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Shanti Benefit Saturday features top talent

TUCSON - This Saturday, April 15, Marga Gomez will perform at Colette's, as a benefit for the Shanti Foundation/Tucson. Gomez is one of the nation's fastest rising comediennes and was voted the San Francisco Entertainer of the Year for 1988.

As a San Francisco Hispanic female comic, she is a rare breed. Her Hispanic heritage and the fact that she is the daughter of Willy Chevalier, a famous Latin comedian and a mother who was a dancer, has surely fueled her material. She throws in bits that are bound to touch almost any kind of audience, accenting her routines with just the right flavor and balance of Hispanic material to keep her varied and audiences laughing.

Marga Gomez

Besides developing a successful career as a stand-up comedienne, Marga has been a member of Lilith, a feminist theater group which has toured extensively, and the San Francisco Mime Troupe.

On her own irreverent social humor, Marga says, "There's a whole thing in comedy that you can do political stuff, just don't preach. I like to preach a little myself. You know, anybody who goes up on stage is teaching something. It could be that life has no meaning, or get the other guy before you gets you, or that women are bimbos or even that certain nationalities don't know how to drive. These people are teaching you something. You see, when people are laughing at themselves it's clean and respectable, but when they start laughing at others, it can be dangerous."

The evening of entertainment begins at 7:30 p.m. with a great lineup of local talent opening for Gomez, they include Dazzlin' Deb and the Deaftones, Anne English, Janet Higgins, Pat Tobin, Nancy Norman, Ted Rigney and Irvin.

Tickets for the evenings performance will be $5.00 at the door all of which goes to benefit Shanti. Colette's is located at 3143 E. Speedway.

The evening of comedy and entertainment is a fund raising benefit for Shanti Foundation/Tucson. Shanti provides volunteer counseling for persons facing life-threatening illness and bereavement.

The Shanti Foundation of Tucson is a non-profit support service organization for persons diagnosed with chronic illness, their families and loved ones. The original Shanti Project was formed in 1974 by Dr. Charles Garfield, a Berkeley psychologist, to deal with the psychological aspects of persons facing life-threatening illnesses. The Shanti Foundation of Tucson was established as a consequence of a Tucson volunteer's participation and training by the Shanti Project in San Francisco in 1985, and only after an assessment that such an organization could

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Councilman claims Lesbian activity in Women's Commission

Charges filed against Texas judge

by Chris Bull

DALLAS, TX (GCN) - The Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct has filed formal charges against Jack Hampton, a judge who created a storm of protest in December when he reduced the sentence of the killer of two men because the men were "queer". [OBSERVER, Dec. 21,1988].

The Commission asked the Texas Supreme Court to appoint a special judge to conduct hearings on possible disciplinary action against Hampton.

Dallas Lesbian and Gay activists praised the decision. "I'm very encouraged by the move," said David Bryan, legal director of the Texas Human Rights Foundation. "The commission obviously has taken our charges very seriously. This puts further pressure on Judge Hampton to resign." Last year, the commission took disciplinary action in only one of over 500 cases brought before the commission. "Of all the options, the commission took the most serious action it could have. But it didn't have too much choice. They received over 1800 pieces of mail about the judge," said Bryan.

During an interview with the Dallas Times Herald on Dec. 23, Hampton admitted that he would have given 19-year-old Richard Bednarski life in prison for the execution-style murder of Tommy Lee Trimble and John Lloyd Griffin had the victims been heterosexual. "I don't care for queers cruising the streets. I've got a teen-age boy... I put prostitutes and Gays at about the same level. If these boys had picked up two prostitutes and taken them to the woods and killed them, I'd consider that a similar case. I'd be hard put to give somebody life for killing a prostitute." Hampton sentenced Bednarski to 30 years in prison. He will be eligible for parole in 10 years.

Bednarski and several friends from suburbs drove into Houston to "pester homosexuals". After picking up Griffin and Trimble in his car, Bednarski drove to a secluded park and ordered the men to undress. When they refused, Bednarski shot the two men. Friends of Bednarski testified that he later bragged about the killings, explaining that he stuck the gun in Trimble's mouth before shooting him.

After Hampton's anti-Gay and anti-prostitute remarks, hundreds of activists staged a demonstration outside Dallas City Hall demanding Hampton's resignation. Bednarski's sentence and Hampton's remarks were condemned by a number of prominent Texas politicians. Hampton has 15 days from when the

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Councilman Roy Laos

TUCSON - City Councilman Roy Laos has claimed "Lesbian activity" and "radical feminism" among members of the Tucson Women's Commission, a group chartered by the City Council in 1975 to expose, eliminate and prevent discrimination against women.

Laos who says he will oppose funding for the Commission for the next fiscal year, said people who have dealt with the commission and those he has appointed to the advisory body have made him aware of what he called "overt Lesbian activity" on the Commission.

Laos said his appointees were disturbed by what was going on at the Commission; in particular by "pressure to engage in Lesbian activities, to become one of them, to follow their desires and to support their programs that aren't in the mainstream of the community."

"I don't agree with homosexuality," Laos said.

Executive Director of the Women's Commission, Marcia Niemann called the charges absurd, and said that Laos was not, "dealing with reality." She said that she has reviewed Commission reports for several years and cannot find any evidence of issues specifically concerning Lesbians.

Niemann said that the commissioners work centers on the city's progress in dealing with the needs of poor women, older women, women in the work force and violence against women. "We feel we are mandated to include Lesbians on the Commission," Niemann said. "They represent about 10 percent of the (female) population."

"I am proud of the work the Commission has done," Niemann said. "And I trust the people of Tucson to evaluate the validity of Councilman Laos' comments," Niemann concluded.

Laos, who made his accusations in an interview following the City Council meeting, said two

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UPDATE

CLOSET BALL PLANS ANNOUNCED

TUCSON - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) have announced that the annual Closet Ball Contest will be held Saturday, April 22 at the Rainbow Room starting at 8:00 p.m. The complete rules have been established and are on the application forms. Applications forms are available at different bars and from TKO members. The prizes for this years contest will be: 1st Place, $100 plus the tiara; 2nd Place, $75; 3rd Place, $50.

Some of the rules for this years contest are as follows:

1. Closet Ball contestants and their makeup artist must have in their possession at all times, legal I.D. and must be at least 21 years of age.

2. Contestants will be required to pay $10 entry fee prior to the beginning of the contest.

3. Previous runners up of Closet Ball Contests may enter this contest.

4. All contestants shall have only one makeup artist.

5. All contestants and/or makeup artists will supply their own necessary supplies for their transformation.

6. During the transformation period (1 hour) only the contestants and their makeup artists will be allowed into the dressing room.

There will be a Cover Charge for this event, $3.00 per person or $5.00 per couple. Rainbow Room is located at 3455 E. Grant Road.

TUCSON METRO COMMUNITY CHORUS MAKES DEBUT IN PHOENIX

TUCSON - It was a big day for the Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus on April 1. It was their very first public performance at AIDS Fair '89 at Durango's, and the reception was overwhelming.

