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Observer/Community Benefit Saturday, March 23

TUCSON - The final phase of planning for the OBSERVER/Community Benefit is just about over and the gala evening this Saturday, March 23 at the Plaza Hotel promises to be a night to remember. The evening is a benefit for Shanti/Tucson and P.A.C.T. for Life.

The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. with three bars serving before dinner, during dinner and after dinner cocktails. All alcohol has been donated by the local bars, will be served by volunteer bartenders from the local bars. Be prepared to show an ID if requested. There will also be soft and non-alcoholic drinks available. The special events license will allow all proceeds from the bar sales to go to benefit the Shanti Foundation of Tucson and People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson - P.A.C.T. for Life.

In addition, all tips and revenue derived from the raffles, auction, sale of program advertising and ticket sales cigarette sales, Polaroid photographs, and other donations, all contribute to make this event one of the largest benefits of the year.

Tickets for the evening are $15.00 which will include a sit-down dinner consisting of Lemon Grilled Chicken, a boneless breast of chicken with herbed rice, mixed green salad, fresh vegetable, hot rolls, dessert and beverage. The dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

An all-star show will begin at 8:30 with an intermission for dancing and a second half of the show. The evening will feature the live vocal talents of Mr. Loren Johnson, who will also act as Master of Ceremonies, Mary Murphy, Anne English and Patrick Tobin. Gary Hart will be accompanist on the piano. The show also features Nancy Norman and her company of tap dancers; the IBT Scream Girls, Miss Gay Tucson, Raven; Miss Gay Arizona, Amanda McLamara and a special appearance from Phoenix by Charisma.

There will be an auction for some wonderful gifts, raffle for a CD player, door prizes, dancing with some hot DJ music and the presentation of the OBSERVER T.O.G.A. Humanitarian awards to the man and woman of the year.

Dinner tickets are available at your local bars as well as the Shanti and P.A.C.T. offices but must be purchased before Friday, March 22 in order to allow the hotel to prepare for the number of people planning to eat. General admission tickets will be available at the door.

This benefit, now in its sixth year, was started by Desert Leathermen as a fundraiser for the OBSERVER. These benefits helped get the fledgling newspaper on a stable basis and now the OBSERVER is merely the hosting agency for the event giving all monies raised to Shanti and P.A.C.T.

The benefit is being held in the Plaza Hotel Convention Center, a separate building to the rear of the Plaza Hotel located at Campbell Avenue and Speedway Boulevard. There is plenty of parking at ground level as well as a huge underground garage for additional parking.

Make your plans now to attend this 'event of the year' and join your friends for a gourmet dinner served in the impeccable Plaza Hotel style, or plan to attend the evening's festivities via General Admission and do your bit for these two fine AIDS organizations and have a great time doing it.

See you all there, Saturday, March 23 at the Plaza!

Ousted Midshipman Asks For Disqualification of Federal Judge

WASHINGTON, DC - Attorneys for Joseph Steffan, a former midshipman who was discharged from the U.S. Naval Academy because he is Gay, filed a motion to disqualify the Federal judge that is hearing the case, Judge Oliver J. Gasch, for bias. In a three-year court battle, Steffan has been trying to overturn a Department of Defense policy which states that homosexuality is incompatible with military service.

Last week, in a hearing in his Washington courtroom, on a motion by the government to preclude Steffan from obtaining government documents that would support his case, Judge Gasch called the discovery request burdensome. Steffan's attorney, Marc Wolinsky, objected. Judge Gasch responded, "The most I would allow is what relates to this plaintiff, not every 'homo' that may be walking the face of the earth at this time."

A few moments later, Judge Gasch suggested that Steffan's lawyers may have presented insufficient evidence to support one of his discovery requests. On what basis do you contest [the disnissal from the academy]? Gasch asked Wolinsky. Wolinsky replied, "On Mr. Steffan's affidavit." Gasch responded, "That he's a 'homo' and knows other 'homos'. Is that it?"

One of Steffan's attorneys, Sandra J. Lowe of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a New York-based Lesbian and Gay rights group, stated that the judge's comments may have violated the American Bar Association's Code of Judicial Conduct which prohibits judges from manifesting bias on the basis of sexual orientation. Lowe commented, "The judge's repeated references to Steffan and other Gays as "homos" was particular-

FDA Reviews New AZT Data

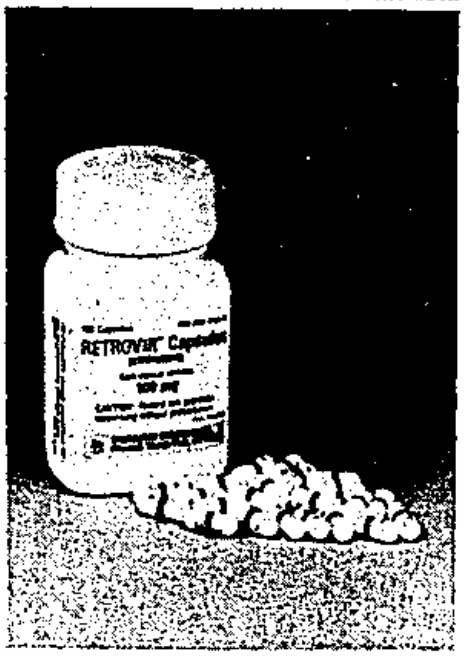
WASHINGTON, DC - FDA's Antiviral Drug Products Advisory Committee, after reviewing new data on the drug zidovudine, commonly called AZT, has reaffirmed the drug's usefulness in treating individuals who are at less advanced stages of infection with the AIDS virus. The committee also recommended additional analyses of the data to resolve some differences which emerged from various studies in this population.

The panel of outside experts made its recommendations after reviewing recent data from two large randomized, controlled clinical trials conducted by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) in March 1990. Earlier data from these studies served as the basis of the drug's approval, for use in the less advanced stages of infection with the AIDS virus. Follow-up data continue to show that individuals at earlier stages of infection, with CD-4 helper cell levels of 500 or less, benefit from zidovudine therapy.

CD-4 helper cells are white blood cells that are critical components of the body's immune system which are destroyed by the AIDS virus. Healthy individuals normally have CD-4 helper cell counts of 1,000 or more.

In addition to the NIAID studies, the committee also reviewed data from other studies on zidovudine's efficacy in patients at earlier stages of infection.

One study presented to the committee was conducted by the Veteran's Administration. (OBSERVER, March 6). Preliminary results from this study, in general, confirmed that earlier use of zidovudine was beneficial for delaying the onset of AIDS. However, the study when analyzed by various demographic factors also indicated that zidovudine's effects might vary significantly among different patient groups. For unknown reasons, among the African-American and Hispanic patients in the study, those who received zidovudine at a later stage of their infection may have fared better than those who received earlier treatment with



the drug. The results regarding the outcome of African-American and Hispanic patients were not conclusive, however, and thus no definitive changes in practice were deemed appropriate by the committee.

The committee recommended that further detailed analyses be done to identify possible contributing factors that might explain the apparent differences in zidovudine's effects among these groups. The committee also suggested that the results of other studies be evaluated to see if the differences between the groups were unique to the VA study. Some committee members and other experts in attendance questioned whether such factors as the relatively high percentage of intravenous drug users enrolled in the trial and the different overall standards of medical care that may have existed among patient groups might account for many of these differences. In addition, they noted that significant statistical or technical questions about this study still needed to be resolved.

Although noting that the apparent differences among these studies needed to be resolved through further studies, the committee concluded that the preponderance of new data supported continued use of zidovudine by patients at earlier stages of infection with the AIDS virus.

The committee also concluded that the current labeling for the drug adequately reflects the best available scientific data on its use in this population.

The FDA regularly calls on its 41 advisory committees to address specific issues or problems concerning FDA-regulated products. Advisory committee recommendations are not binding, but are carefully considered by the agency in its decision-making process.

Observer/Community Benefit
Saturday, March 23
BE THERE!

UPDATE

Club Hispano de Tucson To Reorganize

TUCSON - Club Hispano de Tucson has gone through a disappointing period of inactivity in regard to the principles and goals the club set for themselves at the time of their formation.

For this reason, the club will be meeting Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. at La Fonda de los Garcias restaurant, 2226 N. Stone Avenue and/or again on Saturday, March 30 at 5:00 p.m. The meetings are being called to analyze and reinforce the motivations or to formally dissolve Club Hispano de Tucson.

Members are earnestly requested to attend these meetings. Your absence will be considered a sign of your lack of continued interest in Club Hispano de Tucson and its functions.

'Mermaid' and 'Horrors' Lyricist Dies Of AIDS

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - Howard Ashman, the award-winning lyricist who thrilled audiences with songs from "The Little Mermaid" and "Little Shop of Horrors", has died of AIDS. He was 40.

Ashman died on St. Patrick's day of complications from AIDS, said Dan Scheffy, a spokesperson for Walt Disney Pictures. Ashman's death came one month after he won two Granny Awards for "The LIttle Mermaid": Best song written specifically for motion picture or television for "Under The Sea," and best recording for children for the movie's sound track.

The film also brought him a 1989 Golden Globe Award for best original song and the 1989 Academy for the best song, both for "Under The Sea".

Ashman also won praise for "Little Shop of Horrors", the top grossing musical in Off-Broadway history, which later became a hit movie. He received an Oscar nomination for best song in 1986 for "Mean Green Mother From Outer Space".

"Howard was a triple-threat talent. He could write lyrics, direct and write books," said Marvin Hamlisch, who worked with him on the 1986 Broadway production of "Smile".

Ashman also worked on two upcoming animated Disney films, "Beauty and the Beast" and "Aladdin," said longtime collaborator Alan Menken.

