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COMMUNITY AWARDS OF TUCSON HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

TUCSON – Pictured above are some of those who were singled out to receive awards at the Community Awards of Tucson (C.A.T.) held last Sunday, Jan. 29 See separate story this issue.

TUCSON – The Second Annual Community Awards of Tucson (C.A.T.) were held last Sunday, Jan. 29 at the Americana Hotel in Tucson. 23 individuals, organizations, businesses and clubs received the new CAT. Award. Another 17 Special Merit Award certificates were presented also. These winners were singled out for their contributions and/or service to the Tucson Gay Community for 1988.

There were nearly 200 persons in attendance for a sit-down dinner followed by an evening of awards presentations and entertainment. Those present were provided with some of the finest acts in the entire state. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening who also entertained was Mr. Loren Johnson. Also appearing on the evening's billing were the musical talents of popular Doug Cooper and the zany musical shenanigans of Dazzlin' Deb and the Deaftones. Three of those who were nominated for female impersonators, Miss Gay Tucson, Christina de Alexis; Mr. Dani Reid and Christine Shade also entertained during the evening.

The evening ran smoothly with sound, lights, presenters and recipients each working like clockwork. The awards were presented by members of the CAT Committee, who are owners of, heads of or representatives of all clubs, organizations and businesses in the Gay Community of Tucson, and five members-at-large.

The winners were chosen by the Committee from a final list of nominees who were selected by the Community by voting from ballots. The Committee discarded obvious duplicate votes (ballots), and arrived at what is believed to be an extremely fair method of selection although the Committee has already scheduled a critique meeting to further hone the selection process in anticipation of an even bigger and better CAT Awards next January.

Speaking for the C.A.T. Committee, member Ben Corbin said, "The C.A.T. Committee expresses their deepest gratitude for the support of the entire community for this event. Without the help of each and everyone who put so much time, energy and expense into the preparation for this event, it would not have been the success that it was. Thank you, Tucson!"

Out of the 22 categories selected to receive the CAT trophy, there were 23 winners – Books Brothers, Ltd. and Leisure Time Katering tied for the Best Retail/Business Establishment (not a bar).

A special award, new this year, also resulted in a tie. The Rev. Bernardo David Humanitarian Award was presented to Natalie Perry, Director of the Shanti Foundation of Tucson, and Bob Ellis, Editor of the Observer. Rev. David, who was affiliated with MCC/Tucson died of cancer last year. The award was presented by Rev. Eduard Perry, Pastor of MCC/Tucson.

The Bobbi Jo Memorial Award for Best Performer, Female Impersonator was presented to Candy Plastique. Bobbi Jo, a very popular local impersonator, died of complications of AIDS last year. This award was presented by her life companion, Lee Thompson.

Special Merit Award Certificates were presented to (in alphabetical order): Mona Appel; Colette Barajas; Roger Barger; Jerome Beillard; Patty Bowers; Ann Corbin; Ben Corbin; Rick Crause; Bob Ellis; Amy Fungi; Doc Hayes; Gary –L'Abbe/Kip Kipilla; Rev. Eduard Perry; Natalie Perry; Annie Schmitt; Peter Sittig and Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willey.

The coveted CAT Awards were presented to winners in the following categories:

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Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance – Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic

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FEMALE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER
Natalie Perry

MALE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER
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FEMALE BARTENDER
Natalie Perry – Colette's

MALE BARTENDER
Roger Barger – Graduate

SECURITY/DOORPERSON
Freddie Carillo – Graduate

BAR SUPPORT PERSON
Freddie Carillo – Graduate

DISC JOCKEY
Mark Rosenbaum – Colette's

BAR MANAGER
Roger Barger – Graduate

DANCE BAR
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Graduate

BEST BAR (Overall)
Graduate

PERFORMER, FEMALE
Dazzlin' Deb and the Deaftones

PERFORMER, MALE
Doug Cooper

PERFORMER,
FEMALE IMPERSONATOR
Candy Plastique

RETAIL/BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT
(Not A Bar)
TIE
Books Brothers, Ltd. and
Leisure Time Katering

Congratulations to all the winners and all the nominees as well as all the community who joined in this year's Awards and especially to all who engineered, worked, toiled, and shed blood, sweat and tears to bring this year's Awards to fruition.

ADHS releases data

PHOENIX – The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) has compiled preliminary results of a study designed to measure the prevalence of HIV infection in patients visiting the Maricopa County Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinic. The data will help public health officials track the spread of the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, the virus which causes AIDS.

HIV antibody tests were conducted on blood samples that had already been drawn for syphilis screening tests at the STD clinic. All indentifiers, such as names and addresses of patients, were removed. This procedure, called "blinding," allows researchers to gather data for statistical purposes without means of identifying individuals being tested.

Initial results from the STD Clinic show that of 204 men tested who reported having homosexual activity, 64, or 31.37% were HIV positive. Of 532 men tested who reported heterosexual activity only, six, or 1.13% were HIV positive. Of 424 women tested, two, or 0.47% were positive.

According to Dr. Steven Englender, Assistant Director of the Division of Disease Prevention, the data should not be interpreted to mean that 31 percent of all Gay or Bisexual men in Phoenix are infected with HIV.

"The data from this study show that approximately 31 percent of men who report having sex with other men and who are seeking treatment for other STDs in public clinics are HIV positive. "This

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UPDATE

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Last Sunday saw the presentation of the Community Awards of Tucson. One of the new awards presented this year was the Rev. Bern David Humanitarian Award. As the result of a tie, the C.A.T. Committee saw fit to give this award to both parties involved.

One of those was myself. The other, truly the hardest working woman in the Tucson Gay community, was Natalie Perry.

Rev. Bern was a very good friend of mine and his untimely death to cancer saddened not only myself but all of those whom he touched. He was a true humanitarian.

So, the winning of this award by myself was not only a great surprise, (as it seems the entire C.A.T. Committee can keep a secret just as well as I), but was doubly appreciated because of the other two names involved - Natalie Perry and Rev. Bern David.

Thank you, everyone.

OBSERVER ANNUAL FREE VALENTINE MESSAGE TIME HERE AGAIN

For the past few years, OBSERVER has been offering Valentine's Day greetings at no charge to its readers. Each year the number of responses gets larger and larger. We at OBSERVER say "the more the merrier" and invite all of our readers - Phoenix, Tucson, Sierra Vista, Nogales, Benson, Bisbee, Douglas, Globe, Prescott, everywhere - everyone is invited to send a free Valentine message to your loved one, friend (or enemy for that matter). In the past the message were love notes, comic as well as "camp" in style.

The only problem is that we must have the messages at our offices by February 6 in order to be included in the Valentine issue.

Here is the opportunity to send a message to that friend you have always wanted to talk to. There is no charge; just make sure that the message is received by Feb. 6, that's two weeks away. Late arrivals will be included in the following week's paper. OBSERVER reserves the right to edit (s)language deemed offensive.

Mail your messages to OBSERVER, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, AZ 85703. In addition there will be special Valentine envelopes in all of the local Tucson bars for those wishing to submit their messages by that method.

TAP SEEKS CLIENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

TUCSON - Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) has announced that they are seeking a Director of Client Services. The position is a permanent one and the closing date for applicants is this Friday, Feb. 3. Applicants must appear in person, no phone calls please. The position pays $22-25,000 depending on experience.

The Director, Client Services will assume responsibility for program design and delivery of all services to clients. TAP currently serves over 100 persons, and all other positions in Client Services are held by professional and trained volunteers. The Director will be responsible for administering and reporting on contracts and grants and for data collection, compilation and analysis.

