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Reagan Budget Reduces AIDS Funding For Critical 1986

Apuzzo Resigns NGTF Post To Return To Government Service



PHOTO BY KEN HOWARD

NEW YORK, NY - The Board of Directors of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) have announced that Virginia M. Apuzzo, Executive Director of NGTF, will be leaving the organization in mid-April to assume a position in New York State government.

In announcing Apuzzo's resignation, Board Co-Chairs Frances Hanckel and Paul Vandenberg said, "Ginny Apuzzo has worked tirelessly for two and a half years, strengthening NGTF and representing the Lesbian and Gay community nationwide as NGTF's chief spokesperson. Her record of accomplishments is unparalleled. While we will miss her daily leadership, she leaves NGTF more effective than ever, with ongoing programs of proven success, administered by highly dedicated and professional people."

Added Vandenberg and Hanckel, "We are delighted that Ginny has the opportunity to do something that is both good for herself and valuable to our

community. Her return to government is a logical extension of a career that has been devoted to public service and education."

The Board will shortly begin a nationwide search for a new Executive Director. To assure an orderly transition, Jeffrey Levi, NGTF's Washington Representative, will serve as Acting Executive Director after Apuzzo's departure, until a permanent successor is chosen.

Apuzzo said that personal family concerns had played a considerable role in her decision to accept a position in Albany at this time. "I am convinced that the staff and programs in place at NGTF will assure that the organization remains the most articulate voice for Gay and Lesbian Americans," she asserted. "I pledge to find every opportunity to further the success of NGTF, and I ask my colleagues and friends throughout the Gay and Lesbian community to do the same."

NGTF To Lobby For Increased Levels

WASHINGTON, DC - The Reagan Administration's fiscal year 1986 budget, presented to Congress on February 4, includes a \$10 million cut in the Public Health Service's AIDS efforts as well as massive cuts in Medicaid and elimination of revenue sharing -- all important components of the fight against AIDS.

Commenting on the budget figures, Virginia M. Apuzzo, Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force, said, "It is incredible that an Administration that considers AIDS to be its 'number one priority' would reduce spending when we are still a long way from a cure and while the costs associated with AIDS are skyrocketing."

"Once again," Apuzzo continued, "the Administration is relying on the Congress to propose an adequate level of funding to deal with research, education and health care costs associated with AIDS. NGTF will continue its full-scale lobbying effort, in cooperation with the FARD AIDS Action Council and other groups, to obtain sufficient funds in fiscal year 1986 and supplemental funds for 1985."

The administration proposal calls for a total of \$85.5 million in AIDS-related programs for the Public Health Service in FY 1986, down from \$96 million in 1985. The budget proposal does not reflect a federal program announced last week for alternative sites for the HLTV-III antibody test. It is not clear whether those funds will come out of existing programs or whether supplemental monies for FY 1985 will be requested. The 1985 budget calls for a general reduction in the number of research grants given by the National Institutes for Health (NIH) from 8,500 to 5,000. It is not known

how many AIDS-related grants will be affected.

"By reducing the government's research and education efforts, the Administration would increase the burden on local governments which are trying to cope with the health care and service costs of the AIDS crisis," Apuzzo stated. The federal government's contribution to Medicaid, which covers the health care costs of many people with AIDS, would be capped, eliminating an anticipated \$1 billion increase. In addition, revenue sharing for the nation's localities would be eliminated altogether at a cost of \$4.6 billion to local governments.

"With official projections of new cases of AIDS as high as they are," Apuzzo continued, "it is hard to imagine where local governments would find the resources to meet the health care and service needs such a caseload would present." Apuzzo warned that "local governments need to begin serious long-range planning in light of these proposed cuts if they are to meet the growing demands of the AIDS crisis."

NGTF's lobbying efforts will seek full funding of the research needs of the Public Health Service, significant increases in the funds allocated for public education and prevention of AIDS, and restoration of cuts in Medicaid and revenue sharing.

AGENCY	1986	
	Actual	Proposed
NIH	\$61.3 million	\$60.3
CDC	23.2	18.7
ADAMHA	2.8	2.8
FDA	8.8	3.7
PHS	96.1	85.5

Black and White Ball At Santa Rita Saturday

TUCSON - This Saturday, February 16, beginning at 6:00 p.m., as a fundraiser to benefit AIDS patients in Arizona, the Sun Country Leather Club is sponsoring a "Black and White Ball" at the Santa Rita Hotel.

This fundraiser is to assist local AIDS victims on a one-to-one basis helping in payment of doctor bills, laundry, haircuts, paying rent, utilities or any assistance the local AIDS victim requires.

The Ball kicks off with an invitation only "VIP" Cocktail Party at 3:00 p.m. in the Sun Country Leather Club suite at the Santa Rita. Another cocktail party (no host) begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Santa Rita Hotel Ballroom.

Dinner, consisting of London Broil, Twice Baked Potatoes, Vegetables and Dessert, will be served at 7:30 p.m. A show featuring The Ladies of Tramps - Aviva Diamond, Stephanie Price, Candy Plastique and Sassafras (Michael) will be presented from 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. Also included in the entertainment portion will be a performance by the "Internationally famous" (or infamous) T-Squares dance group, plus a Ballroom Dancing exhibition. 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 and the Congress Tap Room in Tucson; Tuff Stuff, Copper State Leathermen or Sons of Apollo members in Phoenix. For those persons who do not wish to have dinner but would like

to attend the Ball during the entertainment and dancing portions, can purchase tickets at the door at 9:00 p.m. for \$7.50 per person.

Black and White formal attire is requested for the evening but is not required. Remember, the big social event of the spring season, The Black and White Ball, this Saturday, February 16. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. at the Santa Rita Hotel, 88 East Broadway in downtown Tucson.

Gay Theatrical Group Sets First Performance

TUCSON - Time Productions, in conjunction with "R" Productions, will proudly present the first one-act play of Harvey Fierstein's 'Tony' Award winning Torch Song Trilogy, "The International Stud" in the BFR Little Theater at the Fineline on March 14 through March 24.

Performances of "The International Stud" will run Thursday through Sunday, March 14 - 17 and March 21 - 24. Each evening's performance will begin at 8:00 p.m. with two 4:00 p.m. matinees scheduled for each Sunday afternoon (March 17 & 24) of the performance run.

Due to the Little Theater's limited seating capacity of 120 people, the purchase of Advance Tickets is recommended. Advance Tickets are \$3.25 per person or \$4.00 per person at the door.

Advance Ticket sales will begin on Wednesday, February 27 and may be purchased in "Dicks" bar, lower level.

Teen Love Defendant Acquitted In Minneapolis

by Jim Ryan

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (OCN) - William Harren, a former dance instructor at the Minneapolis Children's Theater, has been acquitted of having sex with a 15-year-old male student.

