

Teatro Carmen to present live theatrical performance as TAP benefit

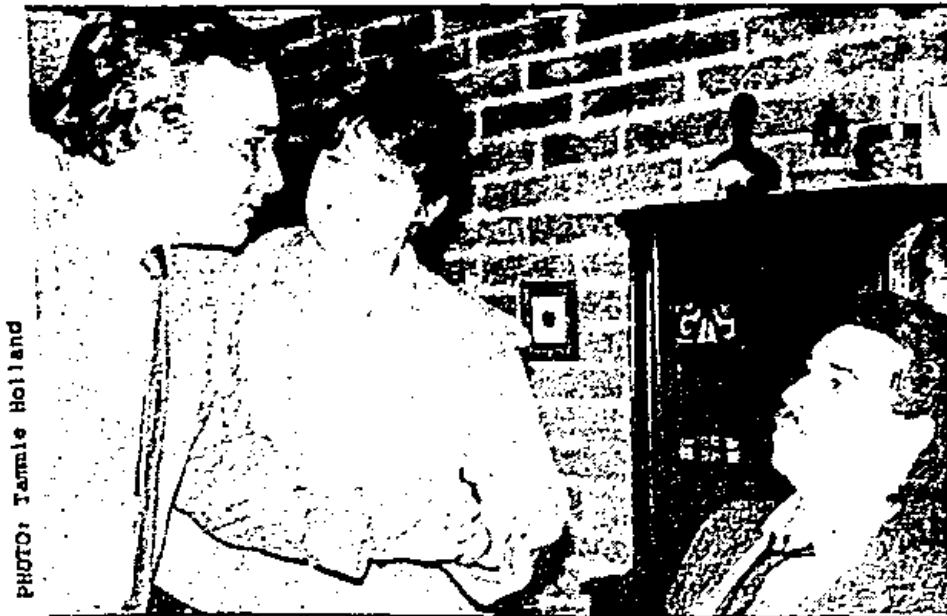


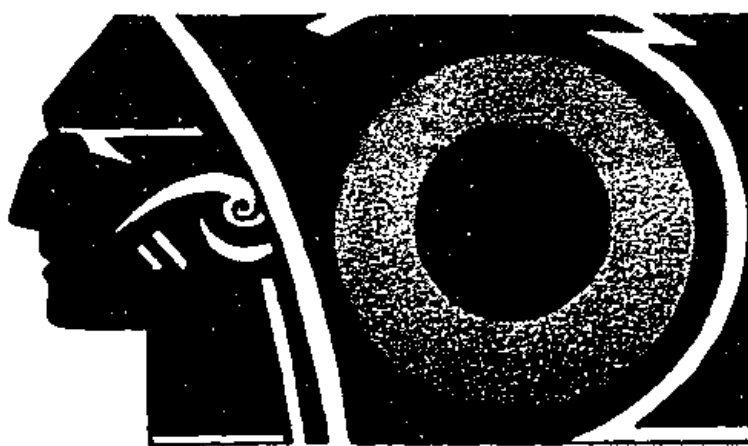
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TUCSON - Actors in the play "Reunion" to be presented at Cholla High School this Saturday as a benefit for the Tucson AIDS Project include (l to r) Arturo Martinez as Samuel Ramirez; Ana Estrada as Maria Ramirez; Tomas' Naran as Rick Ramirez.



Tomas' Naran as Rick of "Reunion". See accompanying (sitting) and Chip Howard as story. Rick's lover Danny Ross as they appear in the Teatro Production

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Biggest picnic ever gets Pride Week '86 off with a roar



TUCSON - Estimates varied but it was well over two thousand people who thronged to Himmel Park last Sunday, June 22, to kick off a week-long series of events scheduled to celebrate Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1986.

Estimates ranged as high as 2,500 people. Counting heads is always a difficult thing when so many people are gathered over several acres of rolling land, arriving and leaving at various times. There are some "barometers" that can be used: twenty-five kegs free of beer served by bartenders from the six bars were consumed in record time; 5 1/2 hours. Two thousand pounds of ice, nearly 50 cases of free soft drinks, over 200 hot dogs which were supplied free of charge after the beer ran out were eaten in record time. Sales were reported as "brick" in all the booths that were selling food and other items. Information booths were busy dispensing pamphlets.

The six local bars - Back Pocket/Joshua Trees; Pinehills; Graduate; It's 'Bout Time; Rita's Rendezvous and Rumor Hazelt donated the beer for this tenth annual Pride Week Picnic. In addition, Rita's Rendezvous supplied the free hot dogs to assure that there would be something solid in the stomach to soak up all that beer. There were a record number of booths

this year - thirteen.

Elsewhere you will find a number of photos taken during this afternoon of fun and frolic in the park. There were a lot of people who did not make it this year - but from photos, we feel sure that they will want to make plans to be there for the 1987 picnic. The weather, though hot, was not unbearable due to a nice breeze that kept things 'cool'.

