Anonymous AIDS testing in Arizona in the works?

PHOENIX – Petitions signed by 29 doctors, lawyers and other experts have set into motion a study by the Arizona Department of Health Services to offer anonymous AIDS testing in the state. The petitions were signed on the behalf of an 11-year-old hemophiliac who refused to be tested for fear that his name would become public if he tested positive. Anonymous testing has been a number one priority of most AIDS agencies and Gay activists throughout the state for years.

The unidentified boy is a former schoolmate of Ryan White, the Indiana boy who was barred from school after it became known that he has AIDS. The boy moved to Tucson this summer from Indiana, and attends school here. The boys mother said he has had at least 45 transfusions since 1981. He has kept his hemophilia a secret from his new classmates.

He talked about being harassed and shunned by schoolmates and others in Indiana who thought that because he has hemophilia, he must also have AIDS. People called him names, called his parents "queers" and wrote insults on his lockers, he said.

Pamela Liberty from the Southern Arizona Legal Aid Inc., filed the petition with ADHS on Monday, Sept. 12.

Assistant Health services director, Dr. Steven Englander said that the anonymity proposal had been in the works long before the petition was filed and is currently being reviewed by county health officials. The draft was sent last week, he said, and is similar to the one filed by Southern Arizona Legal Aid.

Englander said that the new policy allowing for anonymity of those testing positive for the AIDS virus could be in place by the end of this year. The proposal would designate seven Arizona counties which would have sites for anonymous testing and the state would also tighten confidentiality policies, Englander said.

The petition asked that: (1) County health departments use numbers instead of names to categorize people tested and those whose test results are positive.

(2) Doctors, blood banks and others outside the county health departments would still report positive tests to the county by name, to enable the county to continue counseling those individuals and referring them to such agencies as the Immunodeficiency Clinic at the University Medical Center. Counties would keep the names for no more than 60 days, then destroy them. The cases would be reported to the state anonymously.

(3) Any health official who accidentally or intentionally leaks the identity of a person who has AIDS or who tests positive for the virus would be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

Dr. Patricia Nolan, who is leaving as director of the Pima County Health Department filed a similar request with State Health Director Ted Williams in July.

According to Arizona law, the department could adopt the policy, for up to 18 months during the formal process for the passage of the proposal, Englander said. "With the emergency rule, there is no reason it couldn't be in by the end of the year," Englander concluded.

Signers of the boys petitions included Phoenix attorney John Dancy with the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest; Drs. Kay Bauman, Scott Gorman and Michael Darragh, who treat AIDS patients at UMC; Shannon Davis, chairman of the Tucson AIDS Project; Chuck Mayer, board member of the National Association of People With AIDS; Natalie Perry, executive director of the Shanti Foundation/Tucson; Virginia Yrun, executive director of Planned Parenthood of Southern Arizona; Helen Mautner, associate director of the Arizona Civil Liberties Union and Rod Mullen, executive director of Amity Inc, a drug abuse prevention and treatment agency.

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ACLU presses challenge to Army exclusion of Gays

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – ACLU lawyers have filed the final briefs prior to oral argument before a specially convened panel of federal judges in the leading case challenging the Army's exclusion of Gay and Lesbian soldiers. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, sitting en banc, will hear arguments in the case on Oct. 12 in San Francisco.

The ACLU represents Perry Watkins, who was drafted in 1967 and them compiled an exemplary record in 14 years of service as an openly Gay man. During that time, Watkins re-enlisted three times without objection from the Army. In 1981, Army regulations were changed to mandate discharge for all Gay soldiers without exception and Watkins was denied re-enlistment. The ACLU in Washington state brought suit on his behalf.

ACLU cooperating attorney James Lobsenz of Seattle will argue the case in October on Watkins' behalf.

The ACLU brief argues both that the Army's blanket exclusion of Gay and Lesbian soldiers is unconstitutional and irrational, and also that the Army's expulsion of Watkins after years of service, when it had previously permitted several re-enlistments, violated principles of equity law.

"We have strong grounds for winning this case as to the policy in general and as to Perry's case in particular," said Nan D. Hunter director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, who worked with Lobsenz on the brief.

"Despite the Army's arguments that openly Gay soldiers will undermine morale, the undisputed facts of this case demonstrate that there was no negative effect on morale here. At bottom, the Army's policy amounts to no more than perpetuation of private bias," said Hunter.

Hunter and the national ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project also coordinated amicus (friend of the court) briefs which were filed in the case. "I'm very happy that civil rights and professional organizations from outside the Gay community have recognized the importance of this case," she said.

Organizations filing amicus briefs in support of the ACLU position included the American Psychological Association and the Women's Legal Defense Funds, as well as Gay organizations such as the Gay Veterans Association; Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders; Lambda Legal Defenses Fund; the Lesbian Rights Project and the National Gay Rights Advocates.

A different panel of the Ninth Circuit heard arguments last month in another ACLU case involving the rights of military personnel. ACLU cooperating attorney Mary Newcomb pressed a case on behalf of Capt. Dusty Pruitt, a Lesbian member of the Army Reserve, who was discharged after having been quoted in the 'Los Angeles Times' commenting on homosexuality. Newcomb argued that the Army's action violated Pruitt's First Amendment rights.

The Pruitt case was brought by the ACLU in Los Angeles. A lower court ruled that the military's action was justified by its "rational" policy of exclusion based on homosexual orientation.

Decisions in both cases are expected in 1989.

Quilt to be displayed on Ellipse in Washington

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – The National AIDS Memorial, a huge quilt made of individual 3 foot by 6 foot panels, each bearing the name of a single person lost to AIDS will be displayed on the Ellipse across from the White House on Oct. 8 and 9. The display will cover the equivalent of eight football fields.

The quilt display begins Saturday, Oct. 8 at dawn with a brief unfolding ceremony and the reading of each of the names included in the Quilt. At dusk, when the last of the names has been recited, a candlelight procession led by parents whose children have died of AIDS, will move toward the Lincoln Memorial.

Michael Smith, general manager of the Names Project said, "This display marks the first anniversary of the Quilt's initial display on the Capitol Mall last year. Since that time the Quilt has been brought to more than 20 cities across the country, helping to raise nearly $500,000 for local AIDS agencies. The Quilt was viewed in Phoenix last April 16 and 17.

"Panels from all fifty states in the U.S. are included in the Quilt as well as panels from 12 other countries: Australia, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Israel, Italy, Mexico,s the Netherlands, New Zealand, Senegal, Spain and Sweden," said Scott Lago, Names Project production manager.

Materials used in panel construction include everything from clear vinyl, leather, plastic, and Naugahyde to Barbie Dolls, ashes, stuffed animals, merit badges and rhinestones.

One of the more unusual new panels honors Dr. Tom Waddell, who in 1982 founded what was then called the Gay Olympics. Waddell's panel is made from innumerable pieces of Visa cards, cancelled in protest of Visa's support of the homophobic U.S. Olympic Committee.

The Olympic Committee sued Waddell and the Gay Olympics for trademark infringement. After a five-year legal battle, the Supreme Court last year ruled five-to-four in favor of the Olympic Committee.

Last summer, Visa announced to cardholders that "everytime you use your Visa Card, we'll contribute to the U.S. Olympic Team." In response, Gay publisher Sasha Alyson clipped his card in half and urged others to do likewise. He used some of the resulting Visa Card pieces to create the Quilt panel. Cancelled cards are still coming in, and Alyson is now at work on a second, larger banner.

"Visa still hasn't apologized for their blatant insensitivity," notes Alyson, "so I'm still collecting cards." He encourages cardholders to cut their cards in half, sending half to Visa with a note of explanation, and half to him in care of Alyson Publications, 40 Plympton St., Boston, MA 02118.

Volunteers have been working around the clock, hemming panels, sewing edges together, and making walkways for this enormous display. The entire quilt weights 16 tons, includes 11.18 miles of canvas edging, 37,660 brass grommets and 5 miles of walkways. Celebrities memorialized in the Quilt include the choreographer Michael Bennett, French philosopher Michel Foucault; actor Rock Hudson, designer Willi Smith and pianist Liberace.

UPDATE

ARIZONA REPRESENTATIVE FOR MAILGRAM CAMPAIGN

PHOENIX - Martyn Harris, Congressional District organizer for the Fairness Fund National Mailgram Campaign, based in Phoenix, has issued a call for support of the Human Rights Campaign Fund lobbying efforts in the nation's capitol. Harris says that HRCF "has an easy, effective and inexpensive way of getting your voice heard by the elected officials in Washington — the Mailgram Campaign."

Harris is hoping that thousands of Arizonans will add their name to the thousands of concerned individuals who have already joined the Mailgram Campaign. "When a vote comes up in Congress that affects the Gay and Lesbian community, HRCF will unleash thousands of Western Union mailgrams to pressure Congress to vote the right way. Your mailgram could be one of them," Harris said.

