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Pending AIDS Legislation in Arizona

[ED NOTE: Last week we ran an article reprinted with permission from the Tucson Citizen by Julie Szekely that outlined some of the myths and facts of AIDS testing in Arizona. Present Arizona laws do not allow anonymous testing or assure confidentiality and there is little or no legislation that prevents discrimination for those who are tested, whether positive or not.

Currently there are several bills that are now being, or will be reviewed by committees in the Arizona State Legislature prior to introduction on the floor of the House or Senate. These committees need educated input to make proper decisions. We encourage such input and are listing the authors of some of these bills so that you may contact them, giving them your views.

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HB 2124 - MARRIAGE LICENSE TESTING
Marriage license applicants would be required to take a blood test before being issued a license. An affidavit from a physician must state that both applicants have been tested for HIV not more than 30 days before issuance of the license.

Each applicant is to be informed of the test results in a manner prescribed by the Director of the Dept. of Health Services. (DHS). Testing laboratories must be federally licensed and follow certain guidelines. Results are to be mailed directly to the applicants' physician(s) by the lab.

(Introduced by 33 representatives and 4 senators including: Reps. Bart Baker, Carmen Cajero, Reid Ewing and Jim Green).

Representative Nancy Wessel, R-Phoenix and chairman the House Human Resources and Aging Committee, appointed a subcommittee to study the issue because the committee didn't have time to hear from the nearly 20 people who wanted to talk about the bill! The bill's sponsor, Brenda Burns, R-Glendale, was named chairman of the three member subcommittee. Reps. Leslie Whiting Johnson, R-Mesa, and Roy Hudson, D-Apache Junction also will be on the committee.

Rep. Burns backed a similar bill last year but it failed in the Senate because state health officials claimed that the testing would be too costly. Burns has said that she got estimates that initial tests could be given to the approximately 72,000 couples to be married in the coming year for as little as $5 per person.

Health professionals say that the bill would do little to control the spread of AIDS because people who get marriage licenses are at low risk. They are also concerned that the 20% chance that a positive test is false creates ethical problems for physicians.

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HB 2127 - AIDS: POSTARREST TESTING

A person arrested for prostitution, a sexual offense or the use of an illegal intravenous drug shall submit to testing for HIV. Test results are confidential, except that the person tested, a victim of a sexual offense committed by the persons tested and the DHS shall be notified of the results.

DHS shall adopt rules establishing standards and procedures for HIV testing and notification. DHS shall offer counseling to any person determined to have the HIV virus and to any victim of a sexual offense committed by the person tested.

Results are to be permanent exhibits attached tot he criminal record of the person tested. DHS is to transmit to each county board of health ands sheriff the results after conviction of the tested person.

(Introduced by 36 representatives and 4 senators, including: Reps. Bart Baker, Carmen Cajero, Bill English, Reid Ewing and Jim Green). Assigned to the Judiciary Committee.

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HB 2058 AIDS INSURANCE GUIDELINES

An applicant for life or disability insurance or enrollment in a healthcare plan shall not be asked or required to answer questions relating to the following:

A) Applicant's lifestyle or sexual preference;

B) Whether the applicant has had a blood transfusion;

C) Whether the applicant has had an HIV-related test or has been exposed to the virus.

The applicant may be asked whether he has been diagnosed or treated for HIV and related conditions.

General exclusion of AIDS and related conditions from life and disability policies, healthcare services, organizational contracts and hospital service corporation contracts shall be provided for in the same manner as are provided for other diseases.

Benefits shall be provided for AZT. Other drugs and treatments shall be included as approved by the Federal Drug Administration.

If an applicant is required to take an AIDS test, the use of the test must be revealed to the applicant and written consent obtained. No adverse underwriting decision may be made on the basis of a positive HIV test unless an FDA licenses screening test is used. Testing shall be limited to amounts of insurance for which examinations are already a part of the application process.

(Introduced by 10 representatives, none from Pima County.

Assigned to Banking and Insurance Committee and Health Committee.

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EDITORIAL

Just when you think that everything is getting smoothed out, Bang! Things go awry again.

Rose Mofford is now acting Governor, she is taking no guff from former Mecham appointees, has put a couple on leave and has effectively smoothed out the association between the legislature and the Governor's office and between the Governor's office and the citizens of the state of Arizona. The waters appeared to calm.

Now comes to light the fact that the Maricopa County Republican Committee begins making waves again in the Gay community. In a January meeting the Committee adopted an incredibly rude anti-Gay resolution. That resolution has since been adopted by the Arizona State Republican Committee.

In what was an apparent slap in the face to the Log Cabin Club, a newly formed Phoenix-based Gay Republican Club, one part of the resolution states that "the Maricopa County Republican Committee opposes the formation and/or continuance of any club or auxiliary which bears the name "Republican", which has homosexual behavior as its common bond."

Every large city has one or more Gay Republican Club and a Gay Democratic club, and these clubs are looked upon very favorably by members of their state committees as viable members of the party. These clubs raise lots of money for candidates of their respective parties. They are, after all, citizens with intelligence and understanding of the political process. They are active in elections not only by voting party lines, but also assisting in getting out the vote and campaigning for party candidates. They are thinking people who want to join the mainstream in electing candidates who are interested in programs for the betterment, not only of Gay and Lesbian people, but of all people.

But the Maricopa County and State Republican Committees apparently do not believe that there are enough Gay Republicans to make any difference in the outcome of an election. They passed this outrageous resolution and continued to oppress homosexual Republicans by stating:

"WHEREAS, AIDS, a public health threat of epidemic proportions, has its roots in homosexual behavior;

"WHEREAS, homosexual behavior is in opposition to traditional family values and breaks down the moral fiber of our society through weakening of the family unit;

"WHEREAS, homosexual behavior is prohibited by law in A.R.S. 13-1411 "Crime Against Nature";

"WHEREAS, the homosexual community is actively working to establish legal minority status for persons who engage in and practice homosexual acts.

"RESOLVED, the Maricopa County Republican Committee opposes the formation and/or continuance of any club or auxiliary which bears the name "Republican", which has homosexual behavior as its common bond;

"FURTHER RESOLVED, the Maricopa County Republican Committee opposes the agenda of the homosexual community which seeks legal minority status on the basis of sexual preference."

Outraged? Call the Maricopa County Republican Committee in Phoenix 957-3999, or the Arizona State Republican Committee in Phoenix 957-7770. Pima Republican Headquarters in Tucson can be reached at 628-9566.

The recent Mecham Recall campaign saw record numbers of concerned citizens sign petitions and also record numbers of concerned citizens register to vote, many for the first time. In this group was a very, very large number of Gay men and Lesbians.

It is evident that the Republican Party in Arizona, at least, doesn't realize that there are Gay voters. There is an election coming in November. A great time to show both parties in Arizona that Gay people are responsible citizens who do get out and vote, especially for candidates who are not homophobic.

