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Kowalski and Thompson meet, after three year separation

DULUTH, MN – Sharon Kowalski and Karen Thompson have finally met again. On Feb. 2, Thompson made her first visit to Kowalski in more than three years, a visit that extended over a three-day period. In just that short span, Kowalski showed cognitive improvement from contact with her life partner, Thompson, who has been denied visitation by Kowalski's father since 1985.

Kowalski and Thompson had been lovers for four years. They had exchanged rings, bought a house and taken out life insurance policies naming each other as beneficiary. As secure as they were in their love and devotion to

SHARON KOWALSKI BEFORE SHE WAS INJURED IN CAR ACCIDENT IN 1983

one another they were still extremely closeted. An incident was to happen that would shatter their lives and force the private matter of their lifestyles into the public limelight.

In November of 1983, a car driven by a drunk driver struck then 27-year-old Kowalski's car, leaving her disabled and brain damaged. After the accident, Thompson, a professor of physical education with training in physical therapy, felt it necessary to come out to Kowalski's parents, to help explain her devotion of time toward Kowalski's rehabilitation.

The parents totally rejected the idea that their daughter could be a Lesbian and vowed to keep Thompson away from their daughter. In 1985, a Minnesota court, after numerous legal proceedings, gave full guardianship with unlimited powers to Kowalski's father, who subsequently denied Thompson any visitation despite the fact that Kowalski had been able to express, through limited means, her wish to have her lover with her.

The years following that decision have been long and difficult, as Thompson pursued legal action for proper medical care as well as the right to visit and care for her.

After a four-year legal battle, Thompson was able to convince the court to test Kowalski for competency last September. As a result, St. Louis County (Minnesota) District Court Judge Robert V. Campbell issued an order in December 1988, that Kowalski be transferred to Miller-Dwan Medical Center in Duluth for a period of

KOWALSKI'S LIFE PARTNER
KAREN THOMPSON

rehabilitative care. (OBSERVER, Dec. 21, 1988). The court order also stated that Sharon was to be allowed to visit with whomever she specifically and reliably requested to visit.

It was not Karen Thompson's face but the sound of her voice that jogged Sharon Kowalski's memory when the two women first saw each other during the visit. "I walked up to her, I don't think she——I have curly hair now and it wasn't before, I had on glasses and I used to always wear contacts ——but as soon as she heard my voice, her eyes really did light up." Thompson said Kowalski's eyes filled with tears and she started moving her mouth.

"I don't know if she was trying to make words or just getting ready to cry," Thompson recalled. "Nothing came out. She just kept watching, then I cried."

The emotional reunion, even in the busy hospital lounge under the watchful eye of a psychologist, was a major victory for Thompson who has changed not just physically, but politically since 1983.

During their day together, Thompson said she tried to explain a few of the changes to her lover. She has told Kowalski that she has become a Lesbian activist, traveling the country and speaking about the need for Gay couples to secure some kind of legal protection for their relationships. She has not told Kowalski about her father preventing Thompson from visiting her in a nursing home these past three years.

Kowalski has asked, said Thompson, by pointing out words using an alphabet board, whether Thompson did not visit because St. Cloud is "too far" from the nursing home in Hibbing, Minn.? Donald Kowalski had his daughter placed in the home, which did not provide rehabilitation therapy, and forbade Thompson or any of Sharon's friends from visiting her there.

In her meeting, Thompson attended all of her therapy sessions in communication, memory and comprehension, and physical workout/stretching. She said Kowalski was extremely responsive to all her exercises, laughed a lot, and was consistently alert.

Thompson was distressed, however, by the deterioration in some aspects of Kowalski's physical condition since the last time they were allowed to meet. She said the tendons in Kowalski's legs had been allowed to become so tight that it is questionable whether even surgery could restore her feet to a proper 90-degree angle. "She may not ever be able to stand again," Thompson said. Kowalski cannot sit up in a wheelchair and, instead, lies in a chair with a special reclining back.

"She's been trying to understand," said Thompson, "But I didn't mention her parents the entire weekend. I don't want anyone to interpret anything I say as being negative or say that I was saying negative things about her parents to Sharon."

Thompson's caution comes from knowing that after 60 days in the rehabilitation unit of Miller Dwan, Kowalski will undergo a re-evaluation to determine whether she is able to make a decision for herself about where she will live and who can visit her.

In addition to Thompson, Kowalski has also asked to have visits from three women friends, and Thompson said she also believes Kowalski's parents have visited her. All visits are currently approved by a rehabilitation team overseeing Kowalski's care and are scheduled so as not to have Thompson and the parents visiting at the same time. Thompson said that currently she can visit Kowalski as much as she and Kowalski want.

"She wants to hold my hand the entire time," said Thompson, who said, that the visiting hours were over at 8:30 on the evening of her first visit, but she stayed with Kowalski until 10 because "she wouldn't let me go – she got scared I wasn't coming back."

Thompson is optimistic that Kowalski will continue to receive the rehabilitative care she needs and eventually be able to move into an independent living situation.

Donald Kowalski remains Sharon's guardian with all related powers, however, except those altered by the court.

"My goal is to bring Sharon home if that's what Sharon wants," said Thompson, who said that would require moving to a home that was wheelchair accessible. "It's going to be hard, but I want to be with Sharon as much as I can. At the same time, I've become an activist and I want to be out there speaking. If it all makes me a crazy person, that's what I'll be."

Thompson said that Kowalski's short-term memory has been damaged and that each time she leaves Kowalski's side and returns, Kowalski takes a while to recognize her again. The lack of rehabilitation therapy, said Thompson, a physical education teacher at the university, has taken a harsh physical toll on Kowalski.

Thompson also said Kowalski speaks only in a whisper but that she is not sure whether that is a result of the void in therapy. While accompanying Kowalski to rehabilitation therapy one day, Thompson said, she asked her lover to tell the therapist what she used to do for a living. Kowalski worked at the same university as Thompson.

"She whispered, 'basketball and track,' very clearly," recalled Thompson. "The therapist had trouble understanding her; but I could hear her very clearly."

For additional information on this case, contact Caroline Foty, Media Coordinator for The National Committee To Free Sharon Kowalski, (301)251-0139 or Tacie Dejanikus, National Committee Co-Chair, (202)667-3415.

CBS–TV to air Kowalski story Feb. 25

This Saturday, Feb. 25, CBS on its "West 57th" television show will profile the Karen Thompson/Sharon Kowalski case. It will air on the CBSTV affiliates at 9:00 p.m. in Arizona.

The program will examine very complex issues, most of which society refuses to confront: the "coming out" of a Lesbian fighting for the right to care for her life partner; the parents' difficulty in accepting a Lesbian daughter and, therefore, the sincerity of the daughter's partner in wanting to help care for her; a clash of cultures between a Lesbian couple fighting for dignified recognition of their relationship and a society which insists Lesbians have no rights, not even to care for each other as human beings; and, finally the situation of a disabled woman caught in a legal crossfire with her parents maintaining she is not competent to make decisions about her life, and a partner who insists that she is competent and can improve her condition with adequate rehabilitative care.

UPDATE

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I don't think the church has been as inclusive of Gay and Lesbian people as it might have been."

– Rev. Barbara C. Harris, at a press conference the day after she became the first woman to receive formal approval for consecration as a bishop in the Episcopal Church. In addition to pushing for more outreach to Gay men and Lesbians, Harris also called for more widespread ordination of women as priests and bishops, according to the Boston Globe. The Chicago Tribune reported that "Harris, a divorced black activist in human rights causes," was forced to get an unlisted phone number after she was elected bishop because she received death threats.

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OP TOLD OF TAX PLANNING STRATEGIES

TUCSON – "No new taxes," attorneys Susan Freund and Gregory Gardarian said, echoing President Bush's promise to voters, "but it looks like they'll raise the old ones!"

The pair of tax and estate planning lawyers explored 1989 tax planning strategies for individuals during the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association (OP) February 19 meeting at the Hotel Park Tucson.

Freund and Gardarian, in practice with a Tucson law firm bearing their names, reviewed updates in the 1989 tax code and proposed changes in Washington. Among tax planning tips offered by the pair to the OP audience were convincing employers to reimburse business expenses and pay medical insurance, even if it may mean a salary decrease, and converting consumer debts (credit cards, auto loans) to home mortgage loans.

Susan Dubow, wife of Tucson Mayor Tom Volgy, will address the next monthly OP meeting March 16 at the Plaza Hotel. Dubow represents the "Tucson First" campaign, a community-wide effort to bolster the city's spirit and ensure that Tucson's economy provides a firm foundation that can benefit all its citizens.

