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CONDOMS: A NECESSITY OF LIFE

By Craig Mitchell

Many kids joked about them in high school. Pranksters would fill them with water and throw them around like water balloons. Girls nervously giggled if they found one in their boyfriend's wallet. Some guys always carried a "spare."

Condoms—or "rubbers" as they're commonly known—are one of the oldest forms of contraception. But especially now a days, they're no laughing matter.

With the increase in the spread of the AIDS virus, public health officials have strongly suggested the use of condoms as a "safe sex" practice. Condom manufacturers have modernized their packaging and done some advertising. Condoms are more than just a good idea for any sexually active person; they're almost a matter of necessity.

While certain sexual practices—such as anal sex—are considered possibly risky for the spread of AIDS even with a condom, (due to the fact that if a condom is used improperly it might break) most officials agree the use of a condom greatly reduces the risk.

Certainly using a condom doesn't eliminate all risk. Most are made of a latex material and can tear, but the fact remains that anyone who engages in certain sexual acts without a condom is taking a far greater risk.

A problem in increasing acceptance of condoms for "safe sex" has been getting past the uncomfortable feelings some people have about them. Some feel nervous buying them at a drugstore. Others say they lessen the sexual satisfaction or are uncomfortable to use.

Clearly, manufacturers are trying to answer these problems. In many stores, condoms are now sold among other products in the aisles, rather than behind the pharmacy counter. A California distributor has developed a brand called "Man to Man," aimed at the homosexual community. Some gay bars and bathhouses either distribute condoms free or at little charge. The intent is to make you feel comfortable enough to buy and use a condom rather than risk having unsafe sex without one.

In addition, some condom makers have added a non latex condom to their lines of products. This "rubber" is not really a rubber at all, instead being derived from the inside of a lamb's intestines. These condoms are thinner than the latex ones, and more expensive, but their manufacturers advertise them as having a more "natural" feel.

You say you want colors? No problem. Nowa-

NATIONAL CONDOM WEEK CONDONES: UNA NECESIDAD VITAL!

Translated by Mikel Landa Camacho

Se acuerdan en el preparatoria cuando los muchachos se reían de ellos? Algunos graciosos los llenaban con agua y jugaban con ellos como si fueran bombitas de agua. Las muchachas se divertían si encontraban alguno en la cartera de sus novios. Por supuesto, los precavidos siempre cargaban uno de repuesto. Los condones o sombreritos, como se les conoce comúnmente, son los anticonceptivos por excelencia. Sin embargo en estos días, no se les considera un juego, si no mas bien, una necesidad.

Debido a que la contaminación del virus que produce el SIDA (AIDS) ha aumentado en forma alarmante. Los oficiales de la salud pública han recomendado el uso de condones para practicar el sexo en una forma segura. Inclusive los procesadores de condones han modernizado su presentación al público. Actualmente, los condones más que una buena idea para la persona sexualmente activa, significan una necesidad.

Mientras que algunas practicas sexuales—como el sexo anal—son consideradas peligrosas en la transmisión del SIDA, inclusive con el uso de condones, la mayoría de los profesionales están de acuerdo en que el uso de condones reduce grandemente el riesgo.

En 1985, estudios de laboratorio en la Universidad de California en San Francisco, confirmaron que el uso de condones puede prevenir la contaminación del virus del SIDA. Este ha sido el primer estudio que ha demostrado que el virus no puede penetrar la fina membrana de los condones. Es muy cierto, sin embargo, que el uso de condones no elimina el riesgo completamente. La mayoría de ellos son hechos de material elástico que puede romperse fácilmente. Pero lo más importante es reconocer, que las personas que practican ciertos actos sexuales sin el uso de condones se están exponiendo a un riesgo mayor.

Animar a las personas a usar condones para el sexo más seguro ha sido un poco problemático. Por un lado, a algunos les da pena comprarlos en la farmacia, y otros aseguran que los condones son incómodos, o que disminuyen la satisfacción sexual. Por supuesto que las procesadoras quieren resolver estos problemas. En muchas tiendas, los condones se colocan junto con otros productos; en lugar de ser colocados en la farmacia. Un distribuidor en California ha colocado una marca conocida como "De Hombre a Hombre", orientada a la comunidad homosexual.

Algunos bares y clubes de Baños de Vapor distribuyen los condones completamente gratis, o a un precio mínimo. La idea es la de darle confianza a la persona a comprar y usar el condón, y así evitar el riesgo de tomar parte en una actividad sexual peligrosa.

Algunas compañías han creado un condón fabricado del intestino de cordero. Estos condones son más delgados que los elásticos y también más caros, pero los productores aseguran que se sienten más "al natural".

Le gustan los colores? Entonces, no se preocupe porque ahora los tenemos en una extensa variedad de colores y materiales, y según parece, condones con distintos sabores aparecerán pronto en el mercado.

Trojans—manufacturados por los Productos Carter—ocupan el 50% de los condones en el mercado actual. En el año 1986 se estima que alrededor de 30 millones de dólares en condones Trojans fueron vendidos al público. Esta cifra constituye una gran cantidad de condones.

Los condones son uno de los métodos más seguros para evitar enfermedades y embarazos. Las ventas han aumentado a medida que tanto los heterosexuales como los homosexuales se han dado cuenta del beneficio que significa el uso de condones.

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days condoms come in a variety of festive shades and textures—and we understand flavored brands are soon to hit the market.

Trojans—made by Carter Products—own about 50% of the over-the-counter condom market.

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A letter to President Bush

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. President,

If I could be sure that this letter would truly reach your attention, oh what a country this would be.

I watched the activities of January 29 with such a feeling of American spirit and pride. It was a day for all America, not just a day for the select few on the steps of the capitol. I pray that the injection of inspiration from that day does not fade.

I have AIDS. My dresser-top resembles a small pharmacy. That along with an unyielding hope, is keeping me alive. However, I'm not the only one suffering. I am very much aware of the emotional hurt in my family and friends. A part of me must keep these people alive—I can't allow my pain to

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Rep. Barney Frank in Phoenix Feb. 11

PHOENIX—Openly Gay U.S. Democratic Congressman, Barney Frank from Massachusetts will be in Phoenix this weekend. A "Party Politics" reception in his honor is being planned for this Saturday, Feb. 11 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The party will be held at the home of Ed Buck, 2241 E. Vista Avenue. There will be complimentary Wine, Beer and Hors d'Oeuvres and no-host cocktails will be served also. Dress is casual.

There is a minimum donation of \$5.00 to attend, with all proceeds benefiting a general fund to promote Lesbian and Gay political issues in the 1990 elections.

All persons interested in the political future are urged to attend and bring a friend, meet Barney Frank and help kick off Campaign '90!



U.S. REP. BARNEY FRANK

UPDATE

MARDI GRAS WEEKEND BENEFIT FOR P.A.C.T.

TUCSON - A Mardi Gras Weekend benefit is in the formative stage of planning to take place over the weekend of March 2,3 and 4. The event is to be a benefit for the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson. The organizers are attempting to locate all past reigning queens to run for Miss Mardi Gras. For more information call 322-9808.

CAT COMMITTEE CRITIQUE WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

TUCSON - The Community Awards of Tucson (C.A.T.) Committee will hold their next meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Back Pocket/Joshua Tree on Wednesday, Feb. 15. All members are encouraged to attend and the public is welcome also.

