

## State Trying To Take Away Rights Of Those Wanting To Be Tested For HIV

### H.B. 2085 To Be Heard By House Health Committee Today

by Mark Kerr  
Observer Political Reporter

TUCSON - The Republican dominated State Legislature is making their annual attempt to strip away the rights of those wishing to be tested for the HIV virus in Arizona.

H.B. 2085, introduced by State Representative Susan Gerard (R-Phoenix) would change to guidelines for obtaining consent for HIV testing from specific written consent with counseling to written consent/and or oral consent in certain cases.

The bill is also co-sponsored by State Senator Austin Turner (R-Sun City), who was the initial sponsor of last year's attempt to remove written consent. The bill's main supporter is the Arizona Medical Association (ARMA)

The bill, as of press time, will be heard today by the House Health Committee.

H.B. 2085 is written as follows [Proposed changes in bold]:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 36-663, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

36-663. **HIV related testing; restrictions; exceptions**

A. Except as otherwise specifically authorized or required by this state or by federal law, no person may order the performance of an HIV-related test within a hospital licensed pursuant to Chapter 4, Article 2 of this title without first receiving the specific written informed consent of the subject of the test who has capacity to consent or, if the subject lacks capacity to consent, of a person authorized pursuant to law to consent to health care for that person.

Before ordering the performance of an HIV related test as a part of a patient examination or consultation conducted outside a hospital licensed pursuant to Chapter 4, Article 2 of this title. A health care provider shall obtain specific oral or written informed consent of the subject of the test who has capacity to consent or, if the subject lacks capacity to consent, of a person authorized pursuant to law to consent to health care for that person.

Written consent shall be in a form as prescribed by the department except for entities complying with the form as prescribed by the department except for entities complying with the form prescribed

by section 20-448.01.

Oral consent shall be documented in the medical record of the subject of the test. If the test is performed on an anonymous basis the consent shall be oral.

For the purposes of this subsection, "health care provider" means a physician licensed pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 13, 17 or 29. A nurse practitioner certified pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 15 or a physician assistant certified pursuant to Title 32, Chapter 25.

B. In order to obtain specific oral or written informed consent the health care provider shall provide the patient with an explanation of the following:

1. The test including its purpose, the meaning of its results and the benefits of early diagnosis and medical intervention.

2. The nature of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and HIV-related illness and information about behaviors known to pose risks for transmitting the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

3. The confidentiality protections afforded HIV related information.

4. That an HIV related test is voluntary and can be performed anonymously at a public health agency.

5. That a positive test result must be reported to a public health agency as required by law.

6. That the consent for the test may be withdrawn at any time before drawing the sample for the test and that the withdrawal of consent may be given orally if the consent was given orally or shall be in writing if the consent was given in writing.

C. This section does not apply to the performance of an HIV related test:

1. By a health care provider or health facility in relation to the procuring, processing, distributing or use of a human body or a human body part, including organs, tissues, eyes, bones, arteries, blood, semen, milk or other body fluids, for use in medical research or therapy or for transplantation to other persons.

2. For the purpose of research if the testing is performed in a manner by which the identity of the test subject is not known and may not be retrieved by the researcher.

3. On a deceased person, if the test is conducted in order to determine the cause of death or for epidemiologic or public health purposes.

4. In the course of providing necessary emergency medical treatment to a patient who lacks capacity to consent to health care for that person can be identified on a timely basis if the testing is necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of the emergency condition. The attending physician shall document the existence of an emergency medical condition, the necessity of the HIV related testing to diagnose and treat the emergency condition and the patient's lack of capacity.

5. On a patient who lacks capacity to consent and for whom no person authorized pursuant to law to consent to health care for that person can be identified on a timely basis if the HIV related testing is directly related to and necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of the person's medical condition.

HIV related testing shall be performed under these circumstances only on written certification by the attending physician and a consulting physician that the HIV related testing is directly related to an necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of the patient's medical condition.

The bill's sponsor, State Rep. Susan Gerard (R-Phoenix), when reached for comment about the reasoning behind H.B. 2085 said, "The medical community, primarily (ARMA) states that the have been two primary problems: 1) Some Doctors don't even bother to offer the HIV test due to the paperwork. 2) People, ones being tested, will not sign the paper because they feel it violates their right to privacy."

She added, "The hope with the AIDS Omnibus bill setting up informed consent, was that the caregiver would counsel and inform the subject of the test. This has not been the case."

According to Gerard, "the bill keeps informed written consent at hospitals and blood banks." That oral consent must be documented. "It gives them another option. But the bill does not change confidentiality," she went on.

When asked about possible violations of privacy, Gerard answered, "There are no requirements for a lab to see a consent form or noted documentation. There is nothing to prevent them from taking blood and testing it for HIV if the patient has give an okay for standard tests

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## AIDS Now TOP Killer In Ages 25-44

WASHINGTON, D.C. - AIDS has become the leading cause of death among all Americans aged 25 to 44, new federal data show. The date was reported for the first time at a scientific meeting held in Washington.

AIDS surpassed unintentional injury, the government's category for accidents, which dropped to second place in this age group, said Dr. Harold W. Jaffe, a top AIDS official at the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. Cancer and heart disease were third and fourth, followed by homicides and suicides.

"AIDS was expected to rise to the top of the list eventually, but no one had predicted which year," Jaffe said in an interview at a meeting on human retroviruses and related infections.

The AIDS curve for deaths among Americans from 25 to 44 has risen steadily and steeply since the disease was first recognized in 1981.

"The dramatic rise is due to the accumulating toll from AIDS and is almost certain to continue because AIDS deaths reflect infections from HIV, the AIDS virus, that were acquired several years earlier," Jaffe said.

The tabulations were based on preliminary analysis of data for 1993, the latest year available, Jaffe said.

AIDS became the leading cause of death among men from 25 to 44 in 1992. It remains fourth among women, behind cancer, unintentional injuries and heart disease, but is expected to replace heart disease and to rise to second place for women in the next few years, Jaffe said. It surpassed homicide and suicide among women in 1992.

More than 440,000 cases of AIDS, including more than 6,000 among children, have been reported to the centers since the epidemic was first recognized.

More than 250,000 people have died from AIDS or AIDS related causes. About 75 percent of cases have been reported in the 25 to 44 age group.

AIDS is also the leading cause of death in men and women in 79 of 169 American cities with populations greater than 100,000 population. For women, AIDS is now the leading cause of death in 15 of the 135 largest cities.

They are Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport, Connecticut; Worcester, Mass.; Providence, R.I.; New York City and Yonkers, N.Y.; Elizabeth, Jersey City, Newark and Paterson, N.J.; Baltimore; Columbia, S.C.; and Miami and Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

# UPDATE

## TLGA Names New Officers

TUCSON - On December 27, 1994, the Executive Committee of the newly incorporated Tucson Lesbian & Gay Alliance voted to elect:

Theresa Barnabei as Vice President, Kenny Jacobs as Secretary and Tim Redmond as Treasurer. John Haase stays on as President.

## 'G Word' Seeks Volunteers

TUCSON - "The G Word", Tucson's own Gay and Lesbian television program seen on Tucson Cablevision needs volunteers to help with all aspects of production of the program.

From show planning, sets, television technology to other aspects of the show, "The G Word" needs help to produce a quality show for the community.

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## Tucson Volleyball League Anxious To Form

TUCSON - Several persons have recently expressed a strong desire to form a volleyball league once again now that the weather is turning to outdoor sports. The group will meet at the volleyball courts in the park located on the southeast corner of Speedway and Stone Ave. this coming Saturday, Feb. 4 at 1:00 p.m.

Any person interested in playing volleyball is welcome to show up to this first get together.

## New York Attorney General Removes Gays/Lesbians From Discrimination Protection

ALBANY, N.Y. - New York's attorney general, who ran against a Lesbian last year, has removed sexual orientation from a list of categories that merit protection from discrimination in his office.

Attorney General Dennis Vacco issued an order to his staff not to discriminate in hiring on the basis of age, race, creed, color, nationality, disability or marital status, spokesman Chris McKenna said.

But while Vacco's Democratic predecessors, G. Oliver Koppell and Robert Abrams added sexual orientation, Vacco took it out.

Vacco's order is identical to wording contained in state human rights law, McKenna said.

He said Vacco doesn't care whether his employees are Gay but wants to make sure his office's employment practices are consistent with state law.

Vacco, a Republican, defeated Democrat Karen Burnstein on November 8.

During the campaign, Vacco was criticized by Gay groups for not denouncing Staten Island Borough President Guy Molinari when he said a Lesbian shouldn't be Attorney General, and for reminding voters about Burnstein's sexual orientation.

## In Memoriam



PAUL FLORES  
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Friends of Paul were saddened to learn of his passing this past week. Paul had lived in Tucson for some time before he moved to San Francisco. He was a popular bartender at the French Quarter, Rumorz and Club 2520 while he was living in Tucson. Paul made many, many friends with his outgoing personality, appealing smile and marvelous sense of humor.

Paul died in his native Brooklyn, New York where services were held on January 31. He is survived by his mother Katie, and sisters Diane and Susan.

He will be sorely missed by Rick, Scott, Tim, Barb, Michelle, Bob, Gary and a multitude of friends he made during his stay here.

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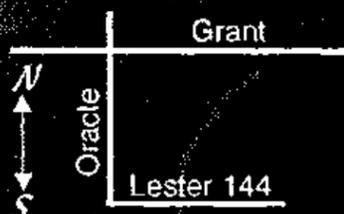
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# Dear Health Committee of Arizona State Legislature:

[This letter, by the Executive Director's of the Three Tucson ASO's was sent to the House Health Committee of the Arizona State Legislature in regards to H.B. 2085]

## HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE, AZ STATE LEGISLATURE:

We write to ask respectfully that you reject H.B. 2085 that would modify existing legislation, which requires written, informed consent for confidential HIV testing by physicians, nurses, and other health care providers.

Written, informed consent was a critical element of the AIDS Omnibus bill laboriously crafted by the Governor's Task force on AIDS, a group comprised of physicians, legislators, community based AIDS social service agency staff, people living with HIV/AIDS, and citizens representative of the diverse population of Arizona.

Informed written consent is no less critical today.

The decision to be tested for HIV should give one pause. Not everyone is ready to learn that she or he is HIV-infected. Whatever the outcome of the test, the fact of being tested becomes a matter of medical record and has implications for future insurability. (The fact that insurance companies can require and HIV test is a different matter, which should not confuse thinking about the question at hand.) Having to sign an authorization for an HIV test may prompt questions from the patient and answers from the provider that might not otherwise come up; thus, written consent may enhance education and prevention efforts.

State-monitored anonymous/alternative testing sites address the concerns that we have. Information offered to patients is consistent, careful decision making is encouraged, prevention/education is provided, and resources for follow up testing are enumerated.

