



AZT Won't Help Much, Study Suggests

BOSTON, MA - The slight benefits of taking AZT, the commonly used AIDS medicine, are often canceled by the drug's side effects, a study concludes.

The report casts even more doubt on the routine use of this medicine, which is often given to people who are infected with HIV, the AIDS virus, but not yet sick.

Studies last year showed that contrary to widespread belief, this use of AZT does not help people live longer, even though it modestly delays the start of AIDS symptoms.

The latest work suggest that people may get so sick from the medicine itself that this offsets any health advantage of postponing full blown AIDS.

"There is a tradeoff between the benefit of a prolonged disease free state and the quality of life decrement caused by side effects related to treatment," said Dr. William R. Lenderking, a psychologist at Harvard School of Public Health.

Lenderking's study, based on 1,338 HIV infected people, is published in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

The patients had low levels of the variety of white blood cell that is the primary target of HIV, but they were outwardly well. They were randomly assigned to take AZT or placebos and watched for 18 months.

The AZT patients survived an average of 15.6 months without severe side effects or AIDS symptoms, compared with 15.7 months in the untreated comparison group.

Severe symptoms of AZT treatment included prolonged nausea, vomiting and fatigue.

At Burroughs Wellcome, which makes AZT, Dr. James Rooney said the study doesn't mean physicians should abandon early treatment with the drug.

"It comes down to patient choice whether they prefer to have toxicity or disease progression first," he said. "If you ask patients, almost uniformly they say they would rather have a toxicity event than to have an opportunistic infection or cancer that is associated with HIV progression."

Race, rather than age, income or insurance coverage, seemed to be the most important factor in determining whether new patients at a Baltimore HIV clinic had received drugs to fight HIV and related illnesses from previous providers. Whether physician bias or other factors were to blame was unclear, said researchers from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Dr. Richard D. Moore and others reviewed the treatment of 838 AIDS infected patients at Johns Hopkins University's HIV clinic. They found that two thirds of whites and half of blacks were getting AZT.

The reasons for the difference were unclear, but the researcher concluded that "culturally appropriate efforts" to encourage blacks to get treatment may be needed.

Another analysis in the journal concludes that Americans are getting infected with HIV at ever younger ages. Dr. Phillip S. Rosenberg and others from the National Cancer Institute calculated that the average age of infection was 30 in the early 1980s. But this dropped to 25 during the period from 1987 to 1991.

FDA Approves Synthetic THC

WASHINGTON, D.C. - According to the Roxane Laboratories Inc., and announced at the IX International Conference on AIDS, the Food and Drug Administration approved the drug dronabinol, marketed exclusively by Roxane under the name Marinol.

Marinol is a synthetic, "purer" form of THC, an active ingredient in marijuana. According to spokesperson Ellena Fredman, it has none of the carcinogens or fungal spores present in marijuana smoke, elements which can complicate air flow to the pulmonary system, a concern for subjects susceptible to pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP). Marinol has been used to treatment for nausea and vomiting associated with chemotherapy, and later in 1992 for patients participating in clinical trials, to increase appetite in PWAs with wasting syndrome. Randomized double blind studies of 139 patients with AIDS began in 1990.

"If patients with AIDS have a good appetite and maintain good nutrition, they stand a better chance of retaining body weight and fighting the disease," said Gerald Wojta, president of Roxane Labs. "Marinol is an important addition to AIDS treatment medications because it can improve the quality of life for many seriously ill people."

Marinol is a Schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances Act, available by prescription for a daily dosage of two 2.5 mg. capsules, to be taken before lunch and dinner. Many patients in clinical studies showed an increase in appetite and a decrease in nausea after four weeks of treatment. "Our company's commitment is to work with AIDS patients, physicians, pharmacists and insur-

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S.B. 1314 Passes House Health Committee Action Planned To Counter Bill

By Mark Kerr
Observer Political Writer

PHOENIX - S.B. 1314, which would change how HIV testing would be performed in the State of Arizona, was approved by the House Health Committee.

The Committee, which met this past week, approved the bill as amended. [The southern Arizona Representatives on the Health Committee voted as follows: YES - Dr. Andy Nichols (D-District 13), Lou Ann Preble (R-District 9); NO - Herschella Horton (D-District 14).

The amendments added to the bill covered requiring hospitals still to obtain specific written consent from the subject. That informed oral consent can only be obtained by a physician, physician assistant, or a nurse practitioner.

The last amendment, introduced by Sen. Ann Day (R-Tucson) defines "oral informed consent" as requiring the providing to the subject the following information:

1. An explanation of the test including its purpose, the meaning of its results and the benefits of early diagnosis and medical intervention.
2. An explanation of the nature of AIDS and HIV-related illness and information about behaviors known to pose risks for the transmission of HIV infection.
3. An explanation of the confidentiality protections afforded HIV related information.
4. An explanation that an HIV related test is voluntary and can be performed anonymously at a public health agency.
5. An explanation that a positive test result must be reported to a public health agency as require by law.
6. An explanation that the consent for the test may be withdrawn at any time prior to drawing the sample for the test and that the withdrawal of consent may be given orally if the consent was given orally or shall be in writing if the consent was given in writing."

Day's amendment states that all points mentioned must be covered with the subject or the care giver would be liable for damages.

Reaction to the bill was swift. Rep. Dr. Andy Nichols, (D-District 13), the first Democrat to vote in favor of S.B. 1314 stated that, "...he was convinced by the testimony from physicians and public health officials given to the committee that

the current system of testing is broken and needed to be repaired." Nichols believes that the specific written consent form, now required for HIV testing, inhibits people from getting tested and that the new law would end this.

Chris Brown disputes Nichols claims about the system being "broken." "The current testing program has worked very well, especially in Pima County," Brown said. He added that he favors informed consent and counseling.

Patti Jo Angelini, chief lobbyist for the Community AIDS Council stated that the amended bill is a "double edged sword." "I expect Doctors to use specific written consent because of the law (S.B. 1314) is written with the requirements mandated for specific oral consent. Doctors will see specific oral consent as too much risk," Angelini said. She hopes that even with the possible passage of the bill, that increased dialogue will take place between health care givers and patients.

The HIV Care Consortium, representing southern Arizona Health Departments and ASOs have come out publically opposed to S.B. 1314. The Consortium states that they favor specific written consent. Increased dialogue with the Arizona Medical Association and urges people to call their state representatives to urge them to vote no on the bill.

The People With AIDS Coalition-Tucson is planning to utilize their phone trees to get persons to call their legislators and urge them to vote No on the bill. Jerome Beillard, Executive Director of PACT stated that they will be distributing fliers which urge people to get involved and help stop the bill.

S.B. 1314 now goes to the House Rules Committee for consideration. It is expected that the Committee will have hearings on the bill the early part of next week.

'Community Spirit' Under Siege

BOSTON, MA - CommunitySpirit, a Gay owned long distance phone company, is being attacked by its former non-Gay parent contract organization, Trans National Communications, which is now operating as Pride Network in an effort to disguise itself as a Lesbian/Gay company.

CommunitySpirit terminated its contract with TNC for TNC's failure to fulfill contractual obligations, including breaking service and payment agreements and inaccurately reporting financial trans-

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Arizona Opera Chorus Auditions

TUCSON - Arizona's Opera's Music Director Maestro Dean Ryan has announced audition times for chorus positions for the 1994/95 Arizona Opera Season. "Our next season's lineup is one of the largest chorus seasons in recent memory which will be particularly satisfying for our chorus members", said Maestro Ryan. Arizona's Opera Season includes Carmen by Georges Bizet, Gotterdammerung by Richard Wagner, Rigoletto by Giuseppe Verdi and Manon Lescaut by Giacomo Puccini. All voice categories are needed.

Here are the locations, dates and times for auditioning: Phoenix, 4600 N. 12th Street. April 8th, 7 - 10 p.m. April 9th, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tucson, 3501 N. Mountain Avenue. April 10th, 1 - 5 p.m. April 11th, 7 - 10 p.m.

Auditions may be scheduled by calling the Arizona Opera at 252-1424 (Phoenix) or 293-4336 (Tucson) during regular business hours (Monday - Friday 9 - 5 p.m.).

'Closet Blues' Awarded Best Documentary Video

TUCSON - Closet Blues, a video chapbook, was awarded best documentary in the category of Ethnic Expression at the 10th Annual Oasis Awards ceremony in Tucson, Arizona.

A video adaptation of the first

book of poetry by author and activist, Ms. Meikil Berry, this narrative documentary entwines social commentary with expressive poetry in an unflinching exploration of the issues of racism, incest, homophobia and AIDS. In a clarion call for us all to re-examine our personal closets and societal hypocrisies, Ms. Berry compels us to start bridging the gaps that divide us.

Look for more information about a public screening date for Closet Blues in an upcoming issue of The Observer.