At this meeting discussion will center on the past awards presentations, the failures and how to eliminate them and how the Committee can improve what is perceived to be wrong.

This is a community endeavor and any criticism is welcome. The Committee wants to make this an annual event that the entire community can be proud of and everyone's help is needed.

SUPREMES UPHOLD GAY FIRING

WASHINGTON, DC (GON) - The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the National Security Agency (NSA) did not violate the rights of John Doe, a Gay employee, when it fired him on national security grounds without giving him the chance to challenge the action at a hearing. The court voted unanimously to overturn a lower court's decision that Doe was entitled to a full civil service and administrative hearing to challenge his dismissal.

Doe had been employed with the ultra-secret agency for 16 years at the time of his dismissal in 1982. The NSA revoked Doe's security clearance after he told NSA officials he had engaged in homosexual conduct with citizens of foreign countries. After revoking Doe's clearance, the agency fired him, since having clearance is a prerequisite for employment at NSA.

Doe argued that a 1950 law provides procedural protections for NSA employees and that he should have been entitled to a hearing before being fired. According to the New York Times, the Supreme Court ruling decided the statutory authority of NSA to fire Doe did not address "the broader question of Gay rights."

A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT: CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

To date AIDS has been confronted in the lab, the governmental office, and the Gay community. Four years ago I took an active role in a local AIDS service organization. I jumped in to help in some way to fight a "plague" that shocked and disgusted most Americans. Four years later, I am now one of the thousands of Americans suffering from AIDS. My organizational work will not suffer.

Money for AIDS research and education has come from the government and the Gay community. This must change.

My respect for the Reagan Administration falls short with the issue of AIDS. Signaling legislation for monies to fight AIDS somewhat sidesteps the issue. A battle can only be won when it is faced eye to eye.

I am asking that you, President Bush, step forward and face a person with AIDS, eye to eye, offering a hand shake as a symbol of caring and support. AIDS will remain the talk of backrooms until some sort of personal attention is offered.

What a glorious day to behold when people step forward in the fight against AIDS because they care, not simply because a friend or family member has become a statistic.

This is my dream for a "kinder and gentler" America.

Respectfully

Jack Wilson
Tucson, Arizona

CONDOM

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Other brands, like Schmid's Shick and Ramses and Ansell's Lifestyle are fighting for their part of the multi-million dollar business. In 1986 alone, it is estimated that about \$30 million worth of Trojans were sold. That's alot of condoms.

Advertising and awareness are increased as well. Schmid products ran an ad campaign featuring the slogan, "Plan ahead with Ramses."

Condoms are really the one available method of preventing both disease and pregnancy. Sales have increased as both heterosexuals and homosexuals have become more aware of the benefits of using condoms. Don't take the risk. Consider using a condom in your sexual practices. It could help save a life.

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¡NO SE ARRIESGUE! Asegúrese de usar condones en sus prácticas sexuales. Acuérdese del comercio de American Express: "No salga de casa sin ellos". Esto podría ayudar a salvar una vida.



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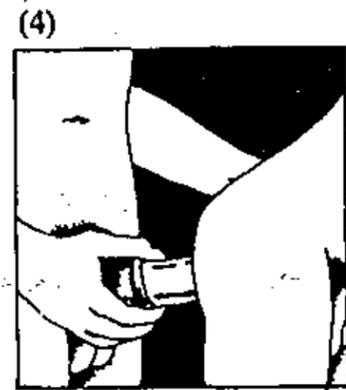
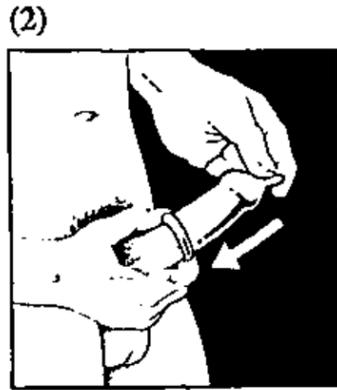
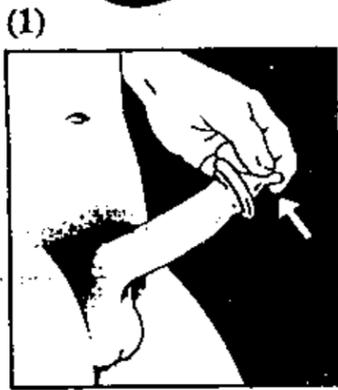
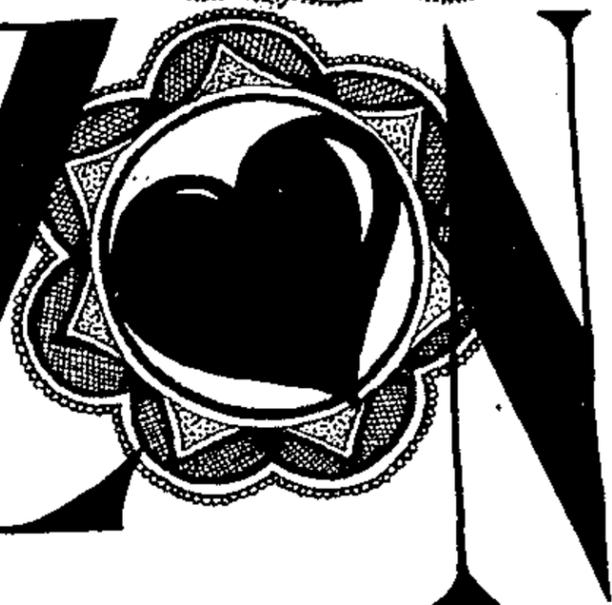
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CONCOCNDON CORAZA



COMO USAR UN CONDON

Abra cuidadosamente el empaque/paquete, así no rompe el condón/hule.

El revisar el condón, puede hacerlo frágil, no le soplo, no lo desenrolle hásta que esté puesto.

Aunque no es necesario, usted o su pareja pueden poner una goia de algún lubricante a base de agua. (Es importante no usar lubricantes con base de aceite como vaselina ó grasa.) Esto puede aumentar la sensación al pene durante la relación sexual. (Asegúre de que no quedó lubricante en el cuerpo del pene; esto puede causar que el condon resbale y se salga durante el acto sexual.)

1) Ponga el hule sobre la cabeza del pene/verga en erección/ cuando esta parada ó dura.

Si el condon tiene un reservoria en la punta (como una tetilla) saque el aire que puede quedar. Si el condon no tiene este reservoria, deje como media pulgada (del condon) para darle al semen un lugar donde se acumule. Asegurarse e primiendo que no quede aire.

2) Continúe sosteniendo la punta del condón y (3) desenrollelo sobre el pene hasta llegar a los testiculos/huevos.

Si el hombre no ha sido circuncidado, se recomienda que se estire hacia atrás el prepucio/cuerrito, gorra, etc.

Saque cuidadosamente el aire que pueda haber quedado atrapado en todo lo largo del pene.

Esto puede hacer que el pene sienta mejor sensación durante el acto sexual.

4) Cuando usted ó su pareja/ compañero halla terminado, defenga la base del condón, y cuidadosamente mientras el pene aún esté erecto/duro, quite el condón.

No espere que el condón se caiga.

Tire el condón.

Usted y su compañero posiblemente quisieran bañarse ó lavarse despucs de tener relaciones sexuales.

