

## Ex-Sgt. Paniccia Can Join Active Reserves Or National Guard



PHOENIX - Gay ex-Air Force Sergeant Tom Paniccia wins a four year fight to be able to join the active Reserves or National Guard. See story below. (File Photo)

by Camille Kimball

PHOENIX (CMS) - The Air Force sergeant from Davis-Monthan who was discharged after revealing on national television that he is Gay, got what he wanted in the mail: an amended discharge that allows him to reenlist.

But Tom Paniccia can't go back to active duty because he had voluntarily resigned prior to being discharged. He can, however, become a member of the active Reserve or the National Guard - something that was, until now, legally out of his reach.

This is because a federal judge ruled that the Air Force acted illegally in discharging him in the first place.

Repeated telephone calls to Air Force officials in Washington were not returned.

Paniccia's receipt of the amended discharge ends a four-year odyssey that began in 1992 when he resigned because his sexual orientation was violating military policy. The 11-year veteran gained national attention when he announced on "Good Morning America" that he was Gay.

Despite his resignation, Air Force officials then insisted on discharging him. While the discharge was honorable, he was ineligible to reenlist.

After exhausting his internal appeals, Paniccia sued in U.S. District Court.

Judge Earl Carroll ruled that Paniccia did not violate the military policy in effect in 1992 that prohibited homosexuals in the military. Carroll ruled that Paniccia was discharged "based solely on the statements" he made on television, not based on any overt homosexual act.

In other words, according to attorney Karen Peters, her client's announcement to millions of television viewers that he was Gay was "not indicative of conduct." She said the former Davis-Monthan would have to have said specifically that he engaged in homosexual acts.

Paniccia said nothing could have been further from the truth at that time.

"I barely had acknowledged to myself that I was Gay," he said. "I knew not a single other Gay person."

Carroll's ruling came in late May and was not appealed by the Air Force. It was not until recently that Paniccia got the amended discharge papers that will allow him to reenlist.

"I wanted my life to count for something," said Paniccia, who now lives in San Jose, California. "I still love the military. I still want to serve."

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## IBM To Give Benefits To Partners Of Gay and Lesbian Employees

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - IBM became the nation's largest company to extend health benefits to the partners of its homosexual employees.

Gay activists welcomed the decision and said they hoped it would encourage other companies to do the same. Because it is so large and diverse, IBM is regarded as a bellwether of American business practices.

Its new policy covers dental, vision and general health benefits, starting January 1, 1997.

"This is a magnificent step forward in terms of corporate America recognizing the value of Gay and Lesbian employees," said Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign.

IBM did not extend benefits to unmarried heterosexual couples. The company, like others, reasoned that such couples can obtain benefits by getting married, an option not open to Gays.

IBM employs about 225,000 people worldwide and 110,000 in the United States.

It joins nearly 470 other large corporations, governments and universities in the United States to provide the same benefits to same-sex couples that it does to married couples. That's up from 250 a year ago, according to Common Ground, a Massachusetts research firm.

High-tech companies led in the extension of benefits to same-sex couples. Lotus Development Corporation, which

IBM acquired last year, took the step in 1990 and was among the first to do so.

In recent months, several other household names, including Walt Disney Co. and American Express Co., have also extended health benefits to partners of Gay employees.

"Having a company like IBM on board is going to shake a lot more of them out of the trees," said Liz Winfield, co-founder of Common Ground.

Political and religious conservatives have criticized such companies. Leaders of Southern Baptist churches have asked the denomination's 16 million members to boycott Disney, in part because of its recent benefits extension to same-sex couples.

"What we really focused on in our discussion was our commitment to nondiscrimination," said Jill Kanin-Lovers, vice president of human resources for IBM's U.S. divisions. "We have a long-standing policy of treating employees equitably and fairly. That was how we shaped our decision-making."

IBM in 1974 was the first large company to include sexual orientation in its nondiscrimination policy.

To qualify for the new benefits, IBM employees will be required to sign affidavits saying that they are financially and emotionally attached to their partners. Other companies have a similar requirement, and such documents have become common in same-sex partnerships.

## AIDS Patient List Leaked By Florida Worker

TAMPA, FL (AP) - Copies of a confidential computer disk, containing the names of 4,000 AIDS patients were shipped anonymously to two newspapers. The person who mailed the disks, claimed a state health worker had been showing it on his laptop computer to friends outside a Gay bar.

William B. Calvert III, of Treasure Island, was one of only three state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services employees with authorized access to the confidential information.

Calvert was suspended with pay as the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and HRS investigated the breach.

"This is very serious. We are not aware of any breach of confidentiality of this magnitude," Jay Coburn of the AIDS Action Council in Washington, D.C. said.

Nobody knows how many copies of the disk have been made, or who has

them. If the allegations prove true, it could be the worst violation of AIDS confidentiality in history.

"We have determined there has been a breach of confidentiality. To what level, we don't know yet," said Elaine Fulton-Jones, a spokesperson for the Pinellas County Health Department.

A copy of the disk was mailed to The Tampa Tribune, along with a letter claiming Calvert showed it to customers at a Pinellas County bar that caters to the Gay community, the paper reported.

Another copy of the disk, along with another anonymous letter, was also sent to the St. Petersburg Times.

The letter writer claimed Calvert showed the database to friends, using a laptop computer in his car. The letter writer claims to have copied the disk after Calvert became intoxicated and dropped it.

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## HIV Prevention Planning Workshop Oct. 5

TUCSON - A workshop about HIV prevention in Pima County will take place Saturday, October 5, 8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M., at the Tucson Main Library.

Those in attendance will learn about the AIDS epidemic in Pima County, and will be asked for their input. Participants will determine the populations most at risk for HIV, as well as prioritize ways to reach these populations. Results from this workshop will be included in an HIV prevention for Southern Arizona. The plan will be sent to the Arizona Department of Health Services.

The workshop is free, and sponsored by the Southern Arizona HIV Prevention Planning Group. Anyone interested in attending should call Laraine or Liz at 740-8554.

## 'The Seamy Underside' Debuts Oct. 10

TUCSON - Itch Productions will present its debut performance of "the seamy underside," October 10-13, 17-19, at the Tucson Center for the Performing Arts, 408 S. Sixth Ave.

Itch Production's "the seamy underside" is a musical review exploring the lives and hopes of people on the street. This original review, featuring songs by Kander and Ebb, Sondheim, and Kurt Weill, will be performed.

The musical production runs October 10-13 and October 17-19 at 8:00 P.M. There is one matinee performance, October 13, 2:30 P.M. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for students and senior citizens. For more information call 748-0291.

## Recreational Volleyball Sets New Fall/Winter Time

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## AIDSWALK '96 Needs Volunteers

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For more information or to sign up to volunteer, call Matt Palmer at 322-9191.

## Girlfriends Tuning Up With Lots Of Live Music

TUCSON - Concerts, new Wednesday night live music and the regular Sunday Music Jam/Open Mike are being offered at Girlfriends Coffeehouse and Bookstore this month.

Karen Capaldi who performed at Girlfriends last May will be back in concert, Saturday, October 5, 8:00 P.M. Tickets are \$5. Karen was the featured artist in the premier issue of *Crossroads Magazine*, an industry-trade magazine tracking folk, folk and world-beat music radio. She has opened for Cheryl Wheeler, Dar Williams, and Catie Curtis.

"Her deep voice, offering a hint of a genuine rasp, reaches out over the crowd of women like steam heat on a cold day -- wrapping around them and inviting them to curl up with their thoughts . . . Karen's folksy-with-an-attitude style is intoxicating," says Cathy Guthrie of *Lesbians in Colorado*.

Also, at Girlfriends this month are Elie & Mitzi. They will be performing in concert, October 18, 8:00 P.M. There will be a \$4 cover to kick off the Pride Picnic, OUToberFEST. Lots of us have enjoyed them at the Sunday Music Jams and those of you who haven't been able to catch them, now here's your change.

Something new on October 2, 16, and 23, from 8:00 - 10:00 P.M. Girlfriends presents Jess Hawk Oakenstar. Featured solo, Jess will take the stage to entertain us on these Wednesday nights. Many of you remember her concert in the middle of May as she kicked off her summer tour. Now we'll be able to enjoy her much more often and there is no cover, so come out and have a listen. Remember, Girlfriends is a smoke-free environment.

## UFVA Student Film & Video Festival At Uofa

TUCSON - Now in its fourth year, the UFVA Student Film & Video Festival announced that the third venue of its international tour will be held in Tucson, October 3, 7:30 P.M.

The location of the festival is the University of Arizona - Modern Language Auditorium (MLB 350). This stop on the tour is sponsored by the U of A Department of Media Arts. Admission is free and open to the public.

This year, the festival received 660 entries from over 20 countries, representing 200 film school. Thirty-four works were selected for the international tour; prize winning films selected by an esteemed panel of judges.

Some of the films to be screened at the Tucson stop are: Generic Metal Titan. Bowl of OatMeal. Brothers. I'm

## IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM HARRISON DANIELS

Passed away suddenly September 14, 1996. Survived by his mother, Mary Jane, of Bradford, Pennsylvania, and his companion, Kirk Hopkins.

Bill moved to Tucson four years ago from Jamestown, New York, where he owned and managed a restaurant and bar. In his short time with us, he touched the lives of many.

Memorial services will be conducted at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 545 S. Fifth Avenue, (at 16th Street), Tuesday, October 1, 7:00 P.M.

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For more information call (800) 499-UFVA.

## Boy Who Wore Dress To School Listed As Runaway

BURLINGTON, VT (WS) - The Vermont boy, whose repeated suspension over wearing a dress at school, has been listed as a runaway by the Burlington City Police.

