

## Jerome Beillard Steps Down As PACT Executive Director

by Mark R. Kerr  
Observer Staff Writer

TUCSON - Jerome Beillard, one of the co-founders of People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson, (PACT for Life), has stepped as executive director of the organization to concentrate on his own fight against AIDS.

Beillard was hospitalized two weeks ago for treatment of dehydration and other problems related to his recent battle with valley fever and cryptosporidiosis, an intestinal infection. According to published reports his weight has dropped from 200 to 112 pounds, and is unable to stand or walk without assistance.

But Jerome's keeping his spirits up with the help of friends, family and his partner, Robert Markley. When interviewed, Beillard said, "My spirits are okay." He added that, "I need to think this is going to work. I need all of my friends to think this is going to work. Let's not try to be negative. Let's think that it's going to work."

Beillard put together PACT, in 1987, before his partner at the time, Troy Stephenson, lost his fight with AIDS.

There were two other AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs), Tucson AIDS Project and Shanti were providing some support groups and other services for those living with HIV/AIDS. But Beillard wanted those living with AIDS to form their own organization.

Jerome wanted to create a place where people could find the support, and to be able to do what they need to take care of themselves. Jerome worked with five people, notably Chuck Mayer, who lost his fight with AIDS in 1992 to form PACT.

PACT was one of the first AIDS coalitions in the country. It was a volunteer organization, operating out of an attic of an old downtown church, serving less than a dozen clients.

Since 1987, PACT has grown to a paid staff of 20, a 13 member board of directors, and a budget of \$1 million, provided by the federal government, grants and donations. Since its inception, PACT has served 700 people living with HIV/AIDS.

Beillard, who was born in France and graduated with a degree in business administration from the University of Bordeaux, moved with Stephenson to Tucson in 1985.

Among his accomplishments, Beillard lists as one of his first is The Early Intervention Center. The Center houses an HIV counseling and testing office, a program through which people on

low income can apply for free AIDS medications, and a "wellness program", to teach people things they can do to improve their own health.

According to Robert Gomez, director of El Rio Health Center, Beillard is "almost singlehandedly responsible" for the development of Stephenson Place, a 25 unit apartment complex to be built north of town with \$1.2 million from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Reaction to Beillard's stepping down was swift:

In an interview, Robert Gomez said, "He, more than anybody else, has worked to make sure that comprehensive services are available to everybody, regardless of their ability to pay. PACT is a model program, and his influence is on every aspect of it. I couldn't say enough good things about Jerome Beillard."

Craig Snow, Executive Director of the Tucson AIDS Project said, "Jerome Beillard has contributed so much to the community. He has been an invaluable ally to the community. It's personally saddens that he is ill, and stepping down, but he's doing the best thing, focusing on his health. Jerome and I have worked closely together on many projects and I will miss working with him in that capacity."

Ward 1 Council member Bruce Wheeler, said Jerome is one of the most wonderful people he has worked with during his terms on the Council. He added that Jerome has been highly successful in helping those with HIV/AIDS and wants to see the community come together to support Jerome in his "hour of need".

Ward 2 Council member Janet Marcus said that Beillard, "Has done a terrific job. The times I have worked with Jerome, he has shown me he's a committed, dedicated hard worker."

Abe Marques, Council Aide to Ward 5 Council member Steve Leal, said, "Jerome was a source of strength to my friends and others who are living with HIV/AIDS. Our community is indebted to Jerome for his years of dedicated service he gave to us, to our friends and to our families."

Beillard and the PACT board have agreed to over the directorship to Wayne Miller, a former president of the organization, who is moving back to serve on an interim basis. In an interview, Miller praised Beillard as a man who is "very strong, very focused, very dedicated to helping people with HIV/AIDS to help themselves. That's the whole philosophy behind PACT."

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## National Coming Out Day Oct. 11 "It's In To Be Out!"

### OUToberFEST and UofA Include Tucson Events

TUCSON - National Coming Out Day is celebrated on October 11 each year. This date commemorates the March on Washington, D.C. in 1987 for Lesbian and Gay rights, as well as the inaugural visit of the Names Project (the AIDS Quilt) to the nation's capital.

Following this event, leaders in the Lesbian and Gay movement decided that coming out was a basic tool to effecting change and helping to dispel negative stereotypes about Gay people. It was decided that October 11 would be the day to focus attention on coming out, raising the visibility of Gay people in their communities and in the media.

Actress Amanda Bearse from Fox TV's, Married With Children, served as the chairperson for the 1994 Coming Out Day Programs. Amanda was featured in video and print public service announcements saying: "I'm not a straight person but I play one on TV." This year, public service announcements featuring Melissa Etheridge and Amanda Bearse will be seen in print and broadcast media nationwide.

The goal for National Coming Out Day is to increase the visibility of the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual community. Establishing a positive dialogue with non-Gay people about the diversity of the Gay community helps to turn ignorance into acceptance.

To be treated as equals, Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals must have the support of non-Gays. This requires being truthful about their sexual orientation to show that the community crosses all ethnic, racial, geographic, and economic barriers.

Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals are everywhere. We cannot assume that others will understand or care about what it means to be Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual. Studies show that most who know someone who is Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual support equality based on sexual orientation. By coming out to families, friends, and co-workers, the impact Gays would have on the population would be extraordinary.

"Coming out of the closet" or "Coming out" is the act of revealing the truth about one's sexual orientation to others. Coming out is a very personal process and can take many forms. It involves having enough courage and feelings of self worth to reveal this very personal information to others. This can mean taking the risk of being rejected or misunderstood by those around you.

However, by being honest about who they are, Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals can begin to erase the misunderstandings and bigotry. It is clear that Lesbian

and Gay related issues will not be taken seriously until people know who they are.

Gay people are part of every aspect of the non-Gay world. They are parents, friends, children, and co-workers. It is up to them to let the world know.

The Tucson Lesbian and Gay community will "let the world know" through their Gay Pride Picnic, OUToberFEST '95, taking place on Saturday, October 14, from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. at the southwest corner of Reid Park.

The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) is presenting the picnic in the park, which is the largest Gay and Lesbian single day event in all of Arizona.

At OUToberFEST '95, in keeping with tradition, TLGA will be serving complimentary cold beer. Adding to the tradition, non-alcoholic beer and sodas will also be given away that day!

TLGA asks that no tipping or exchange of money be conducted anywhere near the beer station. This is a Parks and Rec and State Liquor Board ruling. We must abide by it in the most strictest sense as to not jeopardize anything at the picnic.

If persons attending would like to contribute money the day of the picnic, there will be donation buckets at the entrances and at the TLGA booth.

There will be a full day of live entertainment. Check out the posters in the bars and for the advertisements in The Observer for the schedule.

On Monday, October 9, at 7 P.M. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 255 West Alameda, Mayor George Miller will be reading the proclamation and presenting it to the TLGA Board.

TLGA is urging that if you are Gay and proud; be there to help represent the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community. The proclamation will be read at OUToberFEST.

TLGA would like to thank everyone who has donated time and/or money to support this year's picnic. The latest fund raiser was held this past Saturday at The Biz, and TLGA expresses their thanks to all the contestants for The Family Feud and to all the performers and volunteers who worked the event. The event raised \$300 plus T-shirt sales.

TLGA thanks T-squares for their monetary contribution. A reminder, Misti Malone, running for Miss Gay Pride, is holding a raffle for items such as gas grills and mountain bikes, proceeds go to the

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# UPDATE

## National Coming Out Festivities At UofA Oct. 11

TUCSON - The University of Arizona's chapter of BGALA (Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association) will be hosting National Coming Out Day festivities on the campus, Wednesday, October 11, from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Local Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual groups, such as PFLAG, Wingspan, and the Metropolitan Community Church will have information tables set up on the U of A mall. There will also be information and sign up for the AIDS Walk on October 15, sponsored by the Tucson AIDS Project, Shanti and PACT.

As in years past, there will also be a multicolored door set up on the mall for those who choose to symbolically "come out of the closet." The community and media are welcome and encouraged to attend the mall festivities.

On Friday, October 13, BGALA will host its Fifth Annual National Coming Out Day Ball at the U of A's Arizona Ballroom in the Student Union. This year's theme is "Out of the Darkness" and will take place from 8 P.M. to midnight. Everyone, regardless of age and/or sexual orientation is invited to attend. Security will be provided by UAPD and nonalcoholic refreshments will be served. The media is asked to call to set up interviews, as no live footage will be allowed at the Ball.

