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## MEDIA ALERT Consenting Adults

[CONSENTING ADULTS], Monday, February 4, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. ABC Television Network (CH 9 Tucson; CH 3 Phoenix. Stars Mario Thomas, Martin Sheen and Barry Tubb].

It is almost always difficult for parents to understand and accept the fact that their children's ideologies, values, and even lifestyles may differ from their own, whether these differences be expressed in political affiliation, religious conviction or sexual orientation. In any of these situations the parents' fundamental love for their child must sustain them during the process of learning to understand.

"Consenting Adults" is a sensitive and informative exploration of how a son's declaration of homosexuality tests the delicate balance of relationships in a tightly knit family. The ABC Theater presentation airing Monday, February 4 on the ABC Television Network, focuses attention on the feelings of separation and loss experienced by parents and siblings who discover that a family member is not the person they thought he or she was. Mario Thomas, Martin Sheen and Barry Tubb star in this two-hour drama.

Many families view the news as a



McGreevey does not dwell on homosexuality itself; but rather it examines how the family must come to terms with it. Like many parents, Ken and Tess experience guilt, shame and fear. They feel they have failed to be good parents. Ken attempts to deny that Jeff is a homosexual and refuses to discuss the issue. Family communication is shattered. Jeff is viewed as a stranger and warm family intimacy, so common in the Lynd household, virtually disappears. As the family struggles to gain its equilibrium, the story provides viewers with insights into the social and psychological consequences of serious breakdowns in family communication between parents and their children, regardless of the cause.

The Story: Jeff Lynd (Barry Tubb) is a college sophomore who appears to have the world on a string. He is a college swim star and a pre-med student. Jeff is bright, attractive, athletic and sensitive - the perfect son, the all-American boy. His father, Ken (Martin Sheen) is a successful businessman, recently recovered from a near-fatal stroke. During his illness, Tess, his wife (Mario Thomas), took over his business and held it together. Now that he has recuperated, she is looking forward to returning to normal married life.

With her daughter, Margie (Talia Balsam), recently married and expecting a child, and Jeff away at college, Tess is looking forward to some time alone with Ken. She's done her job as a wife and mother well, and glows with satisfaction as Ken celebrates his recovery with his family and close friends, including Dr. Waldo (Ben Piazza), the physician he credits with saving his life.

When Jeff reveals his homosexual



feelings to his mother, she is shocked and tries to tell herself it can't be true. Ken takes the news even harder. His sense of personal loss is staggering and he retreats into silence, shutting Jeff, his only son, out of his

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## Convict in Local Prison Contracts AIDS

TUCSON - A convicted thief who was held upon those with deficient immune systems in a Tucson prison for eight months has been diagnosed as Arizona's first inmate victim of AIDS - acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

The inmate, a man in his mid-20s, was being treated in the Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix. His name is being withheld by prison officials.

The special circumstances - with inmates and guards confined in close quarters and possibly exposed to an often fatal communicable disease - tended to "heighten fears," acknowledged Bruce Porter, Pima County Health Department epidemiologist.

The inmate was removed from the state prison in Tucson on Dec. 3 and ultimately diagnosed as having a form of pneumonia that is the most common infection contracted by victims of AIDS.

"There are so many unknown factors with regards to AIDS," said Department of Corrections spokesperson Mike Arra. "We don't know much about it. The (Arizona) Department of Health Services doesn't know. Science doesn't know."

The inmate is the 35th AIDS victim diagnosed in Arizona since the disease appeared in 1981, and the fourth in Pima County. Of the more than 7,000 than cases, 3,300 have died, according to the national Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. No victim has yet survived for six years.

The inmate was convicted in Maricopa County on three counts of theft, and has served 2 1/4 years of a five year sentence, Arra said.

The inmate has been held in state prisons in Perryville, Tucson, Florence and the Alhambra intake center in Phoenix. He was treated twice at St. Mary's Hospital in Tucson, and by several physicians here on an outpatient basis, according to health officials. "This is a well-traveled man," said Porter.

The inmate was sent to prison on South Wilmot Road here last April. Health officials began to suspect he had contracted AIDS in October, when he was hospitalized at St. Mary's for nine days for mononucleosis.

A blood test indicated AIDS may have been the cause of the infection but the results were not conclusive said Dr. Joseph Scalzo, medical administrator for the Corrections Department. The inmate was kept in isolation at St. Mary's, and the staff and inmates at the prison received what little information state and county health officials could offer about AIDS.

The briefing was aimed at "alleviating fears and misconceptions people have about the disease," Scalzo said. Health officials received numerous inquiries from concerned families of inmates. AIDS is "certainly an infectious disease, but not a highly contagious one," said Porter. AIDS cases are usually not "clustered," he said. "You usually don't see cases that are linked. There have been some notable exceptions, but the odds of seeing a second case" at the Tucson prison are "slim," Porter said.

