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Jesse Jackson issues election statement

Urges Gay Vote

Below is an opinion article on the presidential election. The article is by the Reverend Jesse Jackson, Sr. It sets forth reasons why those concerned about Gay and Lesbian and other civil rights issues should vote for Michael Dukakis for President of the United States.

Rev. Jackson is, of course, a civil rights leader and former presidential candidate. He was one of the first political leaders in the Democratic Party to speak out on Gay and Lesbian civil rights, domestic partner issues and AIDS.

The Gay and Lesbian Democrats of America endorsed Michael Dukakis for president shortly after the Democratic National Convention. Jackson's message is being printed through the courtesy of the Gay and Lesbian Democrats of America, the six-year old organization that seeks to involve Gay men and Lesbians in the electoral process.

JESSE JACKSON

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COMMON GROUND IN 1988

"There comes a time for every person to make a choice and such a time is upon us now. We have an opportunity in 1988 to change the direction of our nation. By electing a Democratic President, we will end the social and economic violence of the Reagan-Bush Administration and return our nation back to the course that leads to justice and equal opportunity for all.

"The urgent issues of our day — the abolition of Apartheid in South Africa, the cessation of fighting in Central America, the much needed war on Drugs, the ongoing struggle for Civil Rights, and the battle against AIDS — require a President who can lead and who can act. I believe that Michael Dukakis will be that President.

"There comes a time to find common ground and to form a united front to defeat a common foe. This is such a time. Governor Dukakis and I share a common commitment to creating a society where the freedom of the individual is respected by all and the diversity of our people is recognized as our greatest strength.

"We share a common commitment to eradicating prejudice and bigotry wherever they are found and to protecting the civil rights and dignity of every citizen. We share this common ground with each other and with millions of Lesbians and Gays across this country. It is now clear that this election may well be won or lost by the margin of our collective efforts between now and November 8.

"I need not remind you of what seven years under the Reagan-Bush Administration has done to this nation. For over seven years, the Reagan-Bush Administration has refused to accept the fact that AIDS is indeed a public health crisis and has virtually ignored the warnings of the Surgeon General and the Presidential Commission on HIV Report.

"What a difference compassionate and caring leadership in the White House would have made in the allocation of federal funds to finding a vaccine and cure. What an impact a nationwide AIDS education plan would have had at a time when violence and discrimination against Lesbians and Gays was escalating due to hysteria and fear.

"The record of Michael Dukakis in fighting AIDS is one of the best in the nation. He has demonstrated that he can and will provide leadership in the war against AIDS. Under Governor Dukakis' leadership, Massachusetts was the first state in the country to do a house-to-house educational mailing about AIDS.

"Massachusetts has led the nation on many other fronts as well including research, treatment and care services. A Dukakis Administration would lead the battle against AIDS with compassionate and effective leadership, and that is significant.

"In October of 1987, you and I stood together to demand civil rights protections for Lesbians and Gays and to demand a compassionate and timely response to the AIDS crisis. In November of 1988 we must find common ground again. I urge each of you to join me to elect a government committed to peace — committed to social justice and compassion for all people.

"The quest continues, my friends. We are so far from where we started. In November, we must make a choice. We must find strength in unity and power in our diversity. We must find common ground. The election of Michael Dukakis is crucial to achieving our common goals. Keep hope alive."

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Nationwide observances urged for 10th anniversary of Harvy Milk's assassination

WASHINGTON, DC - The Harvey Milk Remembrance Committee, an ad hoc group organized by the Gay Services Network of Kansas City and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, has declared Sunday, Nov. 27, the 10th anniversary of Harvey Milk's assassination, to be Harvey Milk Remembrance Day. The Committee urges Gay and Lesbian groups across the United States to hold events - such as vigils and workshops - remembering Milk and focusing attention on the growing problem of anti-Gay violence.

HARVEY MILK

GEORGE MOSCONE

DAN WHITE

Harvey Milk, a tireless and outspoken advocate for the rights of Gay people and other oppressed groups, was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977, one of the first openly Gay elected officials in the United States. On November 27, 1978, Milk, along with San Francisco Mayor George Moscone, was assassinated by Dan White, another city Supervisor.

That night, more than 40,000 marchers converged on San Francisco's City Hall to mourn the deaths of both men. Months later, Dan White was acquitted by a jury of first degree murder and convicted of manslaughter — for which he served only five years in prison. The lenient sentence shocked and outraged many, sparking angry protests and violence.

Commented Scott Smith, Executor of the estate of Harvey Milk, "A national day of remembrance is appropriate because Harvey's legacy extends beyond San Francisco to the entire world. Ten years later, his example continues to inspire and energize Gay and Lesbian people everywhere."

"The 10th anniversary of Harvey Milk's assassination allows us to not only recall his enormous contribution to our movement," said Kevin Berrill, Director of NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project, "but also to focus attention on the violence that still plagues our community, still threatens our freedom to live and love as we choose. It is my hope that local observances will encourage more of us to combat anti-Gay violence and to demand equal protection from the criminal justice system.

Added Carl Hippensteel, organizer of the Remembrance Committee, "Within our community there are many who do not know about Harvey Milk's role in our history. Remembering him allows us an opportunity to educate both Gay and straight people who have never heard his story." Groups planning to hold 10th anniversary observances are encouraged to contact Carl Hippensteel at (816)561-8508.

U of A seeks volunteers for research

TUCSON - The University of Arizona Psychology Department is seeking volunteers to participate in a research, "Human Immunodeficiency Virus and the Autonomic Nervous System," designed to evaluate the relationship between HIV, the virus causing AIDS, and heart rate, blood pressure and mood.

Participants in this study must, (1) know their antibody status; (2) Not have AIDS; (3) Not have a current respiratory infection, high blood pressure or diabetes; (4) be able to walk unaided.

There is room for 30 subjects, 10 negative, 20 positive) in this study, and slots will be filled on a "first come, first serve basis". Subjects completing the study will be paid $20.00.

The major goals of this study are: (1) to look at the relationship between heart rate, blood pressure changes, fatigue and depression and HIV infection, and (2) to see how stable heart rate and blood pressure measures are over time.

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to come for a 3 to 3 hour visit. You will answer several paper and pencil questionnaires and have your heart rate and blood pressure measured while doing simple tasks. To record your heart rate, two recording electrodes will be applied to your chest, to record your blood pressure a standard blood pressure cuff will be used. Except for minnor skin irritation as a result of electrode placement, there will be no risks associated with this procedure.

Participation is strictly voluntary. Subjects are free to withdraw at any time without penalty.

If you would like to participate in this study or have any questions concerning this research, contact Kris Kaemingk at 572-1642. When you call you will be interviewed briefly to determine if you meet the entry criteria for the study.

UPDATE

IN MEMORIAM

RUSSELL SCOTT FETTERS
1947 - 1988

Russell Scott Fetters, born in Lincoln, Nebraska on April 12, 1947, passed away on Friday, October 14, 1988 at 6:15 p.m. at the Phoenix Baptist Hospital. Russell is survived by his mother, father, brother, sister and four nephews. Russ also leaves, to cherish his memory, his life partner, Robert.

Russell became involved with the UFMCC in 1974 in Albuquerque, New Mexico where he served on the Board of Directors and as Student Clergy. When Russ moved to Phoenix, he became involved with Casa de Cristo MCC as a Lay Delegate and on the Board of Directors He later became a member of Oasis MCC and served as Lay Delegate and Co-Worship Coordinator. At the time of his death, Russ was completing his term as Clerk for the Southwest District of UFMCC.

Russ worked for various firms in a management level and held a license as a real estate broker and was active in Phoenix real estate groups. He graduated from Eastwood High School in El Paso, Texas. He majored in Electrical Engineering at the University of Texas at El Paso. He attended the Samaritan Theological Institute for two years.

Russell Fetters served his community with his involvement in the Lions International of Albuquerque. He assisted in the organizaton of Gay Pride Days in Phoenix and in Albuquerque. He was a past volunteer and executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Community Switchboard. He was a member of the PWA Coalition, PWA Foodshare Program and Wellness Groups and the Maricopa County Commission on AIDS Education. He received a gold medal in wrestling at the 1985 Gay Games in San Francisco.

Russ will long be remembered for this work, his talents and his involvement in both the Phoenix and Tucson communities.

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR:

There are a number of South Asian Lesbians in the United States and they appear to be an ever-widening circle. However, no structured means of networking exists among us, those of us who know each other met by chance.

Therefore there is a very strong need for a network which would enable us to meet, share resources, and deal with issues concerning us as South Asian Lesbians.

Anyone interested in forming a "South Asian Lesbian Network," should call (201)772-2161 after 7 p.m. or write to: Poonam, P.O. Box 3048, New York, NY 10008.

'HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE BIBLE' SEMINAR NOVEMBER 6

TUCSON - Cornerstone Fellowship, in cooperation with Casa de Cristo Evangelical Church in Phoenix, will sponsor a seminar on Sunday, Nov. 6 from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. The seminar, titled "Homosexuality And The Bible: A Biblical Viewpoint", will be presented by three speakers from Casa de Cristo.

The first speaker is Rev. Fred Pattison, who has served as the Pastor of Casa de Cristo since 1977, and has been a Christian since he was 15 years old. Fred is actively involved in networking Christian Gays across the nation, a prolific writer on the subject of Homosexuality as it pertains to Christianity, and has been in a relationship with his lover for over fifteen years.

The second speaker, Norma Haak, is a medical social worker and a private counselor for individuals and couples. Norma has been active in the ministries of Casa de Cristo for the past five years, after being in a heterosexual marriage for twenty years. She is both a Gay parent and a Parent of a Gay daughter, as well as two non-Gay sons.

The third speaker is Lisa Seely, who was involved in the "Ex-Gay" movement for two years before she finally reconciled her spirituality with her sexuality three years ago. Lisa struggled with these issues since she was a teenager. She is now heavily involved in the leadership of the women's ministry in Phoenix.

This seminar will address issues which many Gay men and Lesbians face, concerning their desire to be Christians fellowshipping with and serving their Lord, in light of what many "fundamentalists" claim the Bible has to say about such relationships. The speakers will draw on historical facts as well as personal experiences as they discuss what the Bible really has to say about living a committed Christian life as a homosexual.

"Homosexuality And The Bible: A Biblical Viewpoint" is open to the public and is offered free of charge. Anyone who has questions about Christianity and homosexuality or would like to obtain more information about this timeless subject is welcome to attend. For more information, call 881-3519. Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 3333 E. Grant Road in Tucson.