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.

GAY FLAG FLIES IN WEST HOLLYWOOD

LOS ANGELES, CA (BAR) – A West Hollywood Gay man has been allowed to resume flying a Gay flag from his apartment balcony as part of a settlement reached with his landlord.

John Stout had filed a lawsuit against his landlord after Stout was was threatened with legal action unless a Rainbow Flag that symbolizes Gay pride was removed. (OBSERVER, Jan 25).

Both parties settled their dispute before a court ruling on the case. Stout is permitted to fly the Gay flag as long as he installs hooks in the ceiling of his balcony.

Stout's flag may be flown within his balcony's perimeter so long as it doesn't hang over the railing. The ACLU, which represented Stout, said this victory should inspire other Gays and Lesbians to stick up for their rights against such discrimination by sexual orientation.

ARMY BAN ILLEGAL AGAINST LESBIAN

WASHINGTON, DC (BAR) – A U.S. District court judge ruled for the second time in nine years that Army policy banning Lesbian Sgt. Miriam Ben-Shalom is unconstitutional.

Judge Myron Gordon ruled the military could not exclude the openly-Gay Ben-Shalom from re-enlisting in the Army Reserves. A similar ruling was handed down in 1980. The judge ruled in a 22-page decision and merely reworded one regulation enabling the Army to removed persons who indicate by statements that they have a "desire" for homosexual conduct.

"The court can see no detrimental effect on any legitimate military interest caused by a soldier who merely 'evidences' a 'desire or interest' in most anything, including homosexuality," Judge Gordon said.

The judge also declared the regulation to violate the sergeant's First Amendment right to free speech and equal protection. The Army is expected to appeal.

OBSERVER/COMMUNITY BENEFIT SET FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 25

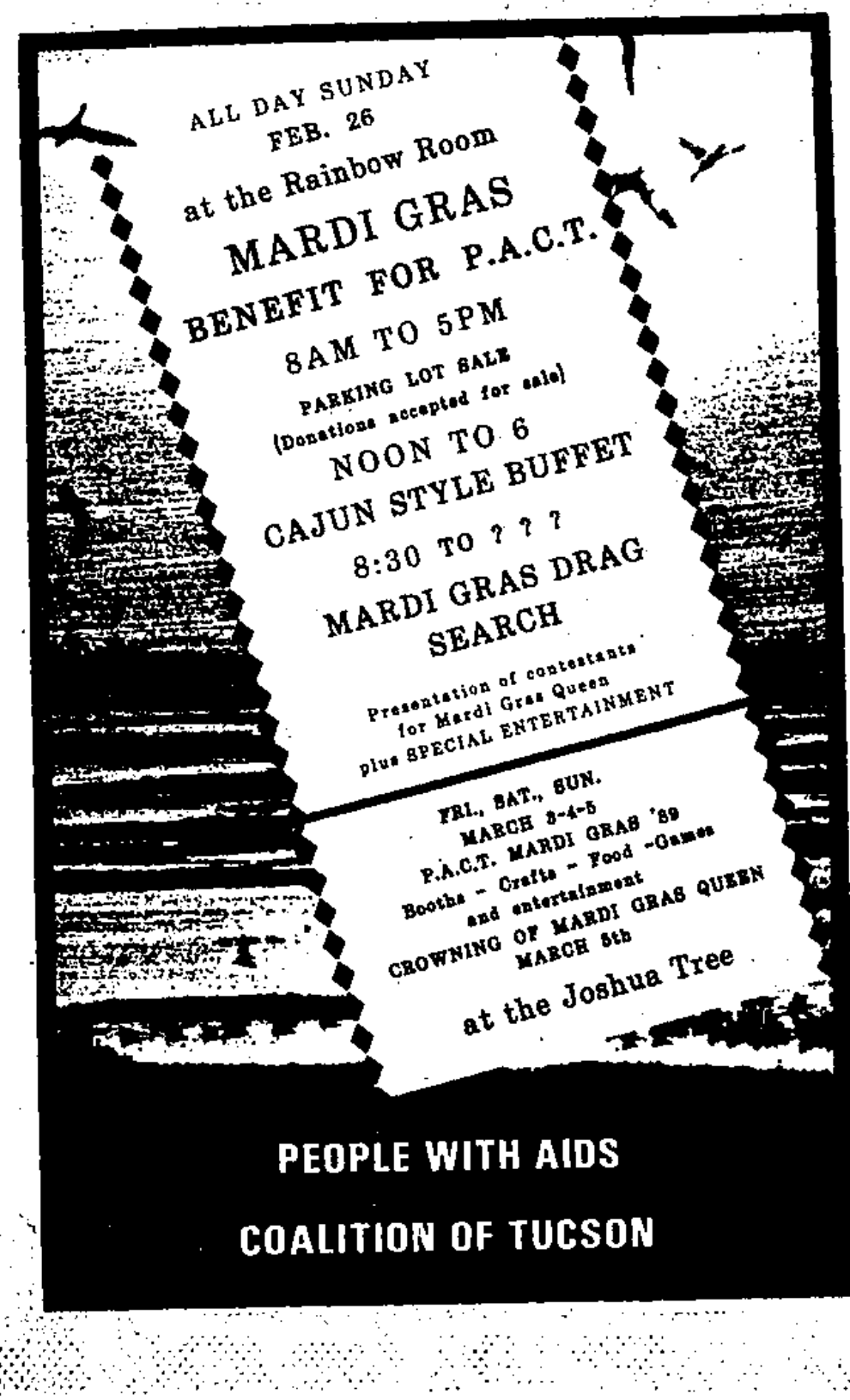
TUCSON – The Fourth Annual Observer/Community Benefit has been set for Saturday, March 25 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the historic Hotel Congress in downtown Tucson.

The theme for the evening will be "Stroll Down Memory Lane" and promises to be a most unusual evening. There will be a buffet dinner, raffles, entertainment and lots of surprises for this evening which will not only take over the Club Congress but spill over into the lobby of this venerable old hotel.

Loren Johnson and Doug Cooper will head the entertainment program. Raffle items already include a 10-speed bike, 2 television sets plus several other door prizes. Persons wishing to donate additional prizes are encouraged to call 623-6761 or 744-7923.

As usual there will be a bar set up and stocked with liquor donated by the local Gay bars. And the prices certainly not meant to "gouge". Canned beer will be sold for $1 and well drinks $1.25 and soda for 50 cents. ID will be required and designated drivers are encouraged.

Tickets for the affair will be $10 for those eating dinner, or $4.00 for general admission. They will be on sale shortly. Plan on this short but fun evening. More details later.



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Poppers outlawed

by Ray O'Loughlin

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (BAR) - A new federal law that took effect Feb. 15, bans all production, distribution and sale of any isobutyl nitrite substance - poppers, as they are more widely known - in the U.S. The measure was signed into law last November by Pres. Ronald Reagan. It is part of the Drug Omnibus Act of 1988.

The federal statues makes illegal "all consumer products used for inhaling or otherwise introduced into the body for euphoric or physical effects."

All supplies have been removed from retailers shelves. The act provides for civil and possible criminal penalties "consistent with the Consumer Product Safety Act."

The federal ban was hailed by AIDS activist Hank Wilson who has advocated greater control of the substances for years. "It was long overdue," said Wilson. "There are still many people just coming out who are not aware of the harm poppers can do to the immune system."

He said he feared that "many may be misled to believing they are safe when they see poppers sold in businesses in the community. Wilson said numerous studies have demonstrated a link between poppers and the development of AIDS especially Kaposi's sarcoma.

According to Dr. Harry Haverkos of the National Institute of Drug Abuse, the measure was included in the drug bill for two reasons. First, the inhalant was used for purposes other than those advertised. Poppers have long been sold as "room odorizers" and not as sexual stimulants for which they have been used.

Second, said Haverkos, "There is a potential link between Kaposi's sarcoma and butyl nitrites. They could be a co-factor in AIDS. That claim has been the subject of controversy for years. "It hasn't been proven, but there is a strong possibility," said Haverkos. "People need to be more concerned. Closer scrutiny is warranted."

No mention of AIDS is made in the bill -- only concern for use of butyl Nitrites as drugs.

According to Wilson, a similar effort had been made in 1986 but was dropped at the last minute after pressure from poppers manufacturers. Representatives from manufacturers were not available for comment at press time.

Benefit for P.A.C.T. begins Sunday

TUCSON - It will take two weekends to finish the first big benefit of the year - this initial one going to People With AIDS Coalition/ Tucson (P.A.C.T.)

This Sunday, Feb. 26, all activities will be held at the Rainbow Room, 3455 E. Grant Road.