No such quality assurance is feasible for confidential testing under either current or proposed legislation. If, as ARMA representative indicated to us at a meeting on January 27, 1995, written consent is a barrier to confidential testing for some patients, so be it; indeed, it is, from our point of view, a small safeguard, helping to preclude a hasty decision by the patient and a cursory testing information and HIV treatment or prevention session by the provider.

We acknowledge and are grateful for the many physicians, nurses, and other providers who partner with their patients in the matter of HIV testing, treatment, and prevention. We also acknowledge the small burden written consent places on them. We feel, however, that it is a less onerous one than patients of other providers will have to bear if the safeguard of written consent is removed. We hear too many horror stories as things stand.

It is important to note HB 2085 in a provider driven initiative, literally crafted by ARMA. Were it consumer driven or even consumer supported our position would be different. The citizens we represent, however, many of whom are living with HIV or are among so-called high risk groups, oppose HB 2085 and believe written consent is vital. The citizenry of Arizona generally have not, to our knowledge, been consulted at all.

H.B. 2085 seems to use have been generated for two reasons ARMA representatives explained to us: (1) because oral consent is more convenient for providers; and (2) because physicians perceive that some patients elect not to be tested, at least in their offices, when require to sign a consent form.

We believe firmly in the right of the patient to make decisions about his/her health care. We believe also that the provider and the patient must be partners in health care generally; such partnership is particularly important with regard to HIV prevention and treatment. Written consent encourages and documents such partnership.

Please let the current legislation, which was devised by a broad based group of stakeholders in the issue, stand. Please reject HB 2085.

Sincerely,  
Craig Bradford Snow  
Executive Director  
Tucson AIDS Project, Inc.

Anne Maley  
Executive Director  
Shanti Foundation

Jerome Beillard  
Executive Director  
People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson

[The Executive Directors of the three Tucson ASO's included a second letter to the community urging action. It goes as follows:]

TO THE COMMUNITY:  
Your community needs your help to reject HB 2085. Call the following representatives on the House Health Committee, toll free at 1-800-352-8404, ask for their office direct and urge them to vote to reject HB 2085.

The list is as follows:

Rep. Don Aldridge, Jorge Luis Garcia, Herschella Horton, Susan Gerard-Committee Chair, Russell Bowers, Jack Jackson, Lou-Ann Preble, Dan Schottel, Andy Nichols, David Farnsworth, Kathi Foster, Laura Knaperek, Jean McGrath and Jim Weirs.

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Dennis cares about things that few other people care about, and he cares passionately. During my recent trip to New York, Dennis became quite upset when he discovered that I disagree with him about numbers.

Specifically, he said that the highest possible number was 10 to the 80th power because that was the estimate number of particles in the universe and there was no point in having a bigger number. To have a bigger number would be like making up a name for something that doesn't exist, he said.

I personally have no trouble making up names for things that don't exist, and I said so. In tones of great disappointment, Dennis called me a Platonic idealist. (My sister later asked, "Does that mean you don't have sex with other idealists?")

Dennis and I have discussed the matter since my trip, and we discovered that he somewhat misunderstood me. I do indeed disagree with him, but I'm not, we're all relieved to hear, a Platonic idealist.

But now I know what one is. A Platonic idealist believes that ideas exist before things; for instance, a circle is inevitable because we can think of circles.

I wish I were a Platonic idealist, because then I could just believe in world peace and equality for Gay people, and those things would exist. I could believe that Dennis isn't dying.

When I was first working on this column in my head, I was going to begin with, "Dennis is dying, but he's not dead yet." I was going to focus on how attached he still is to life. I was going to mention the look that passed between my sister and me when Dennis said that he was going to wait for the video version of a movie, a daring decision for someone with so short a time to live. But then, almost overnight, something changed.

Dennis and I were discussing the effects that the extremely horrible treatment of Jews throughout history and blacks in the United States in the past 400 years might have had on these two groups. It was a conversation about nature versus nurture, about the stresses of environment and the hateful results of anti-Semitism and racism.

Only a few weeks earlier we had had a jolly time tearing to little bits the authors of *The Bell Curve*, that scurrilous piece of racist trash. But this time, Dennis said, "Well, you know, it's going to take hundreds of years to answer these questions, and I just don't have that much time." Well, he never did have hundreds of years, but now he notices it.

Dennis is dying.

I am so grateful that I chose to go to New York when I did. I wanted to see him while he was still vigorous enough for us to have some fun together, see some shows, go to some museums. Unfortunately, his chemo was rescheduled, and we managed only one show, no museums. We rarely left his apartment. But I did get to see him while he was fully Dennis. I did get to see him while he was willing to expend a day's worth of energy trouncing me and his lover Ruben in a vicious game of Risk. I did get to see him when he still cared enough about numbers to bitingly call me a Platonic idealist.

But now he's letting go. I'm glad for him. It's healthy for him to let go, to do his emotional dying work.

I just don't want to let him go.

I don't want to let anything go. I see this now, as I look at my own life compared with his. I'm intensely involved in my relationship and my friendships and my mishegos (insanity of life). I care that Newt Gingrich has power, that Clinton is a fuck up. I take it personally that Albert Finney denied the homosexuality of his character in *A Man of No Importance* on CNN and that *My So-Called Life* may go off the air. I care about life, about trivia, about important issues. I care desperately that Dennis is dying.

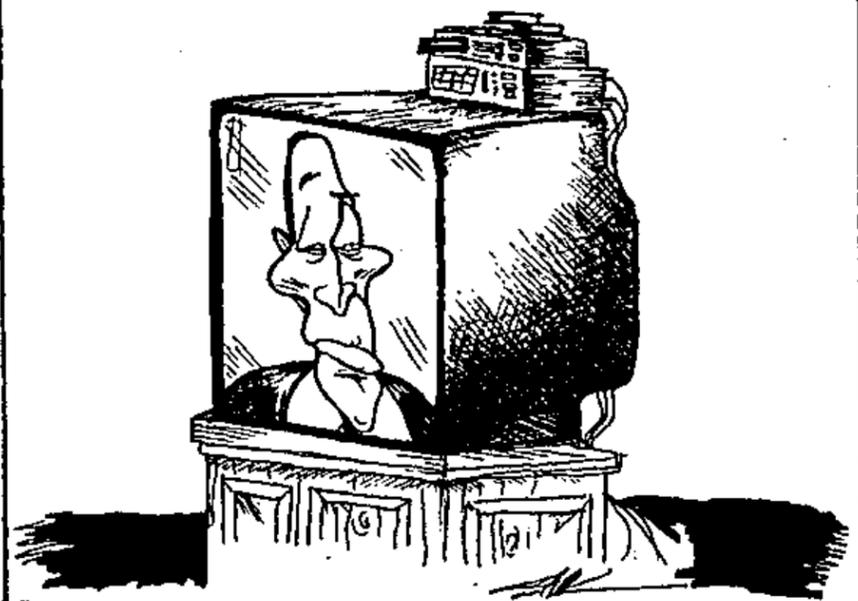
AIDS and cancer help people let go by taking so much from them. By the time my friend Manny had died, he was blind, semiparalyzed, and exhausted; death looked like a friend to him. Dennis has already lost his career, his energy, the ability to eat chocolate and to drink coffee, much of his sex life, his hair, and his concentration. He lives in terror of losing his mind. Eventually, death will be more inviting to him than life, as it was to Manny.

I hope the time comes that Dennis can "shuffle off this mortal coil" and embrace his death. But I never will.

### As I See It

by Clark

"O.J. TRIAL OF THE CENTURY OR JO"



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## From The **POOP SHEET** by Ace London

Well kiss ma grits and butter ma' huns. Have you checked out what's on the Boob Tube talk shows lately? I am now thoroughly convinced many of these dear folks, both straight and Gay, have missed their calling in life. They should have been regulars in the tent Freak Shows with the traveling Circus. What really tips my scale, however, is that so many of them are making asses of themselves in front of millions, and not being embarrassed at all about it.

What's even more astounding is that there are enough of a nation of Voyeurs-of-Asshole-Watchers to make the shows top-rated TV fare!! This certainly says something about the mental/emotional condition of our populace. Talk about the lunatic fringe of society! And my Lord! They could be one of OUR community up there, making a spectacle of themselves... probably thinking, "My, ain't I cute!" while the rest of us "normal" homos wonder how we're going to handle the "didn't I tell you that homos were freaks" fallout comments from an already biased and suspicious society. No wonder there are non-fundie-religious straights who are still homophobic. The brothers and sisters I've seen on some of these talk shows has put the fear of homos in me, too!

Speaking of homo freaks; When I was a youth growing up on a farm in the Midwest in the 50s, one of the joys I experienced was the feeling of freedom. This feeling became very important in my life, as it gave me the foundation seemingly for the understanding of freedom and what it feels like to be free.

So how did I encounter this "feel-

ing of freedom? Well, it may sound silly or stupid to you, but, as the old saying goes, 'when the cat's away, the mice will play'... well, when the folks and the hired help were away, I would go to one of the many tree-houses my brother and cousins had built around our farm, strip myself naked of my clothes, and frolic freely, leaping as a deer might in our meadows, pasture, and groves; swinging from our tree-house and hayloft on our "Tarzan ropes". How Incredible it was to "feel" the air, sunshine, and God's foliage embrace my entire body. What a playground for a budding young

That feeling of freedom, the feeling of being unfettered and free to be the unique entity I was born to be... I was that true animal that science called the homo sapien; I was man. My "difference" or "homosexuality" was also freed within me as I felt that freedom.

Over the ensuing years I've often wondered if I might ever feel that sense of freedom again, only now in my everyday, clothed life. That feeling of being able to be - - to be, simply me; that animal creation of my Creator, who was born to be all that I am in my reality of being a homo sapien who through no choice of my own is also a homosexual.

That feeling was captured again in my late teenage years when I experienced a life-to-death-to-life drowning accident AND it was also captured when I took my first step out of my closet; then for the next five years (yes, it took this 'dumb Swede that long to empty his closet, but don't knock me if you haven't tried it - it's a process, you know!) that feeling

grew stronger and stronger, with the culmination being THE letter I sent to all my relatives whom I cared about, who cared about me. Then, at age 38, I could once again frolic in the freedom of being nude before my Maker and the planet.

Oh yes, I realized that many human rights were not mine legally, but that

did not inhibit my freedom to be me in truth any longer. That only showed me I now had a responsibility to my God and Country labor toward that goal of human rights of equality for ALL. that someday it might become legal to be free and equal.

And that's the straight poop from the Poop sheet.