Matt Stickney, 15, failed to appear at a scheduled meeting with school officials and was reported as a runaway later that day. Local news reports Burlington Police Lt. Emmet Helrich saying his department has yet to receive word on the boy's whereabouts.

Stickney, who is Gay, has been showing up at school in a dress, and the administration has been sending him home. School officials say his clothing disrupts class and therefor violates the school's dress code. In a show of solidarity with Stickney, a cross-dressing walkout occurred, with more than 100 high school classmates showing their support for Stickney.

The story has been picked up and reported all over the county. "This has been such a media circus," Karen Eade, executive director of Outright Vermont, a Gay services group, told reporters. "We have a young person who is at great risk right now."

## Calling All Gay Artists

TUCSON - Wingspans Second Annual Juried OUToberFEST art exhibition will be held for the entire month of October.

If you're a Lesbian, Gay or Bi-sexual artist, you're eligible to submit two of your works. Deadline is October 1. Bring your works of art to Wingspan, 422 N. Fourth Ave., between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday. The show will be hung October 3. An artist reception will be held Saturday, October 5.

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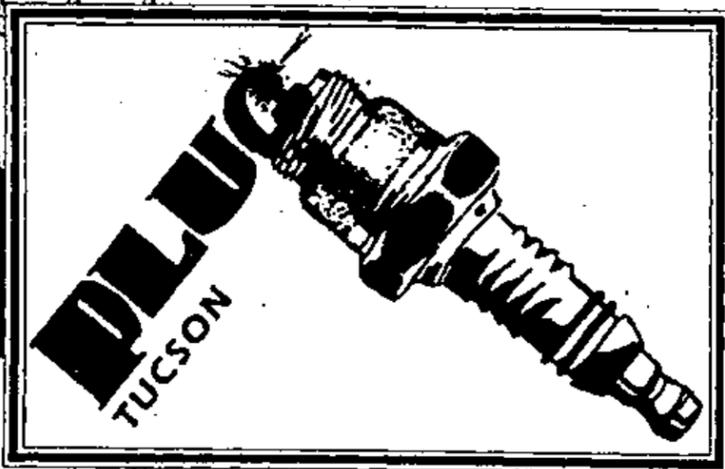
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# POLITICS 1996

By MARK H. KERN

Isn't it! President Clinton visited the Grand Canyon last week for the second time in a year. Whoopee! Could it be there is a contest for the state's eight electoral votes? . . .

Last week, the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) became the law of the land. President Clinton signed DOMA in a late-night bill signing session at the White House. The "midnight scribble" with no fanfare was done to minimize press coverage. Really? Well?

DOMA's sponsor, Rep. Bob Barr, R-GA, protégé of "The Salamander," hit the television news circuit with fervor. Barr, a three-time loser at the marriage sweepstakes, called this a major defeat for the "homosexual extremists" and a victory for traditional values.

Really? What about love and commitment? Rep. Barr must now sleep well. He's saved the country. Praise be and pass the whipped cream and marmalade.

Gay rights groups have started the legal challenge to DOMA. It will be many years before the pending case reaches the U.S. Supreme Court. The courts, the last vestige of hope for us! . . .

## "I Really Like Her, But She's Such A Fraud"

Sex and the nation's Capitol, just like water and chocolate. First we had Clinton aide Dick Morris living up to his name. Next was Dole aide, Roger Stone and his wife. A report implicated them looking for butch-men for "hot three-way action." What's next?

Now, it's an GOP operative who has made a living consulting such Senate Gay bashers as Jesse Helms, Bob Smith, Don Nickles and Lauch Faircloth. Arthur Finklestein, a political consultant, according to published reports is Gay, with a lover and two adopted kids.

In a terse statement, Finklestein said "I am disappointed some would stoop to this level. I keep my private life separate from my business life." So you like to ruin our lives for your gain? . . .

Last week, the cast of characters for the upcoming presidential and vice-presidential debates were announced. The

Commission on Presidential Debates, a bipartisan group said that President Bill Clinton and Bob Dole would be the only two candidates invited. Gasp!

What about the "Texas Napoleon?" The Commission said Perot didn't meet the criteria for inclusion. Something about not having a chance! Perot blasted the committee for not including him and Pat Choate, his token running-mate. Perot said that he's on the ballot in all 50 states. So? He stated he's getting public funds, so his campaign is recognized. Well? The "Texas Napoleon" is suing the commission to block the debates. Gee, go figure!

Consider this. There is a fourth candidate who is on the ballot in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. This candidate qualified for public matching funds, but refused them. Who is he? It's the Libertarian presidential candidate, Harry Browne.

If Perot's added, then Browne should be included in the debates as well. Even better, how about Green Party presidential candidate, Ralph Nader. Lets have more candidates, perhaps a choice and reason to go vote. . . .

Bob Dole's campaign for White House had some excitement last week, for a change. At a campaign stop in Chico, California, Dole "took a header" and fell into the shocked audience, all three of them.

The railing on the stage in Chico wasn't bolted down and he tumbled, just like in the polls. Dole was examined by medical personnel and continued his Quixotic quest. Members of the audience allegedly heard the former Kansas Senator muttering after he hit the ground, "Auntie Em, it's a twister!" . . .

Something we will never see again in our lifetime. A Democratic presidential candidate, sitting president or otherwise, has visited Arizona twice during a presidential campaign. Frightening

When is an election not an election? If you answered when it's held in Pima County, pass GO and collect \$200! The Pima County Board of Supervisors tried to order a full recount from the primary election. The reason for the recount was it was revealed that the results were incorrect due to computer problems. [Observer 635]. The recount is on hold though, awaiting a judge's order.

The general election is supposed to take place in November. Will it? Who knows, maybe one day we will have smooth-running elections just like Chicago! . . .

Whenever the general election is held in Arizona and Pima County. When you vote, just follow Bob Dole's new slogan if you think about voting for him, especially with his anti-Gay voting record. "Just don't do it!" . . .

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## 'Ellen' Coming Out Of Closet Still Generating Controversy

HOLLYWOOD, CA (WS) - An explosion of anticipation and protest has greeted the efforts by "Ellen" star Ellen DeGeneres, and the show's producers to have the title character come out of the closet.

The story first ran in last week's TV Guide. So far, Walt Disney Co., which produces "Ellen" and owns the ABC network which the show is seen, isn't commenting.

Disney is "obviously floating a trial balloon," said Stephen Spignesi, author of several TV books, in an interview. "If there is a tremendous outcry against it from the public, they can pull it." Spignesi and other media experts believe Disney leaked the story to see how it would play out.

Gay fans and activists are cheering the possible story line, which would

have the main character Ellen Morgan, reveal she is a Lesbian in mid-season. Newspaper reports say it is unclear if this means DeGeneres herself is prepared to clarify her own sexual orientation, a subject off-limits in her interviews.

Criticism of the mid-season twist came from the usual outlets. Within hours of the story breaking, Rev. Donald Wildmon of the American Family Association threatened Disney with an advertiser boycott and warned a Gay main character in a high-rated series would break "the 'glass ceiling' of homosexuality on television."

Advertisers are taking a "wait and see" approach. Studio executives for once, don't have their eyes on the bottom-line. Disney sold Ellen reruns to the Lifetime cable network, ensuring the show's profitability even if the series takes a ratings hit this season.

## Ex-Sgt. Paniccia Can Join

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The policy of excluding Gays from the military was debated during the 1992 presidential campaign between George Bush and Bill Clinton.

One of the earliest acts of the new president was to change the military policy on homosexuality to "Don't ask, don't tell."

Paniccia said he is unsure how his ability to reenlist is affected by the new policy - particularly since he has been so public in stating his sexual orientation.

"The new policy doesn't provide for someone like myself," he said.

"Obviously, if I go back in - and even if I don't say anything and they don't ask - it doesn't speak to my particular case," Paniccia continued. "I'm bound to bump into someone I've dealt with (before) in this." He said he would not hide the fact he was Gay.

Paniccia now works as a specialist in employee development.

He said his lawsuit against the military and his sexual orientation were not secrets from his co-workers, but nei-

ther were they relevant. Paniccia said he was deliberately trying to avoid attracting any more media attention.

So why, then, did he appear on the ABC network program in 1992?

Paniccia said it was close to his 28th birthday when he signed the voluntary separation papers. He said he saw it as the only way to be true to his oath to the military, which prohibited Gays in its ranks.

That very night, he saw Navy Lt. j.g. Tracy Thorne "come out" on "Nightline" with Ted Koppel.

"I knew then that I had made a horrible mistake" by resigning quietly, he said.

"It was the first time I realized I wasn't alone," Paniccia said. "I felt a responsibility to speak out because no one should have to go through what I went through or make the mistake I did."

[Camille Kimball is a reporter for Capitol Media Services. This article was reprinted from the Arizona Daily Star.]



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I certainly didn't understand all the nuances of meaning in that statement at the time. I said, "Why aren't homosexuals as happy as heterosexual people? Why shouldn't they be?" They didn't answer. Of course, when I got a little older, I said to them, "The main thing that's standing in the way of my happiness is your disapproval, and the disapproval of all the others who think like you."

It was a classic self-fulfilling prophecy: we don't want you to be Gay because Gays are unhappy, but gays are unhappy because of the disapproval in that very statement.

I've never been able to understand homophobia. Throughout my life, I've always underestimated the amount of hatred and scorn people have for us because we love members of the same sex. I mean, why? I don't get it. There's no obvious reason why the sight of two people of the same gender holding hands should start a fight, or stimulate a gag reflex.

Similarly for the arguments raised by religious people. "Gay is unnatural or immoral," they say. Give me a break. Actually, it was my sister who first gave me the argument that, because the rectum is not a sex organ, Gay sex is unnatural. She shrieked this "truth" at me, and was surprised when I didn't immediately yield to her logic. She later had a nose job. Which is more unnatural?

