



NGLTF Director Protests Bush Policies At Presidential Press Conference

WASHINGTON, DC - President George Bush's first major address on the AIDS crisis on March 29, was interrupted by Urvashi Vaid, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), who stood up during the presentation and urged the President to do more for people with AIDS.

Bush vowed to "fight like hell" for a cure for AIDS. But until that cure is found, the president beseeched Americans to open their hearts and treat AIDS sufferers with compassion, not discrimination.

The president spoke to a gathering of about 400 business and labor leaders at a conference sponsored by the National Leadership Coalition on AIDS held at the Crystal City Gateway Marriott Hotel just outside Washington. The speech was extensively covered by major national and international media.

During the speech, Vaid, who sat in front of the President stood and held up a sign that read, "Talk Is Cheap -- AIDS Funding Is Not" and "Remember Gay People With AIDS".

She then challenged Bush directly, saying, "Mr. President, you don't understand. We need your leadership. We need more than one speech every 14 months. We need more funding for AIDS education, research and prevention. We need you to end the discriminatory immigration policy.

Secret Service agents instructed Vaid to remove the sign and sit down. But a few minutes later, Vaid again stood to address the President, who up to that point in his speech had not revealed any new substantive Administration initiatives for fighting the epidemic. Vaid was then escorted out of the hotel and told if she re-entered she would be arrested.

Bush paused during his speech to address Vaid, saying, "Let me say something about this. I can understand the concern that these people feel. And I hope if we do nothing else by coming here, I can help them understand that not only you care, but we care too."

"We're in a fight against a disease, not in a fight against people," Bush said in his address on the deadly disease that has killed more than 76,000 Americans. "We will not and we must not in America tolerate discrimination," he said.

"Our goal is to turn irrational fear into rational acts," Bush said. He urged the executives in his audience not to fire those infected with HIV, or AIDS.

Bush also urged Congress "to get on with the job of passing a law" to prohibit discrimination against people infected with AIDS or HIV.

Vaid said later that Bush showed compassion and "said some great things, but we need the backing of the White House to secure a higher appropriation level (for AIDS programs) in fiscal 1991, and we don't have that now. That seemed to be the sentiment of most of the representatives from numerous AIDS organizations who heard Bush speak.

"He has shown sensitivity and concern," said Jean McGuire, executive director of the Washington-based AIDS Action Council. "But in the end, the speech we heard today was long on compassion and short on commitment."

McGuire and other AIDS group leaders said they were particularly concerned that the administration had not yet acted to remove HIV from the list of infectious diseases that can keep immigrants from being admitted to the United States.

McGuire called the provision "an embarrassment in the global community". Many nations and groups are threatening to boycott an upcoming international conference on AIDS in San Francisco in June, (OBSERVER, March 28) unless the immigration issue is dealt with.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, praised Bush for "an encouraging start, far beyond the commitment the Reagan administration was willing to make". And he urged the president to support a proposed \$600 million emergency AIDS disaster relief bill for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

"It is commendable that the President mentioned anti-discrimination protections," said Vaid after the speech. "And his rhetoric was certainly more compassionate than anything former President Reagan ever said. But one speech does not equal leadership. Photo opportunities and soundbites on compassion are not substitutes for public health policy and political courage."

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Observer/Community Benefit 1990 TOGA Award Winners



Pictured above are Patty Bowers and Michael Griffin, recipients of the 1990 Tucson Observer Gay Appreciation (T.O.G.A.) humanitarian male

and female of the year at the OBSERVER/Community Benefit Saturday, March 31 at the Quality Inn. See separate story this issue.

TUCSON - The Fifth Annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit took place last Saturday, March 31 at the Quality Inn to a full house. Desert Leathermen produce and host this yearly affair and this latest one was the most spectacular.

The theme of the evening was oriental with the tables decorated in colorful colors and the place setting was complete with chop sticks. Centerpieces were colorful Chinese lanterns and the stage area completed the theme beautifully right down to a massive dragon hanging from the ceiling.

The evening raised a total of \$2,741.68. After expenses of \$1,711.68 is deducted (which includes the cost of the dinners served among other expenses) the net total comes to \$1,030.00. Checks for \$515.00 each will be given to the Shanti Foundation/Tucson and Frensdorff House.

During the evening the annual Tucson OBSERVER Gay Appreciation Awards were presented. Patty Bowers, President of the Shanti foun-

and Tucson was selected as the Female of the Year and Dr. Michael Griffin AIDS activist and counselor was chosen as Man of the Year. Each was presented their award by last years T.O.G.A. winners Anne Schmitt and Dr. Scott Gorman.

Desert Leathermen selected Gary L'Abbe and Kip Kipilla as their Club Men of the Year. Each sat through a "this is your life" review presented by Desert Leathermen President Ernie Hoop.

Entertainers for the evening included Loren Johnson, Margo Leigh, Michelle Kristie, Christie Lunden, Christine Shade, Dani Reid, Miss Gay Arizona Divina, the Copper City Squares and the Shit Howdy Cloggers.

The evening was flawless and the food hot and delicious. The entertainment was superb and the audience appreciative. It was truly an outstanding event.

Thanks go to DL Road Captain Bert Hoop for spearheading this event for another year; the entire Desert

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UPDATE

EASTER CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH TO BE SHANTI FUNDRAISER
 TUCSON - A unique fund raising effort will take place on Easter Sunday, April 15. A sumptuous Champagne Brunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the French Quarter.

The gourmet Brunch consists of choice of Baked Ham with Fennel Glaze; Roast Beef Marsalla with mushroom caps and ginger snap sauce; Scrambled Eggs with baked garlic sausage and mushrooms; Tortelline in a white clam sauce. Scalloped potatoes; baked cheddar potato halves Vesuvius style; steamed baby carrots in a sweet clear glaze; garden squash sliced European style; Croissants with butter buds; chocolate dipped strawberries, assorted cheese cakes; assorted petits fours and complimentary champagne with each brunch.

The cost of this delicious selection of foods and desserts is \$3.00 per person. Tickets are available from Shanti members, the French Quarter and Rumorz 2222. Reservations are accepted for six or more with prepaid tickets at the French Quarter only. All proceeds go to Shanti Foundation/Tucson.

KING HOLIDAY WINS APPROVAL IN IDAHO
 BOISE, IDAHO (ap) - Legislation declaring the third Monday in January an official state holiday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. won final legislative approval on March 31.

Senate passage of the bill establishing the Martin Luther King Jr. Idaho Human Rights Day removed Idaho from the dwindling list of states still refusing to honor the slain civil rights leader with an official holiday.

The bill, clearing the Senate on a 28-11 vote, now goes to Gov. Cecil Andrus, who called for its passage in his State of the State address to open the session last January.

Only three other states are now without King holidays - Montana, New Hampshire and Arizona.

ENTRAPMENT VICTIMS SOUGHT
 TUCSON - Any person who has been arrested or harassed and who feels he or she has been a victim of police entrapment is requested to contact Attorney Robert Hirsh, 884-9630. Hirsh, an excellent attorney with a good reputation as a defense lawyer for civil rights cases would like your help in identifying other lawyers who are working on these entrapment cases in the hopes of being able to work together and question the legality of the police actions.