BGALA is a nonpolitical organization designed to increase awareness of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues while creating a comfortable environment within the campus community. For more information, please contact Shawn Adams or Anna Lawrie at 621-7585.

## Early Sign In For AIDS Walk '95

TUCSON - Avoid the Sunday morning rush! Take advantage of early sign in times for AIDS Walk '95.

For the convenience of walkers who would prefer to turn in their materials early, volunteers will be at the TAP offices, 151 South Tucson Boulevard, Suite 272, to accept your pledges and sponsor forms during the following hours:

Thursday, October 12, noon to 7 P.M.  
Friday, October 13, noon to 7 P.M.  
Saturday, October 14, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

## First Gathering Of GLU Oct. 12

by Bruce Corey

TUCSON - An effort is being launched to bring the many diverse Gay and Lesbian groups in Tucson closer together.

The group is called Gays and Lesbians United (GLU), it's a loose association of Gay and Lesbian organizations and related groups, according to the organizer of the group, David Hoover.

Hoover, the AIDS Services Program Manager for the Pima County Health Department, sees this as an opportunity for the development of new coalitions that will strengthen the entire community. "I really want to pull people together when there's no crisis," he said.

Hoover went on, "Effective political response equals power. So, when a political issue comes up relating to the community, people will already know each other. And that will increase the effectiveness of the response." In the past, response to anti-Gay proposals has been fast and good, but sometimes uncoordinated and lacking depth, indicating a need for more coordination.

Initially, the format of the gatherings will be informal get togethers where everyone will have an opportunity to get to know each other better and exchange information. Twenty five community groups, organizations and businesses have already agreed to become a part of GLU.

Wingspan is sponsoring the group's first official gathering on Thursday, October 12 from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Other gatherings are planned to be held regularly after that, sponsored on a rotating basis by other member groups. By building bridges and working together on the issues that affect us all, we will become a much stronger community, and Gays and Lesbians United is a big step in the right direction.

## Come Out, Come Out Wherever You Are On Oct. 11

## In Memoriam



DAVID PAUL MEJIA  
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David is survived by his mother Inge Mejia, Gene Mejia and many, many friendships he so cherished through the years.

David is best known for his spontaneity, finding the "party", and the ability to turn a simple afternoon out into a cherished lifetime memory. When things seemed to be at their darkest, David could always find a way to make them brighter. He was a loyal friend and a good listener. He was the ultimate "Pet Shop Boy". He will be greatly missed!

Come and share with his family and friends to celebrate his life, Friday, October 6 at the McCormick House, 4410 North Alvernon Way, 7:00 P.M., good bye Muneca. Be not afraid your new journey has just begun.

## Wingspan Juried Art Show Now In Progress

TUCSON - The public is invited to join the Wingspan celebration of October. Our art gallery will be handing it's first juried show.

There will be art works by ten local Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual artists. This first annual juried show will open Monday, October 1. There will be a reception for the artists on Saturday, October 7, from 7 to 9 P.M.

The Wingspan Gallery and Community Center are located at 422 North Fourth Avenue. For more information please call Bob McMahon at 571-8783.

## Fourth Annual Torch Awards

TUCSON - The fourth annual TORCH (Tucson Organization Recognizing Community Help) Awards will take place, Monday, November 6, 1995, 6 P.M. at the Southwest Center for Music, located at 2175 North Sixth Avenue.

The awards are to recognize the dedicated people who make a difference in the fight against HIV/AIDS, from the community of Tucson as well as the world around us. Please join us in honoring the unique individuals.

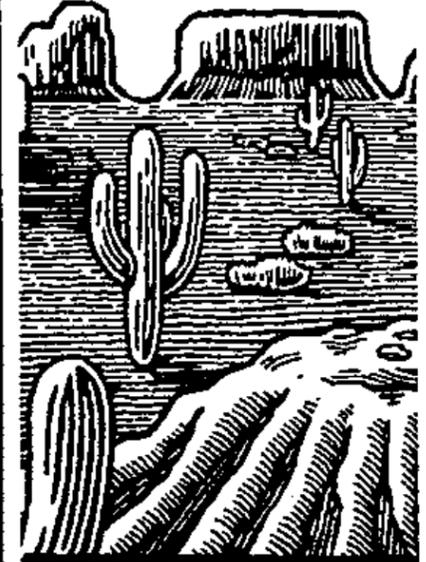
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**NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.**  
by Frank E.G. Gallego

People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson wishes to thank the community for its support in the successful fifth annual LIFE THRU ART fund raising event last Saturday, September 30, at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort. Over 500 people attended and participated in one of this season's best social gatherings.

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Horizon Moving Systems; Casa Adobes Flowers; The Plantsman; Plants of Distinction; Cactus Beverage; San-Pellegrino Waters; Southern Wine and Spirits of Arizona; Terra Rossa Vinyard; Don Luria, Cafe Terra Cotta; Jim and Becky Cook; Charles and Lisa Nowalk.

This very successful event was chaired by Kevin Osborn. Along with his committee members, everyone is to be congratulated for more than a job well done, it was extraordinary. The LIFE THRU ART Committee expresses its gratitude to Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Mark Hodgson (General Manager), Carol Sandberg (Catering Sales Manager), and Joan Beigel-Kaye for her love and guidance.

Watch for details on these upcoming events: AIDS WALK '95, October 15; TORCH (Tucson Organizations Recognizing Community Help) Awards, November 6; FESTIVAL FOR LIFE '95, December 2.

I leave you with this in mind, "We are your sons and daughters, your mothers and fathers, your brothers and sisters, your husbands and your wives, your friends, your lovers." - Life Thru Art '95.

In particular, we thank and salute the following: All the talented artists whose works made this possible; all the evening's volunteers; all the PACT volunteers; all the PACT staff, especially Susan Mathews, Ammie Carpenter, Ken Liest, Daniel Rodrigues, Kate LaPage, Pat DeVito, Terry Mills; Su Egan and Laurie Allen; Sahuano Women's Club.

Restaurants for their culinary contributions: Rocatta; Cafe Poca Cosa; Cafe Terra Cotta; Janos; Kingfisher; Ovens; Presidio Grill; Trio; Vivace; Ventana Canyon Resort.

Fabulous calendar Sponsors: Boelts Brothers; City Press; Fabe Litho; Hollis Digital Imaging; Photographic Works; Plastikoil of Tucson; Unisource Paper; Keystone Graphics.

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## Romanovsky & Phillips In Tucson Concert Oct. 19

TUCSON - The music and comedy of Romanovsky & Phillips will be coming back to Tucson on Thursday, Oct. 19 at the Pima Community College Center for the Arts Proscenium Theatre.

Romanovsky and Phillips have attracted thousands of devoted fans nationwide with their entertaining and Gay affirming performances. By singing about their lives as Gay men with unprecedented honesty and an outrageous sense of humor, they have carved out a niche for themselves in the alternative music industry. R&P like to think of themselves as "Professional Homosexuals" and readily admit that if tomorrow the world suddenly stopped discriminating against Gay and Lesbian people, they might be out of a job.



Ron Romanovsky & Paul Phillips

Fresh Fruit Records, R&P's company has just released the seventh album by the boys "Let's Flaunt It", a long awaited "live" album recorded in Palm Springs last year. "Let's flaunt It!" captures all the magic of a Romanovsky & Phillips performance - hilarious, spontaneous and outspoken. "Let's Flaunt It!" follows on the heels of their last album, "Brave Boys - The Best and More of R&P", which remained on the Advocate, Ladyslipper and Goldenrod best seller lists for over six months.

With all new (previously unrecorded) songs including "If There Is A God (He's A Queen)", "Don't Sleep With Your Ex", "Homophobes In Robes", "Some Of My Best Friends Are Straight", and eight more tunes proves R&P are as timely as ever and will undoubtedly win them a whole new generation of fans.

And what's more, the album contains a healthy dose of R&P's uproariously funny stories and banter including "The Only Woman I Ever Did It With", "Mom's Weird Speech Impediment", "Functional Illiteracy", "The Homosexual Agenda", and "Wanted: for Sodomy".

