seeing you all at the Rodeo. And to our little Annette, thanks for keeping the show moving. Your help was greatly appreciated. Next time use more cover-up on the nose, we all saw it!

To all of you who attended to make the Hoe Down a success, we thank you as well! To Lee and the staff of Hours, you all are the best, Lee thanks for such a great job on such short notice. Your Tiara awaits you!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE RODEO . . . Scotti will be placing volunteer forms for the rodeo in the mail to all Tucson members. If you are not an AGRA member and would like to volunteer, call Scotti at 792-5653 and he will get you the information you need. It's a great year for Tucson and the Rodeo . . . let's all join together and throw the best this town has ever seen.

That's all I have for now! As always, remember to keep your pride and play safe in the saddle!

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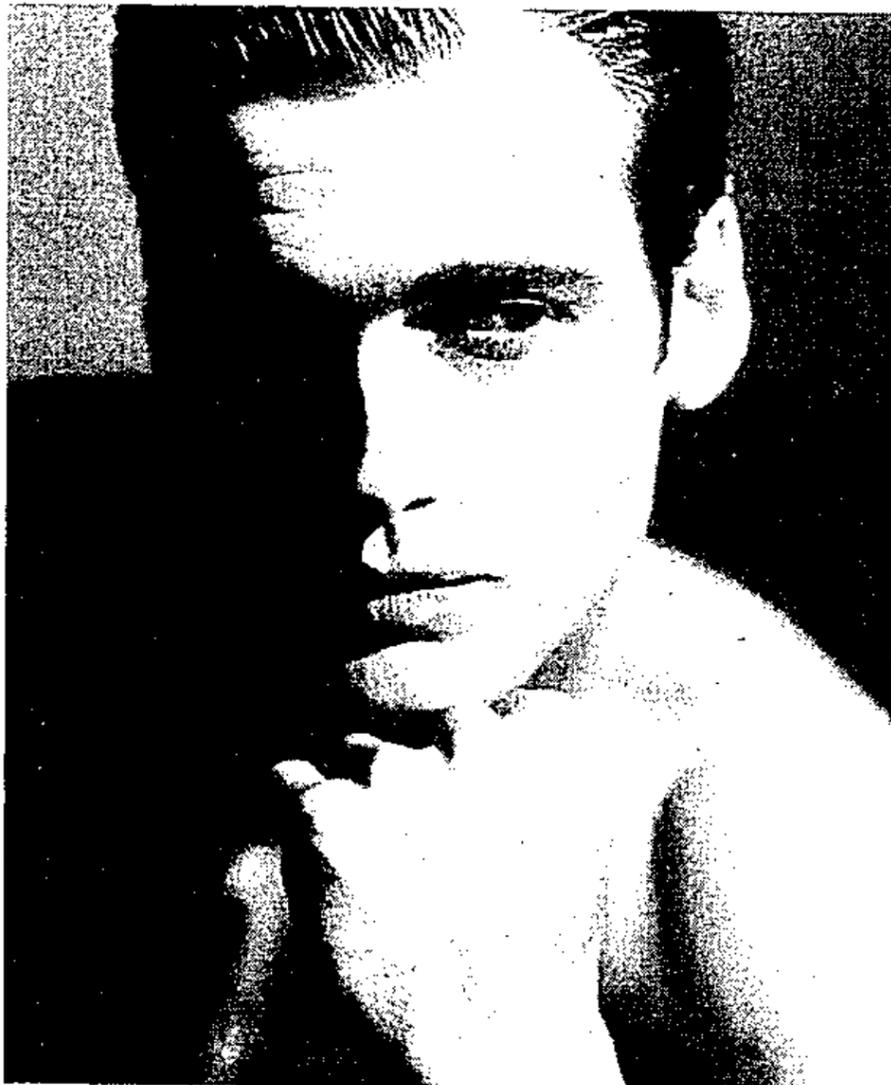
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Climate For Gays Improving

by Stephanie Innes

TUCSON - The climate for states to pass anti-homosexual measures couldn't be chillier, a nationally renowned civil rights lawyer told a Tucson audience last night.

In its Romer v. Evans decision of 1996, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that discrimination against homosexuals is morally wrong - as reprehensible as discrimination on the basis of sex or race, said the lawyer, Jean E. Dubofsky.

"The (U.S. Supreme Court) has really changes, even though its membership is still quite conservative. The court is treating Gay people in much more deferential and respectful terms," Dubofsky told the audience at the Elks Lodge.

However, Dubofsky said such sodomy laws are likely unconstitutional.

"Sodomy is one of those laws that you know isn't enforced. It's just something that tells people that what they are doing is reprehensible in terms of our society," Dubofsky said. "There's just no reason to do that."

Tucson lawyer Paul Gattone, founder of the Southern Arizona People's Law Center, was honored during the gathering as Civil Libertarian of the Year for his advocacy of the civil rights of low-income people.

[Stephanie Innes is a reporter for the Tucson Citizen, from which this article is reprinted.]



Jean E. Dubofsky

Dubofsky delivered last night's keynote address at the annual dinner for the Southern Chapter of the Arizona Civil Liberties Union. She is the lawyer who successfully argued the landmark Gay rights case challenging Colorado's Amendment 2. Last May, the Supreme Court struck down Colorado's Amendment 2, which would have denied Gays and Lesbians access to protection from discrimination.

Amendment 2, passed on a ballot initiative by Colorado voters in 1992, barred the passage of any laws protecting homosexuals at the state or local level. It also nullified anti-discrimination laws in Aspen, Boulder and Denver.

Dubofsky, a former justice of the Colorado Supreme Court, argued against the amendment on behalf of three cities and six individual homosexual residents, including tennis star and Aspen resident Martina Navratilova, saying the amendment violated the 14th Amendment's guarantee of equal protection.

The Supreme Court agreed in a 5-3 ruling. Justices Antonin Scalia, William Rehnquist and Clarence Thomas dissented.

Dubofsky said the impetus to pass the amendment in 1992 came from a right-wing Colorado group called the Coalition for Family Values. She said the coalition is still alive, but predicts such groups will no longer make Gay people "scapegoats of everything."

She added that the court's decision last May also made a sharp turn from the another Gay rights decision - the 1986 Bowers v. Hardwick case. In that case, the court upheld a statute that said states are free to make homosexual conduct a crime.

Arizona is one of 19 states in the country that still consider sodomy a crime.

Experts Urge Clean-Needle Exchanges, Sex Education As Weapons Against AIDS

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - Clean-needle exchanges, safe-sex education and drug abuse treatment are powerful weapons against the AIDS epidemic, but their effectiveness is being blocked by moral and government objections, a panel of experts concluded.

The committee selected by the National Institutes of Health cited strong scientific evidence that members said prove the effectiveness of behavior modification programs in slowing the AIDS epidemic.

The 12-member panel urged leaders at all government levels to change policies that prevent use of what they called "lifesaving public health strategies."

"The AIDS epidemic is a current and pressing public health emergency" that can be lessened by behavior modification programs, said Dr. David Reiss of George Washington University Medical Center, chairman of the study committee.

Reiss has identified "significant policy and legal barriers that must be removed in order for these interventions to protect the population from the spread of AIDS."

He said strong scientific evidence bears out that programs of safe-sex education and clean-needle exchanges "are very effective means to prevent the spread of HIV infection into the most susceptible populations."

