



## Fiesta de Mayo drawing near

TUCSON - All of the hoopla about the coming Fiesta de Mayo couldn't have been overlooked by anyone living in the Tucson area. This yearly event was established to raise monies needed to present a weeklong series of events in celebration of Lesbian and Gay Pride Week. This year, Tucson will have eight days of events beginning with the 12th Annual Picnic in Himmel Park on Sunday, June 25. Each day is being planned with the hopes of setting another record of those in attendance.

The cost of producing these activities is steadily rising as the size of the events increase. The annual picnic in Himmel Park which last year attracted over 3,500 people, costs over \$1,500 alone. To defray these costs, Fiesta de Mayo has been selected to be the major fundraiser for Pride Week each year. The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) has been the guiding force behind these two major events in Tucson.

The people who raise the bulk of the money for Fiesta de Mayo are the candidate couples who vie for the title of King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo by seeing who can raise the most money. Each dollar they raise counts as a vote for their team. This year there are three couples: Kip and Gary representing the color Green; Shanise and Leo representing the color red; and Gabriella and Mayda representing the color white.

Each couple has been busy with a series of fund raising events - shows, selling flowers, buttons, car washes, etc. All of this will come to an end on Sunday, May 7 at the conclusion of the Fiesta de Mayo activities at the Joshua Tree when the monies will be counted and the winner announced and the winning couple will be crowned.

Fiesta de Mayo activities begin on Friday, the actual Cinco de Mayo, May 5. All activities will take place at the Joshua Tree. There will be eleven booths which will feature food, games and information. There will be a "jail" again this year also. There will be live bands, as well as lots of Mexican music and hopefully some mariachi bands too. Entertainment for all three evenings is planned as well. All the entertainment takes place on the outdoor stage area of JT's.

The area is always decorated in lively colors and flowers making the Fiesta truly festive. In the past, the King and Queen candidates have raised thousands of dollars, all of which goes directly back to the community either entirely during Pride Week or if there is an excess of money, it is banked and used as "seed" money for the following years event.

One of the last of the Fiesta benefits for this year, and probably the biggest will take place this Sunday, April 23, at Rumor Hazzit when all three candidate couples will hold a combined benefit. Activities will get underway at 4:00 p.m. when the popular local band 'Rare Breed' takes the stage for listening and dancing. There will be a show following the bands performances which will feature the candidates performing several different types

of acts. There will be some special guest performers also, making the afternoon and evening an eventful one.

There will be a dollar donation at the door for those wishing to attend with all monies divided equally between the three candidate couples. Remember, the tips that these couples get goes to their own Fiesta account, so this is a good chance to 'vote' for the couple of your choice and show your support of them.

All this goes back to the community so you can't lose. Support Lesbian/Gay Pride Week '89 by supporting Fiesta de Mayo and all of its fund-raising events.

## Bob Hope on Gay Violence

LOS ANGELES, CA - The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) requested and received a filmed public service announcement (PSA) condemning anti-Gay violence from comedian Bob Hope.

GLAAD contacted Hope in December after a GLAAD member called to tell that Hope had used the word "fag" in a joke on the Tonight Show. Hope's public relations staff told GLAAD that he was "horrified" by negative reaction to his joke. GLAAD pointed out that a prominent - and prominently Republican - celebrity like Hope could help the Gay community by speaking out against anti-Gay violence. Hope was interested. GLAAD sent him a PSA script tailor-made for him. The PSA that Hope taped was actually stronger than the one GLAAD sent him.

The exact text of Hope's PSA reads: "I'm proud to live in this great, free country. I'm proud of our commitment to free speech... and I'm proud of our country's commitment to protecting the rights of its citizens to work and live free from bigotry and violence. That's why I was amazed to discover that many people die each year in anti-Gay attacks and thousands more are left scarred, emotionally and physically. Bigotry has no place in this great nation and violence has no place in this world. But it happens. Prejudice hurts... kills. Please don't be a part of it... by your words or by your deeds. Thank you."

GLAAD Assistant Director Karin Schwartz, who dealt with Hope's people throughout notes that "Hope's staunch conservatism makes him all the more credible as a spokesperson against anti-Gay violence. He takes it out of the partisan political sphere to a purely moral ground where all violence is recognized to be wrong. And Un-American."

The PSA received its first national broadcast on Feb. 28, when it was the subject of a report on ABC's "Entertainment Tonight." People magazine wrote a short story about it.

Said GLAAD Executive Director Craig Davidson, "Celebrities have been quite helpful in combatting AIDS. Armed with the Hope PSA, we hope we can now get them to be equally helpful in combatting anti-Gay prejudice."

## Steve Schulte addresses OP



TUCSON - Pictured above left to right are former Mayor and current West Hollywood Councilman Steve Schulte, Jenny Martin, past president of the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association (OP) and Al Whitehurst, newly elected president of OP.

The scene was at the 5th Birthday Banquet and Party held at the Doubletree Hotel last Saturday, April 15. There are some more photos of the celebration elsewhere in this issue of OBSERVER.

Schulte was the keynote speaker at the banquet and guest speaker for the evening was Marcia Neimann, Executive Director of the Tucson Women's Commission. A full story of this important occasion will appear in next weeks issue.

## 3rd anniversary of Hardwick decision

WASHINGTON, DC - On June 30, 1986 the United States Supreme Court ruled in 'Bowers v. Hardwick' that Lesbians and Gay men have no constitutional right to engage in private, adult, consensual sexual behavior. In a 5-4 vote, the Supreme Court upheld the right of states to criminalize Lesbian and Gay sexuality.

Despite the Supreme Court ruling, though, governmental consensus is evenly divided on the matter of state interference in the private relationships of citizens. To date, 25 states have repealed or ruled unconstitutional their sodomy laws. The remaining 25 states including Arizona, and the District of Columbia retain the laws which prohibit private, adult, consensual sexuality between members of the same sex, and in 19 jurisdictions, same and opposite sex.

Following the Hardwick decision, the U.S. Lesbian and Gay community reacted with outrage, demonstrating in dozens of cities to demand repeal of all sodomy laws. From that sense of outrage, an ongoing organizing project to support the repeal work of activists in states around the country was created by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

Called the Privacy Project,

this issue-specific and task-oriented project, has provided assistance to activists in three different legislative repeal efforts, as well as assisted in the formation of five different statewide Gay and Lesbian political groups. Thus far, though, no "unfree state" has joined the 25 "free states" to repeal its sodomy law.

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING FOR THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY - JUNE 30, 1989

CRY OUT!, Pittsburgh's Lesbian/Gay action group, and the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force Privacy Project are collaborating on a project to mobilize the U.S. Gay and Lesbian community to commemorate the 3rd anniversary of the Hardwick decision on June 30, 1989.

CRY OUT! has suggested a "National Day of Mourning for the Right to Privacy". Proposed activities include:

- \*\* Press conferences in front of the capitol buildings of "unfree states".
- \*\* Demonstrations and visibility actions.
- \*\* Letter writing to state legislators and governors in "unfree states".

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# UPDATE

**PHOENIX SHANTI LIVING CENTER OPENS**  
 PHOENIX - The Phoenix Shanti Group has opened its new Living Center at 1314 East McDowell Road. The Center is currently Phoenix Shanti's Administration offices, and is offering PWAs and HIV+ individuals case management, support groups and counseling, and other support services. The facility is also the site of an extensive volunteer training program for the general public, health care professionals, and PWAs.