A copy of your message will be sent to you and a $4.50 charge will appear on your next monthly phone bill as a "Public Opinion Mailgram".

"The Mailgram Campaign turns good intentions into immediate action ... make certain your voice is heard when it needs to be," said Harris.

Applications for the Fairness Fund Mailgram Campaign can be obtained by writing Box 2208-4770 North 7th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85014 or by calling Martyn Harris at 274-2171 in Phoenix. The Fairness Fund is a project of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF).

$2.50 TUESDAYS BEGIN AT TUCSON CINEPLEX THEATRES

TUCSON - Beginning Sept. 13, the single admission price (with exception of special presentations) at all Cineplex Odeon theatres in Tucson will be $2.50 throughout the entire day on each and every Tuesday.

The $2.50 Tuesday admission policy was initially instituted by Cineplex Odeon in its Canadian theatres over four years ago. The public acceptance of this new pricing policy created a mid-week night-out-at-the-movies with results comparable to weekend attendance.

The Toronto-based Cineplex Odeon Corp. is one of North America's largest theatre circuits with over 1,750 screens in 500 locations in 20 American states, the District of Columbia, six Canadian provinces and now in the United Kingdom. The company currently operates 19 screens in 3 locations in Tucson.

WOMYN LOVING WOMYN WEEKEND RETREAT

TUCSON - On Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22 and 23 there will be a 'Womyn Loving Womyn Retreat' held in Oracle, Arizona. Lodging, three vegetarian meals, workshops, entertainment, sports activities and fun are included in the sliding scale fee of $35-$45. Work exchange, child care, limited wheel chair accessibility and signed interpretation are available.

Potential workshops include Dance/Movement, flirting, mask-making, Lesbian Violence, Dyke Dollars, Astrology, Womyn's Spirituality and Sign Language.

Pre-registration is required and is due by Oct. 8. For more information contact Antigone Bookstore, University of Arizona Women's Center and the Third Friday Womyn's Coffeehouse. For work exchange and other information contact 882-8374.

The Womyn Loving Womyn retreat is co-sponsored by Wingspan and the U. of A. Women's Center.

TLGA TO PRESENT HEALTH FORUM

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will present a community presentation by people who attended the recent International Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and AIDS Forum in Boston. These are people who attended this conference thanks to donations from the Tucson community.

The presentation will be held at the Joshua Tree on October 2 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Those who attended this important conference will give the Tucson community information that was obtained from the workshops, seminars and speeches at the conference which was held in Boston July 20 through 26.

SPORTS FESTIVAL SET FOR SAN DIEGO OCT. 8 - 110

SAN DIEGO, CA - More than 1200 men and women from the United States, Canada and Mexico will participate in the first San Diego Autumn Sports Festival over the Columbus Day Weekend, Oct. 8-10. Athletes In Motion (AIM), created as an umbrella group for San Diego's 250 athletes who participated in Gay Games II in 1986, is hosting the Autumn Festival.

For information on entry fees and forms, banquet reservations, housing updates, sporting events or special activities concerning the festival, contact Bart Hopple at (619) 574-1651 or Roland de Beque at (619) 563-7001. Write Athletes In Motion, P.O. Box 33113, San Diego, CA 92103.

PHOENIX SHANTI GROUP TO PRESENT AN OPEN FORUM

PHOENIX - The Phoenix Shanti Group will present their September Open Forum on September 27 at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center at 16th Street and Indian School. This forum, "Death And Dying: An Indian Perception," will be a sharing perception of death and dying from a Mohave cultural viewpoint, which touches on one's spirituality.

Guest speakers, Gabriel Sharp, A.C.S.W. with the Indian Health Service and Sundance Aquero, M.E.M., will share their knowledge of the sacredness of life and natural awareness. The evening's presentation will stress love, respect individual faith and responsibility. The ceremony presented will be experiential, and thus helpful in confronting one's feelings about death and dying.

LETTERS

TO THE COMMUNITY:

On behalf of the Shanti Foundation, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who participated in making the September 4th Shanti Benefit such a raving success.

It would be impossible to list everyone who made contributions to this event, but I would like to thank:

Ken and Gerry from San Francisco for their incredible support and donations. All friends who donated items for the auction and all those who purchased those items. Bob Ellis for extensive coverage and advertising. Annie Schmidt for poster and ticket designs.

Monte-Jon, Bucky and Patty for the food. Tim, Patty and Penny for keeping the auction inventory and collection of money. Gilbert, Doc, Kip and Gary for spotting for the auction.

Dazzling Deb and the Dyke Tones (Colette, Yvonne, Peggy, Brandye, Linzee, Jeri, Deb, Cindy, Maggie, Alecia and Keith, the bubble man. Aviva, Stephanie, Candy, Christina and Loren for their performances. Monte-Jon and the All Boy Revue (John, Pete, Skeeter and Tyrone), you were wonderful.

The staff of Rumor Hazzit, including waiters Brad and Terry. Stan and Bill on video, Tom Novakowski on lights. And all Shanti volunteers for filling in wherever needed.

Special thanks to Keith Morris, our auctioneer, without whom we would not have raised $6,000, and special, special thanks to Peter Sittig, who really orchestrated this entire project.

As you can see, it was truly a COMMUNITY CELEBRATION of life.

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Extension urged for federal AZT funds

WASHINGTON, DC - A $30 million federal grant to provide funds for AZT to state agencies expires at the end of September. The federal AZT money was approved as a one time only appropriation and Congress promised not to extend it. Sen. Lowell Weicker (R-CT) has nonetheless urged Congressional committees and the states to act as quickly as possible to extend the program.

A fifth of all AIDS patients, about 6,000 people, are enrolled nationwide on the federal emergency program. That figure includes about 30 patients in Arizona of whom about a dozen live in Tucson.

According to state health officials more people are eligible to enroll in the program but the funds given to Arizona have limited the number to about 30. "We have stockpiled a lot of AZT," said Douglas Hirano, AIDS section manager for the state health department, "and we can keep these 30 people going possibly through October."

Although most insurance programs will pay for AZT, many AIDS patients become disabled and lose their jobs, thus losing their insurance coverage. Unless they decline financially to the poverty level, and can then get AZT through Arizona's Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), they have no way to pay the $8,000-a-year bill for the drug.

The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) has urged the federal government to continue to provide AZT for people receiving the drug through the Federal Supplemental Appropriation Act. "The intent and the effect of the program has been clearly humanitarian. That need is still present, and with the number of newly diagnosed people with AIDS greater this year than last, the need will be even greater," said AAPHR in a prepared statement.

"Unfortunately, the optimism from a year ago that a less expensive, less toxic, more effective drug than AZT would be available perhaps by the end of this fiscal year has faded. AZT prolongs life and helps many people with AIDS to feel better. Like chronic hemodialysis, AZT remains too expensive for many Americans to afford," said AAPHR.

AAPHR urged the federal government to continue to provide AZT to those already receiving it and to provide additional funds for those newly diagnosed individuals who cannot otherwise obtain it, this next fiscal year, and as long as needed. "Any other course of action would be inhumane," said the medical group.

Local Arizona AIDS organizations are preparing to lobby state legislators and Arizona's U.S. congressional delegation to either continue the federal program or to persuade the state to take it over.

State health officials in a letter warning doctors of the cutoff recommended that patients approach Burroughs Wellcome Co. of North Carolina, makers of the drug, for possible help on the company's temporary assistance program for AIDS patients. That program has provided AZT to patients who couldn't afford the drug on an individual, case-by-case basis.

Dr. Scott Gorman, internist at the University Medical Center said, "The fact is that AZT keeps these people alive longer, and it's the only thing we have that does so. To stop providing it is clearly threatening the lives of these patients."

More than 70,000 people in the United States have AIDS and half have already died. The epidemic is expected to peak in 1993.

Legal fight over Liberace will

LAS VEGAS, NV (AP) - Attorneys in a lawsuit over Liberace's will accused each other of introducing sleaze into the trial as they delved into the private lives of the entertainer and his associates.

The exchange came as former Liberace valet and houseman George Llinares of Palm Springs, Calif., recounted his years of service with Liberace, who died Feb. 4, 1987, of complications of AIDS.

Llinares at one point testified that housekeeper Dorothy McMahon had a "very close" relationship with Cary James, Liberace's companion the last six years of his life.

James and McMahon are two of five plaintiffs in a lawsuit that seeks to have Beverly Hills, Calif., lawyer Joel Strote removed as executor of Liberace's vast estate.

Harold Gewerter, the attorney for the five, objected frequently as defense lawyer John O'Reilly questioned Llinares about the relationship between James, McMahon and Liberace.

Llinares said McMahon used to "cover up" for James and Scott Thorson, Liberace's former companion.

