

## Step By Step: Coming Out Of The Closet Successfully

by Barry Walters

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - In his latest book, "Outing Yourself," Michelangelo Signorile suggests that homophobia is a disease.

"That concept is a way of turning around the whole idea of homosexuality being a disease," says Signorile. "Homosexuality occurs in nature and therefore is natural. Like racism, sexism, and anti-Semitism, homophobia is learned. It's not innate. When you compare it to alcoholism or drug addiction, it becomes easier to understand how people can say or do irrational things, but can still love you and you can love them. Homophobia is passed along to Gay people in the form of self hatred and it's the hardest thing to battle."

This idea informs "Outing Yourself" (Random House, \$20.00), a 14 step how to book designed to help Lesbians and Gays sensible and slowly come out of the closet. This straight forward and concise guide breaks the process down into simple goals, from identifying yourself as Gay, developing a family a Gay friends, and coming out to straight friends, parents and co-workers, to not worrying about hiding your sexual orientation.

Although Signorile is not a therapist, "Outing Yourself" bares a solid psychoanalytic perspective. Those may only know the writer through his caustic and intentionally thought provoking gossip columns in Outweek, where he politicized the practice of "outing" closeted celebrities, may think Signorile may not be the right person to calmly guide insecure, ordinary Lesbians and Gays out of the closet. The author feels otherwise.

"I went from being a gossip columnist," he explains, "where I helped construct closets for celebrities to realizing what I was doing and being infused with ACT-UP's analysis of the closet to writing 'Queer in America,' which took me to Washington, Hollywood, Silicon Valley, Portland, interviewing hundreds of people in the closet. By default, a journalist is a kind of sociologist, and a therapist. You're analyzing people's motivations."

The impulse to write "Outing Yourself" came when "Queer in America" hit the stores and Signorile was flooded with hundreds of letters from people who were either sharing their own coming out stories or were asking his advice on the best way to come out. The author went in search of books that would help his correspondents, but most were too academic. What people wanted was something to give the coming out process structure.

To write the book, Signorile started by interviewing his letter writers. Then he sent out a questionnaire that asked people about their experiences and fol-

lowed up with those who had sent back the most insightful responses. To fill the demographic holes in research, Signorile turned to America Online to reach specific groups of people. While writing the book, he consulted several therapists (including his own) who regularly help their patients out of the closet.

"We all come out in different ways," he admits, "but there were patterns for the people who came out successfully. People who first came out to their parents had built a Gay support group, then a straight one. They were able to answer their parents' questions and had a lot of people to turn to."

Of course, Signorile's own coming out to his parents was far from smooth.

"I had done it in all the wrong ways," he admits. "When I was in college, I had gotten near the subject during a conversation about homosexuality, but my father was sleeping and my mother was ironing. I figure my mother seemed okay about it and surely she must know I'm Gay, therefore she must be okay with me being Gay."

"Several years later, I was working in New York, involved in ACT UP, and so many of my friends were sick and I had a boyfriend who was HIV positive and starting to get sick. I didn't want to hear my mother and father talk about their wonderful suburban lives, so I stopped calling them and going home. My mother finally wrote me a letter, asking me what was going on. So I wrote her back, using a lot of capital letters, my trademark style at the time."

"THIS is why I haven't called. YOU people have OPPRESSED me for 1,000 YEARS! And I'm GAY! And ALL my friends are DYING! And my BOYFRIEND has AIDS!" I threw the whole kitchen sink at them.

"My mother then responded in an equally angry way. We went through a period of writing nasty letters. Then we started talking to each other, but screaming and having this huge Italian drama over the phone. Then we didn't speak for months. I thought: This is it. I lost my family. After that, one of us broke the ice, we started having rational discussion and one day, they asked me a zillion questions. I was able to answer all of them and we started from there."

Although Signorile came to national prominence full of righteous anger, he recommends throughout "Outing Yourself" that Lesbians and Gays check their anger when dealing with loved ones.

## Judge Upholds Boy Scout Ban On Gays Citing Bible's Sodom Story

TRENTON, NJ (AP) - A state judge, citing the biblical story of Sodom and Gomorrah as evidence that homosexual is immoral, upheld the Boy Scouts' ban on Gays.

Superior Court Judge Patrick McGann found that the Monmouth Council of the Boy Scouts did not violate state discrimination laws when it expelled James Dale as an assistant scoutmaster in 1990 after learning he is Gay.

The judge said the Boy Scouts is a private organization and has a constitutional right to decide who can belong. The Scouts' Gay ban has been challenged several times but always upheld.

"Men who do those criminal and immoral acts cannot be held out as role models," McGann wrote in his November 3 ruling.

Dale's lawyer Evan Wolfson said

it was "shocking to read such harsh anti-Gay language coming from a judge in writing." Wolfson said he may appeal.

McGann did not immediately comment.

In his legal analysis, McGann cited the Bible:

"Sodomy is derived from the name of the biblical city, Sodom, which, with the nearby city of Gomorrah, was destroyed by fire and brimstone rained down by the Lord because of the sexual depravity (active homosexuality) of the their male inhabitants," he wrote.

McGann went on to write that "all religions deem the act of sodomy a serious moral wrong," and that until 1979, it was considered a criminal act in New Jersey.

## Afghan Raffle Raises \$805 For Shanti



by Mark R. Kerr  
Observer Staff Writer

TUCSON - Wednesday, Nov. 8, Shanti Foundation held their raffle drawing for the original Afghan rug, designed by artist, Cal Kallstrom. Proceeds from the raffle, totalling \$805, will go to the Shanti Food Bank.

The drawing took place at the Shanti offices on sixth street, the winner of the contest was Mike Moore, who was then notified of his win. Officials said the raffle took a grand total of two and a half weeks.

Kallstrom who stated that it took four months to create. Cal added that he saw the design in a book about Egypt. After creating it, Kallstrom felt it would be a terrific item to raffle off for some charity. He donated the rug to Shanti.

Anne Maley, executive director of Shanti Foundation wanted to thank "Glen Vogt and Cal for putting the drawing together. "It helps keep the Shanti Food pantry full, Maley said. "I want to thank those who bought raffle tickets and helped the Shanti Foundation."

[Pictured above: Anne Maley, Shanti executive director and Cal Kallstrom, artist.]

The Afghan was designed by

# UPDATE

## Wingspan Silent Auction Dec. 2 - 10

TUCSON - Wingspan, Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual community center will be holding a silent auction, December 2 - 10.

There will be various items up for bid, and they will be displayed in the Wingspan Gallery, 422 North Fourth Avenue, from December 2 - 10, plus the items will also be available for viewing during the Fourth Avenue Street Fair, December 8 - 10.

There will be a Silent Auction Reception at Wingspan on Saturday, December 2, from 7 - 10 P.M., with music and refreshments. Final bids must be in by 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 10, 1995. The catalog of bid items is available at Wingspan. For more information call Carol Brown, coordinator, 327-8586.

## 9th Annual Arizona Fellowship Run Begins Nov. 23

TUCSON - The Arizona Fellowship Committee wishes to inform, and invite everyone, to the Arizona Fellowship Run, Number 9, starting November 23.

Registration will commence at both the Graduate and the Venture-N, 5 P.M., on Thursday. This will be a four day run, taking place in the Old Pueblo, with stops at most of the local Gay bars. The ninth annual Run will offer 6 different games you may participate in for trophies; as well as seven different cocktail parties. Also, starting with the traditional Thanksgiving Day meal, six additional meals will be served.

The total run donation for this complete package is \$25 per person, or \$12.50 after midnight Friday. Full run applications will be available at the Graduate, Venture-N and Stonewall/Eagle. Housing will be available for out of town guests.

## Interfaith HIV Network Seeks Director

TUCSON - Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) is currently advertising for a full time director.

TIHAN is a volunteer organization made up of people representing a large number of local faith communities. The mission of the organization includes caring, non-judgmental, non-medical in home care for persons living with HIV/AIDS, faith community based HIV prevention education, understanding pastoral care for those requesting it and special events such as interfaith healing services.

Duties of the director will include coordination of client services, coordination and education of volunteers, program development, outreach to congregations in Tucson and outlying areas, interfacing with other AIDS service providers and funding development through grant writing, congregational support and other programs.

Applicants should be caring, knowledgeable about HIV and service providers, and sensitive to interfaith issues. The starting salary offered is \$20,000 annually plus benefits. Applicants may mail or fax resume to Jane Mohler, c/o University of Arizona AIDS Education Projects, 1601 North Tucson Blvd., Suite 16, Tucson, AZ 85716. Fax number (520) 323-2437. Deadline for application is December 1, 1995.

## In Memoriam



CHRISTOPHER CHARLES PRUETT  
5/4/62 - 11/5/95

The lives he touched and the joy and happiness he brought to those who knew him, is what is important now. Life goes on, and with it, somehow it is better because of that. Chris lives on in the heart on many, continuing to strengthen them by the good he most freely gave. He will surely be missed in this world.