During the trial, the young man, now 16, testified that he first told agents of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) he had nothing to contribute to the investigation. "I honestly believed I had nothing to tell them," he said. "My relationship was healthy and productive. I did nothing wrong. They asked me if I had contact with a teacher. I didn't consider him a teacher. I considered him an ex-lover." He said pressure from his family, the BCA and friends finally made him reveal the relationship.

Harren testified that the youth was a student in his dance classes during a 1983 summer program at the Theater. The next time he saw him was at a Gay bar in Minneapolis in mid-November. The young man was in full drag, looking like Marilyn Monroe. He asked Harren to dance and Harren accepted.

Harren next began receiving messages on his telephone answering machine from the youth who said he was desperate about his life and wanted to talk to him. Harren said he cared a lot about the young man and that the youth told him he was 17. Harren broke off the relationship after three weeks when he discovered the youth's real

age. Under Minnesota law, not knowing the age of the partner is a defense against charges of having sex with persons under sixteen.

Three witnesses testified that they had seen the youth at a downtown Gay bar in 1983. Nicholas Novak, who had gone to the bar with him, testified that he looked old enough to get in without identification and that he had first told Novak he was eighteen and later seventeen.

Also entered into evidence was testimony from Scott Creeger, a science teacher at the Children's Theater School. He reported that the youth had told him he was an accomplished con artist. He also said that the young man had problems with drugs and alcohol.

Creeger and Wayne Jennings, the school's education director, had earlier been indicted by a grand jury for failure to report suspected sexual abuse. Judge Charles A. Potter threw out those indictments on the grounds that the state's reporting statute is unconstitutionally vague.

Judge Potter acquitted Harren, who waived his right to a jury trial, about forty minutes after the close of the trial. Harren, who is now a member of the Minnesota Jazz Dance Company and a choreographer for the company, burst into tears when the verdict was announced.

Two other men connected with the

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GREAT OUTDOORS UPDATE

TUCSON - Great Outdoors is planning on an easy six mile round-trip hike to the popular "7 Falls" area on this Sunday, February 17. Located in lower Bear Canyon, the gentle 500 foot climb is along good trails. Everyone going should meet at Rita's Rendezvous at 9:30 a.m., returning in the late afternoon. Pack a light lunch and water. Don't hesitate to call a few days before if you need a ride.

Last weekend, 15 members and guests had a pleasant hike to Ventana Canyon. Other events planned for the next few weeks include: Bisbee Mine Tour; Skiing at Sunrise; Bicycling through Sabino Canyon; Walking into Elegante Crater, Sonora, Mexico - one of the youngest volcano fields in North America.

For complete information call Gary (623-0781) or Wayne (623-4897) HAPPY TRAILS.

TUCSON YOUTH GROUP GROWS

TUCSON - The Tucson Youth Group has been expanding its membership each week and now boasts an active membership of fifteen members, although many meetings are attended by more people. The group is open to anyone 22 years of age or younger and meets each Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the MCC building, 560 South Stone.

This Saturday, February 16, there will be a guest speaker, Prof. Norman Austin who will talk on "Gay Prospectives in History". There will also be a short meeting and a social hour following. This is an excellent opportunity for all the Gay youth of Tucson to meet together, discuss mutual problems and socialize. A perfect alternative to the bars. For further information call 792-3772.

TLGPC SKATE NIGHT MARCH 6

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee (TLGPC) will hold a fundraiser on March 6. The group will present another "Skate Night" at Rollers, 1638 S. Alvernon, on March 6 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. For any of you who are afraid you will miss "Dynasty", be advised that TLGPC has made arrangements to have it televised in the rink for all of you Steven Carrington fans.

TLGPC produces many educational programs for the Gay community throughout the year, is active politically, is the liaison between law enforcement and the community and produces the week-long Gay Pride Week activities. This all takes some money and these fundraisers help defray some of the cost of producing these programs.

Anyone interested in helping in the groups activities or wishing to have a voice in community affairs are encouraged to attend TLGPC meetings which are held the second Monday of each month at the Fineline at 6:30 p.m.

JEAN HOUSTON WORKSHOP

TUCSON - The Jean Houston Workshop will provide an educational process whereby participants can develop dimensions of body, mind, spirit which gives them access to a far greater range of their own potentials.

The workshop will be held February 22-24 at the Tucson Hilton Inn and is sponsored by the University of Arizona Conference Department and Department of Counseling and Guidance.

Jean Houston, Ph.D. is a widely acclaimed pioneer in work as a behavioral scientist, emphasizing latent human capacities. She has taught myth and sacred psychologies on site in Egypt and Greece and has lectured in European countries, Canada and throughout the United States.

Registration fee for the workshop is \$195 and University graduate credit as well as C.E.U. credit are available. To register, call the University Conference Department at 621-1232.

VIOLENCE AGAINST GAYS RISES

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Violence directed against Lesbians and Gay men in San Francisco rose significantly during 1984, according to a report by Community United Against Violence (CUAV). Figures for the first nine months of 1984 reported in the San Francisco Sentinel, showed a 16 percent increase in reported attacks over the same period in 1983. There was a 23 percent increase for the third quarter.

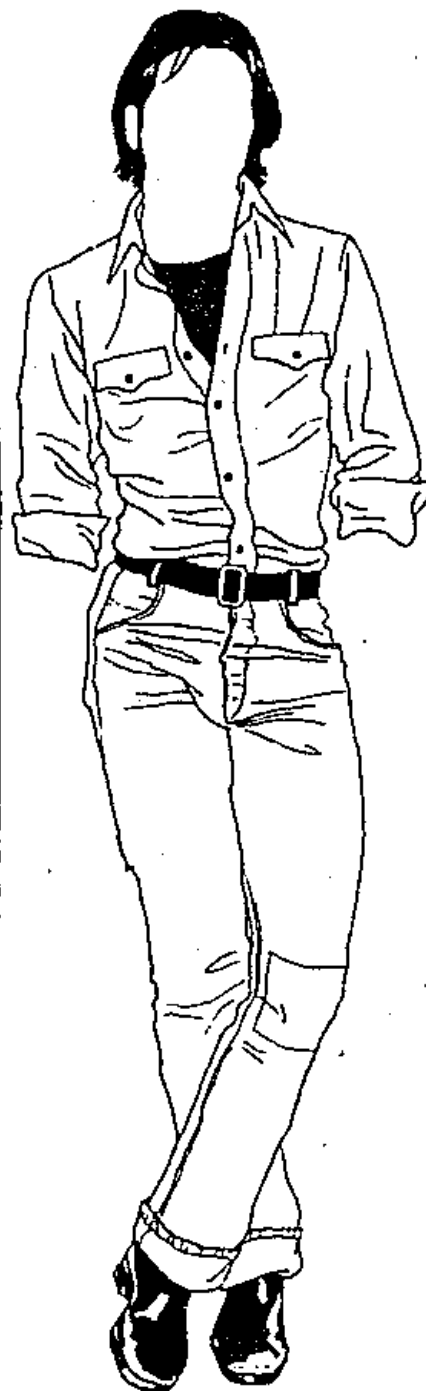
Another disturbing trend noted by CUAV was the steady rise in the involvement of young people in anti-Gay attacks - 36 percent in 1983 versus 48 percent during the first three months of 1984. Not only was there an increase in attacks, but they were increasingly violent. Attacks involving weapons were up by 43 percent and the number requiring medical treatment increased by 38 percent. Attacks were reported to CUAV at the rate of nearly one a day. Seventy nine percent of the victims identified themselves as Gay men, 13 percent as Lesbians and seven percent as non-Gay.