Born in Baltimore, Ashman was educated at Goddard College and Boston University. He received a master's degree in fine arts from Indiana University.

Ashman arrived in New York in 1974. He soon began working with the Off-Off Broadway WPA Theatre, becoming the artistic director in 1977 and later writing the musical version of "Little Shop of Horrors".

Survivors include longtime companion, architect William Launch of New York.

A Message From . . . . . T.A.L.L.

Tucson Arizona Levi Leathermen are pleased to announce their 1991 Calendar of Events.

As many of you know, we have a Beer Bust and Dinner on the second Sunday of every month. This will continue throughout this year. The dinners may stop temporarily during the summer months, depending on your support.

We have had 2 game nights with other clubs and plan on an all club game day at the French Quarter on Sunday, April 21st at 2:00 p.m. on the Patio. UNO, Backgammon and other games will be enjoyed by all.

Coming up Labor Day Weekend, August 30 through September 2 will be our annual "Old Pueblo Run". There will be trips to Old Tucson and Colossal Cave, a show, meals and other fun and exciting things during the weekend. Watch for further details.

Saturday, April 13th at 8:30 p.m., we will have a 50/50 benefit extravaganza starring those Queens of Comedy Drag, Cass and Tish. There will be auction items, raffle items and a special surprise presentation that will knock your socks off!!! Proceeds will be split between Share Bears and T.A.L.L. for a special project for all to see. Watch for further details and set this date aside on your calendar for a night to remember.

Weather Or Not

by Bart

OUR SHORT WARM SPELL IS OVER. GET OUT THE JACKETS. SHOWERS WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY. A PARTLY CLOUDY WEEKEND.

HIGHS: 58 - 68
LOWS: 35 - 45

Midshipman

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ly inappropriate in a landmark civil rights case challenging discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation." Steffan noted that the difference between "homosexual" and "homo" is every bit as crucial as the difference between "negro" and "nigger".

Before he was discharged from the Academy, Steffan was one of the ten highest ranking members of his class with direct command over 800 fellow midshipmen. Six weeks before graduation, Steffan was questioned by the Academy Commandant about a rumor that he was Gay. In accordance with the Academy honor code, Steffan responded truthfully that he is Gay. After two disciplinary boards recommended his discharge, Steffan, who is now 26, was forced to resign from the Academy and was denied his diploma.

The Annual OBSERVER BENEFIT

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Underground Film Series To Open March Includes "Scorpio Rising"

TUCSON - Filmworks, Inc., will present an 8-week series of film screenings titled "Underground Films of the 60's Plus". The first show is Saturday, March 23 at the Modern Languages Auditorium on the University of Arizona campus. Subsequent showings are at the same location through the end of April, with the last two shows, on May 4 and 11 screening at the Gallagher Theatre on the UofA campus.

Single admission tickets are $2.50, with series discount passes available at the door.

Of particular interest to the Gay community is the screening on March 23 of "Scorpio Rising" written, directed and edited by Kenneth Anger. This 1963 color film is only 29 minutes long. "Scorpio Rising" is violent in its imagery, seductive in its fluid camerawork over sensuous surfaces, perverse in its use of song and image and at the time of its release disturbing to many because of the more than subtle homosexual references and male nudity. It is an important work which helped change the look of the cinema we know today.

The main emphasis of the series is underground films of the counter-culture of the 60's (including two yearly Andy Warhol releases), continuing on through 70's independent productions, and culminating with works of the new underground of the 80's. Most of the shows are Tucson premieres.

Filmworks is a non-profit organization, established to provide alternative, innovative film screenings, and is funded by grants from the Arizona Commission on the Arts, the Tucson/Pima Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The following is a detailed schedule of events:

Sat. March 23, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.
Four films from Kenneth Anger's Magick Lantern Cycle:
"Kuston Kar Kommandos"; "Scorpio Rising"; "Inauguration of the Pleasure Dome"; "Invocation of My Demon Brother:.

Sat. March 30, 7:30 and 10:00 p.m.
"Dark Habits", Spain, 1984

Sat. April 6, 7:30 and 10:00 p.m.
"Imposters", USA 1979

Sat. April 13, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.
"Dog's Dialogue" France 1977
"The Life Of Juanita Castro" USA 1965

Sat. April 20, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.
"Schmseerguntz", USA, 1966
"Rat Life and Diet in North America" Canada, 1968
"Hotel New York", USA, 1985

Sat. April 27, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.
Three films by Jane Caupion.
"Peel" 1982, "A Girl's Own Story" 1984
"Passionless Moments 1984.
"Cane Toads: An Unnatural History" Australia, 1988

Sat. May 4 - Midnight Show Only
"Vinyl", 1965, Andy Warhol
"Andy Warhol's Exploding Plastic Inevitable" 1966. (Gallagher Theater)

Sat. May 11, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.
"Vortex", USA 1981 "A post punk masterwork". (Gallagher Theater)

Miss Gay Tucson Candidates Sought

TUCSON - Penelope Poupe' Productions is seeking candidates to enter the 1991 Miss Gay Tucson pageant to be held on Sunday, April 14. The pageant will be held at the Quality Inn Hotel. Appliations are abailable at IBT's and the Graduate. Contestants may call Poupe' Productions in Phoienix at 861-5828 for more information.

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Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

The Annual Observer Community Benefit is this Saturday at the Plaza Hotel at 1900 E. Speedway. Cocktails start at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. There will be dancing , entertainment and much more. All proceeds will go to P.A.C.T. for Life and Shanti/Tucson. Tickets are still available at all our local bars until Friday. $15.00 each includes dinner. You may have noticed those really great looking pink-dressed cowgirl posters for the benefit. They are none other than Gary Clark creations. They look great Gary.

Last week there was a letter to the editor in regards to this publication and my recent article on safer sex variations in this troubled time of HIV/AIDS. The response by Mr. Bob Ellis was excellent. Thank you Bob. If C.C. felt so strongly and felt she was right, then where was her name? I strongly believe in her right to express her opinions. It would, however, have been to the betterment of the Gay community if her approach had been to bring up here concerns to Mr Ellis rather than the media. It would have saved her the embarrassment of the facts - which are that this publication has always opened its doors to the needs and issues of concern to the entire Tucson Gay community (male and female), but it needs input (writers).

As far as my article on safer sex variations, they will continue. It is unfortunate that a member of the Gay community (C.C.) has to publicly express such a lack of understanding, comprehension and compassion dealing with the HIV/AIDS issue. My approach may not be to C.C.'s liking, but it was addressed to the Gay male population (who are at risk). I was happy to see the response of many of our local Lesbian community leaders, many of which are concerned with the HIV/AIDS issue and several I work with on a regular basis. Please research your facts and try to understand situations and issues before you put yourself in such an embarrassing situation. We are one community with many voices!

Till next week: Sean 323-3780.

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POLITICS '91 by Mark Kerr

NATIONAL NEWS

Former head of the Ku Klux Klan, David Duke, announced his candidacy for Governor of Louisiana. Duke, a Republican, will challenge Democrat-turned-Republican Gov. Buddy Roemer and former Gov. Edwin Edwards.

ARIZONA NEWS

Last week, the last of the State representatives indicted in the AzScan political corruption sting, resigned their seats. Rep. Jim Meredith of Phoenix and Rep. Jim Hartdegen of Casa Grande resigned before they were to go in front of the House Ethics Committee, and accepte plea agreements. The last House member, Rep. Sue Laybe of Phoenix, went before the House Ethics Committee for two days before she resigned her seat and accepted a plea agreenent. House Ethics Chair, Rep. Mark Killian of Mesa, stated that the Committee will investigate the actions of other Representatives implicated but not indicted.

On the Senate side of this scandal, Tucson Senator Jesus "Chuy" Higuera, of Legislative Dist. 10, who is one of the legislators indicted in the AzScam case, resigned his Senate seat effective Tuesday, March 19, the day before he was to go before the Senate Ethics Committee regarding his actions. But unlike most of the legislators indicted, he plans to fight the charges filed against him.

Leading contenders to replace Higuera are Betty Liggins, the District 10 Democratic Club Chair, State Rep. Phillip Hubbard of L.D. 10, Marcario Saldate, who was narrowly beaten by Higuera in the Democratic nomination in 1988; Victor Soltero, the Mayor of South Tucson and Paul Diaz, the former 2nd Vice Chair of the Pima County Democratic Party.

The other indicted Senator, Carolyn Walker of Phoenix, stated last week, that she would not resign her Senate seat and would go before the Ethics Committee and fight the allegations of misconduct. The Committee finished hearings on Tuesday and recommended that Walker be expelled from the Arizona Legislature. Their recommendations will now go before the floor of the Senate and if two-thirds of the 30-member Senate agree, the Phoenix Democrat would be the first state lawmaker removed from office because of the probe.

Senate Bill 1183, the "Hate Crimes Statistics Act", moved out of the Senate Judiciary Committee last Tuesday. The vote was 5 in favor and 4 against. This is how the senators voted:

YES
Sen. David Bartlett (D-Dist. 13)
Sen. Chuck Blanchard (D-Dist. 25)
Sen. Lela Alston (D-Dist. 20)
Sen. Stan Furman (D-Dist. 16
Sen. Manuel Pena (D-Dist. 22)

NO
Sen. John Green (R-Dist. 24)
Sen. Bob Denny (R-Dist. 15)
Sen. Lester Pearce (R-Dist. 29)
Sen. James Buster (R-Dist. 5)

The bill moves on to the Senate Rules Committee. Action on the bill is delayed with the impending Senate Ethics Committee investigation and subsequent vote by the full Senate on Sen. Carolyn Walker of Dist. 22. Senate President Peter Rios' office stated that this could delay all committees up to three days.