AIDS Rate Lower For Gay Men

ATLANTA, GA (GNS) - For the first time, fewer than half of new AIDS cases are being reported in Gay men.

Final U.S. Figures for 1993, show male to male sex accounted for 47 percent of new cases, down from 53 percent in 1992 and 66 percent in 1985.

Gay men still are the largest affected group.

But combined cases among people infected through intravenous drug use, heterosexual contact and other routes outpaced cases in Gay men, says the report from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

"We're still seeking a shift, to more women, more heterosexual contact, more minorities," says the CDC's Patricia Fleming.

The total reported was 103,500 up from 49,016 in 1992.

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Gibb is survived by his mother, two brothers and a sister. Gibb was a special friend of mine and he will never be forgotten.

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Actor Dack Rambo Dies At Age 53

DELANO, CA - Dack Rambo, who played silver haired Jack Ewing on "Dallas" and a congressman on the soap opera "Another World" before he learned he was infected with the AIDS virus and quit show business, is dead at 53.

Rambo died after arriving at Delano Regional Medical Center. The cause of the death was not disclosed.

In 1991, Rambo quit as Grant Harrison on NBC's "Another World" and announced he was infected with the AIDS virus. Going public with his illness was "like freedom to me," he said.

Rambo, who described himself as Bisexual, complained that his 1985-87 role on "Dallas" began to shrink because he was thought to be Gay.

He began his TV career playing opposite his twin brother, Dirk, in "The New Loretta Young Show," which ran in 1962-63. Dirk Rambo was killed in a traffic accident in 1967.



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'Community Spirit' Under Siege 'Bewitched' Star Terminally Ill

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actions. Trans National reacted to CommunitySpirit's withdrawal as a smear campaign against CommunitySpirit in the media and by telemarketing to previous customers of the Lesbian and Gay long distance company. According to Project Inform, a satisfied beneficiary of CommunitySpirit, TNC printed slanderous press releases claiming that Project Inform implies the Gay phone company embezzled money. TNC's flaw was quoting their source as Barry Rosen: William Rosen, Director of Special Projects of Project Inform, said "For the last year and a half we have had no problem with CommunitySpirit to remain donating...their phone bills to Project Inform. We applaud any group for their creative efforts in raising much needed funds for people affected by HIV."

liberals.

On several occasions TNC was contacted to get their side for this story. No spokesperson would speak on the record for TNC, and the only person who would talk was a telemarketer whose only interest was to sign up people.

"TNC is assuming we don't have the resources to fight them, but we have a surprise for them, which they should know by now as evidenced when we moved our complete customer base within ten minutes of terminating our contract with them and put our customers under protective code," Vitale said. He added that TNC is "anxious to get at CommunitySpirit customers dollars with no concern for them."

"For months they were breaching their contract in areas of payment and reporting of information provided on the commercial side of the business, as well as unilaterally canceling all calling card accounts simply because they don't like them," said President of CommunitySpirit, Jeffrey Vitale. "We notified them of these breaches but they did absolutely nothing to correct them." He also added that TNC retaliated by pretending that they were representatives of CommunitySpirit who had changed their name to Pride Network and were soliciting past customers to re-enlist with them.

CommunitySpirit signed a new contract with Americconnect which provides CommunitySpirit total autonomy in controlling billing, reporting and customer service. "Finally we can put together a program our people deserve," Vitale said.

Vitale also added that TNC attorneys had offered large sums of money to CommunitySpirit to "...let them do what they want to do. Vitale told the lawyers that, "...we're not selling out for your two percent donations to our community."

It was discovered that TNC works with several clients, including the National Rifle Association and some anti-Gay and religious groups, whose ethics might conflict with those of Gay and Lesbian

Lucie Blue Tremblay In Tucson March 26

TUCSON - Reserve Saturday, March 26th at 8:00 p.m. to hear one of the most exciting singer/songwriters currently touring the United States. Lucie Blue Tremblay will be performing at the Southwest Center for Music, 2175 N. 6th Avenue.

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Tickets are \$12 each and may be purchased with Mastercard or Visa by calling 884-4360 or at the Southwest Center for Music. All seating is reserved and is limited. For more information call 844-4360.

LOS ANGELES, CA - "Bewitched" star Dick Sargeant, whose prostate cancer was diagnosed 4 1/2 years ago, says the disease has spread and he's close to death.

"I don't know how much longer I have, and nobody can seem to predict it. It's either a question of months or maybe a year," Sargeant, told the syndicated TV show "Entertainment Tonight."

At the time the cancer was diagnosed, doctors were optimistic it could be treated successfully.

But Sargeant, who undergoes daily radiation sessions, says the cancer has left him so frail now that "I coughed a couple of months ago and I broke a rib actually heard a snap."

Sargeant, who is Gay, realizes people may think he has AIDS.

"I don't have AIDS," he said. "I am HIV negative. But if I did, I would wear that badge as proudly as everybody else who has it."

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ance carriers to ensure Marinol's availability to all patients who can benefit from the medication," said Wojta.

The wholesale price for a 30 day supply (60 capsules) is \$120 per month, approximately \$150-180 in pharmacies. Roxane has instituted a patient assistance program for indigent PWAs. For clinical and medical information on Marinol, call (800) 327-4865. For indigent patient assistance information, call (800) 274-8651.



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The SHANTI Corner By Bruce Fowler,
President of the Shanti Board of Directors

As we enter the 1994 fiscal year, we would like to share the Shanti Foundation projected annual budget and the actual expenses and income statement from 1993. This is the seventh year that we have made the total budget information available to the public in this manner. And while we are still small, we are proud of the growth and stabilization of the organization that has taken place over the past year. We feel our budget is bare bones and we are very careful how we spend every dollar. We also recognize that contributions by the gay and lesbian communities of southern Arizona account for important elements of this budget and we thank all of you for those donations.

As a consultant and we haven't spent all the funds, therefore, the consultant line item for 1994 is over \$3000. And finally, current grants will require an audit during 1994, thus that expense is no longer avoidable.

We might also point out that many of the expenses are a direct result of contractual stipulations of particular grants we have been awarded. For example, the grant from the Pima County Health Department for the Think Positive Project requires that the project coordinator be paid \$4,056 for 1994. These funds are simply not available to be used in any other manner. The same is true of a number of other grant related expenses as well.

Our administration and overhead costs remain low. We have been fortunate to have a dedicated and committed group of volunteers who do everything from accounting, training volunteers, taking care of men and women who need our support services, to performing maintenance and all sorts of other activities. If it were not for these wonderful volunteers, our budget would be five or six times higher than the amount outlined here.

Unfortunately, we just received an increase in our rent. Beginning May 1, our rent will increase from \$400 to \$695 per month. Our landlord said the large increase amount is because we've not had any increase in four years. This was an unexpected expense and one we wish we didn't have in these economically tight times.

We had a change of accountants during the past six months and a few line items were logged under different categories (eg. TORCH - we in fact did spend \$300 in 1993 toward the TORCH awards, but the expense was put under "subscriptions/fees" by the previous accountant. The same is true with the newsletter - total expenses are \$4000 for 1993, but some of the printing of the newsletter was put under "printing" rather than "newsletter". Additionally, Shanti received a \$5000 grant in 1993 from NCAP for a public relations con-

Shanti Foundation '93 Financial Statement & '94 Budget

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Prior Exec. Dir.	2,750
Volunt. Coord.	10,000 / 7,499.97
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Coordinator	4,056 / 2,600
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Benefits	6,038 / 3,920.63
SUB TOTAL	47,694/37,037.20
EXPENSES	
Rent	7,580 / 5,003.20
Utilities	1,250 / 979.14
Maint.	1,200 / 838.87
Insurance	850 / 723.09
Audit (legal)	2,500 / 25.00
Ofc. Sup.	1,300 / 1,433.44
Train. Materials	2,000 / 2,391.78
TORCH Awards	300
Subscript./Fees	400 / 657.78
Fundraising	3,000 / 1,716.02
Advert.	8,000 / 1,511.17
Printing	3,500 / 3,869.66
Newsletter	4,000 / 2,585.17
Postage	1,100 / 1,050.99
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POLITICS '94 *by Mark Kerr*

This past Thursday, "former" Phoenix Mayor, Paul Johnson, finally revealed the worst kept secret in Arizona, he is running for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

Johnson made his Tucson announcement at Morning Sun Preschool. Johnson stated that his primary issues of his campaign will be crime and children. Johnson stated he supports the "Success By Six" program, which is stalled in the legislature.

He also stated in his speech that as governor he would work to take away assault weapons from criminals and life sentences for first time child molesters and drug dealers.

Also this past week, State Senator Lela Alston (D-District 20) announced her candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Superintendent for Public Instruction.