The successful candidate for this challenging position will have a combination of education (preferably a Master's Degree) and experience that will promote the development of TAP's comprehensive human services program.

Complete description of the position is available at the TAP office, 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252. TAP is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age or disability. Qualified minorities are encouraged to apply.

LETTERS

TO OUR COMMUNITY,

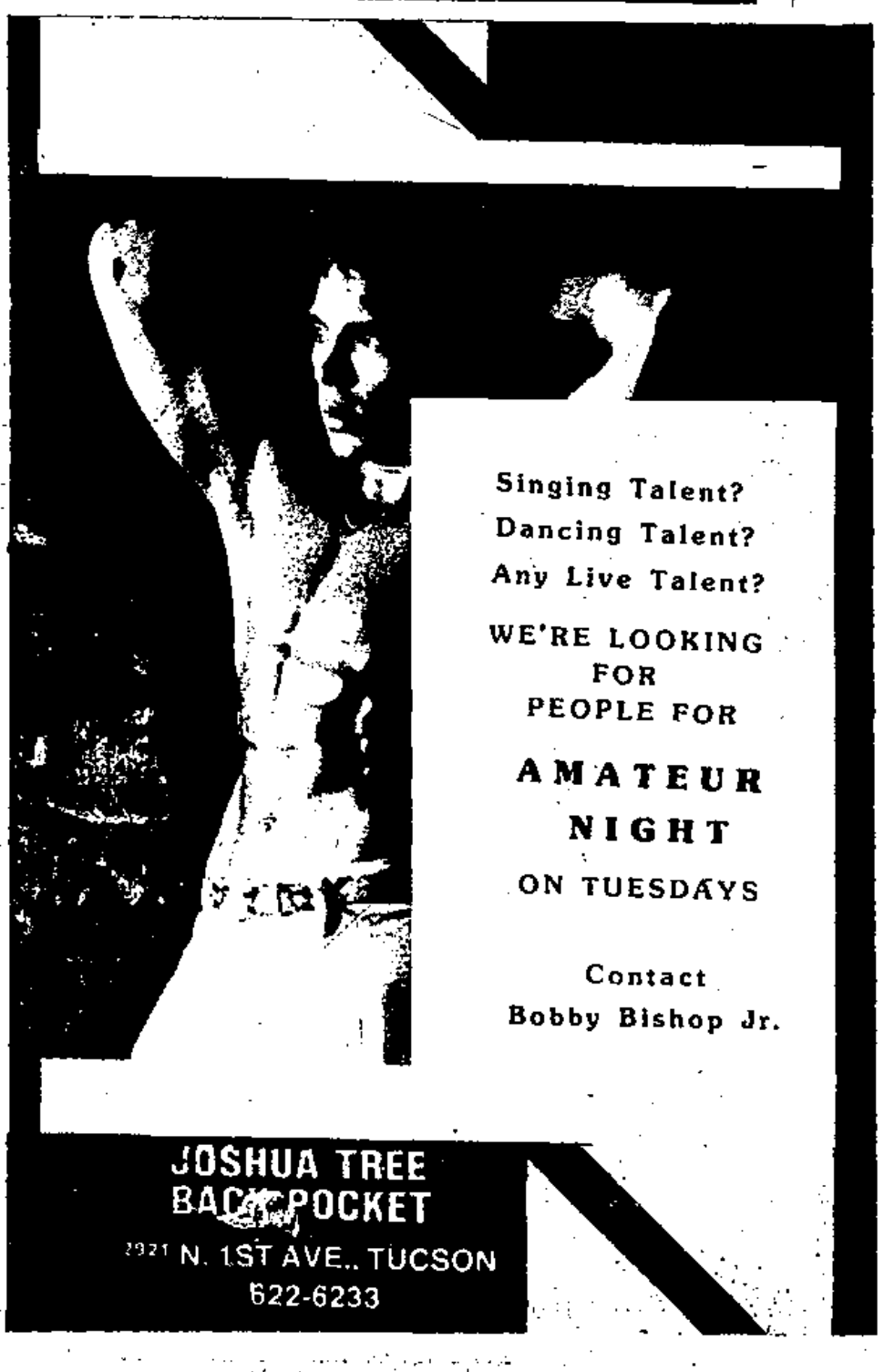
I would like to express my deep appreciation to all who participated in the CAT Awards - those on the Committee, the entire community who took time to vote, and of course, those who came out to what I thought was an evening not only full of gratitude but a lot of love.

A big thanks to my employees for their hard work, you are all winners to me.

My only regrets were those who missed out on an evening of great entertainment with Loren Johnson, Doug Cooper and Dazzlin' Deb and the Deaftones; good food and lots of friends.

Congratulatons to all those who received awards and those nominated. It was a night of hope and inspiration for me. I felt so much love in that room. It was a reminder of how proud I am to be a part of this wonderful loving community.

Sincerely
Colette A. Barajas



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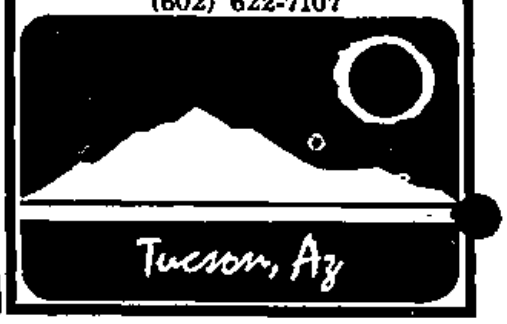

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Arcadia bodybuilding Society plans for Physique '89

ABS Bodybuilders prepare for physique '89. (Savage Photography)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - It all began on June 27, 1987, when 30 Lesbian and Gay bodybuilders stepped onto the stage of Mission High School in San Francisco to thunderous applause from a thousand spectators for Physique '87. These athletes came from all over the United States competing in the, first ever, National Gay Bodybuilding Championships.

Twelve months later, the tradition continued with even more firsts: (1) Physique '88 introduced for the first time, same sex pairs competition; and (2) athletes traveled from not only the United States but from Canada and Peru.

Arcadia Bodybuilding Society (ABS) is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to the education, appreciation and promotion of the sport of bodybuilding, with focus on Gay men and women athletes. Membership is open to any interested individuals. Arcadia Bodybuilding Society is committed to providing financial support to all ABS bodybuilding members who plan to attend the 1990 Gay Games in Vancouver, B.C.

On Saturday, June 24, 1989, Physique '89 will take place in San Francisco. The championships have been moved to the Palace of Fine Arts Theatre. By making this change into a comfortable 1,000 seat theatre, the organizers promise a very professional, exciting event.

Like last year, the competition categories include: men and women bantamweight through heavyweight; master and elite classes for men and women over 40-years-old; mixed pairs and same sex male and female pairs.

For an informational brochure on the Arcadia Bodybuilding Society and Physique '89, or if you would like more information regarding becoming a member, please write to, Arcadia Bodybuilding Society, 1455-A Market Street, Suite 221, San Francisco, CA 94103. or phone George Birimisa at (415)431-6254.

News From MCC / TUCSON

Last Saturday, the Annual Congregational Meeting was held with nineteen members present. Even though the attendance was small, a lot of work was accomplished. Four new members were elected to the Administrative Council: Angie, Brian, Dennis and James. Our Alternate Lay Delegate was re-elected to a new two year term. A new budget for 1989 was approved and several articles in the Standard Operating Procedures were changed, added and deleted. Members of MCC/Tucson have learned how to disagree without being disagreeable and it was evident at this meeting.