Softball and Quilting Bee Sunday, Feb. 21

TUCSON - Coming up this Sunday will be one of the most unusual days in the Tucson Gay community. In Himmel Park, Field #1 at 1:00 there will be a benefit softball game for Shanti Foundation/Tucson. There will be hot dogs, keg beer, T-shirts and lots more. Teams from Colette's, IBT's, and from the various clubs and organizations will take to the field in a spirit of camaraderie for a "Battle of the Bars Benefit for AIDS". Bring your mitts and join in the fun in the sun. The games will be played throughout the afternoon.

At 2:30 there will be a potluck and Quilting Party. Persons are urged to bring needles, thread, fabric, ideas, encouragement and whatever else will help make the panels for the Names Project Quilt that is currently on national tour.

For those who have not been reading these pages, the Names Project is an organization that is gathering 3'x6' panels of fabric that have been designed in the memory of a loved one who has succumbed to the ravages of AIDS. These panals are sent to the Names Project in San Francisco where they are then incorporated onto a huge, single 'quilt' carrying the names of thousands of those who

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UPDATE

COMMUNITY AWARDS OF TUCSON

TUCSON - A 31-member Committee for an annual Community Awards of Tucson has been established. This Committee is composed of businesses, clubs, religious organizations, bars, community affairs organizations and individuals for the purpose of showing recognition to those individuals and groups who have shown their interest in the Tucson Gay/Lesbian community with their outstanding efforts for and to the community during the past year.

The first Annual Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) will be given in conjunction with the Observer/Community Benefit on March 26. The Committee will decide who will be the recipients of the awards. The community-in-general will be vote for their choices by nomination ballots which are now being distributed through Committee outlets.

These ballots will be collected on March 9 and the Committee will then decide which ones will be placed on a final ballot for consideration and voting by the Committee on March 16. This final vote will be by secret ballot with each committee representative allowed one vote only. This should prevent any "stuffing" of ballots as is so prevalent in awards of this kind. No matter how many nomination ballots are "stuffed" in ballot boxes, the Committee will throw out all "duplicate" ballots and count only those which appear valid.

The 31 members of the Committee represent Shanti Foundation/Tucson, Tucson AIDS Project, PWA Coalition, Books Brothers, Casas Adobes Flowers, Antigone Books, Stables, Speedway Books, I-10 Bookstore, Observer, MCC/Tucson, Cornerstone Fellowship, Rumor Hazzit, Graduate, IBT's, Rita's, Colette's, Joshua Tree, SOS, TKO, TALL, Desert Leathermen, Partners, T-Squares, Great Outdoors, plus six members of the community at large, will be appointed by Committee members each year.

There will be awards of merit, as well as various certificates presented to the winning bars, businesses, owners, managers or their employees. The awards will also recognize the best of events, shows and benefits held during the past year.

If you haven't already filled out a Nomination Ballot, check this issue of OBSERVER for one. Fill out one only and either place it in a ballot box available at any of the Committee member's place of business, or mail it to OBSERVER, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, AZ 85703. These ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m., March 9 to be eligible.

Committee members will gather these ballots up from their organizations and deliver them to the next meeting at Colette's on March 9 at 7:00 p.m. These will be counted, and from these nomination ballots will derive the four, five or six nominees for each category. On March 16 The Committee will, after consultation with each of their organizations, cast their one vote for their choice in each category.

The tabulation and counting of votes and preparation of certificates will be by Bob Ellis, editor of the OBSERVER. No one except Bob Ellis will know the results until the awards are opened and presented to the winners at the Observer/Community Awards Benefit on the evening of March 26.

This is your community. This is your way of showing your appreciation to those who have worked extra hard to make this a community to be proud of in 1987.

ARIZONA'S MARDI GRAS '88
THIS WEEKEND, FEB. 19 & 20

PHOENIX - New Orleans is noted for it's Mardi Gras each year, but Arizona will have their own in 1988 with plenty of costumes, entertainment, parties, dancing and some wild, wild merry-making.

The focal of this year's Mardi Gras will be the appearance of one of the most outrageous performers on the American entertainment scene - Divine.

This Friday, Feb. 19, there will be kick-off parties at several Phoenix bars who are sponsoring this unique event. They include Farrah's, Impulse, Little Jim's 307, Fergy's, Winks, Apollo's, Majix and The Club. There will be prizes which include tickets to the Saturday night performance, T-Shirts, etc. Check with your favorite bar as to exact starting time of the party.

Then on Saturday, Feb. 20, Arizona's Mardi Gras '88 takes place in the Ballroom at El Lienzo Charro Rodeo Grounds located at the Southeast corner of 29th Avenue and Baseline Road - the site of the Arizona Gay Rodeo. The activity will begin at 7:00 p.m. with doors opening at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are $10.00 and are available at the sponsoring bars in Phoenix and at the Graduate in Tucson as well as at the door. Cocktails will be served and there will be dancing.

Entertainment will be provided by Jamie de Sario and Friends plus the hottest male dance revue in Arizona, this is all in addition to the grand appearance of Divine. She will be appearing at Bistro Too in Chicago on Friday and is flying into Phoenix for this one-night exclusive Arizona appearance.

John Waters who directed "Pink Flamingos" one of Divine's most notorious films, also directed "Hairspray" which features Divine again and is just being released nationwide. Both artists are on a national tour promoting the new film.

Costumes are the order of the day in a true Mardi Gras spirit and there will be face painting beginning at 6:00 p.m. for those wishing to get a real "divine' feeling.

For more information call 237-3303 in Phoenix.

AUDITIONS FOR SPANISH PLAY
SATURDAY FEB. 20 ONLY

TUCSON - Arizona/Sonora Proyecto S.I.D.A. (A.S.P.S.), was recently awarded a grant from the Arizona Department of Health Services to produce a play in Spanish about AIDS. The Tucson group is a community-based organization that provides AIDS education to Hispanics in Arizona.

The play will be presented in Tucson and Phoenix and Nogales. Persons interested in joining the cast are encouraged to attend auditions on Saturday, Feb. 20 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. The audition will be held on the Mezzanine at the Student Center of Pima Community College, West Campus, 2202 West Anklam Road.

We will remember you

Bill Cook

Love,
Your Friends

SOFTBALL GAME & QUILTING BEE THIS SUNDAY, FEB 21 IN THE PARK

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have passed on. It is one of the most moving exhibitions one could ever encounter. The national tour is due in Phoenix on April 16 and 17.

Due to the shortness of time, it is impossible to incorporate the Tucson panels into the national quilt in time for its Phoenix exhibit, but there will be a special memorial service and exhibition of the Tucson section at the public viewing in Phoenix. The Tucson section will then be sent on to the Names Project for incorporation into the "national" quilt.

