



Shanti/Tucson Director To Resign

TUCSON - The Shanti Foundation/Tucson has announced that its Executive Director, Natalie Perry, has submitted her resignation to the Board of Directors. The resignation will become effective January 1, 1992.



Natalie had served as Executive Director for seven years and was stepping down for personal reasons and because it was time for Shanti to move forward into new and unexplored areas. Perry announced that she would like to remain active at Shanti in fund raising and counseling, but that the daily responsibilities of the organization has grown to the point that it really demands a full-time director. Currently she works full time with Anity working with children of substance abuse mothers, leaving her less and less time for duties at Shanti.

Perry was a founding member of Shanti after leaving the Tucson AIDS Project in 1986 when Shanti became incorporated. The first training was held in May of that year and since then there have been over 200 persons 'graduating' from the Shanti training.

The Executive Director position at Shanti has been a part-time job paying a small honorarium. Perry had worked at part time jobs during the seven years in order to support herself. She also reflects on the "incredible amount of loss" that has taken place during her stay at Shanti. "I try to process that on a regular basis, but it's just been overwhelming. So many friends are gone now".

One of the most rewarding programs Natalie was involved in during her tenure at Shanti was her involvement with PACT and TAP in the development of the "Good News About Man To Man Sex" program which included posters and brochures which have received national recognition and acclaim because of the "positive" approach it presents about man-to-man sex.

Through the efforts of Natalie and Mike Griffin who was a co-founder, and others, the Shanti foundation has grown to a volunteer organization of dozens of trained volunteers, various educational programs, numerous support groups for both clients and volunteers, and an outreach into the HIV community that has long been recognized as appropriate and vital.

Natalie remembers being involved from the very outset of the AIDS crisis in Tucson and remembers the many of the early AIDS patients here. As a matter of fact she introduced two of the very first AIDS patients to each other, and who finally got to communicate with each other feelings of what it was like to be diagnosed and live with the virus, at a time when little was known about the disease and its frightening unknown complications.

The Board of Directors has accepted Perry's resignation and will begin immediately to search for a replacement. Jerry Rawlins, President of the Shanti Board of Directors said, "It will not be easy to find a new Executive Director to replace Natalie. She has embodied the very essence of what Shanti is all about here in Tucson. She taught most of us the Shanti method of being present for clients and she has been a personal model for many of us. The Board has its work cut out for it. This is not going to be an easy task."

Tucson City Council Passes 11-28 Amendments Unanimously



TUCSON - Shown above are some of the members of the Ad Hoc Committee for Justice and Safety in the Parks. The group was responsible for changing the Tucson City Code 11-28 which had resulted in the arrests of over 300 Gay men in Tucson city parks during the last two years by undercover police officers.

TUCSON - Over sixty members of the Lesbian and Gay community were in City Council Chambers as the council members considered amendments relating to "crimes and offenses" contained in Section 11-28(1) and Section 11-28.1 of the Tucson Code. An Ad Hoc Committee that was formed by the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (ILGA), and with the immediate assistance of the Lambda Democratic Caucus, had been meeting for three months mapping strategy to change the portion of the code that had made it a misdemeanor and a mandatory 10-day jail term for discussing sexual activity. City Code 11-28 originally was enacted in an effort to rid Tucson streets of female prostitution. Recently, the Star Unit of the Tucson Police Department, an undercover agency of the TPD Vice Squad had used the ordinance to arrest over 300 Gay men in city parks, many of them for merely mentioning sex.

The Council voted 6 to 0 to amend the offensive portions of the city code. Left to right, seated: Jack Stockslager, Kathy Mayer, Inna Keller and Annie Dorsee. Standing: Bob Ellis, Cathie Cravens, Mark Kerr, Debra Broner and Gary Clark. See related story below.

conviction would receive a fine of \$50, but only if the conversation was recklessly made so that it would offend the other party. Previously the offender received a mandatory 10-day jail sentence for conversing about sexual activity with a police officer.

11-28(b) covers persons who actually commit lewd or indecent acts; 11-28(c) covers commercial prostitution or commercial sexual activities. All of these actions would be misdemeanors and the severity of the penalties depending upon the violation. For instance, under 11-28(b), a person convicted of a lewd or indecent act in a city park for the first time could be sentenced to 24 hours in jail or 100 hours of community service and fined \$50.00. A second violation could receive a one year probation and \$100 fine and a third violation of 11-28(b) could result in being sentenced to 3 years probation, a fine of \$500 and a jail term of up to six months.

The Ad Hoc Committee for Justice and Safety in the Parks was originally formed by ILGA and quickly grew into a formidable coalition of various individuals and groups. Among those in support of the Committee are the Tucson Women's Commission, The Lambda Democratic Caucus, Tucson Women's Political Caucus, National Organization of Women (NOW), Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association, Pima County Democratic Party. The Committee would especially like to thank the efforts of Attorney Pamela Liberty and Arizona Daily Star Reporter M. Scot Skinner, whose original expose of the police activity stirred the action of ILGA. In addition, the Committee thanks those men who came forward to talk about

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The code has now been changed, separating non-commercial sexual offenses from commercial sexual offenses with separate penalties for each criminal offense. 11-28(a) reads: "Every persons is guilty of a misdemeanor who; being reckless about whether any person present, as a reasonable person, would be offended; aids, offers, agrees, or solicits and indecent or lewd act." In the past officers had engaged in conversation with some of the arrested men for a period of time before arrests were made. Under the new wording, conversation about sexual activity is not enough to make an arrest, if it is not done in an offensive manner.

Under the new provision of 11-28(a) no mandatory jail time would be required of anyone convicted of talking about a lewd or indecent act. A first time

Tom of Finland Dies At Home

HELSINKI, FINLAND - Touko Laaksonan, known to most people as Tom of Finland, the best known homoerotic artist of the 20th century, died at his home in Helsinki on Nov. 7, due to an emphysema-induced stroke. He was 71 years of age and had been in and out of the hospital for the past year due to his emphysema problem.

In spite of the immense popularity of his work, it wasn't until 1973 that Tom was able to concentrate fully on what he always called his "dirty drawings". Then he combined a near-photographic attention to detail with his wildest sexual fantasies to produce a body of work that, for sheer eroticism, will probably never be surpassed.

He created literally thousands of his "Tom's Men" - all phenomenal muscular and

masculine cops, sailors, motorcycle men and loggers who play against every homosexual stereotype. Because of his passion for the heaviest of sexual imagery, his leather men are the epitome of rough and rugged masculinity; they are never depicted as being dangerous. It is evident that Tom consistently strove to present positive role models in his art, and in the last 10 years with his sense of compassion and his agony over the loss of so many men he knew, he added condoms and safe sex admonitions to his work. "I am not ashamed that I draw men having sex. I work hard to make sure they are proud men having happy sex," he said.

In 1986, the Tom of Finland Foundation was formed in Los Angeles by Tom and his business partner, Durk Dehner. The

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UPDATE

World AIDS Day Dec 1

WASHINGTON, DC - Dec. 1, 1991 will mark the fourth annual observance of World AIDS Day. Over 150 countries around the world including the United States have designated this day to draw public attention to the AIDS pandemic. The American Association for World Health in cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO) and its regional affiliate the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), is coordinating United States activities for World AIDS Day. Since Dec. 1 falls on a Sunday, the U.S. Public Health Service has designation Monday, Dec. 2 as the date for National AIDS Awareness Day.

World AIDS Day 1991 will continue to increase awareness about HIV/AIDS and reinforce AIDS prevention activities at all levels, while strengthening the worldwide effort to meet the challenge of AIDS by showing how it can be shared. In addition, World AIDS Day will promote support and care for all HIV-infected persons and people with AIDS, their families and friends, and help combat discrimination and isolation.

The ultimate goal is to have as many people as possible in the United States and around the world communicating about AIDS to heighten awareness of AIDS as a global challenge and to create the solidarity essential to the worldwide effort against AIDS.

Dr. Hiroshi Nakajima, Director of WHO, has announced that "Sharing the Challenge" will be the theme for World AIDS Day 1991. Dr. Nakajima said, "We all need to join forces and share the challenge. We need to commit time, resources and effort in a way that draws on the strengths of each of us for maximum collectible impact. Only partnership gives us a chance of prevailing against the AIDS pandemic."