Victims themselves or their attorneys are requested to contact Hirsh. All information will be confidential, and your help is urgently needed.

'SAFE SEX' OPENS APRIL 21
 TUCSON - ONE-IN-TEN, Tucson's first Gay and Lesbian theatre company, proudly announces the production of "Safe Sex", directed by Panchita Guaderrama Lucas and written by Harvey Fierstein, author of the Tony Award-winning "Torch Song Trilogy". "Safe Sex" evolves, sometimes comically and sometimes not, around changes within relationships in the time of AIDS.

Performances, in conjunction with the University of Arizona's Lesbian/Gay Alliance, will be held at The Cellar in the University of Arizona's Student Union. Shows will be performed on April 21 and April 28 at 8:00 p.m. with matinees on April 22 and April 29 at 2:00 p.m.

Ticket prices will be \$7.00 for evening shows and \$5.00 for the Sunday matinees. For all information concerning One-In-Ten, please contact Anne Mourot at 628-1737.

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Tohono Chul Park is a private desert preserve set in the middle of a metropolis, with walking trails, demonstration gardens, gift shop and art gallery. Reservations are not needed and you do not have to be an OP member. Wear comfortable clothes. Docents will give free guided tours of the park.

In addition, soloists from the Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus will present a preview of their Spring Concert.

The park is located at 7366 N. Paseo del Norte which is off of Ina Road, and is the first signal light west of Oracle. Festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m.

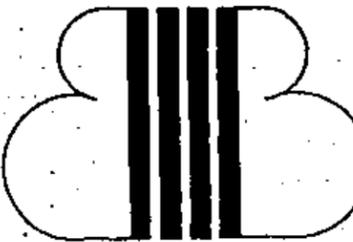
WHO'S GOING TO VANCOUVER AND REPRESENTING ARIZONA?

You and 100 of your closest friends will hopefully be representing the Grand Canyon State. The number of Arizona athletes that are committed to participate in Celebration '90 is still not firm. We are judging our number of participants by (1) the number of people on our mailing list, (2) the number of athletes participating in team sports and (3) the processed. However, we need to get a firm number.

We are planning to order our team uniforms by May 1, so we need to know who will need a uniform. So, please (1) Call your sport coordinator and confirm your attendance, or (2) Call Kent Whitney, 265-2407 if you are participating in an individual event that does not have a team coordinator.

It appears that the Vancouver organizing committee will keep reservations open through May 31 for registration for each sport. That was the original guideline, but we had heard rumors that because of the number of people trying out for the games, that registration might close earlier. That still may happen, don't delay in sending in your Phase I and Phase II registration forms.

They have well over 5,500 athletes now, with 750 from countries other than the U.S. and Canada. The majority of overseas entrants come from Australia, New Zealand and West Germany.



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CONGRATS to Patty Bowers & Mike Griffin - 1990 TOGA Award Winners - Woman & Man of the Year!

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NOTICE

This Saturday, April 7, will be the first of Tucson's "Sharing Weekend".

From 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. each patron entering one of the Tucson Gay bars will be asked to give a \$1.00 donation which will be collected by members of Tucson's AIDS organizations and the money will be divided equally among those participating organizations.

Persons who cannot afford donating will not be challenged as well as persons having proof of having contributed previously. Tucson's "Sharing Weekend" will be held every first Saturday.

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The Associated Press

Urvashi Vaid questions U.S. commitment to AIDS fight.

NGLTF DIRECTOR PROTESTS BUSH POLICIES AT PRESIDENTIAL PRESS CONFERENCE

"What is missing from the President's picture of AIDS?" asked Vaid. "An end to punitive and harmful immigration, visitation and permanent residency laws that discriminate against foreigners with AIDS and HIV. Increased funding of AIDS research, prevention and care programs. Affordable health care for all Americans. Access to promising drug therapies. Acknowledgement that the Gay community, which comprises more than 65 percent of total AIDS cases, continues to suffer discrimination, stigmatization, and government negligence. And a real action plan for fighting the nation's health crisis."

OUT!, a Washington-based direct action group, joined the New York and D.C. chapters of ACT UP to stage a protest at the hotel during the speech. In order to enter the hotel's conference site, attendees, most of them corporate executives and business leaders, had to walk through a human "gauntlet" of about 80 AIDS activists lining both sides of the hallway. Activists carried signs that said, among other things "Wake Up George - Where's The Plan?" and "Nine Years Of AIDS + 80,000 Dead + One Lousy Speech = A National Disgrace".

In particular, Vaid criticized the White House's AIDS funding proposal for 1991. During his speech, Bush said the Administration had asked Congress for \$3.5 billion in 1991 for AIDS. But AIDS advocates sharply criticized and rebuked that figure, saying after Medicaid and Medicare entitlements, Defense Department testing costs and other miscellaneous expenses are factored out, the actual Bush AIDS budget request for 1991 for Labor, Health and Human Services expenditures is \$1.75 billion.

For Bush, it was a personal and sometimes poignant speech, as he spoke of the death of his 3-year-old daughter from leukemia in 1953 and of friends who have died of AIDS.

"When our own daughter was dying of leukemia, we asked the doctor the same question every HIV family must ask - why, why was this happening to our beautiful little girl?"

Of the friends who died of AIDS, Bush said, "Our love for them when they were sick and when they died was just as great and just as intense as for anyone lost to heart disease or cancer or accidents."

"In this nation, in this decade, there is only one way to deal with an individual who is sick: with dignity, compassion, confidentiality and without discrimination," Bush said to applause.

The hotel ballroom was adorned with colorful quilt panels from the NAMES Project celebrating the lives of AIDS victims.

Earlier, Bush met with three members of the National Commission on AIDS in the Oval Office for about 10 minutes. Commission member Belinda Mason, president of the National Association of Persons with AIDS said she pleaded with Bush to take a lead role in the fight against the disease.

"The thing that was rather startling for me, she said, "was that he seemed surprised that the country and the community of people with HIV expect leadership from him, and he seemed sort of skeptical it would make any difference. I thought, "Does he really not know how powerful he is?"

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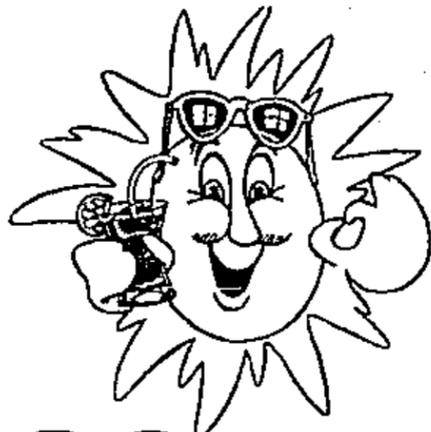
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CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON**

Anatomy Of Hypocrisy

On August 2, 1981, when CBS news anchorman Dan Rather began his report about alarm over the new disease which would later become AIDS, only about 485 cases had been diagnosed. Of these just under 200 had died.

On May 31, 1987, when then-President Ronald Reagan first uttered the word "AIDS" in public, there were 36,058 diagnosed cases of the disease and 20,849 deaths.

