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High Court ruling likely to help PWAs discrimination.

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - The Supreme Court, in a ruling to likely help AIDS patients, said yesterday, March 3, that a federal law aiding handicapped protects people with contagious diseases against on-the-job bias.

By a 7-2 vote, the court ruled that all recipients of federal aid, including government contractors and virtually all public schools, may not discriminate against people with contagious diseases if those people are "otherwise qualified" to work or take part in some activity.

The decision, however, did not directly involve acquired immune deficiency syndrome, AIDS. It was the result of a lawsuit by former third-grade teacher Gene H. Arline, fired by the Nassau County, Florida School Board because she was diagnosed as having tuberculosis, an infectious respiratory disease.

The court, led by Justice William Brennan, rejected Reagan administration arguments that employers do not violate a 1973 law barring bias against the handicapped if they fire employees based solely on a fear that they may spread a disease.

"It would be unfair to allow an employer to seize upon the distinction between the effects of a disease on others and the effects of a disease on a patient and use that distinction to justify discriminatory treatment," Brennan wrote. He said allowing discrimination based on a disease's contagious effects "would be inconsistent with the basic purpose" of the 1973 law, "which is to insure that handicapped individuals are not denied jobs or other benefits because of the prejudiced attitudes or the ignorance of others."

His opinion noted that the court was not deciding [today] "whether a carrier of a contagious disease such as AIDS could be considered to have a physical impairment, or whether such a person could be considered, solely on the basis of contagiousness, a handicapped person as defined by the [law]."

Despite that limiting language, the decision represents a huge victory for Gay rights activists.

Bob Kunst, director of Cure AIDS Now, a Miami-based group, hailed the ruling as "a fantastic victory for all Americans" and a major defeat for the Reagan administration.

"I'm very, very happy. I'm very grateful," Arline said after learning of the court's decision.

The high court sent Arline's case back to a federal trial court so it can be determined whether she is "otherwise qualified."

The law relied on by Arline, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,

says "no otherwise qualified handicapped individual... shall solely because of his handicap be... subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

Brennan was joined by Justices Byron R. White, Thurgood Marshall, Harry A. Blackmun, Lewis F. Powell, John Paul Stevens and Sandra Day O'Connor.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justice Antonin Scalia dissented.

Homophobes attempt closure of local baths

TUCSON - At its regular monthly meeting of the Pima County Board of Health, two anti-Gay activists called for the closure of The Stables, a local bath house. Harry Spence and Nancy Evans in an impromptu call to the audience singled out the Stables as a "health hazard to our community". Spence and Evans stated they were members of the Southern Arizona National Federation for Human Decency, an organization whose stated objective is to promote higher community health standards.

Rene Guimond, co-owner of The Stables said, "The religious fanatics never stop. We have been here for eight years and are inspected regularly by the Pima County Health Department." "We have a good record of running a clean operation," Guimond continued.

"We inform our clientele about the dangers and prevention of AIDS. We give out safe sex information and condoms are available here," said Art Steele, Guimond's partner in the operation. "It's a few homophobic people who refuse to understand about Gays who are creating an upheaval. They're afraid of anything they don't know about," he said.

Spence told the health board that homosexuality was to blame for AIDS and that, "it is related to bathhouse orgies where people have sex with 10 or more partners." He also began describing what he said were certain homosexual acts, but board member Dr. Edward Gelardin cut him off. Gelardin called Spence's remarks a "one-sided diatribe."

Guimond said that the bathhouse is open and operating and will continue to offer its services to the community in a legal, healthy manner. A portion of members fees are donated to the Tucson AIDS Project. "We are fully aware of the animosity of these homophobes, and we are also fully aware of the AIDS epidemic. There are no orgies. People also come to socialize. We will protect the health and welfare of our members to the best of our ability," Guimond said.

The health board, an advisory group, recommended no action.

Unleashing The Flames Of Ignorance

(Statement of Urvashi Vaid for the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force on the Vatican letter on homosexuality)

Throughout its history the Catholic Church has embodied two traditions. On the one hand the church has pursued a tradition of compassion, love and respect for human life. This tradition is represented today in the efforts of clergy to promote human rights in Latin America.

But the church has also pursued another, darker course. Its history is replete with campaigns of persecution and terror conducted or sanctioned in the name of God. From the Inquisition to its persecutions of Jews and women to its modern day efforts to stifle all dissent, the Roman Catholic Church has distorted the scriptures to achieve fundamentally political aims.

In the Vatican's statement on homosexuality, we see that this second, deadly tradition is still alive. Rather than preaching understanding and respect for other human beings, the church has unleashed its sword and raised it against Gay men and Lesbians everywhere. The danger and terrorism represented by the Vatican's new statement cannot be understated. It will unleash the flames of ignorance and violence more effectively than any bomb ever could.

The Vatican's statement is full of outright lies, misinformation and a fundamental misapprehension of the nature of AIDS. Ignoring the fact that world-wide AIDS is overwhelmingly a heterosexual disease, the church implies that homosexuals are its source. The church has the gall to admonish Gay rights activists about AIDS when we have singlehandedly, until recently, waged the battle to secure more research, more funding and compassionate care for all those afflicted with AIDS.

When studies show that the Gay community has drastically changed its sexual practices to

control the spread of the AIDS virus, the church's charge that Gay rights advocates "refuse to consider the magnitude of the risks involved" is simply preposterous. And like the proverbial ostrich with its head in the sand, the church exposes its ignorance when it states that "the practice of homosexuality" rather than the practice of unsafe acts (involving the exchange of bodily fluids like semen and blood) by heterosexuals and homosexuals presents risks.

The Vatican's pronouncements against Gay and Lesbian civil rights are equally dangerous, for several reasons. First, the moralizing of one church cannot be the basis of sound public policy for a nation of diverse religious and ethnic communities.

Second, the church goes far beyond mere opposition to Lesbian and Gay civil rights. It expresses intolerance and understanding for the "irrational and violent reactions" that calls for these measures have produced.

At a time when violence against Gay men and Lesbians is on the rise, when Congress has held the first national hearings on this growing problem, the church tacit acceptance of hate-motivated violence is unconscionable. The church would rather accept and understand the bigotry of the Gay-basher than endorse the right of Gay people to live free of fear, prejudice and violence.

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force asserts the right of all people - Gay and straight - to live free of governmental or religious persecution. Gay people have existed since time immemorial because human sexuality is not exclusively heterosexual.

No church, no state, no police force, no program of extermination will ever make us disappear. NGLTF calls upon all Gay people to take heart, and continue our struggle for freedom - we will not bow down to injustice.

National Sexual Privacy Challenge Meeting in Tucson March 19

TUCSON - At 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 19, at the Tucson Women's Commission, the regular chapter meeting of N.O.W., (The National Organization for Women) will present a speaker from the National Sexual Privacy Challenge.

Arizona law which includes the language, "open and notorious cohabitation (unmarried sex) and the infamous crime against nature (oral and anal sex, married or unmarried)", criminalizes the private lives of sexually active adults in Arizona. These laws harm citizens in custody and divorce cases, housing discrimination, polygraph testing for employment and occupational licensing, in addition to sexually active Gay men and Lesbians. These laws grant states the

ownership of your body, and these laws must be repealed. Defend your right to sexual privacy, you are urged to take this opportunity to join the National Sexual Privacy Challenge.