The citizens of Arizona will once again vote on a proposed Martin Luther King Holiday. The House/Senate Concurrent Resolution, overwhelmingly passed in both chambers, would combine the state's Washington and Lincoln holiday into one 'President's Day' and designate the open holiday as Martin Luther King/Civil Rights Day. This proposal would not add another paid holiday, it would leave the number of paid state holidays at 10. This is also based upon the federal model. This proposal will be on the November 1992 ballot.

PIMA COUNTY NEWS

On this past Saturday, the Pima County Democratic Party held a special convention to elect officers to fill out the rest of the 1991-92 term. Legislative District 13 Democratic Chair, Winston Smith was elected Pima County Chair by acclamation. He succeeds Bill Minette, who was elected Arizona Democratic Party State Chair three weeks ago. Allison Hughes of Legislative Dist. 11, was elected First Vice Chair. John Soltero, brother of South Tucson Mayor Victor Soltero, was elected Second Vice Chair. Rebecca Gaspar was re-elected Treasurer. Olive Merchant and Carmen Prezelski were elected Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary respectively.

The Pima County Recorders Office, last week, certified the petitions regarding the Rocking K Development project. The Recorder's Office validated over 24,000 signatures of the 30,000 filed. It is now up to the Board of Supervisors to decide to call for a special election, repeal the zoning, or put it on the 1992 ballot. The owners of the Rocking K property has filed suit to prevent action from being taken by the Supervisors.

Do you remember that homophobe who served on the City Council from Ward 5? If you don't remember his name, it's Roy Laos. Well he is trying to make a comeback. How, you might ask? He is running for the Town Manager of Marana.

TUCSON NEWS

A name from our political past is contemplating a political comeback. Former Pima County Supervisor Katie Dusenberry is contemplating a run for the Republican nomination for Mayor. If she decides to run, retired businessman, Temple Robinson, has stated he will bow out. Ward 3 City Councilmember George Miller informed me that he will be running for Mayor. He will be announcing his candidacy in about 3 weeks.

The Lambda Democratic Caucus will be holding elections for new officers in April. The April event will be the topic of the Executive Committee meeting which will be on Wednesday, March 27 at the Pizza Hut on the corner of Speedway and Swan. The starting time of the meeting will be at 7:00 p.m.

END NOTES

You are probably wondering why I listed how the Senators on the Senate Judiciary Committee voted on S.B. 1183. I wanted to show you all which political party in the State of Arizona supports us, and which political party is against us.

Until next time, take care.

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Cuchla

This coming Sunday is known as Palm Sunday in all Christian churches. This Sunday commemorates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem the week before His execution, death and resurrection. This event of his entry is recorded in the Gospels and was prophesied in the Old Testament in Zechariah 9:9 several hundreds of years before.

MCC/Tucson is especially looking forward to this coming Easter. Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week with the observance of Maudy Thursday, Good Friday with Easter Sunday in observance of Jesus' resurrection as the climax. This year will now mark yet another historical date in the life of MCC/Tucson. On Friday, March 29, MCC/Tucson will take possession of the new church facilities at 3269 North Mountain. On Easter Sunday, starting at 6:30 a.m., a special Sunrise Service will be held on the grounds of the new facilities and following this Service an Easter Breakfast will be served at the same location. At 10:45 a.m., the Easter Morning Worship Service will be held at our present address, 560 S. Stone Ave. Everyone is invited to join with us as we celebrate this very special Easter.

This Saturday, March 23,, will be our last Bingo games held at our present address. Games will start at 6:30 p.m. with cash prizes given to the winner or winners of each game. Bingo cards are printed with 3 cards to a sheet, each sheet will be on sale at the door for 50 cents. There is no cover charge or admittance fee. There will be refreshments offered during the evening. This evening of Bingo games will be the last for awhile. The City of Tucson has declined to renew our license at the new address for reasons not under our control. This problem is being addressed and will be, hopefully, resolved in the near future.

Thought for the Week: Our great-grandfathers called it holy Sabbath; our grandfathers, the Sabbath,; our fathers, Sunday, but today we call it the weekend.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

The other morning I was out walking fairly early. The traffic was light and the noise was minimal. A dominant sound was filling the air, the sound of birds singing. For those of you who are not morning people, these sounds are beautiful. In fact, it can almost be deafening! It seemed like every tree was alive with their chatter. I stopped to look at the birds and recognized some of them. There were mourning doves, Inca doves, pigeons, finches, grackles, mockingbirds and sparrows.

I wonder why the sparrows are so disliked? Wherever I have lived, people have chased the sparrows away from their birdhouses, feeders and birdbaths, so the pretty songbirds would have room. They never migrated in winter, and were always visible in any season.

Do you know that the Bible talks about sparrows? In the book of Matthew, Jesus says that God knows when a sparrow falls to the ground and dies. He is so aware of everything that He created that even the rejected sparrow is noticed.

Of all the people in this world, who are more rejected than we who are Gay? We have often been rejected by our families, our friends and our churches. But God hasn't rejected us. We've often been told that He can't love us, but that is a lie. I believed it myself for years before someone told me the truth about God's love.

Look at the sparrow the next time you are outdoors. They are visible during the daylight hours regardless of where you go. They are a reminder to each of us how God loves us. He knows who is rejected and shows compassion toward all. Jesus also said to not be afraid, because God loves us more than the sparrow. It's a wonderful thought. Keep it in your mind and think about it. If you would like to learn more about the kind of love God has, please feel free to visit Cornerstone Fellowship. It's a place where you can see God's love in action.

"We're Here For Everyone!"

** Thanks Tucson for filling the house "all" weekend. The St. Paddy's Bizzare and Wedding was a wonderful success!!

** See the calendar of upcoming events this and every issue of the Observer to watch our commitment in entertaining and serving you with variety and quality.

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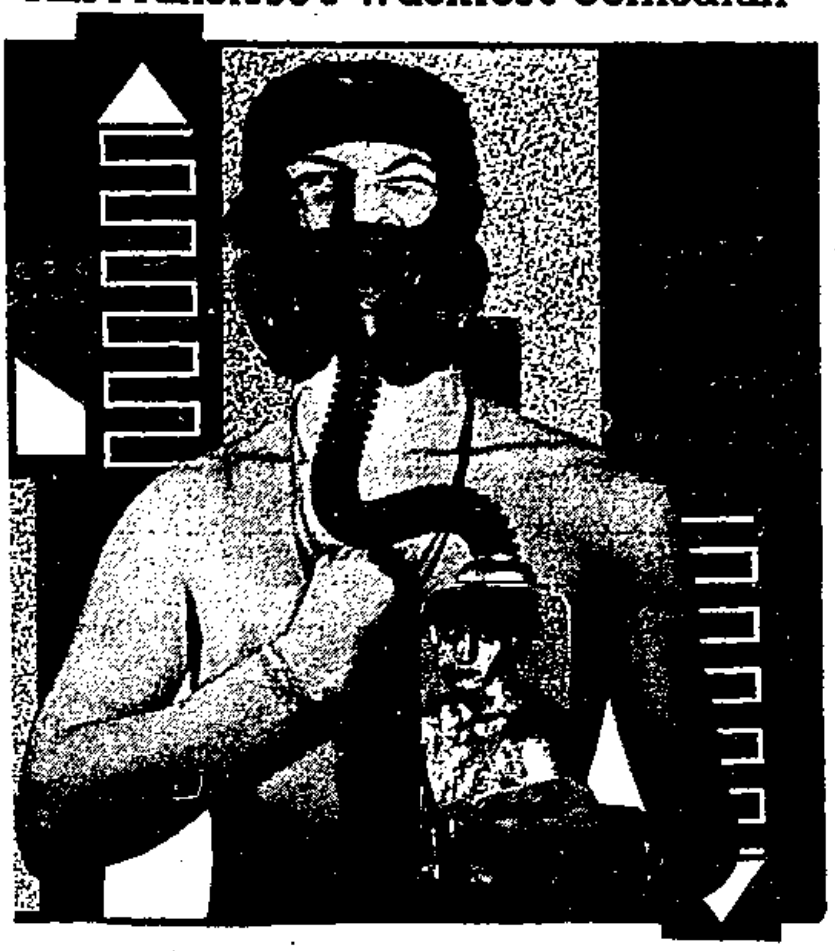

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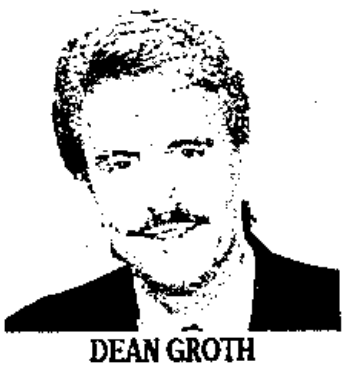

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A WOMYN'S VIEWPOINT

by Shades O'Grey

As a young, attractive, even considered cute Lesbian, I thought I knew everything about the different variations of sexual activities that womyn can be involved in. Was I ever wrong! Maybe it is because I was sheltered in the military, or maybe it was because I was so full of myself that I thought I should not change what I considered to be "the very best" sexual activity any womyn could ever want. I was young and ignorant.

I was visiting a Gay district in Texas when I was informed of a Lesbian "sexpert" lecture. I thought to myself, "Maybe this person wouldn't mind a few pointers on my favorite subject", after all, I had used the same technique for years and I had made so many women so very happy. I was so sure that I would embarrass this "sexpert" that I bought a ticket for the lecture that day.

The day came and I walked in so sure this would be so boring and dull that I would have to put in my expertise on this subject. I looked at some of the articles in a magazine that this lecture offered before this "sexpert" was to make her appearance. I started to get a little worried at what I had gotten myself into. One article was about piercing and from the photographs, this was not an ear lobe I was looking at. Another article was explaining the procedures of "spanking". The last article I ventured into was showing the use of different "toys" or homemade remedies for the want of "toys". I was amazed at the different lifestyle of some people and mainly amazed at what some womyn will do to be noticed.