Last Saturday evening, MCC/Tucson had an evening of Casino. Again our attendance was small, but it was a lot of fun. The applications for our state Bingo games are now being processed. From all indications, our license will be approved and issued for our next scheduled games on Feb. 25th. These Bingo games will be held with cash prizes being given to the winners.

Last Sunday, at the C.A.T. presentations, MCC/Tucson was the recipient of one of the coveted trophies. The entire congregation wishes to express their thanks to the C.A.T. Committee and to the Tucson Gay/Lesbian Community for their support and this very special award.

Thought for the Week: Hors d'Oeuvres - a ham sandwich cut into forty pieces.

OUTRAGEOUS

FRIDAY, FEB. 3
COLLEGE NIGHT
Show a current student ID or wear U.A. garb and receive .50 off any drink from 10 to 1.

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SUNDAY, FEB. 5
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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL C.A.T. AWARD NOMINEES AND WINNERS

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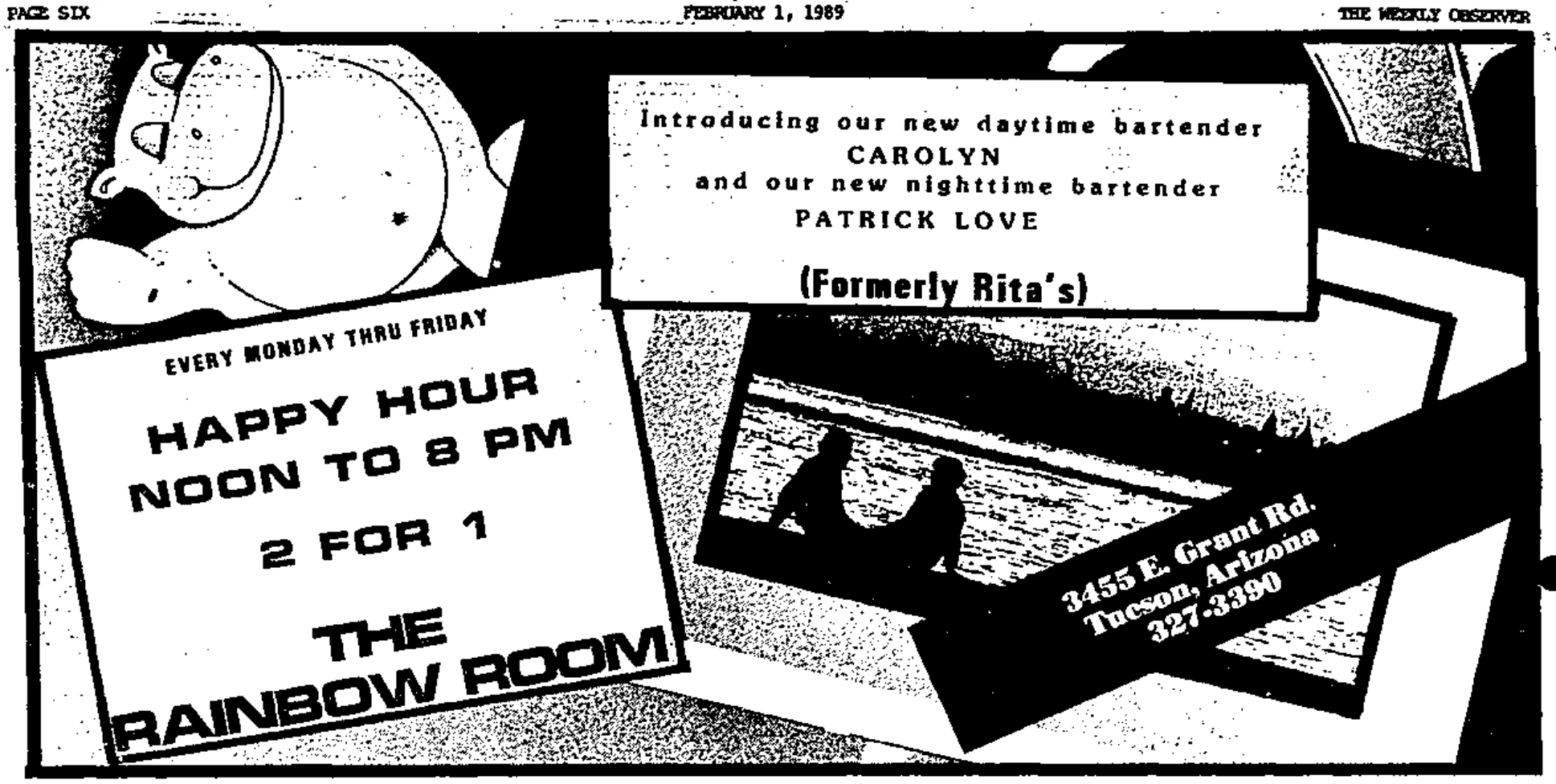


A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

NO, I DIDN'T WATCH THE INAUGURAL

The total sum of conversation lately has been the transition of power from the Reagan to the Bush administration —and, let us not forget, the attendant pomp, ceremony and excess.

I don't wish to harbor ill feelings for Bush; in fact, my attitude toward the man has changed since his victory in November 1988. We, the American people, might have accidentally stumbled onto a great presidency. (Be advised, I wouldn't hold by breath about his potential. Not yet, at least). But the price-tag to bring him into office is unreal and unfair.

Above and beyond the stated $25 million needed to fund the dozen inaugural balls —including the $1,500-per-plate dinners, the tuxedos, limousines, gowns, et. al. ad nauseum— $3 million was allotted to fund the transition itself, allocating money for hiring Bush's new staff, for offices, printing, on and on.

I will be the first to acknowledge the impressive nature of all this revelry. In fact, these activities put a good face on the otherwise dismal condition in which America has found itself. What about the students who cannot qualify for an education loan? What about those disenfranchised homeless who could afford a modest apartment if only any modest apartments existed? What about the 35 million in America without health insurance?

$28 million could hardly dent these almost-insurmountable problems; instead of private donations going to fund the excesses of political transition, shouldn't these corporations and people be encouraged to donate their money to more worthwhile causes?

No, I didn't watch the inaugural exercises-in-futility: out of protest for the lavish waste of money, I refused to partake of the activities —even in my own modest way.

During the recent inaugural, commentators could be heard mocking President Carter's inaugural ceremonies in 1977, ridiculing the Democrats for spending "only $3 million" on the activities. I hope this was only a momentary mental and moral slip, and not indicative of a state of unfeeling self-centeredness in America.

Yes, Bush opened the White House "the people's-house" to the public for the first time in 80 years; yes, he calls for a more gentle and peaceful world; yes, he speaks well. I can only hope, however, that words and images — so prevalent and destructive in the 1988 presidential campaign— are only the beginnings to the actions Bush must take to repair this country.

What makes this country great is not the millions spent to welcome a new president; rather, it is the efforts undertaken on behalf of the neediest of our fellow citizens. Until American citizenship brings with it a guarantee of a minimum support level for housing, education and health care, this country will remain little more than the facade we saw during the inauguration glitz and glitter which is remembered by little more than a hangover the next morning.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

A REMARKABLE PEOPLE

by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

I don't know, it just seems to me as if the self-granted appellation of the "right to life" movement is a little, shall we say, pedantic. It's as if those of us who favor a woman's right to determine her own body's functioning are thereby pro-death. I would be more inclined to take these people' concern a little more seriously if I saw other evidence of it: lobbying Congress for the rights to life of PWAs for instance, or working for the homeless and their right to lives of quality, or working against that cruel war in Central America.