In June of this year, the national group will challenge the privacy laws in 24 states. In Phoenix, request for prosecution to the Challenge will be delivered to the Maricopa county prosecutor on June 30, as evidence of protest to these laws.

Everyone, male and female, is urged to attend this important meeting at the Women's Commission on March 19 to learn more about this National Sexual Privacy Challenge.

UPDATE

JANUS 'BAD SEED' PLAYS PHOENIX MARCH 13 TO 28

PHOENIX - On the surface, little Rhoda Penmark is sweet, charming, full of old-fashioned graces, loved by her parents, and admired by her elders. Her mother, however, begins to have uneasy feelings about Rhoda. When one of Rhoda's schoolmates is mysteriously drowned while at a picnic, Mrs. Penmark is alarmed -- for the boy who drowned was the one who had won the penmanship medal that Rhoda felt she deserved. Later, when a janitor taunts Rhoda by saying that he "knows that happened," he is found burned to death. The play reaches its shattering conclusion when Mrs. Penmark, driven by the knowledge of what Rhoda has done, confronts her daughter and must make a heartbreaking decision.

Janus Theatre Company, now in its eighth season, is presenting the chilling two act Maxwell Anderson drama "Bad Seed" starring Amy Angelowicz as sweet "Little Miss Perfect" Rhoda. Directed by Dean Jones, this production also features Lin Haring, Ellen Devine and Bill Ashton.

Opening on Friday, March 13, the show will continue for the next two weeks, playing on Friday and Saturday nights at 8:00 p.m. There will also be an extra performance on Thursday, March 26, as well as a matinee on Sunday, March 22 at 5:00 p.m.

All performance will be in the newly renovated Lecture Hall Theatre of Metro Tech, located conveniently at 1900 West Thomas Road, diagonally across from Encanto Golf Course (please use Thomas Road entrance on the West side of the building). Regular tickets are \$7.00 and senior citizen or student tickets are \$6.00 (with I.D.). Group rates are also available. For further information or reservations call 258-9773.

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An entry fee of \$25 per team will be asked with an eight (8) player maximum team roster. All monies raised will benefit Christina for Fiesta Queen. It will be a double-elimination tournament, 2 out of 3 games in the winners bracket. One game in the losers bracket.

First and Second place trophies will be awarded as well as medallions. If you are not interested in playing or entering a team, come and enjoy the tournament. For more information contact Luis at 745-6309 after 8:00 p.m.

CURRAN SEES INJUNCTION

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - Dissenting theologian Charles Curran is taking his long-running fight with the Roman Catholic authorities into civil court, seeking an injunction returning him to his Catholic University of America classroom.

"There was no other avenue available to me," Curran said, two months after he was suspended from teaching and more than seven years after the start of a Vatican investigation of his sexual-ethics views.

TEXAS CAPITAL PASSES AIDS ANTI-BIAS LAW

AUSTIN, TX - A bill prohibiting discrimination against people with AIDS was unanimously approved by the Austin City Council. The new law bars AIDS discrimination in employment, housing and city services.

Glenn Maxey, an organizer of the drive to get the bill passed, called its approval "A great victory for the Gay and Lesbian community," and cited a broad coalition, "ranging from Lesbian and Gay groups to religious groups to organized labor and teachers' groups."

Austin, the Texas state capital and home of the University of Texas, is the only major city in the state with a Gay rights ordinance, despite a state sodomy statute.

Voters in this city, a politically liberal enclave in a very conservative state, defeated a fundamentalist-sponsored drive to repeal its Gay-right law in a 1980 referendum.

Three years earlier, another fundamentalist-sponsored drive to allow landlords to discriminate against Gays was also defeated.

LAW AND ORDER FOR TEXAS

FORMER AGAIN SHERIFF

TULSA, OK (BAR) - A Tulsa judge has sentenced the former sheriff of Montague County, Texas to eight years in prison after pleading guilty to charges he mailed sexually explicit material involving young boys.

Harry James Walker, 38, pleaded guilty to one federal charge of shipping child pornography in return for another similar charge being dropped, said Keith Ward, an assistant U.S. attorney.

Walker's sentence will run concurrently with a 10-year sentence he received last year after being convicted of three similar charges in Dallas.

WHITMIRE NIXES GAY-DEM 'DEAL'

HOUSTON, TX (BAR) - Mayor Kathy Whitmire rejected a deal worked out between Gay leaders and officials who tried to woo Democrats to Houston for their 1988 national convention.

Gays had threatened to oppose Houston's bid to land the convention and portray the city as anti-Gay unless organizers agreed to several demands, according to a copyrighted story in the Houston Post.

Democrats have since decided to choose Atlanta as their convention site.

The Gay activists reportedly wanted a "statement of philosophy" saying that if the Democrats choose Houston as a Convention site, the city must be "hospitable" to Gay people. They insisted on a "meaningful" role on the convention host committee and the committee help open "avenues of communication" between Gays and the Houston business community, according to the report.

Whitmire aide Paul Mabry told the Post that the mayor killed the agreement between Gays and the host committee because she opposes allowing any special interest group to use the convention to gain concessions.

"Let me stress to you that I think any use of the host committee other than as an all-out effort for this city to land the Democratic convention is inappropriate," Whitmire said.

City Councilman John Goodner, who was a leading figure in opposing the failed attempt in 1985 to pass an anti-Gay discrimination ordinance, said he was "greatly disturbed" by the agreement.

He described the affair as "another political blunder" by Gays in Houston. "It seems to me as if they are once again going to shoot themselves in the foot," he said.

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FORCED AIDS TESTING OPPOSED

ATLANTA, GA (AP) - Mandatory AIDS testing was criticized as bad medical and public policy by a broad range of doctors, health officials and homosexuals at the meeting called by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control last Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 25 and 26.

Participants also agreed strong legislation is needed to protect confidentiality and legal rights of those who test positive for AIDS.

CDC officials stressed that the CDC is an advisory agency and cannot itself dictate health practices to state agencies. Blood tests to detect AIDS virus have been in use since 1985, most often to screen donated blood. Expanded testing has been advocated as a way of coping with the increasing number of cases spread through heterosexual contact. Heterosexual cases now number 4 percent of the reported 30,000 U.S. cases. More than 17,000 AIDS patients in this country have died.

Jeff Levi, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force said mandatory testing "will chase people away." "The value of testing is the counseling that's associated with it," he said. "This is just a bad public health measure."

CDC Director James O. Mason said that whatever testing does take place should be accompanied by strong legal protection against the disclosure of AIDS victims' identities and safeguards against loss of employment, housing or insurance.

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As I See It

by Bruce Fowler - Tucson

I came home from work tonight, grabbed a beer, popped the tab and headed for the phone answering machine to play back the messages from the day. Right off the bat, the first call was a crazy redneck hate call for Dignity. "You got no dignity", announced the caller in his gruff, Arkansas hill accent. "All you faggots do is spread AIDS. We're going to get you all and we're going to start by killing you, Ass Hole."

In the eight years I was associated with the Tucson chapter of Dignity, my phone was one of two listed as a "hot line". During that time, I occasionally received "hate" calls, but usually they were nothing more than teenage pranksters or late night drunks. They were a bother sometimes, but I passed them off as nothing important and we kept the hot line open because of the large volume of legitimate calls we received and the potential for "good" we could do.