When a case of AIDS is diagnosed, "There isn't much we can do about it," Scalzo said. The inmate was returned to prison and held in an isolation room near the health facilities in the Santa Rita unit. Over the months, the inmate's symptoms included fever, fatigue, weight loss, night sweats and swollen lymph nodes. The symptoms worsened, and the inmate was taken back to St. Mary's on Dec. 3. Eight days later, he was taken to the infirmary at the Arizona State Prison in Florence, and on Jan. 2 he was taken to the Maricopa Medical Center.

AIDS cannot be positively diagnosed until a victim contracts one of a spectrum of diseases known to prey

## Pedophile Pamphleteer To Stand Trial in Texas

by Laura Hathaway

AUSTIN, TX (GCH) - David Sonenschein, publisher of "How To Have Sex with Kids", will answer charges of promoting obscenity, a misdemeanor, and for felony counts of promoting sexual performance of children. If convicted of all charges, he faces ten years in prison and fines up to \$6000.

Sonenschein, of Austin, Texas, was arrested on the misdemeanor charge on July 6, 1984 after television reporter Bruce Gordon of KTVK-TV, the local NBC affiliate, signed a complaint with the County Attorney citing "How To Have Sex with Kids" as obscene material. Gordon who had heard of the controversy surrounding the pamphlet in Philadelphia, ordered a copy from Sonenschein under an assumed name. Sonenschein was released on personal recognizance the next day.

He was arrested on the felony charges over the Labor Day weekend, after Robert Woodruff told police that Sonenschein had sent him pictures of children having sex with adults, pictures which had been photocopied from a magazine. Woodruff, who has been sentenced to 30 years for "producing and trading kiddie porn" and having sexual contact with children, had Sonenschein's address in his wallet at the time of his arrest. He also had a copy of "How To Have Sex with Kids" in his apartment.

The charges against Sonenschein were dismissed when the state's attorney failed to appear at the arraignment, but were reinstated after the state presented its case to a grand jury in early October.

The Austin chapter of the ACLU has assigned attorney William Allison to assist Sonenschein's lawyer David Rodriguez. According to Sonenschein, the ACLU initially expressed reluctance to get involved in a "kiddie porn" case.

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## EDITORIAL

Most of you readers are aware that the continual weekly publication of The Observer is due to the financial assistance of our advertisers. To ask that you help your weekly newspaper by purchasing from these advertisers would be putting it mildly.

You may notice that not every advertiser is a bar. Although the Gay bars are our most prolific supporters, there are other businesses, some Gay owned and operated and some not. There are some who want to do business with the Gay community, realizing that Gay money is just as valuable as non-Gay greenbacks.

As each week goes by, The Observer is getting more non-bar advertising, and this is important, because it is unfair for this one faction of Gaylife to be so put upon.

On these pages are advertising messages from a travel agency, hair salon, mechanic, counselor, greeting cards, legitimate books, adult books, general labor, appliance and electronic repair, heating, refrigeration, electrical repair, restaurants, a man's private bath club, and even a place to board your horse.

The diversity of our growing Gay population is showing. Take note of these businesses and call on them for their services as you need them. If you know of someone who should be advertising here let them know about us, or let us know about them. It helps us, it ultimately helps everyone in the community by channeling our purchasing power to the people who care about us as a community.

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## B R I E

## BLACK AND WHITE BALL

## AT SANTA RITA

TUCSON - As a fundraiser to benefit AIDS patients in Arizona, the Sun Country Leather Club is sponsoring a Black and White Ball on Saturday, February 16.

This fundraiser is to help local AIDS victims on a one-to-one basis in assisting in payment of doctor's bills, doing laundry, haircuts, paying rent, utilities or any help that the victim needs.

The Ball kicks off with a "VIP" Cocktail Party at 3:00 p.m. where everyone is welcome. Another cocktail party (no host) at 6:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:30 p.m. A show featuring all-star entertainment will be seen from 9 to 11 p.m. Dancing from 11 p.m. until 1 a.m. will feature guest DJ's.

Tickets to the ball are \$15.00 which includes dinner, entertainment and dancing, tax and tip. Tickets are available from any SCLC member, or at Tramps bar in Tucson; Tuff Stuff, Copper State Leathermen or Sons of Apollo members in Phoenix.

Black and White formal attire is requested for the evening but is not required. Watch this paper for further details on this big spring attraction.

## WOMEN HELPING WOMEN COUNSELING

TUCSON - Every Monday evening from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., the Women Helping Women Program of the City Center YWCA at 738 N. 5th Avenue, holds individual counseling sessions. These are 30-minute individual, one-on-one basis sessions in the areas of legal, career and financial problems.

The legal sessions are given by practicing Tucson women lawyers; the career and financial counselors are fully accredited business and professional women. These women donate their time and expertise to help women in need of such services, women who haven't the financial ability to explore normal professional channels before taking definite steps in solving their problems. This need made it necessary for the YWCA to extend these sessions to every Monday night instead of only the second and fourth Monday nights of each month, as previously.