Alston has served as State Senator from District 20 which encompasses central Phoenix, southern Glendale and Surprise, since 1977. She currently is the Democratic Whip in the Senate. Alston is a teacher, teaching Child Development and Homes Economics for 26 years.

In her announcement, Alston criticized the incumbent, C. Diane Bishop for evaluating the state's education needs with competency examinations. "Testing does not produce high school graduates qualified for good paying jobs or young people prepared for college," Alston said.

Alston stated her opposition to vouchers for low income families to attend private or parochial schools. "Vouchers just an irrelevant political distraction." Alston believes that the school days and years should be lengthened (increased).

Alston joins former Tempe Mayor and High School Teacher Harry Mitchell and the incumbent, C. Diane Bishop in the Democratic primary. The winner will face the Republican candidate, Gabe Reuben, a former Scottsdale School Superintendent.

Two office holders Gays and Lesbian could do without, State Representatives Dan Schottel and Freddy Hershberger (R-District 12), also referred as the "Phoenix Lackies" have announced their intentions to run for a second term.

Well, they have a challenger, ultra-conservative, Patricia "Pat" Coleman, who joins the race to make the "No-Choice 3 Way" in the District which encompasses northwest Tucson and Pima County.

Patricia Coleman currently serves as 4th Vice Chair of the Pima County GOP, and ran for the House in 1992, finishing a distant third in the primary and allegedly violate copyright laws with her campaign signs.

Recently, Coleman was in the news with her parking lot fight with a couple of moderates in lieu of the Kate Lynch affair.

What a choice, a challenger who says the office holders are too liberal and that religion should be more entwined in government affairs. One officeholder who sponsored the legislative version of the Meliti Amendment. The other, sponsored legislation which would take away rights from people who wish to be tested for HIV. What a choice!

S.B. 1314, which would dramatically alter how HIV testing would be done in the state was approved by the House Health Committee. Here is how the southern Arizona legislators, who were on the committee, voted on the bill: YES - Prebble (R-Dist. 9), Nichols (D-Dist. 13). NO - Horton (D-Dist. 14).

Andy Nichols is the first Democrat to vote in favor of the bill.

When reached for comment about his vote. Rep. Nichols, a physician, stated that he had been convinced by "moving testimony which showed that the current system for HIV testing was broken and needed repairing." And other testimony which showed "...specific written consent form actually intimidates people from getting tested."

Frankly, Rep. Nichols, who this reporter openly supported and who received the paper's endorsement in the 1992 campaign has disappointed the Gay community with his yes vote on this issue and his comments about the process.

Nichols states the system is broken and needs to be repaired. But why then do the ASOs and the Pima County Health Department support the current system and have come out against S.B. 1314 (See accompanying story) and have actively worked to defeat this bill.

This is a bad piece of legislation that we must defeat. If something is not broken, why try to "fix" it. We must call our State Representatives, TOLL FREE at 1-800-352-8404 and urge them to vote No on S.B. 1314 when the bill reaches the floor, which should be by early next week.

Here is a list of our southern Arizona legislators to call: District 9, Lou Ann Prebble, Bill McGibbon. District 10, Carmen Cajero, Phillip Hubbard. District 11, Jorge Luis Garcia, Elaine Richardson. District 12, Freddy Hershberger, Dan Schottel, District 13, Andy Nichols, George Cunningham. District 14, Herschella Horton, Ruth Solomon.

Some end notes for your perusal. St. Rep. Cathy Eden (D-Phoenix), who is running for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate has received the endorsement of Pima County Supervisor Raul Grijalva, who is serving as Honorary Chair for the campaign.

(Which leads to?) What is Cindy Resnick up to? Andrew Federhar, of the Tucson 30, has been telling reporters that Resnick is running and he will be the campaign's treasurer. The question is which office Resnick is running for.

In a recent interview in another publication, Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Terry Goddard, stated that his delay in responding to questions about his position on the proposed Meliti Amendment, blamed the delay on a "communications slippage."

Gee, I thought, as he stated in his major fund raising letter last year, which I managed to get my hot little hands on, he had learned from his mistakes from the past campaign and would not repeat them in the 94 campaign. Guess Not!

Felipe Lundin, a good friend to the community is being sworn in this Friday as Justice of the Peace. He was

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Ecclesiastes, The Old Testament, The Bible.

For me, 1994 should be a time of peace. A time of gathering. A time for reconciliation this dedicated but fragile AIDS service community in Tucson.

Without reading further, you may already be asking yourself, "Why is Anne weighing in on 'The Issue'? Wouldn't it be better simply to leave well enough alone?"

Believe me, I have asked myself this second question many time in the past six months. And, until now, my answer has been a qualified "Yes." But I have concluded recently that my silence is, at best, non-productive. And that silence may even be destructive.

Too many of us have been tip-toeing around "The Issue" for too long. It is as if "The Issue" did not exist. But we all know "It" exists. It is like the enormous sleeping elephant in the middle of the ballroom that most everyone is dancing around, pretending to ignore.

There are some people, of course, who haven't ignored "It" at all. In fact, some, including an articulate columnist for this newspaper, seemed to spend a great deal of time focusing on "It". These people, because they do speak out, have virtually come to own "The Issue". Which isn't their fault. They have a right to speak out, have opinions they wish to express, and have the courage to express them.

No, if these folks seem to own "The Issue", it is the fault of people like me, who also have opinions but who have remained silent. We silent ones may give the impression that we agree with everything the vocal ones say, which certainly isn't always the case. (Conversely, there may be some who believe that anyone like me, associated with one or another of Tucson's AIDS Service Organizations, probably disagrees with every public critique of ASO's, which isn't necessarily true, either.) I believe that all responsible members of this community have an obligation to talk openly about that with which we agree and disagree.

Which is precisely my intention in preparing this article.

What is "The Issue"? It sometimes seems to me that the mostly one way rhetoric of the past six months has actually kept us from understanding what "this" is all about. Is "It" the 1993 AIDS Walk? Fund raising for that event? Is "It" the Tucson AIDS Project? Is it Craig Snow? Is "It" all four AIDS Service Organizations in Tucson? Or some of the ASOs,

but not all? Is "It" about honesty, disclosure, money, service, compassion? What is "It"?

If "The Issue" is the AIDS Walk of last year, I wonder how long we'll all need to continue debating the particulars of that event? Perhaps there are more "facts" about the Walk that need to be reviewed. But even without any further review of the history and the numbers associated with that event, everybody seems to be in agreement that the ASOs made some mistakes. Speaking only for myself and for Shanti, if we had to do AIDS Walk 1993 all over again, we would do many things differently. We've learned. A lot.

And, who do we have to thank for that learning? As much as some of you may not me saying it, columnist "Big John" is at the head of the list. I think he has done great service for this community by asking questions that should be asked and seeking information that should be available to him and to everyone. Would I sometimes differ with his tone? Yes. Do I often take different positions than he? Absolutely. I am taking some here. But I would never argue that he has been ineffective. If what he produces is "yellow journalism," it has been in the finest American tradition of that term. And I, for one, thank him.

But, back to "The Issue". If "It" is about TAP, isn't it likely that those who feel most strongly would have greater impact if they were to continue to pursue their concerns directly with TAP, with its staff, with its board, as they have begun to do? Public exposure is often an effective catalyst, but continued broadcasts of complaint frequently become counter-productive. They produce defensiveness and closure, sometimes provoking antagonism, or even retaliation.

Shouldn't those who believe "The Issue" is Craig continue their dialogue with Craig and the board to which he reports? I certainly feel strongly that anyone who believes "The Issue" is Shanti or Anne Maley should talk directly to me and/or to the board to which I report.

If there are concerns about Tucson's ASOs - how money is spent, what kind of service we can, do, and should provide - let's establish a positive, constructive forum in which to openly and frankly confront and work through these questions. Issues of quantity and quality of service should be the most critical ones for us to stay focused on.

I hope that there will be many positive results of the monologues and occasional dialogues of the past half year. And I hope that we will not stop talking. Rather, I hope we will talk more, more of us and more talk. And not be afraid to argue with each other. And not make arguments personally when they are, or should be, about substance.

What concerns me is not substantive issues or talking about them. What disturbs me is our willingness to allow a few folks to control what should be a discussion among many of us in this community.

I am also frustrated by what I see as emerging counterproductive statements and actions. The best example for me is

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At The Closet Door

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by Frank Hartigan

Straight Friends

A few months ago, I wrote a column that began with a quote from the late Colt Thomas: "Straight people don't care about us. They really don't. And if we don't take care of ourselves, we're going to be in even more trouble than we already are." Now I'm not so sure that I agree with that.

Straight people are no more consistent as a group than queers. There are lots of straights who actively hate us, fear us, and want us to disappear. Look at the political campaigns against our rights all over the country; it's impossible to deny that some people would like to see us lined up and shot.