I haven't been involved in the hot line nor the Tucson chapter in nearly two years. In fact, Dignity/Tucson hasn't had a publicized number, to say nothing of a hot line, since 1985. So you can imagine my surprise and, yes, my anger when my personal privacy was violated by a raging homophobe, threatening to "kill" me and all Gays in Dignity.

Operating in the dark, the "hate mongers" of today, like those who went before, shroud themselves in white sheets, as well as anonymous phone calls threatening violence and they become faceless/nameless personal attackers. Intimidation is their goal, mental and physical violence is their weapon. They fear being identified and yet they project

their uninformed opinion onto society often with a tire iron in hand.

Perhaps it is not so strange that in a society that isolates, divides and separates its members, in a society that does not yet trust one another, so many can see the future in no other way as we against them. The verbal slur is cast, the tire iron brought down on the faggot's head, the rock is hurled, the war begins and people die.

Hate toward Gays and Lesbians in the recent past has been limited to verbal attacks and occasional queer bashings. As TV evangelists shout accusations against us from their electronic pulpits; as the State's governor, a pillar of "informed" opinion, objects openly to our existence; as a major Cardinal in the Roman Curia tells the world that violence toward Gays and Lesbians is to be expected, I guess I shouldn't be surprised to have been confronted with such an intense hate call. The seeds of hatred are being sown everywhere; division and isolation is an age old game plan that has often lead to "persuasion" and control in the past.

But now I have a couple of questions:

- 1.) Is this the depth of oppression, or are we just beginning to see the opening shot fired?
- 2.) Where are our Gay/Lesbian organizations and their leadership? Why aren't they doing something to stem the tide?
- 3.) Why are there so few Gay and Lesbian activists today? Doesn't anyone care?

3 studies find probable safety of oral sex

Three recent research studies into male sexual practices have recently uncovered evidence which may prove there is little or no correlation between ingesting semen and testing HIV positive. Researchers, however, have been quick to point out that these studies were limited in scope and they would prefer to err on the side of caution rather than take needless risks.

Researchers are wary of these limited research findings because there hasn't been sufficient attention paid to the sexual habit of Gay men. Most AIDS information services list ingesting semen as an unsafe practice and doctors are still urging people to never allow seminal fluid to enter one's body. Doctors have said that such problems as cuts in the mouth, gum disease and ulcers could substantially raise the recipients' risk. "We are dealing with a fatal disease and we should go with the side of caution," stated Dr. Dean Echenberg, San Francisco Director of Communicable Disease Control.

Dennis Osmond, director of the San Francisco General Hospital Men at Risk for AIDS Study, has stated that though his study is limited to about 400 men, "the risk of oral sex is low. But it would take a long time to demonstrate that there is no zero risk. None of the current studies (SJ General, SF Health Study and Vancouver AIDS Study) say there is no risk. No one can say that does not happen." Local AIDS information centers have been reticent about making changes in their safe sex guidelines.

Researchers are quick to point out that federal studies (CDC) on the sexual practice of Gay men have long been ignored. There had been one oral sex study, but it was abandoned. "The CDC wrote off the Gay community a year

ago," said Dr. Will Warner, a medical consultant with Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights. "Their main aim now is to save the heterosexuals," he declared.

It has been suggested that the possible reason for this is that the federal government views Gay sex as being "improper", therefore eliminating the possibility of there being such a thing as "safe" Gay sex. This leaves the private community, state and local organizations to fill this void in AIDS research.

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LIFE IS A DRAG FOR THESE THIEVING RHINESTONE CONGIRLS

DALLAS, TX (BAR) - Police recovered two fox furs; and some dresses valued at \$33,200 that were being used in an act at a Gay nightclub in Dallas.

Officers from suburban Highland Park nabbed two Fort Worth-area men after private investigators acting on a tip spotted the goods on a contestant in a female impersonator contest.

Sgt. J.N. Oakerson said the furs and dresses had been stolen from three area stores. The private investigator attended two nights of performances in the "Texas Newcomer" pageant at Baby's night club.

"The dress was stunning, but he looked terrible in it," said an employee at Baby's.

The investigator alerted police who arrested a 19-year-old man wearing a black cocktail dress accented with metal mesh and rhinestones. The man was also wearing a blond wig. Another 20-year-old man was also arrested. The men were later released on bond.

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NEW YORK LETTERS

Greetings -

Thank you for (as you should) printing John Parker's response to McPherson's "American Atheist".

While in agreement with McPherson, I feel the other view needs to be presented in response.

A). Responsible journalism requires it.

B). A segment of our community believe as Parker does. They need the reassurance of a loving God as they live our difficult way.

C). I suspect from hearing quiet affirmation of that view, that they are the majority of our community.

J.F.K. - Phoenix

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for their assistance in making the recent softball benefit for Shanti Foundation/Tucson such a success:

Mark Elenz and IBT's for beer and T-shirt purchases; Deb Whalen who organized the event, donated food, time, etc.; Colette Barajas for Beer and hot dogs; Pamela Hedner for her graphic design; Bruce Pegg and Rumors for beer; Jack Wilson and Joe Holben and all those who participated, bought T-shirts and helped make the event so much fun and such a success.

Another softball game benefit is tentatively set for Sunday, April 5th. Watch for the posters and plan to attend to watch or play.

Shanti Foundation of Tucson, Inc.

Dear Bob -

In behalf of myself and TKO, I have to protest the remarks made in last week's column by that bitch, Juicy Lucy! The report of me falling is completely inaccurate in every respect. First, I am not a "90-year-old" and second, "that group was rude" is false. I will not mention my actual age, but TKO was very helpful and so very attentive when I slipped on that step. That loose-lipped, flapping tongued broad could not get to me because she couldn't get through the TKO's who were helping me. And lastly, that "old far husband" was not just standing around, he was busy looking in another direction and didn't see me fall.

I have been attacked by that "thing", Juicy Lucy, previously and have said nothing, but when she starts to make false reports on my friends, I want revenge!

Ann Corbin - Tucson

THE WEEKLY OBSERVER:

I'm a Polish Gay who lives in Warsaw. I'm 26 years old and I would like to correspond with Gays from the USA. I'm interested in theatre, opera, cinema, music and tourism. I know the English language.

I think that you may help me to find Gay friends in the USA and publish my letter and address in your newspaper. I will be very happy.

All the best wishes
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DEAR ANN SLANDERS:

Dear Ann Slanders -

My lover and I have been together for over four years, and even though I love him very much, we still have a problem. He's very jealous. He gets very upset when he sees me talking to anyone else, male or female. I have no other motive than to be social, but he doesn't wish to believe that. He has walked out on me in public, which is very embarrassing. I have tried discussing this problem rationally with him, but it doesn't seem to be doing any good. What do you suggest?
signed, Not Guilty

Dear N.G. -

This is a problem definitely not confined to Gay relationships. The reasons for your man's jealousy may be many. You never indicated in your letter whether there was a time in the past when your fidelity was in question. If that is the case, then one could understand some hesitation in seeing you having an enjoyable time with someone else. You say you only want to be social, so perhaps your lover only wants to be included. Don't hesitate to say to whomever you are talking to, "I want you to meet my lover." If the other person has ulterior motives (something your lover may see but you may not), he may be the one to hesitate in continuing the conversation. Your lover may not mistrust you, he may only be trying to protect you. Don't be afraid to bring him in on conversations, especially if you know he can have some positive input.