"I completely reject this," said Robert L. Maginnis, senior policy analyst for the Family Research Council. He said evidence of how well needle exchanges and safe-sex programs work remains inconclusive and often involves "faulty science."

In its report, the NIH committee found that clean-needle exchange programs in New Haven, Connecticut, and in Amsterdam did not lead to increased drug use, encourage young people to start using drugs or cause more needles to be discarded in public places.



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Surfing with Cyber-Queers

by Anne C. Schmitt



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I am happy to announce that the Online Observer (<http://bonzo.com/observer>) has been on the internet for one whole year. It's birthday is Valentine's Day. So, in honor of the occasion we redesigned it to make it look nicer and are adding several features that we hadn't had time to get to in this past year.

One thing that has changes is the way you navigate around the site. Now there are buttons over on one side that appear of every page to let you go wherever you want. There are also "new sections" which we have found to be natural divisions in looking at it over the past 12 months. The AIDS Notebook will include information and news about HIV, both local and national, Area News will include local information and news pieces from Tucson, Pima County and Arizona. Most of the buttons are self explanatory. We hope you enjoy the new look.

The biggest addition will be happening in the next few weeks. A site search will allow you to search by topic or

keyword and will pull up articles from archived issues we are in the middle of getting ready to put online. These will be starting from the Online Observer's early days of April 1996 (On the Internet that is old!)

We're also looking to add a section where you can read the incoming messages from the guestbook. This has two reasons for existing. One is that it is great fun to read what folks around the world have to say about the Observer and Tucson. The other is that many of them want to hear from members of our community and I can't take the time to answer all of them and that makes me feel bad. In this year we had tens of thousands of them, and the good news is that they are not crank mail.

Many "Big Hugs" to those who have helped us to get this puppy up and flying. Our advertisers have been dedicated and I hope you let them know that you appreciate it as much as we do. This internet version of our local paper has had over a quarter of a million visitors in its first year and that number is increasing every month. We are linked to search engines and to many, many personal pages as well as listed in the suggested sites on the NGLTF Home Page. This outreach will continue to grow and Tucson as a community will begin to see more and more Gay and Lesbian visitors who found us on the Internet.

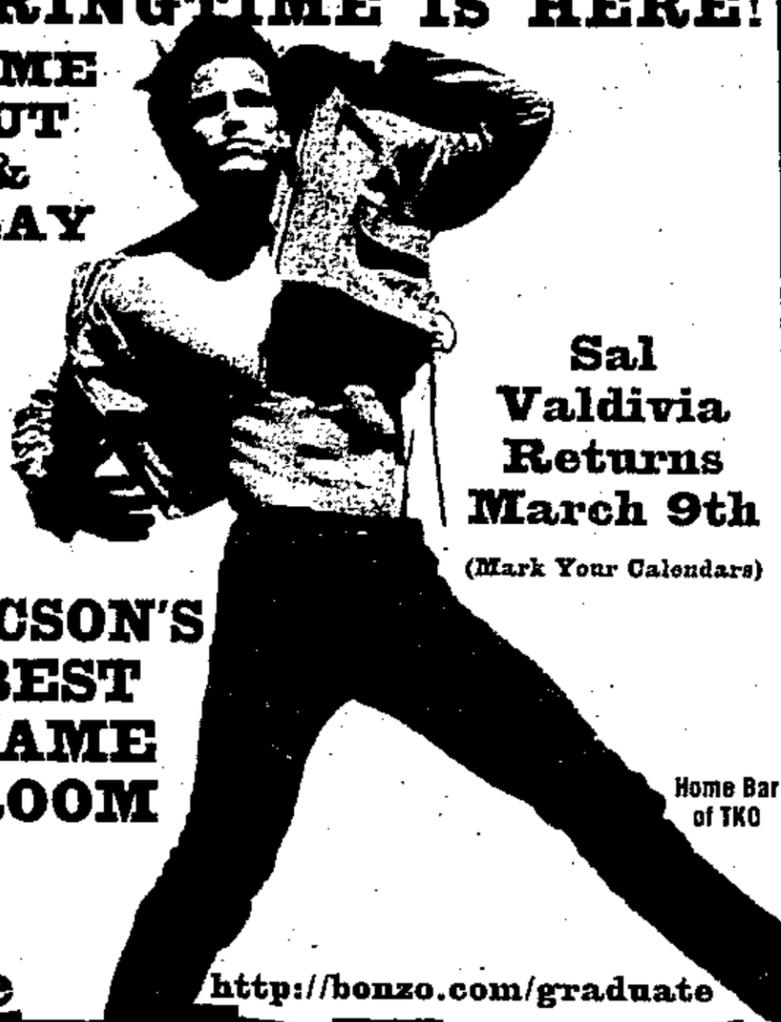
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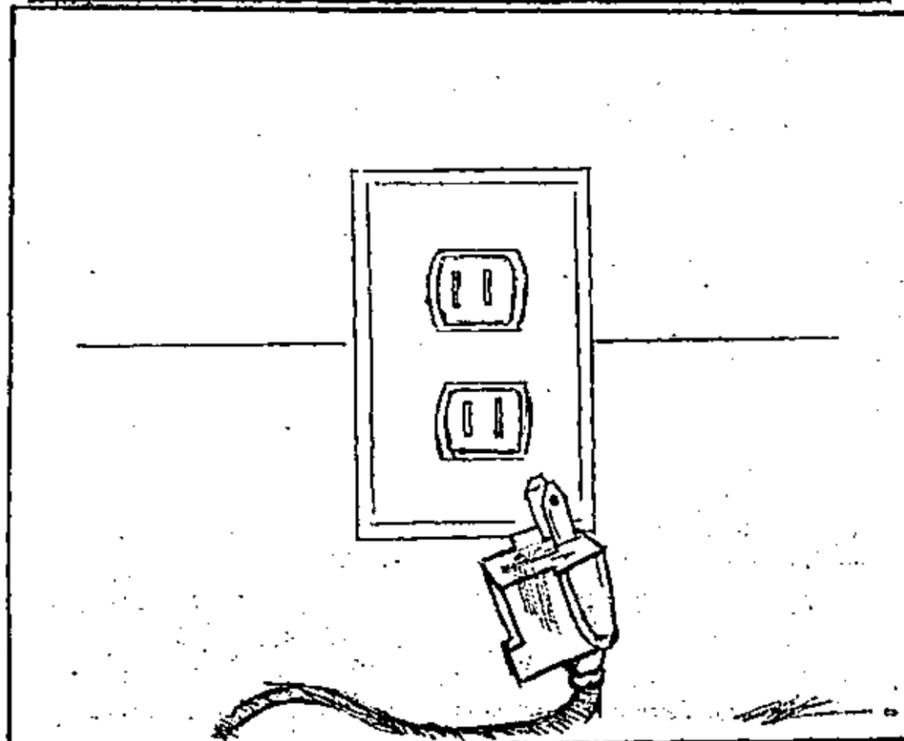
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Guest Speaker At MCC To Focus On Refining MCC/Tucson's Vision And Mission

TUCSON AZ - The Reverend Rick Schisler of El Paso Texas will be the special guest speaker at Tucson's Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) February 21 - 23, 1997. The weekend is focused on further developing and refining the local church's vision and mission. In accepting the invitation to come to Tucson, Rev. Schisler stated that "as a Pastor, it's always a joy to work with a church that is eager and excited to develop their mission and to be relevant in their community."