The Phoenix Shanti Living Center, comprised of two adjacent 34,000 square foot buildings, will be remodeled and fully equipped to handle the needs of PWAs and HIV+ individuals with a \$470,000 grant recently awarded by HRSA, a Federal Agency. The facility will be able to accommodate from 70 to 90 live-in patients in various stages of the disease process. The Living Center will provide the recuperative and rehabilitative health care services to allow the PWA to re-enter society and live independently.

Plans also include an outpatient clinic with new treatment protocols and an Adult Health Day Care Unit. The Phoenix Shanti Board of Directors and Administrators have set a goal of October 1989 to have the facility ready to accept its first AIDS patients.

The Phoenix Living Center concept, providing a continuum of care and services within one facility, is on the cutting edge of the evolution of long-term care in the United States. This new model, the first of its kind in the nation, will demonstrate the cost-effective and compassionate services that should be delivered to all human beings.

Now that the Phoenix Shanti Living Center is opening and federal funding has been specifically designated for remodeling and health care equipment, Phoenix Shanti Group is in need of a multitude of volunteers, as well as tax-deductible donations from individuals, groups, businesses and fund-raising events. Interested individuals are urged to contact Dean Jones, Vice-President of Marketing, at 271-0008. Please help make this dream continue to grow for all.

*Famous comedian speaks out*



Bob Hope

**WINGSPIAN CALLS HOMOPHOBIA PRESS CONFERENCE**

TUCSON - Because of the recent rash of homophobia expressed in the press by public officials, Wingspan, the new Lesbian and Gay Community Center, has called a press conference to address the local manifestations of homophobia from many different angles.

Panelists and topics include Craig Bradford Snow, Director of the Tucson AIDS Project and a member of the Governor's Task Force on AIDS who will talk on "Homophobia as an Impediment to AIDS education".

Pamela Liberty, a local attorney will speak to the "Legal Issues and Homophobia: Increased Incidences of Anti-Lesbian and Gay Violence and Harassment".

Leon Bennet-Alder, Chaplain at St. Mary's Hospice - "The Religious Community's Response to Homophobia".

Barbara Stelly, counselor - "Homophobia's Effects on Young People: A Parent's Perspective".

Dick Guzauskas, Landscape architect - "Lesbians and Gays in the Business Community: Effects of Internalized Homophobia".

The Press Conference will take place this Friday, April 21 at noon at 240 N. Court.

The theme of the Press Conference is "Homophobia or Heterosexism: Defining the Problem in Arizona". The term 'homophobia' is frequently used to describe an irrational fear of a visible Lesbian or Gay presence.

For more information, call 624-1779.

**CLOSET BALL SATURDAY, APRIL 22**  
 TUCSON - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) will present their annual Closet Ball contest this coming Saturday, April 22 at the Rainbow Room beginning at 8:00 p.m. The complete rules have been established and are on the application forms which 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.

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**GREAT OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**  
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This presentation will follow a potluck dinner on Saturday, April 22 and will be held at the residence of a local member. Call 325-7607 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.

**JUNE 30:**  
 THE DAY OUR RIGHT TO PRIVACY DIED  
 LESBIAN AND GAY ACTIVISTS URGED  
 TO MARK 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF  
 HARDWICK DECISION

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- \*\* The wearing of black armbands in "free" and "unfree" states.
- \*\* A demonstration at the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, DC.
- \*\* Educational forums in "free" and "unfree" states.
- \*\* Discussions with potential sodomy repeal bill sponsors in "unfree" states.
- \*\* Submitting op-ed pieces to local newspapers supporting sodomy law repeal.

NGLTF Privacy Project and CRY OUT! will distribute a packet of organizing materials available shortly to Gay and Lesbian organizations. The packet will be mailed to activists in both "free" and "unfree" states, with suggested appropriate activities for both categories of states.

NGLTF: Privacy Project will serve as a clearinghouse and resource center for activists undertaking Hardwick-related activities providing technical assistance, advice, and referrals to local/state allied organizations. In addition, the Privacy Project will document and maintain an archive of Third Anniversary activities around the country, issuing a final report on the project.



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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:

"In Love and Light"

## Shanti benefit raises nearly \$2500 in Night of Comedy



TUCSON - The highly publicized benefit show for Shanti Foundation/Tucson took place last Saturday, April 15 at Colette's. Headlining the evenings entertainment was San Francisco Entertainer of the Year Marga Gomez, who is shown above reading the latest issue of the OBSERVER and commenting, in her own inimitable way, about the flap between the Tucson Women's Commission and City Councilman Roy Laca.

Also featured during the evening were the crazy antics of Dazzlin' Deb and the Deaftones, and singers Anne English, Pat Tobin, Ted Rigney and Earvin Wagner, all of whom gave spectacular performances and the packed house thundered their approval.

The piece de resistance for the evening, however, was the diminutive Marga Gomez whose rapid-fire patter kept the audience laughing constantly during the nearly hour and a half performance.

Gomez's brand of humor isn't always popular, she's found. "I try to aim my cut at people in power," she says. "Unfortunately, a lot of people who go to comedy clubs are into the Po'pe and Ronald Reagan. They're people who want to be entertained and don't want to be involved. I may talk about pornography on-stage, for instance, but that's not a rib-tickler for most people. I'm just very unconventional and I talk about personal stuff as much as I can, depending on the audience and the laws of the state. I think a lot of people who play in comedy clubs wouldn't be able to play where I do - on the streets or in prisons."

The entire show was A-1. And, the results of the evening were even more impressive. The Shanti Foundation/Tucson received \$2,400 with some outstanding money still coming in. OBSERVER congratulates all the performers, light and sound technicians, Colette's staff and management and everyone who helped and attended this wonderfully warm evening of comedy. Tucson truly cares.

**HRCF ANNOUNCES NEW SURVEY AND DIRECTORY OF POLITICAL GROUPS**  
WASHINGTON, DC - The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) has begun a nationwide survey to compile a directory of state and local Lesbian and Gay political organizations and political action committees (PACS).

The new directory - called "Power PACS And POLS" - will be a valuable tool for networking and exchanging information between Gay and Lesbian political groups around the country. For example, an organization planning on lobbying for a local civil rights ordinance or considering making contributions to politicians could contact groups listed in the directory that already have experience in such activities.

The directory will list the name, phone number and key contact of each organization, a brief description of the group and its projects and other helpful information.

Political organizations who want to appear in the directory should write to HRCF, 1012 14th St. NW, Suite 607, Washington, DC 20005, "Attn: Power PACs and Pols." The directory is scheduled to be published and distributed later this year.

**CAMPUS NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY PUBLICATION AVAILABLE**  
WASHINGTON, DC - The Campus Project of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force has released a publication outlining strategies for Gay and Lesbian activists to organize for non-discrimination policies on campus. Authored by Campus Project Director Kevin Berrill and former NGLTF volunteer Sam Paul, the publication is entitled "Making It Official", and is contained in "Organizing For Equality", the newsletter of the NGLTF Campus Project.

The NGLTF Campus Project was launched in 1987 to assist Gay and Lesbian students, administrators, faculty and alumnae/i in organizing to advance equal rights in the college setting.