For those who are not familiar with sewing or are interested in finding out more about creating a panel for a lost loved one, you should come to Himmel Park on Sunday to receive additional information. There are quilt-making lessons planned and another Softball Benefit/Quilting Bee scheduled for Himmel Park on Sunday, March 6. See the public service ad for the Arizona Names Project in this issue.

Come on out to Himmel Park this Sunday, March 21 to play or watch and support your favorite bar or team and the Shanti Foundation in the fight against AIDS. Bring food to share in the potluck and learn about the Names Project Quilt and participate. It will make you feel good.

NEWS FROM MCC TUCSON

Last Saturday, in conjunction with the TKO Beer Bust at the Graduate, MCC/Tucson had their Bake Sale. There were many items for sale (some of which hardly hit the sale table before they were purchased) and the final items not sold, were auctioned by Roger. There were several donations of cash given during the Bake Sale and many, many tips were given with the purchases. Thanks to TKO and TALL and the individuals who gave the cash donations. The total proceeds from this sale was $333.60. Special Thanks to the Graduate and TKO for working with us to make this such a success.

Last Sunday, Rev. Ed Perry was back leading our services. His weekend was quite busy with several Holy Unions being performed. Rev. Bernardo David is still in the hospital but is supposed to be released sometime this week. Rev. Nita is now "under the weather" and has curtailed her many activities for the time being. Our Deacons are having a special service this coming Sunday, Feb. 21, starting at 6:30 p.m. The entire offering given at this service will go into a special fund for community services. At this service our Deacons are asking for donations of food and clothing as well as cash.

Our Raffle for Cash is still in progress. There will be 1,000 tickets sold at $2.00 each or $10 for six tickets. There will be three drawings with $500.00, $300.00 and $200.00 cash given to the winners. The actual time and place for this drawing will be announced in the very near future.

Thought for the Week: I hope that you have been thinking about last week's "Thought for the Week". The thought, "Do you know why the American's call a police officer "Cop" and the English call them "Bobbys"? The Americans call them "Cop" or "Copper" because their badges used to be made of copper. The English call them "Bobby" after Sir Robert "Bobby" Peel.

Tucson, Arizona

It's Softball Time Again !!

Sunday Feb. 21st
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Field #1
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Himmel Park

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Court rules against Army in Gay soldier's discharge

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) - A landmark federal appeals court ruling that declares the Army's ban on homosexual soldiers unconstitutional was long overdue, rights activists say.

"I think it's about time that the courts recognized that Gay people have been denied their rights," said Leonard Graff, legal director for National Gay Rights Advocates, based in San Francisco.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 last Wednesday, Feb. 10 that homosexuals are entitled by the Constitution to the same protection against government discrimination as racial minorities.

The appeals court ruled in favor of Perry Watkins, 39, of Tacoma, who enlisted in the Army at age 19 in 1967 and said on a pre-induction medical form that he had homosexual tendencies.

The Army in the '60s discharged soldiers for homosexual acts but not for homosexuality itself. After the regulations were changed in 1981, the Army sought to discharge Watkins, a sergeant at the time. He fought the discharge, but lost in a 1984 U.S. District Court decision in Seattle.

The appeals court ordered the Army to reconsider Watkins' application for re-enlistment without regard to his sexual orientation. Reached by telephone at his home, Watkins said, "Most certainly I'd like to go back."

While he said he'd "love to pursue another career," he maintained that news coverage surrounding the case and poor references from the Army have prevented him from getting a job similar to the one he held in the Army. Watkins had been supervisor of the Fort Lewis personnel administration center.

The Department of Defense said it would have no immediate comment about the ruling.

Amy Brown, a Justice Department spokeswoman, said, "If the opinion is as the reports have indicated, we would seriously consider an appeal."

While the ruling technically affects only nine Western states and Guam, and it does not mention the other armed services, it can be used as a guide in deciding any similar cases, said Gay rights supporters.

"The court has stepped in and said (the military has) gone too far," said Jeff Levi, a spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "It's a major breakthrough for us."

"I think now for the first time Lesbians and Gays will have a rightful place in serving for the military," said Leonard Matlovich of San Francisco, a former Air Force Sergeant who was discharged in 1975 after declaring his homosexuality.

The ruling did not address the issue of whether homosexuals can be discharged for committing homosexual acts, regardless of whether the acts are illegal in the state where they are performed.

The Supreme Court in 1986 upheld a Georgia anti-sodomy law that allowed criminal prosecution for private homosexual acts. Lower courts, including the 9th Circuit in a 1980 decision by Judge Anthony Kennedy, recently confirmed to the Supreme Court, have allowed the military to exclude based on homosexual conduct.

The appeals court said Wednesday that the Army's 1981 regulations go further by targeting a soldier's sexual orientation, regardless of conduct.

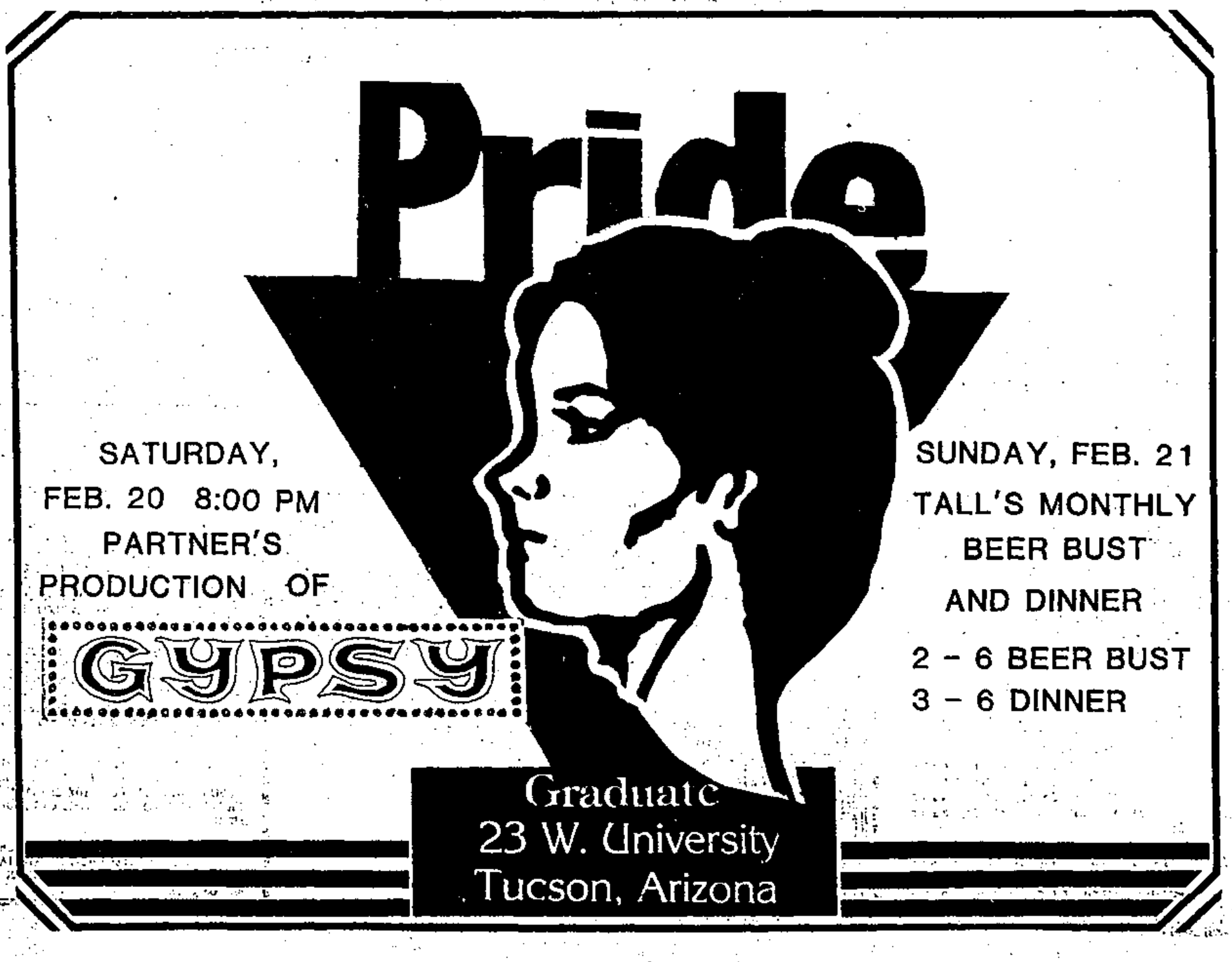
Pentagon statistics show the four services discharged 1,398 men and women on the grounds of homosexuality during the last fiscal year, or about 0.6 percent of the active-duty force.