There are some straight folks, I suppose, who are genuinely indifferent to us as a group. Their neutral position neither helps nor harms us. Let us hope they abstain from voting on the hate initiative if it makes it to the ballot.

The religious right poses a serious threat to queer citizens, but the siege mentality forced upon us by the various right-wing campaigns holds its own more subtle, more divisive dangers. One of these "stealth" effects is the wedge driven between us and friendly straight people.

As with any minority in a society,

we tend to make our way among the majority, but retreat to the company of our own for relaxation and friendship. Given the fact that we are invisible until we speak out, it is easy to blend into the background. Yet once we come out, we seem to stick mostly to a group of queer friends.

While we must stand together to fight for our rights, I think we cheat ourselves by not socializing outside the "family" circle. It's easy to buy into the "us versus them" mentality brought on by political persecution, but doing so only furthers the right wing's aims. If we withdraw from the larger society, we throw away a large portion of life. There really are straight people who like us, even love us, as queers.

It seems to me that Gay men and straight women are naturally suited to be friends; we are both oppressed by the patriarchy because of our sexuality. The absence of sexual tension between us makes possible an honest intimacy that is a basis for deep and lasting friendship.

I can't address friendships between straight men and Lesbians or Lesbians and straight women. However,

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opposition to a proposal the four Tucson ASOs have made to the city for support to purchase combined office space. As I understand it, opposition to the ASOs' application has arisen because some people who apparently view "The Issue" as TAP or TAP related, believe that any alliance with an agency they do not support is, on its face, improper. Or, even if not improper. Or, even if not improper, not in the best interests of the men and women recipients of Tucson ASO service.

Please excuse me, but I find this argument lacking both logic and merit. For years people in this community have rightfully criticized what they see as inefficiency and duplication among four ASOs in a relatively small city. Some of them suggested directly that we coordinate services and join forces in a more efficient manner. The directors of the other three ASOs and I, with the support of our boards, agreed to take this advance seriously. We asked for support to find a single space in the city to move to so as to assure the best possible service to all our clients.

If aspects of "The Issue" are how much money is spent for direct service, doesn't it make sense that Tucson's ASOs have one Xerox machine instead of four? That we have two people answering the telephone and directing calls instead of six? That limited resources be directed to serving our clients rather than for overhead? These objectives are at the heart of our plan. Yet opposition has arisen from very well meaning people who appear to focus on a singular aspect of what is "The Issue", to them, apparently ignoring the many benefits to our total community that this proposal to the city would provide if enacted.

I should not that there has never been consideration of any merger between or among any two or three or four of the existing ASOs. We each have different,

and I think complementary, missions. We each have independent boards. We are stronger if we retain our identities and independence. But we will be better able to serve this community and be more accountable to it if we collaborate.

Perhaps our proposal should have been better explained. Perhaps we need a longer period of dialogue about the advantages and disadvantages of collaborative work among Tucson ASOs. But the manner of some of the opposition to our application to the city is an example of what I think is an increasingly common use of tactics inappropriate to our times. Distrust, attack, discredit, assault. These are tactics of aggression. Of a war of sorts.

Do you, reader, think that the current situation, whatever you believe "The Issue" really is, requires warfare? I don't.

I think we need to double our warfare against AIDS. Double, then double again, our funding and commitment to finding a vaccine, finding a cure. Double our efforts to educate everyone about how to avoid getting AIDS. And double our commitment to effectively and compassionately serving every human being with HIV/AIDS. That should be our war.

Not with each other. Toward each other, now should be a time of peace. If we cannot make advances as a community during times of peace, if we must employ warfare to make progress, we are weaker, lesser humans than I believe us to be.

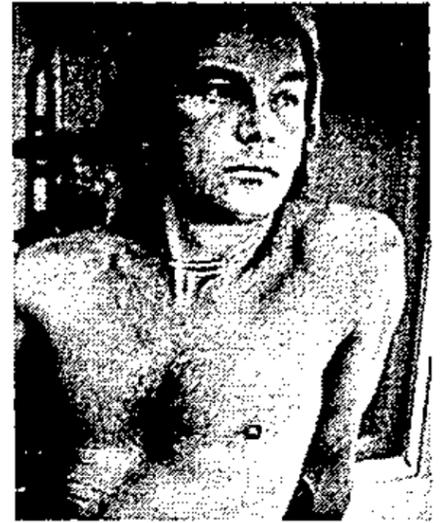
Let's work harder. Let's talk more, more openly, respectfully, cooperatively. Let's check the weapons at the door, and suspend distrust for a while. We've been through a period when too many of us have "refrained from embracing." Isn't it now time to embrace.

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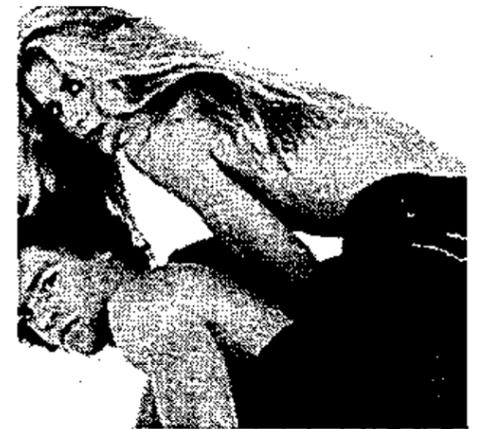
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The Closet Door

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for years I had a really tough time coming out to straight men. I was afraid they'd want to beat me up, or at least reject me utterly.

Becoming comfortable with coming out to and building friendships with straight men has been a long-term obstacle in my coming-out and growth as a queer man.

The first straight male friend I had as an openly gay man was also the first straight person to whom I ever came out. His name was Jan Popiel, and when I tried to throw away our loving friendship over my coming out, he wouldn't let me. I was sure that once he found out the truth about me, he would forget about the two years' time we had spent coming to know and love one another.

I was already prepared to give up my dearest friend for the sake of coming out. I was certain that it would be necessary to cut my ties to him in order to come out. Jan made me see that I could keep a straight friend; he cherished our friendship all the more after I trusted him enough to come out to him.

I speak of Jan in the past tense because he was murdered on the street in Detroit fifteen years ago, Goddess rest him. My heart is still broken.

In trying to encapsulate my pain over the loss of my best friend, I forgot the profound lesson he taught me: that not every straight person is an enemy. I built a wall between my heart and straight people, choosing only to be open to friendships with other Lesbian and Gay people.

Of course, that strategy was foolish. It was sexist, exclusionary, and artificial. Given the onset of the AIDS epidemic, it certainly did not insulate me from the pain of grief. Yet I held something back, presenting a false face to straight people even though I made sure they knew I was queer.

I felt, on some level, the restrictions I had imposed on myself; I moved to San Francisco to enlarge the pool of queers among whom I could circulate. Given the possibility of total immersion in queer life, I enveloped myself even more fully in the "us versus them" falsehood.

When I agreed to audition for a part in *He Gets Slapped*, the play in which I'm currently performing, I figured that I would at least meet some new queers. I'd been feeling isolated; my friendships in Tucson were suffering from neglect. The theatre was the place I first met others like me, so I thought I would feel at home there.

To my surprise (and initial dismay), I was the only queer in the cast. When I figured that out, I almost changed my mind about accepting a role. For weeks I showed up, did the work, and

held back from getting to know the other cast members.

I wore my "A Family of Pride" t-shirt and other queer clothing to rehearsals, just to make sure they all knew there was a queer present. One of the directors went out of his way to make me feel comfortable, but I still felt isolated and withheld a part of myself.

Some of the actors seemed a bit uncomfortable with me; there was a lot of macho "masculinity jousting" in my vicinity. Then I agreed to help Web, a fellow actor, with some French phrases he has to say onstage.

Away from the rehearsal space, Web and I talked about pronunciation exercises. I talked about Steven; he talked about his ex-wife. We shared theatre stories, political discussions, and AIDS losses and fears. In the course of working on the French phrases, I volunteered to help Web and Todd (another actor) paint the set.

Web, Todd, and I spent several evenings talking and painting. When the set was just about finished, each of us started to feel uneasy: would we still hang out together after the painting was all done?

I had let down my guard, allowed my whole personality to show, and made two friends who happen to be straight. They knew I was queer; I knew they weren't. It simply wasn't an issue. The difference in our sexualities is more than outweighed by the things we have in common. We've become friends.

At the top of this piece, I said there are straight people who like and love us, some who are truly indifferent, and some who hate us. Those who are our friends and loved ones *know* us; they can put a face on the word "queer".

Those who hate us or simply don't care probably do not know an openly queer person. If we come out to them, giving a face and a personality to the abstract idea of Gay or Lesbian, they will at least form an opinion based on reality.

Of course, if you are the only queer (or Native American, Asian, feminist, etc.) that a person knows, they will perhaps form a general opinion of a whole class of people based on your behavior.