"Let's Flaunt It!" is available on compact disc and cassette tape at Gay and Lesbian book stores and better record stores throughout the country, or you can order it by phone with a VISA or MasterCard by calling 1-800-IS-FRUIT. Or if you're going to the concert at PCC, the albums will be available there.

If you haven't seen Romanovsky & Phillips perform, do yourself a favor and attend the performance on Oct. 19 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$14 at the door, and are available at Antigone Books, Hear's Music and Tucson Trunk.

Pima Community College is located at 2202 West Anklam Road. For more information call 884-6458. This Blue Coyote Production is being sponsored by Wingspan.

## Wingspan To Present First Gay and Lesbian Film Festival

TUCSON - Wingspan Community Center will present Tucson's very first Lesbian/Gay film festival as a part of Tucson's National Coming Out Day events taking place in October.

The festival will take place Thursday, October 12 through Sunday, October 15 at the Screening Room, 127 East Congress Street.

The festival will present two full programs nightly. Eleven recent films will be presented, in short and feature length, including comedy, romance, gothic, documentary, fantasy and post-modern styles.

Films include Only The Brave, an ultra realistic coming of age portrait of two Australian teen-age girls; Relax, an experimental short where the major character has constant concerns of contracting HIV; World And Time Enough, chronicling the lives of two Gay men and their search for identity and family; and Carmelita Tropicana, a day in the life of a Latina performance artist in New York.

Carmelita Tropicana will attend

the special following the Sunday films. Reception tickets are available at Wingspan. Film tickets are \$5 at the door for each evening. Discounts are available for Wingspan members. Advance festival passes are also available at Wingspan. For more information call 624-1779.

**Coming Out** Continued from page one picnic, so see your favorite bartender and buy a raffle ticket!

TLGA still has a need for volunteers for the day of the picnic. If you can give some time, call the OUTline at 622-3200, and they will call back.

[For schedule of other events, please see accompanying stories in this edition of the paper.]

**Beillard** Continued from page one

Beillard is pleased that Miller could come in and help for a while. The transition has not been easy for Jerome. He feels that he's not done all that I need to accomplish; things are changing and his priorities of what he needs to do have changed.

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# THE WHOLE MAN

BY DR. BOB

## On The Tantra

Tantra is gaining some popularity recently, in both the straight and Gay alternative presses. A couple of weeks ago, I described a Tantric massage for men in this column. I now want to delve a little more deeply into what Tantrism is, and what it might mean for Gay men of the 90's.

sensual delight. Finally, most of us close down our hearts and our breathing during sex, thus missing the feelings of expansion and love and warmth that sex can bring.

Tantric sex is unhurried, relaxed sex, first and foremost. Take your time! Explore your partner's body fully. Enjoy every delicious inch, not only of cock, but of foot, thigh, hand, belly, and head. Open all your senses to your lover: how he looks, how he smells, how he sounds, how he feels. Be imaginative and creative in the way you pleasure your lover. Be open to being pleased by him fully, let the minutes stretch away into hours.

Tantra is based on an ancient Indian form of yoga. In the West, we feel that spirituality is in one camp, and sex is in the opposite camp. We can't imagine a minister preaching openly about better ways to please your lover as a way of serving Christ in your brother. (Why not?) Sex is naughty, not spiritual. It's in the realm of the devil, not the Godhead.

It's also very important to generate a feeling of mutual honoring during sex. Whether it's a life-long partner or a casual encounter, it's still possible to honor all our sex partners and be basically open-hearted with them. Good sex makes the heart-center glow and radiate. Connected with this is full breathing.

But in the East, they don't have these hangups. They have a whole scripture (the Kama Sutra) devoted to the techniques and philosophy of sexual pleasure. And sexuality is seen as a way of approaching God.

Many of us inhibit our breathing during sex, especially as we approach an ejaculation. If you allow yourself to breathe fully, passionately, sensually, sex becomes a real energy exchange that is many times more pleasurable than "working it" to "get off." (That can come at the end, but why limit yourself?)

The reason for this is that sex, when approached in the right way, is an easy way to experience altered states of consciousness. Sex is a form of union, and sex can be the occasion for having an experience of your unity with the universe.

There's no need to rush toward the orgasm. Everybody knows that (within limits) putting off the orgasm makes it all the more delicious when it comes. In Tantra, you focus on the process of pleasuring, and take the focus off the "goal" of orgasm. This allows you a big playground for exploring more and more pleasure.

The way we're conditioned to experience sex militates against this, however. We come at sex with feelings of guilt, first of all. No matter how much we have striven to rid ourselves of the equation of sex with guilt, some vestiges remain. Then we split sex off from living persons. We think of disembodied cocks as sexy. We stare at completely artificial images of porn stars as the epitome of sexiness, ignoring the charms of our less-than-plastically-perfect real life confreres. We think having sex with friends is a no-no (too much real feeling involved?).

The Tantric massage is a way of introducing men to these experiences, limiting oneself to the arena of hands-on massage. Erotic massage is a good way to start Tantra, since performance issues are minimized and massage is completely safe.

We think of sex in terms of performance. The ejaculation is the goal of every sex act, the rest is mere "foreplay." In this way, we block ourselves to the experience of unhurried,

A dose of Tantra is good medicine for Gay men in the '90's, teaching us to think positively about sex and about ourselves, get the most pleasure out of sex, and tie it in with spirituality. It's also a creative way to enhance safer sex in this dangerous time.

[Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. is a bodyworker and counselor for the Gay community. He offers massage, Gestalt therapy, and workshops. For more info, call 623-1732]



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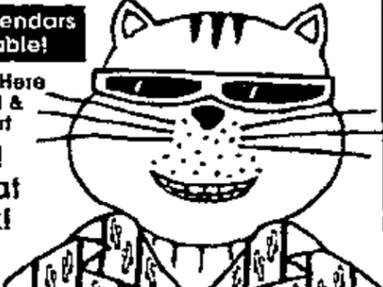
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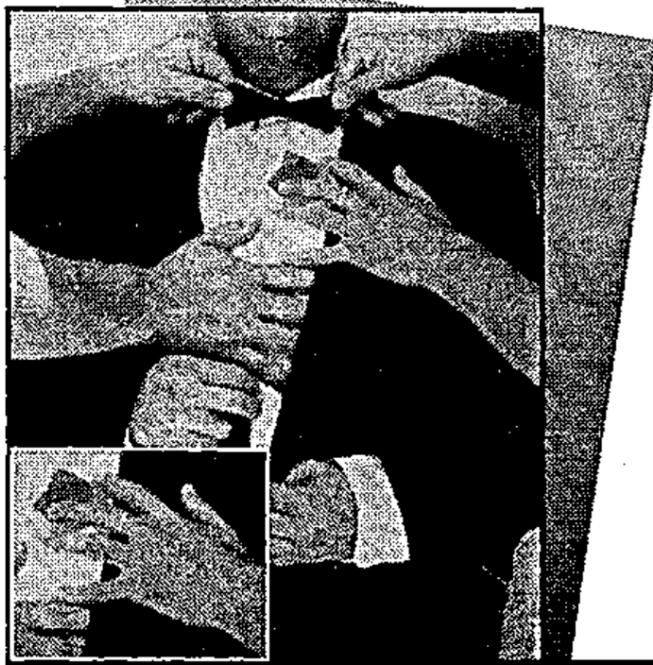
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TUCSON - Phil Holding (l) Mr. Venture-N 1995 is shown above congratulating Mark Kaleck, Mr. Venture-N 1996 at the contest which was held last Sunday, Oct. 1 on the patio of the V-N.

Tony DiNanno, shown above was first runner-up in the Mr. Venture-N Contest. His fantasy was certainly most unique and his presentation was appreciated by all those present.



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#### Volunteering For TAP

"I've always depended upon the kindness of strangers."

That well known final line from Tennessee Williams' play, "A Streetcar Named Desire," best sums up the situation for many clients as well as volunteers at the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP).

Every day, HIV+ clients of TAP depend on the kindness of several volunteers and staff members who may often be strangers. And kindness is the key word here. For more than two years now, TAP has provided hundreds of Tucsonans who are living with HIV with any number of services ranging from transportation and counseling to simple listening and support. While most of us take for granted a quick trip to the grocery store or bank, it is exactly these kinds of things that many volunteers do for TAP clients which the clients value most.