BYE BYE BOOM BOOM

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GCN) - The most blessed Sister Boom Boom, founder of San Francisco's Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, is leaving the nunnery and reclaiming his lay name, Jack Fertig, according to the Philadelphia Gay News. Boom Boom insists his role in a Euripides play and his career as a professional astrologer leave no time for prayer, etc. He does intend to continue fundraising to fight AIDS. The Sisters have already collected thousands of dollars toward fighting the disease.

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THE WEEK IN PHOTOS

SPRING VOLLEYBALL BEGINS



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At the organizational meeting last Sunday, seven teams were signed up to play at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket Volleyball court each Sunday for the Spring season. Shown above are several of the players listening to the new International Volleyball rules that

will apply to their league. Regular play begins this Sunday, Feb. 17 at 1:00 p.m. Late entries may still sign up before league play begins, at the Back Pocket or on Sunday before play begins. Sundays are always very cruisy at JT/EP during volleyball season.

TRAMPS PATIO BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE



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The bulldozer was there last week beginning to take huge chunks of dirt from behind Tramps on Fourth Avenue. The result will be a large patio that will open off of Tramps Bar and also "Tramps" New Moon Cafe. When completed, the entire back yard will be

landscaped into a tri-level facility with benches and tables, and will feature a regulation-size volleyball court. Completion date should be within 30 days (the good Lord willing, and the creeks don't rise).

TUFF STUFF COMING ON STRONG

We always have said, "Gee I wish I had some pictures before we started to remodel". Well, you can't tell much from this photo, but every day that goes by, the store that will house Tuff Stuff leathers from Phoenix, looks better and better. Ron and Ed are expecting to open officially on March 1 which will coincide with the Rodeo Weekend festivities along Fourth Avenue. The store, by the way, is just three doors up the street from Tramps.



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March 3

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THE BILL IS BACK

WASHINGTON, DC (CCN) - Lesbian and Gay civil rights legislation, identical to that introduced during the last Congress, was reintroduced in the House of Representatives. The bill would amend existing statutes to include sexual preference in the list of protected categories of people in employment, housing, federally funded programs and access to public facilities.

Representatives Ted Weiss (D-NY) and Henry Waxman (D-CA) are the bill's chief sponsors, and a total of 46 representatives have signed on as original co-sponsors. Rep. Morris Udall (D-Arizona) is one of the co-sponsors of the bill. Negotiations are currently underway to draft a chief sponsor for the Senate version of the bill.

LONG OVERDUE

SACRAMENTO, CA (CCN) - A man who says he was harassed out of his job as a prison guard after officials learned he was Gay has been awarded nearly \$25,000 in damages from the State Department of Corrections, according to the Sacramento Bee. Department officials have also agreed to "issue a policy statement asserting the department's commitment to non-discrimination against Lesbians and Gay men."

Gerald LaFevre, 32, said his troubles began in mid-1982 after corrections officials learned he had been a victim of an assault and attempted robbery involving a suspect. LaFevre met in a Gay bar in Santa Cruz. LaFevre said his supervisors ordered agents of the department's special services unit to conduct an investigation into his background and off-duty lifestyle.

At that point, LaFevre identified himself as a homosexual and was then interrogated several times by agents who "made it seem that I was the criminal instead of the victim" in the Santa Cruz incident.

"They also had agents following me, staking out my house, checking into

my private life," LaFevre said. "They interviewed former employers, they interviewed my friends, they interviewed people who came by my house, they interviewed all the parolees that had been in my charge when I was a parole officer."

Then they doubled my workload to where it was almost impossible to get my job done. Finally after almost three months of that harassment, I transferred to a job with another [state] agency."

Under terms of the settlement, LaFevre will receive \$24,710.50 in damages and the department has agreed "to provide training statewide to all its managers and supervisors on how to develop and maintain a work environment that is free of discrimination - with an emphasis on sexual orientation."

A deputy attorney general working on the case said the department's agreement to train employees to become sensitive about sexual preference was "long overdue."

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Children's Theater sex case are still awaiting trial. Shaun McNeillis, a former student and apprentice at the school, is charged with having sex with a 15-year-old female student. Stephen Adameczak is charged with having sex with two females, ages 13 and 14. The Theater's internationally acclaimed artistic director, John Clark Donahue, has pled guilty to three counts of having sex with males under the age of sixteen and is serving a year sentence in the Hennepin County Workhouse.

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at the Fineline from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. each evening until March 13. Or, may be purchased by mail by writing to: Time Productions, % Fineline, 101 W. Drachman, Tucson, AZ 85705.

When purchasing tickets by mail, please list the date of the performance preferred, the performance time, the number in party, name and address.

To reserve seating, all tickets must be purchased in advance.

DEFAMATION AND THE RIGHTS OF PUBLICITY AND PRIVACY

TUCSON - Many of the most timely issues involved in the publishing, entertainment and marketing world are to be discussed during a special workshop to be held at the UofA College of Law, Room 122 on Wednesday, February 27 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Paul Marcus, Dean of the University of Arizona College of Law will conduct the workshop.

In the area of defamation, one could question why Carol Burnett's substantial defamation award was cut back considerably and the full ramifications of the General Westmoreland suit against CBS.

Can Sports Illustrated use the photograph of Joe Namath to promote an issue? Can the television networks do a "docu-drama" of Elizabeth Taylor without her permission? The class explores the limits of the right of privacy in terms of intrusion into one's private life and in particular, the potential liability for the Watergate break-ins.

To register call 621-5006.

APPEALS COURT RULES FOR LISTS TURNOVER

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The U.S. Court of Appeals here recently ruled that Washington state can demand a membership list from a private Gay club when that club applies for a liquor license. The case stemmed from the refusal of a Seattle Club, The Sanctuary, to turn over its membership lists on the grounds that to do so would expose club members to harassment. The court said the club owners had failed to show that giving up the list would stop persons from "freely associating."

