

Impact Of Methodist Judicial Council Ruling Still Being Discussed

NEW YORK, NY (WS) — United Methodists continue to discuss the impact of a decision on homosexual unions released Aug. 11 by the church's Judicial Council.

The nine-member "supreme court" ruled that United Methodist clergy who conduct homosexual unions or allow such ceremonies to be held in United Methodist Churches can be charged with disobeying the discipline of the church. Prior to the ruling, some had argued that since the language was in the church's Social Principles, it was not enforceable law. However, the Judicial Council said it "has the effect of church law, notwithstanding its placement... and therefore, governs the conduct of the ministerial office."

The issue arose within the denomination last September following the celebration of a "union" of two women by the Rev. Jimmy Creech, then pastor of First United Methodist Church in Omaha, Neb. His bishop warned him that doing so would be a violation of church law. A church trial failed to reach the necessary two-thirds majority to find Creech guilty, but bishops of the church's eight-state South Central Jurisdiction, including Texas, asked the Judicial Council to rule on the matter.

While much informal discussion has taken place since the decision, the North Texas Conference is the only one of the 66 regional bodies in the United States to employ a "day of listening" approach to the issue.

Meeting recently in Denton, Texas, some 500 United Methodists spent the day listening for God's will as it specifically relates to the 10 words newly defined as church law: "Ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions shall not be conducted by our ministers and shall not be conducted in our churches."

Bishop William B. Oden, in opening remarks acknowledged that the issue under discussion is at the heart of many concerns across the church and said that, through this special day, conference lay and clergy leaders were "putting their concerns on top of the table."

The Rev. Leighton Farrell, superintendent of the Dallas South District, summarized changes in church law regarding homosexuality since creation of the United Methodist Church in 1968. He noted that the subject first entered the Book of Discipline when the 1972 General Conference adopted a section of the Social Principles declaring homosexual practice "incompatible with Christian teaching."

Subsequent conferences have prohibited funding of homosexual causes, denied ordination to any self-avowed practicing homosexual persons and, as of the most recent (1996) General Conference, prohibited the celebration of homosexual

unions within United Methodist Churches and by United Methodist clergy.

At the same time, United Methodist policy recognizes that "homosexual persons no less than heterosexual persons" are individuals of sacred worth and that all persons need the ministry and guidance of the church. While the church officially condemns the practice of homosexuality as "incompatible with Christian Teaching", it also affirms that "God's grace is available to all" and commits the church to be in ministry "for and with all persons."

Deeply personal statements consumed most of the remainder of the morning session in Denton's First United Methodist Church sanctuary. Invited speakers who expressed divergent views on homosexuality, inclusiveness with the church and the authority of scripture were the Rev. John Thornburg, Northaven United Methodist Church in Dallas; Laura Echols-Richte, director of adult ministries at St. Andrews United Methodist Church in Plano; the Rev. Fred Durham, Tyler Street United Methodist Church in Dallas; and the Rev. Richard Dunagin, Lake Highlands United Methodist Church in Dallas.

The four also participated on a panel with Oden as moderator. Following lunch, participants divided into 35 groups of 10 to 12 individuals for discussion. Leaders of the small groups were given a sheet with 14 suggestions, including, "Remember the purpose of the day is to listen, not to reach some conclusion or decision." The leaders were also advised to "allow freedom for passion and emotion, but to try to keep persons listening."

Oden said all participants would receive copies of responses recorded from the small-group discussions. He told a brief news conference between morning and afternoon sessions that the day had shown that North Texas United Methodists are "on the same journey but going by different paths." He also said he prays that all can remain within the United Methodist "tent" and that Gay and Lesbian United Methodists can know that they are welcomed and fully accepted in the life and ministries of the church.

Other annual conferences had similar events following the Judicial Council ruling but nothing of the magnitude of North Texas. About 70 people attended a discussion meeting hosted by Michigan Area Bishop Donald A. Ott at University United Methodist Church in Lansing. Ott spent nearly 75 minutes talking about the decision.

Tension in discussing the issue was obvious, right from the start, according to Erik Alsgaard, editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate.

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Countdown To OUToberFEST '98

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 17, 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.; for OUToberFEST '98! Located at the southwest corner of Reid Park, (22nd and Country Club).

There will be three stages of entertainment: two for dancing, HINRG by IBT's and Stonewall, Country Western by AGRA and the TLGA entertainment stage. There will be a various mix of vendors for shopping and information on organizations that are of the G/L/B/T community.

TLGA is finalizing all the details for the event and we need the community's help. Remember this is for the community, by the community. TLGA is seeking volunteers for one or two hours for set up and break down, script sales and gate check. Also, if your organization has a booth in the non profit information okay, or the non profit fund-raising category, your group can get a rebate up to \$20 for two hours of traded volunteer time to TLGA. For more information, call (520) 622-3200. It takes over 150 volunteers to operate OUToberFEST.

TLGA is also seeking bids for cleanup for the day. You don't have to be an official business, just two, three or more people that will do garbage pickup and

park clean up after the event, which is normally done by 7:00 P.M. Payment is received on Sunday, and is based on the job performance, because we must leave the park as we opened it, clean and trash free. TLGA provides a golf cart for transportation, bags and the dumpster. Please call the OUTline, (520) 622-3200 to submit your bid; it is worth at least \$200.

Just a couple of reminders from the city of Tucson Parks and Recreation, you must have ID, if you wish to drink beer (brought to you by Budweiser), coolers are okay, but no beer and no glass allowed in the park. It's okay to bring dog(s) but they must be on a leash and you must clean up after them! Clean up bags are provided at the north and south gates.

It's not too late if you want to be a vendor, call the OUTline, (520) 622-3200. If you have not received a vendor application and would like to attend, Deadline is October 13.

There will be a rally again this year and all local organizations are invited to participate. Interested groups should call (520) 622-3200 for details.

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Protests Mark Preview Of Controversial Play

NEW YORK, NY (PBO) — Two shows were on display for theatregoers at Manhattan Theatre Club last week. The one audiences came for was Terrence McNally's controversial new play, *Corpus Christi*, which had its first preview last night. The second was outside the theatre, where dozens of protesters voiced their opposition to the play, which reportedly features a gay, Jesus-like figure.

When the nature of McNally's drama was revealed last spring, it sparked a firestorm of protest, led by the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. Fearing violence, MTC cancelled the play in May but quickly reinstated it when McNally, Athol Fugard and other playwrights protested, and when the theatre was sure adequate security could be provided for the production.

Ironically, this first protest of *Corpus Christi* did not involve the Catholic League but was organized by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal of the Fort Apache section of the Bronx. Father Benedict J. Groeschel termed the gathering a "prayer vigil."

"The papers said our objection to the play is that Jesus is portrayed as gay," Groeschel told reporters. "Our objection is that the play is salacious and blasphemous. Attack the Catholic Church — fine, we're used to it. But you attack Jesus, attack Mary, then you're attacking our relatives.

They crossed the line from the institutional to the personal, they crossed the line from civility and tolerance."

Protesters gathered on the sidewalk opposite Manhattan Theatre Club, while a few stood in front of the theatre doors handing out leaflets which read: "Corpus Christi is a profound insult to hundreds of millions of people who honor the name of Jesus Christ... This play insults the members of every world religion and even people who do not have a formal religion but who believe that there are sacred and transcendent values in this life... We are asking you to consider, this evening, the possibility of leaving the theatre when you hear and see things that you know are profoundly abusive to the sacred values of your neighbors."

There were 200 protesters in all, according to a New York City Police Department spokesperson. The only arrest was of one Maia Wojciechowsky, a 71-year-old lady who, carrying two signs, blocked the doors of MTC and screamed at theatregoers. The police arrested her and issued her a summons for disorderly conduct. She was later released.

The NYPD said it had no plans to beef up security at MTC. The theatre has hired Kroll Associates to provide security. Patrons must pass through metal detectors

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Annual AIDS Walk Oct. 25

TUCSON — On your mark, get set, walk!

It's time for AIDS Walk '98. This year marks the tenth anniversary of the event. Proceeds from the event will go to the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF).

The dollars raised by the Walk will help: Provide housing for families with HIV/AIDS; Ensure that food and care supplies for persons disabled by HIV/AIDS are available; Provide consumer advocacy for clients; Provide counseling and peer support for those infected with HIV/AIDS; and avoid the spread of HIV through prevention and education programs.

For more information, contact SAAF AIDS Walk office, (520) 322-9191.

Wingspan Art Wall Opening Oct. 8

TUCSON — There will be an opening exhibit at Wingspan, representing the theme, "Diversity in the Desert," Thursday, October 8, 5:30 to 7:00 P.M.

In keeping with this theme, the Art Wall at Wingspan, 300 East Sixth Street, will house an eclectic exhibit by an array of artists from the Gay community. The exhibit will run through November 8.

The public is invited to attend the opening, or stop by during Wingspan hours: 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday. This is sure to be an exhibit that will create a visual stir and a current of chatter about likes and dislikes in the art world. Please join us for a fun opening as we get into the events of OUTober-FEST.

Earlier Starting Time For Saturday Volleyball

TUCSON — Starting Saturday, October 3, recreational volleyball will be played, starting at 1:00 P.M., at St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 East River Road.

People of all playing levels are welcome. There will be no volleyball on October 17. Volleyball is a great way to make new friends and get exercise at the same time.

For more information, call (520) 886-1208 or 733-0072.

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New Flandrau Exhibit 'What About AIDS?'

TUCSON — Making a change from its usual offerings, Flandrau Science Center is hosting the controversial traveling exhibit, "What about AIDS?"

This ground breaking exhibition produced and developed for the National AIDS Exhibit Consortium by the Franklin Institute Science Museum in Philadelphia, PA., with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institute of Health.