The weekend will kick off with a special worship service Friday February 21 at 7:30 PM with Rev. Schisler preaching on "Setting the Vision". On Saturday, Rev. Schisler will lead a "Discovering Your True Colors" seminar at 1:00 PM. This seminar is based on work done by Dr. Roger Birkman, who assists educational and various other institutions, and major corporations in defining their goals and objectives. This seminar is designed to be fun and enjoyable, and will also lead the local

congregation in further clarifying their mission and objectives. The church will host a pot-luck dinner at 6:00 PM Saturday, honoring Rev. Schisler.

Sunday February 23, Rev. Schisler will speak on "Making the Vision Happen" at the regular Sunday 10:45 AM worship service to close out the weekend.

Rev. Schisler earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from
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Judgement

There is a saying of Jesus in the gospels, one that most of us have heard. In it, I think he's revealing a secret about how the universe works. I certainly do not assume that all my readers are Christians, but this is a saying that I believe really deserves some attention, whether we're Christian or not. Why? Because this saying is so radical! It goes like this: "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce, you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get" (Matthew 7:1,2). Please read it carefully. This is one of those things that we've heard a hundred times, so often that maybe we forget to listen to what Jesus might be saying. It may have something to say to you, because the issues of guilt and innocence are important to everybody.

me, seeing how loveable I am? You certainly wouldn't punish me, inflict actual pain on me, would you?" On the other hand, other people have no excuse. "My parents should have done better by me, no matter what their own limitations were. My boyfriend was very inconsiderate to me, and that's why I broke up with him. My friends say nasty things about me behind my back, and lie to me about really important things. They've broken the rules, and haven't lived up to my expectations of them. They have it coming to them!"

Jesus is saying you can't have it both ways. You can't judge others and feel OK about yourself. The more judgmental you are towards others, the more judgmental you will be towards yourself. More amazingly, he's saying that you have the control over whether God (or the universe) judges you or not, even control over the finest calibrations of judgment. It's simple, according to Jesus: the universe will judge you to the exact extent you are judgmental towards others. If you are nit-picking, holding others up to a strict standard of conduct, God will use the same measuring stick in sizing you up. On the other hand, if you are generous and tolerant towards others, even when they hurt you, God will be equally generous in judging you. Jesus might have said, "If you want to be let off the hook, let others off the hook."

What Jesus is saying is this: if you say THEY have it coming, then YOU have it coming. On the other hand, if they are still OK and loveable even though they've screwed up, then so are you in God's eyes. I don't think you have to believe in a traditional Judgment Day to get the gist of this. It's saying that you get to legislate the kind of universe you want to live in, with the one proviso that the same standards apply to yourself and other people. You can live in a very loving universe or a very judging universe, as you wish, but there's no way to live in a universe where you get the love and others get the judgment.

If you say people shouldn't receive undeserved help, it may not affect other people much, but you will not receive undeserved help. If you think sex is dirty and feel other people shouldn't have fun during sex, it won't affect other people's experiences, but your own sex life will feel dirty to you. It's precisely the unlimited power we have to define our universe that hangs us up.

There's an interesting connection between this and the Lord's Prayer, where we find something like a dare: "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." It all hinges on that little word "as." It's like a mathematical equation, and the "as" is the equals sign. To paraphrase: "God, I'm willing to be forgiven by you to the same extent that I've been forgiving towards people who have hurt me." If you let go of whatever dogmas you've heard about Jesus, and just hear what he's proposing in this prayer, it's an intriguing concept. It seems to me that God (or the universe, Reality, the Higher Power) is always ready to be totally forgiving toward any one of us, but He/She is limited by how open our hearts are. God may want to forgive me 100%, but if I'm in the habit of being judgmental towards others, I can only let in a small amount of that love. If I judge others and don't forgive them, then my heart is closed down to that extent. In that case, I won't be able to believe that the universe forgives me. A judging heart judges self and other equally; a forgiving heart accepts self and other equally.

If we want to feel free, then, it's obvious what we have to do: we have to relax our judgmental ways of thinking about ourselves and others. You're even free to go to the extreme and just wipe it all away, let go of all the scorecards, let go of all "rights" to punish others for what they've done to you. If you let it all go in this way, you will feel incredibly light. The bottom line is that we simply do judge ourselves to the same extent we judge others. If you're hard on other people, you will be hard on yourself, and vice-versa. If you want to feel innocent and untroubled by guilt, simply let everybody else off the hook for their sins against you.

You can actively go through, in your mind, people against whom you bear a grudge, and visualize them being released from your debtor's prison. The intention is enough, and it bears repeating. You don't have to tell other people, "I have forgiven you." That's self-righteous. Just treat them as if you have forgiven them, if they're still in your life. And actively forgive yourself, too, again and again. It's the only way to be free. In a way, that's what my counseling work amounts to: helping people forgive themselves and other people. You may have to work through your guilt and anger first, and that's legitimate. But then, let it go. Let it all go.

[Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. is a counselor and bodyworker for the Gay community. He welcomes feedback on his ideas. For more information about sessions, or to discuss these ideas, please call Bob at 623-1732 or email: bobby@azstarnet.com.]



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FDA Allowed Maker To Quietly Replace Controversial Condom

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (MSM) - Instead of recalling the Avanti - a superthin "plastic" condom that may break as many as one out of every times it's used - the Food and Drug Administration allowed the London International Group (LIG) to quietly replace the condom with a thicker version.

Mother Jones magazine reports that the thinner condom was sold in 13 Western states and many national pharmacy chains from December 1994 to May 1996. But an informal survey by the magazine found the thin version still on sale in stores in both Atlanta and San Francisco.

Informed that the condom is still on the shelves, Lillian Yin, a director in the FDA's Office of Device Evaluation, expressed surprise. "They said they stopped shipping them in April," said Yin. Asked why the FDA did not recall the condoms, Yin told Mother Jones, "With the AIDS epidemic still going on, in it important not to unnecessarily alarm the public."

The FDA approved the Avanti in 1991, calling it "substantially equivalent" to the latex condom. But Mother Jones reports that the agency relied on the company's own research data. In tests run by the National Institutes of Health between 1991 and 1994, the Avanti's breakage rate

averaged more than 9 percent, compared with the 2 percent average for most latex condoms. Nevertheless, the Avanti hit store shelves in December 1994, complete with a claim that it was "effective against pregnancy, HIV (AIDS) and STD's."

By January 1995, the FDA told the company to drop the labels, but did not force a recall because LIG - a company with 1996 sales of about \$500 million - claimed financial hardship. "They said that to throw away all those boxes will cost several million dollars," said Yin at the time. Instead, the FDA required LIG to reprint the boxes with a warning in small type that read "The risks of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STD's), including AIDS (HIV infection) are not known for this condom."

Mike Kemmerrer, a San Jose, California AIDS-prevention counselor who tried out the condom before distributing it to his high risk clients, told Mother Jones that the Avanti broke the first time he used it. "I have been sexually active for years and had never had a condom break on me before," says Kemmerrer. He says that Avanti also broke on nine co-workers and clients.

Only after several negative HIV tests, Kemmerrer says, did his own fear subside.

Same Sex Marriage Protest In Tucson On Valentine's Day

by Tim Steller

TUCSON - A group of protestors distracted rush-hour commuters on Valentine's Day on West Congress Street downtown.