From 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., there will be a "Yard Sale" held in the Rainbow Room parking lot. Donated items are still being accepted for this sale and may be dropped off at the Rainbow Room or by calling P.A.C.T. 322-9808. There are already many interesting items that will be sold and everyone is urged to stop by and pick up an item from this sale.

From Noon until 6:00 p.m., there will be a Cajun-Style meal served in keeping with the theme of the benefit "Mardi Gras '89".

Beginning at 8:30 p.m., there will be the presentation of contestants for Mardi Gras Queen. During the evening also, there will be a show that is billed as "Mardi Gras Drag Search", which will feature both comic and serious drag performances.

All performers tips as well as all proceeds from the Yard Sale will go to P.A.C.T. More importantly, the Rainbow Room will donate 10% of its gross profits received all day Sunday, Feb. 26 to P.A.C.T.

The Mardi Gras Benefit will continue next weekend, March 3-4-5 at the Joshua Tree. Booths are being constructed which will sell food, crafts as well as offer games. There will be live bands both Saturday and Sunday afternoon and, weather permitting, evening.

Booth space is still available and may be reserved for $25 for all three days. For more information, contact Frank at the P.A.C.T. office 322-9808.

Sunday evening, March 5, will feature the crowning of Mardi Gras Queen 1989.

Everyone is encouraged to attend both weekend events and contribute to a very worthy cause, People with AIDS Coalition/Tucson.

Schulte to address OP

TUCSON - Steve Schulte, former mayor of West Hollywood and current councilman, will address the 5th Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association's (OP) birthday celebration and banquet April 15 at the Doubletree Hotel.

Election of OP officers is also scheduled at the annual birthday dinner. Announced candidates for the 1989-90 OP executive committee are A. Whitehurst for president; D. Covington, vice president; B. Friend, secretary and D. Swan, treasurer. Although the community is invited to the OP festivities, only OP members may vote in the election of officers.

The evening's keyboard and vocal entertainment will be provided by Lisa Otey. The birthday celebration begins at 6:30 p.m. with no-host beverages, followed by dinner seating at 7:30. Dinner options include New York strip steak, smothered in a peppercorn sauce; Chicken Marie, a breast stuffed with almonds and apples in a light cream sauce; and Spinach Lasagna, a vegetarian plate. Cost for the sit-down dinner to OP members is $22.50 per person and $25.00 per plate for non-members.

Those wishing to attend the birthday affair are requested to send their reservations to Bill Needham, 302 E. Cambridge Drive, Tucson, AZ 85704, before April 10. The reservation name, phone number, number of persons in the party and their dinner entree choices should be enclosed with their checks payable to OP.

The Doubletree Hotel is located at 445 South Alvernon Way. On-site parking is free.

"OP is a group of business and professional people who have joined together for educational and humanitarian purposes," states the association's president, Jenny Martin. "Our goals are to promote and strengthen our membe business and careers and to help build a better community."

Newcomers are always welcomes to OP meetings, adds Martin. Interested men and women are encouraged to call 297-3794 in Tucson for more information about the association's birthday festivities, its programs or membership information.

Still playing games

Dr. Tom Waddell must be chuckling to himself in between his angelic duties. The late founder of Gay Games would be mightily amused to hear of the latest shenanigans of the U.S. Olympic Committee, the group that hounded Waddell literally to his death in 1987.

The USOC, as all will recall, got terribly annoyed when Waddell and company launched the Gay Olympics in 1982. Though the USOC had overlooked or authorized countless uses of its "olympics," Gay people brought down olympian wrath at their move. Lightening bolts the size of lawsuits were hurtled from the mountain tops (in this case, the Colorado Rockies). We lost, the USOC got to keep their word, and the games went on.

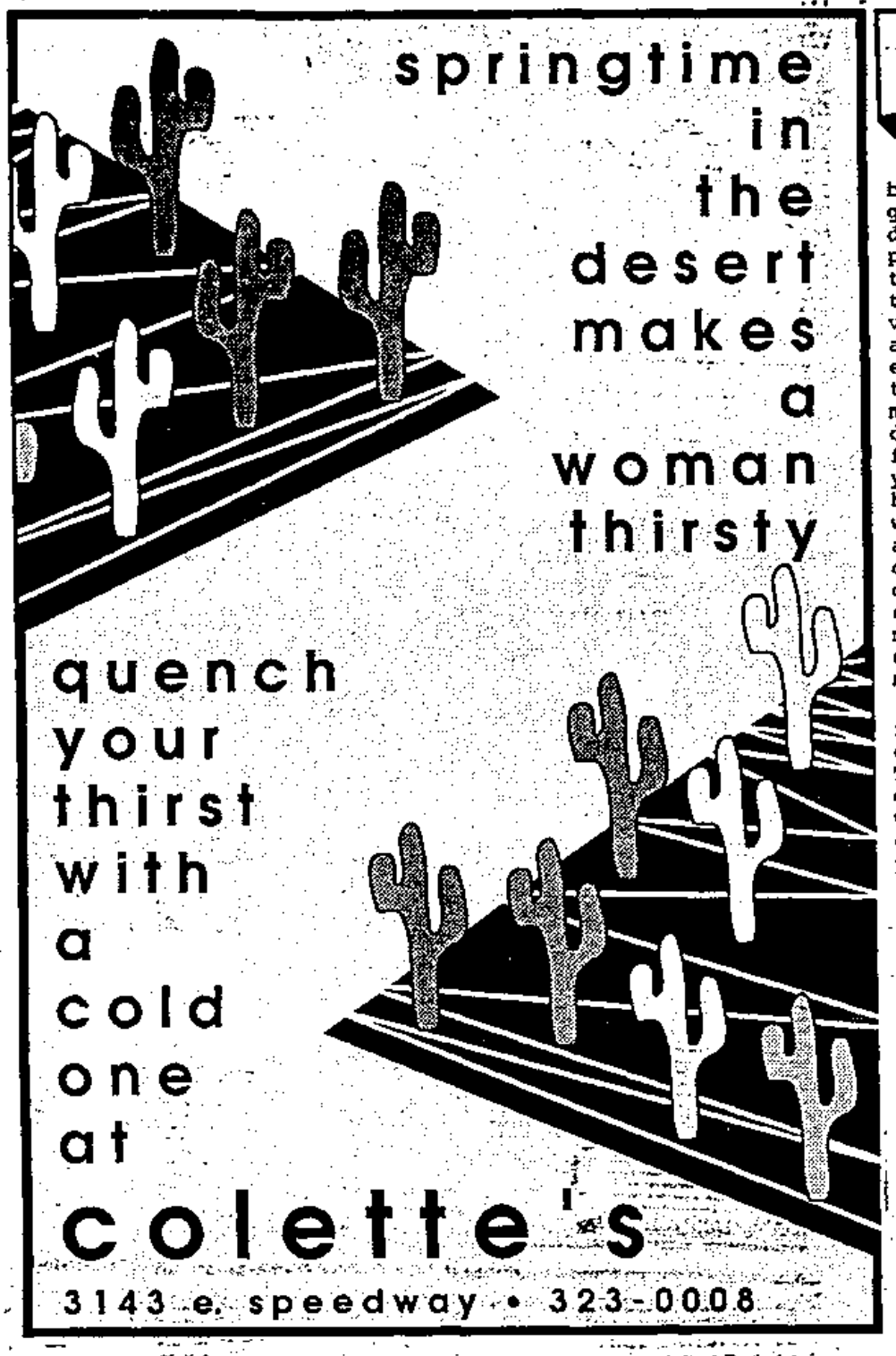
We taught the gods some lessons, however, as is evidenced by the target of their latest wrath: the California Police Olympics. Seems the USOC felt burned by the long, drawn out legal battle to assert their ownership of that word. Though the cops have held their olympic games for 20 years, the USOC says, no more.