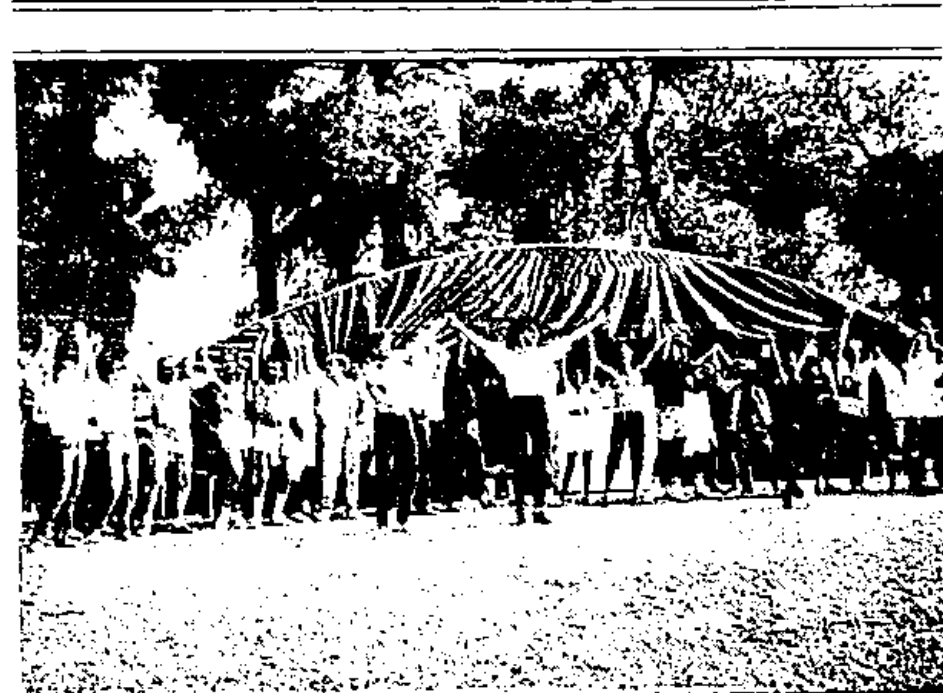
There were plenty of other activities beside drinking and conversing. The volleyball court was busy all afternoon as well as the dance "floor" with the great music supplied by Bobbie Bishop, Jr. of Joshua Tree.

At approximately 3:00 p.m., Jack Stockslager, Co-Chair of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance, producers of these events, called for a minute of silence in remembrance of members of our community who have been murdered, or died of other causes. The throng was then introduced to Mr. Richard Kimball, Democratic candidate for United States Senate from Arizona in the November elections. This again was a first for the Pride Week Picnic.

There was live musical entertainment as well as the traditional 'drag race' which is

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We are Family



UPDATE

CARD SHARKS CONTESTANT TICKET NUMBERS ANNOUNCED

TUCSON - At It's 'Bout Time on Thursday, June 26 another Pride Week '86 event takes place. The popular "Casino Night" will challenge the card players to win some excellent, healthy plants by trying to beat the dealer. Players will be given chips to play with. No money changes hands and the prizes will be 'priced' according to a number of chips. You can cash in at anytime if you win enough chips to 'purchase' a plant. It's fun and if you have the gambling spirit, get on down and play some cards with 'professional' dealers.

In addition, the popular game "Card Sharks" will take place also. During the past two weeks, members of the Gay Games II softball team have been taking surveys in the community. Results of that survey will be used to ask questions of contestants. Contestants have been chosen from those who purchased tickets to help the softball team get to San Francisco for Gay Games II. The ultimate winner of "Card Sharks" will win a cash prize, and it will be well worth the time and effort.

Eight ticket numbers were drawn with another eight as alternates in case one of the lucky number holders is not present in the audience. The first eight numbers are:
314825 - 314765 - 314775 - 314757
314716 - 314787 - 314810 - 0089450

The alternate ticket holders are:
314674 - 314685 - 314696 - 314770
314732 - 314695 - 314812 - 0089455

Lucky ticket holder are asked to be at It's 'Bout Time at 9:30 p.m. to get instructions. In case there are still some people who are not present with the lucky number, additional numbers will be drawn so be sure to hold on to your tickets. And good luck.

MANY ATTEND WORKSHOPS

TUCSON - The third event of a week-long series of happenings to celebrate Tucson's tenth annual Pride Week was held at the Fineline. There were two workshops, "Sex and Love Addiction", and "Gay & Lesbian Communication".

Approximately 40 persons attended these two highly informative workshops and if results could be measured by the number of complex and interesting questions thrown at the members of the panels from the audience, these two workshops were totally successful.

So successful were they, that it was decided to hold similar workshops on a monthly basis throughout the year. Additional information on the schedule and times will be forthcoming later.

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This Week's TV Programs

7:00 (2) THE LOVE BUTT (60 min.)
The Captain takes the Head Mermaid out for her 29th birthday and the Mermaid has a fabulous time... What she can remember. Captain: Thom McSmirnoff. Head Mermaid: Christi Luvshitz.

(7) THE GUILDED GIRLS - (60 min.)
Dorothy is invited out to a party and doesn't show up. One wonders who kept her from her appointed destiny. Dorothy: M.J. Gilmore

(69) FRONTLINE - (60 min.)
Hostess Jackie de Soy Sauce and the orchestra leader throw a party while ex-co-hostess Candi Plasti gets all wet. Don Hinkle Orch.

8:00 (2) KATIE AND AL - (60 min.)
Katie is back from vacation, so Al can't get into any trouble...at home. But on a certain Saturday night, out he decides to get a local entertainer into trouble by serving her a small birdbath full of vodka. Katie: Petra St. Pool. Al: Rodger Curtain

(7) MIAMI TWICE - (60 min.)
Crook and Stubbs join a bar-hopping party but crap out after two bars. Party poopers! Crook: Gary Stark. Stubbs: Bob Jealous.

(69) MOVIE - Comedy (2 hrs.)
"Who Was She?" A crazy blonde invades several bars on a Saturday night and starts to go crazy. Everyone has a good laugh and an impromptu show... But she had fun!

9:00 (2) DIE NASTY - (60 min.)
Alexi takes a friend out on a toot and the friend needs several days to sober up before she can thank her. Alexi: Davida Zircon.

(7) FAMILY TRIES - (60 min.)
Alex is tempted to find the cheapest 'hit man' in town. Several volunteers show up. Alex: Markie Ibt.

PHOENIX SOCCER TEAM CHALLENGES GAY GAMES II TUCSON SOFTBALL TEAM TO A MATCH THIS SUNDAY

TUCSON - The Phoenix 'Rage' the Gay Games II Soccer team representing Phoenix in the Gay Games II competition have challenged the Tucson Gay Games II Softball Team to a baseball game at Himmel Park this Sunday, June 29.