The exhibit presents medical research on HIV and AIDS within the context of clear and accessible public health messages. Personal stories of people affected by AIDS are also poignantly presented. Visitors may also give comments and write their own remembrances.

"What about AIDS?" opened September 11 and continue at Flandrau through the end of the year. The exhibition uses hands-on exhibits, interactive videos, and computers to help everyone, but particularly young people ages 10-20, to understand the science of AIDS.

Admission to Flandrau Science Center exhibits is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children, 3-13, but is free with theater ticket purchase. For more information, call (520) 621-STAR.

Dockers Khaki's Providing Youth Scholarships

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — Dockers Khakis has funded a national scholarship program for youths to attend the second annual Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) national conference, October 30 - November 1, in Oakland, California.

GLSEN is the largest national organization that brings together teachers, parents, students, and concerned citizens to work together to end homophobia in our schools.

The Dockers Khakis Youth United Against Bias Scholarships will allow young men and women from all over the country to attend the GLSEN conference titled, "Teaching Respect for All."

At the GLSEN conference, scholarship recipients and attendees will learn practical skills and techniques to help end anti Gay bias in their schools.

For more information about the Dockers Khakis Youth United Against Bias Scholarships, call GLSEN at (212) 727-0135 or (415) 551-9788.

Tax Seminar Oct. 27 In Phoenix

PHOENIX — The Community Center, in cooperation with Camelwest Tax Service, will present a tax seminar on the latest changes in Federal and State tax law affecting 501(c)(3) organizations, Tuesday, October 27.

This seminar will be held at the Community Center, 24 West Camelback, Suite C., in Phoenix.

The session will review recent changes and cases applicable to such organizations, including new IRS regulations issued in August which call for assessment of penalties against officers, directors and other responsible persons who allow "excess benefit" transactions to occur within the organization. This is an entirely new source of potential personal liability.

Reservations are requested one week prior to the seminar to assure space. To reserve a space or for more information, contact Lyle at the Community Center, (602) 234-2752 or Bob Lind at Camelwest Tax Service, (602) 841-5414 or E-mail: camelwest@aol.com.

Married Men's Support Group Resumes Meetings

TUCSON — The support group for Gay and Bisexual married men has resumed its weekly meetings.

All previous members are invited to continue their participation and men interested in joining the group are asked to call Dan Overbeck, Ph.D., (520) 745-6977, to find out more about the group.

As before, there will be no charge for the group meetings.

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Precision Fitness, which premiered last week in this publication, is a monthly column offering information, advice or exercise, nutrition and fitness. Darrin Brightman, a NCSA certified physical trainer pens the article and wants to hear from you with your questions on exercise, nutrition and fitness.

To contact Darrin Brightman, write to: Precision Fitness, c/o the Observer, POB 50733, Tucson, AZ, 85733 or e-mail Precision Fitness at PresnFtnss@aol.com.

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Study Suggests New Strategy For First-Line Treatment Of HIV/AIDS

SAN DIEGO, CA — A simplified anti-HIV treatment cocktail requiring few pills is an effective first-line treatment for HIV/AIDS, according to a study presented at an international conference on infectious diseases this week.

The study combination includes the potent non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor Viramune and the nucleoside analogues d4T and ddI. This treatment strategy excludes the third class of AIDS drugs, protease inhibitors, which are potent but can involve complicated regimens and long-term side effects.

"This study is important because it shows that a protease-sparing regimen of Viramune, d4T and ddI achieves significant viral load reductions," explained Dr. Francois Raffi, Professor at the Centre Hospitalier Regional et Universitaire de Nantes (France) who is presenting the six-month study findings at the annual Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy. "With this twice-daily regimen, requiring only six-to-seven pills, we're seeing results comparable to those achieved with protease inhibitors."

Dr. Raffi's findings show that patients taking Viramune, d4T and ddI have maintained undetectable levels of the HIV virus in the blood while increasing infection-fighting immune cells. At six months, 64% (30/47) of patients have levels of HIV that cannot be detected by a viral load test that measures lowers than 50 copies/ml in the blood. The mean viral load reduction from baseline (4.6 log₁₀ copies/ml) was 2.1 log₁₀ at six months. Mean CD4+ increase from baseline (429 cells/ml) was 162 cells/ml.

"This regimen has no cross resistance with protease inhibitors, which means that patients starting therapy with Viramune, d4T and ddI can still benefit from protease inhibitor therapy in future treatment combinations," continued Dr. Raffi.

All anti-HIV drugs have side effects, however the long-term side effects, diabetes, abnormal fat distribution, high cholesterol and triglyceride levels, that have recently been reported by more and more patients taking protease inhibitors, have only rarely been seen in patients taking NNRTI's and nucleoside analogues. According to Dr. Raffi, the study regimen is generally well tolerated and requires only a few pills taken twice daily. Viramune requires only two pills per day, the lowest daily intake of any NNRTI.

Viramune has been available since August 1996 and has been used in more than 50,000 patients. Viramune is indicated for use in combination with other anti-retroviral agents for the treatment of HIV-1 infection. This indication is based on analysis of changes in surrogate end-points. At present, there are no results from controlled clinical trials evaluating the effect of Viramune in combination with other anti-retroviral agents on the clinical progression of HIV-1 infection, such as the incidence of opportunistic infections or survival.

Viramune is generally well tolerated. The most commonly reported adverse events associated with Viramune are rash, fever, nausea, headache and abnormal liver function tests. Severe and life-threatening skin reactions and hepatotoxicity, including fatal cases of each, have occurred in patients treated with Viramune.

Miami Posed For Another G/L Rights Battle

MIAMI, FL (MH) — The Miami-Dade County Commission has agreed to reintroduce a Gay civil rights measure banning discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians in housing, employment, finance and public accommodation.

It is virtually identical to the one voted down by the commission sixteen months ago.

Miami-Dade Commissioner Katy Sorenson said she agreed to reintroduce the measure at the commission's Oct. 6 meeting. "The Gay community is confident they have the votes, and I am willing to go forward with it," Sorenson said.

The reintroduction of the ordinance has been anticipated for months, according to the newspaper, and is expected to once again galvanize legions of Gay rights supporters and conservative opponents in a bitter county-wide debate.

The organization behind the measure, SAVE Dade, will need the support of seven of 13 commissioners to secure its passage. The commission voted 7-5 to kill a similar proposal in June 1997 after the Dade Christian Coalition packed commission chambers with hundreds of opponents.

The leaders of SAVE — Safeguarding American Values for Everyone — have been working quietly since then to build support for the law and believe they now have the seven votes necessary to win. The linchpin in the strategy appears to be Commissioner Dorrin Rolle, who replaced former "no" voter James Burke. Rolle declined to tell reporters which way he would vote on the measure.

Gay civil rights supporters said

they expect conservatives to launch a petition drive to repeal the ordinance if it is passed and that they are prepared to meet such a challenge if it comes to that. "We have been planning for the referendum for eight months," said Jorge Mursuli, the chairman of SAVE Dade. He estimated his group will need about \$1 million to wage an effective campaign.

Mursuli said support in the county is strong for the Gay rights measure. "Depending on how the question is asked, it varies anywhere from 54 percent to 91 percent," he said. "What we know is people overwhelmingly feel discrimination is wrong and that people should be treated fairly. That is really what this whole thing is about."

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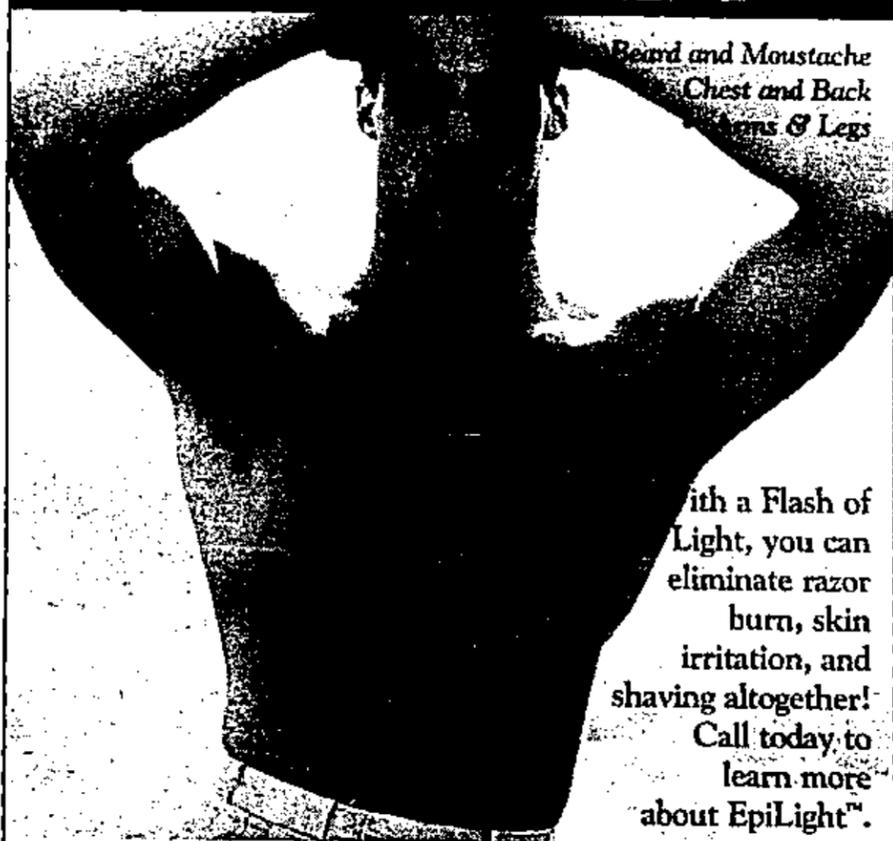
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Tucson Lesbian/Gay Film Fest '98

TUCSON — The Film Festival committee is very proud of the variety of films that will be screened during this year's celluloid celebration, October 22-25.