This decision may further complicate the efforts of San Francisco bathhouses to remain open while protecting the privacy of their patrons. According to a report in Edge, a Los Angeles Gay paper, legal fees are expected to exceed \$1 million, prompting the board of directors of the Association of Independent Gay Health Clubs (AIGHC) to ask its 38 member clubs to charge customers a temporary 50-cent surcharge to help build a fund to pay legal fees for the San Francisco clubs.

ANTI-PORN BILL DIES

SUFFOLK COUNTY, LONG ISLAND, NY (CCN) - A Minneapolis-style anti-porn bill which would allow individuals to sue the makers, sellers, distributors, or exhibitors of pornography went down to defeat in the Suffolk County Legislature. Legislators rejected the bill by a vote of nine to eight.

A November 19 federal court decision striking down similar legislation in Indianapolis figured in the defeat of conservative Legislator Michael D'Andre's "Local Law To Limit Violence Against Women". (Observer, Jan. 9, 1985). The bill's introduction brought to a boil a simmering debate among feminists, concerning the so-called civil rights approach to regulation of pornography.

Several legislators said they doubted the bill would withstand legal challenges, and a legislative aide to D'Andre told CCN that the Indianapolis ruling had cast a shadow over the Suffolk County bill. Arnold Reisinger, D'Andre's aide, indicated that his boss would wait until the legal appeals surrounding the Indianapolis bill were resolved before he would consider re-introducing his own version. "Why should we pay all the legal expenses?" Reisinger asked. "Let's see what happens and then we may re-activate the bill."

FIRST IN MAINE

PORTLAND, ME (CCN) - A 31-year-old Gay man from Portland has been diagnosed with AIDS, the first case reported to the state health officials in Maine, according to the Boston Globe. "This is our first diagnosed indigenous case which meets the Centers for Disease Control criteria [for AIDS]," said James Novotny, director of the state's Sexually Transmitted Disease Program.

The four states that still have not reported cases of AIDS are North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho and Montana. State officials in Maine expect to see several additional AIDS diagnoses in the months ahead.

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Bar Talk

TUCSON - Patrons at the CONGRESS TAP ROOM last Saturday and Sunday were treated to a tour of the Congress Hotel by tour guides Isidro and Tommy. Restoration of this Historic Landmark begins very shortly. Everyone is pleased that Charlie will be returning as bartender here. She will be serving every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday during the day.....TRAMPS is on the move again. Excavation is about completed in the patio area and concrete should begin pouring next week. Also the long-awaited opening of the "New Moon Cafe" is now scheduled for February 19 (we hope). Mama Jess will be celebrating her ??? birthday with a special after-hours show on Sunday March 13. Check their ad for other special events taking place here at this Fourth Avenue show-place.....At JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET Todd has joined Steve here in the Libation Department. Bob Bishop says that he has been promised that the pot holes in the parking lot are going to be filled as well as several leaks in the roof will be repaired before the disco undergoes remodeling. Volleyball season opens officially this Sunday, Feb. 17. Seven teams signed up for the Spring season last Sunday. Late entries can still sign up at the Back Pocket or show up Sunday, Feb. 17 at 1:00 p.m.....RITA'S RENDEZVOUS will be featuring Country and Western dancing every Wednesday from 9 p.m. to closing and will feature some very special drink prices if you come in some form of cowboy drag. Good time dancing, drinking and eating here seven days a week.....Not to be outdone, Roger at the GRADUATE will feature dancing to Country Swing every Thursday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with drink specials. So there, Peter! We suppose that it will be OK with Ron, but no one has seen him for days! Tom Novakowski, longtime Graduate bartender, stopped in at Tramps for the \$500 Cash Grab last Sunday and won himself a small bundle. How about sharing the wealth, Tom?.....Mickey, the blond haired, blue-eyed hunky bartender appearing daily in the upstairs bar at the FINELINE is very shy about having his picture taken. His photo will appear on these pages as soon as he approves of one. We think we already have several excellent shots. Owner Dick Plowman is making some great plans for the extensive remodeling of the disco here also.....Colette, of COLETTE'S WEST, naturally, just back from a bang-up trip to La Vegas, has sent Jerri off on a skiing jaunt. "Rare Breed" appears here this Friday, Feb. 15. Live DJ will be here every Friday Saturday and Sunday when there is no live entertainment.

GAY HEALTH

by Dr. Robert Mendelsohn, M.D.

[ED NOTE: The following is being reprinted from the Tucson Citizen because of its relevance to our readers]

Dear Readers: The Centers for Disease Control have called on the public to use the new hepatitis vaccine. You may recall my reporting to you that two-thirds of U.S. doctors who are candidates for the hepatitis vaccine have rejected that latest immunization, largely because of their fear that because it is the first vaccine ever prepared from human blood, it may contain the agent responsible for transmitting AIDS.

Now, thanks to a Canadian reader, I can report that Canadian doctors are no different than those in the United States. According to the Canada Diseases Weekly Report of last September 29, the staffers at Toronto General Hospital who were considered to be at risk were offered the hepatitis vaccine at no cost to the individuals. Of 700 persons in this high-risk group, only 37 percent were willing to take the vaccine.

Thus, we now know that, even though not one single case of AIDS ever has been traced back to the hepatitis vaccine, Canadian health personnel are just as frightened of it as their U.S. counterparts are.

An interesting finding in this study was a very low seroconversion rate. This means that many of the vaccine recipients failed to show evidence in blood tests of immunity from the vaccine. The researchers can't put their fingers on the reasons for this, but they are considering the possibilities of errors in storage of the vaccine, even though laboratory studies conducted on samples that were returned from the study showed that the

vaccine had maintained its potency. The Toronto researchers concluded that "this study demonstrated that the vaccine was not as immunogenic as anticipated."

If you or any member of your family or close friends is advised to take the hepatitis vaccine, in view of the above information, you now have three choices:

1. You may refuse it.
2. You may accept it only to learn later that it didn't work.
3. You may be one of the lucky ones whose blood tests show evidence of immunity and who has suffered no damage from this latest "advance" in medicine.

GAY LIB FORMS SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Three new Gay liberation groups have recently formed in Latin America, according to Paz y Liberacion, a Houston-based publication for Gay and Lesbian Hispanics.

The Grupo Libertario Homosexual (Libertarian Homosexual Group), a predominantly Lesbian organization has formed in the city of Salvador (Bahia) Brazil. The group has a small number of male members, in keeping with the policy of being against prejudice of any kind, and would like to hear from groups around the world, whether female, male or mixed. Write: GLH; Caixa Postal 2446-Cidade Alta; 40.000 Salvador, Bahia, Brasil.

In Lima, Peru, the Movimiento Homosexual de Lima (MHOL) is a new Gay rights group composed of women and men. This organization would appreciate receiving contacts and publications from other Gay groups worldwide, also. Write: MHOL; Apartado 11789; Lima 11; Peru.

