

## An Open Letter To The Lesbian And Gay Community Of Tucson From TAP

Since the recognition of AIDS as a threat to the public health in 1982, the Lesbian/Gay community of Tucson has donated generously of its talents and money for AIDS research and for direct support of people with AIDS. Some of this money was sent to the Arizona AIDS Fund Trust (AAFT) in Phoenix who has reported its accounting of funds received and disbursed regularly in the Observer and the Western Express. Some members of the Tucson community, however, have inquired about the amount of funds received by AAFT from Tucson and the amount returned to Tucson for people with AIDS (PWAs) or for support of

AIDS-related programs. AAFT treasurer, Michael Rose, has reviewed AAFT's books back to its inception in 1983 and submits the following figures for Tucson donations and expenses:

YEAR	DONATIONS	DISBURSEMENTS
1983	\$2459.39	\$508.00 TALAH Clinic
1984	980.00	0.00
1985	\$2467.43	1514.97 PWAs & TAP Hotline
TOTAL	\$5943.02	\$2014.97

AAFT/Phoenix disbursements to PWAs in Tucson was interrupted in October 1985 when the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP), an affiliate of AAFT, began administering funds locally from a joint AAFT/TAP account. Monies received and disbursed by AAFT/TAP since then have been reported in the Observer, and will continue to be reported on a quarterly basis.

From 1983 through 1985, AAFT also donated \$12,000 to national foundations for AIDS research on behalf of Phoenix and Tucson, kept Tucson bars, the TALAH Clinic and

other distribution sites stocked with AIDS information brochures, and provided training manuals and videotapes to TAP.

On behalf of AAFT and TAP, I thank you for your continuing support, generosity and assistance for our programs for PWAs, their families and loved ones, and others impacted by the AIDS crisis. Your interest is greatly appreciated.

Robert E. Henry, M.D., Tucson  
Director, Tucson AIDS Project,  
Board Member, Arizona AIDS Fund Trust



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### Observer benefit to feature dinner roast and show set for March 22

TUCSON - Plans are moving swiftly forward on what promises to be a very interesting, fun-filled evening as a benefit to Tucson's community newspaper, OBSERVER. The Copperstate Leathermen/Tucson Command are producing beginning part of the evening's festivities with the Sisters of Sonora (SOS) sponsoring the latter part.

The big evening has been planned for Saturday, March 22. It will be held at Sir George's Royal Buffet on Miracle Mile at Grant. The evening's schedule begins with cocktails from 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served from 7:00 until 8:30. From 8:30 until 9:15 several members of the community will attempt a devilish roast of OBSERVER editor Bob Ellis. All activities through the Roast will be produced by Copperstate Leathermen/Tucson, but every other organization and club will participate in one way or another, as bartenders, waiters, etc. All Tucson Gay bars and businesses are being requested to participate in this benefit evening.

The SOS portion begins at 9:15 with a show that will feature almost every local talent in Tucson and will be hosted by Miss Aviva Diamond. A complete list of performers will be announced next week.

For those wishing to partake in the entire evening's activities, dinner, roast and show, tickets will be available at several locations and may be purchased for \$11.00 which includes everything except drinks.

Cocktails will be available throughout the evening and all will be priced at \$1.00 each.

If you are not interested in the dinner or roast, you may still come and participate in the benefit by coming by attending the show from 9:15 until 10:30 for \$1.00 donation and still be able to get your cocktails at the 'bargain' prices.

Dinner will consist of six different entrees and the show will probably feature some dozen or so performers. The 'roast' will undoubtedly produce plenty of laughs and there are also a couple of awards to be presented as well.

This is an excellent opportunity to come and show support for your local community newspaper and enjoy a different type outing on a Saturday night. Everything has been scheduled to get you back to your favorite Saturday night haunt in plenty of time for dancing and carrying on.

Seating is available for just about 200 persons, so it is recommended that tickets be purchased as soon as possible to ensure good seats for all the scheduled events.

There are more surprises and events planned for the evening and these will be announced as they are lined up. All in all it promises to be a great evening and it is hoped that everyone will have a good time while supporting the OBSERVER.

### NGRA challenges insurance discrimination

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The National Gay Rights Advocates filed a formal complaint on Feb. 14 with the California Department of Insurance challenging the discriminatory underwriting practices of a major national insurer. The company, Munich American Reassurance Company, recently issued guidelines intended to weed out Gay men who apply for life insurance. People are considered "high risk" if they are single and between 20-50 years old, a resident of certain cities known to have large Gay populations, if they have an "illicit lifestyle", or if they name anyone other than a spouse or child as beneficiary.

Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project, criticized Munich American's policy as a "mean-spirited, stereotypical and unlawful attack on the ability of the entire Gay and Lesbian community to obtain life insurance." He attacked the guidelines as medically unsound, and characterized them as "a gross overreaction to the AIDS epidemic."

"We must not and will not allow the insurance industry -- or anyone else -- to scapegoat the Gay and Lesbian community in response to the AIDS crisis," declared Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director. "It is time for the insurance industry to start solving the problem and stop making it worse," she added.