Es importante usar un condón nuevo cada vez que tenga relaciones sexuales.

PRECAUCION: Los condones no son 100% seguros, pero usados correctamente, son un modo efectivo en controlar la transmisión del virus VIH que puede causa el SIDA. Tambien pueden prevenir otras enfermedades venéreas.

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HOW TO USE A CONDOM.

Open the package carefully to avoid tearing the condom/rubber.

Do not stretch, blow up, or test in any other way as this may damage the condom.

Only unroll the condom when you, your partner, or both, are ready to put it on.

The person(s) wearing the condom may want to put a drop of water-based lubricant inside the tip of the condom. (Do not use oil based lubricants such as vaseline, baby oil as these can cause the condom to break.) This will make the penis/cock feel better during sex. (Be sure not to get lubricant on the shaft/ sides of the penis so that the condom does not slip off during sex.)

1) Put the condom against the hard penis/hard on.

If the condom has a reservoir tip (nipple at the end), squeeze the air out of the tip. If the condom does not have a reservoir tip, leave half an inch at the end so the semen/cum has a place to go. Remember: squeeze out any air at the tip.

2) While holding the tip of the of the condom, (3) unroll it all the way down the penis.

Make sure there is no air at the tip or along the shaft. (Air bubbles are one of the main reasons that condoms break.)

If you or your partner are uncircumcised, pull back the foreskin first.

4) When finished having sex, hold on to the base of the condom and pull out gently while the penis/cock is still hard.

This will help avoid leaks or have it slip off.

Throw the used condom away. You and your partner may want to wash up after sex.

Remember to always use a new condom every time you have sex.

CAUTION: Condoms are not 100% safe. If used correctly they can help prevent the transmission of the HIV virus that can cause AIDS as well as help prevent other sexually transmitted diseases.

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Lights of Tucson

by Michael - Tucson

I am sorry that my being snowbound in Montana caused me to miss a column. Anyway, here it is, all you great ten-year, ahead-of-your-time Aquarians. Your special New Moon arrives at midnight on February 6th on the 17th Degree which just so happens to coincide with my Sidreal Sun. Maybe I should consult an astrologer.

ARIES

6th House: Hope you men and women have strong constitutions because this is the time to take care of health, diet, exercise and do not overeat.

TAURUS

7th House: You may meet an interesting Aquarian this month through a letter or phone call.

GEMINI

8th House: This is your time to end old matters and relationships. Take on new responsibilities. You may have to care for parent or elderly person who is ill.

CANCER

9th House: You will probably feel like moving to a new residence or taking a long trip this month. It is not a bad idea. But if it is because your home environment is unsettling, that will pass. So stick it out.

LEO

10th House: Here you are on the top of the heap again! What will it be this time, a raise, promotion or getting yourself in the press or TV?

VIRGO

11th House: A great time for making new friends, joining clubs or organizations that tend to promote your kind of ideals.

LIBRA

12th House: Not being able to make a decision now could be costly for you, bringing separations, loss of work or partners. Make a decision even if it is wrong, at least it will be a positive step.

SCORPIO

1st House: Trouble right here in Tucson city! That old scorpion is on the doorstep and may open a nasty pan of worms in local government. Look for big changes, they may be bigger than you expect.

SAGGITARIUS

2nd House: So you will be making the big bucks this month! Well, do not spend it all on food. Jupiter, Lord of your sign, is in Taurus, and overindulgence can be a problem, especially a weight problem.

CAPRICORN

3rd House: This will be a month of business communication. Mercury will have gone direct a few hours prior to this moon and all matters which have been delayed will now have to be taken care of.

AQUARIUS

4th House: Possible changes in your home environment or occupation. You may redecorate or move to a new address. You may take on a new position with more or less earnings.

PISCES

5th House: Your lucky week for the Pick or office pool. You may also form a new friendship of a romantic nature with a Capricorn or a Libra. The Capricorn will deceive you.

AIDS protest blocks Golden Gate Bridge

by Diane Curtis
 SAN FRANCISCO, CA - A rush-hour human blockade protesting the slow pace of AIDS research and lack of support for AIDS patients froze morning traffic on the Golden Gate Bridge, Tuesday, Jan. 31, and set commuter tempers on fire.

"They won't make any friends like this," said an angry Fran Soniat, a San Rafael resident who was 35-minutes late for her job as a legal secretary in San Francisco. "I'm all for combatting AIDS, but this is not the way to do it."

Representatives of AIDS groups not involved in the protest, inundated with calls from angry commuters, quickly disavowed the demonstration and said they had never heard of "Stop AIDS Now or Else," the group that staged the protest.

"I am very sorry they felt they had to do it," said Pat Christen, director of policy for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. The demonstration could hurt support for AIDS patients. Many of the people who called about the demonstration threatened to withhold donations to AIDS support groups, she said.

Fifty-five protesters gathered on the sidewalk of the fog-shrouded bridge at 7:30 a.m., and then stepped into the traffic 16-minutes later, during the height of the morning commute, blocking both northbound and southbound lanes.

As the demonstration continued and police and California Highway Patrol officers were called to the scene, Highway 101 became a parking lot from the Richardson Bay Bridge in Mill Valley to the Marina and Richmond districts in San Francisco.

Some commuters sat in their cars or on buses for up to an hour before traffic started moving again. Others pulled off at Sausalito to catch the ferry or have a cup of coffee. But most just sat and waited.

Twenty-five protesters - 14 women and 11 men - were arrested. Twenty-four were cited for trespassing and creating a public nuisance.

Gay man who saved President Ford dies

by Jennifer McNulty
 SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) - Death came to Oliver W. Sipple without any of the fanfare that once distinguished the disabled ex-Marine who had become a reluctant hero when he foiled an assassination attempt on then-President Gerald R. Ford.

A friend found Sipple, 47, dead in his apartment last Thursday, Feb. 2, apparently of natural causes. A framed letter of commendation signed by Ford hung on the wall.

A coroner's Office spokesperson said Sipple apparently died of natural causes, but results of an autopsy performed Friday were not immediately available. A statement released by the office said Sipple had a pacemaker and a long history of hypertension and heart problems.

Sipple gained unwanted fame on Sept. 22, 1975, when he lunged for a .38-caliber chrome revolver aimed at Ford by Sara Jane Moore

sance. One of the protesters, Karol Jones, 37, of San Francisco, was booked for resisting arrest. All were released from custody.

Bruce Selby, marketing director for the Golden Gate Bridge District, said the protest marked the first time in the bridge's 52-year history that demonstrators have closed the bridge. He said the bridge has been shut down only a handful of other times, mostly because of high winds.

San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos issued a statement saying that although he sympathizes with the demonstrators' cause, "they picked the wrong target."

"The commuters who came over that bridge this morning late as supportive as anyone on AIDS issues," he said. "The demonstration only annoyed people and inconvenienced people whose minds do not need changing."

During the demonstration, the protesters, sporting buttons saying, "I Stopped on the Bridge to Stop AIDS", strung a banner across the width of the span reading, "AIDS = Genocide / Silence = Death / Fight Back!" They distributed leaflets calling on commuters to demand that the government step up financing to find a cure for AIDS, provide affordable health care and end campaigns for mandatory testing for the HIV virus.

