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From a grateful editor and staff

The Observer has now surpassed all other papers in the state of Arizona in number of issues published. Not bad for 'Little Ole Tucson'!

When you put out a newspaper that arrives on time 52 weeks a year, it takes a lot of perseverance, thought and effort on the part of many people, and when you consider that the entire project is a non-profit one, it means that these people tackle the project on a volunteer basis.

Our precious advertisers and events like last Saturday's benefit that pay the bills and make the paper float. But it is the people "in the trenches" that make a paper what it is. I firmly believe that the OBSERVER has an excellent group of talented people who present their unique efforts in a most varied form - some thought provoking, some humorous, some educational, some informative and some even interesting!

For various reasons, many contributors have come and gone. People like Loretta von Oyster-shucker with her sharp tongue; Bob Ulrud and his TV Guide; Adam Woolridge and Beast for the cartoon Bird Bath, to mention just a few. We thank them for their valued contributions throughout the years.

But there are some whose dedication to longevity is remarkable. The entire staff gathered at the OBSERVER/Community Benefit last Saturday and were introduced to the audience. These are the people who are currently writing for the OBSERVER. In alphabetical order:

First, a job that everyone would like to have - that of taking photos of those hunky models that have appeared each month on the Calendar since January 1985. By the way if you think you might make the select list of models, please sign up with our ace photographer Mr. Gabriel Bazurto.

When this man and his lover won the "Cruise to Remember" contest he offered to write a daily diary of the cruise. The first episode appeared on March 12, 1986 and it must have gotten to him because he has been writing his own brand of humor ever since, under the name Arthur Le Blank, aka Arthur Stables.

There are two people who began their volunteer writing efforts beginning with Issue #2 way back in July 1984. This first one has kept the Tucson Gay community informed about all the happenings between the various organizations and clubs and is also one half of the scandalous Juicy Lucy. He is a charter member of the Tucson Knight Owls and a man of a thousand words - Doc Hayes.

This gentleman began his OBSERVER writing career in November 1984 with a "Viewpoint" article, and has continued with his bi-weekly "As I See It" column. He was nationally recognized as one of the Advocate 100,000 persons in the United States.

States for his outstanding contributions to the Gay community of America. Co-founder and first president of Dignity/Tucson; co-founder and first co-chair of the old Tucson Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee; OBSERVER is proud to have Dr. Bruce Fowler on its staff.

Joining the OBSERVER in issue #2 with his tongue-in-cheek "Dear Blabby" column and later the author of the popular "Bar Soaps", this gentleman is an all-around talent. Besides his impersonations on several local stages throughout the years, his acting career will be remembered for his fine performance in "International Stud", which played to full houses in March of 1985. The ever-clever Mr. Monte-Jon.

Since May 22, 1985 this gentleman has been writing under the nom-de-plume of Jza Jza La More, keeping all of us on the edge of our seats with the wonderful world of the fabulous Stunt Malibu Christi and all her crazy firends. Although her friends names have been changed to protect them, we still don't know who they are after all this time. Any further questions should be directed to Jza Jza herself, Mr. Joe Figueroa.

I have been associated with the Gay newspaper business since 1976 and have been asking every Lesbian I ever saw to please consider contributing a column - even if it was just once a year - but to no avail. Now I am very happy to say that I have at last found one, a very prolific one, who has plenty of credentials in Journalism. She joined the staff in early February of this year and has not missed a week writing about a wide range of subjects of interest to not only the Lesbian community but to the community at large. We're happy to be working with Nancy Neman.

This young man has given us a "Thought for the Week" ever since 1984. In addition he has kept us informed about the religious community through his close association with MCC/Tucson. And he has still found time to appear on stage in various forms of drag to entertain us. And to everyone's surprise, he is the other half of Juicy Lucy - Mr. Ben Corbin.

I received a long-distance telephone call from Sky Harbor Airport, in the fall of 1984 from a 'voice' who said he would like to contribute to the paper. Taking the call with a grain of salt, I said sure, not expecting to hear anything from this person again. Was I ever wrong. With his first column appearing in Issue #9 of September 12, 1984, he has written on everything from Dynasty to AIDS; from Atheism to La Cage Aux Folles. Controversial many times but always thought provoking - our man in Phoenix - Christopher Geoffrey McPherson.

This reporter began writing for the OBSERVER in September 1984 when he was co-Chair of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride Planning Committee and kept us all informed

EDITORIAL

As Jackie Rothenberg said in her article last Saturday, March 28, the "flap over the use of official stationery to make derogatory biblical references to homosexuality has prompted Gov. Evan Mecham's office to ensure that it won't happen again."

The cover story of last week's OBSERVER raised quite a few eyebrows. Beside receiving considerable media coverage in Tucson, the story caught quite a few people in the Phoenix media by surprise.

The letter and the reply, were hand delivered by the writer a Tucson Lesbian, to The OBSERVER. The original letter was in response to statements Mecham made on his radio call-in show on February 12. The reply was made by special assistant Mac Matheson and was written on official stationery from the Governor's office.

The woman's letter was written in a straight forward Christian manner and ended with the sentence, "I feel it is due the same respect, rights, and loving Christian attitude as any other human."

Part of Matheson's response

TOGA Award winners

TUCSON - Each year we present the Tucson Observer Gay Appreciation award of T.O.G.A. - an award given to two unsung heroes in our community who have done more than their share for all of us. Last year Natalie Perry and David Weinstein were the recipients of the T.O.G.A. awards. This year two more people were selected for their unbounding interest and care for our community. This year, as it was last year, the award winners are a male and a female.

The first winner is a person whose total involvement in the Tucson Gay community has more than merited our award this evening. What is more remarkable, she is not Gay. At almost every function, she is always there lending her help and support in any way it is needed. She has opened her home to various groups and organizations for meetings and parties and shelter. She has opened her heart to numerous individuals who need a shoulder to lean on. She is active in an official capacity in several organizations and clubs in our community. Throughout the years she has adopted many, many sons and daughters in our community. This woman is total love and understanding. Affectionately known to all as Annie, the first T.O.G.A. award of the 1987 was presented to Mrs Ann Corbin.

The second award of 1987 was presented to a man who has served this community extremely well for the past several years. When there was no one else to take the ball and run with it - he did. He can often be found writing letters, folding flyers, stapling brochures, during his off-hours, when no one else was available.

to the letter said, "I am sure that God loves you even though your chosen lifestyle is so abhorrent that it was punishable by death among the Children of Israel."

Since the letter appeared and was publicized by the non-Gay media, the woman has been receiving harassing telephone calls, threatening messages written on her automobile and a strange confrontation by two men in plain clothes who claimed to be police officers. The Tucson police Department claims not to know of any such visit.

Religious issues such as this one are highly charged and tempers can flare. This is not a time to be irrational for proponents of either side of the issue. It is a time for all homosexuals to be calm, but remember the facts.

The Governor's office is making an effort to keep tabs on "what leaves our office in an official capacity," said press secretary Ron Bellus.

We believe it's a little late to close the barn door after the horses are gone.

AIDS may stay dormant 15 years

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - The AIDS virus may lie dormant for an average of 15 years before causing disease, according to a new study that suggests millions of AIDS cases may yet appear in people already infected with the virus.

The study released March 26, by economist Malcolm Rees estimates 2.5 million Americans who were infected with the virus by the end of 1984 will develop AIDS during the next 30 years or so, barring medical advances.

The calculations giving the 15-year average incubation period also suggest two-thirds of the AIDS cases will arise between 10 and 20 years after infection, but Rees stressed that the numbers are not firm. The study is "a picture of the thing. It's not the last word on it, I'm not claiming it is," Rees said.

He also said that if AIDS patients survive longer in the future with the disease, the 15-year average would refer more to time until death than time to the appearance of the disease.

Rees, who is studying the cost of AIDS for the British government, reported his calculations in the British journal Nature. They are based on data from AIDS patients who had been infected by transfusions, and national data on numbers of AIDS cases.

The estimates differ from some prior research. While Rees calculated that 2.5 million Americans infected by the end of 1984 who would get AIDS, the federal government has estimated a

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UPDATE

T.A.P. SEMINAR APRIL 2

TUCSON - The social Action Forum at St. Marks Episcopal Church will hold a Tucson AIDS Project seminar to enlist help and support from the Gay and non-Gay community. Mr. Craig Snow will conduct the seminar which begins at 7:30 p.m. This Thursday, April 2, in Geneva Hall of St. Marks. The church is located at 3809 E. 3rd Street, near Alvernon.

MUSICAL TAP FUNDRAISER THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 5.

TUCSON - Domino Theory (B.C.-3) will headline a big Tucson AIDS Project fundraiser to be held at Club Congress, 311 E. Congress in downtown Tucson.

The evening is dubbed "Life In Urbania" and will consist of 6 hours of live music. Besides Domino Theory (B.C.-3), the evening will feature other local musical organizations - The Balance; Bulthorn and Penny Netz.

Tickets for the benefit are \$5.00 at the door. The fun begins at 7 p.m. and runs to closing at 1 a.m. All for a great cause. Plan on attending.

L.A.D.S. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

PHOENIX - Los Amigos Del Sol (L.A.D.S.) has started their 12th year off by electing new officers. The newly elected officers are: Tina B., President; Hazel G., Vice-President; Leslie S., Secretary (and returning officer from last year); Dianna W., Treasurer; Pam S., Editor; and Roger "Roz" B., Historian.

All of the new officers are looking forward to a year of growth in membership and activities. "We would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all of you to stop in and join our group," said a L.A.D.S. spokesperson.

Meetings are held the second Saturday of the month at Farrah's beginning at 1:00 p.m. Farrah's is located at 4158 Grand Avenue. L.A.D.S. invites all interested people to join them at their next meeting on Saturday, April 11, at Farrah's.

ACRA GYMKHANA SET FOR APRIL 11

PHOENIX - The Board of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (ACRA) is finalizing details for their "Fun Day & Gymkhana" scheduled for Saturday, April 11 at the Black Canyon Saddle Club, 17039 North 63rd Avenue (Bell Road at 63rd Avenue).

Gates open at 11:00 a.m. with events scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 whether tickets are purchased in advance or at the gate. Events open to competition will include non-horse sports, hopefully availing everyone an opportunity to participate.

Sponsors for the arena rental fee include the Connection/Der Druke; Stixx; Penny Pincher Auto Parts; Charlie's and Charlie's Country Cloggers.

RECALL DRIVE LOOKS BETTER, WARNER SAYS

TUCSON - In just three months Gov. Evan Mecham has managed to make Arizona the "laughingstock" of the nation, Carolyn Warner said last Sunday (March 29). Warner was in Tucson last Saturday, March 28, at a fundraiser for the Clarion a local women's newspaper.

Warner said that "Six weeks ago I would have told you a recall will never happen - it's too difficult. But now there are too many whose emotions are running too high." "I would not be at all surprised if there were a recall," Warner said. "I would also now not be surprised were it successful."

Warner also said that should there be a recall drive and it resulted in another election, she might seek the governor's office again. Warner, a Democrat, received 35 percent of last November's vote in a losing cause to Mecham's 40%.

2,139 HAVE VIRUS

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Pentagon's screening program for AIDS so far has found 2,139 men and women on active duty testing positively for exposure to the deadly disease.

The test results were found during the screening of 1.27 million military personnel, or more than half of the 2.1 million men and women on active duty, Pentagon officials said last week.