NGRA also filed a complaint last December on behalf of Alex Braxendahl, an unmarried hairdresser whose health insurance with Creative Health Programs was cut off after three years. The company had asked him to apply for one of their less expensive policies after raising his rates, but then turned him down for "medical reasons" in spite of his excellent health record. NGRA demanded that the Department of Insurance investigate the case.

### Reagan seeks \$50 million AIDS cut

by Gordon Gottlieb  
WASHINGTON, DC (CCN) - Five months after he called AIDS research "one of the (administration's) top priorities," President Ronald Reagan has asked Congress to cut approximately \$50 million in already-appropriated funds for AIDS-related research, testing and direct services. AIDS activists here are optimistic that support for AIDS funding on Capitol Hill will prevent major cuts from being enacted.

Only 20 percent of the requested cut stems from compliance with the Gramm-Rudman Act of 1985, which mandates automatic spending cuts to achieve a reduced deficit. The bulk of the cuts - \$41 million - represent reductions, administration-recommended cuts in particular programs. The four AIDS programs eyed for reduced funding are: (1) Demonstration Health Program (\$15 million), (2) Alternative Testing Sites (\$10 million), (3) National Institutes of Health research (\$14 million), (4) Public Health Service Hotline (\$2 million).

If the Reagan proposals are enacted, the impact of Gramm-Rudman would be felt most severely during Fiscal Year 1988 through 1991, when appropriations would be frozen at \$213 million each year, regardless of changing needs.

"We're confident we can restore all the reductions for 1988," maintains Jeff Levi, who monitors congressional action for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "Our goal is to go into the Gramm-Rudman process with as high (an appropriation) base as possible. We hope there will be more than \$244 million in FY 1987. We still need to make so much progress in research. Basic research remains our highest priority."

Levi said the effort to maintain  
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### \$5 million Gay class action suit begins

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - A San Francisco Superior Court Judge ruled that a lawsuit filed against Pacific Bell by Lesbians and Gay men would proceed to trial on Feb. 18 as a class action. The case, originally known as "Gay Law Students v. Pacific Telephone & Telegraph", was filed in June, 1975 by rejected applicants and employees of the phone company by two Gay organizations. The plaintiffs are being represented by the San Francisco law office of Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe and National Gay Rights Advocates, a public interest law firm.

Charles N. Freiberg, a partner with Heller, Ehrman, hailed the court's ruling as "a major step forward in this years-long battle against discrimination by California's third largest employer. Certification of the suit as a class action has greatly enhanced our position going into trial."

The ruling came on the heels of new evidence uncovered just recently. Pacific Bell and its lawyers had concealed this incriminating evidence for years, waiting to turn it over until just days before trial.

One such document shows that Pacific Bell had a written policy in the 1970's, approved by its highest level management, forbidding the employment of "manifest homosexuals." In another long-hidden document, an interviewer's notes show that Gay job

applicants were labelled "CODE 48 - HOMOSEXUAL," and rejected without further consideration. The interviewer wrote that she and her supervisor explained to the applicant "the company's policy of not hiring homosexuals knowingly." Although Pacific Bell "cleaned up" its written policy after 1979, plaintiffs intend to prove at trial that discriminating practices still exist.

Vowing not to allow this type of bias, Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said, "We are putting employers on notice in this state. If they discriminate against Lesbians and Gay men or other minorities, it's going to hurt them on the bottom line." Graff estimated that the claims against Pacific Bell will far exceed \$5 million.

When the suit was first filed, the plaintiffs alleged that Pacific Bell had a written policy prohibiting the hiring of Gay men and women. Pacific argued, all the way to the California Supreme Court, that they had no such policy, but in any event the law did not prevent them from discriminating.

They lost. In a landmark decision, the Court held in 1979 that no employer in California could discriminate against openly Gay people in employment opportunities.

### Gay Games lose 'Olympic' case again, claim victory on attorneys' fees

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - San Francisco Arts & Athletics (SFASA), sponsors of Gay Games I and II, claimed a first victory in the so-called Gay 'Olympic' Games case and say they will petition for review of the ruling by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals that they cannot use the word 'Olympic'.

"Even though we have lost again in our fight to use the name 'Olympic', we finally won one in that Gay Games II will go forward without the immediate threat of having to pay \$100,000 in attorneys' fees to the United States Olympic Committee," said Shawn P. Kelly, Executive Director for SFASA.

Tom Waddell, M.D., founder of Gay Games I and current president of the

Board of Directors, expressed his disappointment over the ruling on the name 'Olympic' in the four-year old case, but called the reversal of the attorneys' fees award a "vindication and a victory."

Gay Games II, an international festival of sports and cultural events for women and men, will take place August 9 - 17 of this year in San Francisco. Organizers expect to host 5,000 women and men from all around the world for the nine-day festival.

"This is the first time that our arguments have won significant favor in the courts," said Kelly. "This ruling ensures that Gay Games II will not only take place but should be unaffected by the cloud that USOC's actions have put over our activities."