Instead, they choose to devote their efforts to controlling a woman's reproductive organs and making the decision for her when fetal life becomes human life. A better name for these folk might be the "right to choose for someone else" movement. If these people devoted as much effort to making sure that everyone, especially the young, knew where babies come from and making contraceptives available, we'd have an amazing drop, not only in abortion, but in teen pregnancy, and the various sexually transmitted diseases as well. Unfortunately throughout our history, Americans have shown a great willingness to be both judge and executioner. "You have sinned and gotten pregnant. No, you can't get rid of it, for you have sinned."

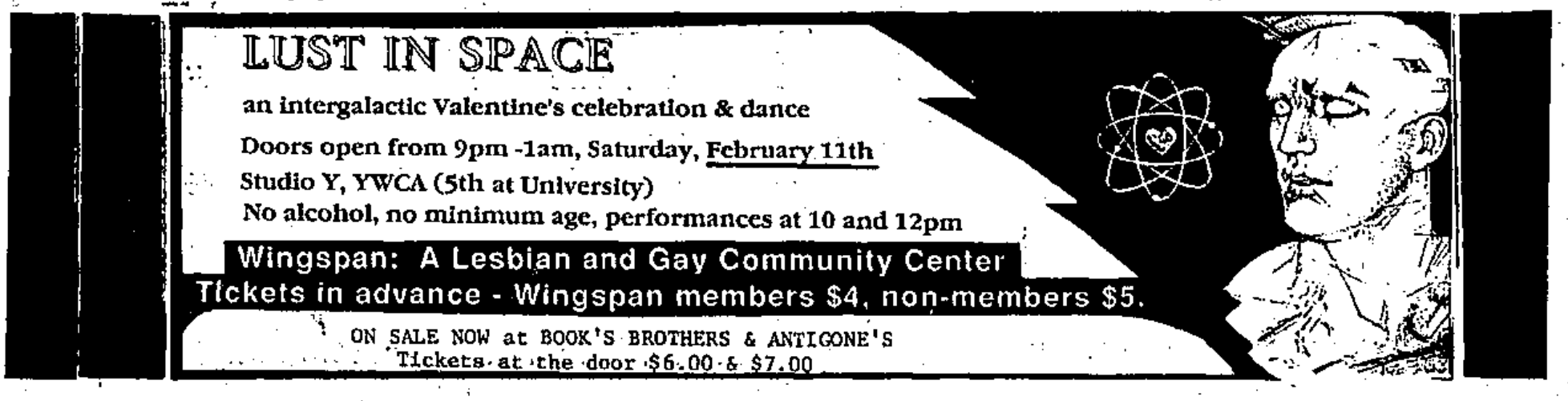
There is no doubt that at some time during pregnancy the fetus takes on both human shape and human soul, but no one can say with certainty when that is. My own belief is that the shock of birth, of the literal separation from mother infuses the fetus, which had previously been almost a parasite, with that first breath, that first trace of a soul which will grow all through life. But, since I'm a man, I could never hold a woman to my ideas of what life is and when it begins. That would be arrogance on my part, and I have enough problem with that without taking on more.

And this arrogance of the "right to choose for someone else" movement has ominous implications for Lesbians and Gay men. Especially when you consider this is being pushed from the presidential level, where the idea of a Gay rights bill is called a special privilege.

If this group gets control of womens' reproductive organs, you can bet the next thing they're going to want to get their hot little hands on will be the genitals of homosexuals. I don't think these people will ever grasp the idea that we didn't choose to be homosexual, all they're interested in is that we not put or pudenda, our tongues and our fingers somewhere they do not think they'd like to put their own.

The woman's movement and the homophile movement have been fairly closely allied for the last 20 years. That's as it should be. Both movements, at the basic level, have a common tenet, the right of people to control their own bodies. Both believe that the church dominated idea of what and who we are is not a proper part of constitutional law.

Eventually, all witticisms aside, the issues of abortion and homosexual rights break down to the separation of church and state. Does this government have the right to use a religious fundamentalist doctrine to deny women the right to needed abortions and Lesbians and Gay men the right to openly love as is appropriate for us?



Tax updates and tips at next OP meeting

FRANK PIERI, M.D.

TUCSON - Dr. Frank Pieri, M.D. told the Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association at their January meeting that "Impairment among professionals isn't only manifested by alcohol or drug abuse." Pieri, who is on staff in psychiatry at Tucson's Palo Verde Hospital, told the assembled OP members that one avenue for treating occupational stress and impairment is through assertiveness training and giving ourselves rights. "We have the right to make mistakes, the right to our individual opinions , the right to be the final judge of our own feelings, the right to change our minds, and we have the right to say no," Pieri stated.

The next monthly OP meeting will be held Thursday evening, Feb. 16 at the Hotel Park Tucson, and will focus on 1989 tax tips and updates.

"This time of the year, people are worrying about filing last year's income tax. What they should be doing is planning their 1989 deductions, so that a year from now they won't be facing the same worry," attorney Susan Freund will tell OP members and guests.

Freund and law partner Gregory Gadarian will provide the audience with guidelines for getting the most out of 1989 tax regulations. Areas explored will include consumer and mortgage interest tips, IRA and other tax-sheltered advantages, and clues about maximizing deductions for medical and business-related expenses.

Freund and Gadarian are estate planning and business attorneys practicing in a Tucson law firm bearing their names.

No-host beverages begin the evening's presentation at 7:00 p.m. in the hotel's Acacia Room , followed by the general meeting at 7:30. The Hotel Park Tucson is at 5151 E. Grant Road.

Admission to the presentation is free for OP members and first-time guests. Visitors who have attended previous OP meetings but chose not to join the association are charged a $5 cover at the door. On-site parking is free.

"OP is a group of business and professional people who have joined together for educational and humanitarian purposes," states the association's president Jenny Martin. "Our goals are to promote and strengthen our members' businesses and careers and to help build a better community."

Newcomers are welcome to OP meetings, adds Martin. Interested men and women are encouraged to call 297-3794 in Tucson for more information about the group's programs or membership information.

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ADHS COMPILES PRELIMINARY DATA FROM HIV PREVALENCE STUDY

in no way measures the antibody status of an entire community," Englender said, "the fact that these men continue to become infected with STDs, necessitating a visit to the clinic, implies that they are continuing to practice unsafe sex, and are probably the group at greatest risk for HIV infection in the community."

"Though the group tested is a small subset of all men participating in homosexual or bisexual activity, the results of the study are important. It clearly shows that men participating in unsafe sexual activity with other men in the Phoenix area are taking significant risk," Englander noted. "HIV infection is well-established in a subgroup of the Gay and Bisexual community. Just as important, the study shows that most men in this highest risk group are still uninfected, so there remains the opportunity for them to protect themselves by practicing safer sex," he said.

The study, which began in June, 1988, is part of the "Family of Surveys," a five-year nationwide research project funded by the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Phoenix is one of 30 metropolitan areas chosen to participate in the project.

Other studies in the Family of Surveys of which data are not yet available include: women of childbearing age, patients with active tuberculosis, clients in treatment for intravenous drug use, and all newborns delivered in medical facilities across Arizona.

P.A.C.T. HAS NEW HOME

TUCSON - The People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (P.A.C.T.) has a new home. They are now located at 151 South Tucson Blvd., Suite 282, Broadmoor Building, Tucson, AZ 85716. The new telephone number is 322-9808.

Plans are to have the office open from 10:00 a.m.until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Until a definite schedule is made, however, please call ahead.

P.A.C.T. will be holding open meetings every Saturday noon at their new office. These meetings are effective as of last Saturday, Jan. 14, and those who plan to attend are reminded that the meeting begins promptly at 12:00 noon.