It's a bitch (and unfair, and inaccurate) to be thought of as a spokesperson or exemplar of your entire people; that's why more of us need to come out in all our diversity.

If you are still in the closet, you are holding back a huge truth from your friends, be they straight or gay. If, on the other hand, you're out of the closet, don't make the mistake I made. Don't assume that straight people will disdain your friendship because you're queer. You're cheating yourself and them.

We need the help of straight friends if we are to defeat the hate initiatives in Arizona and around the country. There really are straight people who will neither reject nor patronize us because of our way of loving.

Come out to them, be open to them as friends. Together we can make a safe, equal place for queers in society and defeat the hatred of our common enemies with the love of friends.

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An American Fairy Tale

In an odd way, I rooted for Tonya Harding, and I've figured out why: Tonya is us.

Us: queers, outsiders, Jews and blacks, poor white trash, average folk not blessed with high cheekbones, humans who survived cruel childhoods. Us: the ones whose pain is proof of the putrefaction at the center of the "American Dream" and therefore must be held against us.

I believe that Tonya Harding probably did participate in the conspiracy against Nancy Kerrigan. But why? That's the question smug journalists don't bother to ask, just as they never ask why LaToya Jackson feels compelled to trash her family on TV.

Tonya Harding clearly didn't believe that she could win on the basis of her own talents. Again, why? At her best, her skating is thrilling, athletic, muscular, strong. She is butch to Kerrigan's femme. Ah!, perhaps she understood that, in a world that accepts female strength only when it is camouflaged by "feminine" grace, her chances of winning were small.

Or, perhaps, she was sick and tired of Kerrigan's smile, Kerrigan's "femininity," and Kerrigan's popularity, the same way I sometimes hate/jealous the automatic acceptance granted to straight relationships and feel fury at couples I actually love.

Some journalists wrote that classism was not an issue in the Harding-Kerrigan tale because both women came from

working class back grounds. But these journalists (willfully?) ignored the fact that a dazzling smile can raise a woman many rungs on the American class ladder. Add to that Kerrigan's stalwart blind mom, and you have all the ingredients of American Princess hood.

Of course, while the journalists were denying the class issues, they were also emphasizing them, as in the following snotty comment: "Nancy had her teeth fixed to remove a space between them; Tonya had her teeth fixed to remove cigarette stains." Good, girl, Nancy! Bad hussy, Tonya! (Or Good femme, Nancy! Bad butch, Tonya!)

Tonya is harshly judged for telling the truth, as in, "I've worked for years and now I want to get paid!" How crass. How vulgar. (How refreshing!)

The media prefer to ignore the simple fact that Olympic athletes are hard core competitors, fighting tooth and nail for both medals and endorsements. Of course, many of them are nice people. They cry when their sisters die and they donate money to good causes. But they always play to win. And while we want them to win, we don't to know the reality behind the competitive instinct, the brutal training, the sacrifice, the pain, and, yes, the sheer aggressive will to prevail. Watch "America's sweetheart" Bonnie Blair at the starting line; she's out for blood, but at interviews, she's sweetness personified. She knows how to play the game. And why do so few Gay athletes come out of the closet? They're playing the game.

Tonya ripped away the camouflage and showed the blood thirstiness and the desire for money. She is complex, abused young woman, full of anger and confusion, possibly stupid enough to think that hurting Nancy would help her, yet savvy enough to know that most of the world does not understand her and does not care to.

On TV, actress Brett Butler said that if Tonya didn't win, she might end up dancing topless for grimy dollar from truckers. David Letterman interrupted, perhaps understanding that Butler's supposed quip was actually biting commentary about the real opportunities available to millions of people in our supposedly classless society. Mustn't be serious on talk-shows!

Harding-Kerrigan is a modern fairy tale; the princess gets rich and the wicked stepsister gets her comeuppance. (But why is the stepsister always wicked? Could it be the result of rage at having been molested by the stepfather?) Of course, since Kerrigan dished the Disney-world parade (if indeed she did), her stint as royalty may be cut short as abruptly as Anne Boelyn's, but for the brief time she "behaved" herself (acted feminine, kept smiling, wasn't snide), she was on her way to queen.

While you may have not sympathy for Harding, and while attacking Kerrigan was, of course, unacceptable, remember: the societal values that despised Harding even before she was accused of anything are the same ones that believe that Lesbians and Gay men are perverts who don't deserve the most basic human rights.

Tonya is us: the rest of us.

FYI

by Big John

I'M BACK! I just needed a short break and time to process new information about that same old "stinky" mess. Last week I was in receipt of a letter to the Attorney General's (A.G.) office, dated March 8, 1994, from Jim Toevs at a P.O. Box in Silver City, New Mexico.

You'll recall that an Arizona statute (A.R.S. 44-6554) is on the books about the registration of "contracted" fundraisers in Arizona. Toevs states in his letter to the A.G. that in January 1993, he contacted the Arizona Secretary of State's office to see if A.R.S. 44-6554 applied to him. However, that same office told me last November that they have no record of any correspondence from Toevs, and that he was not registered as a fund-raiser for the Tucson AIDS Project. Jim's letter also states, and I quote, "I am not, nor have I ever been a contract fund raiser" and that what he did "never resembled contract fund-raising."

EXCUSE ME, JIM, I'm no lawyer, but I saw the contract - the agreement you signed with TAP, which has the following wording... "Toevs will personally solicit corporate and major donor contributions and underwriting, with goals of \$70,000 in cash gifts and \$24,000 in gifts-in-kind secured by March 1, 1993." Since a contract usually exchanges money for services or property, and you were paid \$40,000 to accomplish the task described above, then it seems that you had a contract with TAP, whether or not you call it an agreement or a contract. And since the contract has a time frame for performance, the job was defined, obligations were set forth, and even a clause to vacate the agreement was included, and it is all in reference to FUND RAISING, then I do believe Jimbo that you have become a contracted fund raiser. WOW, what a concept!

Mr. Toevs writes in his letter to the Attorney General that he consulted with other Walk fund raisers and their attorneys, who believed that the statute did not apply to them, consequently Jim tells the A.G. in his letter "...I determined that A.R.S. 44-6554 did not apply to the work which I was doing for AIDS Walk '93." Dearest Jim, did you ever consider that other Walks in other states were not even subject to Arizona law? Did you consult with an attorney - even TAP's attorney about this statute? Have you ever heard the saying that "a person who acts as his own attorney has a fool for a client"?

Furthermore, if you go read the Arizona Statute Books, A.R.S. 44-6551 actually defines what they mean by this statute, and I quote: A "contracted fund raiser means a person who for profit either solicits directly or employs, procures or engages another person to solicit for a charitable organization." Again, Jimbo, doesn't that sound like what you did for TAP? Didn't you do it for profit - \$40,000 worth? And didn't you do it for a charitable organization, namely TAP? Jim, go back and read your own agreement with TAP - especially the part that says you'll raise \$70,000 in cash, and \$24,000 as gifts-in-kind. Sounds like you were a "contracted fund raiser" to me, per the definition of A.R.S. 44-6551, even if you decided otherwise. I'm really glad you're smart enough to figure these laws out for yourself without an attorney's advice... it makes my job so much fun!

I'd like to find out if those of us in our community who are members of TAP can file a class action lawsuit for breach of contract by Toevs, since he did not raise \$70,000 from corporate donors - only \$36,000, a figure \$4,000 short of his salary for ten months. And he certainly did not raise that paltry amount by the March 1, 1993, deadline specified in his contract, but he continued to get paid \$4,000 per month through October.

Poor Jim Toevs states in his letter to the A.G. that I didn't just cover, but instead "created" the controversy over the Walk in a series of columns (FYI) in the Observer, and that I did everything in my power to destroy AIDS Walk '93 before it took place, but I was unsuccessful, and the Walk raised \$100,000.

Finally, it's not what AIDS Walk '93 did accomplish, Jim, it's the fact that YOU didn't then, nor do you now, deserve \$30,000 more than PACT, Shanti, and El Proyecto each earned from their participation in the Walk... with all their volunteers and members. Jim, you did not earn your keep buddy, and YOU KNOW IT! I merely acted as a catalyst to inform people in our community that you took advantage of us without our consent or knowledge... and I'd do it again in a heartbeat!

Love and kisses, Big John.

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Conservatively Speaking

by Marvin Liebman

The Gay Agenda - 1994

1993 was not a good year for the Gay and Lesbian community in the United States. It started out auspiciously enough with the inauguration of Bill Clinton who, during his campaign for the Presidency, was the most Gay-friendly candidate in history. Among the promises: he would appoint open Gays and Lesbians to top level government jobs; an Executive Order would be issued the day after inauguration lifting the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military; a tough and experienced AIDS "czar" would be quickly appointed to combat the pandemic.