Recruits who test "positive" for exposure to the virus are denied entry to the military, but active-duty personnel are allowed to remain on duty as long as they show no signs of the actual disease.

MECHAM DRAWS FIRE OVER 'PICKANINNIES'

PHOENIX (AP) - House Minority Leader Art Hamilton blasted Gov. Evan Mecham for saying blacks had referred to their children as "pickaninnies."

"Our children are as precious to us as they are to any community, and anybody who suggests that the term 'pickaninnies' is OK is wrong, wrong, wrong," said Hamilton, who is black.

Hamilton, (D-Phoenix), was referring to remarks that Mecham made last week in the Phoenix Gazette in response to criticism of a book he wants used in celebration of the U.S. Constitution's bicentennial despite its use of the word 'pickaninnies' in a 1934 essay.

VOLUNTEER TEAM READY TO TEST AIDS VACCINE

BETHESDA, MD - The first American volunteers to be human guinea pigs in tests of potential AIDS vaccines have been selected by researchers, who hope to begin experiments soon.

Dr. Allan L. Goldstein of George Washington University said his team is ready to use 24 volunteers in testing a vaccine against acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The volunteers are members of high-risk groups who have not been infected with the AIDS virus.

Goldstein, speaking last Wednesday, March 25, at an AIDS vaccine workshops sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, said his proposal for experimental administration of the vaccine to volunteers was submitted to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration last month.

Some human experiments have already been conducted in the African nation of Zaire, but no conclusive results have been released. One scientist, Dr. Daniel Zagury of the University of Paris, has tried a prototype vaccine on himself.

THE WEEKLY OBSERVER Juicy Lucy Exposed



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TOGA AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

He served as Co-chair for the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride Planning Committee and later the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance. These organizations are responsible for community functions too numerous to mention - Pride Week being only one. He has often acted as spokesperson for the community when called upon by the media, often at the risk of losing his employment. He is currently helping hold the Tucson sports scene together with his active involvement and reporting on volleyball, bowling and baseball. On a personal note, he helped keep the Observer going by allowing us to use his computer following the loss of ours. Observer is happy to present the second TOGA award of 1987 to Mr. Jack Stockslager.

OBSERVER/COMMUNITY BENEFIT SUMMARY OF FUNDS MARCH 28, 1987

INCOME		
Ads in Program	340.00	
Reserved tables	200.00	
Dinner, Show and Cocktail Tickets	1871.10	
Raffle Proceeds	39.00	
Show Tips	342.56	
Doc/Lucy Page in Program	12.00	
Bar Tips	73.35	
Cigarette Proceeds	17.50	
Pledges Received: SDS: \$100		
Graduate: \$100		
Desert Leathermen: \$100	300.00	
Refund on Reserved Table	<72.00>	\$31.23.51
EXPENSES		
Liquor License	50.00	
Printing of Programs	89.30	
Dinners (95 @ \$6.90)	655.50	
Show Charge (70 @ \$1.50)	105.00	
Linen at Restaurant	32.00	
Beverages (20 @ \$1.75)	35.00	
Restaurant Employees	40.00	
Cups/Napkins	14.00	
Bar Cups	5.94	
Bottle Openers	1.26	
Mixers	14.85	
Paper for Tickets	4.33	
Ticket Printing	7.38	
Liquor: Bourbon (Fineline): \$48.08		
Vodka (Colette's): \$25.55		
Scotch (Rumor Hazzit): \$26.25		
Gin (Back Pocket): \$39.00		
Rum-Tequila (Rita's): Donated		
Beer (Graduate): Donated		
Vodka (IBT): Donated	138.88	\$1193.44
NET INCOME ON OBSERVER/COMMUNITY BENEFIT:		\$1930.07

I, Paul Taras do hereby certify that the above are the actual figures from the said benefit. These numbers were calculated by myself and confirmed by the executive committee of Desert Leathermen and Mr. Robert Ellis of the Observer on Sunday, March 29, 1987.

Paul V. Taras
Treasurer, Desert Leathermen
March 31, 1987

[EDITORS NOTE: After the above summary of funds from the Observer Community Benefit were received by Observer, two additional outstanding pledges were received, \$100.00 from Mark Elenz of It's 'Bout Time and \$100.00 from Colette Barajas of Colette's West, Ltd. There are still some outstanding pledges not received as of presstime].



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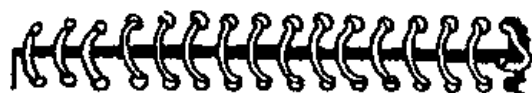
us to the happenings in that area of our community. Most recently he has been reporting on the sporting events of our community - Volleyball and Bowling - Mr. Jack Stockslager.

Production and layout are what makes us look pretty and we have two who are responsible for this 'look'.

First, a very close friend of mine, whose artistic talents are well known in this community. His sense of humor and sense of energy and detail shows in every project he undertakes. In addition, because he has sort of been in the public eye, he has been a ready listener to all who needed a friend. I am proud to have this young man on our staff - Mr. Gary Clark.

Last, but by no means least, this young man came to the OBSERVER with very experienced credentials. He arrived in Tucson late last summer from Florida where he worked as production head for the widely known "David" magazine. In addition to his duties at OBSERVER, he also works in the production of the "Beacon" the monthly publication of MCC/Tucson, and was responsible for the souvenir program at the Benefit - Mr. Lance Penny.

I want to thank the Desert



NOTES FROM NANCY

by Nancy Neman

I would not want to meet Ev Meham's God. First of all, he seems to think blacks are inferior, as evidenced by Ev's acceptance of "pickaninnies" as a suitable handle for black children. Secondly, in this God's church, homosexuality is not an acceptable lifestyle, and furthermore is "lewd and licentious". So if Meham's views and beliefs are in fact a reflection of this God, then the only truly acceptable human beings are white, Anglo-Saxon Mormon men. Women come second-rate, and Gay women not at all.

When it was suggested that I write a piece about a recent letter to the governor's office from a local Gay woman, I gladly accepted the assignment. But the more I think about it, the more I realize that what happened is not just a woman's issue, nor is it just a homosexual issue. It is an overt slap in the face to human dignity, to human rights.

For those of you who aren't familiar with Meham's recent travesty, a Gay woman from Tucson wrote a very respectful letter to the Governor, saying she felt she was due "the same respect, rights and loving Christian attitude as any other human". Meham evidently passed the letter on to his assistant, Mac Matheson, who is

Leathermen and the Sisters of Sonora for another great evening and of course all the clubs and organizations who were bartending, waiting, selling and helping in general, and I especially want to thank everyone who attended that momentous evening and I know that I speak for all the staff members when I say that your continued support of the OBSERVER makes all the effort worth while.

To Roger Barger, who was well roasted before the show, I want to extend my personal thanks. I know what it is to sit in that hot seat from my experience last year. You carried it out beautifully and we did learn quite a few things about you. Your roasters really dug deep to get the items of interest on you.

The beautifully executed show was a result of the help of so many people I am almost afraid to thank them individually for fear of missing some but to Aviva Diamond for her bringing it to fruition - all the Phoenix and Tucson performers and the folks behind the scenes who made it all come out like the real class production it was.

Thank you each and every one. You all are what makes Tucson the wonderful place that it is.

notorious for his poison pen letters to minorities. Matheson responded, "I am sure God loves you, even though your chosen lifestyle was punishable by death among the Children of Israel." He went on to say that homosexuality is a problem of conscience and added, "If you have no conscience then there is no problem."

When I read Matheson's reply, I was simply astonished and completely disgusted. The women's movement has come a long way, but unfortunately for Arizonans it has just lost about fifty years. Once again, I implore you to support the recall petitions for a recall election when then become available in July.

More encouraging, in the Sunday Arizona Star, there was an article about Democrat Carolyn Warner, saying she felt a recall election is now really possible. Carolyn may be straight, but I can guarantee you she won't be in the Governor's office lambasting Gays or blacks or women. Plus, she won't be cutting educational funding only to finance some kangaroo war on drugs. I don't advocate drug use, but I do believe that drug education is a far more viable way to combat the drug problem, rather than arresting pushers who will only be

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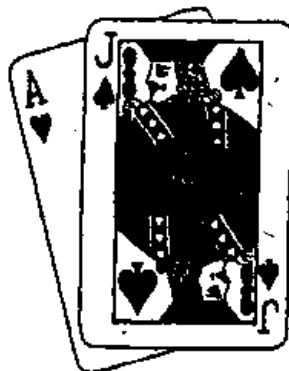
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A COMMENTARY BY
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

LET'S JUST TALK

When I started writing my weekly column 130 columns ago, I thought I would have just enough material for a handful of columns or so, then just dry up. Surprisingly, there has been enough material for me to write every week for two-and-a-half years without any trouble.

Usually, I begin thinking about my next column on the weekend. I work it up usually by Monday or Tuesday, then drop it in the post by mid-week. This week, I didn't have a burning issue to write about, so I thought it would be nice just to talk to you, and share some thoughts I have had for a long time but have never written about.

Firstly, here are a couple of laws I would like to see enacted: First, outlaw marriage or involvement in a permanent relationship until a person reaches the age of 25. There is so much life to live that a person is practically cutting his/her own throat to get tied-down at 17 or 18-years old. They have kids, work at jobs they hate because they have "responsibilities," then wake up when they're 45 or 50-years old resenting their lover and kids because they wasted the best years of their lives.

Next I would like to see every person, when he or she turns 19-years old, forced to move to a big city, say New York, or Los Angeles, or San Francisco. The world is so huge and diverse that it can only be seen in the microcosm which is a major American city. Too many people I see live their lives in a virtual vacuum, ignorant of the world around them. They cower like frightened animals at the smallest deviation from the limited world they know. Ignorance breeds fear, therefore, the more you know, the less there is to be afraid of.

Lastly, I would like to see all other laws thrown away, and new laws written based on this one simple principle: "Once I turn 18-years old, I will do with my life whatever I choose. I will

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replaced by some other pushers.

To get back to the point, women have got to unite on this one. I wonder what will come next? The possibilities seem too endless to name, but just don't be a Gay black woman cohabitating with another woman should you want to apply for a state job.

The women's movement will really be put to a test during this recall effort. If the women of this state, who are assumed to be aware of this incident through the media, don't sign the petitions, then we can assume either they just don't care or, in some off-hand way, they support the Governor's narrow-minded, archaic views.

Talk to your friends, Gay and straight alike. Ask them if they want this state governed by a man who would rather see you repressed and back in the closet. Are all these years of progress doomed to go down the tubes because of one car dealer's personal biases? I say NO!! We must support the recall effort. We must get involved. We must care!

And would you want to meet this man's God???

succeed or fail based solely on my own choices. I know that I may do anything I desire up to the point that it prevents any other person from doing this same thing." This is sort of like a "consenting-adult" law: "Any sexual act two adults choose to do in the privacy of their own homes is legal."

Those who follow the above principle would know murder is wrong because it prevents another person living his life as he chooses. Burglary would be wrong because it prevents another person from living his or her life as chosen.

What other laws would be necessary? A man or woman would achieve the most they could, or not: The choice would be theirs and theirs alone.

I guess this would cancel-out my first two laws-to-be. Well, I think if someone wanted to be the best he or she could, a person would want to know more about the world. A person would want to explore as much life as can be explored before settling down.

Let's face it, we're all adults -- those of us over 18-years-old. We should be allowed to do what we wish, within the limits of the above principle.