In July 1989, the number of AIDS cases had topped the 100,000 mark. Over 58% of those with AIDS had died.

This column has nothing to do with AIDS. It has to do with illustrating the hypocrisy with which the American government deals with the "little people"—that's us.

In mid-1989, the first reports of a mysterious blood disease appeared. The disease, eosinophilia-myalgia syndrome (EMS), is very rare. It was appearing in people, mostly women, who were otherwise healthy. There was no explanation for this mysterious ailment.

Shortly after the first cases came to light, a common link was found: all of those diagnosed with the disease had taken supplements of the amino acid L-tryptophan. This non-prescription supplement, of a naturally occurring amino acid, was used by people to help them sleep, and by pregnant women. The Federal Drug Administration promptly issued a warning against the supplement.

Two weeks ago, the FDA expanded its warning to include all items with any amount of the artificially produced amino acid. At that time 1,411 cases of EMS had been diagnosed with 19 reported deaths.

There is little that differs between the history of AIDS and EMS—other than the fact it took the FDA six months to do for EMS what it took six years for the government to do for AIDS: take

a strong stand against the cause of the disease.

Another difference comes not directly from government, but society.

Where are the editorials which call EMS the pregnant-plague, or the insomniac plague?

Not one person has gotten in front of a television camera to proclaim EMS is the command from god that people shouldn't get pregnant or use sleep-inducing drugs.

Has anyone blamed the pregnant women for bringing this plague on themselves? Of course not!

And why should they? One woman suffering the effects of EMS said she had stopped taking the supplement when the link to EMS was first reported. She still got sick. Everyone is coddling and protecting these EMS patients. Cries for a treatment or a cure abound in the press.

Just imagine the scenario if the first cases of EMS were found in Lesbians or Gays? The cause would still be unknown, religious fanatics would be denouncing EMS as the Gay-plague, and President Bush would be saying, "What, me worry?"

This frightening scenario is, unfortunately, exactly what happened with AIDS. Surprised?

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

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OBSERVER/COMMUNITY BENEFIT
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"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

The "American Way" seems to be: "Live today, for tomorrow you die!" So we set out to have as much fun as possible. Unfortunately, we don't really have fun, but rather, end up harming ourselves. We eat too much, drink too much, don't exercise, keep late hours, and learn to "live for the weekend".

Furthermore, within the Gay community, we see an increased emphasis placed upon living fast and furious. After all, we're not accepted by the world, so why bother taking care of ourselves, right?

What a shame, though. Whether or not you realize it, the Gay community right here in Tucson is filled with many talented, creative, intelligent people, from a multitude of backgrounds. What an untapped resource we are! We have a lot of "good" people who want to reach out and help a hurting society, but just don't know how or where to begin.

I don't believe that God intended for Gays to throw their lives away simply because parts of the non-Gay society sees us as having little or no value. After all, has society as a whole been correct in its response to other controversial aspects of the world?

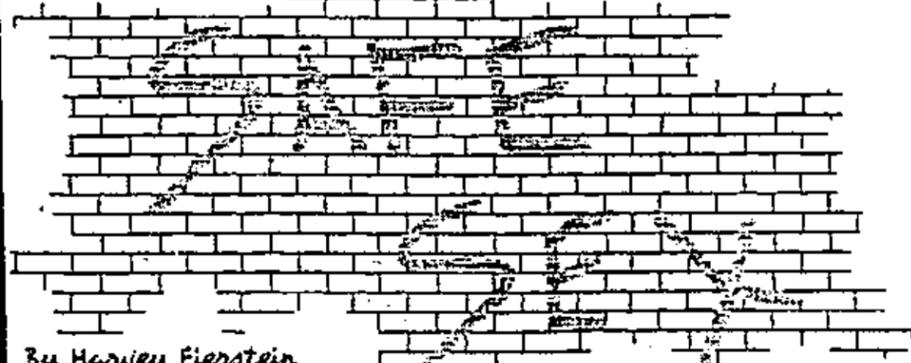
God said He has a plan for each one of us...not just the non-Gay, white, middle-class people, but Gays, Hispanics, Afro-Americans, poor, disabled, etc. No one is left out. I think it is time we stop letting society dictate what we should be like, and instead look to God for guidance. God has a plan for you, but before you can realize that plan, you need to accept Him into your life.

Don't just throw away those God-given talents.... they could be very valuable if you're willing to use them! There is nothing wrong with taking good care of yourself, living a vital, productive life, and planning for the future. Perhaps, if we change our attitudes and stop feeling poorly about ourselves, the non-Gay world would see that we are a loving, caring, thoughtful, and important component of society, able to hope and look forward to the future.

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by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

Two years ago when I started writing this column, I set some basic rules for what I was going to do here. One of those rules was that I wasn't going to write movie, theatre or book reviews. Rules were meant to be broken, I guess. It is my intention to spend the next two weeks reviewing two books.

In defense of my idiosyncratic approach to this column, let me offer the fact that the first book is not even close to current. In fact, it's not even from this century or the one previous. "Journal of the Plague Year" by Daniel Defoe was first published in 1721. The copy I have was published in 1960.

I first acquired my copy 15 years ago when a friend was cleaning out his library. I had enjoyed Defoe's books "Moll Flanders" and "Robinson Crusoe" and his excellent poem "The True-Born Englishman". It really was my intention to read this one Real Soon Now. I was just having a little trouble getting started reading about the plague. I was sure it would be both depressing and not at all relevant to life today.

Things change. In that

15 years I came out into the Gay community. Soon I found myself in a genuine 20th Century plague. Friends were being diagnosed and dating, a man I was dating died, all around me people were changing, fighting fear, caring for one another, exhibiting super-human strength. One day, looking for something to read, I noticed this title and it was like a light came on. I realized this book could be very relevant to my world today. To our world today.

As befits the time when Defoe's journal was written, he was ignorant about how the plague was passed. He believed you got it from breathing the vapors a body (dead or alive) emits. He didn't know anything about rats, fleas or bacteria. But on the ways in which people interact during a plague, he was right on.

As you might expect, the government (London, in this case) tried to ignore the crisis until it no longer could. It's as if Ronald Reagan were king. God forbid. However, Defoe's novel which is a fictionalized account of the plague attack which hit London in 1651, is

about at least the third outbreak of the black death in London. The government should have known better than to try to just wish it away. Actually, in as much as most members of the government moved far from the city, they knew what to do.

There was so much cruelty it makes most of the AIDS stories sound petty. Families shutting out family members suspected of being infected, houses being burned with whole families inside suspected of infection, people being turned away from entering outlying villages because they might have come from the infected city.

At the height of the outbreak, more than 2,000 bodies per day were being shoveled into huge communal graves. Given the ideas about transmission at the time, those who roamed the city with carts picking up bodies, those who confirmed plague death and counted them, those who stood at the edges of the pits offering final absolution were heroic, truly loving people, full of absolute courage. In many ways, love, commitment, courage, they were the direct predecessors to our own AIDS volunteers who do so much now.

The whole book is almost a direct correlation to the 1980s. All the pain, the confusion, the insanity, the

love, the strength. It's important, I think, that we be aware of the dynamics of an epidemic to help us keep our own sanity. Defoe's Plague Year is not a bad place to start.