## Tucson Greater Softball Association

### Awareness Month

On January 30th at Hours, TGSA held their first informational meeting for the 1995 season. The TGSA Committee introduced the calendar of events for the entire season. Along with the new associate membership information,

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Also TGSA has named February as **SOFTBALL AWARENESS MONTH**. All participating sponsors and players will be involved in a TGSA promotion contest. The contest starts February 1st and ends February 26th. The sponsoring clubs/players will be judged in the following four categories:

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Any team raising more than \$500.00 will have their team fee waived. All money raised during the month of February will go towards supporting the 1995 season.

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# AIDS Memorial Quilt To Be Displayed At Phoenix Civic Plaza Feb. 17-19

PHOENIX, AZ - A display of 2,000 individual panels of The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, some with the names of Arizonans who lost their lives to the disease, will be the centerpiece of a statewide outreach, education and awareness effort next February.

The Quilt panels, roughly the size of two football fields, will be displayed at the Phoenix Civic Plaza, February 17-19, 1995 under the auspices of the Phoenix Host Committee. The entire Quilt currently consists of 27,472 individual three by six foot memorial panels, the equivalent of 11 football fields. The Quilt was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 1989 and 1990.

There will be no admission charge to the Phoenix display, although donations will be accepted.

An Arizona gubernatorial proclamation will declare February 13-17 as AIDS Education Week '95, and the Phoenix Host Committee has designated February 17 as Students Day.

Opening ceremonies will begin with the symbolic unfolding of the Quilt, accompanied by a quiet and solemn reading of names by volunteers, celebrities and community leaders.

The reading of names, a tradition that began with the first display of the Quilt in October 1987, will continue throughout the weekend. Names are read one after another in succession without embellishment until all are remembered.

Other opening day activities include an evening ecumenical candlelight walk from Hance Park to Phoenix Civic Plaza.

"The AIDS Memorial Quilt is a poignant symbol of the human tragedy of this disease," said Bob Lashua, co-chair of the Phoenix Host Committee. "Quilts are made by friends, families, and lovers of those who have died of AIDS and they illustrate the urgency of the epidemic."

Lashua said that more 2,400 Arizonans have died of complications from AIDS since record keeping began in the early 1980s, but he believes that the "unofficial" number in Arizona is much higher. Based on official numbers, approximately 250,000 Americans have died of the disease.

"The mission of The NAMES Projects' AIDS Memorial Quilt is straight forward and focused," Lashua said. "The goals of the display are to increase public awareness of the AIDS epidemic and HIV prevention, and to offer a means of ex-

pression for those grieving the death of a loved one. Not only does the display encourage support, it creates an opportunity to raise funds for programs and services for persons living with HIV and AIDS."

Today, there are 39 NAMES Project Chapters in the U.S. and 27 independent Quilt initiatives around the world. Since 1987, more than five million people have visited the Quilt in over 1,000 displays worldwide. More than \$1.4 million has been raised for AIDS service organizations throughout North America.

Donations generated in excess of the cost of bringing the AIDS Memorial Quilt to Arizona will be given to the Maricopa County Community AIDS Partnership (MCCAP) for distribution to organizations providing direct client services and education to Arizonans living with HIV and AIDS. The National Community AIDS Partnership will also donate \$1 for every \$2 contribution to MCCAP.

In addition, Arizona families and friends who have lost loved ones to AIDS will have the opportunity to create memorial panels for The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. Panelmaking workshops, or quilting bees, have been scheduled each month at 111 East Camelback Road.

# Critics, Supporters of Gay Studies Prepare For Battle

DES MOINES, IA - Opponents of a plan to teach Gay issues in public schools say it's wrong to discriminate against Gay men and Lesbians, but it's also wrong to force moral values on school children.

About 3,000 critics of the proposal by a Des Moines School District committee flocked to the First Federated Church to talk about ways to block the plan.

"Our organization does not hate homosexuals," said Bill Horn, a spokesman for The Report, a conservative Christian group that organized the meeting.

"We do not hate, we love, and we are full of compassion. But we will not tolerate something being forced on our children," Horn said.

Des Moines radio talk show host Jan Mickelson was more to the point.

"This is an in your face, Gay agenda seeking tax supported platforms to target your kids," he shouted.

The superintendent of the Des Moines school district, Iowa's largest, wants supporters and critics to realize that emotionally charged recommendation is still in the early planning stages.

"I think we need to slow the whole process down, to listen to people as we move forward," Superintendent Gary Wegenke said. "I don't believe we're backing away. I think we're simply saying 'time out' and biding time to bring people along with us."

Wegenke said he would like the School Board Advisory committee to take up the issue. The committee meets five times a year to examine curriculum, proposed instructional materials and the district's long range plans.

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# They Asked, She Told. . . . .

by Gina Bellafante

If Margarethe Cammermeyer were a heroine in a fictional TV movie of the week, critics might chide the writers for inventing a character so hyperbolically resolute. After all, how believable is a venerate female Army colonel who raises four fine sons, runs a seizure clinic, attains a doctorate in nursing at 49, and then makes a career of challenging the military's anti-Gay policy?

Cammermeyer, of course, is not the creation of a high minded television dramatist. She is very real, intensely ambitious Army nurse dismissed from the military in 1992 after revealing that she was a Lesbian. Serving in Silence, an upcoming TV movie, KVOA-TV Channel 4, Monday, February 6, 8:00 PM, based on Cammermeyer's book of the same name, is the fittingly earnest account of her coming out and her subsequent efforts to remain in the Army.



Ret. Col. Greta Cammermeyer

Produced by Barbra Streisand and Glenn Close, who stars as Cammermeyer, the story begins when the colonel meeting beret wearing Los Angeles artist Diane

Divelbess, played by an a typically serene Judy Davis. Cammermeyer, divorced, and is working on her Ph.D. and serving as chief nurse of the Washington State National Guard when Diane gently rocks her world and then sets it right.

The depiction of their relationship astonishingly devoid of stereotype, is the movie's greatest strength. The women interact in a manner that is tender and uncontrived, and neither is ever seen listening to Melissa Etheridge or reading Sisterhood is Global. Despite the women's differences, the viewer does not question their love. They offer each other a sense of peace, and the heroine seems to have, for the first time in her life, another's unflinching support.

Unfortunately, the portrayal of Cammermeyer the careerist is handled less deftly than the portrayal of Cammermeyer the awakened lover. What Serving in Silence fails to explore sufficiently is the origin of Cammermeyer's fierce drive and commitment to the military even after she is discharged. Cammermeyer, who is still fighting for her reinstatement, disclosed her sexual orientation during a top security clearance interview required before she could apply to the Army's War College. Close delivers lines like "I want to be a general" and "I'm going to change the regulations, Diane" with little or no emotion, and we never get a sense of the professional passion that surely fuels this woman's determination.

In general, Close conveys the unflappability of Cammermeyer at the expense of her spirit. Nonetheless, Cammermeyer's story provides enough inherent drama to make Serving in Silence far better than the typical TV movie of the week.

[This is a reprinted article from Time Magazine.]

## Very Feminine Boys Likely To Be Gay As Men, Study Says

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - Boys who persistently play with girls' dolls, dress like girls and display other stereotypically feminine traits will probably grow up to be Gay men, researchers say.

Playing with dolls does not cause homosexuality, but it's a possible early sign, said researcher J. Michael Bailey.

"If you have a very feminine boy, one so feminine that he's constantly wanting dress up as a girl and wants to be a girl, chances are he's going to be a Gay man," said Bailey, a psychologist at Northwestern University.

The likelihood is probably about 75 percent for these boys, who also generally prefer playing with girls and taking the female role in games like "house," he said.

For a very masculine girl, Bailey guessed the chance of becoming a Lesbian adult is perhaps 10 percent. He said that compares with a general chance for a girl of 1 percent or less, though others give higher estimates for the incidence of Lesbianism.

Bailey said he doubts parents can do anything to change a child's probability of becoming a homosexual adult.

Very feminine boys are probably rare, Bailey said. While they run the highest chance of becoming Gay men, less feminine boys can also have a higher chance than a masculine boy does, he said.

But that doesn't apply to a boy who "plays with female dolls every now and then, but who enjoys boys as playmates or who doesn't say he's unhappy about being a boy," said co-author Kenneth Zucker, a psychologist at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto.

Bailey and Zucker reported their findings in this month's issue of the journal Developmental Psychology. The report is a review of prior research.

Brain Gladue, a University of Cincinnati psychologist who has studied homosexuality since 1980, said very feminine behavior in boys is widely accepted as a strong sign the boys will probably become Gay men.

While the studies say very feminine boys are likely to become Gay men, most Gay men were probably not so extremely feminine as boys, she said.

The report reviewed two kinds of research. One kind begins with very feminine boys and studied them again in adulthood. Bailey said that this approach produced his 75 percent estimate, and that no such studies have been done for girls.

The other kind of research had adults recall their childhoods. The new analysis included 41 of these studies done in the United States, Canada and Australia. All but two were published after 1960.

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only. This violates the law but there is nothing to enforce this."

[The bill's co-sponsor, Sen. Austin Turner (R-Sun City) was unavailable for comment as of press time.]

Reaction from the AIDS Service Organizations has been mixed.

The Maricopa County Community AIDS Partnership (MCCAP) has come out in favor of H.B. 2085.

When reached for comment, MCCAP's Chief Legislative Lobbyist, Patti-Jo Angelini, said MCCAP is supporting H.B. 2085, "Because of the conservative climate in the State Legislature. This is the best way, in the view of MCCAP, to preserve the integrity of individual written consent."

Angelini added, "A lot of other who wanted to have the ability to perform HIV testing. ARMA and MCCAP kept them from this with this piece of legislation."

Locally, the AIDS Services Organizations are opposed to H.B. 2085.

Craig Snow, Executive Director of Tucson AIDS Project said, "Allowing oral, rather than written, consent for confidential HIV testing removes one of the basic protections of the original AIDS Omnibus Bill. If this bill passes, which it is likely to do, it becomes even more important that people seeking HIV testing use alternative, anonymous testing sites run by local health departments."

Jerome Beillard of People With

AIDS Coalition-Tucson said of H.B. 2085, "I do not understand the reasoning for changing the actual statute. This proposed change will only profit the ones pushing for the change and not the people whom need access to the testing."

David Hoover, Program Manager for AIDS Services for the Pima County Health Department said when reached for comment, "H.B. 2085 does not serve any public health good to get rid of informed consent." Hoover went on to add his support of the current system of written informed consent.

Anne Maley of Shanti Foundation of Tucson stated, "Each year I struggle to see the real benefit in HIV oral consent. This year I finally realize that there is no benefit to the people being tested, only to the doctors who want to know if their patients are HIV positive."

Maley went on, "Oral consent gives no consistency is ensuring that people are told what it means to be tested confidentially (vs anonymously). I've known too many people who have lost insurance and have been treated harshly because it is now in their medical records that they were tested. We need to ensure that people know what it means, having it in written format, signed by the patient ensures that they know and understand. Oral consent doesn't allow for this."