"We chose the Golden Gate Bridge because we thought that would be the most disruptive to people," said Darla Rucker, spokeswoman for the protesters. "AIDS is disrupting our lives, and until people's lives are disrupted, they don't pay attention. We don't have the time to wait. My friends are dying all around me."

Members of the group said they represented about 150 people with AIDS and friends of people with AIDS.

At a press conference, the group basked in the attention the protest received. Many people "took time to think about AIDS," said protester Kate Rafael. "If some were angered, others were inspired. The overall impact was positive."

outside a San Francisco hotel. His move caused Moore's shot to go astray, hitting a building instead.

Afterward, Sipple telephoned news outlets and begged them not to mention his name, his address or "anything about me".

"I'm not a hero; I'm a live coward," he said later. "It's probably the scariest thing that ever happened in my whole life."

But reports about Sipple, some mentioning his homosexuality, were published, anyway.

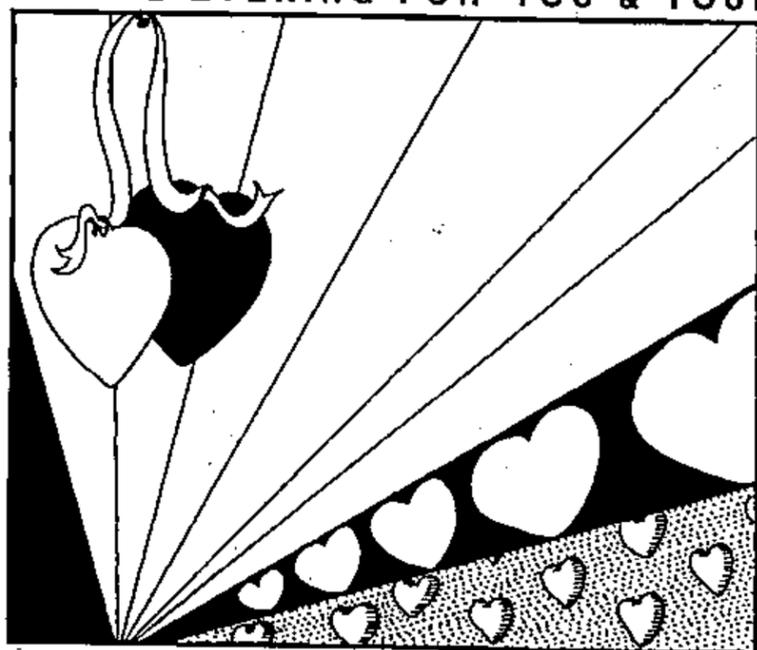
Sipple filed a \$15 million invasion-of-privacy lawsuit against several newspapers, claiming he was abandoned by his brothers and sisters after they learned of his sexual orientation by reading news stories.

"My sexuality is part of my
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A REMARKABLE PEOPLE

by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

All right, it's true, I confess. I'm the socio-political equivalent of a mad scientist. I like to add new ingredients, stir things up and see what happens. Maybe there'll be an explosion. Maybe a bunch of people will change color, party affiliation or something. Maybe there'll be some kind of melt down of civilization as we know it.

It is for this reason that I have been wishing even more fervently than usual to win the ten million dollar Publisher's Clearinghouse Sweepstakes. For, you see, I have a new fantasy. With that ten million dollars I could buy a sizeable company, one that employed enough people to be covered by federal guidelines.

It doesn't matter what the company does or makes, I'd really only be interested in the employees. I'd give them across the board pay raises to help insure they'd want to stay with the company, and maybe institute bi-annual bonuses and profit sharing. It would probably be a good thing to offer a family dental plan and increase the life and health insurance benefits. Maybe offer free day care. The idea, after all, would be to make this an exceptional place to work.

Then I'd fire everyone who was not Gay and hope someone took me to court. It would be a long and sensational trial. "I'm sorry your Honor, working around breeders gives me the creeps. Why, everyone knows they've only got one thing on their minds, breeding or being bred. It's just not natural in this overpopulated day and age to be so interested in breeding.

Or perhaps better yet. "No, your Honor, I don't feel I can trust them. Ted Bundy was heterosexual and look what happened to

those who trusted him. Or what about what Evan Mecham did to the people of Arizona. No, heterosexuals just cannot be trusted."

And finally, "Well, gee whiz, your Honor. If you'd look it up you'd see that in only one state and a handful of cities is sexual orientation protected. Therefore I can fire these breeders for the same reason Lesbians and Gay men are being fired all the time. "They disgust me." "They're security risks." "They have poor moral character." "My other employees don't like sharing a bathroom with them." Just any capricious reason I want. Justice is not with the majority, but with whomever controls the purse strings.

I have gone over this little fantasy in my head many times. Sometimes a new wrinkle occurs to me, like a line on the employment application asking if a prospective employee would be willing to "convert" to homosexuality to work there. Other times the whole focus changes to where I fire all non-Gays except one, the most intelligent, literate one, then browbeat him/her into writing a book about the way he/she was prejudiced against, taunted and abused.

But in the end, I know I could never do any of these things. That's the difference between me and "them". Having grown up the recipient of the taunts, having lived part of my life feeling out he outside, I couldn't treat someone else that way, couldn't say to someone else what's been said to me. But God what a fun fantasy to while away some hours with. It's almost as much fun as the time I spend dreaming about exchanging bodily fluids with the night watchman where I work. But that's another story.

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Lesbian/Gay Civil Rights Bill re-introduced into Congress

WASHINGTON, DC - The Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill was re-introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives Tuesday, Jan. 24 by Congressman Ted Weiss (D-NY) and Henry Waxman (D-CA). A companion bill was re-introduced to the Senate by Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA) the following day.

Sixty Three Representatives signed up as original co-sponsors of the bill, officially called the Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1989 (H.R. 655). Arizona Congressman Morris K. Udall (D) has once again signed on a co-sponsor of the bill. Eight Senators have signed on to the companion bill. Gay rights lobbyists from the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) are confident more will sign on in the upcoming months of the 101st Congress.

The bill would amend existing federal civil rights statutes to protect people on the basis of "affectional or sexual orientation" from discrimination in the areas of employment, housing and credit, government-assisted opportunities and public accommodations. The bill would outlaw discrimination in stores, restaurants, hotels and other places selling services or goods.

"Affectional or sexual orientation" is defined to mean "male or female homosexuality, heterosexuality, and bisexuality by orientation or practice, by and between consenting adults."

"Discrimination in any form, against any class of persons, should be abhorrent to all those who live in a civilized society," said Weiss in his remarks introducing the bill.

"Gay men and Lesbians are in every occupation and institution in our nation, be they doctors or nurses, lawyers or clerks, writers, union members and managers," said Weiss. They are rich and poor, black and white, rural and urban, and number perhaps 20 million of the hard-working, law-abiding citizens among us. But this minority is different from others in that they do not now have legal recourse when they encounter discrimination."

The bill has been introduced into Congress since the mid-1970s and has gained support over time. Hearings were held on the bill in 1980 and 1981. At the end of the last Congress, 73 Representatives and 10 Senators were co-sponsors.

All co-sponsors who ran for

Preliminary victory in insurance discrimination case

NEW YORK, NY - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has announced an important preliminary victory in a discrimination lawsuit against an insurance company that treated an applicant differently because it perceived him to be Gay.