Fourteen demonstrators called for the legalization of same-sex marriages outside the Pima County Courthouse, 110 West Congress Street. Kate Ziemer ex-

plained the timing as women rushed past bearing Valentine's Day bouquets.

"This is appropriate because it reminds us that Valentine was an actual person, a priest who in the third century was imprisoned and then executed by the Roman government for officiating at the marriage of persons forbidden by law to marry," Ziemer said. Those people were

Christians, but the same principle applies to Gays, she said.

Last year, the Legislature passed a bill to not recognize same-sex marriages legalized in other states.

It already was illegal for people

of the same sex to be married in Arizona. But fear that Hawaii would legalize same-sex marriages pushed lawmakers to pass the bill.

[Tim Steller is a reporter for the Arizona Daily Star, from which this article is reprinted and re-edited.]

Appeals Court Upholds Military's Policy On Gays

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) - The military's ban on homosexual conduct on or off duty was upheld by a federal appeals court.

The 2-1 decision was the third straight federal appeals court ruling upholding the government's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on Gays in the military. But it was the first appellate ruling on the provisions that require discharge for homosexual conduct.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected arguments by a discharged sailor that the policy is unconstitutional because it treats homosexuals and heterosexuals differently.

The Navy has defended the policy as necessary to maintain unit cohesion, preserve privacy and reduce sexual tension.

Circuit Judge Pamela Rymer ruled that those reasons are not irrational or based merely on prejudice. She also cited the courts' traditional deference to military judgment.

In a dissent, Circuit Judge Betty Fletcher said the policy of discharging homosexuals, but not heterosexuals, for private off duty sexual conduct is discrimination based entirely on prejudice against homosexuals.

"Gay men and Lesbians are no less able and no more prone to misconduct than their heterosexual counterparts," Fletcher said. "Even in the military context, an entire class may not be singled out

for disfavored treatment because of animosities towards that class."

The ruling upheld the 1995 discharge of Petty Officer Mark Philips of Seattle, who disclosed his homosexuality to a division officer while serving on the USS Nimitz in 1992, shortly after the election of President Clinton.

Philips, a four-year veteran with an excellent service record, said in response to later inquiries that he had sex with men outside the base and would continue to do so.

Clinton, who had promised to eliminate the ban on homosexuals, agreed in 1993 to a "don't ask, don't tell" policy that bans sexual orientation but provides for the discharge of those who declare their homosexuality or engage in homosexual acts on or off duty.

Philips was given an honorable discharge after the policy took effect in 1994.

Michael Adams of the American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, which represented Philips, said he was disappointed by the ruling but "confident that we ultimately will prevail on that argument."

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Secrets...

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... something that I can't give out. But, I wanted you to know that is wasn't Dick.

I'll see you on Friday, 3:30 P.M. Ok, see you then, bye!

Now, it was Friday and he was on a mission. Up ahead, about three stores away, his eye caught sight of the rainbow flag hanging over the door of the Rainbow Planet Coffee House. He could feel his heart racing in his chest. He stopped on the corner to collect his thoughts.

From where he was standing he searched the front of the cafe for anyone that could be his secret encounter. Two men were sitting on the white plastic tables out front. They were talking quickly to each other. They were becoming agitated but he could tell that they weren't angry or upset. They were just talking. One had a pony tail pulled back tight. He was wearing a white shirt, dark slacks, and dress shoes. He looked like a lawyer or a doctor or something. He had broad shoulders and his shirt barely fit over them. He wished that he was meeting this guy. He wanted the person he met to be gorgeous, rich, and sweet. This guy looked like that.

He took a deep breath, pulled back his shoulders, and continued towards the cafe. As he reached the door his eyes darted around the small room. "So, this is a Gay cafe," he thought to himself. "It looks just like any other cafe." He was slightly disappointed. He had a vision of the cafe being large and roomy with lots of guys holding hands, talking, whispering to each other.

He also did not expect it to be so visible from the road. He was a little concerned that someone was going to see him. But that wasn't enough to stop him.

Inside the walls were textured with a mustard yellow paint as a base coat and a chocolate brown swirled on top. The floors had dark saltillo tiles and on the north was a wood stove. All the tables were small, round, black tables with two chairs.

Through the window he could see a few people sitting outside in the patio talking. There were two people sitting alone in the cafe. One guy was reading a newspaper and drinking a large coffee drink. He had a gray beard and he did not seem aware of any other people walking in and out. The other person was a young man with glasses. He was also reading a newspaper. He was looking up as everyone walked in and out. He seemed to be very interested and aware of the what was going on.

"He is cute," he thought to himself. "I wonder if that is him? Should I go talk to him? I can't. I'll just get a cup of coffee." He headed towards the back of the cafe to the counter. There, behind the counter, were two men. He could tell immediately that they were Gay. He wondered to himself if he was going to be like them when he grew up. They seemed happy, and fun. They were teasing and flirting the young guy at the counter. "Oh sweetie, I give you some sugar for your coffee," the owner said. "Can't we give him some sugar Pete?" The two

other guys at the counter laughed and giggled. The young customer replied, "How about some foam? Pete, give me a lot of foam on that," as he rolled his eyes and pursed his lips. Again, they all laughed.

He walked up to the counter. The owner said, "Oh Pete, we have a new one. Hi there young man, I'm Greg, what can we do for you?" he smiled. "Coffee, tea, or anything else?" he said. As the three guys that had been at the counter walked away they chuckled. "Some coffee please," he said nervously. "I just want a cup of coffee," he glanced around the room to see who was looking at him. They only one that was looking at him was the guy sitting by the window reading the newspaper.

"That must be Matthew, the ax murderer," he thought as their eyes met. He didn't look like an ax murderer. He really didn't look like a Matthew. But Matthew had smiled at him and raised his eyebrows in a question. He smiled back. He reached into his pocket and pulled out his crumpled ten dollar bill. The words on the note played back in his head: Get her something nice. he felt a little guilty. But just a little. He took his change, his coffee, and turned towards the guy at the other end of the restaurant.

Suddenly, everything was in slow motion. He walked across the cafe for what seemed like hours. His eyes were glued on Matthew. He felt like he was under water as he tried to hear the noises. But, all he heard was low mumbling. He reached the table and stared into Matthew's eyes. They stared at each other for about thirty seconds without saying anything. His heart was thumping so loud he was sure that Matthew could hear it. He licked his lips and said, "Hi, are you Matthew?" Matthew nodded yes.

"I am ... (to be continued)."

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They Came From Hell: As a transplant from another land who used to take great pride in his gardening abilities, I've received the floral equivalent of a wake-up call. Armloads of fragrant roses, brightly colored impatiens, phlox, hibiscus and honeysuckle used to fill my life with beauty and pleasure.

But since arriving in the desert southwest I can't keep a single desirable plant form in any condition resembling life as we know it, and I spend half my time battling indestructible mutant weeds from hell. On any given day I'm out in the yard in full battle dress, sprayer in one hand and pruning shears in the other, engaged in a horticultural version of the Battle of Gettysburg.

I bravely venture forth to defend my territory against an inexorable invasion by noxious hordes attempting to establish a foothold on my turf but there are undeniable signs I am losing the battle. Several months ago I began receiving greeting cards from the folks that manufacture Round Up herbicide and now, between major holidays, they've even started sending me those cutesy ones that say "Just Thinking of You". Two days ago my pets, each with his few pitiful belongings tied up in a rag bundle balanced upon his head, departed looking like so many Tutsi refugees fleeing Rwanda.