As difficult as it might feel for an HIV+ person to seek out to help of the "strangers" at TAP, it can also be daunting for those who wish to volunteer at TAP. However, each of these situations should be approached with excitement rather than trepidation, since the volunteers and staff at TAP are incredibly accommodating, friendly, and helpful people.

If you'd like to volunteer at TAP but are afraid to take the first step, now is a great time to come out, as it were, and lend a hand. TAP is currently in need of a large number of volunteers in several different areas. In addition to those vol-

unteers who work directly with clients, officer volunteers are desperately needed; particularly for reception and data entry. Although these are not the most glamorous tasks, they really help the agency. And TAP is always looking for people to staff booths at special events, help with mailings, answer the Hotline (a job which offers a great of flexibility with your schedule and an interesting opportunity to interact with the public), and a myriad of other tasks.

The process of volunteering is simple. Call TAP at 322-6226 or stop by the TAP office at 151 South Tucson Boulevard, Suite 252, and ask how to get started. TAP's office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

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# A Special Coming Out Month Astrological Profile by C. Lichtenstein

October is National Coming Out Month and what better way to celebrate this liberation than to open up, explore and expose all the closets in our horoscope. This October, as a public service, I offer a special astrological outing.

Astrology charts have three closets; the first is ancestral stuff (garbage that family foists upon us; conform or else!). The next contains the deep psychological and sexual challenges we face in merging with others. The third is more intuitive and spiritual. It's where we allow our own self undoing through the prisons we create for ourselves. (Ready to break out?) Read ahead to see what's behind each closet door that needs airing out:

## ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 20

All your closets are ruled by water signs which means that you're more emotionally involved with those areas of your life than most folks. You have more attachments to family, home, deep sexual commitments and spirituality than you would care to admit in a public forum. (Don't worry, your secret is safe with me!) Gather all kindred souls and create something for yourself that was denied to you by Mom and Dad.

## TAURUS

APRIL 21 - MAY 21

Accept me for who I am or tough luck! Gay Bulls who seem so emotionally committed to others can turn off the spigot and go their own way if their needs are not supported. You probably never faced inner conflicts of who you are and how people would accept you. Instead, the fire in your closet house enables you to seek the company of those who would accept you for who you are, hooves and all.

## GEMINI

MAY 22 - JUNE 21

You probably had the most difficult time coming out sexually. Part of the problem is endemic to Gemini in general who are unable or unwilling to choose or settle down with one special person. However, in the case of Gay Twins, chalk up the extra angst to dour Capricorn sitting in your sexual closet. You can run, but you can't hide, so why not do yourself a favor this October and talk to someone who can help.

## CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 23

Pink Crabs seem emotionally center on the outside, but I would bet that all your closets are swirling with hurricanes and tornados. It must be all those air signs in there, stirring up your neuroses and making you try desperately to seek balance, harmony, justice and logic when none may exist. Crabs don't have a backbone, but you may find one tucked away on a back shelf. Try it on for size.

## LEO

JULY 24 - AUGUST 23

Seek and ye shall find, pink Lion. All your closets are ruled by water signs which indicates that you should allow your emotions free rein. Family restrictions never seemed to bother you; you are able to undermine the current regime rather easily. The pothole exists in your sexual expression. Dramatic as you are, there are some things that even you won't discuss openly.

## VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

You may not appear to be a firebrand, but don't let naysayers and homophobes get in your way! All your closets are full of fire and it's evident that throughout your life,

it's been your way or the highway. Remember that fire is not conducive to quiet contemplation. Try stepping back from the heat every so often and take stock of who you are, body and soul.

## LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23

If you have any qualms or barriers preventing you from coming out proudly, it probably originates from family baggage. Your closets are ruled by stable earth signs which provide you with ample common sense. However, Capricorn casts a pall over your "roots" and I suspect Mums, Dad and the clan are less than pleased with your lifestyle choice. Tough. You gotta live your life.

## SCORPIO

OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22

Passionate Scorps glide into their lifestyle choices far easily than other signs. This is because all your closets contain air signs which blow and cool off the hot embers of any raging temperamental fires. While you may play the sexual Gayfly (after all, frivolous Gemini sits in that closet) you know how to handle family issues and are spiritually in harmony, thanks to diplomatic Libra.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22

What do you get when you combine a big mouth like Sag with closets filled with emotional water signs? A lot of walling and yelling perhaps, or maybe a sarcastic spot on appraisal or where others a full of garbage. Your venture out won't be quiet and dignified, but it will sure entertain audiences. Out loud and proud is always the best way, I think. Others will have to adjust.

## CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20

Serious, conventional Capricorn is anything but where your closets are concerned. This is because they are filled with rambunctious fire signs. You are regal and dramatic sexually, but probably need a lot of confirmation from lovers. Be aware that these ramrod fire signs will not take no for an answer when family dictates get in the way of your inner needs.

## AQUARIUS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19

The only closet that appears to creak is the one containing secrets, personal undoing and spiritual fellow. Ever hear of the old saying that you are your own worst enemy? It's possible that all the junk that you stuff away and hide is beginning to fester and smell. Open up and toss it out! Happily, other closeted potholes in your chart are less problematic.

## PISCES

FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20

Spiritual Pisces may feel at odds with the barriers in their closets, but thank goodness all those air signs blow a clean breeze through every so often. The worst I see is fragmented nerves and related stress, but like everything else, this too shall pass and you will have the satisfaction that you are living your life openly, freely and unafraid.



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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

IBT'S - Male Box Nite. Post office opens at 9:00 p.m. Come play post office, prizes and surprises.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

HOURS - Hours kicks off their 5th Anniversary Party with Promo Night. 7:00 p.m. to closing.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

HOURS - 5th Anniversary Party continues. Door Prizes, drink specials, lots of fun, great music, all night long!!!

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

CLUB 2520 - "Gislesque" 9:00 p.m. Join Tucson's classics as they continue to bring you the finest in female impersonation. Starring, Raven, Holly Boo with Candy Plastique and special guest Miss Ebony, direct from Phoenix.

HOURS - 5th Anniversary weekend! Come wind down Sunday afternoon football on the big screen. Drink specials all day. Dance instruction starts at 6:00 p.m.

IBT'S - Benefit Beer Bust and Bar-B-Que 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. At 9:00 p.m., "The Wheel Of Bad Drag" hosted by Tucson's Queen of Comedy, Lucinda Holiday.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

IBT'S - Retro 80s dance with DJ Jonathan.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

IBT'S - "The Girlie Show" 9:00 p.m. hosted by Mr. Kenneth Blake. Starring Helens Bubbles, Kristen with special guest, Tiffany St. Thomas (Miss Gay Tucson '1991-'92).

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# Non-Bar CALENDAR

## NOW PLAYING

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## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bisexual men over 30) monthly dinner at Alheas on 4th Ave. (at 4th Ave. and 6th St.) at 6:00 p.m. Free parking available behind the restaurant on 6th St. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Tucson chapter of Prime Timers International Please join us. Members of At-East-Again and Cronies Social Club are welcome.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Every Thursday, Dream Group with Dr. Bob. Dreams are the quickest way to personal growth. Bring a dream to work on in a group of your fellow Gay men. For more information call 623-1732.

Men's Social Network, Video Movie nite. 7:00 p.m. "Caravaggio, will be shown. Reservations call 881-0299. Guests always welcome.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Gay Young Men's Project workshop "Living in the Gay 90s: Identity = Power". 6:30 p.m. at Shanti, 300 E. 6th. Third in a series of workshops for GYM. RSVP with Sergio 322-6226.

Men's Social Network Board Game nite. All sorts of board games available. Call 690-0565 for reservations. Guests welcome.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

COPE Behavioral Services presents "Lifting For Life", a fund raising event to benefit the COPE Project Team (Servicing people with HIV/AIDS). Noon to 4:00 p.m. at the World Gym. Activities include a bodybuilding exhibition, fashion show, power lifting exhibition, bench press exhibition, free lifting techniques demonstration, consultation plus much more.

Tucson Gay/Lesbian Hiking Club will hike the Redfield Trail in the Galluro Mountains. Scenic riparian area and you can get your feet wet. A moderate 8-10 mile hike with a slight elevation gain of 600 ft. Group departs at 6:00 a.m. \$5 gas donation. For more information about the club activities write: Tucson G/L Hiking Club, P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532.