The AIDS pandemic has left no continent untouched. As of mid-1991, WHO estimates that 8 to 10 million men, women and children worldwide have been infected with HIV and that over 1.5 million of them have gone on to develop AIDS. As of Aug. 31, 1991, 191,601 people in the United States had been diagnosed with AIDS; of these, 122,905 have died. Every day, approximately 5,000 people are newly infected with HIV.

BVD Bandit Convicted

PAINESVILLE, OH (AP) - A 23-year-old man was convicted as the "BVD Bandit" for breaking into homes, fondling sleeping men and cutting off their underwear.

A jury last Friday, Nov. 23, found Van W. Peterson guilty of 21 counts of aggravated burglary, four counts of sexual imposition and two counts of robbery.

Lake County Judge Paul H. Mitrovich ordered another psychiatric evaluation for Patterson before his sentencing. Patterson faces up to 2 years in prison.

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Tom of Finland
1920 - 1991

eventual goal of the foundation is to have a museum of erotic art as a safe home for Tom's work as well as the work of other similar artists, Gay and otherwise. Because many of Tom's drawings had been destroyed by neglect or by bigotry, the foundation idea was born in time to prevent a further loss of his phenomenal creations.

Anyone wishing to make a memorial donation toward that end may send it to Tom of Finland Foundation, P.O. Box 26658, Los Angeles, CA 90028 or call (213)250-1685.

'The Sound of Poisons'

TUCSON - Shattered Wig, a brand-new production company under the direction of Victor Lodato, will present a special event, entitled "The Sound of Poisons" on Dec. 5, 6 & 7 (Thursday-Saturday) at Club Congress, 311 E. Congress St. Lodato was the author and one of the three performers in "A Making of Angels", Shattered Wig's first performance piece which sold out all performances last August at a.k.a. Theatre.

"The Sound of Poisons" is another original work, written and performed by Lodato. Through a series of monologues and incantations, the performance will animate and hopefully exorcise a variety of American demons. Sex slaves, shamans, housewives and the criminally insane will tell their desperate tales.

Show times are 8:00 p.m. on all three evenings. For more information, contact Victor Lodato at 881-0420.

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Quayle Spokesman Apologizes For Lesbian Joke He Told

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - Vice President Dan Quayle's press secretary apologized last Friday, Nov. 22 for telling a lesbian joke at a fund-raiser, saying that his gay and lesbian friends told him the remark wasn't funny.

David Beckwith's quip grew out of another lesbian joke told by Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey, a Democratic presidential hopeful.

"My attempt to do a favor to Bob Kerrey by distracting attention from his predicament has obviously failed," David Beckwith said in an interview. "So I'm retracting my joke... Many of my gay and lesbian friends thought it was unfunny. Minutes later he called back to add: 'It was not my intent to offend anyone and if I offended anyone, I apologize.'

Beckwith told the joke at a fund-raiser for Quail and President Bush. Referring to Kerrey's faux pas, Beckwith said, "The good news is that the lesbians are upset with Kerrey. The bad news is that they'll be coming our way to support us."

Kerrey, who has since apologized, related his joke in a private conversation at a political roast last week. It was picked up by a television microphone but never broadcast.

Beckwith's comment incensed some gay activists. "I thought Beckwith's joke was more loathsome than the original Kerrey remark," said Robert Bray, spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Bray said he was "stunned and amazed" that Beckwith apologized.

Gregory King, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a political lobby for gays, said "I think that it's important that he apologized, and I'm very happy to hear that he did so within 48 hours."

But, he added, "I wish that people would quit qualifying their apologies with the, 'if I offended anybody,' as if they have no eyes and no ears to know that they offended."

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A psychiatrist testified that Patterson got sexual gratification from the break-ins. Such behavior resulted from years of sexual abuse in boyhood by his father, said Dr. Howard Gottesman, who treats sexual disorders.

Victims testified they were chasing the intruder when they realized their cut up underwear had fallen off.

A Commentary By

Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

History

It was in the early 1930s. Depression raged throughout the world; no country was immune from its devastating effects. In Germany, Adolph Hitler attracted the attention of his people with promises of renewed economic vigor, of change, of improvement.

The people, starving and economically impoverished, were led like rats by Hitler's Pied Piper imagery. Slowly, his maniacal rage filled very mind bringing an entire country to the brink of destruction -- leaving millions of people dead in its wake.

George Bush is no Adolph Hitler; but his Pied Piper act is bringing America to the brink of destruction just as surely.

The 120-point drop in the stock market earlier this month is merely the latest in a series of devastating blows to the American economy which Bush has

brushed off with a simple "What, He Worry?" attitude.

While millions of Americans are unemployed, broke, unable to make ends meet and often homeless, Bush smiles and says the recession is over -- if there ever was one; that the thousands of companies closing their doors have nothing to do with a bad economy (seeing how there isn't one); and the increased number of people receiving foodstamps (now at its highest level) is no indication of a faltering economy.

The problem is not so much that Bush thinks the American people are imbeciles; but that the American people ARE imbeciles.

How can we continue to sit back and allow his empty-headed rhetoric to kill thousands of people who die from hunger, exposure, neglect? Will this deepening recession be swept under the carpet for 7 years the way the Republicans ignored AIDS? When will Bush stop sending our hard-earned tax dollars overseas, and address the ever-worsening crisis at home?

When?

Next year, we will have the chance to put an end to the Reagan legacy of neglect, abuse, and preferential treatment for the wealthy at the cost of the middle and lower classes. Now is the time for ALL of us to make that change.

If you are not already, register to vote. Read up on possible candidates, learn about the issues, prepare to make a difference come next November. Don't wait until YOU are unemployed, or homeless, or starving before you take a stand. Too many people are suffering already.