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the design of Nature more forcefully, for a man to have anal sex or for someone to have surgery to "correct" nature's mistake in the shape of her nose? After all, straight people have anal sex, too. Many straight women have admitted to me that they not only have anal sex, but enjoy it far more than vaginal sex because of its greater intensity.

The Catholic Church, in which I was raised, says that Gay sex is unnatural because it goes against "natural law," which is an expression of God's will. Natural law decrees that the purpose of sex is reproduction. Therefore any sex act, including masturbation, that does not lead directly to reproduction goes against the natural law. It is a grievous misuse of the sacred power of sexuality, God's precious gift, blah, blah, blah. They make it sound like their real concern is that nature's intent not be blasphemed, instead of the prejudice it really is.

Of course, by that same standard, women with hysterectomies should never have sex, older couples should not be allowed to marry, and certainly oral sex or a hand job between straight people is out, because none of these things can lead to a baby. But the Church never talks about these things. Funny how their concern for the sacredness of sex is so selective.

Recently I read a Catholic theologian, a celibate priest, who said that homosexuals are wrong because they are attempting to live a life as a self-sufficient

male, without the sacred dialogue between masculinity and femininity. What a projection! More than anyone else, it's a celibate man who fits that bill. And if sex without reproduction is unnatural, then surely chewing gum is an unnatural use of the eating function, since it doesn't lead to nutrition.

I suppose most people still think of Gay men as shadowy figures in alleys, getting and giving blow jobs by night, and doing hair by day. Impersonal sex, with no fear of pregnancy, and no emotional entanglement--no wonder straight guys get jealous of us! I think that's what my parents meant when they said I wouldn't be happy as a homosexual. Homosexuals are drug-using, filthy, bohemian, poor, promiscuous outcasts, with no chance at love or the joys of having children.

That, or else they pretend to be straight and do the Gay thing as a horrible secret: the Jim Kolbe model of homosexuality. They have sex in parks or unspeakably sleazy porno theatres--anywhere but where they can have love or dignity in their sexual expressions. They let no one see them! They have their own Gay bars, hidden away where they can be invisible and carry on their perverse imitation of heterosexual love, lost souls in agony and terror.

Like cockroaches, the Gay men in my parents' mind seek the dark holes, the secret crevices in the walls of society. We've certainly gotten past that in the

90's, haven't we? To some extent, yes, but consider: how many Gay bars in Tucson, the country of the sun, have windows? Why is there no Gay pride parade in Tucson? Have you ever tried to find an openly Gay physician in this town? Too many of us still let no one see them being Gay.

Gayness still carries a heavy burden of shame for many of us. What else does the need for invisibility imply? Thank the gods that there is at least some light at the end of the tunnel. At least some Hollywood stars, pop musicians, and politicians are out of the closet now (that wasn't the case twenty years ago). At least the media give some coverage to our issues.

At least there are some theological voices that speak on our behalf, and liberal ministers can be found that will perform union ceremonies for us. More and more Gay men find it OK to be Gay, and can relax within themselves and with others about it. We can think in terms of a well-rounded life, and not just a life in the bars, drinking and tricking.

I do well when I listen to the gentle voice inside of me that has always known, no matter what the brouhaha straight people make out my sexuality, that it's perfectly OK to be Gay. The part of me that is mystified that anyone thinks Gayness could be anything but wonderful. I'm sure every Gay man has the same voice within.

[Robert Feldhaus, Ph.D. is an openly Gay educator and counselor for the Gay community. He welcomes your feedback, and can be reached at 623-1732, or email: bobby@azstarnet.com.]

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Dear X,

*I have just met a guy that is HIV+. I really like him but I am concerned about what will happen in the future. If I get involved and he gets sick I don't know how I will handle the situation. Do you have any advice?*

Signed, Negative.

Negative,

Don't jump to conclusions. First of all you said "just met." Have you had long term relationships with everyone you meet? Let's say for the sake of this reply he is the right guy for you and you end up living together in a year. (Dr. X's ground rule for cohabitation is date for one year before signing a lease, if it is going to last, a year is a very short time. Some straight people have been known to date for two to three years before getting engaged!) To continue, when we fall in love with someone we take a big risk. We hope that it will last. We hope they will grow with us for the better. We try to believe that we will stay well and have the pleasures and freedoms wellness brings. On the other hand who knows? I'm not going to use that run over by a bus metaphor but there are no guarantees. I have had three significant relationships, one for five years, then a year and a half and the current one is coming up on six years. I was heart broken the first two times but I kept on going. The health issue of his HIV status is a big one, but suppose he had another disability. HIV is not curable at this point but a lot of progress has been made to allow someone a much better chance of long term survival. I say love with your heart and if he is the right one for you take a chance. Five years of a wonderful happy relationship is worth ten of regret and loneliness. If you are worried about doing the job right if he gets sick, you are not alone. Establish trust, communication and have fun now. If the going gets tough you'll rise to the occasion, I know you will! Love is the ultimate expression two people can make to each other, the rest you'll find when you need it. Good luck, and remember to tell him all your concerns, he may have a few too.

Dr. X,

*It sounds to me like sometimes you are down on Bisexual men. I consider myself to be bisexual and I don't like when you criticize me. I think you should apologize and clarify your attitude.*

Signed, Bi Bye Dr. X

Dear Bi Bye,

I hope you read at least a few more columns so you can get this apology. If I have ever written anything that was Bi-Critical, I apologize. We are all valuable in our own unique way. I am decidedly Gay; and sometimes my Bi-as comes out. I guess what I have a problem with is the total lack of Bi-sexual bars. Don't think I'm being sarcastic but there really is no place that Bisexual people can go to meet others. The problem then becomes the confusion straights and Gays have about you. It is hard to find someone to have a relationship with and lately very few last very long. Straight women and Gay men don't like having to compete for you. We can fight for you against someone of the same gender and sexual preference but if you want the opposite what can we do? We can strap on dildoes and wear dresses but if you want the whole ball

game we are out of luck! I don't want you to think I'm a Bi hater but I wonder how difficult it must be for you to get into a long term relationship and make the commitment to one man or woman as well as one bedroom. You can help me by writing in and letting me know how this feels from your end. Again, accept my apology and I hope I haven't stepped in more s\*\*t by answering. Dr. X can't have all the answers and always be PC at the same time! Thanks for calling me on it.

Dear Dr. X,

*I am just sick and f\*\*king tired of condoms. I want to feel a real man in a real way. I have been using condoms for about two years but I remember not using them all to well. Please help before I slip off the edge and end up with AIDS.*

Signed, Hungry.

Dear Hungry,

Don't feel alone! I have been there and done that. There are many guys that hate them as much as you do. I think we should all get together and really destroy some condoms. When I would get really angry at something I would hurl a good glass against a brick wall. Now I buy my own glasses and get out my frustration in more productive ways. But the idea remains. Maybe you could just take about five condoms and cut them into little pieces and say "F\*\*k you! you have ruined anal sex for me. I hate you. I hate using you. I hate that you always remind me of AIDS when I want to have hot sex." Then get back to reality. If you don't use condoms you and your partner are at risk of infection. I have found that when I really want the contact and am really hating condoms that a good fingering can help. This sounds kind of weak but it is the skin contact and the feeling of doing something unsafe and hot and taboo that makes us want that condomless rod. So find a guy with thick fingers and take a ride. If this doesn't help at all or seem like a viable option, I'm sorry. For now this HIV bulls\*\*t is our Karma and until we stop infecting each other and heal ourselves we're going to have to keep using latex. You are not alone! I can't stress this enough. We all hate them and that is okay. Just remember how bad you would feel if you got infected or infected someone. Talk to your friends or call one of mine at the Gay Men's Health Project to discuss this further. You may be at a crossroads and at a very high risk place in your life. That's okay too but don't just give up. If you are just venting I'm proud of you, it's good therapy. I hate them too, hate-em, hate-em, hate-em! Thanks for bringing up a very real issue, and revealing your feelings. I won't say be safe, but I will say be Alive!

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# Is There Really a "Gay Gene"?

## Should We Care?



It's News To Me. . . . . by Steve Risley

This Column is Presented for Entertainment Purposes Only: Whenever I'm wrestling with a particularly troublesome problem I have difficulty getting to sleep and end up flopping around in bed like a freshly caught trout on a muddy river bank. About a month ago I was having one those nights so around 2:00 a.m. I gave up trying to get to sleep, unwound myself from the tangle of bed clothes, and flicked on the TV to do a little channel surfing.

Among the late night video fare of sales pitches for laser-guided vegetable slicers; miracle, spray-on, auto upholstery; and the Buns of Pudding workout tape a solution to my problem appeared - a commercial for Deon Warlock's Psychic Friends Consortium. They showed real people just like you and me talking on the phone to a Psychic Friend and then offering testimonials about how their Psychic Friend knew the intimate details of their lives and could predict the future!

I decided what the heck - I'm desperate, I'll give it a try. I dialed the number on my television screen and was greeted by a cheerful, ever-so-friendly, female voice. "Hi! I'm your Psychic Friend, Wanda. How may I help you?" I explained that I was faced with a serious dilemma and needed a Psychic Friend in the worst possible way.

"Oh yes," she replied, "I had a feeling you'd be calling."

She had a feeling I'd be calling!! I was stunned by her prescience and asked if she really could predict my future. "As a matter of fact," she replied, "I can tell you right now with absolute certainty that you will soon suffer a financial reversal. By the way, may I please have your Visa or Mastercard number?"

Having dispensed with that necessary little business detail she sternly warned that I should only answer her questions with a "yes" or "no" response or risk breaking the fragile connection to the ectomorphic, psychoplasmic, spirit

world. Then (and this is what's truly amazing!) she asked me if I knew anyone with a name containing the letter "S". Realizing instantly that my very own name began with that letter I shouted, "Yes!"