Chris is survived by his mother, Dixie; brothers, George, Ben, Rob and sister, Beth; nieces and nephews; and myself, Robert. He was a graduate of CDO of Tucson, was awarded the Submariners Badges in the Navy, business owner, cobbler, and full member of the Desert Leathermen.

I wish to thank the many VA hospital staffers, Tucson AIDS Project, Food for Life volunteers, and the countless others, in and out of the Gay community, who unselfishly gave their time and services to Chris during his illness. Donations can be made in his name to the Tucson AIDS Project.

Thank you, Robert Glasker

JOE SANCHEZ  
CELEBRATION, NOV. 19

TUCSON - You are cordially invited to the Joe Sanchez Celebration, Sunday, November 19, from 2 to 6 P.M.. The celebration of Joe will take place at 4144 East 1st Street.

Join in the reunion of his friends in saying adios to an immortal friend and companion. Please bring a "dish" to share.

GEORGE REDERUS

George Rederus, a long-time Tucsonan, died in his sleep last Sunday night, Nov. 12. A memorial service will be held this Saturday, Nov. 18 at 10:00 a.m. at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), 3269 N. Mountain. Rev. Henry Warner and Rev. Nita Willey will officiate.

All friends of George are welcome to participate in this service. Because of the time span, George's obituary will appear in the next issue of Observer. For further information about the services, please call MCC, (520)292-9151.



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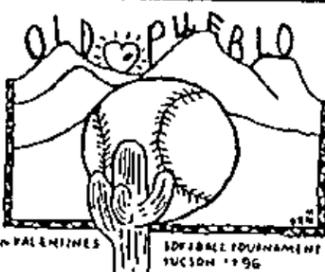
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### Accident Kills AIDS Activist Robin Hardy

OTTAWA, Canada - Services were held in Ottawa, Canada, for Robin Hardy, an AIDS activist, journalist and author of about 20 paperback novels. Hardy died October 28 in a camping accident in the Tonto National Forest near Globe.

Hardy, 43, a Canadian, moved to Tucson three years ago from New York. He was a founder of the Publishing Triangle, an association of Lesbians and Gay men in publishing. He was also an early member of ACT UP, an AIDS advocacy group. He moved to New York from Canada in 1984.

Hardy, who lived with HIV for more than a decade, was a former board member of the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson, (PACT for Life).

Hardy who lived with HIV for more than a decade, was a former board member of the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson, also known as PACT for Life.

He had a law degree from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and in recent years taught classes in genre fiction at the University of Arizona Extended University.

Hardy was finishing a book of essays for Houghton Mifflin, titled "The Landscape of Death: Gay Men, AIDS and the Crisis of Desire."

He is survived by his parents, Bill and Jean Hardy of Ottawa; sisters Eloise Hardy of Toronto and Michele Hardy of Ottawa; and brother Charles, also of Ottawa.

Friends and family will gather at Robin Hardy's home at 6:30 P.M., November 17. For information about this memorial call 628-9404. The family asks that donations be made to PACT for Life.

### Hate Crimes Against Gays Up In Phoenix

PHOENIX, AZ (AP) - The number of hate crimes against homosexuals here is on the rise, according to Phoenix Police Department records.

In the first half of 1995, police classified 21 offenses committed against homosexuals as hate crimes. There were 19 in all of 1994. And members of the Gay and Lesbian community say those numbers represent a fraction of the actual crimes against homosexuals that actually take place because many victims do not report the incidents.

Police say most hate crimes committed against Phoenix area homosexuals involved physical attacks, a reflection of a national trend, said Mark Colledge, an activist who compiles information on anti-homosexual hate crimes for the Valley of the Sun Gay and Lesbian Community.

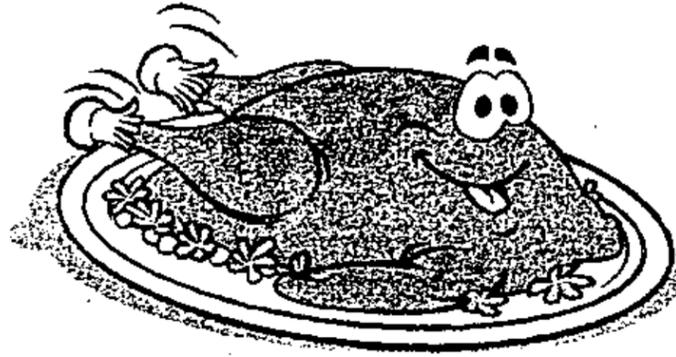
Activists say one way to combat attacks on homosexuals is to pass laws that create harsher penalties for those who commit crimes motivated by hate.

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

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## TIPS FROM T.A.P.

by John Barnes

I was asked to write a piece about TAP's Client Services, but first I want to tell you of the wonderful retreat the line staff of the three ASO's had this past week.

Over the years, miscommunications and turf issues have come up among the AIDS service organizations. The retreat was organized to help solve those problems and to help us get better acquainted with what's available throughout the community for people with HIV. We also wanted to create a smoother working plan for the clients who use all of our services. Perceptions can get in the way of any dialogue, and (thank God we were all able to get our views and needs out in the open and build new bridges for ourselves and our clients.

For those clients who avail themselves of the services of the three agencies, we plan to have more staffings with all the line staff and come up with written care plans for each client so that services will be delivered better and with less confusion.

We all agree that this battle with HIV/AIDS is one that we need to fight together, whether you are living with HIV or are in the final stages of AIDS. We are all concerned with the care and well being of the clients. We will keep you informed of the new and improved ways we plan to serve you and this community.

Now, about TAP's Client Services: The principal service is Case Management. Case managers can assist you in formulating a care plan for yourself, or just with some particular need that you might have. If you need entitlements assistance (i.e., Social Security, AHCCS, or general assistance), a case manager can help you. If you need someone to refer you to a substance abuse treatment program or mental health program, we can help you. We can also get you connected with in home care, early intervention, and other community services. Our Support Services include individual, family, and group counseling; assistance with financial planning; legal referrals; massage; and transportation. Or if you just want to know where to get more help, give us a call at 322-6226.

TAP's Client Services are also available for clients who need assistance in forming their own support groups. We

can provide space and technical advice on getting started. We have found that those groups that have good peer leaderships and direction do better than ones we set up for you. If you're interested in starting a group, call me.

I hope you've seen the new tri-fold pamphlet around town listing services offered by TAP, Shanti, and PACT, as well as the AIDS Prevention Collaboration. This will give you a rough idea of what's available this year. Tommy Regan was instrumental in getting this project done.

[John Barnes is the Clinical Supervisor for the Tucson AIDS Project.]



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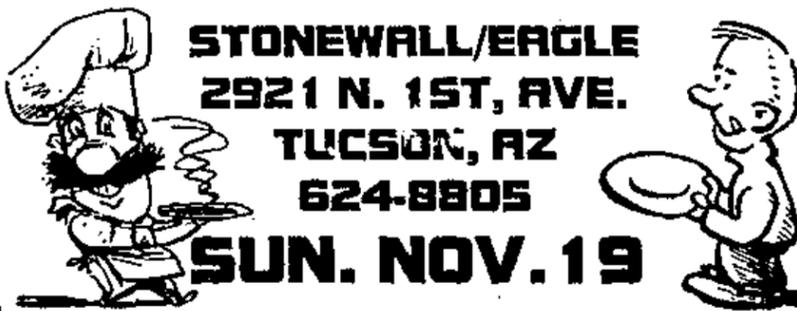
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*As I See It*

*by Clark*

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# Tanqueray Brings In Millions To AIDS, Care And Research