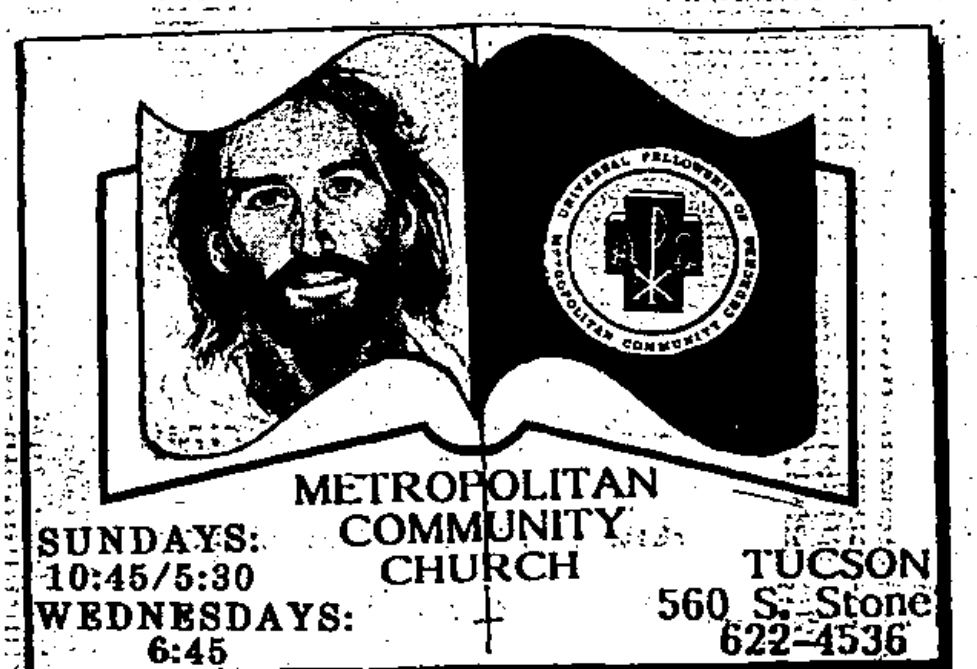
As a result of the Gay Games case that went all the way to the Supreme Court, the cops and other groups find themselves having to troop to the USOC headquarters in the thin Colorado air to request permission. And the USOC is not granting the wishes of these mere mortals. They denied the Senior Olympics and they said no to the cops as well.

Belatedly, the USOC is trying to impress upon us all the consistency of their position. They want us to see how fair they're being. What they don't realize is that we saw that a long time ago. The air is thin up there, but not as thin as their cover.

So the police officers are now grousing about why they should be the ones denied when there still is the Crab Cooking Olympics, Mud Olympics, and even Playboy Bunny Olympics. Why us, when we're such "nice people," ask the cops.

Welcome to the club, officers of the law. It's hard to take, but, yes, there is injustice in the world. Even nice guys get it sometimes. Even cops don't get their way sometimes. You have our sympathies. We've been there. The best revenge is to go ahead with your plans and not be overly troubled by the machinations of the gods. (BAR)





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Last week, the largest number of CAT Committee members ever got together at the Back Pocket to discuss this past years CAT Awards presentation. It was an evening to air any and all complaints from this years process leading to the voting for the awards and the awards evening itself. The greatest number of complaints concerned the food and drink. As of this meeting, the CAT Committee has decided it's time we look around for another location to hold next years awards evening. If anyone has, or knows of a location where we can hold this awards evening, and would allow us to bring in our own liquor license (for better drinks at lower prices), please contact one of the CAT Committee members. You may also contact either Ben Corbin at 297-1909 or myself at 884-7309.

Now an area that all of us feel will improve the voting process for the CAT Awards winners. This Wednesday, Feb. 22, a small group of CAT Committee members will be getting together to work out details for next years voting process. The ultimate goal we will be working on is to have you, as the voter, for each award and not just nominating them. The main reasons for this change is not only this years complaints, but also the CAT Committee feels these awards are your awards to choose, so from now on, you'll be picking the winners by your votes. When all the details are worked out, I'll pass them on to you. Again, if you have any suggestions that you feel would be positive on the voting process, contact a CAT Committee member.

The CAT Committee, being only two years old, knows there are some problem areas that need to be addressed, but unless we can have the number of CAT Committee members showing up at the full Committee meetings, and unless we hear from you with your ideas, we cannot improve on these CAT Awards - Tucson's own awards.

Then this past weekend, the First Ladies got together to plan this year's First Ladies Weekend run. The dates for this 3rd annual run will be June 16-18. Location for this years run has been suggested at this meeting but they want to drive up to look the area over. I will tell you this, it will be cooler than last year's location. They have set a run fee of $20 for this exciting, fun-filled weekend. As the date draws closer, I'll be passing more details on to you. Watch for the flyers coming out shortly for additional details.

This past Sunday morning, a group of TKO's got out of bed at 4 a.m. (those who went to bed that is). The reason for this was that bunch, myself included, were headed out to see the Balloon Festival. After a coffee or two, we all loaded up in Uncle Phil's motor home and headed out to the launch site. Damn, it's cold outside at 5:30 a.m. That's about the time all of us started walking around checking out the souvenir booths, trying to find that one special pin. Finally, when the sun came up, action started around the balloons and the announcer said "We will have a lift off!" Then those beautiful balloons started rising slowly into the chilly morning air, lit up by that warming morning sun.

A total of 85 balloons took their turn to lift into the soft breezes of the morning. I saw balloons of all types, the standard typical hot-air type with the bright multi colors; I saw a Pink Elephant balloon being chased, but the largest balloon there was a dinosaur; but there was also Mr. Peanut, a house, a flying saucer with an alien coming down the ladder, a car battery, a regular D-cell battery, an ice cream cone, and finally a "Roxanne" - Porto Rican Rum balloon.

These balloons came to Tucson from all over the U.S., Canada, and one from France. The hardships encountered, getting up so early, waking around in the cold, of course maybe a little hung over from the previous day, was all worth the trip, but next year, I'm staying in my vehicle until the sun comes up. Besides, if I had this year, I would not have heard Phil say as he was watching all the balloons rising, "Boy, it takes a lot of hot air to raise all those baskets!"

Now, this coming Sunday, Feb. 26, one of my favorite events is taking place at IBT's. It's time for SOS' Hoedown. This year's theme is "Stars and Stripes Forever". Everything starts at 2 p.m. and runs until 10 p.m. On hand for entertainment will be Joey, from Charlies spinning those records, also we have Loren Johnson, Doug Cooper, the Sunburst Squares, Colleen from Colette's, and Estulio. This will be a benefit for SOS and there will be over $1,000 in prizes to be raffled off at 10 p.m.

Decorations will be done by Rick Crause of Casas Adobes Flowers and Balloons by Bob. Serving food for the day will be T.A.L.L. It's going to be a very lively and entertaining day so be sure to stop by.

Starting March 5 over at IBT's, that Nadia will be having brunches from 1 to 4. I haven't got all the details on this one, but it sound like fun, so let's all stop in and check it out.

Yes Tucson, you have a busy schedule ahead of you and each event offers something special for all. As these different events draws closer, I'll pass on to you as much info as I can get, but also watch this paper for the announcements for each and check the different bulletin boards for flyers also. It's a well known fact we cannot make every one of them, but you can pick those that interest you and attend. As for me, I think I'll just take the entire spring and summer on vacation, but don't hold your breath counting on it.

TBBS: Week 5 - Hi Nadia. It's been fun sneaking those short (no pun intended) blurbs about you, but you know I love you, you short, little, sawed-off sack of Siberian snake shit. Now guess who is next in the pickle barrel? None other than Tucson's Roach Motel. The individual wears not one but two rubber C-rings, in order to accommodate all comers. A happy birthday to you again, Kenny. Who is this Miss Cravitz? Is she the same one that want's something OLD?

I'm not sure the A.A. would agree with this therapy but one certain very visible and boisterous bar manager had one shot the other day, got into her mini bus and drove around four blocks to wear that shot off then headed back to the bar for more. Then we have one bartender who, when he isn't lucky enough to have an overnight house guest, sleeps with his lambie pie. You explain this one. Ernie says, "Less hair, the more fat that shows."

In closing for today, let me just pass on a saying that I thought would fit most of us:

1 drink is too many.
2 drinks is enough.
but 3 drinks ain't near enough!

Now let's all have a beautiful week and run down to our favorite watering hole for that always popular and abused one drink.

Inside The Washington Lobby

by Chai Feldblum
and Laura Markowitz

CIVIL RIGHTS

There are currently two federal laws in effect that protect the rights of people with AIDS and HIV infection. The major one is Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Section 504 only covers entities ("programs and activities") that receive federal funds, and offers no protection in the private sector for people with disabilities or AIDS. Last year Congress was considering the Civil Rights Restoration Act — a bill to overturn the Supreme Court decision that gave a restrictive definition to the term "program" or "activity" — and Section 504 was brought out into the open. Homophobic members of Congress like Senators Gordon Humphrey (R-NH) and William Armstrong (R-CO) proposed a provision to exclude people with AIDS and HIV infection from Section 504. Fortunately, the disability community was monitoring civil rights legislation.