"I'm picking up some negative vibrations migrating toward that person at this very moment", she warned, "and I don't mind telling you he has every reason to be concerned. An evil greedy stranger will take advantage of him and he'll kick himself for being so gullible."

Her dire prediction continued. "But he will be too embarrassed by his stupidity to say anything to anyone about it, particularly to his state's Dept. of Consumer Affairs, Attorney General's Office, or the Federal Communications Commission. And he will just keep his mouth shut or instantly suffer a horrific and agonizingly painful death requiring a closed casket funeral."

At this point I was bouncing up and down with uncontrollable excitement and blurted out, "How serious will the financial reversal be?"

She stopped her prediction at that point and said, "Uh-oh. I warned you to only say "yes" or "no" in answer to a question. Now I'm afraid you've disrupted the fragile connection to the ectomorphic, psychoplasmic, spirit world and there's nothing more I can tell you at this time. Thank you for calling Deon Warlock's Psychic Friends Consortium and please call again soon." Click.

I waited days for some sign that her prediction would come true but nothing happened. Several weeks passed and I began to think that my Psychic Friend's ability was nothing more than a sham. Then my Mastercard statement arrived and on it appeared a charge for \$129.95 from Deon Warlock's Psychic Friends Consortium.

Is that incredible or what?!!

Artists for Life: Those of you

who attended the Life Thru Art 1996 benefit art auction for PACT last Friday evening already know what a delightful and enjoyable evening it was. For those of you who were unable to attend, here's what you missed out on.

The quality of artwork so generously donated was quite remarkable and extensive in scope - something for all tastes. The art glass pieces, in particular, were exceptional in both execution and beauty. Once again Tucson demonstrated that it takes a back seat to no one in producing world-class artwork.

Local restaurateurs provided a delicious range of hors d'ouerves from those composed of ingredients with familiar southwestern flavors to items from the nouvelle cuisine end of the taste spectrum. That was a great opportunity to sample the available local fare for later patronage of the restaurants that provided your favorites.

It was nice to see so many people dressed up for the occasion and once again the Doubletree Hotel demonstrated its continuing support for our community by making its grand ballroom available for the event.

Congratulations to the 1996 Life Thru Art Committee and the many, many people who freely gave their time and effort, and generously provided the artwork and resources that contributed to making this very enjoyable and elegant event a great success. The result of your generosity means so very much to many Tucsonans living with HIV/AIDS. Your places in heaven are assured.

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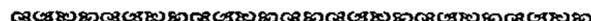
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**HOME ON THE RANGE WITH AGRA-TUCSON**  
by Anida Cowboy

Greetings from the Range! I hope everyone had a great week. I have just been enjoying the cool weather! Happy Fall to everyone and I know there are many who share the same feeling that I do of "Goodbye to Summer clothes and hello layered clothing!"

There is a lot happening in the "AGRA world" so stay tuned to the article for the latest up-to-the-minute information. Also, watch your mailbox for the October issue of The Branding Iron for new from Tucson, Phoenix and the State Board.

our final approvals for this year's Rodeo Posters and other PR items. With that, we are able to send them off with those attending the San Diego Rodeo this weekend. To all headed to San Diego, have a great time. Remember, word travels fast, so be good being bad! I am so jealous, but I may make an appearance on Saturday. I just love last-minute, road trips! So watch-out for unannounced Tucson visitors at your hotel room!

AGRA would again like to thank Bert at the Venture for cooking those scrumptious burgers for our benefit Sunday. Along with the fund raising lines, AGRA will be selling Entertainment '97 books this year. Look for them at all AGRA events starting soon.

Raul is looking for fund raising committee members. Anyone interested in this or other committees call the AGRA Hotline. We are still looking for team walkers for the AIDS WALK '96, if interested, contact Scott at 792-5653 for more information.

Until next time, play safe, keep your Pride and Play Safe in the Saddle.

[AGRA-Tucson, POB 40894, Tucson, AZ 85717-0894. Phone: (520) 323-0805.]

Last week, AGRA was represented at "Life Thru Art" at the Doubletree. It was a benefit art auction for PACT and I hear there were quite a number of beautiful pieces. Not just art either! Thanks go out to all who took the time to attend the auction as well as represent AGRA.

This year, the State Board would like to hold this year's annual banquet and State elections on the same date. According to AGRA bylaws, the date will fall on Saturday, December 14. Anyone interested in submitting a bid for this year's banquet, must have a written proposal submitted to the State Board by Tuesday, October 15.

The Rodeo PR committee is in full swing this week. We have submitted



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**Surfing with Cyber-Queers**  
by Anne C. Schmitt

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Autumn has finally gotten here. The temperatures are below hundred and students are settling into the ugly reality of homework. It's always been a time of change for me. This year is no exception.

After years of hanging around Tucson I am packing up and moving to Bisbee. No, I'm not reverting to my days of Hippie youth. I was born and raised in Southern Arizona and have been longing for the life of a small town for some time now. Bisbee is ideal in many ways. I can continue my work in Tucson and will continue to occasionally write a column about the Internet. Jaime and I will still put the Observer online each week and still haunt the bars on occasion . . . most of you won't notice any difference.

We will not be doing the Cyber-Queers Internet Classes . . . and not because of the move. Based on the phone calls we get all the time, I've decided that folks want to know the answer to one or two specific questions and do not want to

sign up and sit through a class that covers a wider-range of issues. There is some discussion going on about doing a class at Wingspan. If you are interested, you may want to call them. If they get enough people lined up, we will do one there.

Watch the Electronic Observer, it will continue to grow and change and may even benefit from our move. We'll have everything set up so that it will still be current. The growth of it is dependent on its support. We need local Gay and Lesbian businesses to participate if we are to expand our pages for local groups and organizations. We continue to get great responses and this is a good way to reach customers you haven't even met yet. The businesses who have chosen to support this effort know this to be an inexpensive means of advertising while allowing the foundation of this project to become a vital part of the community. I thank them heartily. Please let them know you see

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# UPDATE

## HRC Releases

### Comprehensive G/L Survey

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) has released what it calls the most comprehensive Gay and Lesbian political survey ever conducted in the United States. Some results surprised HRC, which bills itself as the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian political organization.

Despite the dominance of Gay marriage in the headlines, HRC found it near the bottom of the political priorities among Gay men and Lesbians. Only 45 percent of those surveyed ranked same-sex marriage as an important national goal. The survey found Gays and Lesbians want their leaders and organizations to focus their efforts on employment discrimination (81 percent), and funding for the treatment, service and prevention of AIDS.

Educating the straight majority toward a deeper understanding and tolerance of Gay people, reducing the incidence and severity of bias related crime scored high on the list of national priorities for Gay organizations.

The survey found a majority of Gay people did not place Gay rights at the top of the national agenda. Gay concerns mirrored the population at large, with survey respondents ranking crime and drugs as the number one problem facing the country, followed by economic issues, health care and education.

Celinda Lake, a Democratic pollster who oversaw the survey reported that self-identified Gays gave Clinton a whopping 73 percent favorability rating, compared with 27 percent for Bob Dole. Lake said voting preferences had changed little over the past 13 weeks, with Clinton leading by 74 percent to Dole's 13 percent.

Among other findings: A majority of those surveyed live now or have lived with a partner in a serious relationship. Nearly half of those surveyed are currently involved in a long-term monogamous relationship and 22 percent have children living in their homes. Fifty-three percent had not shared their orientation with their employers, and 36 percent had not told co-workers, the poll found.

The poll was taken from June through early September by ICR Survey Research Group for Lake Research. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus five percentage points.

## House Gets Tough On Campuses That Ban ROTC

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Republican-led House of Representatives has passed a proposal that would ban all federal grants and contracts to schools that prohibit the Reserve Officers Training Corps and other armed services from recruiting on campus.

Most colleges with standing prohibitions against armed forces recruiting say the government's discriminatory policy, towards Gay men and Lesbians in the military conflicts with campus-wide, anti-discrimination statutes.

The cosponsors of the measure, Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-NY, and Rep. Richard Pombo, R-CA, successfully attached the ROTC amendment to three 1997 appropriation bills for the departments of Labor, Education, and Health

and Human Services. If the amendments stand, colleges and universities could stand to lose hundreds of millions of dollars in federal research grants, student-aid loans, and other education funding.

Reps. Solomon and Pombo have also written language into the bills that would penalize an entire college or university even if only one of the school's branches has a ban in place. This provision greatly expands the number of college and universities at risk of losing large sums of money.

The Senate version of the bill does not include the anti-ROTC and anti-recruiting provision. It is unclear if the provisions will make it out of the House and Senate conference committees. So far, according to the Association American Law Schools, most academic associations are standing firm.

## Atlanta Domestic Partner Law Challenged

ATLANTA, GA (WS) - A suit has been filed to block application of Atlanta's new domestic partners law. The legal challenge was filed three days after Mayor Bill Campbell signed the measure, granting health benefits to domestic partners of unmarried city employees.

The Southeastern Legal Foundation, a conservative public policy group, charged that the new domestic partnership law is fiscally irresponsible and at odds with the state's recently passed ban on same-sex marriage.

Campbell's effort was the second attempt to pass a citywide domestic partnership benefits law in Atlanta. A similar measure passed in 1993, but was overturned by the Georgia Supreme Court.

The court's objections to the 1993 measure centered on language that defined domestic partners as "a family." The Supreme Court ruled a definition that departed from the traditional understanding of the term could only be granted by the state Legislature.

With that, the new domestic partners ordinance for Atlanta studiously avoided the use of the term "family" but was challenged nonetheless.

## Navy Considers Clemency For Gay Sailor's Murderer

SASEBO, Japan (WS) - The murderer of a Gay Navy Petty Officer had his annual clemency hearing this past week in Japan.