# BRIEF

## LOCAL TENNIS PLAYERS SOUGHT FOR GAY GAMES II

TUCSON - Practice will begin on March 8 for tennis players who are interested in competing in Gay Games II in San Francisco in August. All tennis players are encouraged to try out for this big sporting event and Tucson should be represented by its finest. Interested parties should call and leave a message at 749-2023 between noon and 10 p.m. Registration deadline is the end of March. Be proud and represent our community in the '86 Olympics.

## T-SQUARES FIRST GRADUATION PARTY

TUCSON - The beginner's class of the T-Squares, Tucson's Square Dancing Team, will be held on Saturday, March 8 at It's 'Bout Time. There will be a party beginning at 4:00 p.m. and lasts until 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to come and join the T-Squares for fun, dancing and the graduation of their beginner's class. Food will be served.

Out-of-towners who need housing should contact Maxine at 747-2875 or Tommy at 323-3527.

## METAPHYSICAL COURSE ON SEXUAL REALITY POSTPONED

TUCSON - The two-day course, "Sexual Reality and the Path to Enlightenment," originally scheduled for March 1 and 2 (OBSERVER, Feb. 12) has been postponed and plans are that it will be rescheduled for sometime in April or May. The date for the rescheduled course by Peter Brandlen, renowned clairaudient who channels Zeroaster - an "energy from another plane", will be announced. The specifics will depend on available bookings at local facilities and Brandlen's schedule.

The only reason for postponement was the cancellation at Tucson National Resort and Spa. Interest in the two-day course has been growing steadily and the rescheduled date should be an even bigger event than the one previously planned for March according to Brandlen.

## CISSY GOLDBERG IN TUCSON APPEARANCE

TUCSON - The inimitable Cissy Goldberg will make a 'one show only' appearance this Sunday, March 2, at Rumor Hazzit. Showtime is 9:30 p.m. and reservations are high recommended as seating is limited.

Goldberg is one of the most hilarious entertainers to grace the Gay theatre circuit of Arizona. Phoenix-based, Goldberg makes about two appearances in Tucson a year. If you haven't had the opportunity to laugh with this performer, make sure you don't miss the opportunity this Sunday.

## VOLLEYBALL SEASON OPENING POSTPONED

TUCSON - The volleyball court at Joshua Tree/Back Pocket has just recently been completed sodded with grass. To give the grass a chance to 'take hold' it is necessary to postpone any play on the court for the next two weekends. Teams will play at an alternative site before returning to JT/BP. Check with your team captain for location.



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## In Memoriam



PHOENIX - The entire Arizona Gay community was saddened to learn of the death of Phil Umsted last Wednesday, Feb. 19. Affectionately known as "Pooh Bear" to his many, many friends, Phil was very active in the Arizona Rangers Motorcycle Club and previously was an officer and member of the Sons of Apollo for many years. An accomplished musician, Umsted, 51, played for many functions and events. He played regularly at the Sportsman's for awhile, and held forth more recently on many Monday Morning Madnasses at the 307 club.

A retired Air Force veteran of 20 years, Umsted was born in Florida. He unselfishly volunteered his time to play and sing, entertaining residents in several nursing homes in the Phoenix area. It was on one of these visits that he was struck with a massive heart attack and died.

There will be a noticeable vacant spot on the Phoenix entertainment scene with the loss of "Pooh Bear". Our condolences to his long-term lover Brig. Memorial services are pending.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A Phoenix bartender was very recently fined \$1,000 for drinking behind a bar. . .

You may not always be doing your bartender a favor by buying him a drink while on duty. . .

## TOP 5 RECORDS

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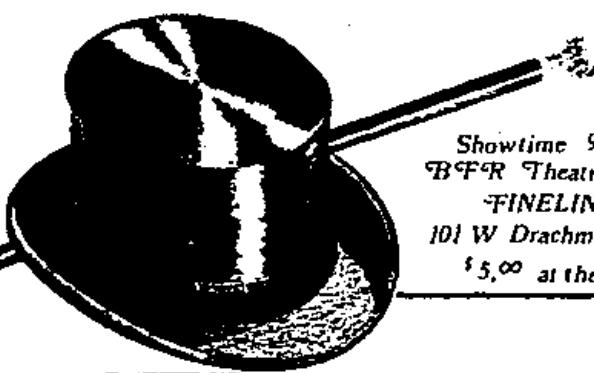
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## Legislature tackling high insurance rates for liquor retailers

TUCSON - In case you hadn't noticed, you are paying more for your drinks at your favorite watering hole these days and it doesn't mean the owners are taking bigger deposits to the bank. No, the extra money is being paid to a few in the insurance industry who are in the unique position to charge whatever the traffic will bear to provide insurance to a bar which would protect them against lawsuits from individuals injured by an intoxicated driver who had been drinking at the establishment.

The so-called dram shop law states that someone can be sued if it could have reasonably been foreseen that serving liquor could have caused an accident. This allows that persons injured can sue not only the drunken driver but also to sue the person who served the liquor and it also allowed similar lawsuits by the person who was intoxicated.