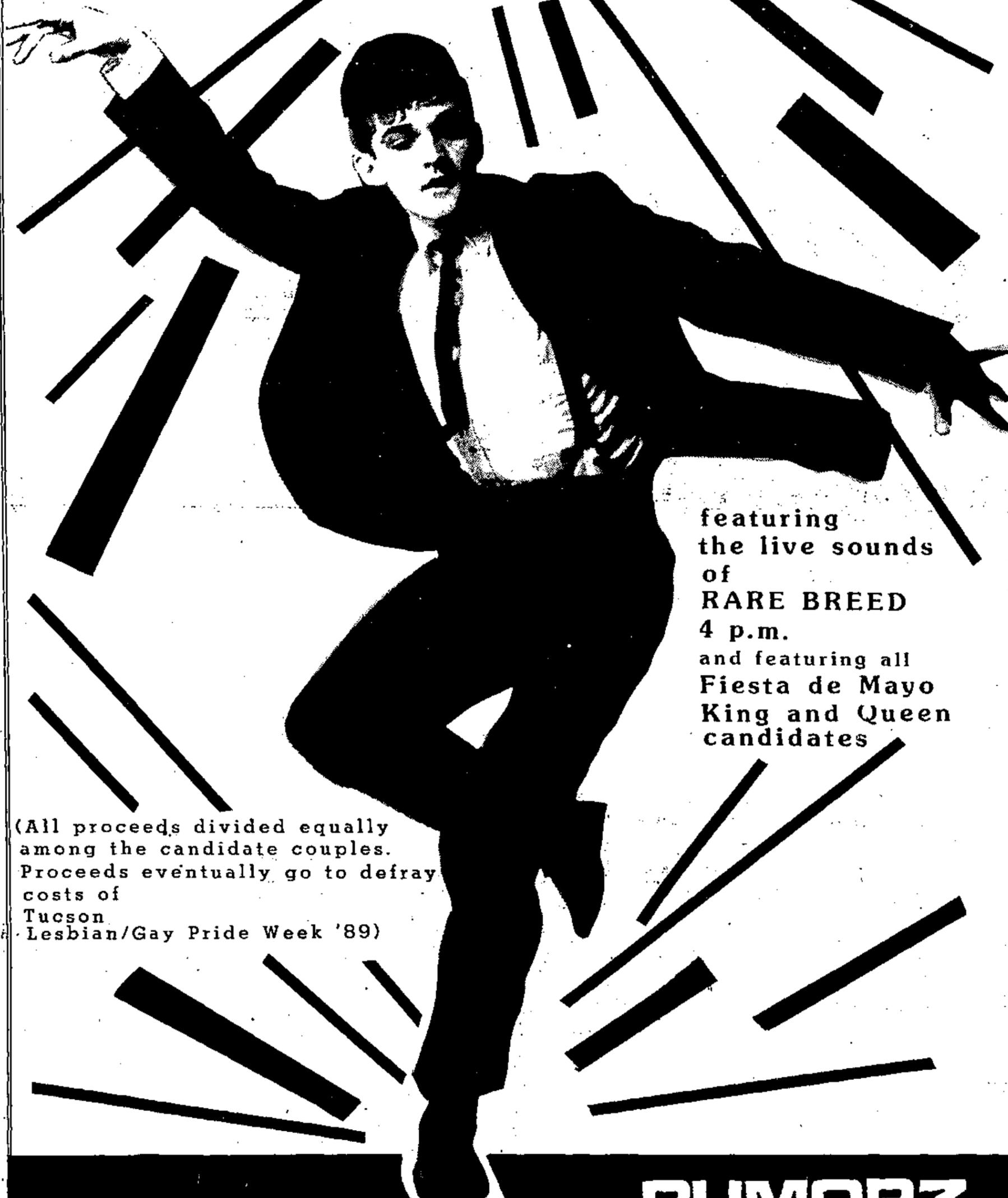
The new NGLTF publication lists colleges and universities that have non-discrimination policies covering sexual orientation discrimination. It highlights successful organizing efforts on several campuses and outlines for activists the mechanics of changing campus policies.

Copies of "Making It Official" may be ordered by sending \$1.00 to NGLTF Campus Project, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, DC 20009.

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A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

TERRORISM ON AMERICAN SOIL: CHAPTER TWO

As I write this column, thousands of women—and others—are assembled in our nation's capital to draw attention to the pro-choice side of the abortion issue. Although this column will not deal with the question of abortion, it is important to note how this country is being held hostage by a small group of fanatics who insist they know better how a woman should conduct herself.

Although the abortion issue is a classic example of terrorism on American soil, this column will deal with a less sensational, less obvious form of terrorism: censorship.

What? Censorship? Doesn't our Constitution guarantee freedom of speech and expression? Well, yes and no.

The latest wave of censorship has come not at the hands of politicians; but rather at the hands of advertisers who have withdrawn their financial support of television programs they feel have crossed that intangible boundary between acceptable and unacceptable.

The flap started with a single woman protesting the reference to a vibrator on FOX's "Married... With Children." With a couple well-worded letters, she got two major advertisers to pull advertising from the show. Boy, talk about the power of the written word.

Since then, four other major programs have felt the sting of lost advertising: the trashy nurse saga "Nightingales," the off and on "Moonlighting," the self-concerned "ThirtySomething," and the often controversial "Saturday Night Live."

out on America include Chrysler, Sears, Mennen, General Motors, Eveready, McDonald's and the huge Proctor & Gamble company.

It should be clear by now how I feel about this assault on our personal liberties. Of course a company has the right to advertise in whichever shows it pleases. As well, a consumer has the right to refuse to support any company which so blatantly switches position in mid-stream (or mid-season as the case might be) and supports attempts at censorship—which is exactly what this action boils down to.

And what are the horrid offenses these shows committed? "Nightingales" is being boycotted because of the tawdry nature of the sexual conduct scenes; "Saturday Night Live" because of a sketch in which America's prudery was pointed out by emphasis on the word "penis." (The sketch may have proven its point all too clearly). And "ThirtySomething" has too many intimate sexual encounters for its advertisers' tastes.

I'm curious: in what world do these people live? I find the excuses for pulling advertising (advertis-interruptus) specious at best and totally untenable. The advertiser is only hurting itself by pulling from these popular programs. Do they think I will cease watching "Saturday Night Live" because they use the word "penis" in a sketch? Not likely.

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### Federal AZT study receives boost

WASHINGTON, DC - The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has reprogrammed \$5 million to continue the federal AIDS drug subsidy program that helps low-income individuals purchase treatments for AIDS and related conditions.

HHS reprogrammed the funds at the urging of Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), who spearheaded efforts to overcome the financial crisis faced by thousands of persons who depend on federal assistance for AIDS treatments.

Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) lobbyists said the reprogrammed funds came just as the subsidy program — originally created by Congress in 1987 and extended last September — was set to expire at midnight March 31. The move comes as funds in Georgia, Kansas, Idaho, Kentucky and Utah already have expired, with 13 other states poised to run out by June 1989.

Last September, Congress authorized the reprogramming of \$15 million for the subsidy program, but so far HHS had only redirected \$10 million. The \$5 million just approved is expected to carry the program for another six months, through Sept. 1989.

Approximately 7,000 people in the U.S. are receiving government assistance under the program to purchase AIDS treatments, including AZT (Retrovir). AZT, which costs about \$8,000 a year at full dose — is the only government-approved drug for directly fighting AIDS.