Navy Petty Officer Allen Schindler was Gay-bashed to death by shipmates, Terry Helvey and Charles Vins in a public bathroom in Sasebo, almost four years ago. The medical examiner said Schindler's injuries were comparable to those of plane crash victims.

Terry Helvey was convicted, and sentenced to life in prison. Annually, the Navy Parole and Clemency Board considers each prisoner's case for possible reduction. With that, Helvey had his hearing this past week.

Schindler's mother, Dorothy Hadjys-Holman, was represented at the Clemency Hearing by Kirk Childress of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a group representing Gay and Lesbians in the military. Childress told the panel of five senior officers, "On behalf of Seaman Schindler's mother, I ask you to

deny clemency to Terry Helvey. This was an ugly crime, motivated solely by Helvey's hate of Gay people. As members of this board, please send a strong message that anti-Gay violence will not be tolerated by the Navy."

The Clemency Board is expected to issue its ruling in the next two weeks. While the Board is considering their decision, Schindler's mother, Hadjys-Holman hopes to collect one million signatures on a petition to have Helvey serve out his full sentence. Helvey is first eligible for parole consideration in 2002.

## Anti-Gay Group Changes Tactics

BOISE, ID (WS) - The anti-Gay Idaho Citizens Alliance (ICA), defeated recently at the ballot-box are changing tactics. The executive director of the anti-Gay group, Kelly Johannsen, vowed to push her group's anti-Gay rights measures through the next session of the state legislature.

The ICA ballot initiative was pulled by its supporters the day after the Supreme Court ruled Colorado's Amendment Two unconstitutional. Opponents of the ICA say this move was a face-saving gesture taken because the group collected only 5,046 signatures out of a required 41,335 after months of canvassing.

"The real reason they withdrew it because they found out they only have 6,000 supporters," Mary Roling co-chair of Decline to Sign, told reporters.

The ICA plans to introduce two parts of their failed ballot initiative as separate items in the upcoming legislative session. The first prohibits tax dollars from being spent to promote homosexual behavior. The second prohibits schools from teaching anything "which expressly promotes, advocates, endorses, or encourages homosexual behavior as prohibited by Idaho law."

## Denver Extends Benefits To G/L City Employees

DENVER, CO (WS) - The Denver City Council voted overwhelmingly to extend health benefits to the partners and families of Lesbian and Gay city employees.

The council heard little opposition to the proposed ordinances at prior hearings and passed the measure easily by a vote of 11-1. The benefits' extension now goes before Mayor Wellington Webb, who has said he will sign it.

The Rev. Laurence Lafontaine, a Presbyterian minister who helps run Equality Colorado, is quoted in interviews as saying, "After Amendment 2, a lot of people thought that this was the hate state... What the city council did was very powerful."

Councilmembers say the ordinance will affect between 85 and 100 of the city's 8,500 workers. The city estimates the cost of the measure to eventually reach \$150,000 a year in higher insurance premiums.

Under the ordinance, Gay city employees would sign affidavits saying that they share living expenses and are in an exclusive relationship. Couples must notify the city if the relationship ends and have to wait six months before re-enrolling with a new partner.

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Just as the stars are destined to shine, so must the Sun. This great light changes signs from conservative Virgo to diplomatic Libra this week and heralds in a month-long period of new, optimistic energy. Go with the flow cousins! Allow the heat of the Sun to generate new hopes, dreams and victories for all of us. Amen!

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

If a light has been turned on in any relationship matters, thank the Sun in Libra for the push. Proud Rams needn't put on an act around partners. The liberating Sun puts all those silly games in the trash where they belong. Be yourself, horns and all, watch things fall into place. However, if the place happens to be East St. Louis, reevaluate the deal.

**TAURUS**

**APRIL 21 - MAY 21**

Practical proud Bulls face stressful decisions on the job. Though with the Sun in harmonious Libra, and either/or job choice becomes easier. Stress eases and exercise or dietary changes can be carried out successfully. In fact, any onerous, detailed task goes decided well now. It's obviously no time to be lazy; so stop smelling the flowers and get those lovely gams into action.

**GEMINI**

**MAY 22 - JUNE 21**

This is a particularly delightful time of year for you. Lucky Twins are in the pink, more than usual, so be sure to have fun while the Sun shines in Libra. Tap into your most creative wells and see what spouts. Chances are you may gush with aptitude. Even some bit of calculated gambling may pay off but remember the old adage; bears and bulls make money, but pigs lose their shirts.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Home loving Gay Crabs get their wish when the Sun enters Libra. Nestle in the warm glow of your shell and enjoy the security. Perhaps you'll decide to invite a few kindred souls over and share the affirmation. What good is a warm fire, if you can't share it with friends? Take heart, any family issues can be resolved to your satisfaction now. Mutual respect is the goal of the day.

**LEO**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 23**

Dramatic and proud Lions can roar with attitude when the Sun enters diplomatic and relatively charming Libra. Every bellow seems to hit home in a delightful and effective manner. I still recommend a carefully crafted line of defense. If you have your ducks all lined up and ready, you can't miss. How about crafting the ultimate Gay manifesto? Time is wasting!

**VIRGO**

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Conservative, and might I add pernicious, pink Virgins should gather up their monetary moxie during the Libra Sun. Financial issues can be handled more effectively. The ability to make beneficial decisions is sharper. Perhaps, it's just a matter of seeking the right advisor or asking the right questions. Whatever the heck it is, do it now while the planetary energy is strong.

**LIBRA**

**SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23**

Happy birthday cousin. Gather up your rosebuds while you can and get Out there to strut your stuff. Start new fires, begin new projects, plant seeds of ideas and meet new people. It's that time of year to make an excellent first impression and become diva of the month. Drop the broom, leave the dishes and dusting to the hausfrau.

**HOROSCOPES**  
BY C. LICHTENSTEIN

**SCORPIO**

**OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22**

Although you may have been singed by a bad premonition or three, the Sun in Libra now casts a warm light on any intuitive or self sacrificing endeavor. That doesn't mean that you cast off to higher planes on a wing and prayer. It does mean that good Gay deeds now reap good Gay karma. We always can use a bit of good Gay karma, can't we?

**SAGITTARIUS**

**NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22**

Queer Archers don't have to face life along when the Sun enters amicable Libra. Friends gather around and enable the good times to roll. If hankering to become the social director of the day, now is the time. You have a superb opportunity to make amends for all the unintentional, foul remarks you made only last week? Who said the planets don't have a sense of humor?

**CAPRICORN**

**DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20**

Although your professional life has not been running at optimum speed for the past month or so, help is on the way. The Sun in Libra makes even the most pessimistic, corporate Gay Goat sit up and smile. You may want to try and score a few points now in preparation for your grand ascent to the star chamber. Remember to think kindly of those of us still in steerage.

**AQUARIUS**

**JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19**

The Sun in Libra enables all jolly Aqueerians to expand their horizons. Maybe that means taking a fabulous course of study, meeting some wildly exotic strangers and learning a thing or two. Whatever you decide to do, make sure that it's designed to bring you greater clarity of thought and purpose. Don't waste this enlightening opportunity on deck.

**PISCES**  
**FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20**  
If Gay Pisces are to make the most out of the Sun in Libra, it will involve hot and steamy sextapades. The Sun heats up the water to a boil and what Fish can resist the lure? Personal psychological enlightenment is also possible with this planetary placement. So if your sex life is limp, all is not lost. Whatever comes, make it worthwhile and affirming.

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Hola!!!, Que estén disfrutando de los cambios favorables del clima, y sobre todo que aprovechen estos días para hacer un poco de caminata, si es que no hay tiempo para efectuar otra clase de ejercicio, eso sí; hay que tener cuidado con las serpientes que andan buscando donde guardarse para pasar los meses frescos y fríos que pronostican algunas personas encargadas del asunto del Clima...

Y para entrar al tema de "moda" en relación a Salud Pública; debido a los millones de dolares que se van a utilizar para la prevención al uso del tabaco en nuestro Estado y que ya algunas agencias de servicios están trabajando; sabe usted: ¿Cuántas personas mueren al año debido al tabaco? El tabaco (Nicotiana tabacum) es una planta solanácea (relacionada con la papa) originaria de América. Desde el Paraguay hasta Quebec, los nativos de este continente la han usado para fines rituales, mágicos o terapéuticos. Los marinos de Colón fueron los primeros en ver a los americanos consumir tabaco en forma de cigarrillos y polvo. Saltó a la fama mundial en el siglo XVI, cuando Jean Nicot, embajador de Francia en Portugal, curó de sus migrañas a la reina Catalina de Médicis. Fumar tabaco se hizo tan popular que en 1614 sólo en Londres había 7,000 tabaquerías que surtían a todos los estratos sociales. Desde entonces a la fecha, el consumo de cigarrillos no ha hecho otra cosa que aumentar. En 1828, dos químicos franceses, Posselt y Reiman, aislaron la nicotina, el ingrediente activo y el único aditivo de los 4,000 producidos por la combustión de la planta. El efecto fisiológico de esta sustancia se relaciona con su interacción con la acetilcolina (un neuroreceptor) y con la liberación de catecolaminas a partir de las glándulas suprarrenales y de nervios del sistema simpático. Esta estimulación da como resultado aumento de la frecuencia cardiaca, la presión arterial y el flujo coronario. Otros efectos importantes del tabaquismo es el aumento en la producción de una molécula sanguínea incapaz de transportar oxígeno; enfisema pulmonar, es decir, la pérdida de la elasticidad de los pulmones debido a la falta de la enzima elastina y cáncer entre otras afecciones. Según estudios, el tabaco es el agente único que más defunciones produce al año: 3.150.000, es decir, unas seis muertes por minuto.