Recently about 400 New Hampshire bar and restaurant owners staged an "unhappy hour", charging \$14 for a beer and \$32 for a martini. They were trying to dramatize and gather support against the skyrocketing increases in premiums for liability insurance in New Hampshire. Rates have soared nationally because of increased litigation and jury awards in liability cases. Some bars in Tucson are paying as high as \$2,000 per month in liability insurance premiums alone.

By a 7-2 vote, the Senate Judiciary Committee of the Arizona State Legislature voted to make it harder to sue bars, restaurants and liquor stores for damages caused by drunken drivers. But the Committee refused to recommend that the full Senate approve it. The measure was passed on Wednesday, Feb. 19. If they want to sue the retailer, the bill would require victims injured by a drunken driver to prove that the driver was "obviously grossly intoxicated" when served by the retailer.

Retailers will have an incentive

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this high funding level for AIDS programs is realistic given its strong support in Congress. "There is no desire in the House by the Republicans or the Democrats to reduce appropriations.... Even the right-wing homophobes are not a problem in the funding process." Despite the lack of an organized opposition, however, Levi speculates that, as a result of the cumbersome budget process, a final decision before summer is unlikely.

The same day Reagan presented his budget to Congress, he called on U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop to undertake "a major report to the American people" on AIDS. The report is to be presented in three months.

According to Paul Boneberg, coordinator of the National Mobilization Against AIDS, the intent of the Koop report may be to minimize the impact of an independent report on AIDS to be released later in the year by the National Academy of Science's National Institute of Medicine. Boneberg said Koop, who has no familiarity with AIDS, could be expected to produce "an apologist's report," which would, among other things, encourage more HTLV-III testing.

to keep patrons sober even if they can't be sued civilly because "it is still against the criminal law to serve an intoxicated individual," said Don Isaacson, a liquor industry lobbyist. "We can still lose our license, our business."

In addition to the tougher standard of proof, the bill would stop riders who knew of a drunk condition from recovering damages from a retailer and would limit a retailer's liability to that percentage of the accident for which the court assigned it responsibility.

Lawyer and lobbyist for Mother's Against Drunk Driving, Stanley Marks, said the state liquor enforcement agents did not have the staff to police all of Arizona's establishments and said civil liability was an effective deterrent. He said that the Court decisions have forced the liquor industry to be more careful in serving drinks to someone who may be intoxicated and thus he said there have been fewer drunk drivers on the road.

But Sen. Hal Runyon, R-Litchfield Park, said he thought the biggest deterrent has been stiffer penalties for violating the state's drunken-driving laws.

The bill would allow easier suits in cases where the drinker was under 18, but does not address the case when the drinker is 19 to 21. The legal drinking age in Arizona is 21 in most cases.

The bill, SB 1142, sponsored by Sen. Luis Gonzales, D-Tucson, was sent to the Senate without a recommendation as to its fate. Most bills approved by Committee are sent with a "do-pass" recommendation, but lawmakers said they would rather not commit themselves on SB 1142 because the bill needed work on such things as the minors' clause.

## 'Boy Meets Boy' next for JANUS

PHOENIX - JANUS Theatre Company presents "Boy Meets Boy", a 1930's style musical comedy written by Bill Solly and Donald Ward, directed by Eric Faulhaber, opening on March 14.

The setting is 1936 London when King Edward abdicated his throne for "the woman he loved". On that same day, a wonder-filled world which had still not coined the words 'Gay' and 'Straight', the only social event of the season is the forthcoming marriage of a predatory American millionaire Clarence Cutler to mousey British aristocrat Guy Rose. However, the wedding never does go off quite as planned. He falls in love with him, while the other one takes off with him, and they all end up over there, of all places. It's a fun, rollicking musical where love triumphs in the end.

"Boy Meets Boy" plays evenings at 8 p.m., March 14, 15, 21, 22, 27, 29 and 29, with a matinee Sunday, March 23. All performances are in the Phoenix Arts Council Building, 302 West Latham, just north of Roosevelt on Third Avenue.

Tickets may be purchased for \$5., general admission, \$5 for seniors and students with ID, and are available at Humanspace Books, Inc., 2401 N. 32nd Street (956-6336) and FirstTravel Ltd, 5150 N. 7th Street (265-0866).



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## Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance

by Jack Stockslager

The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance was asked to send a representative to speak to the Tucson Broadcasters Association at their Awareness Session on Feb. 19. The particular question presented was, what does your particular organization consider to be the problems facing our community at this time. This was the first time a Lesbian and Gay organization had been invited to share our views and concerns. It is very encouraging to finally be recognized as a minority that has something to say, needs to express and someone to listen, concerning the future of our community as whole. The following is what was said.

"Our needs as a minority are basically the same as in the general population, and they are: We desire to feel safe in our homes and in our community, to be healthy, to be gainfully employed, to be able to move about freely in the community as ourselves, to be considered as worthwhile people with much to contribute to the community, to be able to pursue a career of our choice through education and to be able to pursue a romantic and loving relationship with a mate of our choice.

"To achieve any of those needs, most of us must hide and act as if we are someone we are not. We can only share our true selves in secrecy. We are considered illegal, ungodly and a health risk to be around.