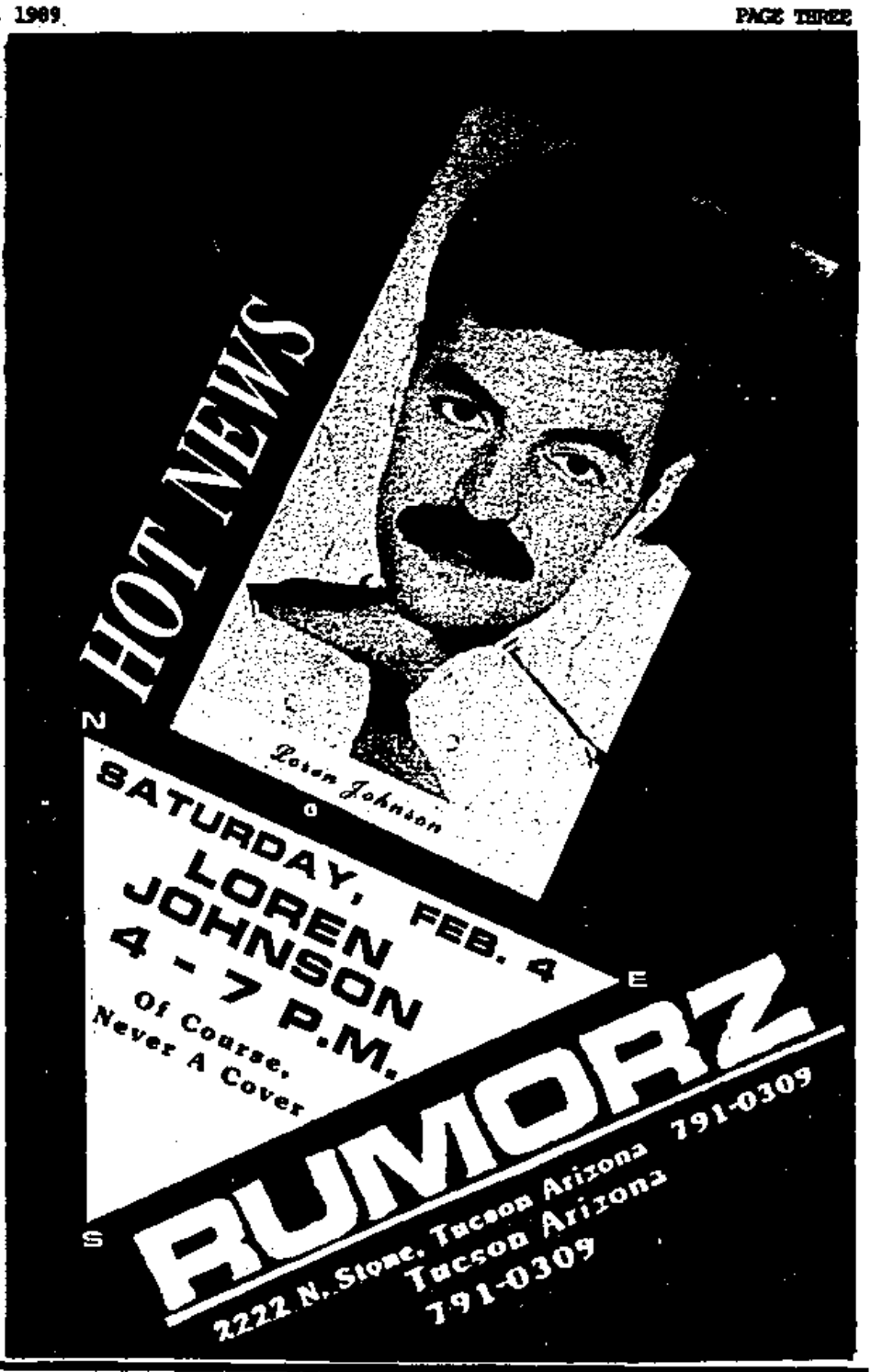
Beginning this Friday, Jan. 20, and every Friday, P.A.C.T. will host an HIV+, ARC & AIDS Social at their office from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

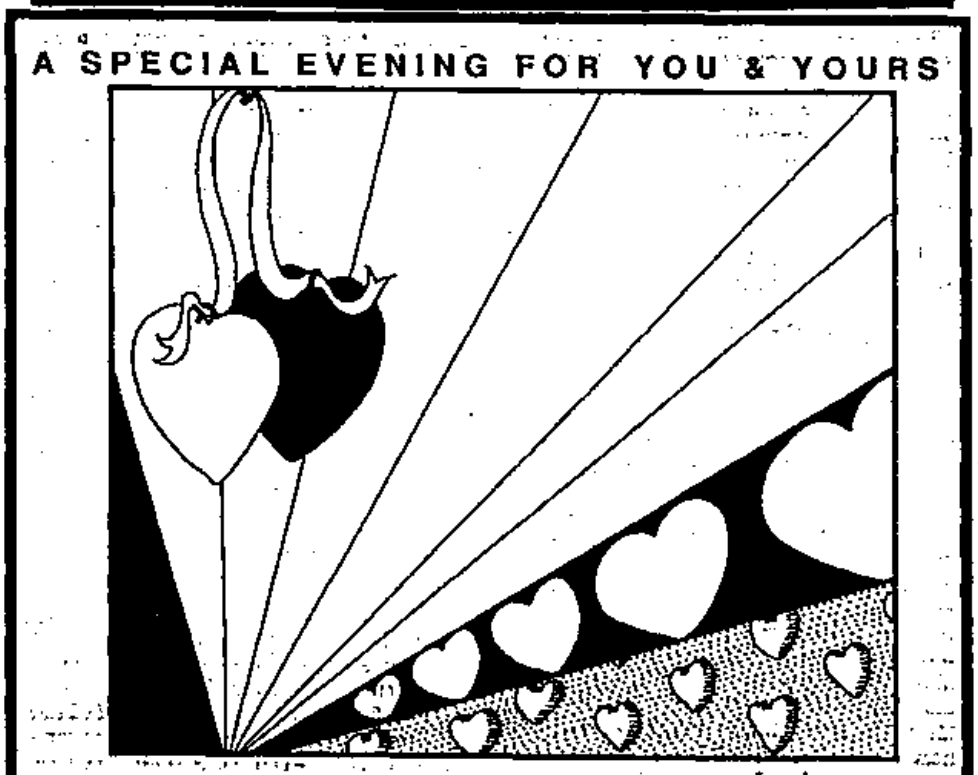
For more information about People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson or to join, you are welcome to come by their new office or call 322-9808.

Lights of Tucson

by Michael - Tucson

Michael telephoned that he is literally 'snow bound' in Montana with thew temperature hovering at about 50 below zero. We forgive him for not getting his column to us for this issue since not even the pony express was running in temperatures like that. We look forward to Michael's column next week. Sorry for any inconvenience.





WHAT'S UP DOC?

Just a few words on last Sunday's CAT Awards presentation. First off, a very special congratulations goes out to all the winners receiving a CAT Award or a Merit Award. Each deserved this very special recognition from your peers in this community. Congratulations also goes out to all who made the final nomination ballot, but did not win. Making this final nomination ballot places each of you in a highly thought of category, but in all contests, or voting areas, there can only be one winner.