I walked back to my seat and overheard that there was supposed to be door prized. "Oh my God!" I thought, "What can a lecture on Lesbian sex give away as a door prize?" Amused with the thoughts of the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders given as prizes, I waited for this very intriging lecture to begin.

The lights in the room dimmed and the lights on the stage brightened with a spotlight on this incredibly tall womyn. She had on "ropin' some cowgirls tonight" boots and black tights. Her hands (which I look at as if this were an equal to a bulge in the crotch of 501 jeans on men) were huge. "How interesting!", I thought while dreaming of the possible door prizes. She introduced herself as Susie Bright, editor of the Lesbian magazine "ON OUR BACKS" (which was the magazine I read the interesting article from). She had a firm voice full of confidence which made my attention wander no further than what was happening on that stage.

She talked graphically of her own sexual experiences with womyn and how many varieties of sex can be accomplished with a bit of imagination. She spoke of safe sex and her belief that there is sex after diagnosis. She talked about her experience with lesbians infected with HIV. She showed the proper use of dental dams and demonstrated the use on some poor volunteer from the audience. (I never have laughed so nervously in my life as I did then). This womyn simply and with a great deal of ease talked plainly about Lesbian sex for two hours. There were demonstrations and jokes. She even volunteered to show her piercing of her labia. At the end of her lecture was a question and answer session, which of course, no one had enough nerve to ask for fear of the answer she would give.

The came the door prizes. I was so excited, yet sat in fear I would have to walk up to the stage and face her if my number was called. Well, I did not get lucky that night as far as the drawing for the door prizes went, but I do feel lucky that I went just for the information I received. The prizes were mostly items she had demonstrated during her lecture: No cheerleaders!

Needless to say this "sexpert" was exactly that. I was so amazed that this womyn was so at ease with her sexuality, so much so, that she could talk with 100 unknown Lesbians about sex and what to do if you want more ... and we have all been there, wanting more.

I bought her books and now I can say I know nothing about sex except what I want for today. Lesbian sex should be a wonderful experience for us all. If you have a different need than what you are experiencing, maybe you ought to relax enough to say what you want. The sexual life of Lesbians is not supposed to have reached a variation limit. Talk about it, experience it but do not limit yourself to old taboos. We have the need for variety in our everyday lives and if you do not like something, you change it. Now apply this towards your sexual activities.

Have a wonderful sexual day! I hope you achieve all of your most wanted desires. Until next time - have fun!

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STEVEN DIETZ..

Q. Is it possible for a person to have permanent damage from stress? I know a person who says he got it in the army, and it can't be treated. I'd like to be his friend but it is so hard to be around somebody so negative all the time.

A. I am assuming, from your short description, that you are referring to what is called "Posttraumatic Stress Disorder", rather than the accumulation of day-to-day stress, with which we all live and function to some degree. If this is the condition from which your friend suffers, then certainly professional treatment is possible and necessary.

Although the recorded history of this disorder dates back to the Civil War, it is only in the last few decades that extensive research has been conducted on the cause and effects involved, and many categories of related mental disorders have been identified. Simplified, this syndrome is characterized by such symptoms as anxiety, recurrent nightmares, slow physical and emotional responsiveness, insomnia, impaired concentration, irritability, and periods of extended depression.

Beyond recommending professional treatment, the best part you can play is that of a concerned listener, and caring friend. People who have suffered traumatic upheavals in their lives need to talk it through, and know that their stories are being heard. Share time that is light and uplifting as well. Negative attitudes are frequently defensive attitudes built to prevent future disappointments. It's the erroneous theory, "If I'm already emotionally dead, then nothing will hurt me."

Of course, it isn't true, but such attitudes prevent any truly wonderful experiences from happening as well. It takes a great deal of love and persistence to work with people suffering from Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, but the rewards from such friendships can be substantial.

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IN RESPONSE TO LETTERS THIS WEEK:

TO PAM: Your comments about intimacy were excellent. Sexuality is, in fact, a "beautiful high" when it is treasured, and shared within a committed, loving relationship. Don't overly concern yourself about "wasted time". Even unfortunate relationships are learning experiences. It is often by coming to know what we "don't want", that we begin to truly "find ourselves".

TO GARY: Your supportive letter offering help to persons with AIDS was very generous and thoughtful; it has been passed on to those who have asked for friends to contact, and was an excellent way to share your experiences with others in need. Thank you for reaching out! If other readers are interested in a pen-pal program for shut-ins, let me know. Letters can be the start to wonderful new friendships.

Steven is a noted public speaker and author who has had over fifteen yers of experience in personal counseling, family therapy and crisis intervention. Mr. Dietz encourages reader participation. All letters should be written directly to him at P.O. 35145, Tucson, AZ 85740. All correspondence is confidential, and letters used in the OBSERVER will not carry the name of the correspsondent. To receive a reply directly from Mr. Dietz, you must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES - DIVISION OF DISEASE PREVENTION
AIDS, ARC, HIV+ SURVEILLANCE REPORT FOR ARIZONA - MARCH 1, 1991

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	POPULATION	CASES OF AIDS			DEATHS	CASES OF ARC			CASES OF HIV+		
		DEC.	JAN.	FEB.		DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.
APACHE	61,591	5	5	5	2	1	1	1	6	3	4
COCHISE	97,624	11	12	13	6	7	7	7	43	40	38
COCONINO	96,591	9	9	9	5	0	0	0	17	19	18
GILA	40,216	4	4	4	3	0	0	0	3	3	3
GRAHAM	26,554	3	3	3	1	2	2	2	3	2	2
GREENLEE	8,008	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LA PAZ	13,844	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	8	5	5
MARICOPA	2,122,101	972	992	1002	603	319	318	317	1568	1599	1606
MOHAVE	93,497	13	13	13	5	0	0	0	26	25	25
NAVAJO	77,658	4	4	4	2	0	0	0	1	1	1
PIMA	666,880	240	247	255	135	48	48	49	498	509	507
PINAL	116,379	11	11	11	9	3	3	3	22	22	21
SANTA CRUZ	29,676	2	2	2	0	2	2	2	3	3	3
YAVAPAI	107,714	14	14	14	7	0	0	0	24	23	23
YUMA	106,895	16	17	17	10	4	4	4	57	58	58
UNKNOWN		2	2	2	1	0	0	0	203	202	202
TOTALS	3,665,228	1310	1339	1358	791	395	385	386	2478**	2514**	2616

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This year there are five openings on the Board, both HIV+ and other concerned people are needed.

Nominations must be in the P. A. C. T. office by 5 p. m. Wednesday, April 17. You must be registered to vote in the election April 17. You will need your membership card - obtainable at the P. A. C. T. office.

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A Commentary By
Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

In Politics

Already, 1991 has proven a watershed year in the advancement of Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights in politics. In one week, two state legislators announced their sexual orientation.

In Connecticut, Joseph S. Grabarz Jr., 34, a two-term Democratic state representative, made his sexual orientation known because he wanted to make a statement about himself and the state of Gay Civil Rights in his state and the country.

In Texas, Glen Maxey, 39, a Democratic state representative who recently won a seat vacated by an appointment made by Governor Ann Richrds. His sexual orientation had been known prior to the runoff election which Maxy won.

There are a number of openly-Gay openly-Lesbian politicians on the city, state and national levels. Among the most visible of these has been Democratic Representative Barney rank who is in his fifth term in office. Not so well known is David Scondras, a member of the Boston City Council. And men are not the only sex to be making advaances in the political arena. In elections last November, five of six running Lesbians were elected into ofice. Among them:

Deborah Glick, 39, the first openly homosexual person elected to the New York Assembly; Dale McCormick, 43, the first acknowledged Lesbian to be elected to Maine's State Senate.

Carole Migden and Roberta Achtenberg were both elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. (Harvey Milk was the first openly homosexual person to be elected to the Board in San Francisco. He was later assassinated).

What does this increase in actual political representation by and of homosexuals mean? One thing is clear, it is becoming increasingly accepted that Gays and Lesbians be judged not on their sexuality, but on their abilities.

Gay men and Lesbians are proving (as they have been or hudnreds of years) that they re basically no different than any other man or woman. They demonstrate, in their public political lives, that they are good or bad, competent or incompetent, fair or unfair.

They are, in effect, proving that -- just as with any other single group— it is impossible to classify them all under one heading, or judge them all by the actions of one.

I wish I could take credit for encouraging these men and women to do what they do openly, not hiding their bonosexuality. Of course, I cannot. But I can take credit for having unerringly encouraged you, my readers, to follow the course of honesty and openness: to let people know you are Gay or Lesbian to allow them a better understanding of us.

It is now a cliche to say prejudice is the product of ignorance. Still, it is true. If people know about something only what they hear from others, then they are not going to have enough information to make an informed decision about a person or group.

If, however, they know you are Gay, they will also know the good and bad qualities you exhibit. Add to this new information the knowledge that a dozen of their friends or co-workers are Gay or Lesbian and they begin to have the information they need to make an informed decision.

With that information comes knowledge. With knowledge, ignorance is defeated. In the defeat of ignorance prejudice is no longer needed. Yes, it really is that simple.

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If there is anyone out there who is still considering running for this year's Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen, please get to the Joshua Tree this coming Sunday for the TLGA meeting. Remember all the monies raised by these couples is spent on the Tucson Pride Week events, including the annual Picnic in Himmel Park. So, when you are asked to help support one of the couples, try to give up a beer, a pack of cigs, and given them that money, it will benefit all.