In addition, the Tucson team will play a second game with a team of Tucson All-Stars. In addition again, there will be an organized cheerleading group to whoop up the festivities as well as a couple of kegs of beer to be dispensed with and the proceeds going to help defray the costs of transportation and housing while the Tucson Gay Games II Softball team tries to garner a gold medal in San Francisco Gay Games II.

All in all it will be a fun afternoon of great softball, great camaraderie and friendship and a wonderful end to the Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1986. See you at Himmel Park beginning at 1:00 p.m. You won't have any trouble finding us, we're the noisy ones.

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BIGGEST PICNIC EVER GETS PRIDE WEEK '86 OFF WITH A ROAR

always a favorite. It was a day to get together on some common ground, and just enjoy each other - an enjoy they did. At the end of the afternoon as the last record began playing, "We Are The World" people began standing and holding hands and before the record was half over, there was at least one mile of people stretched out as far as the eye could see - all touching - all caring - all loving. It was one of those spontaneous moments that will be firmly implanted in one's memory. It was truly a day to be remembered.



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Teatro Chicano group to present Gay-themed play

TUCSON - Arizona's bilingual theatre company, Teatro Chicano will present a special benefit performance of Edgar Poma's play, "Reunion" at Cholla High School Auditorium on Saturday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m. This special performance will be a benefit for the Tucson AIDS Project and has been designated as an official event of the 1986 Lesbian and Gay Pride Week in Tucson. There are also performances on Thursday and Friday, June 26 and 27, but the Saturday performance is the one to benefit TAP.

"Reunion" is a dramatization of a Chicano family that must come to terms with their son's homosexuality. The basic story might sound familiar: two male lovers coming home to the family, then fireworks. But according to playwright Poma, "Not to my knowledge has the situation been placed in a Latino family context, and I wrote 'Reunion' with the feeling that a treatment of all the issues present in the play was long overdue."

"I will always be grateful for the enthusiastic direction of four 'veteranos del teatro': Carlos Morton produced the first 'Reunion' in 1980 at U.C. Berkeley; Rodrigo Reyes' Grupo Yerb Buena Productions staged 'Reunion' in 1981; Hank Tavera directed 'Reunion' in 1983 and now Enrique Gomez of Teatro Chicano is strongly guiding 'Reunion' in its first production outside the San Francisco Bay area. These individuals are responsible for having brought the Ramirez family and Danny Ross to life. Actually, I shouldn't split the entities; I think it's safe to say that Danny eventually becomes a respected member of the family."

"Two questions come up often," Poma continues. "If I'm Filipino, why did I write 'Reunion' with Latino characters? And is the play autobiographical? To answer the first question, I initially wrote 'Reunion' as a freshman in a Chicano Studies playwriting class at Berkeley and I made my characters Chicano, discovering in the process that my experiences as an Asian-American paralleled certain Latino cultural values, particularly in terms of the family network, Catholicism, and, in some instances, language."

"When I expanded 'Reunion', I kept the Latino family context of the original version intact. As for whether or not the play is autobiographical, I think a lot of my life is in the play, but more importantly, my ideals are there. Danny and Rick's strength, and their devotion to one another, regardless of the familial conflicts revolving around their sexuality is what love is all about. I think I'm closer to that ideal with my friend Rodney Wong, to whom I dedicate my future writing projects and my life," Poma concluded.

Mr. Poma will be in Tucson for the opening of 'Reunion'. He was born in Sacramento, Calif. in 1959 and is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, and a recipient of the Galbraith Prize for Poetry. He is currently a freelance writer and works full-time as a public relations assistant at Trans-Asia Corporation. He lives in San Francisco and is currently at work on a novel, "The Critic".

The cast includes, Albert Armenta as Marcos; Ana Estrada as Maria; Maria Felix as Diana; Chip Howard as Danny; Arturo Martinez as Samuel; Tomas Naran as Rick and Kim Rivera as Barbara. The full-length stage production is being directed by Enrique Gomez and Executive Producer is Silvana Wood.

Tickets to the Tucson AIDS Project Benefit Performance are \$4.00 in advance, \$5.00 at the door and \$2.00 for senior citizens and students. They may be purchased in advance at the TAP office, 80 West Cushing Street, at the door or call 323-4608 for other outlets.

Following the Saturday performance of 'Reunion', there will be a "Noche Amistad" (Friendship Night) dance, which will also be a benefit for the

Tucson AIDS Project.

Dance Under the Stars will begin at 10:00 p.m. and continue until 1:00 a.m. For admission to the dance, a \$5.00 donation is requested. If you attend the "Reunion" stage production, present your ticket stub and you can save \$2.00 off admission at the dance. Beer and wine is provided. The dance is being held at the Hayden Furniture Gallery, 1149 N. Main Street (one block north of Speedway).

NEWS FROM MCC/TUCSON

To begin Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Week, Pastor Dave had as the subject of his sermon last Sunday morning, "Yes, I'm One Of Those!" Also, during our morning service, Gregg was installed as our newest Deacon. Congratulations, Gregg. After Sunday morning services, MCC/Tucson had an information booth at Himmel Park for the afternoon. This column will leave the reports of this big event to the other reporters. Especially Doc, in his column "What's Up Doc?" - with all of his remarks, names and indiscretions.

During July, MCC/Tucson will have three special guest speakers. On July 13, at 10:00 a.m., Rev. Kay Palin will be our guest speaker, also on that same day, at 6:30 p.m. we will have Nita Terlisner-Wiley as our guest speaker. Then on Sunday, July 20th, at the 10:00 a.m. service, Rev. David Benzshawel will be our guest speaker. Watch this column for more details as these dates approach.

It is with regret and sadness that we learned of the death of Doc's mother this past week. Our prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow, Doc. If MCC/Tucson can help in any way, we are here.

On June 29th, our Sunday morning service will be our celebration of "Independence Sunday". This is the Sunday prior to the 4th of July celebration of our National Independence Day. Pastor Dave will have a special message and the Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated also.