The majority opinion by Judge William Norris said the Army policy unconstitutionally discriminated against homosexuals because it lacked a "compelling governmental justification." He compared it to laws against interracial marriage, and noted that the military once maintained that racial segregation was necessary.

Gay ethnic community meeting

TUCSON - Arizona/Sonora Proyecto S.I.D.A. (A.S.P.S.), a Tucson group that provides AIDS education to Hispanics in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico held a meeting last Sunday, Feb. 14 at the Joshua Tree to discuss issues relevant to the Tucson Gay ethnic community. The meeting was followed by food and dancing.

Shown above are a few of those in attendance. For further information concerning A.S.P.S., call 741-1965.



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Lights of Tucson

by Michael - Tucson

The 1st Quarter Moon in the Pisces period which began on Feb. 24 at 5:36 a.m. (Tucson Time), with the New Moon in Aquarius shows every indication that the present change in Arizona State government will be finalized with the State Senate hearings on the 22nd. However, the cost will be a great many state secrets uncovered which may have far reaching effects of a less than pleasant nature for many people.

ARIES

3rd House: Urgent communications will be Arians last ditch effort to take advantage of Jupiter's transit of the sign, as Venus in Aries sweeps through the 2nd House.

TAURUS

4th House: Family matters dealing with long-time problems will come to a head this week and will be settled one way or another.

GEMINI

5th House: If you are not afraid to take big risks this will be a week when you can gamble for high stakes and win, but extreme caution is recommended as you may be cut off at the pass.

CANCER

6th House: Health is of primary importance this week, work is important also, but you cannot do good work unless your health is up to it. Take care Cancer.

LEO

7th House: One on one relationships will prosper if you are open to new and innovative ideas from your mate or business partner. A closed mind now will lose.

VIRGO

8th House: Now is the time you will receive your rewards for caring for those less fortunate than yourself. You may also get your tax refund if you sent in early enough.

LIBRA

9th House: Time to travel to distant places, or seek knowledge from a higher source. Study law, if you are involved in litigation it will be successful now.

SCORPIO

10th House: Changes will take place within your profession. You may receive a long-awaited promotion or raise in pay. You may also come to some public attention.

SAGITTARIUS

11th House: War games in the political arena are the feature of the 11th House of friends and associates. I would call it a gathering of vultures which are more common in this state than Eagles, but polite or blunt, there will be a rending and a tearing among the local groups.

CAPRICORN

12th House: Watergate and Contra Aid are peanuts compared to revelations that will begin to surface in the next few weeks, and the curtain is going up with this Quarter Moon.

AQUARIUS

1st House: This would be the week for Aquarians to let it all hang out, and in fact the marvelous ability of Aquarians to come up with something new is going to be startling now.

PISCES

2nd House: Well, the money is here Pisces, but you will have to get up off your lazy duff and get it. Go for the Gold.

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[NOTE: For personal assistance regarding your horoscope, call Michael at 327-4243 In Tucson].

WHAT'S UP DOC?

I'll start off this week's column with a big thank you to Ernie for being my guest columnist last week. It's good to be able to sit back and read a different version of my TBBS'. You can bet you will be reading some "Nasty Notes" in the future.

This past weekend found TKO at the Graduate not only for their monthly Beer Bust but also their Annual Tacky Mini Ball. A special consolation prize goes out, from TKO, to one who's name hasn't appeared in print for a long time, Tucson Rodeo Queen of the Dumpsters, Jackie W. Without knowing the rules for this Mini Tacky contest, Jackie showed up real pretty and real tacky. Maybe next year, Jackie, and it was good to see that you haven't lost your touch.

As for the winners of this year's version of the Ball see Juicy Lucy for the results, also there are pictures of all the contestants in this week's issue of the OBSERVER. A big thank you goes out to Neil, Bert, John and all the contestants and all others in attendance for this event, making it TKO's biggest Mini Tacky Ball ever.

As for TKO, they are now gearing up for their annual Closet Ball. This year, this special event will be held at the Back Pocket/Joshua Tree in the outdoor stage area (weather permitting). If Mother Nature goes against us on this one, an alternative site will be chosen. The Closet Ball applications appears in this week's paper. Rules and applications will be up in all the bars by Sunday. In either case, please mail your signed applications to TKO, P.O. Box 2332, Tucson, AZ 85702 no later than March 16. No contestant entries will be accepted the night of the Closet Ball, March 19.

I highly recommend everyone who is considering entering this year's Closet Ball, make sure you read over the rules because a couple major changes have been made to the format. These changes were made in hopes of having a more fair contest for everyone wanting to compete.

Also appearing at the Graduate and IBT's alongside the Closet Ball applications will be TKO's Spring Fling applications. This annual event comes along April 29, 30 and May 1. I'll cover this event in future columns, but you can go ahead and mail those applications off for your early registration.