KIMBALL ADDRESSES OP

TUCSON - "Working democracy depends most of all on an informed electorate - who are the employers of constitutional government," Richard Kimball told a meeting of Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association (OP) last Thursday, Oct. 20.

"The packaged, pre-digested and polished images of our candidates in 1988 are an example of what Thomas Jefferson meant by the tyranny over the minds of men," Kimball continued. The former state senator and founder of the non-partisan Center for Independence in Politics, believes that the future of American democracy is hinged on the enlightenment of those it governs. The Center, supported by political leaders from the left and right, seek to tear away the "packaging" of candidates and examine their actual positions on issues.

A turnabout from Kimball's alarm about trading truthfulness for images in the political process, David "Fitz" Fitzsimmons will satirically review the general elections at the next OP meeting. The event, an OP Homecoming, is slated for November 17 at the Hotel Park Tucson.

"Fitz", the Arizona Daily Star's editorial cartoonist, is just as funny and controversial in person as he is in print. You'll leave Fitz's presentation either bowling over from laughter or boiling over from outrage," OP vice president Bob Siddal promises.

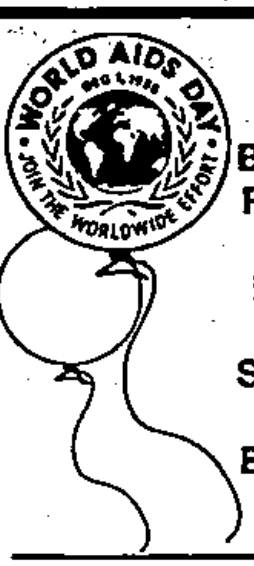
There is no admission charge for OP's Homecoming beginning at 7 p.m. "We're counting on seeing lots of new faces and lots of return faces at our Homecoming," adds Siddal.

Men and women interested in building a better community are encouraged to call 297-3794 in Tucson for more information about OP's programs or membership information.

MAKE PLANS NOW FOR ARIZONA RODEO

PHOENIX - January 13, 14 & 15 are the dates for the 4th Annual Arizona Rodeo. The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) and the New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association NMGRA) are working together to produce the "Road Runner Regional Rodeo. This year the name is new and the rodeo arena is newly enlarged for for AGRA.

For more details write the Rodeo Hotline, P.O. Box 16363, Phoenix, AZ 85011 or call 938-3932 (no collect calls please).



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AIDS service groups challenge Helms amendment

WASHINGTON, DC - Groups which provide AIDS-related health information to Gay men last week challenged the constitutionality of the Helms Amendment, a restriction enacted last year by Congress which forbids materials which "promote or encourage homosexual activities".

The lawsuit, filed by the ACLU AIDS Project and the Center for Constitutional Rights, alleges that the restriction is unconstitutionally vague and violates their First Amendment rights to expression.

Helayne Seidman

Nan D. Hunter

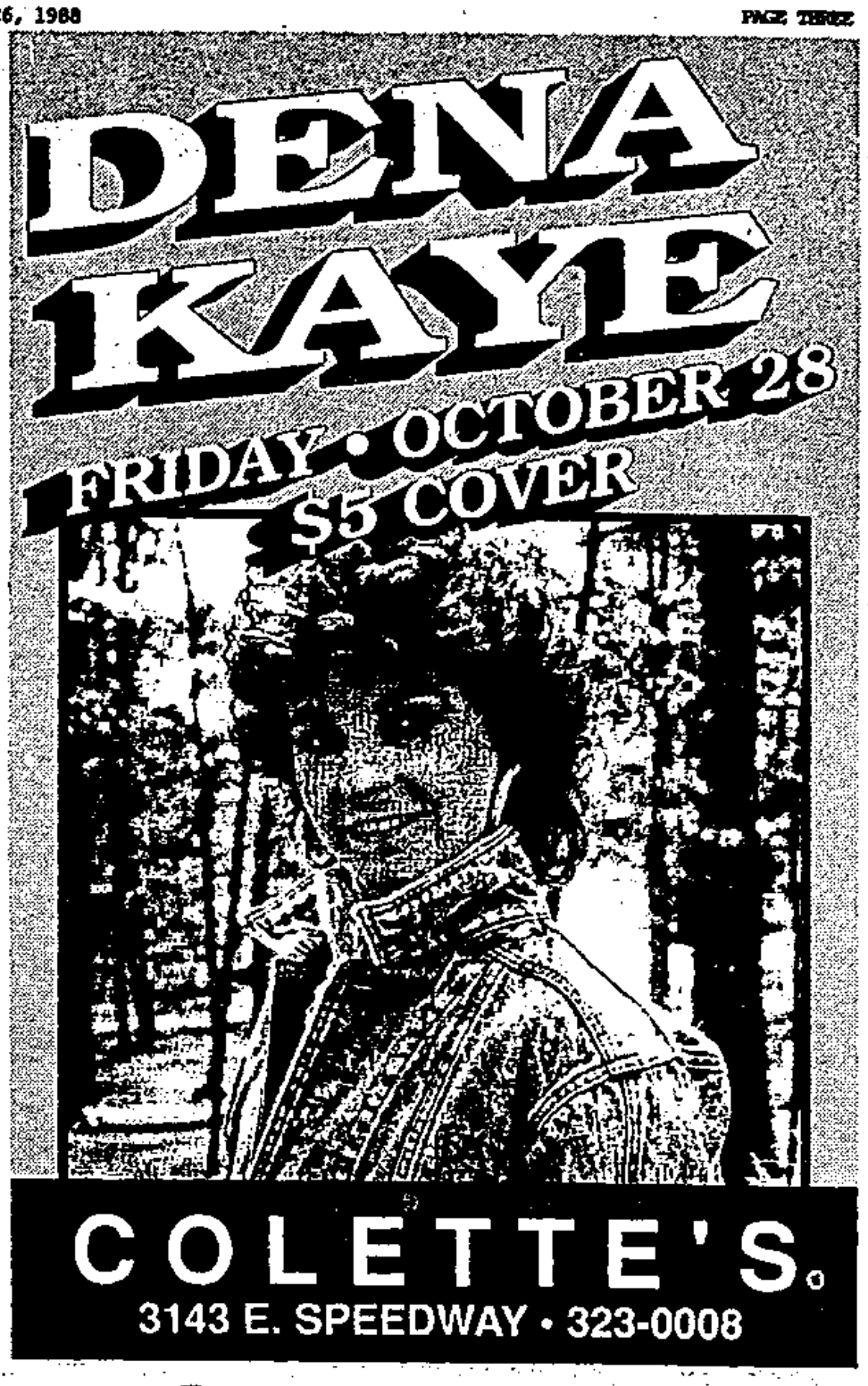
The AIDS service organizations state in the complaint that "the ability to promote and encourage healthy sexual alternatives" to practices which can spread the virus believed to cause AIDS is "essential to live-saving behavior change."

The plaintiffs in the case are Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC); Hetrick-Martin Institute and the Fund for Human Dignity, all of New York; Horizons Community Services in Chicago; and the San Antonio Tavern Guild AIDS Foundation.

"When human life is at stake, materials targeted to the Gay community should not be restricted because they encourage people to opt for sexual practices which are healthy," said Nan D. Hunter, Director of the ACLU's AIDS Project and co-counsel on the case. "Only public health considerations should determine content.

David Cole, attorney for the Center for Constitutional Rights, pointed out that the vagueness of the Helms Amendment language causes many groups to self-censor even before materials are submitted to government-established review committees for approval. "The vagueness of the language forces providers to guess at the meaning of the law, and thus to curtail their efforts to avoid the de-funding penalty," said Cole.

The suit, filed in federal court in New York, seeks a declaration of unconstitutionality as to the Helms Amendment and as to federal agency guidelines which forbid language in AIDS materials that is "offensive" to persons outside the group targeted to receive the materials.



POLITICS '88

by Mark R. Kerr

CONSIDER THIS!

PROPOSITIONS: On Nov. 8, we go to the polls to cast our vote on various ballot propositions. I intend to inform you how I am going to vote, and I hope you will follow my lead.

Prop. 100 - NO
Prop. 101 - NO
Prop. 102 - YES
Prop. 103 - YES
Prop. 104 - YES
Prop. 105 - NO
Prop. 106 - NO
Prop. 300 - YES

LOCAL RACES: After careful deliberations, these are the candidates I am going to vote for (or would vote for if I lived in the various districts).

Dist. 7 PETER RIOS, Senate
Dist. 9 MARION PICKINS, House
MARJEL DE LAUER, Senate
Dist. 10 PHIL HUBBARD, House
CARMEN CAJERO, House
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JOHN KROMKO, House
Dist. 12 REID EWING, Senate
PHYLLIS FETTER, House
Dist. 13 DAVID BARTLETT, Senate
ANDY NICHOLS, House
ELEANOR SCHORR, House
Dist. 14 CRAIG RUNYON, Senate
CINDY RESNICK, House
RUTH SOLOMON, House

STATEWIDE RACES: For the Arizona Corporation Commission, I urge you to vote for Kate Lehman. For the U.S. Senate, I urge you to vote for the Democratic incumbent, Dennis DeConcini. For U.S. Congress in Dist. 2, I urge you to vote and re-elect Morris Udall. In Congressional Dist. 5, I urge you to vote for Judith Belcher (D). She is needed in the U.S. House of Representatives. She will have a clear platform to work for. She would be an asset to CD-5, Arizona and the nation.

JUST A REMINDER: November 8th is just around the corner. November 8th is election day; so go and vote. If you have any questions you can call the Board of Elections at 792-8408 or the Voters Registrars Office at 792-VOTE.

On Tuesday, November 8, take a minute and VOTE!

Until next time, take care.

AN EVENING OF WOMEN'S COMEDY

TUCSON - Comic Slique Callahan makes a return visit to Tucson in "An Evening Of Women's Comedy," on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 8:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street.

Slique's outrageous, shoot from the lip, performances have delighted many audiences - including one in Tucson last year. Local women's music performer Jamie Anderson will open the show.

Free childcare is available with reservations. Tickets are $4-6, sliding scale available at the door. For more information call 887-1540.

CORNERSTONE YARD SALE SET

TUCSON - Cornerstone Fellowship, an independent evangelical Christian church, will sponsor a Benefit Yard Sale on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at 3333 E. Grant Road.

The Yard Sale proceeds will benefit Persons With AIDS (PWAs) in Tucson, and impoverished persons in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. The church has outreach ministries to both of these groups.