Federal Judge Robert W. Sweet of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York ruled that the applicant may pursue his claims against the company under the pseudonym "John Doe" because of privacy concerns arising from the nature of the lawsuit.

With Lambda's help, the applicant sued United Services Life Insurance Company last July because it had required that he submit to special tests and pay higher premiums for life insurance. An agent of the company had told his father that Doe was viewed with special caution because he was unmarried and lived with another male in New York City.

In his complaint against the company, the applicant charged that the company's treatment of

him amounted to marital status and sexual orientation discrimination, and also constituted unfair and deceptive business practices.

Ironically, although apparently perceived by United Services to be Gay, the applicant is heterosexual. At the time of his application, he was a law student simply sharing an apartment with another male student.

Because of the sensitivity of the issues underlying the case — including sexual orientation and conduct — and because the applicant did not want to jeopardize further his future ability to obtain insurance, Doe asked the court for permission to conduct his case under a pseudonym. United Services contested his motion, even though it knew his true identity.

In finding in favor of the applicant, Judge Sweet determined that United Services would not be prejudiced by allowing Doe to proceed under an assumed name, and ordered the suit to go forward.

re-election last year won their races, except for Senator Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.). Lesbian and Gay civil rights were not an issue in Weicker's race.

"Almost every previous co-sponsor is already back on the bill, plus some new ones," said Eric Rosenthal, HRCF political director. "We will work hard to increase the number of co-sponsors. We also will seek opportunities to move Lesbian and Gay civil rights issues wherever we can."

Among the House co-sponsors are four freshman members who received HRCF contributions. Jolene Unsoeld (D-Wash.); Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.); Jim McDermott (D-Wash.) and Eliot Engel, (D-N.Y.) — all who won hotly contested races — received Gay PAC money and pledged to support the bill before their elections. Virtually every other co-sponsor also received HRCF contributions.

Senator John Chafee (R-R.I.) is the only returning Republican to become an original co-sponsor. Because of his long-standing record of support, Chafee received the maximum \$10,000 contribution from HRCF in the House. HRCF lobbyists have targeted several Republican Senators and Representatives as potential co-sponsors.

The bill also has significant backing from members of the Congressional Black Caucus. Thirteen of the 24 members of the Caucus are co-sponsors of the bill. Several other Caucus members are expected to sign on soon.

HRCF urges people concerned about the Gay and Lesbian civil rights to contact their legislators and ask them to co-sponsor the bill or thank them for their support.

"In the era of AIDS it is necessary to remember our civil rights are vitally important," said Robert Bray, HRCF Communications Director. "Discrimination against Gays and Lesbians has helped AIDS spread. We must keep Gay and Lesbian civil rights on top of the desks of our lawmakers."

Senators can be reached at the U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. Representatives can be reached at the House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515. Call both at (202)224-3121. Individuals may also send an HRCF mailgram to members of Congress by calling the "Action Hotline" at 1-800-325-6000, operator 9188.

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CALENDAR

of upcoming events

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) monthly Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m. Fun and Prizes too!

RAINBOW ROOM - They're starting a regular "Sunday Buffet" here today. It goes from 3 until 6 p.m. and is only \$1.00. Check it out. It's a weekly event! David Ross will be playing music during the afternoon too.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

COLETTE'S - An evening of 'Women's Music' with Moon as your DJ. 9 p.m. to midnight.

GRADUATE - Another big club day here with Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) holding their monthly Beer Bust from 2 until 6 p.m. plus their regular monthly TALL Dinner from 3 until 6 p.m. Then, get ready for Sisters of Sonora (SOS) who will hold their monthly Casino Night beginning at 4 p.m. and runs until 9 p.m. Drink - food - gambling - what more could one want? (Don't answer!)

IBT'S - A special Valentine Show begins at 9:30 p.m. featuring Tucson's finest: Candy Plastique, Aviva Diamond and Christine Shade. Put on your party pumps and get going! There will be special "Sweetheart Drink Specials" from 5:30 until closing. Check out IBT's ad this issue. There's a lot going on here.

JOSHUA TREE - Just two days early, JT's presents a Valentine Show on the indoor stage featuring Dana Barritt and some outstanding special guests. Watch for the lineup, and make plans to be there. It starts at 10:30 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - It's another big sports afternoon here with #1 University of Arizona basket-Cats playing the deposed #1 Oklahoma University. It will be on the giant 7' screen as well as the high-tech monitors. And during the game bloody marys and screwdrivers and all domestic bottle beer will be only \$1.00! Join the sport crowd and cheer our Cats on.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

COLETTE'S - Valentine's Dinner and Dance from 5:30 until Close. Make reservations now! \$6.50 per person includes dinner and dancing. A special evening for you and yours.

RAINBOW ROOM - Stop on by with a 'heart-on' and receive 1/2 off of your Valentine's drink. The new owners will be around during the evening to help celebrate a special birthday occasion.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

COLETTE'S - Loren Johnsons will headline this month's 'country and western' night. Also it is Coors Promotion Night with T-Shirts and other great prizes.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

OUTRAGEOUS - T-Shirt Night! Wear an Outrageous T-Shirt and enjoy drink specials all night long!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

COLETTE'S - Lisa Otey plays and sings for your entertainment from 9 p.m. until midnight.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

COLETTE'S - Singer / musician / songwriter par excellence Anne English performs this evening.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

COLETTE'S - Those zany original Dyketones from Provincetown are back on stage here beginning at 8:00 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; Marge and Mickey; Darryl and Keith. Sound like fun? You bet! Get there early for a good seat. It begins at 8:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 23 - 26

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

COLETTE'S - Patti McCulla will be playing and singing from 7:30 until 7:55. A real nice evening of music.



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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 WEEK'S ISSUE. AFTER FIRST NOTICE HAS APPEARED IT WILL APPEAR WEEKLY UNTIL THE EVENT HAS TAKEN PLACE. MR. CORBIN MAY BE REACHED AT 297-1909 OR 622-4536).

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, FEB. 10, 11 & 12 - Boomer's Cafe Espresso will be celebrating the Gem and Mineral Show on 4th Avenue. There will be an outdoor cart on the northeast corner of 4th Ave. and 6th Street on Friday from 10 a.m. until dusk, and on Saturday and Sunday from noon until dusk. On Friday night starting at 8 p.m., Renee Janton, flutist, will perform in the Cafe and on Saturday night, starting at 8 p.m., John Taylor, acoustic guitarist, will perform. There will be courtyard seating during these performances.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - "Lust In Space" an intergalactic Valentine's celebration and dance sponsored by Wingspan will be held at Studio Y, YWCA (5th at University) from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No alcohol, no minimum age and there will be performances at 10 and again at midnight. Tickets on sale now at Books Brothers and Antigone Books - in advance \$4 for Wingspan members, \$5 non-members. (Tickets at the door \$6 and \$7).

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 - Independent Tavern Owners Association (ITA) meets at Rainbow Room 10:00 a.m. Members only.

Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. at Joshua Tree for critique of past Awards ceremonies. Community input is requested.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association general meeting. Hotel Park Tucson. Attorneys Susan Freund and Gregory Gadarian offer tax tips and IRS updates. 7:00 p.m., no-host beverages; 7:30 p.m., general meeting. Free to OP members and first-time guests, \$5.00 for repeat guests at the door. Information: (602)297-3794.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - MCC/Tucson will hold their first Bingo games. Games will run from 6:30 until 9:00 p.m. The public is welcome. These will be state licensed games and no one under 18 will be allowed to play. There will be beverages and snacks for sale during the evening.