For appointments, call 884-7810. Winnifred Wallace. Donation required: Legal, \$10., Financial and Career, \$5.

## SWEAT AND MUSCLE FOR AIDS

PHOENIX - The Arizona AIDS Fund-Trust has rented Hotbad's on Saturday, February 23 for the entire night for its annual fundraising party "Sweat and Muscle '85".

Chairperson of AAFT, Bob Hegyi, advises that music will be provided by DJ Stewart Barkal, and lighting by Jon Ford, both from the Probe in Los Angeles, and that this year's party will be bigger and better than last year. There will be a special guest appearance by Ron Moore, Mister International Leather, 1984-85. The evening's festivities begin at 10:00 p.m., and "Sweat and Muscle '85" will "fly" all night long.

Hegyi said, "Sweat and Muscle '85 is also for our friends who cannot party and who need our help. We need to raise in excess of \$10,000 to get through the coming months. As the number of AIDS patients in our community steadily rises, The Arizona AIDS Fund-Trust is extending more and more support to our brothers and sisters. The Arizona AIDS Fund-Trust is the only vigilant, caring group within the state of Arizona dealing with AIDS. Our outreach needs to increase in the coming year." "Sweat and Muscle '85 will be this winter's hottest and most meaningful party. Even if you can't make it, buy a ticket and help your friends," Hegyi concluded.

Tickets for Sweat and Muscle '85 are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets may be purchased in Phoenix at Charlie's, Farrah's, Hotbods, R. Hegyi, Taylor's and Trax. In Tucson, tickets can be purchased at Books Brothers, Ltd., and Tramps.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I want to tell you something. I enjoyed being a homosexual. I didn't give up something that I hated. I enjoyed being Gay. I enjoyed being unnatural. It was the in-thing to be. Everybody wants to be Gay today."

--- Little Richard, as quoted in "The Life and Times of Little Richard" by Charles White.

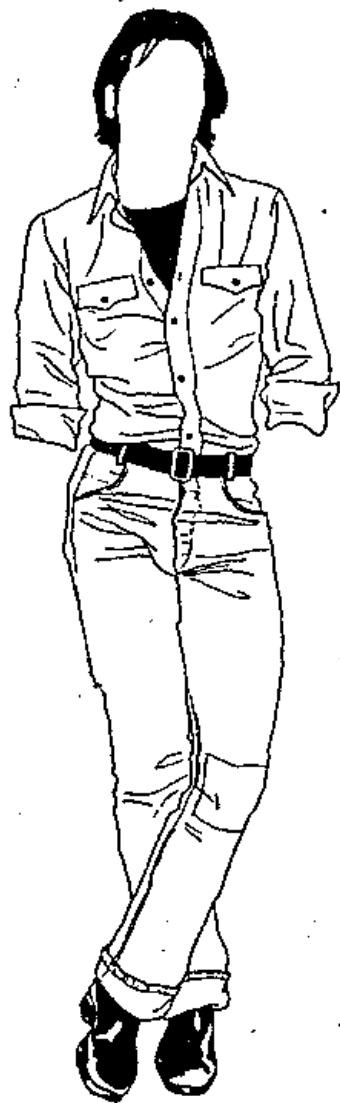
## WOMEN'S JOURNAL WORKSHOP

TUCSON - The Women's Journal Workshop for Gay women will begin its 10 week course on Wednesday, February 14 at Himmel Park Library, 1035 N. Treat.

The workshop will explore and support the on-going personal movement in the individual lives of Gay women. Readings from the journals and works of Joanna Field, May Sarton, Virginia Woolf, Annie Dillard, Adrienne Rich, Andre Lorde, etc will be heard.

The workshops will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. each Wednesday for ten weeks. (There will be no workshop on April 10). For registration to these FREE workshops, call Susan North, 885-2545 or mail to Rt. 8, Box 59, Tucson, AZ 85748.

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NORFOLK, VA - The almighty dollar probably has a member of the faith on its backside, reports The Weekly News of Miami, Florida. Caledon State Park officials have verified that most of the park's 80 bald eagles (like the ones depicted on the Great Seal of the United States) are Gay. A state-commissioned study revealed only one mating pair on their grounds; the rest seem interested in eagles of the same sex.

"If the eagles don't rest with their mates, what do they do with their time?" one columnist asked.  
"They just spend a lot of time cruising above the trees," answered Assistant Parks and Recreation Commissioner Dennis Baker. "I didn't mean that," he quickly added. "Please don't say I said that." Foraging. They spend their time foraging. That's the word."

## Relationship Workshop Success



TUCSON - Officers and the Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association surround visiting authors Dr. Andrew McWhirter and Dr. David Mattison who co-authored the book "The Male Couple". Also included in the photo is Dick Plowman, owner of the Fineline, where he hosted a cocktail party for the San Diego visitors and OPBPA members and friends.

