

# FDA to allow experimental AIDS drug

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - The Food and Drug Administration said over last weekend that it will allow a California pharmaceutical company to provide an experimental drug to any AIDS victims whose doctors ask for it, but company officials said they have not yet agreed to such a plan.

The FDA, in an internal advisory, said it had agreed to let Newport Pharmaceuticals of Newport Beach, California, conduct a "compassionate-use protocol" that would allow the drug Isoprinosine to be distributed, at the request of a doctor, to AIDS patients. Sales would have to be made at cost; no profit could be made.

An FDA spokesperson, commenting on the decision, compared the drug with an experimental cancer treatment, explaining: "The fact that they're not perfected becomes immaterial if your life expectancy is a week or a month." But company officials, advised of the FDA announcement by a reporter, said

they were unaware of the action, had not agreed to broad distribution of their drug under the requirements stipulated by FDA, and doubted they could handle such a task.

"We have not really agreed to conduct a compassionate protocol with regard to AIDS," said Cynthia Renger, manager of regulatory affairs. "We haven't finished our negotiations (with FDA) at this time. We just haven't had a chance to consider it yet."

Sanford Glasky, Newport's executive vice president, noted that the FDA was essentially inviting every AIDS patient in the country to call the company directly and sign up for the drug to fight acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Isoprinosine is one of about a half dozen drugs about to be used in clinical trials, the FDA said.

Scientists hope Isoprinosine may be of help because it stimulates the

immune system, the agency said. AIDS kills by destroying the immune system and leaving the body defenseless against infection or disease.

The FDA issued the advisory to its staff after news reports earlier telling that AIDS victims "are rushing across the border in droves" to buy the drug in Mexico, where it is sold legally by a Newport licensee, Laboratorios Sanfer Co. (Observer, May 9)

Other AIDS victims are buying the substance from black market dealers in this country, the news stories said. The drug reportedly is legally available in some 70 countries, although it cannot be prescribed in the United States.

In issuing the advisory, the FDA noted that it has never approved Isoprinosine for general public marketing for any medical purpose, nor is any application pending. However,

it said, an experimental license was issued to Newport last November to test the effect of Isoprinosine in a limited number of patients with "persistent generalized lymphadenopathy" and "AIDS-related complex" syndromes that are believed to progress to AIDS in some cases.

Earlier last week, the FDA said, it broadened the license to allow the compassionate-use protocol - in effect, allowing the drug to be distributed to any AIDS victim who asks for it. Bruce Brown, an FDA spokesperson, said compassionate-use licenses are not unusual, but also are not often publicized.

"Cancer drugs are the most common," Brown said. "The fact that they're not perfected becomes immaterial if your life expectancy is a week or a month." He called it "a humanizing element" in a drug-approval process that is geared to large clinical studies, not individual patients.



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### Youth Sentenced In Benson Slaying

BISBEE, AZ - A 17-year-old Michigan youth has been sentenced as an adult to 10 years in prison for his role in the October 30, 1984 murder of a St. David man. (Observer, Nov. 21, 1984).

Troy Anthony Fulmer, of Cheboygan, Michigan, received the minimum sentence for second degree murder three weeks after his no-contest plea, which means he did not admit guilt.

Fulmer and a friend, Michael Aust, then 13, were detained by Van Horn, Texas police October 31 and were later charged with murdering Charles Henderson Bush, 34, and committing other felonies. Aust was sentenced in juvenile court to an unspecified term in the Department of Corrections after his guilty plea to a negligent homicide charge.

Bush had died of blood loss caused by three stab wounds and had also suffered multiple bruises and a fractured skull, an autopsy showed.

Court testimony showed that Bush picked up the youths, who later said they were hitchhiking from California to Fulmer's home, on Interstate 10 in the Tucson area. Bush took the boys to his St. David home in his van, offered them marijuana and allegedly made sexual advances toward them, the youths told lawmen.

Fulmer said he hit Bush in the back of the head with a small pipe and then ordered the dazed man at knife-

point into the van. Fulmer then drove off as Aust held Bush at knifepoint in the rear of the van, testimony showed. Aust and Bush started fighting and Fulmer stopped the van and joined the clash.

During the fighting, Bush suffered a fatal wound when Aust stabbed him in the thigh, severing his femoral artery. The youths then tossed Bush out the van's side door in a mini-park in downtown Benson. The body was found by a transient the next day.

Fulmer said he drove east on Interstate 10 to Van Horn, where they were detained by lawmen after acting suspiciously.

Fulmer was indicted by a Grand Jury on charges of first-degree murder and other felonies before plea bargaining to the reduced homicide count. Public Defender Wallace Haggatt, Fulmer's lawyer, said his client plea bargained to avoid any chance of a first-degree murder conviction, which carries a minimum sentence of 25 years. (Observer April 17, 1985).

Haggatt told Superior Court Judge Matthew Borowiec the murder was not "cold-blooded, ruthless, calculated," but had been caused by Bush's alleged homosexual advances toward two immature youths. (Observer Dec. 27, 1984).