"When they went out, she would tell him they had gone shopping or something," he said. "I reminded her she should remember who she worked for."

Llinares said McMahon and James were "very close" and would "lock themselves in a room for an hour."

Gewerter objected vigorously saying the questioning was getting "downright sleazy."

O'Reilly responded that he was simply following up on issues raised when the plaintiffs presented their case earlier this summer.

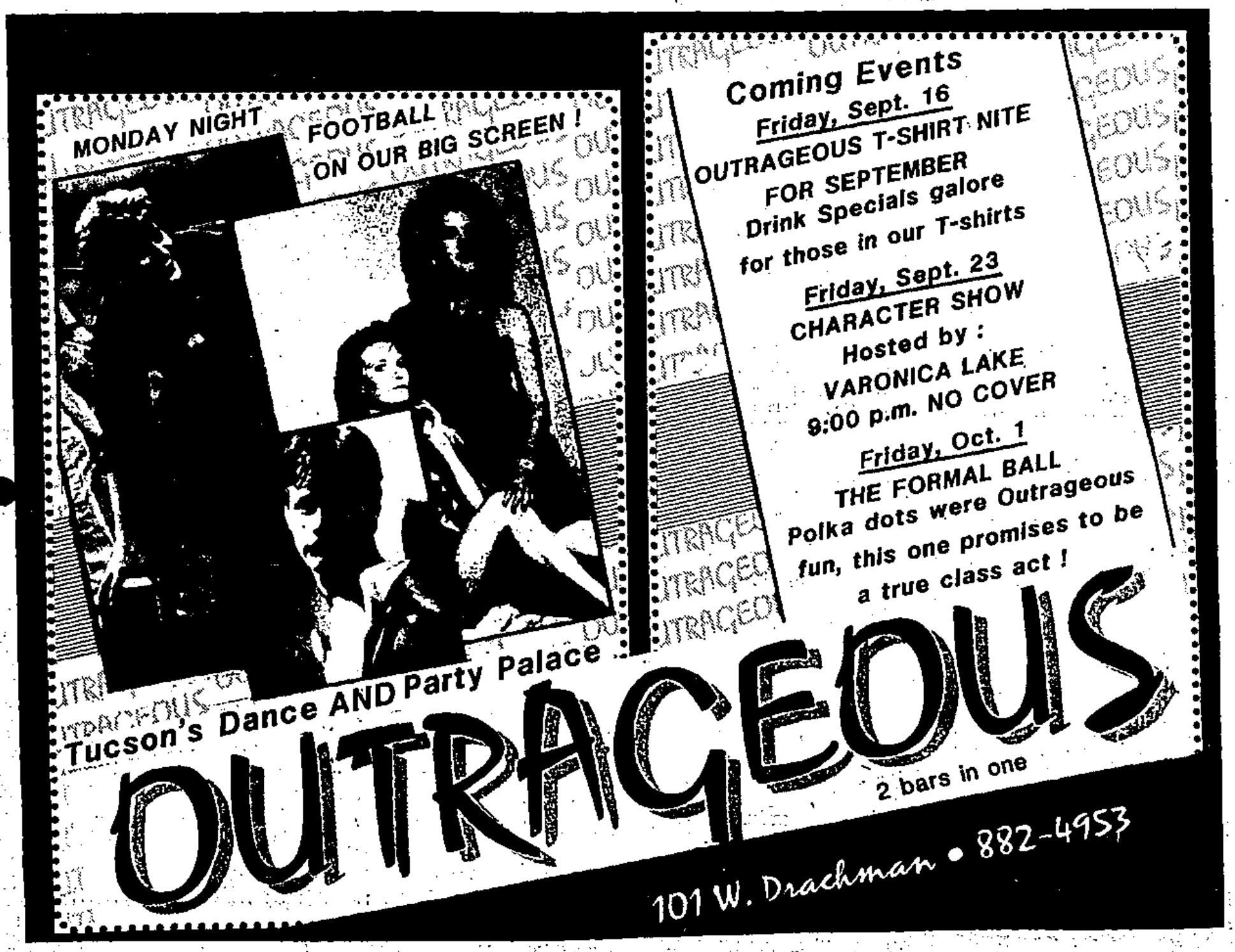
James and McMahon were visibly upset by the questioning and the housekeeper walked down the hall sobbing loudly during a morning break.

Strote also appeared agitated during the session and left the courtroom before the break.

Angie Liberace, the sister of the late entertainer and one of the plaintiffs, bowed her head and sobbed when Llinares claimed that Liberace didn't want her around his house.

At one point, state District Judge Michael Wendell lectured the attorneys, saying, "I'm interested in one thing - should Joel Strote be removed as executor. I'm not interested in personalities, not interested in morals. We're getting far afield."

Under cross-examination, Llinares admitted he had written a book about Liberace, and was trying to find a publisher. He said he worked for Liberace twice, from 1975 to 1977, and 1979 to 1984.



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News from MCC Tucson

This weekend, September 17 and 18, MCC/Tucson will be having two Memorial Services.

On Saturday, Sept. 17, at 3:00 p.m., we will have a Memorial Service for Jamie Brennen. It is requested that no flowers be sent for this service but that contributions to MCC/Tucson be made in his name.

On Sunday, Sept. 15 at 3:00 p.m., we will have a Memorial Service for Rev. Bernardo David. MCC/Tucson will be assisted by Cornerstone Fellowship and Integrity for this service. It is requested that no flowers be sent for this service, but contributions to Fondo St. Lucas be made in Rev. Bernardo David's name. MCC/Tucson will be accepting all donations made to Fondo St. Lucas.

Thought for the Week: Look not back where you have been but keep a steady eye on the rocky, pitted road ahead.

--LAMBDA DEFENDS RIGHTS OF LOS ANGELES BATHHOUSES

NEW YORK, NY - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has filed a friend-of-the-court brief in California Superior Court in Los Angeles arguing that Los Angeles County's attempt to close a Gay bathhouse is contrary to public health, and would actually contribute to the spread of AIDS.

Earlier this year, Los Angeles County filed a lawsuit to close Mac's Bathhouse, claiming that Gay bathhouses contribute to the spread of HIV, the causative agent of AIDS, by promoting and encouraging anonymous, high-risk sex with multiple partners. The county has now requested that the Court grant it a preliminary injunction, which would close Mac's pending a full trial in the case. If the County's motion is granted, Mac's will effectively go out of business until the case goes to trial, which could be years from now.

Lambda's brief argues that oral sex is not a proven mode of HIV transmission. It further argues that closing bathhouses will in fact contribute to the spread of AIDS, because the bathhouses provide a forum for safer-sex education among populations less likely to receive such information in other settings where anonymous sex occurs. Lambda also argues that the bathhouses provide a place where Gay amen can congregate without alcohol and without fear of Gay bashing.

"While the issue of the place of bathhouses in the Gay male community has become more controversial as we have gained a modicum of 'respectability' from the heterosexual power base, we must not forget that the bathhouses remain important institutions for those individuals who continue to frequent them," said Lambda staff attorney, Mickey J. Wheatley. "We cannot allow the authorities to take away the civil rights of any of our community, especially in the guise of public health, when we are desperate for a real, effective public health response to the AIDS crisis."

Two years ago, Los Angeles County tried to close other bathhouses using the same rationale, and those efforts were denied by the court. In that case, the court was influenced by then-ACLU staff attorney Susan McGreivy, who made public health arguments in support of keeping the bathhouses open. McGrievy also helped prepare the Lambda brief.

Founded in 1973, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund is a national organization and is the oldest legal group dedicated to establishing and protecting the rights of Lesbians and Gay men. Since 1983, Lambda has also been in the forefront of the fight against AIDS-related discrimination, having filed and won the first cases of such discrimination under both state and federal handicap discrimination law.

This year Lambda celebrates its fifteenth anniversary.

"Oh, I asked for Cuervo Gold but I guess the Well stuff will do!"

A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

SCORE ONE FOR RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING

Let me set the record straight: I have no problems with organized or unorganized religion of any kind. You can believe what you wish or not; I don't care. My big complaint against religion is when they insist they are right, insist they know - better than I do - what is best for me, and insist everyone else in the world is wrong.

I have often taken (well deserved) swipes at religion and religious broadcasts in this column. Now, for the first time, (just to prove how objective I can be) I have cause to praise religion.

Recently, on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN), a program called "Dave Roever" showed excerpts from a videotape for high school-aged students called "Don't Let AIDS Catch You". I don't make a habit of watching TBN but , being the channel- changer I am, I caught this show from the beginning one Saturday night.

I steeled myself against the onslaught of "Gay plague" and "punishment from God" explanations which I have seen before on this channel (most notably in the early years of the AIDS crisis); yet was dumbfounded as the videotape rolled.