It's a funny thing about being in the middle of a crisis. It's hard to get any kind of true perspective. In my case, I have been so aware of my Gay brothers hurting, fearing, and dying that I haven't been fully able to see what was really happening. Yes, it's terrible that so many are ignoring the crisis. But it is the nature of the human beast to act this way. I needed Daniel Defoe's book to help me put this epidemic and in its place in history and perhaps to ease my own personal burden a little.

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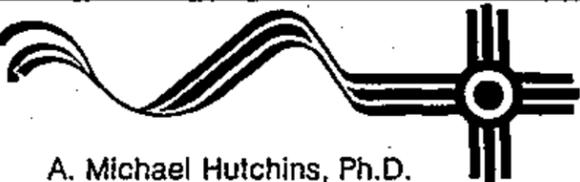


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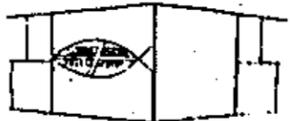


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TO THE TUCSON GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY:

I wish to express a sincere and heartfelt thanks to some dear friends who made my benefits for Miss Gay Tucson a wonderful experience.

To Jim Lefkowitz of the Rainbow Room, who opened his patio, kitchen and heart at a moments notice. Thanks honey... Penelope Poupe and Divina who stayed longer to open my last single benefit. I really appreciated the energy put out during "Vogue" and thanks to Keith Nelson for patiently waiting, ready to tape MTV's debut of that fabulous song.

I chose the song because it had a line... "Go inside, and all you'll find is inspiration. Your dreams will open the door." That's my personal philosophy that if we can tap into our own inside higher self, we learn what the next step is.

Recently, my phone has been ringing, something about this person from a certain group sad this and something about this female impersonator and so on and so on. Well, there's a distinct advantage to being blond. I let it go in one ear and out the other. I can't help it, it just does.

I don't listen to gossip. I don't relate to it. I mean no one loves a story about someone being human more than I do, because love to laugh, meaning sometimes I really screw up and have to laugh at what a twit I can be. But that's the whole trick. We have to keep our sense of humor and retain that sense of child-like joy.

Let's all let the need for drama and intrigue just integrate and go on. There are too many other wonderful things to do.

I'd like to thank Lucinda and Vanity for bringing such energy to the shows. Thank you girls, this meant a lot to me because they are also contestants. Thanks to Lysette Keith Lancaster for providing the comic touch. To George Lopez, the food was fabulous! (Even though some people complained 'no meat') To the Geffs of Simply Eventful, it was.

To Kristin, thanks for the trip down from phoenix to help your "old mother"; to Tommy and the staff of the Rainbow Room, thanks for all the setting up and for all the encouragement. Rick, just remember, whipped cream cakes do not make good tables for stacking beer cases.

I would like to invite everyone to the last show benefit on April 21st at Rainbow. The funds raised will be divided equally with Shanti/Tucson as by the Pageant rules system. After 2 benefits, every contribution after is shared with a charity. When I notified Natalie Perry of Shanti that they were my selected charity, she thanked me in print, but I didn't clarify that the first two as my own. I apologize for the error because Natalie, if I could I would erase every financial problem Shanti has.

I know the benefit on the 21st will help and my

support goes on from there. Shanti is a fine organization and should receive our continued support. I will, if the crown is on my head, or one of the other contestants: Michelle, Candi, Raven, Christi, Mandy, Lucinda and Vanity. All are worthy of that crown on all kinds of levels.

As we wind down the last weeks before the Pageant, I hope the community helps not just one but all the contestants because if we can't let ourselves help each other now, no one will help us when we need it later.

Thanks so much, sincerely yours
Tiffany St. Thomas
contestant for
Miss Gay Tucson

DEAR EDITOR:
The fifth Annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit was as always a complete hit thanks to the lively spirit that embodies Desert Leathermen. Congratulations to Patty Bowers and Michael Griffin on their T.O.B.A. awards. Dedication like that is truly hard to find. A very special thanks to Candy Trowbridge and Hopi for their creative and stunning effects created for the presentation. Talent like that should not be overlooked. Thank you all.
Sincerely
G.N. Clark

TO THE OBSERVER AND DESERT LEATHERMEN:
CONGRATULATIONS on a wonderful, fun, classy, well put together Benefit! A great variety of entertainment and entertainers, a fine bunch of volunteer waiters and bartenders, and the turnout of support from our Community at both the reserved tables and general admission. From the decorations to the room arrangement - it was wonderful! We, as a community, should be proud and happy to enjoy such an event.

As one of last years TOGA Award winners, I truly enjoyed the chance to give that honor to Patty Bowers this year and want to publicly congratulate both Patty and Michael Griffin - this year's TOGA Award Winners. I have worked with both of these individuals for many years and know how hard they work for our community.

Desert Leathermen's 'Man Of The Year' - the unflappable duo of Kip and Gary!! Another great choice! I see these two in the middle of everything from Partners' Bowl-A-Thon to square dancing to various benefit shows and much more. They give so much of their hearts and energy: it was a joy to see them honored and recognized.

I want to personally thank Bob Ellis and the OBSERVER for choosing the Shanti Foundation and Frensdorff House as co-recipients of the evening's fundraising efforts. It is though the vehicle which this paper provides that much of the information on AIDS and related services reaches Tucson's Gay community. The resources listed and news items covered serve as a valuable source of communication between the public and the organizations dealing with AIDS in Tucson.

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have needed the funds raised this year, but I am glad to have participated in an event that lets us tell you how important this newspaper is to us and to thank you for all those sleepless nights you spend at your computer.

With love and hugs,
Anne C. Schmitt
President of
Shanti/Foundation

EDITOR:
I would like to write and publicly thank and commend Desert Leathermen for putting together one of the most enjoyable evenings I have spent in a long time, namely the OBSERVER/Community Benefit held last Saturday night. I realize the hard work put into it and it really showed.

I could go on and on about everything, but I will just say the evening was wonderful in every way.

Thank you
Bob Uisrud
aka Christie Lunden

TO THE GAY COMMUNITY:

On behalf of Freddie and myself, Kimberly Ryan, candidates for this year's King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo, we wish to thank everyone who attended our benefit show at the Graduate last Sunday evening. Your support was greatly appreciated. We will be having another benefit this coming weekend at Rumor Hazzit. Check their ad elsewhere for more details and we hope to see you there.

We would also like to thank those who graciously gave their time and energy by being in this show. Without your support, the show would not have been as great. In this show were this year's reigning King and Queen, Shanise and Leo, Harpessa Hennick, Maggie Reese, Kenny Ann and Margo Leigh, plus a few numbers by Freddie and myself.

Behind the scenes with their support also were: on lights Ernie, and tending bar David and Ruben. Again we thank each and every one of you for your support, and hope to see you at Rumors this weekend.

Remember, each dollar donated to support our campaign counts as one vote toward the title of Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen, and all monies raised by us and the other candidates in this contest goes back to the community during our Lesbian/Gay Pride Week activities, especially the Gay Pride Picnic.