So, what happened?

A few minor and relatively invisible token jobs were handed out to open Gays and Lesbians with one of our strongest leaders and spokespersons, Roberta Achtenberg, buried in the morass of the Department of Housing and Urban Development as an Assistant Secretary of something-or-other.

The Pentagon, lead by General Colin Powell and his cadre of military hacks, decided that open Gays and Lesbians were no more fit to share their showers than were African-Americans four decades past. These determined subordinates, and their allies in Congress lead by Democrat Senator Sam Nunn, prevailed over their weak and waffling Commander in Chief. It was simply no contest.

And what about AIDS? More Americans fell ill or died while Bill Clinton took his time before appointing the ineffectual Kristine Gebbie, a person with no political power or prestige, as his "Czar." Granted, more money than before has been "allocated," but will it ever be seen on the streets, in the clinics, and in the classrooms?

The year that came in like a lion went out like a limping lamb. The biggest losers in our community were our major national organizations in whom most of us placed our trust: the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and the now defunct Campaign for Military Service. They took our money, and they spent it primarily to support a weak and vacillating President, who proved to be no friend of our community and no leader of the country. They overestimated our supposed friends and underestimated our avowed enemies. They were complacent and placed undue credence on the word of Bill Clinton.

Based on the lessons of 1993, what should be the Gay Agenda for 1994?

The very first political lesson we must learn is that we must make our presence felt in both political establishments, Democratic and Republican. We can no longer depend on Democrats alone. Let the Human Rights Campaign Fund work exclusively within the Democratic Party, which is what it was mostly doing anyway. Our community should support those of us with the courage to make a concerted assault on the Republican Party through the grassroots Log Cabin Federation and the Washington based lobbying organization, the Log Cabin Republicans.

The second lesson is that our fight can no longer be waged on the national level alone. We have failed dismally to make any real headway there. In 1994, the Gay and Lesbian community

must therefore mobilize its strength into city and state efforts that we have a chance of winning. This means local organizing and local fund raising, with the money spent on local political battles.

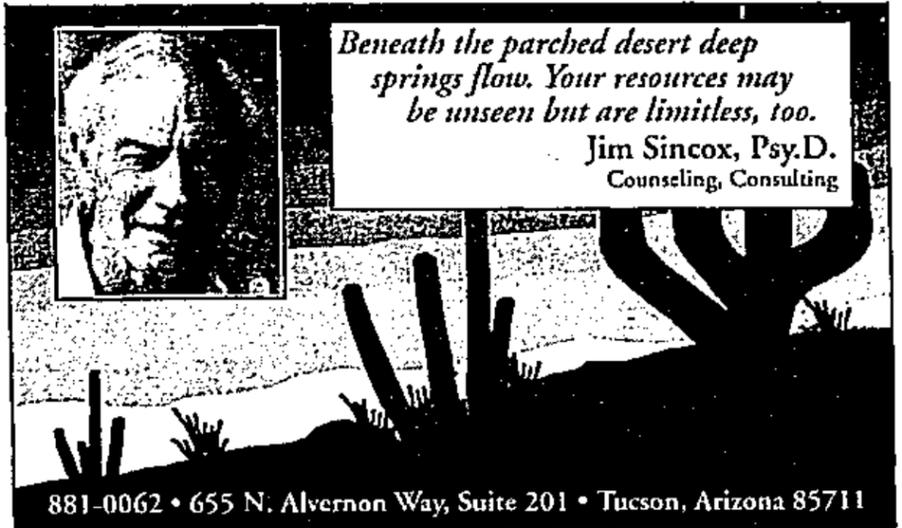
We will have many battles to fight in 1994: against the insulting, demeaning, and intrusive sodomy laws which still are on the books of too many states; against the religious right and their plethora of initiatives and measures, all aimed at the preemption and deprivation of our constitutional rights; for state and municipal civil rights bills and domestic partnership laws that would give Lesbians and Gays the same rights and benefits as our straight brothers and sisters.

These are battles that will be fought locally in the city councils and in the state assemblies. Our community's dealings with Congress will depend on the strength that we show locally. In all these local political ventures, open Gays and

Lesbians should reach out to sympathetic allies in the straight community and earn and win their support. Outside the actual political arena, open Gays and Lesbians should participate more fully in local volunteer activities. This is a major way for our neighbors will get to know who we really are instead of the phony stereotypes promulgated by those who would make us invisible again.

The Gay Agenda in 1994 must be

carried out locally, in our cities and states; in our wards and precincts; in the state committees of both state parties; in our families and in our circles of friends and associates, both straight and Gay. We must become visible, not through our national organizations, but to our neighbors down the block, to our merchants, to our city council members, to our clergy, to our communities. Here, our real influence has just begun to be felt. Here, indeed, we have only just begun to fight.



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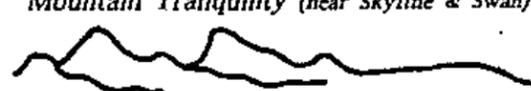
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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

For the past several weeks, we have been studying the Biblical account of Sodom and Gomorrah found in the 19th chapter of Genesis. This week, we will wrap up this study by looking at a number of other Scripture passages which give us a greater insight into why these pagan cities were destroyed by God.

The prophetic Old Testament book of Isaiah begins with a scathing denouncement of Jerusalem's apostasy, and in the first chapter Isaiah refers to the religious leaders as the "rulers of Sodom" and the "people of Gomorrah." This figurative speech indicates that the accused were on the same moral level as those who had been destroyed centuries earlier. Isaiah goes on to list the charges against these religious leaders, which include hypocrisy and legalism, and ends with the following commands: "Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow." (Isaiah 1:17) Since these charges are coupled with the labels of Sodom and Gomorrah, it becomes clear that these were major problems with those communities, contributing to God's anger against them.

Likewise, in the book of Jeremiah we find a similar condemnation of the Israelites, which includes spiritual adultery and heresy, with God's conclusion that "They are all like Sodom to me; the people of Jerusalem are like Gomorrah." (Jeremiah 23:14) Again, this passage points to the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah which resulted in their destruction. Notice that there is no reference to homosexuality in either of these passages.

We find confirmation of these conclusions in the book of Ezekiel, where the exact problems with these cities are plainly disclosed: "Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. They were haughty and did detestable things before me. Therefore I did away with them as you have seen." (Ezekiel 16:48-50) These pagan communities were guilty of neglecting the oppressed and helpless, of indulging in physical excesses, and engaging in idol worship. Again, there is no mention of homosexuality as a contributing factor to their destruction.

Now, many people claim that the reference to "detestable things" means homosexuality, but a basic understanding of the translation of this word and the context in which it is consistently used indicates that the reference can only relate to idolatry. I will cover this more in the next installment of this series, which will look at the Levitical law and its references to same sex relations.

It is interesting to note that even Jesus made several remarks about Sodom and Gomorrah. In the book of Matthew, Jesus instructs his disciples on how they should go about from town to town spreading the gospel. In telling them that they should walk away from any town that does not receive them, he says, "I tell you the truth, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town." (Matthew 10:15)

In Matthew 11, Jesus compares Sodom to contemporary communities that rejected his miracles. He says, "And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you." (Matthew 11:23-24)

By making these statements, Jesus shows that those who reject him are worse off than Sodom and Gomorrah, thereby showing that their crimes or sins were not as terrible as many might seem to think. After all, the final judgment will not be a matter of what a person was or did, but whether that person accepted or rejected Christ as their savior. Everything else is secondary. Even if there were homosexuals in Sodom and Gomorrah (and chances are there were), this was not a driving force in God's decision to destroy those cities.

If you would like to know more about what the Bible really says (and doesn't say) about homosexuality, please call Cornerstone Fellowship at 622-4626, or stop by to see the Pastor or an Elder. We'd love to talk with you. If you need a Bible to study these passages for yourself, we have plenty to share.

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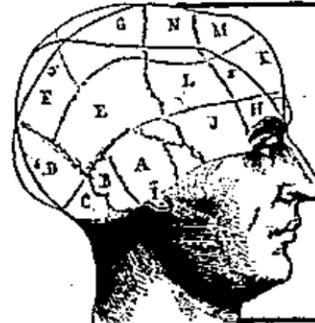
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CALENDAR of upcoming events

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

GRADUATE - Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) hold their monthly Beer Bust and Dinner here from 2 to 6 p.m. Kenny is cooking up pork chops, macaroni & cheese plus a salad all for only \$2.50 which goes into TALL's treasury. The regular Saturday Pool Tournament with pot matched kicks off at 2 p.m. also. More Food, Fun and Games.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

IBT'S - Tea Dance 4 to 8 p.m. Benefit BBQ and Beer Bust on the patio. This week all proceeds benefit MPS Society. 3 to 6 p.m. Be sure to follow the Cats in the NCAA Tournament.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

GRADUATE - A benefit BBQ and Beer Bust for the Red Team running for King and Queen of Gay Pride with all proceeds going to support Pride Week events through TLGA.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

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Desert Voices will present their spring production at Pima Community College West Campus. General admission tickets are \$7 per person available at Antigone's. Their last performance was a sell-out so be sure to buy your tickets early.