Another contest coming up is the Miss Gay Tucson Pageant. As of last Sunday, word came to me that there are only two contestants signed up. This pageant has produced some hard working people, both crown holders and those who work behind the scenes. If you would like to enter, contact Penelope Poupe' Productions in Phoenix 861-5828.

I will ask your forgiveness at this time. I stated last week I would have the TKO Closet Ball applications in the bars over the weekend. While, I left the house twice, the applications are still sitting on the table by the front door. I was asked for one Sunday, so I'll try to get them out this week. If you want one in a hurry, call me at home and I'll mail one to you.

And speaking of applications, the Graduate is temporarily out of TKO Spring Fling XI applications. I'll get those to the bar as soon as possible also.

Well the Phoenix bus arrived Saturday afternoon, the first stop at the Graduate. From there the tour went to Rumorz, Hours, French Quarter and the last stop, Colette's. I'm not sure just what kind of shape everyone was in by the time they reached Colette's, but seeing them at Hours, everyone was well on their way.

Last Sunday, I, along with other TKO members, met some of TALL over at Rumorz for a game day. Lee, TALL's president found a new UNO game, played with dominos instead of cards. This variation of the popular game was well worth the time to read over the directions and learn to play it. I highly recommend that all of you that enjoy the game, go out and buy yourself this new version, you will not be sorry.

After the Wildcats eliminate Seaton Hall this coming Thursday evening, it will be that time for those Runnin' Rebels again. That game will be played Saturday afternoon and you can bet the Graduate will be packed with fans, rooting for the Wildcats. Let's run those Runnin' Rebels right back to Las Vegas.

The carnival at Hours is still going on and plans are moving right along. This carnival, co-sponsored by Hours and TKO, will be held July 5-7, in the Hours parking lot. If you would be interested in having a booth, you can contact me at home, 327-1258. I'll mail you an application for you to fill out, listing the size booth your request, and the type of game, or whatever, you will be having. I am trying to make sure that no two booths has the same type game. Your booth can be for a game, swap meet, or informational type - you decide. Prices for the booths start at $12.50 and up, according to the size booth you request. As $12.50 booth measures 4x8.

That will be all for this week. Before signing off for another week, do not forget this weekend is the annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit. This year's proceeds will be split between Shanti and P.A.C.T. Check elsewhere in this issue for a full schedule of events and times.

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GayBriefs

by Jim Rocke

Watching a recent episode of Oprah Winfrey about the attempt, by some, to get the American Medical Association (AMA) and the American Dental Association (ADA) to require health workers to take an HIV test and then notify patients about their HIV status, I was scared by the ferocity of the audience. These people on Oprah were pissed, angry, confused and just plain out of control. It was like watching a lynch mob building up steam.

They seemed convinced that every doctor's appointment, every teeth cleaning, every minor accident or injury they suffered presented an opportunity, a very good opportunity, for them to get AIDS. To the audience the solution was clear. No matter how small this risk of HIV infection is, it has to be eliminated. They simply refused to hear how small the risk is, they wanted everyone, EVERYONE, they came in contact with tested. Civil rights? Forget them. Right to privacy? Screw that. Just solve this problem before we <u>all</u> get AIDS at the dentist. Test everybody so that we can know, once and for all, who all these Gay people (oops, we mean <u>infected</u> people) are. Their information, values and understanding of everything from the Constitution to biology was upside down. As Representative Dannemeyer has said about this crisis, "I'm here to protect the civil rights of the HIV negative." Read Normal, Straight People.

This new call for mandatory testing (for the time being it has not been adopted by either the AMA or the ADA, but has found support in many state legislatures) is just the most recent of a number of attempts to derail AIDS education and replace it with AIDS identification.

That's the important thing here, when right-wing politicians and religious leaders get involved, the AIDS issue becomes not just about identifying people, but also stifling the only thing that has had any effect on the progress of AIDS so far - education. You see, to these right wing pro-family/pro-life religious fanatics, AIDS is caused not by a virus, it's caused by promiscuity. Homosexual promiscuity.

To this day they absolutely believe that sex causes AIDS. What they're saying is "we don't want to know about or discuss human sexuality, but we do want to know about <u>your</u> sexual orientation.

In New York City, where AIDS has infected 1 out of 7 males in School District 1 on Manhattan's Lower East Side, there is still no comprehensive AIDS education program. The school Chancellors recent move to distribute condoms to students was met with such a homophobic reaction from the right wing that the program nearly didn't pass. It was also used as a vehicle for homophobic reaction against New York's Harvey Milk School for Gay and Lesbian youth by members of the School Committee.

Board President Irene Impelliteri attacked the program, saying its real aim was to "teach anal sex" to teenagers. This is from the Vice-President of New York City's Board of Education! What is it like elsewhere in America? In less "enlightened" communities? Others in New York marched on City Hall with placards that read, "Stop Fernander from teaching our kids Gay sex." One parent said, "Fernander is insulting our children by telling them they cannot be educated as to what is right", and Catholic Monsignor Woolsey said that the sex education and the condom plan amounts to the "ratification of sexual promiscuity". To all of these people, AIDS and sex education are still, to this day, about promoting homosexuality!

Wanting to identify people's HIV status isn't just a goal of the right wing. Criticism, I think well deserved, has also been made of our own community's handling of the issue of identification. Too many of us, through actions direct and indirect, are willing to say, "screw this education shit (and the safe sex that goes with it), just tell me who these (infected) people are." Read personal ads in the Gay press across the country and you'll find only a few papers which have finally, after a lot of soul searching, refused to publish ads which specify HIV status as a preference or condition within them.

What kind of people would write a personal ad that says, "HIV- seeks same for good times and possible relationship?" What kind of an idiot would base a relationship on someone's supposed HIV status? You have to ask yourself, if someone claims they're HIV negative, would that change the way you have sex? Most would say not, but really? Would it? Would knowing someone's HIV status change WHO you have sex with? Would it? Talking with HIV+ friends, I hear story after story of relationships and friendships that take sudden turns in direction after HIV status is revealed.

These personal ads, and the way I see people behaving every day, demonstrate not only our own willingness as a community to discriminate, but also the total failure of AIDS education. It isn't only the middle age heteros on Oprah who don't seem to understand that a negative test means shit. Their paranoid delusions about getting infected by mosquitoes, toilet seats, drinking cups, Gay dentists or food cooked by Gay chefs aren't too different from the denial and fantasy of Gay men wanting things to be the way they were before AIDS. Responsibility free.

Recent statistics show an increase in unsafe sex practices in younger Gay men. I hear a lot about how, "I don't have sex with anyone over thirty," as if age differences make some kind of a guarantee if HIV status. Even Queer Nation-NY has come under criticism from some writers, being called the "ACT-UP for HIV negatives". At a recent meeting of Queer Nation-NY, members hissed as one member read a recent article from a New York magazine mentioning this apparent division. "Not us! We're not like that," people yelled. But I have to admit, while I know many Queer Nationists who are HIV+, I also seem to know the HIV status of too many people to feel comfortable ignoring this criticism. Why do so many at Queer Nation tell me their own, and other's HIV status?

Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-CA) and 14 other Republicans have announced their intentions to oppose the Bush administration's proposal to allow HIV+ persons to enter the United States freely. In a letter to Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis Sullivan, these Republican members state that they feel dropping

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

COLETTE'S - Every Wednesday is Country and Western Night and every third Wednesday Mr. Loren Johnson entertain all you CW fans with his live vocals. It's always a fun night. Don't miss it.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

JOSHUA TREE - Live comedy show starring Lucinda Holliday with Alicia Whoremones, 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

COLETTE'S - It's "Soul Night" here and you regulars all know what that means. Music to delight your soul. You non-regulars better get your 'souls' on and be here!

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

PLAZA HOTEL CONVENTION CENTER - The annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit takes place beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be a full evening of dinner, dancing, entertainment, etc, etc. etc. 3 bars, TOGA Humanitarian Awards, and much, much more. Reservations for tables of eight, others on first come basis. Tickets will be on sale shortly. Plan to attend this "Benefit of the Year" with proceeds going to Shanti Foundation of Tucson and P.A.C.T. for Life. Watch for more!

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

JOSHUA TREE - Benefit for Tiffany St. Thomas, contestant for Miss Gay Tucson Starring Raven, Dani Reid, Lucinda Holliday, Margo Leigh +++

MONDAY, MARCH 25

FRENCH QUARTER - Academy Awards Party on the large screen TV with Cash Prizes and complimentary Hors d'Oeurres. Cash Prizes. Come in now and fill our your ballots. Drink Specials.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

JOSHUA TREE - Drinking Contest and Games "It's A Show" starring Lucinda Holliday.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

JOSHUA TREE - Benefit show for contestants for Miss Gay Tucson starring Tiffany St. Thomas, Gina Whoo and Christi Lunden. 9:30 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

GRADUATE - The five vocal talents of Mr. Doug Cooper return to Tucson in this his return show. Included in this nights festivities include performances by Aviva Diamond and the crazy Candy Plastique and then during the evening will be an Easter Bonnet as well as an Easter Basket (?) contest with cash prizes. Y'all come!

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

COLETTE'S - The traditional Easter Egg Hunt for the kids will be held here, plus more 'bunny' surprises.

FRENCH QUARTER - A spectacular Easter Brunch begins the holiday here with a great menu. Check the ad elsewhere in this issue. Shanti/Tucson will receive $2.00 from every entree ordered, so it's a great day, a great meal and a great benefit. Then you will be entertained by San Francisco's wackiest comedian, David Kelsey. Plus Aviva Diamond and Guests will also be entertaining you PLUS a big Easter Bonnet Contest PLUS a big Biggest Easter Basket Contest with cash prizes. Sounds like a busy day and evening here! Check it out.