With this year's theme "Diversity in the Desert," the selection team has gone to great lengths in procuring works that exhibit the rich tapestry of our lifestyles and community.

From the sensitive and steamy story of two women who dare to open themselves up for love in this year's Lesbian film festival favorite, "Out of Season," to



Sean Tataryn and Christopher Bradley star in the no-holds-barred - erotic and engrossing "Leather Jacket Love Story" at the 4th Annual Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, Friday, Oct. 23.



The fabulous "Lypsinka" is one of many Diva's showcased in the film documentary "Dragtime". The "Drag-a-rama" program also includes the sinful and sassy short films, "Avant Toi" and "Get That Girl" at the 4th Annual Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, Saturday, Oct. 24.

the raucous and raw feature, "Dragtime." This tale of "wicked-women" and "glittered glory" was documented by HBO Special Productions and features the best in the art of "Female Illusion" to "downright dirty-ole drag queens." The kind who know how to make you "rock" and put on a hell of a show. "Dragtime" features heartfelt, back-stage stories and incredible on stage performances of the likes of: Lady Bunny, Lypsinka, Joey Arias and Charles Pierce (you'll never be able to forget Ms. Varla Jean Merman).

"We tried to cover all the bases" stated Joe Saracco, Film Fest Co-Chair. "Being able to screen a film like the feature 'Lillies,' which is so beautifully filmed and acted that it will mesmerize film goers of both gender, to the short Lesbian claymation 'gem' on gender 'Adam' is a real kick."

There is a free film program of six shorts directed to our college and high school people, Saturday, October 24, 4:00 P.M., titled "Coming Out: Q-Youth Xperience" including the short feature "Shoulda-Coulda-Woulda" which takes us back in our past knowing what we know now. The "Queer Chaps" program Sunday, October 25, celebrates the Gay western lifestyle. There are two humorous, heartwarming documentary/films scheduled for this program: "Horse Dreams in BBQ Country" and "Unsung Cowboy."

This year we also celebrate Lesbian short film works. These film and video pieces will be presented in the program, titled, "Women's Briefs: Stories that Bind." This program exhibits an eclectic gamut of work which includes "Mommie Queerest" by Tucson film-maker, Beverly Seckinger, and the short feature "Molt," which was produced locally by the IMP Workshops at the University of Arizona.

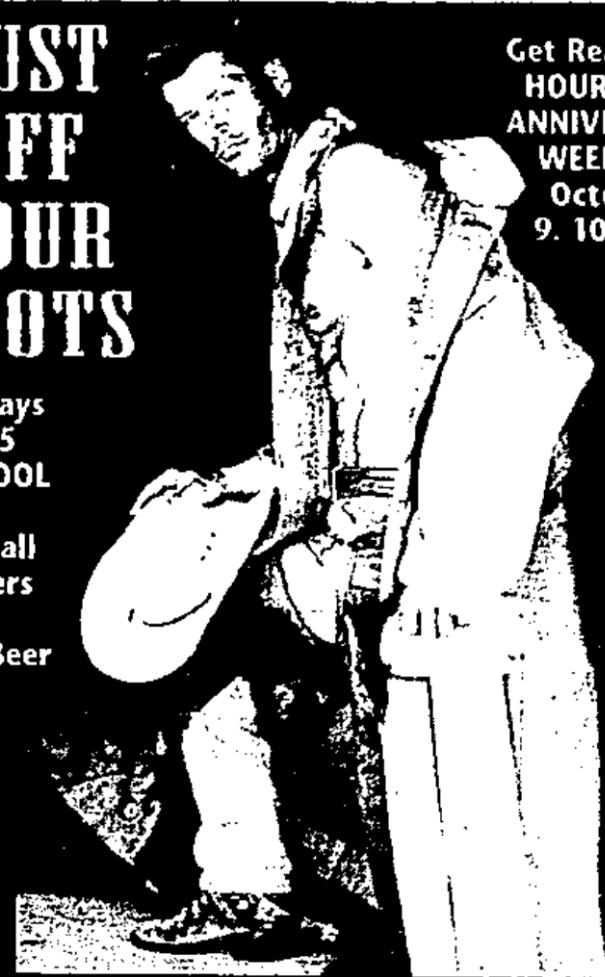
The Man-oh-Man program features "Leather Jacket Love Story," which has been reviewed as "a rarity . . . and erotic Gay movie with an engrossing and emotionally involving story," by New York Pride Magazine, is sure to swing the film goer to another end of the spectrum. This sexually erotic mature film will be screened twice on Saturday, October 24, 10:00 P.M. and midnight at The Screening Room.

In addition to presenting queer cinema, we are proud in showcasing young Gay and Lesbian film makers from all over North America. Cinema students of the nations forty-top film schools were invited to submit works that dealt with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered experiences. We have also researched and included "audience favorites" from many of the major queer film festivals.

Tickets for the Opening Night Gala, which features the Festival Fiesta reception, musical entertainment by Take V of Reville Gay Men's Chorus and the feature film, "We're Funny That Way . . ." will be \$10 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. Also, there is an admittance to Opening Night with a "Producer's Pass," which is a one-time, \$25 donation, allowing a chance to view all the films and fest programs. The pass and opening night tickets will be on sale (cash, check or charge) every Saturday in October (October 3, 10 and 17), 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. at the Rainbow Planet Coffehouse side patio as well as the Wingspan tent at OUToberFEST '98 picnic, Saturday, October 17. General admission tickets for each film/program is \$5 and can be purchased at the Rainbow Planet Coffehouse and Antigone Bookstore any day after October 1.

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HOROSCOPES
BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

Remarkable things are in store for those who proudly welcome in the month of October. (After all, it is National Coming Out month.) Venus, Mercury and the Sun all traipse through sociable Libra into intense Scorpio. Come out, come out, wherever you are; Compromise ain't in the cards, kids.

ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 20
Even fiercely independently Gay Rams need a little TLC in October when gracious Venus, flirtatious Mercury and affirming Sun work their way through Libra into Scorpio. Personal connections are paramount, especially before October 13, so spoil your partner silly. Unleash your cloistered ghouls after October 24; they need some airing Out and so do you, friend.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 - MAY 21
If they say that an army travels on it's stomach, they must be talking about an army of proud Bulls. Early in October, especially before October 13, kind Venus, contemplative Mercury and the inspiring Sun turn your attention to diet and fitness. Put your shoulder to the wheel. All good efforts pay off after October 24 when you feel in shipshape for romance. Hello sailor!

GEMINI
MAY 22 - JUNE 21
Queer Twins rouse their Gay muse in early October. Venus, Mercury and the Sun all hover in artistic Libra through October 25, so use this time not only to expand your creative abilities but also to have a darn good time. After the 13th, however, your mind turns to more pragmatic projects; the urge to push a few paperclips at work becomes overwhelming. This too shall pass.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 23
Pink Crabs are content to park in their shells in early October when Venus, Mercury and the Sun lounge in sociable Libra and lead friends, firmly and assorted other skags to your front door. Play Suzy Homemaker until October 13 and then toss off your fuzzy pink slippers and get Out and party hearty. Seek out and enjoy a Halloween ball... or two.

LEO
JULY 24 - AUGUST 23
Send out a rainbow missive in early October. Regal Gay Lions are inspired by Venus, Mercury and the Sun in charming Libra to tell the immediate world what they think. Vocalize before October 13, cousin; after that, your mind wanders to personal and family issues. It's time to take off your mask for Mom and Dad. The disguise fools no one.

VIRGO
AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23
Queer Virgins should keep their eye on the bottom line in early October when Venus, Mercury and the Sun turn the screws on finances. You are tempted to buy happiness and fulfillment but everybody knows that money can only buy lurid and tawdry times. (Sounds good to me...) Here's wishing you more tricks than treats for Halloween.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23
Charming Venus, expressive Mercury and exuberant Sun are in your sign in October. Gay Libras have much to be proud of so display your rainbow colors before October 13. After that, your mind wanders to mercenary pursuits. Seek a well endowed advisor.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22
Volunteering for a great Gay cause produces great Gay results in early October. Everything shifts after National Coming Out Day. Your attention turns to new thrills and chills. Avoid the spills, however, by planning out all possible scenarios.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22
Celebrate Coming Out day by joining friends in social activities. Proud Archers rule the group dynamic, but grab the crown before October 13. After that, you yearn for more altruistic pursuits. There's more to life than the perfect martini.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20
Corporate Gay Caps can do no wrong professionally. Don your pinstripes before October 13. After that you would rather focus your attention on affirming pals rather than discouraging politicians.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19
Aquarians are feeling expansive thanks to Sun, Mercury and Venus that highlight global enterprises. Test the winds before October 13. After that, you have an opportunity to blow in the ear of a particular someone who can make things happen.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20
Pisces are tickled pink this National Coming Out month as the Sun, Mercury and Venus stoke your passionate fires. Serve up your spidey desires before October 13. After that, Mercury takes flight and you'll yearn to explore parts unknown.

For entertainment purposes only. For best results, read both your Sun sign and Ascendant. For a free calculation of your ascendant, send birth date, time, place, name of this publication and SASE to: LICHTENSTEIN, P.O.B. 1726, Old Chelsea Station, NY, 10011.

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Viewpoint

By Damiano Iocovozzi

Combatting Homophobia

There is a certain Nazi logic to the invective of several politicians and some religious political extremist groups in the United States. Each group is using homophobia, fear and ignorance to curry favor with voters for upcoming local and national elections. There are disturbing parallels in this logic which brings to mind the Third Reich's use of the Jew to electrify, excite and unite a nation. For the Third Reich to work, there needed to be an "Other," an outsider, a minority that was feared and loathed for illogical reasons.