As mentioned earlier, the bill is being heard today by the House Health Committee and is expected to be approved by the GOP dominated committee. If so, the bill then moves on to the House Rules Committee. [Updates on this bill in future editions of The Observer.]

## House Majority Leader Describes 'Fag' Reference As Slip Of The Tongue

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - House Majority Leader Dick Arney apologized for referring to a homosexual colleague, Massachusetts Democrat Barney Frank, as "Barney Fag" during an interview. He said it was a slip of the tongue.

Frank said he did not believe the remark, which Arney made during a session with broadcast reporters, was intentional.

"But I could not accept that it was wholly accidental," Frank said after listening to a tape of the interview. "I just had to believe that it was somewhere in the back of his mind."

In a House floor speech later, Arney protested that the news media were creating a "firestorm" from what was an honest mistake. "This was nothing more than an unintentional mispronunciation of another person's name," he said.

After watching the speech in his office, Frank said. "I do appreciate in part what Dick Arney said...The fact that Dick Arney considered this to be a really negative accusation...is some sign of progress."

The incident set off a new round of counterattacks by Democrats, who have seized every available chance to criticize the House's new GOP leaders.

"Mr. Arney is too damn careless with his mouth," said Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., who called the comment part of a Republican "strategy of hatred and division."

The comment occurred when reporters asked about a book he is writing. Arney decided last year to give all proceeds to charity, which he said would avoid the kind of criticism House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., is facing over his book deal.

"I like peace and quiet," Arney said. "And I don't need to listen to Barney Fag (pause), Barney Frank, (emphasis on 'Frank') haranguing in my ear because I made a few bucks off a book I worked on. I just don't want to listen to it."

Later, he explained to reporters that "I had trouble with alliteration. I was stumbling, mumbling...Barney Frank is a friend of mine."

"I don't use the word in personal conversation. I would not use such an expression and I don't approve of anyone who does this."

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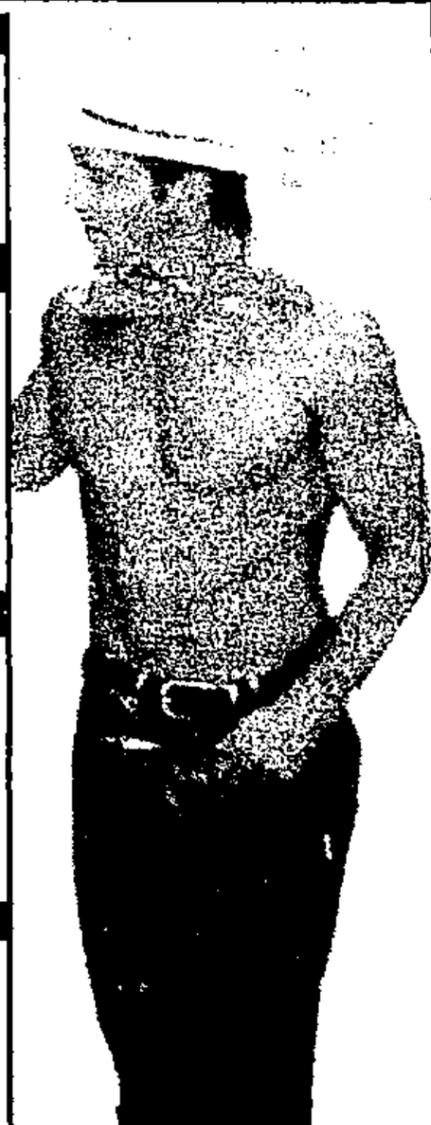
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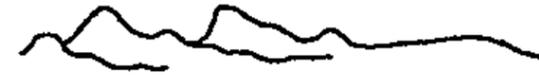
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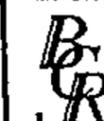
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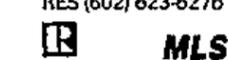
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# Conservatively Speaking

by Marvin Liebman

## Independently Speaking!

About fourteen months ago, I began writing a monthly column for Gay publications around the country. I called the column *Conservatively Speaking*. Why this title? I believed that my major credential in the Gay community was my autobiography *Coming Out Conservative*, and the fact that I was a mover and shaker in the American anti-communist/conservative community for many years before I came out at the age of sixty seven. There were many Gay men who could write a column, but there were not many Gay conservative men around, over seventy, who wanted to share their thoughts in the Gay press. I certainly had that spot covered with no competition.

Most of the publications printed my columns either regularly or sporadically. However, most of the publications never used *Conservatively Speaking* as the column header, but simply published what I had to say under my own name. I realized that the word "conservative" repeats most Lesbians and Gay men, as do such words as "Christian" and "Republican." Rightly or wrongly, these terms had become code words symbolizing bigotry, fear, and loathing of Gay men and Lesbians.

But, I am conservative, Republican, and Christian. God knows, I'm Gay, too. Isn't it possible to be all four, or have I become a living oxymoron? The answer eluded me for some time, but its now obvious: No, it is not possible, at least for me, not in today's world.

In my coming out letter to my friend, William F. Buckley, Jr., which was published in his *National Review* in July 1990, I aired a premonition that had been haunting me for a long time: "I feel that our cause might sink back into the ooze in which so much of it rested in pre-National Review days," I wrote to Buckley. "In that dark age, the American Right was heavily, perhaps dominantly, made up of bigots, anti-semites, anti-Catholics, the KKK, red-necks, Know Nothings, a sorry lot of public hucksters and religious medicine men. Now, times are changing. There is no longer the anti-communist cement to hold the edifice together. The great enterprise...is in danger of sinking back into an aggregate of bigotries."

Alas, my prediction has been realized. The words "conservative," "Christian," and "Republican," are being held hostage by the same forces that controlled the American Right before Buckley and his band of true believers (of which I was proud to be part) made American conservatism more mainstream and respectable. Of course, even now, there are still those among the Republicans ranks, like Senator Arlen Specter, who attempt to hold the fort against the barbarians. But, they are vastly outnumbered by the descendants of those from a half-century ago

who would drag the country back into the swamps of intolerance and division. Can the valiant defenders prevail? I don't believe they can, not in the foreseeable future.

Where does this leave me?

I can not associate myself with Rush Limbaugh and other new "conservative" leaders, nor with Pat Robertson and his "Christian" brigades, nor with Jesse Helms and his new "Republican" majority. The only identity of which I am absolutely certain is that I am a homosexual in a country which has little patience with us Gay folk.

Millions of American Gay men and Lesbians, perhaps a great majority of our would, be community, are in the closet, terrified of coming out and standing openly with their sisters and brothers against the forces that would see us obliterated. Make no mistake: The ultimate goal of our enemy is to make us disappear, either back to a closet that will make today's seem wide open by comparison, or dead. Hysterical? I don't think so.

Where does that leave me? Us? I can no longer accept such labels as conservative, Christian, or Republican, which draw much of their coherence from hostility towards people like me. No Gay or Lesbian American should any longer accept any of these labels, which have become mere code words for attacks on our collective dignity. We can accept no labels any longer. We must give out allegiance and support only to those individuals and groups who publicly stand with us against bigotry and fear of Gay Americans.

Forget the hand wringing over Congress and the federal government. We must focus on our own neighborhoods, our cities, and our states. This is where we will find allies, men and women who have seen our faces, who know who we are. Here we develop the coalitions and power bases who make elected officials, local, state, and national, sit up and take notice. Here, too, we must find and nurture new Gay leaders to replace the figureheads of our national Gay groups who have accomplished little and at great cost.

No longer can we give our votes, our contributions, and our efforts for the pursuit of vague promises. We mustn't sell the soul of our community for "tolerance." Although we desperately need allies from America's mainstream, we must be satisfied with only their full and open support for our cause against our enemies. Indeed, as we have done so often in the past, we will give them our unbridled aid for their steadfast support.

In the past, and sometimes to the consternation of my African-American

friends, I have compared the Gay rights movement to the Black civil rights movement of the sixties. I still believe that they are comparable, and we have much to learn from the history of this great quest, both from its setbacks and its victories. Now, however, I believe it even more urgent to draw a comparison between our community and the Jews and homosexuals of Europe in the 30's and 40's. Then, as now, the majority cried out that those who predicted death and misery were crazy, that such things as mass extermination could not happen, that hysteria was dangerous. Until the very last, until they choked on the lethal gas in the extermination "showers," they did not accept the fact that the Nazi state despised them to the point of eradicating them from the face of the Earth.

The Jews and homosexuals of Europe were victims. We are not. We must never be grateful for mere crumbs off the table at which we have no place. Neither must we let ourselves be shamed from claiming our identity as Gays, content instead to seek shelter under tents whose stakes are planted in the backs of our brothers and sister.

I can no longer call myself a "conservative," nor a "Christian," nor "Republican." I am a Gay American, and I will retain my independence from any other label. You may, from time to time, still come upon my thoughts in the Gay press. Henceforth, however, my column will be called *Independently Speaking*.

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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

**IBT'S** - 9:00 p.m., Helena Bubbles will be presenting and hosting "The Girlie Show" starring Miss Gay Phoenix, Celia Putty along with Felice Reynard, Tatiana Lanandova plus a surprise spotlight guest.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**GRADUATE** - Its time for the Grad's Pool Tournament of Champions beginning at 2:00 p.m. Check in time is 1:30. Be there for the fun time and watch the champs.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Back by popular demand - Carmela ConiMas with her latin, jazz and salsa. 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Advance tickets \$5 (\$7 at the door). Don't miss this excellent entertainer.

**IBT'S** - Deadline for IBT's Scholarship! Benefit Bar-B-Que on the patio. All proceeds go to P.A.C.T. enjoy DJ MIQ and his special retrogressive music 4-8 p.m.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

**IBT'S** - Direct from New York, a new all-male Revue and Strip Show. Mark your calendars.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Tonight it's live comedy at the Biz! Direct from New York City and Women's Week in Provincetown. Michelle Balan will have you in stitches with her wonderful brand of humor. 8:00 p.m. prompt. \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door and that's a bargain!

## TUESDAY, FEB. 14

**HOURS** - 8:00 p.m. till 777 It's a Valentine's Party and SHANTI Fundraiser. Get yourself a partner because there'll be a dance contest with \$25 cash prize. Not to mention raffles and an auction. Come in early and buy your heart for Shanti. Dance with your loved one or come meet one. Mixed music with your requests played by your favorite DJ, Eddy!! And if that's not enough, how about a lite buffet and champagne toast. All this for a \$1.00 donation at the door. Remember, all proceeds go to Shanti.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**HOURS** - 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. It's that time again. Take advantage of free and anonymous HIV testing provided by Pima County Health Department.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**HOURS** - It's Hoedown time with A.G.R.A. beginning at 2:00 p.m. There'll be dancing, entertainment, food and - yes - blackjack is back. Join in the fun all day and night. Look for more information to follow.