Tax-deductible donations of household goods and clothing may be delivered to the church between 7 and 9 p.m. Monday through Friday between now and Nov. 12. For additional information call 881-3519.

Television & cabaret star Wayland Flowers dies at 48

Wayland Flowers with his famous puppet Madame.

ATLANTA, GA - Waland Flowers, the brassy voice and life of an off-color puppet named Madame, died Tuesday, Oct. 12, five weeks after he collapsed on stage during a performance at Harrah's resort in Lake Tahoe. Mr. Flowers spent his last days surrounded by his family in Georgia. The official cause of death was given as cancer, however it had been reported in some publications that Mr. Flowers had been diagnosed as having AIDS.

A long-time favorite in the Gay community, Flowers appeared at top Gay night spots in New York, Fire Island, Provincetown and San Francisco. Following his appearances, whether they be in a Gay or straight club, the performer could often be found in Gay bars, with his most famous "co-star" Madame in tow.

Wayland Flowers' puppets; Madame, Crazy Mary, Baby Smedley, and Jiffie had distinct personalities that raised him from a mere ventriloquist to a highly acclaimed stand-up comedian/straight man. Although his initial support came from the Gay community, Flowers became a widespread favorite on television variety and game shows, eventually hosting his own syndicated variety show, "Madame's Place".

According to Flowers, "This was an underground act that took root and shot up out of nowhere."

Mr. Flowers is survived by a sister, brother and aunt. He was 48 years old.

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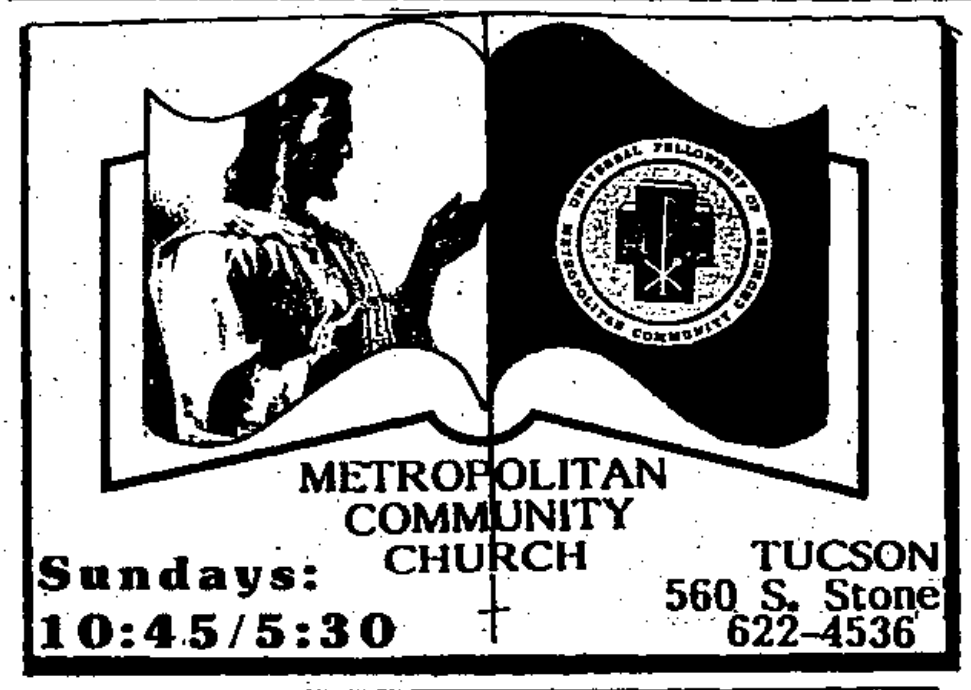

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WHAT'S UP DOC?

Not that it is news to anyone, but I goofed in my column last week. To make matters even worse, as President I should have known better. In last week's column, I stated TKO was having a beer bust at Rumor Razzit last Saturday. Well, there wasn't. The Beer Bust is not scheduled for another week or so.

My only excuse is, if you could see all the different notes on the table in front of men when I sit down to write this column, it's a wonder I haven't mixed up a lot more events. I'm sure glad I do not do this for a living, I'd starve to death. Anyway, sorry TKO and you also, Peter, who probably answered a lot of questions last Saturday as to where TKO was.

Now on to more of (and I'm checking my notes very carefully) what is coming up.

First off, a Tucson tradition has had to be cancelled (location only) for this year. Ben and Annie's yearly Halloween Party had to be moved to another location. It sees (so the story goes) Ben is putting in a new floor and it's not completed yet. This yearly party is still going on, just moved to another location. Give Annie a call to get the new location. Welcome back to Tucson Ron and Larry.

I guess this Gay world I live in is always going to suffer the head bashings, etc. It has been reported to me there were a couple of guys waiting outside of IBT's last weekend for unsuspecting people coming out of the bar late at night. To travel in groups is safe. To catch that pair, to watch them fall down a flight of stairs is justice. But, to provoke a confrontation is stupid. If provoked, yes, defend yourself to the fullest, but if possible allow those so shallow in mind to move on. Some people have different methods of taking out their own problems and I guess they feel Gays are a bunch of wimps.

This is one of the first weeks in reporting that I have nothing to pass on to you for any club function going on this coming weekend. I do, however, have a few activities coming up I want to pass on.

Run applications will soon be appearing in local bars for any and all of you wishing to join us in this annual Thanksgiving Fellowship gathering. Run fee is $30 a person, which gets you all meals for the entire four days (breakfast excluded) and allows you to participate in each of the different contests, or games, put on by the different clubs during this run. Save yourself the hassle of cooking over these four days, Nov. 24-27, and join the clubs in this - the only true Brotherhood/Sisterhood Run held in Arizona.

The next item up (I've checked my notes), that needs to be brought up so that you can mark your calendars accordingly, is Partners' Annual Bowling for Dollars. This year's date is Dec. 11, from 2 to 6 p.m., again at Fiesta Lanes. Also again this year, proceeds after expenses, will go to Shanti. Something a little different this time, for those of you with children, two alleys have been reserved just for them to bowl on. All the paper work needed by each bowler will be coming along in the very near future.

Another change this year that the planners of this function feel will benefit everyone, is that the bowlers gathering their respective pledges will not totally have to worry about collecting said pledges after bowling. All of that and complete instructions will be in your Bowling for Dollars packet when you sign up. I'll get all the info concerning these packets to your just as soon as the planners have them all together. Keep watching this column for more info.

Now for a few other items of interest. First off, as I'm sure everyone has heard by now, this year's Turnabout Show at the Graduate was postponed. The new target date for this (?) show will be Sunday, Nov. 13. Keep reading this paper for times, etc., for this show.

On Nov. 6, Colette is having a benefit softball game at Himmel Park for the CAT Committee. Stop by Colette's and sign up to play or find out more info on this fun day.

Speaking of benefits for the CAT Committee, I have just a few words to pass on to the other members of the CAT Committee. As one of the founders of this committee, I'm very disappointed by members support. After last year's awards, the complaints most often heard at the CAT meetings was that there were too many club members on the committee and another was too many awards passed out to the bars.

Let me go on record at this time to say that if it wasn't for the club members and the local bars, there wouldn't be a CAT Awards Night. I, along with fellow CAT Committee members, have put together two different benefits for this Committee and if it hadn't been for club members, or the bars, both would not have come off. In both cases, with the exception of a couple of other CAT Committee members, the CAT Committee did not support. Now I have, for the CAT Awards benefit, two and possibly three more benefits set up. Dates and locations to be announced later. Can we get some support form the CAT Committee at these for a change. If not, do not complain after this year's CAT Awards about the clubs and bars walking off with the awards.

I will not apologize to anyone for my feelings on this CAT Committee matter because as I've also seen, in some cases, even in the club scene, you have individuals that feel that all they have to do is sit back, let a few dedicated individuals do all the work, then after make excuses as to why they weren't there. To have any function a success it takes a 100% support from all involved. I admit there are some legitimate reasons some cannot attend different functions, but I'm sure more of this Committee could have attended if they are truly interested in the basic idea behind the CAT Awards.

The final item at this time to remind everyone that the football tickets raffle going on for this years UofA vs. ASU game, to be played in Tucson Nov. 26, are still out there. I remind each of you buying chances ($1 each) be sure to print your name and a phone number where you can be reached.

Drawing will be held at TKO's Beer Bust, Nov. 12 at the Graduate. It is hoped the winner will be at the Beer Bust, if not, I'll be able to get in touch with you the following week. If I'm unable to reach you, or you do not get in touch with me by 2:00 p.m. Nov. 19, these tickets will be re-raffled at Partners' Beer Bust at IBT's, at 5 p.m.