In love,
Kimberly Ryan

Bit Of The South

by Sean Thomas

Being my first weekly column, I was uncertain what to write about. Gossip column, love/orn, advice or recipes. Nope, I thought, what a great opportunity to express my high hopes and aspirations for the Old Pueblo.

My family and I are not newcomers to Tucson. Our roots go back to 1864. Out of genuine love for our community The Southern Hospitality Club of Tucson was formed and is growing. We are lucky to have so many fine examples to learn from (other clubs and groups).

A great recent example was the OBSERVER/Community Benefit. Desert Leathermen really did a fantastic job. It was together, entertaining, full of love and real. The entertainment was terrific. The cigarette girl with the hormone problem was adorable. I was moved by the genuine compassion expressed for the award recipients. Each day I learn more about the full-hearted and selfless people we have in Tucson. Thank you.

Last Sunday we had a benefit at Colette's for the Brewster Center for battered women and abused children. \$261.00 was raised for this very worthy cause. Special thanks go out to Colette and her staff, Irene and the Brewster girls, Loren Johnson, Marcus, Rava Channing, Raven and the all-girl group J.J.'s Bad Intention and to the DJ, Sloan. And last but not least, Kenny Davis, Parker, Danette, Rick Hancock, Kenny S., Alma and the beautiful women and men who attended.

We are especially happy about the increasing number of women joining Southern Hospitality. We are at present, looking for more people to entertain at our benefits. Anyone interested please contact me at 323-3780.

And, finally, I'd like to express our appreciation to a few beautiful people who have been very supportive to us and the community: Christine Shade, Tiffany, Keith, Natalie Perry and the Shanti group, Jim and Tom of the Rainbow Room, Bob Ellis and Gary Clark for being themselves and very direct. And for those who haven't noticed a timely and to-the-point comic strip in this paper, look for it. We love it.

Your letters and comments are welcomed. We are here as a 'supportive group'. We again extend our desire to work together for our sister clubs and groups. One community, one heart working together. "Benefitting the Community".



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WHAT'S UP DOG?

Another full weekend with one benefit, OBSERVER/Community Benefit, on Saturday evening and 4 different benefit shows on Sunday evening. As for the OBSERVER Benefit, this year's was the best so far. I guess time improves on everything and my congratulations goes out to the Desert Leathermen and all their members for a fantastic job.

DL will be having a Beer Bust this weekend at the Graduate, so why not stop by and personally thank them for the beautiful benefit.

As for the shows on Sunday evening, I was only able to make one of them - the Graduate show. With all the different shows, word got to me that a good crowd was on hand for all. The shows were also benefits, either for King and Queen candidates for Fiesta de Mayo or Miss Gay Tucson candidates.

Now, the next crown up for grabs will be the Tucson Knight Owls Closet Ball Queen Contest. This contest will be at the French Quarter, April 22, with the contest starting at 7:30 p.m. Applications are available at all the bars, so if you plan to enter, pick up your application and get it mailed in early.

The Closet Ball started many years ago and was dreamed up for those individuals who wished to know what they would look like in drag for the first time. Now days, with all the different opportunities for people to be in drag, the rules for TKO's contest have been changed a little. The main change is that persons who have been in drag shows on a regular basis and have been paid for their performance are not eligible to enter. If you have dressed up for Halloween or just some private parties, or just clowning around, you are eligible and can enter.

Contestants are asked to mail a money order in with your application - do not give your money to the bartender. On the night of the Closet Ball, bring your copy of the money order to the show, this is just in case the mail was delayed. All contestants should be at the French Quarter no later than 7:00 p.m. with all the equipment needed for your transformation. Only the contestant and make-up artist will be allowed into the dressing room. If you have any other questions that is not covered by the rules, give me a call at home in the evening at 884-7307 and I will answer

them. As of this issue of the OBSERVER, unofficially I know of at least three contestants for this year's Closet Ball Contest, and TKO would like to see more.

Entertainment for this year's Closet Ball will be Lady Casandra and Tish Tanner. Their show will begin at 8:00 p.m. and run for the one hour during contestant transformation period. The door cover charge will be \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per couple. If you wish to reserve a table seating 8 to 10 people, give me a call at the number above and I will put you down for one. Table charge will be the same rate as couples (i.e. 5 couples - \$25). There will be plenty of other seating for those not wishing to reserve a table, and I highly recommend an early arrival for good seating. Reserved tables will be in the front.

The net crown up for grabs will be the Miss Gay Tucson Pageant on April 29 at the Quality Inn. This Pageant is always a major production both by the producers and especially each of the contestants. Contestants planning to enter should contact the Quality Inn and reserve your room for this evening, reservations to be made under Penelope Productions. Each contestant will be required to stay at the Quality Inn on April 29. By now I'm sure each of the contestants has been given all the rules and requirements for this evening and I suggest you read them over carefully. Good luck to all of this years contestants.

With this pageant approaching, there will be a lot of different benefit shows around Tucson. I do not have any schedule of these different shows, so watch the OBSERVER for more details on them and plan to attend and support your favorite candidate.

The reigning Miss Gay Tucson, Christine Shade, will be having her final Miss Gay Tucson show at the Graduate on April 28. Watch for more details as the time draws closer.

The final crown contest is the one for King and Queen of Fiesta De Mayo to be held at the Joshua Tree over three days, May 4, 5 and 6. More on that one next week.

Guess that is about it for this week. I could ramble on about some other areas but why? Have a beautiful week and show your love and caring to those around you. Be careful when speaking, those harsh words can come back to you and haunt you!

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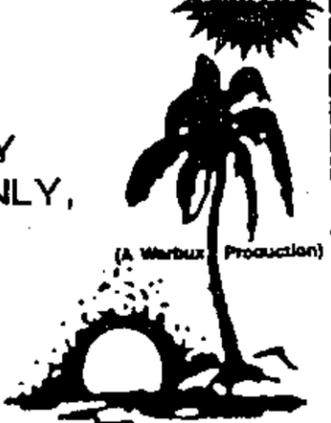
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COLETTE'S - Christi Lunden will be cocktailing tables here this evening to help her raise money for the Miss Gay Tucson Pageant. Stop by and say hi.

FRENCH QUARTER - The first afternoon Beer Bust from 2 to 6 hosted by Shanti. .50 draft on the patio. Food, entertainment and lots of fun, and a good cause.

IBT'S - 4th Avenue Street Fair time again and there will show here beginning at 3 p.m. starting from Dallas the live vocal impressions of Nakoma Shaye along with Loren Johnson, Miss Gay Tucson Christine Shade and CAT Award winner Michelle Kristie. \$1.00 Cover.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

GRADUATE - Desert Leathermen hold their monthly Beer Bust here from 2 to 6 p.m. Stop in and enjoy.

RUMORZ - It's a big Beer Bust and Mexican Dinner from 1 to 6 to support Fiesta de Mayo candidates Freddie and Kimberly with raffles for Lottery Tickets. Draft Beer .50 and Mexican Dinner \$2.50 - Viva La Fiesta!

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

GRADUATE - A benefit show for Lucinda, a contestant for Miss Gay Tucson. 8:30 p.m. Hosted by Marjessa Hennick and starring Lucinda, male impersonator TET, Live vocals of Eric and Cori plus guest appearance by Miss Gay Tucson candidates Gabriella la Vanity and Tiffany.