With the help of the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) and a coalition of disability rights groups called the Consortium of Citizens With Developmental Disabilities, a counter-provision that affirmed protection for people who posed no health threat to others was drafted. People with AIDS or HIV infection pose no health threat to others, according to current medical evidence, and therefore remain included under the provision. The amendment passed as part of the Civil Rights Restoration Act, and even served as a basis for a memo from the Department of Justice asserting that people with AIDS and HIV infection are protected under Section 504.

But Section 504 only protects AIDS and HIV carriers and people with disabilities in the public sector. The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 was the first bill that extended nondiscrimination protection to these groups in the private sector -- prohibiting discrimination on the part of those that rent or sell private dwellings. This bill also protects those who associate with people with AIDS, HIV infection or other disabilities so that landlords and owners also cannot discriminate against a person because her or his lover or friends have AIDS or HIV infection — and its passage was a considerable victory in the last Congress.

When the bill was being considered by the House Judiciary Committee last April, Congressman Bill Dannemeyer (R-CA) tied to get in an amendment that would exclude people with AIDS and HIV infection. DREDF, the ACLU and AIDS Action Counsel formulated counter-amendment that Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) offered. It passed in the committee by a vote of 22 to 13 and then served as the basis for defeating similar efforts on the House floor. Intense negotiations before hand ensured that no AIDS amendment was even offered in the Senate.

The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 will become effective March 12, 1989. While this is a major victory for people with AIDS, HIV infection and their loved ones, we still face opposition to Gay and Lesbian civil rights protection.

LEGISLATION FOR 1989

We have been most effective in advocating civil rights protections for people with AIDS and HIV infection when we work in coalition with the disability community. Then the opposition is forced to take an affirmative step to exclude people with AIDS-related conditions from other people with disabilities, and such attempts are easier to defeat. A top priority for the AIDS civil rights agenda this year will be the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). ADA calls for protection of people with disabilities, including people with AIDS, HIV and infection in employment, transportation, communication, local and state government activities and public accommodations.

Confidentiality is another vital issue that Congress will decide policy on this year. Lobbyists are once again developing a bill providing that HIV test results may not be disclosed to outsiders by those who administer the test or by health care pro- viders who are informed by the infected person. A major concern is that such a bill should add to, and not supplant, the protections that currently exist in some states.

A financing package that will finally address private insurance coverage and government programs, and that will create a system to provide treatment and health care to people with AIDS and HIV infections is another priority for this year's AIDS lobby.

LOTS OF LESBIANS HAVING BABIES

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - In a baby boom of unusual complexity, thousands of Lesbians around the country are having children. Most are living in Lesbian relationships. Some have lived together for more than a decade, wanting children but often blocked as adoptive or foster parents.

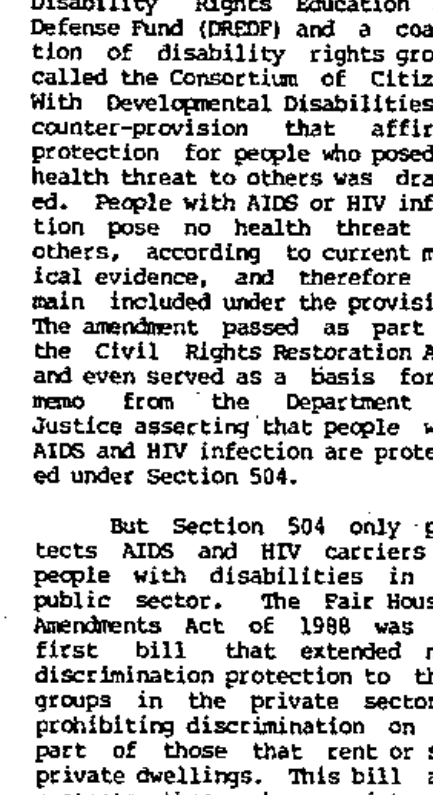
Now, more and more of these women are choosing to have their own babies, most often by artificial insemination. This is the first time that large numbers of Lesbians have been choosing to have children through artificial insemination, Gay and Lesbian groups said.

"It's phenomenal," said Rhonda Rivera, a lawyer in Columbus, Ohio, who has many Gay and Lesbian clients. She says she knows of at least 30 Lesbian mothers in and around Columbus.

Everybody that I know see lots of people who are having kids," said Kevin Cathcart, a lawyer with the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders in Boston.

Dr. Richard Green, a professor of psychiatry and law at UCLA, said that although psychological tests indicate that children reared by homosexuals are no more likely than other children to be homosexual themselves, the issue of children reared without a man in the family has not been sufficiently studied to be able to predict whether that could lead to other problems.

Some clinicians, however, speculate that in the long term, girls might have difficulty in intimate relationships with men, and boys might be uncomfortable with their role as males. If Lesbian parents are openly hostile toward men, these difficulties could be worsened. (New York Times)



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Lights of Tucson

by Michael - Tucson

The Full Moon may be viewed on Feb. 20 in Virgo, a little after sunset in Tucson as Pisces is early this year. I wonder why? I would suggest all of you take advantage of any economic opportunity that will give you some sense of security in the coming crisis. Buy some real estate, plant potatoes, make sure you have plenty of food in storage and an adequate supply of clothing. I may be wrong, but all the omens point to a time of drastic change.

ARIES

1st House: This will be the time for you to become free of any debt or confinement. It will be a time when you can do your own thing in every sense of the word. However, look before you leap.

TAURUS

2nd House: You make make a pile now, but use a little discretion, and do not spend it all on ice-cream sodas, save for a rainy day.

GEMINI

3rd House: You will be meeting some very unusual people this period and may be asked to join a radical group. Since romance may be involved, go for it!

CANCER

4th House: Expect some radical changes in your home and work at this time. You may have to deal with some very disturbed people, they may even be your parents, or your boss. You may even have to care for a mentally ill person. As your sign continues into the 5th House, you may also meet the person of your dreams, win the Pick or just have an all around good time on some night out on the town.

LEO

6th House: Do not allow your emotions to cloud your judgement at this time. You may meet some unusual people at work, or in your home. You may also have to do extra work, without the usual extra compensation. Just stick it out.

VIRGO

Intercepted 6th House: You may have to put in some tedious work with little or no compensation. Or it may be a time when you will have to deal with hospitals and institutions in some way.

LIBRA

7th House: Your social scene may come in for some unusual changes, and you may meet a blue-eyed stranger with curly dark hair who will stimulate your intellect and arouse unexpected passion.

SCORPIO

8th House: This will be a period when you will undergo one of your periodic transformations. A major internal conflict may erupt within you over materialism that will totally change your view of the world forever. But just go with the flow, and it will work to your souls ultimate benefit.

SAGITTARIUS

9th House: If you have been waiting to take a long journey to a foreign place, NOW is the time!

CAPRICORN

10th House: You may undergo a radical change in your profession during this period. If you are the company president you may wind up sweeping the hall, or if the janitor, being the president. Expect the unexpected and keep both feet on the floor. Continuing into the 11th House, some scientific research is a way to find your way out of your problems, or you may fall in love.

AQUARIUS

12th House: Time to delve into your little bag of tricks and come up with some ancient, but new to us ideas. The treasure may be buried in the dark and hidden recesses of your own mind. Gather all the light you possess and enter boldly.

PISCES

Pisces: Intercepted 12th House: It is your house anyway, welcome your wisdom seeking Aquarian friends and get off some of that secret knowledge that will help.

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A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

IN THE NEWS

Some interesting articles have recently appeared in various newspapers and magazines and I thought I would share them with you:

From the pages of the prestigious journal "Science" comes a report on the results of a study in which one-in-five American men was reported to have had at least one homosexual experience. The study also indicated approximately three percent of the men had such homosexual contacts regularly.

These results are the first such of any major study since Alfred Kinsey conducted his research on male sexuality in 1948.

Although the numbers are somewhat smaller than Kinsey's study indicated, these preliminary results reflect the lowest possible statistical numbers. In other words, the range will expand upward when further statistical manipulation of the numbers is done.

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From the pages of "Insight", the weekly newsmagazine, comes a somewhat odd explanation of why homosexuals are denied security clearances by the United States. It would appear, if this article is correct, security clearances are denied homosexual men because "they are more vulnerable to blackmail by hostile intelligence agencies."

This specious (and, I would imagine, untenable) conclusion was part of the government's argument in a court case appealing a 1987 U.S. District Court Decision against the government. The decision came as a result of a suit filed by High Tech Gays, a group of homosexuals employed in certain of California's Silicon Valley electronics firms.

The government further stated it has "substantial evidence that the KGB and other hostile intelligence forces attempt to exploit homosexuals ...because they believe [they] are vulnerable."