"The problem is that as we go about attempting to meet our needs, we face a higher degree of very real and deadly risks and many that are a direct result of the oppression within this community. We are at a much greater risk, that the general population, in our homes, on the streets and in our social gathering places because of the fear in this community of our sexual preference. Four Gay men were murdered in Tucson in October of 1984, two were in their home. Physical and sexual assaults on Lesbians and Gays are a common occurrence. We are easy victims because most of us are afraid to report the crimes due to the risk of our sexual preference becoming public knowledge.

"AIDS, the disease, is killing more and more of us everyday. Sex for us can be and is deadly. Not only has this disease caused us to fear for our lives, but has also increased the Moral Majority and others so inclined to say that we are now getting God's wrath. There is talk about quarantining us, and firing us from jobs when employers become suspicious of our sexual preference. Gay men have had health insurance policies cancelled or have been turned down

when applying for new policies. Most of the money and work for education about the disease, and money paid directly to people with AIDS has come from the Lesbian and Gay communities, Tucson included.

"We are blamed for the spread of the disease to the heterosexual population. Some of the Arizona legislature would like to make it illegal for any of us to give blood. While at the same time Big Brothers/Big Sisters ask us at our bowling leagues to raise money for them just as an article in the Tucson Citizen says, "Big Brothers Has No Room For Gays." Most everyone else is free and encouraged to contribute to the charity of their choice through payroll deductions at their place of employment. There is only one employer in the state of Arizona that has listed a charitable Lesbian and Gay organization for its employees to contribute to and that is the Arizona Daily Star.

"Our relationships are not sanctioned legally or otherwise in this state, in fact if the relationship includes sexual behavior, it is illegal. Our spouse can't be considered our spouse when it comes to health coverage through our employment. We cannot even claim bereavement leave at work should our spouse die.

"Many of us live in fear for our lives in Tucson, Arizona. Thus we hide. We act as if we are someone else. We are good at passing. When we do relax and join together at our own social establishments we have to be fearful of being attacked in the parking lots or on the sidewalks as we walk to and from our cars.

"Yes, we face the same problems as any other minority only multiplied several times more. It is common for many minorities to put some other minority one rung of the status level below them. To the heterosexual world, whether one is a minority or not, as long as one is straight, homosexuals are on the bottom rung. Being Gay is the last thing a parent wants their child to tell them. Increased teenage runaways and suicides, drug abuse and alcoholism are the result. Most of us can't even go to our churches and be able to honestly seek help.

What are the solutions? Work to change the laws, increase financial support to PWAs, AIDS research and education. Allow employees to contribute at work through voluntary payroll deductions to Lesbian and Gay organizations if they wish. Work to portray a more complete, positive and honest Lesbian and Gay image in the media. We are not the child molesters nor the soldiers that make war.

## WHAT'S UP DOC?



WELCOME BACK HOME D. DOLLY

Sitting down at the Graduate after work to write this column may prove interesting. I see both Freddie and Nancy sitting here sipping the suds, Tommy getting his before work energy via bourbon, and behind the bar Bill N. Since writing the first word of this column, I've already been interrupted 3 times. Oh well, keep on trucking. Here comes Lindsey now.

Do you realize it is less than 30 days until a new Closet Ball Queen will be crowned? That's right, TQD's annual Closet Ball is being held March 15 at Rumor Hazzit. Now if we can only get some applications out so contestants can sign up. If by chance the applications are not in this issue of the paper, get on the phone and call Elmer at home and ask him to get one to you.

The following weekend, Saturday, March 22nd, Copperstate Leathermen will be holding an Observer Benefit. I was hoping to have more details on this by this edition but nothing yet. As soon as I can get the info to you I will. Sometimes information of this type gets turned into Bob after I've turned my column in so check the paper to see.

Last Sunday's TALL Dinner was well attended and as always the food was good. Let's hope they continue this monthly venture and serve some more of those very reasonable good meals.

This coming weekend is TQD, TALL and SOS clubs meeting time again. With a little luck I'll have a lot of good club news to pass on to you next week. With the warmer weather upon us, it's camp-out time. From past history, the TQD will probably be the

first on Mt. Lemmon, but this news has to come from their meeting Saturday.

Just a little early warning - the Second Annual "Mini Tacky Ball" is coming up again for the Graduate.

In the past, after each paper is in the bars and people check my TBBS' to see if I've caught them and discovering I haven't, not only have I been asked why their name hasn't appeared or what do I do with all the ones I do not publish. Well, I've got a stack of TBBS' at home on people I haven't mentioned before, plus some on some of those I have. I am planning on putting out one of those little French books, TBBS' published under cover, from the underground and etc. Watch out, I still need to fill 10 more pages.

TBBS: (of a little different type). "I never was known to do it normal.... I gave the bartender a BJ... I'm coming, I think.... My rope will not stretch that far...." (Back to normal) Candy - I want to go to the bookstore.... Bert - I'll meet you there at 8 and show you the ropes.... Sofonda says her cherry has never been broken, it's ceramic.... Tommy has a nickname beginning with "B" but I'm not allowed to say it on the threat of death.... RIP (Ron) (AGRA President/First Lady) was in town again this past weekend and still no T-shirt. Hi Dean, it was nice to see you.