JOSHUA TREE - Easter Egg Hunt and surprises in the afternoon. 10 p.m. Easter Show and Bunny Contest - prizes for best bunny. Margo Leigh, Lucinda Holliday, Lance Penny and more.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

JOSHUA TREE - Country vocals and talent with Lucinda, Margo Leigh and guest vocalist to be announced. 10 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

COLETTE'S - That Dynamite performer from Big D, Makona Shay entertains here beginning at 8:30 p.m. $2 Cover.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

JOSHUA TREE - Gina Whoo Benefit Show for Miss Gay Tucson 10 p.m. Other entertainers too.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

JOSHUA TREE - It's Amateur Strip Nite again. Now every 2nd Thursday of each month. Lucinda hosts. 10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

COLETTE'S - "Second Wind", a two-woman musical group from California will entertain with their playing and singing. They're Goooooooood!

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

COLETTE'S - The annual LUAU is here once again. My how time flies when you're havin' fun! Lots o food, dancing, special drinks and loads of fun. Mark this date down or sure!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

COLETTE'S - It's the third Wednesday and Mr. Loren Johnson is here to sing your favorite Country and Western songs. He's a must-see if you haven't had the pleasure before.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

COLETTE'S - Singing star Jesse Hawk Oakenstar will be playing here for all her fans sold and new. If you haven't heard Jesse make sure you take this opportunity to see and hear her.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

COLETTE'S - It's the fourth Friday and time for "Soul Night". All you lovers of Soul music be sure to boogie on down and get your fill.

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, MARCH 23

Annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit. This year's event is hosted by the beneficiaries of the benefit - Shanti Foundation/Tucson and P.A.C.T. for Life. Big, Big plans are in the works on this Benefit of the year. Tickets are $15 which includes dinner and a full evening of dancing and entertainment. General admission tickets will also be available. This year's gala will be held at the Plaza Hotel Convention Center at Speedway and Campbell. Check the story and ad in this issue of the OBSERVER for more details.

MCC/Tucson will have their final Bingo games at 560 S. Stone Ave., starting at 6:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be given to the winner or winners of each game. Bingo cards are printed with 3 cards to a sheet, each sheet is sold for fifty cents at the door.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Tucson's Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will hold their third meeting of the year. Plans are in progress on the Fiesta de Mayo and everyone is invited to join with TLGA in planning or this big event which is the principal fundraiser for Tucson's Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. in the Joshua Tree patio.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Club Hispano de Tucson will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. at La Fonda de los Garcias restaurant, 2226 N. Stone to analyze and reinforce the club's motivations. Members are earnestly requested to attend this meeting or the one to be held on Saturday, March 30.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Club Hispano de Tucson will hold a meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the restaurant La Fonda de los Garcias, 2226 N. Stone, next to Rumors, to analyze and reinforce the motivations of the club. Members are encouraged to be present. Your absence will be considered a sign of your lack of continued interest in Club Hispano de Tucson and its functions.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association will attend "Biosphere 2: Guided Tour and Luncheon". The group will preview one of the most important and exciting environmental, space-age projects of the century! Reservations must be in by March 17. (P.O. Box 4033, Tucson 85733 with your name and check ($21.10 per person) payable to OP. Biospbere 2 is 45 minutes driving time north of Oracle and Ina Roads. $21.10 price includes special OP 11 a.m. group tour, 1:00 luncheon, tax and gratuity.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

The C.A.T. Committee will have their meeting at the Joshua Tree starting at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting as preparations for the 1990 C.A.T. Awards Presentation are started.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association (OP) will celebrate their 7th anniversary with a pot luck brunch and surprise entertainment and election of 1991-92 officers. It all begins at 1:00 p.m., and members are invited to bring yourself, a hungry friend or two, and your favorite covered entree or side dish to share with others. OP will provide beverages, dessert and eating utensils. Lomaki Meeting House in Tohono Chul Park, 7366 N. Paseo del Norte. Free to everyone.

Tucson
CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Drink Specials. Steak Dinner 4:30 to 7:30 pm $4.00. Mark DJs 9-1.

COLETTE'S WEST - Pool Tournament 5:30 pm. $1.00 entry. Brunch til 3. "Wine Down Nite" $1.00 wine 8 pm to midnight. Movies on the big screen begins at 7 pm.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-3. Drink specials.....

FINELINE - Opens at 1 p.m. .75 draft. Country/Western music.

GRADUATE - All Wells Well $1.25 daytime and $1.50 nighttime.

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.00 til 7 pm. Noone Macheos Specials 7-1.

IBT'S - Great sandwiches from DB Cafe noon to 4. Copper City Squares 2 to ??? C/W music and dancing lessons with Cowboy DJ/Instructor Cil Leon.

RUMORS - Open at noon. Drink specials.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. $1.50 Draft/Schnappe Special. $1.75 Domestic Beer and $2 Well for Bowlers. Mark DJs country favorites from 9-1

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. Happy Hour 4-7. All White Well, schnappe or wine $1, Domestic Bottle Beer $1.25, draft .75

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials.

FINELINE - Open at 1 p.m. .50 hot dogs all day. 1-7 $1.50 Well, $3.00 Pitchers.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices open to close.

HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer $1.25, 6:30 to 8:30 Rowdy Cloggers.

IBT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Bowler's Special $1 Well or non-Premium Beer.

RUMORS - Open noon. Daily drinks specials. Todd dj's at 9.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Daily Drink Specials. Bobby Jr. DJs 9 p.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnappe or wine $1, Domestic bottle beer $1.25, Draft .75. Leopeck Bottle Beer $1.25 from 8 to midnight. DJ 8 to midnight.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials.

FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm. .50 hot dogs. 1-7 $1.50 Well, $3.00 Pitchers.

GRADUATE - .50 Draft open to close.

HOURS - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25.

IBT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Nite with .50 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 8 pm to close. Country music and dancing with Cil Leon 9-1.

RUMORS - Open noon. Daily drink specials. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Clint.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Strip Shows every Wednesday. Bobby Jr. DJs 9pm

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine $1, domestic bottle beer $1.25, Draft .75. T-Squares dance and give free lessons at 6:30. Country/Western Nite. Schnapps $1 from 8-12 am. DJ 9-1

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials.

FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm .50 hot dogs. 1-7 $1.50 Well, $1.00 Pitchers.

GRADUATE - Domestic Beer $1.25/days - $1.50 nites.

HOURS - Draft Beer .50 Noon to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Black & White Service Industries Night Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price.

IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. 8 to Close, White Well Nite .75 (w/juice $1.00). Hot dance music with Linda Fizdale 9 to 1.

RUMORS - Open noon. Daily drink specials. VJ/DJ Clint at 9pm.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Mark DJs 9-1. Pool Tournament 10 pm - $1.00

COLETTE'S WEST - Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine $1, Domestic bottle beer $1.25, Draft .75 / "Sudsarita!" .50 draft from 8-12. DJ from 9 to 1.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Dinner served 6 to 9 with Ray Padilla at the piano.

FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm .50 hot dogs. 1-7 pm $1.50 Well, $3.00 Pitchers.

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

HOURS - Draft Beer .50 Noon to Close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Heineken or Corona $2.00 from 9 pm to 2 am. Country/Western Nite, dance lessons 8:30 - 9:30. C/W Dancing 9:30 to 1 DJ Art Houck.

IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Cil Leon. Bud and Bud Lite $1.25 4-1.

RUMORS - Daily drink specials. Video/Disco dancing with Clint 9-1..

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Bobby Jr. DJs beginning at 9pm. Exotic Coffee Drinks on the patio 10 - 1.

COLETTE'S WEST - Happy Hour 4-7: White Well, schnapps or wine $1, Domestic bottle beer $1.25, Draft .75 / Party Nite Hourly Drink Specials 8-12. DJ 9-1.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Dinner served 6 to 9 with Ray Michael Padilla at the piano.

FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm .50 hot dogs. 1-7 $1.50 Well and $3.00 pitchers. New Fineline opens 8:30 "Share Nite" 17 & older with dancing/neon light show. Bar open for 21 and over with proper ID.

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

HOURS - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25

IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Music 9 to close with Linda Fizdale.

RUMORS - Daily drink specials. Free Hors d'Oeuvres 5:30. VJ/DJ Clint 9-1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. DJ Bobby Jr 9 to 1. Exotic Coffee Drinks on the patio 10-1.

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

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Daily drink specials. Dinner served 6 to 9 p.m. with Michael Padilla at the piano.

FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm. Sports Saturday - .50 hot dogs, drink specials all day

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

HOURS - Open Noon.

IBT'S - 2 for 1 drinks from 4 to 6. Hot music 9 to close with Linda Fizdale.

RUMORS - Open Noon. Daily drink specials. Dance with VJ/DJ Clint 9-1

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Roaming Around With Chuck

The "Washington Blade" reports that a survey of first year college students revealed that 44.4 percent support laws prohibiting homosexual relationships. The survey of 194,182 students at 382 universities and colleges across the U.S. was conducted by the American Council on Education and the UCLA Higher Education Research Institute. It found that 66 percent believe mandatory HIV antibody testing is the best way to control the spread of AIDS. Of the male students, 56 percent and 34.5 percent of the female students said they agreed with the statement "It is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships".

A national survey of 1,266 Gay and Lesbian couples conducted by "Partners Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples" showed that male couples may have more sex than Lesbian couples, but Lesbian couples appear to enjoy it more. Male couples had sex 10 times per month on average, while Lesbians averaged 7 times. Most active couples were together one year or less, and had sex about twice as often.