"Had they not acted it is possible I would be representing Mr. Bush on a charge of child molesting," Haggatt said.

Borowiec said Bush's murder was "not intentional," but that the situation was not one "society can easily handle."

### 10% Lost Jobs In NJ

TRENTON, NJ - One in ten Gays have lost jobs in the last seven years because of their sexual orientation, according to a survey conducted in New Jersey last year. The survey of 350 Lesbians and Gay men was commissioned by the New Jersey Lesbian and Gay Coalition in support of an anti-discrimination bill being considered in the New Jersey Senate. Despite the survey and the active support of the National Organization for Women, which hired a

PHOENIX - A bill to make it easier to close down businesses that rent or sell of films, which according to the sexually-explicit movies or books was testimony of the Judiciary Committee, defeated in the Senate last week on a precipitate criminal behavior." 14-16 vote.

The bill H2429 (OBSEVER Feb 27 and April 3), would have permitted private citizens, upon posting \$5,000 bond, to apply for superior court injunctions against places they believe are operating moral nuisances. Courts would have been empowered to order nuisance to close down and have seized, in addition to obscene materials, all of an establishment's property used in conducting the nuisance and the estimated income gained from the nuisance.

"This is a statement by the state Legislature in favor of morality," Senate Judiciary Chairperson Peter Kay said before the vote. "There are many people in our state that have

considerable concerns over these types of films, which according to the testimony of the Judiciary Committee, are about to pass a law," responded Republican Senator John Mawhinney (Tucson). "And it's a law filled with uncertainty and confused in its definitions and applications... that allows for people to perform great mischief." He added that the bill could cause "orders to be nailed on the front door of a place that could very well be a public book store or a library announcing that some books contain material that might offend."

All Democrats except Sen. Lela Alston joined Mr. Mawhinney and four other Republicans to vote against the bill. A similar bill was vetoed by Governor Babbitt two years ago.

### Gay Boston Men Seek Return of 2 Foster Boys

BOSTON, MA (AP) - Two Gay men said that they will challenge the state's removal of two foster boys from their home. The boys, aged 2 and 3 1/2, were taken from Donald Babets, 36, and David Jean, 31, of Boston last week, two weeks after their arrival, because of an uproar by community residents who considered the arrangement morally wrong.

"We take exception to any suggestion by the department that there was any evidence of harm to the boys as a result of the media attention, or that there was community opposition to the placement of these children with parents," the two men said in a statement.

The boys' mother "acknowledged the good care her children received with us and expressly approved the placement with us as an openly Gay couple," they said.

Kevin Cathcart, an attorney for the Gay men, said he will ask an administrative law judge to reverse the order of Marie Matava, secretary of the New Jersey Department of Social Services.

"We're starting internally, because the issue here is these two children's best interest," said Cathcart, who is executive director of Gay-Lesbian Advocates and Defenders.

concerned about publicity and maintaining the anonymity of the children."

Matava said she ordered the removal of the children because she believed the "public storm" surrounding the boy's placement would be too stressful for them.

The Gay men had been recommended by two clergymen, and Matava said the removal had nothing to do with the character of the men. Matava said state guidelines do not address the issue of homosexuality as a factor in qualifying foster parents.

However, Gov. Michael S. Dukakis last Thursday asked Matava and Human Services Secretary Phillip Johnson to set a policy concerning homosexual foster parents.

Last Wednesday, May 8, Babets called the removal order a "gross miscarriage of justice.... The only thing motivating people now is narrow-mindedness, hatred, bigotry and outright stupidity."

The Massachusetts Civil Liberties Union supports the couple and said state officials "caved in to the most appropriate avenue. We are made public."

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## TUFF STUFF

## TO CLOSE TUCSON STORE

TUCSON - Citing slow business as well as personal problems, Ron, co-owner of Tuff Stuff leather store on Fourth Avenue here is about to close up shop and return to the original one-store operation in Phoenix. "Much to our regret, we feel it necessary to close our Tucson operation. The response has not been what we had expected," said Ron, "but we will miss Tucson and wish to thank everyone who helped us here."

Tuff Stuff remains the top leather crafter in Arizona for clothing and other leather goods. They continue to do quality custom work and welcome their Tucson friends to call on them in Phoenix for any custom work needed.

"Another problem that arose after the opening of this store was a rather personal one," said Ron. "I was spending six days here and only one in Phoenix with Ed," he continued, "and that put a great strain on our relationship."

Tuff Stuff will be open for approximately 30 more days, and is offering a 25% discount on most items in stock at their store located at 630 N. Fourth Avenue, just north of Tramps.

## ARIZONA GAY TV AUCTION

SUNDAY MAY 19

TUCSON - A benefit auction will take place this Sunday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Tramps. This auction is to assist Tucson's weekly television show "Arizona Gay" to continue operations. Funding has run out for this season and in order to keep time slots and continuous operation, Producer/Director Jim Farias needs some help. The auction is being co-sponsored by TLGPC and Tramps.