by EstherMarie Hillman

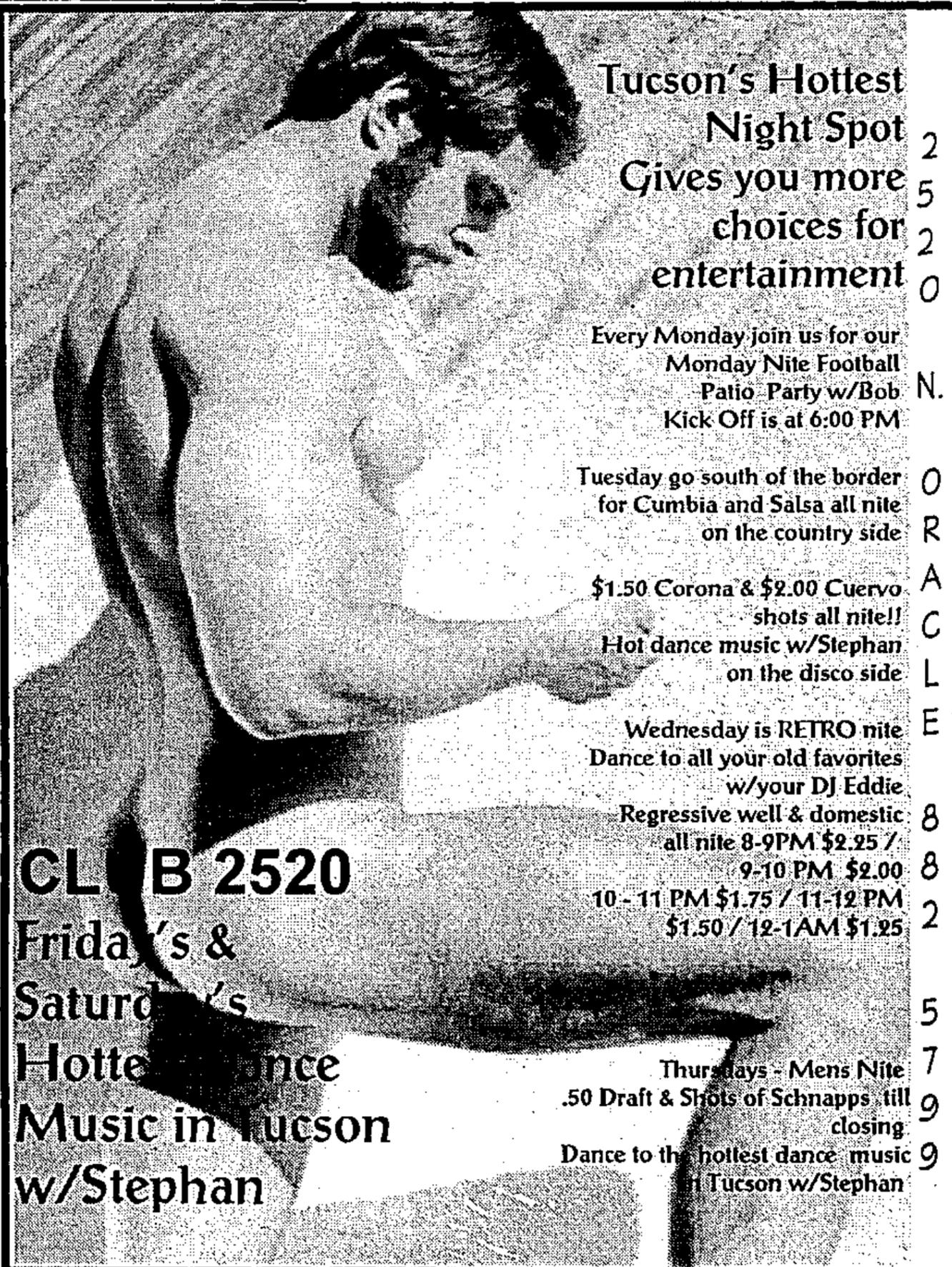
NEW YORK, NY - Five Tucsonans participated in the largest AIDS fund raising event that the east coast had ever seen. The Boston to New York AIDS Ride, a 260 mile bike ride over a 3 day period.

Each rider had to raise a minimum of \$1,200.00 to participate. There were over 3,500 riders, raising over \$6,500,000 dollars. Monies raised will go to the Fenway Community Health Center in Boston; Community Health Project of New York and the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center of New York.

There were over 400 volunteers who set-up camps for 4,000 and moved the camps for 3 days.

Tanqueray is responsible for giving seed money to open offices in Boston and New York City to organize the event. Tanqueray has done 2 other bike rides, San Francisco to Los Angeles. The first in 1994 raised \$1.6 million, and the 1995 ride raised over \$3.5 million dollars.

Tanqueray plans to set up offices in Chicago, Illinois and Miami, Florida to plan similar fund raisers. In all cases, care is provided to anyone who is HIV positive, regardless of ability to pay. So, next time you're out for a drink, remember, that Tanqueray is really giving back to the HIV/AIDS community.



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Jim Click and his father, BOOM-PAH tossed rose pedals and danced around their Fords at their dealership at the Tucson Auto Mall. Don Mackey joyously hugged one of his Oldsmobiles. Proposition 200 supporters celebrated by drinking champagne and Perrier. The Tucson Business Coalition, (a.k.a. Tucson Biggest Crybabys) shed tears of joy.

Why? The Tucson general election took place! [Ooh!] Twenty seven percent, or 73,193 registered Tucson voters bothered to go to the polls and selected a mayor, three council members, four ballot propositions, and a presidential preference primary. [And a partridge in a pear tree!]

In the mayors race, Democratic incumbent, [A Republican and business favorite!], George "Moneybags" Miller easily defeated his Republican opponent, Sharon "Miss Soundbite" Collins, and Libertarian Ed "Toilet" Kahn: George Miller (D), 39,138, 53.47%; Sharon Collins (R), 24,825, 33.92%; Ed Kahn (L), 6,738, 9.21%; Over/Under, 2,492, 3.41%. [Four more years! YUCK!]

In the Ward 1 race, was to see who succeeds outgoing Democratic Council member Bruce "I was fabulous" Wheeler. The Democratic nominee, Jose Ibarra, defeated his Republican opponent Ray "My name was Smith, I was a Democrat and I still like George Miller" Fontaine. [In this race, the undervote, or none of the above was the highest, could it be from lack of Gay and Lesbian support?] Ibarra becomes the youngest Tucson Council member: Jose Ibarra (D), 37,632, 51.41%; Ray Fontaine (R), 26,969, 36.85%; Over/Under, 8,592, 11.74%

In the Ward 2 race, the "Diva of



## POLITICS '95

by Mark R. Kerr

### "I Use Ponds! So Does A Duck!"

the City Council", Democratic incumbent Janet "U-Haul" Marcus, was elected to an unprecedented third term, defeating Republican Rick "Tucson just couldn't picture it!" Grinnell and Libertarian Tim "Tucson Citizen Schmitzen!" Loomis. [The Gay/Lesbian community scored well here!]: Janet Marcus (D), 34,954, 47.76%; Rick Grinnell (R), 24,931, 34.06%; Tim Loomis (L), 6,825, 9.32%; Over/Under, 6,483, 8.86%.

In the Ward 4 race to see who would succeed outgoing Democratic Council member Roger "Final Net" Sedlmayr, and try to live up to the precedent of always having a "good hair day!". Democratic nominee, and Observer backed candidate Shirley Scott, trounced the Republican candidate Bill King by a twenty point margin. Scott received the most votes in the election. [Could it be from Gay and Lesbian support? Yes!]: Shirley Scott (D), 39,689, 54.23%; Bill King (R), 25,402, 34.71%; Over/Under, 8,102, 11.07%

Tucson voters said to the mayor and council, "We like you, we really like you!" with their vote on Proposition 100. The pay raise for the mayor and council, voters said yes by a fourteen percent margin. The Tucson mayor will now make \$36k a year and the council will get \$18k a year: Yes, 40,880, 55.85%. No, 30,352, 41.47% Over/Under, 1,961, 2.67%

Comments on the proposition from the mayor and council members was

swift on how they will spend the raise in salary. Tucson Mayor, George Miller, said, "He will pay to have his shirts done." [Figures!] Ward 6 Council member, Molly McKasson, said, "She will help pay her daughter's college tuition." [Yea!] Ward 1 Council member-elect, Jose Ibarra said he plans to buy a new pair of boots. [Ooh! Just like Nancy Sinatra! Boots are made for walkin!]

Proposition 200, the Water Consumer Protection Act, the most controversial item on the ballot, swept all six Wards and won by a thirteen percent margin: Yes, 40,834, 55.79%. No, 31,063, 42.44%. The mayor and council have directed Tucson Water to implement the proposition.

[Miller's really happy about this! Expect Tucson Water to "obliterate" Proposition 200 through bureaucratic maneuvering. Plain and simple, Tucson voters place the blame with CAP on Tucson Water. They know Tucson Water blew it!]

Tucsonans said a big yes to adding off ramps on the information super-highway by passing Propositions 400 and 401, giving telecommunications franchises to American Communications and Brooks Fiber, two Tucson firms: Proposition 400 - Yes, 50,350, 68.79%. No, 15,538, 21.23%. Over/Under, 7,305, 9.98%. Proposition 401 - Yes, 49,061, 67.03%. No, 17,519, 23.94%. Over/Under, 6,613, 9.03%. [Yawn!]

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In CityVote, the non-binding presidential beauty contest, Tucsonans said "Who else!", with undervote, or none of the above finishing first. President Bill Clinton came in second, and retired General Colin Powell came in third. [Tucson media and city officials said that of the high percentage of undervote was caused by the ballot being "too confusing". Right, 25,736 voters, 35%, more than cast their lot with Sharon Collins, are brain dead idiots! I don't think so, people are looking for another choice!]

As the election returns had "piddled" in, Tucson Mayor George Miller said that with three new faces on the Council, that the chemistry should improve and more work will get done. [Council good. Wheeler bad. Wheeler gone!]

With this mayoral proclamation of "Love Sweet Love", you wouldn't have expected that two days later, Miller tried to evict Ward 6 Council member Molly McKasson and her staff from the offices they jointly share.