Lesbian couples rated sex with their partners Excellent (54%); Good (24%); Satisfactory (16%) and Unsatisfactory (7%). Gay male couples rated their partners sexually at 34% Excellent; 33% Good; 25% Satisfactory and 9% Unsatisfactory. The Lesbian couples had been together an averae of 4.9 years and the male couples averaged 6.9 years.

There's a Lesbian Film Festival in Portland, Oregon on April 7th. Women only, could be a fun weekend for local Lesbians who would like to get away for a weekend. Over 25 films will be shown, including some hard to find films. For more information write Film Festival/LCP, P.O. Box 5931, Portland, Oregon 97228 or call LCP office at 288-8885 or 223-0071 in Portland. Sponsored by the Lesbian Community Project.

Man/Boy Love, NAMBLA seeks justice for men and boys interested in consensual relationships. Monthly bulletin features news, fiction, letters, pictures. Mailed discreetly. Subscribe $25/year: NAMBLA, Dept. LN, P.O. Box 174, NYC, NY 10018.

Fifth annual GOLDEN THREADS Celebration takes place June 28-30, 1991 at Provincetown Inn in Provincetown, Massachusetts. Lesbians from all over the U.S., Canada and other countries will converge to celebrate their age and what they are. This is for Lesbians over 50 and women interested in older women... Their publication is "Golden Threads" and comes out four times a year. For more info, write Christine Burton, Golden Threads, P.O. Box 3177, Burlington, Vermont, 05401-0031.

"Hooked On Hispanics", a hot 2-hour video for those who love the Latin-type male, $59.95 plus $3.00 shipping per tape. Send your name, address and statement that you are over 21 and sign your name. Make money order or check payable to Bryan Services, Corp., P.O. Box 139, New York, NY 10013-0139. Ask for a free catalog.

You might try the CHECK'ER INN, 25 Winthrop St., 487-9029, guest house, private and shared baths, expanded continental breakfast. WOMEN ONLY. Provincetown Massachusetts.

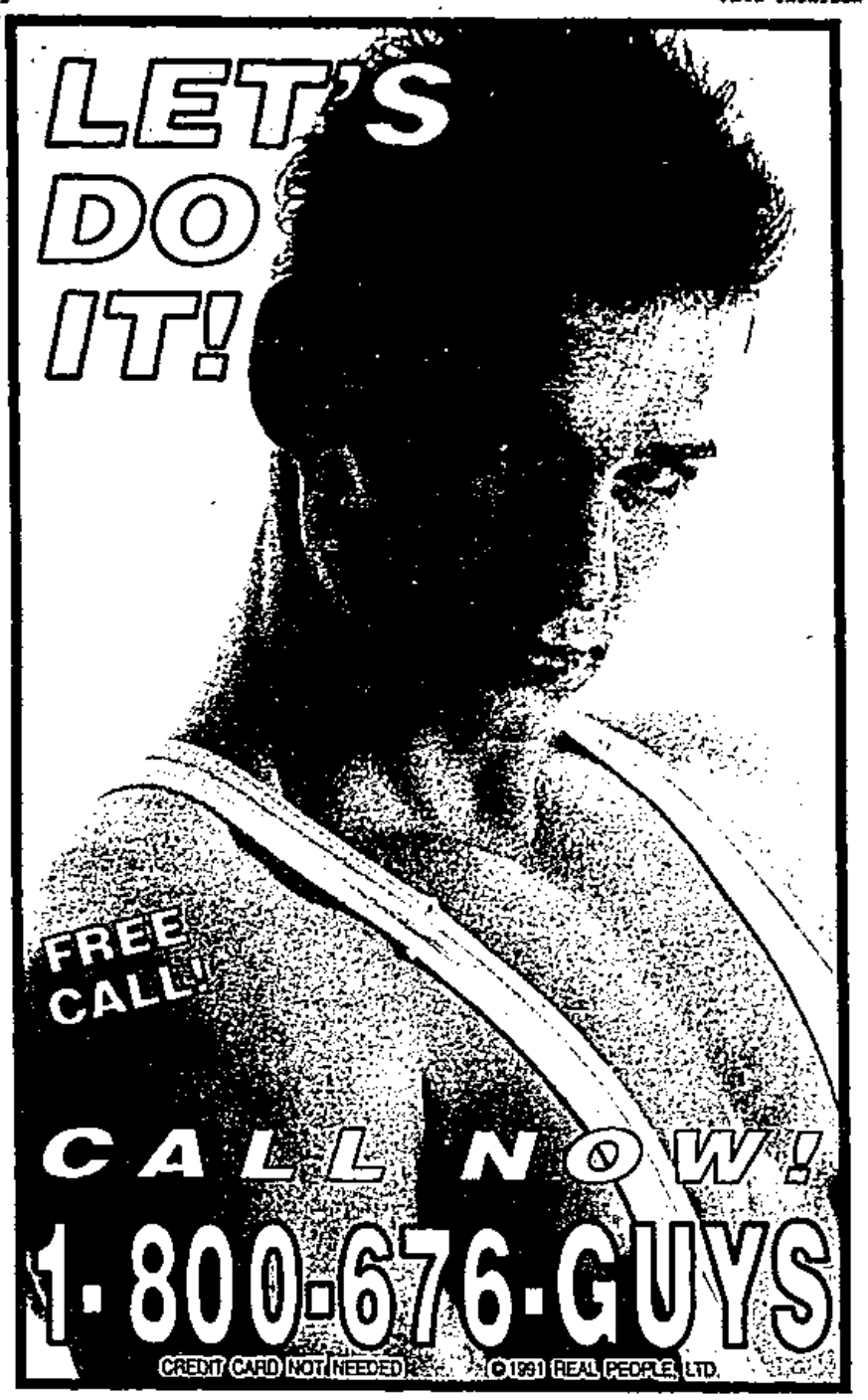
Carl's Guest House, 68 Bradford St., Provincetown, MA (508)487-1650, guest house, continental breakfast, private and shared baths, coffee, tea, soups, complimentary in lounge service area. MEN ONLY.

In St. Louis, try Clementine's, 2001 Menard. Levi's Leather and Men. (314) 664-7869. Or Mickey's on Broadway, restaurant/cafe for fine dining and dancing. 1722 S. Broadway, St. Louis. 241-1181.

In Boston, try Oasis Guest House, 22 Edgerly Road, (617) 267-2262. Women welcome. Member of IGTA. Or in Boise, Idaho try Emerald City Bar at 415, South 9th. Dance and showbar, DJ Tuesday and Sunday. Country & Western Sunday - Wednesday or try the Oly (Olympic Bar) at 1108 Front St. (208) 342-1371, patio and beer.

The pennies are coming in fast now on the Shanti Penny Campaign so far Colette's is leading in the business and organization category and Al B. in the individual category.

Until Next Time... Love Ya . Chuck.



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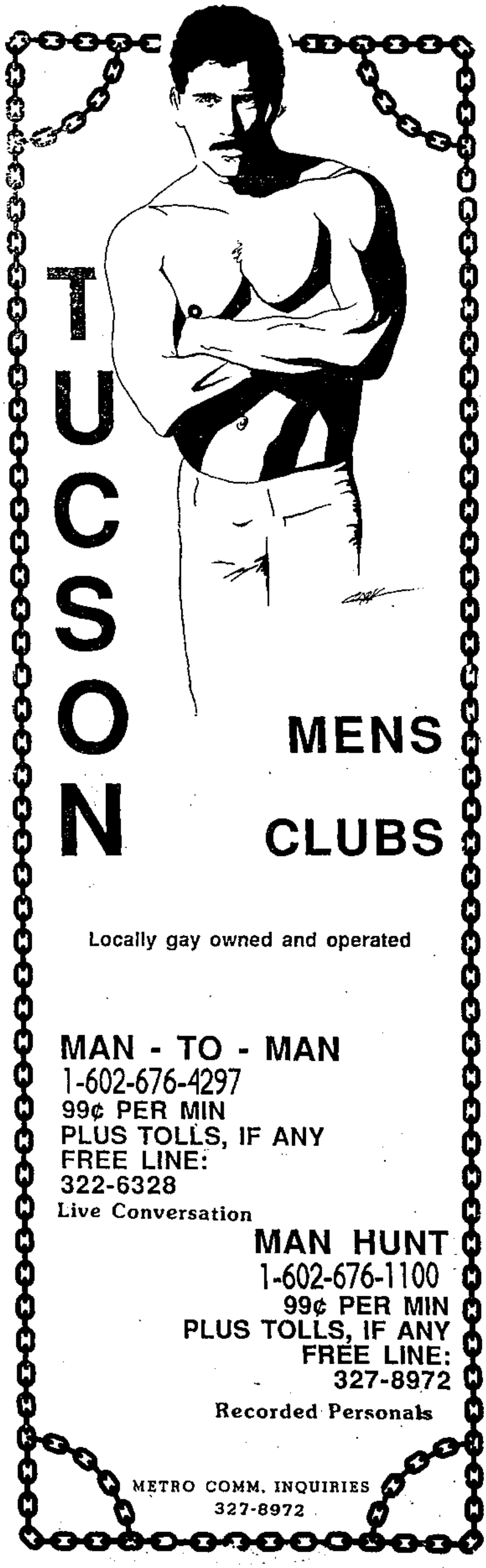

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their policy that denies entry visas to HIV+ would expose more Americans to HIV, cost millions to taxpayers and hamper AIDS prevention programs. Sullivan's representatives say they'll have to consider these concerns carefully. The true aim of this letter is to separate HIV+ people and then do something about them.

If you don't think the country still thinks like this, read about two recent cases in the state of Washington where men were given especially long jail terms based solely upon their HIV status. George Herbert was given life imprisonment for molesting a teenage boy, based upon his HIV+ status and Steven Farmer was given twice the normal sentence for paying two juveniles to pose for photographs, the judge saying the harsh sentencing was based upon he results of an illegal, forced HIV test. This for taking photos and paying for them. Not for having sex, for which he was not convicted, but for paying the boys to pose, and having HIV himself.