Men's Social Network monthly potluck social 7:00 p.m. cornerstone Fellowship Social Hall, 2902 N. Geronimo. Bring your favorite dish to share. Call Jerry 690-9565 for more info. Guests welcome.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Sand Court Volleyball. Come play and make new friends today at 2:00 p.m. and every Sunday at the sand court at St. Francis (NW corner of Swan and River). Please join the group for fun-filled recreational volleyball. Sponsored by St. Francis Gay and Lesbian Support Group.

Men's Social Network, 3:00 p.m. open planning meeting to develop activity schedule for the next 2 months. Any member welcome.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

The Gay Comedy Jam "Freedom Tour" comes to Laffs Comedy Cafe, 2900 EA. Broadway beginning at 8:00 p.m. Starring Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye with Arizona's own Slique Callahan. Gay stand-up comics performing Gay stand-up comedy Celebrating National Coming Out Day.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Male couples Support group meets to support each other in relationships. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Call Marc at 881-4582 to sign up.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Men's Social Network Book Meeting 7:00 p.m. Call Davy at 529-8648. Guests always welcome.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Men's Social Network OUToberFEST Picnic. Stop by the MSN booth and visit or help staff the booth 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Southwest corner Reid Park.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

AIDS Walk '95. The walk will be held along the Rillito Trail, starting at the racetrack. Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. Walk will get underway promptly at 9:15 a.m. The celebration and announcement of winners will be at 11:00 a.m. when everyone gets back. Food, refreshments will be available for sale before and after the walk. entertainment, plenty of free water, extra rest room facilities, commemorative t-shirts (for adults who raise a minimum of \$100, and kids K-12 who raise \$50 or more); AIDS Walk buttons, lots of fun and a few surprises.

Come play and make new friends today and every Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. for sand court volleyball at St. Francis (NW corner of Swan and River). Fun-filled, recreational volleyball sponsored by the St. Francis Gay and Lesbian Support Group.

Men's Massage Group meets on the third Sunday of each month. Call to sign up. Free. This is a good, safe and fun way to meet other men. Call Marc at 881-4582.

# Tucson CALENDAR

## sunday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Beer Bust 5-10, \$1.25 pitchers. Sales Sunday! Great music, better dancing and it all begins at 8pm.

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. Westerns Start Fry 4-7 pm. Beginning Line Dance Lessons & Line Dance Jam 6-9, C/W Dancing 9-11, Progressive Dance Music 8-11

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws \$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. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. Ill energy dancing with DJ Cliff 9pm to close.

STONWALL/BAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm. Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stonewall opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50c draft. 501 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Bert Burgers 5-7, Yaff Staff Tool 4-11pm.

## monday

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

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. Moon and Brass Madness \$1.50 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 4-8 pm, \$1.25 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.

STONWALL/BAGLE - Longneck Specials all day & nite. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-NRG Dance Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 50c 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 8pm. Backside open 3pm - 8pm.

## tuesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. Boys Nite Out At The Bar!

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. C/W dancing and Comical/Salsa Music & progressive dance music 8-11

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 \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoo. Prizes and surprises.

STONWALL/BAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Spaghetti Feed \$1 donation for Shanti. Bud cans \$1. Stonewall opens at 9pm with HI-NRG dance music.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 50c 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm. Backside open 3pm - 8pm.

## wednesday

AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Westerns Nite. Country Dance Lessons begin at 8pm. Schnapps Shots \$1.

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. 50c off well and domestic 8pm to close. Line Dance Lessons 8 to 10 pm

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75c Schnapps 75c HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50c off all call 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. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. \$1.50 Red Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

STONWALL/BAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Karaoke. Corona or Cerveo Gold \$1.50.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 50c 6am-8pm. Cerveo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 3pm-close. Taff Staff Tool open 8:30pm.

## thursday

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

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Happy Hour 3-8pm. Men's Nite - 50c draft beer and 50c shots of Schnapps 9pm to 1am. Dart Tourny 8pm \$2, bar matches 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 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. Ill energy dancing 9pm-close with DJ Cliff Austin.

STONWALL/BAGLE - Happy Hour 10am-8pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am Draft Beer 50c 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$1 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open open 3pm-close. Taff Staff Tool open 8:30pm

## friday

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

CLUB 2520 - Open 3pm. Extended Happy Hour 3 to 10 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music 8pm to close.

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

IBT'S - Open noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.25 domestic beer and well. . Gotto dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Looney 9-11. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONWALL/BAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy music. Long neck specials.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Draft Beer 50c 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 3pm-close. Taff Staff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

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AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Pool Tournament 5 pm. Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%

CLUB 2520 - Open Noon. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.

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

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IBT'S - Open 11am to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and \$1.25 well. Patio Bar with Looney 9-11. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

STONWALL/BAGLE - Noon to 7pm Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stonewall opens 9pm with High Energy Music.

VENTURE-N - Open 6am. Bitches & Nagels w/ \$1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 3pm-close. Taff Staff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.



# HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON

By Raul Almeraz

Well howdy everyone! As I am sure you all have noticed, I did take a couple of weeks off from the column. One week to prepare for the infamous San Diego Rodeo and the other to recover from the very same rodeo. Go figure.

First, let me start with rodeo business and then I will go on to the gossip and goings on at the GSGRA-San Diego. Oh, can we talk?

Bryan Collins, our Rodeo Events Director is planning another trail ride. We'll call this one "Trail Ride II". Trail Ride II is scheduled for Saturday, October 21 and is being planned as a morning ride. Keep those Bloody Mary's coming after that "too much fun" Friday night. Another event being planned is a "haunted hayride" this should be quite enjoyable and is scheduled for the last weekend of this month. If anyone is interested in either or both of these events, they should contact Bryan through the AGRA Hotline.

Now, here we go on to the San Diego Rodeo. It definitely was an event to remember or should I say there are things I wish people would forget. Yours truly was named the reigning "Pavement Princess". I had no control of what was going on at 3 A.M. at the host hotel parking lot. But I sure did get a lot of encouragement from the 17th floor.

AGRA was well received at the Grand Entry and well represented by delegates of Tucson. The applause was so great that it brought a sparkle to Clyde's eye and a sweat to his brow. Clap On (Clap, Clap), Clap Off (Clap, Clap). Were you experiencing flash backs?

This same weekend, one of our

co-travelers did well for himself. He married a dentist or at least slept with him. You'll be seeing that one with teeth fully capped and polished. You go "Brownie Bottom Pie"!

And of course, who could forget our special late night walks out for a cigarette. Out for a cigarette and come home the next morning smiling from the security guard. "Somebody call security". I think Mona wants to be placed in charge of rodeo security. Go figure.

The infamous San Diego Rodeo pool party was a sight for sore eyes. Speedo was the name and great bodies were the game. Our favorite waiter, Randy of Kickers and Hamburger Mary's along with his man Tony were struttin' their torsos and buns around the pool as well, and keeping up with the best of them I might add.

Boots and Briefs contest on Friday was a special treat. Any excuse to see a cowboy in briefs and books works for me.

Our trip coordinate Richard Girardi, a.k.a. "Julie McCoy" did a great job organizing and shuttling us around town. By the end of the trip Julie needed an attitude adjustment, but we were not going to be the ones to do it. She had the keys to the van and the return tickets home. Honey, we had to be nice to her!

Stay tuned for more San Diego Rodeo happenings in the next issue. Until next time, have fun and play safe.

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## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

As summer in Tucson, Arizona, finally begins to wind down, I am sure that I am not alone when I say that it seems to me that once again we have experienced a very warm summer (to put it mildly)! The recent cooler temperatures have provided a most enjoyable break from the hot weather! Recently, in search of even cooler temperatures, I had the opportunity to spend some time on Mt. Lemmon. What a beautiful change of pace and scenery from the desert!

This was not the first time that I had experienced the beauty of Mt. Lemmon. As a young person I was fortunate to be able to spend a large amount of time there and as an adult I continue to enjoy its beauty. I became aware of the awesomeness of the mountains at a very young age, but what I probably did not understand then was just what a miracle those mountains, trees, rocks, stars, sky, and everything else truly were! I can recall lying on a blanket at night while camping in the mountains, looking up at the clear, dark sky, and trying to count all of the stars. Of course I feel asleep before I ever completed my count! And of course I could never have counted them all anyway!