IBT'S - 4th Avenue Street Fair time again and there will show here beginning at 3 p.m. starting from Dallas the live vocal impressions of Nakoma Shaye along with Loren Johnson, Miss Gay Tucson Christine Shade and CAT Award winner Michelle Kristie. \$1.00 Cover for the afternoon shows and then at 9:00 p.m., there will be a show with Nakoma Shaye and hosted by Loren Johnson with no cover. A special treat for the community.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

COLETTE'S - Gabriella La Vanity will present a "Meet The Candidate Night" as a benefit for Miss Gay Tucson Pageant.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

RAINBOW ROOM - An Easter Show and Benefit in support of Raven for Miss Gay Tucson. Watch for details.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

COLETTE'S - A big Easter Party is planned including an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids as well as the adults. Watch out.

FRENCH QUARTER - Easter Sunday SHANTI Champagne Brunch Extravaganza from 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. \$3.00 per person includes complimentary champagne. All proceeds to benefit Shanti/Tucson - Ham or Roast Beef Marsala, Scrambled Eggs, potatoes, croissants and much, much more. Menu good! Tickets are now on sale from Shanti volunteers, The French Quarter or RumorZ. Reservations accepted for 6 or more with prepaid tickets at French Quarter only.

GRADUATE - The Annual Easter Show and Easter Bonnet and Easter Basket contests and all that hoo hoo. Fun and more fun on this festive day.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

COLETTE'S - It's Country and Western night here again and as usual, popular Loren Johnson will be performing. He's one of the best. Stop on by.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

COLETTE'S - Soul Night here and it's always a great night of fine music for listening and dancing.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

COLETTE'S - Touring Country and Western vocalist Jeff Miller will be on hand for an evening of wonderful music. This young man has a great C/W singing voice - catch it. \$3 cover.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

COLETTE'S - A pre-Miss Gay Tucson show introducing all the contestants, and starring the Pageant's producer Penelope Poupe'. It's gonna be a big one.

GRADUATE - Fiesta de Mayo kick-off show. The Fiesta de Mayo series of events are the annual fund raising efforts to help produce the Gay Pride Week activities. This big show here kicks off the season with the introduction of the Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen candidates who actually are responsible for monies raised.

RAINBOW ROOM - Country/Western Jamboree with Live Entertainment and C/W Dancers. More later.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

GRADUATE - A Pre-Pageant Show starring Penelope Poupe' and a host of guests. The big pageant is tomorrow, April 29.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

RAINBOW ROOM - A Mothers Day benefit show produced by the Southern Hospitality Club in Tucson will be presented here beginning at 8:30. More details later.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

(NOTE: If you have an event or special happening that you feel should be included in this non-bar/activities calendar, please contact Ben Corbin prior to Monday of that Wednesday paper for inclusion in that weeks issue. After the first notice has appeared, it will appear weekly until the event has taken place. Mr. Corbin may be reached at 622-4536).

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

American Gay Atheists will hold an introductory meeting in Tucson at 6:00 p.m. at Wingspan, 240 N. Court. American Gay Atheists is an educational organization dedicated to State-church separation and to support Lesbians and Gay men.

The 40's or Better group will hold their Spring Fling Dance at the Unitarian Church, 4811 E. 22nd, at 8:00 p.m. Women-Winners-Hymin - Wingspan members \$3, non-members \$5 Women under 40 bring a chaperone.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 21 & 22

One-In-Ten Repertory Theatre Company in conjunction with UoFA Lesbian/Gay Alliance will present of Harvey Fierstein's "Safe Sex" at 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in The Cellar, (lower level of Student Union, UoFA campus).

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

The Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association celebrates its 6th Anniversary with a potluck brunch at Tohono Chul Park, in the Lomaki Meeting House, (7366 N. Paseo del Norte - off Ina, first signal west of Oracle). Soloists from the Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus will present a preview of their Spring concert. Bring a friend and your favorite covered entree or side dish. Beverages, dessert and eating utensils will be provided by OP. Alcohol is not permitted in the Park.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

One-In-Ten Repertory Theatre Company will present "Safe Sex" in The Cellar in the lower level of the Student Union on the UoFA campus at 8 p.m. The play by Harvey Fierstein is being produced in conjunction with the UoFA Lesbian/Gay Alliance.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Miss Gay Tucson Pageant. At the Quality Inn on Oracle Road. Applications available at IBT's now. Tickets on sale after April 1.

One-In-Ten Repertory Theatre Company in conjunction with the UoFA Lesbian/Gay Alliance will present the final performance of "Safe Sex" at 2 p.m. in the Cellar (lower level of the UoFA Student Union.)

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Southern Hospitality Club of Tucson will hold a General Council Meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Rainbow Room. For more information call Sean, 323-3780.



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2. TEAM #1	21	11	.656	582
3. FALL GUYS	20	12	.625	565
4. HEAD HUNTERS	18	14	.562	568
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6. STRIKE FORCE	17	15	.531	568
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sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys \$1.25; Steak Dinner or Ribs 4 pm \$5.8 pm 5:00. DJ Jason from 9 pm until 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Open 1 p.m. Brunch till 3 pm. "Wine Down Nite" \$1.00 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-4 with Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers or Mimosa \$1.50. Special Hot Drinks every day and evening.

GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.25 daytime / \$1.50 nites.

IBT'S - Noon to 7:00 Street Fair Shows and Fun.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open at Noon. Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.00 all day. Country Rainbow dance group 4 pm. Complimentary C/W Buffet 5:30. C/W Dancing 9-1, DJ Gil Leon.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys \$1.25 + Schnapps .50/shot. + Hot Dogs! DJ Dwayne 9 to 1.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .75 Schnapps .75 / Well and Domestic Beer \$1.75 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Bowler's Special with Fiesta Bowling card .50 off well and beer 9 to 1. Jeffrey dj's starting at 9.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Two for one 5-8. All White Well \$1.00 and Jazz with Jeannie from 8 pm to Midnight.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7 "Designing Women" on TV 8:30-9 pm / "Live! Win, Lose or Draw" game between competing local bars begins at 9 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.

IBT'S - 12 to 6 party with Big Mike. 4 to 8 Two for One. Miller & Miller Lite \$1.25.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm: Two for 1 drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. 6:30-8:30 Howdy Cloggers. Bowlers Special 1/2 price drinks for bowlers.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Monday night drink specials. Dewey DJs at 9.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 p.m. Draft Beer .75 - Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm Domestic Beer \$1.50, Well drinks \$1.75. 7 pm to 1 am any drink in the house \$1.75. Bobby Jr. DJ's at 9.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Two for one 5-8. Longneck Bottle Beer Special: \$1.25 from 8:00 until midnight. DJ from 8 to midnight.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7

GRADUATE - .50 draft from opening to closing.

IBT'S - 4 to 8 pm Two for 1. Bud and Bud Lite \$1.25.