TUCSON - On Saturday, January 26, the Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association (OPBPA) held its first major fundraising event. Dr. Andrew McWhirter and Dr. David Mattison, co-authors of the book "The Male Couple" held a workshop on "Developing and Maintaining Intimacy in Relationships" at the Holiday Inn-Broadway.

A no host cocktail party was held at the Fineline on Friday, Jan. 26 where nearly one hundred people attended to meet the authors. Another cocktail and book-signing party was held prior to the workshop on Saturday.

The Male Couple is based on research performed by McWhirter and Mattison and compiled from interviews with many male couples in the San Diego area where both men hold clinical faculty appointments at the School of Medicine at the University of California at San Diego.

Various stages in the growth of couple relationships are documented for the first time. Anyone who has been

involved in a relationship will be able to identify with the stages and couples in this book.

The workshop considered the development of all human relationships and was not specifically geared to male couples.

In the past, McWhirter and Mattison conducted verbal interviews and note taking. Presently, they are conducting video interviews with couples and plan to use these videos not only as a source for future publications but also to use in counseling Gay couples. Several local Gay couples were interviewed during their stay in Tucson.

Bruce Hyland, president of the OPBPA said that this initial fundraiser was very successful and that more are planned in the near future. They will include a Trade Fair in February and an Art Fair in March.

Anyone wishing to participate in either the trade Fair or Art Fair should contact Merle Yost at 624-2557.

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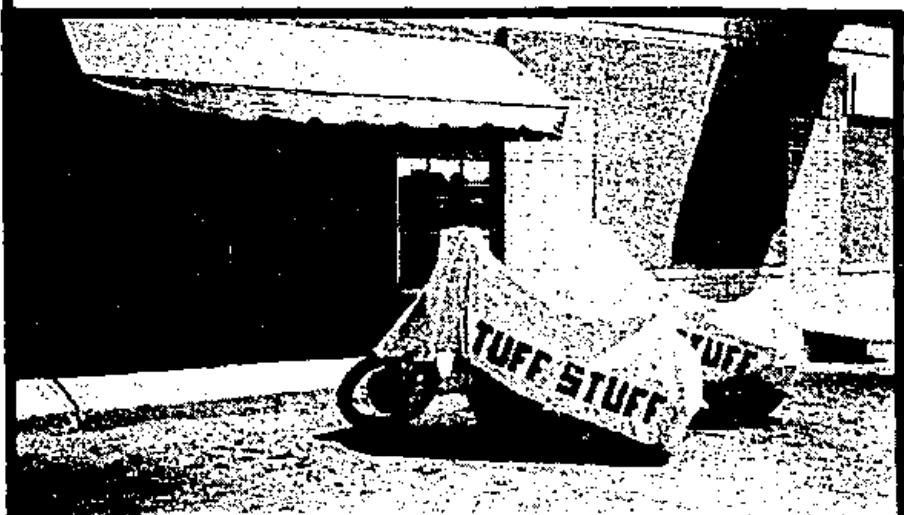
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Gay Fourth Avenue Continues To Expand  
Tuff Stuff II To Join The Scene



TUCSON - Tramps complex on Fourth Avenue is expanding. In addition to the bar, dance room and restaurant (soon to open), the property directly to the North has been acquired. It is envisioned that this will become a mini-mall featuring shops, boutiques, barber shop, plant nursery, legitimate bookstore and a card shop, among other things.

The big news is that Tuff Stuff from Phoenix is expanding to the Tucson area and will open in this new complex with a complete line of leather goods of the quality that Tuff

Stuff has been noted for in Phoenix. Grand opening is tentatively set for Rodeo Weekend, March 1. Watch for more details.

'Mama' Jesse will open the plant nursery in this same 'mall' and will feature bedding plants, house plants, fertilizer, seeds, etc. Jesse, who is no newcomer to the nursery business, will also give demonstrations on the care and treatment of plants, hanging baskets, etc. Target opening date for the nursery, which will be called "Trampsplants", is also March 1.

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life and pushing Tess away as well. She is left to cope with the problem alone.

Hoping to "cure" Jeff, Tess arranges for him to see a psychiatrist (Thomas Peacocke). But after years of denying the truth, Jeff is desperate to come to terms with his true sexual orientation. Only his sister, Margie, and her husband, Nate (Matthew

Laurence), seems able to accept him as he is.

Despite their initial rejection, both Ken and Tess find that their love for Jeff prevails. Sadly, Ken never has the opportunity to tell Jeff directly. Tess does, and she begins to accept Jeff's life and his new friend Stu's (Joseph Adams) role in it.