This coming Saturday, you want to be at the Graduate by 7:30 p.m. Starting at 8 p.m. you will witness Partners' version of "Gypsy", like you have never seen before. Partners has been invited to Las Vegas to put this production on, so this Graduate presentation will be for the purpose of entertaining you and helping to raise monies to defray expenses for the Las Vegas trip. A special jar will be placed for any and all of your generous contributions. Partners respectfully request you do not tip the performers during this production, instead place those tips in the jar - thank you.

Appearing in this week's paper you will also find the Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) ballot. These ballots are for your nomination for your favorite in each of the 15 different categories. A jar or ballot box will be set up in all the bars around town for your convenience to cast your ballot. Or if you do not go to the bars you can mail your ballot to the Observer, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, AZ 85703.

I'll be giving you more details on this voting in next week's column. A list of the finalists in each category will appear in the March 16 issue of the OBSERVER. The winners will be announced at the Observer/Community Benefit, March 26.

Don't forget this Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21, the softball games coming up on Field #1 at Himmel Park. I haven't all the details on this one, but I'm sure you can find them in the special calendar in this issue of the OBSERVER. Between now and Feb. 21, I'm going to try to get a team together from Gypsy, TKO, Desert Leathermen and Partners, to field for those softball games. If possible, everyone will want to come and watch this young, athletic, highly competitive team I put together. (I've called and am going to have a Med Alert team on standby on the sidelines).

Finally, don't forget Sunday, Feb. 21 is TALL's Beer Bust and Dinner at the Graduate from 2 to 6 p.m. Also, Feb. 28 is SOS' Boe Down which will be an all-day extravaganza at IBT's with dancing, entertainment and fun, fun, fun. Watch for more details in next week's paper on this one.

TBBS: More in Juicy Lucy, but when Scott is gone for a week, why does he show up with a sizeable rubber toy and rosy lips?....When Ernie helps others move, you will find him going thru trash cans for used dresses.... Shame on you, Cowboy, showing it all during TKO's Beer Bust....Kip was worried about his wigs' exposure to the public - HA!

Have a good week everyone, and I'll see you next week. Once again, thank you Ernie for your column and those Nasty Notes. How does it feel living with Miss Runner-Up from the Mini Tacky Ball, Ernie?

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ARIZONA PENDING AIDS LEGISLATION

with assistance from the public advocacy department of Planned Parenthood of Southern Arizona. These are only three of the bills going through the state legislature that concern AIDS testing. There still is no bill that would guarantee anonymity or bar discrimination for those persons taking the test. For this reason, we believe that no one should take the test unless they feel that they absolutely have to and if then, they should take pre-testing counseling which is available free from the Shanti foundation/Tucson or the Tucson AIDS Project.

The following are names of Southern Arizona Representatives who introduced these bills along with some of the Maricopa county legislators who are on comittees studying these bills. All phone numbers are to their legislative office in Phoenix.

Bart Baker (R-Hereford) Dist. 9. 255-3312

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Howdy again! It's interesting to me how you all know I'm in the house and you go out of your way to make sure I get something on you to write about, Then when you do read it, some try to be so piss elegant and innocent. If I ever put half of those juicy comments in this little old paper, no one would go without a reddened face. Instead, I try to find a few really juicy ones and pass on for everyone's enjoyment. See how wholesome, lovely, sugary and charming I can be when I want to.

To give you some examples of what I'm talking about, the following have come my way in just these past two weeks. Have fun reading and enjoy our laugh on you.

Seems Roxanne is expanding her school of bartending. Her new venture is waiting on the Dynamic Trio three times in one sitting.

Scott was bragging about a new rubber play toy he has and how well it works. Then he was telling me how Tug Boat Annie, with a little difficulty, was inserting this new toy in her mouth. Now my question is who was trying to advertise and what was the product they were giving away?

Speaking of Scott's new toy, why did he look as if he was wearing lipstick last Saturday afternoon?

It seems when Ernie helps people in their moving, he checks the garbage cans for used dresses first. Maybe he gathered them up to help Bert, Miss Runner-Up in the Tacky Ball.

Poor Kip (aka TIT), afraid to carry her wigs into their new house with that little old lady still there. It was probably fear of losing them to that lady because the one she was wearing looked like a reject from Value Village.

Count on TKO Treasurer getting his hands right to the meat of the subject, the stripper at TKO's Beer Bust.

This time I've got to say both Doc and Ben were there super special innocent selves for two weeks so nothing really to tell about them. (HA! If you believe that one, I've got some ocean-front property for sale in Arizona. Read on!).

Some members of the cast of "Gypsy" that will be performed again, and again and again, were out the other night in costume "promoting". One thing about that bunch from Partners is when they are on stage, they are performers; but when they are out on the town, they are just another bunch of drag queens. Wasn't Baby June (Keith) cute in that little outfit? Even had lace on the panties which was being shown to anyone who would look. One sight that I wish I hadn't seen was Miss Electra (Joe) in full dress on Tugboat Annie's motorcycle. That little episode will live forever in infamy.

And while we are on the subject of clubs, I understand that Desert Leathermen have a new pledge. What I don't understand is the part about their Token Broad breaking him in with peanut butter and ice cubes. And speaking of clubs, at TKO's Beer Bust last Saturday, Lynn was one of the bartenders - she put Tommy to shame slinging those glasses of beer. And while we are on the subject of clubs and beer busts, Desert Leathermen had their guest bartenders in from Phoenix. Those Phoenix guys sure do grow up nice. When one of them asked Ben what he wanted, Ben told him he wanted a beer and his body. The guest told Ben that the beer would be fifty cents, but that his body would be fifty-two thousand dollars. Ben then asked if he could work it out on the installment plan. Of course, Annie wasn't around at the time.

And what is this about Ernie being a "guest" writer for portions of "What's Up Doc?" I know that poor ole Doc has been getting a hernia lately trying to write an interesting column, but don't you think that Doc is scraping the bottom of the barrel to come up with this guest? Forget about preserving Bert's reputation, now we have Doc's in jeopardy. And as far as Ernie's NASTY NOTES - B.S.

What's this I hear about Annie not wearing a bra when she goes out? I hear that she could start a second-hand lingerie shop if she had all of hers back again.

Saw Scott the other night and the only thing he had that was hot was his cigarette and that got cooled off in his drink.

And speaking of getting cooled off, Cowboy sure did get everything cooled off on (and I mean on top of) the bar the other afternoon. What a show!

I hear that Teno had quite a party the other night - the next day a woman came in and had a baby - fortunately the ambulance got there just in time so that Teno didn't have to deliver it.

Hear tell that Dani Reid is now working on armpits - with or without hair.

Lonnie Lush is finally going to make a public appearance, I'm not sure just when, but who cares?

TKO's Tacky Contest was quite a show. The winners (?) were: Miss Ugly Tacky - Bert who won a jar of Replenishing Creme. Miss Sick Tacky with John winning a rectal thermometer and Miss Most Tacky with Neil winning a container of "Tacky Finger". The finalist for Miss Tacky 1988 was Neil. And who is to he to say that there will be no drinking before a performance?