Mama Jesse from Tramps will act as auctioneer and there will be many very worthwhile items on the auction "block" as well as some not so worthwhile fun items. The Fourth Avenue merchants have donated merchandise as well as many members of the Gay community. The items include hand-crafted macrame wall hangings, a catered dinner for two, automotive tune-ups, cheese cakes and many, many other items.

This will be a fun evening and one that will enable this unique television show to continue operations. Your help and cooperation is requested.

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## Bar Talk

TUCSON - Remodeling, painting, etc. is just about completed in the disco at the FINELINE. Super new sound system has been added as well as some fantastic lighting make this one great dancing experience. Stop by and see for yourself. Construction on the Homotel is continuing at a rapid pace and it won't be too long before this new addition to the Tucson Gay Community will be in full operation...

....Another disco room, JOSHUA TREE is getting a new roof. If you remember the rainy nights inside, you can forget them in the future. Work should be completed very soon, and there is no interruption to business at this northside popular spot. Bobby Jr. and Dave Pierson doing the DJing here nightly. The Community Mixed League Bowling Banquet coming up very soon here....Speaking of DJ's, Linda and Curtis from TRAMPS have taken off for Los Angeles to attend the prestigious California DJ Association Conference. After visiting with some record pools and record companies they should be back with some of the latest sounds from the West Coast by next week. Ian and Terry will split the DJ duties while they are gone, and they are importing George Hill from Hotbods in Phoenix for a special guest DJ spot this Saturday. Also, get ready for their Monthly Party. May 25, Saturday, Tramps presents a Uniform Party. Dress up in your favorite uniform, whatever your fantasy - Air Force, Army, Navy, Police! ....COLETTE'S WEST getting prepared for tons of sand and loads of fun at their annual Luau. As Collette says, "Come in and get laid at the Luau" and enjoy some of the authentic roast pig, polynesian drinks and tropical fun. DJ playing from 9 to 1 a.m. This all happens this Saturday, May 18. Be there for a great time at this women's bar where "everyone is welcome"....At RITA'S RENDEZVOUS they continue drawing each Sunday for a free dinner for two and that winner goes into the bowl for the Grand Prize - A Cruise To Remember - a trip for two to New Orleans, Key West and then to the Yucatan Peninsula. The Grand Prize alone is worth over \$3,000 and it will truly be a cruise to remember - nearly 1,000 Gay men on this cruise ship for seven days! By the way, Blanche won the drawing last Sunday (she arrived with 119 tickets!)....Roger at the GRADUATE still waiting for the t-room wall to be painted. The Spring Flingers really got carried away this year! While Ed and Ken from Charlie's were in Tucson last Sunday clogging at Tramps, Ron from the Graduate was at Charlie's in Phoenix watching their store. That is a real turnout....JR's Gourmet Deli on North First Avenue has changed hands and Candy Trowbridge (better known as Just Candy in the community) and Bill Thomas are operating this excellent store. Eat there or take out. Great sandwiches and gourmet items. Go on by and say hi to Candy, they want to serve the Gay community.

Instead of playing at infamous Himmel Park, the game will be played as scheduled at Fort Lowell Park (North Craycroft and East Glenn) on field #5. There will be beer and eats there. With a \$2.00 donation you will receive all the draft beer you can drink. How can you beat it? -- fun in the sun and contribute to your own Lesbian/Gay Pride Week activities.

**OLD PUEBLO RUN MAY 24-27**

TUCSON - Five local clubs will present a Memorial Day run called the "Old Pueblo Run" Friday through Monday, May 24 through 27. This run will be a camp out at Catalina State Park, just north of Tucson.

Hosted by the five clubs, Tucson Knight Owls (TKO), Tucson Arizona Levi/Leather (TALL), Sisters of Sonora (SOS), Sun Country Leather Club (SCLC) and Tucson's square dance group the T-Squares, the weekend events will feature cocktail parties, biking events, food, plenty of drinks, a special show, and in general, loads of fun for all. Run fee for this four-day event is \$50.

Registration forms can be picked up at Tramps or Graduate bars. There will be a large number of out-of-town guests arriving for this run and with Catalina State Park so close, bar-hopping will be in vogue for this Memorial Day Weekend.

## HELP SEND THE TUCSON VOLLEYBALL TEAM TO THE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CHICAGO



Shown above are some of the team members of the Shades Of Brown (S.O.B.) who are going to Chicago for the Gay International championship matches. Fundraisers are being held to help defray their costs. See story below.

## FUNDRAISER THIS SATURDAY, MAY 18

TUCSON - The group of nine players has been hard at work practising for the big Volleyball National Championships to be held in Chicago on May 25 and 26. The Tucson representatives, S.O.B. (Shades of Brown), have each individually purchased their airline tickets to the Chicago event to represent Tucson in the Windy City.

A fundraising effort will take place this Saturday, May 18, at 2:00 at the Joshua Tree volleyball court. The S.O.B.'s will be playing an all-star team consisting of some of the

## BENEFIT SOFTBALL GAME SITE CHANGED

TUCSON - The vaunted challenge match between the Joshua Tree Pussycats and Tramps is scheduled for this Sunday, May 19 and is a fundraiser for the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee to help defray expenses of producing Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1985. The game will start at 12:00 noon but the location has had to be changed due to a computer error at the Parks and Recreation Department.