Además el hábito de fumar puros ya no es exclusivo de los hombres. En Miami, los habanos eran dominio exclusivo de los hombres cubanos. Hoy, las latinas de Miami los fuman en los clubes y restaurantes de esa ciudad tropical. De hecho, un fabricante local de puros ha creado el primero para mujeres: El Licenciado Expreso (\$2 c/u). Es un poco más corto, más fino y más suave que el cigarro típico de seis pulgadas o más...

Una de las interesantes

## Columna Abierta

by Dr. Eusebio Guada

invitaciones que recibimos por parte del Centro Latino Americano de la Universidad de Arizona, fué sobre la lectura pública por el señor Ing. Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas que se llevó a cabo en el Centro para las Artes del Colegio Comunitario Pima el día 20 de septiembre; y que bien que hubo bastante gente interesada por dicha lectura, y sobre todo que se tubo la oportunidad de hacerle algunas preguntas después de la presentación; algunas con respuestas muy claras y otras con estilo "cantinflas"... Y la duda que algunas personas tenían, acerca de que si tiene pensado participar en las próximas elecciones como candidato, fué positiva, aunque le dio un poco de "giro" a ésta pregunta pero parece ser que "no quitará el dedo del renglón", pero parece ser que será a nivel del Distrito Federal o del Estado de México; el caso es que sigue insistente por la Democracia de México... En sí, todo el contenido de su plática estuvo bien, aunque al hacer mención a los Estadounidenses, les mencionaba como: "Americanos". Señor Cárdenas; todos los habitantes de éste Continente somos Americanos... Felicidades al Departamento de Historia del Colegio Pima, y ojalá, que se tenga la oportunidad de escuchar los puntos de otros líderes políticos de los otros partidos... Ya que somos bastante la gente interesada por saber, ¿Hacia dónde va México?

Y con la apertura de otoño, se pudo ver que el Ballet Folklórico de México desde su creación en 1952 ha captado la riqueza cultural de ese país, combinando en su repertorio antiguos bailes indígenas con influencias modernas. El "tour" tiene contemplado visitar 21 ciudades en la Unión Americana dijo Salvador Lopez, director administrativo del grupo.

Un estudio del Alan Guttmacher Institute ha determinado que la tasa de abortos entre las mujeres hispanas es de 43 por ciento más alta que la de las que no son hispanas. "Nos hacemos abortos a pesar de nuestra educación católica", dice Luz Alvarez Martínez, fundadora y directora del National Latina Health Organization de Oakland, "lo que pasa es que no lo decimos". Los políticos y activistas latinos tampoco hablan de ello.

Hay varias razones para este aparente silencio: la influencia de la Iglesia Católica, los tabúes de hablar sobre temas sexuales, el respeto hacia la familia y los prejuicios sobre la sexualidad femenina. Otros factores son de tipo sociopolítico. La inmigración, la educación y el desempleo entre latinas, la esterilización forzosa y el SIDA, suelen recibir más atención pública entre los hispanos que el aborto. Pero estudios como los de Aracely Panameño (National

Latina Institute for Reproductive Health) y Hortensia Aviaro (University of California) parecen mostrar que para la mujer latina el aborto no supone un conflicto mayor en comparación con otras mujeres. En sus estudios entrevistaron a varias mujeres latinas que se hicieron abortos. La actitud más típica es la de "No estoy orgullosa de ello, pero tube que hacerlo". Los diferentes grados de culpa van desde la angustia profunda hasta la indiferencia. Algunas mujeres pasaron horrores durante el aborto, o se vieron asaltadas por el remordimiento. Sin embargo, para otras, no fue más que un episodio desagradable olvidado con el paso del tiempo...

Una nota para recordar a nuestro amigo David Peña quien nos adelantó en el camino que todos haremos: Extrañame pero déjame partir... Cuando llegue al final de mi camino y el sol no brille más, no quiero ritos en una habitación

melancólica. ¿Porqué llorar por una alma liberada?. Extrañame un poquito pero no por mucho tiempo, y no con tu cabeza baja. Acuérdate del amor que una vez compartimos. Extrañame pero déjame partir... Este es un viaje que todos debemos hacer, y cada uno debe ir solo. Es todo parte del plan del Maestro, un paso en el camino hacia el hogar. Cuando estés solo y angustiado busca a los amigos que conocimos y entierra tus penas con buenas acciones. Extrañame pero déjame partir. (Autor desconocido, compartido por David Peña el 28 de septiembre de 1995)...

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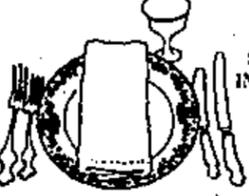


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## Mist From The Water Of Life

by Pastor Nita

News From MCC Tucson

People sometimes say, "Never discuss religion or politics if you don't want to get into arguments." Usually, I do not discuss political issues in this column. Though this is an exception.

There is a critical act, pending, that all of us must do something!

I am asking each of you and any friends or family to go on a letter writing and telephone campaign to overwhelmingly charge President Clinton into action. The address and telephone number are as follows: President Bill Clinton, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20500. Phone: (202) 456-1111.

We must strongly urge the President to model an Executive Order based on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). This act is directed specifically at the Gay and Lesbian community. It would put all of our jobs in jeopardy if allowed to fail. The Senate narrowly defeated ENDA, 50 to 49. One Senator absent was dedicated to vote for ENDA and Vice President Gore had gone on record saying he would have voted in favor if it came to a tie. There appears to be enough support in the Senate, and not enough in the House to sustain an Executive Order.

I have prepared typed letters, one

for each issue that are only lacking a signature block, envelope and postage stamp. I am adamant about following up on getting as many of these letters sent from our community, and other areas as well. We have a large contingent of Gays and Lesbians. We also have families and friends who support our issues.

In order to emphasize the impact of our campaign, send the letters and make telephone calls to our Senators and Representatives. If you would like to have the letters I have prepared, call the church, leave your name, address and phone number. I will prepare the letters and envelopes so all you need to do is come by, sign the letters and affix postage to them. I will even go to the post office and mail them for you.

If our jobs can be terminated due to our sexual orientation, what is next? Our organizations removed from non-profit status, our churches, our homes that are rented. All are potential risks.

God calls us Children of the Dominion of heaven. We have a responsibility to protect and add to our birth rights as citizens of the U.S.A. If we stay silent, the Religious Right will decide for us. I implore you to act.

Until next week.

## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

As summer in Tucson finally begins to wind down. I am sure that I am not alone when I say we have experienced a very long, hot summer! The recent cooler temperatures have provided an 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 I have experienced the beauty of Mt. Lemmon. As a young person, I was fortunate to be able to spend a large amount of time there. As an adult, I continue to enjoy its beauty. I became aware of the awesomeness of the mountains at a young age. Though what I 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 fell asleep before I ever completed my count! Of course, I could never have counted them all anyway!

That is just the point! The creator of all the heavens and earth and mountains and oceans and trees and animals- what a mighty and awesome God he is! Just think, he created everything which we see in this universe, as well as those things are too small for the human eye to see and human minds to completely understand,

such as atoms. Scripture tells us that "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made." (John 1:3) Yet 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 problems 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 people 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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# Venturing Out

by Sasha Alyson

## Traveling With HIV

Although HIV infection can make travel more difficult, countless vacationers haven't let that interfere with their plans. The following tips, while written for those with HIV, may be helpful for others as well.

Foreign travel introduces many stresses: Dehydration, jet lag, excitement, and increased physical activity all take a toll. Don't push yourself too hard. Also, be careful of time spent in the sun, as some medicines, such as Bactrim, increase your sensitivity to sunlight.

Travel is easiest in Western Europe, where laws don't discriminate against people with HIV. Other countries, particularly in Eastern Europe and Asia, bar those who declare HIV+ status. China, for example, is notorious for denying entry to persons with HIV. Gay guidebooks such as Spartacus and Odysseus summarize policies for each country. For the most up-to-date report you can call a country's embassy in Washington, although getting through to a live and

knowledgeable embassy official may be your biggest challenge of all.

Travel in less developed nations brings new concerns: lower water quality, inadequate hygiene, and fewer doctors. Eat only fruits that require peeling (bananas, oranges, etc.); drink only bottled, boiled, or purified water; and avoid shellfish, dairy products, and undercooked meat.

Some countries require vaccinations for yellow fever, meningitis, cholera, or typhoid. Certain vaccinations (especially for yellow fever) are incompatible with other medicines or endanger a weakened immune system. A knowledgeable doctor should advise you about inoculations.

Keep prescriptions in original bottles with original labels. If you require syringes, get a doctor's note to that effect. Carry a photocopy of all prescriptions (including eyeglasses), and leave one with a friend at home. This will speed the replacement of anything that's lost.

Hotel owners are accustomed to refrigerating medicines and freezing ice packs; diabetic travelers have needed this service for years. In a pinch, ask the owner of a local restaurant or shop, but make sure they'll be open when you depart.

Because quality and selection vary widely, take condoms with you from home, to ensure that any sex you might enjoy overseas is always safe.

## AIDS Patient List

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The Tribune said it copied the disk and the letter and gave copies to state investigators. It said it would turn over the originals once it is served with a subpoena, following company policy.

The Times, however, promptly gave the disk to a lawyer for the newspaper, who turned it over to authorities.

Both newspapers said they had no plans to publish or otherwise use the names.

"It's probably about the worst thing that could happen in the AIDS program," said James Howell, a state health department spokesperson.

Florida is among 26 states with mandatory AIDS reporting rules, and plans to expand its confidential reporting program in January 1997 to include people who test positive for HIV.

"This will have a horrendous impact of people's willingness to be tested," said Todd Simmons, co-chair of the Human Rights Task Force in Tampa. "It seriously undermines people's faith that confidentiality can be guaranteed in any setting."