# Non-Bar

# CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

The Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bisexual men over 30) "Lucky \$7 Dinner Night" at Club 2520 catered by The House of Jerome at 6:00 p.m. Tax and gratuity included. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Tucson Chapter of Prime Timers International you are welcome to join. All please RSVP at 887-7493.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

This is the first day of the new date and time for God's Love In Action (GLIA) HIV+ meal. There is still a free lunch, but now it is dinner! GLIA's luncheon has been moved from Noon on Tuesdays to 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays beginning today. The dinner is for persons who are HIV+ and their guests. If you need more information or a ride, please call GLIA at 622-8860.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Wingspan's newest artshow opens with a reception today from 7 to 10 p.m. "Essays of Abstract Expressionism", paintings by Liz Vaughn will be on display at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. from Feb. 4 to March 1. Vaughn uses oil, acrylic and mixed mediums in her painting which reflect an early 20th century modern art style. Color and expressionism are Vaughn's focus. Call 624-1779 for hours to view this newest show.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

A workshop for men on building practical ways to increase intimacy in all relationships. An afternoon and evening of sharing the joys and pain of being a man in the 90s. Limited Registration. \$35 prepaid, \$40 at the door. For more info or registration, call Marc at 881-4582 or Eric 629-9280.

## FEBRUARY 8 - 25

"Movie Queens", the next One-In-Ten theatrical production is by Claudia Allen, the author of last season's runaway hit "Hannah Free". It's the story of two feuding legendary actresses who are reunited for a Broadway play, only to find that their personal history is the real stuff of great drama. To make reservations, or for more information call 770-9279.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

The Gay and Lesbian Hiking Club will hike Weaver's Needle Loop Trail in the Superstition Mountains (13 miles, 2,850 ft. elevation change). This is a moderate hike through an unusual desert area to a unique rock formation. Because of the long drive, the group will leave the carpool site at 6:00 a.m. Passengers should be prepared to pay their driver \$5 for gas. For information and/or reservations contact Les McAllan through pager number 446-3711. Be sure to enter your number (touch tone phones only) followed by the # sign.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

The 2nd Annual Michael Bennett Memorial walk will take place today beginning at noon. Watch for details later.

## FEBRUARY 17-18-19

The NAMES Project will display the AIDS Memorial Quilt in Phoenix at the Phoenix Civic Plaza. The Event Steering Committee needs volunteers. Panel making workshops are held in Phoenix the Third Wednesday and Second Saturday of each month through February 15th at 111 B. Camelback. Volunteers from Tucson are needed to help with set-up, quilt monitoring, sales, panel making, candle-lit vigil. Call Mary Higgins or Frank Gallego at the P.A.C.T. Office, 770-1710 to sign up.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

A Psychic fair and more! New age Expo/wholistic healing: Shiatu, chair massage, Reiki, crystals & herbs, color therapy and aura-photography. Half-hour readings include: Tarot, Astrology, numerology, palmistry - past, present, future. Lectures all day included in \$2 admission: UFOs, Silva Mind Development, Hypnotherapy & meditation, Developing your psychic ability and more refreshments. For info call Layla 327-2954. Fundraiser for the Tucson Astrologers Guild. Call after Feb. 1 for lecture schedule. For computer birth charts call Paul Reeder 884-4728.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Bob Peacock, from Spirit Trails Ministry, Liberty Church, Vancouver Canada, will minister at Cornerstone Fellowship from the Word and in song at 10:30 a.m. everyone is invited. Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 2602 N. Geranium. For more info call 622-4626.

Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bisexual men over 30) monthly meeting at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. from 4 to 6 p.m. Guest speakers will be Rob Ellis and Gary Clark. Join the group at Caruso's after the meeting.

# Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Beer Best 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Hors d'Oeuvres. Salsa Sausage! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 7 p.m.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon. Salsa Bar and Western Steak and Hamburger Fry 4-7 pm. Beginning Line dance lessons & Line Dance Jam 6-9, C/W Dancing 9-1. Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c  
**HOURS** - Bloody Marys and Serves \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.  
**IBT's** - Open 11 am to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Beach B-B-Q and Beer Best for community organizations 4-7. Ten Dance 4-8. Rock 'n Roll dancing later.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10 am until 8 pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Best. Beer Best 3-7, 50c Draft. Stonewall opens at 8pm.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Best 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

monday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 4-7, Reverse Happy Hour 9-1. DJ 9pm.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Moose and Bruce Melrose \$1.25 well and shot specials 8-1. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).  
**HOURS** - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7pm. Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c Draft Beer 7 to close.  
**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. Mellow Jazz Mondays with Pete from 9 to 3  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour in the Eagle 10am to 8pm with \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer. Out of Money Monday, \$1 Domestic Beer and Well 7 to 1. Stonewall opens at 8pm, Trash Disco site.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm

tuesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 4-7. Dart Tournament 7 pm.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Full menu diners served 4-8. Cheeseburger & fries \$1.99 at the bar. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. C/W dancing and Country/Salsa Music 8-1.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25, Draft 75c Schnapps 75c  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25, Schnapps 75c 7pm to close.  
**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tattoo Tuesday. \$1.25 well and domestic beer for those showing their tattoos. Prizes and surprises.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am to 8pm. Service Industry Night! Anyone working in a bar, restaurant, hair dresser, etc., receives any flavor of schnapps all site long. Stonewall opens at 8pm for dancing.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm

wednesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 4-7. Western Nite. Country Dance Lessons begin at 7 p.m. Schnapps Shots \$1.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Full menu diners served 4-8. Cheeseburger & fries \$1.99 at the bar. 50c off on everything from 8pm to close. Drink Specials all site. ID required. Line Dance Lessons 8 to 10 pm  
**CLUB CONGRESS** - Red Farrow's "Queer Extravaganza" here from 8 pm to 1 am, featuring caged dancers.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c off all rail drinks 7 to close. DJ Mixed Music Night! Request your favorite country, dance or disco.  
**IBT's** - Open Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.25 domestic beer & well. \$1.50 Red Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 8pm. Salsa Nite featuring Mexican Cumbia, banda y top 40's. Corona or Cerveza Cold \$1.50.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens 7pm. Beer Cheat Nite from 7pm. Happy Hour prices for "specially suited" ones.

thursday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 4-7. Beer Best 9 to midnight. \$1.25 pitchers.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. 99c Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Full menu diners served 4-8, cheeseburger & fries \$1.99 at the bar. Men's Nite - 50c draft beer and 20c Schnapps 9pm to 1am. 2-Step lessons 8 to 10 pm. Dart Tournery at 8, \$2 buy-in with bar matching the pot.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$2.00 9pm to 1am. Country/Western dancing 8 to 1.  
**IBT's** - Open noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - via a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer to those in their underwear.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Potz specials all night long. Stonewall opens 8pm. Hot sexy strippers.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens at 7pm. Leather Nite 8 to midnight. Special prices for men in leather. Pool Tournament 7pm, \$3 entry fee.

friday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Happy Hour 4-7. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres  
**CLUB 2520** - Open 3pm. Full menu diners being served 4-8, cheeseburger & fries \$1.99 at the bar. Extended 99c Happy Hour 3 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. C/W dance 8-1  
**IBT's** - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. GoGo dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Levee 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - Happy Hour 10am-7pm; Hot Hour 4'O'Clock 6pm. Stonewall opens 8pm. Hot sexy, hot times. In house specials.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio Bar opens 7pm.

saturday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS** - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot watched, winner take all.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open Noon. Full menu diners served 4-8, cheeseburger & fries \$1.99 at the bar. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8pm.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75c Schnapps 75c. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot watched.  
**HOURS** - Open Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pilsa Colada \$3. Country/Western Dancing 8-1.  
**IBT's** - Open 11 am to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. Patio Bar with Levee 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z. and Go Go dancers begin at 10pm.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE** - 10am to 7pm Protea Margarita Special: 50c glass, \$4 pitchers. Stonewall opens at 8pm. Hot sexy, hot times. In house specials.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6am to 1am. Patio bar opens at 7pm.



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# Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

by RY

AGRA State Board Elections were held this past Saturday during the annual AGRA Elections Banquet in Phoenix. Congratulations to the newly elected 1995 AGRA State Board Members:

Rodeo Events Director-Mark McCrory, Dance & Entertainment Director-Bill Travis, Fund Raising Director-Donnie Uttenbach, Public Relations Director-Clyde Mitter, Mobility & Logistics Director-Jeff Coon, Corresponding Secretary-Julia Wilson, Recording Secretary-Mike Butrymowicz, Vice President-George Kaminski.

There will be a run off election for the office of President between Dan Iversen and Bill Nugent during the next General Membership Meeting in Phoenix on February 12 at Charlie's.

The 1994 Member of the Year Award went to Greg Olsen. Congratulations and the best of luck to each of you during the coming year.

Congratulations are also in order for the 1994 AGRA State Board of Directors on a job well done. Your hard work and dedication was evident with the most successful Road Runner Regional Rodeo in history. Thanks for all you've done!

Don't forget that Valentines Day is just around the corner and AGRA is hosting it's first annual "Rodeo Romance", a Valentines theme dance on Saturday, February 11. The dance will take place at the Southwest Center for Music, 2175 N. 6th Avenue from 8 PM till 1 AM. Tickets are \$10 if bought in advance or can be purchased at the door for \$12. You can call 323-0805 for more information.

The AGRA-Tucson Chapter would like to thank Charlie's and the AGRA-Phoenix Members for the hospitality shown us during our recent visit to

Phoenix. A few of us decided to stay overnight in Phoenix and have a little fun (which included visits to Charlies, Harleys, & Trax to mention a few) before returning to the hotel and doing a little in-room entertaining with Gary's newly found friend Sean from Phoenix (these in-room socials are der gueur you know). Sunday checkout was upon us before we could say "give me a drink" so we headed over to Charlie's for brunch. Somehow, brunch turned lunch, which later turned into dinner, which eventually turned into COCKTAIL (what else new?)

What started out as a normal Sunday soon turned into a full rage show and party. Our reigning Miss AGRA-Adrienne Alexander, assisted by Ms. AGRA-Julia Wilson and Mr. AGRA Ron Henderson, did a wonderful performance of the all too familiar song, Jose Cuervo (liquor compliments of Charlie's, thanks L.J.) How could we pass it up, Tequila shots for a \$1. But that wasn't the only little show we had. Miss Gay Arizona-Tucson, Lucinda Holliday, who just happened to drop by at the right time, teamed up with AGRA's own Miss Holly Boo and did an impromptu (wig only) number to Does He Love You. Believe me folks, he wouldn't love either one of them if he saw them at this performance.