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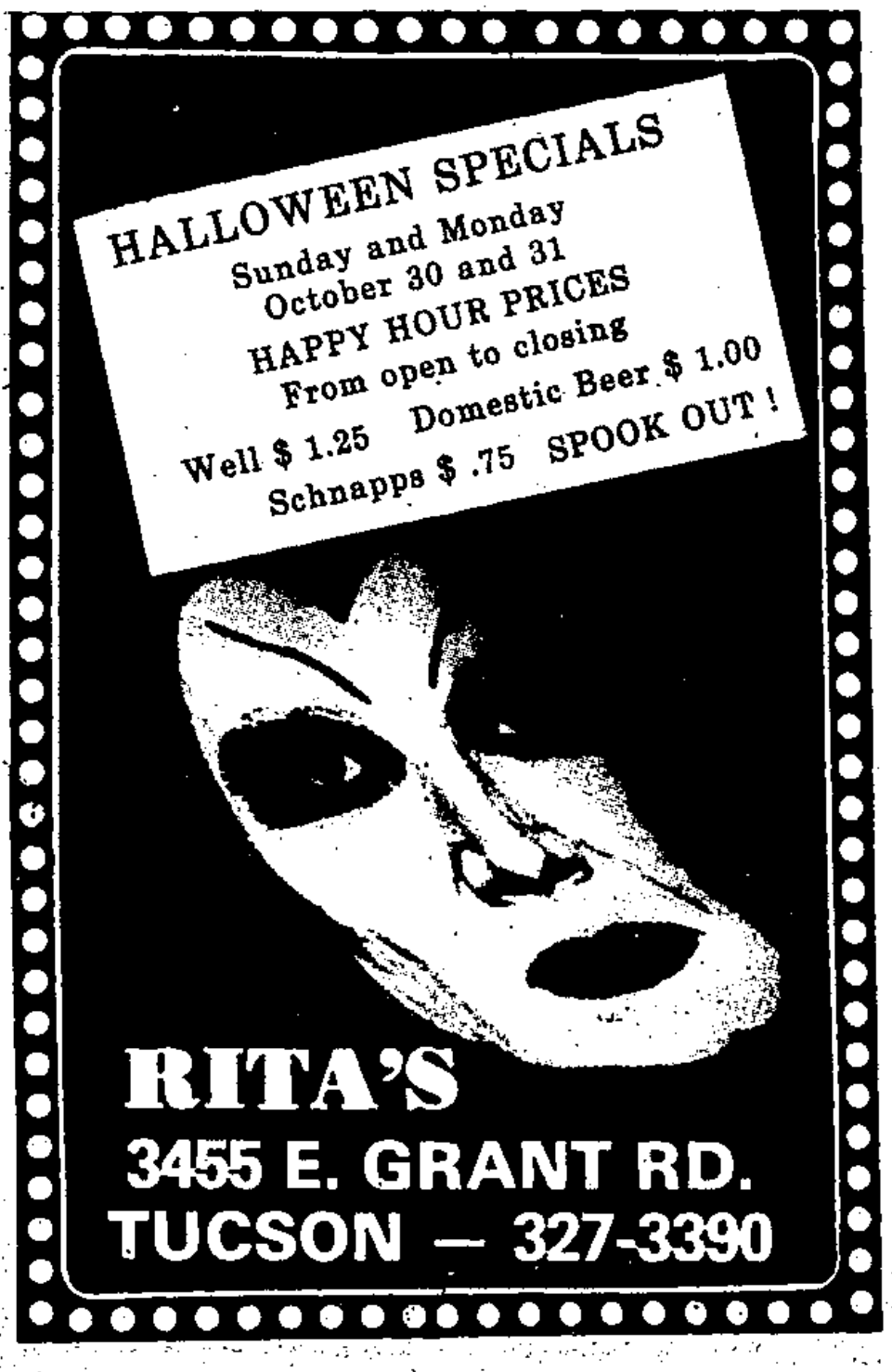

As I See It

by Bruce Fowler

National Coming Out Day seems to have been highly successful both as a tool for Gay/Lesbian rights and for the personal development of each of us individually. From everything I've read, city after city had some sort of activity that helped to call attention to our fight against discrimination.

Since there really are so many of us and we truly are everywhere, we touch the lives of nearly every person in America. If some are prejudiced against Gays and Lesbians, then it is our fault since we have never allowed them to know us. Their negative ideas about homosexuality could change dramatically if they knew who we are - for we are their brothers and sisters, their mothers and fathers, their children, their aunts and uncles, their best friend. We are often the ones they respect and like the most and yet we hide and they do not know us.

Our invisibility is our greatest oppression and our closet is the source of our neurosis. There is too much at stake for ignorance and intolerance to continue. Our lives are at stake and on Oct. 11, many of us took another step in our coming our process as we celebrated our life as Gay men and Lesbian women. National Coming Out Day encouraged us to break the silence and let a little more fresh air into each of our lives.

But now where do we go. What can we do next? The process of coming out, which is continual, will require yet another step to be taken. What should it be?

I'd like to borrow from and expand upon an article in "Common Bond Ink," the monthly newsletter of New Mexico's Gay and Lesbian community. They recently printed a list of "next steps to take". It looks like there are some great ideas here....

-Take a love/partner home for the holidays.

-Come out to a family member who did not know.

-Put your lover's photo on your desk at work.

-Circulate a petition in your work area in support of a Gay rights initiative.

-Consider leaving the "Joy of Lesbian/Gay Sex" in your bookcase when your mom comes to visit.

-Move your favorite 'fantasy' man or woman's poster to a prominent place in your home.

-Wear an openly Gay symbol.

-Stop lying to your fraternity brothers about all the women you've had.

-Acknowledge that "those roses" are not from your mother.

-Read a Gay paper on the bus or in a restaurant.

-Call him a him and her a her when talking about your love life.

-Write a check to a Gay organization using the full name of the organization.

Write a letter to your Senator or Congressperson in support of Lesbian/Gay rights.

-Hold hands publicly.

-Take a straight friend to a Lesbian/Gay event.

-Invite your straight and Gay friends to the same party.

-Answer the 1990 Census truthfully.

-Have both of your names on your magazine subscriptions.

-Tell three people that didn't know before that you are Gay.

-Be affectionate with your lover or partner upon arrival or departure at the airport.

-Put that Gay/Lesbian rights bumper sticker on your car.

-Confront co-workers about a bigoted joke or comment.

-Volunteer to be a Big Sister, Big Brother or foster parent, don't let them off the hook by not having to face the fact that we are here and willing and able to help.

-Boycott a company or organization which has demonstrated their homophobia, especially supposed Gay/Lesbian companies or organizations which have been obviously homophobic in the past.

Send flowers to someone special and don't use initials on the card.

-Tell a friend or family member that you are going climbing with a Gay hiking club.

-Write a letter to the editor of a local paper commenting on Gay coverage or lack of coverage.

-Speak the truth to that aunt or grandmother next time she asks, "Are you engaged yet?"

-Visit a basically straight bookstore that sells Lesbian/Gay titles and openly browse in the "Gay section".

-Register your china pattern when you and your partner make a commitment.

-Call a radio talk show and introduce a Gay/Lesbian topic.

-Identify your contribution to your church or other charitable organization as "Gay money".

-Just be yourself!

PERSPECTIVE

by Nina Finley

CHAPTER 17

When father came in from the fields, he took care of his team - watered, fed and unharnessed his horses and mine. I was still a little light to handle the heavy harness for the work horses.

Father's work didn't stop then either. After caring for his horses, there were hogs to be fed and such other chores as is required on a farm - getting the cattle into the corral, then milking had to be done. He and I milked twelve cows, night and morning. Worst of all was turning the cream separator for 10 or 12 pails of milk, then feeding the calves the separated milk.

Mother was there to take charge of the cream, which went into the cave until she had time to churn it into butter. She did the house work, cooking, laundry, care of the eggs and chickens, garden in season - which was, in general, all time consuming work - as well as churning and molding the butter.

Every Friday they left home early with team and wagon and drove to Cheyenne to sell their butter and eggs. They had a large box, lined with paper and packed with butter to be sold to a grocer, who bought our butter for his customers. Eggs went along, too.

One time at supper, Mother said, "There is one hundred pounds of butter in the cave ready to go to town in the morning. We have used the last of the extra butter tonight, so do we take one hundred pounds of butter to town, and go without butter for breakfast, or do we use a pound from the box"? Father says, "If we've got a hundred pounds of butter, we will have butter for breakfast." Mother didn't get to take her 100 pounds of butter to town! Incidentally, the butter was sold to a grocer, on contract, for 35 cents a pound.

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A REMARKABLE PEOPLE

by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

His name is - well, in view of what I'm going to write, I probably shouldn't give his name. He's in his late twenties, quite good looking and what the media prudes call "sexually active". I run into him fairly frequently in the bars, on campus, or just out shopping. Invariably he makes some excuse to get me off somewhere by myself.

He always wants to know if this sex act or that one puts him at risk. How safe, percentage wise, is this act or that one, always some act he engaged in the night before, or a week before, or since he saw me last. I try to give him the best information I can, but I can't help chiding him for his lack of knowledge and his lack of responsibility. He says it's not his fault, that the bookstore, or the park, was so incredibly hot that night, or that afternoon, or whenever, that he got caught up in the excitement and forgot all about playing safely.

I know what he means. One of my fondest memories is of a night like that at a Tucson adult bookstore. There must have been fifteen of us in the back room that night, watching each other pair off and go at it, going at each other when the hot knots in our guts got too unbearable, and definitely not being safe or even discriminating. All we wanted, all we were there for, was sex. We weren't there for small talk, to find a husband, or even to watch the movies. We were there for sex. Period. And that was what we got, the very air we breathed was saturated with it.

It was 1985. I was aware of AIDS and the route of transmission. I had even begun a few rudimentary safe sex practices. But that night, with all those guys, many of whom I'd never even seen before, safe sex was the farthest thing from my mind. I don't regret the things I did that night, or the memories of that night or others like it, but I do know how easy it is to get caught up in sexual tension in one of those places that specializes in creating that tension.

As a result, I just can't join the great Gay outcry against the closing of the baths, or the limiting of the adult arcades. These are the places that create that wonderful sexual tension on a regular basis. Unfortunately, the "little death" of the poets has become the big "D" death of our lives. When it leads to that capitol "D" death, unlimited fucking is no longer a matter of civil liberties. "Dying to be free" is not the same thing as free to be dying.

There are civil liberties issues involved int he AIDS crisis however. Important issues like confidentiality, the right to work, the right to privacy. Even issues like the right to inherit from a lover, the right to give blood. I would urge us all to fight harder for these civil liberties issues and not fight to keep the baths or bookstores open. They were fun once, but now they are dangerous to both our lives and our civil liberties.

And my friend? I can't let myself care too much right now, he has taken a road of risk. When he has teased the dog once too often and been bitten, I will be able to say that I have helped all along to fight for his right to be sick in dignity. And I will be sure he knows at that point what all of his options are, how to best and most healthily live his life, and that I have always cared for him and always will.

PHOENIX SHANTI GROUP TRAINING

PHOENIX - The Phoenix Shanti Group has scheduled a 44 hour training period for PWAs, family, friends, significant others, volunteers and health care workers. The training sessions will take place over two weekends, Nov. 4-5-6 and Nov. 11-12-13 at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center, 16th St. and Indian School, in the Library Conference Room.

The purpose of the training will be to gain knowledge and insight about this syndrome called AIDS from numerous perspectives, including medical, legal and emotional. To encounter one's own fears and attitudes about death in general and AIDS in particular. And, to develop a compassionate sense of understanding for the feelings of loss experienced by people with AIDS.

The training sessions are free to Persons with AIDS; $50 for those willing to make a 6-month Shanti volunteer commitment and $125 for those taking the training for professional or educational reasons.

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Well, well, well, we have been a busy bunch this past week or so. So busy in fact, that not even I can repeat some of the things that have been seen, heard or talked about. And with some of the notes that have been passed on to me, you would think that everyone had a grudge out against everyone. But being the person that I am, I will set the example and repeat only the "nice" things.