That is the point of this article! The Creator of all the heavens and earth and mountains and oceans and trees and animals, and you understand! What a mighty and awesome God we have who created all everything which we can see in

this universe, as well as all those things that are too small for our human eyes to see and our human minds to completely understand, such as atoms, were all created by our wonderful God! And isn't it amazing and comforting to know that the God who created all this enormous universe also knows and cares about every little detail in every single one of our lives! What an incredible thought!

When everything in your life feels like it is closing in on you and you have no way out from underneath the pile of rubble, Jesus Christ can be your hope! The problem which seem insurmountable and from which there seems to be no escape are smaller than the tiniest speck of sand to our great God who made this glorious universe! He wants to, be your guide in all the difficulties of your life. In Matthew 6:33, God's word tells us that if we "...seek first his (God's) kingdom and his (God's) righteousness,...all these things will be given to you as well." If we truly stop looking to ourselves, other people, drugs, or anything else, and start seeking God, we will find him and all the love and peace that we could ever want or need!

Inviting Jesus into your life is real easy, just ask him to come into your heart and forgive your sins and give you his new life. Then believe that he has done what he said he would do! What a difference he will make in your life, starting right now!

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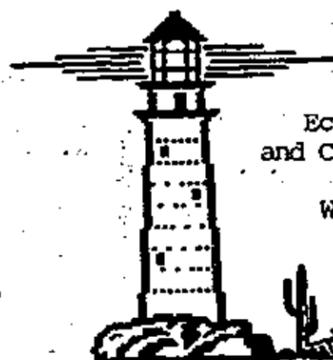
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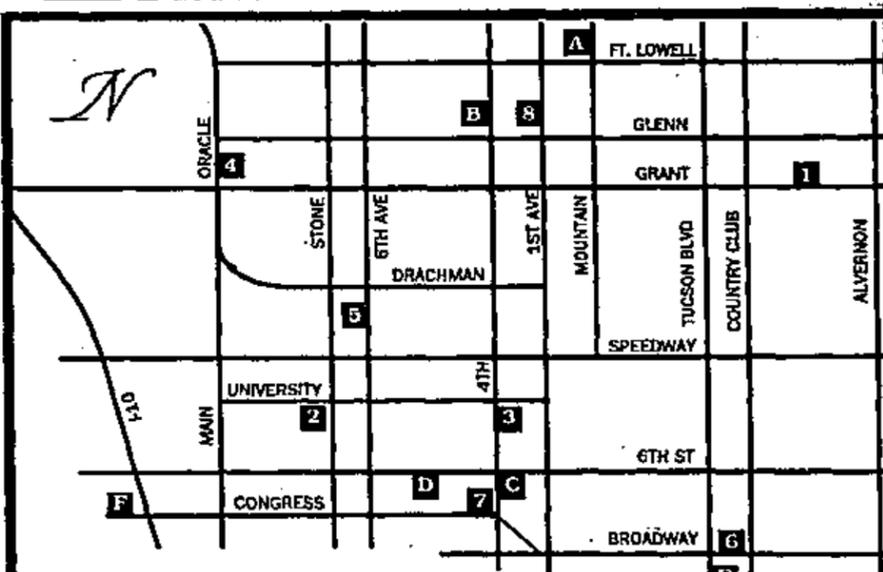
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**POLITICS '95**

by Mark R. Kerr

**"I'll Have 12 Whoppers, Six Orders Of Fries, And A Diet Coke!"**

**ELEPHANT DROPPINGS:** Two cast changes to report in the hit production of "Making of a Republican Presidential Candidate" currently playing at the Burt Reynolds Dinner Theater in Jupiter, Florida.

California Governor, Pete "Proposition 187" Wilson dropped out of the GOP presidential free-for-all one month after getting into race. [Despite promising in his '94 re-election campaign not to run for president. What's new! Wilson has a history of breaking promises!]

During a press conference, Wilson stated that the campaign ran out of money, spending over one million dollars and only getting single digits in most national polls, trailing in his home state, and having to close up his Iowa campaign offices. He added he would have to go into debt just to run a "skeleton campaign".

Reports have said that Wilson's inability to raise funds came because his California supporters were upset that he broke his promise and ran for just a month. The supporters wanted him in Sacramento, not in D.C.

[Poor Jim Kolbe! He wanted to be a "player" and backed Wilson, a person leading efforts to end immigration and affirmative action programs. Darling, you are not going to be a "player" and hispanics and other minority groups in CD-5 aren't going to forget, especially next November during the election!]

Businessman Steve Forbes, a.k.a. "Rich Dullwasp" launched his bid for the GOP '96 presidential campaign. Forbes pledged to spend \$25 million of his own money to run his quest for the GOP nod. [Right, his money! It was his father's, Malcolm's, fortune. Remember him, he was Liz Taylor's best friend, just like Merv and Eva!]

Forbes stated during his press conference that his main campaign plank is the proposed flat income tax, 17%, and to scrap the current system.

[For those of you keeping track with your scorecards, these two changes means only 107 people running for the GOP presidential nod.]

**POWELL POOP DU JOUR:** Colin "By the book!" Powell, the darling of the media mongrels, said he would strongly consider being the presidential nominee of Ross Perot's new political party if asked or nominated. [So, the book tour must not be going so good, Mr. "Military Industrial Complex Homophobe"?]

**PROBLEMS. WHAT PROBLEMS?:** Governor J. Fife "Arizona, can you spare \$24 million?" Whitebread has been in the news: Calling for the abolition of the Education Department. Leading an initiative to change the juvenile justice system. Was present for the announcement of the Microsoft deal. And called the current funding for state education, "absurd".

What's Fife up to? Trying to divert attention from his Chapter 7 bankruptcy, over \$24 million, and the fact of his Southwest Savings and real estate

fiases, state taxpayers, you and me, are stuck with a \$63 million dollar tab. Plain and simple, Whitebread must go!

**CURE EV:** Our favorite phobe, former impeached Governor Evan "It's natural just like Bud's" Mecham is back, with his association of small conservative political parties which will pick a presidential candidate for 1996.

His organization, Constitutionally Unified Republic for Everyone (CURE), consisting of 12 minor parties, will field an independent candidate that, "all the parties, small parties can join in with," He added, "If we can organize all those who don't want to be Republicans or Democrats, we'd be the majority." [Get her!]

Mecham added that Ross Perot knows what they are doing and has kept pretty close track of it. But Perot would not "be the choice of our people." [Oh, get her! Ev's ticket would consist of Mark Fuhrman for president and Ev for vice president!]

**PLYMOUTH BEATS CHEVY!:** This past week, the Arizona Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling that keeps the Tucson Clean Water initiative, whose chief backer is Plymouth dealer Bob Beaudry, on the November general election ballot.

Opponents of the initiative, led by car dealer, Bucky "See the USA in a Chevrolet!" O'Reilly had challenged, stating that initiative would allow citizens to micro-manage government. With the decision, the Tucson city clerk stated that absentee balloting will begin this week.

**AS WARD 3 TURNS:** The Tucson mayor and council, this week accepted the Saggau "resignation letter", and announced that they will hold a forum for potential replacements for the Ward 3 Council seat.

Why? Council sources tell this reporter that of the names being floated by the "mainstream media morons", none has the votes, most have two Council members in opposition. [A person would need 3 votes of the Council members, (the Mayor doesn't vote), to be selected. So don't believe what you read, see or hear. Scarlett O'Hara hasn't been found yet!]

**WARD 3 PART DEUX:** The conspiracy theories are running wild, at least to a crazed female constituent. This past week, the woman went into the Ward 3 Council office and accused a Council aide, present, of murdering Tom "MIA" Saggau and hiding the body. Later in the week, the same woman went to the Ward 2 office and stated that the FBI was looking for Saggau, and that's why he disappeared.

[Of course this isn't true. Saggau is not in West Virginia, he's actually holed-up in a trailer park in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Tom has a roommate, that person is none other than the "King", Elvis Presley.]

**KILLER SIGNS III;** Some new signs to review for the city elections:

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Bill King for Council - Ward 4. Can the signs get any smaller!

Tim S. Loomis for Council - Ward 2. I've seen better spacing between David Letterman's front teeth!

So it goes for now kids!

Ray "Smith" Fontaine for Council - Ward 1. How patriotic! How lovely! How nauseating! How can you run?

around the office while other fools are vacationing.