The Chorus began a raffle in Phoenix and will continue it in Tucson. The first prize is a weekend for two in San Francisco. Tickets will be sold at all Tucson bars and by Chorus members. The drawing will be held May 12 at the Graduate. All proceeds will go to AIDS Fair '89 and the Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus.

James Erlich spokesperson for the Chorus asks everyone to, "Start planning ahead to attend the Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus Spring Concert on May 19. The theme is "Strutt'n Down Broadway". Tickets go on sale May 1. Everyone is urged to lend their support to Tucson's only Gay/Lesbian Chorus.

GREAT OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

TUCSON - Five members of Great Outdoors (GO) from the Los Angeles area will be in Tucson to make a presentation about GO and what becoming a member can do for you! Several corporate officers of GO will be among the presenters, including Mr. Paul Ferreli, Chair of the Board of Directors.

This presentation will follow a potluck dinner on Saturday, April 22 and will be held at the residence of a local member. Call 325-07607 for the specifics.

Great Outdoors is an organization which promotes enjoyment of the outdoor experience. Enjoying a typical, low-cost outing with other Gay men and Lesbians provides a positive alternative to the bar scene.

Activities range from day hikes into the beautiful canyons and mountains around Tucson to more adventurous backpack and carcamp opportunities. From tours of the ghost towns of Arizona to tubing trips on the Salt and Gila rivers; from a picnic at Patagonia Lake to hiking into the Grand Canyon. Great Outdoors has something for everyone. And while all outings are open to friends and guests, members receive substantial discounts on the cost of the outings.

The Tucson Chapter is seeking new members. April 22 will give all who are interested an excellent opportunity to see what Great Outdoors has to offer.

Great Outdoors has established chapters throughout California and Arizona, and may soon expand into Nevada and New Mexico.

CORNERSTONE PLANS SPIRITUAL RENEWAL WEEKEND

TUCSON - In observance of its third anniversary, Cornerstone Fellowship will host a three-day Spiritual Renewal Weekend on March 14-16. Services will be held on Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m., and on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

The special guest speaker for this event will be the Rev. Phyllis Mann of Casa de Cristo Evangelical Church in Phoenix. Rev. Mann, a former Pentecostal minister from Illinois, is a dynamic and captivating preacher who proclaims the Gospel without reservation. She endears herself to all who meet her and listen to her powerful message. Rev. Mann will preach at all three services.

Complimenting Rev. Mann's ministry will be Judy Drew, a Gospel singer also from Casa De Cristo in Phoenix. Ms. Drew has toured the west coast sharing her faith in Christ through song, and will appear at the Saturday and Sunday services.

On Friday evening, music will be provided by Heavenbound, Cornerstone's in-house Gospel quartet, along with special musical selections by other members and friends of the church.

Wrapping up the weekend will be an "Old Fashioned Gospel Sing" on Sunday evening at 7:00. This monthly event is a fun, spirit-filled time of singing old favorites and fellowshipping with the family of God. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Cornerstone Fellowship's Spiritual Renewal Weekend is open to anyone who desires to strengthen their relationship with the Lord, or take the first step in establishing one. Seating is limited, and guests are encouraged to come early.

Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 3333 E. Grant Road, across the street from Jack In The Box. For more information, call 881-3519.

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DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is intended to correct misinformation appearing in the media regarding Olympics champion Greg Louganis and one of the General Mill's breakfast cereals, Wheaties.

Recently the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) urged readers of its monthly bulletin to protest Mr. Louganis' absence from the front of the Wheaties package, an athletic recognition that has been awarded to only a select number of Olympians in the 65-year-old history of the cereal. GLAAD also quoted a sports marketing executive that Mr. Louganis wasn't "macho". (OBSERVER, March 22)

Photo courtesy Vanity Fair

Many readers have erroneously assumed that the executive who made the "macho" statement is from General Mills. He is NOT - nor does he have any association with General Mills or Wheaties.

Mr. Louganis and other outstanding American athletes who participated int he 1988 Summer Olympics were not selected to appear on the Wheaties package because at the time the cereal was negotiating a long-term contract with basketball star Michael Jordan.

Wheaties is proud of the accomplishments of all the athletes who represented the United States in the 1988 Summer Olympics.

Sincerely
R.C. Shulstad, Director of Media and Financial Relations, General Mills, Minneapolis, MN

ED NOTE: Louganis also made other news. Gay Chicago magazine reports that in addition to not seeing him on a Wheaties' box, Greg Louganis' housemate and former business manager who has been living with the gold medalist for the past four years won't be able to a real close view of the diving champion any longer.

A judge has ordered R. James Babbitt to stay 500 feet away, though he can continue to share his Malibu home. Louganis testified Babbitt threatened to reveal "confidential and private facts" about him unless he was rehired or compensated.

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WHAT'S UP DOC?

First off for this week, TKO announces this year's Closet Ball had to be moved. It will now be held at the Rainbow Room, April 22. As of this writing, Ben C. should have the entry applications ready and hopefully in the bars. Entry fee again is $10 per contestant, payment made prior to the contest. If you plan to enter and are not able to find an application, contact me and I'll find out how or where to get one.

As stated before, previous runners up will be allowed to re-enter this year. The overall basic rules otherwise remain the same, with one makeup artist per contestant, and so on. Check the applications for all of the rules. entertainment will be supplied by Doug Cooper and a special guest also from Phoenix. MC again this year will be Big Mike. Any further questions can be directed to either Gary T. at 623-0993 or myself at 884-7309. Good luck to all contestants.

Well another fun Street Fair has come and gone. I've never seen a bar fill up so fast as IBT's did on Sunday for the show at 3:30. Those people just couldn't wait to get in to see the show when at any other time they wouldn't be caught dead near drag queens. I even saw one little boy and girl commenting to each other, "Look, those two guys are dancing together."

That was all just Sunday afternoon, but back on Saturday afternoon, over at the Graduate, it was TKO Beer Bust time. Prior to this fun afternoon, it was TKO's monthly meeting. Sitting there as President, I couldn't believe how much we accomplished in such a short span of time. See gang, we do not need to hassle over every little thing.

I'll be putting a few Spring Fling applications on the bulletin board at the Graduate this week. Pick up yours and get it mailed in or hand delivered real soon. This years Spring Fling will be held at Catalina State Park, three days of camping it up, I mean out, or whatever turns you on. This annual event is always a thrilling weekend with lots of surprises for all. On this run for more info, you can contact either Gary T. or myself again.

News from TALL and SOS is that TALL will be having their monthly Beer Bust at the Graduate on April 16, with SOS's Casino Night after TALL's meal for this day which will be shish-ka-bob. Everything starts at 2 p.m. with the meal around 3 so get there early for a fun day.