Country Music and Dancing 7 pm to close

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m. Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. Rum & Coke Nite - 1/2 price well or call 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust from Noon to Close Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .50 / 4-7 pm non-premium beer \$1.50, Well drinks \$1.75. Wednesday Night special Domestic Longnecks \$1.25. DJ Jason 9:00 p.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Two for one 5-8. T-Squares dance and offer free square dance lessons at 6:30. Schnapps \$1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight. DJ 9-1

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7

GRADUATE - Non-premium beers \$1.25 days / \$1.50 nites.

IBT'S - Noon to 6 party with Big Mike. 4 to 8 Two for One. 8 to Close, White Well Nite .75 (\$1.00 w/ juice)

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. Schnapps .50 from 8 pm to close. Black & White Service Industries Night-Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price - Draft .50

RUMORHAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bottled Domestic Beer Nite - \$1.25, plus .75 schnapps from 7 pm until 11 pm. WJ/DJ Reuben begins at 9

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 4-7 pm non-premium beer \$1.50/Well drinks \$1.75; 8 pm to 1 am All Domestic Bottle Beer \$1.75, Schnapps .75; DJ 9 to 1 Jeffrey.

COLETTE'S WEST - Two for one 5-8. Big League Basketball on TV with .50 draft and .50 Hot Dogs during game. "Sudersizel" .75 draft beer from 8 pm to Midnight. DJ 9-1

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7

GRADUATE - All Dark Well \$1.25 days / \$1.50 nites.

IBT'S - Noon to 6 party with Big Mike. 4 - 8 Two for One. Corona Nite: \$1.25. Souse Music night 9 to 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. Draft Beer .50, all imported Beer \$1.00 7 pm to 1 am. Country/Western Nite - dancing and dance lessons 9 - 1 DJ Gil Leon.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 well/beer 4-7 p.m. Kegger 8 pm to 12 am .50 per glass, munchies. Video/disco dancing with Reuben from 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .75 / Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm non-premium beer \$1.50, Well drinks \$1.75. Steak or Ribs Dinner \$5.00 4-8. DJ Jason 9 pm to 1

COLETTE'S WEST - Two for one 5 to 8. Party Nite Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight. DJ 9 - 1

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IBT'S - Come party with Kevin noon to 6 -- 4 to 8 Two for One / Dancing with Gilbert 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. C/W dancing 9-1 DJ Gil Leon.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 beer/well 4-7 p.m. Free Hors d'Oeuvres 5:30 pm. Progressive Friday: Well drinks \$1.25 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour till 1 am. WJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Happy Hour 4-7 pm \$1.50. non-Premium Beer and \$1.75 Well Drinks. Steak or Ribs Dinner 4 to 8 pm \$5.00 DJ 9-1

COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Specials 8 to Midnight. DJ 9-1

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IBT'S "BOUT TIME" - Noon to ??? Street Fair Shows and fun.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon. DJ plays from 9 pm to 1 am

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. Hot Dogs. 8 to 1. Long Island Ice Tea \$2.25. Dance with WJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

Plans Finalize For Fiesta de Mayo

TUCSON - Although one of the couples running for King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo has dropped out of the running, the two other couples are going ahead at full speed gathering votes in their quest for the title of King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo 1990.

The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance, producers of the Fiesta and Gay Pride Week, are seeking another couple to fill out the teams of couples running. Interested persons should contact either TLGA Co-chair Jack 578-2865 or Chris 293-1677 if they are interested in running for the title. The candidate teams raise money by holding fund-raising events through the month of April. Each dollar raised counts as a vote for that couple.

All monies raised will go to produce a weeklong series of events in celebration of Lesbian and Gay Pride Week, June 24 through July 1.

The two couples currently in the race are for the Red Team, Lorena and Gabriel-

la, (aka Greg) and Freddie and Kimberly, (aka Keith) running as the Green Team.

These couples have a big job ahead of them and they will need all the help they can get. The three couples in last year's race raised a record total of over \$7,500.

Fiesta de mayo has been traditionally held in the patio and outdoor sage area of the Joshua Tree. The entire area is decorated in the Mexican theme with many booths offering food, games, arts, crafts, and other fun-raising opportunities for entrepreneurs. There is a deposit for the booths which is returned in full when the reservation is fulfilled.

Entertainment for the three-day Fiesta, May 4-5-6 includes a live band, mariachis, folklorico dancers, current and past crownholders entertaining plus a special show on Saturday hosted by Miss Gay Arizona, Divina.

The actual crowning takes place on Sunday at 11:30 p.m., and while the votes are being counted there will be more entertainment by former Fiesta de Mayo Kings and Queens.

Booths will be open on Friday from 7:00 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 4:00 p.m. until 12:30 p.m.

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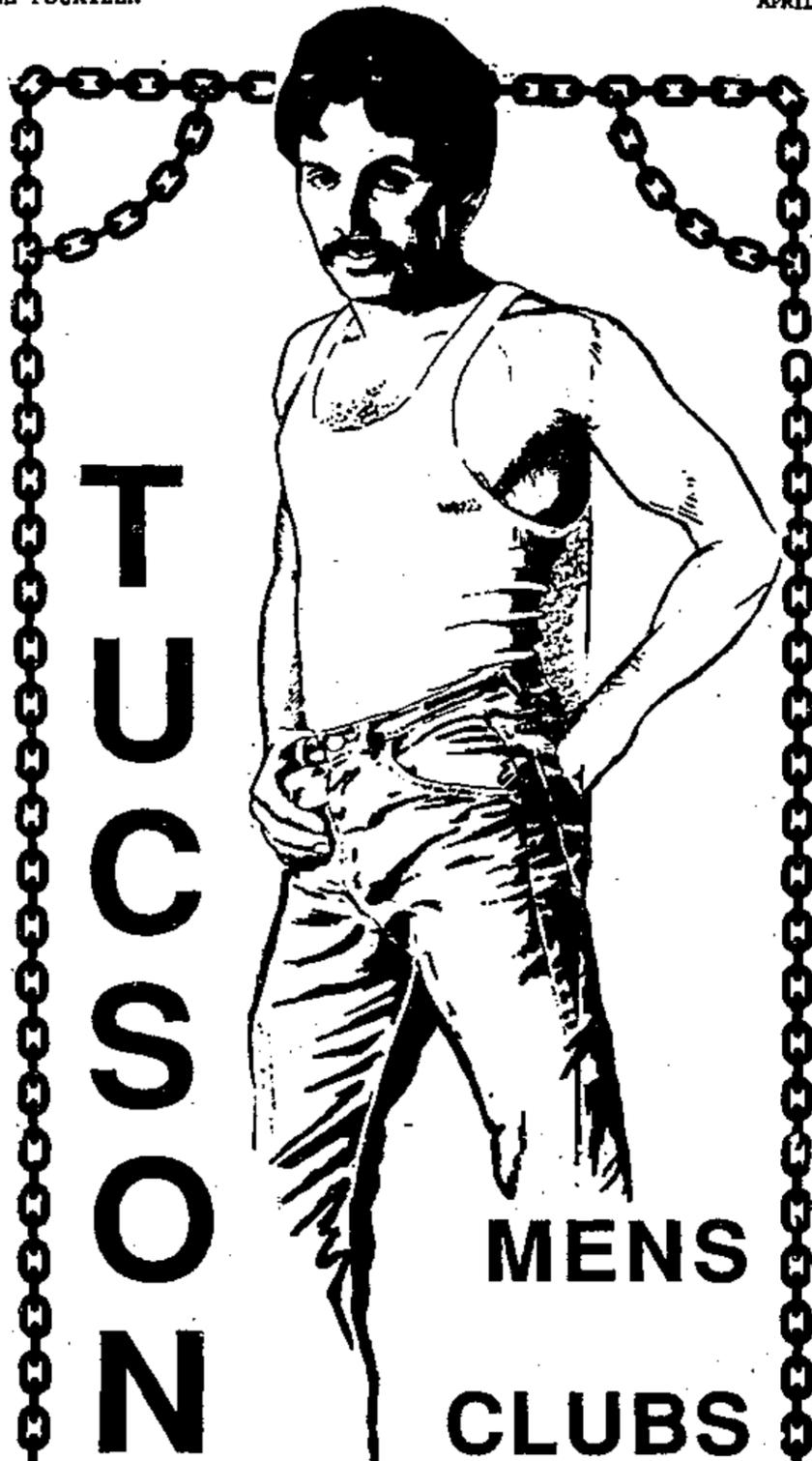
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POLITICS '90
 by Mark R. Kerr