In looking over this year's final nominees, and comparing it to last years, this years had a much wider and more evenly spread of contestants. These CAT Awards only being two years old, the CAT Committee realizes there are probably some problems, but from this year's finalist list, we are coming as close as possible to the fairest way to honor those in our community deserving. If anyone out in this community feels they have a better or more fair way of reaching this goal, please either contact a CAT Committee member to give your idea, or attend one of the CAT Committee meetings at which time you can present your idea.

Once again, my personal congratulations to all the winners, all those nominated and a special thank you to the members of the CAT Committee for all the special hard work and hours put into this year's CAT Awards. And of course, no show would be complete without entertainment and this one had the best. MC'ing and entertaining for the evening was Loren Johnson. Also on had for everyone's enjoyment were Doug Cooper and Dazzlin' Deb and the Deaftones. Thanks gang, it was worth every penny of admission just watching your acts. Last, but not least, a big thank you goes out to all of you who were in attendance.

Now that the big evening has come and gone, Tucson can settle down to its normal fun-filled routine. First up, we have DL's monthly Beer Bust this Saturday at IBT's from 2 until 6:30. This is always a fun day, so stop by and join in for a few good laughs, dress as your favorite Cupid and experience the true comradship of one of Tucson's finest clubs.

Then, the following Saturday, Feb. 11, it's that time again for TKO's annual "Mini-Tacky Ball". This very special event will be held in conjunction with their monthly Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Graduate.

With the warmer weather on its way, all of Tucson's clubs will be holding special events for everyones enjoyment and benefit. In March, DL holds their OBSERVER/ Community Benefit, in April TKO holds their Closet Ball, followed in May by TKO's Spring Fling. Later on into the summer, Partners has their annual Panda Run and TALL holds their Old Pueblo Run.

On top of all that, each club still holds their monthly Beer Bust and in SOS's case, their Casino Nights. And on Saturday evenings. And, on Saturday evenings over at MCC you have Bingo starting up. No one could ever say Tucson was a dull town. With something going on each weekend, everyone can find some entertainment.

The monthly Beer Bust schedule runs as follows: The first Saturday of the month: Desert Leathermen at IBT's; Second Saturday: TKO's at the Graduate from 2 to 6; Second Sunday: TALL's Beer Bust and Dinner at the Graduate from 2 to 6 followed by SOS's Casino Night, and finally, the Third Saturday: Partners over at IBT's from 2 to 6.

Somewhere in all of these busy schedules, each club finds time to have their monthly meetings. All of us involved in the club scene around Tucson looks forward to a fifth weekend of a month because it's a weekend off for us.

That's about it for this week, so I'll close for now. I hope everyone has a beautiful day and a loving week.

TBBS: At one of the local homes, it sometimes take the oldest son to let the "old man" know "Sweet Mama" is calling him from the bedroom.... Tucson is very gifted. In true tradition, we have a local bartender who on Saturday afternoons, helps us to learn Spanish. That's the only music heard over at IBT's because those are the only labels he can read.

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PERSPECTIVE

by Nina Finley

CHAPTER 28

During the blizzard there were no casualties there in Hillsdale, but a Mexican family of three were frozen to death in a car about two miles out of town. All told there were seven deaths attributed to the storm in that county. Those stranded on the highways were better off if they could stay in their cars, but one man driving a truck loaded with hogs, became unbalanced and left his wife and a friend in the truck. He was not found until late in the spring. When the last of the drifts had melted, his body was found in a gulch where the snow was last to melt.

Late Friday afternoon Will and Bill came in. They had shoveled snow all day to get the car out of the garage. The horses in the pasture were gone as all fences were snowed under. Will had gone to the barn once a day and cared for the stock and milked the cows. The hogs were snowed in as well as the granary. He took the corn he had hanging in the barn for seed in the spring and bored a hole in the snow where the hogs were and forced the ears down through the hole, so they could have something to eat. They came through fine except for one who had died.

A sister's husband had gotten burned, somehow, at the very beginning of the storm so he couldn't venture out. Two weeks after the storm some of the cousins went to see how they had weathered the storm. They lived several miles away. Asked about his hogs he said he guessed he had lost them, as they hadn't showed up. The boys went to the barnyard and saw the huge drift that hadn't melted away. One said, "Maybe they are under that drift." The started shoveling snow and lo and behold, here they are were, alive and hungry.

In blizzard country, natives take them seriously. This all happened forty years ago, January, 1949. Let's hope we see no more blizzards.

POLITICS '89

by Mark R. Kerr

NATIONAL NEWS

The big news this past week was the introduction of two significant bills. First, one introduced by Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia, that would make people who wish to go to college and get Federal Aid, work for a civilian service agency. These people would work in their community with various projects and earn vouchers towards their education. They can earn up to $12,000. Senator Nunn stated that the bill was far from perfect, but it was a place to start to talk about it.

Second, was the bill introduced by Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts which would raise the minimum wage from $3.35 to $4.65 an hour. The last time the minimum wage was raised was in 1980. The Bush Administration favors a raise in the minimum wage, but wants to set up a sub-minimum training wage.

GRAND CANYON NEWS

The big news in the Grand Canyon State this week occurred this past weekend in Phoenix. The State Democratic and Republican Party held their conventions and to elect their State Officers. At the Democratic Convention, harmony and unity was the theme. Sam Goddard was re-elected Chair by acclamation. It was agreed that a full-fledged push would be made in 1990. In one of the contested races, State Vice-Chair, there was a candidate who impressed the daylights out of the delegates, and this reporter. His name is Charlie Harrison from Phoenix. He gave one rip-roaring speech. Unfortunately he did not get elected. But in this reporter's opinion, he is a person to watch. I feel that within time, he will be a State Officer in the party and eventually he will lead the Arizona Democratic Party.

PIMA COUNTY NEWS

The big story was Congressman Jim Kolbe. What did he do to get this honor? Well, our dear Congressman secretly funneled $75,000 from his 1988 campaign war chest to several state legislative races. He says he did not know that this was illegal. Right, but it is illegal! Attorney General Bob Corbin stated that an investigation is underway, but no charges will be filed against Kolbe. Partisan politics indeed!

BILL MINETTE

You are all wondering why I included a person by the name of Bill Minette in my column? Well, Mr. Minette happens to be the Chair of the Pima County Democratic Party. Bill became Chair in June of 1988 when John Kromko resigned as Chair. Bill took over when the party was in the doldrums. With his progressive ideas and strategies he turned the party into a united, vibrant organization. Mr. Minette is 68, he is also a mass media consultant. Before this he had worked for NBC News, and United Press International. He has a degree in Journalism from Stanford. Here is a short interview I had with Bill Minette:

MRK: Mr. Minette, what plans do you have for your upcoming term as Chair of the Pima County Democratic Party?

BILL: Well Mark, my goals are to unify the party - officeholders through the Precinct Committeepersons through the voters. Also, I want to give the electorate a party that means something.

MRK: What got you initially involved in politics?

BILL: Neighborhood zoning initially got my wife and I involved in politics.

MRK: With the 1990 Gubernatorial race just around the corner, who do you see challenging Governor Mofford?

BILL: On the Republican side, Evan Mecham will make another run at it, also Jim Kolbe and Jack London. Mayor Goddard of Phoenix may challenge Rose.

MRK: The Democratic Party made great strides in the State Legislative races in 1988. What will it take for the Democrats to regain the Legislature in 1990 when the lines will be redrawn.

BILL: Several things need to be done: 1. Avoid the divisiveness that the GOP is inflicted with. 2. Double the effort from 1988; raise $260,000; double the GOTV effort. 3. A united front. The candidates working together with the district clubs. 4. Communication.

MRK: Who do you see running in 1990 for the Legislature?