And speaking of nice things, Neal has started his yearly ordeal of working with Partners in preparing for their anniversary show in January. Last Sunday was the first rehearsal and from the looks of it, Neal will still be trying to teach that bunch their left foot from their right during the actual performance. This is one show that I wouldn't want to miss, if you want to know, I'm in it. This year's show will be "Chicago" and again will be produced by K&K Productions. And from the first rehearsal, this will be an all-star production - everyone in it thinks they're the star. My condolences, Neal.

I've never seen so many people with two left feet. I wonder how many of that cast still remembers their two different routines. And, speaking of Neal, K&K's Production directoress the news is a new file drawer has been added to the fingerprint room at the local police dept. Seems among some of her guests she had to her villa, one decided to go back twice to help themselves.

Also, this same directoress has been caught napping over the urinal at the big "G". Word is out that she is in training to become a "Froggy 2".

And speaking of shows, I hear that the Turnabout Show at the Graduate has been postponed. Roger can't get his dresses back from Ron in time.

And now that we are on the subject of the Graduate, that place is a place for Delinquent Minors trying to be Major Catastrophes. I've heard of working the bar before, but Scott does it on the floor - not trying to outdo that really sleazy Kenny Ann. I mention only those two, to protect the really innocent ones.

Rear tell that Henrietta is now in a state of confusion, they have moved the trash bin in back of the Waffle House.

And speaking of moving things, you should have seen Natalie moving last Saturday during the Octoberfest Fundraiser at Colette's. Those "guest bartenders" pouring the suds gave her a workout - and they were supposed to be helping. They were too busy running to the other side of the bar to indulge.

Have it from the horse's mouth, David 86th himself from IBT's.

Overheard Ten Minute Joe say, "I may not be dumb but I am stupid", whatever that means.

That new exclusive club that Ben and Freddie have is starting to branch out. The "IL" Club has a new member and he is so tall, handsome, etc., but I fear that he will be a member for only a short time - those two founding members can't stand the competition.

Dress Up John was seen trying to be really butch with Bill - but his bubble broke when I came on the scene, Bill thought that I was much more butch.

Have heard that Ma Bill can't get into town when it rains -just can't get through those washes without a paddle.

Ben and Annie have changed the location of their annual Halloween Party this coming Saturday. Ben is supposed to be putting in a new floor and their place is a wreck. With Ben doing the work, it will be a wreck for a long time. The party will be at Ron and Larry's, so if any of you are planning to attend, and have your costumes ready, call Annie and she will tell you where to go!

Just for everyone's knowledge and warning, be careful leaving IBT's late at night. It seems there is a couple waiting outside for unsuspecting individuals leaving the bar to administer to that bar patron a head bashing.

Over at the Grad, they have some very strange bartenders. One of them launders her paycheck. Why? Your guess is as good as mine because Tide can't remove all ink stains, especially when there was not that much to remove to begin with.

Then another one of the girls must think she is hot stuff when tending bar. She wears one of her drag bra's on the outside of her shirt in hopes of filling it with green stuffing. Even if she filled both sides with two pieces of paper each, that bra would be stuffed larger and fuller than when she is on stage.

Now shows are fun to watch, but it's different when I see people showing off at bowling, claiming they are just praying (helping guide their bowling ball). One individual falls on her knees after rolling their ball and another falls on her stomach. It's a trip just watching Ben and Kip.

So much for this week. I'll be making my rounds during this weekends numerous parties so watch out. I'll be looking for some different faces to report on because everyone knows Tucson does have a variety of others that would love to read about themselves in this "Juicy Lucy" column.

ASU PROFESSOR SEEKS TWINS FOR RESEARCH

TEMPE, AZ - Dr. Frederick L. Whitam, Professor of Sociology at Arizona State University in collaboration with Dr. Milton Diamond of the University of Hawaii Medical School, is directing a national study of the sexuality of Lesbian and Gay twins. Twin research is an important technique for understanding the nature vs. nurture controversy in the social sciences and ascertaining which aspects of human sexuality are learned and which are biologically determined.

If you are a Lesbian or Gay twin, your cooperation in this study is needed. Both types of twins — fraternal and identical — are needed. It does not matter whether your co-twin is male or female or heterosexual or homosexual. All types and combinations of twins are needed.

Participation in this project involves being interviewed and filling out a sex history questionnaire. Your confidentiality is assured in this project. If you are a twin and would like to participate, please call Fred Whitam at 965-3546 (days) or at 962-7955 (evenings and weekends).

Whitam teaches a course in the Sociology of Variant Sexuality and has published extensively on this topic including the book, "Male Homosexuality in Four Societies: Brazil, Guatemala, the Philippines and the United States", 1986.

A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

I WAS A TEENAGE RACIST

As you well know, I often use this column to spout-off about insensitive, idiotic, prejudiced people and the stupid things they do. Well, stay tuned, for I am going to tell you about the time I was one of those people. But first, some history:

When I was a child, I was very sick. Asthma, allergies, strep throat; I had them all, and almost all the time. I couldn't participate in active sports, and so I spent a lot of my time reading or int he library at school. (I did book reports while my classmates were in P.E.).

I was always a bright child, and had good grades. (I guess you could call straight-A's good grades). Actually, this was quite a detriment as all the other kids hated me. Add this to the fact I wore glasses, had big ears and was an overweight child and you can guess the height of my popularity amongst my peers.

I'm not looking for sympathy. All kids have problems in school; most of my peers took their anger out on me, and I had no one to pick on. I survived — barely.

When I entered high school, that all changed. There was a kid who, quite by coincidence, was in most of my classes. He was Jewish — a point which will become important later on.

I didn't know anything about religions and their historical altercations; I didn't know from Jewish — honestly. He was a weird sort (not that kind of weird); he made a point of everyone knowing he was a Jew. He attributed everything that was good to the Jews and everything that was bad to those who weren't Jews. Alone, this was enough to make everyone hate him.

Looking back on it now, I realize I saw in him my chance to get even for all those years of peer-abuse. Only because he made an issue of it, I made an issue of his Jewish heritage whenever he screwed up in something. Please understand, had he made a big issue out of being a Martian, I would have picked that epithet as ammunition.

Anyway, this abuse carried on for years. I was still the target of peer-abuse (most of my fellow students knew I was Gay even before I knew the meaning of the word) and I retaliated by heaping abuses on him.

That's essentially the end of the story —sorry for the anticlimax. But the point should be clear: Often, usually always, prejudices are based on lack of knowledge about someone or something.

Prejudice means just that: To pre-judge. We are all prejudiced to some degree. I hate vegetables and so I rarely try new ones because I hate them all. Do I know I'll hate the new one? No, but I am pre-judging the vegetable and coming to a conclusion which may or may not be correct.

Vegetables are a mild example of what can escalate into a horrible social pattern. The German annihilation of many social classes (Jews were only one of about a dozen groups exterminated) during World War II, is but the most egregious contemporary example.

In all fairness to me, had I known then what I know now about the plight the Jews suffered for thousands of years, I would have found another reason to pick on him (he really was that horrid): but I would have left his heritage out of it..

Over the years, and long before I began writing for Gay and Lesbian civil rights, I have encouraged not reprisals against prejudice, but an offer to teach, to explain-away the misconceptions which lead to pre-juding. I have always tried to be aware of this pre-disposition people seem to have, and have tried very hard not to pre-judge anyone or anything.

I still find it hard to try new vegetables, though.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!

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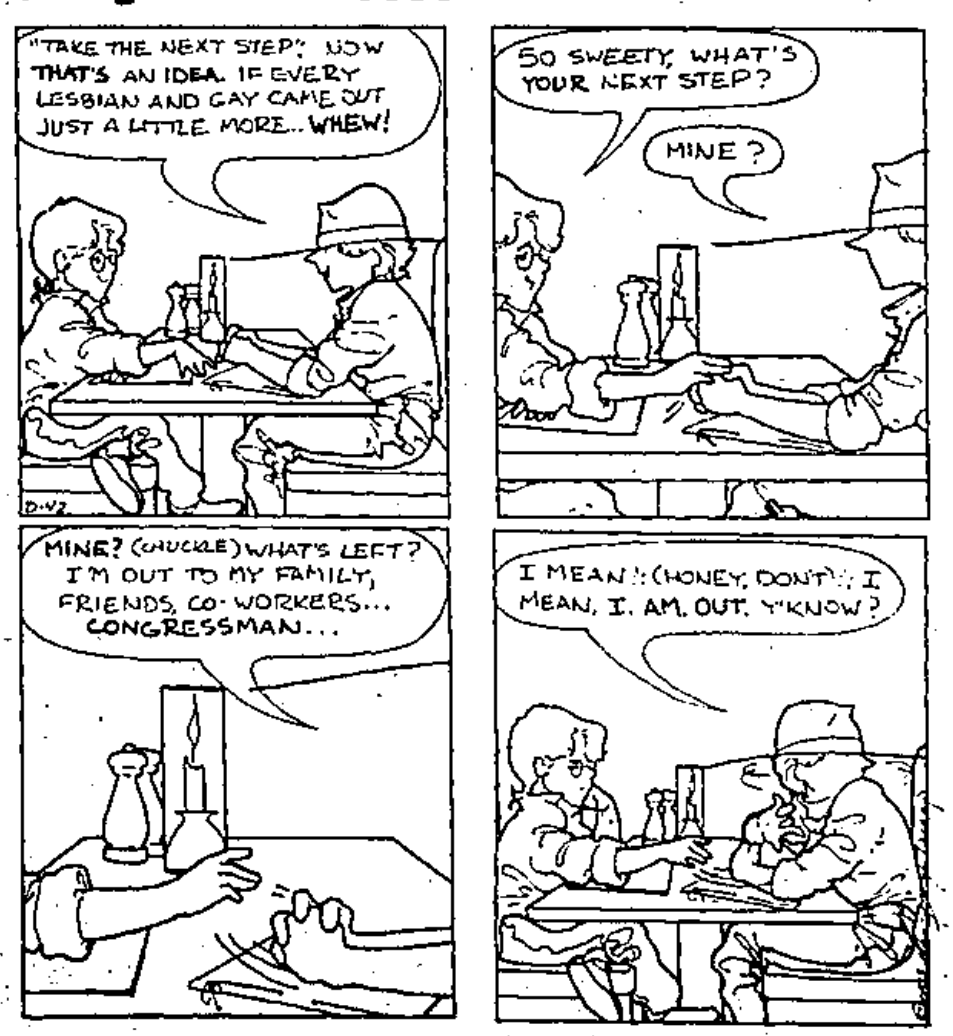