Remember, July 6th, our Morning Worship Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. instead of 10:45 a.m. Join us just forty-five minutes earlier for our morning services beginning July 6th.

Thought for the Week: A Rolls-Royce can't be that good of a car, otherwise, you would be seeing a lot more people driving them.

Dear Blabby

Unfortunately, instead of getting to this week's correspondence, I must (once again) defend my column against the slings and arrows of outrageous ignorance. Far be it from me to beat a very, very tired, dead horse... but if need be, so be it. For those of you who missed it, last week's Observer ran a letter from Mr. Dale A. McKissack accusing my column of, I quote taking "broad swipes" at a "leatherman's association. That letter is what I am addressing at present.

Broad Swipes??? OK, let's talk broad swipes. "gossip column"? "irresponsible Journalism"? "purported authors"? "the full fabric of one hand rather than several"? Enough broad swipes for me, thank you.

Now let's get to the facts. On April 26th, I was hand delivered a letter from a fellow performer (I have witnesses) regarding a favor that was denied him for questionable reasons. I printed the letter with my answer to it and I haven't heard the end of it yet. On May 20th, The Observer received a mailed letter to me from (I would guess) a club member who, for some reason, seemed to think they knew who

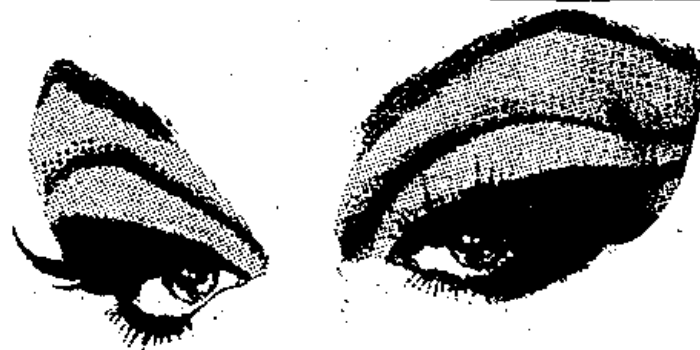
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ARTHUR LE BLANC, COOKING

Cooking is a subject that has been beat to death by many inane writers, TV personalities (don't you remember that wonderful series "Dinnering With the Stars"?), football players and what have you. Not to be outdone, I shall throw in my nickel's worth. My experience with cooking is a broad and eclectic one: It started with fric' bolognese every Sunday afternoon as a child, progressed through cafeteria cooking in college (I could actually crack 60 dozen eggs in 1/2-hour - one egg in each hand at all times), and culminated in a brilliant 6-month career as a Pizza Hut assistant manager. Along the way I worked at the UA Student Union and was the night taco guy at a Jack in the Box. Rarely can someone bring such a varied background to the subject of cooking as I can.

Several general no-no's for good cooking:

1) Don't cook after drinking too much; or, more particularly, don't use large knives. John and I dropped a cleaver between our here feet one memorable evening and have been ever so much more cautious since. There is also the likelihood of docking a finger or two.

2) Don't cook in a bathrobe. It will wreck the tan on your arm when it goes up in flames as you reach over the front burner to stir something on the back one.

3) Don't follow recipes too slavishly - consider them a guide; maybe the first time to see if it works, but after that, be creative. Hell, you probably know more than some jerk that writes cookbooks for a living. I am particularly proud of my tuna-noodle casserole a la Mexicana - cheaply inventive with the addition of chiles and goat cheese. Or perhaps the very successful Bisquit chile rellano would appeal to your taste (you can pull the chiles out of the leftovers - typically, quite a

few - and serve with syrup as pancakes!). Creativity is also helpful if you find that you forgot some exotic ingredient and must use something immediately at hand. That vinaigrette tastes so much livelier prepared with rice wine vinegar! And for the strong of heart (and stomach), you can always substitute cilantro for parsley. On the negative side, I have discovered that popcorn will not pop in either olive oil or margarine (unless you like it black).

Several do's for the kitchen say be helpful at this point.

1) Cheat whenever possible. Hell, I always buy the frozen Tater Tots and just tell people I made them myself. You can buy the frozen hamburgers they have in the store (the ones that are about 1/4" thick), thaw them, squish two together, embed a few onion bits in the exterior, and voila, a lovely homemade (parta is parta) hamburger.

2) Do drink guests up before dinner (we mentioned this in last week's article). If they have enough wine and cocktails before they get to eat, they'll think the biscuits required a lot more work than finding a spoon to open the can. Also lots of appetizers help (Fed's Country Store sells wonderful pate that you could reasonably claim as your own.).

3) Do be open minded at all times. So what if the food looks awful when its done or tastes worse, you eat three times a day - there's plenty of time to work out the little kinks.

4) Do get plenty of labor saving devices (and I don't mean a lover who cooks). You can make soup out of anything with a blender.

Goah, I smell something burning, gotta run. See you next week.

Arthur Le Blanc

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WHAT'S UP DOC?

When you have to get a column in at the beginning of the week, all of your news, or most of it, is past history. By the time you read this, half of the activities for Gay Pride Week will be over. Of course there's still the Casino Night at 187's on Thursday evening plus more. Check the schedules hanging in all the bars for complete listings of activities still up and coming.

This past weekend I spent in Phoenix with some of the members of TALL. I still cannot understand why they called the run a celebration of June's birthdays. So what - hell, that was a good excuse to go to Phoenix and party. And party they did, as for me, I called it quite early.