The \$5 million will be reprogrammed from other AIDS programs within the HHS. "While we don't like to see the money come from already existing AIDS efforts, we believe the financial crisis faced by so many people

with AIDS is urgent enough to warrant such measures," said Carlton Lee, HRCF lobbyist.

"AIDS and affordable health care are high on Senator Kennedy's agenda," said Lee. "His leadership on this issue will help thousands of individuals receive life-prolonging AIDS treatments without facing additional economic hardship."

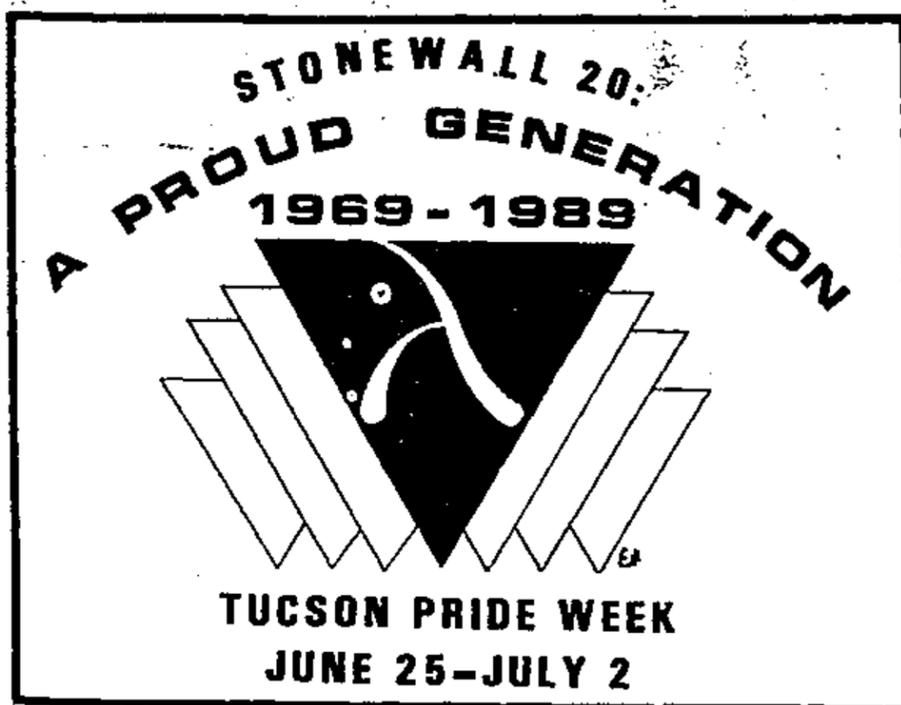
Reports that the Administration supported continuation of the program came after Kennedy and 12 other Senators sent a letter to HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan urging reprogramming.

Co-signers of the Kennedy letter to Sullivan were Orrin Hatch (R-Utah); Alan Cranston (D-Calif.); Lloyd Bentsen (D-Texas); Mark Hatfield (R-Oregon); Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.); Brock Adams (D-Wash.); Daniel Moynihan (D-NY); Donald Riegle (D-Mich.); Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii); Pete Wilson (R-Calif.); Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.); and Claiborne Pell (D-RI).

Efforts to pass the legislation earlier this month to extend the subsidy were thwarted by Senators Jesse Helms (R-NC); William Armstrong (R-Colo.) and Don Nickles (R-Okla.). Helms and the others blocked action on the bill by threatening to attach "hostile" amendments to it. (OBSERVER, March 29).

The newly reprogrammed HHS funds do not require full Senate approval.

### Pride Week logo chosen



TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TIGA) which steers the activities for Lesbian/Gay Pride Week each year in Tucson put out a call for Tucson people to submit ideas for a logo which will commemorate Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1989. The slogan for this year has been changed slightly from the national slogan to make it uniquely Tucson's own. "Stonewall 20: A Proud Generation - 1969-1989" appears on this year's logo.

The prize winning selection was submitted by Ernie Hoop. The logo will appear on all T-Shirts and buttons as well as fliers, posters and advertising for this year's Pride Week events.

This year's celebration promises to be a big one since it is the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall riots in New York which set the present Gay Liberation movement into motion. See related story about Fiesta de Mayo in this issue.

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# After Dark



# Inside The Washington Lobby

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by Chai Feldblum  
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There are no cures, not even any treatments leading to a cure for people who have AIDS, but there is one drug—AZT—that is currently known to prolong the life of a person with AIDS. Up until 1987, the National Institutes of Health tested AZT and administered the drug at no cost to people who had AIDS and were participating in various experiments. But by the summer of 1987, these experiments ended and the drug was licensed. NIH felt sure enough of the effectiveness of AZT to recommend it to people who had AIDS.

This apparently good news was actually double-edged for many people with AIDS. Since the experiments were completed, the government no longer paid for the drug, and at an estimated \$10,000 a year, AZT was priced out of most people's range.

Senator Lowell Weicker (R-Conn), an ardent and consistent supporter of people with AIDS, introduced a rider onto an appropriations bill in July 1987, proposing federal assistance for AZT users. The money was to be distributed to states, which would then distribute the money to individuals who needed AZT. The federal government would give money to each state according to how many people with AIDS lived there, and it was up to the states to determine the qualifying income level for an individual to receive the money.

Weicker's rider was a one-time deal—the money was meant to last for 18 months. Weicker hoped it would act as a bridge from the end of the NIH experiments to, hopefully, the beginning of payment by Medicaid or insurance companies. The bill was passed in May 1987.

By September 1988, Weicker's rider was nearing expiration and neither Medicaid nor private insurance companies were picking up the tab for AZT to the extent hoped for. AIDS lobbyists were working with various members of Congress, including Senators Weicker and Edward Kennedy (D-Mass) and Congressman Henry Waxman (D-Calif) to figure out a strategy for extending the program.

There was even talk of including such an extension in the Omnibus AIDS Bill, which had just passed the House of Representatives in September. Lobbyists were waiting for the Senate to appoint conferees who would negotiate the final Omnibus AIDS Bill.

The extension actually happened much quicker than even the best strategy could have anticipated.

One late afternoon in September, AIDS Lobbyists had gathered in the conference room of the ACLU, where there is a TV monitor that displays the proceedings of the House and Senate. The lobbyists were waiting to see if the lockjam had been broken and if conferees were finally going to be appointed on the Omnibus AIDS Bill.

Suddenly Weicker stood up and offered a bill to extend the AZT program for an additional six months, through March 1989. Weicker explained that the bill authorized \$15 million to extend the program, but that only \$10 million would actually come from the government; the other \$5 million would be given by the manufacturers of AZT, Burroughs-Wellcome.

The lobbyists watching the events on TV were somewhat surprised at Weicker's move and watched with eager anticipation. The chairperson of the Appropriations Committee, who was on the Senate floor, asked Weicker whether he was trying to authorize the program or also appropriate the money. These are two separate issues. Any number of programs may be authorized, but that does

not guarantee that the government will appropriate money for it. Weicker assured the committee chair that he was only offering an authorization bill and with a quick flick of his pen, he made it true. The bill was then passed by unanimous consent.

AIDS lobbyists did succeed in finding money for the AZT program without having to go through appropriations channels. The 1988 budget had given the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) approximately \$900,000 million for all AIDS research, education and testing.

Members of Congress and lobbyists were able to get HHS to re-program \$10 million of that amount to support the AZT program. People who needed AZT were set for another six months through March 1989.