Well, I think I have covered everything for this past week and this week so I'll close for now. Oops, I forgot to mention that during TKO's meeting, TKO voted to co-sponsor Gary and Kip for Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen. Also during their Beer Bust last Saturday, TKO held a spur of the moment pool tournament. First prize was a donated break-down pool cue, in a case which was won by one of TKO's newest pledges, Shorty or Kurt R. We, in the audience, had to sit through eight pool shooters, some games looked like a marathon, to finally see Kurt beat Larry out in the final game. For his second place finish, Larry received a quick pick lottery ticket, which I hope was profitable for him.

This coming weekend it will be Partners Beer Bust and meeting. I'm really not sure at this moment of writing the location, but I'm sure by Saturday word will be out. If not, contact Gary L. at 882-6498 for the location. Some special games have been planned for your entertainment for the day so be sure to stop by. As always, Partners will also be having those special gift drawings during the afternoon, so yosu don't want to miss them.

Finally, this time I'm sure I haven't left anything out. This time I'm closing for this week. Have a beautiful and safe one.

News from MCC Tucson

It was announced last week that MCC/Tucson is looking for new facilities. There have been a few places investigated but the search goes on. The facilities must provide space for social activities as well as worship services, there must be office space, it must be handicapped accessible and there must be off-street parking. And most of all, it must be affordable. If anyone knows of a facility to meet our needs, please call 622-4536 with the address and particulars at any time. If no one is in the office, leave a message on the machine.

Final plans and arrangements are being made for the Bingo games to start on Saturday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. There will be ten games played during the evening with refreshments for sale during the games. All of the games will have a cash prize of $5.00 except for the last game which will have a cash prize of $25.00. Bingo cards will be on sale at the door. There are 3 Bingo cards on each sheet for 50 cents. These cards are used with a marker and are not re-usable after the game. Bring your own markers but markers will be on sale at the door.

Thought for the Week: How desperately difficult it is to be honest with oneself. It is much easier to be honest with other people.

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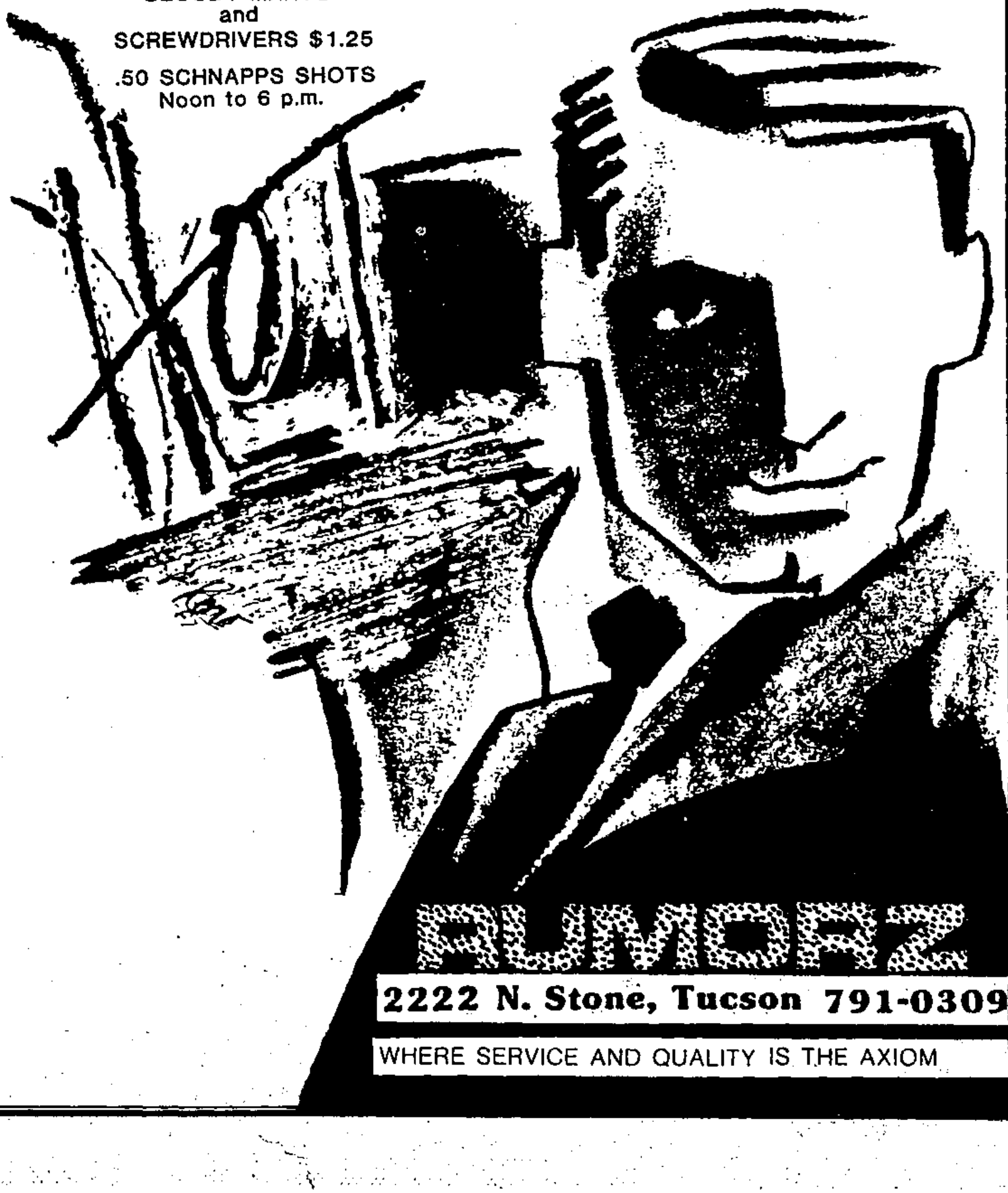

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POLITICS '89

by Mark R. Kerr

NATIONAL NEWS: The big news recently was the election of Rep. Newt Gingrich (R-GA) as House Minority Whip, succeeding Rep. Dick Cheney, who became Secretary of Defense. Representative Gingrich defeated Illinois Representative Edward Madigan, the moderate, by a close vote, 87-85. The House Minority Leader, Rep. Bob Michel of Illinois had supported Madigan. This is seen as a victory for the right-wing conservatives. Rep. Gingrich has promised a more aggressive posture by the House Republicans.

House Speaker Rep. Jim Wright (D-TX) is in hot water. The House ethics report is due out shortly on the improprieties committed by Speaker Wright and will be voted on by the full Committee. The vote will be strictly partisan, 6 to 6. There is talk around the capitol that high-ranking House Democrats will ask him to step down as Speaker.

The City of Chicago last week, held a special Mayoral Election to fill the remaining term of Mayor Harold Washington, who died in November 1987. There were three candidates vying for the job. Richard M. Daley, Illinois State Attorney, and sons of the former mayor who had served from 1956 until his death in 1977, was the Democratic nominee.

Timothy Evans, Alderman, who bolted the Democratic Party and ran as the candidate of the newly formed Harold Washington Party. The Republican nominee was the former Democratic Alderman Ed Vrdolyak. Daley defeated Evans and Vrdolyak by a 64% to 33% to 3% when all the votes had been counted. Daley becomes the first white person to unseat a black incumbent. Evans in his concession speech stated that the plans to run in the 1991 election.