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2. TRES AMIGOS	9	3	.750	1
3. THE BACKDOOR BOYS	9	3	.750	1
4. BUSY B'S	8	4	.667	2
5. STRIKER FORCE	8	4	.667	2
6. HOLSEKETEERS	8	4	.667	2
7. BOTTOMS UP	7	5	.583	3
8. DICK'S LITTLE INDIANS	6.5	5.5	.541	3.5
9. THE FIRST PLACE TEAM	6	6	.500	4
10. CHESTER AND THE BOYS	4	8	.333	6
11. "NEXT WEEK"	4	8	.333	6
12. ACEY-DEUCEY	2	10	.167	8
13. WHOLLY ROLLERS	2	10	.167	8
14. PHILISTINE PROS	0.5	11.5	.041	9.5

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HIGH GAME HANDICAP: DICK'S LITTLE INDIANS 716 / WAYNE J. 307 / JOHN G. 283

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Caribe Beer \$1.00; Bloody Marys \$1.25. Steak Dinner 4 pm to 7:55 \$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 Wayne 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 Coetvo!
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 from 8 pm to 1 am. + 'Stop Light' specials. DJ at 9 pm.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special.

LONGNECK BOTTLE BEER SPECIAL: \$1.00 from 8:00 until midnight. 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 Wayne.

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 close 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 - "Sudersize!" .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. 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 - 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. 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 - 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.
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 Wayne.

WHAT'S UP DOG?



Boy, the first weekend of the month can be tiresome and goes by too fast. When you attend two different club meetings, stop by for another club's Beer Bust and just try to have a couple restful beers at three different locations, it catches up to you. But it has been that way for years and probably a lot more to come, so you carry on, no complaining because deep inside you know you love it.

Now I have another full weekend ahead of me this coming weekend. First off, on Saturday at the Graduate it's TKO's Beer Bust time. Also going on during this Beer Bust, it's TKO's annual "Mini Tacky Ball". I have it from reliable sources that last year's winner is so proud of her title she is going to enter this year's contest again to defend it. Of course that little promise has a string attached to it - another contestant for this year's Closet Ball.

The festivities get started at 2 p.m. with the Mini Tacky Ball somewhere around 3 or 4ish. Of course prizes will be won, I just don't know what they will be because I haven't seen a Gypsy wagon go by yet. Of course, another reason is I'm not buying those prizes or you know the winners would be in trouble. TKO will still be having their raffle drawings also, so stop in for a fun afternoon.

If, by chance, you miss all of this on Saturday, don't fret - you still have Sunday. Also, at the Graduate, starting at 2 p.m., it will be TALL's Beer Bust. TALL will have a couple more gifts to be raffled off too. The Beer Bust runs from 2 to 6 p.m., and starting at 3 p.m., it's time for their monthly meal - steak, baked potato and salad for \$2.99. These meals are always worth the price and normally the size of portions are larger than expected.

You might as well plan on having this dinner because immediately following TALL's Beer Bust and Dinner, it's time for SOS' monthly Casino Night. We all know how much fun these nights are. Casino Night usually starts up around 4 p.m. and for this month only, it will run until 8:30 p.m. The early stopping time is so that points can be tabulated, prizes given out to the winners and then everyone can run over to IBT's for their "Sweetheart Party" show starting at 9:30ish. Check IBT's ad for the names of those in the show.

See, I told you another full weekend was in store for Tucson. At least the third weekend of February will be slightly slower, but on a high plane also. That's the weekend Partners holds their monthly Beer Bust over at IBT's from 2 to 6 p.m. They will be having drawings again for more of those fabulous prizes. That day also Partners will be holding their 2nd Annual "Legs Contest". Prizes will be awarded to those ?? legs according to the different

categories. Judging will again be accomplished by those impartial judges, you - the audience.. Watch next week's paper for more details on this day.

Hooray! Nothing is planned for that Sunday except a certain household move. For that one, I'm going to carry my cat-of-nine-tails and be the stupidvisor for all. Do not plan to have the following weekend off either. It's time for SOS's Hoedown at IBT's. I'll be giving more on this always fabulous day as the date gets a little closer.

Roger, Nogales is off again. It seems the 19 of February, TKO has decided to take in those hot air balloons up at Continental Ranch and they have invited all other Tucson clubs. For anyone else, who would like to go along, join them at (would you believe) 5 a.m. at the launch site. Cost for this event, not paid to TKO, is a \$5.00 a carload. For anyone who has never seen a mass ascending of numerous hot air balloons, it's beautiful and worth seeing. Get a carload together and drive up to watch.

I guess that's it for this week. I send everyone who reads this column a BIG Valentine full of love and kisses. (See how many stamps I saved by using my column for all of you, (HAHA!)). Have a beautiful week and. I'll see you around.

TBBS: I told a certain directoress I was going to mention her in my column, using something different for each of the following, S-, P-, F-, S-, L-, AND WW, so there you should have seen her Sunday, she really aired out the old wrinkled back door. We sure are lucky in Tucson. One of our local watering holes offers the only sunken bar Saturday afternoons. If you want to see this one, stop by IBT's. From Mark also - "We are family, Sister Sludge, Mary Martyr, Vanna and Christine Shade."

Yes "Miss Sunset" I do hear everything, but don't print everything. And yes, Miss "S", from RH, I do give you a free pass on your comments once in a while, but don't count on too many. From the CAT Awards I saw two dressed in black, high collar, one white and one rhinestones. The white said his word is from higher sources but the rhinestoned one can sing higher. And finally, another weekend has passed without a certain old body winning yet another trash award, but don't worry, the summer is on its way. Oops, almost forgot this one. A certain lady in town who always is losing her bras, now has another problem. It seems she couldn't keep her pants up last Sunday.



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ACLU BRINGS FIRST GAY LIFE PARTNER CASE TO NEW YORK'S HIGHEST COURT
 NEW YORK, NY - On January 23 the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project filed a brief in the New York Court of Appeals arguing that its client, a Gay man, should be considered to be a member of his deceased lover's family and accordingly protected against eviction from the couple's rent controlled apartment. The case, *Braschi v. Stahl Associates*, Index No. 02194-87, is the first Gay life partner case to reach New York's highest court.

"This is but one of the dozens of cases in which landlords are attempting to evict surviving Gay lovers from their homes. With the AIDS crisis, the quantity of these cases is sky-rocketing," said William B. Rubenstein, a staff attorney with the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, which represents the plaintiff. "Because it is the highest court in New York State, the Court of Appeals decision in the *Braschi* case will finally decide whether Gay couples will be treated equally under rent control," Rubenstein stated.

The plaintiff, Miguel Braschi, lived with his lover in their family home, a rent controlled apartment in New York City, for ten years. The lease to the apartment was in his lover's name. When his lover died, the landlord moved to evict Braschi from the home. However, New York City regulations permit surviving spouses and family members who lived in the apartment, to remain in the apartment and take over the rent control lease if the tenant dies. Braschi has argued throughout this case that, as a Gay life partner, he is a member of his deceased lover's family and therefore entitled to the lease.