But these ideas are not new. Nor, actually, are they really mine. I have just adapted for my own use some ideas which have existed for many, many years. Existentialism has been around for some time. Also, Objectivist Epistemology -- Ayn Rand's theories.

But, perhaps the best summation would be this quote from Rand's eternal novel ATLAS SHRUGGED: "I swear by my life and my love of it that I will never live for the sake of another man, nor ask another man to live for mine.: She has a lot of other things to say. Stop by a library sometime and check them out.

That's the view-for now: see you next week!

PENNIE

I have a very special friend
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personable, even sassy
Put all together on one fine
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She's truly a blessing
specially when I need
hairstressing.

She loves me like a Diva
but she knows I'm only Aviva

I treasure her friendship
I treasure her love,
There's none other like her
save for the One up above.

She's a lady, she's bright
She's God's way of showing
the light.

Yes she's a friend to many...
to know her is to love her
My very special friend named
Pennie.

Happy birthday, love David

(Written June 2, 1986. Dedicated
April 2, 1987).



As I See It

by Bruce Fowler - Tucson

Why would any Gay or Lesbian person who is affiliated with any of the formal religious groups in our society remain a member, especially so for Roman Catholics in light of the recent actions taken by the Vatican?

I hear the question asked more and more often lately by not only Gays and Lesbians, but by all sorts of people in our society. With all the "wrath" coming down on us from formal religion, why would we want to remain and submit to the increasingly hostile and frequent condemnations of our personhood?

Articles have appeared in several different Gay and Lesbian magazines and newspapers lately promoting the idea that all Gays and Lesbians still remaining members of any formal religion should quit, throw in the towel, resign and turn to some other form of spiritual development. I noticed that most of these articles were written by people, usually Gay or Lesbian, who long ago left their churches and synagogues and now seem to have need to say to the rest of us, "See, I told you so! You ought to get out too."

Sorry, but I disagree with this advice. As a Gay Catholic who belongs to and is active in a local parish, I speak from my perspective and it brings me to a different conclusion.

My church is not perfect. It's an institution, governed by humans who often say one thing and then do something else. Hypocrisy is a human condition which does not seem to be any less a reality in religious institutions, certainly not within my church. At the same time, that same church does nurture my spirituality and provides me with a great deal of support on a personal level. I firmly believe 90% of the doctrine and find answers to my questions about the meaning of life and the nature of my place in the universe. But all of these personal reasons aside, there are logical, political reasons for me as a Gay man to remain an active Catholic as well.

As a practicing Catholic, I have access to many decision-making leaders - they will listen to me, a member, when they will not listen to someone who has left the church, has become inactive or who has never been a member. I am respected for my membership, my theological knowledge and understanding and especially for my dedication to be a Gay Catholic, even in light of persecution. I may well become a martyr in the effort, but that's the price many of God's faithful have had to pay. My point is, I have a better chance to affect change in the church from within than I do from outside.

But why would anyone care what the church teaches, especially if no Gays or Lesbians belong. The answer is very simple - the churches of the western world and especially the Roman Catholic Church have the power to set the agenda and decide what public concepts of morality are to be. If they go unchallenged from within, then they win the battle and are allowed to determine morality for all societies and ALL peoples. Like it or not, issues such as those involved in Gay and Lesbian rights are moral issues and our churches still set the agenda for society's approach to law and order. If you want to change the laws and policies, then you have to affect the thinking and the philosophy of the law and policy makers - we're talking about religion in all its aspects, no two ways about it.

A Catholic bishop once told me that I had to be twice as good a Catholic as he was because of my being Gay put my acceptability as a respectable Christian into jeopardy and raised serious questions

among other Christians about my credibility. And after I was twice as "good" a Catholic as he was, I still would have to spend hours and hours educating myself and other Christians on the issues involved in Gay and Lesbian rights. And that's exactly what I am doing. I believe in my church, so I will remain an active Catholic, but I also believe there is no sin in my homosexuality and I'll spend the rest of my life, if need be, educating my church to that fact.

I have to stay and be active in my church, because I believe in the basic doctrine of that church and because I see no other way except through education to ever change things. In the meantime, I would appreciate the support of my Gay and Lesbian friends, especially those who have had to leave. I understand your need to leave, please try to understand my need to stay. By what we do, we both are making a strong statement about this injustice.

NEW YORK POST
LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR:

Thank you Tucson for your support and for making this year's Observer/Community Benefit a bigger success.

I have always hoped for "unity" in our community of very fine people, businesses and organizations, all of which you've proved yourself proud!

I'd like to say thank you to the members of S.O.S. for their donating our dressing room truck, Little Mike on spotlight, Big Mike at the bar, Terry for delivery of the truck, Miss Kenni and Miss Mona for their extra special touches in the dressing room, Annie at the door, Ben, Ed, David and Don for waiting on tables.

I'm especially grateful to the entertainers from Phoenix who joined us for this event: Lady Casandra, Pussy Le Hoot, Jamie de Sario, Rhannon and Tish Tanner.

And I am equally grateful for my fellow entertainers here in Tucson: Roxanne, Eddie Florez, Candy Plastique, Jacqueline de Savoi, Bobbi Jo, Kelly Ryan, Candy Trowbridge, Rick Duncan, Jessica Captain and Veronica!

I pray our good Lord will continue to bless you with love and success.

An extra note of thanks to Video Mark for the use of his speakers in the show and the roast.

I hope we'll all continue to grow in support and love for one another.

Miss Aviva Diamond,
Miss Gay Tucson,
Queen of Fiesta de Mayo,
Member of Sisters of Sonora

DEAR EDITOR:

Congratulations Tucson on a job well done.

The Observer/Community Benefit was a great success. The biggest success of all was that so many people were involved and were able to work together to bring it off so well.

It was wonderful to see the different groups and types of people working together regardless of what their personal beliefs were. Face it, when we work on things together, we become unified, and we, in the Gay community need this unification if we are going to be heard - Politically especially. Can you just imagine our clout if we got it together as a group?

The benefit was just an example of what can be done.

There were so many new

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"faces" and let's not forget all the great people who came down from Phoenix to help out and show their support.

It is impossible to thank everyone by name, but "Hats Off To Everyone Involved," and to all of you who supported us.

I had a great evening. By the way, if I offended anyone during the "Roast" -- all I can say is, "Oh well, just being myself."

Proud of all of you,

Roger (aka Roxanne)

TO THE EDITOR:

Another Sunday softball game for Shanti has come and gone. Deb Whalen and Natalie Perry join me in saying thank you to all those who came out to play ball or just spend a day outdoors cheering on their friends.

Even though the wind played havoc with our "do's", and it wasn't real warm, everyone seemed to have a great time. The best part is that even more money was raised for Shanti this time around. I hope that if another

game is planned, we can get even greater participation player-wise from the "other bars".

As always, we are all grateful to the bars for their support in the donation of food and beverages.

Special thanks must go to Joe Holben, Jack McMahon, Linda Pass, Tim Brightwell, Aviva Diamond and Candy Plastique. Their support and efforts ensured a good turnout and a smooth running afternoon. I'm sure they all still smell of beer and bar-b-que grill smoke. Thanks also to Mark Elenz of HBT's for his continued support.

To all the players, spectators and cheerleaders, a huge round of applause and thank you. Respectfully

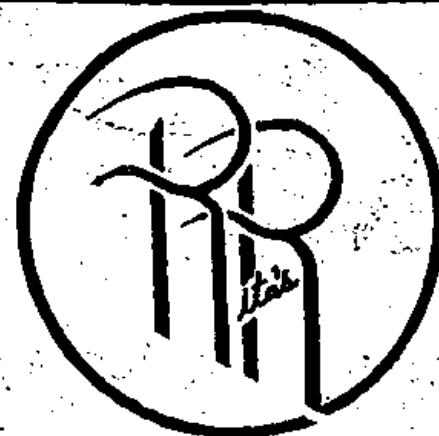
Jack Wilson

P.S. Congratulations to the Desert Leathermen on a very successful Observer/Community Benefit.

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SPECIAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Domino Theory EC-3, holds forth here for a two-day stint. Music begins at 9 p.m. til closing. \$2.00 Cover. Be sure to catch this fast-rising act while they're still in Tucson.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Domino Theory EC-3 plays here again in the final day of its two day appearance. Music from 9 p.m. til closing. \$2.00 Cover. One of the hottest musical acts on scene. Don't miss them.

JOSHUA TREE - The Tucson Lesbian Gay Alliance (TLGA) meets at 3:00 on the patio. Discussion and plans to be formed up for the Fiesta de Mayo, May 1, 2, 3, the big fund raising effort of TLGA to help defray costs of presenting Pride Week '87. Everyone is welcome to attend. Your input and help is needed. Please!

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

COLETTE'S - The extraordinary fine movie "Desert Hearts" will be shown again here at 7:00 p.m.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Desert Leathermen Beer Bust from 2 until 6:30. .50 draft.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 11 & 12

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Make this your headquarters for the Spring 4th Avenue Street Fair. Thousands and thousands of beautiful people. IBT's will have drink specials and shows, and lots of fun things going.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

GRADUATE - 5th Annual Easter Bonnet / Easter Basket Contest. Always a fun event. More details later.

RUMOR HAZZIT - A big show planned here headed by an all-star cast from Phoenix. Watch for their ad next week and plan on attending.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

COLETTE'S WEST - Annual LUAW all day. Details later.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

JOSHUA TREE - Opening-evening of Fiesta de Mayo the big outdoor carnival that is a fund raiser for the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance. Booths, games, outdoor stage, glitter and glamor. Gates open at 7:00 p.m. Watch for details.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

GRADUATE - Singer Loren Johnson makes a return visit to Tucson. If you haven't heard him sing, be sure to take advantage of this opportunity.

JOSHUA TREE - Fiesta de Mayo celebration continues at 4:00 p.m. Outdoor booths, food, games, drinks, arts & crafts. Mariachi band, live entertainment the whole enchilada! Introduction of the Fiesta King and Queen candidates.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

GRADUATE - Singer Loren Johnson here for repeat performance in Tucson. Johnson has just released a record album. Be sure to hear this excellent vocalist.

JOSHUA TREE - Fiesta de Mayo celebration continues at 1:00 p.m. Outdoor booths, food, games, drinks, arts & crafts. Mariachi band and other live entertainment with the crowning of the King and Queen at 10:30 p.m.

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JOSHUA TREE VOLLEYBALL

SPRING LEAGUE

Standings as of March 29, 1987

Second Half

TEAM	WON	LOST	POINTS	PCT.
U-GUYS	5	1	7	.833
JT'S SLAMMERS	4	2	6	.667
MEN AT PLAY	4	2	7	.667
PLU & THE TRAMP	3	4	7	.429
ONE MORE TIME	2	5	7	.286
MIS FITS	2	6	8	.250

This Sunday was the first week of the second half of the Spring League. For the first time "U-Guys" is in first place winning six out of seven games for the day. One and one half games behind is "JT's Slammers" and in third place, two games from first, "Men at Play", the winners of the first half.

Volleyball League play is every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. at the Joshua Tree.