If you missed it, like practically everyone who does not scower the paper with a magnifying glass, two of the most homophobic Senators have stated that they will not run for re-election. Senator Gordon Humphries (R-NH) stated that two terms in Congress was enough. Also announcing that he was not seeking another term was Colorado Senator William Armstrong, a Republican. Political insiders feel that the Democratic Party can pick up one of the seats, possibly two. Now wouldn't it be nice if we could get rid of Senator Jesse Helms, THE homophobe!

The minimum wage will be the focus on Capitol Hill this week. The Senate takes up the proposal by Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA), which would raise the minimum wage to $4.55 an hour by 1991. The Bush Administration has stated that it will veto any bill that would raise the minimum wage above $4.25 an hour, also it wants a sub-minimum training wage for new employees. The Kennedy bill will pass the Senate and go on to the White House, where it will be vetoed, the question is are there enough votes in the Senate to override a veto. The House has enough but it is the Senate where the raise will live or die.

With the Bush proposal for raising the minimum wage, the only winners are big business. The losers, those who are trying to survive on the minimum wage. I have a question to those money-grabbing people who believe that a sub-minimum wage should be set up. Could you survive on $3.55 an hour, feeding a family, paying bills, etc., making a house payment or paying rent. The answer to that is simple, NO!

ARIZONA NEWS: Heeerrreee's Evl Last week, a nightmare we thought we got rid of has come back to haunt us. On Tuesday, former Governor Evan Mecham announced that he will run for Governor in 1990, in a supposed press conference which resembled a campaign rally and a religious tent meeting. He stated that if elected he will give Arizona back to the right thinking people, cut taxes and spending.

The state Republican party was in a state of turmoil after the Tuesday announcement. A new group, called the Mainstream Republican Club was formed by moderates within the party to find a candidate to oppose Mecham in the 1990 Gubernatorial primary. Moderate Republicans have stated that if Mecham is the nominee in 1990, the GOP will lose the majorities in both the State House of Representatives and State Senate.

Evan Mecham has given the voting electorate a chance to do what the State Senate should have done a year ago. Put the final stake in his political heart and defeat him once and for all with a landslide negative vote. So, please register and get involved in the process.

The most popular bill in the State Legislature, the Gun Concealment Bill, is going quickly through the House and Senate. It would when 60 of the Legislators have signed on as Co-sponsors of the Bill. Governor Mofford has stated that she will veto the bill. I hope she has the votes to sustain the veto, if not, everyone will no longer be safe, with the fear that they could be killed in a moments notice.

Campaign '90 is off an running for the State Legislature. In Legislative District 12, a rumor that has been whirling around in the Democratic Party circles has been confirmed. Evan Adelstein has stated that he is going to run for the State House of Representatives for Dist. 12. In an exclusive interview with Adelstein, he stated that he going to run an aggressive campaign against incumbent Rep. Ruth Eskeson.

Also in Dist. 12, Phyllis Fetter, who ran in 1988, looks like she is preparing to make another try in 1990. The big question is what will Republican Incumbent Jack Jewett is going to do. If Jim Kolbe decides to run for Governor, will Jewett run for Congress? If so, this would make District 12 the most wide open contest in 1990. For the State Senate race, it looks like the Democratic P ty will be putting up token opposition for the Senate seat held by Majority Leader John Mawhinney. Oh, Reid, where are you?

In Legislative District 13, it looks like there is going to be a rematch of the hotly contested 1988 State House race. Andy Nichols looks like he is preparing to make another try for the State House. In the last election, he was edged out by Patti Noland by a mere 200 votes. Also rumored to be considering is the Dist. 13 Democratic Chair Winston Smith, businessman Jerry McFarland, and yours truly is seriously considering running in 1990.

TUCSON NEWS: The City Council election is off and running with the three incumbents announcing recently for reelection. This reporter would like to make endorsements of two of the three. Councilman George Miller, has been one of the few friends that the Gay and Lesbian community has in elected officials. He was the

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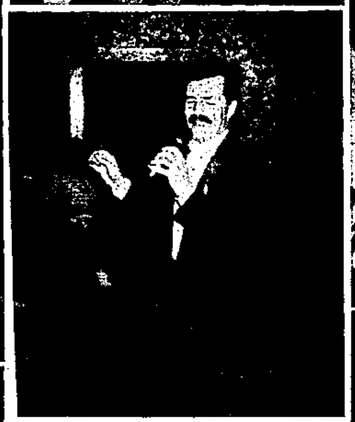

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A REMARKABLE PEOPLE

by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

I recently decided to sell my book collection to pay off some of my debts and to make room in the bedroom for a bed so I can stop sleeping on the couch. I haven't had a dealer in yet to look at the books, but in the process of getting ready I have had to decide what few books I'll keep. I realized immediately that there was no way I was getting rid of any of the "Gay and AIDS collection".

I have begun to think of that part of the collection that way, Gay and AIDS. I know it's not a Gay disease, non-Gays get it as well, but in my mind, as well as that of so many others, the two are intertwined like lovers in the June moonlight.

One does not cause the other. And one is not punishment for the other. And one is not the other, they are not interchangeable. But still, there is that momentary rush when hearing that someone rich or famous has AIDS, and that thought "I didn't know he was Gay" flashes across the mind.

In less than ten years homosexuality has become the intimate confidante of a life-threatening virus. While we seek to redefine our lives and common nemesis in terms we can "own", the mortality rate rises. We have become a whole generation of Gay men, the first generation to "own" our lives, but who have become like an earlier generation of American me, those shell-shocked soldiers from WWI wandering the shell-pocked landscape looking for a way out, and whose return to this country redefined it.

I wish it were possible to make an intellectual leap to completely separate Gay and AIDS but it seems that every week brings word of the death of some national leader I respect, the news of the positive result of some friends test. AIDS, the fear of AIDS, the death and/or illness of someone I care about, all make Gay and AIDS the bi-polar limits of my life, the reality checks by which I judge any meanings I may think I have discovered to life.

I have this conceit that there is a reason why a portion of mankind is homosexual, and that there is some kind of "master plan" to all that happens. I sometimes think that we Lesbians and Gay men are the ones most able to interpret that master plan. That is why we so often are writers, painters, musicians, prophets, seers.

How then would the world be interpreted by those who have seen their friends, lovers, and brothers stricken from the dance floor in the primes of their lives? How will the knowledge that making love can be the same as killing affect the visionary output of our best minds?

Mightn't themes of fragility, of interrelated survival, of standing beside the threatened be built out of the tragedy of AIDS? Might not these themes extend into the environment, that fragile, threatened agency that is so interrelated as to be incestuous?

I can only trust that all I have envisioned here happens in time. And that the intertwining of death and seer is not meant to be only a planetary epitaph.