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AFACHE	61,591	4	5	5	1	1	1	1	-	5	5	5	-
COCHISE	97,624	11	13	13	5	9	8	7	-	44	44	44	-
COCONINO	96,591	10	10	10	5	0	0	0	-	19	19	19	-
GILA	46,216	4	4	4	3	0	0	0	-	4	4	4	-
GRAHAM	26,554	4	4	4	1	2	2	2	-	3	2	2	-
GREENLEE	6,006	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	-
LA PAZ	12,844	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	-	8	8	7	-
MARICOPA	2,122,101	1143	1118	1106	653	318	320	321	30	2031	1989	1959	37
MOHAVE	93,497	15	15	14	7	1	0	0	-	27	26	26	-
NAVAJO	77,659	5	4	4	3	0	0	0	-	1	1	1	-
PIHA	666,880	278	272	270	145	62	61	57	7	538	537	532	10
PIHAL	116,379	13	13	13	10	3	3	3	-	24	24	24	-
SANTA CRUZ	29,676	4	4	4	0	2	2	2	-	4	4	3	-
YAVAPAI	107,714	16	15	15	11	0	0	0	-	28	28	26	1
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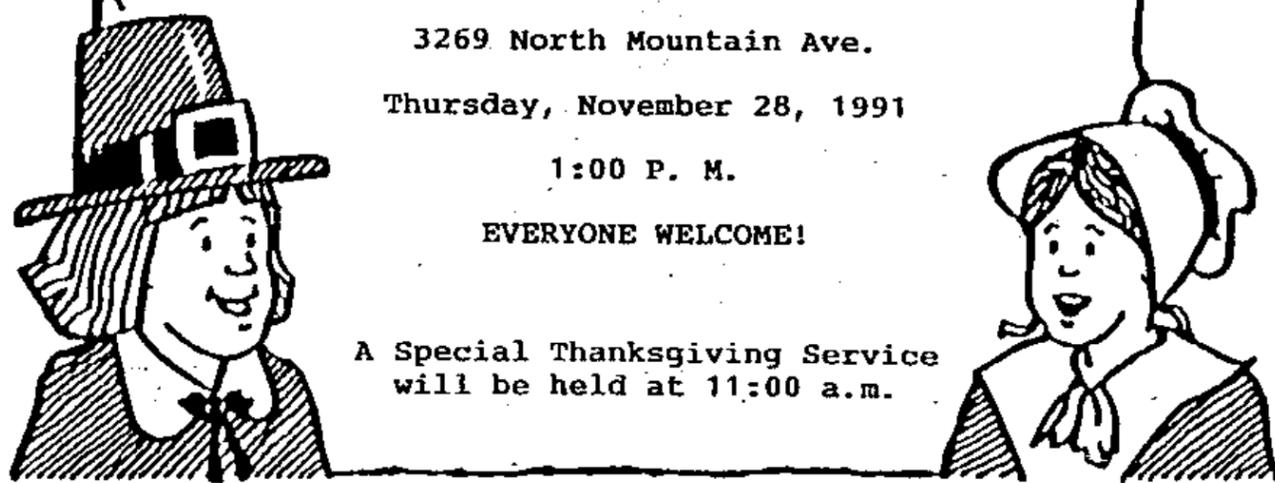
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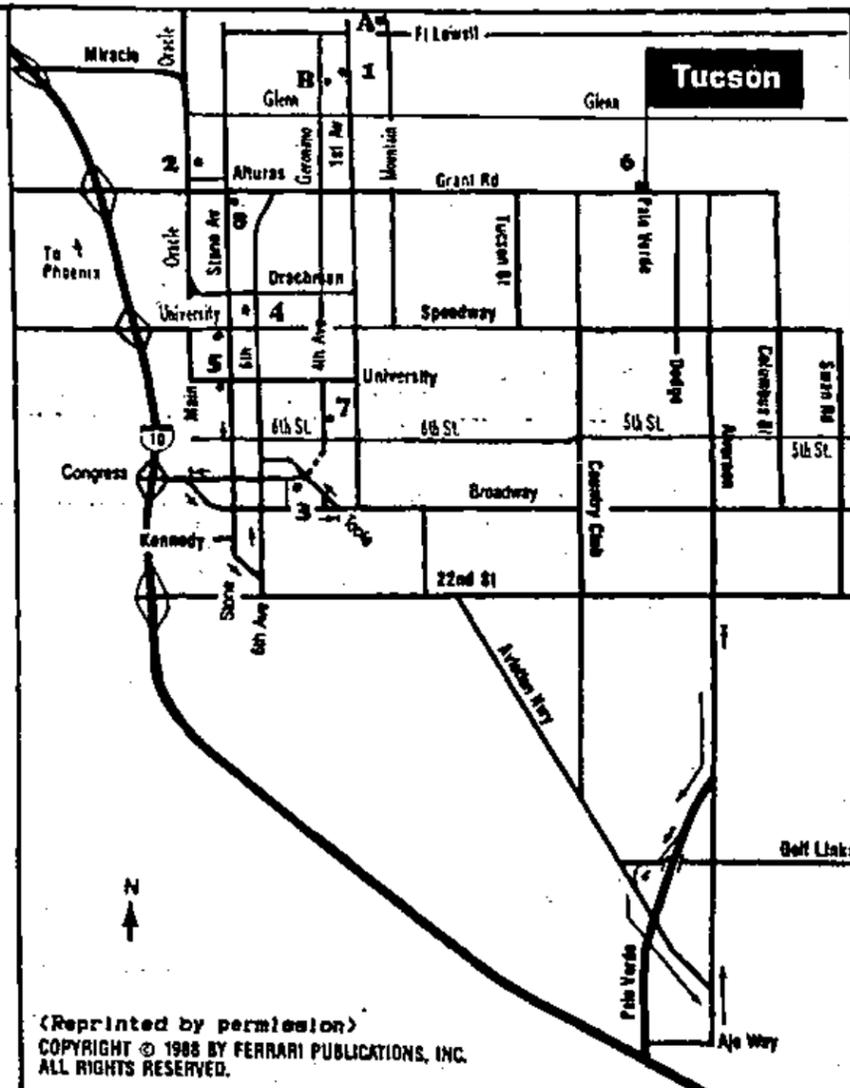
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Safe Sex



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TO THE EDITOR:

RE: As I See It in the November 20th issue of the Observer.

We would like to compliment Gary Clark on a well drawn cartoon and thank him for helping us get the message across that you can be Christian and a part of the leather lifestyle. It is sometimes difficult to convince people of leather that God loves them also, and Mr. Clark has done a commendable service to the leather community.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR COMMUNITY:

Thank you, once again!
 Your Sharing Weekend support throughout the 1990-91 fiscal year (July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991) has meant a great deal to our brothers and sisters living with HIV disease. The Tucson AIDS Project receives 20% of all money raised during the Sharing Weekend and we have committed to using all of that money for direct grants to Gay and Bisexual men and women with HIV disease, for assistance with rent, utilities, and other living emergencies.

Sharing Weekend gifts are placed in our PWA Fund, as are all Memorial gifts received by the Tucson AIDS Project, except for those memorials specifically designated by the donor for another purpose. PWA Fund monies are used exclusively to assist people living with HIV disease through grants and loans. Not one penny of the PWA Fund is used for any form of administrative overhead. In fact, we must regularly transfer money

from our regular budget into the PWA Fund to meet the ever increasing need for assistance.

Here's where the money in our PWA Fund came from, during 1990-91:

MEMORIAL GIFTS	\$ 5,536
SHARING WEEKEND	1,333
OTHER RESTRICTED GIFTS	1,660
LOAN REPAYMENTS	1,057
RENT PAYMENTS	2,025
TRANSFERS FROM TAP	
REGULAR ACCOUNT	6,495
TOTAL	\$18,106

Here's where the money in our PWA Fund went to, during 1990-91:

RENTAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 6,160
UTILITIES ASSISTANCE	1,228
FOOD ASSISTANCE	483
TRANSPORTATION	50
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	376
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	510
SANTA PROJECT	545
LOANS TO PERSONS	
LIVING WITH HIV	5,515
PREVIOUS LOANS WRITTEN OFF	3,239
TOTAL	\$18,106

It's important to note, too, that these figures do not reflect the value of food, nutrition supplements, and household supplies which are routinely provided to people living with HIV disease out of our pantries. It's impossible to place an exact dollar value on such items. But it is certainly well over \$10,000 a year.

We are grateful to everyone who has supported the Tucson AIDS Project, whether through the Sharing Weekend, through direct gifts of foodstuffs and supplies,

or through gifts of money directly to the agency.

The Tucson AIDS Project believes strongly in periodic reporting to the community on how our funds are used. In keeping with this commitment, and in concert with our publication last year of our financial report, we will provide a full financial accounting for our 1990-91 fiscal year as soon as our accountants have completed their annual audited financial report. We anticipate their completion of that report in December, at which time we will make it available to the community.

For your support throughout the year, thank you.

Yours Sincerely,
 Craig Bradford Snow
 Executive Director

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their arrests with the Committee as well as Council members and to those members of the Gay and Lesbian community whose support at council meetings was very commendable.

The Committee had held regular meet-

ings with members of the City Council as well as the Tucson Police Advisory Board, and the Tucson City Manager and TPD Chief of Police Ronstadt, and other local government officials. It was through their tireless efforts and prompt action that the law was changed so quickly. There are several ongoing lawsuits against the city by some of those arrested and these cases will go forward. The new law takes effect immediately.

The Committee states that it does not condone overt sexual activity in any public place including city parks and warns that the police will continue to observe activities in the parks and will continue to make arrests of those who break the law. The committee, however, will continue its efforts to remove undercover officers from the parks in favor of uniformed police officers; assist in sensitivity training for TPD, encourage recruiting of Gay and Lesbian police officers, among other programs being initiated through the Police Advisory Sub-Committee. The Ad Hoc Coalition will continue to meet and observe to ensure that the above items are enacted.