Like I said before, all I've stated here, you my friends, gave me. Just because I might have mixed up a few words in translation, don't blame me - have fun. See you in two weeks, after the Gypsy show and the softball games.

A REMARKABLE PEOPLE

by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

I recently returned to Mesa, the heart of Mecham country, for my 20 high school reunion. It was nice to see old faces and to see that many of the handsome young guys that I used to watch surreptitiously in the shower are now considerably thicker around the middle and thinner on top. I was glad to see that the one I had most used for now has, in addition to his chrome dome and considerable waistline, a wife of average looks and above average girth, and eleven kids.

One of the people I hoped to see but didn't was the classmate widely whispered to be "queer", I don't know if Nathan is/was Gay or not. Certainly he was always very careful about his appearance and he had a tendency towards shrieking when he got excited. And certainly he disliked sports and was more intelligent than most of our classmates. You know, all the stereotypes by which the young and ignorant judge their peers.

My own closet was firmly in place, upholstered to make it soundproof and triple locked. No one was going to know about me, nosiree. I was, then, somewhat apprehensive when I somehow ended up double dating with Nathan for the Senior Prom. I was afraid that his "reputation" would rub off on me, that people would start to think me "queer". But there was no way out of it so I did the best I could.

I borrowed my mom's Cadillac and made reservations at a more masculine steak house rather than a more effete continental restaurant. Then, to compound my folly, after dinner, after the prom, Nathan and I in our white dinner jackets, four dates in their first formal dresses, I drove us up to Canyon Lake to a make-out spot overlooking the lake. We sat their for half an hour, watching the full moon's reflection ripple across the lake. Neither one of us made a move towards the girl at our side, I know I didn't want to kiss a girl, and I'm sure they were wondering why we didn't make our move. I don't know who was more loudly proclaiming all over school the next week where we ended up after the prom, Nathan or I.

Graduation night Mesa High sponsored an all-night party for the graduating class to party without drinking. About four that morning, a bunch of us decided to try to find an all-night restaurant for breakfast. Seven of us in my car, guided by Nathan, ended up at a greasy spoon in Central Phoenix, a good thirty miles away. I always wondered how Nathan knew about such a low life place so far from home. It wasn't until many years later after I had so belatedly come out that I discovered that restaurant was a hang-out where hustlers to to meet "clients".

I haven't seen Nathan since that night. I don't know if he's Gay or not, but I've finally accepted that I am. I'm fairly certain that no matter what, he probably won't see this. But there are still times I wish I'd shared with him, reassurances I wish I'd given him, questions I wish I'd asked. And surely out of a graduating class of over 300, there must be others. I sometimes wish I knew who they were. It might be nice to tie the past and the present up in one nice neat package that way.

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The Names Project Quilt memorializing the many dead from AIDS will be in Phoenix April 16 and 17. Shanti Foundation/Tucson will be arranging buses for those who want to go. Anyone who wants to volunteer to read names over the P.A., help with the unfolding ceremony or monitoring, please call me. I'm easiest reached at 628-1838 between 5:30 and 7:30p.m., Sunday through Friday.

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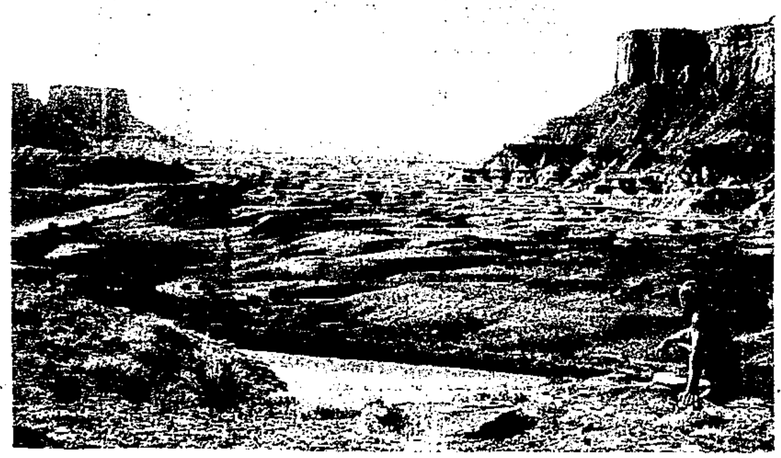

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Brian - Happy Valentine's Day!
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Jorge - Happy Valentine's Day. I love you.
R.

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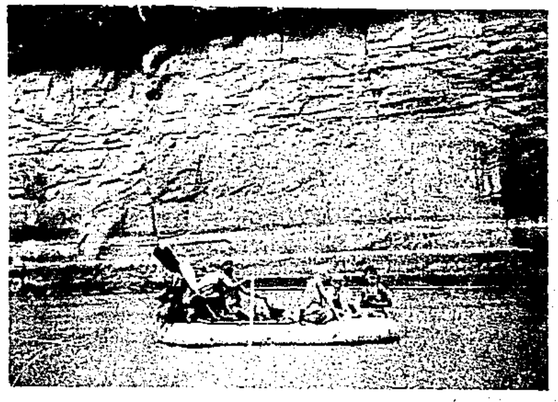

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A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

HE'S NOT HISTORY — YET

Friday, Feb. 5, 1988, will enter the history books on many fronts: A governor was impeached for the first time in Arizona's history, and only the seventeenth time in history of the country; a real boob was finally put out of our misery; and a homosexual community rarely united before, united on a common front.

I listened —as did most everyone else, it would seem— to the voting in the State House that Friday afternoon. I had to agree with some of those who said the evidence to warrant impeachment did not seem to exist. I have read the French Report. The evidence might have been clear, but the judicial philosophy upon which to judge the evidence was not always.

In fact, on the ten o'clock news that evening, the overriding question was, "Who was now Governor?" Our state Constitution and our state laws were that unclear. (In fact, for a while, few people even understood the state's impeachment rules).

Beyond the fact that the homosexual community actually coalesced to fight a common foe, how Mecham was removed from office is not anywhere as important as the fact that he was —so far.

Technically, there is still a chance Snakeman will return; the governor's —and state's— future lies in the hands of the state Senate. Chances are the twenty needed votes from the thirty seated members are there. (Chances also held that Mecham would never be elected Governor; it took four failed tries before a political fluke elected him the fifth time). I have held all along that, although it might prove a difficult fight, we would -in the end— win out.

But basically, the fight was a simple one. A few thousand people collecting a few thousand signatures, against a boob in office shooting himself in the foot practically everyday.

Heaven help them if the Gays and Lesbians of Arizona —long the silent minority— should ever get together to achieve anything really important —like establishing civil rights for homosexuals in Arizona.

Compared to the Mecham chapter, it might actually seem only like child's play.