Let's not forget the show Tommy, a.k.a. R.T., provided for all those present. Honey, I've heard of using a sock to impress, but using a dish cloth, really! Those jeans had more holes than Clyde has had tricks!! (By the way Clyde, have you found anyone else's Rolex?)

As for Julia, all I can say is that I will never be able to eat another Oscar Myer without first thinking of you. You took the evening with your little "wiener" display. Our hats off to you. Our hats off to the entire bunch for making this a most memorable and enjoyable weekend.

## WHAT'S UP DOC???



I like to watch football games on TV. I like the Wildcats when they are playing in other months, other than 1 game in November. I do not like to watch run away games.

For the past few years, the Super Bowl game has been a farce. If this is a sample of how they may end up making a playoff for the colleges, and if the end results are the same, I for one will say we do not need it.

Over the last couple years, some of those (?-AFL) teams that have played in this game could of been beaten by Nebraska, Penn, and some of the others around. Hell, if they would play the game in October, even the Wildcats (who would show up) could beat them.

On the other more lighter side of the coin, I recently heard of a new name for the Graduate. Thinking back, I can remember nick names for all the different bars at one time or another. Remember the Denture N, just to mention one. Well, and this was passed on to me, the new name for the Graduate is "Jurassic Park".

Granted, some of the speed seen by a couple of the bartenders, does remind a person of a dinosaur, but some of those

customers also move a tad bit slow at time. I'll leave it up to each of you to identify the bartender with the species of the dinosaur.

And speaking also of the Graduate, a congratulation goes out to Neil C. and Little Jimmy, top winners to the second place play offs, in this past Saturday's pool tournament.

I can not believe it, here it is February already and I have not even finished my Christmas shopping, that is for 1990. You want to talk about slow, is that slow?

This is the year of the pig. I could run off on this one, thinking of a certain mascot for one of the clubs in Tucson, but one of it's members, was it triplets, would fill the bill.

This is also the month for LOVE, Valentines Day. Excuse me but I'm not into hugging a pig. Granted, over the years, you may be able to put some of those I've been with into that class, but I wouldn't say so at the time.

And, I bet each of you can think back over a bunch of full moons and

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This week marks the arrival of February and I immediately think of Valentine's Day. There are unenlightened souls who believe that valentines should only be red but why limit love? The world would be more at peace if we embraced a rainbow of colors for our hearts.

February offers new insights with the Sun in intuitive Pisces, but misdirected communication continues to occur with retrograde Mercury. We feel inwardly in tune, but are not expressing our feelings effectively. No matter; in the month of love, no words need be uttered.

## ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

You may feel strangely wise and perceptive in February. Allow yourself the necessary time and space to pull back from the world and meditate to seek the answers from deep within. Friends, however cannot be relied upon. They don't understand you and vice versa. No matter; you are more than able to forge your own way and don't need anyone to hold you back.

## TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Taureans give a royal wave as they hold court in social circles. The royal "we" must single and express our ideas and opinions but these delightful abilities and more appreciated among friends than in career. "We" must be careful of throwing pearls before corporate swine. If communications are misinterpreted, "we" will find ourselves losing in the Bull ring. Get the point?

## GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

There is the off chance that the opinions that your force on others may be heard and appreciated, by why take the heavy hand? Make your point far more convincing by speaking softly and sprinkling your words with a little sugar. Career advances can be made towards the end of the month as all you have been working towards begins to come into view.

## CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Don't rush into any investments now, no matter how tempting they may seem. Money is better spent on more universal projects such as a course of study which enables you to improve your credentials and do some good for us out there. Although this is the month of love, the path to true lust may not run smoothly. Be careful of how you express your more exuberant emotions so they are not misinterpreted.

## LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Is it possible that Leos seems even more overbearing than usual? It is best to avoid any interviews or "first encounters" and concentrate more on those who know what you are really like and love you anyway, warts and all. You don't mean to be obnoxious. It is best to avoid any interviews or "first encounters" and concentrate more on those who know what you are really like and love you anyway, warts and all. You don't mean to be obnoxious. It's just that you know you are fabulous and just want to inform everyone else. They don't call you proud for nothing!

## VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Relationships reach a new level of understanding if you are willing to take a more balanced view of the situation. (This may be music to Virgo's ears, but remember that it takes two to tango!) Plan job tasks carefully, you may waste too much time on unnecessary projects because of wayward subordinates. (It's a shame that the vassal system is out of fashion.)

# HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

## LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

Although most people consider you a little less organized than you should be, this month may surprise even your most ardent critics. Use this time to get your job and everyday tasks in order. Sadly my dear, it is not the time to relax and party. The planets will conspire to make any enjoyable pursuit too annoying to be tolerated and friends too overhearing to be tolerated. Better to work now and party later.

## SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Feel trapped? You may face an almost overwhelming temptation to do anything to escape the confines and the annoyances of your home. Just as well, Scorpios are sometimes too staid and anti-social. There is a balance though; if you need to let loose and have a little fun, do it calculatedly and conservatively. It is in bad taste to burst upon the scene in flames and expect a warmer reception.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

Use this time to relax at home and enjoy what you have built. Quiet, reflective time away from others may be just the thing right now as the planets make communication with others difficult or disruptive. Poor old Sagittarius may suffer from "foot in mouth disease" if not careful. Others know you don't mean it, but once a word is uttered, it is difficult to take it back.

## CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Don't be tempted to throw good money after bad based on a promise or two. This is not the time to invest or even listen to financial advice. It is a good time however, to put your money where your mouth is. Express your views grandly and publicly for the Gay community. Despite what others think, you offer sage wisdom and wise observation, if asked. I'm now asking.

## AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

First impressions are lasting impressions, so be careful of not properly preparing for an important meeting or interview. You can blow it big time if you don't give it the proper seriousness. On the bright side, there could be a big payoff as investments seem to come into their own. I guess if you can't make them love you at first sight, you can at least try to buy them off...

## PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Shy Pisces will have to overcome their bashfulness. Be happy! The planetary energy is almost too good to waste. Get out there and meet new people, you never know what can happen! Do not allow friends to dissuade you and don't use your job as an excuse that you are too busy. This is the time of new beginnings so build carefully and deliberately for future success.

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# A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

The aliens are coming, one if by land and two if by sea! No, that isn't the way it is, that was the British! But we as a people are fascinated by the idea of aliens invading from outer space.

We are fed a constant stream of stories like Star Trek, Star Wars, The Blob, and Attack of the Killer Tomatoes. Are there such things as aliens? If so, have any of us ever had a yes, and yes. Yet to paraphrase a saying, truth is more exciting (and vital to us) than fiction.

In the beginning, certainly before God created Adam and Eve. He created beings known to us as angels. They are not dead people whose souls roam the earth, but a separate creation made to worship God and to do his bidding in the universe God was inventing.

Now one of these creatures, one of the chief moguls in charge of all the other guys, named Lucifer, took a look around and decided that God had it made, being the top dog so to speak, having all this power and bossing everyone around.

He wanted this for himself, so he put together a conspiracy of lesser aliens (that is, angels) by convincing some of them that he would be a better boss-shorter angels) by convincing some of them that he would be a better boss-shorter working hours, higher pay, more time for partying, and certainly fewer rules! Then came the revolution! Quite a battle raged. Naturally, God, being all-powerful and the guy with the white hat, won. (See Isaiah 14)

Now, what to do with this defeated foe? Well, God, being a just God, had to punish Satan (one of his new names, with the devil being another one).

But God is also a God of mercy. Instead of hanging Satan, he thought that putting him in prison for several thousand years and giving him therapy might rehabilitate him, causing him to repent and become a good guy again.

So God banished the devil and all his dupes (now called demons) to this new planet called Earth sort of like the English

colonizing Australia with ne'er-do-wells, misfits, and felons. Surely they couldn't cause much mischief there! (See Revelation 12:7-9)

But now God decided to make Earth a special place, a showcase of all he wanted in beauty and elegance. He topped it off with his absolutely best creation yet, man and woman. But who lurked in the background, watching all this? None other than that old serpent, Satan!

He was so jealous that God had something so precious, so wonderful, that he decided to rob God of this last and best creation. He approached Eve with some half-truths and lies, trying to convince her that God really didn't love her and that God was holding out on her and Adam.

Eve listened to Satan, then persuaded Adam to go along. Then they both tried to put all the blame on Satan, "The devil made me do it." Actually, they both had a choice, but greed and pride got the better of them and they decided to listen to Satan. (See Genesis 1-3.)

Now another battle is on. Satan has only one purpose, to destroy every man and woman he can keep God from having them. Don't be fooled! Satan is real and he is powerful. We see the evidence around us every day. But dear friend, you don't have to be afraid of him. Satan's powers are limited. He can't make you do something you don't want to do. How can we overcome this enemy? Will he finally be defeated?

Satan's sentence here is almost up. Then he and his demons will be taken from this minimum security prison, Earth, to God's maximum security, Hell. (Revelation 20:10) Meanwhile, you can defeat this bad guy in your own life by accepting Jesus Christ. Then you have the Guy in the white hat on your side!

Alien II and Alien III, about the other aliens in your life, are coming up in future articles, same paper, same column. Watch for them. They are coming soon. In the meantime, remember that God loves you and so do we.

## NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson and MIGA (Music Industry Golf Association) proudly announce the annual Tucson National Country Club. This tournament will benefit PACT and LIFEbeat.

Tee off time is 1:00 PM and the format is Two Person Texas Scramble. Entry forms are available at the PACT office, 801 West Congress. Entry deadline is March 22. For additional information call Mary Higgins at 770-1710.

Hosting the tournament is Michael J. Lembo, Jr. An after tournament party and awards presentation will take

place at Club Congress from 7:00 PM to midnight. Other information will be announced as made available.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt Display is coming to the Phoenix Civic Plaza February 17-19. Volunteers are needed for: monitors, emotional support, merchandise sales, set up, candle light vigil. Anyone interested in helping can call 602-265-6255 or 770-1710.

Continuamos nuestros informes en español. Hasta el momento no hay vacuna para el VIH(HIV) o cura para el SIDA(AIDS). Actualmente, existen algunos medicamentos que ayudan a tratar los síntomas de los pacientes con SIDA para que vivan mas confortablement.

Ninguno de estos medicamentos pueden prevenir la infección por el VIH aprendiendo los hechos y acutando de acuerdo de ellos.