# HOROSCOPES

BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

The close of summer brings the harvest of the crop, and what a crop! Let's turn our attention to October which marks National Coming Out Month. It's time to show the world what we can do. Get out there all you members of the tribe and strut your stuff! At the same time, let's see what the stars have in store for us.

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

This is the month to watch what you say to partners. You may not mean to say the wrong thing at the wrong time, but the planets seem to conspire to twist your words. Don't panic though; there are some fabulous opportunities for you to cement and strengthen relationships. It is the wise Gay Ram which allows actions to speak louder than words.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Jobs may not go as smoothly as you planned if you insist on relying on word of mouth to relay your instructions to subordinates and assistants. Don't expect people to understand your intentions and don't expect them to get the idea on the first try. Patience, dear proud Bull, will count for a lot and I know that you have plenty of it.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

Fun may have of getting out of hand this month so know your limits, state them clearly to cohorts and, by all means, stick to them! The worst thing you can do is allow your career to suffer from your bouts of enjoyment. There is a time and a place for everything so know when to play and when to work. Sadly, dear pink Twins, never the two shall meet.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

It is best to plan any home renovations towards the end of the month. Otherwise, you may find that your instructions are misinterpreted or the results are less than satisfactory. On the bright side, you can enjoy entertaining at home and may be tempted to prepare a fabulous, fun filled soiree. The strategy for this month is fun and frolic, so go all Out and have a blast!

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

You may feel less than motivated on the job because it seems that whatever you are doing is having little or no impact. It may not be true; it may appear that way because you are not communicating properly. Instead of hitting yourself on the head, why not put all of that proud energy into your home this month? You are raring to tackle all sorts of home related projects so get to work!

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

You may be right in believing that partners just don't understand you, but look at life from their end and see if your opinion changes. It takes two to tango, and it may be that your opinion changes. It takes two to tango, and it may be that your stay at home do nothing attitude may crimp a romantic relationship. An idea; why not plan a fabulous evening at home complete with dinner, music and who know's what? Both win!

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

The world seems to revolve around the effects of money on your sense of well being and importance. Surely the lure of the greenback provides security, but it cannot give you your total identity. That can only be acquired with a combination of inner knowledge, family and friends

and meaningful work. And honey, the latter needs some attention. and be sure that you have all the facts before you invest.

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Even clear headed Scorps can sound almost mystical and other worldly this month when your personal planets hover over the psychic areas of your horoscope and the wild and woolly outer planets hit communication. Become a guru or seek one. Become a full fledged volunteer and banner carrier for the downtrodden. At very least pay a visit to your local house of worship.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Do you notice an inner spiritual revolution and transformation taking place? Changes begin to heat up the pace this month and Sags, being the lucky signs that they are, will greatly benefit from even surprising inner upheavals. Finances continue to be source of mystery and delusion for you, though. Protect your hard gotten gains

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Watch what you say, particularly in any career or professional arena. The wayward planets have a way of gumming up the works and you may find yourself blurting out the most improper things or having your most innocuous comment blown right out of proportion. Maybe it's because you still are out of touch with the impression you give to others. Don't worry, this too shall pass.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Plan your travel plans carefully and check the list twice. In addition to wandering off the intended track, you may be sidetracked by the demands of your career and the dramatic changes taking place there. Since money has been a problem area for you for a while. I suggest that you put all aspects of your life into priority and hang

**PISCES**  
**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**  
Feisty Fish are, sexually speaking, ready to roll. Is it possible that, in your desire to compliment you inadvertently said the exact wrong thing and overturn the old appellation of sex? Dear, pink Pisces, it may be better to keep your thoughts and comments to yourself. Use that active tongue for a more desirable purpose. Don't say a word...

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Venture-N, home bar of the Desert Leathermen. What the hell does that mean? Does it mean that the Desert Leathermen live at the Venture-N? With the exception of Bert and Ernie, no, most of us don't. It does mean that DL strives to help create a comfortable and safe environment where we like to spend some free time in hopes of meeting like minded people. A place where we can relax and just be ourselves, men and women who like leather. A place where we feel at ease enough to get a little wild and crazy now and then.

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Several weeks ago, Mountain View Restaurant was bursting at the seams with "leder" when DL invaded to enjoy some fantastic German cuisine and install the new club officers. After the schnitzel and sauerkraut stopped flying, swearing in ceremonies commenced. Many thanks to the outgoing officers who served the past year and best of luck to the incoming. Let's have a great year!

The perfect opportunity to meet many of the new officers would be at our Beer and Soda Bust this coming Saturday, October 7 from 3 to 7 P.M. on Jim's Backside at the "Home Bar". You never know what might happen at a DL Beer Bust. Or if you happen to be in Palm Springs Saturday night, check out the DL Beer Bust happening at the Tool Shed.

It's not too early to start thinking about the annual Fellowship Run over Thanksgiving weekend, November 23-26. For a modest \$25 donation you get an entire four day weekend of meals, cocktail parties, games and events starting with a traditional turkey dinner on Thursday night. Lots of out of town meat shows up for this event. Ask any DL, TALL, Partners or TKO member or watch for details.

A hearty congratulations to Mark Kaleck, the new Mr. Venture-N. Mark es muy macho and put on a delicious fantasy for the crowd at the second annual Mr. Venture Contest last Saturday night. Don't stop now, Mark, you've got a whole year to keep the patrons of the Home Bar revved up!

**Gay Comedy Jam Comes To Tucson**

TUCSON - The Gay Comedy Jam: Freedom Tour starring Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye comes to Laff's Comedy Caffe in Tucson Tuesday, October 10, 1995.

This one night only special engagement show is scheduled in celebration of National Coming Out Day which is the following day. National Coming Out Day is widely recognized as the official day for all Gay men and Lesbians to celebrate the diversity, uniqueness, and Gay pride in their communities.



SCOTT KENNEDY

The Gay Comedy Jam: Freedom Tour starring Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye will be Laff's Comedy Caffe, 2900 East Broadway in Tucson, Tuesday, October 10, 1995 at 8:00 P.M. for one night only. Ticket prices are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door plus tax. For ticket and show information call (52) 323-8669.

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## Italian Law Creates A Group Of Jail Proof Criminals With AIDS

TURIN, Italy - As manager of a small bank on a busy street, Roberto Limerutti has been through his share of stickups. "Just the hazards of the trade," the three time robbery victim says with a shrug.

institutions in and around Turin for the better part of a year, scoring about \$155,000. "It starts out as a beautiful idea, very just, but in the end it clashes with reality."

But the incident on the afternoon of August 4 was by far the strangest. Two men, unmasked and armed only with upholstery knives presented themselves at the tellers' windows and said they wished to "perform an operation."

"These robbers didn't exactly look like they were dying," he adds. "Especially the one jumped over the counter."

Then one of them leaped over the chin high counter and cleaned out the cash drawers while the other pointed his little blade at a lending officer. It was all over in minutes. The two made off on foot with about \$12,000, "in the governor tranquility," Limerutti says. "They didn't run. They looked like normal customers who had just made a withdrawal and who were now on their way to catch the bus."

To be sure, just a fraction of the thousands, released under the AIDS law have taken illicit advantage of it. And some of those who say they are merely trying to draw attention to the government's abandonment of the illness's victims. Still, police, prosecutors and crime victims are complaining that the law is fostering a new kind of criminal who cannot be jailed, no matter what he or she does.

Only when the police arrived and replayed videotapes made by ceiling mounted security cameras did Limerutti discover why his thieves had been so nonchalant. His bank had been knocked over by the latest brand of criminal to sweep Italy: no terrorists, not final, not government bribe takers, but AIDS patients who had robbed before.

Turin has been particularly hard-hit, says Police Chief Giuseppe Grassi, who notes that the pair who robbed Limerutti's bank were part of a three man gang so brazen that they were once arrested five times in a seven day period.

No one with acquired immune deficiency syndrome in Italy can be jailed. That's been the law since 1993, when the government rushed through the Chamber of Deputies emergency legislation declaring the illness "incompatible" with prison life.

Each time, the men were freed in a matter of hours, in accordance with the law.

The drafters of the law wanted to protect healthy inmates from contagion in Italy's overcrowded prisons, and their bill quickly attracted the overwhelming support of legislators, who saw it as a humanitarian gesture, the offer of a few precious last moments of liberty is emaciated, weak and defeated AIDS sufferers, people on the edge of death.