The middle of March came and the program was close to expiring again. Weicker had, unfortunately, been defeated in the November election, so Kennedy took the lead and tried to get a simple extension of the program through September 1989. He needed unanimous consent, however, otherwise his legislative proposal would have been vulnerable to extensive anti-AIDS amendments. Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) blocked consensus, despite Kennedy's vigorous perseverance.

The Senate adjourned on March 24 without passing an extension. That created a particularly difficult situation. The Senate would not return until April 9. After March 31, however, the program technically no longer existed and it would take an entire new bill to re-authorize the program again.

But there was another approach. Weicker's bill had authorized \$15 million, even though the government was only expected to pay \$10 million. So technically, there was still \$5 million authorized for AZT users. AIDS lobbyists and congressional staffers, groups like AIDS Action Council, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, The Human Rights Campaign Fund and Kennedy's and Waxman's staffs, worked constantly in the remaining week of the program to get the chief administrators at HHS to agree to reprogram \$5 million.

Kennedy played a leading role, organizing a letter to HHS signed by 13 other Senators including Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT), asking for reprogramming. Ultimately, on March 30, HHS agreed to it, and on March 31 letters went out to the states informing them that they would be receiving the funds.

The additional \$5 million will help for another six months. In the meantime a more permanent solution must be designed. One of the main hesitations raised is one of equity: No other drug or disease is given special treatment of this kind. On the other hand, there is a pressing need for such support. AIDS lobbyists argue that Congress should start funding AZT, and then extend the precedent to other drugs needed by those who have other diseases. To say "No one else gets money for drugs so people with AIDS shouldn't either," argue lobbyists, is not productive. In general, they say, what this proves is that our health care program needs to be revised.

Some of the proposals lobbyists are looking at call for a matching grant program, in which states raise half the money for AZT and the federal government would match that amount. This issue will have to be addressed by Congress before next September, and while this is only one of the many AIDS issues that need to be advanced, it is a high priority. AZT buys time for people with AIDS, and that is a life-or-death matter.

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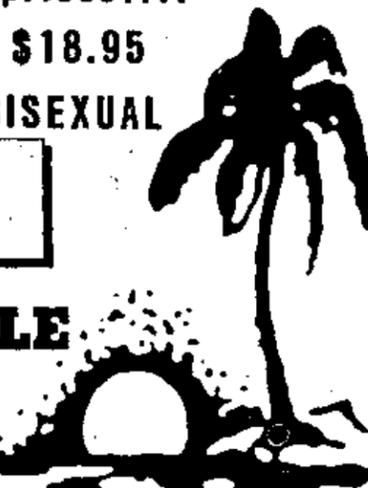
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'Sunbeams' contains many models not seen in Patrioli's popular first collection. 'Mediterraneo,' which was also published by Alyson. Both collections focus on young Mediterranean men. Patrioli captures his subjects in outdoor settings that reflect the young men's natural sensuality.

"Patrioli is endowed with the eye of the hunter," says Gene Rizzo in the introduction to 'Sunbeams,' "and what he is hunting is an ideal of beauty first forged in the ancient lands of the South Mediterranean."

'Sunbeams' is a large format paperback book with black-and-white photos. It is available for \$15.00.



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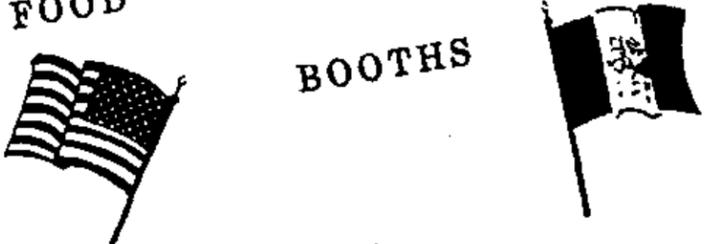


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Proceeds to Tucson Lesbian / Gay Alliance to defray costs of Pride Week '89 at **JOSHUA TREE BACK POCKET**

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR:**

I would like to give a big Thank You to the various clubs and individuals who made my trip to Tucson possible. I never did learn all of the groups and individuals who were responsible. But, a special Thank You goes to Bert and Ernie, Dennis and Harold, Desert Leathermen and those who made the trip possible and who kept me hidden until the Observer/Community Benefit. I do thank each of you who were so kind to bring me to Tucson and who were so nice during my stay.

It was so good to meet many new friends and to renew all of my old friendships here in Tucson. Thank you for making it possible for me to share with Ben and Annie on their Wedding Anniversary. When you read this, I will be back in Georgia, but my thoughts and prayers will always be with you here in Tucson. It is really wonderful to have such good friends. I love you all. Until I see you again, take care.

Love, D. Dolly

**A LETTER OF THANKS -**

The Shanti Foundation would like to thank the Tucson community once again for making last Saturday night's benefit for Shanti such an overwhelming success. We raised approximately \$2,400. Wages by Colette's staff (Esther, Glenda, Lenny and Sheila) have not been added in yet).

Many thanks go to all the performers who donated their talent for the evening. I believe you set a precedent for the quality of entertainment that is available in our community!

Thanks Marga, for a funny, funny night! Many thanks to Joe Smalley for the creation and donation of centerpieces for the tables and the flower basket for the raffle.

To Patrick Tobin and Nancy Norman, thanks for the piano and organizing the show.

We'd like to thank all those who purchased the \$100 tables. You have truly made a significant contribution.

Special thanks to Colette and her staff for all their support and energy (and wages too).

Thanks to Annie for her graphics and press materials and to Bob Ellis and the Observer for the great coverage and publicity.

And to my special friend, Deb Whalen (and her Deaftones) thanks from the bottom of our hearts for your wonderful performance, energy, support AND your boxer shorts. We love you.

Much love and thanks to all of you for your generosity and compassion. Love

The Shanti Family

**OPEN LETTER TO THE GAY COMMUNITY FROM THE ANGOLA GAY ASSOCIATION TAGA**

The TAGA... is a small group of Gays within the Louisiana State Prisons - LSP. Our soul (sic) purpose in banding together was to organize into a self-defense group among ourselves. Our purpose now is to organize into an official social organization by the by the Prison Administration. While we are a small group at this time, without any official administration approval, we are growing here in the LSP.

The reason for our actions are due to the horrible conditions and disrespect that we Gays are subjected to in our confinement in the LSP. Therefore, we banded together, and now attempting to organize into an officially accepted group with the prison administrations approval....

It should be noted, that this writer and all members of the group at this time in such

"Extended Lockdown-Status", with no real hope of release, because we have no out-side voice, or meaningful support.

We of the TAGA are seeking support from the Gay community to give us the outside prison voice and support that is needed to be successful in meeting our goals, and we are also seeking "One on One" sponsors for each member of our group, in order that each of us will know in our hearts that we are not forgotten in our struggle.

If there are any outside Gay groups which wish to assist us in our struggle as a sponsor of our incarcerated group, and if there are any Gay individuals who wish to support us on a "One on One" basis with a member of our incarcerated group, then please contact this writer at the below listed address, and we will reply with full details of our groups efforts and "background information", on the Gay incarcerated inmates of our group for the "One on One" individual contact.

In closing this plea, your support, encouragement, and helpful ideas and correspondence to the individuals are the kind that will assure us that we have a true chance to change these types of horrible conditions of confinement and accomplishing our goals for all Gay inmates of this prison system.

Jerry Phelps, #117296, Camp D - Hawk 1-L-5, Extended Lockdown, Angola, LA 70712.