BILL: Well in District 9, Marajel Delauer is going to run again for the Senate, and Marion Pickens is going to run for the House. That is all I know of now.

MRK: Recently the State Department of Health Services change their stance on HIV testing making it confidential now. How do you feel about it?

BILL: I am glad that is now the case, but the order is good for only 18 months. Hopefully legislation will be introduced to make this permanent.

END NOTES

I know you are all thinking that it is too early to endorse candidates for the 1990 election. But in Dist. 9 that is far from the case, Marion Pickens and Marjel Delauer are running again, and these two would be a trillion times better than the right-wing Mechamite Republicans that are representing Dist. 9. I consider Delauer and Pickens to be up there with sliced bread, so remember these two when it comes time to vote - If you're in Dist. 9, vote for these two!

Well, it's official, the Mechamites have taken control of the Republican Party in the State. Any hope for a change within the Republican ranks is dead! I make this appeal to Ed Buck: There is a home for you Ed, the Democratic Party contains all factions, conservative and liberal, and best of all, we get along. So I open my arms and say, come join us, you are definitely welcome!

Until next time, take care and register to vote!

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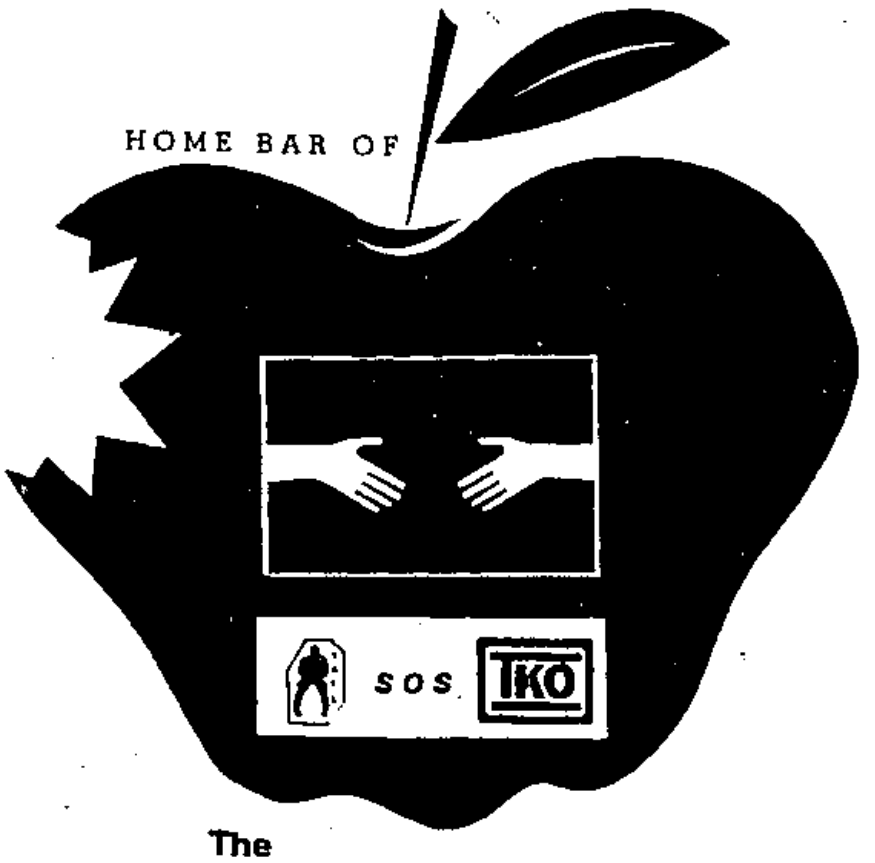

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

OUTRAGEOUS - 'College Night'. Your current UofA or Pima ID gets your 50 cents off of any drink from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. Ole!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

IBT'S - Desert Leathermen Monthly Beer Bust from 2 until 6:30 p.m. Come dressed as your favorite Cupid!

RUMORZ 2222 - Loren Johnson sings for the cocktail hour crowd from 4 to 7 p.m. No cover.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

COLETTE'S - The crack women's band from Phoenix, 'One Track Mind' will be playing here during happy hour from 5 to 7 p.m. No Cover.

OUTRAGEOUS - 'Opulence" returns - Male Strippers! more of these hot men from Cheeks taking it off for you. The tradition continues. $4 Cover. Show begins at 9:30 p.m. Make reservations for a good seat.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) monthly Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m. Fun and Prizes too!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

GRADUATE - Another big club day here with Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) holding their montly Ber Bust from 2 until 6 p.m. plus their regular monthly TALL Dinner from 3 until 6 p.m. Then, get ready for Sisters of Sonora (SOS) who will hold their monthly Casino Night beginning at 4 p.m. and runs until 9 p.m. Drink - food - gambling - what more could one want? (Don't answer)!

JOSHUA TREE - Just two days early, JT's presents A Valentine Show on the indoor stage featuring Dana Barritt and some outstanding special guests. Watch for the lineup, and make plans to be there. It starts at 10:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

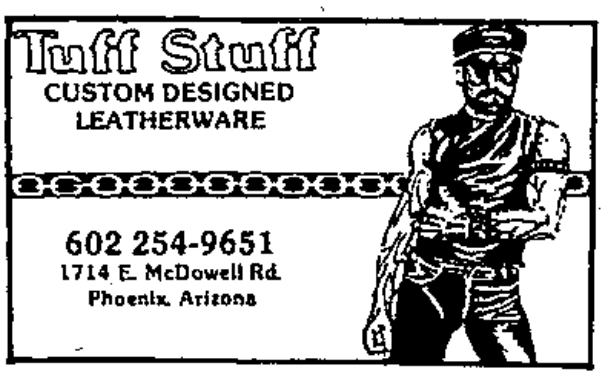
COLETTE'S - Valentine's Dinner and Dance from 5:30 until Close. Make reservations now! $6.50 per person includes dinner and dancing. A special evening for you and yours.

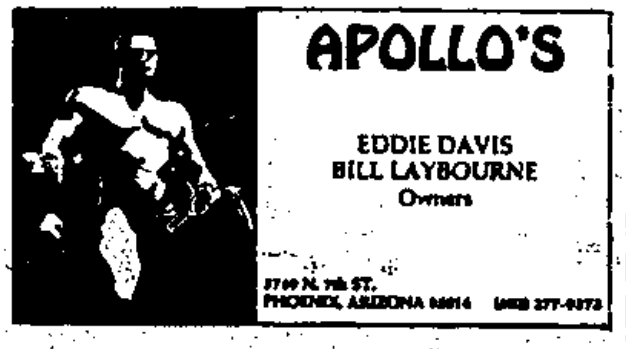
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

OUTRAGEOUS - T-Shirt Night! Wear an Outrageous T-Shirt and enjoy drink specials all night long!

FEBRUARY 23 - 26

OUTRAGEOUS - Rodeo Daze - They'll be partying hardy for the cowboys. Join the gang at Outrageous.





Non-Bar CALENDAR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - Lisa Otey playing and singing at Boomers Cafe' Espresso. Call for details, 798-3403 after 4:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - "Lust In Space" an intergalectic Valentine's celebration and dance sponsored by Wingspan will be held at Studio Y, YWCA (5th at University) from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No alcohol, no minimum age and there will be performances at 10 and again at midnight. Tickets on sale now at Books Brothers and Antigone Books - in advance $4 for Wingspan members, $5 non-members. (Tickets at the door $6 and $7).

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association general meeting. Hotel Park Tucson. Attorneys Susan Freund and Gregory Gadarian offer tax tips and IRS updates. 7:00 p.m., no-host beverages; 7:30 p.m., general meeging. Free to OP members and first-time guests, $5.00 for repeat guests at the door. Information: (602) 297-3794.