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"I came out to visit Miss Jade, but most of the time she worked or was in town partying. The only time she was home she played Miss Couch Potato, except for one dime she did play Miss Julia without the wine.

"Much to my surprise, I seemed to be the reason a certain closet case decided to come out but he also brought along a wife who, to my biggest surprise, approved of me with flying colors. Fun times at the Old Pueblo with a short stint in Phoenix. And I thought I came here for a vacation.

"Then there was Miss J.R. Was that space cadet of the century or the laughing box of The Ponderosa? I will soon be home, Land of 10,000 Flakes; 7-foot snow drifts and minus 30 degrees snuggle weather with fond memories of the Old West and the unforgettable Ponderosa."

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

COLETTE'S - An Evening of Comedy with Lori Noelle who makes her first Arizona appearance here. Lori who calls Chicago her hometown, was voted the funniest person in Illinois for 1987. $4.00 Cover and the one show begins at 8:00 p.m. SHARP!

GRADUATE - The Partners' Production of "Gypsy" will be performed here beginning at 8:00ish, with cast members of Partners again getting into their unique 'drag' for a really excellent production of this popular musical.

[redacted] GRAS '88 - In the Ballroom of the El Lieno [redacted]co Rodeo Grounds (where the AGRA Rodeo was held), Southeast Corner of 29th Ave. and Baseline Road, in Phoenix). Show features the internationally famous movie artist DIVINE, along with Jamie De Sario and friends, plus the hottest male dance revue in Arizona. It begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $10.00 and are on sale now at these sponsoring Phoenix bars: Parrah's; Impulse; Little Jim's 307; Fergy's; Winks; Apollo's and Majix. Tickets are also available at the door on the night of the performance. There will be dancing, and cocktails will be served throughout the show. Face painting will begin at 6 p.m., if you want your face painted that is, and costumes are the order of the day. Sounds like a 'H-O-T' evening.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

GRADUATE - Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) holds their monthly Beer Bust and Dinner here. Beer bust from 2 to 6 p.m. and the Mexican Style Dinner will be served from 3 to 6, and very, very reasonably priced too!!!

IBT's - There will be a show here beginning at 9:00 p.m. featuring Miss Gay Arizona, Penelope Poupe' and Miss Gay Phoenix, Lady Casondra. Also come by and welcome Bobbi Jo as a regular member of the IBT cast.

JOSHUA TREE - SHOWTIME! with Miss Gay Tucson, Tabitha Scott, Varonica Lake, Diana Collins along with Jody, Becky and Earvin. It begins at 7:30 p.m. inside the Joshua Tree.

SOFTBALL & QUILTING PARTY/ HIMMEL PARK - A Battle of the Bars to benefit Shanti Foundation/Tucson. Softball begins at 1 p.m. at Himmel Park, Field #1. At 2:30 p.m. The Names Project Quilt-Making Party and [redacted]uck will take place. Bring needles, thread, [redacted]c, ideas, encouragement and whatever will help make the panels for the Names Project Quilt which is now on national tour and will be on view in Phoenix in mid April.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

IBT'S - Trashy Tuesday Show at 4:00 p.m. will feature Miss Gay Arizona, Penelope Poupe' and Miss Gay Phoenix, Lady Casondra along with the regular IBT cast for this weekly 'event'. Always a fun time!!!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

COLETTE'S - Benefit show for Dana who is entering the Miss Gay Tucson contest coming up. Showtime is from 8:30 to 10 p.m. and there is a $2.00 cover to help defray costs of costumes to enter the Miss Tucson contest.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

COLETTE'S - Internationally acclaimed performer Robin Flower makes a concert appearance here for one night only. Appearing with Robin is Nancy Vogl. It begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $5.00 in advance and they are available at Collette's, Bentley's and Antigone Books. A very reasonable price and a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the talents of this great performer. Get there early!

IBT's - Sisters of Sonora (SOS) present another of their now-famous Hoe Downs beginning at 2 p.m. and lasting until 10 p.m. (if your legs can handle it)! Country and Western Dancing and entertainment all day and evening, with music played by Joey from Charlie's in Phoenix. Entertainment provided by Penelope Poupe' and Lady Casondra with Marque Bobier, Big Mike, Bobbi Jo and featuring dancing by Charlie's [redacted]y Cloggers, The Tucson T-Squares and the [redacted]er & Lace Cloggers. Special drink prices throughout the day too!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

COLETTE'S - "Leaping Lesbian Party" is scheduled here in celebration of Leap Year 1988. More later.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

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SATURDAY, MARCH 19

JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) Annual Closet Ball scheduled here.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

COLETTE'S - A Pre-Observer/Community Benefit show starring Miss Gay Arizona Penelope Poupe' and Miss Gay Phoenix, Lady Casondra plus guest stars to be announced.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 26

3rd annual OBSERVER/COMMUNITY BENEFIT Dinner, Roast and show at the Americana Hotel Ballroom. Produced each year by the Desert Leathermen, this benefit is participated in by all local clubs, organizations and businesses. It is one of the big fundraisers of the year and this years co-beneficiary will be the Shanti Foundation/ Tucson. The evening features dinner, dancing and a show with top entertainers from Tucson and Phoenix. Observer T.O.G.A. Awards and a new "Community Awards" are featured also. Because of cramped facilities past locations, the move to the Americana will offer over 4100 square feet of space for stage, dancing, dinner and 3, count 'em, 3 wet bars! Tickets on sale soon. Watch for much more information as this yearly Tucson benefit takes shape.

THE TUCSON CALENDAR

wednesday

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

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

GRADUATE - Domestic Beer $1.00 with other specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks $1, (with juice $1.25), Long Neck Beer (non premium) $1.50. 5:30 to 1 am Draft Beer .50 and Schnappe .50 shot. Dance 8 - 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 12 noon to 1 am. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - "White Wednesday" 8 pm to midnight .99 White Well (with juice .25 extra). $1.25 Well Drinks or Long Neck Domestic Beer & Munchies 1-7 pm. Video Disco Dancing 9 - 1.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - $1.25 Nite! All Wine Coolers, All Well, All Domestic Bottle Beer $1.25 from 9 pm to 1 am. Dave Pierson, DJ, 9 to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Sudsersize!" .40 draft beer from 8 pm to Midnight.

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) $1.50. 5:30 to 1 am Long Neck Beer (non-premium) .75 Dance 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 12 noon to 1 am. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Kegger 8 pm to 12 am .25 per glass. $1.25 Well Drinks or Long Neck Domestic Beer & Munchies 1-7 pm. Video/disco dancing with David Ross 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shots of Schnappe $1.00 each from open to closing. Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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

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) $1.50. 5:30 to 1 am All Well $1.50 (with Juice ($1.75). Dancing 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 12 noon to 1 am. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - $1.25 Well drinks and Long Neck Domestic Beer plus Munchies 1-7 p.m. Video/Disco dancing 9-1 with David Ross.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Drink Specials. Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T 9 pm to 1 am.