Miller claims he needs the space so that he needs the space to operate as "...mayor of a city of a half million residents." Miller is contemplating expanding his staff to seven. [This despite saying in 1991 he would be a full time mayor and only have a skeleton crew. Promises, promises!]

McKasson, when interviewed, said Miller was "...very angry, and said you will be out by December." McKasson is looking into moving the offices to the sixth floor of City Hall, and has directed the city manager and staff to look into other possibilities. McKasson, in the same interview, said she "won't have the tax-

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NEW YORK, NY - The long running CBS daytime drama, *The Guiding Light*, has introduced an openly Gay and HIV positive character "Wyatt".

Singer/actor Keith Christopher has been cast in the role. Christopher took his place in television history last June by being the first openly Gay and HIV positive actor hired to play an openly Gay character with HIV (on NBC's *Another World*). The actor's appearances on the show centered around National AIDS Compassion Day.

The character of Wyatt of *The Guiding Light* is as HIV counselor who supports a series regular through her testing and diagnosis.



Christopher recently appeared on an episode of Fox's *TV Nation*, as one of a group of singers serenading Sen. Jess Helms with the song, "What The World Needs Now Is Love." He has been profiled on PBS' *In The Life*, and featured on *Entertainment Tonight*, *The Charles Perez Show*, numerous radio talk shows and in publications across the country, including *Out Magazine*.

A popular speaker, Christopher conducts Safe Sex and AIDS Awareness seminars for student groups. As a musical performer, he has appeared in Broadway tours across America, and in many of New York's premier clubs and cabarets, including the *Triad Theatre*, where he launched his one man show, "The Flip Side". The

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**HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON**

by Raul Almeraz

Greetings everyone from AGRA-Tucson! Well, as I am sure you are aware, AGRA held it's fourth annual Chile Verde Days this past weekend at Club 2520. It was definitely a great time for everyone in attendance!

Friday kicked off the weekend with the start of the 50/50 raffle. A group of us met at Club 2520 and went bar hopping (The Graduate, Venture-N, Ain't Nobody's Biz, Hours, Stonewall/Eagle and ending the evening at Club 2520). It was fun and a big thanks for all the clubs who allowed us to invade and who supported us.

Saturday's events began at 5 P.M. with the beer bust which carried on through Sunday. Also on Saturday, there was casino black-jack, performances by Ms. AGRA First Runner-up, Ms. Teresa Housely (you just may be able to regain some of those princess points that were lost in San Diego after all). A debut performance by "Rosa", whose gowns were to die for. Also on the bill were Ms. Sherry Reedy and T.J. Alvis, both contestants for Ms. AGRA and who came in from Phoenix to give us a helping hand. A special performance also be a dear and great friend to AGRA-Tucson, Mr. Sid Spencer, who was in for the weekend.

The jail house did well on Saturday evening with Clyde bringing in \$90 by himself, little did he know when we were collecting to have him jailed, he donated \$3.00 for his own cause. Also in the lock down were Bill & Bill, Teresa, and Sherry, talk about being afraid to drop your own soap. Clyde was jailed for about two and a half hours. He just enjoyed dropping and picking up his soap. Mr. Kaminski you could have had just as much fun if you had been any kind of good sport. It wasn't as if it was not a good cause. As for our Sheriff Dan, he enjoyed the locking up a bit too much. Give a Queen a badge and a little authority and she runs with it.

Sunday was an early day, beginning at 1 P.M., with the AGRA-Tucson board meeting, followed by the state meeting at 3 P.M., and then with the general

membership meeting at 5 P.M., all of which taking place at Club 2520. While all this was happening, the casino games and the beer bust were in full swing out on the patio. A special guest appearance by Lucinda Holliday with her "Hillbilly Deluxe" performance was the finale for to the weekend entertainment.

A great big thanks to all our volunteers (members and non-members) who pulled through for us. We could not have done this without you. It really is great to see everyone pull together and support AGRA when needed. A special thanks to goes out to Bobby and his staff at Club 2520. You were all very helpful and accommodating.

Next, on to events for December. December will be a busy month with the "Do It Yourself Messiah" scheduled for December 9 at the Southwest Center for Music at 7 P.M., the "Christmas Jamboree" December 17 at The Graduate and the Winterhaven Hayride scheduled for Friday, December 22. Reservations are required for the hayride. Space is filling fast and our wagon is almost full. The hayride is \$10 and a portion of the proceeds goes to AGRA. Contact Bryan Collins through the AGRA hotline for more info and to reserve your spot.

December's meetings are scheduled as follows: December 10, the state meeting at Charlie's in Phoenix, 5 P.M. December 17, the Tucson meeting at The Graduate, 5 P.M., followed by the "Christmas Jamboree". The state meeting in Phoenix is of great importance. This will be your final opportunity to vote for the bi-law change which would allow AGRA-Tucson to become and operate as its own entity.

Earlier this past week, AGRA received a letter of resignation from a very dear board member. Bill Nugent submitted his resignation as President. Although we were not at all thrilled but definitely understand will Bill's many responsibilities and busy schedule. I am sure Bill will continue to support AGRA in any way possible.

Which leads to my next segway. The passing of the crown jewels. Richard Gerardi has graciously stepped up to the position with much enthusiasm. With all our support Richard, I am sure you will do a fine job. This brings up another are, the position of vice-president is now vacant. Nominations for the post were taken. Bobby Harris, Bill Darnell and Frank Meyers have been nominated and will be voted on at the December 17 meeting.

If anyone should have any suggestions, ideas or comments regarding this association, please feel free to contact any board member through the AGRA hotline. Remember this is your organization and we are here to do all we can in everyone's best interest.

Until next time, have fun and play safe.

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### From The **POOP SHEET**

by Ace London

Well kiss ma' grits and butter ma' buns! Getting away from it all! Ah yes! Fond memories. Getting away. That's what a vacation is; away from the same old day to day grind of the job, the household chores, the ennui of making a living. A vacation is way and a time to take those precious extra dollars which one has purposely or secretly set aside, and spend them! A time to leave the safety, security and dullness of the nest and experience the romantic and exotic. A vacation is a side road trip in one's adventure of life. A vacation is a time for relaxation.

Remember when we were kids? The day finally arrives. The suitcase is packed. Actually the suitcases are packed! Packed to overflowing because one never really knows what exciting possibility one might encounter on a vacation. So, one always manages to over-prepare for those possibilities, only to return home with a suitcase plus of unused vacation outfits. And yet we seem to do this every time thereafter, don't we?

The pets have all been deposited in their vacation bed and boarding houses, and, will be so happy to see us once again when their "vacation is over; while we bemoan the incredible cost of their vacation. Hmm? Maybe we could take them with us next year!?"

We solved the questions which faces vacationers: Should we ride a bus? (With all these suitcases! Are we crazy?) Take a train? (We'd go broke tipping the porters!) Take a plane (Are we kidding! We'd have to take two taxis from the Airport. One of us, one for our luggage!) Should we take the family car? Well of

course. We're used to it and thank God we had sense enough to buy one with a large trunk! The car is it! "We'll be able to see so much more of our great vacation" subconsciously runs through our mind in a self reassuring caress.

Fortunately, we've kept the car in good condition and we've only had to spend around a grand to prepare "her" for this day.

We comment about our "wonderful neighbors"; whom we've only had two altercations with this past year for a change! Whom we now are trusting to water our lawn and our indoor plants; turn on a few lights in the house each night and off in the morning; pick up the daily newspaper so would be robbers might assume we're home. And, we've diligently unplugged all electrical outlets.

We've pre-paid all bills we can and made arrangements for those coming due during our vacation so our credit won't be blemished. The improbability of life without those cards is inconceivable. And, we've covered our butts by dutifully spending an hour in line at the Bank to secure Traveler's Checks.

Our list of "reservations in advance" which we made in exotic places we're never seen has been rechecked. We'll leisurely tour to our vacation destinations and we've reassured ourselves we made good choices from the dozens of brochures, pamphlets and books we combed through over the past month.

The time had finally arrived. We pack the trunk with our suitcases. Actual-

ly, we cram it and the two pieces we're unable to get in will have to go on the floor of the back seat. The kids will just have to rotate, sitting crosslegged.

Whoops! Almost forgot! One last trip into the house to get three pillows and some blankets, plus the picnic basket of "snacks".

Thank God we're finally on our way! Boy! Do we ever need this vacation!

Oh yes, all the fond memories of family vacations when we were younger. Thank God I finally came out of my closet and learned how different Gay/Lesbian vacations can be: Take as few clothes as possible. First Class Air fare. Everything set by our travel agent. Of course, we've booked only pro-Gay or Gay owned establishments so we'll feel "at home". Our home will be protected by a couple of lovers who'll stay there and take care of our pets.

Vacation time seems so much simpler being Gay. Sort of like "girls night out" for a relaxing fling! And what is most important is that we've supported Gay owned or pro-Gay business.

And that's the straight poop from The Poop Sheet.