To that "Other" could be heaped the blame for all the ills that transpired in a society that lost a world war and was mired in the depression. That "Other" was exploited by the creators of the Third Reich. Somehow if the "Other" was purged from the society, harmony and economic well-being would return to the nation which would once again return to the righteous path. This Nazi logic led to intolerance and discrimination so terrible that Jews were eventually stripped of their citizenship, their property, homes and lives, all accomplished using existing German laws. Nazi logic employed a propaganda machine to drive acts of violence committed by a whole nation. Without statehood, property, a home and friends, the Jews sank to levels of the non-human to the true believers. Since they were no longer classified as human, they were ripe for extermination.

The Gay and Lesbian have become the new "Other" for many politicians and some religious extremists. Although the language is English, the setting the United States, the Nazi logic is the same. For these groups, the Gay or Lesbian is somehow less than the heterosexual or the god-fearing. He is a kleptomaniac, diseased, godless, a child molester or worse. He will infect your children with Gayness or MDS, is unfit to serve his country and someone who will

surely pervert the American way of life and bring God's wrath down on every state from the heavens. He is evil; he is the "Other," the reason why society is degenerating and why marriage needs defending. If we deprive him of his rights, take away his livelihood and cast him out, all will be well with the world and with God.

Often, the creation of the "Other" needs covert and overt approval by people in high places, people terrified of change and loss of control. Approval of hatred is often dressed in religious symbols and texts to make credible absurd and dangerous notions of supremacy and self-righteousness. Although the messages may appear to be glazed with Christian compassion and concern, their subtexts reveal messages of intense intolerance and bigotry. Those giving approval are as guilty as the actual brown shirts who commit verbal and physical violence on the Gay community. It is our Kristallnacht.

Soulforce is founded on Jesus' words: "Love your enemies." Gandhi defines that love as refusing violent actions, violent words, even violent thoughts against our adversaries. King said love must control fist, tongue, and heart. To win the minds and hearts of the nation, our community must take the moral high ground. We must learn to out-love those who caricature and condemn us. We should consider giving up our angry chants and nasty gestures, our mean-spirited banners and inflammatory T-shirts, our belligerent marches and fiery speeches. These are acts of violence and meeting untruth with violence only escalates the war.

I know the men and women behind these ads - Pat Robertson, James Dobson, Gary Bauer, James Kennedy, Beverly LaHaye. Whatever their motives, they truly believe that we are sick, sinful, and a threat to the nation, that we can and should be "cured." They have not taken seriously the scientific, historic, and biblical research that demonstrates clearly that God created us and loves us exactly as we are. It is our job to help them discover this new truth.

Just decades ago, many of our current adversaries were misusing the Bible to support segregation. The folks behind these anti-homosexual ads are as ignorant about homosexuals as Governor Wallace and Sheriff "Bull" Connor were ignorant about African-Americans. King didn't yell back at his enemies. He didn't call them bigots or liars. He didn't waste time hating them or plotting their destruction. Dr. King demonstrated the truth about African-Americans by his loving response to the untruth. We must demonstrate the truth about homosexuals by the way we respond to the war of words being waged against us. We must not hate or fear those who misunderstand us. We must lovingly liberate them from the untruth that holds them hostage.

Third, when untruth threatens, we respond with truth in love relentlessly.

We will not confront the untruth effectively until we have responded with relentless determination. For too long it's been a war of words. They launch their missiles. We counterstrike. They take out

ads. We respond with ads of our own or we hold a rally, a demonstration, a benefit, or a one day march; then thinking we have advanced the cause, we all go out to party. Soulforce calls us to a far more difficult and demanding task.

First, we make a list of their dangerous and deadly untruths. Second, we do our homework, preparing our answers to each untruth with carefully researched truth. Third, we accept their offer of "a new national discussion of homosexuality" and ask them to join us at the table in a mutual search for truth. Fourth, if they refuse to join us at the table; or if, when there, they refuse to negotiate seriously an end to their anti-homosexual campaign, we take direct nonviolent actions that will convince them (and the nation) of our sincerity and compel them to join us at the table.

Look at the fifteen organizations listed at the bottom of these anti-homosexual ads. These are the nation's primary sources of misinformation, not just about homofolk but about other minorities, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the separation of church and state. We must surround these organizations with truth in love relentlessly, not just for our sake but for the future of this nation. One day protests will not do it. Ad campaigns will fail. No one cares if our one day marches are bigger than their marches. In South Africa and India, Gandhi led his people in relentless direct actions to demonstrate their sincerity and to win friends to their cause. Refusing to give up until their truth prevailed, King's "children" faced water hoses, police dogs, beatings, jail terms, and lynchings. Our time has come. We are second class citizens in our own country. Our freedom is at stake. Our lives are on the line. It is time for a new strategy of relentless nonviolent resistance.

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POLITICS 1998

By MARK R. KERR

'Dangling Participles? That's Not All That Will Be Left Dangling!'

Bill Clinton's videotaped appearance, before the "Kenny Starr Follies" was released to the media and the masses by Rep. Hank "41 is youthful?" Hyde and his GOP House Judiciary cohorts. So? It didn't doom the prez, his poll numbers went up six points while Congress' went down nine. Uh-oh! What's next? The doctored, copied, edited, er Tripped-tapes by Linda Tapes by Linda are brought to you by Radio Shack, "Where secretly recording conversations without the consent of the other person is a no-no, and they'll tell you!" ...

In another part of Monica D.C., being ignored by the media, a bill of concern has been introduced in Congress. If Rep. Tom Coburn, R-OK, gets his way with H.R. 4431, being tested for HIV anywhere in the U.S. will be hazardous to your health. Rep. Coburn has reintroduced the "HIV Prevention Act," in H.R. 4431, mandating the names of people with HIV and testing positive are reported to the state and that their partners be notified of their HIV status. Eck!

The HIV Prevention Act, which will get hearings soon before the House Commerce Committee, is bad public health policy, destroying our most basic privacy rights. If H.R. 4431 becomes law, it would discourage individuals from seeking diagnosis and early treatment for HIV and AIDS. Call Rep. Jim Kolbe's office, (520) 881-3588 and Rep. Ed Pastor's office, (520) 624-9986 and urge them to vote against H.R. 4431. ...

A battle, not seen since the Civil War, took place between the radical religious right and Gay and Lesbian rights advocates in front of Senate Majority Leader, Trent Lott's, R-MS, Jackson, Mississippi office. So did Trent get his coiffe mussed? Call José Ebert quick! This past Tuesday in a Monica D.C. press conference, Lott declared that bad conduct could be grounds for impeachment. You tell them Martha Stewart! Why didn't you follow that though 24 years ago during the Nixon impeachment hearings when you were on the House Judiciary Committee? Talk about an evasive memory! ...

It's Crapaign '98, can you name the costliest race for Congress? If you said California's 46th Congressional District, starring our heroine, Democrat Loretta Sanchez versus the rabidly anti-Gay Republican, "B-1" Bob Dorman, pass go and avoid Dorman mailings, stating Loretta gets "her support from the abortion industry, big labor and the homosexual rights extremists." "B-1's" back and is he pissed!

"B-1" is going full tilt, according to financial reports filed with the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) and the Center for Responsive Politics (CRP), spending \$2,098,908, while only raising \$2,045,447. Won't be able to play final jeopardy! Loretta, on the other hand, has spent only \$1,302,325, while raising \$2,371,101. ...

Poor John McCain! The bungling, breeder press, dared question Johnny's presidential, er 1998 Senatorial reelection war chest, totaling \$3,293,249 (FEC and CRP again!). His campaign manager said it is a "defense" against attacks? From whom? Big tobacco. They've dumped a trillion dollars in commercials, bad mouthing our carpetbagger, which didn't work. Perhaps from Ed Ranger, the sacrificial lamb, er Democratic nominee who will lose

really badly? Please, Ranger Ed has raised only \$336,370 so far. So, from whom or for when then? ...

Arizona's Democratic Party, much to the surprise of many, sent out a vote-at-home application to voters try to get them to the polls and actually vote. What a concept! The dinosaurs, er Democrats spent some moolah on this snazzy item, even coming up with the catchy slogan, "Visionary Leadership for the Next Century." With prospects in November looking real bad, who will the Democrats be leading? One case to show the impending political storm!

As first reported in this column, no candidates had filed petitions to run for the State House from Legislative District 3, (Registered Democrats outnumber Republicans by four to one), which encompasses the Navajo nation in northern Arizona. The primary took place and the Democrats have lost a seat already. Why? Of the write-in candidates who scrambled for the two posts, which were held by the donkeys, only one donkey and two elephants made it to the general election.

The Democrats face problems in several other legislative districts come November. Come January, when the Grand Inquisition goes into session, there could be more Democrats in the State Senate, consisting of thirty members than the State House, which has sixty members. Yikes!

"Jane is life! Jane is good! Jane is everything!" The quote could describe the Arizona gubernatorial contest in Crapaign '98. With her approval rating in the four digits, Republican Governor, Jane Hull this past week: picked up the nods of the Arizona Education Association and the 1994 Democratic gubernatorial loser, Eddie Basha. Heck, Eddie even did some television commercials with her, blathering praise for Jane as she looked at him with that look only Leonardo DiCaprio gets down pat. Where's my remote?!

The severely popular governor sent out a fund-raising letter for U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-CD-5, entitled "From the Desk of Governor Jane Dee Hull." In this letter, Hull states the following, "I hope you will consider helping my friend Jim show Tom Volgy that Congressmen in Arizona cannot be bought by big money special interest..." Excuse me?

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Kolbe's raised \$458,172 to Volgy's \$133,452. Of these totals, for Kolbe: \$198,200 or 43% of moneys raised came from PAC's. Volgy is not accepting any PAC money, and \$128,283 or 96.1% has come from individuals. Volgy lent his campaign \$5,169.