This videotape had the most well-presented explanations about what AIDS is, how AIDS is spread, and how to protect against being infected that I have ever seen. And when homosexuals were mentioned, it was not once in a negative manner. (Shock!)

The tape contained interviews with teenagers being asked various questions to test their knowledge of AIDS (shocked to say they were pretty ignorant on the subject). When asked who got AIDS, each said homosexuals" or "Gay people". Some added drug users or hemophiliacs, but they all said homosexuals. (I don't know where these kids were from, but it's kind of frightening they are so uneducated).

The several doctors interviewed gave sound, concise and easy to understand explanations about AIDS facts. I must admit I am pleased this tape is being taken to high schools for educational purposes.

To be fair there was one error on the tape. When explaining about AIDS infection from blood transfusions, the expert said, since blood has been tested, transfusions are absolutely safe. This could merely be an error in timing since only within the past few months has it been reported that some AIDS-tainted blood is not caught through testing. (Granted, this is only a very small percent, but it is a false sense of confidence to say blood products are absolutely safe). As this tape could have been made before this information came out, it is a forgivable error.

Even though only a portion of the entire tape was shown, I think it is fair to say it is very well done. (They may have left out of the "burn the homos" part of the tape, but I doubt it exists).

I am pleased to see donated money in the hands of a religious group going toward something so important. I am pleased to see a religious station back down from it's "punishment from God" stance on AIDS. I am pleased to see reason and intelligence take precedence over fear and emotion. I am mostly glad to see steps taken to make AIDS a medical issue and not a moral one.

For once, I can sincerely say: Thanks, TBN.

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NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

PLEASE NOTE: October 11, 1988 is National Coming Out Day. A day to tell your family and friends you are Gay or Lesbian and proud of the fact. If you would like more information about how to come out, or National Coming Out Day, contact: Greg Cason, National Gay Rights Advocates, 8350 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, California, 90069.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

GAY LUTHERAN SEMINARY GRADUATE TO VISIT ARIZONA

TUCSON - One of the three openly Gay Lutheran seminary graduates who was initially approved for ordination last winter will be in Arizona this month. Jeff Johnson, who is currently serving as Regional Director of Lutherans Concerned/ North America, will be in the Phoenix area on Friday, Sept. 23, to help kick off the Phoenix Chapter of Lutherans Concerned fall program with an information and planning session.

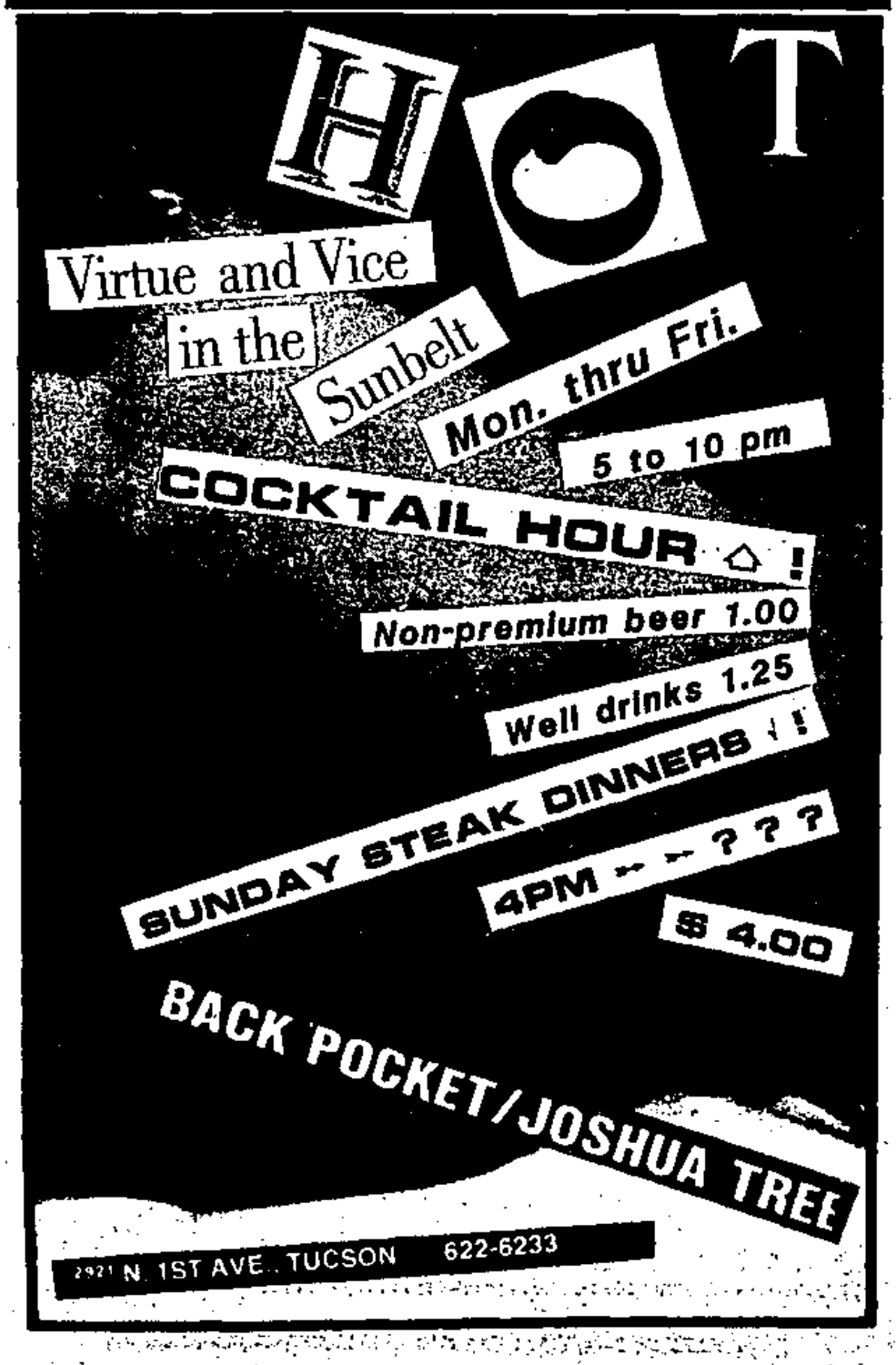
Johnson will be in Tucson on Saturday, Sept. 24 to help the newly forming chapter here. He then will return to Phoenix on Sunday, Sept. 25 to preach at Augustana Lutheran Church. While his primary purpose for visiting Arizona will not to discuss his initial certification for ordination and subsequent de-certification, Johnson will be open to answering questions following the meetings and church service.

Anyone interested in learning more about Lutherans Concerned, a Christian Ministry for Lesbian/Gay Understanding is welcome to attend either one of the meetings for which there is no charge.

The Friday meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at 1414 S. McAllister in Tempe (just south of Apache Blvd. The time and location of the Saturday meeting in Tucson have not been finalized as of presstime. Specifics may be obtained by calling 322-6334 or by writing Lutherans Concerned at 2956 N. Campbell, #481, Tucson, AZ 85719.

The Sunday morning service at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2604 N. 14th Street in Phoenix (just south of Thomas Road) will be at 10:30 a.m. It will be preceded by an Adult Forum at 9:15 a.m. in which Jeff Johnson will also participate.

For further information in the Phoenix area contact Frank Loulan, P.O. Box 7519, Phoenix AZ 85011, phone 870-3611. In Tucson contact Greg Swanson, 2956 N. Campbell, #481, Tucson, AZ 85719, phone 322-6334.



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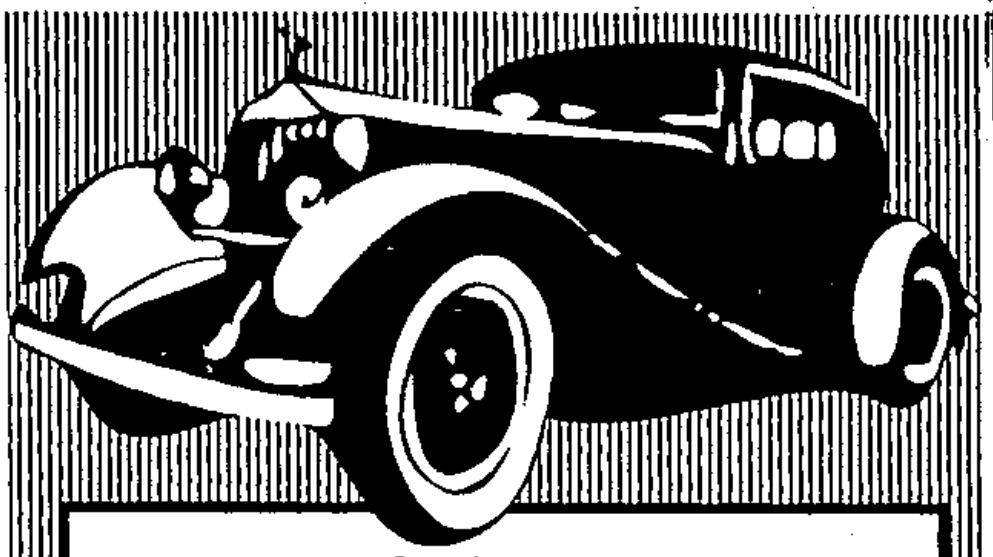

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Lights of Tucson

by Michael ~ Tucson

The First Quarter Moon of the New Moon in Virgo period begins with a Taurus on the Cusp. So my favorite people can let it all hang out, and I love to see them because they usually have a lot to hang. Also, they will be lucky this week.