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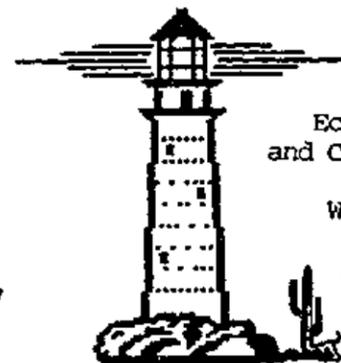
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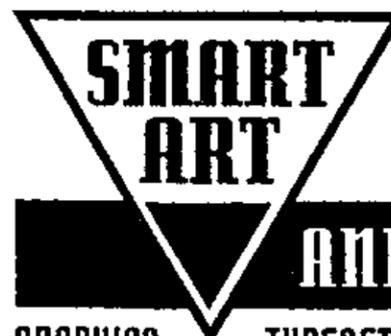


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## POLITICS '95

by Mark R. Kerr

### Capitol Cow Crap!!!!

H.B. 2085: As you have probably read, those right wing, dill weed, Republican legislators from where else, Phoenix, are trying once again to take away the rights of those wishing to be tested for HIV.

They've introduced H.B. 2085, specifically Rep. Sue Girard of Phoenix and Senator Austin Turner of Sun City, and pushed by the Arizona Medical Association [referred to as ARMA, but in this column they will be referred to as AZMA, pronounced as the affliction.]

The proponents say the bill protects the right of confidentiality but let health care providers obtain oral consent when getting permission for testing for the HIV virus. More people will get tested they say.

The Maricopa County Community

AIDS Partnership calls the bill, "the best of a potentially bad situation." And reached agreement with (AZMA) on the legislation and supports the bill. [To MCCAP can we say 1938, Munich, when Chamberlin signed away Czechoslovakia to Hitler and Mussolini for a written promise of peace!]

Yes, Doctors will not have to worry about using those icky written consent forms, they will just have to note it on the patients medical record. [Which means they are branded as a risk when it comes to insurance companies and could possibly be dropped for coverage.]

Isn't this just ducky! The State Legislature [What an oxymoron!] is caving in to (AZMA). The Doctors aren't happy, doing so much-filling out paperwork and communicating with their patients, so they want to take away rights from the patients. So the legislature is letting the lazy bastards the hook for not doing their job mandated by law, by the Omnibus AIDS Act.

Oh hell! Lets not stop there with H.B. 2085! Lets make people who want to be tested for HIV put a big fat sign in their yard stating this, or let's brand them for wanting this. Remember we live in the land of free, home of the brave! [Yeah, right!]

Let's don't! Do what the Tucson AIDS Service Organizations are doing. Fighting this bill! Plain and simple, you need to call your Legislators and ask they vote no on this god awful piece of legislative cow crap!

The phone number to call is a toll free number, 1-800-352-8404, and leave a message urging a no vote on H.B. 2085. Here is the list of our legislators:

L.D. 9 - Senate Keith Bee, House Lou Ann Preble and Bill McGibbon.

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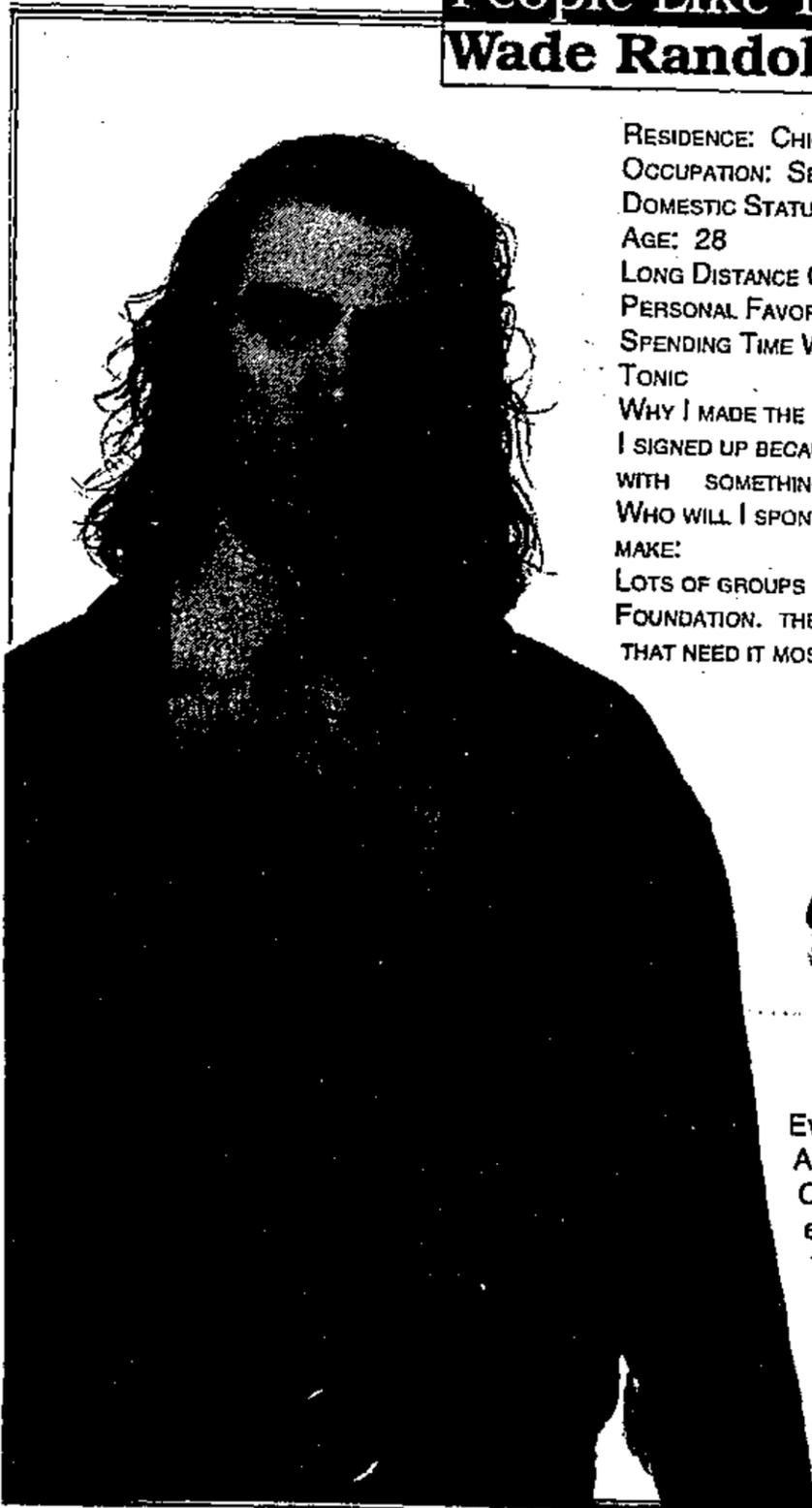
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The host of the program is the incomparable, talented, award winning legend as he keeps telling the crew, over and over again, Gary "VHS or Beta? Who cares!" Clark. Gary's co-host was "The G Word's" own news and weather god, Stan "We have how much time to fill?!" Phalp.

Politics was the theme of the live colorcast, with Gary's guests, Colette Barajas and Carolyn Miller of the Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project.

During the first segment of the interview Colette and Carolyn talked about the history and background of the group, which the Tucson organization is a chapter of the National Organization, which started as a group to focus on October 11, which had been deemed National Coming Out Day.

News followed with this week's co-host, Stan Phalp and "The G Word's" version of Gloria Swanson, announcer Scott "I am not a clothes horse!" Shanks. The informed the live studio, and the viewing audience of the week's news of concern to the community.

Stan then regaled us with one of his world famous weather reports, which have been more accurate than the dillweed, weather bunnies on the three television stations in town.

The "G Boys" followed, with Madison O'Neil and Jonathan Bierner, who showed us videotaped (this was the only that worked) highlights from the Gay and Lesbian Mixer of the Arizona Theatre Company's play "The Old Matador", which was concluding its run at the Arizona Theatre Company. In the video highlights, Madison and Jonathan interviewed Hana Ripp of Arizona Theatre Company stated that they plan to do a Gay and Lesbian Mixer with each play during this season's run.

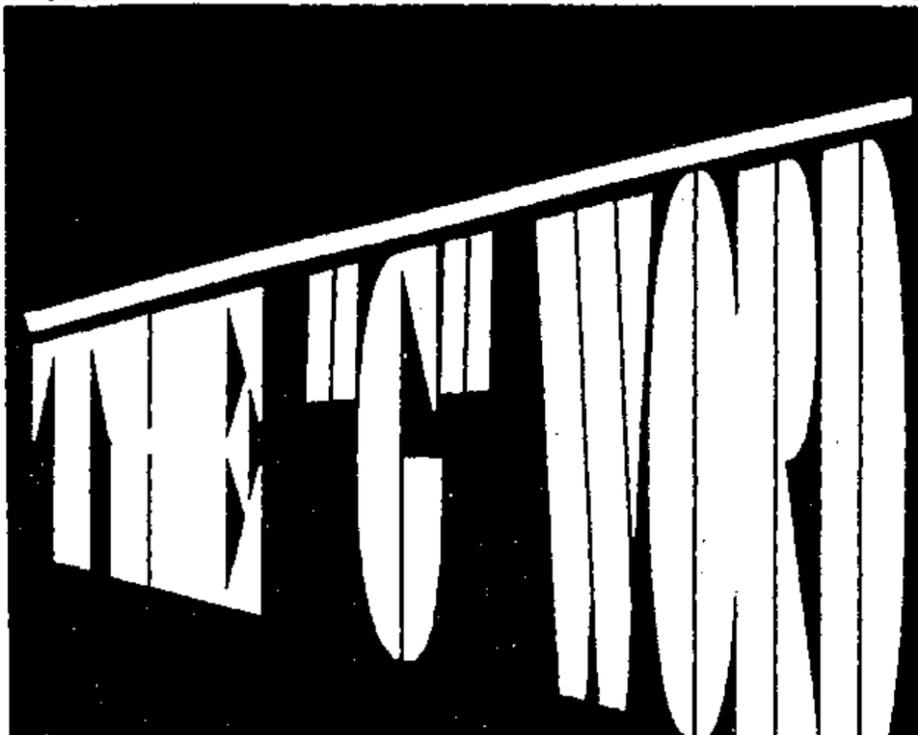
And "The G Boys" were not done then. Oh, no! They reviewed the play for us, giving it two thumbs up! Then the boys brought in Mike, the U of A student who talked about the ramifications of his coming out on the program. Then the boys and Mike "took calls" from viewers.

Gary, Stan, Colette and Carolyn then talked during the second segment of the interview about upcoming events with the Arizona Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project on the calendar. For more information about the Project call 742-1535.

The Slap of the Week went to Republican House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia for his allowing of hearings on Gay and Lesbian education issues on behalf of his friend, the Rev. Lou Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition.

The Pat on the Butt went to Linda, Rich and Lynette for helping out with the program, making sure it got on the air.

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**ARIZONA/SONORA PROJECT, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933.** Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in providing information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85745. 778-1314.

**ARIZONA GAY ROOFD ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER.** Interstaff! Call 323-0805 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

**AMERICAN GAY & LESBIAN ATHEISTS** advocating state/church separation. Monthly meetings and support for the non-religious. Write: 3033 N. Central Ave., Suite 121, Box 211, Phoenix, AZ 85017-2903. "Educating Our Community Since 1983".