So who is being bought? ...

Tom McGovern, the Republican candidate for Arizona Attorney General is living up to his promise of a clean campaign after his mud fight for the GOP nod with the loser, John Kaites. McGovern's not showing up to scheduled debates with his opponent, Democrat Janet Napolitano, as he blew off recently for one in Tucson, citing it wasn't on his schedule. Daytimer, what daytimer? ...

So it goes for now kids!

KNOW WHEN TO SAY WHEN.

'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' Upheld In Court Hearing

WASHINGTON, DC (WS) — The Second Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the administration's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" policy, effectively giving the Department of Defense carte blanche to strip Lesbian and Gay service members of basic constitutional rights, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

"This ruling says that the military is exempt from the rules the rest of society has to follow," said HRC Political Director Winnie Stachelberg. "We should all be troubled when Americans who are honorably serving their country are persecuted by the very government they are trying to protect."

In upholding the case entitled *Able vs. U.S.*, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals joined three other appellate courts, in the 4th, 8th and 9th Circuits, that have upheld the current policy on Gays in the military. There are no other cases challenging "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" pending before district or appellate courts.

The decision overturned a lower court decision by Judge Eugene Nickerson who ruled on July 2, 1997, that the military's policy creates "special rules" that treat Gay service members differently than heterosexual service members for saying and doing the same things in violation of the constitutional guarantee of equal protection under the law.

The court refused to apply the *Romer vs. Evans* decision to the armed services, arguing that the armed services'

"special functions" justify discriminatory treatment against Lesbian and Gay service members. In *Romer*, the Supreme Court stated unequivocally that Gay and Lesbian people could not be singled out for unequal treatment. The *Romer* case overturned Colorado's Amendment 2, a ballot measure that would have denied localities the ability to enact ordinances that barred anti-Gay discrimination.

"The court's decision is in error and fundamentally flawed because there is no military exception to the U.S. Constitution and our Bill of Rights," said Tony Varona, HRC's chief counsel. The six service members who brought the challenge to may ask the entire 2nd Circuit to hear an appeal of the case or they may petition the U.S. Supreme Court to review the decision. The case was brought on behalf of the service members by Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund and the American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, both in New York.

In a report released earlier this year, the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network documented that "commanders continue to ask, pursue and harass" service members in direct violation of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue." In April, the Pentagon released statistics showing that it had discharged 997 Gays in 1997, a 67 percent increase since the implementation of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" and the highest number of discharges since 1989. SLDN reported that the cost of firing Gays in the military last year exceeded \$29 million.

The decision came on the heels of a survey released Sept. 4, 1998, indicating a significant drop in "strong opposition" to Gay men and Lesbians in the military by soldiers. The survey, conducted by Professor Charles Moskos of Northwestern University, the author of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue," and Laura Miller of University of California at Los Angeles, found that the number of Army men strongly opposed to the presence of Gay men and lesbians in the military has dropped from 67 percent in 1992 to 36 percent in 1998. Army women's opposition has also dropped significantly from 31 percent in 1992 to 16 percent in 1998, according to the study.

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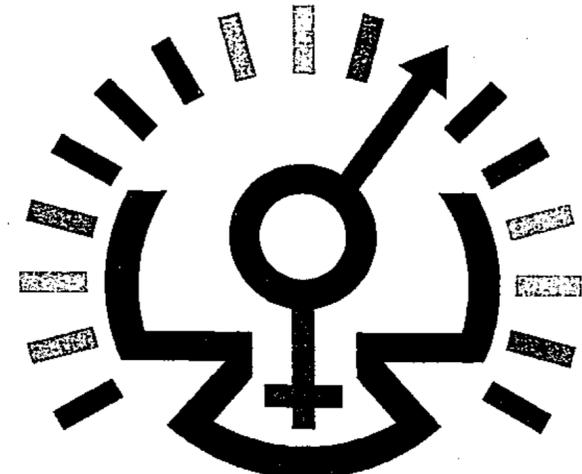
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No toco ver el show que ofreció Fuerza Latina con sus nuevos integrantes y la aparición de Karla I y de los otros participantes en el pasado evento de Miss Gay Hispanidad '98 y de verdad es mucho el cariño y el apoyo que le demostraron los asistentes, esperamos que así sea durante todo este año y que las actividades que planca Karla I cuente con el mencionado apoyo...

Columna Abierta. by Dr. Eleazar Garcia

La siguiente noticia la considero de mucha importancia para los mexicanos que tenemos familia en México: En 1943 fue creado por decreto de ley el Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social (IMSS). A través del los años y aportando no solamente cuidado de salud al trabajador y su familia, sino también prevención, protección, compensación y pensiones de retiro, el IMSS se ha convertido en la institución médica independiente que cubre al mayor número de mexicanos: 40 millones, o sea, cerca del 50% de la población. El IMSS se ha consolidado con las administraciones contemporáneas y sus nuevos conceptos, en la estructura médico-social más grande del continente americano y posiblemente del mundo. El IMSS adoptó en los últimos años el programa "IMSS Solidaridad", que ha promovido con instituciones oficiales y privadas para contribuir a programas en beneficio de grupos marginados. De esa manera, el IMSS extiende ahora sus servicios médicos primarios, educación para la salud y de mejoramiento de condiciones de vida y programas de inmunización a zonas campesinas e indígenas.

servicios a los mexicanos que viven en los Estados Unidos, el IMSS abrió tres oficinas en las ciudades con las comunidades mexicanas más populosas: Los Angeles, CA, Huston y Chicago. De esta manera, el IMSS ofrece seguro médico por un precio muy módico al mexicano en Estados Unidos para cubrir a su familia en México. Con el apoyo y dirección del cónsul general de México en Huston, Manuel Pérez Cárdenas, fue fundado "IMSS Amigos" con una membresía inicial en Estados Unidos de cerca de 150, entre instituciones de enseñanza y hospitalarias, médicos, directores de clínicas, enfermeras, administradores y abogados en el campo de la salud.

IMSS cuenta con 2500 clínicas y hospitales para atención médica de primero y segundo nivel y 11 de nivel terciario distribuidos en el territorio mexicano. Actualmente hay cerca de un millón de estadounidenses que residen en México, lo cual representa la concentración más grande fuera de Estados Unidos. Eso crea nuevas oportunidades para instituciones y profesionales de la salud en ambos lados de la frontera.

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Por hoy es todo, le esperamos la próxima semana, D. M.

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Desert Vision

by Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D

Living from the awareness of life's spiritual connections doesn't just happen. Left to our own, we may have a spiritual experience at one time in our life or a moment of insight at another. These occasional spiritual moments are not the same as living a spiritual life. They don't make us spiritual people. Like any other aspect of life, if we want to grow and develop, an on-going routine is necessary.

For instance, if you want a firm, muscular body, you need to do certain things: exercise regularly; follow a healthy diet; avoid alcohol, cigarettes, and other recreational drugs; and stick to the program. Unless you work out at least three times a week, maintains a healthy diet, and avoids certain things that hurt the body, you won't have a healthy, firm, muscular body. Working out once one week, skipping the next week, exercising four times the following week, and eating pizza, french fries, and gourmet ice cream daily will not make a person physically healthy, firm, and muscular.

In a similar way, to grow spiritually, to really live in the awareness of life's spiritual connections, it is necessary to maintain a regular spiritual program. Maintaining this program is often called walking a spiritual path or following a tradition. Walking a spiritual path requires dedication and commitment. It means that a person puts one foot in front of another day after day and keeps walking. The truth is that spiritual growth is more work than most people are willing to do. Just as it takes two or three months of working out regular at a gym to begin to notice real, physical change in our bodies, so it takes time walking a spiritual path to grow. Like working out in a gym, if you stop and return to a life of void of exercise, that firm muscle quickly turns to flab.

Today, many people are interested in spirituality and spiritual growth. Few people actually dedicate themselves to walking a spiritual path. Instead, most people prefer to a cafeteria-style, buffet approach to spiritual growth. They try a little Buddhist meditation, then read a book by a New Age writer, maybe attend a seminar on chakra's and healing, and return to the church of their youth for holidays. The spiritual buffet glutton will seek out many and diverse experiences for a spiritual "high" like attending an American Indian sweat lodge one week, visiting a New Age channeler the next, and then

consult an African Shaman or Santarea priest for spiritual counsel. After a few years, these people have had more spiritual experiences than one can imagine and know about lots of spiritual things. But they are no further along the path to spiritual growth than they were before they started. In fact, many of these people are often worse off because after all these experiences, they have become confused and skeptical because their lives are really still the same as they were when they started.

I believe that a spiritual path is like a well or cistern that drills deep through the soil and rock of human experience. Each well eventually leads to a vast flowing underground river of spiritual life. The only way to really be refreshed in this river of spiritual life is to plunge the depths of the well. Unfortunately, most people prefer to take a taste from one well after another and never really immerse themselves deeply enough to be fully refreshed.

Fundamentally, I don't believe that one path is better or "more right" than another. In fact, I have deep respect for the richness of the great spiritual paths of human history. At the same time, the images, metaphors and disciplines are usually not interchangeable. In other words, the rope from the Buddhist well may not be the right length to reach the water when lowered through the maze of wonders found in the Jewish Kabbalah.

I do not know of one great spiritual teacher who is able to walk two paths at the same time. However, there are those who, while standing firmly in the context of their own tradition, can savor and appreciate the wisdom of another tradition. Christian writer like Thomas explored Buddhism in this way while the Dali Lama reflected on the Christian gospel in the book, *The Good Heart*. None of these spiritual teachers denied the power of their own path. Instead, with feet firmly planted along they path they were walking, they appreciated and savored the truth found elsewhere.