BIJOU VIDEO RELEASES AUTHORITATIVE GUIDE TO GAY ADULT VIDEO

CHICAGO, IL - Bijou Video Sales, one of the country's largest distributor of Gay X-rated video, has just released its new 1989 catalog. This buyers guide contains information on the nearly 1400 different titles that Bijou Video carries.

The catalog, more appropriately described as a book, is 320 pages in length and contains over 500 photographs, many in color. Each film is described, with information on the film's director, principal actors, along with an evaluation of the film, making the catalog an invaluable source book for Gay video.

In addition to the X-rated titles, the catalog also provides information on the other videos of interest to the Gay community that are carried by Bijou. These include mainstream features with Gay themes, documentaries ont he Gay lifestyle, films one exercise, health, erotic dance, and cooking. There is also a a good selection of titles of interest to the Lesbian community.

The catalog is now available through Bijou Video and selected video stores around the country. To order direct from Bijou, send $15 along with name, address and a signed statement that you are over 21, to Bijou Video Sales, 1363 N. Wells St., Chicago, IL 60610. The catalog comes with a $10 gift certificate good for purchase of video. The catalog can also be ordered by phone by calling 1-800-932-7111 and charging it on Visa, MasterCard or American Express.

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Councilperson who helped to get the anti-Discrimination Ordinance passed in the 1970s. He is an open-minded individual, progressive in thinking, and coming up with new and innovative ideas. He is an asset to the City Council, and it would be a great loss if he was off. So, please vote for George Miller for City Council.

Sharon Hekman was appointed to the City Council to fill the vacancy left when Tom Volgy became Mayor. She has done an admirable job in the little time that she has served. She is a true progressive and should have a full term to serve, so please vote for Sharon Hekman.

The next election that is on the agenda is the T.U.S.D. Bond Override, set for May 6th. The school district is asking for approval for $390 million in overrides which would be used to improve the schools, raise teachers salaries, and to overhaul the District. T.U.S.D. has had to face massive cuts in the budgets of maintenance, special educational programs, and other budgets pertaining to school affairs. We should not punish our children, or our future. So vote for the Bond Override.

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COUNCILMAN CLAIMS LESBIAN ACTIVITY IN TUCSON WOMAN'S COMMISSION

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of his appointments to the 15-member Commission resigned because of the homosexual activity.

Kathleen Mayer, commission chairwoman and a member for three years said, "I am unaware of any Lesbian activities overt or otherwise." She continued, "The Commission is bound by affirmative action guidelines, as any other city agency or Commission is. We strive to represent women from all backgrounds, and that does include sexual preference issues and when that does come up the commission discusses them." She said Laos' latest appointment to the commission is still a member.

"I am surprised Laos would put outside funding at risk because of his own homophobia," Mayer said.

SHANTI BENEFIT SATURDAY FEATURES TOP TALENT

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complement the work of Tucson hospice groups.

Mark your calendars for this coming Saturday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. for a real evening of comedy and great entertainment and remember that your $5 donation at the door goes to Shanti Foundation of Tucson a non-profit, tax exempt volunteer organization. For more information contact the Shanti office at 622-7107 or Colette's, 323-0008.

As Gomez says, "Comedy can give people strength and it's what I call an empowering thing. It's for all of us to take over . . . . whatever the problem may be. If you can laugh about your problems it gives you the strength to go on."

CHARGES FILED AGAINST TEXAS JUDGE HAMPTON FACES ACTION BY STATE SUPREME COURT

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Commission's charges were filed to either resign or challenge the charges against him.

The Commission's action instigates a formal review process. First a Supreme Court appointed judge will review the charges against Hampton. If the judge recommends that Hampton be fired or reprimanded, the case will go back to the Supreme Court, which will then appoint a seven member tribunal composed of Texas appellate judges.

If the tribunal recommends disciplinary action, Hampton will again have the right to appeal to the Texas Supreme Court for a final ruling on the case.

William Waybourne, president of the Dallas Gay ALliance, told GCN that the system is set up to make it almost impossible to remove judges from the bench. He said the best hope is that Hampton will resign rather than face the lengthy review process. Waybourne added that the whole process has benefited the Lesbian and Gay community by bringing homophobia on the part of the judiciary in Texas into the open.

"Even if Hampton is never removed from the bench, the commission's decision sends a clear message to other judges and elected officials that you can't get away with homophobic actions. The educational outreach has been terrific," said Bryan.

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MI CASA SU CASA is situated in a 4200 square foot adobe home on 16 secluded acres, 20 minutes from downtown Tucson.

Among the services will be transportation, mesquite bar-b-cues, meditation classes, sun bathing, T-dances, an exposure to Mother Earth and your higher self, swimming pool with diving board, counseling or referral, friends. This can be your "get away".

All services (except overnight accommodations) will be by love offerings (donations). PWAs, ARCs and HIV+s will not be turned away for lack of funds.

Please don't confuse MI CASA SU CASA with a monastery, disco, piano bar, care facility, leather bar, emergency service center - but we will be all of those as the situations arise.

If you need more information or wish to give some input, please call Harrison, 885-0115.

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

COLETTE'S - An "Evening of Comedy" to benefit Shanti Foundation/Tucson. San Francisco comedienne Marga Gomez will headline a cast which includes local performers Dazzlin; Deb and the Deaftones; Anne English, Janet Higgins, Pat Tobin, Nancy Norman, Ted Rigney and Irvin. It all begins at 7:30 p.m. Gomez was voted San Francisco entertainer of the Year for 1988. A wonderfully funny lady, a top notch show and a great chance to contribute to Shanti. Admission $5 at the door.

GRADUATE - Benefit show for King and Queen Fiesta de Mayo candidates Kip and Gary. Make plans to attend and be sure to support your favorite King and Queen candidate. All monies raised goes to present the 1989 Lesbian and Gay Pride Week activities.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

COLETTE'S - Another benefit show for Miss Gay Tucson Candidate Christi Lunden. The show also stars Penelope Poupe', Mona Littlemore and Tamara.

GRADUATE - TALL Beer Bust and Raffle from 2 until 6 p.m. TALL Dinner from 3 until 6. This month is Shish-ka-bobs and all the trimmings for $2.99. The from 4 to 9 is the monthly SOS Casino Night. Great prizes.

JOSHUA TREE - A day of live music and impersonations plus a stripper or two!!! It begins at 4 p.m. when Rare Breed will be playing and singing for your listening and dancing pleasure on the outdoor stage. Things move inside at 10 p.m. when Christina de Alexis takes the stage for a show which features some songs and some male strippers too. Too much!

JOSHUA TREE - Show and Raffle to benefit Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen candidates Shanese and Leo. Show begins at 10 with some surprises. Catch it!

RAINBOW ROOM - It's another benefit for Fiesta de Mayo, this time it's the Kip and Gary Show which will begin at 8:30. A good show and a good cause.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

COLETTE'S - Loren Johnson, the popular vocalist from Phoenix makes a return visit here. Always entertaining show.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

JOSHUA TREE - Show and Raffle to benefit Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen candidates Shanese and Leo. Show begins at 10 with some surprises. Catch it!