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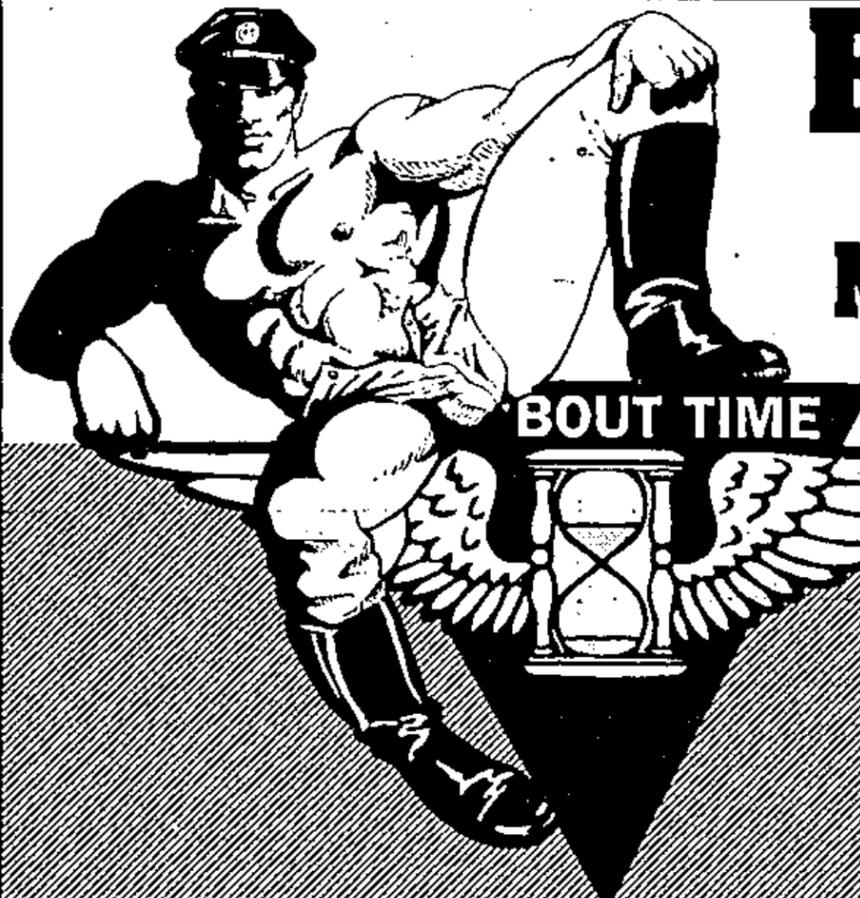
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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Most of my days were very busy, from 6 am until around 11 p.m. But like a lot of you, sometimes I found myself with a "whole day to myself!" Rare though those times were, they did occur once in a while. For some reason, those days, when I ought to have the greatest reason to rejoice -- always seemed to end up with me feeling like I was on a downhill plunge.

We spend so much time doing "things", that when we are faced with an opportunity to relax, we don't know how to deal with it! That is a sad commentary on our society. Americans on the whole have the widely-accepted belief that they have to be "workaholics" or life has no meaning. It's as though our total value as a person is inextricably bound to our rate of productivity.

Did you ever stop to realize that even God, who created the heavens and the earth in all their vast array, by the seventh day, having finished the work He had been doing, "...rested from all His work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it He rested from all the work of creating that He had done". Genesis 2:2,3. Now, that's pretty clear to me! If even God, Himself, spent one entire day a week resting, there's no reason why WE can't rest also! So, why does that give most of us such a problem?

Day after day, as we get out of bed early and start right in, our cups of coffee/breakfast in one hand, while our other hand and total concentration is centered on "working", we might think to

ourselves, "Why am I driving myself on so relentlessly?" but we keep on "working" until we collapse into bed many hours later, totally drained.

What are we running away from so rapidly, that if we're not being very productive, we can't cope with life? Have you ever asked yourself this question? Or maybe, "is there anything satisfying and fulfilling in my life except working like a slave continually?"

A few years ago I DID ask myself those two questions, and my answers revealed a very real need I'd never been aware of before -- a vast inner emptiness I hid from myself and the world by working harder, faster, and longer than anyone else I knew. That's when I uncovered the true need in my life. I discovered no "thing" could fill this emptiness, but "someone" could. I met Him and came to know Him intimately at Cornerstone Fellowship.

He filled to overflowing this inner void, with Himself. And for the first time in my life, I knew real PEACE. I really looked forward to a normal 8-hour work day -- not driven like a maniac anymore -- and my "seventh day of rest". I understood, at last, the meaning for ME in Matthew 11:28,29, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Come on over Sunday and I'll introduce you to my Source of fulfillment. I bet He's just what you need.

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Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

Competitive Suffering

Gay writer John Morrison recently brought up the question "Is feminism hurting Gay men?" In his sometimes bizarre answer, he complained that it is unfair, even cruel, to label Gay men as "privileged," that mothers help set up "pathogenic mental states" in men, and that men are treated as incompetent in TV commercials. (How many feminists make TV commercials?) Morrison went on to label conservatism and feminism as the two most powerful movements of the 1980s and argued that "sexist feminists" are responsible for many men's problems, including, it seems, their inability/unwillingness to express their feelings.

At first I was totally turned off and angered by Morrison's writing. It seemed to me weird that someone should blame feminism for male role limitations that have existed for hundreds of not thousands of years. And the idea of feminism being comparably powerful to conservatism in the 1980s would be funny if it weren't so sadly off-the-wall.

But I forced myself to listen to what Morrison was really saying, and some strong points came across: he felt unheard, downtrodden, repressed and scared. And even though I'm a feminist, the accused source of his problems, I can certainly sympathize with, and empathize with, his emotions. I just couldn't understand why he blamed them on the women's movement.

Later I read of some feminists who were angrily fighting any possible FDA acceptance of RU486, "the abortion pill", in the U.S. If such a dangerous drug were meant for men, they claimed, the FDA would never consider accepting it. I was surprised and put off by their logic. The drug either is dangerous or not. Why bring in sexism? After all, many feminists are fighting for the drug to be accepted. And it's not true that our government is unwilling to poison men. Remember Agent Orange? What about the soldiers who were assigned to witness early atomic bomb explosions and given no protection?

There is a clear trend evident in U.S. politics and media: competitive suffering. The RU486 opponents and Morrison are only some of the many people who practice this odd approach to life. Gay men and Lesbians who fight homophobic

jokes by saying "No one would tell a racist joke anymore" do it. African-Americans who claim that anti-Semitism is a thing of the past (or, even worse, that it is justified) do it. Women who claim that it is acceptable to hate men "because they have power" do it.

Of course, some people do have it worse than other people. But what do we gain when we try to compare the suffering of a person with AIDS, a rich white woman who is hospitalized after being beaten by her husband, a Black ghetto teenager with little chance of a decent future, a Lesbian who has her kids taken from her by the courts, and a Jew who is attacked on the street for being Jewish? The underlying oppression is similar in all these cases, and there is more than enough suffering to go around. Is it necessary to belittle one person's pain to focus on another's?

It would be more honest, and less divisive, if we all just spoke our truths without dismissing anyone else's. Homophobia is really no different than racism; why pit one against the other?

All bigotry is bad -- horizontal, vertical or inside-out. I've heard African-American say that their hatred of Whites is not racism because they have no power over Whites. I've heard women defend their hatred of men the same way. But when the powerless do achieve power, will they drop their bigotry? And what about the Hasidic man killed at random by Blacks to avenge the death of a Black child hit by a car driven by a different Hasid? Is he any less dead because his murderers felt powerless?

Everyone is powerful in some ways and powerless in others, and it is heart-breaking when oppressed people take what little power they have and turn it on one another. Black hatred of Whites, women's hatred of men, Jewish hatred of Germans, and a million other hatreds are all understandable, even logical and all too human. But if we keep hating each other by groups, if we keep dismissing the pain of the people around us, if we keep our eyes closed and our ears plugged, then we might as well give up all hope of a worthwhile future and lay down and die now.

I hope we can do better.
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STEVEN DIETZ..