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To register and for more information, contact Fred Stahl at (602) 795-2629.

**A QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE COMMUNITY**

From the CAT Committee

The CAT (Community Awards of Tucson) Committee would like to ask for your participation in a questionnaire about the CAT Awards. First of all, the CAT Committee consists of 32 members who represent clubs, organizations and businesses from the Gay/Lesbian community. The purpose of this committee is to come up with a system that rewards individuals and organizations for their outstanding achievements throughout the year. It is the committee's desire to continue improving the awards and make them as prestigious as possible. Your assistance in the following questionnaire will give us feedback from the community as to what you would like from these awards.

1. Are you aware that the CAT Committee is in its 3rd year of existence? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Did you participate in last year's nomination process? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you interested in participating in voting for candidates for awards in our community? \_\_\_\_\_
4. If not, what would it take to get you involved? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you think that awarding community leaders is a worthwhile benefit to the Gay/Lesbian community? \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain \_\_\_\_\_
6. In your opinion, how can the awards be made more prestigious? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What areas of achievement would you prefer recognized in our community? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Last year, nominations were received from the general community and final votes were cast by the 1988 CAT Committee members. Were you satisfied with this process? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Would you agree to a registration/voting process that would guarantee one vote per person in the general community and assure anonymity? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Are you presently affiliated with any clubs, businesses or organizations in the Gay/Lesbian community? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which ones? \_\_\_\_\_
11. If you answered #10 yes, is your club, business or organization represented on the CAT Committee at this time? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Did you attend the CAT awards presentation in January 1989? \_\_\_\_\_
13. If not, please explain why not! \_\_\_\_\_

We would appreciate any additional comments or suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: CAT Committee, P.O. Box 26219, Tucson, Arizona 85726

# CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

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

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 TKO Closet Ball. Check for application blanks at all the bars and enter this fun contest. Prizes to the winners are: \$100 first place; \$75 second place and \$50 for third place. The action begins at 8 p.m. when the men will be introduced and then go behind the scenes to be made up into some of the most voluptuous women you have ever seen! A real fun time for one of the longest running events in Tucson. Admission is \$3 per person or \$5 for a couple. See you there.

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 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. Bring your beach chairs, sun tan lotion, wear your beach duds and enjoy a really fun event either watching or playing volleyball. Good food, good fun, good time, good friends.

**RUMOR HAZZIT** - Kip and Gary will host a Beer Bust and Bar-B-Que here as a fund raising effort in their run for King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo. Help these and all candidates during these benefits - it all comes back to the community during Pride Week activities.

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 this last fundraiser for these two candidates and support your Pride Week functions.

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.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

**COLETTE'S** - "One Track Mind", a very talented women's band from Phoenix will play here from 5 to 7 p.m. \$3 cover.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

**COLETTE'S** - A Benefit show for Miss Gay Tucson candidate Christi Lunden. This show will feature Christi and Dani Reid plus some guests.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

**COLETTE'S** - Singer-songwriter Anne English appearing here with her acoustic guitar singing some old standards, some swing, some light blues, some originals. You name it, she can perform it all.

**SUNDAY, MAY 21** - Another Benefit Show for Miss Gay Tucson candidate Christi Lunden. Watch for details.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

**COLETTE'S** - Anne English, that magnetic vocalist performs again with a great variety of music. A nice evening of song.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

**COLETTE'S** - The vocal talents of Lisa Otey will be on display here from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover. Don't miss this act.

## 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].

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

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.

Boomers Cafe Espresso will present another musical night under the stars. Starting at 8:30 p.m., Chris Gregory will perform for your enjoyment.

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 bond 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.

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 Rumor 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.

TLGA (Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance) will meet at 3:00 p.m. at the Back Pocket. This will be the final meeting prior to the Fiesta de Mayo to be held on May 4-5-6-7. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting, especially the King and Queen candidates.

SUNDAY, MAY 7 - General Men's Massage Group meets from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Facilities limit this meeting to 12 people. Call 881-4582 for information and reservations. This is a meeting in a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for men to relate to each other through touch. There is a minimal fee.

SUNDAY, MAY 14 - Sunday Softball Game to benefit Shanti Foundation/Tucson at Himmel Park, field #1 will start at 1 p.m. There will be hot dogs, soda and beer for sale during the afternoon. Enjoy the game, work on your suntan and have fun while supporting Shanti.

THURSDAY, MAY 18 - Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association monthly meeting. Site to be determined. Arizona Gov. Rose Mofford has tentatively accepted OP's invitation to provide an overview of the current state legislature's accomplishments and failures. 7 p.m., no-host beverages; 7:30 p.m., general meeting. Free to OP members and first-time guests. \$10 for repeat guests at the door. Information: (602) 297-3794

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 - Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association monthly meeting. Site to be determined. "Fitness for the Summer" is the theme of the guest presenters. 7 p.m., no-host beverages; 7:30 p.m. general meeting. Free to OP members and first-time guests. \$10 for repeat guests at the door. Information: (602) 297-3794.

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## Tucson

# CALENDAR

SUNDAY

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys \$1.25. Steak Dinner 4 pm to ??? \$4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am, Linda Pizdale.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - "Mine Down Mine" .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** - Upstairs Lounge open 4 pm. Happy Hour 4-8:30 \$1 Well and Domestic Longnecks. Nightly Specials.  
**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 .69 from 8 pm to Midnight.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.  
**IT'S 'BOUT TIME** - Noon to 4 pm. Well drinks \$1.00 (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** - Upstairs Lounge open 4 pm. Happy Hour 4-8:30 \$1 Well and Domestic Longnecks. Nightly Specials.  
**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** - Upstairs Lounge open 4 pm. Happy Hour 4-8:30 \$1 Well and Domestic Longnecks. Nightly Specials.  
**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 .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** - Upstairs Lounge open 4 pm. Happy Hour 4-8:30 \$1 Well and Domestic Longnecks. Nightly Specials.  
**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** - "Sudersize!" .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.  
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**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** - Upstairs Lounge open 4 pm. Happy Hour 4-8:30 \$1 Well and Domestic Longnecks. Nightly Specials.  
**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/WJ 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.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Hourly Drink Specials 8 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 Well .75 (w/juice \$1), Long Necks \$1.25; 8 pm to Close: Just Be Here! Dance 8 to 1.  
**OUTRAGEOUS** - Upstairs Lounge open 4 pm. Happy Hour 4-8:30 \$1 Well and Domestic Longnecks. Nightly Specials.  
**RAINBOW ROOM** (formerly Rita's) - Open Noon to 1 am.  
**RUMORHAZZIT** - Open Noon to 1 am. Original Peter Dogs with all the trimmings 1-6 pm. .99 Corona Nite 8 pm-12 am. A hot dance nite with VJ/DJ Dwayne.

# WHAT'S UP DOC?



It's time for the annual Tucson Knight Owl's Closet Ball. This year it will be held at the Rainbow Room this Saturday evening, April 22 starting at 8ish. Contestants should try to arrive around 7:30. There will be a cover charge for everyone else - \$3 a person or \$5 a couple. Remember contestants, only you and your makeup artist will be allowed in the dressing room. Also, by all means make sure you have you ID in your possession, they will be checked if there is a question of age.