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best volleyballers in Tucson. A donation of \$2.00 at the entrance to JT/BP court will get you in to see some really hot volleyball and also entitle you to enough draft beer to make you enjoy the afternoon even more. The proceeds will help the group with their additional expenses of lodging and food.

An excellent opportunity to help support our team, who have a very good chance of bringing back a trophy to Tucson. You are encouraged to attend and cheer on our very own S.O.B.'s, Shades of Brown, that is.

## ANTI-ABORTION FILM FARCE

WASHINGTON, DC (GCN) - White House officials have screened a film that supposedly shows the reaction of a 12-week-old fetus as it is aborted, according to the Boston Globe. Copies of "The Silent Scream", a half-hour long film, were also delivered earlier to Ronald Reagan, every member of Congress and every member of the Supreme Court.

The film distribution is part of a campaign to try to reverse or overrule through legislative means the Supreme Court's 1973 decision legalizing abortion.

Doctors have criticized the film, saying it falsely portrays as a reaction to pain, an involuntary and painless reaction of the fetus, which most closely resembles a hiccup.

## MORE BAD NEWS

**IN THE LONE STAR STATE**

DALLAS, TX (GCN) - The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans has voted to review an appeal to reinstate the Texas sodomy statute, according to the Washington Blade.

Last October, a three-judge panel of the same court ruled that the district attorney of Amarillo County, Texas did not have the authority to challenge the District Court's 1982 decision which declared the sodomy statute unconstitutional. The 1982 decision claimed the statute was unconstitutional because it applied only to homosexual sodomy.

Leonard Graff, legal director of National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), said it is impossible to determine why the Fifth Circuit Court decided to rehear the case. Graff, who has filed a friend-of-the-court brief, said oral arguments are set for June. The full 14-member court will review the case.

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## WHO SAYS TUCSON IS A SMALL TOWN?



by Loretta von Oystershucker

## MALICE IN FAIRYLAND

Elizabeth Taylor, one of America's leading ladies, a legend in her own time, is sometimes up, sometimes down, but always in the news. She certainly has led an interesting and newsworthy life and so much more lies ahead of her. What is so surprising is that many people in Tucson have a lot in common with Liz. So much in fact that we have made up a little quiz in which a local Tucsonan is matched up to a part of Liz Taylor's life and times. See how many you can match up:

1. Liz and Dick met while Liz was still married and their romance made news until they finally wed. What couple in Tucson is also in "love"?

2. Burton gave Liz a huge diamond and two people in town still dream about it

3. Liz has often been in the news dealing with health problems. What local celebrity has had bad health problems back to back?

4. Ms. Taylor is infamous for being married several times, just like a well known daytime bartender. No, not Bill N.

5. Liz and Dick could not decide what was what and married twice. Just like two local couples.

6. Poor Liz has heard many, many fat jokes from several humorists. Just like this person has been written about, always for a whale of a laugh.

7. Liz went to Palm Springs for her health and help. This local artist went to Palm Springs for health and needed help to get back.

8. Elizabeth Taylor has always been a beauty, but at times there was a lot of her. What local bar owner beauty is now dieting and will soon be another beauty like Liz?

9. Liz Taylor has always been very charitable, just like a local Liz who always gives it away.

10. When Liz started romancing Burton, Eddie Fisher was the last to know, just like this bar owner who is always the last to know.

11. Several times Liz has been photographed showing voluptuous cleavage. This well known professional of doorbell trade has also been seen on stage showing much cleavage.

12. Ms. Taylor won her second Academy Award for her performance in "Virginia Wolf". Which should remind you all of this local celebrity after several shots.

13. One of Liz's husbands produced the fantastic movie "Around The World In 80 Days". This local barowner, the one with a lover, is planning a cruise for "Around The World With 80 Gays"?

14. Liz met and married a few Michael's in her time. If she had stayed in Tucson, she might have been competition for this local Michael lover.

15. Ms. Taylor started out acting at an

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16. One of Taylor and Burton's best performances was in "The Taming Of The Shrew". What former hotel manager is using this movie as a training guide for his new bride?

17. When on a binge, Liz loved her butter on lots of edibles. This local bartender loves to butter up for his Southern Comfort.

18. The first movie Liz won an Academy Award for ended in a car crash. She was inspired by this local stunt man turned cook.

19. When Liz starred in "Raintree County" she was in much pain. Just like this local show girl who once lost her way home and was in much pain. Those were not walking shoes.

20. In all her movies, Ms. Taylor always wore her make-up impeccably, even starting a trend with "Cleopatra". What local bar manager spends hours and hours on his make-up before coming to work?

21. "A Place In The Sun" has always been a favorite of Taylor's. Just like this TKO member who loves it every time he gets placed with someone's son.