The Movimiento Guey Para La Liberacion of Buenos Aires, Argentina, is seeking contacts worldwide, as they attempt to surface after a long and difficult period of repression by government, police and Nazi-styled murder squads. Write: MGPL; c/o Revista "Cerdos y Peces"; Cochabamba 726; 1150 Buenos Aires, Argentina.

PHOTO QUIZ.....



Going through some old files recently we ran across a veritable treasure trove of photos that had been sent in to a previous publication. Unfortunately we do not have some of the names of some of the persons in the photos ourselves, having lost them in the shuffle of changing files, computerization and just plain poor filing system [ha ha]. Let's face it, none of us are perfect - all the time.

We can't believe that the person in last week's Photo Quiz did not recognize him/her self. We have our idea of who it is but until Jane will fess up, we just can't be sure.

This week's "beauty"???? was also found and we just cannot figure out who he/she is. Someone said that the initials are R.Q. but we can't think of anyone by those initials. Can you?

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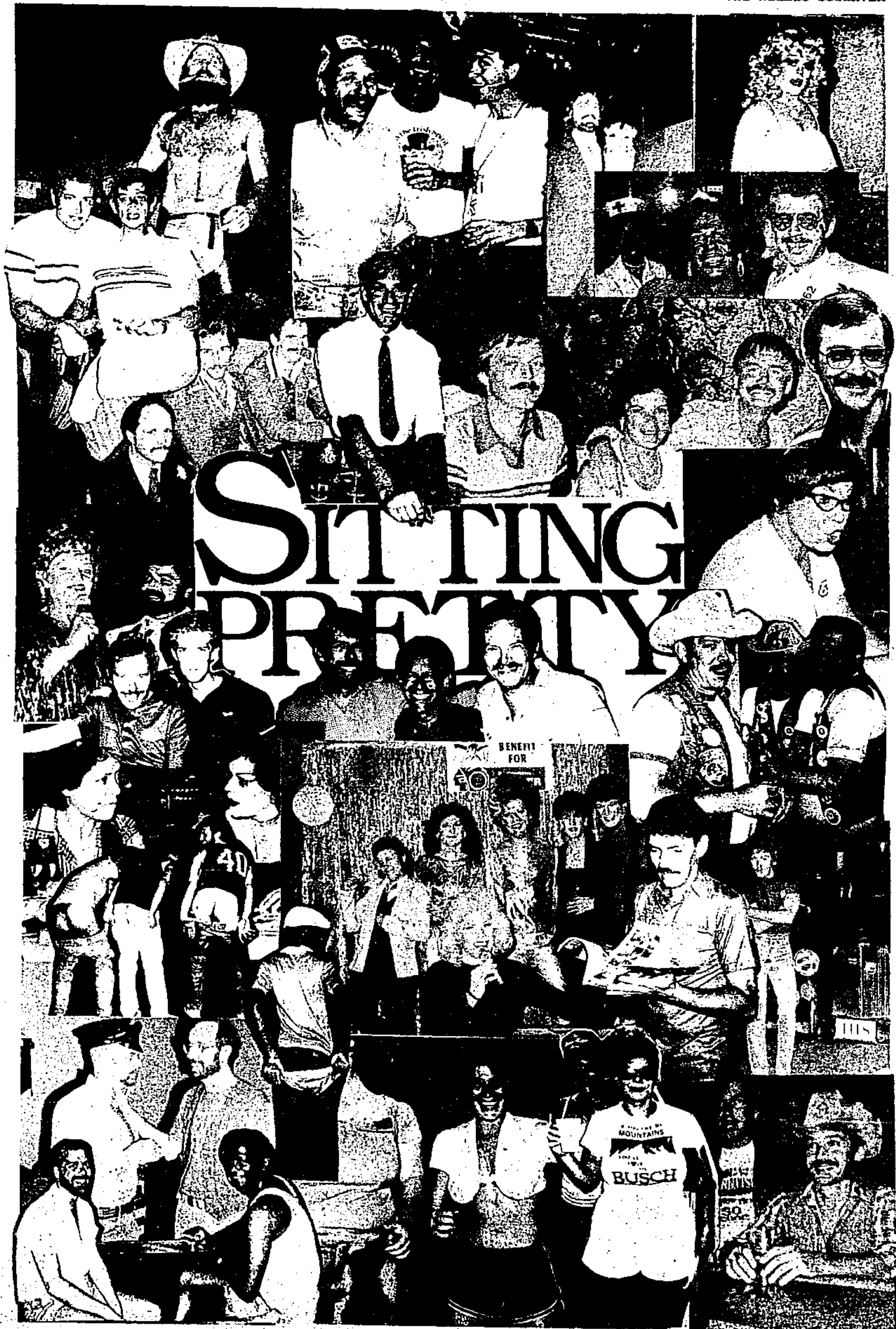
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GRADUATE BOWLING LEAGUE
FEBRUARY 6, 1985

TEAM	WON	LOST	PINS
1. BUTCHETTES	9	3	5240
2. NO NAMES	9	3	5122
3. LITTLE BUCK AND THE WHEATS	8	3	5059
4. COED AND THE CHAMELIS	8	4	5053
5. BLANCHE'S BOMBERS	7.5	4	5183
6. HOT CROSSED BUNS	7	5	5059
7. TOOTH FAIRIES	6	6	5104
8. ALLEY COPS!	6	6	5050
9. SNOW QUEENS	5	7	4779
10. BAD BOYS	4	8	4907
11. FAIRLANES	4	8	4853
12. LOOSE LIPS	4	8	3317
13. WHITE SWALLOWS	3	9	4988
14. THE THREE GRACES	2.5	9	4917

TEAM STANDINGS
COMMUNITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE
AS OF JANUARY 28, 1985

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	CD
SPEEDWAY BOYS	8	0	1.000	--
JOSHUA TREE	7	1	.875	1
COLETTE'S KILLER BEES	10	2	.833	2
CLEAN-UP ARTISTS	8.5	3.5	.708	3
WE GOT ROBBED	7	5	.583	3
SUPER TRAMPS	5.5	6.5	.458	4.5
BACK ROCKET	5	7	.417	5
NIGHT GLOOMING SERIOUS	5	7	.417	5
H.O.T.	4	8	.333	6
FUN FLOWERS	4	8	.333	6
THE DISCIPLES	4	8	.333	6
CLUTTER TRAMPS /	3	9	.250	7
FINELINE BOWLERS	1	7	.125	7

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CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Valentine's Day Party - Margaritas \$1.00 all day. Come celebrate
FINELINE - Valentine's Day party with extra special "Red" drink treat. Slow dancing in the disco with your sweetheart.
GRADUATE - Country Swing with your partner on Valentine's Day. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Drink Specials.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Special "SWEETHEART DINNERS". Appetizer, dinner and dessert for two at special reduced prices. Special drink prices too! Slow dancing to DJ Steve's music.
TRAMPS - "SWEETHEART DANCE" (Slow Dancing) for Valentine's Day. All Red Cap Call Liquor \$1.00 if you wear red.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15
COLETTE'S WEST - Listen and dance to the live music of Rare Breed. Special drink prices on this second day of Valentine's Day celebration.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16
SANTA RITA HOTEL - "BLACK AND WHITE BALL" sponsored by the Sun Country Leather Club. \$15 per person includes dinner, entertainment and dancing. Fundraiser for Arizona AIDS victims.