Schedule of Play

Week of April 5, 1987

PLU & The Tramp vs. One More Time
Mis Fits vs. U-Guys
One More Time vs. JT's Slammers
U-Guys vs. Men at Play
Mis Fits vs. PLU & the Tramp
JT's Slammers vs. Men at Play

JOSHUA TREE MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

Standings as of March 23, 1987

TEAM	WON	LOST	PINS
1. PENETRATING FORCE	31	13	19363
2. KASSIE'S KLAN	30	14	19188
3. HEAD GAMES	27	17	19320
4. MEN AT WORK	26	18	18910
5. FLYNTSTONES	24.5	19.5	19325
6. SHOTS PLEAZ	24.5	19.5	18819
7. JOSHUA TREE	23	21	18687
8. BACK POCKET	21.5	22.5	18513
9. 3 J's	21.5	22.5	18206
10. THE MISFITS	20	24	18329
11. RITA'S GIRLS	19	25	18486
12. THAT'S THE TICKET	16	28	18330
13. THE THOMPERS	13	31	18690
14. THREE MINUS ONE	11	33	18690

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THE TUCSON CALENDAR

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Wednesday Madness" - From 2-6 pm Drink Special: 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 - Full service bar open 5 p.m. to 1 am. T-Squares meet at 7 pm. MICHAEL'S INTERNATIONAL MARKET PLACE - Fine food and spirits open for dinner at 5 p.m.

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 - Full service bar open 5 pm to 1 am. T-Squares meet at 7 pm. MICHAEL'S INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE - Fine food and spirits Open for dinner at 5 p.m.

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. Coors 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 - Full service bar opens at 5 pm. Downstairs opens at 8 pm for non-alcoholic drinking and dancing.

Afterhours till 4 am. MICHAEL'S INTERNATIONAL MARKET PLACE Fine food and spirits open for dinner at 5 pm. Afterhours dining 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 - Full service bar opens at 5 pm. Downstairs opens at 8 pm for non-alcoholic drinking and dancing.

After-hours till 4 am. MICHAEL'S INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE, Fine food and spirits open for dinner at 5 pm. 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 8 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. 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 - Full service bar opens at noon. T-Squares meet at 1 pm. MICHAEL'S INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE Fine food and spirits. Sunday Brunch noon to 3 pm. All you can eat Bar-B-Que and .25 draft beer starting at 5 pm.

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 8pm-1am

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

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 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 - Full service bar open 5 pm to 1 am. MICHAEL'S INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE - Fine food and spirits. Open for dinner at 5 p.m.

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. Coors Draft Beer Bust 7 to 10 p.m. .25 per glass. Video dancing begins at 9 pm.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Dave Pierson DJ's in J/T beginning at 9 pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. "Sudsercelize" .40 draft beer from 8:00 until midnight.

FINELINE - Full service bar open 5 pm to 1 am. MICHAEL'S INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE, Fine food and spirits open for dinner at 5 pm.

GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks \$1.30 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.

RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 hot dogs 4-7 pm. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.



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WHAT'S UP DOC?

Congratulations to the Desert Leathermen, sponsors of the Observer Benefit. More meals were served, more liquid refreshments consumed, and obviously more people were in attendance for this annual event. A complete financial breakdown appears elsewhere in this issue. For you out there, for one reason or another, who were not in attendance, you really missed a fun-filled evening and one of the best shows ever in Tucson.

One of the highlights for me came during introduction of the Observer staff. In all my young years, I never knew I could lie so much with a straight face, even to friends. What I'm talking about was the introduction of that infamous Juicy Lucy. Ben Corbin and I are Juicy Lucy. Which is which I'll let you decide. It was a lot of fun for both of us doing this weekly (?) column and both of us had fun listening to the conversations weekly after one of us were able to pick on someone, a group or even the bars. It was also fun listening to people guess who Juicy Lucy was. Well, now everyone knows and I send warm wishes to each of you I wrote about, and please when you see me the next time keep the rotten tomatoes outside, not at me. Now at least you know who that pea-pickin', long-neck drinkin', forked-tongue, sweet person was, at least one half of it was. Juicy Lucy will be returning in about a month, but at least this time each of you will know who got you!

In looking back over almost a year of writing this spicy column, a lot of fond memories will stay with me for years. I had a lot of laughs from writing my column every other week. Ben

and I both almost weekly dropped a clue or two about our identity, and very few even picked up that Juicy Lucy was two different people. That's all I'll say on the late Juicy Lucy other than thanks gang for being the good sports you were. Ben or I got you. Now I can bring back my TBBS back to this column.

Over the weekend, I was also privileged to get the word officially that there will be a Miss Gay Tucson Pageant held here in Tucson. Dates and more details will be up and coming so get set. Tentatively its going to be in early June, but as I said, when the info gets to me, I'll pass it on to you.

This is meeting weekend for some of the clubs so if interested, contact the one you are interested in to find out times and locations.

TBBS: The florist in town are sure happy to see Bill N. lately.Also with Bill N., do not go shopping with him at Warehouse Foods....Tish, this week a little loose-lipped but a good show and love from Juicy Lucy.

That's it for this week. Have yourselves a beautiful and safe week. I'll have more TBBS' for you next week.



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EVERY SUNDAY MCC SERVICES 622-4536			1 Every Wednesday T-SQUARES DANCE 323-3527	2 GREAT OUTDOORS GENERAL MEETING 792-8888 Every Thursday T-SQUARES DANCE 323-3527	3 TUCSON AIDS PROJECT MEET 7:30 PM. 792-3772	4 TWO MEETING 884-7309 DESERT LEATHERMEN 882-5102 TUCSON LESBIAN GAY ALLIANCE MEETING 795-3515
5 2 to 6:30 BEER HUST DESERT LEATHERMEN 1BT's SOS CASINO NITE GRADUATE 4 TO 9	6 G/L RAP GROUP 7:30 PM. 795-1662	7	8	9	10	11 DIGNITY MASS/ POTLUCK 7 PM. 887-1186
12 LESBIAN CO-OP MEETING 795-1006	13	14	15	16	17	18 TUCSON YOUTH MEETING 3 PM. 881-1794 T-SQUARES HEDGEM PINELINE 9 TO 11
19 EVERY SUNDAY T-SQUARES DANCE 323-3527	20	21 Passover	22	23	24 TWO SPRING FLING	25 TWO SPRING FLING
26 TWO SPRING FLING	27 Easter	28	29	30		

The Tucson Calendar Man for April is Lance Gordon Penny (24). Born in New London, Conn., Lance is 6', 175 lbs with sandy blonde hair and blue eyes. He loves art, making music, playing on the beach, bicycling, not showers, going to parties and sleeping late. He donates spare time to the production and graphics of the Observer. He is a drama/music student at the U of A. Lance is photographed with his little friend "Peepers" who belongs to friends Shirley and Rhonda from MDC/Tucson.

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AIDS FROM US ARMY, SOVIETS SAY
MOSCOW (AP) - A Soviet military publication claims the deadly AIDS virus is man-made and leaked from a U.S. Army lab in Maryland, the official Tass news agency said.

The Novosti Military Bulletin report did not directly charge the United States with creating AIDS but said the virus leaked from the U.S. Army laboratory at Fort Detrick, Md., which was once the army's biological weapons center, Tass said.

The Pentagon, which no longer responds to such Soviet reports, has denied similar charges in the past year.

MECHAM UNSWAYED BY BOYCOTT PLANS
PHOENIX (AP) - Gov. Evan Mecham says a campaign to persuade convention planners to boycott Arizona won't change his opposition to a state holiday for slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Phoenix Mayor Terry Goddard, a supporter of the King holiday, joined Mecham in criticizing the boycott, saying it would unfairly penalize Phoenix.

The boycott effort, announced last Thursday, March 26, by Arizonans for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, is "another part of the political side of the play," Mecham said in response to the campaign.

The Republican governor rescinded the state's King holiday shortly after he took office in January, claiming that it was created illegally by former Gov. Bruce Babbitt.

The Doobie Brothers have joined singer Stevie Wonder in deciding not to play in Arizona in protest of Mecham's action. The rock group decided to play a planned reunion benefit concert in Las Vegas, Nevada instead of Phoenix. Doobies publicist Phil Lobel said. The benefit for a San

Francisco hospital for the elderly is scheduled for May 21. The group has not appeared together since 1982.

News from MCC Tucson

This coming Sunday, April 5, will be the fifth Sunday of Lent. The following Sunday, April 12 will be Palm Sunday and the beginning of Passover Week. MCC/Tucson will be having special services during the week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. More details on these special services will be made next week.

MCC/Tucson joined the record breaking attendance for the Second Annual Observer/Community Benefit held at Sir George's last Saturday night. It was a night to be remembered for a long time. Since MCC/Tucson was co-recipient of this benefit, we thank each and every one for their support and may God bless for this generous and unselfish donation. MCC/Tucson was very proud of our Annie Corbin when she was presented with the TOGA (Tucson Observer Gay Appreciation award for her meritorious/humanitarian service to the Tucson Gay community. However, MCC/Tucson was not especially pleased to learn that Annie's husband, Ben Corbin, has been a part of "Juicy Lucy" these past months. But being Christians, we will try to forgive him.

Easter Pinatas are on sale by members of MCC/Tucson and by ICM Cristo Obrero in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. These Pinatas are hand made and are being sold for \$3.00 each. The Pinatas will help brighten up your Easter and the entire proceeds from the sale of these Pinatas will go to ICM Cristo Obrero. See any member of MCC/Tucson to place your order.

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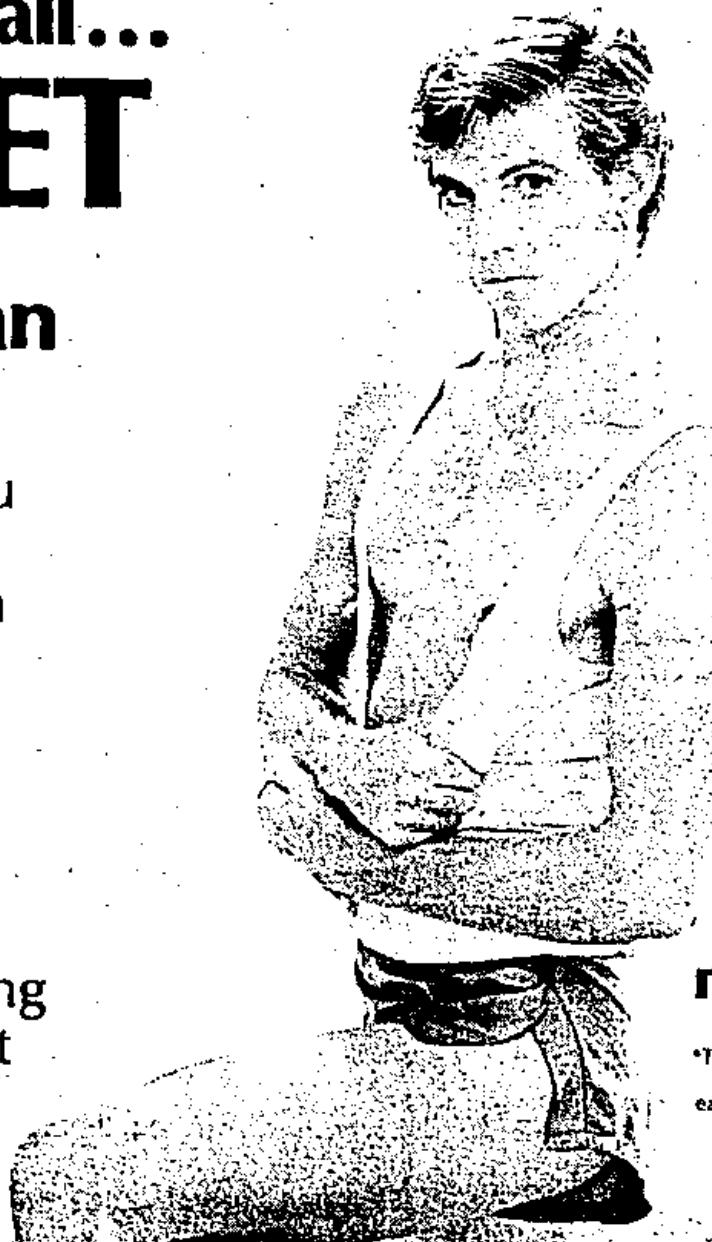
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Recall group changes leadership

by Laurie Asseo

PHOENIX (AP)—The group that wants to recall Gov. Evan Mecham from office got a new leader last Thursday, April 2, as Mecham Watchdog Committee Chairman Ed Buck stepped down.