"We are asking the court to analyze family in functional terms. There is no question that our client and his partner functioned as a family," declared Nan D. Hunter, Director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

The trial court agreed that Braschi was a member of his lover's family. The court prohibited the landlord from evicting Braschi. However, an intermediate appellate court found for the landlord and reversed the trial court's decision. Appeal to the Court of Appeals was permitted and on Jan. 23, the ACLU filed its brief on Braschi's behalf. The case will be argued this spring.

"The court's decision will have a tremendous impact on how 'family' is interpreted in a wide variety of legal contexts," Rubenstein added.

PRELIMINARY VICTORY IN INSURANCE DISCRIMINATION CASE
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"The importance of Judge Sweet's ruling goes beyond this particular case," said Thomas B. Stoddard, Lambda's Executive Director and one of the attorneys representing Doe. "It stands for the proposition that courts should be especially solicitous of plaintiffs alleging unfair discrimination because of the interests of the entire society in eliminating unequal treatment. It recognizes in particular the special privacy concerns of plaintiffs in sexual orientation discrimination cases."

The suit against United Services will now move forward through other phases of litigation, beginning with the discovery of evidence.

MAN WHO FOILED ATTEMPT ON FORD'S LIFE DIES AT 47, 'PUNISHED' BY PUBLICITY

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 private life and has no bearing on my response to the act of a person seeking to take the life of another," he said in the suit, which was filed five days after the assassination attempt.

He lost the five-year court battle when the suit was dismissed in Superior Court.

"He was 100 percent disabled from his service in the Marine Corps, then he went out of his way, endangering his life, to save the life of President Gerald Ford - then he got punished for doing it," attorney John Wahl, who represented Sipple, said.

Sipple, who was on disability because of mental problems relating to his combat experiences in the Vietnam War, had originally come to San Francisco from Detroit so that he could live as he wished without upsetting his family, Wahl said.

Sipple never regretted his lifesaving action, Wahl added.

"He just was astounded that some columnist and then the rest of the media would just take it upon themselves - without ever asking him - to publicize these personal facts about him," said Wahl.

San Francisco Chronicle columnist Herb Caen first hinted that Sipple was homosexual, noting that the White House had not thanked him for his actions. Ford eventually did convey his gratitude to Sipple.

Moore is serving a life term in federal prison.

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ON TELEVISION:

"Murphy Brown"
Belated—and truly deserved—acclaim goes to the new hit comedy "Murphy Brown" (CBS; Monday night).

This brilliantly acted and written (and scored) series emerged a glittering diamond in the otherwise dark and dusty coal bin which is the 1988-89 television season. (The latest Nielsen figures give "Murphy Brown" a 24 share, putting it around 25th place; not the top-ten, but not in danger of being cancelled, either).

Candice Bergen scores big points in her bold characterization of firebrand Murphy Brown—a broadcast journalist who works for a newsmagazine not unlike CBS' own "60 Minutes". For her efforts in this series, Bergen was awarded a Golden Globe by the Foreign Press Association last month. I am sure the Emmy nominations will follow suit. (Clear room on your mantle, Ms. Bergen).

In the series premiere, Murphy has just been released from the Betty Ford Clinic. This premise is golden and hysterical; it also provides a much-overdue role-model.

It's a current and growing trend in Hollywood to de-glamorize drugs and alcohol, and "Murphy Brown" boldly goes where few shows have gone before, demonstrating that there IS life after artificial ingredients. Murphy kicked her addictions—except the one for nibbling on pencils, (Number 2, soft) and is still making progress.

From episode to episode, "Murphy Brown" has been biting and sharp, filled with irony, wit and a rapier-sharp speed of story resolution. You're laughing from opening credits to closing, gasping for air as your stomach muscles expand and contract. The cast demonstrates ensemble acting at its zenith, raising it from mere acting to the status of "art form".

(Don't miss the repeat of the episode in which Murphy doesn't get invited to President Bush's Inaugural Ball. Alone, this episode is miles better than a whole season of most other shows).

The running gags are greatly

welcomed, fresh and innovative: the best is Murphy's "Secretary of the Week" frustrations. One secretary, presenting perfect credentials, assured Murphy everything would work out fine: "When I spoke with Satan this morning, he said we would get along very well." Another spoke no English whatsoever, and another was constantly practicing her acting-class assignments in the office. They were all summarily dismissed, but not before reducing the audience to a quivering, laughing mass.

One of the perfect character traits of Murphy is her penchant for practical jokes, like ordering 14 pizzas to be delivered between the hours of midnight and 5:00 a.m. to a person who recently crossed her. Or, calling a religious group asking for "two or three of your representatives" to come visit, then giving the name of a reporter who stole a story from her. These are the elements from which classic television is forged.

Critics have compared "Murphy Brown" to the landmark "Mary Tyler Moore Show" which ran on CBS from 1970 to 1977 (during CBS' much-missed Golden Era). The similarities are there, but "Murphy Brown" has a sharper edge, a keener eye; it is more like life than "Moore". Perhaps this is indicative of the 1980s in general; but credit should also go to the writers and staff who put this gem together.

And, even though I am not personally a fan of this period, it is truly an inspired person who decided to use a different 1960s hit song as that week's opening theme music. The chosen songs are connected with that week's plot. (The Supreme's hit "Baby Love" was used for the episode where Murphy decides she had better have a baby before she gets any older). The songs make for creative use of what would otherwise be a stagnant opening segment.

In sum, "Murphy Brown" is that kind of show which will often be referred to in the annals of television history as "classic" or "landmark". How nice to see history in the making.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!

News From MCC / TUCSON

This year is progressing at a fast speed. January has been here and we are now starting with February—and there are plans for another busy month. This Wednesday, Feb. 8, is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

In celebration of Ash Wednesday, MCC/Tucson will be hold a special service starting at 6:45 p.m. This will be an informal service that everyone is welcome to attend.

February is named after the ancient Latin god Februs and was originally the last lunar month in the Roman Calendar. About 450 B.C., February was placed after January and became the second month. Its Latin name "Februar-ius" associated with "februar-ius" meaning "to purify" comes from the Roman divinity Februs. Februs was at first identified with the Pan-like god Fannus, whose great feast, the Lupercalia, was celebrated on Feb. 15. In later times, Februs became a god of the underworld similar to the Greek

god Pluto. February has 28 days, except every fourth year which is known as Leap Year when February has 29 days. The Roman calendar was based on the phases of the moon while the Christian calendar is based on the rotation of the earth around the sun which is approximately 365 and 1/4 days.

The newly elected Administrative Council had their first meeting last Sunday. Rev. Eduard Perry is now up for re-licensing within the U.F.M.C.C. and is also being considered for ordination. Each member of the Council is completing an evaluation form for the Fellowships consideration. It is quite possible that Rev. Perry will be ordained during the General Conference this coming July. Our prayers are with Pastor Ed.

Thought for the Week: The worst moment for an atheist is when he feels grateful and has no one to thank.