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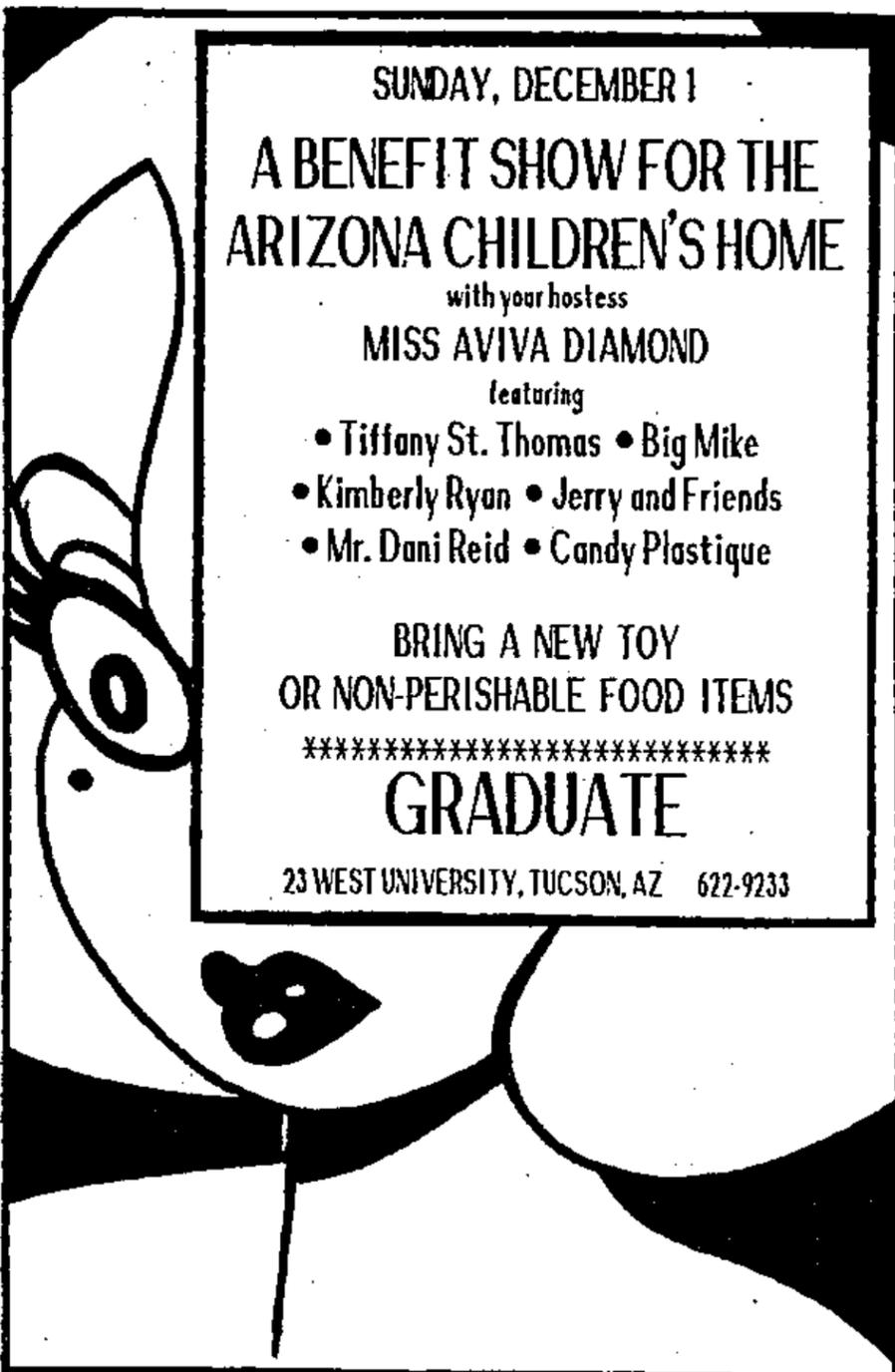
In lieu of this week's usual questions and answers, and in light of the approaching holidays, I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to our readers.

I am sincerely appreciative of the many letters, calls and comments in support of this column, and am moved by those who take the risk of sharing such personal and meaningful thoughts, hopes, pains, and dreams from their sometimes intensely personal experiences. You who have written are to be commended for your open, honest contributions to this column.

Choosing to take the risk of improving life, being the best we can be, can be scary. Sometimes it means we must be willing to allow the bogeyman under the bed to return to being just a dust ball.

For those who have taken control of the challenge and worked with real problem solving, with or without professional assistance this past year - I think I speak for most therapists - we salute you! Take pride in your accomplishments, and spend the holidays ahead by validating yourself and sharing your victories with others. It unites the community, and strengthens personal resolve and self esteem.

We welcome your letters to the counselor. All correspondence should be written directly to Steven Dietz, P.O. Box 40084, Tucson, AZ 85717. All correspondence is confidential, and letters used in the OBSERVER will not carry the name of the correspondent. To receive a reply directly from Mr. Dietz you must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.



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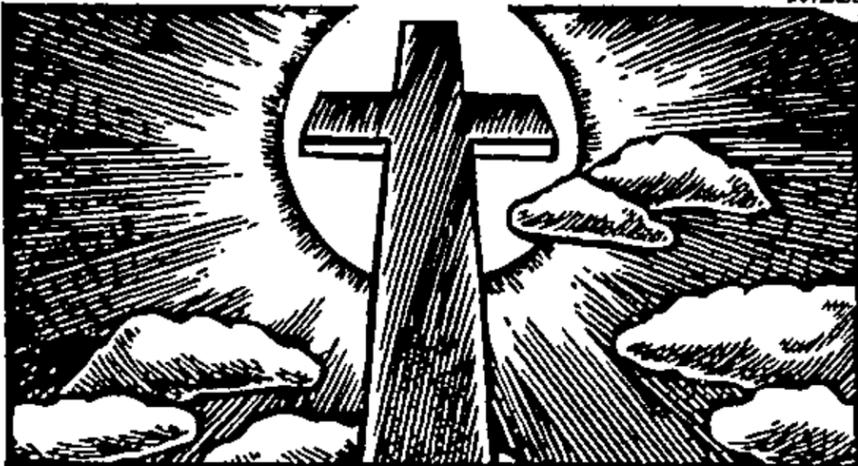
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POLITICS '91 by Mark Kerr

NATIONAL NEWS

The big story occurred during the Presidential campaign. At a roast in Manchester, New Hampshire, Democratic Presidential candidate, Nebraska Senator Bob Kerry told a very dirty, anti-Lesbian, sexist, homophobic joke to another Democratic Presidential candidate, Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton.

Unbeknownst to Sen. Kerry, he was telling the joke to Gov. Clinton in front of a live C-Span microphone and this incident was also video-taped by C-Span. Kerry apologized for telling the very derogatory, anti-Lesbian joke.

In this reporters opinion, the Lesbian and Gay community should not support the Nebraska Senator in his quest for the 1992 Democratic Presidential nomination for the following reasons:

(1) A person running for the nation's highest office should have enough common sense to not pull such a damaging move as telling a very derogatory joke. The telling of this joke will go down with the Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butz, stating what African-Americans want in life. Or, then Secretary of Interior, James Watt, talking about a Commission he had to deal with; or, former Colorado Senator Gary Hart and his affair with the model, Donna Rice, and trying to run for the 1988 Democratic Presidential nomination.

(2) We can forgive Sen. Kerry, but if he wins the nomination and if he is elected and if a bill, dealing with issues concerning the Gay and Lesbian community goes through Congress and is on his desk, how will he deal with it? Does the joke show his views, or maybe he is open minded? Probably the joke gave us an inkling on his views and we cannot have someone who is anti-Gay and Lesbian as the Democratic party nominee or our President. We have suffered enough with the raging homophobes that have resided at 1800 Pennsylvania Avenue.

(3) The Lesbian and Gay community has come too far to accept someone like Sen. Bob Kerry. There are good candidates, especially Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, running for the nomination who are pro-Gay. We should never settle for less.

ARIZONA NEWS

This past Saturday, Nov. 21, the second round of the Arizona Democratic Party State Platform 1992-93 hearings took place at Arizona Democratic Party Headquarters in Phoenix. Yours truly was there as the Co-Chair of the Southern Arizona region. Also in attendance were the Chairs and Co-Chairs from the three other regions in the state (Maricopa, Yuma, La Paz. . . , Coconino, Mohave . . .) to go over the proposals from the four Town Halls and combine the four, plus the 1990-91 Platform into a draft 1992-93 Platform for the State Committee of the Arizona Democratic Party to go over and adopt. At the meeting on Saturday, the Gay and Lesbian community almost lost a great deal that we had achieved in the previous platform.

The meeting started off on a bad note when the Maricopa County Co-Chair and the Yuma County Chair tried to get three planks dealing with co-habitation, the sodomy laws and adding sexual orientation to the protected classes list, in the initial section, Human Rights and Services, combined together with a general statement which would have watered down

and not covered Gays and Lesbians.

Through a parliamentary maneuver by yours truly, the three planks stayed in, but they got a "minority report" on the plank dealing with the protected classes legislation. What blew me away were some of the arguments by the Co-Chair of the Coconino Town Hall who stated, "Gay and Lesbian rights are not a human rights issue!" The Committee breezed through the sections dealing with the elderly, women and voting and political participation. The trouble reared it's ugly head when the Committee got to the section of the platform dealing the labor, business and the economy. We had two planks in here dealing with Gay and Lesbian couples adopting and the "Domestic Partners" plank, the cornerstone of the nine planks we put in the platform originally. Led by the Coconino Co-Chair, an attempt was made to delete both planks. I counter-attacked with a speech reminding the "simpletons" that the Democratic Party is a party of inclusion, the party of all, not just white, anglo saxon, protestants and that "holy hell" will be raised at the January Convention and the politically active Gays and Lesbians will withhold support, especially financial, to candidates from those areas who run for local, county, state or federal office.