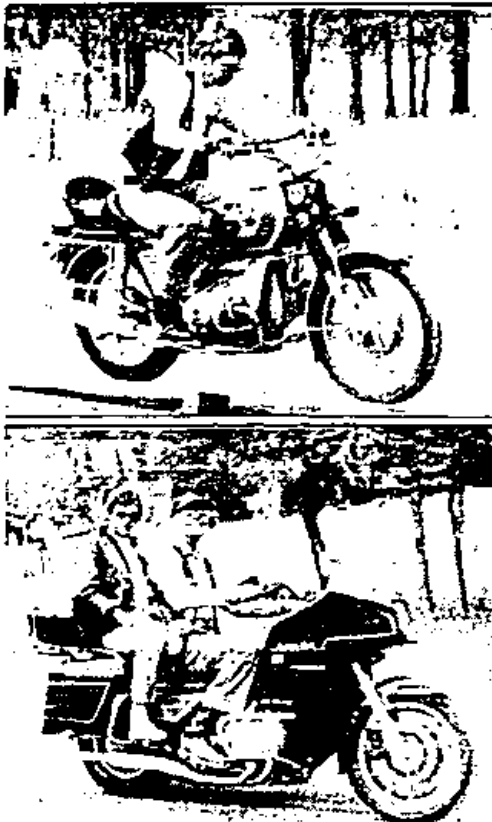
This coming weekend finds the TKO up on Mt. Lemmon at TKO's corner, for a weekend campout. They will also be celebrating their birthday, 7 years, and installing the newly elected officers. Like other clubs in Tucson, it's another way of having a reason to party and TKO does party, and this weekend will be no different. Stop up and join in on Saturday and help TKO have a fun birthday party. Just drive up until you get to TKO's corner, approximately 6 1/2 miles up, you will see us. Bring your tent with you and stay and party all evening with us, and then you will not have to worry about driving back down the mountain later.

TBBS: In Phoenix I picked up on a couple of new nicknames that I'll pass on to you if you promise not to let at least one of them know where you heard it. That one is "Fish Lady" from Hazelwood Hilton and the other is "Clothespin Lips"..... At the numbers the drooling was obvious by the "Albuquerque Blue Bird"... I wonder who Ed J. from Charlie's was greasing his lips with Vaseline for.... RIP gave me the following note written by one of

Tucson's florists. "Mom will give me an advance on my allowance if you're available". I wonder who she was talking about or to?

It is now 4:40 a.m., so I think it's time to close this column and get some sleep. A night like this should never be spent alone. Have a good week and I'll see you around.

In closing, a late happy anniversary to Bill and Eddie, (Phoenix - SDA), who last week celebrated nine happy years together. Maybe we should send Eddie a get well card, he has had to put up with Bill for so long.



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A View From Within

A COMMENTARY BY
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

MORE NEWS ABOUT AIDS

I'm sure you all read the papers around June 12 and saw the dismal news which came from the Public Health Service in Washington. Their estimates tell us that in 1991, more people will have died from AIDS than traffic accidents killed last year. Based on projections made by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), the report said that over 70% of those cases will be bi-sexual or homosexual men, 25% drug addicts who use infected needles, with 9% among heterosexual men and women, and the rest infants and children.

Yeh? So what does this all mean? Reports from studies in high-incidence cities such as San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles say that homosexual men are indeed changing their lifestyles due to AIDS --they base their findings on lower numbers of reportable sexual infections like syphilis and gonorrhea. The news reports I saw when this Public Health Report came out said hope for a vaccine is two to three years away at best. If at all. Not promising, is it?

So what do you do. Find out more about AIDS by contacting the Community Hotline in your area. Learn more about safe-sex. WRITE YOUR POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES AT HOME AND IN WASHINGTON --urge them for more funding for AIDS research.

You read about what happened to model Maria Hanson last week in this column. And this week, I would like to give a huge PAT-ON-THE-BACK Award to Milton Petrie, the 83-year-old owner of Petrie Stores in New York for the \$20,000 check which he had delivered to the injured model only a few days after the attack. Reports from the Associated Press say that Mr. Petrie --who has

helped others in need-- sent a check to the model after he heard about the razor attack, and said that she should expect another check every year for the rest of her life.

Another PAT-ON-THE-BACK Award to CBS television show WEST 57TH for their expose of the Catholic church and the priests who molested little boys and girls and then received protection from the church. It's high time that these dirty little secrets get out so the American public will know that child molestation is not something "homosexual men" do. Go get 'em WEST 57TH!

Then, a PAT-ON-THE-BACK Award to voters in Maine who recently voted down an anti-pornography measure. The anti-pornography measure was the first put to a vote within any state, and would have heralded the coming of "state-approved" censorship.

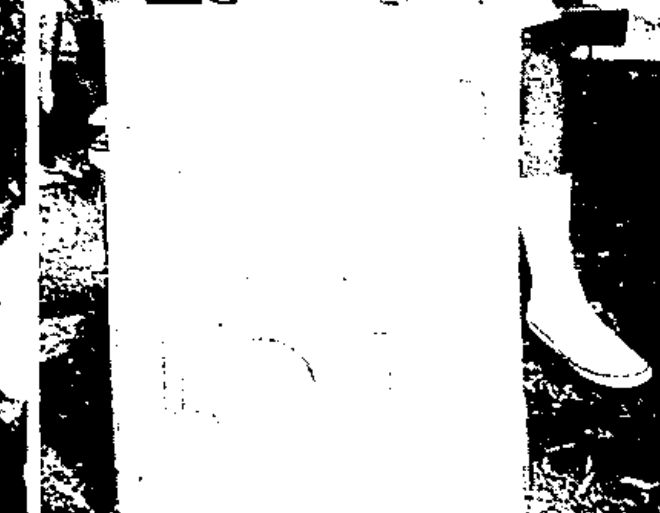
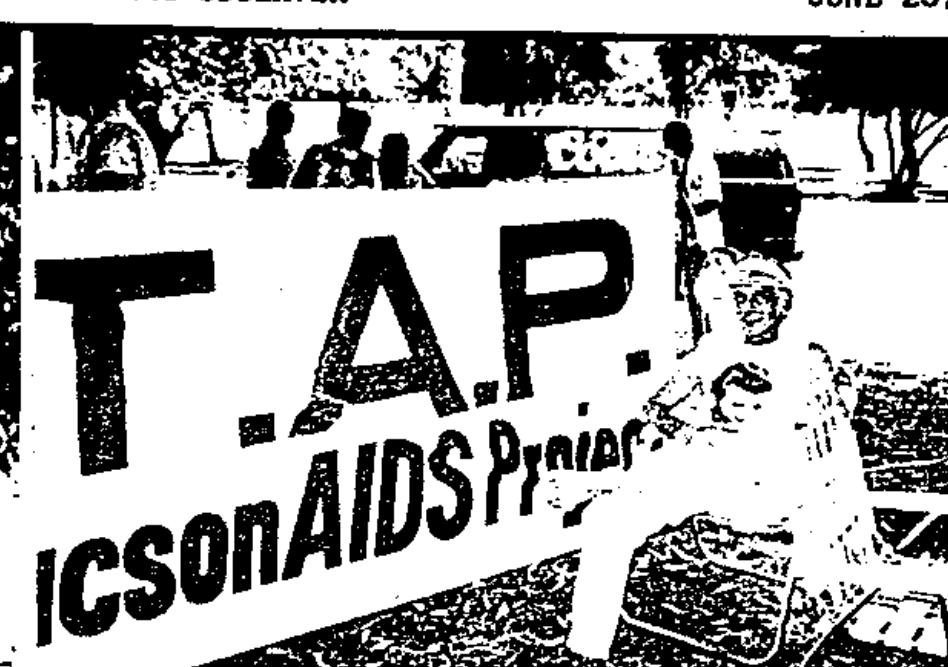
Two notices of interest to my Phoenix readers.