### 'Prophet' Allegedly Sought 'God's Reward' In Bomb Plot

MUSKOGEE, OK (AP) - An anti-government "prophet" and three others were charged with plotting a series of bombings against targets such as abortion clinics, welfare offices, Gay bars and two prominent civil rights organizations.

Willie Ray Lampley, his wife Cecilia Lampley, and John Dare Baird, appeared in federal court and were ordered held until a hearing tomorrow.

The three, arrested at the Lampley's home in Vernon, are charged with conspiracy to manufacture and possess a bomb.

Larry Wayne Crow of New Mexico also was charged, but has not been arrested.

The case is not connected to the April 19 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, authorities said. The federal complaint says Lampley and Crow suggested at an August meeting with the Tri-States Militia in South Dakota, that five buildings to be blown up.

"We need to do four or five to create problems for the government," Crow was quoted as saying. "God won't be made at us if we drop four or five buildings. He will probably reward us."

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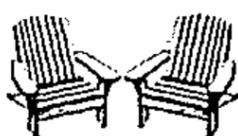
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# NEWS FROM P.A.C.T.

by Frank E.G. Gallego

## MEET THE PACT STAFF

**Maria Velasco - Outreach Coordinator:** Maria provides information on HIV/AIDS and serves as a peer counselor for women and the HIV Hispanic community. She is currently forming an outreach empowerment team to reach persons with HIV so they can receive the benefits of early intervention. This also includes events to help empower women with HIV/AIDS.

Maria hails from Hermosillo, Sonora, and made Tucson her residence in 1980. She attended Pima College and the U of A in the field of Family Life Education and has provided HIV/AIDS prevention education at El Rio Health Center. Maria may be reached at 770-1710, Monday through Friday during PACT's regular office hours, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. PACT offices are located at 801 West Congress.

People With AIDS Coalition of

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Anyone interested in participating in the American Red Cross HIV/AIDS training sessions schedules for November 17-19, and December 15-17, contact Harold Lackey for information at 770-1710.

I leave you with this in mind, "Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage." Anais Nin

## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

One of our dogs is a princess, Princess Rachel Leigh, to be exact. She is a purebred all white toy poodle. When we first got her three years ago she was a small white bundle of fluff and it was love at first sight! We keep her brushed and groomed and clipped. Every time she goes to the groomers she gets two small hot pink bows in her ears, to match her collar, and sometimes she gets her nails painted hot pink also. Yes, she is a perfect princess.

She is a perfect princess for about five minutes, that is! She hates having bows in her ears, so as soon as she gets home she starts fighting with them, and it doesn't take long before they are gone! She also is not real happy to have polish on her nails and so she chews it off. That is why we usually don't bother having it put on in the first place! And as for her beautiful white fur, that stays white for only so long as it takes her to get outside and start digging!

No matter how much we try to change her, or wish that she were something else, Princess Rachel will never be a real princess! She is really just a tomboy dog! She loves to dig in the dirt and chase birds and fight with her "brother"!

What about you? Are you trying to be something you are not? Are you trying on your own to make yourself "good enough" to meet with God's approval? Just as we can't make Rachel into something she is not, so you cannot

change yourself.

But, there is someone who can change you! Not you yourself or any other human being, but only God himself can make you "good enough" to come into his presence! You see, the Bible tells us, "...There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:22, 23) Since we have all sinned, that means that none of us is any better than anyone else, and we can't even help ourselves, much less help someone else! However, the gospel message of good news is that "...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (II Corinthians 5:17) How does a person get "in Christ" so that the old can be done away with? When someone accepts Christ's death on the cross as payment for their sins, that person becomes a Christian and a member of the Church, which is Christ's spiritual body here on earth. Then that person is a "new creation" and is "in Christ."

What kinds of changes God will make in you? Will he change you from being Gay to being straight? Absolutely not! The Bible "hymnbook" praises God because "...you created me in most being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." (Psalm 139:13, 14) God created you just the way you are to fulfill his plan for you. But there are things about you which he would like to change. What about your temper? Do you have the reputation for being a "hot head"? What about the way you use your time? Do you spend so much time on yourself that you don't have time to help anyone else? What about the language you use? Is the name of the Lord only swear word which you use? Can people believe everything you say, or do you sometimes tell "little white lies" or "big black lies"?

The list could go on and on, because there are as many different kinds of sins as there are people committing them! But the important thing to remember is that the only way to make positive permanent changes in your life is with God's help, as you become a new creation in Christ Jesus.

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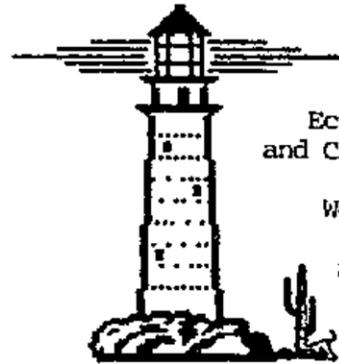
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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

**IBT'S - Male Bos Nite** at IBT's 9:00 p.m. A fun way to meet new friends and party.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

**GRADUATE - Benefit Beer Bust** from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. for COPE and SHANTI brought to you by "Queens for the Cause".

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

**IBT'S - Revellie, Gay men's chorus benefit bar-b-que fundraiser and Winter Concert Preview** 7:00 p.m.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE - It's showtime here** at 9:00 p.m. With Mama Reyna and special guests.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

**IBT'S - The Girls Show** presents "Disco Inferno" hosted by Mr. Kenneth Blake and starring Kristen and back by popular demand, Tatiana Ladanova.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

**HOURS - Come share your Thanksgiving Dinner** with us. Hours will bring the turkey and fixins - you bring the salads, desserts or whatever and spend the day with the folks at Hours.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

**GRADUATE - Benefit Show** for COPE and SHANTI brought to you by "Queens for the Cause".

## FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, DEC. 8-9-10

**IBT'S - Mark your calendars.** It's 4th Avenue Street Fair time again. Watch for upcoming ads.

# Non-Bar CALENDAR

## CURRENTLY PLAYING

The new art exhibit at Wingspan gallery is called "Women in the Spirit". The mix of goddess and christian images provide strong statements for a look into the spirit of women. The exhibit is at the gallery through the month of November and can be viewed during regular Wingspan hours. 624-1779

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

**Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages)** 7:00 p.m. Dinner at "Po Folks" restaurant on Speedway. Call Steve at 795-6718 for reservations and directions. Guests Always Welcome.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**Lesbian Health Care Series** at Wingspan continues from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tonight's topic "Effect of Lesbian Movies on Our Emotional Health". Impact of issues triggered by painful yet powerful movies such as "Only The Brave". 422 N/4th Ave. 624-1779.

**Cronies Social Club mid-month dinner** at "Old Timers Cafe", 6:30 p.m. Call Richard at 578-0840 RSVP.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

**HIV Testing** by Pima County Health at Wingspan, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Free and anonymous. No appointment necessary. 422 N. 4th Ave. (Testing is usually the last Friday of the month. No testing on Nov. 24 due to Thanksgiving).

**Womyn's 3rd Friday Coffeehouse special event:** Potluck from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Plates, plastic ware, iced tea and coffee will be provided. Come early, stay late. Dancing begins at 8:30 p.m. The Coffeehouse needs your support! Don't miss it.

**Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages)** 7:00 p.m. Board Game Night. Variety of board games available. easy learning for beginners. Call Jerry at 690-9565 for info and directions.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

**Yard Sale** by Desert Leathermen with proceeds going to the Desert Leathermen annual IPWA Holiday Bag. 150 bags will be distributed this Xmas through the three local ASOs. 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 5517 E. South Wilshire Drive. South on Craycroft, south of Broadway, turn East on South Wilshire. Watch for signs.

**Tucson G/L Hiking Club** will take a beautiful scenic hike above Sabino Canyon to Blackett's Ridge in the Catalina Mountains. It's a moderate 6 mile round trip hike with an elevation gain of 1700 feet. Group will depart at 8:00 a.m. Write P.O. Box 42532, Tucson, AZ 85733-2532 for more information on the club and its activities.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

**Tucson G/L Hiking Club** will join Desert Adventures club from Phoenix for a moderate 5 mile round trip hike in the Superstition mountains following Feralta Trail. A pretty area and a nice way to see Weaver's Needle. There is a 1,400 foot elevation gain. Write P.O. Box 42532 for more information and departure time.

**Tucson Prime Timers (Gay and Bisexual men over 30)** will have their regular monthly meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. Plans for the regional conference 12/28 to 1/1/96 in Palm Springs will be discussed. Pickup brochures for a Gala New Years Weekend. Hear all about the Dallas meeting. following the meeting the group will adjourn to Curuso's for a social dinner. Members of At-ease-Again and Cronies Social Club are welcome.