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

COLETTE'S - Second Benefit show for Fiesta De Mayo King and Queen candidates Gabriella La Vanity and Mayda Bravo plus some special guests. Your attendance helps raise funds to produce Lesbian/Gay Pride Week in Tucson.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

RAINBOW ROOM - It's time for the annual TRO Closet Ball. Check for application blanks at all the bars and enter this fun contest. More later.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

RUMOR HAZZIT - A day set aside to benefit all of the Fiesta de Mayo candidates. The popular women's band Rare Breed will be playing from 4 to 9 p.m. Then there will be a show hosted by Aviva Diamond, The first Queen of Fiesta de Mayo who will introduce the 1989 candidates for the King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo. All funds raised will be divided equally between all the candidates. The amount of dollars raised throughout the entire fund-raising by these candidates equal votes for each. The couple with the most votes (money) raised by Sunday, April 7 will be crowned King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo and will preside over the Pride Week activities as well as other events throughout the coming year. All proceeds raised by all the candidates will be donated to the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) to be used to defray costs of producing Pride Week '89. So, in effect, all the money raised goes right back into the community. Join in and support all Fiesta de Mayo activities.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

COLETTE'S - The very popular Dena Kaye scheduled to make another Tucson appearance. Show begins at 8:30 and there is a $3 Cover. If you haven't heard Dena don't miss this opportunity.

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 calendars now.

TUESDAY, MAY 2

COLETTE'S - Popular vocalist Anne English playing her acoustic guitar and singing some great music old and new.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

COLETTE'S - A Benefit Show for Fiesta De Mayo King and Queen candidates Mayda Bravo and Gabriella La Vanity plus a slave auction. Be sure to attend.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 5-6-7

JOSHUA TREE - The annual Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride Week fundraising event - Fiesta de Mayo - takes place here. Lots of booths featuring food, games, arts and crafts, live bands on the outdoor stage. Entertainment, and lots of people on all three days of this big event. King and Queen candidates will be present and will host fund raising shows during the weekend too. A great chance for the entire community to enjoy as well as help defray costs of putting on the annual Pride Week activities this year. Crowning of the King and Queen Sunday evening. Watch for more details.

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 APPEAPD IT WILL APPEAR WEEKLY UNTIL THE EVENT HAS TAKEN PLACE. MR. CORBIN MAY BE REACHED AT 297-1909 OR 622-4536].

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 - A general meeting of the CAT Committee will meet at the Joshua Tree starting at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

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Boomers Cafe Espresso will present the weekly Wednesday movie. Call 798-3403 for details.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 - Boomers Cafe Espresso proudly presents Lisa Otey to entertain you from 9 until midnight. Enjoy yourself under the stars in an inviting atmosphere.

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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Kip and Gary, candidates for King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo will have a fund raising show at the Graduate. The theme for this show is "Over the Edge"

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San Francisco superstar comedienne Marga Gomez appears at Colette's in a big fundraiser for Shanti. $5.00 donation at the door. See bar calendar.

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Ted Moreno will perform on his acoustic guitar and harmonica from 9 to midnight at Boomers Cafe Espresso. This will be an evening of entertainment on the patio under the stars.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 - Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will meet at the Back Pocket ont he patio starting at 3 p.m. It has been gratifying to have the attendance at these meetings. This is your chance to become involved in Pride Week activities. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Shanese and Leo, candidates for King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo will have a raffle at Joshua Tree as one of their fund raisers. This will include a show for your entertainment.

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Kip and Gary, candidates for King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo will have a fund raising show at the Rainbow Room. This will include a special contest for the "Sexiest Bartender in Tucson".

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Young Men's Massage Group meets from 6 until 8:30 p.m. This group will be open only to men under 40. facilities limit this meeting to 12 people and reservations are required. Call 881-4582 for reservations and information. Minimal fee.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 - Boomers Cafe Espresso will present the weekly movie starting at 8 p.m. Call 798-3403 for details and movie title.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 - Shanese and Leo, candidates for King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo will have a raffle at Joshua Tree as one of their fund raisers. This will include a show for your entertainment.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 - MCC/Tucson will have their first Bingo Games starting at 6:30 p.m. at 560 S. Stone. These are state licensed games and there will be cash prizes for each game. Bingo will be held by MCC/Tucson the fourth Saturday of each month.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 22-23 - Earth Magic presents an Ecstatic Living Seminar "Bringing Back The Magic for Gay Men", a transformational weekend experience exploring the emerging Gay consciousness. Seminar takes place at Shade Ranch near Patagonia, Arizona. Acres of grassland, trees, springs, waterfalls, swimming hole, caves and a big adobe ranch house, tent sites. Four lacto-vegetarian meals included. This seminar provides the experience of loving and respecting Nature's gift of Gayness. Discover that the unique bondage of childhood was designed to teach new cutting edges of consciousness and social change. Seminar conducted by Julian Spalding and Terry Brown. $150 before April 15 or $175 after. To register or more information, contact Fred Stahl, (602) 795-2629.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 - A benefit softball game for Shanti will begin at 1 p.m. at Himmel Park, Field #1. Hot Dogs, Soda and Beer will be on sale. This is always a great time in the park in support of one of our hardest working volunteer organizations.

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FIESTA DE MAYO Benefit show featuring the live sounds of Rare Breed plus a big show featuring all king and queen candidates at 10 p.m. All proceeds divided equally between all candidates with the proceeds eventually going to defray costs of Pride Week '89. It takes place at Rumorz and there is a $1 donation at the door. Support your community. See bar calendar.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 - Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen Candidates Kip and Gary will hold a Benefit Swim Party at Ben and Annie's. More details later.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 - Kip and Gary, candidates for King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo will have a Beer Bust with the conclusion of the "Sexiest Bartender in Tucson" at Rumor Hazzit as a fund raiser.

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 ??? $4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am, Linda Fizdale.

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 - Sunday Lunch 1 to 4 p.m. Noon to 8:00 p.m. check the light board for Sunday specials. 8 pm to midnight Bud and Bud Light $1.25 - Dance 8 pm.

OUTRAGEOUS - Game Room opens 7 pm. .75 Schnapps all nite.

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 to 1 Dave Pierson.

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 4 pm, Well drinks $1 (w/juice $1.25), Longnecks $1.50, Draft .75; 4 to 8 pm all Well .75 (w/juice $1), Long Necks $1.25; 8 pm 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. "Bowler's Special 1/2 price for bowlers

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. Bobby Jr. DJ's 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 4 pm Well drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25), Longnecks $1.50, .75 draft; 4 to 8 pm all well .75 (w/juice $1) Long Necks $1.25; 8 pm to midnight 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 $1.00 Schnapps from 8 pm to close! DJ Bobby Jr. 9pm.

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 4 p.m. Well drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25) Longnecks $1.50 & .75 draft. 4 to 8 pm All Well .75 (w/juice $1), Longnecks $1.25. 8 pm 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 Dave Pierson.