ARIES

12th House: In the dog house? Doing all those bad things could get you caught, so be careful. Quit arguing with everyone and you may skate this week.

TAURUS

1st House: This will be a week when communication will come easily and expansively for you and your thing can be lots of fun for you because luck is with you this week especially at work and with your health.

GEMINI

2nd House: Now you can make a few bucks especially selling health products and social things will happen for you. This is your week to party and combine it with business.

CANCER

3rd and 4th House: Lots of communication with family for you at this time, and also your neighbors and people you work with will be more than friendly and communicative. You will also do better on the home front. A good time for redecorating or buying something nice for the house.

LEO

5th House: Well it is the right house for Sun and the Sun is in it so it is your time to shine in new romances, play the Pick, or better still the office pool, or the scratch tickets. It is also a great period for going out for entertainment, especially to the night spots and the movies.

VIRGO

5th House Intercepted: You may encounter some delays in your new romantic arrangements, and your investments may not pay off now, but will later on.

LIBRA

6th House: Work, work, work now... collect the rewards later. Yes there will be some, and your health will take a turn for the better if it has not been so hot lately.

SCORPIO

7th House: It may be time for a separation from either your business partner or mate. Mainly because things are and have been going on behind your back that do not serve your best interests.

SAGITTARIUS

8th House: Here is the Moon between Saturn (old people, parents and authority figures) and Uranus (sudden and unexpected events, also lots of unusual sexual encounters). You decide what will happen and it probably will.

CAPRICORN

9th and 10th House: You have the whole ball of wax this week — travel, money, power and public attention, make the best of it. Higher education is on the agenda, so is religion, philosophy and law. However sign no contracts without reading the fine print twice.

AQUARIUS

11th House: Where it should be, and you will be thrown into contact with lots of Pisces for fun and pleasure. You may also have to take over some old establishment and run it for a parent or older friend.

PISCES

11th House Intercepted: Some delays may be involved with your associated relationships, however you will come out on top, so just be patient.

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[NOTE: For personal assistance regarding your Horoscope, call Michael at 327-4243 in Tucson. Michael may also be seen on Tucson Channel 49 every Wednesday at 5:30-45 p.m.].

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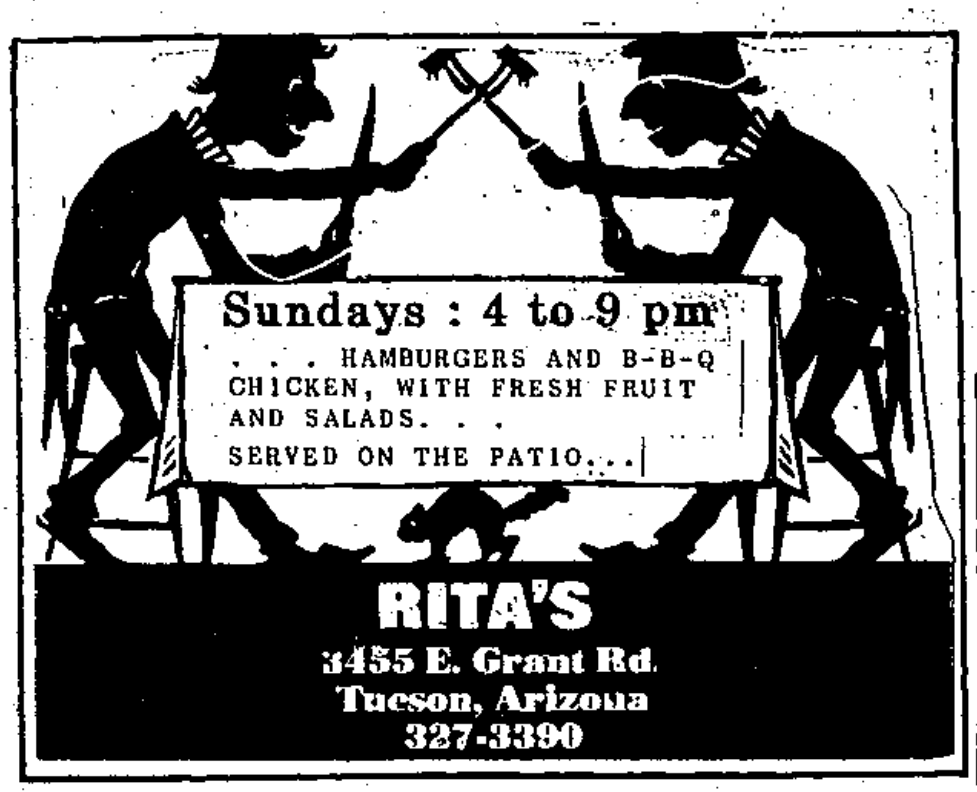

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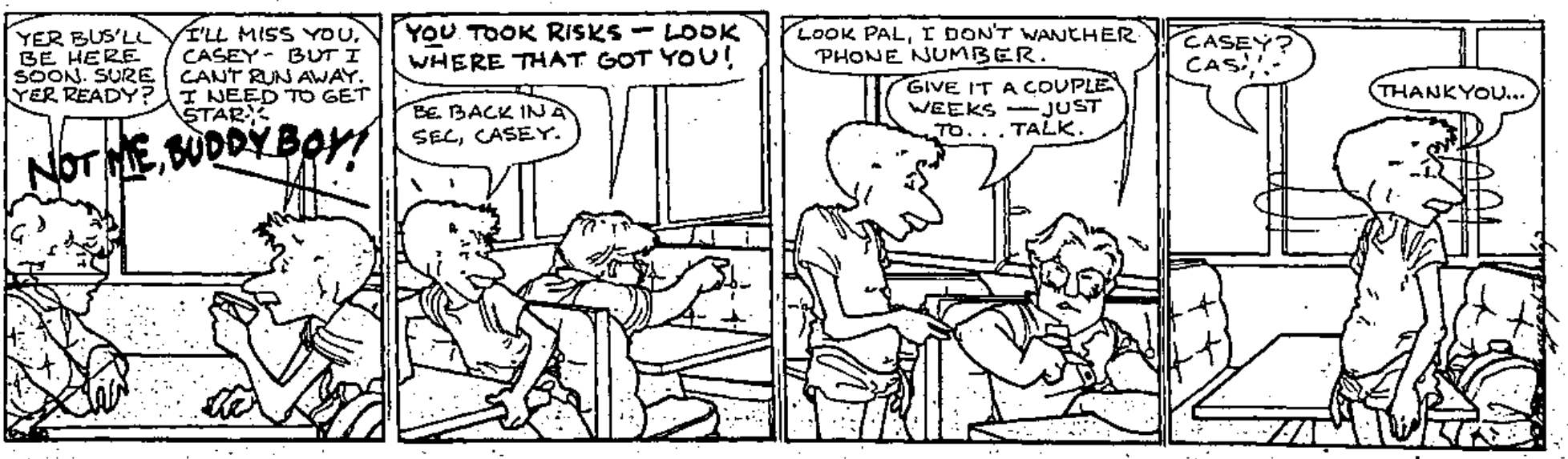


POLITICS '88

by Mark R. Kerr

AN APOLOGY. First off, about last week's column. There were a lot of you wondering who to vote for, in this week's primary election and turned to my column and read a generic 'you should get out and vote' column. I made a bad mistake. I assumed that in certain races you knew who to vote for. In the races that I made endorsements for in past columns I felt those candidates would help our cause and would also help us all in general.

The OBSERVER will be sending out questionnaires and an Endorsement Panel will review them and will make endorsements in all races in November. Even if a person is unopposed, the panel will determine if they are worth voting for. I apologize for last weeks column. I hope you can forgive me.

SASSO II. Michael Dukakis, the Democratic nominee for President, has rehired John Sasso as his campaign's Vice Chairman. He will be part of Dukakis' inner circle. Sasso, if you remember, was his campaign manager a year ago, until it was revealed that he had distributed a videotape showing that a rival for the Democratic nomination, Joseph Biden of Delaware, had plagiarized speeches from Britain's Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock.