If it's true that desperate times call for desperate measures I need to call city hall to see if there are any local ordinances governing the use of flamethrowers.

A View From The Rock
A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

What is your concept of love? Is it flowers delivered to your door? Is it candy wrapped up in a pretty box? Is it a candlelight dinner or a picnic laid out on a blanket next to the calm glistening waters of your favorite lake? There are many kinds of love, such as the love we feel for our spouse, that we feel for our close friends, and love for humanity in general, but there are qualities of love which should remain constant no matter what kind of love we are discussing. The Bible tells us that "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

What isn't love? For one thing, love isn't always convenient. It often requires sacrifice. The moonlight dinners can turn into the everyday problems of life: conflicts of interest, pressures of time, stresses of this world, and the struggle to communicate. Because we are imperfect human beings living in an imperfect world, we will often fall at upholding the standards of love. But there is one perfect being who did not fall upon this earth in any way, he is Jesus Christ! His sacrifice for love gave all humans the opportunity to live eternally with him in peace, joy, and perfect love in heaven. The only thing we need to do to receive this free gift of eternal salvation is to accept Jesus Christ as our risen savior and Lord of our lives.

The book of Isaiah in the Old Testament talks about the life and death of Jesus hundreds of years before he was

Wishful Thinking?: Each passing year sees our annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Festival grow in terms of both size and attendance. Two of the several reasons for mounting this sort of celebration is to validate our place in the world and establish some visibility within our city. To date, our venue for accomplishing that has been limited to a day in one corner of a city park.

For me, one of the most of enjoyable and gratifying experiences associated with these celebrations has come from attending pride parades in other cities. A parade is the most visible way for the Gay and Lesbian community to proclaim its presence, celebrate its pride and worth, and accomplish that in a manner that is more widely available, accessible and visible to the entire city. A parade would also increase the entertainment value of the celebration and add an element less centered on outright commercialism than just a day in the park.

I recognize that income from commercial operations is necessary and desirable if we are to have any event at all. Don't get me wrong, I'm not knocking that. But Tucson and its Gay and Lesbian community has reached the size where it is large enough, and has sufficient resources, to add a parade to our annual celebration and I think that the good folks who plan and stage the Pride Festival should seriously consider adding this additional element.

And then it was now.....

born into this world. About his life it says, "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not." (Isaiah 53:3) About his death it says, "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth." (Isaiah 53:5, 7) So what of humanity? What did people do then that many are still doing? Isaiah tells us that "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him (Jesus) the iniquity (sin) of us all." (Isaiah 53:6)

So, what is your concept of love? Could your love, or that of anyone you know, compare to the sacrifice that the son of God, Jesus Christ, willingly made for you and me, or that our father in Heaven made by sending him? Have you gone astray? Have you turned to your own way? If you have, I pray that you will see that the true source of love is God, and that you will decide to turn your life over to the one who died for you, our savior Jesus Christ!

Liz Taylor Postpones Surgery For AIDS Benefit
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Although no brain surgery is risk-free, she's expected to make a complete recovery with no complications.

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The surgery did force Taylor to cancel her plans for travel to Istanbul and Chechnya to raise money for child victims of the Chechen rebellion against Russia. Taylor's actual birth date is February 27.

CALENDAR

of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

HOURS - Free and anonymous HIV testing from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m., "Girlie Show" hosted by Lucinda Holliday and featuring Miss Gay Tucson, Felicia Renard, Truly Fabu and Bobbi Roberts and Sandi.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

IBT'S - Underwear Nite! \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestic longnecks for those in underwear. 9:00 p.m. to closing. Four give-aways from 9:00 to midnight.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

VENTURE-N - Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) Patio Beer Bust here from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

IBT'S - 9:00 p.m. to closing, "Torn, Tattered, Tattoo'd Party" \$1.50 well and \$1.75 domestic for torn and tattered clothing. Wet Shorts Contest at 9:30 p.m. \$75 first place; \$50 second; \$25 third. Sign up by 9:00 p.m. \$1.00 white well for all contestants 9:00 p.m. to close. Don't forget the Sunday afternoon BBQ and Beer Bust. Proceeds go to Shanti this week. 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Show at 9:30 p.m. with Jaqueline De Savoie, stripper Tony The Terminator and Mr. Kenneth Blake.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Anniversary/Custom Appreciation Week starts. Drink Specials and Give-aways.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

IBT'S - "Murder Mystery Wednesday" only at IBT'S. Solve the mystery and get a chance to win a VCR. Clues given every half hour. 9:00 to 11:30. Drawing at Midnight!

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Show at 9:30 p.m. with Mr. Kenneth Blake (Miss Queer City, AZ 1997); Felicia Renard (Miss Gay Tucson, '96-'97) with special guests.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Grammy Awards Party. Watch for details.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

STONEWALL/EAGLE - A fundraiser for Women's Softball from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. with raffles, food and fun plus a drag show featuring Miss J.O.D.Y.

MARCH 21-22-23

VENTURE-N - Get ready for Hides of March '97 here. Watch for more info. Mark your calendars.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A Topic of Discussion about "Life at 50." About to hit 50 or just passed it? John Donn as he hosts a lively discussion about the big 5-0. The discussion will be limited to 12 people. For details, directions and reservations, please call Donn at 325-4257.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20

Invisible Theater presents "Spoonbread and Strawberry Wine in a special performance to benefit the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) The play is critically acclaimed solo performance piece from New York actress/model Norma Jean Garden. Tickets for the 8:00 p.m. performance are \$20 and are available at the TIHAN office. Advance purchase required. Call TIHAN 299-6647 for more information.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night devoted to getting out the MSN newsletters. It's a fun way to help the organization and get to know the MSN guys. Dessert and door prizes. Call Les at 690-9565 for directions.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take place at Les & Jerry's house. Simply bring \$4.00 and join in for a fun evening of food and good conversation. Salad and dessert are also served. Vegetarian pizza offered as well. For directions and reservations, call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Pride Law Center is sponsoring a series of law lectures free to the community. Topic for this lecture is "Family Law" by UofA visiting professor Rhonda Rivera. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The lecture will be held at Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore, 3540 N. Oracle #126. These lectures present information concerning the current legal status of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 9:00 a.m. This month, the guys of MSN will take a hike to Bridal Wreath Falls in the Rincon Mountains. For details, reservations, and directions, please call Larry at 795-9125.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. Call Tom at 318-1850 for reservations and directions.

Antigone Books continues their spring series of readings with writer Karen Saum, a political activist and author of a trilogy of mysteries featuring Lesbian private eye, Bridget Donovan. Karen will read from her latest book "I Never Read Thoreau". a fascinating story told with dry humor and sensitivity. There will also be a 20% off sale on all Lesbian and Gay literature from 6:30 until closing. Refreshments will be served.