I close this column on a sad note. A very close friend of mine and a lot of you out there, Phil, more known as "Pooh Bear", passed away. He will be missed very much and my personal condolences go out to Brig. Pooh Bear is now playing that golden pipe organ in heaven.



## Porn law struck down in Indianapolis

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - The Supreme Court derailed an "innovative" anti-pornography ordinance in Indianapolis, but leaders of the drive say at least they focused attention on the way sexually explicit material can lead to abuse of women. John Samples, a spokesman for Indianapolis Mayor William H. Hudnut, said the court defeat was not in vain.

"We were looking for new and innovative ways to fight pornography," he said. "And while this particular ordinance has apparently been struck down, it has helped focus attention on new ways of fighting pornography that will be of value in the future," Samples continued.

The Supreme Court, by a 6-3 vote, said Monday, Feb. 25, the ordinance that subjected distributors of sexually explicit materials to lawsuits, violates freedom of speech. The ordinance allowed women injured by someone who had seen or read the explicit material to sue the maker or seller of the pornography.

Indianapolis Councilwoman Beulah Coughenour said the ordinance was "a little like the Edsel - a little ahead of its time," referring to the car once made by the Ford Motor Co.

But Sheila Scuss Kennedy, a lawyer who challenged the ordinance on behalf of the American Booksellers Association, said the Supreme Court ruling was "wonderful. I am extremely pleased the Supreme Court agreed with the lower courts on this." The Association, comprising about 5,200 bookstore owners, filed a federal lawsuit against the Indianapolis regulation.

The local law defined pornography as a practice that discriminates against women by portraying them as sexual objects who enjoy pain or humiliation and presents them as sexual objects of violence. Proponents said "the record shows that the pornography industry... generates sex-based abuse."

The Supreme Court's ruling could short-circuit efforts elsewhere to pass similar ordinances. Indianapolis officials named Cambridge, Mass., Minneapolis and Los Angeles as communities that considered adopting

such laws.

The Federal trial judge and the 7th U.S. District Court of Appeals previously declared the Indianapolis ordinance unconstitutional.

## Developer says new AIDS test most accurate

SEATTLE, WA (AP) - A new AIDS antibody test has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration and is more accurate than any other test available, its developer says. Genetic Systems Corp., said its test detected the antibody in 100 percent of all AIDS patients tested in clinical studies.

The test also lowered false-positive results by up to 80 percent, wrongly reporting the antibody in only 0.2 percent of normal blood donors, the company said. "No other test on the market can make that statement," said Joseph Ashley, president of Genetic Systems.

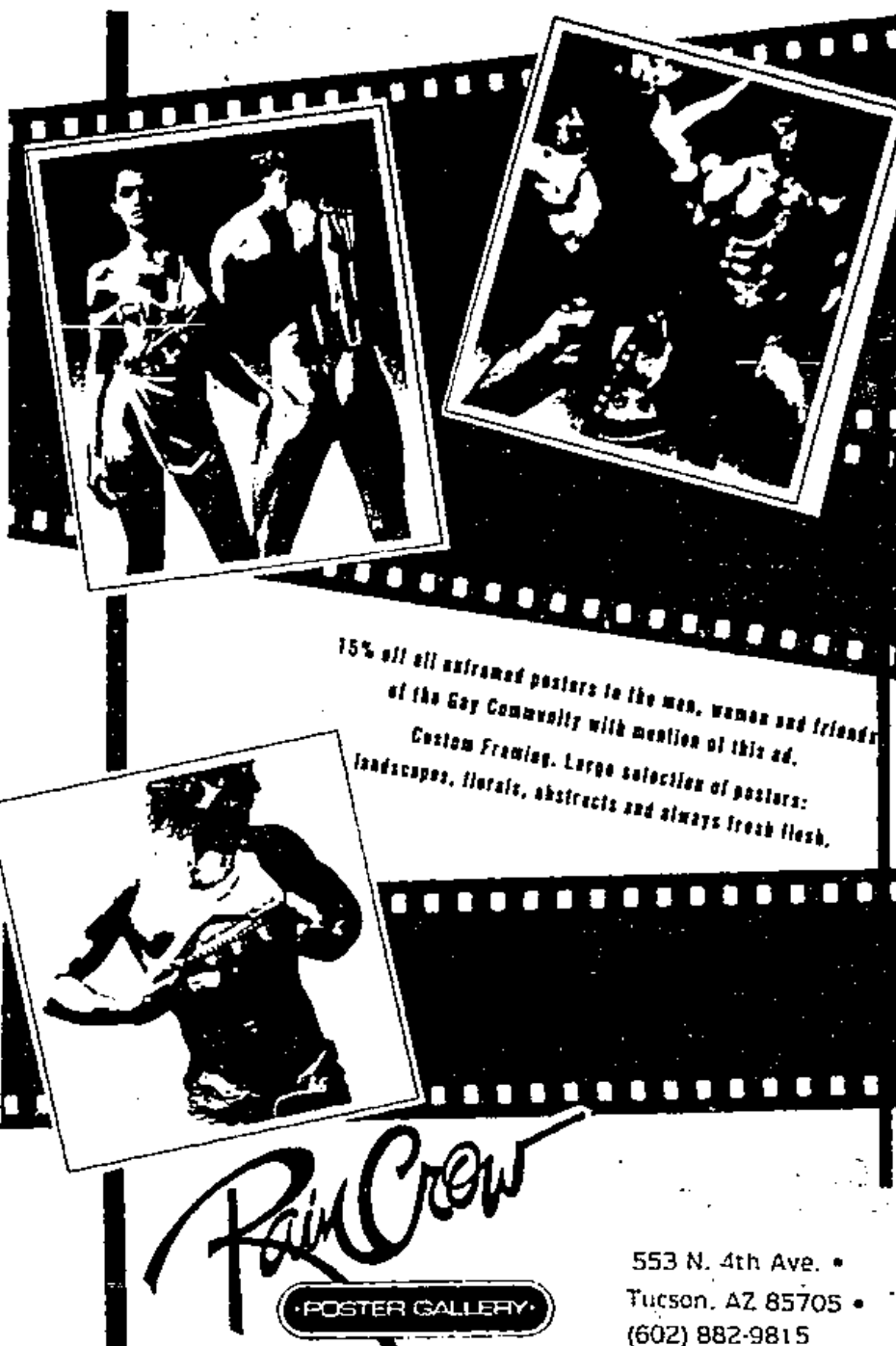
The FDA confirmed that the agency has approved the test, but said government officials would not characterize it as the most accurate. Seven other new tests for the antibody have been approved by the FDA, and many more applications are pending.