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 4 pm Well Drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25). Longnecks $1.50, Draft .75, 4 - 8 pm all Well .75 (w/juice $1.25), Long Necks $1.25; 8 pm to midnight, 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, Bobby Jr.

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 4 pm, Well Drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25), Longnecks $1.50, Draft beer .75; 4 to 8 pm, All well .75 (w/juice $1), Long Necks $1.25; 8 pm to Close: Just Be Here!

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 9-1 Bobby Jr.

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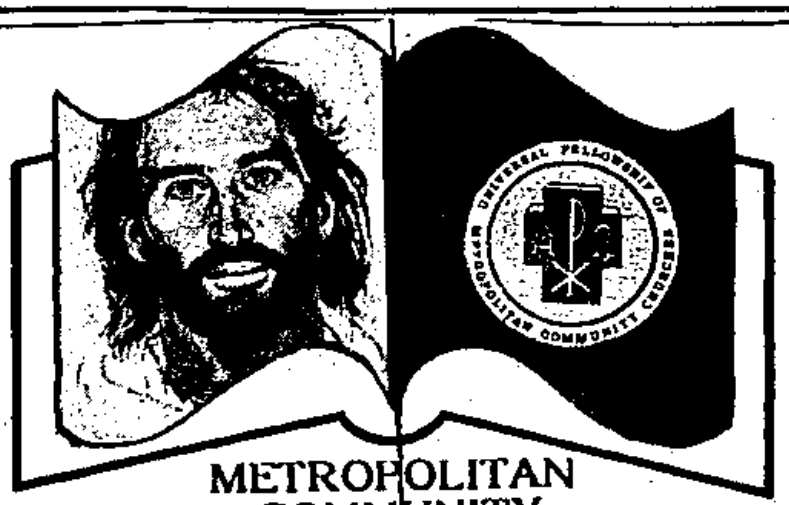
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THE FUR FLIES

The scene: the elegant model strides confidently down the runway, her shoulders draped with a lush mink coat. As she reaches the foot of the runway and turns, blood splashes from beneath the coat, hitting the faces of the gathered spectators.

If this scene is familiar, you have seen the commercial from which it is derived. Although the commercial, made to stress the animals cruelties in the fur business, has not been shown in America (except as part of news reports), it has been a big hit in Europe where fur wearing has declined substantially in the last couple years.

The battle wages on: opponents of the wearing of fur have been voicing their displeasure over the practice for many years. Animal-rights activists have been garnering media coverage with their "rescue" efforts and guerilla-war tactics directed at institutions where animals are used for research.

It is not a pleasant battle; secretly taped scenes of animals subjected to research, trapped in killer leg traps, confined to cages barely larger than their own bodies or being electrocuted are wrenching and difficult to see. But, is this merely a war between the rich and the poor? Not likely.

"Cruelty Is Not Chic," and proponents of the banning of fur clothing are attempting to make fur-wearing shameful, taunting fur-wearers as they pass on the street during organized anti-fur protests - an honest to goodness example of seeing the fur fly.

Isn't this a free country, though? Can we not wear fur if we so choose? Won't animal populations grow out of control without trapping? Yes to all of the questions; but this battle goes far beyond the exercising of a few rights.

Why are we so enraged when we see a dolphin trapped in tuna nets, knowing the highly-intelligent animals will be killed in the quest for cat food? Why do we cringe when we see a film of a helpless fox with its bloody leg held in a leg-trap. Why is there a public outcry at the sight of a baby seal, its head bloody from being struck repeatedly with a club by a fur collector?

Is it more than disgust at death: it is a realization that animals are more than "animals": they are living, thinking, feeling creatures which share this planet with us. For too long man (and woman) has been conceited in thinking ours is a planet for the taking. Pollution, oil spills, a shrinking ozone layer and animal extinctions are but a few of the "advances" for which we can feel proud.

No animal other than man has art, can smile, has a written language, or can feel compassion for the disadvantaged.

There is no longer a need to wear fur for protection: synthetic and natural fibers have been developed which are far more efficient than fur. Cosmetics need not be tested on rabbits merely to feed the vanity of men and women.

Unfortunately, animals will continue to be killed for useful reasons: food and important scientific researcher (like AIDS vaccine research); all animals will not be spared. However, we do not have to tolerate the vanity-killing of animals for leather shoes (alligator), hair combs (sea turtles), cat food (whales), jewelry (coral), ivory (elephants), throw rugs (snow leopard). We are too civilized to be so self-centered.

At Spes Non Practa: See you next week!

OUT ON THE TOWN

Stunt Malibu Christi is still waiting for correspondence from Le Far West. Macho Man may be waiting awhile since Congolia Breckenridge isn't doing her job. She's been too busy thinking about Rudolph this red-nosed reindeer. Seems she was caught last week chewing off Rudolph. Hopefully there's still something left for next time.

Squeaky Sue is still slinging stew. What else will she do for a buck or two? So, who was it that was not invited to that blonde bombshell's big birthday bash, Bill? Anyone remember the terrible trio, Rachel, Rachel and Rachel. Those are the people all mothers warned their children about, not the basic three R's either.

So what are Christina and Tumbling Tumbling Thumbleena up up to these days? How many door's faces have been cracked lately? Seems Diana C. was standing a little too close the last time that happened. Miss J.R. certainly does not mince words. Who was calling who trash? Who knew what she was talking about anyway?

The main Kelley wanted a new dress, just ask Miss Jade. It wasn't the kind of dress Miss Jade had in mind, since she needs a new one for next Sunday. Seems Mister B's Rentals has merged with the Kelley Girls, more than once.

Cave 30 certainly was popular this past weekend, but certainly not a William Higgins episode only wannabees. So where was that cute blonde cowboy?

So how is Blabby's new box? From a nice fine mansion to a humble small but proudly owned blessed little little hovel. At least that was Lillian Jade's impression, pans or a game of spoons anyone?

The hostess with the mostess, Mahatma Granny can really throw a party but it seems nobody there knew each other especially since Granny made sure of that. William Higgins wannabees again at Granny's second floor. The neighborhood was certainly rated X that evening.

So where are those letters that were supposed to be coming in? Where is Trixie and her poison pen?

Don't forget those cards and letters. Til next time, forever yours, Jza Jza LaMore

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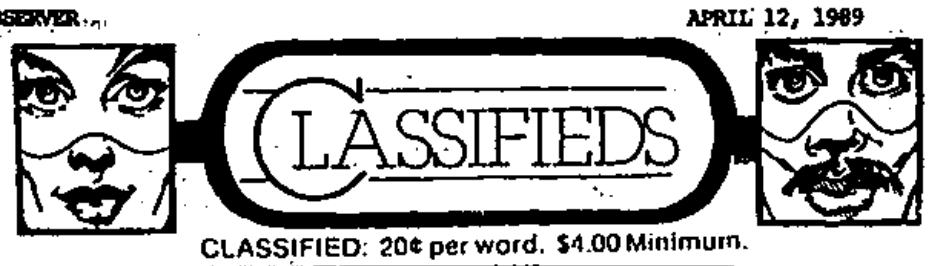

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P.A.C.T. - People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson - Broadmoor Bldg. - 151 S. Tucson Blvd. Office Hours 10 am-5 pm, M-F. Wednesdays - 7 pm, Positive Approach to Living with AIDS; Fridays, 7 pm, Singles Social; Saturday, noon-1 pm, Open Meeting. Call 322-9808.