The Men's Massage Group begins its eighth year providing a safe, sensual way for men to meet. It's fun and feels good. Non-sexual. It lasts 2 hours. You must sign up in advance. Minimal fee. Call Marc at 881-4582 for more information.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. This month's favorite film is "The Sum of Us," a sweet movie about the loving relationship between a father and his gay son. For directions and reservations, please call Les at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Tucson Arts District Partnership Downtown Saturday night. 7 to 10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Tucson Prime Timers invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly Wednesday dinner at Mandarin Grill, 505 E. Grant road (west end of Fry's Shopping Center). 1st Avenue and Grant Road. 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Girth and Mirth of Arizona social at Country Club Bar & Grill in Phoenix 9:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

The Pride Law Center will operate tonight from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Wingspan Community Center, 4322 N. 4th Ave.. The Law Center provides Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people a safe place to discuss their legal problems and receive free legal advice. The center provides legal advice, not representation. Should you require additional legal services, the Center will refer you to a Gay or Gay-friendly attorney. The Center is now on an appointment-only schedule and no longer serves walk-ins. Call the Pride Law Center's confidential voice mail at 932-8678 and leave a brief message, including your name, phone number and nature of your legal issue. Please state if you are calling solely for the Pride Center attorney referral service. a law student will return your call within 24 hours.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Tucson Arts District Partnership Downtown Saturday Night 7 to 10 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bisexual men over 30) will have their regular monthly meeting from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. Following the meeting, the group will adjourn to Caruso's for a social dinner. Members of At-ease Again and Cronias Social Club are welcome to join as are all mature Gay men. Become a part of Prime Timers, the largest Gay Social Club in the world!



Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Salsa Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢
HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers \$1.25 10-11 pm. Pool Tournament 3pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT'S - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Benefit 8-8-0 and Beer Bust for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. Hi energy dancing 9pm to close.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 2pm. Steak Fry Beer Bust 2pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Dance Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Bert Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

Monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7 21oz1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 9 to 1 am.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50 Draft \$1.75 Domestic.
HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.
IBT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour noon-8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80's Dance 9pm-1am.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon to 7pm. Party with Stephan. Free pool 7 to close. Stonewall opens 8pm Hi-ERG Dance Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm.

Tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7 21oz1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. 21oz1 on all wine, well and long necks from 9 to close.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close. Karaoke 9pm.
IBT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. 9 pm to close 21oz1 well M&B Lite. High Energy Dance with David Z.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

Wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 21oz1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. \$1.25 pitchers from 8 to midnight. Tucson's hottest country music from 8:30 to close.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50; Domestic \$1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourney. 7pm. Pot matched.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close. Feb. 19 New Pool Tournament Begins 6pm
IBT'S - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. Mystery Night. \$1.75 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. Dance with David Z.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Karaoke 9p. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and Cuervo Gold \$1.75
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

Thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 21oz1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 9pm to close.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well \$1.50, Domestic \$1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched
HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.
IBT'S - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon-8 pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Underwear Nite. \$1.50 Well and \$1.75 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Hi energy dancing 9-close with DJ David Z.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm. Party with Peter in the Eagle. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

Friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7, 21oz1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres. Hot dance music with Alex 8:30. Shot specials every 1/2 hour.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.50; domestic \$1.75.
HOURS - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.
IBT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well... Patio Bar with Loosey 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 56m. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ Bar 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

Saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%. Hot dance music with Alex 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.
GRADUATE - Open 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.50; domestic \$1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm, Double Elimination, pot matched.
HOURS - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Piña Coladas \$3. Country/Western Music 8-1.
IBT'S - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Patio Bar with Loosey 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.
STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm Free pool all day. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Dance Music.
VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Batches & Bagels w/31 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.

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Go In Good Health

by Rev. Andrew Brooks

Natural Supplements Part 1

I mentioned a natural supplement, Germanium, in my last article, and have begun to price it around town. \$39.95 was the cheapest price I have found so far, so this points out that some supplements are rather expensive. Of course, we sure spend a lot of money on junk food, and that is something I want to discuss this time: the twin demons of modern diet — sugar and salt. I can just imagine the people reading this while munching those salty potato chips or eating some nice candy bar!

Before you hiss at me that you will never give up those precious Mars bars or those nice barbecue potato chips, I'm not telling you to! I am going to give a straightforward discussion about sugar, salt, and oversaturation. I love ice cream, and would never give it up for anyone, but moderation is the key.

There is a difference between one candy bar and binging on sugar until your urine is cloudy, a sure sign of oversaturation! Of course, sugar gives us an energy rush, and sugar exists in nature. Beets have sugar in them, as do fruit juices, and glucose is found in grapes. Sugar is necessary in our bodies. It's just that so much of our food is loaded with sugar and salt as well. When you eat a hamburger with a side of french fries and a soda at a restaurant, there is a lot of salt on those fries, salt in the meat, and of course, sodium in the soft drink! Side of food with your salt, anyone?

Salt makes the body retain water, so you tend to bloat a bit from eating salt, which makes you thirsty, so you reach for something to drink, see how the cycle goes? If you love those french fries, it's okay to have them, sometimes. But eating them every single day leads to a heavy saturation of salt, not to mention grease and fat, in the body. Why not have a salad on the side instead of once in a while? That would give you some variety.

And if you can go to a restaurant where you can get refills on juices (I go to JB's because I can get free refills of cranberry juice) then you can fill up on something natural. Drink Coke or Pepsi or whatever sometimes, just not constantly, if you can. Caffeine can be rather addictive, I know, but try to vary your intake of beverages.

Alcohol is loaded with sugar. Often, when I go to a bar, and order a "Cape Cod," I tell them to double the cranberry and half the vodka, that way, I drink less alcohol, and don't get drunk right way. I love to dance, and don't want to stagger around the dance floor, I'm sure we have all seen people drunk out of their minds staggering around a dance floor. Not the prettiest sight, especially when they keep bumping into you.

[Andrew Brooks is a holistic counselor and herbalist. He can be reached at 326-0841.]

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POLITICS 1997

BY MARK R. RISS

"The Golden Age Of Sarcasmovision!"

The deadline for introduction of new bills passed last week. The next legislative deadline, to hear current bills is up Friday, February 23. The clock is ticking, will something good come from the Arizona Legislature? You've got to be kidding!

As reported, the State House Judiciary Committee, last week, approved a hate crimes bill, H.B. 2182 for those playing the home game, by a vote of 9-0. They liked it, hey Mikey!

H.B. 2182 is the latest attempt to adopt a hate-crimes ordinance. As reported on in the Observer, an ordinance was approved by the State Legislature last year but was vetoed by Gov. Fife Symington. (R). Bad breeder!

The current proposal allows judges to find aggravating circumstances, and allowing the judge to impose a stricter sentence - if a crime was committed because of victim's sexual orientation, race, religion, color, national origin, gender and national origin. A pop quiz follows so take notes!

Rep. Shaw said H.B. 2182 was amended from last year's measure to attempt to win the support of Governor Symington and from conservative legislators who objected to the inclusion of sexual orientation.

The solution was an amendment stating that including sexual orientation, the law doesn't create a protected class that would allow someone to file a discrimination lawsuit based on sexual orientation.

So it's a crime-fighting measure? What a concept!

H.B. 2182 now goes to the House Rules Committee for consideration. Rep. Shaw said that the bill will get a hearing by the House Rules Committee. Shaw stated that it could be this week or next for the bill to be heard.

Of H.B. 2182's chances, Shaw said there is firm support for the proposed hate-crimes ordinance. Rep. Shaw expressed her appreciation for the support of the measure. We like you too!

The Arizona Employment Non-Discrimination Act, H.B. 2431 was approved, 7-0 vote, by the State House Commerce Committee last week. H.B. 2431 is a proposed ordinance that would bar discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation.

H.B. 2431 now goes to the House Judiciary Committee. Chevront said the chances for the bill to get through the committee are good, but getting on the agenda is going to be the tough part. It is gathering dust again and time is running out!