The court, his lawyer claimed, said it was "deliberately cruel to expose to juvenile prostitutes to AIDS". To emphasize how this sentence was based solely on (1) the knowledge of someone's HIV status and (2) how Gay hate and AIDS-revenge mentality influenced this decision. Remember, in Washington state, it is legal to have consenting sex with anyone more than 16 years of age. Farmers crime? Exposing these prostitutes to the possibility of AIDS, through photography. Judges in Washington, by the way, are not required to attend sex education or AIDS education classes either.

It's apparent to me that nationally, AIDS education is a sham, and the total failure of these programs is evidenced by the support such plainly homophobic proposals as Dannemeyer's and that of the AMA/ADA have gotten. People still don't seem to understand AIDS and HIV infection.

I'm reminded of the experience I had testifying in favor of a sex education program in Norfolk, Virginia. After Mark Demma, a leader in the local Gay and Lesbian youth movement, about AIDS, sex education and Gay teen suicide, the response from many of the adults, parents to be specific, was that if their son or daughter was Gay or Lesbian, they would prefer they were dead. And if they get AIDS, well, they're queer, right?

Who would admit this kind of evil thought publicly at a School Board hearing? Come to Norfolk Virginia and you can meet these people in the P.T.A. They don't want to learn about Gays and Lesbians, they don't want to fight bigotry, discrimination and bias violence with education and information. They want people identified and removed. "Rubbed out" I guess you could say. To them WE ARE THE DECREASE that has to be controlled.

The opposition to sex education, AIDS education and the rising emphasis on identification rather than education, is part of the continuing movement of genocide against Gays and Lesbians, the poor, IV drug users and people of color. It is direct, out in the open. "It can't be like that," you say. But it is, and we, the Gay community, are still as much a part of this genocide as everyone else. As the reported numbers of AIDS cases reaches 140,000 and heterosexual infection becomes, by the year 2000, the means of transmission in 80% of all AIDS cases, we find ourselves in what the American Association of Sex Educators has called a total "state of denial".

If we want to teach, we have to tell people what they don't want to hear. We have to tell them over and over again. Like it or not, the only other choice really is identifying, which would mean changing our way of life. Giving up basic freedoms and liberties, surrendering the Constitution and Bill of Rights to paranoid fears and hate filled fantasies. But that's been Dannemeyer's and the right wing's real agenda all along.

A Remarkable People

by Curt Stubbs

One of the issues that came up during the year I was not writing for the Observer was that of "outing". It was a source of a great deal of controversy both within and outside of the Gay community. I'd like to make up for lost time and address that issue now.

I tried to discuss "outing" with a friend of mine but our discussion quickly degenerated into a shouting match. Actually, the word match implies two sides. My friend was shouting at me about the "right to privacy". From my friend's reaction I learned that for some homosexuals "outing" is a very emotional topic.

Since this "discussion" I have spent a lot of time trying to sort out where the right of privacy ends and where the right to free speech begins. Surely, if someone is Gay that is a fact, not an interpretation or an opinion and if I am just stating facts that can't be an invasion of someone else's privacy. Surely, Gay people are not such thought police that I have to pre-censure my every word.

It strikes me that there is a lot of confusion between the rights of privacy and secrecy. If a person is Gay and is living a so-called Gay lifestyle, then their privacy is actually just secrecy. I do not believe in secrecy as either a personal life style or a governmental policy. One should not do something if one feels it must be kept secret afterwards, especially if that doing is mutual with another person or a series of other people. There is too much chance that another's definition of privacy may entail revealing one's secret.

But, privacy is still a serious issue. If I say someone is Gay, I have said nothing about the intimate details of that person's life, only that said person is sexually and affectionally drawn to members of the same sex. It is those perverts who hear a person is homosexual and assume to right to judge that person's intimate life who violate all standards of privacy and decency.

I can assure you that none of those people who have speculated in any way about the private acts performed in my boudoir have inspired the same creativity in me. I don't care what non-Gay people do in their bedrooms, or bathrooms, or even their dining rooms. I believe in their right to privacy and my good taste.

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Notices

LESBIAN BICYCLING CLUB - Riders of all levels welcome for fun and exercise. Next ride Saturday, April 6. For info call Jean 885-2120.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs at 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays in front of the Himmel Park Library. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555.

P.A.C.F. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 3833 E. 2nd Street. Office hours 10 to 5, M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-9808 for info.

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 8:00 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. Contact Joan, 790-7526 or Jan 885-7118 or write P.O. Box 17747, Tucson, AZ 85731-7747. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU IN A COUPLE RELATIONSHIP and interested in meeting others for social activities in a supportive atmosphere? Call Joe and E.B. at 747-5019.

Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 1122 E. Jones Blvd., Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. If you are looking for a loving and caring church family who has a strong desire to share the love of God with others, look no further! Call Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6855.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Information and Referral about Al-Anon 790-8922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP: The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. Contact Michael Hutchins, Ph.D. 327-4024 Tucson.

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (OP)
For meeting dates and locations or membership information call 883-8823 or write: OP, P.O. Box #4033, Tucson, AZ 85733

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WOMYN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E. 22nd Street. $1 at door (more if you can, less if you can't).

GAY MEN 40 PLUS. For active men who are interested in meeting others in the same age group for dinners, theater, movies, travel, sports and companionship. Call Bob at CRONIES, 293-9692 in Tucson.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., 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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GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON
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GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?
Call A.A. 624-4183. 24-Hour Hotline. Call for info about Gay and Lesbian meetings in Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Certified psychologist facilitator. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 Tucson.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED/TUCSON - A fellowship and support group for Lesbian and Gay Lutherans. We meet monthly and all are welcome. For more information call Ray at 575-0087 or write to Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40252, Tucson, AZ 85717.

WINMIN'S HIKING CLUB. L.I.C.H.E.N. Next hike, Sunday, Feb. 24, 10 am. For newsletter and information call 795-3610 between 8 & 10 pm.

Notices

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

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX has a hotline for information and membership call: 266-7202 or write CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

KALEIDOSCOPE offers Gay men and women a chance to explore the joys and trials of Gay life. Through educational programs, confidential discussions, and community outreach, we try to nurture understanding, trust and support. Singles, couples, bi-sexuals, or "just coming out" call Information and Referral 881-1794 Mon-Fri 8 to 5.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan. Call 884-7195 for more info.

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7 p.m Call Marc at 881-4582 to sign up. It is a great way to meet new men, and enjoy yourself safely. Mark it on your calendar

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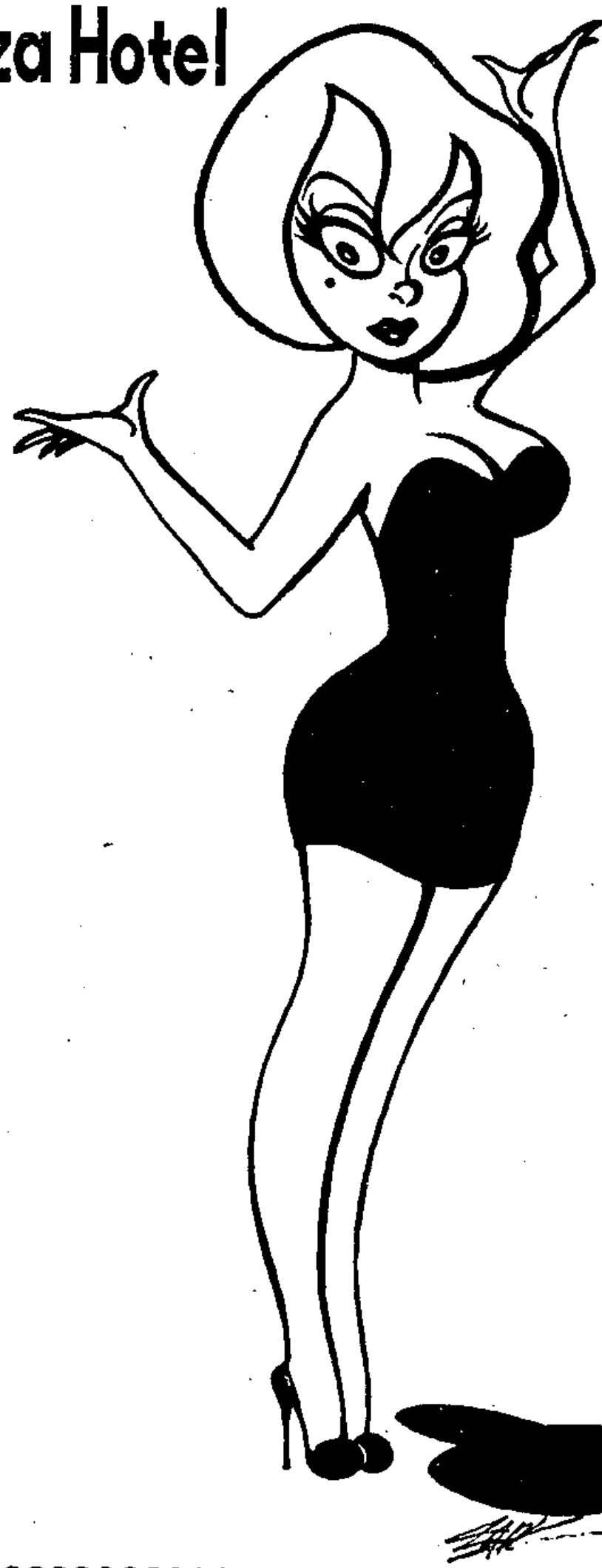

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