Where is Dukakis' campaign going. He is slipping in the polls and he is going nowhere. He is running a 'Deweyesque' campaign running on generalities, speaking of competence and boring platitudes. If you want to win an election you have to speak of specifics. As Teddy Roosevelt said, "You have to hit them hard, again and again."

This is Dukakis' election to lose and George Bush's election to win. If Dukakis keeps this banal strategy, he will lose it and God help us all if he does!

CRITICISMS. First off, Ed Finklestein was in the news. The former Democrat turned Republican turned Libertarian has done it again. He was thrown off the primary ballot. He had filed petitions to be the Libertarian nominee for the United States Senate to run against DeConcini. The Libertarian Party filed a motion with the Court to get Finklestein's name off the ballot. The Court agreed and his name was removed.

So Finklestein has switched parties again. He is now running for the U.S. Senate as a write-in candidate for the New Alliance Party. All he has to do is get one write-in vote to qualify for the November ballot. He can't even vote for himself since he had changed his party affiliation too late. I hope he does not get the one vote needed.

Second, the Rainbow Coalition, Southern Arizona Chapter. I simply have a question to ask the Co-chair Debbie Neufeldt. "Do you not have candidates who were involved with the Jackson For President '88 campaign running for office locally, and if so, why is not the Coalition supporting them instead of their opponents?" Case in point, Patricia Bacalis, for the State House in Dist. 13.

Third, to the two respective Presidential campaigns for not agreeing to more debates. What are you trying to hide? The voting public wants to know more about where the candidates stand, not less.

Fourth, to the New Alliance Party. I wish you the best of luck, third parties are always treated roughly. I hope you all do well, but why are you letting Ed Finklestein run as a write in candidate. He is not a true NAP member. He is an opportunist.

Lastly, to those candidates who spend excess amounts of dollars for their campaigns for various offices. Do you think money can buy an office???

AND SO IT GOES. Well, Sept. 13th is the primary election, and some dreams will live and other dreams will have to be put on hold for a couple of years at least. To all the candidates for the various office, you gave it your best shot, campaigning is a lonely thing. You all are probably wondering how I should know this.

A confession to make - I was Patricia Bacalis' campaign manager. She is running for the State House of Representatives from Dist. 13. I have seen the highs and the lows. It is a rough thing campaigning for office. People these days do not seem to care. It is a pity especially with the threat of Mecham in '90 hanging over our heads.

To all of you I say thank you for running. You gave us a wide choice of views, opinions, etc. for the voting public to consider. To those who survive the primary, I say congratulations and good luck in November. You're going to need it because it is tough - democracy in action.

NOTE: There is a Gay and Lesbian political caucus forming in Tucson. It is tentatively named The Independent Alliance. The group will hold its first meeting on Saturday, Oct. 1. Please keep that date open so you can be on the inside and know what is happening on the political front both locally and nationally. Watch next weeks paper for the location of the meeting - but keep October 1st and 1:00 p.m. open for this important formation meeting.

Until next time, take care. Be sure that you are registered to vote in the general election. The deadline for registering in this November's election is next Monday Sept. 19.

TAP FOR TAP

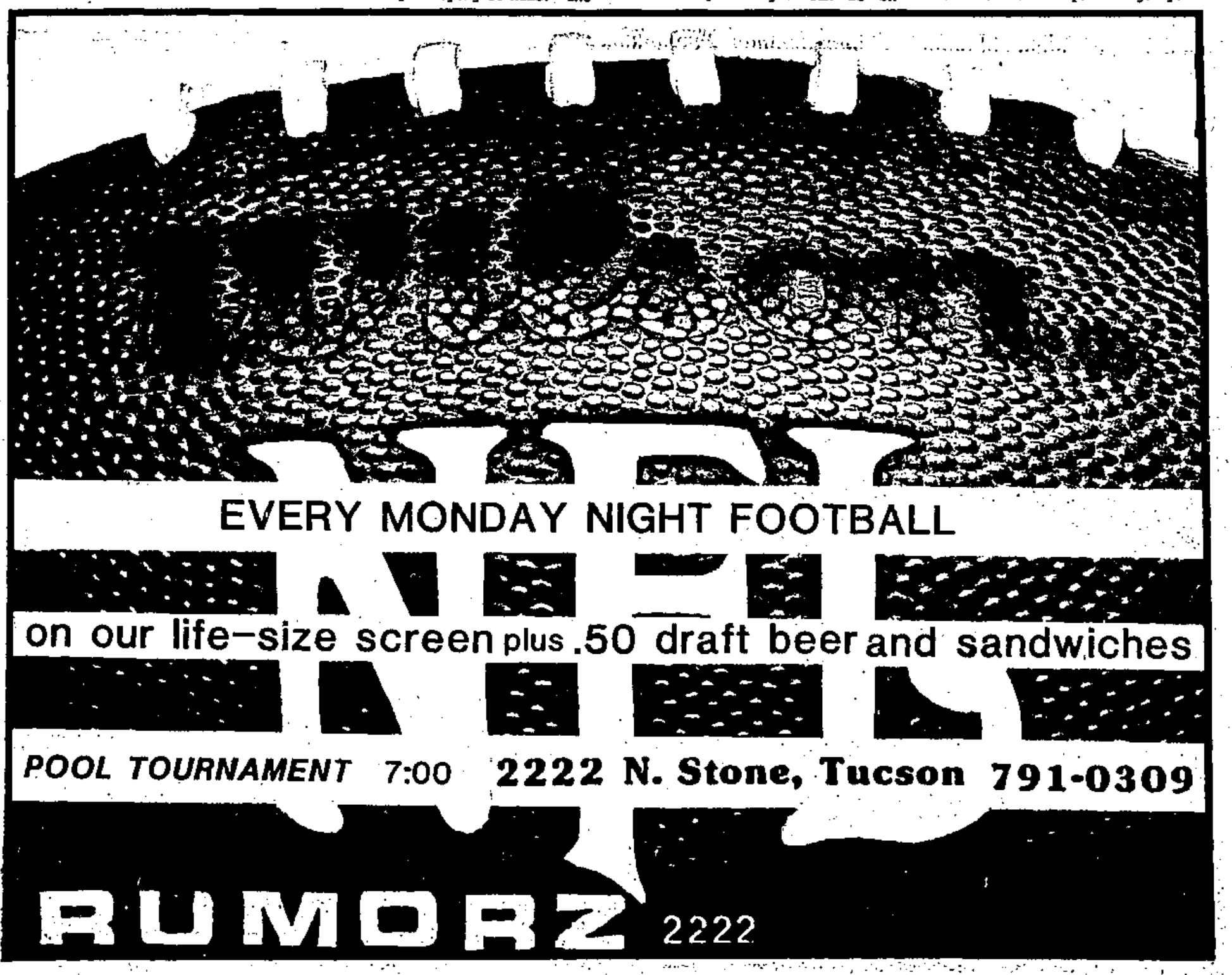
TUCSON - Susan Claassen, Managing Artistic Director of the Invisible Theatre had the idea of getting Tucson's arts community to host a series of benefits this coming season to fund the human service and education efforts of the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP). Thus was launched "Tucson Artists Participate" for the benefit of the "Tucson AIDS Project"" or "TAP for TAP".

Claassen's idea, similar to New York's successful Broadway Cares effort, was enthusiastically received in the arts community in Tucson. Some groups have done benefits for TAP before; others will be doing their first benefit for TAP this season.

The TAP for TAP slogan will soon be seen everywhere, on T-shirts, buttons, posters and performance programs.

On Sept. 13 the Invisible Theatre held a benefit for TAP with their current production "The Business of Murder. On Thursday, Sept. 22 at a.k.a. theatre, 125 E. Congress the two opening night performances of "Crack Up" will be presented for TAP. Tickets are $4.00 and will be available at the door only.

TAP for TAP Series performances directly benefit the Tucson AIDS Project, an educational and human service non-profit agency.