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

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

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

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 12 noon to 1 am. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Corona Nite 8 pm - 12. Open Noon til 1 am. Video/Disco dancing with David Ross 9pm - close.

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust Noon to 7 pm Bud or Bud Lite .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4 pm to ??? $4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's from 9 pm until 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Wine Down Nite" .75 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite at 7 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 - Open 12 noon to 1 a.m. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - 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. Video/Disco Dancing 9-1

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bud canned beer .75 - 9 pm to 1 am. "Bowlers Special Night" 1/2 price on Well drinks for J/T Bowling Leaguers. 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.

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) $1.50. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness".

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 12 noon to 1 am. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Popular pianist/singer/comedian Doug Cooper plays Cocktail hour to 7??? 4 to 7 pm Well drinks or domestic long neck beer $1.25, munchies. Video/disco dancing 9 - 1 with Gavin

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Spuds McKenzie Nite" Bud Lite Long Necks $1 plus $1.50 Well Drinks from 9 pm to 1 am Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T beginning at 9 pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Longneck Bottle Beer Special! .85 from 8:00 until midnight. Alternative listening and dancing music from 60s - 70s and early 80s from 7 to 11.

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

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm: Well Drinks $1.00, Long Neck Beer (non-premium) $1.50. "Trashy Tuesday" show begins at 4 p.m. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness".

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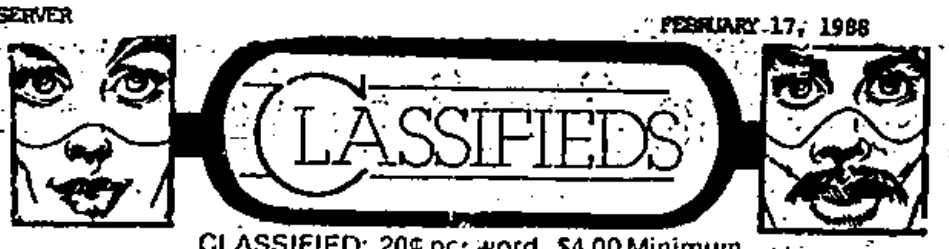
Tall Tale or Fearsome Critter? You Be the Judge.



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Notices

EASTERN EROTIC MASSAGE WORKSHOP
Sunday, January 31 or February 21 - 1 to 5 p.m. Where most conventional male sexuality focuses on discharging energy from the body, Taoism heals by circulating erotic energy through the body. In this pleasurable class you will learn both to give and receive an hour erotic massage. This hands-on class is done nude. Sexual activity is not part of the class. Fee $25. Pre-registration required. Call Marc 881-4582 to register. 185

FRIENDS OF DIGNITY: Our monthly Dignity/Tucson Potluck Saturday, Feb. 13 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church at 6:30 p.m. Call Michael at 882-5553 for more information. 185

AFFIRMATION, Gay and Lesbian Mormons meet monthly in Phoenix for fellowship and positive support. AFFIRMATION, P.O. Box 315, Mesa, AZ 85201 or (602) 981-0121.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you? Call Information and Referral about Gay Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson.

SOURCES UNLIMITED is a non-profit information and referral service for the Lesbian and Gay community. Businesses and individual listings are free. Call 884-1606 in Tucson for information.

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
For meeting dates and locations or membership information call 296-4642 or write OPBPA, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, AZ 85733.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON
Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at 602 N. Fourth Ave. Potential Shanti volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. only. Phone 622-7107.

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COME RUN WITH US
TUCSON FRONT RUNNERS meets at 6:00 p.m. every Tuesday in front of Himmel Park Library for a fun run. And now every Saturday at 9:00 a.m., we meet at Rillito Park, at Campbell and the north bank of the Rillito river for a river run. Call Mitch for more info at 326-3332.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Boulevard, Suite 252 (The Broadmoor). Services for people with AIDS/ARC or HIV+; Community education. Montly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY YOUTH GROUP is now sponsored by Matrix Community Services/Amity Incorporated and meets at the following locations: Wednesdays 6 to 9 p.m. at 1030 N. 4th Ave., 884-7413 (Matrix), and on Saturdays 3 to 5 p.m. at 420 S. Main, 792-0204 (La Pilita). For more information call Wayne Blakenship at 882-4009.

GAY AND LESBIAN ADULT DISCOURSES are informal rap group meetings provided by and for our Gay community in the Tucson area. All discussion is Gay-related. Compassion and confidentiality emphasized. Meetings are free and facilitated. Occasional guest speakers, films and social outings. For "G.L.A.D." contact information call Information & Referral at 881-1794 M-F 8-5.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. is seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish speakers in both Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. For further infmation, please all Enrique at 741-1965 in Tucson.

TRANSSEXUAL AND LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Games, Ping Pong, Potluck, Conversation and Friendship. Ask for Laura or Joan - 888-4775 Tucson. 186

CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP is a loving Christian church where YOU are welcome. Sunday worship services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study is at 7:00 p.m. Our caring staff is on duty Tuesday through Friday 7-9 p.m. and at other times by appointment. Call 881-3519 or stop by at 3333 E. Grant Road, Next to O'Reilly Leasing.

TUCSON LESBIAN CO-OP - WOMEN'S COMMUNITY POTLUCK. Open to all women. 2nd Sundays at 6:00 p.m. Various locations. Call Claire at 622-0191 for more information.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING A SUPPORT GROUP for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays please contact Barb at 327-8519 or Sean, P.O. Box 26394, Tucson, AZ 85726. All information is strictly confidential.

ROOMMATE REFERRAL OF TUCSON
Men and women both welcome. NO FEE. Call Bill Jones 622-3808 in Tucson.

GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON
Call Information and Referral 881-1794

PRISM PRODUCTIONS
Announces auditions on March 20 for a full-time touring stage show. Watch the Observer for more information, or call 889-7298 in Tucson. 190

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

AIDS HOTLINE - 326 AIDS. Hours: M-F, 10 a.m. to Midnight. Information, Counseling, HIV-Related Services.

Personals

WANTED: HOT GUYS for phone fun! Best times to call is late at night. Jared, 886-1907. 190

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EMPLOYED NUDIST/NOVICE to share home near Orange Grove/I-10. Privacy yard, Spa, Microwave, Cable. $250 plus 1/2 utilities. First/Last. 742-6731 in Tucson. 187

Services

1 1/2 HOUR MASSAGE $25 !!!
90 Minutes of in-depth Swedish massage to relax and rejuvenate. Matthew, Licensed Massage Therapist. 882-0781 Tucson. 183

HOLISTIC BODY MASSAGE. Special rate for holidays. No out-calls. For appointment call 327-4243 (Mike).

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BIG EVENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH
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