February 4, 1985, 9:00-11:00 P.M., ET, on the ABC Television Network

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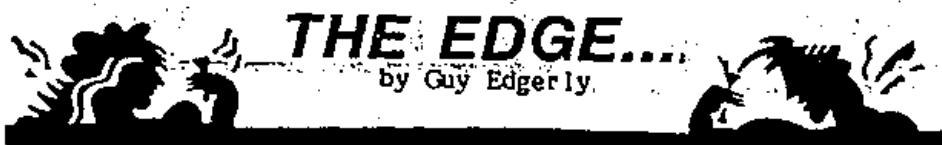
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THE EDGE...

by Guy Edgerly



I miss you, Tucson. Granted that to stay away is my own self-imposed exile, but necessary to get a different perspective on things. I still live here. My heart and hopes want to be here. I own my own home and have the most enviable job in the world. Everything "should" be great. This paradise I have going for me has one shortcoming. No one to share it with.

All my adult life has been spent in doing what most dare not to do - turning dreams into reality. This is risky business if you are not prepared. It requires that you know yourself well (no deception allowed). You must know who you are and what you really want. You need to know what works for you. You need the power of your convictions and a steadfastness that will surely be challenged if you are weak or unsure of yourself or where you are going. There will be lots of discouragement especially from people who say they care. Chasing one's dreams is usually discouraged because well meaning friends don't want you to get hurt. ("Avoid at all costs" principle). Settle for a little less; compromise; give in; give up. After all, "why should your dreams come true if mine don't?"

Well, screw all the negativity.

Don't settle for just dreaming either. Go for it. It's the world's greatest feeling. I have listened to people for over forty years. They all have stories of dreams they never achieved and always have an excuse (or reason or rationale). Hog wash! You just didn't want it bad enough to do what had to be done.

I love people who are gutsy people that are dreamers and doers. People who are willing to risk themselves for what they believe in. They have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

I also love gentle, sensitive and caring men who take pride in being themselves. Honest, truthful men are also turn ons to me. Above all, I love vulnerability. Only a strong person can be open enough to withstand the onslaught which vulnerability will bring and survive intact.

So, I have retreated from our G.A.Y. (Give Anything But Yourself) society. Maybe some depth will return. There are some truly great people in this town. They all seem to have lovers and dedicated relationships. I salute you. Someday, my prince will come. But, until then, there will be no room for diluting my dream and settling for less than I deserve. I hope you all feel the same way.

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NEWS FROM MCC/TUCSON

Last week was a very busy week for the Church. Last Saturday was our annual Congregational meeting. The entire congregation has a voice in how our Church is run. And believe you, me, there were voices heard. Our meeting had more voting members present than anytime previously, but it was also the most evenly run meeting in memory for those in attendance. There were many issues settled, many motions made, both approved and defeated, and there were many projects approved for this coming year. Four new Board Members were elected, without any campaigning or speeches. The business meeting was followed by a pot-luck supper, the pot luck supper was followed with many complaining stomachs - the only real complaining for the whole day.

We had two very exhausted and tired officers retire. Ray, our Treasurer, and Harold, our Church Clerk. Both have volunteered their services for many years with untiring energy. Many times they must have felt that all of their time and efforts have been to no avail. But, the whole congregation wants them to know that everything that they have done has been greatly appreciated. We do thank you and love you, you guys.

Sunday services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. with Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Dave Gunton has office hours from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays. The church telephone is 622-4536, if anyone would like to call for an appointment for consultation with Pastor Dave.

Thought for the week: "Why can't we forgive. God forgives us. God forgives those who forgive."

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trial, but decided to help defend Sonenschein on the obscenity charge after conferring with Rodriguez.

On Dec. 19, Allison asked the judge to dismiss the obscenity complaint on the grounds that "How To Have Sex with Kids" presents the idea of sex between adults and minors, rather than the graphic representation of such sex, and is therefore protected by the First Amendment. The Judge rejected Allison's motion to dismiss. Sonenschein says that his attorneys plan to appeal the decision before a federal circuit court judge.

Sonenschein lost his job in the office of the Austin Board of Education after his first arrest. Due to media attention to his case since then, he doubts that he'll be able to find another job in Austin. He quoted attorney Allison as telling him that, right now, he's "the most hated man in Austin."

Sonenschein said, "Whenever I'm on TV, I just stay indoors for a few days."

PHOTO QUIZ...

From last week's issue we have the answers you all have been waiting with baited breath for.



The Tucsonan pictured above is originally from Florida, but he is no close friend of Anita Bryant. He is currently a hairdresser at Renaissance Salon on Campbell Avenue, bartended at the old Club Europa and was an entrant in the recent Mr. Tucson Leatherman Contest. This sweet little child turned out to be none other than Roger Sweet, a Graduate habitué.



If you Phoenixians are having trouble recognizing this youngster, it's because he is no longer a youngster but a young man who has taken on the Gay Liberation cause with great zest. He is particularly active in the Arizona Lesbian/Gay Task Force when he is not designing fashions in San Francisco where he commutes quite often. If you haven't met him, make it a point to do so. He is articulate as well as handsome. But, of course, we are prejudiced since he writes a regular column for the Observer. Say hello to Christopher Geoffrey McPherson.