"It would not be so bad if were just these three, but there are many such cases," says Turin public prosecutor Marcello Maddalena, who like other observers says most of Italy's prison AIDS population has consisted of drug abusers who got the disease by sharing needles.

"It's like a lot of our laws in Italy," says Limerutti, who has learned that the two men who robbed his bank are well enough to have held up financial

"We catch people selling heroin or cocaine, and we have to let them go," he says. "They can do it five, six, seven times and just keep going. They can commit murder."

Not all the infected criminals take such in your face advantage of Italy's AIDS law, certainly. The men who robbed Limerutti's bank, by contrast, seem set on winning the hearts of the public. After the robbery, the ring leader, Sergio Magnis, checked into Turin's Amadeo di Savoia Hospital, seeking treatment; his two accomplices caught up with him there, and after calling some reporters on their cellular phone, the trio adjourned to the court yard for a news conference.

"We've been described as the 'AIDS bandits', the 'untouchables,' the 'living dead,' but in fact we are not criminals," insisted Magnis, who appeared before the journalists in a T-shirt with the word "Wanted" printed across the front. "We have been abandoned, outlawed. I'm convinced that if we had the chance, we'd all go out and work, but no one offers us any work."



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GAY & LESBIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP meets at St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church on alternate Mondays. Call David, 323-7843 for more info.

"AT LAST! 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.

LESBIAN/GAY WRITERS: Long and short fiction workshop at 7:00 p.m. fourth Friday of every month. Read and critique current projects. Network and support. For info call 325-4737.

DESERT VOICES, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #162. For information call 791-9662.

Join the LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3661 N. Campbell Ave. #165, Tucson, AZ 85719.

AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. All alcoholics welcome.

MEN'S SOCIAL NETWORK: Social organization for men of all ages. Building an extended Gay family in Tucson. Monthly social potluck gatherings the first Saturday of each month and almost weekly social activities. Call Jerry at 690-9563 for information and a newsletter.

TCSA - Tucson Greater Softball Association, Tucson's #1 Gay Softball League. For info call Robert S. 882-8513 or Mary O. 770 9979

DREAM GROUP For Gay and Bisexual men meets every Thursday at 7pm. Bring a dream and learn about your deepest self and that of others. Call Robert Feldhaus, PBD 623-1732

CARE TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE to offer support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network offers trained, compassionate and committed volunteers to provide services including friendly visits, light housekeeping, assistance with meals, shopping, errands, transportation and companionship for medical appointments, and respite care for primary caregivers. No judgement or proselytizing - we are here to be of service. For information call Scott at 299-9063.

CATALINA CONCLAVE - Outreach for Transsexuals, transgendered and others desiring to explore the mystery of the gender, and our pagan heritage. Call Julia for more information, 825-0767.

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL THERAPY GROUP now forming at UMC Department of Psychiatry. This is a general process group, open to all interested. For a free individual interview, call Randy Drucic, M.D. at 826-6254. 380

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

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FACT - 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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P.P.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER now meeting in the front building of MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 795-7266.

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

SORORITY - A support group for male & female Transsexuals, Transvestites and Gay cross-dressers. Family oriented. Meets every Tuesday at 7 pm and at 8 pm on 2nd Saturday of each month. Call: 293-3456. NOT A DATING SERVICE.

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbians and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Wingspan, 624-1779.

WOMEN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Ustarianes Universalist Church 4831 E. 22nd Street, featuring DJ Steve Jam. \$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 mature men who are or wish to be involved in Gay community activities, issues and organizations. Call 887-7493 and leave your name and phone number. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday, 4-6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadview Center Bldg.). Direct services for persons with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Prevention education programs. Business hours, M-F, 8-5. 322-6226. AIDS Hotline: 326-AIDS.

GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON

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

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

SUPPORT GROUP: Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road, Room 32. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

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

ARIZONA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION (AGRA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Increased! Call 323-0803 or write AGRA/Tucson, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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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. 570-0027

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., #85, Tucson, AZ 85704 or come to our general meetings the second Friday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Catalina Foothills Lodge Clubhouse.

GAY AND LESBIAN DIVERSITY ANONYMOUS. Stop bi-ging, purging and overeating. Get a lift! 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 Rich, 318-0540 Tucson.

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

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## Independently Speaking

by Marvin Leibman and Anthony Young

The 1996 Presidential primaries are just a few months away, and the Gay and Lesbian communities across the country are already hard pressed to find a candidate with the political courage to champion our issues.

Currently, there are nine candidates for the Republican nomination, one Democratic candidate, Bill Clinton, and two possible third party candidates. Not one of the presidential hopefuls has taken a friendly, or indeed any, stance on Gay issues.

Most of the Republican field has been pandering to the openly homophobic Christian Coalition in the hopes of receiving there all important support. President Clinton, although friendlier to our concerns than any President in history, has been noticeably silent since November 1994, had failed on the Gays in the military issue, and now seems incapable of action. We are nearly invisible except to the haters in the Christian Coalition and their dozens of clones around the country.

Who, then, among all the candidates, might be a voice for American Lesbians and Gay men? It is apparent that Gay issues can not be swept under the carpet this political season in light of Christian Coalition's virulent attacks and the national news coverage that Senator Bob Dole encountered when he returned a \$1,000 campaign contribution from the Log Cabin Republicans (LCR).

One has to question the motives behind the LCR making the contribution in the first place. It is unconscionable that a Gay political group such as LCR would give money to a candidate who, earlier in the summer, made it quite clear in a letter to the Washington Times that he opposes "the special interest Gay agenda [that] reaches as far to suggest special status for sexual orientation under federal civil rights statutes." This, however, probably has more to do with LCR's priority of supporting Republican candidates than Gay and Lesbian issues. Although Rich Tafel, LCR executive director, tried putting a positive political spin on the incident, it was ultimately a humiliating attempt by LCR to buy some influence in the Dole campaign.

The only bright spot in the Republican field in Senator Arlen Specter (PA) who has openly criticized the Christian Coalition for intolerance and bigotry. Arlen Specter was the only Republican presidential aspirant who seemed prepared to educate himself on Gay issues and has the courage, conviction and political savvy to speak out for the Gay community.

Specter could be a pivotal candidate, taking positions favorable to the Gay community and thus elevate Gay issues for serious consideration and public debate not only for the other Republican candidates but also for President Clinton. Although Specter's chances for winning the nomination are slim, he can, in effect, control the dialogue on this and other "controversial" issues such as abortion and welfare.

The Specter campaign has even sought advice, from the authors of this column and others, on how to reach out to the Gay community for support. In spite of the counsel and advice, the Specter campaign has remained silent on enlisting the Gay community's support.

Why did the Specter campaign lose interest in Gay issues? Our initial

advice was that Senator Specter had to make certain good faith overtures to the Gay community to enlist their support; e.g. sign on as a co-sponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), pledge to use his influence as Chair of the Labor, Health, Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee to support AIDS funding and research; to reconsider any opposition to Gay in the military in light of two years of failure of the "don't ask, don't tell" circus; and to use the full session of the Senate to support issues that come up relating to the Gay community. Seemingly, the Gay issue was too hot for even the most moderate of the Republican candidates to handle.

The best hope for the Gay community is to support any politician, regardless of party affiliation, who stands openly with us on issues important to our community. Candidates who do not openly support our cause are not worthy of our money, volunteer efforts, and most importantly, our vote. Groups such as Log Cabin Republicans should exercise better judgement when offering support to candidates that simply appear to be moderate.

We should accept nothing less than full support from a candidate. If there is no politician in your area that is worthy of support, send your contribution to the Victory Fund, (10th Floor, 1012 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005) which provides financial help to openly Lesbian and Gay candidates across the country.

It will take a lot more than one thousand dollar contributions to get our community and groups like LCR a place at the table.

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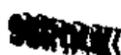
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Mr. and Ms. Lifting for Life Bodybuilding Exhibition • Bodacious Fashion Show • Power Lifting Exhibition • Bench Press Exhibition • Free lifting technique demonstration / consultation • Free cardiovascular demonstration / consultation • Free diet evaluation / nutritional information • Free body fat testing • Free HIV counseling • GNC will provide information on the newest vitamins and supplements • Prizes



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