The new chairwoman, former Gray Panthers leader Naomi Harvard, acknowledged that in some people's eyes, Buck's leadership had become a liability because of his indictment on a drug charge and his admitted homosexuality.

Buck said at a news conference he will remain involved in the anti-Mecham campaign as operations director, and that he decided to quit because "someone more qualified stepped forward."

Harvard said she plans to draw on the contacts she has built over the years in an attempt to make the campaign more broad-based.

"Obviously Naomi's base of support is in the 50-plus crowd," which voted heavily for Mecham last fall, Buck said.

Harvard added: "I feel very strongly that there are lots of people in our state that are very disturbed with some of Mecham's actions, including his cancellation of a holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr. and his appointment of Ted Humes to head the Residential Utility Consumer Office."

Buck was indicted Feb. 5 on one felony count of attempting to fraudulently obtain a narcotic and one count of fraudulently obtaining a narcotic. He was arrested after attempting to fill a photocopied prescription from his dentist for the painkiller Percocet. He has applied to enter a drug treatment program in an effort to get the charge dismissed.

Buck also was the target of criticism by Julian Sanders, head of Arizonans for Traditional



ED BUCK The Arizona Daily Star
American Values. Sanders held a news conference in mid-March to say that Buck was a homosexual. (OBSERVER, March 18).

Buck acknowledged that he

was a homosexual and accused opponents of his committee of trying to center the controversy on himself rather than on Mecham.

Mecham, when told of the leadership change, said, "I haven't paid a bit of attention to them."

"If they were going to get serious they would have to have people of substance who would appeal to something besides just a small extremist fringe," the governor said.

Meanwhile, Buck said the committee had received a "sizeable financial contribution" from members of U2, an Irish rock group that opened its tour with a concert in Phoenix last Thursday. (See U2 story elsewhere in this issue).

Buck said the committee hoped to stage some benefit concerts to raise money for the recall, adding that musicians around the country were being asked.

The committee hopes to raise \$200,000 to \$300,000 to help gather up to 350,000 signatures starting in July, after Mecham has been in office for six months. The law requires 215,746 valid signatures to force a recall vote.

Pima County begins 'anonymous testing'

TUCSON - Five people took advantage of the first day of 'anonymous' testing for exposure to the AIDS virus, Pima County health officials said. Opening day of the so called anonymous tests was last Monday, April 6.

Six people had shown interest in the testing, said Jamie Miller, director of the sexually transmitted disease program. She said only five showed up.

Miller said interest seemed to be up and officials expect to be testing as many as eight people a day by the end of this week.

Those tested were primarily users of injectable drugs, one of the groups at high risk on contracting acquired immune deficiency syndrome, Miller said.

Persons who test negative may remain anonymous, however for those who test positive, Pima County officials must turn their names over to the State Department of Health. Members of the community are advised that if they feel they must take the test, and if you are asked for your name, use a fictitious one to avoid having your name placed on the state computer.

OBSERVER hopes to have a clarification of the 'anonymous' aspect of the Pima County testing in the next issue.

AIDS TESTING INFORMATION
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Observer/Community Benefit proceeds disbursed



TUCSON - Pictured above are Bert Hoop (l), of Desert Leathermen presenting a check to Rev. Edward Perry of MCC/Tucson. The check, for \$985, represents half of the net proceeds raised at the OBSERVER/Community Benefit held on March 28.

The annual benefit, is one

of the largest fundraisers benefitting Gay organizations in Tucson. Hoop, who instituted the affair last year, was the spearhead for this year's event. On behalf of MCC and OBSERVER, we jointly thank Bert Hoop and the Desert Leathermen as well as all others involved in this benefit.

Reagan finally acknowledges AIDS

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - President Reagan is vowing that "we will find a way" to cure AIDS.

For the first time in his more than six years in office, Reagan talked extensively last Wednesday, April 1, about deadly acquired immune deficiency syndrome. He defended his administration's commitment to alleviating the health threat.

"We have increased the spending on that more than anything we've increased in the budget," the president told reporters.

Reminded that Congress actually had approved more than he recommended for AIDS in recent years, Reagan replied, "Well, Congress is made up of spend-thrifts."

At a wingside of Air Force One after landing at Philadelphia International Airport and before a conference of physicians, Reagan said AIDS education programs should stress avoidance of sexual intercourse.

"I don't quarrel with" Surgeon General C. Everett Koop's advice that youngsters unwilling to remain abstinent should employ other means, such as the use of condoms, to protect themselves, Reagan said.

In his speech to the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, Reagan said schools and parents, rather than the government, should decide what children should be taught about the dangers of AIDS.

"But let's be honest with ourselves," he added. "AIDS information cannot be what some

call value-neutral," after all, when it comes to preventing AIDS, don't medicine and morality teach the same lessons?"

Reagan noted that the AIDS virus has been isolated and identified and that a test has been developed to help ensure that blood transfusions are free of AIDS contamination. He pointed out the recent approval by the Food and Drug Administration of the drug AZT, which "may help" AIDS patients.

"This is unprecedented progress against a major virus," the president said. "It took 40 years of study to learn as much about polio. It took 19 years to develop a vaccine against hepatitis B. But then our battle against AIDS has been like an emergency room operation - we've thrown everything we have into it."

"...When the Carthaginian general Hannibal was preparing to cross the Alps and was told there was no way across, he said, 'We'll find a way, or make one.' And that's the kind of determination we all have about curing AIDS," Reagan said. "We'll find a way or make one. We've declared AIDS public-health enemy No. 1."

Health officials estimate that between 1 million and 1.5 million Americans have been exposed to the virus.

**New Astrology
Forecasts
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UPDATE

Report to the community on the NLGHF Conference

by Bill Richards - Tucson

The purpose of the National Lesbian/Gay Health Foundation's Conference is to bring together people to share ideas dealing with Lesbian and Gay issues. This year, in Los Angeles, more than 1000 people representing almost every state in the country, and at least six foreign countries, including Australia, Norway, United Kingdom and Finland, shared their experiences.

The conference ran for four days, from 8 to 10 hours per day. Each hour was filled with workshops dealing with such issues as chemical dependency in the Lesbian and Gay communities, anti-Gay violence, educating adolescent male prostitutes, the antibody positive employee, alternative treatments, to name but a few. There were over 200 workshops offered over the 4-day period.

Of significance was a study looking at behavioral changes in Gay men from four major metropolitan areas - New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Chicago and San Francisco. All participants were volunteers recruited from STD clinics. At the beginning of the study, which has been in progress for almost three years, all participants had blood drawn for HIV antibody testing, but no one was told whether they were positive or negative unless they asked specifically for the results.

The researchers knew the results and found in every study area from 40% to 50% of this self selected study population was antibody positive. Using the statistics from the Chicago group, of 1,100 men, only 182 men wanted to find out their antibody status. Their behavioral changes, measured by reductions in drug and alcohol consumption, and reductions in unsafe sexual activity, when compared to those not knowing their antibody status, showed that knowledge of antibody status made no difference in inducing healthier behaviors. All participants were reducing their risks. This study, in effect, undermines our government's rationale that antibody testing is the answer to the AIDS epidemic by inducing behavior changes through

knowledge of one's antibody status.

There were discussions about blood testing, and Arizona's joining a very few other states where all 'Positive' test results are reported to the state with names, to be kept on a list for future reference. This is the issue of confidentiality versus anonymity. A very important issue. One suggestion repeated over and over was: If you have a need to be tested, do not use your real name. There have already been scores of 'Nancy's and Ronnie's and 'Ev's' tested, and a few more on the lists couldn't hurt.

Many more of the issues brought up and dealt with at this conference will be presented in the OBSERVER in future issues.

Deserving of special thanks for their support and concern for Tucson's Lesbian and Gay community by sponsoring a representative to this very important conference are: Bob Bishop, Sr. of the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket; Mark Elenz of IBT's; Dick Plowman of the Fineline, and Michael Holman of Speedway Adult Books.

All Gay bars in Tucson are deserving of congratulations for their help in distributing information, condoms and working together to support the Gay community during these exceptional times when working together is literally a life-saving endeavor. The OBSERVER is also to be thanked for making this paper an up-to-date source of information and a forum for the many issues relative to keeping Tucson a thriving Gay and Lesbian community. Have fun and stay safe!

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-- Lord Chesterfield (1694-1773)
talking about sex in Letters to His Son.

HEACHUCA SOLDIER CHARGED WITH EXPOSING TWO TO AIDS

FORT HUACHUCA, AZ - A Fort Huachuca soldier faces military criminal charges on suspicion of having sexual relations with two other soldiers despite knowledge that he has the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Pfc. Adrian G. Morris, 27, of Caseyville, Ill., assigned to Headquarters Company, was accused by his company commander, Capt. Bernard E. Kullifay Jr., of:

1. Sodomy with another male soldier, in violation of Article 125 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice..
2. aggravated assault against the same soldier by knowingly and wrongfully exposing him to human immunodeficiency virus (known to cause AIDS) through sexual acts.
3. Aggravated assault against a female soldier by knowingly and wrongfully exposing her to the virus through sexual acts.
4. Two violations of Article 134 of the code, having to do with the conduct of a soldier.

Lorena Edlen, a Fort Huachuca representative, said Kullifay's charges will be forwarded to the battalion commander and the post commander, either of whom could dismiss the charges.

Morris would face up to 31 years in prison if he were convicted on all the charges. Morris, who was not being held in custody, was an administration specialist who was assigned to Fort Huachuca last April. He joined the military in 1985.

Officials said Morris has been identified as having the virus but has not been diagnosed as having the disease.

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ACRA GYMKHANA SET FOR APRIL 11

PHOENIX - The Board of the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (ACRA) is finalizing details for their "Fun Day & Gymkhana" scheduled for Saturday, April 11 at the Black Canyon Saddle Club, 17039 North 63rd Avenue (Bell Road at 63rd Avenue).

Gates open at 11:00 a.m. with events scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 whether tickets are purchased in advance or at the gate. Events open to competition will include non-horse sports, hopefully availing everyone an opportunity to participate.

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ID'S REQUIRED AT ALL AREA BARS

TUCSON - Proper identification is required for all patrons who enter any of the bars in Arizona. It has been reported that several establishments in Phoenix have been cited for permitting patrons on the premises without proper identification. This is regardless of age. Everyone is expected to have identification on his/her person at all times.

The fines in Phoenix allegedly are in excess of \$3,000. Tucsonans are warned that the same 10 measures in effect in Phoenix are being implemented in all Tucson establishments. Customers are requested to comply with this state law without question.