There will be a Town Hall Meeting on next Monday, June 30 at the St. Augustana Lutheran Church, Larson Hall, 2604 N. 14th Street. The subject of the meeting will be HTLV-III, AIDS, POLITICS & YOU. For more information call 371-1127.

Then on this Friday, June 27, there will be a benefit Dance-A-Thon at Charlie's for Mobilization Against AIDS from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight. Call 371-1127 for additional information.

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SPECIAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 26
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - PRIDE WEEK '86 - 'CASINO NITE'
 where there are some really nice plants you can win as you play black-jack for chips. No money involved, just a great time and prizes to boot. ALSO "Card Sharks" game.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27
RUMOR HAZZIT - PRIDE WEEK '86 - Dance Contest with \$60 first prize, \$50 Second and \$40 third prize. Begins at 9:30 p.m. Judging by King Roger and Queen Aviva and the rest of the court of Fiestas de Mayo. Judging based on costume, technique, originality and stage presence. PLUS an slide show featuring slides taken at the Pride Picnic last Sunday as well as various other functions during Pride Week '86.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28
JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - PRIDE WEEK '86 - 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Live and Video Show. Bar-b-que Pork Ribs, rice, fruit salad for a small donation to the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance. Video to feature taped show of last year's Pride Week '85 plus many new taped interviews of Tucsonans prepared especially for this event.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Saturday Movie Matinee - 3:00 p.m. Pink Flamingos starring Divine. If you haven't seen this classic, get on down!

TEATRO CHICANO - PRIDE WEEK '86 - Chicano Theatre group to perform "Reunion" in its first performance outside of San Francisco. It's a Gay-oriented play dealing with homosexuality in the Chicano community, performed by local actresses and actors of Teatro Chicano. 7:30 p.m. at Cholla High School Auditorium. Tickets \$4.00 with proceeds going to Tucson AIDS Project. PLUS Cast Party following performance - "Noche Amistad" (Friendship Night) - a dance to benefit Tucson AIDS Project at Hayden Furniture Gallery, 1149 N. Main from 10 p.m. until ??? Donation to TAP requested at the door.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29
HIMMEL PARK - PRIDE WEEK '86 CLOSES - Softball game between Tucson All-Stars and Tucson's Gay Games II softball team. PLUS second game of double header featuring a challenge to a softball game between the Gay Games II soccer team from Phoenix and the Tucson Gay Games II softball team. There will be cheerleading and general mayhem on the sidelines. A couple of kegs of beer for donation to help defray traveling costs of Tucson's Gay Games II softball team to San Francisco. A wild and crazy way to end up Lesbian and Gay Pride Week '86. Come on out - you'll enjoy it.

SATURDAY, JULY 5
GRADUATE - A very special show sponsored by SOS will be presented. Watch for further details on this special evening.

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WEDNESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Wednesday Madness" - From 2 to 8 p.m. Drink Special. Check the chalkboard. Draft Beer Bust 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. .50 per glass. Bobby Jr., DJ in J/T 9 to 1

FINELINE/SKYLINE - Upstairs open from 7 pm to 1 am Beer Bust - draft beer .25. Downstairs non-alcoholic disco 9 pm - 1 am \$3 cover.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 pm Well Bourbon \$1. \$1.50 Well 6 pm to 1 am. Your hottest Cheri 6 pm to close. Dance music 8 to 1 with Clint.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Well Scotch \$1. Schnapps .75 noon to 7 p.m. DINNER BUFFET NIGHT 6 to 9 p.m. \$2.75

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/SKYLINE - Upstairs open from 7 pm to 1 am Dancing begins 9 pm. Drink specials. Downstairs non-alcoholic disco 9 pm - 1 am \$3 cover.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 pm Well Rum \$1. 6 pm to 1 am Long Necks .75 with dance music from 8 pm to 1 am with Danny Page! "Oldies But Goodies".