Entertainment for the evening will be supplied by Doug Cooper. MC'ing for the evening will be Big Mike, from SOS. There will be no reserved tables. First come first served. The big table up front will be for the judges only. Any further questions should be directed to either Gary T. at 623-0993 or myself at 884-7309. Applications to enter this year's Closet Ball are in the bars or you can pick one up on the night of the Closet Ball. Cut-off time for the contestants to enter will be at 7:00 p.m. the evening of the Closet Ball, April 22.

Last weekend was another one of those full weekends. Mine started out at Rumor Hazzit for Partners' meeting and Beer Bust. This filled most of the afternoon and I thought I would be able to go home for a short rest, but no. The phone rang with the word TKO's Phoenix Mama was in town. Well, we loaded up and headed out to the Rainbow Room to see her. After a couple of drinks there, it was off to Colette's, with the final stop at the Graduate.

The Grad was having a Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen contestant benefit show starring Gary L. and Kip. The show turned out to be one of the better my poor eyes have seen in a long time. Sunday evening found Gary and Kip at the Rainbow Room. Before they could

go to that show, they both stopped in at the Graduate to help SOS with their Casino Night.

I don't know about the other two couples who are running for King and Queen, but if their schedules are as busy as Gary and Kip's, I'm sure all are looking forward to May 7 so this busy schedule can come to an end.

Sunday also found TALL at the Graduate for their monthly Beer Bust and feast. As I stated before, it was a busy weekend and I looked forward to Monday so I could slow down.

Now for next weekend, just two evenings of entertainment on the schedule - one is TKO's Closet Ball, and two at Rumor Hazzit, will be live music by Rare Breed with a show following starring all the contestants who are running for King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo. I hope to see a good turnout both evenings.

Things will really move into high gear in May around Tucson. First off will be the crowning of this year's Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen. They will reign over this year's Gay Pride Week in June including the annual picnic in Himmel Park.

At the end of May, TKO holds their annual Spring Fling. In June you can look towards the annual President's Auction. Then you have the annual First Ladies Weekend.

I'll be passing more info on all of these plus anything else Tucson's clubs will be having as each draws closer. To make sure you do not miss anything, be sure to get your weekly copy of the OBSERVER and read it!

With that I'll close for this week. Have yourselves a fun but safe week.

## News from MCC Tucson

Saturday, April 22 is the big day. Bingo games will now be held at 560 S. Stone, the fourth Saturday of each month. The games will start at 6:30 p.m. with ten games being played. There will be cash prizes for each game played. See our ad elsewhere in this issue of OBSERVER.

Summer is here in Tucson. It is now time to turn the coolers on to keep our congregation cool during services. It is also time to start thinking of vacations, trips to the mountains, rivers and lakes and other things to do during the hot summer months. MCC/Tucson is planning several events that will take us outdoors to enjoy nature and fellowship with one another. Watch this column for details as these different events become a reality.

Thought for the Week: Most people admire a good loser - as long as it's somebody else.

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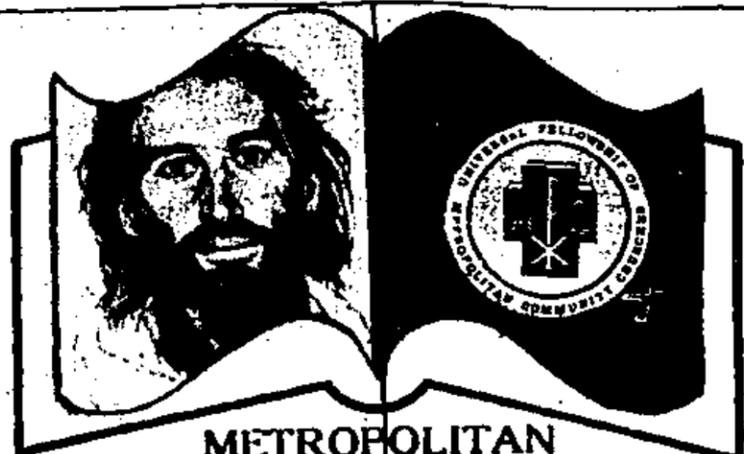


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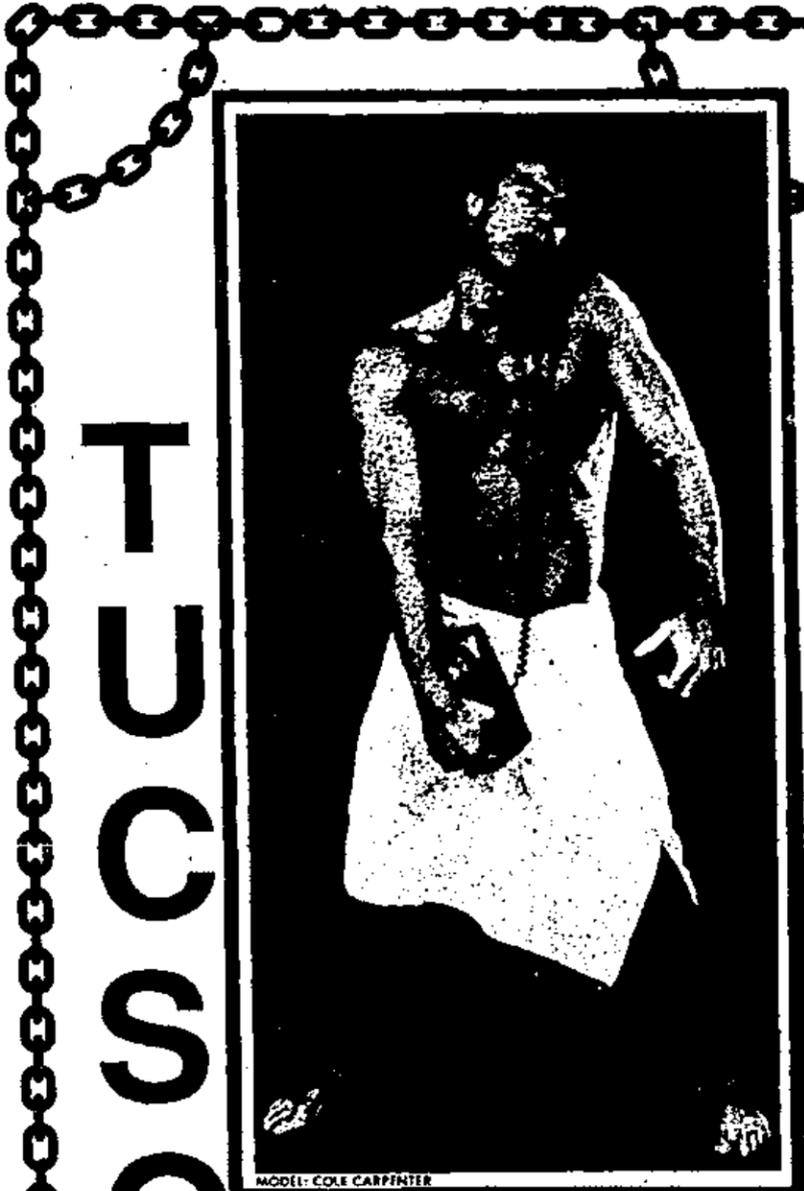
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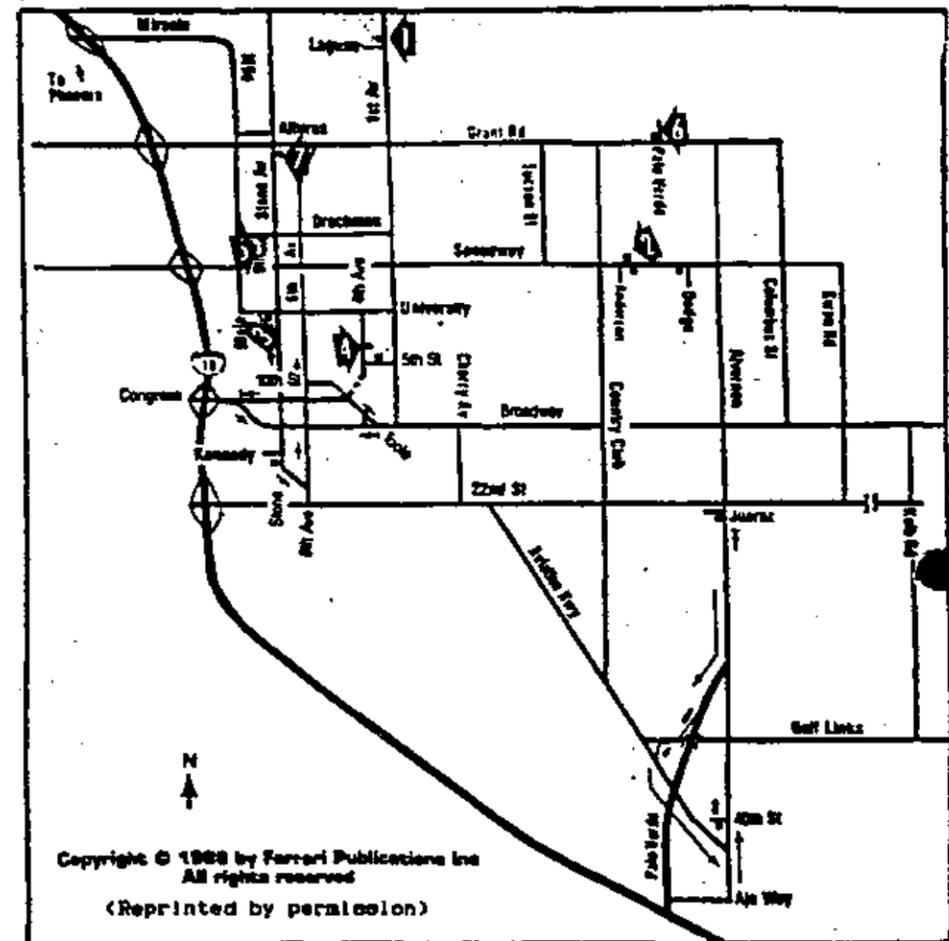
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**CASA DE LA PALOMA APOSTOLIC CHURCH.** Bible Study Group meets every Saturday at 7 p.m. Affiliated with National Gay Pentecostal Association. For more information call Sandy 323-6855 in Tucson.