BANNED BOOK PRESS OWNER AT HUMANSPEACE BOOKS IN PHOENIX

PHOENIX - Ben Eakin, owner of Banned Books, a small press publishing books of Gay and Lesbian interest will be appearing at Humanspace Books, Inc. Eakin is author and illustrator of its first book, "Fairy Tales Mother Never Told You." Ben grew up in the publishing business, and Banned Books is a dream he and his lover have made real.

On Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m., Eakin will read from "Fairy Tales" and answer questions about Banned Books and the publishing process. As always, the event is free and everyone is welcome.


Humanspace Books is located at 1617 N. 32nd Street, #5 in Phoenix. Call 220-4419 for more information.

SOFT CORE PORN PAVES THE WAY FOR QUEERS

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (CCN) - A former Playboy "bunny" Brenda MacKillop, has recently stated that homosexuality, among other "social ills" begins with soft-core porn magazines. According to The Weekly News of Miami, MacKillop said, "Such magazines as Playboy and Penthouse (are) accepted into the home and have paved the way to drug abuse, homosexuality and moral depravity."

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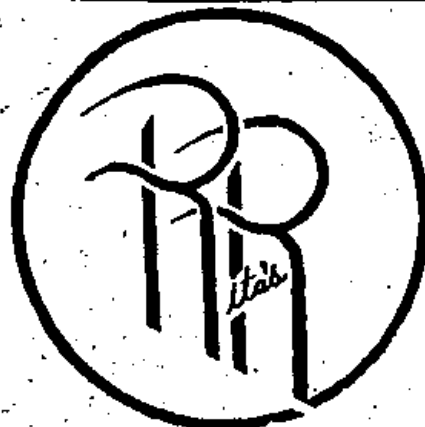
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U2 outraged by Mecham decision



U2's lead singer, Bono, at Thursday's Tempe concert.

TEMPE, AZ (AP) - U2, the renowned Irish rock band known for its social conscience, opened its world tour here with angry words about Arizona's governor and left the stage worried about the health of their lead singer.

The band played to a packed house in Tucson last Sunday, after the Saturday performance was postponed due to lead singer Bono's sore throat.

Bono, whose real name is Paul Hewson, struggled through a shortened 16-song, 91-minute performance in Tempe because of a throat virus and left the arena immediately after the sold-out concert.

Group members announced earlier that they were "embarrassed and aghast" about opening a tour in a state where a Martin Luther King Jr. holiday for state executive branch workers was canceled.

In January, Gov. Evan Mecham canceled the King holiday declared for the state's executive branch workers by his predecessor, Democrat Bruce Babbitt.

Before the show, promoter Barry Fey walked on stage and read a prepared statement by U2 which said: "We are outraged when we arrived in Arizona last weekend and discovered the climate created by Gov. Mecham's rescission of the holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mecham is an embarrassment to the people of Arizona. We condemn his actions and views as an insult to a great spiritual leader. We urge all forward-thinking Arizonans to support the campaign to recall Gov. Mecham. We support the Mecham Watchdog Committee and thus have made a financial contribution to this cause. We urge all other artists to make a similar protest."

The three other band members - drummer Larry Mullen Jr., bassist Adam Clayton and lead guitarist-pianist The Edge (Dave Evans) all said U2 would not have played here if they were aware of Mecham's rescission earlier.

Mecham scoffed at the band's statements. "A group of entertainers doesn't impress me very much," Mecham said. "I think it's all a bunch of hot air, actually. There's no substance to it."

U2, which has worked with Amnesty International and the Live Aid and Band Aid fund-raisers, has two hit songs "Pride (In The Name Of Love)" and "MLK" - which honor the slain civil rights leader.

"The Mecham thing, it's an insult to everything we've ever done," said Clayton.

U2's widely publicized criticism of Mecham had cooled some by the time the band played Tucson. Not until the last song before the encores was any mention made of the governor's decision to rescind the state's observation of

the King holiday.

Then, Bono, in introducing a song dedicated to King, said: "I have a message for Governor Mecham. The message is 'Boo! Boo!'"

Just the mention of Mecham's name brought a chorus of jeers from the Tucson audience. Many people at the concert had decorated their clothing with bumper stickers urging the governor's recall. Booths providing anti-Mecham merchandise had been set up outside the arena before the concert started.

Booths available for Fiesta de Mayo

TUCSON - The Second Annual Fiesta de Mayo fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 1, 2 and 3 in the volleyball area at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket.

The event opens at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. There are available spaces for sixteen booths. Rental for the booths is \$25.00 for all three days. 1/2 half of the rental fee must be paid by the reservation cut-off date, Saturday, April 25.

Booths are rented by individuals, clubs and organizations for use as fund raising events for clubs and organizations or money-making booths for any renter. If last year is any criterion, the booths run the gamut of food, arts & crafts, games, etc. The possibilities boggle the imagination. The event last year drew over 1,000 people in a two-day period. With the addition of Friday night this year, that number should swell.

Fiesta de Mayo is a fund raising event for the Tucson Lesbian/Gay alliance (TLGA). TLGA is responsible for the production

of events in celebration of Pride Week each year. It is quite costly to put on a week's worth of events which are presented at no, or a very nominal, cost to members of the Tucson Gay community. Last year's Fiesta was very successful, and TLGA members are very optimistic that this year will surpass last year's extravaganza.

There are couples who enter to be crowned King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo. These couples are voted King and Queen based upon the amount of money they each raise from contributions received at various fundraising events each couple holds. This money goes to TLGA to defray costs of Pride Week '87 and the many other yearly events produced for the community by TLGA.

There are at least three candidates entered for this year's competition. They will be announced next week, and they will be introduced in person to the community on Saturday evening. After the 'votes' are counted Sunday evening, the actual crowning of the 1987 King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo will take

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WHO SAYS TUCSON IS A SMALL TOWN?



by Loretta von Oystershucker

To Roger from Loretta with love

(ED NOTE: The following letter from Loretta von Oystershucker was supposed to have arrived at the Observer/Community Benefit in time to be read at the 'Roast' of Roger Barger. Loretta, who has the memory of an elephant and a tongue as sharp as a knife, is now living in Bisbee. Apparently the Pony Express broke down, causing the delay in delivery of the letter. At any rate, here is the errant missive as it should have been read at the benefit).

It is with deep regrets that again, I am not able to join you at the year's roast for Roger Barger. Unfortunately, at the present moment I am up top my knees on the bottom of the Lavender Pit here in Bisbee searching for any lost miner I can find. There must be a poor soul down here that would love to hear the words spoken from the luscious lips of the lascivious: Loretta von Oystershucker - 'When you care to be spent by the very best!' So as you can see, I am busy as usual giving a helping hand to my fellow man.

Anyway, as I stumble around the bottom of this pit of gargantuan proportions, I am indeed reminded of my dear friend and colleague Roger Barger.

First off, how I wonder, are you going to keep Roger quiet while the rest of you try to speak? There are only two times that I know of, when Roger was quiet. No, not sex, he even talks during sex according to Peter. One time he doesn't is when Peter is at home all day. The other is just after Roger gets through licking the millions of stamps and envelopes stuffed full of ballots for Bartender of the Year in the Reader's Choice Awards that appear in some paper out of Phoenix. You will really have your hands full trying to keep the 'Voice of the Graduate' still while you speak. You might try showing a bottle of Schnapps in Roger's mouth for a few moments of silence.

It is nice to see Roger being honored for all the many, many fine contributions he has given to the Gay community. You think Roger gives to the community now - you should have known him before he met Peter! Honey, did he give to the community, even on a bad night Roger would see more men than they do at the buffet

table there. In fact, Roger has used a pool table or two as a buffet table. Remember at the Toole Box how Roger used to - or was that after he met Peter? Well, never mind.

When one thinks of Roger, one can't help but remember some kind words Roger has spoken to all of us at some point. Why it seems like only yesterday I was telling Roger about going to church and receiving wine at communion; whereupon Roger, looking every bit like an angel, asked me, 'Now that you are partaking in wine at church, do they have to apply for a liquor license?'

Not only kindness, but the energy of living seems to radiate from Roger. I recall the time Roger stopped by to see me while I was working at Rita's (He might have been there to see Peter also, I'm not sure). Anyway, someone turned to Roger and said how nice it was to see him there, he was like a breath of fresh air. Roger looked around and graciously replied, 'Honey, this place could use some fresh air; Loretta, give me another shot of Schnapps before the taxidermist gets me too!!!'

Full of kindness, full of life, full of so many things people have said. Roger is a great friend to have. He is always there when you need him. Like the time he shouted across the crowded bar, 'Hey, can anyone give Loretta a ride home. She's too drunk to find her bus!' A true friend who would give you a ride when he wasn't working. Have you ever ridden in Roger's car? He has cigarette ashes piled up so high, Mt. St. Helen's would be envious.

Well, I shall close for now. Again I apologize for not being able to attend and wish you all the best in roasting a truly deserving individual. At least this year you won't hear all those 'Old' jokes like you did last year with Bob Ellis. (ha ha ha ha)

L & K
Loretta von Oystershucker
Bisbee, Arizona

P.S. I don't know if this is true, but I heard that when Peter found out they were giving Roger a 'Roast', he went out and invited six people over for dinner! Is that true???

NEW YORK LETTERS

EDITOR:

Over the past few weeks, a lot more people seemed to have jumped on the bandwagon of Mecham-bashing. This is good. What's so surprising is the tone of sudden alarm just now appearing in people's voices. Take the incident over Matheson's letter -- is such a letter really a shock? Mecham and his henchmen have never hidden their contempt for Gays and Lesbians. We hardly rate high enough for "further comment", let alone Christian (or any other type of) consideration.

But what does one expect of a man whose first political move was to rescind Martin Luther King Day? It didn't take a fortune teller to see that that was only the beginning.

As for myself, I've already exhausted my anger and frustration at our morally blinded governor.

There's only so much ranting and raving that you can spend time on until you do one of three things: 1. Destroy some object bearing remarkable similarity to Mecham's head.... 2. Leave the state; 3. Get out the tanning butter and the margaritas, and forget the whole thing.

I've decided on the third. While the tempers rise around me, I'm laying back on the U. of A. mall, sun in my eyes, enjoying the whole escapade. Enjoying it more than Mecham, I'd venture to say. I have no doubt that come this time next year, with Mecham's replacement, Arizona will be held up as a triumphant example of the workings of American democracy. I only hope that the democratic system is given a chance to work.

It's pretty hard to believe that Mecham isn't aware that the
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NOTES FROM NANCY

by Nancy Neman

My personal sexuality has never been an issue, primarily because I don't consider it anyone else's business, and because I have always just gone about my way of doing whatever I felt like doing as long as it did not hurt anyone else. Only since I have been hanging out in the Gay community have I been asked to assign myself a label, because I guess it is too mind-boggling for some to comprehend that I am married to a man yet still have many Gay women friends.

When I was first asked to give myself a "handle", I proclaimed bisexuality, because I think that word defines as nearly as any my personal feelings on sexuality. I feel that sexual preference is up to the individual and is none of anyone else's business, since it does not really affect anyone else's life. Before I was married, I always looked at the person first and considered their gender later. I considered this a perfectly natural thing, and still do. Some people in the Gay community call me "straight" with disgust and disdain in their voices, and some people in the straight community call me "Gay" with similar sentiments. But I simply consider myself Nancy.

The reason for this subject is that recently at the Observer Benefit, Publisher Bob Ellis introduced me as a Lesbian. I was sitting in the audience with my husband, Eddie, who Bob had met on several occasions. While I am sure that Bob's introduction was not intentionally incorrect after it was repeated on the front page of the Observer, I started thinking seriously about all this "labeling" business. Plus I thought I would take the opportunity to talk about bisexuality, a group of people who have no real home community.