What about John Walker Jr., the man who sold top-secret American coding secrets to the Russians —and was married for too many years to a woman he despised? How hard did the Russians have to work to get him? (From his interview on PBS' series "Frontline" last month, not very....

And what was the sexual orientation of Edward Howard, ex-CIA agent who sold secrets to the Russians? Of, James Hall III — recently arrested for selling communications-satellite secrets to East Germany and Russia? I wonder: does he sleep with men or women?

Of course, the list goes on; but I think I have made my point: The United States Government is clinging desperately to stereotypes and innuendo in continuing its anti-homosexual campaign, fearful — as they obviously are— of the truth.

And what is the truth? That like all other groups, there are good homosexuals and there are bad homosexuals; there are loyal soldiers and there are spying soldiers. It is a disservice to every person when a few representatives from one group are used to judge the entire group.

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Lastly: Actor Brian Starcher was profiled in two recent issues of "TV Guide" as he has been garnering critical and popular acclaim playing soap-opera-land's first major Gay character. He plays Hank Eliot on "As The World Turns' (CBS), and is attempting to present his character in a "normal" vein —instead of overly emphasizing his character's sexual orientation.

Every kind of social activity (with, maybe, one or two exceptions) has occurred on soap operas —even homosexuality; but, this is the first time the character is a person who is Gay, not a Gay man who is also a person.

It has often been demonstrated that Prime Time programming follows the lead of the daytime soaps regarding social change. It is this columnist's fervent hope the days of unbelievable Gay characters (like wishy-washy Steven Carrington on ABC's "Dynasty") will soon be behind us, replaced by a new generation of mainstream, regular everyday kinda guys and gals who are regular people first —and homosexuals second (or third, or fourth ...).

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!

Lively C.A.T. Committee Critique held

by Ben Corbin

TUCSON - The Community Awards of Tucson (C.A.T.) Committee held their critique meeting last Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Joshua Tree. There were 26 present. The meeting was open to the public and it was gratifying to have the attendance. There were many issues discussed concerning the Committee and the community-at-large. The C.A.T. Committee is taking every recommendation offered under consideration in order to make next year's awards a true community event.

One item recommended, discussed and put into effect, is a new method of setting up the nominations, and the casting of the final votes. A special subcommittee was formed and will be meeting this coming week to set the ground work for this new voting procedure.

It was a concern of the many present at the meeting that the entire community was not being fully represented. It is imperative that every segment of the community be represented on the C.A.T. committee. A list of every known group and organization is being compiled so that a formal invitation can be sent to each and every one. If by some reason any group is omitted from this list, it will be unintentional since the invitation will be open to all.

If any one has a concern, suggestion or recommendation to the C.A.T. Committee, your letter can be addressed to: C.A.T. Committee, P.O. Box 26219, Tucson, AZ 85726.

The next meeting for the entire C.A.T. Committee will be March 15, at 7:00 p.m. again at the Joshua Tree. The C.A.T. Committee extends a very special Thank You to Bob Bishop, Bobby Jr., and the entire staff at Back Pocket/Joshua Tree for offering their space for these meetings.

ANNUAL RODEO SHOW ● SAT. FEB. 25 ● 8:30ish

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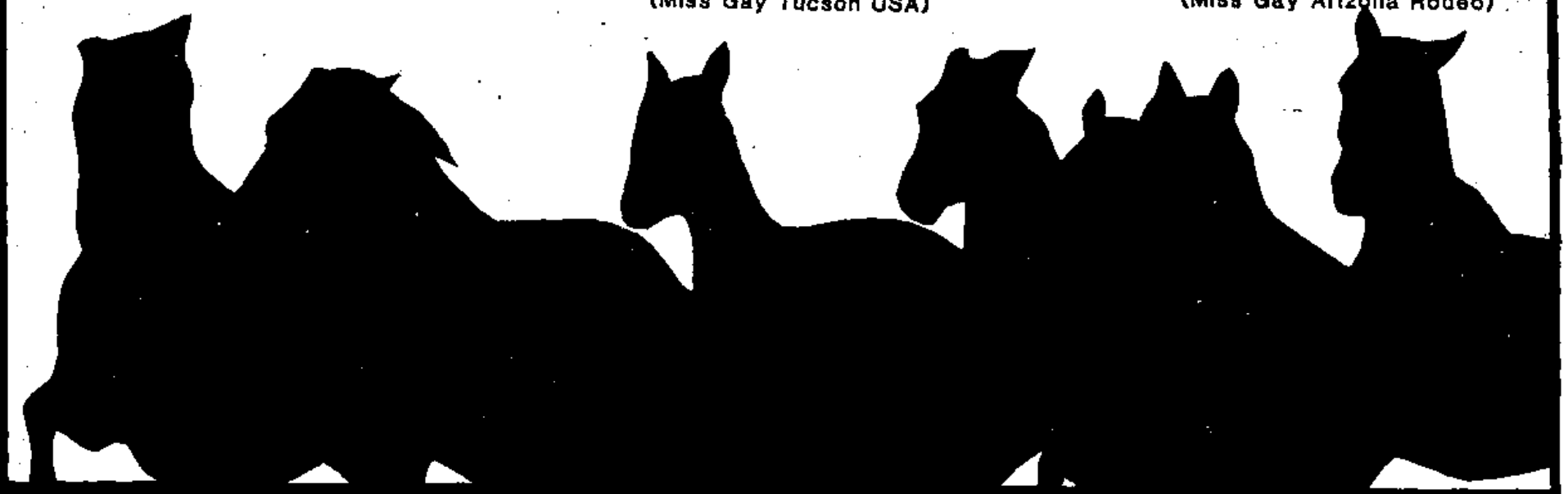

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

COLETTE'S - Those zany original Dyketones from Provincetown are back on stage here beginning at 8:0 p.m. (They know where the nice weather is). Cover is $5 and worth it! Catch this show.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

COLETTE'S - Leave it to Colette to come up with another 'unusual' evening! This time it's the "Gayly Wed Game". Contestants for the evening will be Ben and Annie; Natalie and Patty; Elaine and Rebecca; Darryl and Keith. Sound like fun? You bet! Get there early for a good seat. It begins at 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

GRADUATE - Their annual Rodeo show begins at 8:30 (ish?) hosted by Miss Aviva Diamond with Miss Gay Tucson USA, Candy Plastique and a special appearance by Miss Arizona Gay Rodeo Moosala. Another busy night at the Grad.

FEBRUARY 23 - 26

OUTRAGEOUS - Rodeo Daze - They'll be partying hardy for the cowboys. Join the gang at Outrageous.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

COLETTE'S WEST - After the "Sweet of Honey": concert, bring your ticket stubs and get fifty cents (.50) off your first drink!

IBT'S - Sisters of Sonora (SOS) present another of their fabulous Hoedown's. Food, entertainment and lots of country western music and dancing. A real old-fashioned Country Ham dinner with all the trimmings will be served for only $2.00! It's a full day from 2 until 10 p.m. and there are over $1,000 in prizes to be raffled at 10 p.m. Entertainment by Loren Johnson and Doug Cooper, Coleen and Istulio and guest bartender Richie from Phoenix. Dance music is supplied by guest DJ from Charlie's in Phoenix Joey Frazee. Don't miss this fun day.

JOSHUA TREE - It's showtime here headlined by Brandy Valentine and a star-studded cast. Starts around 10.

RAINBOW ROOM - Kick-off for Mardi Gras '89, a benefit for People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (P.A.C.T.). The day begins with a Parking Lot Sale from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. If you have anything you would like to donate for this sale, bring it by prior to the sale. Then from Noon until 6 p.m. there will be a Cajun-style Buffet served in keeping with the Mardi Gras theme. From 8:30 p.m. on there will be the presentation of contestants for Mardi Gras Queen. (The winner will be announced at the wind-up ceremonies on March 5 at Joshua Tree). There will also be a "Mardi Gras Drag Search" featuring comic and serious drag performances. A fun day for a great cause.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

COLETTE'S - Patti McCulla will be playing and singing from 7:30 until ???? A real nice evening of music.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

COLETTE'S - It's showtime with Brandie Valentine with Bobby Holliday and special guests. 8:30 to 10 p.m. $2 Cover. A fun evening.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 3-4-5

JOSHUA TREE - Mardi Gras '89 (a benefit for People with AIDS Coalition Tucson (P.A.C.T.) will be held this entire weekend. There will be booth with crafts, food and games plus entertainment and winds up with the crowning of Mardi Gras Queen '89 on Sunday, March 5. All proceeds to P.A.C.T. Be there and help a very worthy group.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

COLETTE'S WEST - Anne English singing and playng your favorite melodies.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

COLETTE'S WEST - It's the monthly Country and Western Night again and Loren Johnson will be in the spotlight for this one. A wonderful talent.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

COLETTE'S WEST - Big, BIG St. Patrick's Day Party planned with all the trimmings..... Be here!