**TUCSON FRONT RUNNERS** meet for fun runs at 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays in front of the Hammel Park library and at 9:00 a.m. every Saturday at the Rillito River Park at Campbell. For more information call Mitch 326-3332.

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

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

**TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP),** 151 S. Tucson Boulevard, Suite 252 (The Broadmoor). Services for people with AIDS/ARC or HIV+; Community education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

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Call A.A. 624-4183. 24-Hour Hotline. Call for information on Gay and Lesbian meetings in Tucson.

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**LUTHERANS CONCERNED/TUCSON** is a fellowship and support group for Lesbian and Gay Lutherans. We meet monthly and all are welcome. For more information call Greg at 322-6334 or write to Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40252, Tucson, AZ 85717.

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

**GAY SUPPORT GROUP**  
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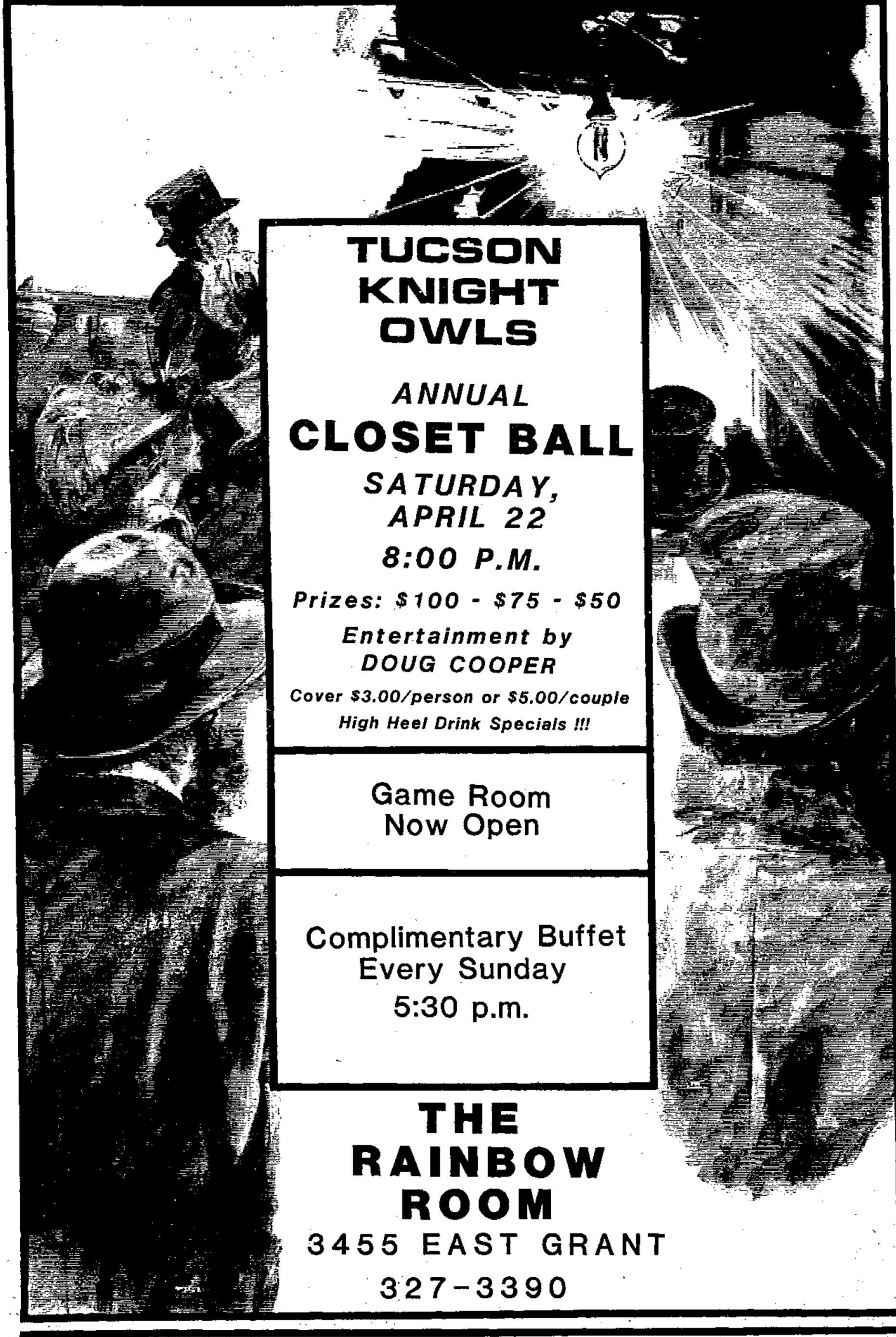
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