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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. Houtain, Tucson. For more information, call 792-3775 and leave a message.

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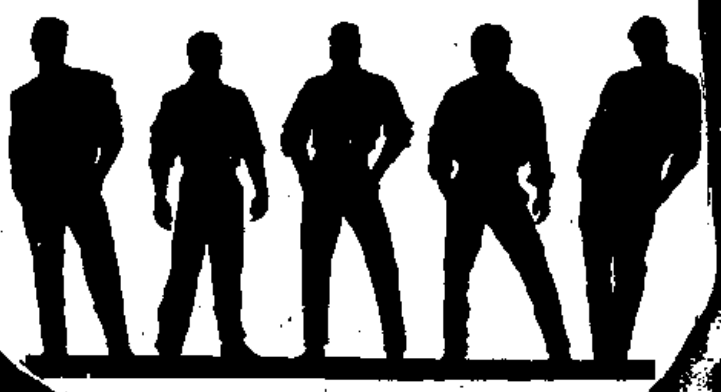

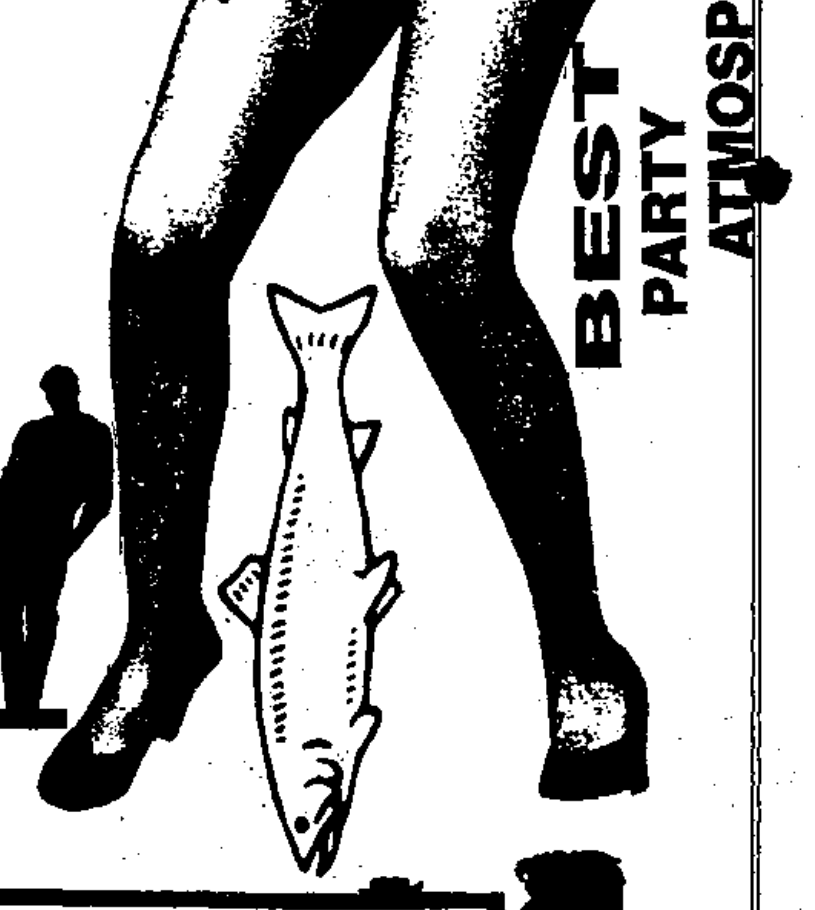

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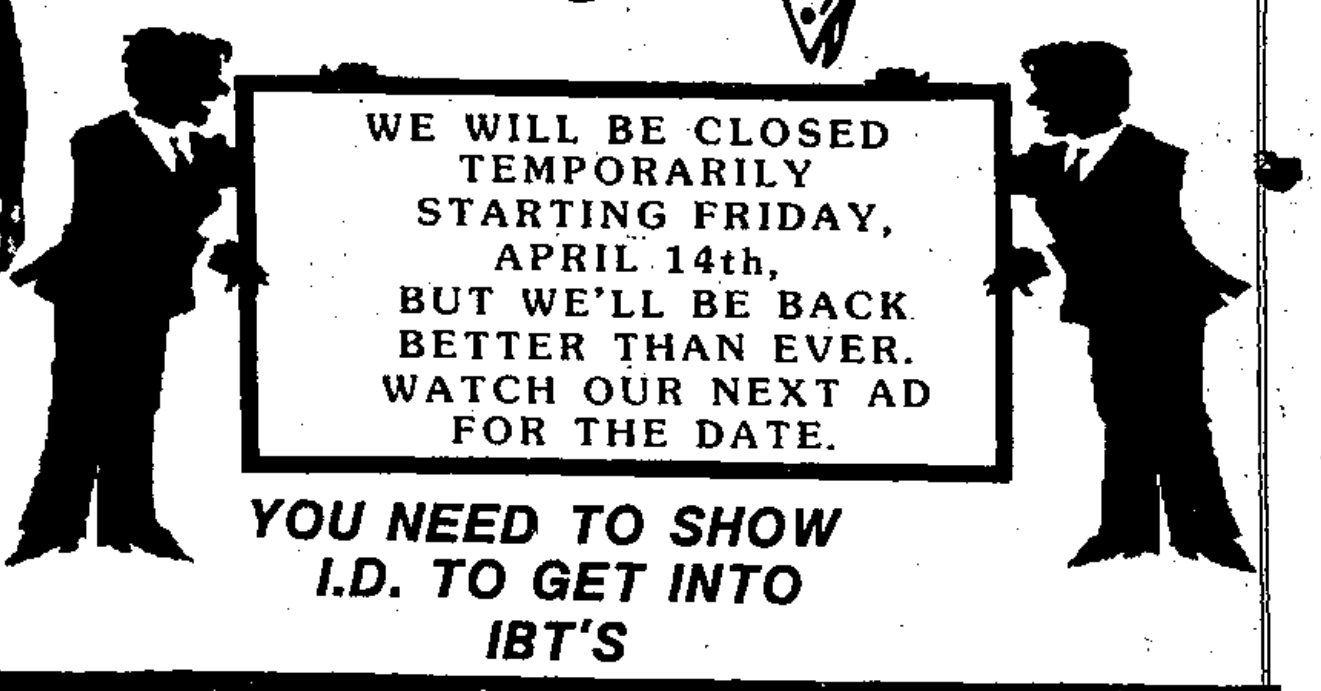

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