At any rate, the man I am married to happens to be the most wonderful person in the world, in my opinion, and I don't like seeing him or our beautiful relationship publicly discounted. I also don't like being labeled, since I make it a point not to label myself - or others. Eddie, my husband, also supports my views on sexuality. We both feel that no one should ever be discriminated against because of sexual preference, and we are both avid

supporters of human rights - and Gay rights. Our plight is difficult, too, in that we are not fully accepted by the Gay or straight communities.

It is the same for bisexuals. There is always some joker ready to criticize those who don't really have a gender preference. And they do exist, more, probably, than we realize. It is difficult to comprehend that someone actually does not prefer one sex over another, and enjoys the two sexes equally. It depends of course, on the person first, and the gender just happens to come along with the person, as does the color of his/her eyes or hair. And bisexuals are generally not accepted by either the Gay or straight community, so they float along in limbo without a whole lot of support, which is not a terribly easy thing to do.

So, if my sexuality in fact has anything to do with my writing, my present preference is a monogamous relationship with my husband, Eddie. I believe our sexuality moves and grows with our lives as they progress, and this is where I am right now. I plan to continue to support human rights and Gay rights, and if I am ostracized for it by either the Gay or straight communities, then so be it.

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BOOTHS AVAILABLE FOR FIESTA DE MAYO

place at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Last year's King and Queen, Roger Barger and Aviva Diamond will crown this year's winners.

Besides the booths and candidates, there is always something going on during the three-day fun event. Live mariachi bands, live singers and bands, Mexican music during opening hours and plenty of food and drink. The outdoor stage that will be built, is the location for most of the activities. The event is something that TLGA can be truly proud of and one that allows the entire community to participate in a very worthy fund raising event, that eventually comes back to the community through TLGA.

OUT ON THE TOWN

Stunt Malibu Christi Fan Club Newsletter

Christi's been spending a lot of time lately with her very close sister. They found out they have more in common than they realize.

Miss Jade and friends are not shopping for another box due to a recent uninvited visitor not bearing good news. Did the men in blue have anything to do with this unforeseen move? Maybe this time Miss Jade will wash the dishes before moving them.

Totie is still looking for another box. The old one will do for now. What is happening to Totie's fuzz. Does it grow better in the closet or by the sea?

Miss Mae finally let her hair down. Even Sir Laurence had a problem deciding who Miss Mae really was. Too bad she went unescorted. Was the escort for real in the first place?

Ronda seems to enjoy bouncing on and off the wagon. She must really be bruised by now.

Ann Slanders finally found a box she can fill. Let's hope this one is not as hot as the last one (or atleast as smoky).

So Vivian is finally taking that big step. Mr. V. got quite a surprise when Vivian made her debut out of that beautiful cake. What flavor was that anyway, cardboard?)

So Christina and Le Shea are really going to do it huh? Those malls will never be the same again. What pumps and what perfume does one wear to a mud-fight anyway? Sounds like camping, and that's not at the mall. Here's mud in your eye, girls.

Well, Teresa Brewery really will be leaving town or is she just fishing for a going-away party? Will she turn into another Magic Fingers Madge or will she just be run out of town?

What are Candy, Vivian, Mr. V and Mona doing in those night-gowns anyway. Does anyone work for a living anymore? And is Max Headroom starting his own series now or will he go undercover?

Till next time, forever yours
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WHAT'S UP DOG?



Saturday afternoon found the Tucson Knight Owls in their monthly meeting over at Mike's house. It was a very busy and productive meeting, with the accepting of three new pledges, 1 reinstatement pledge and one application for associate membership and welcoming Kip and Gary as full members.

Also on their agenda was finalizing plans for this year's Spring Fling, April 24-26. If, by chance, you would like to attend this fun filled event, either pick up and fill out an application from DL's bulletin board at IBT's or, contact me at 864-7309. Prices for the total weekend is \$35, if received prior to April 21st and \$40 after and at the registration table April 24th at the Graduate. If you just want to join this event for the Saturday's activities, and have lunch and dinner, the cost will be \$15.

TKO also voted and approved holding a strip contest every other month. Later the same day, I was in attendance at the Desert Leathermen's meeting and TKO received DL's approval to have TKO's strip contest in conjunction with DL's monthly beer bust. Watch for the posters and info in this column when more details become available.

I ease someone out there hasn't heart yet, May 2 & 3 is this year's weekend for the Desert Leathermen holding their annual trip down to Bisbee. Spaces are going quick, so if you would like to join in on this weekend, contact Bert or Ernie at 322-9616 or one of the Desert Leathermen at IBT's.

Short column this week, but don't fret because I'll find that other pen of mine that has all that BS and TDBS in. Have a good week.



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Marty, Sheriff, Wild in America, PBS

Dear Marty,

I like your show, I really do, and watch it religiously every week while I do the dishes. The show with your kid was pretty bad, but that's only because children are an abomination from hell who invariably sit at the next table and scream in nice restaurants. Anyway, my favorites are the baby animal shows, even though they are technically children, they live in the woods and don't bother people in restaurants. I was wondering if, on a future show, you could do it naked or at least with your shirt off. I have always wanted to see your body, all covered in blood, hair, and I know you must have nice big nipples.

Your good fan,

A. Blank

Donald Brundage, President of the United States

Dear Ron:

I feel I can call you this because I have seen your friendly, smiling face so often on TV. I can only think every time I look at your hair of the amazing advances made in the polymer industry during the last few years. I am sorry about Frankoak. "I know, if you could, you'd personally squeeze the Ayatollah's 85-year old throat 'til his eyes popped out!"

I am writing because of a strange phenomenon I noticed during your last news conference. I only directly watched parts and spent the rest of the time doing dishes and just listening. It's really funny, but when I just listened I

couldn't understand what you were saying. It was just a sort of soothing, flowing string of words with no meaning. When I watched, I knew what you were saying, even though you still didn't answer the questions. It's like when a deaf person turns off the hearing aid - there is motion but no sound. Can you explain this to me?

Your humble constituent,

Arthur A. Blank

Jim Bobbena, (former) Head of the PTL Club

Dear Jim,

Have mercy, Praise the Lord, those filthy, EVIL people trapped you into having sex with some loose and trashy woman! Asad! I know you didn't have anything to do with it. I mean, you were just face to face with EVIL and had no choice. I understand. And I know Tammy Faye can't help herself neither. Drugs are EVIL and just REACH OUT and TRAP your soul - you can't fight! And those cars and houses you got with PTL money! Have mercy! Money is EVIL and warps men's, and women's, souls. What can you do or say in the face of it? The human will has no strength in the face of the DEVIL'S work. Strength is in Jesus! Seduction and temptation! Ernie! Ernie! I'm behind you all the way. Keep up the Lord's great work!

A friend in Jesus!

A 15/10/87 Jerry

P.S. Jerry Falwell's a good man. I guess. But he don't have your favor in the Lord's eyes. Only tongues that man speaks with are forked! I think he is mixed up with that human culture and 'bout on Christ's body. Jesus Swagert!

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SPECIAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

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SATURDAY, APRIL 11

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Make this your headquarters for the Spring 4th Avenue Street Fair. Thousands and thousands of beautiful people. Shows at 2 & 4 p.m. with Miss Aviva Diamond, Jacquelyn de Savol and, from Phoenix, Tamara. The one and only Miss Cissy Goldberg will be sharpening her tongue (Live!!) in between shows. See Friday for special beer prices.

JOSHUA TREE - The Tucson Lesbian Gay Alliance (TLGA) meets at 3:30 on the patio. Discussion and plans to be formed up for the Fiesta de Mayo, May 1, 2, 3, the big fund raising effort of TLGA to help defray costs of presenting Pride Week '87. Everyone is welcome to attend. Your input and help is needed. Please!

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Make this your headquarters for the Spring 4th Avenue Street Fair. Thousands and thousands of beautiful people. See Friday for beer specials. Shows at 2 & 4 p.m. starring Miss Aviva Diamond, Candy Plastique, Tamara and a very special guest. Plus the wicked tongue of Miss Cissy Goldberg live!!!! (as opposed to dead!!!!) between shows.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

GRADUATE - 5th Annual Easter Bonnet / Easter Basket Contest. Always a fun event. More details later.

RUMOR HAZZIT - A big show planned here headed by an all-star cast from Phoenix including Mr. Dani Reid, Ebony and JoAnne plus Tucson's own Mr. Monte-Jon. Watch for their ad next week and plan on attending.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

COLETTE'S WEST - Annual LUAW all day. Details later.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

JOSHUA TREE - Opening evening of Fiesta de Mayo the big outdoor carnival that is a fund raiser for the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance. Booths, games, outdoor stage, glitter and glamor. Gates open at 7:00 p.m. Watch for details.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

GRADUATE - Singer Loren Johnson makes a return visit to Tucson. If you haven't heard him sing, be sure to take advantage of this opportunity.

JOSHUA TREE - Fiesta de Mayo celebration continues at 1:00 p.m. Outdoor booths, food, games, drinks, arts & crafts. Mariachi band, live entertainment the whole enchilada! Introduction of the Fiesta King and Queen candidates.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

GRADUATE - Singer Loren Johnson here for repeat performance in Tucson. Johnson has just released a record album. Be sure to hear this excellent vocalist.

JOSHUA TREE - Fiesta de Mayo celebration continues at 1:00 p.m. Outdoor booths, food, games, drinks, arts & crafts. Mariachi band and other live entertainment with the crowning of the King and Queen at 10:30 p.m.

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TEAM	WON	LOST	GAMES	PCT.
U-GUYS	9	3	12	.750
MEN AT PLAY	8	4	12	.667
PLU & TRAMP	7	5	12	.583
ONE MORE TIME	5	7	12	.417
MISFITS	2	10	12	.167

Two weeks into the second half of league play and the team "U-Guys" continues to lead by one game over the first-half winners "Men At Play". With the addition of about four inches of sand on the court this week, teams had to make some adjustments, finding that they could not move quite as fast. The sand does make it much easier on the feet and players seem more eager to dive after the ball saving those wild hits. The league gives thanks to the owner and the management of the Joshua Tree for this new addition. It's almost like being on the beach!

Volleyball League play is every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m. at the Joshua Tree.

Schedule of Play
Week of April 12, 1987
MIS FITS vs. MEN AT PLAY
U-GUYS vs. PLU & THE TRAMP
ONE MORE TIME vs. MIS FITS
MEN AT PLAY vs U-GUYS
PLU AND THE TRAMP vs. ONE MORE TIME

JOSHUA TREE MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE
STANDINGS AS OF MARCH 30, 1987

TEAM	WON	LOST	PINS
1. PENETRATING FORCE	34	14	21122
2. KASSIE'S KLAN	34	14	21051
3. MEN AT WORK	30	18	20773
4. HEADGAMES	29	19	20523
5. FLYNTSTONES	27.5	20.5	20993
6. SHOTS PLEZZ	26.5	21.5	20464
7. JOSHUA TREE	23	25	20326
8. 3 J's	22.5	25.5	19771
9. RITA'S GIRLS	22	26	20247
10. BACK POCKET	21.5	26.5	20127
11. THE MISFITS	21	27	19954
12. THE THUMPERS	17	31	20419
13. THAT'S THE TICKET	16	32	20009
14. THREE MINUS ONE	12	36	19983

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THE TUCSON CALENDAR

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Wednesday Madness" - From 2-8 pm Drink Special: 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 - Domestic Beer \$1.00 with other specials.
FINELINE - Full service bar open 5 p.m. to 1 am.
T-Squares meet at 7 pm. **MICHAEL'S INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE** - Fine food and spirits open for dinner at 5 p.m.
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 - \$1.00 Well Drinks or Long Neck Domestic Beer & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm.