22. Now Liz has always professed that she would rather marry a person than have an affair with them. This former barowner, publisher, lover, prefers to be married and then have affairs.

23. She played a murderess in "A Mirror Cracked" just like this english sounding person who took stock at work and after a few rum and cranberry juices wanted to become one.

24. She had a starring role in the movie "Giant". So would this trampy bartender if he really were gigantic.

25. Liz was once Queen of the Nile. Jim T. feels like Cleopatra himself when his name is in the paper. Well, what local celebrity is similar to the person Liz portrayed in "Malice in Wonderland", only she is more like "Queen of the Nile"?

MATCH THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTIONS:::::

1. LORETTA
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3. DOC.
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11. GEORGE M. AND GEORGE'S HUSBAND FRED AND DEL S. AND STEVE.
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have been deluged with offers from friends wanting to design their dresses, act as bridal attendants and give away whoever ends up being the bride.

As a result, Fertig said, "We'll have to have three weddings, one for our friends, one for our families, and one for the press."

As for when the knot will be tied ....well, it's all in the stars. "I'm still looking at the charts to find the most astrologically auspicious time," Fertig said solemnly. "That will be when Jupiter is in Pisces, and that's not until next year."

## STUDDS REGAINS COAST POST

WASHINGTON, DC (GCR) — U.S. Representative Gerry Studds (D-MA), the only openly Gay member of Congress and an outspoken critic of this administration's aggression in Central America, has been reinstated as chair of the Coast Guard and Navigation Subcommittee of the Merchant Marine Committee.

In the standard vote for chairs of subcommittees at the beginning of each congressional session, committee members voted 19-2 to reappoint Studds to the position he lost in 1983 following his censure for having sex with a 17-year-old page a decade earlier. The committee vote was then ratified by the full Democratic House caucus in a unanimous vote.

Stating he did not anticipate any negative reaction to his reinstatement, Studds called the action "the final, final, final chapter of this business."

## MEN OF ALL COLORS TOGETHER

NEW YORK, NY (GCR) — After months of discussion, the steering committee of Black and White Men Together (BWMT) of New York has recommended a name change to Men of All Colors Together (MACT).

BWMT's newsletter states, "Cognizant that we live in a color-based society, the committee suggested MACT because it acknowledges that it is color more than race which is used to divide us. In addition we realize that the heterogeneous population of New York City spans all colors of the rainbow. Indeed, the reason most cited for changing the name is the desire to make the chapter more inclusive of Gay men of different racial and ethnic backgrounds.

## 'SISTER BOOM BOOM' TO MARRY FELLOW SAN FRANCISCO NUN

by Susan Yoachum

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — Not since Tiny Tim married Miss Vicki has there been a wedding to compare to this: Sister Boom Boom is marrying Mystic Grey.

Sister Boom Boom, San Francisco's most prominent man-woman, said he and Grey are getting married "because we love each other. Why else to people get married?"

"Is love about a union of love and commitment or is it about thrashing around in the sheets?" asked Boom Boom whose real name is Jack Fertig. "We have a deep and profound communication at the erotic level, but there is more to Eros than sexual sharing."

The couple met a year ago when they were introduced by Sister Marquessa de Sade, another member of Boom Boom's order, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.

The first sign that things were changing for Fertig may have come when Grey, a counselor in psychodrama and sex therapy, became the first woman to join the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.

Then, on April 29, the couple decided to make things official by becoming formally engaged. "My father said, 'That's fabulous. I've got a nun for a son-in-law.' I think they think I'm joking," Grey said.

Since the happy day, Fertig said, both gifts and questions have been rolling in. One friend has already given them a whip as a pre-nuptial present, and another has talked of leather sheets.

The couple said they would like to have a small, intimate ceremony but

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rules for this league. Time for this May 22nd meeting is 8:30 p.m. at Fiesta Lanes, with free bowling afterwards. TKO, at this time, is challenging every club and bar in Tucson to have a team entered in this league. If you have any further questions concerning this league, get in touch with Doe at 325-8031. If I'm not at home, leave your name and number and I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Don't forget TALL's brunch this Sunday, May 19th at Graduate. From the past brunches they have had, I'm sure once again the food will be good, so let's all get down there and chow down on goooooood victuals.

First off, I'm giving everyone heard or read of the Old Pueblo Run, early warning to all who will be in this run will be held over the Memorial Weekend at Catalina State Park. The Memorial Day Weekend - Nature is This will be a Friday night to Monday returning for it. For anyone, by morning campout with all the good food, chance, that might have missed him at beer and soft drinks supplied for only TKO's Spring Fling '85, let me tell you \$50. A special set of games have been what to look for. He, 'Nature', is planned for both people and motorbikes, approximately 6'5" tall, weighs A trophy will be awarded to the winners approximately 175 pounds, rides a full of both sets of games. Also, there dressed Honda Goldwing, dressed in full will be a Trash Award, a Gold Rush leather, and flowing in the breeze award, and a Prospector's award. If behind him as he travels down the you really want to have a fun weekend freeway is a full-length pink feather and meat lot of both new and boa. I wonder what some of the interesting people, be sure to be in comments from the truckers and Highway attendance. Patrolmen are as he breezes by.