A roll call vote was taken and we won by four votes to leave them in the Platform, but the rural counties got their proposed omissions in the "minority report". We managed no trouble in the section dealing with "Health Care". We had three planks dealing with anonymous testing to protecting the rights of HIV+ persons and persons assumed to be HIV+. The Maricopa County Co-Chair tried to water down these planks, in the State Platform.

Diana Jennings, wife of Arizona Corporation Commission Chair Renz Jennings looked and me and I said, "No changes what-so-ever", and Maricopa County's proposals were shot down. (Frankly, I think I scared them with my "Holy Hell" speech). We also got planks added dealing with recognizing non-traditional families and guaranteeing their rights and the RU-486 pill (the "abortion" pill), allowing clinical testing in the United States.

On January 18th, the Arizona Democratic Party State Committee will meet in Phoenix to go over the draft 1991-92 Platform and the Lambda Democratic Caucus needs your help. Please call one of the following numbers and state your support for the plans and that the Party should keep them in the State Platform.

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TUCSON NEWS

The Tucson City Council voted, by a 6-0 margin, to change Tucson Code 11-28. This section dealt with "lewd and lascivious" acts. (Read story on front page of this issues of the OBSERVER). It was interesting that after the roll call vote, the Mayor and Council got a round of applause from the audience which was mostly comprised of Lesbian and Gays. That was probably the first time the Council had ever gotten a round of applause for a vote.

Until next time, politics as usual.

What's Up Doc ???



Well, starting tomorrow, Thanksgiving Day, at 3:00 p.m., at the Graduate, this year's Arizona Fellowship Run V will begin. From that point on, between 75 and 100 people will be traveling all around town, stopping at each bar during the run at sometime or another, see a show, take part in Leather Pride night, and finally Sunday afternoon ending up over at Club 2520 for the Send-off Brunch and Awards presentations.

From all early reports, this year's version, participant-wise, will be the largest ever. But, there is still room for more and if you wish to take part in this run, either stop in at the Graduate Thursday afternoon, or at 5:00 p.m. at MCC, and register. Run fee for the complete run is only \$25, which gets you all meals served, and your chance to win one of the many different games that will be played all during this run.

It's that time again for Shanti's "Sharing is Caring" non-perishable drive. Boxes have been placed in all the bars for your contributions. Items that can be donated are canned food products, other non-perishable food items, household toiletries, such as toothpaste, hair combs, shaving gear. The next time you travel to your favorite bar, please carry

whatever you can donate for this very worth while drive. All items donated will be divided up and delivered to Tucson individuals in need, by Shanti.

For TKO's Laughlin Trip, there has been a slight change. Tickets will be arriving in all the local bars next week for you to purchase, if you wish. As of this writing, the winner still has to be present to win but, if this changes, I'll let you know in one of my upcoming columns. Tickets, a different color that those for the Make-A-Wish \$100 Christmas Tree Raffle, will be sold for \$1.00 each. All proceeds from the two Laughlin trip packages, explained in last week's column, will go into the Make-A-Wish fund.

Just for the record, in last week's column, under TBBS, I passed on a little Latin given to me. The meaning of it was, 'Don't Let the Bastards Wear You Down'. Now, aren't you happy to learn a little usable Latin, even in my column?

I'll cut this column off for the week, but after 4 days of a major run coming up, you can bet next week's column will more than make up for this week's shortage. Thank you all and I hope everyone has a very beautiful and loving Thanksgiving. Until next week then, gobble! gobble!

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This week on Thursday, Nov. 28, the entire United States of America will celebrate a national holiday, Thanksgiving. This day is set aside by law to give thanks for many things; by feasting, having family gatherings, being with friends and realizing what we have to be thankful for. Next to Christmas, it is a holiday that cannot be celebrated alone.

Through the years, Thanksgiving has become a day of feasting. A meal cen-

tered around a roasted turkey or a baked ham with all of the trimmings; dressing, gravy, washed potatoes, cranberry sauce, yams and a sundry array of vegetables - with the mince pie or pumpkin pie for dessert. To enjoy a meal such as this, there must be many at the same table to make it a true feast. An old saying goes like this, no matter how much you have, there is no enjoyment unless it is shared.

There will be many places this Thanksgiving Day to have a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, but MCC/Tucson started the tradition of an open Dinner for the community about 15 years ago. This tradition still continues. Starting at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, a Thanksgiving Dinner will be served to anyone who wishes to join us. There will be a Thanksgiving Service at 11:00 a.m., but it is not necessary to attend this service to join us for the Thanksgiving Dinner, everyone is welcome.

The Arizona Fellowship Run V will be held this weekend in Tucson. And, as in the past four years, most of the meals will be served at MCC/Tucson. This event is sponsored by all of the social clubs in Tucson and some of the social clubs in Phoenix. This event starts with a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday and continues until the awards ceremonies on Sunday. The church will be in use by this group from Thursday afternoon until Saturday night. MCC/Tucson is proud to be a part of this Fellowship.

The Mid-Week Service of Wednesday, Nov. 27, has been cancelled. For this week only, the Wednesday Evening Service will not be held, but everyone is urged to attend the special Thanksgiving Service the next morning on Thanksgiving Day.

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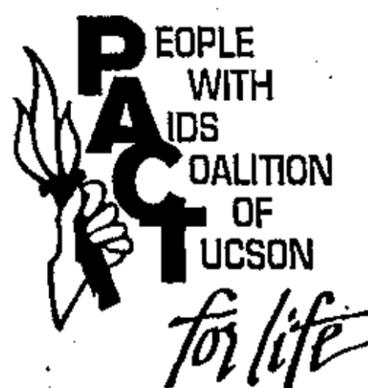
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 (THANKSGIVING DAY)
The Tucson Ecumenical Council will sponsor a community interfaith family Thanksgiving Day Service at 10:00 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, 4331 E. 22nd St.

Metropolitan Community Church will hold their 15th annual Thanksgiving Dinner at 1:00 p.m. to be served to anyone who wishes to join in the festivities. Everyone is welcome. The Church is located at 3269 N. Mountain Ave. A special Thanksgiving Service will be held at 11:00 a.m.

You are invited to the Frensdorff House annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Persons with AIDS and their Friends from 1 to 4 p.m. today. The dinner will be served in St. Andrew's Parish Hall (adjacent to Frensdorff House) 209 E. 16th Street. Reservations will be helpful. There is no charge. Call Jim Shafer at 795-4921 or Frensdorff House 620-1719.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Cronies, a social club for men 40+ will hold a video party this evening. Call Merle at 888-7264 for more information.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

World AIDS Day will be celebrated in many forms and places today. The Tucson AIDS Project will hold their annual Memorial Celebration at 1:00 p.m. in the upper gallery of the University of Arizona Museum of Art which will be the opening of a special exhibit of four sections from the NAMES Project Memorial quilt.

The Arizona Theatre Company will commemorate World AIDS Day and Day Without Art at its 7:00 p.m. performance of "Ain't Misbehavin'". ATC Managing Director, Robert Alpaugh, and TAP Executive Director, Craig Snow will present a brief pre-show recognition of the lives and contributions of those individuals who have lived and are living with HIV.

The Biserual, Gay and Lesbian Association of the University of Arizona (BGALA), will feature a special showing of "Red, Hot and Blue," a musical revue of Cole Porter tunes featuring such artists as K.d. Lang, David Byrne and Sinead O'Connor, in the Social Sciences Building, Room 100, on campus at 8:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted at the door on behalf of the Tucson AIDS Project. The "Red, Hot and Blue" project was undertaken to promote awareness of AIDS as well as to raise funds for AIDS relief and research.

Tucson Cablevision has designated T1P to receive all monies raised in its service area during "Unfinished Stories", BRAVO Network's annual telethon to benefit AIDS care, which begins Dec. 1 and continues Sundays through December. On Dec. 2, BRAVO will also present "A Moment Without Television," produced in conjunction with "A Day Without Art" - a day of action and mourning in response to the AIDS crisis.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Tucson Gay bar owners and/or managers will meet with the Ad Hoc Committee at 5:30 p.m. at French Quarter to discuss police harassment and discuss how to cope.