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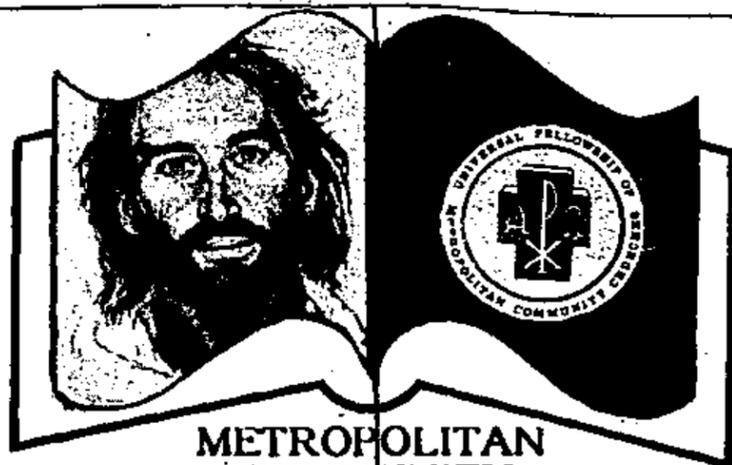
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TEA BAG TIME - First off on the national scene; the Pay Raise. Yes, Congress once again is feverishly debating this hot topic. The Pay Raise would be 50%, raising members of the Congressional and Judicial and Executive branches of government. What is the controversy about? Well, probably the timing of this pay raise, with the Federal deficit in the trillions of dollars, did not help matters and also the bill itself. What about the bill? Well, the bill does not eliminate speakers fees and honorariums for members of the House or Senate. My opinion on this is that they do deserve a pay raise, but they must get rid of speakers fees and honorariums. But if this was the bill for the pay raises, I would vote no.

SHIT HAPPENS: Why do I use this phrase for paragraph two? Well the State Legislature is considering a bill to ban obscene bumper stickers. This bill would leave the definition of obscene up to the Legislature. I can just picture this now; I am pulled over because of the bumper stickers on my car. One reads, "The Left Shall Rise Again" and "If You Think The System Is Working, Ask Someone Who Isn't". This bill gives me the willies. Leaving the definition of obscene up to that bunch in Phoenix, there are a few who have some sense. But the Democrats are not in the majority. Doesn't the Republican Party know about the First Amendment of the United States Constitution? Somebody should show it to those people. God knows if they have seen it.

THE DILDO RISES AGAIN: Yes, the famous dildo bill rears its ugly head again. Representative Leslie Whiting Johnson, (the Republican from Glendale, Ev's mouthpiece in the Legislature, the lady who wears those godawful hats that no self-respecting drag queen would be caught dead in), has reintroduced the bill that would make it a crime to own more than six dildoes. And it looks like this time it will succeed. Frankly, I hope I am wrong, but it does look like that. If worse comes to shove, you could always decorate them as ears of corn, like Tucson's most infamous bartender did during the Thanksgiving holiday at the Rainbow Room.

GOVERNOR ROSE MOFFORD: There are those within our community who have negative feelings about our beloved Governor. They feel that her hold on state government is tenuous. I say, please consider the following: (1) The previous legislative session dealt primarily with our former Governor Evan Mecham's impeachment. (2) Rose was our Secretary of State since the 1970s, previous to this she was in State Government since the 40s, her involvement has been in low-key positions. She has not been in the public eye which most high-ranking officials get thrust in. Now tell me would you be used to being under intense public scrutiny after a career in low key positions?

(3) Rose has not had a chance to implement her policies. Rose has healed some of the wounds caused by ex-Governor Mecham. I still think she is the greatest thing since sliced bread. So give you a shot! Do you want Ev again?!

THE PIMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT: Now you are all probably asking, what has this governmental agency done to raise his ire? Well, I will tell you. It would be quite nice when this bunch could actually finish a road project on time, and within the allotted budget. Case in point

now, Oracle Road, which looks like a Beirut street after a car bombing. I will give you an example of a road project done by the Pima County Transportation Department. First off, they subcontracted it to a construction firm who managed to make a low bid, and survived the three million pages of paperwork they needed to fill out just to make a bid.

So now the firm starts by digging up the road, they also uproot trees and practically anything that stands in their way. Phase one is now completed, they now trip into phase two, delays. They will delay for bad weather, hot days, Mondays-Tuesdays-Wednesdays, get my drift?

Now it is several months to years later and the project is finished. The area looks nice but there are no businesses. Why? Nobody would risk driving their vehicle over the battlefield of a road to do business there. So the area becomes economically depressed. But hey, we have a brand new monstrosity of a road. Great, and they wonder why most road projects put up to a vote are turned down. I vote no, because I know that the Transportation Department cannot keep their word about finishing a road project on time and within budget.

I managed to survive the rapping, looting and pillaging in my area. It was known as the Tanque Verde-Wrightstown Overpass. This fiasco started in Dec. 1983, and was supposed to be finished by Dec. 1984. Was it you ask? Hell No! This \$26 million job was finally completed after many delays, and I mean many, in December of 1987! We are supposed to have trust in our governmental agencies for our society to work. It is a pity that we do not have that trust in the Pima County Transportation Department.

I know there are those who are saying I am full of it. But I ask you this: can you name one road project that was finished on time? If you can, write me, and you will win the keys to an abandoned 1975 AMC Pacer. (Just the keys!)

P.S.: There is a political gathering this Saturday, Feb. 11, for Representative Barney Frank of Massachusetts. Mr. Frank is one of two openly Gay United States Congressmen. The party is being held at Ed Buck's home. See the story of the location etc. elsewhere in this issue of OBSERVER.



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OPEN 11 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT - CLOSED TUESDAYS
231 E. 26th St. Tucson, Arizona
ADELINA BORGARO Manager PH: 822-9534

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN



HEY!—

NEW SPECIALS
Wednesday Beer Busts
8 p.m. to Midnight

50¢ a glass
50¢ Schnapps

P.S. We now have
BUD on draft

PUT ON YOUR PARTY PUMPS
ON SUNDAY, FEB. 12

GREAT SHOW FEATURING
TUCSON'S FINEST
CANDY PLASTIQUE
AVIVA DIAMOND
CHRISTINE SHADE

9:30 PM

Sweetheart Drink Specials

5:30 pm to 1:00

Vodka and Pink Lemonade

\$ 1.25

Strawberry
Margarita's

\$ 2.00

Bud and Bud Light

\$ 1.25

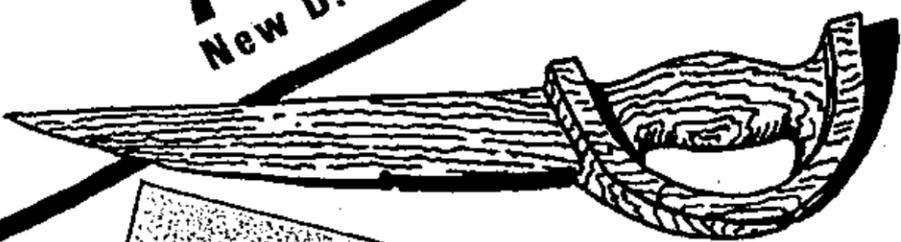
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beaux mecs
hombres machos
hot men

Hot

Thursday Nights
ALL WELL DRINKS
75¢ (with juice \$1.00)
New D.J. GILBERT from 9 to 1

SOMETHING
SPECIAL...

The only
place
to
dance



**BRING YOUR FRIENDS
AND YOUR I-D**



VANNA'S HAS IMPROVED • ASK HER IF SHE BROKE THE RECORD!

MOOSE'S SEX LIFE IS STILL (MARGINAL)

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616 N. 4th Ave. Tucson,
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HOME BAR OF
DESERT LEATHERMEN
AND
PARTNERS