After last week's TBBS, I'm giving everyone a week off. But, I'm still goofed. In last week's paper I stated out there listening and watching for there were applications for this run at next week's paper. So until then, have the Graduate and Tramps. Well, I'm safe and fun week, forgot to get them to the Graduate, so I'm sorry to anyone who went there looking for them. I did, however, get them there last Sunday.

Review...

TUCSON - Take a sleeping little hollow of a room. Throw in a crowd of festive people, some excellent bar service, a dance area, and a comfortable amount of space to sit and kick back and listen. Then add the most seductive dance music and most electric stage performances you can imagine and you have the premier performance of "IF" in the Fineline's BFR Little Theatre.

On Friday, May 10, the Tucson Gay community was introduced to this new quartet of musicians who captivated the night to form the teams, elect officers for the league, and set down all the audience from their opening number to

## COUNSELING CONCEPTS

### BUT WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH ME?

Embarking on a course of self discovery has as its conclusion this question to answer. This is why most people don't get this far. They fear what they may find. In effect, they already have some suspicions and don't want to face themselves. We're all good at repressing those parts of ourselves that we don't want to deal with.

Often times self discovery finds us not too far from the kind of person and/or type of lifestyle we have. The difficulty comes in accepting ourselves for who we are and how others accept us. Those are both important points with the latter being a real stumbling block for some. We may think the hurdle to accepting oneself is high. The peer pressure which one feels may make the next hurdle even higher. Face it, we all like to be loved and accepted.

Look at yourself in the mirror for a while. Now look at that inner invisible self that make you you. There may be similarities in others but none just like you. We laugh and say, "Ya and they broke the mold making us. Isn't everyone glad?" I'd have to say "yes".

When you're one of a kind that makes you unique, different... to me that spells specialness all the way. That's good! Whether you approach this from a God created point of view or purely biological happening, there is uniqueness and difference in all of us. What a boring place this would be if we were all the same.

There is nothing wrong with being different from what some people call the norm. Yes, this does include sexual orientation. One of the biggest hindrances to people accepting themselves as they are and giving support to others has been organized Religion. That is what they are to be about, not this destructiveness we see publicized so often. Rev. David Gunton or myself could answer any question you might have along this line. There have been too many down through the ages that have put words in God's mouth. This may not be of great concern to you unless you've come out of or are in a climate such as this. I was and know the struggles that go on to be ones self.

Unfortunately society has taken on many of the no-no's of Religion that continue to plague us. Thankfully that has been changing in recent times. That, however, is threatened by our Falwell friends and must be kept in mind.

A line from Shakespeare's Hamlet speaks best, "To thine own self be true." There is a tug in each of us... "Be true to self, to friends, to community". I don't see that as a challenge to flaunt ones self either. Having hidden ourselves so expertly we are at risk of vaulting ourselves to the other extreme. What's needed is being who you are. No need to carry a sign every day.

When you know who you are and accept yourself and move to make it a reality it always helps to have a network of friends. I know from my own experience that a network of friends helped me through some rough waters. I made it and so can you! What will you do with me? Be me!

Paul W. Reigle for  
Counseling Concepts, Tucson.

their closing encore.

"IF" in their two set performance prescribed a unique and innovative new sound carried by its soaring instrumental arrangements so varied and rich in texture their music defies any specific classification.

This quartet, made of three men and one woman, will appear in the BFR Little Theatre at the Fineline Friday, May 17 at 10:30 - 12:30 with more dates planned for June. Admission is \$2.00 per person. An "R" production.

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We acknowledge the following donations:

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A heartfelt thank you to all the contributors, the performers, make-up artist, technical assistants, and to the Graduate and its staff. Sincerely

David Grotto, Chairperson

Sisters of Soror (SOS)

DEAR EDITOR:

As part of the troupe from the Turnabout Show, I think some thanks, should be given by name to Penne and Alex, for their professional way of handling the benefit. And also, three cheers for Alex's masterworks at the sewing machine. Thanks

Juan Farmer aka Frances

DEAR OBSERVER:

You must be kidding with this paper of yours. I've been here in Phoenix almost a year now and whenever I pick up your (sic) publication I just cringe. So why, you ask do I keep reading it? I am hoping that it has improved with age. But...

I would think that you would be responsible (sic) enough to publish worthwhile stories and not something as trite as Christopher McPherson's (sic) articles (sic). This last issue is what really did it for me. For one, who care (sic) what Mr. McPherson did over Easter? With the amount of A.I.D.S. (sic) growing daily I think you should spend more time reporting on that subject.

And second, where the hell is the story on the front page, concerning a killing, continued. (sic) It says, continued on page three, but I was unable to find it. Perhaps you should stop taking after the government and start being responsible (sic) for what you publish. Sincerely

Craig Scop - Phoenix

ED NOTE: If you have only been in Phoenix a year, you probably would not know that, no, we are not kidding. We have been reporting to the Arizona Gay community since 1981 and consider responsible reporting takes up over three quarters of each and every week issue of our newspaper. The AIDS epidemic has taken far more prime print space than any other reporting (from Anita Bryant, Jerry Falwell, the federal, state and local politics to our own comedic essays on Gay life in Arizona).