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 - Full service bar open 5 pm to 1 am.
T-Squares meet at 7 pm. **MICHAEL'S INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE** - Fine food and spirits. Dinner at 5 p.m.
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 - \$1.00 Well Drinks or Long Neck Domestic Beer & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm. Coors 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 - Full service bar opens at 5 pm. Downstairs opens at 8 pm for non-alcoholic drinking and dancing. Afterhours till 4 am. **MICHAEL'S INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE** Fine food and spirits open for dinner at 5 pm. Afterhours dining 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). Dancing 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 - \$1.00 Well drinks and Long Neck Domestic Beer plus .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 - Full service bar opens at 5 pm. Downstairs opens at 8 pm for non-alcoholic drinking and dancing. Afterhours till 4 am. **MICHAEL'S INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE** Fine food and spirits. Dinner at 5 pm. Afterhours till 4 am.
JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 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. 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 at 7 pm.
FINELINE - Full service bar opens at noon. T-Squares meet at 1 pm. **MICHAEL'S INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE** Fine food and spirits. Sunday Brunch noon to 3 pm. All you can eat Bar-B-Que and .25 draft beer starting at 5 pm.
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 8pm-1am.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 2 a.m.
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. Brunch served 12:30 to 3:30 pm. \$3.00 per plate. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys \$1.25 during brunch hours.

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 - Full service bar open 5 pm to 1 am.
MICHAEL'S INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE - Fine food and spirits. Open for dinner at 5 pm.
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. 4 to 7 pm Well drinks or domestic long neck beer \$1 & .50 Hot Dogs. Coors Draft Beer Bust 7 to 10 p.m. .25 per glass. Video dancing begins at 9 pm.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Dave Pierson DJ's in J/T beginning at 9 pm.
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FINELINE - Full service bar open 5 pm to 1 am.
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RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.
RUMOR HAZZIT - Well-Drinks or domestic long necks \$1 & .50 hot dogs 4-7 pm. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

News from MCC Tucson

This coming Sunday, April 12th, we will be celebrating Palm Sunday which is the last Sunday of the Lenten season and commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. Palm Sunday is named as such because the palm leaf, in ancient times, was the symbol of victory, pre-eminence or joy. Tradition is that palm leaves were placed on the road that Jesus used and were waved over Him as He approached the city. This episode in the life of Jesus Christ is best recorded in the nineteenth chapter of Luke.

Last Sunday, at our morning Worship Service, Bert Hoop of the Desert Leathermen, presented to Rev. Perry a check for MCC/Tucson as part of the proceeds collected at the Observer/Community benefit given on March 28. Many members of the Desert Leathermen were in attendance for the presentation. It is with gratitude and the deepest humility that MCC/Tucson accepts this donation and wishes to thank each member of the community who made this gift possible.

This past week the church was broken into, very few items were taken, but a treasured stained glass window was broken as a result of the entry. The window was handmade by a former member of MCC/Tucson who is now with Cornerstone Fellowship. Clerk of the Board, Dennis Bell, announced at our Sunday Morning Service, that Lana, who made the window, had graciously offered to repair it. Thank you, Lana, and God bless.

Thought for the Week: How times have changed. It used to be the custom that after a banquet, the biggest compliment that a host could receive was a very loud belch.

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hostility he's raising is dangerous...at least to the smooth running of a state government. I keep wondering if one day he'll understand the situation -- and wake up with the tongue of a diplomat. I hope not. Such a Mechem would be even more dangerous than the Mechem we have now. As it is, the governor and his men will continue to inflame the tempers of Arizonans until action is taken, and sanity is restored.

I can't help but laugh not at leaders blinded by a distorted religious view, but at a public that willingly blinds itself to the moral character of the men it chooses to elect. It seems ironic that Mechem, who has at least been honest about his bigotry, has alienated an entire state in less than three months, while the president of the country has held the hearts and minds of the American people for eight years by keeping his bigotry in the closet. Martin Scheeler - Tucson

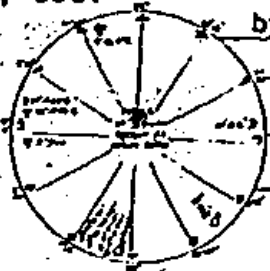
EDITOR:

BENEDICTINE HERMITS

A new community of hermit monks based upon the Rule of St. Benedict, the father of western monasticism, and the traditions of the Desert Fathers of ancient Egypt is forming here in the southwest deserts of Tucson and Arizona.

It is a group of Christian-minded Catholic men (only) living the hermitic life; apart from and yet within the world. It is a call to the celibate life -- celibate and chaste -- the two twins cast from the same mold; and still it is the new Adam -- freely

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by Michale - Tucson

Lights
of Tucson

VIRGO

Possibility of a long trip, or contact with people of different background than your own. Educational matters are also favored.

LIBRA

Professionalism may bring you some rewards now. Or you will come to the public's attention in some good way.

SCORPIO

You are all powerful this week, you can persuade anyone, you have the magic touch now. Do not abuse it.

SAGITTARIUS

A good time to join clubs or groups. Secret societies are also in the picture. Sudden unexpected events such as contact with prisons or hospitals may also occur. Be aware of yourself.

CAPRICORN

This is your week for self-expression. You may have favorable business dealings with Scorpio's but do not try to deceive them or your Cancer partner, you will get caught.

AQUARIUS

Your week to make the bucks. Get those new and unusual ideas into the market place. You might get financing from a Gemini.

PISCES

You may receive a wonderful gift, a love letter or a musical instrument. Or you may write successfully and get published. Great week for communication, phone calls, letters, short trips or visits with close friends or family members.

ED NOTE: OBSERVER is happy to present a weekly astrology column once again. We know that many readers look forward to reading their horoscope each week and we are proud to have found a very authoritative figure on the subject. Michale is also available for personal daily forecasts also. He can be contacted in Tucson by calling 327-4243.

ARIES

This week there will be lots of phone calls, short trips and contact with brothers and sisters. Possibility of short but exciting affairs with Gemini's.

TAURUS

Some changes in the home, decorating, or even moving to a new residence. Not the time to argue with parents or authority.

GEMINI

You will be very hot to trot this week with Mars in your sign. Play the Pick. All your energies will be high now. Use a little caution.

CANCER

Your emotions may be stirred by dark handsome strangers, but take care that you are not deceived. Possibility of new business partnership.

LEO

This may be the time to wind up old matters and start something new. You may have to assume some responsibilities for the property of others.

Thanks For Your Support!

LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR
CONTINUED PATRONAGE



A View From Within

A COMMENTARY BY
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

THE PUZZLE-PIECES ARE FITTING INTO PLACE

Last summer, I wrote in my column (Aug. 13, 1986) about a newspaper article which appeared in USA TODAY on August 1. It dealt with a study done at the Boston University School of Medicine which was reported in the magazine, "Archives of General Psychiatry".

Basically, the results of this study showed that Gay men were five times more likely to have a Gay brother than a heterosexual man. The study showed that 20% of Gay men had brothers who were bisexual or homosexual, while non-Gay men had a Gay brother only 4% of the time. (The study also showed that Gay men were no more likely to have Lesbian sisters than non-Gay men).

At that time, I told you that these results -- while interesting -- did nothing to determine if this likelihood was due to inheritance or environment. It took the recent work of Dr. Richard Green to shed new light on this question.

Green, who is professor of psychiatry at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute, and a team of behavioral scientists studied dozens of boys (The UPI release did not specify how many boys were included in the study) over a period of 15 years.

The study consisted of two groups. Group One consisted of boys who said they preferred to be girls, dressed like girls, avoided rough-and-tumble sports, and had fathers who did not spend a lot of time with them. Of this group, 75% of the boys -- 34 of them -- grew up to be homosexual or bisexual.

Group Two consisted of boys who showed conventional masculine

behavior during boyhood. Only one of these boys grew up Gay. These boys had fathers who spent more time with them and actively encouraged traditional "masculine" activities.

The result of this study showed that contrary to popular misconception, it is not a dominating mother which influences a boy's sexual orientation, but, rather, an inattentive father.

This study's results could easily explain why Gay men are more likely to have Gay brothers than non-Gay men. But are the results of this study as clear as they may seem at first glance?

It is a commonly held belief that a child is born without feelings of hatred or prejudice. Is it possible that a child is open to influence with regard to his or her sexual identity? In other words, is a boy born with a predisposed position as either Gay or non-Gay, yet susceptible to outside influences which will ultimately mold his sexual identity as either Gay or non-Gay?

The recent study shows that fathers who are inattentive to their sons have a high percentage of Gay sons. Is this because they didn't instill traditional masculine traits in their sons? Or is it that an inattentive father serves to allow a son to fully develop his own, already determined sexual identity?

There is outside confirmation of this possibility: studies have shown a child with an alcoholic parent is more likely to become an alcoholic only if the child actually begins to drink himself. In other words, the child is already predisposed to

being an alcoholic: if that child drinks, he is more likely to become an alcoholic; if he doesn't drink, he won't become an alcoholic.

Could traditional masculine traits be forced upon an otherwise Gay child? Look at the two groups in the recent study. Group two boys enjoyed traditional masculine activities enforced -- in part, at least -- by their fathers. Are these boys then trained to be masculine? Would more boys in Group Two have been Gay had their fathers not forced masculinity on them? Group One boys were left alone -- they had inattentive fathers. Did these boys predisposed to being Gay become Gay while those predisposed to being non-Gay grow up that way?

How many Group Two boys -- in another twenty years -- will have "become" Gay? Will they rebel against their "brainwashing"? Will they identify their "true selves" as being Gay? It is truly an interesting premise.

This week's PAT-ON-THE-BACK Award goes to L.A. LAW and their episode of March 26, 1987. One character, who is worried about dating again after her recent divorce, gets advice from another. During their conversation, condoms, AIDS, and previous sexual histories were brought up. It was so natural and real. It avoided proselytizing, moralizing, and inanity in order to deal with the subject intelligently, and realistically.

Also, if you want information on currently available drugs to aid in treatment of AIDS patients, you can call the PROJECT INFORM HOTLINE at 1-800-822-7422, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. They have pamphlets and info on drugs available in the U.S. and in other countries.

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Lastly, a note of appreciation to all the kindness shown me at the OBSERVER Benefit, Saturday, March 28. I enjoyed meeting and talking with all of you. Thank you for your support of both myself and the newspaper.

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made and men.

If you find that you are a healthy, sensitive person, capable and willing to commit your life to God -- and man in your brothers, keeping steadfast of mind, body and spirit; free of all external encumbrances; unattached to the things of this world; and feel that there is something more to life than the empty pursuit of so much vanity, then you may also be called to this new life in the desert.

Come and experience -- preparations are now being made for the first commemorative reading of the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ to be held Good Friday, April 17, between the hours of noon and three o'clock.

The site or location, although yet undetermined will be one of our sun-filled, high desert, mountain canyons.

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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP) meets the second Thursday of each month at the University of Arizona Medical Center in Dining Room "C" (second floor) at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome and urged to attend. Get involved! For more information call 792-3772.

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