A DAY AT THE STATE CONVENTION
 Last Saturday, the Arizona Democratic Party held their convention in Tucson. This reporter attended the convention, as a delegate from Legislative Dist. 13. Here are the highlights from the convention.

Before the convention began, the place to visit, at the Holidome, was the hospitality suites that the statewide candidates had. My first stop was at Secretary of State Jim Shumway's suite. I asked Jim what he expected to the issues in the upcoming campaign. He stated that the office, and the way the office is run will be the focus. He also mentioned to me, the new computer system that was installed recently, which would make the office more efficient.

Next I went to Georgia Staton's suite. Georgia is running for Attorney General. Georgia told me that the campaign was going well, and was looking forward to the debate next month with Richard Segal, which the Lambda Democratic Caucus is sponsoring.

The next suite was of her opponent, Richard Segal, who I interviewed later that afternoon. See next week's column for the interview.

Next was Richard Mahoney, who is challenging Jim Shumway, for the Democratic nomination for Secretary of State. Mahoney stated that his campaign will be based on four points: (1) Strict caps on how much money special interest groups and PACs can spend on elections. (2) Limit how much money can be spent overall in state legislative races. (3) Limit the number of terms an elected officer can serve. (4) Make it easier for voters with same-day voter registration. (In this reporter's opinion, I was very impressed with Mr. Mahoney, I think he can do the job).

After hob-nobbing with the candidates, it was time for the convention to begin. The delegates took their seats and first on the agenda was Democratic State Chair, Sam Goddard, who opened the convention with a rip-roaring speech, and at the end of his speech, he announced that he would be taking a temporary leave of absence to help his son Terry, who is a candidate for Governor.

Sam received a standing ovation. Next on the agenda were speeches from the statewide candidates. First was Dave Moss, who is running for the fourth time, for the Democratic Subnatorial nomination. Moss gave a very rambling speech, where he implied that Mayor Goddard had smoked marijuana.

Goddard, in the past, has refuted this baseless accusation, and did not stoop to Moss' level. Terry gave a terrific speech, stating the need for a united party. After his speech, he received a standing ovation.

The candidates then heard from the various other statewide candidates. One of the better speeches was from Mario Weeks, who is running for re-election for the Arizona Corporation Commission. Weeks stated that we must

keep a Democratic majority on the Commission to prevent big business, and the public utilities from ripping off the average, hard-working consumer.

Next was the start of the platform committee hearing to finish the work started on January 13th on the State Platform. The 271 delegates were more in agreement than the January convention.

About noon, the convention broke for lunch. During the lunch, there was an auction of political memorabilia. Yours truly successfully bid on a framed picture of FDR. After the auction, the delegates reconvened and started again on the platform.

The big controversy was over a proposed plank that would set up an investigative committee to show the pros and cons on decriminalization of drugs. Debate got very boisterous, and the proposed plank was defeated by a 213-58 margin. The rest of the platform was accepted, with no opposition to the remaining planks.

The state convention in Tucson was a huge success, and it is expected that Tucson will be hosting another one in 1991.

The Lambda Democratic Caucus scored a major victory for the Gay and Lesbian rights movement with the adoption of the nine planks that were submitted. The first step toward equality has been taken, we now must work to get a Democratic legislature to get our planks enacted into law.

This will be hard work, but we have made it this far, we can go to the proverbial moon and get our civil rights. As I mentioned, time and time again, working within the system can pay off. We are now part of the political mainstream, and we now have clout. Let's use that clout to our advantage.

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P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, Broadmoor Bldg., 3833 E. 2nd Street. Office Hours 10 am to 5 pm M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-9808 for information.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 pm at 602 N. 4th Ave. Potential Shanti volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 8 pm only. Phone 622-7107.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. In Tucson contact Joan 790-7526 or Jan 885-7119 or write P.O. Box 17747, Tucson, AZ 85731-7747. All replies confidential.

COUPLES OF TUCSON, a social and support group for Gay and Lesbian couples. For more information write P.O. Box 78613, Tucson, AZ 85703 or call Beverly and Roberta 795-4517 or Sam and Ron 886-0149.

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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Hotline M-W-F 2-5 p.m., Weeknights 6-8 p.m. Men's night on Mondays 7:30 pm. Women's night on Wednesdays 7 pm. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 Tucson.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED/TUCSON is a fellowship and support group for Lesbian and Gay Lutherans. We meet monthly and all are welcome. Call Greg at 322-6134 or write to Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40252, Tucson 85717.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings rotate Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Poothills church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 or Paul at 881-5651 for information.

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EVERY MONDAY
UofA Lesbian/Gay Alliance meets every Monday night at the Student Union in room 285. For info call 888-3249.

Women affected by HIV support and discussion group. 7 p.m. P.A.C.T. office 3833 E. 2nd Street.

EVERY TUESDAY
HIV/AIDS Emotional Support Group, 7:30-9 p.m. every Tuesday, TAP office, 151 S. Tucson Blvd. Call 322-6226 for more info.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Positive Approach to Living with HIV, at P.A.C.T. office every Wed. 7 P.M. You do have choices, come and learn. 3833 E. 2nd Street.

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY
"IMAGES" Shanti Support Group - 7 p.m. A support group focusing on positive attitudes, self-love and self-healing. HIV/AIDS persons encouraged. Call 571-0372 for location.

EVERY SATURDAY
HIV Wellness Clinic for HIV+, ARC/AIDS. Balancing the mind, body and spirit in a supportive and confidential atmosphere. Yoga, nutrition and treatment options. Every Saturday, 1-4 p.m., 151 S. Tucson Blvd. TAP office.

Family, Friends and Lovers Support Group. 1:30 p.m. Shanti Office. Call 622-7107 to reserve a place.



4TH AVE STREET FAIR WEEKEND APRIL 7 & 8 SAT & SUN

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TUCSON'S QUEEN OF COUNTRY • MICHELLE KRISTIE
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