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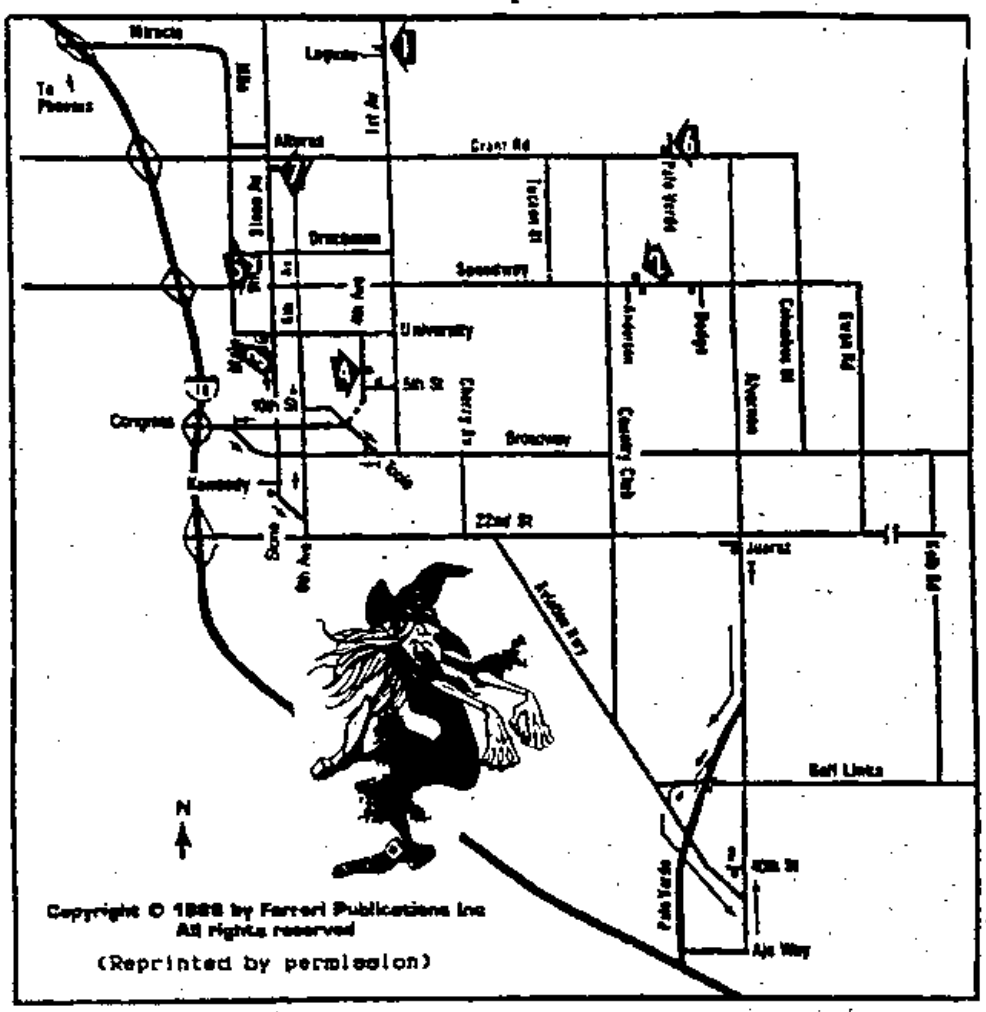

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Gay fraternity wins recognition

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LOS ANGELES, CA - Some of the members of Delta Lambda Phi, a recognized Gay fraternity on the campus of University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)

Left to right, Dave Hernandez, Robert Kilgore, Jason Howe, Adam Ross, Doug Waters and Jeff Stabile.

LOS ANGELES, CA - This year UCLA gave formal recognition to a sorority formed by Lesbians (OBSERVER, April 6). Now the university has approved a fraternity of Gay men. In both cases, such university affiliation is thought to be the first of their kind in the nation, organizers of the groups said.

The fraternity, Delta Lambda Phi, has 11 members and is a spin-off of a Washington-based organization that is trying to form chapters at four other campuses around the country, including UC San Diego. Leaders said the fraternity will provide a friendly alternative both to what they complain is an anti-homosexual atmosphere at most Greek letter clubs and the sex-and-alcohol culture of Gay bars.

"Gay people need a lot of support in their college years," said Jason Howe, the UCLA senior who is the group's president. "They are trying to come to grips with growing up, getting through college and getting a career. But they also have to come to grips with their sexuality.

University recognition means the fraternity can use the school's name, meet in university buildings and apply for money from student activities funds, according to Chris Fishburn, UCLA's director of fraternity and sorority relations. However, the fraternity cannot discriminate against heterosexuals, if any apply, she said.

Its carefully worded constitution says the club will "promote the just and equitable treatment of all individuals, especially Gay men and Lesbians.

"It is certainly appropriate that they be recognized, given the fact that their structure of organization does meet university policy," Fishburn said.

Asked about the possible reception the fraternity will receive on campus, Fishburn replied, "I think psychologists would tell us that college-age men are more likely to be homophobic than other segments of the community. But whether that is true in fraternities more than in other segments of this campus is questionable."

James Rice, a senior who is president of the UCLA intra-fraternity Council, which coordinates 26 other fraternities, said members of Delta Lambda Phi will not be hassled but probably will not receive a warm welcome either. He questioned whether sexuality is a valid common denominator on which to form a fraternity.

"Personally, I think it is unfortunate," he said. "A fraternity in my mind is part of the traditional American way, and homosexuality just doesn't seem to fit into that traditional view."

However, he added, the freedom for minorities to dissent is "American too."

According to Jeff Stabile, a senior who is co-director of publicity for the new fraternity: "Any kind of new political statement by Gays is sure to be met with some antagonism. But any time people have to discuss the topic, it's a positive step."

Stabile and two friends sued Disneyland, alleging that the amusement park barred them from touch-dancing last year. The case is still pending.

Fearing negative reaction from friends relatives and employers who do not know of their sexuality, a few Delta Lambda Phi members declined to be interviewed or photographed.

"Openness is a relative term," Stabile said.

Delta Lambda Phi does not have a house and cannot seek membership in the Intra-fraternity Council until its national umbrella group grows larger, university officials said. The UCLA chapter plans to do charity work, such as helping on an upcoming bicycle marathon to raise AIDS research funds. Members also plan to hold rush parties, "hopefully not as out of line as the other fraternities' parties, one member said.

Organizers, many of whom are also leaders in the politically Gay and Lesbian Association on campus, stressed that the fraternity is not for matchmaking.

"Yes, it is a possibility we may find somebody in the fraternity. But the chances of two people getting along is no more than a [straight] fraternity member dating someone from a sister sorority," said sophomore Adam Ross, Delta Lambda Phi treasurer.

The adviser for the UCLA fraternity and for a small group trying to organize in San Diego is Chris Williamson, a USC urban planning lecturer.

"We are trying to encourage socializing outside of the bar environment and its negative emphasis on alcohol and drugs," he said.

Williamson said he thought some heterosexuals might join. "I don't think we will get the mainline jock; but we may get the avant-garde or artist types who don't see themselves as fitting into a regular fraternity," he said.

Members said they began to talk half-jokingly of a fraternity around the first of the year and that the success of the Gay sorority, Lambda Delta Lambda, encouraged them to act.

"Lambda Delta Lambda showed us we could do it too," Howe said.

Vernon Strickland, chairman of the fraternity's national sponsor, said a Washington chapter was formed in October, 1986, but has yet to affiliate with any campus there. In addition to the two UC schools, chapters may be formed at the University of Minnesota, Temple University in Philadelphia and State University of New York at Stoneybrook.

Strickland, who is a clerk for a federal judge, praised the decision by UCLA and said he hoped it would encourage others.

(By Larry Gordon, Los Angeles Times Education Writer).

MARTHA GRAHAM DANCE COMPANY TO PERFORM TAP BENEFIT

TUCSON - After a 14 year absence, the Martha Graham Dance Company returns to Tucson to perform in a benefit for the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP).

The performance will take place at 8:00 p.m. at the Centennial Hall on the University of Arizona campus on Monday, Nov. 7.

The sponsors of the benefit are the St. Philip's Plaza Merchants, Gadabout Hair, Skin sand Nails Salon, and the Asociacion Universitaria de Estudiantes Hispanos.

Of special note is the presentation of "Night Chant", a new work inspired by Miss Graham's travels throughout the Southwest and by Native American culture. The world premiere of the work choreographed to music by R. Carlos Nakai, was held in New York City last Thursday, Oct. 13. Other Graham classics to be presented at the Tucson performance include "Letter To The World", "Deep Song", and "El Penitente".

News from MCC Tucson

This past weekend was a landmark event in the life of MCC/Tucson. Rev. Judy Davenport from Albuquerque, NM was guest speaker for our "Three Days In October" at the worship services on Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday morning. During our Sunday morning worship service, Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willey was officially installed as our Assistant Pastor.

During the weekend of Nov. 11 through 13, the Southwest District of UFMCC will have a conference in Phoenix. On Sunday, Nov. 6, MCC/Tucson will have a special congregational meeting to discuss and instruct our Lay Delegates for this conference. It is important that all members of MCC/Tucson be present at this meeting.

MCC/Tucson will have no morning worship service on Nov. 13. There will be car-pooling at the church at 560 S. Stone Avenue for the Tucson congregation to attend the worship service in Phoenix. Anyone interested in attending the worship service in Phoenix, contact the MCC/Tucson office at 622-4536.