In the end, the leading a spiritual life is up to each of us. If we want our lives to be transformed by the spiritual dimension of life, then we must walk and stick to the path.

The Rev. Louis F. Kavar, Ph.D., is a counselor and spiritual director in private practice in Tucson.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Over the weekend, I got up on our roof to help replace our cooler pump.

To really appreciate that statement you need to know a little about me. Several years ago, my spouse and I owned a mobile home. One hot, summer day, we decided to re-coat the roof with kool-coat. My spouse went up the ladder first, then turned to help me up. I was stuck on the ladder! I could go up and I couldn't go down! My acrophobia had totally taken over my being and I really couldn't move! I can't tell you how I finally made it down, little by little. I'm sure, but after that incident, whenever a repair was needed on the roof, my spouse did it or we called a friend to help. There was never any question that I'd be the one to go back up that ladder!

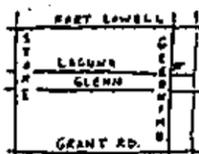
Then my spouse began having back problems! We sold the mobile home and moved into a rental, so there was no

need for either of us to climb up on the roof. However, the house we rented had some bushes situated quite close to the front of the house, and the day came when it was necessary to trim them. Although my spouse's back was much better, she was still unable to go up the ladder and use the electric hedge trimmers, and our finances wouldn't allow us to pay someone to do the job. That left me!

This time, however, I decided to do things a little differently than when I'd "frozen" on the ladder some years before! I decided to pray. There's a verse in Scripture that says, "I can do everything through him (Jesus) who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13) This was a very familiar verse to me, I even had a T-shirt with that verse printed on it, so I decided to see if it would really work. I can't tell you exactly what I prayed, something like, "Dear Jesus, you know how afraid I am to get on this ladder.

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Please help me, give me strength like you promised in your word you would do." And then I started up the ladder. And guess what? I didn't freeze, I was able to do the trimming that needed to be done.

Ever since then I have no longer had a fear of heights! This doesn't mean that I take foolish chances when I have to get up on a ladder. I always pray, "Jesus, help me" because he doesn't promise to protect us if we do foolish things. But I know that he keeps his word to those who trust him.

I don't know what you're facing that's difficult for you. Perhaps it's the loss of a spouse. Or maybe it's a job interview. It might be coming out to your parents or friends. Whatever difficulty it is, Jesus can give you the strength to get through it. When he becomes your savior, he also

becomes your strength. Call on him today for the strength you need.

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Poppin Fresh	5.0	3.0	.625
Three Way	5.0	3.0	.625
Erratica III	5.0	3.0	.625
Pretty Balls	5.0	3.0	.625
Just Throw It!	4.0	4.0	.500
Looney Toones	4.0	4.0	.500
Tres Amigos	4.0	4.0	.500
Eat At Ed's	3.0	5.0	.375
Low Ballers	3.0	5.0	.375
Curious George	2.0	6.0	.250
Ooops!	2.0	6.0	.250
Helen	1.0	7.0	.125

Damn It II	1.0	7.0	.125
Eighteen	0.0	4.0	.000

High Average - Sixteen, 506; Dick B., 191; Fran K. and Heather H., 153.

High Game Scratch - Heather H., 175; David E., 243; Poppin Fresh, 577.

High Series Scratch - Dick B., 628; Sixteen, 1602; Heather H., 490.

High Game Handicap - Poppin Fresh, 697; David E., 277; Heather H., 225

High Series Handicap - Joe L., 731; Heather H., 640; Poppin Fresh, 1931.

Desert Coyotes Looking For Bowlers

TUCSON (ON) — Looking for something to do on Wednesday nights? Like to meet new people, make new friends or perhaps your next love? Try the Desert Coyotes bowling league.

Tucson's Gay and Lesbian league bowls every Wednesday, 9:00 P.M., at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 West Miracle Mile. The league has some open spots on team rosters.

Skill is not a prerequisite to join the Desert Coyotes league. Only having fun is the only requirement. Teams on the league consists of three persons, bowling three games, costing \$10 a week, plus a one time sanction fee.

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The Maple Manors federally-subsidized housing complex had attempted to evict HIV+ George Walters. On Walters' behalf, his care giver, Clayton Rawhouser, sued the Elm Creek Housing Authority which runs the complex, claiming discrimination. Rawhouser alleged that housing board manager Marilyn Grunotrad had told both men that they were "AIDS infested" and that she "didn't want Elm Creek or Maple Manor contaminated with AIDS." ...

A 1990 campus police intervention as University of Massachusetts students organized a protest was a violation of their free speech rights, a state appeals court ruled unanimously.

University officials had claimed

they were trying to prevent the crime of disruption of a religious event, when on June 15, 1990 they cleared a building where members of ACT UP/Boston and other Gay and Lesbian and pro-choice activists had gathered to plan a protest against an upcoming ordination ceremony by Cardinal Bernard Law. Even those who had nothing to do with the meeting were booted from the building.

The court found that the University must change what is still essentially the same policy on non-student access to its buildings because of "The likelihood that [the University] will again violate a citizen's rights," and the decision noted that, "Access to a public forum cannot easily be denied to groups who meet for the communication of ideas."

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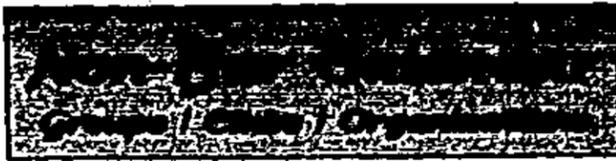
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

Bears of the Old Pueblo planning meeting for La Fiesta De Las Ocas 1998 7:30 p.m. Please call the Bears InfoLine 327-1620 for location and further information.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for our monthly potluck as we sit down to eat with some of the nicest Gay guys in town (like you!). You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the men who come to our monthly gathering. This month we're having the potluck at 6801 N. Oracle (Casas Adobes Congregational Church). Please call Jerry at 690-9565 for directions and any questions you may have.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 4-8 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. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1850.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing "Gay Metropolis". Even if you don't read the book, we encourage all book lovers to attend. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who want to refresh their bridge skills (or just have fun); table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 835-6468.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Bears of the Old Pueblo Monthly Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m. This is a Pot-Luck meeting followed by a social gathering. Please bring food and drink to share. Call the Bears InfoLine 327-1620 for location and further information.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a night of conversation as we discuss "Bringing Joy To Your Gay Life." What brings you joy? Do you have enough happiness in your life? These and other questions are bound to come up. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Cronies Social Club monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. at MCC Church, 3260 N. Mountain. Pot Luck All men are invited. Call Leo 624-6768 for more information.

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 8:00 a.m. Join the MSN guys for a Yard Sale! Stop by Ernie & Orn's house at 1250 E. Blackledge (corner of Blackledge & Mountain). Find anything from treasure to junk (hey! it may make the perfect tacky gift for someone). If you'd like to participate by selling something too, please call Ernie at 884-0375.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. MSN joins in celebrating Wingspan's 10th Anniversary. We've set aside at least two tables for MSN members and friends if you'd like to help celebrate. For any questions, please call Steve at 625-9828.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

1. 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. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1850.

2. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Dart hosts the 2nd Annual MSN Miniature Golf Tournament. The cost is only \$5.00 per person, and there's a 19th hole with desserts and prizes. For reservations and questions, please call Dan at 622-8112.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A fun evening devoted to British comedy series. Three episodes from your favorite series: "Absolutely Fabulous," "Fawlty Towers," and "Keeping Up Appearances." This event is on the east side of town. For directions and reservations, please call Loren at 733-0072.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Cronies Social Club Movie Night at Leo's. These movies are "classic oldies". The movie tonight is "The Untouchables" with Ray Milland and Gail Russell. Call for RSVP and directions 624-6768.

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for Dinner Out as we revisit the Mountain View Restaurant at 1220 E. Prince. Please phone in your reservation to Bill as soon as possible so we can notify the restaurant of the number of men attending. For directions and reservations, please contact Bill at 548-7538.

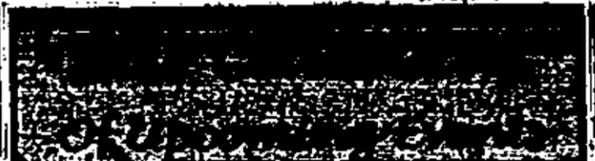
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly Pizza Party will take be held at Las & Jerry's home. 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 reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565. Please note: reservations should be made by Thursday, October 15 at noon so we can order the proper number of pizzas (but we do order a couple of extra pizzas just in case this isn't read until the day of the event).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

OUToberFEST '98 will take place at the Southwest Corner of Reid Park at 22nd Street and Country Club from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Pride Day in the Park. "Unity with Diversity" 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the southwest corner of Reid Park. 22nd and Country Club. Watch for posters and ads and come on out!

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 10:00 a.m. Join MSN in celebrating OUToberFest. We'll have a booth at the fest, and hope to see you! Stop by and visit to see what MSN is all about. For details, please call Jerry at 690-9565.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

MT'S - Then it's time for "The Girls Show" 9:00 p.m. hosted by Lucinda Holiday and featuring Aja Simone, Mr. Kenneth Blake, Adrienne Alexander with Sabrina Crawford and Terrey Steele.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

GRADUATE - Tucson Aces "B" Softball team benefit Bear Best and Chili Feast from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

MT'S - Karaoke 4:30 to 7:30. Finals of the "Sing-Off" who have been won in the past four weeks. Come on by and see who wins the grand prize \$100... Benefit Bar-B-Q and Beer Best from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Proceeds going to the Tucson Aces Softball Team. THEN... at 9:00 p.m. there's a special fundraiser for Mr. Kenneth Blake's Miss Gay America competition. Featured in this show will be Lucinda Holiday, Miss Kristin, Torrey Steele, Alexis Shardell, Raven, Adrienne Alexander, Varonica Lake, Sierra Steele.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Purple Team Car Wash from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Support for the Purple Team means a successful OUToberFEST on Oct. 17th! Get your car cleaned and enjoy the Festival!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

MT'S - 9:00 P.M. Tucson's hottest contest "Puttin' On The Lips" lip-sinc contest hosted by Victoria Du Pula and Felice Renard.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

HOURS - Promo Night with drink specials and great give-aways.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

HOURS - Food, music and dancing and old friends.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

HOURS - Sunday Football with 'Touchdown Shots' and country dancing beginning at 7:00 p.m.