Regarding the continued story on a very responsible piece of journalism, not carried in any other media in Phoenix or Tucson. The story was originally continued on page three but was forced out of position by a last-minute change. That particular issue of Observer was only eight pages long. You are the only person, so far, who was unable to find the continuation (which for your information was on page six). You might even be interested in reading the final chapter of that nasty little caper on page one of this issue, if you're still with us that is.

We realize we can't win 'em all, but read a little further, we don't lose 'em all either.

Good Day - I picked up your tabloid at a local pub and found it witty, entertaining and especially highly informative.

I don't frequent the bars much these days. Would you please let me know the current rate for a subscription.

Your newspaper is performing a vital and indispensable function in our society and I heartily support your continued success. Sincerely

Lin Falstaff - Tucson

ED NOTE: I am sorry to report that we are unable to handle subscriptions at the moment. We realize that this is an inconvenience for many of our readers who do not get out and about much. The cost of postage, as well as the handling from our already overworked staff of two, make subscriptions too costly and time consuming for the present. Observer is available at all Tucson bars and bookstores as well as Books Brothers and Antigone Books. We thank you for your interest and kind words of encouragement. These are really appreciated, and we must admit, with some boasting, our love mail far exceeds our hate mail. Thanks again.

Fundraising events to pay for the costs of Pride Week will begin this Sunday, May 19, with Softball Sunday at Ft. Lowell Park. The Joshua Tree Pussycats will play Saddle Tramps at 12 noon on field number five. A \$2.00 donation gets you all the draft beer you can drink. There will also be hot dogs and soft drinks for sale. Softball games are also scheduled for June 2 and June 16.

Also, this Sunday, May 19 TLGPC and Tramps are co-sponsoring an auction to raise money to keep "Arizona Gay" on the air. "Arizona Gay" is the only weekly scheduled television show about Gays on the air in the country. The show is totally funded by private donations. We must support "Arizona Gay" so that we can continue to have access through the media to educate and inform the heterosexual community about our lives. One of the most effective ways to combat discrimination is through open communication. "Arizona Gay" provides us with that forum.

The auction begins at 7:00 p.m.

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AIDS Forum May 23

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee will present a free forum on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 23. The forum will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street.

The Forum, entitled, "AIDS: An Update", will focus interpretations of the current situation for the Tucson Gay community by University of Arizona physicians who have an interest in AIDS or are treating AIDS patients.

Specific topics will include a definition of AIDS, local and national statistics, methods of risk reduction, and the significance of the HIV/HTLV blood test.

Everyone who is interested in finding more information on this dread disease, its effects on the Gay population and on the population in general, is encouraged to attend this significant forum held by the University of Arizona physicians who are the most well-informed people on this subject.

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10% HAVE LOST JOBS IN NEW JERSEY

Lobbyist for the issue last year, The Washington Blade reports the bill is given little chance of passing.

Other findings of the survey showed that 80 percent of the respondents hid their sexual orientation for fear of being fired or hurting their careers. One-fifth said they had problems getting housing, and 17 percent said they'd been physically attacked because of their homosexuality. Fewer than 20 percent of those attacked reported the incidents to authorities.



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**GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL** has over 80 resources for Gay men and Lesbians in Tucson. Call 792-3772

You are invited to join a discreet group of Gay men and women ages 24-40 who meet at each others homes in a relaxed, social environment for the purpose of sharing good conversation, pot-lucks, outings, etc., as an alternative to the bars. If interested, please write with means of contact to P.O. Box 11102, Tucson, AZ 85734.

**ROOMMATE REFERRAL OF TUCSON**. Men and women both welcome. NO FEE. Call Bill James 622-3808.

**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 GAY HELPLINE** - 742-7358 T-Squares, square dancing group meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Tramps.

**TUCSON YOUTH GROUP** meets every Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. at 580 S. Stone. All Lesbians and Gays under 22 invited 792-3772

### NOTICES

**TUCSON ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE HEALTH ASSOCIATION (TALHA)** Gay men's clinic. Located at 101 W. Irvington is open from 6 to 8 p.m. every Friday. A \$5.00 donation is requested. TALHA is in need of doctors and nurses to volunteer their services.

**TUCSON LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE COMMITTEE (TLGPC)** meets every second Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Fineline. Everyone welcome.

**GAY OR LESBIAN???** AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?? Call A.A. 624-4183. 24-Hour Hotline, for information on Gay and Lesbian meetings.

**SOURCES UNLIMITED** Are you a Lesbian or Gay organization or club? Perhaps you're a business in the community? Here is your chance to promote yourself by letting the community know who you are. Women's and Men's resources too. No Charge! 888-7445 Tucson.