The state health department keeps track of treatment provided to the 4,000 patients listed on the disk and turns that information over to the federal government.



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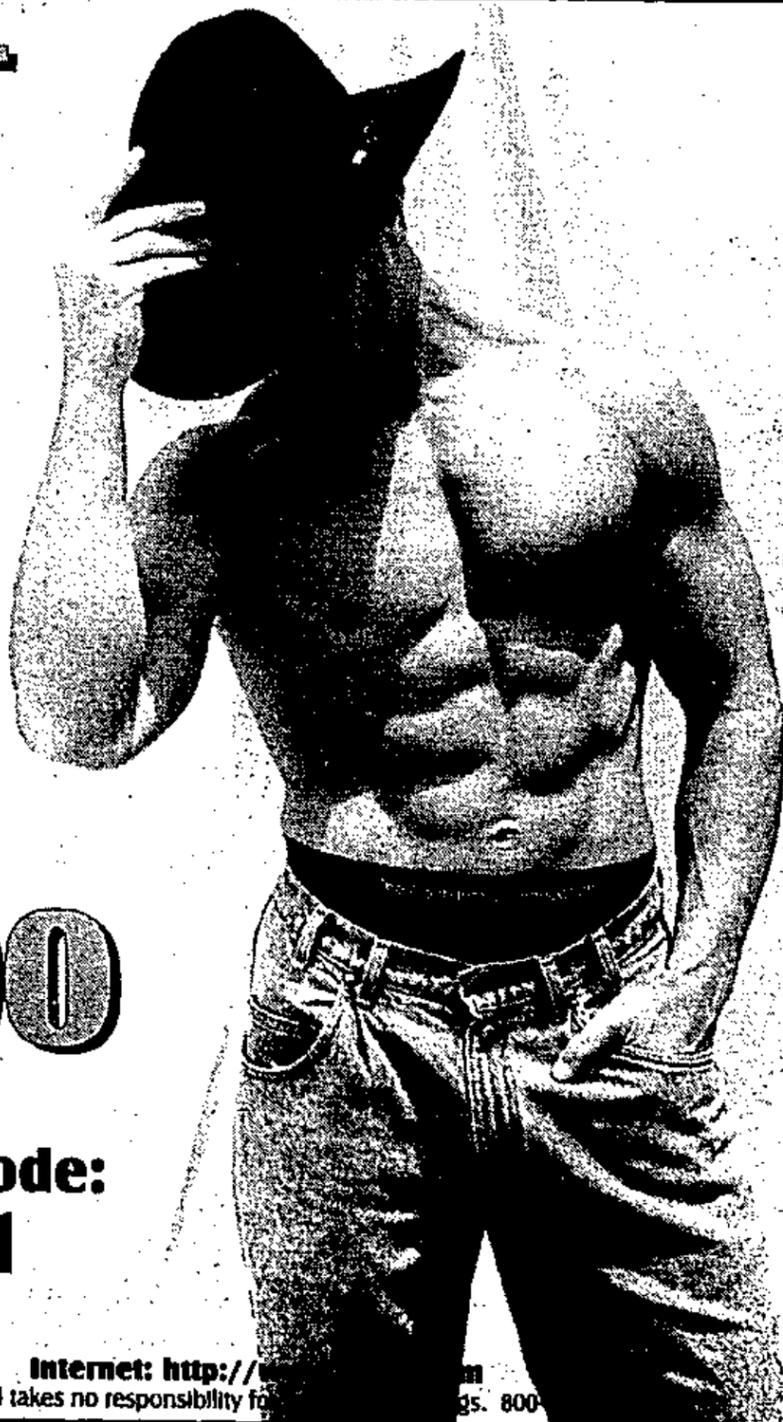
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**Desert Coyotes Bowling League Fall/Winter Standings**

	Won	Lost	Pins
Tres Amigos	3	1	1767
Smokin Bears	3	1	1758
Thirteen	3	1	1739
Hooga-Booga!	2	2	1801
Nine	2	2	1780
Triple T & Me	2	2	1772
Ten	2	2	1762
Show Me Yours	2	2	1749
Meat'N Heat	2	2	1745
Twisted Nipples	2	2	1744
Four	2	2	1737
Five	1	3	1758
Sschtop	1	3	1732
Bea Bytes	1	3	1721

Average: Nine, 544; Mark K., 208; Hilda C., 144. Game Scratch: Hooga-Booga!, 617; Jack S., 256; Weda V., 175. Game HC: Hooga-Booga!, 677; Jack S., 259; Weda V., 234. Series Scratch: Nine, 1633; Mark K., 625; Hilda C., 433. Series HC: Hooga-Booga!, 1801; Mark K., 625; Hilda C., 583.

**Lambda Lizards Bowling League Fall/Winter Standings**

	Won	Lost	Pins
4 Swigs ...	3	1	2933
The Tastee Buns	3	1	2924
Team 2	2	2	2903
Holy Rollers	2	2	2882
Faerie Tails	1	3	2909
Desert Divas	1	3	2885

Average: 4 Swigs, 977; Mark K., 197; Fern W., 161. Game Scratch: Tastee Buns, 832; Mark K., 227; Hilda C., 178. Game HC: Tastee Buns, 1062; Ray A., 240; Michelle H., 238. Series Scratch: 4 Swigs, 2354; Mark K., 592; Fern W., 485. Series HC: 4 Swigs, 2933; Mark K., 598; Fern W., 590.

**Shootin' Around Town**  
by Wayne Steele

AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ 9/17

- 1 - BEE \$29
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- 3 - KIM \$7

GRADUATE 9/21

- 1 - RYAN KR \$50
- 2 - JIM PH \$30
- 32 - LARRY LI \$20

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- 3 - JIM PH \$20

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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**GRADUATE - TONGHT!** Special Benefit Show for Miss Gay Arizona Gilda Fatale to support her quest for Miss Gay America. Also appearing are Lucinda Holliday, Adrienne Alexander, Christina de Alexis and special guest Helena Bubbles. Showtime 9:00p.m.

**IBT'S - Male Box Nite** 9:00 p.m. Party with the men of 85705.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**IBT'S - College Night "Kegger Party"** 75¢ drafts, \$1.50 Long Islands for those wearing a college T-Shirt.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**PLUG - Salud Es Poder** presents "Extas" in the Alternator Room. Show to benefit Latino Men's Health Project.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Rare Breed** closes out a bizzzy month with corridas, cumbias and country. The band starts at 6:00 p.m. with a \$3.00 cover.

**IBT'S - Special Bar-B-Que and Beer Bust** to benefit Wingspan's Lesbian & Gay Film Festival. 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

**PLUG - Voter Registration Party.** Complimentary B-B-Q on the patio. Vote!

**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Turnabout Show** with Manager Mae and Staff. 8pm

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**HOURS - Come watch football** on the big screen and 2 TVs. Draft beer 50¢

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

**HOURS - 9 p.m. to Midnight Karaoke** by Wet Dog Promotions with your host Lorie Lee. Come join the fun and bring your singing voice with you.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

**IBT'S - "The Girls Show"** hosted by Helena Bubbles and featuring Ajia Simone, Miss Gay Tucson Felice Renard and special guests.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

**IBT'S - Mark your calendars!** IBT's Anniversary Party!! Watch for upcoming Ads and mark your calendars!!!

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

**HOURS - Beginning at 8:00 p.m.** the beginning of Hour's 6th year anniversary weekend. Promo Nite with Coors, Budweiser, Miller, Arizona Beverage and United. Prizes, drink specials and more!

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

**HOURS - The 6 year anniversary party** continues. Join in the celebration, dancing, food and fun.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

**PLUG - Post-AIDS Walk Party.** \$1.50 Margaritas for everyone who walked.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

**PLUG - Special Gay Pride Picnic Party and Show.** Special guest appearance by the Lee Sisters. Wear your Pride colors for 50¢ schnapps.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

**PLUG - Halloween Show and Party Extravaganza.** More details to come!

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# Non-Bar CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore** Movie Night 8:00 p.m. "Claire of the Moon". \$2.00 cover. 3540 N. Oracle Road.

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. A planning trip for a possible MSN trip to Hawaii next summer. If you're interested in seeing this happen, call Dan at 623-8882-he'll give you directions.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**Cronies Social Club** Mid-Month dinner at Pinnacle Peak 6:30 p.m. Call Richard at 578-0840 if you plan to attend. Visitors are invited.

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. This month's favorite film is "Sin City Ballroom." This fanciful, charming story is about a young man trying to be himself in a society that wants him to conform. For reservations and directions, call Lex at 690-9565.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore** present Live: Biz-y Bodies with Dazzlin' Deb and the Deaftones and More. \$3.00 cover.

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Our monthly **Pizza Party** (\$3.00) offers good food (also salad and dessert), good conversation, and plenty of nice guys to meet. For directions and reservations, call Jerry at 690-9565.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**Cronies Social Club** tentative trip to Willcox Orchards. Call 888-7264 for details.

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:00 p.m. Join us for a fun evening of Board Games. We always have a wide variety of games to choose from, and we encourage you to bring your favorite along. For reservations, call Ray at 797-6648.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore** jam session. Bring your musical instrument and/or voice and join the fun. 8:00 p.m. No cover.

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages; guests always welcome). 7:30 p.m. A night devoted to two episodes of a radio show: "Burns & Allen." Join MSN for a trip back to those thrilling days of yesteryear as we laugh along with George and Gracie. For reservations and directions, call Jerry at 320-0247.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore** will replay the LTV show if you missed it on its regular Thursday viewing time. 7:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

**Girlfriends Coffee House and Bookstore** Al-Anon Meeting 7:00 p.m. Lesbian Single Meeting 7:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

**Tucson Prime Timers** invites Gay men over 30 to their monthly Wednesday dinner at Athens On Fourth Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Parking is available behind the restaurant off 8th Street.