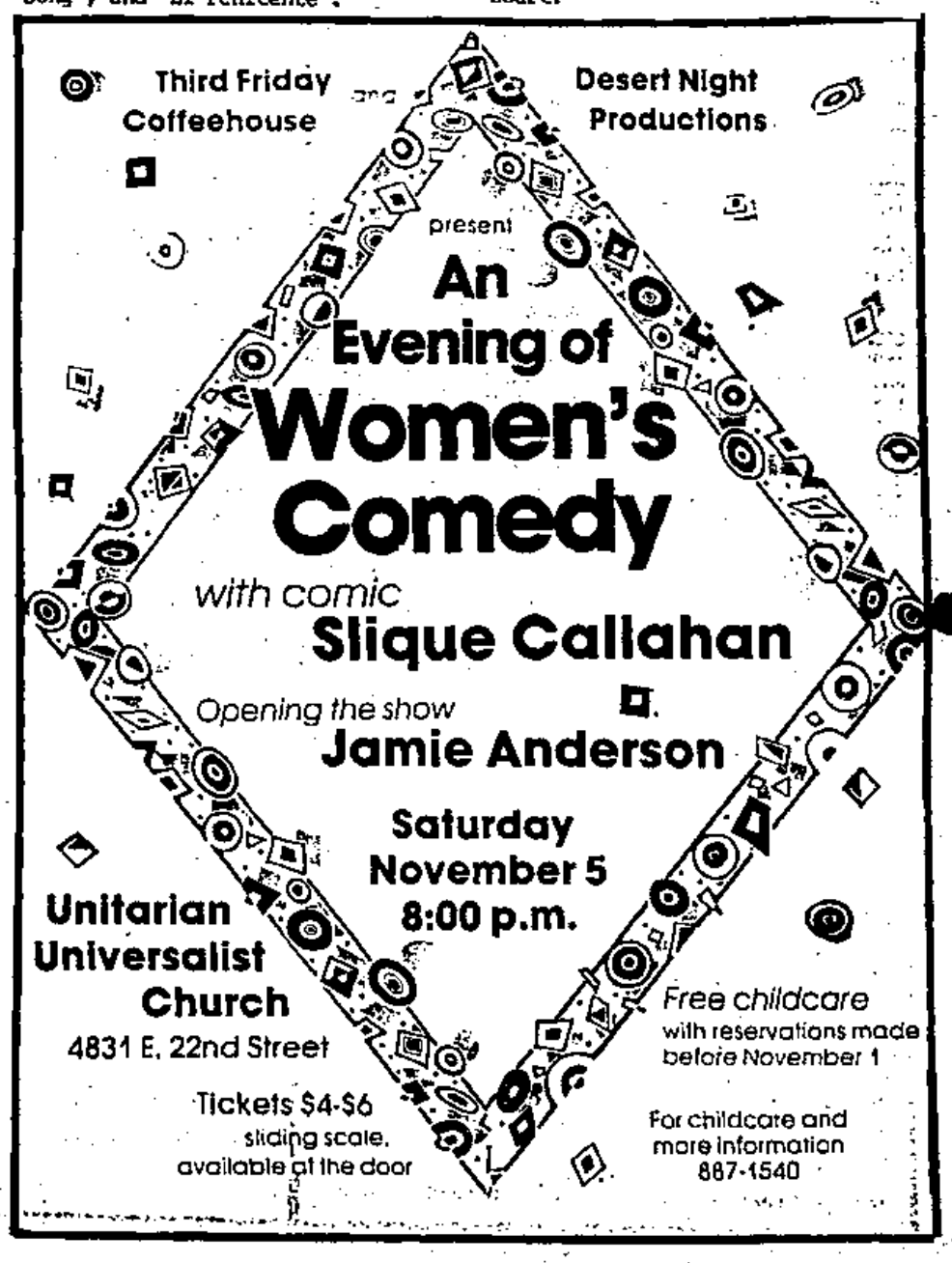
Many members of MCC/Tucson attended a special memorial service for Russell Fetters at the Oasis' MCC/Phoenix this past Saturday, Oct. 22.

Thought For The Week: If you are close enough to read a bumper sticker on a car, you are too close to that car.

BAR SETTLES SUIT OVER POLICE RAID

LORAIN, OH (BAR) - Club 1504, a Gay bar in this northeast Ohio city, will receive $25,000 in an out-of-court settlement of a federal lawsuit against the Lorain police. Owner Charles Ellis sued the city and police after a violent police raid on his bar in 1986.

Police said they raided the bar after getting reports of men dancing nude. They had to drop all charges when they could not produce the alleged informants in court.



CALENDAR
of upcoming events

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

COLETTE'S - The Dena Kaye Show will be playing here from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. One of the premiere Country/Western acts in the country. Make plans to attend now! $5.00 Cover and worth every penny.

JOSHUA TREE - Beginning of a Four Day Halloween Weekend here with a Pumpkin Carving Contest from 6 to 9 p.m. 1st Prize $25; 2nd Prize bottle of champagne

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

COLETTE'S - Halloween Costume Contest here begins at 10 p.m. with Cash Prizes. Watch next weeks ad for all the details. Plenty of fun and games!

IBT'S - Big Halloween night here begins at 8:00 p.m. with a short show starring Candy Plastique and Aviva Diamond and a big Costume Contest to follow. Prizes are Best Overall $100 - Most Original $75 - Most Humorous $50. Drink specials all night too.

JOSHUA TREE - Big Halloween Costume Contest with a 10 p.m. sign-up at the outdoor stage area. 1st Prize $100; 2nd Prize $50; 3rd Prize $25; 4th Prize bottle of Champagne. Lots of other nonsense and fun.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Halloween '88 here begins at midnight with the first of two Costume Contests. The winner gets $50 for the best overall costume. The big Contest is on Sunday however. See below.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

COLETTE'S - It's spooks, ghosts and goblin time again and what better video for showing tonight than the classic movie "Halloween"? It begins at 7 p.m. It will scare you "sheetless"!

JOSHUA TREE - Halloween celebration begins its third day here with the usual Steak Dinner from 4 until ??? plus special drink prices all day and night plus some other Halloween surprises. Come as you are!

RITA'S - No contest here but they're celebrating with Happy Hour Prices from opening to closing. Spook Out!

RUMOR HAZZIT - Halloween '88 celebrated here with $150 in prizes to be given away. $75 First Prize; $50 Second Prize; Third Prize $25. "P.W. Hermann" will be your host for the evening. Contestants check in by 10:30 p.m. Winners will be chosen by audience response so bring your friends to make some noise for your costume.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 (Halloween)

GRADUATE - Halloween show and contest here and it all begins at 8:30 p.m. During the show the 1988 Miss Graduate Halloween will be crowned. Contest will be after the short show which stars Aviva Diamond, Candy Plastique and Christine Shade. Costume Contrest prizes are 1st place $100; 2nd place $50; 3rd place $25. Spooktacular!

IBT'S - Teno's Halloween Monday Movie is "Beetle Juice". Boo! Who?

JOSHUA TREE - The Halloween party winds down with a celebration for the die-hards with another Halloween "Costume Contest" on the traditional date. $50 First Prize.

RITA'S - Celebrating a two day Halloween Party with Happy Hour prices from opening to close. Drive Safe.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

COLETTE'S - Lisa Otey sings and plays for your listening pleasure during the cocktail hour which also features some really great International Hors O'Oeuvres. Each Friday and different country is featured.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

COLETTE'S - Benefit Softball Game at Himmel Park at 1:00 p.m. for the Community Awards Committee. Food and beer will be available for a donation. Colette's team challenges any and all others!!! Acoustic songstress Patty McCulla plays from 9 until midnight.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

COLETTE'S - The guitar and vocals of the always popular Anne English plays beginning at 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

GRADUATE - The 6th annual "Turnabout Show" will be held here again. See Kenny or Roger to sign up, and watch for more details. It's always great fun.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

COLETTE'S - It's Country and Western Wednesday again. It's a once-a-month feature here. Phoenix singer Loren Johnson will be singing your favorites here beginning at 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

COLETTE'S - TGIF again and Lisa Otey's singing talents will help you wind the week out in fine fashion. Don't forget those International Hors d'Oeuvres either. They're something else and the price is right - complimentary!

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12. THE BACKDOOR BOYS	9.5	14.5	.396	9.5
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Non-Bar
CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - "An Evening Of Women's Comedy" with comic Slique Callahan at 8:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. Sliques outrageous shoot from the lip performancees have delighted many audiences. Local women's music performer Jamie Anderson is opening. Freee childcare is available with reservations. Tickets are $4-6, sliding scale, available at the door. For more info call 887-1540.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - Cornerstone Fellowship in cooperation with Casa De Cristo Evangelical Church in Phoenix will sponsor a seminar from 2 to 6 p.m. The seminar, titled "Homosexuality And The Bible: A Biblical Viewpoint," will be presented by three speakers from Casa De Cristo. It's open to the public and is offered free of charge. For more information call Cornerstone Fellowship at 881-3519. Cornerstone is located at 3333 E. Grant Road in Tucson.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - Martha Graham Dance Company performs a benefit for the Tucson AIDS Project. 8:00 p.m. in Centennial Hall, University of Arizona. Tickets $40, $30, $20 (students) available through UofA, TCC and Dillards Box Offices.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) Committee meets at 7 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El in the Board Room.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - Cornerstone Fellowship sponsors a Benefit Yard Sale from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at 3333 E. Grant. Proceeds will benefit PWA's in Tucson and impoverished persons in Nogalles, Sonora, Mexico. Tax deductible donations of household goods and clothing may be delivered to the church between 7 and 9 p.m. Monday through Friday until Nov. 12. For more info call 881-3519.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - Gay Film Festival continues with a Tucson Premiere of "The Consequence" a German film (1977) where a convict is seduced by a teenage boy and a genuine relationship develops between them. Presented admission free by Shanti Foundation/Tucson. 3:00 p.m. at YWCA, 205 University Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Temple Emanu-El.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association monthly meeting, Hotel Park Tucson (Acacia Room); 7:00 p.m., no host beverages; 7:30 p.m., general meeting and "Homecoming". Giving everyone "Fitz"', Arizona Daily Star political cartoonist David Fitzsimmons' cutting and cut-up views follow the November general elections. "Homecoming" meeting free to everyone, including past guests and former members. Information: 297-3794.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - Great Outdoors celebrates a Pre-Fellowship Run with a BBQ Bash at Gates Pass. Register before Nov. 1st $5 per plate. After Nov. 1 $8.00 per plate. Mail check to Great Outdoors, 2332 E. 18th St. Tucson 85719.

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"Les Follies Boy-Lesque!!" will perform at the Eagles Lodge No. 180, 1530 N. Stone, in Tucson at 9:00 p.m. Tickets are $5.00 donation. Cast includes Lady Casondra, Felicia Fahr; Tamara, Tatiana, Bobbi Holliday, Kyra Star; Deja Vu. All-male leads are Noel Posus and Steve Lasata. Janterra and Anisa are chorus girls. Open to the general public. For more info call 889-7298

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 - Gay Film Festival presented "Parting Glances" dealing with the difficulties of a current relationship of a young writer while trying to remain supportive of a friends who is dying of AIDS. Plays at 3 p.m. at YWCA, 205 E. University and presented admission free by Shanti Foundation/Tucson. Safer sex rap following the movie.

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Drafat Beer .50 per glass; Caribe' Beer $1.00; Bloody Marys $1.25. Steak Dinner 4 pm to ??? $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 Mimosas $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 - Noon to 7 pm Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers $1.00; Buffet (Spaghetti, salad, fruit and bread) 2-7 p.m.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys $1.25 plus 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 - Noon to 1 am Miller bottle or Schnapps .75 5-8 pm non-Premium Beer $1, Well Drinks $1.25 + Monday Bowler's Specials. DJ 9 pm to 1 am.