**THE ARIZONA LESBIAN AND GAY TASK FORCE**, your organization aimed at furthering human rights, education and networking with other national and local organizations, invites you to participate. Come and attend our meetings and input your ideas. Visitors and new members always welcome. Meetings: Every Monday. Membership: \$10 per year. Contact: Lesbian/Gay Community Switchboard (7 p.m. - 11 p.m.) 234-2752 or write P.O. Box 1403, Tempe, AZ 85281.

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# GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

(SATURDAY, JUNE 28)



Daddy David and Jimbo raised nearly \$100 for AIDS in a couple of hours Saturday morning while serving champagne.



The Country Cloggers from Charlie's in Phoenix came down to perform on Sunday and the crowd loved them.



We don't know why we had to use two photos of the male strippers, perhaps you do.

## A View From Within

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

### WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR, OR, WHEN FANTASIES COME TRUE...

"(I saw this falling star a little club recently, and I casually told my friend that this cute guy was the one I made the required wish, which has would want to "have my children..." nothing to do with this week's column. figured with his hot look and my It is a link though....)

intelligence, our kids would be invincible.

In 1983, my first fantasy affair happened. His name was Robert R. I will spare you the details -- Juicy and exciting though they may be. (You'll just had no desire to meet this man. have to read my biography for those details complete with a blow-by-blow -- as it were -- description). Let it suffice to say that it is difficult, if not impossible, to base a relationship on sex. There are the times when I feel an affectional need for a man, and other times when I feel a savage, animal lust for a man. Robert R. was an example of the latter. My two boyfriends were examples of the former.

I am rarely at a loss for words. I could only look at this beautiful young man and stammer. I seem to remember making some stupid comment about the weather, or insurance, or the situation in Cuba, or something. So, what does HE say? Well, it is not re-printable here (but will be found in my future biography) and I was non-plussed, flattered, shocked, and I asked him to repeat himself several times.

Several weeks ago, I was sitting with a friend of mine at my favorite dance club (which one is that?) Two young men came up to us, and said their hellos to my friend and the others with whom we were sitting, and then left. I asked my friend who one of them was because I had seen him before on many, many occasions and thought he was the most "sexually attractive man...." (The way he dances, the way he dresses, the cute way he smiles...) My friend was surprised.

After Robert R., I thought I would never again have a fantasy lover. Here, though, was the opportunity placed right in my lap. (No pun intended...)

All around me flashed the bright neon signs warning ONE NIGHT STAND!

CAUTION, PAIN AHEAD! I really did try to get out of it, (honestly, Mom).

I was scared, ("If something seems to

good to be true, it probably is.) THIS

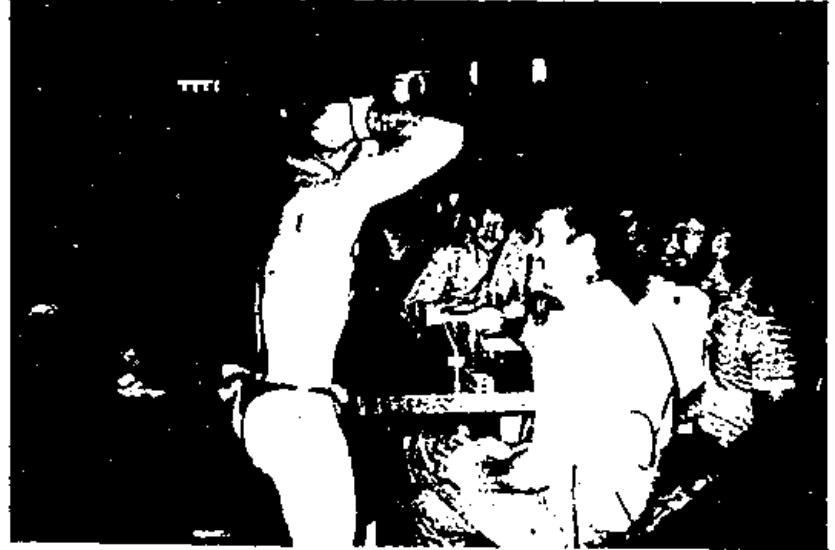
was too good to be true. So, I am

standing in this parking lot, under a waning moon, confronted with my own animal lust. What did I do? I said

I thought he was a snot with a bad attitude. This was not based on any fact, just conjecture.

I am tired of one-night stands and went to meet people with nice personalities, not-just nice bodies -- although a nice body is like icing on the cake. This case was JUST physical attraction. My libido was in control, not my heart, nor my mind. (It is like seeing a gorgeous man in an International Male catalog: real cute, but you really wouldn't want to have sex with him).

...Well, the sun came up before I went to bed. (Boy, the details HERE are juicy indeed!) I originally wrote this less than 24 hours after it happened. And I learned something. I was wrong about him. I thought he would be all attitude, conceit and ego, but he is a smart, sensitive, personable young man. And, although I know this whole incident was just sex between us (what a sin...), I know that he will make some lucky man very happy



The male strippers were quite a sight and obviously Mama Jesse love them.



The TAC team was at it again getting the decorations just right for this first anniversary at Tramps.