LEATHERSPACE

by Dale McKissick, CL

1984 - ARIZONA LEATHER YEAR

There can be no doubt that 1984 was the year in which Arizona's leather community began to 'step out'.

Mike Bezio, Mr. Arizona Leatherman '84 was this state's first official candidate to the annual International Mr. Leather Contest in Chicago last May where he made a very commendable showing by placing fourth in this well established and widely publicized event.

Mike also was a candidate in the Rocky Mountain regional Mr. Drummer Contest in June, taking second place in this Denver competition.

Last April the Arizona Leather Fraternity (ALF) was formed as Arizona's first leather only organization and was succeeded in July by the Copperstate Leathermen.

In the 1984 Phoenix Gay Pride Parade, Arizona bore witness to its first ever leather contingent - a fact not lost on the coordinators of the activities nor on the national Gay media.

During August, The Copperstate Leathermen produced the highly successful "Sleazeball, I" at Trax, followed in October by "Power Blast" which even made a favorable impression

on the several San Franciscans in attendance, and then, of course, there was the even more recent "Leatherfest I" which was a major step forward for the entire Arizona leather community.

In late October, the first "Mr. Tucson Leatherman" contest was held and was a community wide event of tremendous compliment to the people and businesses of Tucson.

Then in November, it was the "Mr. Arizona Leatherman '85" contest. Held this year in Tucson with a statewide turnout that was refreshing. All ten of the contestants for the finals were "hot, hot" men and the winner, Jay Cunningham of Sun Country Leather Club of Tucson will represent the entire state next May in Chicago. Incidentally, the Copperstate Leathermen served as the official hospitality committee for this event and ever current charter member of the organization made the trip from Phoenix to Tucson to be a part of this historic welding of rival cities. (Leather is our community bond, not city limits).

On December 31, the Sun Country Leather Club installed their officers and hung their colors in Tramps bar in Tucson.

# FM REVIEW

THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK. Directed by Robert Epstein and Richard Schmeichen. Narrated by Harvey Milkstein. At The New Loft

In what had to be one of the best kept of secrets, "The Times of Harvey Milk" opened for a five day (one performance a day) stint at the New Loft. No advance publicity. Just a small ad in the Star and Citizen proclaimed the showing of this docudrama of one of the Gay heroes of this century. This reporter rushed to see the film and found it to be a fast-paced, well edited, factual portrayal of the short political life of openly Gay San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk. Having lived through this period and written in depth concerning Milk's election and subsequent assassination, the documentary held a particular interest. Because of the exceptionally short run and the minimal local publicity we are certain that very, very few of the Gay community got the opportunity to view the film. Therefore, we are presenting herewith an in-depth review of this enthralling film as reported by Michael Bronski of Gay Community News.

"The Times of Harvey Milk begins with an emotional/political wallop that continues throughout the film: on a bleary shaky video, San Francisco Supervisor Dianne Feinstein announces to a shocked public that Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk have been shot and murdered by ex-Supervisor Dan White. The film's narration then backtracks and we slowly begin to see, to understand, the story that leads to this shocking climax.

Most Gay audiences will know the story of Harvey Milk, populist, openly Gay man, and consummate politician. His death made him both a symbol and a martyr for Gay communities throughout the country. The Times Of Harvey Milk is like a re-telling of a familiar

story. We know the plot, we even know the ending, but it is the details, the minutiae, the particulars in the new

a pungent and cogent political point of view.

The Times of Harvey Milk is more than just a panegyric biography of a Gay man in politics. From the mass of TV and news footage, the filmmakers have managed to bring to life a whole community - San Francisco - dealing with an on-going political process. What stands out most in the film is the constant attention which Milk paid to other minorities and how those other people came to like and respect him.

Much of this film is not just the "tragedy of Harvey Milk," but a documentary on how and why a multi-ethnic, many-minoritized, grass roots movement can affect a city government. Just as The Times of Harvey Milk never shuns on dealing openly with his sexuality, it also never tries to hide his basic radicalism and populist leanings under the guise of faint-hearted liberalism.

Able to stand on its own as a political/biographical documentary, The Times of Harvey Milk also functions equally well on a purely emotional



Harvey Milk



level. Gay audiences will not only be reacting with pride as Harvey Milk flaunts his sexual preference in a traditionally straight arena, but also, and even more strongly, to the anger and violence which resulted in Dan White's casual and meaningless jail sentence. What makes the film so great is that it never loses sight of the emotional impact that Milk had upon individuals and upon a community.

The material in this story is so potent one wishes for more information. Epstein and Schmeichen have interviewed several people extensively, and although their choices were good, they contain the film and place a hold on



the energy trying to burst out.