The company, a subsidiary of Bristol-Myers Co., developed the test through an exclusive agreement with the Pasteur Institute in Paris, Ashley said.

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome make the body's immune system unable to resist disease. As of Feb. 10, AIDS had struck 17,361 people in the United States and had killed 9,112.

The virus can be transmitted by sexual contact, the sharing of contaminated needles by intravenous drug abusers, transfusions of blood or blood products, or infection from mother to child before or around the time of birth.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 2

BACK POCKET - VOLLEYBALL SEASON HAS BEEN POSTPONED because of the planting of fresh grass on the court. Play will probably begin next Sunday. Watch for announcement.

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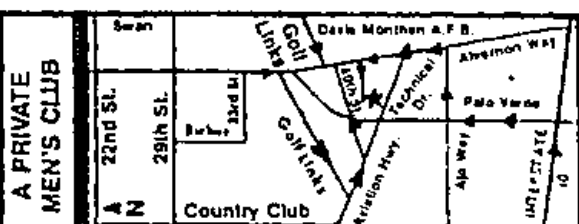
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## WEDNESDAY

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FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 7 p.m. GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing. IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11am to 6pm Well Bourbon \$1. Western Nite with "T" Squares from 7 to 8 pm. \$1.50 Well 6pm - 1am. Your Hostess Cheryl 6 pm to 1 am. Dance music 8 to 1 with Clint.

RITA'S - Longest cocktail hour in town 11 am to 7 pm featuring Well Scotch \$1 and Schnapps .75. "DINNER BUFFET NIGHT" 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. \$1.75. "Bowlers Special" - Special drink prices for bowlers in Rita's shirts.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Wednesday Beer Bust from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. "Dynasty" on life-size screen plus Drink Specials from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m.

## THURSDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Night \$1.25 domestic 9:00 - 1:00 a.m. Dave Pierson, DJ in J/T 9 to 1

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 7 p.m. GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11 am to 6 pm Well Rum \$1. From 6 pm to 1 am Long Necks \$1.00. Dance music from 8 pm to 1 am with Clint

RITA'S - Longest Cocktail Hour in town 11 am to 7 pm featuring Well Bourbon \$1, Schnapps .75. Hors d'oeuvres 5 to 7 pm. Well Vodka \$1.25; Schnapps .75 and Domestic Beer (non premium) \$1 from 7 pm to 1 am

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. Daily drink specials from open to 8 p.m. Country/Western Night with Long Neck Lone Star Beer .75.

## FRIDAY

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 7 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m. After Hours dancing until 4 a.m.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing. JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. disc jockey 9 to 1

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11am to 6pm Bloody Marys \$1. Dance music from 8 pm to 1 am with Clint. Well drinks \$1.50 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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## SATURDAY

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer \$1.00 (except premium). Drink specials until closing.

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 7 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m. After Hours dancing until 4 a.m.

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RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm until 1 a.m. Daily Drink Special Video dancing 9 p.m. until close.

## SUNDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beer Bust 4 to 6 p.m. .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4:00 to dusk \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's in J/T 9 to 1

FINELINE - Upstairs bar open from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Disco open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. \*\*\*

GRADUATE - Draft Beer .75 and drink specials until closing. IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 p.m. Draft Beer .75. Dance music 8 pm to 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Brunch 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. \$1.75. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.25 noon to 7 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm until 1 a.m. Drink Specials. Sunday Pool Tournaments 3-6 p.m. Video dancing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

## MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Bowlers Special" .75 well drinks for J/T bowling league bowlers. Dave Pierson DJ's.