**A 2-hour dance-A-Thon** beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Bear Down Field on the UoA campus. Dance to the best of the latest jams. Dance alone if you wish. The last 50 dancers dancing will win lots of cash. Fund Raising events for several charities including Tucson AIDS Project. Entry fee \$25.00 until Nov. 16 when it jumps to \$30. Check the local

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**Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages).** Gay organic gardeners will meet to share interests in the topic. Call Guy at 0985 for time and place.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

**9th Annual Arizona Fellowship Run** begins today with registration taking place at the Graduate and Venture-N. This is a 4-day run in Tucson with 6 different games and 7 different cocktail parties. Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner served today with 6 additional meals served. Total run donation for complete package is only \$25 per person, or \$12.50 after midnight Friday. Housing is available to out-of-towners. Hosted by 5 different clubs, the annual run has an attendance of nearly 100 men from Arizona and all over the country.

**Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages)** 1:00 p.m., enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner with your MSN friends at the home of Jerry and Lea. Turkey and ham are provided, and the rest will be potluck Call Jerry at 690-9565 make reservations and to sign up to bring an appropriate dish. Guests always welcome.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

**Men's Social Network** 7:00 p.m. Enjoy the 2nd annual "Turkey Movie Night" with Lea and Jerry. "Revenge of the Cheerleaders" will be shown. Be ready to laugh at this turkey of a movie with lots of fun including a young David Hasselhoff (Baywatch) in the nude. Call Lea at 690-9565 for reservations. Guests always welcome.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

**Men's Social Network (Gay men of all ages).** 6:30 p.m. Card Game Nite II at Jerry and Lea's. A variety of card games are available for all levels. Call Jerry 690-9565.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

**Mens Social Network** 7:00 p.m. Board Game Night II. Variety of Board Games available. Easy learning for beginners. Call Jerry 690-9565. Guests always welcome.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

**Men's Social Network** 7:00 p.m. TV Video Night. A twice-monthly showing of a British TV series "The Black Adder", second series. This slightly added comedy will leave you laughing and wanting to see the rest of the series. Call Loren or Stephen 790-1416 for reserved seating. Limited to 12 guests. Guests always welcome.

# Tucson CALENDAR

## sunday

**AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Beer Bust** 3-10, 11:25 pitchers. Sales Sunday! Crowd music, bottle dancing and R&B begins at 8pm.  
**CLUB 2528 - Open Noon.** Western Steak Fry 4-7 pm. Beginning Live Dance lessons & Line Dance Jam 6-9, C/W Dancing 9-1. Progressive Dance Music 8-11  
**GRADUATE - Happy Hour** 4-8 pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢  
**HOURS - Bloody Marys and Scrubs** \$1.25 08 7 pm. Country/Writers dance instruction 8-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.  
**IBT's - Open** 11 pm to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Benefit B-B-Q and Beer Bust for community organizations 5-7:30pm. HI energy dancing with DJ Clint 7pm to close.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-7pm.** Pool tournament 3pm. Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust. Stairwell opens at 9pm with High Energy Music.  
**VENTURE-N - Open** 10 a.m. Backside Beer Bust 3-8pm 50¢ draft. 361 Dart Tournament 3pm 13 entry fee. Best Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

## monday

**AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour** 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. "Card Club" 7-9pm.  
**CLUB 2528 - Open Noon.** Happy Hour 3 to 7pm. Moon and Bruce Madam \$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 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No puns please!)  
**HOURS - Open Noon.** Happy Hour 12 to 7pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.  
**IBT's - Open noon.** Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. 3pm to midnight, \$1.50 2for pitchers. Robo 80 with DJ Jonathan 7pm-1am.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Longneck** specials all day & nite. Stairwell opens 9pm HI-NRG Dance Music.  
**VENTURE-N - Open** 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 3pm - 8pm.

## tuesday

**AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour** 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. New Pool Tournament 7 pm. Rays Nite Out At The Biz!  
**CLUB 2528 - Open Noon.** Happy Hour 3-8pm. \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer 8 to close. C/W dancing and Country/Salsa Music & progressive dance music 8-11  
**GRADUATE - Happy Hour** 4-8pm, all well \$1.25. Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢  
**HOURS - Happy Hour** 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7pm to close  
**IBT's - Open noon.** Happy Hour 4-8 pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. 9 pm to close Tinto Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoos. Prizes and surprises.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm.** Spaghetti Feed \$1 donation for Shanti. Bud cans \$1. Stairwell opens at 9pm with HI-NRG dance music.  
**VENTURE-N - Open** 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm. Backside open 3pm - 8pm.

## wednesday

**AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour** 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Western Nite. Country Dance Lessons begins at 8pm. Schnapps Shots \$1.  
**CLUB 2528 - Open Noon.** Happy Hour 3-8pm. 50¢ off well and domestic 3pm to close. Line Dance Lessons 8 to 10 pm  
**GRADUATE - Happy Hour** 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢  
**HOURS - Happy Hour** 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ 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, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Mike Box Nite. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon to 7pm.** Stairwell opens at 9pm with Karaoke. Corona or Cuervo Gold \$1.50.  
**VENTURE-N - Open** 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Cuervo Gold \$2 all day/night. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 3pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm.

## thursday

**AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour** 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 8pm to close.  
**CLUB 2528 - Open Noon.** Happy Hour 3-8pm. Men's Nite - 50¢ draft beer and 50¢ shot of Schnapps 9pm to 1am. Dart Tossing 3pm \$2, bar matches pool.  
**GRADUATE - Happy Hour** 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢  
**HOURS - Happy Hour** 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Hitenken or Corona \$2.00 7pm to 1am. Country/Writers dancing 8 to 1.  
**IBT's - Open noon to 1am.** Happy Hour 4-8 pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - with a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer to those in their underwear. HI energy dancing 9pm-close with DJ Clint Arrith.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour Noon-8pm.** Peter specials all night long. Stairwell opens 9pm with hot male strippers from Phoenix.  
**VENTURE-N - Open** 6am Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Pool Tournament 7pm \$3 entry fee. Happy Hour prices for Men in Leather 8pm to close. Backside open open 3pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

## friday

**AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour** 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres  
**CLUB 2528 - Open Noon.** 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 75¢ Schnapps 75¢  
**HOURS - Happy Hour** 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Dance Music 8pm to 1am.  
**IBT's - Open noon.** Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. GoGo dancers 10pm. Patio Bar with Lenny 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour noon-7pm;** Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 6pm. Stairwell opens 9pm with High Energy music. Long neck specials.  
**VENTURE-N - Open** 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 3pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

## saturday

**AINT NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Pool Tournament** 5 pm. Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%  
**CLUB 2528 - Open Noon.** C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 9pm.  
**GRADUATE - Happy Hour** 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 7pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.  
**HOURS - Open Noon.** Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Pina Colada \$3. Dance Music 8-1.  
**IBT's - Open** 11am to 1am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and \$1.25 well. Patio Bar with Lenny 9-1. Dance 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.  
**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Noon to 7pm** Free pool Saturday afternoon. Stairwell opens 9pm with High Energy Music.  
**VENTURE-N - Open** 6am. Bitches & Bagels w/1 Bloody Marys 6am-noon. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 3pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool Opens at 8:30pm.

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# Beg Pardon, Senator Helms But You're Wrong

## Ann Landers Calls Helms 'Patently Incorrect'

[The following is a reprint of Ann Landers column.]

DEAR ANN LANDERS:

One of the things I have admired about you is your unfailing sense of fair play, and I respect you for it. Moreover, I am confident that your correspondent, "L.A. Reader," wrote in good faith when she mistakenly asserted that I "want to reduce federal AIDS funding." L.A. Reader also erred in charging that I "vigorously support taxpayer subsidies for the tobacco industries," which I do not and have not.

I have indeed called for a fairer and more equitable balance in federal funding for AIDS and a number of other diseases including heart disease and cancer.

As for AIDS being transmitted through blood transfusions and by unsterilized needles, you are, of course, correct. But as has been made clear by many medical authorities long ago, the ultimate origin of all such AIDS tainted blood has been homosexual contact, including the tragic infusion of blood clotting medicines that killed Ryan White.

With continued respect, I am  
Sincerely yours, Jesse Helms.

DEAR SEN. HELMS:

Thank you for your prompt response to my column. I appreciate your comments.

Your statement "the ultimate origin of all such AIDS tainted blood has been homosexual contact" is patently incorrect. The Centers for Disease Control does not know where the virus originated, but it infected both homosexuals and heterosexuals alike. The virus simply spread more rapidly among homosexuals. No matter how the blood supply was originally contaminated, the victims include babies, wives and mothers, husbands and fathers, and sons and daughters, regardless of their sexual orientation or lifestyle.

You state in your letter that L.A. Reader mistakenly asserted that you want to reduce AIDS funding. The record proves that L.A. was correct. You have sponsored for amendments to the 1995 Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources and Emergency (CARE) Act that would severely cripple funding for AIDS.

The first was Amendment 1854, which proposed restricting funds from being used for organizations that provide lifesaving services, counseling and support services and accurate medical information for homosexuals and intravenous drug users.

The second amendment you sponsored was Amendment 1855. That amendment proposed a freeze on CARE spending

at 1995 levels for five years, despite rapidly growing AIDS caseloads. It would have chopped spending below the levels already approved by the House Appropriations and the Senate Budget Committees.