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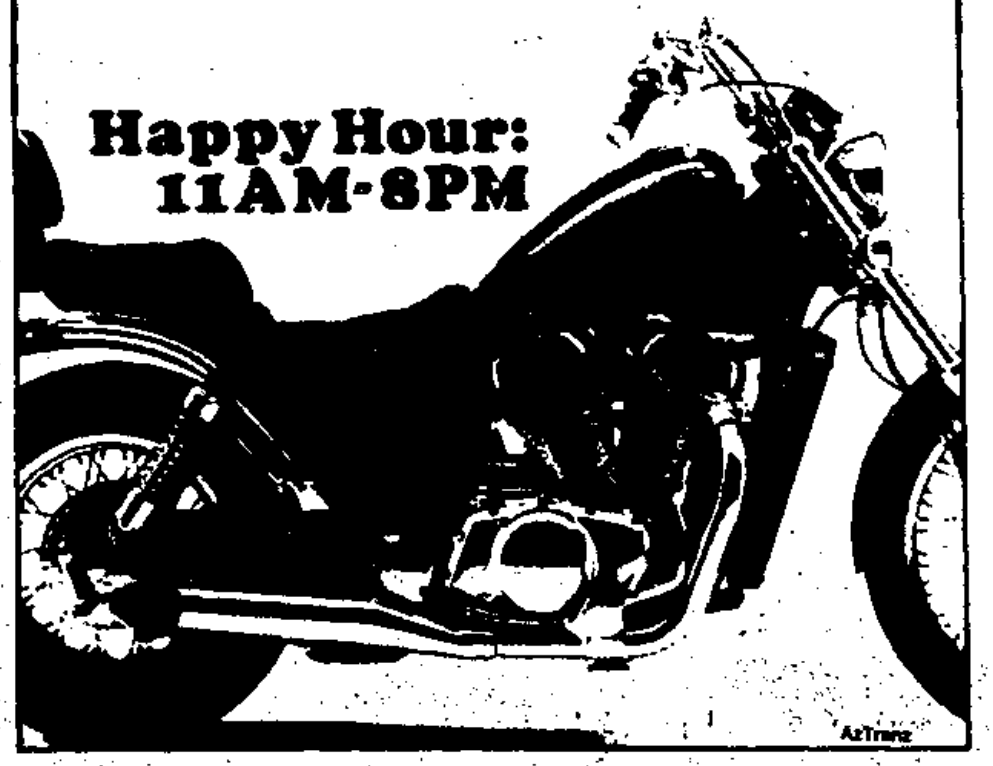

A REMARKABLE PEOPLE

by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

This whole episode of the Quayle who would be a Hawk has started me thinking about my opposition to the war in Vietnam and my subsequent refusal of induction into the Army when I was drafted. It's strange, but the great pride I once took in the courage and commitment necessary to tell the Army "No Thanks" has become somewhat tarnished through time. I now find there to be other issues that I could have dealt with then.

I'm not saying that I regret having been a resister or that I would now be willing to fight in any war in which the enemy is other people, only that were I eighteen again, knowing what I know, I would do things differently.

Having, after years of denial, finally accepted my homosexuality as a right and just part of my personal make-up, I don't think I could even register for the draft today. What right has this or any other country got to ask me to fight and possibly die to preserve the country's right to censure me, to debase me, to deny me the equal opportunity granted all under the constitution?

The most basic loss I, and others like me, suffer is the loss of our First Amendment rights. We are not even afforded the right to say who we are without facing being dishonorably discharged from the military (our dishonor, not theirs), fired from government jobs, denied insurance, admittance to schools and clubs, and visits with our lovers in jails and hospitals. And I'm supposed to defend that, supposed to put my name on the dotted line to risk a dishonorable discharge so someone else can fill themselves full of self-righteous gas and speak (on the PAID lecture circuit, no less) about how wonderful America is?

Sorry, no. If I could do it all over again, I wouldn't say Hell no, I won't go". Instead I'd say, "You have no right to ask me to register to defend my lack of privacy even in my bedroom".

I don't hate this country, it's a great country, with the greatest potential for individual human liberty and dignity the world have ever known. Unfortunately, as in any population, there are a few hydrocephalic pseudo-literates who would rather play God than pray to Him. For these vermin, the only way they seem able to exercise their power is deny others their rights. Call it the "Thou shalt not syndrome". "No" is the favorite word of two year olds.

One of the things that makes this country great is its capacity to change as needed. In the early part of the century women forced a change, women's suffrage, on a sometimes less-than-willing (male) populace. Later, blacks forced a major change and are still pushing a more humane agenda in spite of still large numbers of sufferers from the "Thou shalt not" syndrome.

Without this capacity to change itself, I would despair, both for myself and for my country. Without this capacity to change, were I eighteen again, I would do what I did then, sign my closed contract and face defending something I was denied. Without this capacity I would not be living now, 22 years later, as a self-acknowledged, open, happy, and relatively free Gay man. And without this capacity for change, I would not be living in hope for the future for my Gay companions right now.

CALENDAR
of upcoming events

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

OUTRAGEOUS - T-Shirt Night for September. Drink Specials for those in 'Outrageous' T-Shirts. See Gavin for yours.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

COLETTE'S - A big Pajama Party is planned here with more details coming next week. Get out your jammies.

IBT'S - Partners' Beer Bust from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Draft Beer for only fifty-cents a glass!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

COLETTE'S - The movie for today is the thriller "Suspect" and it starts at 7 pm.

IBT'S - "Over 40's Show" a benefit for the Community Awards of Tucson Committee. 12, count 'em 12 performers plus a very, very special surprise guest! All taking the stage to prove that being over 40 isn't necessarily being over the hill. We'll just have to wait and see! A fun show for a good benefit.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

COLETTE'S - Anne English makes another appearance here and still wows 'em every time. Take it in.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

COLETTE'S - The monthly Country/Western Night is becoming very, very popular here. Vocalist Loren Johnson, from Phoenix, is back. He really wowed the audience on his previous appearance. Don't miss it.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

OUTRAGEOUS - "Character Show" hosted by Veronica Lake starring Ann Margaret, Diana Ross, Vaniyty, and Latin performer Luisa. 9:00 p.m. No Cover.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

COLETTE'S - The Variety Show that was scheduled for the first part of September had to be cancelled and it is now set for the 24th. Be sure to attend.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

COLETTE'S - Movie is "Stake Out" beginning at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

COLETTE'S - Lisa Otey plays and sings your favorites during cocktail hour. Relax and enjoy.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

JOSHUA TREE - Miss Gay San Antonio, Nakoma Shaye, performing many of your favorites live! Boy George, Cher, Eartha, Barbra and many more. $1 at the patio gate. 9:30 p.m.

OUTRAGEOUS - The Formal Ball. If you thought Polka Dots were outrageous, this one promises to be a true class act. Start making plans now!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

JOSHUA TREE - Nakoma Shaye, reigning Miss Gay San Antonio, Texas swinds up a two-day visit to Tucson with live performances of many of your favorite singers. A real talent with a great voice. $1 at the patio gate and it begins at 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

COLETTE'S - Watch out for the big Anniversary show and celebration being planned here. It's always a big one!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - Desert Leathermen will host a Casino Night here. Watch for more details.

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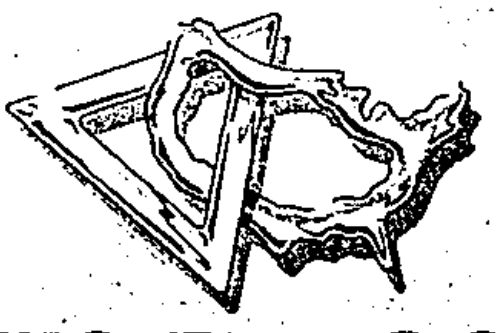
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Non-Bar CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPT. 15 - Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association monthly meeting. Plaza International Hotel, (Salon P), Tucson, 7 p.m., no host cocktails; 7:30 p.m. general meeting. Estate planning advice for unmarried men and women by attorneys Susan Freund and Gregory Gadarian. Free to OPBPA members and newcomers, $5 for repeat guests at the door. Information: (602)297-3794

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17 - "Noche Mexicana" a benefit for El Proyecto Arizona/Sonora, Mexico and the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson. Mexican music, door prizes, refreshments, food and fun at Teatro Carmen, 384 S. Meyer St., in Tucson. 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. $3.00 donation includes dinner. Show hosted by Miss Gay Tucson, Christina and features Lillian Jade, Tiffany, Juan, Gabriella, Minerva, Veronica, Luisa de la 'O and the M.C. for the evening will be Mr. Frank Perez. A very worthy cause.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22 - Opening Night Benefit for Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) performance of "Crack Up" at a.k.a. theatre, 125 E. Congress. 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. Tickets $4 at the door only.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 - Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) host a Community Presentation by Tucsonans who attended the recent International Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and AIDS Forum in Boston. These are the people who attended thanks to donations from the Tucson community. This short presentation from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket, 2921 N. 1st Avenue, is must hearing for all members of the community. No charge.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 - Octoberfest Business Fair sponsored by the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association on Unitarian Universalist Church grounds. Entertainment, food, beverages, prizes plus business demonstrations. Free to everyone. Information: (602)297-3794.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCT. 22 & 23. "Womyn Loving Womyn Retreat" in Oracle co-sponsored by Wingspan and the UofA Women's Center. Information and registration at Antigone Bookstore, UofA Women's Center and the Third Friday Womyn's Coffeehouse or call 882-8374.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association monthly meeting, Hotel Park Tucson (Acacia Room); 7 p.m., no host cocktails; 7:30 p.m., general meeting. 'Giving everyone "Pitz"', Arizona Daily Star political cartoonist David Pitzsimmons' incisive views follows the November general elections. Free to OPBPA members and newcomers, $5 for repeat guests at door. Information (602)297-3794.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 - Ye Olde Pueblo Business and Professional Association Holiday Gala. Doubletree Hotel, Tucson. Annual Christmastime banquet and entertainment. Time and cost to be determined.