MT'S - Big OUToberFEST Party is being planned. Watch for their ad.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - "Celebrate Diversity III" A Purple Team Benefit Show for OUToberFEST. A (massive) variety show showcasing the diverse talents of Tucson's Gay and Lesbian community. Showtime 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Miss Gay Latina Pageant 8:30 p.m. in the Stonewall. Mardi Gras videos from 9:00 to ??? in the Eagle.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Tommie & The Mariettes. 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Though it's not a bar-event, it is an event for everyone in the community. It's OUToberFEST '98 day at Reid Park. It's Pride Day "Unity With Diversity" 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the southwest corner of Reid Park (22nd Street and Country Club). Watch for posters and ads....

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Ms. JOEY's Birthday Show. Showtime 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join the men of MSN for another Sunday afternoon of bowling. The cost is \$6.00 for 3 games, and this includes your shoes. For details and reservations, please call Doug at 1/520-803-0715.

2. 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. For reservations and directions, please call Tom at 318-1850.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. The first of our cross-dressing films is "Mrs. Doubtfire" starring Robin Williams as a man who dresses up as a nanny to spend more time with his kids. For reservations and directions, please call Les at 890-8565.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Bridge night. Bridge for men who October want to refresh their bridge skills; table talk playing. For reservations and directions, please call Jim at 790-8735.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 1:00 p.m. Join the guys for a Lunch Out as we eat at the Sundance Cafe and Juice bar on 4th Avenue. For reservations and directions, please call Mark at 572-0583.

THURSDAY THRU SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22-25

4th Annual Tucson Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, providing a forum for new films to be shown to the Southern Arizona community, along with discussion, film background and guest speakers. The screenings will take place at the historic Rialto Theater, the Gallagher Theater (Lois) and the Screening Room. Call Wingspan for full program information, time & location.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Cronies Social Club mid-Month Dinner at CattleTown Steak House, 3141 E. Drexel. 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

1. Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A night is 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 are provided. For reservations and directions, please call Jerry at 690-9565.



sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Beer Best 9-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Latin Music 9-1. Shot specials all night.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 78¢ Schenpps 75¢. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1 pm. \$2 Bloody Marys & \$1.50 Servodrivers till 8pm. Country music & dancing.

MT'S - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon-3pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 Well. Small B-B-Q and Beer Best for community organizations 4:30-7:00pm. 10 energy dancing 8pm to close. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. \$1.75 pitchers 75¢ a glass. Pool Tourney 2pm w/Zipperman. Buffet for JAAF \$2 a plate. 3-77 Home changes. Karaoke Night 9-close hosted by Billy Dee. Stonewall opens at 9pm with hot dance music with DJ Ryanman

VENTURE-N - Open 10am. Patio open 3pm. Patio Beer Best 3-7pm 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee (pot matched) Bert Burgers served 5-7pm. Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 7pm.

monday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 9-Ball tournament 5pm, \$3 entry, pot matched. Monday Night Football - 3 screens. \$2.00 Coors Gold all night.

GRADUATE - Open 8am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50 Draft \$1.75 Domestic. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Closed Mondays.

MT'S - Open noon. Martini Monday all day all martinis \$2.50. Happy Hour noon-3pm, \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. 3pm to midnight, \$1.50/32oz pitchers. Extreme dance with DJ Michael 9pm-1am. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Party with Rob in the evening. Doc's Dart Tourney 8pm in the Eagle. Free pool all day.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 8am-noon.

tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7 pm. Free Pool 2-4pm. Pool Tournament 7:30 pot matched, \$1 longnecks for pool players. 78¢/80s dance music 9-1. Shot specials all night.

GRADUATE - Open 8am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50. Domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. \$1.50 well or domestic beer. Draft Beer Wile 8-close. \$2 small/34 large pitchers.

MT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8 pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. 9 pm to close \$1.75 well. Wear a Tank or T. Extreme Dance with DJ Michael 9pm to closing.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour till 8pm. Miller & Miller Lite \$1.75 Coors Gold \$2 after 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and longnecks 8am-noon.

wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free Pool 2-4. \$1.25 pitchers 8-midnight. Free swing dance lessons 8:30-9:30pm. Swing music 9:30-close.

GRADUATE - Open 8am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50. Domestic \$1.75. 9 Ball Single Elimination Pool Tourney. 7pm, Pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. Import Night \$2.25 8pm-1am

MT'S - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour Noon to 8pm, \$1.75 domestic beer & \$1.50 well. Mystery Night. \$1.75 Bud Product Special 8 pm to close. Dance with David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour till 8pm. Karaoke till 9 to close w/Billy Dee in the Eagle. Stonewall opens at 9:00 p.m. Bare Chest Nite (Sexy man only). Men wearing no shirt will get \$2 Bud & Bud Light (Stonewall side only). Dance w/Ryanman

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 8am-noon. Coors Gold \$2 and Coors 1840 \$2.25 Open to close.

thursday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 20oz well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8:30 pm to close. (New time)

GRADUATE - Open 8am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.50. Domestic \$1.75. 301 Dart Tournament 7:30pm. Double Elimination. Pot Matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well or domestic beer. 78¢ Schenpps 8pm to close. \$2 Coors shots and country/western dance at 8pm

MT'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 (pot check available). 10 energy dancing 8-close with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour till 8pm. Latin Dance Party w/Eduardo at the Stonewall which opens at 8pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am \$1.50 Well Drinks & Longnecks 8am-noon. Patio Bar open 8pm. Fosters Bubbies \$1.50 from 8pm-midnight. Day prices for men in leather 7pm to close. Pool Tournament 7pm-10. \$3 entry (Pot Matched). Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 8:30

friday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - Happy Hour 2-7. Free pool 2-4. 5:30 - 7 free food. Top 40 dance music 9-1 w/ DJ Bill.

GRADUATE - Open 8am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.50/ domestic \$1.75. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm \$1.50 well and domestic beer. Country Western Music and Dancing 8pm to 1am.

MT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour Noon-8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Live Jazz on the patio with the Dubois of York 6-9pm. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open 2pm. Happy Hour till 8pm. Free Buffet 8pm. If YOU wear a Stonewall/Eagle T-shirt YOU get happy hour prices all night. DJ Ryanman 9pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. \$1.50 Well drinks and Longnecks 8am-noon. Beaches served at 5pm. Patio Bar open 8pm. Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 8:30pm.

saturday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZNESS - 10 energy disco music from 8:30pm to 1am. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

GRADUATE - Open 8am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.50/domestic \$1.75. 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2pm. Double Eliminator, pot matched. Drink specials do not apply during special events.

HOURS - Open 1pm. Small Pitchers \$2 & FREE pool 2-5. Country Western Music all night.

MT'S - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.75 domestic beer and \$1.50 well. Patio Bar 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. All drink specials not available during special events.

STONEWALL/EAGLE - Open noon. Happy Hour till 8pm. Free Pool all day. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Hot comedy with Ryanman.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Patio Bar open at 3pm. Patio Beer Best with 50¢ draft 3-7pm. Tuff Stuff Tool Open at 2:30pm. Partnership Cricket Tournament 8:30pm \$3 entry (Pot Matched).

He who has a thing to sell and goes and whispers in a well, is not so apt to get the dollars as he who climbs a tree and hollers.

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NOTICES

ARIZONA AIDS POLICY ALLIANCE (AZAPA) seeks to educate legislators and citizens about sound AIDS policy.

GAY MORMON, EX-MORMON. New support and discussion group. For information call 528-4588

ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS. Individual or group support for Gay, Bisexual and Trans men who are victims/survivors in same-sex relationships.

BISEXUAL INFORMATION/SUPPORT GROUP for women and men. Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

GAY VOLLEYBALL ON SATURDAYS. Competitive play. 88 or better players only. Grass court Northwest corner Hixson Park 4:30 p.m. Check it out!

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month. It is a good way to meet other men of all ages, safely, and with the art of nurturing touch.

THE JOHN HANTEN 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, 1946 E. Lee St. at 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA). Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets on the second Tuesday at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th Street at 7pm. For more information call 622-3289.

LEARN TO BE A LISTENING FRIEND. Unique Hospital Volunteer Program teaches listening skills to Volunteers who provide a safe/compassionate environment to at-risk patients.

TINAM, a coalition of churches and synagogues committed to providing a compassionate response to the HIV crisis, provides HIV education in congregational settings, volunteer Care Teams to support HIV+ persons, a referral network of HIV-sensitive clergy, and interfaith services of healing and hope.

THIRTYsomething Society - an exclusive society for single Gay and Bi men in or near their thirties. A social society that offers monthly activities including a monthly outing away from Tucson.

LESBIAN/GAY/BI-SEXUAL OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Saturdays noon-1pm new location Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. Contact: 325-6676 or 327-4293.

ANONYMOUS HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING is available through the Pima County Health Department at sites throughout Tucson, Vary Gay Friendly. For more information or to make an appointment call 791-7878.

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 Ernie 721-2803 or Anna Maria at the Parish office 845-3573.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC GAY/LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP meets every 4th Monday at St. Odilia's Catholic Church, 7578 N. Paseo Del Norte in the Parish Hall Conference Room (Bldg. North of the Church) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Mary 297-9642 or St. Joan 742-8900.