Celebrate a traditional Passover Seder and see how its elements impact our Christian Faith at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. Dinner, music and fellowship. Reservations requested. Call 622-4626 to RSVP or for more information. \$3.00 donation.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) meets at IBT's at 3:00 p.m. to plan Pride Week '94 and the fund-raising events leading up to those days. Perspective candidates interested in running for King and/or Queen of Lesbian/Gay Pride 1994 are urged to attend. Others interested in becoming involved with plans for Pride Week in Tucson is urged to attend.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 1 & 2

Lambda Car Club will host a club weekend as part of the Suburban Car Auction. For more information call Bill James 622-3808.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

TLGA, the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance will meet to pick the 1994 Pride Logo. The theme this year is "Stonewall 25: A Global Celebration of Pride". TLGA will offer a prize of \$100 to the inking entrant. The logo will appear on all T-shirts and other souvenir products which will be on sale during and after Pride Week. Submissions may be made earlier, but April 3rd is the deadline, at this meeting which begins at 3:00 p.m. The tentative meeting place is IBT's. Watch the Observer in case there is a change.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

UBGLAD (United Bisexuals, Gays and Lesbians with Dignity), the Pima Community College Group will meet in Room RC-5 from 3:00 to 4:30. For more information call Nicole or Wayne at 884-6562.

FRI, SAT, SUN, APRIL 8-9-10

"Accepting Our Blessing II" the second annual weekend retreat for Lesbians and Gays at Picture Rocks Retreat, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road, examines the recent progress we have made as a spiritually motivated people, and directs us to an appreciation of how our special call contributes to world ministry. Registration begins Friday, Apr. 8 at 7:00 p.m. and the retreat concludes Sunday, April 10 after lunch. The suggested donation of \$75 covers all costs. For more info. call 744-3400 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FRI. SAT. SUN. MAY 6-7-8

Fiesta de Mayo Weekend. This is a major fund raiser for Pride Week activities including the big annual picnic. Watch for more details.

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 4 to 7 pm. AGRA C/W Dancing and Beer Bust 5-8, all you can drink \$3. C/W and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c 4TH AVENUE SOCIAL CLUB - Brunch 11-2; Live music by Horton & Hill, Friendly Fire 7:30-11:30 (Usually a cover for the band)

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 DJ 7 pm. Country/Western Dance Instruction 5-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 3-6. Tea Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later

RUMORZ - Open at noon. Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers \$1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm. Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.

STONWALL/RAGLE - The Eagle opens at 10am with special prices on Bloody Marys all day. 1pm Pool Tournament with Beer Bust. Stonewall opens for dancing at 8pm

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

monday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 well 8-1 + Moon Madras "Buckets". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm. **GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c

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IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. 8pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 1

RUMORZ - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1-8, \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. 8:00 to closing, Domestic Beer \$1.75 9-1.

STONWALL/RAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 2pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing 8-1. Western Night Specials on well and domestic beer to those in western attire.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. \$2.50 pitcher of beer and get a free sub sandwich 8-10. T-Squares Advanced Group 7pm. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 9 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schnapps 75c **HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75c 7pm to close.

IBT's - Open noon. White Tuesday - all white well drinks \$1.00 from open to close. 25c extra for juices. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Mellow Jazz with Pete from 9-1.

RUMORZ - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer \$1.75 Domestic Beer 8 to close. Fabulous Fabrics show at 9:30 p.m.

STONWALL/RAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 2pm with \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Stonewall side opens at 8pm for dancing. Leather Night Specials on well and domestic beer to those in leather.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7 pm

wednesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. 50c off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink Specials all night. ID required. C/W dance lessons with Edgar 7:30-9:30

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GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps **HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c all call drinks 7 to close. Disco dance music 8-1.

IBT's - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Seasonal shot specials 8 pm to midnight. Country/Western Dance Lessons with Tom Marx, 6:30-8:30. Open C/W dancing 9 pm to close.

RUMORZ - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1-8 \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Salm Nite 9 to close, \$1.50 Margaritas and Corona + Chips & "Fritz" salsa.

STONWALL/RAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle from 10am to 2pm with \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Stonewall side opens at 8pm for dancing. 8-1 specials on well and domestic beer to members of bowling teams and leagues.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longshots & Well. Patio bar opens 7pm. Bar Chest Nite from 7pm. Happy Hour prices for "upwardly mobile" men.

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. Men's Nite - 50c draft beer 9pm to 1am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 9 pm. Dart Tournament 8pm. Bar watches pot.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c **HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$1.75 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.

RUMORZ - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1 to 8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hot Mak' Deacons 9:30, High Tech Music follows with DJ Linda.

STONWALL/RAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am - 2pm with \$1.50 well and domestic longshots plus a special on domestic can beer for \$1.25. The Stonewall opens at 8pm slightly for dancing. Uniform Nite! Specials on well and domestic beer if wearing military, police or other uniforms.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longshots and well. Patio Bar opens at 7pm. Leather Nite 8 to midnight. Special prices for men in leather. Pool Tournament 7pm, \$3 entry fee.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c **HOURS** - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Dance 9-1

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 hamburgers 4-7. GoGo dancers 10pm. Dance Party Weekend 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

RUMORZ - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 1-8 with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Hots D'Quevra. DJ Jeff Strickler 9 to 1.

STONWALL/RAGLE - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am - 2pm with \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Power Hour 5-6 \$1 longshots & Well. Patio Bar opens 7 pm.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.

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

HOURS - Open Noon. Dancing 8-1. **IBT's** - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. \$1 Hamburgers 4-7. Dance 9pm to 1 am with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.

RUMORZ - Open 3 p.m. \$1.50 Corona 8pm to close. Dance with Linda Finkle 10-1.

STONWALL/RAGLE - The Eagle opens at 10am. All day special on screwdrivers. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens at 5 pm.

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WILDCATS

With the basketball games, which went very well for all of us Wildcat fans, the Hides of March, and the Rodeo all this past weekend, how could anyone say they did not enjoy themselves? Yes, the rain was with us but it in no way dampened my spirits, or spirits of all the out of town guest. The rain was with us to wash out all memories of winter, as Sunday was the first day of Spring.

I was asked to mention something for Rudi, and his Easter benefit for the children over at the Arizona Children's Home. He is collecting eggs, I hope

cooked, and candy. All donations can be dropped off over at the Graduate.

And speaking of the Graduate, this Saturday will be time for TALL's beer bust. Have you noticed the new trend with Stan lately? Everytime Partners has a beer bust, Stan has been joining Ben in wearing an earring. Stan wears his on his right ear (of all places) because he says it's so he can answer the telephone. Anyhow, stop by, enjoy Kenny Ann's cooking, and sip a few suds.

As for the pool tournament, Larry won again last week and if my memory hasn't failed me, this makes two weeks in a row, thus he will not be able to play this Saturday. Regardless, for all you who enjoy a good round of pool, stop in - sip a few suds, and shoot those balls.

I've removed the "Other TBBS's" envelope from the Graduate. Everyone had their chance but no one really took advantage of it. I guess it just forces me to get around more often to catch you and pass on.

Believe it or not, that will be it for this week. It is just been one of those slow periods that happens now and then. I did not even try to take notes from any of the festivities that were going on over at the Venture-N, but I'm sure if you stop in, you will hear plenty.

Have a supercalafristic, exbealadoush week. ((Forget it TI or anyone else, my spelling this time.))



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Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by Michael Allison

AGRA CALENDAR

April 16, AGRA Trail Ride, 5:00 p.m., El Conquistador Stables.

April 17, Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m., General Membership Meeting follows at 5:00 p.m. Location to be announced.

AGRA-Tucson phone: (602) 323-0805.

Well, it's over and it was a major success! The 1994 Saguaro Regional Rodeo is now history and in spite of Mother Nature's nasty surprises off and on all weekend, AGRA achieved a very successful rodeo.

The specific thank you's could fill a phone book so there's no way to even begin in this small space. Thank you to the Gay Communities of Tucson and Phoenix for the support - Phoenix outdid themselves this year. We had a huge contingency of spectators from Phoenix plus our own members from Phoenix who came down and worked their fannies off. The support was so appreciated! And of course they won't get to read this, but thanks to the hundreds of out of towners who came as spectators and contestants and helped us bring the 1994 Rodeo to town.

Special thanks to the many volunteers who spent the weekend sharing their time and energy. And many heartfelt thanks to the program advertisers and award buckle sponsors.

Next weeks article will be a more detailed article on the rodeo.