The Chair of the House Judiciary Committee is state Rep. Mike Gardner, R-Tempe. We need to call Rep. Gardner at (800) 352-8404, and urge him to hear H.B. 2431.

Rumors abound that H.B. 2431 may be withdrawn for consideration from the House Judiciary Committee sometime this week.

One of the sponsor's of the measure is Tucson Rep. Carmine Cardimone. Cardimone said he had heard the rumors, but could not confirm if the bill is being withdrawn as of press time. I hope not!

This reporter's favorite piece of pending legislation is S.B. 1408. This tawdry bit of writing deals with the hours that sexually oriented business can be open in the Arizona. Is the National Guard included in this measure?

S.B. 1408, as reported in this column last week, was assigned to the Senate Family Services Committee. Guess what kids! Per the floor calendars of the Arizona Legislature, S.B. 1408 will be heard by the Committee today in their weekly hearing.

The definition of "simulated, perverted sexual acts," will finally be etched in fools-gold. That's the cherry on top of my political ice cream sundae.

So it goes for now kids!

'Lesbian Looks' Film & Video Series At UofA

TUCSON - Lesbian Looks begins its fourth year of free film and video screenings Friday, February 21, with award-winning filmmaker Su Friedrich's new 16mm black and white film Hide and Seek (1996, 63 min.).

Hide and Seek is a daring exploration into wild, uncharted territory - Lesbian adolescence in the 1960's. The story of 12 year old Lou, a girl who wins a rock throwing contest and is horrified to discover that her best friend is taking an interest in earrings and boys, is interwoven with hilarious recollections of adult Lesbians.

It has been shown at numerous festival including Sundance, Berlin, San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Film Festival and The London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival.

The series continues on the following Friday, February 28, with A Litany for Survival: The Life and Work of Audre Lorde (1995, Ada Gay Griffin & Michelle Parkerson, 90 min.), an intimate portrait of the eloquent, award-winning Black Lesbian poet, mother and warrior, Audre Lorde, whose writing, spanning five decades, articulated some of the most important social and political visions of this century.

The film was a Golden Gate Award Winner for the best biographical documentary at the 38th San Francisco International Film Festival, Audience Favorite at the Los Angeles Outfest (19-95), and Best Documentary at the Starbuck's Audience Awards (1995).

The Lesbian Looks Film and Video Series is sponsored by the U of A Committee for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Studies. All screenings are free of charge, and begin at 7:30 P.M., in the Modern Languages Auditorium (MLB 350) on the U of A campus.

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If you are of the belief that actions speak louder than words, just wait until Mars goes "retrograde" this week. Actions not only speak louder, they scream at all and sundry. They also set off earthquakes, avalanches and volcanos. Avoid being buried by debris by keeping your best laid plans to yourself, until the end of April.

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

Mars retrograde can cause some rather nasty repercussions in relationships. If you are prepared to scuttle the Love Boat, Mars provides the impetus and the excuse. But if there is still a bit of spark in the old fireplace, I suggest you wait until Mars goes direct before you try anything off the beaten path. Hold the whips and chains my proud Ram, it's not time to draw blood.

TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Gay Bulls can easily overdo it in the exercise department when Mars goes wildly retrograde. Let the planets provide an excuse to be a little lazy now. You never know when that lovely hoof will get caught in the treadmill or a horn gets hooked in a nautilus machine. Strenuous work is simply not in the stars, and that goes for the job too. Don't expend extra energy if you can possibly avoid it.

GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

Mars retrograde could provide perky Gay Twins with too much of a good thing. Fun, creative endeavors and even a possible romance can heighten to overload if you fail to pace and brace. On the bright side, you may be able to bang out that great American Gay novel in a couple of hours when that crazy Mars inspiration is driven to new levels. Don't forget to spell check.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Honey pink Crabs may feel inspired to do a little spring cleaning but take it one step at a time while Mars is retrograde. Cleaning out a closet or two is cathartic and well advised, but don't even consider painting the house or tearing down a wall until April when this transit passes. Invite a select few pals over for a nice evening but keep the guest list small and intimate.

LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Proud Lions practically bellow their demands when Mars goes retrograde. If you enjoy creating a ruckus that can run amok, the possibilities are enormous during this planetary phase. Be careful of what you wish dear, queer Leo; the steamroller that you unleash today can run over your tail (or worse) next week. Sometimes it better to keep your petty demands to yourself.

VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Prim, practical, pink Virgins can become awash in pennies from Heaven during the Mars retrograde but it's not for keeps so keep your prying hands off. Money considerations and investment strategies should be shelved if possible during this transit. Anything you desire will cost far more than expected and may have far less value in the long run. I know that proud Virgos don't like it that way.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

The wild, unprincipled energy of retro Mars will more than likely cause you a little public embarrassment if you're not careful. Proud Libras should not rush into center stage now; your pantaloons will fall and your underwear may be less than

clean. No matter; as long as you stay behind the scenes, no one will be the wiser. Check for food your teeth before you meet anyone new.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Intuition is not usually your middle name and now, with retrograde Mars, you should avoid acting on any vague whisperings if at all possible. In your attempt to dislodge hidden enemies, you may miscalculate and open up you Achilles heel to a swift kick. Poor pink Scorps should sit this battle out and console themselves with a pleasant, stress reducing pastime. No names please.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Don't take on more activities than you can easily fit on your dance card when feisty Mars goes retrograde. Gay Archers who take on far too much socially will more than likely gallop themselves into exhaus-

tion. Friends may require more of your time right now but consider the saying, "A friend indeed is a pest indeed." Be a little selfish and tend to your own knitting for the next few weeks.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Even the most conservative and politically astute Gay Goats may inadvertently mouth off to the big boss when Mars goes retrograde. Professional aspirations may be jolted during this time so play your corporate cards close to the vest and don't take any extreme action if you can avoid it. Of course, there is something nice about sleeping late before you pick up your employment check.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

Aqueerians may hanker for far horizons but I suggest that you sit tight for a bit during the Mars retrograde. Travel may become too difficult or too unwieldy

during this transit or you may find that exotic locales are too much trouble to navigate. Also avoid pushing the envelope on lawsuits or any legal issues. Mars amok can make mincemeat out of any carefully planned attack.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Mars retrograde may make pink Fish too hot to handle. The embers of desire can stir up to a raging fire that can soon rage out of control. Jealousy can mix with desire to create a strange and potentially poisonous brew. It's not bad to have your coals burning on occasion but you don't want to burn the material to a crisp. Friend fish should never be on the menu!

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Arkansas State University, and his Master of Divinity Degree from Memphis Theological Seminary with a concentration on Pastoral Care and Counseling. He was ordained and Pastored United Methodist congregations in northern Arkansas for seven years. Following disclosure of his sexuality, Rev. Schisler was relieved of Pastoral duties with the Methodist Church, and spent several years as a High School teacher.

Rev. Schisler was appointed as the Pastor at El Paso's Metropolitan Community Church in February 1993, and his initial Methodist ordination was accepted by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. El Paso is a border city adjacent to Ciudad Juarez Mexico and also has a large gay and lesbian military population at Ft. Bliss; and as Pastor at MCC El Paso, Rev. Rick has led that congregation in creative and innovative multi-cultural and bilingual ministry to establish greater relevance in the larger community.

Rev. Rick and his life partner of more than four years, Victor Ramirez, are active in the community, they enjoy hiking, watching movies, and working in their garden - in addition to pastoral duties and responsibilities !!