You also sponsored Amendment 1857 for funding level restrictions, which fails to acknowledge the epidemic nature of AIDS and the amount of federal spending on other diseases.

Another amendment you sponsored was 1856, which undermines comprehensive AIDS training for all federal employees.

Senator Helms, are you aware that AIDS is the leading killer of Americans from 25 to 44 years of age? It will account for more than 40,000 deaths in 1995. AIDS kills the youngest and the most talented and productive members of our society.

Fifteen years ago, no one had heard of AIDS. It grew from zero reported deaths in 1980 to being the eight leading cause of death in 1992.

People with AIDS have lost their jobs, their health insurance and their homes. Please remember these chilling facts the next time a vote for AIDS funding comes along. Thank you.

### Tucson Bowlers Strike It Up

TUCSON - History was made this past week in the Desert Coyotes Bowling League. Tucson bowlers struck at the International Gay Bowling Organization mid year tournament in Lexington, Kentucky.

In the Desert Coyotes league, two bowlers on the same team bowled a 700 scratch series, a first for Tucson Gay bowling. Jack Stockslager rolled games of 242, 247 and 223 for a 712 series. This was Jack's first 700 series. Mark Kerr rolled games of 245, 246, and 222 for a 713 series. Both bowl on the Rubber Queens team, which won the first quarter title in the league.

At the IGBO mid year tournament, the team IGBO 2000, headed by Mark Rosenbaum, Dennis Russell and Randy Patch finished in ninth place in the team event, out of eighty nine teams competing. Tucson bowler, Randy Bilbro, won as well during the tournament. Former Tucsonan, Geoffrey Wilcox, won scratch all events and cashed well in other events at the tournament.

The Desert Coyotes and Lambda Lizards have openings on teams in the respective leagues. For more information call 743-3303.

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## Gays And The Million Man March

by Keith Boykin

"Black By Birth/Gay by God/Proud by Choice." Those were the words my trembling hands scribbled on the poster board in the brisk morning air at a black Gay rally before the Million Man March.

Hundreds of black Gay men and a handful of Lesbians joined together in a historic openly Gay contingent in the Million Man March, proudly representing the tens of thousands of black Gay men who were there but could not be a part of our group. Our premarch rally drew prominent speakers from around the country, including noted law school professor and civil rights activist Derrick Bell, who is heterosexual, and the black, openly Gay mayor of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Kenneth Reeves.

Uncertain of what lie ahead, we left our rally and quietly began the 30 minute procession to the march assembly on the Capitol Mall. A few passers by hurriedly moved out of the way, two people driving their cars along the adjoining streets honked their horns in support and a number of pedestrians stopped and stared.

Sensing no negative reaction, our group grew increasingly ambitious and empowered. We began to chant: "We're black! We're Gay! We wouldn't have it any other way!" Still, no one in the crowd of people we approached reacted critically.

The lesson in this experience is that when we believe in ourselves, other people believe in us too. When we believe in ourselves enough to come out of the closet and be open about who we are as black Gay men and Lesbians, our community not only accepts us, they respect us more. For many march participants, it was the first time they had ever seen black homosexuals openly, visibly and unabashedly acknowledging themselves as part of the black community. Given the opportunity to succumb to peer pressure prejudice,

they took the high road and greeted our participation. They know the battle for black liberation requires many soldiers, and in this army, at least, Gays are welcome in the military.

What happened on the Mall that day was the beginning of a revolution in our thinking as black people and as black Gay people. Black men loving black men is a revolutionary act in a culture whose popular music and film glorify blacks' violence toward other blacks, the simple act of loving our brothers as brothers becomes an act of rebellion against fratricide.

Who is better suited to help black men learn the value of loving one another as brothers than black Gay men, who have been loving one other as brothers for years? Who is better suited to demonstrate to black men how to care for and show affection for one another than black Gay men, who have been caring for and showing affection toward one another when no one else would? And who is better suited to lead the long overdue revolution against patriarchy and violence against women than black Gay men? Indeed, as Black Panther leader presciently observed in 1970, "a homosexual could be the most revolutionary" of the revolutionaries.

Despite the welcome extended by march participants, the organizers and speakers missed two crucial opportunities: First, to include an openly Gay speaker and, second, to teach black men how to save their lives in this era of AIDS; prevention was never discussed. Unfortunately, the disease will continue to take a toll on our community so long as black people and our so-called leaders remain too afraid to address publicly issues of sex, sexuality and sexual orientation.

Nevertheless, I hope the presence of our openly Gay contingent will help to begin the much needed dialogue on black sexuality and teach the organizers what the vast majority of rank and file marchers already know: Black Gay men and Lesbians are not a threat to black unity, they are a key to it.

[Keith Boykin is executive director of the National Black Gay & Lesbian Leadership Forum and author of the forthcoming book, "One More River Cross: Black & Gay in America," to be published by Doubleday.]

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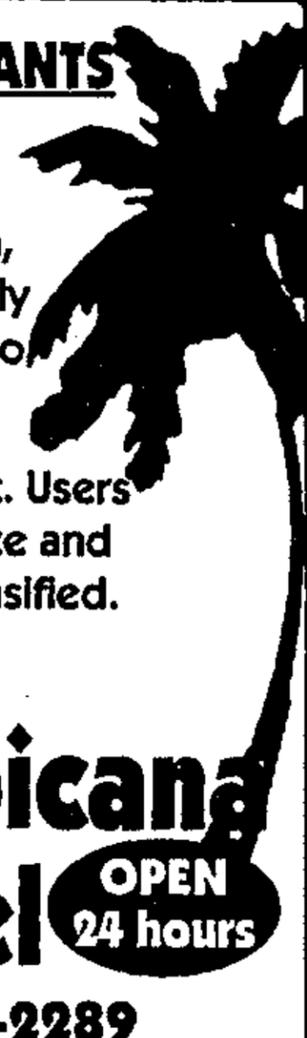
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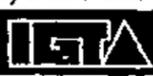
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DEAR EDITOR:

I want to give a special thanks to Glen Vogt and Cal Kallstrom for their support in the recent raffle benefitting Shanti's food pantry. Glen came up with the idea after learning that National AIDS Funds will not be funding the program again in 1996 (We received \$5,000 in January 1995). NAF will focus on prevention services for 1996.

Cal Kallstrom donated one of his own hand knit Egyptian Afghans to be raffled off. It is a beautiful piece of work. Thanks, Cal!

The raffle raised \$805 for the pantry. The drawing was held on November 8 at Shanti's office. The winner is

Mike Moore. Congratulations, Mike. And a big thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets to help maintain one of Shanti's very critical services.

If you want to help raise funds for the food pantry or for other services, call Anne or Glenna, Shanti's special events coordinator.

With love,  
Anne Maley

EDITOR:

A special J.O.D.Y. thanks.

Jody sends a special thanks to everyone who attended the Memorial Benefit in honor of Jerome Beillard.

This was a very special evening for everyone, where the managing director of P.A.C.T. for Life, Mr. Wayne Miller was introduced to the public and thanked for stepping in when needed. Jody also sends a heart felt thanks to all the performers for the evening: Elisa Fox, Miss Jasmine, Miss Cesca, Miss Shanise, Miss Ctabria and Miss Diamond.

Jody thanks Dakota Cafe for their donation of food, as always it was wonderful.

Thanks again to everyone for the J.O.D.Y., or the Joy of Dedicating Yourself.

Love to all,  
Jody



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It is time, dear friends to look at Pluto, the powerfully volcanic planet whose sole purpose is to clean our pipes. This miserable old sod moves from passionate Scorpio to independent Sagittarius on the 11th. Pluto in Scorpio has been wreaking havoc since late 1983 in the form of earthquakes, AIDS, fall of communism and assorted nasty wars. Pluto's next stop may not be any better (Sag is the sign of religion). Expect religious nastiness to overtake mere secular hatefulness. But take heart kids, Pluto is also resurrection and sometimes we need to go through fire to feel the rapture.

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

If you thought your ideas were set in stone, think again, proud Ram. Pluto in Sag demonstrates why we are free to change our minds once in a while. The danger is, of course, if you have set the entire pattern of your life based on these views. No matter. It is time to sow the seeds of your immense wisdom, seek religion or a new philosophy and make it work for you and our entire community.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Pluto is content in your solar chart, despite the fiery Sagittarius energy. Don't panic, but Pluto's natural transformative instincts of deep psychological insights, regeneration, death, inheritance and sex can all play a role during this transit. It could be that jointly held assets or personal philosophies could be profoundly reassessed. The most important thing is to know thyself and be proud, no matter what.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

It is time for Gay Twins to take a cold clear view of relationships. Pluto's goose step into Sag almost guarantees a transformation in any partnership, business or pleasure. If you two have built a castle in the sand, expect a windstorm, but if the two of you are a fortress against the sea, Pluto could be beneficial. Don't get into political scraps, enemies will be nastily relentless. Lie low and think nice.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

If you despise your work or find it stressful, Pluto in Sagittarius may give you an expanded vacation, ready or not! Expect major, unalterable, transformative changes in your day to day job. Pink Crabs should not overdo; health issues must take precedent and a new exercise regime instituted ASAP. Avoid trendy health schemes, particularly in your diet, but a nice bubble bath couldn't hurt.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Queer Lions have stars in their eyes when Pluto marches into peppy Sagittarius. Artistic pursuits are tackled with a zeal that is all or nothing. (Like painting the rainbow on the side of the Great Wall in China.) There is no such thing as a light romance; little flings take on a fateful quality. True or not, prepare for a trip to the moon on gossamer wings. Well, I guess it's just one of those things...