SMART (Self Management And Recovery Training) a free non-12-step self-help alternative for people working to overcome addictive and other emotional problems meets in Tucson Monday thru Thursdays at 4 different locations.

AZdykes is a new email list for Lesbians living in Arizona. For information email tynd@river.com and request guidelines.

OUTLOUD! Tucson's premiere Local Lesbian and Gay Radio Show, broadcast each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:30pm on 91.3 FM, Community Radio KKCI. This show alternates with "This Way Out", a nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show.

THEATER/DINNER/ETC! Non-Smoking Lesbian Network meets every 3rd Sunday night of each month. If you'd like to meet women 35+ (flexible) and socialize in a smoke-free environment 833-3785 before 10:00 p.m. The group does out and attends shows or movies. Now in their 15th year! (1st in Tucson).

TRANSGENDER ISSUES: Southern Arizona Gender Alliance (SAGA) meets on first Mondays for informal discussion of transgender topics. Hosted by Dazart Boyz. For information call Gary at 628-8659 or send email to: meebjdyke@earthlink.net.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLES. Not a dating club. Discreet. Meetings every Monday evening. Call for more info. APEX (Arizona Power Exchange) 602-415-1123. 24-hr multi-choice message including information, calendar and location.

INNER WISDOM - Try hypnotherapy for pain relief, past life exploration and addiction release. Also available: Spiritual Counseling and Dream Interpretation. 579-9028

COCHISE COUNTY LESBIANS AND GAYS. P.O. Box 218, Bisbee, AZ 85603 / (520)432-5591. Rap Group, Youth Group, Social and Political Events.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR MEN IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS who have ever been physically, verbally or sexually abused, is now forming. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. at 578-8427 for more

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, Call the Bears Hotline (520)327-1629 or write P.O. Box 43818, Tucson, AZ 85733-3818, or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month. Location listed on our hotline.

LAMBDA CAR CLUB, a social organization of Gays and Lesbians who share interest, information and fellowship involving all cars and trucks. New Southern Arizona Region now in Tucson. Call the HOTline for info at 888-5541

LESBIAN AND GAY AL-ANON - Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. Elin 581-8850 or Renee 968-2364.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP - Outreach to Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. Meets monthly. Write to P.O. Box 893, Phoenix, AZ 85001 or call Eddy Walters, (602)371-1192

CRONES SOCIAL GROUP. A Social group for Gay men who enjoy the fellowship of their peers. Call Marie at 888-7264.

T-SQUARES Lesbian and Gay square dance club meets every Tuesday from 8:30-9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Greenway (near 1st Ave. and Laguna). Open to All. Call Liz at 325-8400 or Ray at 740-5247.

LIGHTNING LIGHTING will provide lighting for AIDS and related benefits at no charge. For more info call Arlene at 888-7288.

NOTICES

SOUTHERN ARIZONA AIDS FOUNDATION (SAAF), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 211 (The Broadmoor Building). Office Hours 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Direct services and emotional support for persons with and affected by HIV. Anonymous HIV testing and support groups available. Prevention education programs. 322-4228. AIDS Hotline: 328-AIDS. World wide web: http://www.saat.org. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Hixson Park Library (East side), and Souders at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 328-3555

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 575-8640 or write P.O. Box 58264, Tucson, AZ 85748-6264. All replies confidential.

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 300 E. 6th Street from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men and their admirers to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome mature men (and admirers) who wish to become involved with planned and future Prime Timers activities. Meetings, barbecues and dinners are held monthly. For dates, times and information call 584-8280, leave name and phone number.

TUCSON GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

For information on human service organizations, health and mental health services, financial and government assistance, emergency services such as food and shelter, education, etc. Call information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.

AIDS HOTLINE - 328-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Wednesdays 8:30 - 9:00 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitates. Call 745-8977 in Tucson for more information. Strictly confidential.

WINGSpan - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 300 E. 6th St., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 8:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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 Foodville Church, Sun and River Road, Room 45. Call the church at Davey at 886-1298 or Brian at 882-4726 for information.

LICHEN HUNG CLUB for women of all ages and backgrounds of life. Mix with other women. Listings in Rubyfruit Journal available at Andropo Books, 411 N. 4th Ave.

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX. For information and membership write: CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 300 E. 6th St. 624-1779.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL every Saturday 3 to 5 pm at St. Francis in The Foodville for anyone who likes to play and have a blast call Davey 886-1298 for more info.

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 323-8825 or write AGRATucson, P.O. Box 48894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5855. Leave message.

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

ATTENTION ALL NUDDISTS - Tucson Tamers is a social group open to all - Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Duty", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tamers, P.O. Box 84-G, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

MAHE MEN: Long-haired Gay male peepal network. Photo, 3 IRC's to join. Box 231, Station B, Ottawa, CANADA-K1P8C4

GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP of St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church meets first and third Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more information.

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Workshop at 7:00 p.m. third Wednesday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at Arctury Park Senior Center, 228 S. 6th Ave. Call 791-9862.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3681 N. Campbell Ave. #385, Tucson, AZ 85718.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3288 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 606-8646 for information and a newsletter. Check the Non-Bar Calendar in the Observer.

SOFTBALL - For info on the Tucson Greater Softball Association T.G.S.A., please contact: Mary 776-8978 or Bertie 318-3415.

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary care givers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 298-9863.

ARE YOU GAY OR BISEXUAL AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE? The Gay Young Men's Project is now looking for volunteers for the project. We need people who want to help create a positive social change for young Gay men as well as reduce the risk for HIV infection. For more information please call 322-6226.

"EVOLVER" a transgendered Support Group open to all T.V.'s, C.D.'s, Y.G.'s & T.S.'s. Dedicated to all our brothers and sisters. Offering our help and support in every way we can. Meetings held at Wingspan on 4th Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m. 624-1779.

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PERSONALS

MADE MALE MODELS. Do you need pics for Internet? For your boyfriend? Just for the hell of it? Amateur photographer seeks attractive young men to photograph. Male complex welcome. Call 634-3888. 742

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CYBER CRUISE - Meet Arizona Gay men and women as well as people all over the U.S. Gay owned. www.norv.com 742

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More hombres que thane sein con otros hombres y quienes ayudamos a entender y apoyar los programas para Los Latinos, Busca para una entrevista extralimitada confidencial al 322-6228 y prepárate por Ernesto. 746

If you are a Latino man who is having sex with other men and you want to help us to support and expand our programs for Latinos, call for a confidential interview at 322-6228 and ask for Ernie. 746

HOUSING/FOR RENT

YOUR OASIS IN THE DESERT! 1827 E. SILVER. Family owned, fabulous duplex. Rent includes landscaping and spa maintenance. 2bdr/1bath 1,098 sq. ft. - \$825.00 per month. 2bdr/2bath 725 sq. ft. - \$780.00 per month. Call CENTRA REALTY 842-0767. 748

VARIOUS CENTRAL TUCSON LOCATIONS. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments from \$325 - \$495. Clean, private, quiet. Many extras. Mention this Observer ad. 885-8922. 748

ROOMMATES

MALE TO SHARE 2br. 2ba condo Northwest side. Washer/Dryer. \$388/mo. Plus 1/2 utilities. 282-8217. 743

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Controversial Play

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and run their parcels through an X-ray machine.

The disturbance wasn't the last, either. A Pennsylvania group called The American TFP (Tradition, Family and Property) held a protest this weekend. Also, the Catholic League will stage its protest of Corpus Christi's opening night, October 13.

The protests may be intended to keep audiences away, but the reverse has occurred. According to a MTC spokesperson, the entire ten-week run of Corpus Christi has been sold out since September 21. There is currently no talk of extending the piece.

Methodist's Council

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"This decision extends language that hurts," said Dale Merkle, Bay City, the father of two homosexual children. "This church has a homophobia. All too often the majority shuns the minority and abides in ignorance," he said.

Those comments drew the ire of the Rev. John Grenfell Jr., a retired pastor, who said he has trouble dialoguing "with someone who thinks I'm ignorant. We have some honest differences and how we administer that is crucial. If we're going to have the pluralism we pride ourselves on, we better find ways to manage it."

The bishop pleaded with United Methodists to stay connected. "Do not be dismissive of what others have to say," he said. "Be in dialogue with others. Stay connected with the whole body. Value the tension. I want to be in a church like that."

The Rev. Jerry Toshalis of Trinity Church in Grand Rapids said the Judicial Council ruling raises a serious question. "I have not been asked yet to do a Gay wedding. On the surface, this decision seems clear: I am told what I can't do. That is not sufficient. I cannot, in good conscience, say (to a Gay couple), 'the church says no'."

The Rev. Tim Boal of Montague said he was troubled by the "lack of symmetry" in the decision: "I can bless somebody's iguana or their dog, but if I bless their love, I'm gone."

Making a plea for United Methodists to listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit was the Rev. Les Longden, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Lansing. "We need to put issues (like this one) on the table and discuss it. Consensus in the church, though, is not the same thing as consensus in the world. Consensus in the body of Christ is to not rush to judgment. We need to listen to the Spirit's guidance; it's something (the church) has that others don't."

Viewpoint

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Gandhi and King both began their civil rights campaigns by train their allies in nonviolence. Marchers signed vows that

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carefully proscribed behavior or they weren't allowed to march. Direct actions, once begun, were not ended until the goal was accomplished even if it meant imprisonment, suffering and death.

We must re-discover and apply their Soulforce rules. I don't know what will happen to us and to our allies when we take nonviolence seriously. Gandhi says "Just take the first step and the rest will follow." It is time to try. Thinking ourselves safe in our closets, we are sleeping through a revolution. The Soulforce guidelines are clear. Truth cannot prevail until those who hold that truth are willing to live and die for it.



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