Don't forget that the trail ride is coming up again on April 16 at El Conquistador Stables. Tickets are only \$35.00 and include the horseback trail ride, a chuck wagon dinner afterward with all the fixin's, and one heck of a good time. If you can't make the actual ride you can join the group for dinner only for \$15.00. Call the AGRA hotline, 323-0805, for all the details and to purchase tickets.

POLITICS

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appointed by the Pima County Board of Supervisors to succeed Susan O'Mara, who died in January. Lundin will have to run this year for a full term.

During Paul Johnson's Tucson announcement for Governor, Johnson tried to show that he has support in southern Arizona. The campaign had the Tucson Mayor, Oldewhathisname, behind Johnson. Unfortunately, "Old Tucson" did not pay attention at all during his speech, and boy did the media pick up on that. Ouch!

The rumors are still going around that Attorney General Grant Woods will challenge the Fiferster for the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

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Bears of the Old Pueblo

by Brad Spaulding

My God, this weekend was exciting. The Saguaro National Rodeo mixed with the Hides of March made for some very hot men wandering around the Venture-N telling some great rodeo stories, eating good food, and filling out Levi's better than anybody else in the world. This weekend, I met people from Albuquerque, San Diego, British Columbia and Benson (admittedly, that last one is not as "exotic a location as the others). They're good people.

As for the food, the Bears Beef Stew was a hit with lots of people coming back for seconds. Actually, the stew was a perfect anecdote for the rain that hampered us all weekend. High spirits prevailed however making this weekend a monstrous success. Kudos go out to AGRA, all the rodeo participants, the supporting merchants and the Venture-N for giving everyone a place to go after the festivities.

On behalf of the Bears, we'd like to thank Desert Leathermen, TALL and Bucky's Famous Omelette Bar for cooperating in the Hides of March with us and making the weekend a grand feast. Cheers.

And, now for current Bear events:

As I've mentioned before, the Bear business meeting will be this Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Troy (our Chair Bear) and Bob's house. If you have

anything to bring up about the future of the Bears, drop by this Thursday and let us know. Call for location.

Sunday, March 27 will be the final day of the Renaissance Festival in Casa Grande and the Bears will be there. Gather at the Venture-N parking lot at 8 a.m. on Sunday and we'll carpool up there. Be sure to pick up your tickets at a nearby Fry's beforehand. All are invited.

The First Thursday of the month is on it's way. On April 7 at 7:30 p.m. will be the Bears General Meeting on the patio of the Venture-N, and at 9 p.m., on that very same patio, the Bears will hold a Beer Bust serving 50 cent drafts until about midnight. Come on, come all, and enjoy.

This week's Bear Hunting Grounds: Casa Grande's Renaissance Festival. Surely, you must have seen the commercials by now: Kings, Knights, singing executioners (AAWWOO!! pant, pant, pant). Hey, the King's Herald is played by our own local Bear, John Clark. He's enough reason to attend. C'mon, join us. It'll be fun.

Until next week, Happy Hunting.

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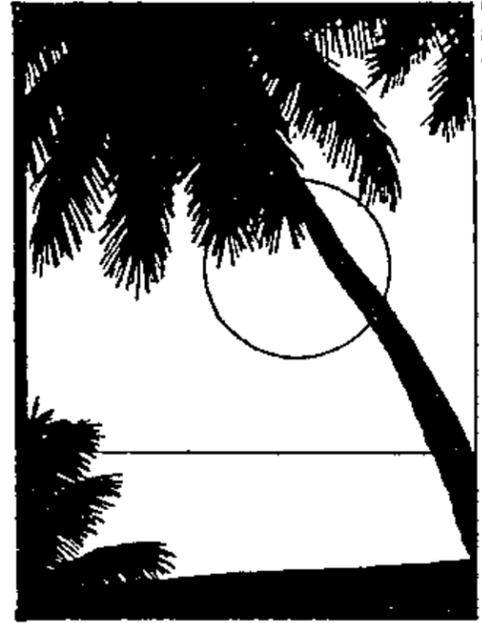
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ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

Family and work are intertwined this week and all to a positive end. Although you may be confident in your decisions be sure to follow through with every aspect before burning nay bridges. Health takes a downward turn and needs some serious attention.

TAURUS

APRIL 20 - MAY 20

Something or someone that has been on your mind for a while manages to prevail despite an unusually busy week. Address this issue if you wish to prevent mental and physical burn-out. More than likely, time has weathered the situation and it's priority has lessened.

GEMINI

MAY 21 - JUNE 21

You are feeling somewhat scattered and bored. Family only confuses the issue. Get out and get social, this will help to align all your misdirected energies. A close friend may help focus your direction and reassure your confidence. Call in some favors.

CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 22

You are on the tail end of battling low resistance concerning your health. Now that is out of the way and you can jump back into creativity. A significant other surprises you with generous kudos. Make a break for a special dinner when possible.

LEO

JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Through your work place you encounter an interesting person that you find very easy to talk to. This could lead to a possible friendship or at least some repeat business. Some travel plans have been made for the near future and someone else will pick up the tab. Try not to be too catty when relating a gossipy story.

VIRGO

AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Tough times with finances. Your emotions are governing your most recent actions. Pull back on the reins and stay home or entertain at home to build up your self esteem. There are many who wish to be in your company.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 23

Domestic scene abundant with activity. Your home is bursting with freshness. Demands socially have increased but, you go with the flow gracefully. Your concerns are also concentrated on one who is less fortunate in health. Your charming delivery and care brightens the day.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 21

You are pushed to extremes this week and make great advances on keeping your commitments solid. With finances more or less in control you give way to more pleasurable tasks. Be sure not to pass up a good bargain when you find one!

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

This week you are not shooting any arrows. Poised and somewhat confused you

venture out with a new attitude. You have all the acceptance of your peers who endorse your bravery. Stay close to the hearth for social obligations. An activity involving nature is eminent.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Although you may not be in for the "long haul" in your current relationship, you are feeling especially intimate this week. Work place seems secure but, talk and fears mix with thoughts that assail. Be your best and forget the rest.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

You are searching for an answer to the eternal question of life. This will not be answered in your lifetime. You latch on to a "hero" figure in hopes of absorbing the enigma. After it all breaks down it comes back to you. Have faith in your own self and prosper.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

Brilliant thoughts, continual groves, sustained absolutions. A spiritual week at least. Open the gateways for light absorption. Treasures from friends and family have you floating in contentment. From a practical stand point, much is accomplished with great ease.

Shanti

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UofA FACULTY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 283 or 285. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3931. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in providing information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85719. 770-1314.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-0805 or write: AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

AMERICAN GAY & LESBIAN ATHEISTS advocating state/church separation. Monthly meetings and support for the non-religious. Write: 3003 N. Central Ave., Suite 121, Box 211, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2903. "Educating Our Community Since 1983".

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Advertisers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tanners is a nudist group open to all. Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tanners, P.O. Box 84-C1, Cortaro, AZ 85622.

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"QUEER BISHOP", Bishop's Lesbian and Gay Alliance, has a general meeting every 3rd Sunday at 7 p.m. at the YWCA in Bisbee.

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GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP. This ongoing therapy group, facilitated by a licensed psychologist, provides a safe place to work on interpersonal blocks and self-esteem issues. Membership will be limited to 8-10 people. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. 623-3390

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO - a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write PO Box 41141, Tucson AZ 85717 or come to our general meetings the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm on the Ventura-N patio.

GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Stop binging, purging and overeating. Get a life! Call 793-3448 / 290-1739. Come to a meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm at Meady Books, 1001 N. Wilcox.

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AT EASE AGAIN, A men's discussion group, meets at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. at 7 pm every Tuesday. All Gay and Bisexual men are welcome.

JOIN US! PLGC, Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns, is a national organization of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Tucson chapter formed in May 1993; PLGC do Cristo. We invite all Presbyterians to join us at our meeting on the 4th Sundays of each month at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3409 E. 3rd St. Tucson in Geneva Hall. For more details contact Nancy Brown, 327-1293.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meet monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Edly Walters, (602)371-1102

AGRA-Tucson announces a Press Conference for the 1994 Seguro Regional Rodeo at 9:00 p.m. on March 16 in the Parkview Room at the Ramada Inn Downtown. Address: 475 N. Granada, Tucson. 304

ARIZONA NUDE DUDES (ANDES) is a Gay men's nudist group with activities held in Tucson and Phoenix. Contact ANDES/Tucson, P.O. Box 64044, Tucson, AZ 85728-4044 or call Wayne, 887-3115.

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Notices

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GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?
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GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitator. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

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). General Meetings every 4th Sunday 6:00 p.m. Parents Support Group meets every 3rd Wednesday. Information 624-1779.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Fox-hills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX has a hotline for information and membership call: 266-7202 or write CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

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