Dear Observers of the Observer:

I know the Tucson Gay community is out and about, because I see you cruising, cocktail and cavorting on dance floors all over this city. But I have also overheard on numerous occasions this conversation:

"Why weren't you there last weekend? We had a wild time!"

"I never heard anything about it."

"Well, it was in the paper."

"I never read the paper."

People, how else are you going to know where the best drink prices are (if you're a cheapskate like myself) where the special events are, or when a benefit is being held that you might want to attend? And more than local goodies, there are also intelligent, entertaining and

enlightening articles scattered between the pictures of last week's drag show and Juicy Lucy's sophomoric humor.

If you do take the time to read the Observer, thank you. But don't be afraid to point out something of interest to a friend who can't seem to take the time. They may thank you for it, also.

Until next time
Ann Slanders

FIESTA DE MAYO KING AND QUEEN SOUGHT

TUCSON - The Second Annual Fundraiser for the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance is scheduled to take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 1, 2 and 3. 'Fiesta de Mayo' features three days of partying with live mariachi music, booths, games, food, fun.

Last year was the first Fiesta de Mayo celebration and it was a huge success. Plans are beginning earlier this year to ensure another successful benefit. Proceeds are used to help defray costs of a weeklong Pride week activities which are produced by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance.

Fiesta de Mayo takes place outdoors at the Joshua Tree and last year over three thousand dollars was collected by TLGA. One of the fund-raising events is the running of candidates to be proclaimed King and Queen of the Fiesta. People run as a couple and raise money, which is counted as 'votes'. The ones with the most money are selected 'King and Queen' and reign over the entire Pride Week activities.

Candidates are currently being sought to enter the contest. You must be living in Tucson and be at least 21 years of age. Male or female, everyone is encouraged to enter this fun event. For further information or to get applications, call Frank Perez, 628-1558.



NOTES FROM NANCY

by Nancy Noman

With the Academy Awards coming up, I've been thinking a lot about movies lately, especially because the yearly Academy Awards Party I go to awards cash prizes for those who guess the winners correctly. However, this year's fare is such a group of duds, I've practically given up all thoughts of winning.

Along those same lines, I thought I'd drop a note about what I consider some real prizewinners at your local video rental stores. The films I mention may not be the latest releases, but I did at least rent them during the past year.

My award for the best all-around film has to go to "Desert Hearts," a story about two ladies who get together in a love relationship. When I first saw the film, I was amazed, because my friend Vicki and I had just spent the preceding months writing a screenplay with exactly the same theme. The challenge was to write a tender, tastefully-done script about two women who fall in love, without 'grossing out' the homophobes, yet still remaining true to the story. I don't know if Vicki's and my script accomplished those objectives, but I do know that "Desert Hearts" sure did.

The dialogue in "Hearts" is a constant treat, with pearls of wisdom dropping left and right from the characters' mouths. The cinematography is really a work of art; most of the film is shot with only one camera. The subdued Western background offers an almost surreal environment through which the characters move with elegant grace. And, of course, I cannot say enough about the myriad talents of Patricia Charbonneau. A "Must See" movie - don't miss it!

Another film I appreciated was a sci-fi creation called "Enemy Mine." The theme of the movie is: a human space explorer gets stranded on a strange planet with an inherent alien enemy. However, the two must learn to survive together until help comes, and the way in which they accomplish that amounts to a tender, heart-warming adventure story.

The film is basically a thinly disguised social statement about differences in color, creed or sex, and how to overcome prejudicial attitudes. You definitely leave the film more enlightened than when you began - another "don't miss".

Another one I enjoyed was "Crimes of Passion" with Kathleen Turner and Tony Perkins. This thriller is a bizarre tale about "China Blue" (Turner), a fashion designer by day and hooker by night. The shadowy, seedy life of street prostitution is well-depicted in this film, and a surprise ending caps off the superb acting talents of Turner and Perkins.

In the horror category, or in this case suspense, "The Hitcher" with Rutger Hauer takes the cake. Hauer is the latest export from Germany, and you may have seen him in "Flesh and Blood" or "Ladyhawke", two other very good films. "The Hitcher" keeps you on the edge of your seat the entire movie; it's not what you see, it's what you don't see that is so horrifying. I am not a big fan of gory, 'Halloween'-type movies, and this suspenseful thriller is a welcome relief. It is definitely worth the two bucks it costs to rent.

Two little gems I just have to include are "The Grey Fox" and "Cry of the Wolves". Both are docudramas; "The Grey Fox" about a stagecoach robber re-entering the modern world after thirty years of prison confinement, and "Cry of the Wolves" about a fellow who spends a year in the wilderness with a wolf pack. Space does not permit much more detail, but suffice it to say these movies are real treats. Richard Farnsworth stars in "The Grey Fox," and his masterful performance is definitely worth watching.

In the comedy area, "The Gods Must Be Crazy" is a touching yet funny little story about, of all things, an African bushman who accidentally comes across the modern world. This touching little story is an amusing premise to begin with, and is full of anecdotal surprises throughout. It's no 'belly laugh-er', but it keeps a smile on your face.

Last but not least is my award for best foreign film, which goes to "The Marriage of Maria Braun". This film is about a beautiful young German woman and how she "makes it" from the dirt-poor poverty to becoming a "lady of means". Even if you're not predisposed to foreign films, this one is definitely worth seeing.

In sum, there seems to be a lot better entertainment this year in your own living room, at a lot better price. And, if I do happen to fluke out and win some money at the Academy Awards party, it will be nothing short of a miracle.

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A View From Within

A COMMENTARY BY
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THE LIBERACE LEGACY

It seemed to me that an awful lot of effort was being expended trying to make up believe that Liberace was dying from something "normal". Anemia was okay. Emphysema was okay. Any heart ailment was okay.

AIDS wasn't.

The fact that so much was being made of his ailments made us all conclude that he was indeed dying from AIDS.

We had all guessed --and the February 16 issue of PEOPLE magazine came right out and said-- that Liberace was Gay. He had tried throughout his life to hide the fact of his homosexuality from the American public --his adoring fans. His much publicized 1982 lawsuit, brought by his long-time "personal chauffeur" Scott Thorson threatened to expose the truth. Even in death, those members of his coterie rallied around the dying entertainer, trying desperately --and, ultimately, in vain-- to hide the truth. Liberace's death itself turned into a media circus which put the flamboyancy of his concert performances to shame. He died the way he entertained: in a flurry of attention, and in the center of the stage.

Try as they might, the truth came out about a week after his death. The entertainer had indeed died from the deadly AIDS. Why does it matter that the death certificate said nothing about AIDS? Why does it matter?

The technical angle is that any death caused, or thought to be caused, by a contagious disease must be reported to health officials. Even though Liberace had previously been tested for

AIDS --a test which came back positive-- his death was not reported. After the autopsy, confirmed a death from an AIDS-related illness, allegations of an intentional cover-up surfaced. But that doesn't matter as much as the impact that truth will surely have.