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

COLETTE'S WEST - Popular entertainer Lisa Otey will be playing and singing for the Sunday evening crowd.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

COLETTE'S WEST - Singer/songwriter/musician Anne English holds forth here with an evening of your favorite songs.

MONDY, MARCH 27

COLETTE'S WEST - Patti McCulla will be entertaining the troops here with her own unique style of music.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

COLETTE'S WEST - April Fool's Show starring Bonnie Bitch and her puppets and a wonderful magician who is traveling with her across the country. It starts at 8:00 p.m. and there is a $2 Cover and well worth it!

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

COLETTE'S WEST - The annual Luau is here again. Authentic in every way including the roast pig in the ground. A tradition here so mark your calenders now.

Non-Bar
CALENDAR

(NOTE: IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT OR SPECIAL HAPPENING THAT YOU FEEL SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS NON-BAR ACTIVITY CALENDAR, PLEASE CONTACT BEN CORBIN PRIOR TO MONDAY OF THAT WEDNESDAY'S PAPER FOR INCLUSION IN THAT WEEKS ISSUE. AFTER FIRST NOTICE HAS APPEARD IT WILL APPEAR WEEKLY UNTIL THE EVENT HAS TAKEN PLACE. MR. CORBIN MAY BE REACHED AT 297-1909 OR 622-4536).

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - Boomers Cafe Espresso will have Mark Vigorita entertaining from 4 until 16 p.m. Lisa Otey will be singing and playing from 9 p.m. until midnight.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - Boomers Cafe Espresso will have T. Barr Stephens in the Courtyard beginning at 2 p.m. sketching black and white portraits for a commission of $20 each. Daniel L. Ross Jr., will be playing blues and jazz on his keyboard from 9 p.m. until midnight.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - P.A.C.T Rummage Sale from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the parking lot at Rainbow Room, 3455 E. Grant. If you have something you want to donate for this sale, please bring it by prior to the sale. All proceeds go to People With AIDS Coalition Tucson (P.A.C.T.)

THURSDAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 2-5 - a.k.a. Theatre presents "Torch Song Trilogy" the Tony-Award-winning play by Harvey Fierstein. Curtain is at 8:00 p.m. and tickets are $7.00 (no discounts). The local production is directed by Brad Lyons and will play every Thursday through Sunday during March. Reservations and info call 623-7852.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 - In celebration of Women's Week this year, there will be a concert of women's music and stories in the U of Arizona Sciences Auditorium. This event will feature musicians Andes Chicko, Jamie Anderson and LUcia and writer Evyn Rumbin. Tickets are $4 in advance

THURSDAY, SUNDAY: MARCH 9-12; 16-19; 23-25 - The Tony Award-Winning Play version of "Torch Song Trilogy" will be performed by a.k.a. Theatre, 125 E. Congress. All performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are $7 (no discounts). For reservations or information call 623-7852.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16 - Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association monthly meeting. Plaza Hotel, Tucson. "Tucson First" is the topic of a presentation by Susan Dubow, wife of Tucson Mayor Tom Volgy. 7 p.m., no-host beverages; 7:30 p.m. general meeting. Free to O.P. members and first-time guests, $5 for repeat guests at the door. Information: 297-3794.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 - Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association (OP) monthly meeting and fifth birthday banquet. Doubletree Hotel, Tucson. West Hollywood Councilman and former Mayor, Steve Schulte addresses the sit-down dinner celebration. Lisa Otey's music and election of officers follows. 6:30 p.m. no-host beverages; 7:30 p.m., sit-down dinner. $22.50 OP members, $25 non-members, includes choices of dinner entrees: New York Steak, Chicken MARIE OR Vegetarian Lasagna. Reservations required. Information: 297-3794.

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys $1.25. 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 - Noon to 5:30 p.m. check the light board for Sunday daytime specials. 5:30 - close: Bud and Bud Light $1.25 - Dance 8 pm.

OUTRAGEOUS - Game Room opens 7 pm. .75 Schnapps all nite. Strippers on first Sunday of each month.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open at noon. Buffet 3 to 6 with DJ.

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 $1.25, Well Drinks $1.50 + 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 - Noon to 5:30 p.m. Well drinks $1 (w/juice $1.25), Longnecks $1.50 - 5:30 to close: Miller and Miller Lite $1.25

OUTRAGEOUS - Denise serves $1 Coronas and $2 shots of Cuervo!

RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm: Two for 1 drinks.

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 $1.25, Well drinks $1.50, Corona Beer or Well Tequila $1.50 from 8 pm to 1 am. + 'Stop Light' specials. DJ at 9

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Longneck Bottle Beer Special: $1.00 from 8:00 until midnight. DJ from 8 to midnight.

GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks $1.50 till closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 p.m. Well drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25), Longnecks $1.50. 5:30 to close: Schnapps .50 per shot.

OUTRAGEOUS - Movie Night. Danny hosts $1.25 well from 7 to 1. Movie begins at 9 p.m.

RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm: Two for One drinks.

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 $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. Draft Beer Bust .50 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. Pool Tournament 8:00 p.m.

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

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 p.m. Well drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25) Longnecks $1.50. 5:30 to Midnight Beer Bust .50/glass - Schnapps .50/shot.

OUTRAGEOUS - Game Room opens at 7 pm. Pitchers of Miller or Miller Lite $3.00.

RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm: Two for One drinks.

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 $1.25, Well drinks $1.50, 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 - Noon to 5:30 p.m. Well Drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25). Longnecks $1.50. 5:30 to Close: Well Drinks .75 (w/juice $1.00). DJ 9 to 1.

OUTRAGEOUS - .25 Draft all night. Gavin opens the doors at 7 p.m.

RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm: Two for One drinks.

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 $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. 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 - Noon to 5:30 p.m. Well Drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25), Longnecks $1.50. 5:30 to Close: All Well $1.50 (with juice $1.75).

OUTRAGEOUS - Game Room opens at 7 pm. Dancing 9-1. Check for Theme Night events. Teen Club opens at 8 pm.

RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm: Two for One drinks.

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 $1.25. non-Premium Beer and $1.50 Well Drinks. DJ from 9 pm to 1

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

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 p.m. Well Drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25). Longnecks $1.50. 5:30 to Close: All Well $1.50 (with juice $1.75). Dance 8 to 1.

OUTRAGEOUS - Party and Dance in the disco from 9 to 1. Game Room opens at 7 pm. Teen Club opens at 8 pm.

RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) - Open Noon to 1 am. Under New Management.

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A REMARKABLE PEOPLE

by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

"There are only two ways to know your HIV antibody status:

1. Get Tested,
2. Get sick."

I'm not exactly one to seschew the hyperbolic overstatement, the dramatic gesture, but I'm a little uneasy about his new promotion urging HIV antibody testing. Now, unlike, say, three years ago, getting tested is a good idea but this promotion pushes all the wrong buttons, the hysterical reactions tha: have made this crisis one as much of humanity as of health.

Three years ago there was only one reason to get tested and that was to know your antibody status. There was nothing to be done with that knowledge except perhaps ease some anxiety, and if it hadn't been done already, change some sex habits. And, once Arizona instituted mandatory reporting of those testing positive, the reason not to be tested outweighed the reason to be tested.

But things have changed. There is still no cure for HIV infection, but there are ways of bolstering one's own immune systems, everything from proper rest and nutrition to an early commencement of AZT therapy. In fact, although this columnist has not seen documentation of them, there are reports of regeneration of the complete immune system through nutritional/spiritual regimens. There is so much out there to be hopeful about, so many day to day miracles for those whose virtually every thought is AIDS aware, that the "get tested or get sick" approach is off base.

It would be so much more positive and healing to let the worried well and the scared stiff know of the alternative therapies that are being developed and of the healthy and life-saving reasons behind knowing one's antibody status. As long as one's HIV test results are not being recorded to be used against you, it has become better to know than not to know.

The PWA Coalition has proved, again, as if it needed to be proved, that it is possible and meritorious to define oneself by the way one lives one's life rather than by a condition that is imposed from without, by science, or by God, or by some other such omniscient force.

Now there is another reason to get tested as well, one which while not as important on a personal basis, is nonetheless a valid and important reason. Now that the state has instituted anonymous testing, especially since in Tucson it's only at one clinic (Theresa Lee Clinic, 791-7676), it is possible by utilizing the anonymous testing to weight the numbers in favor of anti-AIDS discrimination, and anti-homophobia.