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

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**GAY & LESBIAN THERAPY GROUP.** This ongoing therapy group, facilitated by a licensed psychologist, provides a safe place to work on enhancing intimacy and self-esteem. Group can provide the sense of family that is often so hard to find. Membership will be limited to 7-8 people. Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. 570-0077

**BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -** a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write 5250 N. Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ 85704 or come to our general meetings the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm on the Ventura-N patio.

**GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS.** Stop bingeing, purging and overeating. Get a life! Call 793-3488 / 290-1739. Come to a meeting. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm at Mostly Books, 1001 N. Wilcox.

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**'LAMBDA CAR CLUB, Grand Canyon Region'** for information about membership or activities call Mike White 833-0471 Tucson.

**LESBIAN AND GAY ALANON -** Affected by someone's drinking? Meeting every Tuesday 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. at Lambda Center, 2940 E. Thomas, Phoenix. 526-5810 or Room 968-2364.

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**ATTENTION ALL NUDDISTS!** Arizona Nude Dudes or ANDES/Tucson for short, is a Gay men's nudist group. We hold local activities each month and have connections to Gay men's nudist groups across the country. For further information please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to ANDES/Tucson, P.O. Box 32083, Tucson, AZ 85731-2083. For faster reply please include phone number.

**Take GAY SQUARE DANCE LESSONS** with T-Squares every Tuesday 7-9 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship Hall, 2902 N. Gerontina. New Basic class begins Jan. 31, 1995. Join the fun. Call Duac, 745-9212.

**FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON** meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Group meets in front of the Himmelfark Library (East side), and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 325-3555

**PACT -** People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 8 to 5 M-F (8-7 Wed); Support Group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Call 770-1710 for info.

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**WOMYN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE** meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4431 E. 22nd Street, featuring DJ Sister Jan. \$2 at the door (more if you can, less if not).

The TUCSON Chapter of PRIME TIMERS INTERNATIONAL invites Gay or Bisexual men over 30 years old to join and share Prime Timers fellowship. We welcome men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

**TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP),** 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 232 (The Broadmoor Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education program. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 328-AIDS.

## Notices

**GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON**  
Call Information and Referral 881-1794 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

**AIDS HOTLINE - 326-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 Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Licensed psychologist facilitates. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

**WINGSPAN -** Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center, 422 N. 4th Ave., offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space, Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), 6:00 p.m. Information 624-1779.

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

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**LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP** addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1779.

**AFFIRMATION Support group** for Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Mormons and ex-Mormons. For information write P.O. Box 78461, Tucson, AZ 85703 or call 791-7946. Meetings are held the 1st Sunday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

**SUN COUNTRY NATURALISTS:** Social Nudist Club for men and women. Write to: Sun Country Naturalists, P.O. Box 43772, Tucson, AZ 85733-3772

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**GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP** meets at St. Phillip in the Hills Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7943 for more info.

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

**THE UNIFORMED SERVICES ACTIVITY,** 2725 13th St NW, Wash. DC 20009 "Water Membership Campaign". Professional resource-oriented network of military & veterans. Offering legal, health care, education and spiritual outreach.

**UCSC ALUMNI:** The first reunion of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual University of California Santa Cruz alumni will be held April 23, 1995. For more information contact J. Weisbach, Gay, Bisexual Reunion, Alumni Office, Carriage House, UCSC, Santa Cruz, CA 95064 or call (408)459-2530. Email: finda\_booper@macmail.ucsc.edu.

**GAY AND LESBIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS -** You are not alone! SDA Kinship International exists to offer spiritual, emotional and social support to present or former SDA's who are Gay or Lesbian. For more information on Kinship in their Tucson area, contact, SDA Kinship International, P.O. Box 7320, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. (714)248-1299. Confidentiality is assured.

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Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT.** In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

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Tucson Prime Timers meet at "Wingspan" monthly on the 3rd Sunday from 4 to 6PM. They dine together at Club 2520 on the 1st Wednesday at 6PM. They receive a quarterly Newsletter that lists special events and the worldwide news that effects our members and a monthly agenda. The Observer Non-Bar Calendar carries listings of our coming events. Our Facilitators look forward to greeting you at the next meeting or dinner catered by "The House of Jerome" at Club 2520. Join Today!!

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Lesbian & Gay Public Awareness Project Update

by Peter Crozier

Season's greetings and holiday cheer. May this time of year bring you peace and provide an opportunity to relax and spend time with your families and loved ones. Year end is often a time for reflection of past events and contemplation of future goals.

During 1994 we celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riot, an event which catalyzed much of the modern civil rights movement for Gays and Lesbians. With the recent elections, we witness an historic political shift: after 40 years of Democratic control, both the U.S House of Representatives and Senate pass over to Republican control. Lesbian and Gay people are justifiably concerned about this political change and its impact on our war against homophobia and discrimination.

Our community managed to prevent passage of damaging statewide anti-Gay initiatives in states across the country including Arizona. However, the two states fighting the initiatives at the ballot box won with very small margins of victory: 4% in Oregon and 1% in Idaho.

In spite of our success with anti-Gay initiatives, job security for Lesbians and Gays is not guaranteed under the law in Arizona. Jeffrey Blain learned he was not protected by Arizona law when he sued his employer for termination based on sexual orientation and HIV.

Imagine Jeffrey's horror when he heard the judge instruct the jury that it is not illegal to fire someone for being Gay in the state of Arizona. This instruction, which Blain appealed, was later upheld by the Arizona Court of Appeals which stated that there are no state or federal laws protecting Gays and Lesbians from discrimination in employment. And you thought everyone was equal under the law?

Gays and Lesbians are no more likely to be treated with respect by our government officials. Recently, a member of Gov. Symington's staff was quoted in the mainstream media as using insulting and offensive language when discussing Lesbians and Gays. The staff member was promoted a few weeks later. These incidents illustrate the importance and need to educate the judiciary and legislative establishments.

Unfortunately, it is not only in the high courts and governmental bodies that we must combat homophobia. We must also deal with its negative consequences in our own families. Even during the holiday season homophobia can disrupt and ruin holiday reunions.

For many Lesbians and Gays, this time of year can be a painful reminder of what it means to be different in a hostile society. For many, it's being told that a partner is not welcome at a holiday celebration. For others, disclosure of sexual orientation may have resulted in complete rejection by family members and loved ones. In many households, we have our very own "don't ask don't tell" policy where everyone agrees not to talk about the fact that one family member may love someone of the same gender.

Homophobia hurts everyone, both Gay and non-Gay. During the holiday season, traditionally a time of joy and cheer, homophobia contributes to pain and sadness. We know how important it is to

continue to educate the public on Gay and Lesbian issues to eliminate the scourge of homophobia on our lives. An educated and informed public will help create a more positive and supportive environment for all of us, regardless of our sexual orientation and regardless of whether we are openly Gay or in the closet.

The job of public education is truly an enormous undertaking. As we enter our 5th year of Awareness Project activities in Arizona we continue to serve you by providing basic education on Gay and Lesbian issues to all sectors of society.

Here are some of the highlights of this year's activities:

We were the driving force in the formation of Alianza Latina de Gays y Lesbianas, the first ever group created by and for Phoenix Latino Gays and Lesbians and their supporters. A draft of our first Spanish language publication, a brochure on Gay/Lesbian stereotypes, is in preparation and should be available in early 1995.

Together with our friends at Planned Parenthood, we sponsored the highly successful "Teens at Risk: One in Ten" conference for school administrators, teacher and others who work with Gay and Lesbian youth.

Grassroots education arranged through our Speakers Bureau included coordination of joint speaking engagements with Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and the local Gay/Lesbians youth group Valley One in Ten at local high schools.

We organized a highly successful civil rights rally on the steps of the Arizona Supreme Court to commemorate National Coming Our Day. This rally, which was a first for Arizona, featured Gay and non-Gay community leaders speaking out against discrimination and homophobia.

The Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project is proud of last year's accomplishments but knows there is much work still to be done.

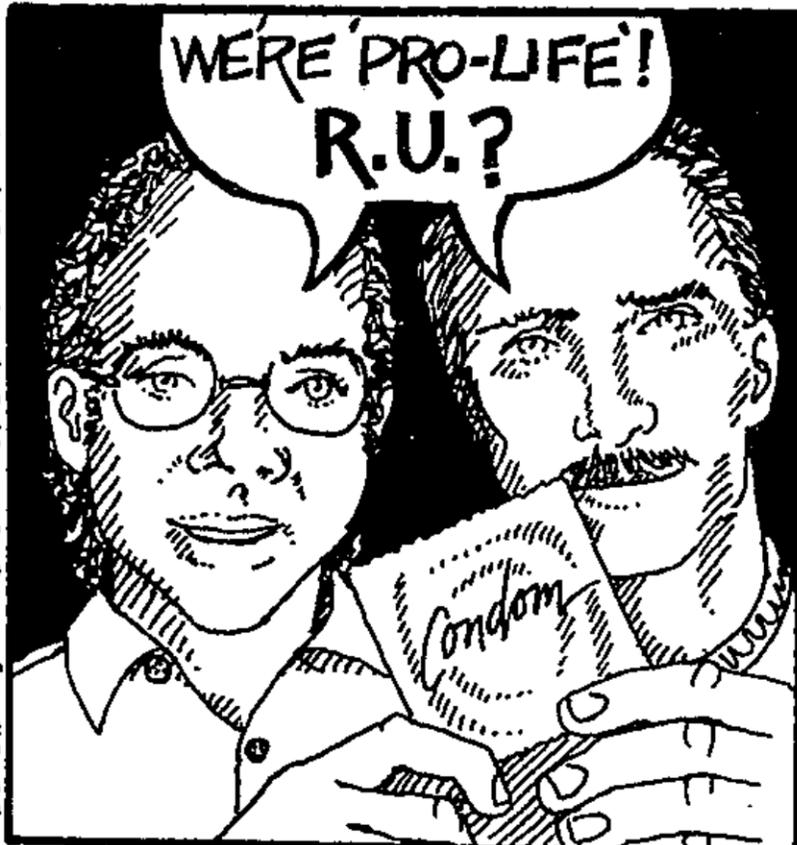
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remember a couple people that comes to mind when hearing the word PIG. If you doubt that, travel around to some of the different watering spots and check some of those sitting at the bar.

I guess that is all the BS I can think of for this trip to the parchment and scroll. In closing I'll say that I hope each and everyone of you finds that special person you have been looking for, in this year of the pig and the month of love. Hopefully, they will not be the type that has just fallen off either the freight train, or out of a covered wagon. Yes, the covered wagons will be rolling down the streets here in Tucson this month, so watch out for them, I'll call bar droplet's.

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