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Tucson CALENDAR

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BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust Noon to 8 pm Bud or Bud Lite .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4 pm to 7?? $4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Wine Down Nite" .75 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) $1.25 plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Mike's Mimosa's $1.50, Bloody Marys $1, Champagne Cocktails $1.50 Noon to 4 pm. Dance 8 pm.

OUTRAGEOUS - Pool Hall opens 4 pm. .75 Schnapps. Strip Shows cancelled til further notice. Dancing.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 6 pm Well $1.25; Longnecks $1.00; Schnapps .75; B-B-Q, fresh fruit & salad 4 to 9 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys $1.25 plus any flavor schnapps .50 a shot and Peter Dogs with all the trimmings for .25 each. VJ/DJ Dwayne 9 to 1.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Miller bottles or Schnapps .75 - Noon to Midnight. 5-10 pm non-premium beer $1 and well drinks $1.25. DJ 9 pm to 1 am. Pool Tournament 10:30 pm, $25 prize.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .89 from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Drink specials on our Light Board specials day and night.

OUTRAGEOUS - Pool Hall opens at 4 p.m. Football on the big screen. $1.00 well drinks 9-1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 6 am to 1 am. 6 am to 6 pm Well $1.25; Longnecks $1.00; Schnapps .75

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 call/well/beer. Monday Night Football on big screen, .50 draft beer and sandwiches. Pool Tournament at 7 p.m.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-10 pm non-premium beer $1, well drinks $1.25. Corona Beer or Well Tequila $1.00 from 9 pm to 1 am. + 'Stop Light' specials. DJ at 9 pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Longneck Bottle Beer Special: $1.00 from 8:00 until midnight. Alternative listening and dancing to music from 60s - 70s and early 80s from 7 to 11.

GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks $1.50 till closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Check our Light Board for drink specials day and night. "Trashy Tuesday" show at 6 pm.

OUTRAGEOUS - Progressive Dance Rock with Randy in Disco 9-1. $1.25 imported beers

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 6 am to 6 pm. 6 am to 6 pm Well $1.25; Longnecks $1.00; Schnapps .75

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 call/well/beer 4-7 pm. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Dwayne.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 2-8 pm Drink Special: Check the chalkboard. 5-10 pm non-premium beer $1, well drinks $1.25. Bring your own meat for outdoor cooking. J/T supplies the salad and beans 5-8 pm. Draft Beer Bust Bud or Bud Lite .25 per glass plus .75 Schnapps from 8 pm to close! DJ 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Schnapps .75 8 pm to Midnight. Raffle drawings at 10:30 p.m. for prizes.

GRADUATE - .50 draft or .75 schnapps open to close plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Check our Light Board for drink specials day and night. Dance 8 pm - 1 am.

OUTRAGEOUS - Long Neck Domestic Beer Bust 8-10 .50; 10-12 .75; after midnight $1. Top dance hits with Jeannie.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 6 am to 1 am. 6 am to 6 pm Well $1.25; Longnecks $1.00; Schnapps .75

RUMORHAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 call/well/beer. Bud Can Beer Nite - .50 per can, plus .50 schnapps from 7 pm until close. VJ/DJ Ruben.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-10 pm non-premium beer $1, well drinks $1.25. All Well $1.00 (w/juice $1.25), all Wine Coolers from 10 pm to 1 am. + 'Stop Light' specials. DJ, 9 to 1 am.

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

GRADUATE - All White Well $1.50 open to close.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Check our Light Board for drink specials day and night. Dance 8 to 1.

OUTRAGEOUS - .25 Draft Beer Bust 4-1. Sloan cranks out the hits 9-1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 6 am to 1 am. 6 am to 6 pm Well $1.25; Longnecks $1.00; Schnapps .75

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 call-well-beer 4-7 p.m. Kegger 8 pm to 12 am .50 per glass, munchies. Video/disco dancing with Ruben 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-10 pm non-premium beer $1, well drinks $1.25. Capt. Morgan Peach Rum $1.00 from 7 pm to closing. DJ 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - International Happy Hour plus Party Nite - Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Check our Light Board for drink specials day and night. Dancing 8 to 1.

OUTRAGEOUS - Pool Hall opens at 4 pm. Dancing 9-1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 6 am to 1 am. 6 am to 6 pm Well $1.25; Longnecks $1.00; Schnapps .75

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 call/beer/well 4-7 p.m. munchies Progressive Friday - all well drinks .75 from 7 to 9 and go up a quarter each hour til closing. DJ/VJ Ruben 9 TO 1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Capt. Morgan Peach Rum $1.00 from 7 pm to 1 am.. DJ from 9 pm to 1 am.

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

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Check our Light Board for drink specials day and night. Dance 8 to 1.

OUTRAGEOUS - Hot, hot, hot Dance Party.. Various theme nights. Sloan DJ's.

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WHAT'S UP DOC?

This coming Saturday and Sunday at IBT's will be a full fun-filled two days. Be sure to stop over both days and join in.

To start off, Partners will be holding their monthly Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m. On hand to dispense the liquid refreshments (beer) will be Michael and DJ from Durango's in Phoenix. Both have promised some special surprises throughout the day. Along with them will be others from around the Phoenix area, coming to Tucson to party and let their hair down for some good clean hell-raising!

This promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable day for all on hand at IBT's from 2 to 6 p.m. I look forward to seeing a good turnout of us quiet people (like myself) living here in the Old Pueblo.

Then on Sunday evening, starting at 8:00 p.m., it's showtime. This show is sponsored and is a fund raiser for the Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) Committee. The title of this one is the "Over 40's Show". All in the show being over 40. I am in this show myself and for one who never used to like being on stage, I can tell you that you're in for a fun evening with a ton of laughs during this show.

As I stated, this show is a fund raiser for the CAT Committee. Plans are well into high gear for this year's CAT Awards to be held in January, 1989. But all good ventures need money to operate, and at this time the CAT Committee is running in the red. I hope each of you can find it in your hearts to dig deep into your pockets to contribute a few bucks to this very worthwhile undertaking by all those working on the CAT Committee.

How about our Wildcats? Now if we can go over to Oklahoma and if not win - come away with a close game!

I'm way behind with my raffle tickets for the UofA/ASU football game. As of this issue of the OBSERVER, the raffle tickets are in all the bars around Tucson. This raffle is sponsored by the Arizona Fellowship '88 Committee. For $1.00 per ticket you have a chance of winning two tickets to this always BIG game of the year.

The present record of this rivalry stands at 5 1/2 victories/tie in a row for our Wildcats and we look forward to making it 6 1/2 victories. Ask your bartender for these raffle tickets. Please print your name and a phone number that you can be reached at if your ticket is drawn. Drawing will be held at the TKO Beer Bust at the Graduate on Saturday, Nov. 12. The winner does not need to be present.

With that I'll close for this week. I've heard stories about a waffle house parking lot, but those I'll have to let slide by - I want to live! I'll see a bunch of you at both the Beer Bust and the Show this weekend. Have yourselves a very beautiful week.

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TUCSON FRONT RUNNERS meet for a weekly fun run at 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays in front of the Himmel Park Library. For more information call Mitch at 326-3332 in Tucson.

WOMYN'S 3RD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. $1 at door (more if you can, less if you can't).

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Want to strengthen your marriage. Considering leaving the marriage? Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Certified psychologist facilitator. Strictly confidential. Call 884-0476 in Tucson for details.

AFFIRMATION, Gay and Lesbian Mormons meet monthly in Phoenix for fellowship and positive support. AFFIRMATION, P.O. Box 315, Mesa, AZ 85201 or (602) 921-4025.

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.

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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).

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

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GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?
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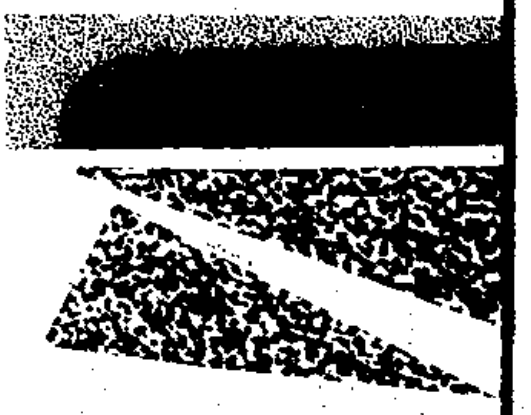

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