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Childhood issues come back to bite you on the butt when Pluto enters Sagittarius. (Some people like it that way...) Any family issues that you have carefully hidden in the far recesses of your closet will emerge like goblins, so be warned. A cleaning of the familial pipes is painful, but ultimately good for the soul. Take it like medicine and don't flinch.

**PHOROSCOPES**  
BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Chatty queer Libras will have their communication skills in an uproar when Pluto enters Sagittarius. Conversations must be meaningful and pithy or they are a waste of time. Resolve to direct your needs and desires in an effective and powerful way. Get to the core of issues and don't accept easy excuses from others. Most of all, explore the inner workings of your mind, this is the beginning of a new psychological phase so hold on tight!

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 23**

Pluto in Sagittarius will have you re-evaluating all that you monetarily hold near and dear. What you thought would provide you with satisfaction and financial security may be crumbs for the birds. For those materialistic Scorps for whom money is the true measurement of power, hold on tight! Expect a platter of hubris which changes your opinion; Pluto says "All that glitters is not gold."

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

"Who am I?" Easy going Archers may have that question forcibly answered by Pluto in Sagittarius. It is time to create the new improved you with a direction route of self improvement. Gay Sags are not usually control freaks, but now the temptation to boss the course will be overwhelming. Don't rise to that occasion. Instead, use this time to meditate, contemplate and regenerate.

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Monsters from your closet blast open the door to bite you on the butt when Pluto enters Sag. Purge doesn't even begin to describe what can happen, especially if you've been hiding behind straight conventionality. Anything hidden of repressed won't be for long; even childhood baggage has a way of coming out to the daylight. Call it a growth period. Call it necessary for a happier life.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

Friends or social groups brings you into a new realm of being Pluto's transit into Sag. Old, rancid friendships will end and new invigorating ones will begin. Aquarians are very social creatures who thirst for a juicy cause. Attack while the planets are hot and forge a new direction for Gay rights and AIDS funding. It may change your long range plans and personal goals. Good!

**PISCES**

**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**

Poor Pisces have had their share of cancer setbacks, challenges and disappointments. Prepare for a new age with Pluto in Sag. What you think is vital for your status and success may dramatically change course, tumbling you down a rushing river of opportunity and respectability. Play fair and you'll command the field. Who said you can't dance in your wild pink pantaloons on the boardroom table?

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**DESERT VOICES**, Tucson's Gay & Lesbian Chorus rehearses Monday evenings at 7 pm at UofA School of Music Rm #107. For information call 791-9662.

Join the **LESBIAN & GAY PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT**. In Tucson write Awareness Project, 3061 N. Campbell Ave. #365, Tucson, AZ 85719.

**AA Meeting with HIV/AIDS focus**, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., MCC Church, 3209 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 690-9565 for information and a newsletter. 338

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**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.

**SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON**  
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**LIVING WATERS FAMILY CENTER** now meeting at the front building of MCC Church, 3209 N. Mountain. Worship services on Mondays at 5:00 p.m. Counseling provided for couples and individuals. For more information call 793-7266

**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.

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

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**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 299-9061 for information

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Call TAP for info on becoming a volunteer. Call 322-6226

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**Reading & Book Signing With Darieck Scott, Dec 6**

TUCSON - Darieck Scott, currently pursuing his Ph.D at Stanford University, will read from his recently published novel, *Traitor To The Race*, at Antigone Books, 411 North Fourth Avenue, on Wednesday, December 6, 7:30 P.M.

*Traitor To The Race*, (Dutton, 1995; \$20.95) explores themes of racism, homophobia and political action in this story of a bi-racial Gay couple who must suddenly confront their differing backgrounds and beliefs after a brutal murder takes place. Kenneth, an African American Gay male, and unemployed actor, is forced to confront his guilt about his relationship, while his white, soap opera star boyfriend, Evan, faces his own conflicts with his past.

Darieck Scott will also be giving a public lecture, Thursday, December 7 at 4:45 P.M. in the University of Arizona Modern Languages Building, room 350. For more information, contact Dr. Miranda Joseph at 626-4037.

**Serious Life Issues In The Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Population**

TUCSON - Survey respondents wanted to complete an anonymous questionnaire for a study to explore the issue of suicide in the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual population.

If you think you may be interested in participating, please call Laurie Fellows, at 790-3652, for a questionnaire or more information.

You may also pick up a questionnaire at Wingspan, 422 North Fourth Avenue, Antigones, 411 North Fourth Avenue, BGALA (U of A), and Ain't Nobodys Bizness, 2900 East Broadway. Time constraints of this project are fairly short, so please hurry. The more responses we get, the more useful the results, so please consider participating.

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"When I was using anger," he reflects, "it was in the personal sense. I should be angry with Newt Gingrich. Anger is the only thing that's going to move him. But parents aren't going to respond because you're angry. They'll respond because they love you. Newt Gingrich doesn't love you."

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"It is unthinkable that in a society where there was universal governmental condemnation of the act of sodomy as a crime, that the BSA could or would tolerate active homosexuality if discovered in any of its members," he wrote. "The criminal law has changed. The moral law, as to the act of sodomy, has not."

Dale said, "It was upsetting that a judge would rule this way."

Dale, who was in the Boy Scouts for more than 12 years, is now a fund raiser for a New York City drug rehabilitation center.

"To think that someone as qualified as myself, an exemplary Scout, can't be an assistant Scoutmaster when adults are needed is ridiculous," he said.

Richard Walker, the Boy Scouts of America national spokesman in Irving, Texas, said Dale had no business being a scout.

McGann came under criticism in 1992 when he blocked a woman from getting an abortion after the man who impregnated her petitioned the court. An appeals court lifted the order.

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payer foot the bill and plans to stay put for the time being. It's not like I'm behind in the rent." [You go girl!] [Two days of peace, the soap opera continues!]

The local media was up to their usual tricks as well. KVOA pulled the big boner of the night by saying and putting up numbers that over 200,000 people had cast votes in the Ward 4 race, despite only 73,000 casting votes citywide! [Duh!]

More media mush occurred this past week when this reporter was questioned by a haughty employee of KGUN Channel 9, about comments made in last weeks column. This employee said I had "trashed them" about their election coverage. Not true darling! I was merely being critical. I had been told that Jim Lemon, executive producer, would go once again before the cameras and report on the races. This would have been a comeback of sorts for Jim. [He hates that word! He prefers to call it a "return"! Jim was ready for his close-up Mr. De-Mille!]

Lastly, KOLD-TV, with their new facilities, "La Facilidad de Hank Hubbard" in Mammy Yokumville, came dirt cheap. Why? It's in a major flood plain, said one KOLD official who refused to be identified. [When the next big rain comes, KOLD will have an "Eyewitness News" view of the floods destroying the Newsplex, and have the embalmed and enshrined Hank Hubbard floating up the Santa Cruz!]

So it goes for now kids!



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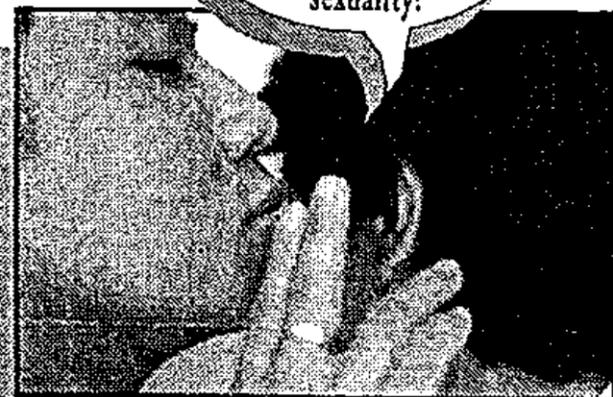
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**When:** Introductory discussion and registration (not a requirement to attend the weekend):  
Friday, November 10, 1995  
Weekend workshop will be:  
Saturday and Sunday, November 18 & 19, 1995.

**Where:** Arizona Polarity Institute  
3208 N. Tucson Blvd., Ste. B. (NE Corner of Tucson Blvd. and Fr. Lowell).

**Time:** 11/10/1995-5:30pm-6:30pm  
11/18 & 19/1995-10:00am-5:00pm

**Here's an Answer... Pass it on**