These numbers, which measure usage of testing facilities are shared not only in-state but with other states as well. Just as the PWA Coalition and the Hemophiliac Society were able to use the numbers tested per 100,000 population in New Mexico and Oregon vs. other states with no anonymity to convince this state to try anonymous testing, so activists in other states can use Arizona's figures in the quest to fight this disease and the idiocy that seems to surround it.

There are many reasons to get tested now, all of them good, none of them only to know your antibody status. AIDS, AIDS discrimination and homophobia are becoming beatable, but not by being passive. It takes action. The first step is to get tested-anonymously. The second is to begin a health and spiritual program to help your immune system as necessary. The third is to get active with any of the many local organizations that always need help.

It's an old way of life. First acquire knowledge, then belief. Finally take action. It sounds simple but it works.

News From MCC / TUCSON

The Sunday Morning Worship Service is generally recognized as the Church's chief expression of itself to its community. Faithfully attended and properly conducted, it should be an entirely efficient and sufficient means of accomplishing most of that which the Church exists to accomplish. A regular Sunday Worship Service is unquestionably the very greatest blessing a community can have. It is not possible to exaggerate its importance.

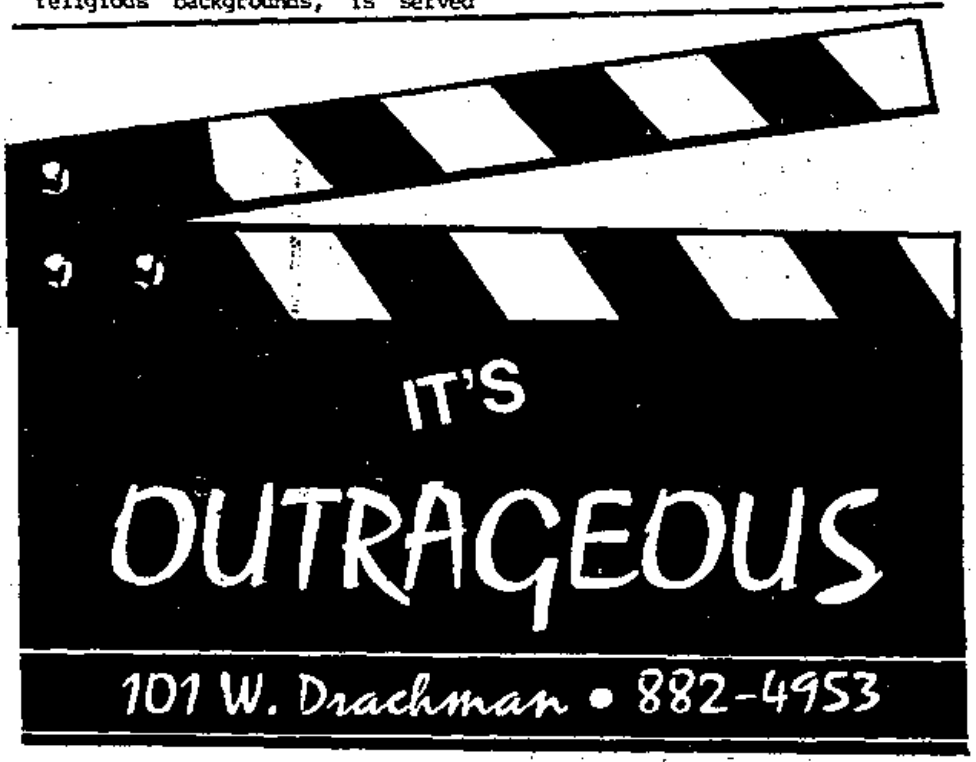
We attend church on Sunday as an Act of Worship to God. However, it is the most helpful, beautiful and interesting service that is possible to make it.

At MCC/Tucson, we have two Sunday Worship Services. Our Morning Worship Service, starting at 10:45 a.m. is a formal service and our Evening Worship Service in structure, is less formal. Our congregation, coming from many religious backgrounds, is served best by being able to attend the service with which they are more comfortable.

MCC/Tucson is here to serve the community, not only with worship services but in any way that we can. Our Pastoral Staff is always available for counseling and our congregation is here to give the support and encouragement to anyone who wants or needs it.

Our Pastor, Rev. Eduard Perry, has offices hours from noon until 7:00 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. Our Assistant Pastor, Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willey is available by appointment. Our telephone number is 622-4536, if no one is in the office at the time of your call, the answering machine will take you message and your call will be returned.

Thought for the Week: A neurotic is a person who, when you ask how they are, tells you.



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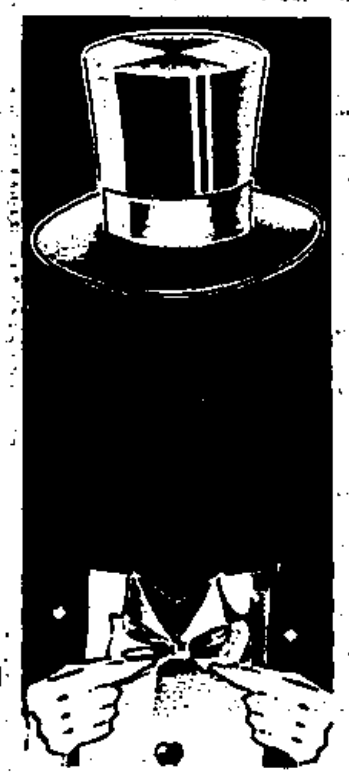

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DURANGO'S TO HOLD AIDS FAIR IN PHOENIX APRIL 2 & 2

PHOENIX - On Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2, Durango's will host its first AIDS FAIR '89 on its premises at 1517 S. Black Canyon Highway.

The event will unite the community with a Carnival and Swap Meet to raise funds for AIDS patients in Arizona. If you are a business, arts or crafts person, organization, you are invited to participate in raising funds in your name for those in need.

All space for booths will be provided free-of-charge in exchange for a percentage of your profits to be donated to AIDS Referral, Counseling and Education (ARCE). ARCE has assured that all funds received from this event will go directly for the care, medical and personal expenses of AIDS patients. The remaining sums may be donated to any charity or for whatever use you determine.

This will be a fun way to meet and socialize with fellow businesses, organizations and members of the community and accomplish needed fund raising for AIDS patients.

Call Durango's at 271-9017 to reserve your free booth at the Swap Meet to be held in Durango's three-acre adjacent lot from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The Carnival featuring game and amusement booths plus many top valley entertainers will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

If you do not wish a booth but have usable items to donate, call Durango's for pickup and delivery. Further information will be available from Durango's, ARCE at 461-2437 or the Lesbian and Gay Community Switchboard at 234-2752.

NGLTF CAMPUS PROJECT RELEASES FILM RESOURCE GUIDE

WASHINGTON, DC - The Campus Project of the National, Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has released a 15-page resource guide on films and videos available for use by Lesbian and Gay student groups and student activities staff. The Film Resource Guide was published in the NGLTF Campus Project's newsletter, "Organizing For Equality".

The Film Resource Guide contains general guidelines for selecting, ordering and showing films and videos, and contains a partial list of Gay/Lesbian movies and documentaries.

Kevin Berrill, NGLTF Campus & Anti-Violence Project Director noted, "We are committed at the Campus Project to providing useful resource tools for Gay and Lesbian student groups who are engaged in the crucial task of confronting homophobia and AIDS-phobia on campuses." Berrill noted that an earlier edition of the Campus Project Newsletter focused on "Responding To AIDS On Campus".

Interested persons may obtain copies of both issues of "Organizing For Equality" for $1.00 by writing NGLTF, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009.

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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.

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.

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

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YOUNG AND GAY?
Lesbians and Gay youths under 23 meet weekly in Tucson for sharing, support and information. You are not alone. Call Renee 884-7413 (days) or Wayne at 882-4009 (evenings)

P.A.C.T. - People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson - Broadmoor Bldg. - 151 S. Tucson Blvd. Office Hours 10 am-5 pm, M-F. Wednesdays - 7 pm, Positive Approach to Living with AIDS; Fridays, 7 pm, Singles Social; Saturday, noon-1 pm, Open Meeting. Call 322-9808.

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.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING A SUPPORT GROUP for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays in Tucson please contact Herb at 327-8519, Joan at 790-7526 or Sean, P.O. Box 26394, Tucson, AZ 85726. All information is strictly confidential.

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

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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.

A 12 step program for people worried about AIDS and their friends meets every Wednesday at the Church of Religious Science (rear building), 3269 N. Moutain, Tucson. For more information, call 792-3775 and leave a message.

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