THURS. FRI. SAT., NOVEMBER 5-6-7

Shattered Wig, a new production company will present a special event, entitled "The Sound of Poisons" at Club Congress, 311 E. Congress. 8:00 p.m. For more information call 881-0420.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

FACT for Life will hold their annual "Festival of Trees" raffle this evening at St. Philip's Plaza. Tickets are available all over town and you need not be present to win. The winning tree is decorated with jewelry worth over \$1,000 donated by member jewelers of the Arizona Jewelers' Association. The second tree, worth over \$2,000 was donated by Kryczanowski and Co. Tickets are \$1.00 each of 12 for \$10.00.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

BofA Committee for Gay, Lesbian & Biserual Faculty and Staff will meet from Noon to 1:30 p.m. in Student Union Room 283. Professor Bruce Fowler facilitates this brown bag luncheon meeting, and it is open to UofA staff and faculty who are concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Biserual issues.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Community Awards of Tucson meets at 7:00 p.m. at ROC, 3269 N. Mountain. Become involved. Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Join the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association in a holiday celebration for the 200th birthday of our American freedoms. December 15 marks the Bicentennial of our Bill of Rights. OPBPA will hold a Holiday Brunch at the historic Arizona Inn at 1:00 p.m. Brunch tickets are \$10 per person and there will be a special guest speaker following brunch. No-Host Bar. Reservations are due by Dec. 10 with your resittance. Make your check payable to OP and mail to OPBPA, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, AZ 85733. For more information call 577-6018.



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CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSIEA TREE - Open Noon. Volleyball begins at 1:00 p.m. Steak Diners 5-8 pm \$1.00. Fleah for Fantasy - male and female strippers. 11 p.m.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-1. Drink specials.
GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.25 daytime and \$1.50 nighttime.
ROCKS - Open at 11 a.m. for NFL football. Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country Dance Basic 8 to 1 and with your DJ Jason.
IBT'S - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. on well and non-premium beer. 8 to 1 Fresh Disco Night. Hot music from the 70s & 80s.
KENNY - Open at noon. Drink specials.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSIEA TREE - Open Noon. \$1.50 Domestic Beer till 4 pm. \$1.50 Draft with Schnapps 8 to close. Bobby D's.
CLUB CONGRESS - 79's Disco with Super Star Lovers. \$1. 9 pm to 1 am.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices open to close.
ROCKS - Open Noon. Happy hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25.
IBT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Easy listening music. Bring in your own tape for a drink special 8 pm to 1 am.
KENNY - Open noon. Daily drink specials. DJ/TJ at 9.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSIEA TREE - Open Noon. \$1.50 well 3-8 pm. Drink Draft and Drown .50 draft 8 pm till close. Open Volleyball games begin at 7 p.m. Bobby Jr. D's.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Movie Site with cocktail hour prices all night long.
GRADUATE - Draft Beer Special. Small Pitchers \$1.50, Large Pitchers \$1.00
ROCKS - 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 .75 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 8 pm to close.
Country music and dancing with Gil Leon 9-1.
KENNY - Open noon. Daily drink specials. DJ/DJ 9-1 with Clint.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSIEA TREE - Open Noon. Drink specials 3-1 pm. Fleah for Fantasy male and female strippers at 11 pm.
CLUB CONGRESS - Rock 'n Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow. No charge.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials.
GRADUATE - Domestic Beer \$1.25/days - \$1.50 sates.
ROCKS - Draft Beer .50 7 p.m. 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. Dance music 8-1. Double dose Schnapps for \$1.50. Check out blended drink special. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-premium Beer.
KENNY - Open noon. Daily drink specials. DJ/DJ Clint at 9pm.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSIEA TREE - Open Noon. Drink Specials 3-8 pm. Drink Draft and Drown .50 draft 8 pm to close. Amateur Strip Fight - Cash Prize. Bobby Jr. D's.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Dart tournament \$2 entry 6:00/10 split.
GRADUATE - Top Shelf Call \$2.00 in the daytime and \$2.50 at night.
ROCKS - Draft Beer .50 7 p.m. to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$1.25 from 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Westerns dancing 9 to 1 with your DJ Jason.
IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Free dance lessons 8 p.m. Dad and Bud Lite \$1.50 from 9-1.
KENNY - Daily drink specials. Dancing with your DJ/DJ Clint 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSIEA TREE - Open Noon. Drink Specials 3-8 pm. Domestic Beer \$1.75, Schnapps .75 8-11 pm. Bobby Jr. D's.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Free Hot Bors d'Oettes 5:30pm
GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.
ROCKS - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 9 pm - 1 am with Jason.
IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Basic 8 to close with Jay.
KENNY - Daily drink specials. Free Bors d'Oettes 5:30. DJ/DJ Clint 9-1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSIEA TREE - Open Noon. \$1.50 Domestic Beer and Black Board Specials 3-1. Hot dance music 9 to 1 with Bobby Jr.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Daily drink specials.
GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.
ROCKS - Open Noon. 7 pm to 1 am. DJ music 9 to 1. Last Saturday of each month is Country and westerns dance music.
IBT'S - 4 to 8. Hot music 8 to close with Linda Firdale.
KENNY - Open Noon. Daily drink specials. Dance with DJ/DJ Clint 9-1

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Home On The Range With AGRA-Tucson

Yippie-yay-yea!! Old Tucson is chosen as the site for the 2nd Saquaro Unit Rodeo, May 8-10, 1992.

The AGRA Board of Directors, in Phoenix, unanimously accepted Tucson's proposal for Old Tucson Studios to be the site of our first local Gay rodeo. Last Sunday, Nov. 24, AGRA-Tucson Satellite Chapter, presented a stunning proposal to the state board. The Old Tucson site had already been unanimously approved by the Tucson Board.

Hats off (cowboy hats, that is) to the facilities Search Committee, chaired by John Kline, for the tireless and thorough job they did in locating and screening various locations to settle on the one that would best serve our needs for the rodeo and entertainment. Old Tucson Studios' soundstage and arena should serve very well.

A special recognition and gratitude is deserved and well earned by Jeff Parker, Publicity Chair, for the impressive and professional proposal he put together. It was so nicely printed and bound that a copy surely must be kept in our archives for future reference. Thanks Jeff, for a fabulous job!

The Beer Bust, for AGRA-Tucson's benefit, held at the Graduate, Sunday, Nov. 27, was a great success. The turnout was super. We want to thank everyone who attended and the Graduate staff for their support. Special thanks to Stan for his patience.

POSTER CONTEST

Win \$100.00 by designing the poster for the 2nd Annual Saquaro Unit Rodeo, May 8-10, 1992. The Contest has been extended to Dec. 14, 1991. The guidelines are as follows:

- ** Design must include a Saguaro cactus.
- ** Size is 17" x 22"
- ** The only written words to appear in the design are "1992 Saquaro Unit Rodeo". Any additional verbiage will cause disqualification
- ** Design must have blank area for rodeo information
- ** Design may be black and white or color
- ** If color is used, original artwork or photography must be submitted
- ** Winning design becomes sole property of AGRA
- ** Designer's name, address and phone number must appear in upper left back corner
- ** Deadline for entries is Dec. 14, 1991

The winning design will be announced at the AGRA-Tucson general membership meeting on Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Old Pueblo Bed and Breakfast Resort, 4210 N. Saranac Drive. Submit your entry to AGRA-Tucson, 7272 E. Broadway #412, Tucson, AZ 85710.

The next general membership meeting of AGRA-Tucson will be held Dec. 21 at 3:00 p.m. at the Old Pueblo Bed and Breakfast Resort, 4210 N. Saranac Drive. Anyone interested in becoming a member is urged to attend. For more information you may write to: AGRA-Tucson, 7272 E. Broadway #412, Tucson, AZ 85710.

Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

Turkey Day is right upon us. For those of you who have no place to go on this day, please look throughout this paper. St. Andrews is having a dinner and so is MCC. Come on over and join them in the celebration, you're more than welcome.

I'd like to really thank the wonderful people at MCC for another terrific Spaghetti Dinner. We've decided to continue this tradition every three of four months. Look for our next one. You'll read about it here in the OBSERVER.

Ms. Margo Leigh's show a few weeks ago for the CAT Committee was flawless. The talents of John Barnes, Dani Reid, Joe Wallen, Margo Leigh, Lucinda Holliday and the introduction of Dennis Sipf was excellent.

For quite a while I have been saying I was going to write about Mr. Jim Toevs. There is so much about this man that will take several columns to do him justice. He is a man of great history and deep convictions. He has been very active in the Gay/Lesbian movements on both local, national and international levels. He is one of the founders of the movement in the Soviet Union. He has made several trips there.

Each time he shares a bit of himself and his vision with the wonderful Russian people, whom he has grown to love and admire. He has helped them both in spirit and technology. And he has created bonds between the USSR and their Gay American cousins. And Jim has stated to me repeatedly that he is not finished yet.