AIDS has now hit home to the thousands of his fans who might have had no other exposure to a death from AIDS than his. To these people, AIDS is no longer a disease of "filthy, child-molesting faggots who deserve to die anyway". AIDS is now the disease which ended the life and career of a great showman.

The end might have been less messy had a cover-up not been attempted. The truth is always so much easier than deception, and lies. But one cannot fault the doctor for trying to protect Liberace's image. Whatever the case, in the end, the truth did come out.

The good which will come from this unfortunate situation will far outweigh the pain and suffering caused to his family and friends. Thousands upon thousands of people died from AIDS, yet it takes the death of a famous celebrity to give the disease the attention it merits. But each and every celebrity death from AIDS helps to awaken some section of the sleeping populace to the unarguable truth: no one is immune from the deadly effects of AIDS.

After many years as the consummate showman, it appears that one of Liberace's greatest and most long-lasting legacies will be the enlightenment he brought to his legion of fans.

News from MCC Tucson

This past Sunday was the first Sunday for our new pastor, Reverend Eduard Perry, to officiate at our services as our regular pastor. Rev. Perry was assisted by Rev. Bernardo David at our morning service. We were happy to welcome back to our services two of our members who have been absent due to illness. Deacon Matt and Russ Cerf were in attendance at our Sunday morning service to help welcome Rev. Perry to Tucson.

Rev. Perry, in his first week with MCC/Tucson, has initiated new office hours. Rev. Perry will be in the church office from 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays, except for emergency calls as they arise. If you would like to see Rev. Perry during his office hours, appointments are encouraged. The church telephone number is 622-4536.

MCC/Tucson has reached a milestone in having Rev. Perry begin his ministry in Tucson and we are looking forward to the future as a growing strength. The membership of MCC/Tucson is pleased to have him with us and is eager to help him in any way that he calls on us.

Today, March 4th is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent in Preparation for Easter with fasting, penitence and self-denial. Lent is forty days, excluding Sundays, from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday, as the name indicates, is that on this day crosses of ashes are placed on the foreheads of worshipers as a sign of repentance. The ashes used are usually made by burning the palms remaining from the previous Palm Sunday. In many ancient churches, a veil was hung across the church on Ash Wednesday as a sign of the

Lenten season had begun. This veil was sometimes called the hunger veil because it proclaimed the Lenten fast was under way. Today this practice survives in the custom of veiling the cross or crucifix during Lent. Churches with pulpit and altar hangings also use the purple color for this season.

Because of the stress on fasting, some Lenten customs have to do with food and two types of bread or doughy products owe their origin to the practice of abstaining from meat. Bread was one of the staple diets of Lent and bakers began the practice of making pretzels during this period. Although few people think of prayers while eating pretzels, the crossed dough is supposed to represent a Christian praying with hands on shoulders. The hot cross bun, with its little sugary cross, was also made to remind us of Christ's crucifixion.

Thought for the Week:
Friends come and go, but enemies accumulate.

'NEW' STORY SHOWS TWAIN'S DARK SIDE
COLUMBIA, MO (AP) - An unfinished Mark Twain story involving murder, revenge and a marriage between two women was being published for the first time last week in the Missouri Review.

"How Nancy Jackson Married Kate Wilson," written between 1900 and 1903 near the end of Twain's life, is about a woman who needs help after committing a murder and turns to a family enemy, who agrees to help her if she disguises herself as a man for the rest of her life.



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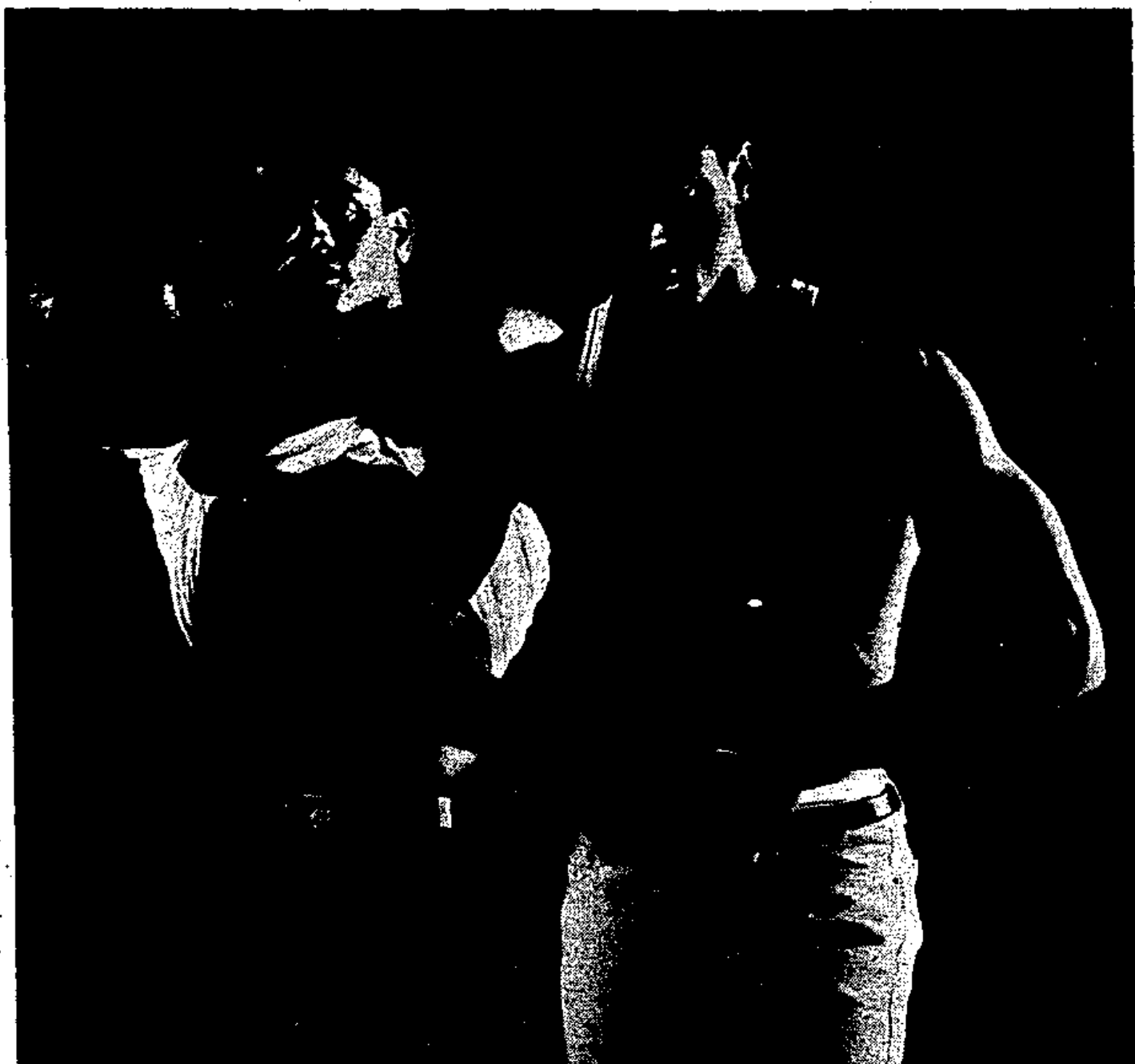


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WHAT'S UP DOG?