Water of Life Metropolitan Community Church, located at 3269 N. Mountain Avenue between Fort Lowell and Prince Roads, is a member congregation of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. The UFMCC was formed in 1968 in southern California with an affirming Christian ministry and outreach to the Gay and Lesbian community. Today, the

UFMCC numbers more than three hundred congregations in North America, Puerto Rico, Mexico, South America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Nigeria and South Africa. Currently, the largest MCC is the nationally known 2,000 member Cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church in Dallas Texas.

The congregation of Water of Life MCC is pleased to have Rev. Schisler as our guest for this important weekend, and looks forward to a dynamic time of planning to build the church for the 21st Century!! Water of Life MCC extends an open invitation to join us for this exciting weekend, and to visit the church at the weekly 10:45 AM Sunday worship service. For additional information, please call the church office at 520/292-9151.

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P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36284, Tucson, AZ 85740-6284. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3288 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7264.

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

YOUNG AND GAY? Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 824-1778.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 50 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday, 4-8 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-8228. AIDS Hotline: 328-AIDS.

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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups, info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 824-1778.

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 32. Call the church at 299-9993 for information.

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LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 824-1778.

L.D.S., G.L.D.S., GAY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL SUPPORT GROUP. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7pm. 320-1319 for information.

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ARIZONA/SONORA PROTECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745. 770-1314.

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GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 322-7943 for more information.

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THE JOHN HANTER MEMORIAL GROUP, a Catholic support group for Gays and Lesbians, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 1948 E. 1st St. at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the parish office at 327-8015 or Jane Parr at 328-8577.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA). Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Holman 577-8333 for more info.

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CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 3rd Monday at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 N. Camino Pio Decimo in the Kino Room at 7:00 p.m. For more info call Emilio 721-2003 or Anna Marie at the Parish office 885-5373.

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by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

¿Qué Tal? ¿Listos para los días del Rodeo?, espero que sí, ya que realmente son días para celebrar, y sobre todo hay que hacerlo con moderación y cuidado, no está por demás, recordarles que los excesos son los malos y, no el "pachangón" que con cualquier pretexto lo hacemos... Así es que hay que unirnos a la gran "Fiesta de los Vaqueros"...

A continuación quiero compartir con ustedes una parte del siguiente artículo, el cual me parece oportuno con la introducción a ésta Columna Abierta: Algunas dependencias y/o adicciones podrían perjudicar o agravar tu salud si tienes VIH/SIDA. Especialmente, las drogas y el alcohol, pueden tener un impacto sobre tu sistema inmunológico y hacerte más vulnerable al desarrollo del SIDA. También, podrían afectar tanto tu juicio como tus acciones, haciéndote participar en situaciones de alto riesgo en las cuales podrías contagiar a otros, y ponerte a riesgo a ti mismo de contraer otras enfermedades de transmisión sexual u otras infecciones. Si tienes VIH/SIDA debes hacer lo posible por mantenerte sobrio. Las drogas, el alcohol o cualquier otra sustancia controlada solo empeorarían la situación. Lo último que necesitas es confundir tu mente o poner más en juego tu salud.

¿Como te puedes ayudar?

• Mantente sobrio. El uso de sustancias perjudicará aún más tu sistema inmunológico. Tu meta en este momento consiste en mantener tu salud al más alto nivel posible. Es más fácil no usar hoy porque no usaste ayer.

• Hazte un examen físico y monitorea tu salud esporádicamente.

• Mantén una dieta balanceada, ya que ésta juega un papel importante en la defensa de esta enfermedad. Hay una gran variedad de libros y folletos disponibles que te pueden instruir sobre cómo mejorar tu salud por medio de la

dieta.

• Haz ejercicio con regularidad. Esto no solamente sirve para mantener fuerte tu cuerpo, sino también para reducir el estrés.

• Haz algo que realmente disfrutes todos los días.

• Evita el estrés.

La apertura y honestidad con aquellas personas con las que necesitas ser abierto y honesto reducirá tu nivel de estrés y ayudará a mantenerte sobrio. Recuerda que debes ser selectivo al decirle a otras personas que eres seropositivo. Hay mucha histeria sobre el SIDA y todo tipo de fobias rodean a esta enfermedad. Sé precavido, pero no te niegues el amor y apoyo que necesitas.

Se les recuerda que las "Tardeadas Latinas" se están llevando a cabo cada domingo desde las 3:00 p.m. en el Stonewall con gran fiesta y diversión y mucha música a cargo que Edoardo...

Por esta semana nuestro artículo es corto, pero seguimos esperando sus llamadas y cartas en relación a sugerencias y/o comentarios; y hasta la próxima semana D.M.

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Review... Wingspan Art Show

by Leslie Vinson

"Kassandra" and Jake, two Lesbian artists in line, have been showing at Wingspan this month.

A viewer exclaimed of "Kassandra's" clever cartoons: "I love the way they turn everything around!" He had his eye on the drawing of an African ruler who cheerfully justifies underage soldiers: "It takes a child to raze a village!"

Child abuse is often a target of "Kassandra's" cutting wit, particularly the trial of children as adults. "My child is doing 25-life at Folsom," reads a mother's bumper stick in one panel. All "Kassandra's" work assumes a pretty bright audience. "Cross-Dressing in the 12th Century" shows a crusader sporting a prominent breastplate cross, on his way to (he hopes) massacre the Turks, of course.

In Jake's pen-and-ink portraits, a steady, maze-like meanders over the paper until a vivid personality springs up before you. Jake's works with the sick and dying. They never lose their personhood in her eyes. "Arthritic Patient" preserves a downright coquettish femininity in the midst of pain. "Alzheimer's Patient" warts, straggling hair and all, has an air of great nobility in ruins. "Neuro Patient's"

forehead corrugates with worry as he stares from another world, whose brokenness is conveyed somehow by bristling pen strokes.

Jake's little sketches of friends are also memorable. The amiably sleazy Ms. Take is a most economical nude, and Lupe exists vividly in the dark accents of her brows and lipstick.

If you hurry, you can still catch this show at Wingspan, 422 North Fourth Avenue. For information call 624-1779.

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PACT NEWS

by Frank E.G. Gallego

Two recently vacated seats on PACT's Board of Directors have been filled by Danny Blake, former President and only surviving founding member of PACT. With Danny's history and experience, we can only expect sound knowledge and guidance as we move forward with the coalition and the ASO collaboration.

We are also pleased to have Deborah Goldsmith, M.D., join our Board. Dr. Goldsmith works at University Medical Center and serves on the Early Intervention Advisory Committee. We look forward with great enthusiasm to work with Dr. Goldsmith during our coming years.

Gretchen Funk started work in December as TAP's Client Services Manager. She supervises all aspects of TAP's client services and programs, and work closely with other members of the tri-agency AIDS Case Management Collaboration. She participates as a member of TAP's senior management team.

Shanti Foundation welcomes three new members to its Board of Directors: George Cunningham, Nancy Harrison and Clyde Kunz. George serves as a State Senator for Tucson-District 13. Nancy is a local reporter for KVOA-TV. Clyde is employed by the Tucson Symphony as its Director of Development. All three look forward to working with Shanti staff and clients, as well as with PACT and TAP staff as we progress toward the ongoing collaboration.

I leave you with this in mind, "The unexamined life is not worth living." - Plato.

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