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IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11am to 6pm Well Vodka \$1. From 6pm to 1am Well Drinks \$1.50. Dance music 8 pm to 1 am.

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RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. until 1 a.m. Daily drink specials open to 8 pm. Video dancing from 9 pm. until 1 am.

## TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 12 oz. cans of Miller, Miller Lite or Coors \$1.00; Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T 9 to 1

FINELINE - Upstairs bar open from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. GRADUATE - Bottle Beer \$1.00 (except premium) and drink specials until closing.

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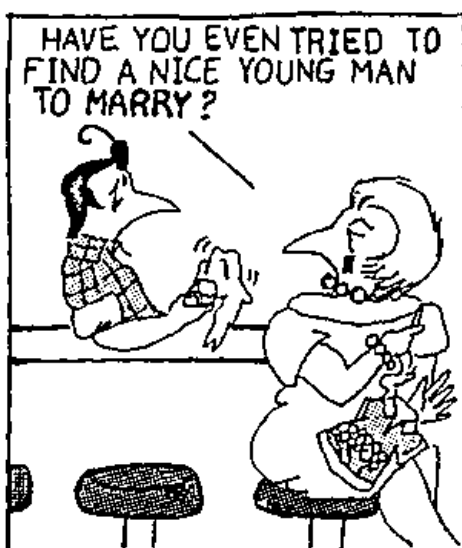
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A COMMENTARY BY  
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**"THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO FEAR IS FEAR ITSELF"**

Let me tell you something: The hardest part is being afraid. Afraid that people are going to find out the truth.... Once you stop being afraid, then you're free." -- Steven Carrington, DYNASTY. Feb. 12, 1986.

It is too often said that art imitates life. It is also said that the medium of television is about 20 years behind real life in its portrayals of people. All too often, scriptwriters are behind the times with their portrayals of women, blacks, the handicapped and yes, even homosexuals.

Often, in past column, I have praised the television show DYNASTY for its positive (to read accurate) image of homosexuality as seen in the character of Steven Carrington, and the other peripheral Gay characters. Once again, I must tip my hat to those persons involved.

To catch you up, Steven Carrington has become somewhat involved with a business adversary who, much to our surprise, may be Gay. (A recent interview with Jack Coleman - who plays the Gay character of Steven Carrington - on the recently sacked AMERICA, had the young actor complain that his character was going to fall for another man, yet again. Apparently, Mr. Coleman wishes his character to fall for a woman -- again.)

Not wanting to be pegged as a "Gay character actor" for the rest of his life, I can understand the actor's misgivings about the recent turn of events. However, he must see the social relevance of such a well-rounded character. (Not to be overlooked, is the fact that his character is Gay). When Steven confronted the closeted foe, he uttered the quote which opens the text of this column. (The title quote was from F.D.R.'s inauguration speech).

And how appropriate both quotes are. Before I "came out of the closet" (a term I detest), I lived with the constant fear that my

parents, friends, and co-workers would discover my "secret". But, after that fateful Sunday morning, I didn't give a damn who knew. I have long held a firm resentment against those people in society who forced me to live all those years afraid, and I wish they could be made to suffer the same feeling of despair and fear which I felt; for until you have suffered the fear, prejudice and discrimination which comes from something like this, you cannot understand.

But, too, I hold myself responsible for those years of fear. Had I the self-confidence, and the courage of my current convictions, then I would have taken a firm stand long ago.

Why did I not? Quite simply, I was leading my life for others. I was listening to those scurrilous people who said that I must follow certain rules, or be an outcast from society. For any teenager that would be a fate worse than death. How many of us do not feel that urge to "fit in"? And as a young man, those feelings would have been magnified ten-fold.

Instead, I have discovered the secret to the "fear hurdle": Find another niche in which to fit, instead of trying to rearrange our own selves to fit into a niche which is not for us. It may take some doing, and you will probably not succeed with your first efforts, but it will work. (Trust me).

Let me then close with another quote: "To thine own self be true/ And it must follow, as the night the day/ Thou cannot then be false to any man." -- Shakespeare, Hamlet, I, 3.

This week's PAT ON THE BACK AWARD goes to comedian Terry Sweeney of Saturday Night Live. During a recent interview on CBS's NIGHTWATCH, he was asked why his Press Release billed him as the "First Gay Comic". His reply, "Because I didn't want to have to keep answering those questions about why I wasn't married." Bravo.

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**Rita's Rendezvous Presents  
Tucson's MARCH Calendar Man**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Lunch Buffet Noon to 7:00 p.m. \$1.75	2 Sunday Brunch 12:30-3:00 p.m. \$1.75	3 Sunday Brunch 12:30-3:00 p.m. \$1.75	4 Sunday Brunch 12:30-3:00 p.m. \$1.75	5 Sunday Brunch 12:30-3:00 p.m. \$1.75	6 Sunday Brunch 12:30-3:00 p.m. \$1.75	7 Sunday Brunch 12:30-3:00 p.m. \$1.75
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