The fight for the Gay community in Russia is going to be a long one and Jim will definitely be around to assist. He has shown me numerous news clippings and pictures of his efforts. Such as the one of him on the steps of the Bolshoi Ballet with a bullhorn addressing a group of Russian citizens - 20,000 of them in fact. Come out and be true to yourselves seems to be the message. And with the help of people like Jim Toevs, they are on the right track.

Toevs is the current president of the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association. But there is a lot more to Jim than his involvement with OPBPA. He is a two-steppin' fool, and AGRA enthusiast, a local Gay rights activist and local Gay businessman. Behind all his charm, is a man of deep conviction and unrelenting determination. Once he sets his mind, he will always come through. A lot more will come in future columns if he agrees to allow me more interviews. He is definitely a fascinating man to talk to.

Hope you all have a great Thanksgiving Day. And don't forget December 8th at St. Philip's Plaza, the 3rd annual Festival of the Trees. Call PACT for more details. Don't forget the raffle. Till next week: Sean 628-7816.



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WHORE-A-SCOPES

by BARTMAN

LIBRA

You get all kinds of people knocking at your door. Instead of the Avon Lady, you get the Dildo Man! Just make sure you're keeping things separated in the dishwasher. Call me next time you have a "Tupperware Party".

SCORPIO

Tease me - Please me. Sorry, but in your case if you can get 'em to even look at you, it would be a miracle. (Just teasing). We all know what a stud you are. That sexy Italian that thinks "she's" a cowboy, wants to take you on a tour of his faboo house. Don't go!

SAGITTARIUS

Eating Chinese and then eating Chinese at the bookstore - no wonder you're still hungry. A prior lover comes back into your life shortly, renewing an on and off again romance. Better start using the pump again - "it might shrink". Just ask Moose.

CAPRICORN

Career goals are hard to reach at this time - take something short term and wait it out. Anything "short" isn't your style - even the "short holes" at the bookstore. It's uncomfortable when you have to crane your neck so much. Next trip to Vegas check out the rest stop just before Wickenburg.

AQUARIUS

The Bartman found the perfect store for all your needs - "Butt Plugs R Us". So you told your new love you're a "top". A top at what? Fire hydrant sitting? Coops! That's your roonie. A long-awaited letter arrives Saturday.

PISCES

Try the lottery, you're not very lucky in love - so maybe money? Try "hanging out" at the Tropicana. (No, not the one in Vegas). Kip and Gary can tell you about that trick. Be more aware of friend's needs during the holiday season.

[Hope everyone has a Happy Turkey Day. On Friday, get up off your fat butts and start Xmas shopping!]

ARIES

A family gathering is in the stars, and why not? It's Thanksgiving. You can put up with one afternoon of the old folks and bitchy relatives, you do that every night at the bars anyway. A new love affair begins on Saturday, if you like transsexuals that is.

TAURUS

The expert chef that you are and hostess with the mostest, I'm sure your Turkey Day will be a smashing success, but don't do what Mr. B. does. He starts picking at the bird and before you know it - no more bird. Ask your husband to restrain you while "stuffing" the bird - might turn you on.

GEMINI

Ever experience ParfunNookie? That's sex in a Volkswagen. We know you're used to sex in a bath tub (single handed), but try the Volkswagen. Make sure it's a stick. (I like the kind with the 8-ball on the end). Be more imaginative this week.

CANCER

Anyone seen that two-fisted beer drinker? you will - this weekend. Offer to buy him another beer - I wanna see this trick. Maybe he keeps it on his "towel rack". Be a good host Thursday.

LEO

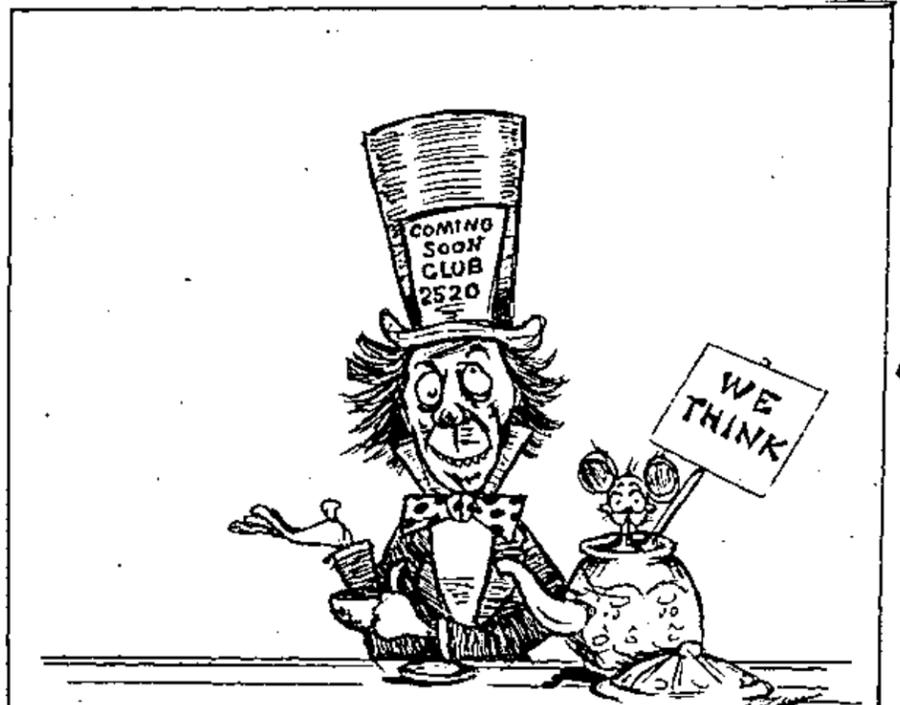
Been shopping again? Frank? There's nothing left in K-Mart tonight, and you're supposed to be a fashion consultant? Bark if that matches! Nothing like a new outfit for the holidays. Get away to "a mountain top (again) this weekend. Keep that date with the squirrel you met last week.

VIRGO

That constant source of irritation to you (thorn in your side) or whatever you call it, will be taking the high road soon. A mountain love nest would be good for a weekend. Not Mt. Lemmon. All the good stuff has been used up.

As I See It

by Clark



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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 444-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

AIDS BOUTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours 2-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

WINGSPIRIT - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Volunteer opportunities. Information 621-1774 Tucson.

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, Seas and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

CAREERBACK 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.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings every Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 243 N. Court.

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 1st Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. Call Marc at 441-4582 to sign up. It is a great way to meet new men, and enjoy yourself safely.

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA LESBIAN/BISSEXUALS/GAYS UNITED

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LESBIANS CONNECTION (formerly LWP) is a lesbian singles social group. Call 327-2982 to hear about our next events. Join in the fun.

FRONT BENCHES OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in front of the Himmel Park Library, and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555

P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 2579 N. 1st Avenue. Office hours 10 to 5, X-F: Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-9408 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.L.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. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85710-6264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU IN A COUPLE RELATIONSHIP and interested in meeting other couples for social activities in a supportive atmosphere? Call Joe and E.B. at 292-6440.

Casa De La Palena Apostolic Church, 1122 E. Jones Blvd., Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6 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 321-6455.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Information and Referral about Alcohol 790-4922 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.

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TRANSEXUAL, TRANSGENDERS, TRANSVESITIVES AND CROSS GENDER SUPPORT GROUP. Conversation and Fellowship. Meets 2nd Saturday and last Friday of each month. Call 293-3456.

YOUNG AND GAY?

Lesbian and Gay youths 21 and under, meet weekly in Tucson for sharing, support and information. You are not alone. Call Randy 442-4946 or Jay 444-4670.

MONTH'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE BOSS meets third Friday of each month at Catholic Universalist Church 4431 E. 22nd Street. \$1 at door (more if you can, less if not).

GAY MEN TO PILES. 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 CROCIUS, 291-9692 in Tucson.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadboat). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV: Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

DOFA FACULTY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch free from 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 245 or 245. Open to DoFA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.T.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 412-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. 624-4494

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ARIZONA GAY BOOD ASSOCIATION (AGBA) TUCSON CHAPTER. Interested? Call 791-3524 or write AGBA/Tucson, 7272 E. Broadway #112, Tucson, AZ 85710.

BISSEXUAL MEN IN RECOVERY Support Group forming to explore ways to embrace and celebrate our sexuality. For information call 762-4450.

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