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TRAMPS - Special Rodeo Weekend Celebration all along Fourth Avenue. Headquarters at Tramps for Rodeo fun.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3
TRAMPS - The big SOS benefit Hoe Down begins at 2 p.m. with dancing, entertainment and food.
TRAMPS - Celebrate "Mama's" birthday with a big "After Hours Show" with Aviva Diamond, Stephanie Price, Candy Plastique and special guests.

THE TUCSON CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY
BACK ROCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust 9-11. All you can drink \$2. 11 p.m. - 1 a.m. .35 a glass of draft.
COLETTE'S WEST - Well Liquor .85 - 9 to Midnight.
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Open 9 a.m. Mon. - Sat. Noon Sundays.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 3 p.m. Tall Neck Bottle Beer Night \$1.00 - "Dynasty" on big screen TV in BFR.
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.
RITA'S - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Country Western dance music from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Special drink prices if you're in some cowboy attire.
TRAMPS - Square Dancing with Tucson's T-Squares and country and western music with DJ Linda Fizzle.

THURSDAY
BACK ROCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Night .90 domestic 9:00 - 1:00 a.m. "ARIZONA GAY" television show on TV at 7:30 p.m.
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Open 9 a.m. Mon. - Sat. Noon Sundays.
COLETTE'S WEST - Draft Beer Bust 9 p.m. - Midnight \$2.00.
FINELINE - Upstairs opens 3 p.m. Shots of Schnapps \$1.00. Drawing for Lottery Tickets begins at 8:00 p.m. Could win big money!
GRADUATE - Country & Western music from 9 to closing.
RITA'S - "Party Nite" - Well Shots and Domestic Beer \$1.00. Well Drinks \$1.25 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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SATURDAY
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COLETTE'S WEST - Free Pool from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 3 p.m.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
TRAMPS - Saturday morning with Daddy David begins at 6 a.m. After Hours begins at 1:00 a.m.

SUNDAY
BACK ROCKET - Beer Bust 4 to 6 p.m. All the draft you can drink for \$2.00. 6 to 9 p.m. Beer, wine and well \$1.00. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Disco. Steak Dinner 4 to 8 p.m. \$3.00.
COLETTE'S WEST - Sunday Sick Call - All Juice Drinks \$1.00 Happy Hour Prices 4 - 9 p.m.
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Opens at noon.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 3 p.m. Drawing for Lottery Tickets begins at 8:00 p.m. Could win big bucks!
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open Noon to 9:00 p.m. Special Bar-B-Que Dinner 5:30 to 9 p.m.
TRAMPS - Sunday Beer Bust 3 to 7 p.m. \$3.00 All the draft you can drink. \$500 cash "Grab Bag" drawing begins at 11 p.m.

MONDAY
BACK ROCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowlers Special Night. 1/2 price drinks to Monday night bowlers.
COLETTE'S WEST - Monday Night Madness - \$1.00 Margaritas 9:00 to Midnight.
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FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 3 p.m.
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. to Midnight.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 a.m.

TUESDAY
BACK ROCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Different Drink Specials.
COLETTE'S WEST - Pool Tournament from 8:00 p.m. to 10 Midnight on alternate Tuesdays. Drink special begin at 9 p.m. every Tuesday.
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Opens 9 a.m. Mon. - Sat. Noon Sundays.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 3 p.m. Michael's Classic Deck \$1.00
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
TRAMPS - "PROMOTION NIGHT" check for special schedule each week. "Rock 'n Roll Night" too!

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by Doc

News this week centers around two events going on this coming weekend - the "Black and White Ball" sponsored by the Sun Country Leather Club and the "Mini Tacky Ball" sponsored by TKO.

The Black and White Ball is to be at the Santa Rita Hotel on Saturday, February 16 beginning at 6:00 p.m. This is a benefit for the state AIDS Fund and one that each of us should support. Dress for the Black and White Ball does not require a tux and/or gown. All the SCLC requires is that whatever you wear, wear clothing of either black or white in color. Tickets are still available for this event so check with your favorite bartender at Tramps or the Congress, or call Tramps for the name of someone selling tickets. Good luck to SCLC and I hope Tucson really gets behind this very worthwhile event and supports it.

As for the Mini-Tacky Ball sponsored by TKO, this crazy event is being held at the Graduate on Sunday, Feb. 17 starting at 9:00 p.m. Dress for this event is going to be optional, your choice, etc. Stop in Sunday night and I'm sure when you go home, you'll have had a good fun night to talk about. I'll report the results of the different contests next week.

TKO is also in full swing with both their Closet Ball to be held March 16 at the Fineline and Spring Fling 5 to be held April 26-28. If I can get to a copy machine this week, I'll have the applications and rules for the Closet Ball in each bar this week. If you, at this time, have any questions concerning the Closet Ball, you can call me in the evening at home, 325-8031.

Nothing to report from TALL, SOS or the T-Squares. Maybe they will read this and give me something for next week's paper.

Don't forget the big Pueblo Run to be held over Memorial Day Weekend. This is being planned by the five local clubs, TKO, TALL, SOS, SCLC and T-Squares, and will be one of the bigger events for Tucson. I'll report more on this event as the time gets closer.

TBBS: I was supposed to have a guest reporter this week writing this section but due to a few Bud Lights I haven't been handed anything. See, I give someone a chance to get even and they drop the ball. Also, one of the problems was he dropped the ball and picked up two to talk to.

See you next week gang.

Mother Redirects Anger From Gays To Government

TO THE EDITOR:

I buried my youngest son last summer. He died of AIDS. He was neither a homosexual nor a drug user. In spite of the impression given by Ed Asner in the TV special he narrated on the subject. In that program, he claimed that these are the two main groups of people affected by and mainly responsible for the rapid spread of AIDS as a consequence of their lifestyle - a lifestyle they can choose.

But my son had no choice. He was born a hemophiliac and had to use the blood-clotting Factor VIII all his life to control the bleeds he suffered constantly in his joints. One of the donated pints of blood used for one batch of Factor VIII was contaminated with AIDS. The incubation period for this disease can be anywhere from a month to two years, so I don't even know when my son received the contaminated infusion of Factor VIII.