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. Teno's Monday Movie at 4 pm.

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

RITA'S - 6 am to Noon Mary's and Screws .75 - 6 am to 6 pm Well $1.25; Longnecks $1.00; Schnapps .75

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

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1, well drinks $1.25. Corona Beer or Well Tequila $1.00 from 8 pm to 1 am. + 'Stop Light' specials. DJ at 9 pm. Pool Tournament 10:00 pm, $25 First Prize..

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 - 6am to Noon Marys and Screws .75 - 6 am to 6 pm Well $1.25; Longnecks $1.00; Schnapps .75

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well/ beer 4-7 pm. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Dwayne.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1, well drinks $1.25. Draft Beer Bust .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 - 6 am to Noon Marys and Screws .75 - 6 am to 6 pm Well $1.25; Longnecks $1.00; Schnapps .75

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 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 - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1, well drinks $1.25, 8 to close Well Drinks $1.50, DJ 9 to 1

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 - 6 am to Noon Marys and Screws .75 - 6 am to 6 pm Well $1.25; Longnecks $1.00; Schnapps .75

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 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 - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1, well drinks $1.25. Capt. Morgan Rum's $1.00 from open 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 - 6 am to Noon Marys or Screws .75 - 6 am to 6 pm Well $1.25; Longnecks $1.00; Schnapps .75

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 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 - Happy Hour 5-8 pm $1 non-Premium Beer and $1.25 Well Drinks. Capt. Morgan Rum's $1.00 from open 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.

RITA'S - 6 am to 6 pm Well $1.25, Longnecks $1.00; Schnapps .75 Noon to 7 pm Marys or Screws $1.00.

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. Original Peter Dogs .25 with all the trimmings 1-6 pm. .99 Corona Nite 8 pm-12 am. A hot dance nite with VJ/DJ Dwayne.

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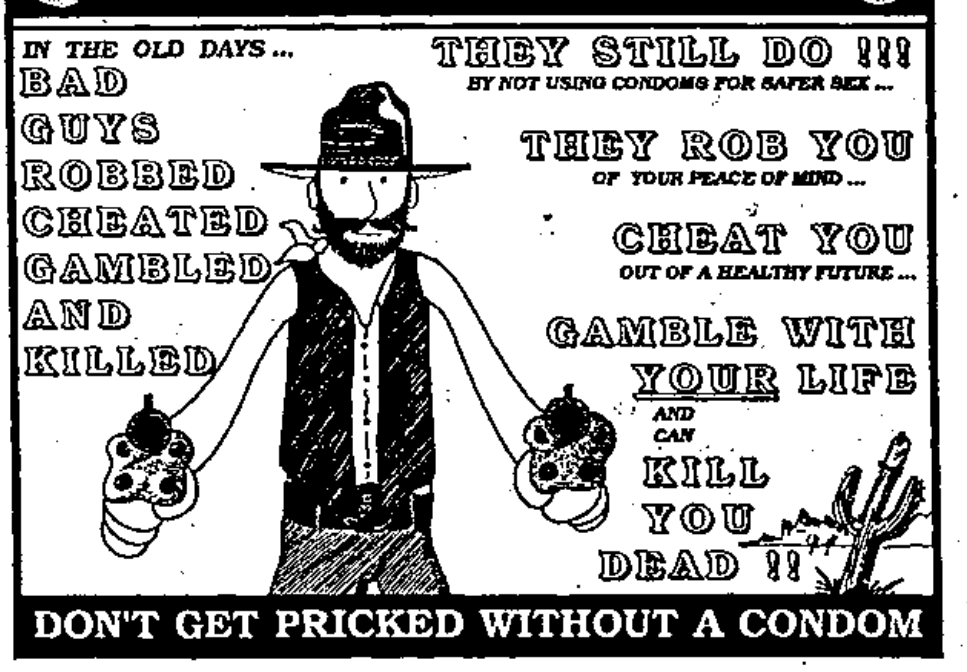

DON'T GET PRICKED WITHOUT A CONDOM

BOOK REVIEW

"THE BEST CONGRESS MONEY CAN BUY," by Philip M. Stern; Pantheon; $18.95; 321 pp.

by Christopher Hitchens

The national definition of a scandal has undergone a sad decline. In a throwaway sentence in a recent Washington Post editorial, I read that the average U.S. senator has to raise $10,000 every week in order to entertain the hope of re-election. Well, who do you think gets priority in the senator's diary?

This is a scandal so gross and appalling that nobody wants to ventilate it. It is a case of money not just talking, but screaming and cussing at the top of its lungs. Yet, as an ancient philosopher wrote, laws are like cobwebs - strong enough to hold the weak and too weak to detain the strong. Most of the buying and selling of our national political process is legal, and the corruption is so routine that it barely raises a bump of outrage.

Take, as a good small-fish example, one of my personal favorites: Rep. James J. Howard of New Jersey. Howard is some millions of miles from being a Demosthenes, but certain groups apparently drink in his words as if they were golden. And return the favor in kind, to judge by his declared emoluments.

Howard chairs the House Public Works and Transportation Committee. He can influence the profit margins of many groups, including those who want to put hideous billboards all along the nation's roads. The Outdoor Advertising Association of America, for example, has repeatedly flown the man to Palm Springs for seven days in the sun with his spouse, asking in return only that he give another in his series of spellbinding addresses, and has paid him $18,000 in honoraria into the bargain.

How does Howard treat requests from the billboard industry? Check out chapter three of this sobering, richly detailed book.

Now of course, it may be that Howard genuinely likes to see well thought-out billboards as he goes driving, and would vote this way, even if there were no money in it. Who can say? But I regret to add that some congressmen and even senators appear to change their votes according to which way the dough is blowing. The Senate minority leader himself, Robert J. Dole, R-Kansas, once reversed his position and favored the passage of a tax provision that would enrich 333 commodity traders by no less than $300 million.

In the period immediately preceding his change of heart, Dole accepted just less than $15,000 from directly interested parties in that vote. There are countries - capitalist countries - in which legislators have gone to prison for less.

But in Washington, D.C., capital of the free world, lawmakers run what laughingly is known among the boys as the "Gucci gauntlet." This is the section of the deliberative assembly's corridor that is set aside for lobbyists, who can press reminders and inducements into the hands of lawmakers as they rush wordlessly past. If Mr. Smith could see it, he would weep salty tears. He might even try to introduce legislation about campaign funding. But he would find that very few congressmen were all that interested in exposing the scandal.

Will Rogers, who made the remark that gave this book its title, did not add the corollary that a sensible politician, once bought, stays bought. But political actions committees have taken that principle very much to heart. In 1986, PACs gave more than 88 percent of their money to incumbents. This in itself demonstrates the anti-democratic nature of the system as we know it. These groups are interested in known quantities and reliable recipients They don't want to have to start over, breaking in some guy who is still wet behind the ears and babbling about government by, for and of the people.

Possession of this book is a civic responsibility for anyone with the least interest in political hygiene. It comes complete with a guide to your local congressman, with figures given where available (they aren't always easy to come by) and fascinating correlations between voting behavior and political action committee receipts.

It may be that there are districts where they still weigh the ballots. But at least it is votes that are being counted. On Capitol Hill, in plain view, the members are swayed by bundles of quite a different kind, and as long as this goes on, your vote only counts by coincidence. If you write your congressman after reading this book, be sure to enclose at least a little something.

AIDS FACTS VS. FICTION #1
Presented in the public interest
by the Shanti Foundation/Tucson

TOPIC: Do HIV(-) "top" (insertive) partners need condoms?

Q. "I have not been using condoms because I am a "top" only Gay man and was tested HIV negative over a year ago, and again last month. I haven't been concerned about me infecting anyone else - so why should I use rubbers?"

A. You should be concerned! In this case, using condoms may protect YOU from infection with HIV from your "bottom" partners. Many different sexually transmitted diseases (STD) organisms gain easy entry into the male body through the opening of the penis.

Likewise, the HIV virus, found in large numbers in the lymphatic system of the intestinal tract of infected individuals, can infect a male engaged in "top" or insertive anal sex with either a male or female partner.

Although no statistics reveal how many Gay "top" men have been HIV infected in this manner, we can presume that all or most of the millions of heterosexual men in Africa who are HIV positive were infected as "top" partners engaged in normal vaginal sex and were infected via their penis. In that country, the ratio of infected men to women is about 50/50.

So let the buyer beware, and buy condoms - and use them!

Lights Of Tucson

Michael is on vacation and will return hopefully in time for next week's column in OBSERVER. Watch for it.

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If you meet these three qualifications call Jim at 298-7411. 220

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 mnthly in Phoenix for fellowship and positive support. Write: AFFIRMATION, P.O. Box 26601, Tempe, AZ 85285-6601 or call 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.

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
For meeting dates and locations or membership information call 297-3794 or write OPBPA, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, AZ 85733

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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.

ARIZONA AIDS PROJECT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS. 277-1929 OR WRITE 736 E. FLYNN, PHOENIX. AZ 85014. 190

TRANSSEXUAL AND LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Games; Ping Pong, Potluck, Conversation and Friendship. Ask for Laura or Joan - 889-4775 Tucson. 186

YOUNG AND GAY?
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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 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.

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.

RETAIL STORE TO OPEN SOON. Local artists interested in consigning work call Sally at 622-6233.

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY IN VIRGINIA GRADUATES: Learn about W&M Gay and Lesbian Alums (GALA) - write to Lori M. at P.O. Box 58444, Tucson, AZ 85734. 223

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP NOW FORMING. The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. For information, contact Michael Hutchins, Ph.D., 327-4024 Tucson. 217

INNER DEVELOPMENT, SPIRITUALITY, HEALTH, MEDITATION
If these concepts interest you, join a Gay men's metaphysical discussion group forming now. Call Richard at 883-8642 in Tucson. 218

Couples of Tucson, a social and support group for Gay and Lesbian couples. For more information write P.O. Box 56613, Tucson, AZ 85703-6613, or call Bev and Bobbie at 888-8694 or Frank and Gary at 577-9886.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED/TUCSON is a fellowship and support gorup for Lesbian and Gay Lutherans. We meet monthly and all are welcome. Call Greg at 322-6334 or write Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, 2956 N. Campbell #481, Tucson, AZ 85719 for more information.

Personals

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