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 p.m. featuring Well Bourbon \$1; Schnapps .75. From 7:00 p.m. to closing Well Vodka \$1.25; Schnapps .75 and Domestic Beer (non Premium) \$1.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. Daily drink specials from open to 8 p.m. Square dancing by T-Squares from 7 to 10 p.m. Regular disco/video dancing 9 to close. All white well drinks \$1.25

FRIDAY

FINELINE/SKYLINE - Upstairs open from 7 pm to 1 am Drink specials. Downstairs, non-alcoholic disco 8 pm to 1 am \$3.00 cover. After hours 1 am to 4 am.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. disc jockey 9 to 1

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 pm Well Gin \$1. Well drinks \$1.25 from 6 pm to 1 am. Dance music 8 to 1 with Clint.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 p.m. featuring Well Rum or Tequila \$1; Schnapps .75

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. until 1 a.m. Drink special daily open to 8 pm. Video dancing 9 p.m. to close.

SATURDAY

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

FINELINE/SKYLINE - Upstairs open from 7 pm to 1 am Drink special. Downstairs, non-alcoholic disco 8 pm to 1 am \$3.00 cover. After hours 1 am to 4 am.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. disc jockey from 9 to 1

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 pm Bloody Marys \$1. All Long Necks \$1.25 6 pm to 1 am. Dance Music 8 pm to 1 am with Clint.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Domestic Beer Special (non-premium) \$1.00 - 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Lunch Buffet served noon until 5 p.m.

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/SKYLINE - Upstairs open from 7 pm to 1 am Dancing and drink specials.

GRADUATE - Draft Beer .75 and drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Copperstate Leathermen Beer Bust 2 to 6 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Dance music 8 pm to 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Brunch 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. \$2.25. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.25 noon to 7 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm to 1 am. T-Squares Beginners Class from 2 to 4 pm. Sunday Pool Tournament 4 pm. \$25 First Prize guaranteed.

MONDAY

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

FINELINE/SKYLINE - Upstairs open from 7 pm to 1 am Dancing and drink specials.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 pm Well Vodka From 6 pm to 1 am Well drinks \$1.50.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 p.m. featuring Well Vodka \$1; Schnapps .75

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/SKYLINE - Upstairs open from 7 pm to 1 am Dancing and drink specials.

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

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 1 pm Well Scotch \$1. All Well drinks \$1.50 6 pm to closing.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 p.m. featuring Well Gin \$1; Schnapps .75

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. Daily Drink Special 2 for 1 Well 2 to 10 p.m. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

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Pride Week kick-off show wows 'em



CISSY WOWS 'EM AGAIN

TUCSON - The second in a series of events scheduled for Pride Week '86 in Tucson was held last Sunday evening, June 22. A show, produced by Penguin Productions was presented at Rita's Rendezvous. The show featured Producer Christi Lunden, Mr. Monte-Jon, Candi Plastique and male dancer Michael, and starred the comedic talents of Cissy Goldberg. The troupe played to a packed house, many of whom came directly from the picnic, and were in a festive mood.

The show was of the usual high quality performance that one can expect from Penguin Productions. Costumes, music lighting all were flawless as were the performers. It began getting a little 'wet' out for both audience and performers as the 'high' from the day carried on into the night.

Goldberg, wearing one of her usual 'high fashion' gowns played to her audience in first class fashion. Each performance of this live act gets better and better. The caustic tongue, the quick wit and the ever present smile was there to entertain and she did not let her audience down. The only problem was that there was not enough room for everyone to get in to be able to see and hear properly. But that is a problem every performance should have.

JUDGE THROWS OUT ORDER

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Chicago Judge Howard Kaufman has thrown out a previous order by another Judge which required a Gay father to take an HTLV-III antibody test in order to visit his children. Judge Kaufman ruled that the previous order was invalid because insufficient evidence had been presented to support it. Another hearing on the issue is scheduled to take place in late July. The father is represented by National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) the San Francisco-based public interest law firm.

Responding to the ruling, Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project remarked, "We are extremely pleased by the Judge's decision. By throwing out the old order, the Judge has placed a tough burden on the other side to justify testing. It will be extremely difficult for them to find credible medical experts to testify on their behalf."

NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary said, "Doctors and scientists agree that the antibody test cannot say whether a person has AIDS. Even if the father did have AIDS, he would present absolutely no danger to his children because AIDS is not casually transmissible."

The case, Doe vs. Doe, attracted considerable national attention after Judge Richard Jozak ordered the father to submit to testing in November. Since that time, several Judges have been assigned to the case, but have removed themselves. For example, one Judge admitted that he was biased against the father because he is Gay. The father, called "John Doe" in court documents, is perfectly healthy and shows no signs of AIDS.

At the hearing in July, NGRA cooperating attorney Michael Cloven will argue that forced antibody testing would deny Mr. Doe's constitutional rights to equal protection, privacy and due process.

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DEAR SLABBY

wrote the first letter and thought they had all the answers. I printed that letter as well (equal time?) and replied that they were misinformed. Shortly after this, I attended a show at The Graduate and spoke with the Tucson Chapter Commander of the club in question and after that discussion I believed the matter to be closed. Enter Mr. McKissack.

After reading the letter I am sure that Mr. McKissack never read either of my columns regarding this matter and is going strictly on hearsay. To prove this I will quote his letter.

"The C.L.A. does not use the term 'Drag'. No problem, nowhere in either of my columns did the word appear. Had he read them, he would know that.

"The C.L.A. will sponsor no activity that promotes cross gender dressing. The key word is sponsor, meaning that we do not originate such activities." Who may I ask "Sponsored" the Observer benefit and who asked local performers to entertain?

The final point in Mr. McKissack's letter I must agree with completely. "It is indeed regrettable that among men and women who are victims (I question the 'victims' part), we continue to victimize one another." That is very close to what I answered the first letter that started this whole mess with. Of course if you had read it, you would know that.

Respectfully
B.

ED NOTE: In all fairness, it must be noted that C.L.A. sponsored the Dinner and Roast portion of the Observer Benefit. The Sisters of Sonora (SOS) sponsored and produced the show portion of the program. They were handled as two separate entities.