CAUTION! SOS's Hoe Down can be hazardous to your health the following morning. Just because I arrived early to help decorate, and didn't leave until Cissy Goldberg finished is no reason a person should feel the way I did this past Monday a.m. Oh well, I'll do it all again if another day of fun, laughs and friendship comes around. From word President of SOS Mike passed on to all those in attendance, the Tucson community may be having more Hoe Downs coming soon. This last one will be hard to top.

Entertainment for the day was provided by Tucson's own Aviva Diamond and Candy Plastique. Also appearing (from Phoenix) were Charlie's Country Cloggers and the Sidewinder Cloggers. Then from Tucson we saw our own T-Squares. Finally rounding out the show was Cissy Goldberg. Throughout the day, dance lessons were taught.

Of course, the key persons for the total day, I mean someone had to play all that music, was Joey, the DJ from up at Charlie's.

As for the performances by Aviva, Candy, Charlie's Cloggers, the Sidewinders, the T-Squares and Cissy Goldberg, everyone was just super. It was especially heart-warming watching Tucson's T-Squares. Keep up those good squares and let Tucson see more of you out there dancing. That's about all I can say for that beautiful day, thanks S.O.S.

The deadline for this year's Closet Ball sponsored by TKO is approaching real fast, so get those applications in. I'll extend the deadline to March 11, but no longer. The reason TKO has a put a deadline on submitting applications is because we have only booked Colette's West for 3 1/2 hours. Thus, we will not be able to handle last-minute applications. You should already have your mind made up if you want to enter, so mail your application in now. Extra Closet Ball applications have been placed in the Graduate, IBT's, Rumor Hazzit, the Back Pocket and Colette's West. If you still have trouble finding an application, call me at home, 884-7309, and I'll get one to you.

I see the Western Express 1986 Reader's Choice Awards have come around again, and I see the Western Expresses are going fast again. I, and my lover, were lucky because we were able to get a copy each so that for this year we will be able to vote. I wish everyone luck running for an award. As for all of you that might want to vote this year, good luck on getting a copy of the paper.

Well, I guess S.O.S. is really trying to have a full weekend schedule each week. Two weeks ago, Feb. 22, S.O.S. held their elections and made their new friendship pins, then last weekend, Mar. 1, they had their Hoe Down, and now this coming

weekend, Mar. 8, they are having their popular Casino Night at the Graduate. I'll see all of you there to help beat Partners, this month's guest dealers, out of all their chips.

This coming weekend will also see TKO in there monthly meeting. For more details, or if you would like to attend, contact Tommy M. at 323-3527.

I guess that's about all for this week, so have yourselves a good week. Just for the record, I haven't ended my TBBS', just have them on stand-by for now. Also, as for Juicy Lucy, I'll not stoop again and waste my time responding to her. I will be looking forward to seeing her at the Observer Benefit on March 28. Start saving your pennies, I might need some ball money!

PHOTO QUIZ.....



In our continuing series of 'Kiddie Photos' we herewith present a Tucsonan, who obviously was into some sort of kinky bondage even at this early age. He moved here from back east a few years ago and hangs around the Graduate and IBT's, J.T's, etc. frequently. Cute little feller!

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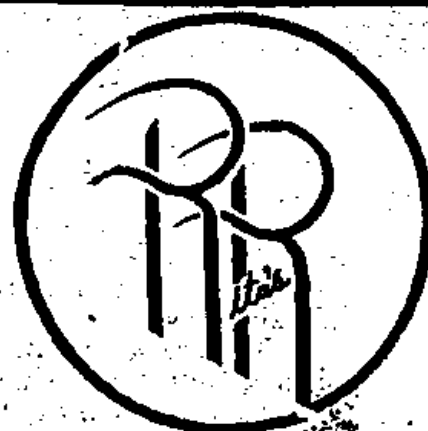
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BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Wednesday Madness" From 2-8 pm Drink Specials: Check the chalkboard. Draft Beer Bust 9 pm to 1 am. \$50 per glass! Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Schnapps shots .75 from 8 pm to midnight.

GRADUATE - Bottle Domestic Beer \$1.00 with other drink specials.

FINELINE - Open 5 to 7 pm with drink specials and free appetizers. Full service bar 5 pm to 1 am. Michael's International Market Place open 5 pm to 1 am for food and spirits. Downstairs opens 8 pm for non-alcoholic beverages and dancing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks \$1. (with juice \$1.25). Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am Draft Beer .50 and Schnapps .50 shot. Dance 8 - 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 am - 1 am.

RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm.

"Dynasty" on life-size screen 8:00 p.m.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Nite \$1.25 domestic 9 pm to 1 am. Dave Pierson DJ 9 to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Bottle Beer Special from 8 pm to midnight.

FINELINE - Open 5 to 7 pm with drink specials and free appetizers. Full service bar 5 pm to 1 am. Michael's International Market Place open 5 pm to 1 am for fine food and spirits. Downstairs open 8 pm for non-alcoholic beverages and dancing.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing!

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25). Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am Long Neck Beer (non-premium) .75 Dance 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm.

Covers Draft Beer Bust 7 to 10 pm .25 per glass.

Regular disco/video dancing 9 pm to close.

friday

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Party Nite. Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to midnight.

FINELINE - Open 5 to 7 pm with drink specials and free appetizers. Full service bar 5 pm to 1 am. Michael's International Market Place open 5 pm to 4 am for fine foods and spirits. Downstairs opens at 8 pm for non-alcoholic beverages and dancing. Afterhours till 4 am.

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon - 5:30 pm Well Drinks \$1 with juice \$1.25. Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am All Well \$1.50 (with Juice \$1.75). Plus dancing from 8 to 1.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm - 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 p.m.

Video dancing 9 pm to close.

saturday

COLETTE'S WEST - Party Nite Hourly Drink Specials 8 to midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

FINELINE - open 5 pm with full service bar. Michael's International Market Place open 5 pm to 4 am for fine foods and spirits. Downstairs open 8 pm for non-alcoholic beverages and dancing. Afterhours till 4 am.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 pm Bloody Marys \$1.00 6 pm to 1 am All Well \$1.50. Dance 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. \$1.25 Well noon to 6 p.m. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beer Bust 4 to 7 pm .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 5 pm to 7 pm. \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's from 9 pm until 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Football on our big screen plus "Wine Down Nite" .75 Wine 8 pm to midnight. Movie Nite begins at 7 pm.

FINELINE - Open 3 pm to 1 am with full service bar. Michael's International Market Place open 5 pm for fine food and spirits.

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) \$1 with other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Bloody Marys \$1.00 Noon to 5:30. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness" every hour (?). Dance 8-1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 1 a.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. \$1.25 Well drinks noon to 6 p.m. Video dancing 9 pm to closing.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowler's Special: .75 Well Drinks for J/T Bowlers. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .89 from 8 pm to midnight.

FINELINE - Upstairs opens at 7 pm with full service alcohol bar.

GRADUATE - All White Well Drinks \$1.50 until 1 am plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30: Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25). Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness".

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 1 pm to 1 am. .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7. Covers Draft Beer Bust 7 to 10 p.m. .25 per glass. Video dancing begins at 9 pm.