**Men's Social Network (MSN)** 7:00 p.m. A special exploratory session to see about planning a camping trip to Utah's new National Monument Park. For direction and details call Jerry 890-9565

**Girlfriend's Coffee House and Book Store** Live Entertainment featuring Jess Hawk Oakenstar 8-10 p.m. No Cover.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

**Girlfriends Coffee House** Bingo 7:30 p.m.

**Men's Social Network** 8:00 p.m. Join MSN for a fun night of roller skating on "Adult Night". The cost will be \$5 for rental of traditional skates or \$8 for in-line skates. Call Chris at 290-4266 or Donn at 325-4257.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

**Girlfriend's Coffee House** Tarot Readings 8-8 p.m. Country music 8 p.m.

**Men's Social Network** 7:00 p.m. Card Game Night at Martin and Bob's house. A variety of card games are always available for play. Call Martin 823-1732 to reserve your space. Guests always welcome.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

**Men's Social Network** (Gay men of all ages, guests always welcome) 7:00 p.m. Monthly Pulluck and Social Gathering. You're invited to come and share your favorite dish with the 100 men who come to these monthly gatherings. It is held at the Scottish Rite Hall at 33 Ochoa St. Call Jerry 690-8565 for more details.

**Girlfriends Coffee House** Concert featuring Karen Capaldi 8:00 p.m. \$5 Cover.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

**Fall recreational Volleyball** 2:00 p.m. at the sand court of St. Francis in the Foothills, 4625 E. River (NW corner of Swan and River Roads). Men and women of all playing levels are welcome to join. Volleyball is a fun way to meet people and get exercise at the same time. For more info contact Davey at 888-1208.

**Antigone Books** will present a reading by local author Demetria Martinez at 7:00 p.m. She'll read from her unforgettable novel "Mother Tongue", a story of love and revolution. A brief question and answer period will follow and refreshments will be served.

**Men's Social Network** Noon, MSN member Dan is offering his home as a starting point for the Historic Armory Park Home Tour. Dan will serve coffee, juice and bagels. Call Dan 823-8882.

**Men's Social Network** 4-6 p.m. The Triangle Tribe, an awareness group meets to learn and use communication and relationship skills toward developing feelings of trust, love, acceptance and brotherhood. Call Tom 318-1650. Gay men of all ages are always welcome at MSN events.

**Men's Social Network** 7:00 p.m. The evening's video will be "Love And Human Remains", a story about a Gay man and his abrahamic friends - and what dating is all about in the 90s. Quirky, funny and thought provoking. Call Lex 990-9565 for reservations. Guests always welcome.

# Tucson CALENDAR

## Sunday

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

**GRADUATE - Happy Hour** 4-8 pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

**HOURS - Bledy Marys and Screws** \$1.25 6-7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 8-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

**IBT's - Open Noon** 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 9pm to close.

**PLUG - Open Noon.** Afternoon Retro Dance 3-8pm. 50¢ Beer Bust Free Weenies 12-9

**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour** Noon-8pm. Pool tournament 2pm. 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 50¢ draft. 301 Dart Tournament 5pm \$3 entry fee. Best Burgers 5-7, Tuff Stuff Tool 4-11pm.

## Monday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BIZ - Happy Hour** 2-7 2for1 well and domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Karaoke 9 to 1 am.

**GRADUATE - Open** 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢ 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. 50¢ Draft Beer 7 to close.

**IBT's - Open** noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer and well. 8pm to midnight, \$1.50 32oz pitchers. Retro 80s with DJ Jonathan 9pm-1am.

**PLUG - Open** 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. Campy movies with Moose 8pm. Dart Tournament 8:30pm. \$1.00 Domestic Longnecks & Well all day and all night.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour** noon to 8pm. Party with Stephan. Longneck Specials all day & ride. Stonewall opens 9pm HI-ERG Dance Music.

**VENTURE-N - Open** 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am - 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 Biz 2for1 on all wine, well and long necks from 9 to close.

**GRADUATE - Open** 9am. 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 Tattoo Tuesday. \$1.25 well and \$1.50 domestic beer for those showing their tattoo. Prizes and surprises.

**PLUG - Open** 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1.00 Domestic Longnecks & Well all day and all night.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour** Noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm with Latin Music Party.

**VENTURE-N - Open** 6am to 1am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am - 8pm. Happy Hour prices 6am - 8pm.

## Wednesday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour** 2-7. 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Music from 70s & 80s from 10f. Beer Bust 8pm to close - \$1.25 pitchers.

**GRADUATE - Open** 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. 301 Dart Tourney 7:30 p.m. Singles \$3 entry. Pot matched. Double elimination.

**HOURS - Happy Hour** 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 50¢ off all call drinks 7 to close.

**IBT's - Open** Noon to 1am. Happy Hour 4 to 8pm, \$1.50 domestic beer & well. Shows alternating Wednesdays with Male Box Nite. \$1.50 Bud Product Special 9 pm to close. (Specials do not apply during shows)

**PLUG - Open** 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. 2 for 1 Well 9pm - 1am. Queer Dance at 9pm.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour** Noon to 8pm. Stonewall opens at 9pm. Corona and 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 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff 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.

**GRADUATE - Open** 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm all Well \$1.25 Draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

**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 \$1.50 domestic beer and well. Underwear Nite 10 to 1 - win a pair of Calvin Klein underwear. \$1.25 Well and \$1.50 Domestic Beer for those in their underwear. HI energy dancing 8-close.

**PLUG - Open** 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1.50 Sky vodka cocktails with Michael 9 pm - 1am. Live DJ at 9pm.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour** noon-8pm. Peter specials all night long. Stonewall 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 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool open 8:30pm

## Friday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Happy Hour** 2-7, 2for1 well or domestic beer. Free pool 2-4. Complimentary Hors D'Oeuvres. Hot dance music with Alex 9-1. Shot specials every 1/2 hour.

**GRADUATE - Open** 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢

**HOURS - Happy Hour** 12-7pm well or domestic beer \$1.25. Country Western Music 8-1am.

**IBT's - Open** noon. Happy Hour 4-8pm \$1.50 domestic beer and well. .. Patio Bar with Looney 9-1. Dance Party 9 to 1 with DJ David Z.

**PLUG - Open** 3pm. Happy Hour 3 to 8pm. \$1 schnapps all the time. \$1 Domestic Long Necks 8-10. Dance music with Dave from Phoenix 9pm.

**STONEWALL/EAGLE - Happy Hour** noon-8pm; Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 8pm. Stonewall opens 9pm. Wear Stonewall T-Shirt and get happy hour prices all evening

**VENTURE-N - Open** 6am. Draft Beer 75¢ 6am-8pm. Happy Hour Prices 6am-8pm. Backside open 5pm-close. Tuff Stuff Tool opens at 8:30 pm.

## Saturday

**AIN'T NOBODY'S BUSINESS - Pool Tournament** 5 pm. Pot matched, 1st: 70%, 2nd: 20%, 3rd: 10%. Hot dance music with Alex 9-1. Drink specials every 1/2 hour.

**GRADUATE - Open** 9am. Happy Hour 4-8pm, all well drinks \$1.25 draft 75¢ Schnapps 75¢. Pool Tournament 2pm, \$3 entry fee, pot matched.

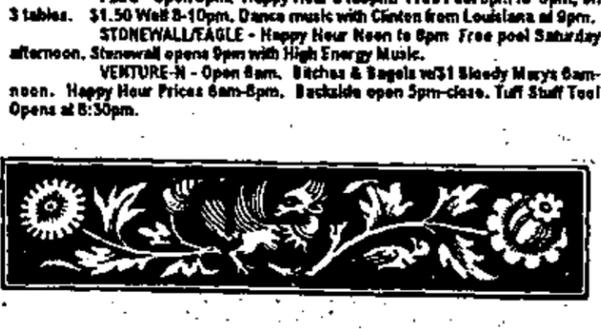
**HOURS - Open** Noon. Strawberry & Banana Daiquiris, Piña Colada's \$3. Country/Western Music 8-1.

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

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**COMMUNITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (CBA),** Tucson's Gay and Lesbian business networking group holds regular meetings the third Thursday of every month. Call Greg Kollman 577-8333 for more info.

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**SPECIAL NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY  
HOROSCOPES**

BY E. LICHTENSTEIN

Let us take a moment friends to look into ourselves with the onset of October. October commemorates National Coming Out Day and what better way to celebrate than to open up the closets in our horoscope.

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:

**ARIES**

**MARCH 21 - APRIL 20**

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 care to admit. Your secret is safe with me! Gather all kindred souls, create something for your self that was denied to you by your parents.

**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 if people accept you. Instead, the fire in your closet 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 a difficult time coming out. Part of the problem is the general fickleness of the Gemini nature, which makes you unable or unwilling to settle down with one special person. In your case, chalk up the extra angst to dour Capricorn sitting in your sexual closet. You can run, but you can't hide. Why not do yourself a favor this October and talk to someone who can help.

**CANCER**

**JUNE 22 - JULY 23**

Pink Crabs seem emotionally centered on the outside, but I would bet that all your closets are swirling with hurricanes and tornadoes. 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, where 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 or 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 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 Mom, Dad and the clan are less than pleased with your lifestyle. 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 the sex closet). You know how to handle family issues and are spiritually in harmony.

**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 wailing and yelling perhaps, or maybe a sarcastic spot-on appraisal of where others are full of garbage. Your step 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 this ramrod energy 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 fallow. 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 worse I see is fragmented nerves and related stress. Like everything else, this too shall pass and you will have the satisfaction that you are living your life openly, freely and unafraid.

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

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Amanda Bearse

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