Statistics quoted in the TV film say that only one percent of hemophiliacs are affected so far, but believe me, it is one hundred percent when you watch your much-loved son, who has already suffered a life of pain and emotional trauma, lie there dying in misery.

For the last few months, I have lived in a numb void, unable to truly grieve for my son because I was so angry at a group of people (homosexuals) who had dared to donate to blood banks and contaminate the nation's blood supply. But I couldn't really be angry with other mothers' sons, who are also suffering and dying in far larger numbers than any other segment of the

population. So I tried to discover what was being done in the medical community to halt the spread of AIDS.

I purchased a book called "AIDS: Everything You Need To Know About Immune Deficiency Syndrome" by Janet Baker, so that I might better understand what happened to my son. She points out, in chapter XII, that as of January 1983, "...Congress has given a total of \$2 million to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta to study AIDS. More people have died of this disease in 18 months than the deaths from Legionella and Toxic Shock Syndrome combined. Yet, seven times the amount of money was spent by the government on each of these diseases." Baker claims that the social unacceptability of the group of people hardest hit by this epidemic is the reason for the politically expedient decision to spend little money on a search for its cure. She quotes Congressman Henry A. Waxman, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment: "There is no doubt in my mind that if the same disease had appeared among Americans of Norwegian descent, or among tennis players, rather than among Gay males, the response of both the government and the medical community would have been different."

After reading this book, my anger has a definite direction. How dare any politician interfere with money for research that could affect the health of our entire nation. These, our duly elected servants, are sworn to uphold the Constitution and protect the rights of the people, no matter what their

lifestyles may be. And homosexuals, drug users, Gay militants and hemophiliacs are all United States citizens. When their health is threatened by an epidemic which also shows possibilities of affecting the entire nation, we don't need political games to be played. The money needs to be spent now.

Why am I writing this letter? It won't bring my son back; it is over for him. He is past all further pain and suffering. I write because I have another son - also a hemophiliac - who saw his youngest brother die. He is so scared of dying like his brother that he is trying to live without treating the bleeds he has, thus doing more damage to joints already badly injured. His future holds certain disability or death unless something is done quickly.

The number of AIDS victims is doubling every six months. How long are we going to count the cost and allow the government to drag its feet before we make an all-out effort to find a cure? The very least that could be done is to implement the blood-screening technique that is available already but which, due to cost again, is being used in only eight blood banks around the country. This would at least avert the inadvertent transference of AIDS to unsuspecting hemophiliacs or surgical patients, but it still does not treat the much larger problem, already of epidemic proportions, of finding a cure for this deadly disease.

Dorothy Albane-Dobbins, Calif.

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THE EDGE...

by Guy Edgerly



IN SEARCH OF...

There was a gentle time, or so I'm told, when people chose to care about each other. A time when your mate, your friend, your lover, was the center of your caring; a time when slow dancing let you get close to someone special and you danced and dreamed as lovers.

Romance was in vogue. It was OK, then, to lay on pillows on the living room floor, light a few candles and snuggle with your loved one as you talked, as only lovers in love can talk about intimate things, of dreams, of hopes, of plans for the future, of how much your lover means to you. Or perhaps just watch a good show together, or take turns reading out loud to each other.

After a day at work, how nice it was to come home and find the light of your life waiting with a fabulous hug and kiss and an offer, to lay down so you could give him a soothing massage before dinner. How nice it was to share dinner instead of eating out or alone. How nice to have candles and soft [yes, music used to be soft] music. How nice to be mellow after a hectic day.

How nice it was to help ease your

lovers cares, to communicate that vulnerable side of yourself, to talk to someone who has your interests at heart.

Remember flirting? Holding hands? Touching sensuously and looking your lover in the eye with a non-verbal communication that said "I love you". Remember dating, or seeing someone special for a while before you explored your sexual feelings? Remember how it felt to make love instead of just having sex? Remember going to bed with someone special and just enjoy snuggling, fondling and closeness as you both drifted off into dreamland?

Remember putting someone else first? Of thinking of their needs first? Of loving them more than you love yourself? Of taking a hot bath together with a glass of red wine on the side?

I remember, but they are memories now. As we seem to drift apart and care for no one but ourself. Our greatest joys in life are slipping away because romance is not in vogue. Sexual gratification cannot begin to replace it.

TAX TIPS

by Joseph A. Turek, C.P.A.

WOE IS US! WOE IS US!

In nearly twenty-five years of tax practice I have never seen the tax laws changed in as restrictive a manner against the taxpayer as the recent changes that have been enacted in the past year. Furthermore, my analysis of recent Treasury and Congressional committee proposals indicates that the worst is yet to come. The individual taxpayer most adversely affected will be those who can least afford it. Only the taxpayers with the simplest of returns will escape the wrath of the new tax laws.

Sorry to begin in such a gloomy fashion, but the tax season is here again. April 15th will be here before you know it! So get busy now. The final day rolls around in short order.

Every year at this time a number of new clients consult with me and ask me what they should do to lower their taxes. Now is too late. Now the tax preparer can only do the best with the facts as they have already taken place. Those of you with larger than average incomes should consult your tax preparer before the end of the tax year. Very often, your professional advisor can assist you in lowering your tax bill substantially. Very often it only takes proper timing of fiscal events on your part to lower your taxes.

Tax indexing took effect for the first time in January. This means that your federal tax withheld decreased based on last year's rate of inflation. Since last year's rate was a modest 4% the decrease in your taxes is moderate. But hold on, the social security tax went up this year from 6.7% to 7.05%. The net effect on your paycheck will just about even out to nothing for the average taxpayer. I just thought you might like to know why your check amount changed slightly.

If you contribute to an IRA plan, an important change has taken place. In 1984 you could contribute as late as October 15th (with proper extensions) to your IRA plan for the 1983 deduction. This has been changed. In 1985 you have only until April 15th to contribute to your IRA plan for the 1984 deduction. This is true no matter what extensions of time you receive for filing your return.

A small, but very important point about IRA's is often overlooked by many people. All the advertising you read about IRA's always stresses the \$2,000 maximum limit. Sometimes when I advise a client to begin an IRA, the response is I never have \$2,000 at one time, so I can't do it. Horsefeathers! IRA accounts can be opened with an opening deposit of \$250 with later additions of as little as \$100 at a time. Remember, even a partial IRA is better than no IRA at all. I have a number of satisfied clients who began with small IRA's and now they have tidy little sums put away.

Income averaging has been hardest hit by the recent changes in the tax law. The new base for income averaging now consists of an average of the previous three years instead of the

previous four years under the former law. This tends to push your average up and reduce the amount eligible for averaging. In addition, in order to qualify for income averaging the current year's income must exceed the average of the base years by at least 140% plus \$3,000 instead of 120% plus \$3,000. For example, if your average taxable income for 1981, 1982 and 1983 was \$20,000, you would need 140% of that or \$28,000 plus \$3,000 for a total of \$31,000 of taxable income in 1984 to be eligible for income averaging. Even then only the amount of taxable income in excess of the \$31,000 is the amount eligible for averaging.