SPORTS



JOSHUA TREE VOLLEYBALL

SPRING LEAGUE

Standings as of March 1, 1987

TEAM	WON	LOST	GAMES	PCT.
MEN AT PLAY	13	5	18	.722
J.T.'s SLAMMERS	4	2	6	.667
PLU & TRAMP	10	6	16	.625
ONE MORE TIME	7	8	15	.467
U-GUYS	7	10	17	.412
MISS FITS	1	14	15	.067

Now three weeks into the first half of league play, this Sunday was a tie-breaking day. The team, "Men At Play", ended up in first place followed closely, one game back, by the new team, "JT's Slammers" now in second. "PLU and the Tramp" moved up to a close third place only two games from first. Previously in second place, the team "U-Guys", has dropped from a tie for second to fifth place losing four game this past week. "One More Time" has moved up from fifth to fourth place, with "Mis Fits" remaining in last place.

League play is every Sunday at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket with the action starting at 1:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m.

Schedule of Play

Week of March 8

MIS FITS vs. PLU AND THE TRAMP
ONE MORE TIME vs. U-GUYS
PLU AND THE TRAMP vs. MEN AT PLAY
ONE MORE TIME vs. JT'S SLAMMERS
MIS FITS vs. U-GUYS
JT'S SLAMMERS vs. MEN AT PLAY

JOSHUA TREE MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

Standings as of February 23, 1987

TEAM	WON	LOST	PINS
1. PENETRATING FORCE	22	6	12458
2. KASSIE'S KLAN	18	10	12357
3. MEN AT WORK	18	10	12083
4. JOSHUA TREE	17	11	12025
5. FLYNTSTONES	15.5	12.5	12188
6. J's	15.5	12.5	11770
7. HEAD GAMES	15	13	11993
8. THE MISFITS	15	13	11738
9. BACK ROCKET	14.5	13.5	11823
10. SHOTS PLEAZ	13.5	14.5	11991
11. RITA'S GIRLS	13	15	11780
12. THAT'S THE TICKET	10	18	11484
13. THREE MINUS ONE	5	23	11631
14. THE THUMPERS	4	24	11473

HIGH SERIES - TEAM: KASSIE'S KLAN 1553 / MEN: MARK K. 639 / WOMEN: DEBBIE E. 507.

HIGH GAME - TEAM: KASSIE'S KLAN 597 / MEN: RICK H. 267 / WOMEN: DEBBIE E. 200.

SPECIAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

COLETTE'S WEST - Presents a "Comedy Show" with more details next week.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

GRADUATE - "Casino Night" sponsored by Sisters of Sonora. "Partners" members will be guest dealers.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Desert Leathermen present their monthly beer bust from 2 to 5 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Pool Tournament begins and will be held every 2nd and 4th Sunday. \$2 entry fee. \$20 First Place Winner, \$10 Second. .25 off on all drinks for players.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

COLETTE'S WEST - Tucson Knight Owls will present their annual "Closet Ball" here. Watch for more details about entering the contest or just plain watching it. It's a gas!

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

GRADUATE - St. Patrick's Day "Dinner and Show". Watch for more details.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

RUMOR HAZZIT - Male Strip Show featuring some of the hottest dancers from Phoenix. Details later.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

COLETTE'S WEST - Rock 'n Roll band "Sea" hold forth. Come and listen and dance. They're very good.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

COLETTE'S WEST - Barbra Bird and De Fellas, a great blues band, returns for another evening of some of the finest music in town.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

SIR GEORGE'S ROYAL BUFFET - Second Annual OBSERVER BENEFIT will be held with drinks, dinner, show and roast plus some other surprises. One of the bigger social events of the year held at a neutral site for those who prefer alternatives. More later.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

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FINELINE - Upstairs open at 7 pm with full-service alcohol bar.

GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks \$1.50 till closing plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm: Well Drinks \$1.00, Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness".

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

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Lynne Carter, known internationally as a female impressionist, died of AIDS in January 1985. Carter himself was a great philanthropist and raised considerable amounts of money for the Deborah Hospital for Heart Disease, the Provincetown Fire Department and through his friendship with Josephine Baker, to mention but one of the thousands of luminaries he knew personally, was involved with foster and adoptive care of children. In his later life he was one of the first to organize fundraising for AIDS organizations.

One of the highlights of Carter's career was his success in securing and selling out Carnegie Hall for a memorable performance. The first female impressionist to do so, he set the way for others to perform in this world famous concert hall. He also helped the careers of many current stars by offering the opportunity to perform with him or by advising them.

Lynne Carter brought humor and warmth to all who were privileged to see him perform. He truly was a great in the world of impressionism, and received gowns and original music from those he portrayed, including Pearl Bailey and Josephine Baker. One of Carter's own gowns is currently on loan to the Museum of the City of New York.

He is a legend in our own time. One of Carter's last wishes was that AIDS be conquered and he encouraged support for AIDS causes. "Night of A Thousand Gowns", to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York will salute the role of impressionists and impersonators in our society, as well as honoring the Imperial Court charity organization. Impersonators from across the U.S. and Canada will be attending and performing at this history-making event, with proceeds benefitting AIDS-related organizations.

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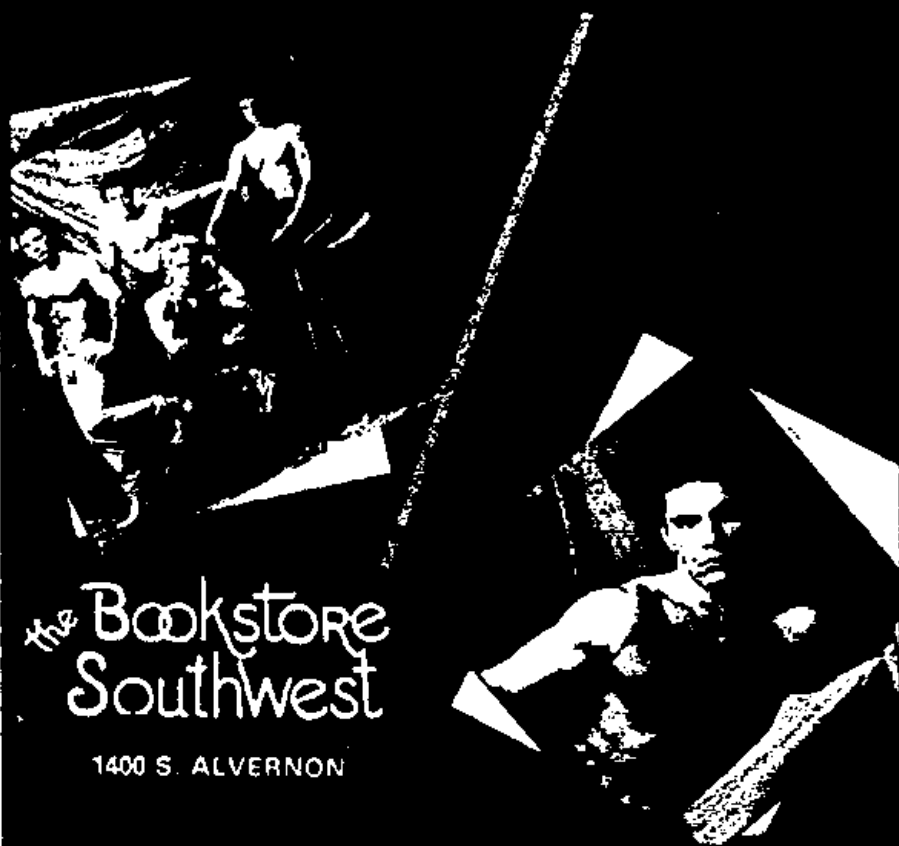
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Before I even begin to report on this week's happenings, I have learned through the grapevine that there was displeasure expressed in my last week's column. If I did err in my report, then I must take the blame for "mis-reporting". However, it is against the policy of this writer to apologize in this column. But, I will concede that a certain group, TWO, might have a complaint, so to compromise, they will find an insert in the Personals Column of this week's edition of the OBSERVER. Sorry fellows, it's the best this poor old girl can do.