We are lucky - in both life and art - that Milk's story moved, so often, from the person out into the streets. The sweeping shots of the candlelight march and the White Night riots allow our full emotions to be vented and expressed. (The footage of a curved row of police cars being set afire is simply breathtaking). The Times of Harvey Milk is both a documentary and a personal statement; a skillful recreation of history and an analysis of what history means to us as a Gay community. It is as much a story of the birth and emergence of Gay pride and Gay anger as it is the story of any one man.

by Michael Bronski



Mayor Moscone

telling which interests us. Directors Epstein and Schmeichen have distilled a great deal of television footage to assemble the career and life of Milk. This is one of the first documentaries in memory which has had this access, coupled with such a good story and such

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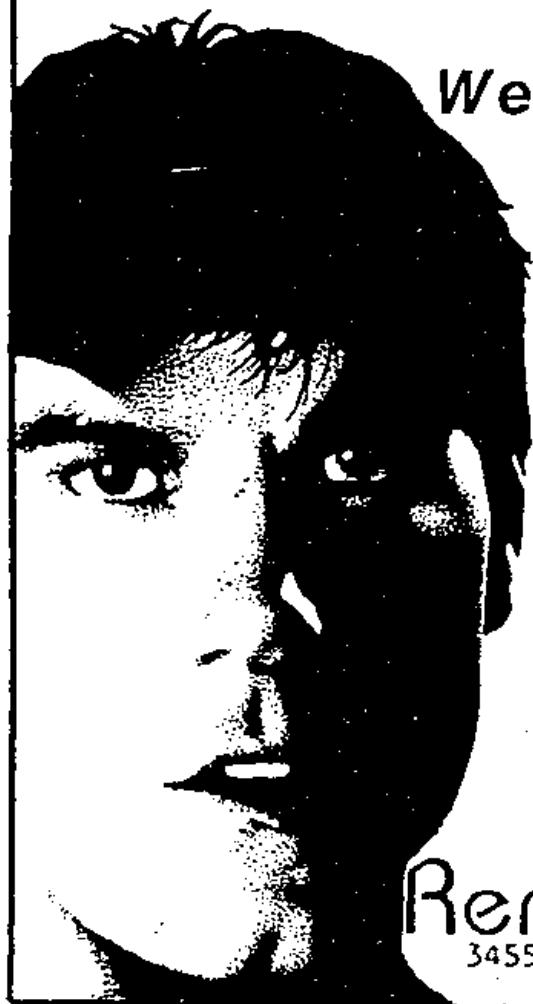
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Other than the unscheduled party this past Sunday for TKO and TALL, there isn't that much to report on, but here goes anyhow.

First off, this coming weekend is the monthly meeting for TKO, TALL and SOS. The following are the day, time, location and phone number for each:

TKO (Tucson Knight Owls) - Saturday, Feb. 2, 1 p.m., 1805-A East Blackridge. 323-3527.

TALL (Tucson Arizona Levi / Leather) Club - Sunday, Feb. 3, 1 p.m., S.E. corner of Euclid and Elm. 624-0229.

SOS (Sisters of Sonora) - Sunday, Feb. 3, Time ???, 622-9233.

All three clubs welcome guests and/or prospective members, so stop by the one of your choice. With the warmer weather on its way, all three clubs will be having both indoor and outdoor activities for everyone's pleasure. Also this year, we find another club, the Sun County Leather Club (SCLC) who, I am sure, will be having activities also.

TKO has promised me that the posters and applications or entry forms for this year's Closet Ball will be out next week. This year's Closet Ball will be on March 16. Time and location will be announced next week.

TALL still hasn't given me info on their monthly dinners but I'm sure after their meeting Sunday, I'll have the information to pass on.

As for SOS's "Country Hoe Down": again no details or information. They also meet this Sunday, so with a little luck, maybe I'll have something for you on this event next week.

Don't forget February 17 is TKO and TALL's Mime Tacky Ball at the Graduate starting at 9:30 p.m. If you have no idea what this one is about, I'll tell you it's fun. Stop by and join in the fun. The contest will be judged by Tommy and TJ. I'm sure each of them would be happy to take a bribe or something.

TBBS: Correction to the number of TALL members who were at last week's goodwill bar run to Phoenix. Glenn D.

of TALL was up there but he did all his good willing in Mesa....Annie was overheard talking to TJ, saying, "I came down here to be with my boy friend." Boy, would that be a couple....From a very reliable source up the pike, it was stated by him that when Brig is wearing full leather he looks like a football....Most people who have pets choose dogs, cats, fish or birds. Not Hopi. His is cows. I guess they have a lot in common. ALERT TO TALL: Last Monday Hopi was seen tearing your colors off the wall at the Graduate.

That's all for this week, so everyone out there have a good week and if I live another week, I will see you in the paper.

## POPPER WARNING

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GCN) - A federal study of 87 Gay men with AIDS revealed that the use of poppers may be a co-factor "in the allowance or enhancing in the development of Kaposi's Sarcoma (KS)." KS is a skin cancer occurring in 30 percent of the people with AIDS, according to the Bay Area Reporter.