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"Cassidy looked up, swallowing blood. Just in time to see Cindy Squires come at the guy from his left, smash a mink-draped forearm across his face. His nose broke, spraying blood across the mink and the rain-lashed sidewalk." It is a dirty, gritty book. A new novel called *KISS ME ONCE*, by first-time author Thomas Maxwell. This 1940s story set in the grime of gangster towns takes the reader on a ride not soon forgotten. "Listen to me, Al," a quote at the beginning of the book says. "The river is deep and cement is cheap. Call me if you need me." *KISS ME ONCE* has it all: the rotten-to-the-core gangster and the cheap nightclub singer with the platinum blonde hair. The ex-football great with a broken leg and a smart mouth. The story has suspense, intrigue,

blood (lots and lots of gore), sex, darkness, gunfights, death, and sex (lots and lots of sex). If you have always hated gangster-detective novels as have I, don't make a mistake and pass this one up. If you love the rotten 'B' movies of the 1940s, grab this novel when it comes out this fall and sit down the the lights on and a gun by your side. You'll find *KISS ME ONCE* a great entry into the dark and rotten world of 1940s New York, gangsters, detectives and black canes with knives hidden in them. Published by MYSTERIOUS PRESS, *KISS ME ONCE* will be available in hard cover at \$17.95 Fall 1986. Get it, read it, then stub your cigarette out on the cover. Fit it with a cement neck tie and dump it into the nearest river. But guaranteed: you won't forget it.

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OUT ON THE TOWN
STUNT MALIBU CHRISTI FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

So where was Macho Man this time? At least it wasn't his going away party that he missed, but it was a great picnic. Seems Magic Fingers Madge is keeping a low profile too. Jackie F. will have to give a report as to Madge's whereabouts lately. Or is Jackie still dancing her feet off in all those other places.

Mae finally got her rocks off - all over her front yard. Now she says she needs more - wherever will she get them. Howvere if she keeps getting divorced.

Encore celebrated her birthday with Miss Mae and a couple of close friends last week over champagne, oysters and shrimp. This just so happened to coincide with Mae's divorce. Those marriages don't seem to last very long. Maybe she was meant for the single life. She should write a book on being an old maid - How To Achieve Old Maid Status In The 80's.

Ronda's box is temporarily closed for remodeling. Ice Ages seem to have that effect on her. It's been a while since she's been this frigid, but not before losing her maxi-pad at her latest braille lesson.

Sister Bootie had to go back to school. Seems she didn't get it right the first time.

Totie is still on sabbatical but the poor bartenders in town are all going broke. Will there be a mass plea to get Totie recalled from her sabbatical? Sister Mary Virgetta is still trying to get those contact lenses off. Seems she grabbed the super glue instead of the saline solution. Who said contact lenses weren't permanent?

Just how many kegs of beer can be consumed in one hot afternoon? All of them. Seems everyone who came out had a great time. Sunday - what can be remembered anyway. Tina and

Puchie came out of hiding to enjoy the day and the scenery of the day. But Tina wanted to see more. Josie Mae just happened to be standing there when Tina helped her flash the entire park. Thank God Josie has quick reactions or she would have been arrested, if there was anything to show. So that's why all those people fainted.

Doesn't Vivian know the Macnatter's Ball isn't until Tuesday? Thank God it was windy. Then there was the one who kept smiling; no wonder, with the breeze blowing up her mini-skirt, nothing was left to the imagination. It should have been.

Sorry Teresa, forecast does not call for snow. What does the big 'D' call for?

So, who knows the difference between a staple and a screw, and where is Stunt Malibu Rambo? He's probably not getting stapled.

BENEFIT RAFFLE
FOR OBSERVER

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance is conducting a month-long raffle to assist the OBSERVER in the purchase of a new computer to replace one that was stolen earlier in the year. Tickets will go on sale beginning Sunday, June 22 at the picnic in Himmel Park in the TLGA booth.

The prize will be three days and 2 nights at the Stardust Hotel in Las Vegas. The prize includes air fare and hotel accommodations. Tickets will be \$1.00 each and will be available from TLGA members as well as on sale at various businesses and bars in the Tucson community.

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Hunter appointed ACLU counsel for Lesbian/Gay rights

NEW YORK, NY - The American Civil Liberties Union has announced the appointment of Nan D. Hunter as staff counsel of its Lesbian/Gay Rights Project. Hunter will be responsible for all national ACLU litigation involving Gay and Lesbian rights, and for assisting and coordinating the Gay rights work of ACLU state affiliates.

"The appointment of Nan Hunter reflects the ACLU's commitment to taking a more aggressive and visible role in fighting for equal rights for Gays and Lesbians," ACLU Executive Director Ira Glasser said. "She herself brings to the job a long-time commitment to Gay rights issues, as well as years of experience in privacy, First Amendment and equal protection law."

For the past five years, Hunter has been a staff counsel for the ACLU's Reproductive Freedom Project, litigating cases involving abortion and contraception rights. During the same period, she also participated in a number of important Gay rights cases including *Hardwick v. Bowers*, a challenge to the constitutionality of Georgia's sodomy law. That case, brought by the ACLU of Georgia, is awaiting a Supreme Court decision this term.

The Lesbian/Gay Rights Project was established by the ACLU to focus the organization's resources on civil liberties issues involving the AIDS crisis, eradication of sodomy laws, and the elimination of

other forms of discrimination against Gays.

"The AIDS crisis has touched off what may be the most important civil liberties debate of the next decade, with enormously far-reaching implications in many areas of law," Hunter said. "The ACLU is committed to ensuring that public policy in this area is narrowly tailored to achieve only legitimate public health ends, and is not permitted to serve as a pretext for prejudice."

Another top priority of the ACLU Lesbian/Gay Rights Project will be the eradication of sodomy laws that exist in 24 states and the District of Columbia. Sodomy laws are used as legal justification for various forms of discrimination, and their mere existence defines Gay relationships as a crime.

"Whatever the outcome in *Hardwick*," Hunter said, "we expect to move forward with challenges to state laws which infringe on the fundamental right of sexual privacy."

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