I also heard that Keith aka Cissy Goldberg was here in Tucson this past weekend for two reasons. One, to be in the show for the SOS Hoedown and second, to find out just who I am for those silly girls from Phoenix that I talked about last week so they could plan some mischief for me. Well, Cissy succeeded in her first goal - a show she did do and it was great. There was a couple standing in front of me having a conversation that was most distracting, I tried diplomatically to ask them to refrain from talking while Cissy was on stage, both of the offenders thanked me for asking them to quiet down. They said they would have missed Cissy's act if I hadn't spoke to them. Well, Cissy, a bigger compliment is hard to come by. As for the second reason for you being here, I hope that you were a complete flop.

While I'm talking about the SOS Hoedown, it was a lot of fun. I certainly liked watching Charlie's Cloggers, Arizona Sidewinders and T-Squares doing their thing. All of the groups were great, except that the T-Squares did mess up in one number. See Tommy, I told you to learn the difference between circles, squares and triangles.

And I have to admit that Aviva and Candy did a great show too. You girls were in great form - quite an improvement from your show on Saturday night.

Even though the entertainment was good at this bash - the behind-the-scenes antics were even better. Phil was certainly in the spirit of things with that ripped shirt hanging on his body. Doc was all over the place making a complete fool of himself. And all those people looking so butch in their western outfits - especially those two behind the bar when they weren't in the show.

Well, everyone, it's time to close this off for this time, my black-eyed peas just boiled dry and they smell like hell, have to run.

INS OFFICIALS LAY DOWN THE LAW
EL PASO, TX (BAR) - Aliens who are convicted felons, homosexuals, prostitutes, members of the Communist Party or of radical fringe groups are not eligible for amnesty under the new immigration reform laws, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization officials recently said.

Al Giugni, director of the El Paso sector of the INS, said all applicants for legalization of immigration status will be required to take a medical examination to prove they do not have AIDS or other contagious diseases.

Giugni said the new immigration reform law will grant amnesty only to those illegal aliens who would otherwise be eligible for admission to this country under normal circumstances.

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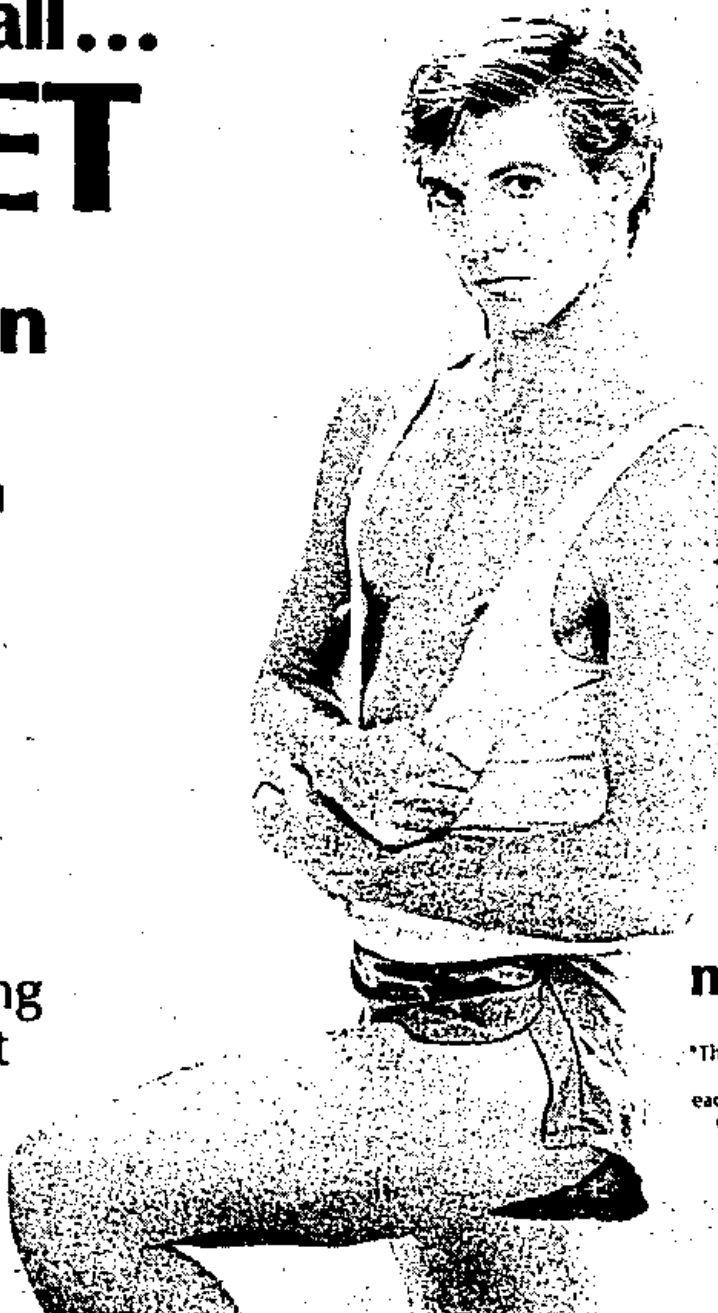
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The Tucson Alternative Therapies for AIDS/ARC (T.A.T.A.) is holding an introductory seminar on a national research program for AIDS/ARC and chronic diseases i.e. Epstein Barr Virus. DATE: Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7:00 p.m. PLACE: Desert Institute, 639 N. 6th Avenue. FEE: Free (Donations Accepted). To make reservations please call 795-8731.

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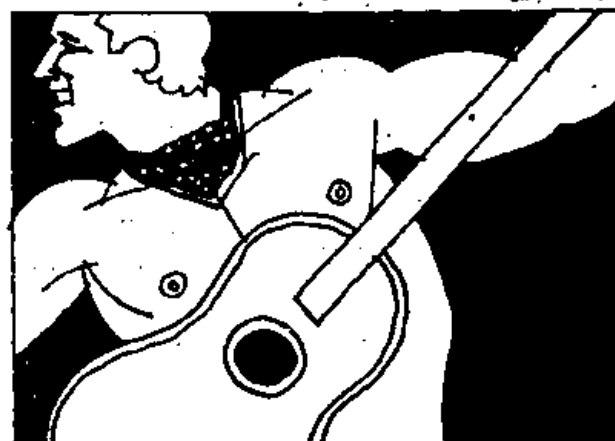
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