Have a good day! Hope it's refund. A big one!

(Reprinted from Gay Chicago magazine)

NEWS FROM MCC/TUCSON

This week has Valentine's Day. This is the time of the year to show your love to those who are dear to you. To give cards, flowers, and anything else you can express your endearment to another. But, must it be just one time each year. Why can't we express our love for one another all year. At MCC each time we meet or get together we show our love by hugging each other and saying that we appreciate the opportunity of being able to call each other brother and sister. And, what is a hug love? It's a thing that makes you glad that we can show our need for one and all. It has been said that unless you can show your love to at least a dozen others, each day, you have love that is being wasted. You don't have to be physically demonstrative. A smile, a nod of the head in acknowledgement will do. And I ask you, who has ever been turned away for a smile.

This coming Tuesday, Feb. 19 (Fat Tuesday), from 5 to 7 p.m. the Deacons of MCC Tucson will have their second annual Pancake Supper. The menu will consist of sausage, pancakes with butter and syrup, also your choice of tea, coffee or soft drinks. The price will be \$2.50 with all the proceeds going to the Deacon's Benevolent Fund. We invite all in the community who love food, fun and fellowship, to come and join us.

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, (Ash Wednesday) there will be a service of the placement of ashes and communion at 7:00 p.m. At a special service at MCC Tucson. This is one of the times we can show the Lord Jesus our dedication to Him. Come and join us in a service of fulfillment.

Regular Sunday service at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. with Wednesday service at 8:00 p.m. Pastor Dave Gunton has office hours from 10 a.m. to 5 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. Appointments are encouraged as Pastor Dave does have a busy schedule.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: If it is painful for you to criticize someone, you're safe in doing it, if you take pleasure in it, hold your tongue.

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GAY AND LESBIAN SOCIAL RAP GROUP TUCSON meets every Tuesday evening at 8 P.M. AT MCC, 560 S. Stone. Call Galen, 883-1328.

TUCSON LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE COMMITTEE (TLGPC) meets every second Monday at 8:30 p.m. at the Pineline. Everyone welcome.

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SOURCES UNLIMITED

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A View From Within

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

YOU MAY ASK, "JUST WHO THE HELL DO I THINK I AM?"

Dear Readers:

May I begin by thanking all of you, my readers, for your kind comments and wonderful support since I began writing my column in September 1984. I am just a poor soul who has something to say to just about anyone who cares to listen. True, I once had a successful career as a fashion designer in California. The host of a television show in 1984 introduced me as an up-and-coming premiere fashion designer in Northern California. Pretty heady stuff. There came a time, though, a few days before my birthday in July 1984, when I suddenly realized that hundreds of innocent men and women were being murdered because they were Gay. Many of these occurring in my home town of San Francisco.

Well, that was heady stuff. For some time, I have been very proud of the fact that I am Gay. I have made quite a turn-around since the time when I tried to kill myself because I hated being Gay. I have helped friends come to terms with the fact that they are Gay. One particular friend said, after a marathon talk session in the parking lot outside my favorite dance club, that I ought to go into politics. Oh sure, I thought, see me "Mr. Senator". Well, one thing has led to another and here I am writing about my thoughts, my life and my opinion.

Why do I write about these things? When I came out in San Francisco, October 12th, Sunday morning, 1980, I realized how stupid being closeted was. All of the torment, pain, suffering while growing up in Phoenix. It was a torture that I wouldn't wish upon my worst enemy. I only wish that there was a column like mine for me to read when I was growing up Gay.

(The circle closes the pattern begins again.) I write about the things that happen to me, because they have happened or will happen to you. Write about how cheap it feels to be used in a one-night-stand because I want to tell you something I wish someone had told me. ("The Glory of a One Night Stand" 28 November 1984) Yes, the realization hurts, but life is like that. It hurts even more when I write and re-write my columns because I have to relive those events all over again. I write about the alternatives to drinking and drugs because I have seen too many good people destroyed by them. ("Booze and Pills: Go Ahead. Kill Yourself" 27 December 1984). I write about my relationships with men because I want everyone to know that there is hope. ("When I Tell You I Love You" 23 January 1985) I have been hurt far too

often by my past relationships with men to ever feel I could love again. I have become jaded, hard and bitter. However, my experiences are just like many of yours: All the pain, all the emptiness, all the loneliness, and all of the love.

I am really no one special. I have no credentials to be a writer. If I wrote up a resume for a job as a writer, my only qualification would be "HAVE LIVED LIFE FOR 25 YEARS": Nothing else, nothing special.

AN UPDATE: Ty and I are still together. Thank you all who have wished us well. I am growing so much as a person because of Ty.

When I was treated so poorly by my boyfriends in the past, I began to build a wall around me, so that no one would ever hurt me again. Ty is such a special person that he is beginning to take down that wall one brick at a time. He is teaching me how to love again, and that it is okay to trust someone in an intimate way again. More importantly, Ty is teaching me that it is okay to allow someone else to love me. That it is okay to allow someone in that close to me. The whole experience is frightening, but I am being challenged to grow.

The hardest thing about this relationship occurred Friday night, 2 Feb. 85. It was then that I realized that I was in love with Ty. To see this sentence in the cold, hard type on the clean, virgin white paper makes the whole thing seem distant. It is not. I felt in my heart that I would never love again, and yet it has happened. It has been almost three years since I loved last. It has been too long. Too long.

I am very happy that my suicide attempt in 1979 failed. As bleak and awful as my life seemed then, it has brought me my life now, my achievements, and Ty.

I will continue to write about my life only as long as I continue to live and experience it. As long as I am affected by the world around me. As long as I can cry (like at Bette Davis dying in *Dark Victory*), as long as I can cheer and feel pride in my country (as with the Olympics this past summer), and as long as I can feel love in my heart I will know that I am alive. As long as I know I am alive, I will write.

As long as I am a Gay-American, and proud of both, you can read me here, same place, each week.
Post Script: Happy Valentine's Day Ty. Thank you.

EIGHTEEN IS ENOUGH???

When Donald wants to celebrate an anniversary, he wants to celebrate an anniversary! Inviting 25, count 'em 25, of his friends to a three-hour cocktail party and a sit-down dinner at Rita's last Saturday, Feb. 9, things got pretty festive. Eighteen years is apparently not enough for Bucky since he gave Donald a lovely white shag rug to be placed in front of the fireplace to "rest upon" during these cold winter evenings! A wonderful time was had by all and we know we speak for all attending when we say "Thank you for a memorable evening."