But researcher/physician Harry Haerkoos cautioned that the findings did not indicate poppers themselves cause AIDS. He said the use of poppers is apparently part of a fast-lane life style which includes multiple sex partners and drug use. Use of poppers is frequent among those contracting KS, but popper use may be only one of several factors related to KS development.

Several Bay Area businesses which sell poppers have been sent letters by the city health department advising them to post a notice regarding the health hazards associated with poppers. Much like the warning on cigarette packages, the notices are required by a one-year-old city ordinance to be posted in stores.

The notices list possible side effects of popper usage, such as "skin rashes, nasal irritation, sinus or lung infections, and rarely severe anemia....several studies have suggested some impairment of the immune system is possible." Warning letters were sent at the urging of Gay activist Hank Wilson of the Committee to Monitor Poppers.

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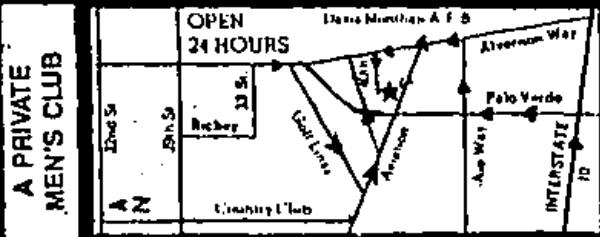
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COLETTE'S WEST - Well Liquor .85 - 9 to Midnight.  
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FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 3 p.m. Tall Neck Bottle Beer.  
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FINELINE - Upstairs opens 3 p.m. Shots of Schnapps \$1.00.  
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FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 3 p.m.  
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.  
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
TRAMPS - After Hours begins at 1:00 a.m.

### SATURDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shots of Schnapps .75  
COLETTE'S WEST - Free Pool from Noon to 4 p.m.  
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## A View From Within

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

### WHY ARE WE DOING WHAT WE DO?

I was talking recently with one of my friends, whose opinion I greatly respect. The topic of this discussion was A LETTER TO THE EDITOR which appeared in the January 12 Phoenix Gazette. It was your basic "anti-homosexual rights" letter which made us look like rather sodden old rats who lurk behind walls in the dead of night and gang-rape helpless Christian boys.

I phoned the author of the letter to ask from where she got her information, and had as pleasant a conversation as I possibly could with one of the 'enemy'. She said that, as a Christian, she was against the ERA, and Gay civil-rights laws: not Gays themselves, just laws to protect them. (And we can see from the recent sweeping defeat of the Houston 'Gay-rights ordinance' that she is hardly alone in that sentiment.)

My friend said that there was some validity in her argument, and I agreed. "If there were no discrimination, or harassment against Gays, then we would need no laws." Yes, indeed!

I am only in my mid-twenties, and, as I have written before, I never knew what prejudice was until I moved to San Francisco, where the Asians receive the brunt of harassment. In my constant study of the 1940's (A big interest of mine) I discovered that airplane manufacturers absolutely refused to hire blacks. They were short-staffed, and desperate for man or woman-power, yet they posted BLACKS NEED NOT APPLY signs. Forty years later, an all-black band was invited to play for President Reagan's inauguration. There are black mayors, businessmen, bar-owners, writers: a plethora of avenues are now populated by blacks, where none dared to tread only four decades ago.

Do you think that this just "occurred"? That this just happened by "coincidence"? Was it just the natural "evolution" of society? Simply put: NO! Black men and women fought and died to get one law after another passed, then fought and died to have these laws enforced. It took mass rallies on Washington and other

government sites, and finally the martyred assignation of Dr. Martin Luther King to get America to take notice and get the black off their butts to take a stand. This was how it happened. PERIOD!

Now then. As a colleague of mine has said, "The ball has started to roll..." Yes, it has. Not long ago, no openly Gay person existed, it would have seemed, in society except behind prison bars or dead. And now? Openly Gay politicians, teachers, dancers, authors: a plethora of careers that have always been populated by Gays, are now openly populated by Gays. A small, but very important distinction that needs to be made. (again...and again...and again...).

From here, where do we go? Up? Or down? The choice is yours. We have not made these advances by pure, dumb luck, or the natural "evolution" of society. There are still uneducated masses out there in the real world who believe that being "Gay" means molesting little boys. And if being "Gay" did mean that, then who wouldn't be against us? Look at this from their eyes, not our own.

The time is coming, and I believe it will be within the next five years, by 1990, when we will either be accepted as passe', like our black brothers and sisters, or legally murdered, one by one, under laws condemning us all.

Which will it be? You decide. You can have your fun now, and wake up one morning staring up at the barrel of a law-enforcer's gun, waiting to escort you to jail and your death, or you can sacrifice a little of your precious time now and join us: the civil rights advocates.

This may seem callous, but we deserve to lose our battle if you don't give a damn. And I might just get one last little joy watching you all die on the gallows, one by one, before my turn comes, because I will go to my death with the dignity of knowing that I did my damnest to insure fairness, equality and justice for every last one of us.

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