SPORTS

JOSHUA TREE MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE
SECOND HALF OF 1988-89 SEASON
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1989

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.	GB.
1. LUCKY DEVILS	6	2	.750	—
2. THE BACKDOOR BOYS	6	2	.750	—
3. BOTTOMS-UP	6	2	.750	—
4. STRIKER FORCE	5	3	.625	1
5. MOOSEKETEERS	5	3	.625	1
6. THE FIRST PLCE TEAM	5	3	.625	1
7. BUSY B's	5	3	.625	1
8. TRES AMIGOS	5	3	.625	1
9. CHESTER AND THE BOYS	3	5	.375	3
10. "NEXT WEEK"	3	5	.375	3
11. DICK'S LITTLE INDIANS	3	5	.375	3
12. THE UNKNOWN BOWLERS	2	6	.250	4
13. WHOLLY ROLLERS	2	6	.250	4
14. PHILISTINE PRO'S	0	8	.000	6

HIGH SCRATCH GAME: TRES AMIGOS 569 / WAYNE J. 263 / JOHN G. 258

HIGH GAME HANDICAP: BOTTOMS-UP 704 / WAYNE J. 307 / JOHN G. 283

HIGH SCRATCH SERIES: THE FIRST PLACE TEAM 1571 / BILL C. 628 / MARK R. 593

HIGH SERIES HANDICAP: STRIKER FORCE 1920 / WAYNE J. 716 / BILL C. 694

HONOR ROLL: JOHN G. 513 / BOB S. 509 / RON U. 501

JOSHUA TREE MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE
FINAL STANDINGS AT END OF FIRST HALF OF SEASON
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1989

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.	GB.
1. STRIKER FORCE	40	24	.625	—
2. THE FIRST PLACE TEAM	40	24	.625	—
3. BOTTOMS UP	40	24	.625	—
4. PHILISTINE PROS	36.5	27.5	.570	3.5
5. LUCKY DEVILS	36	28	.562	4
6. "NEXT WEEK"	33	31	.515	7
7. THE BACKDOOR BOYS	32.5	31.5	.508	7.5
8. DICK'S LITTLE INDIANS	32	32	.500	8
9. WHOLLY ROLLERS	32	32	.500	8
10. CHESTER AND THE BOYS	30	34	.468	10
11. MOOSEKETEERS	29	35	.453	11
12. TRES AMIGOS	28	36	.437	12
13. BUSY B's	26	38	.406	14
14. THE UNKNOWN BOWLERS	12	52	.187	28

HIGH SCRATCH GAME: TRES AMIGOS 569 / WAYNE J. 263 / JOHN G. 258
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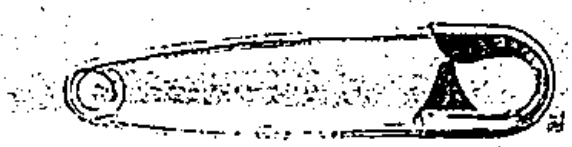
HONOR ROLL: RICK H. 549 / BILL C. 534 / JOHN G. 523



Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Caribe' Beer $1.00; Bloody Marys $1.25. Steak Dinner 4 pm to 7?? $4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Wine Down Nite" .75 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) $1.25 plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 p.m. check the light board for Sunday daytime specials. 5:30 - close: Bud and Bud Light $1.25 - Dance 8 pm.

OUTRAGEOUS - Game Room opens 7 pm. .75 Schnapps all nite. Strippers on first Sunday of each month.

RAINBOW ROOM (Formerly Rita's) - Open at noon.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys $1.25 plus Schnapps .50 a shot and Peter Dogs with all the trimmings for .25 each. VJ/DJ Dwayne 9 to 1.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 1 am Miller bottle or Schnapps .75 5-8 pm non-Premium Beer $1.25, Well Drinks $1.50 + Monday Bowler's Specials. DJ 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .69 from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 p.m. Well drinks $1 (w/juice $1.25), Longnecks $1.50 - 5:30 to close: Miller and Miller Lite $1.25

OUTRAGEOUS - Denise is serving $1 Coronas and $2 shots of Cuervo!

RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) - Open 9 am to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm: Two for 1 drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Open noon to 1 am. 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Monday Night Football on big screen, .50 draft beer and sandwiches. Pool Tournament at 7 p.m.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25 , Well drinks $1.50. Corona Beer or Well Tequila $1.00 from 8 pm to 1 am. + 'Stop Light' specials. DJ at 9 pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Longneck Bottle Beer Special: $1.00 from 8:00 until midnight. Alternative listening and dancing to music from 60s - 70s and early 80s from 7 to 11.

GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks $1.50 till closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 p.m. Well drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25), Longnecks $1.50. 5:30 to close: Schnapps .50 per shot.

OUTRAGEOUS - Movie Night. Danny hosts $1.25 well from 7 to 1. Movie begins at 9 p.m.

RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) - Open 9 am to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm: Two for One drinks.

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

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. Draft Beer Bust .50 per glass plus .75 Schnapps from 8 pm to close! DJ 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Schnapps .75 8 pm to Midnight. Pool Tournament 8:00 p.m.

GRADUATE - .50 draft or .75 schnapps open to close plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 p.m. Well drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25) Longnecks $1.50. 5:30 to Midnight Beer Bust .50/glass - Schnapps .50/shot.

OUTRAGEOUS - Game Room opens at 7 pm. Pitchers of Miller or Miller Lite $3.00.

RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) - Open 9 am to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm: Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bud Can Beer Nite - .50 per can, plus .50 schnapps from 7 pm until close. VJ/DJ Ruben.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50, 8 to close Well Drinks $1.50, DJ 9 to 1

COLETTE'S WEST - "Sudsersize!" .40 draft beer from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - All White Well $1.50 open to close.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 p.m. Well Drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25). Longnecks $1.50. 5:30 to Close: Well Drinks .75 (w/juice $1.00). DJ 9 to 1.

OUTRAGEOUS - .25 Draft all night. Gavin opens the doors at 7 p.m.

RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) - Open 9 am to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm: Two for One drinks.

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

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. Capt. Morgan Rum's $1.00 from open to closing. DJ 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - International Happy Hour plus Party Nite - Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 p.m. Well Drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25). Longnecks $1.50. 5:30 to Close: All Well $1.50 (with juice $1.75).

OUTRAGEOUS - Game Room opens at 7 pm. Dancing 9-1. Check for Theme Night events. Teen Club opens at 8 pm.

RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) - Open 9 am to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm: Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 beer/well 4-7 p.m., Munchies. Progressive Friday - all well drinks .75 from 7 to 9 and go up a quarter each hour til closing. DJ/VJ Ruben 9 TO 1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Happy Hour 5-8 pm $1.25, non-Premium Beer and $1.50 Well Drinks. Capt. Morgan Rum's $1.00 from open to 1 am. DJ from 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Drink Specials 8 to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 p.m. Well Drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25). Longnecks $1.50. 5:30 to Close: All Well $1.50 (with juice $1.75). Dance 8 to 1.

OUTRAGEOUS - Party and Dance in the disco from 9 to 1. Game Room opens at 7 pm. Teen Club opens at 8 pm.

RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) - Open 9 am to 1 am. Under New Management.

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. Original Peter Dogs .25 with all the trimmings 1-6 pm. Loren Johnson sings first Sat. of each month. .99 Corona Nite 8 pm-12 am. A hot dance nite with VJ/DJ Dwayne.

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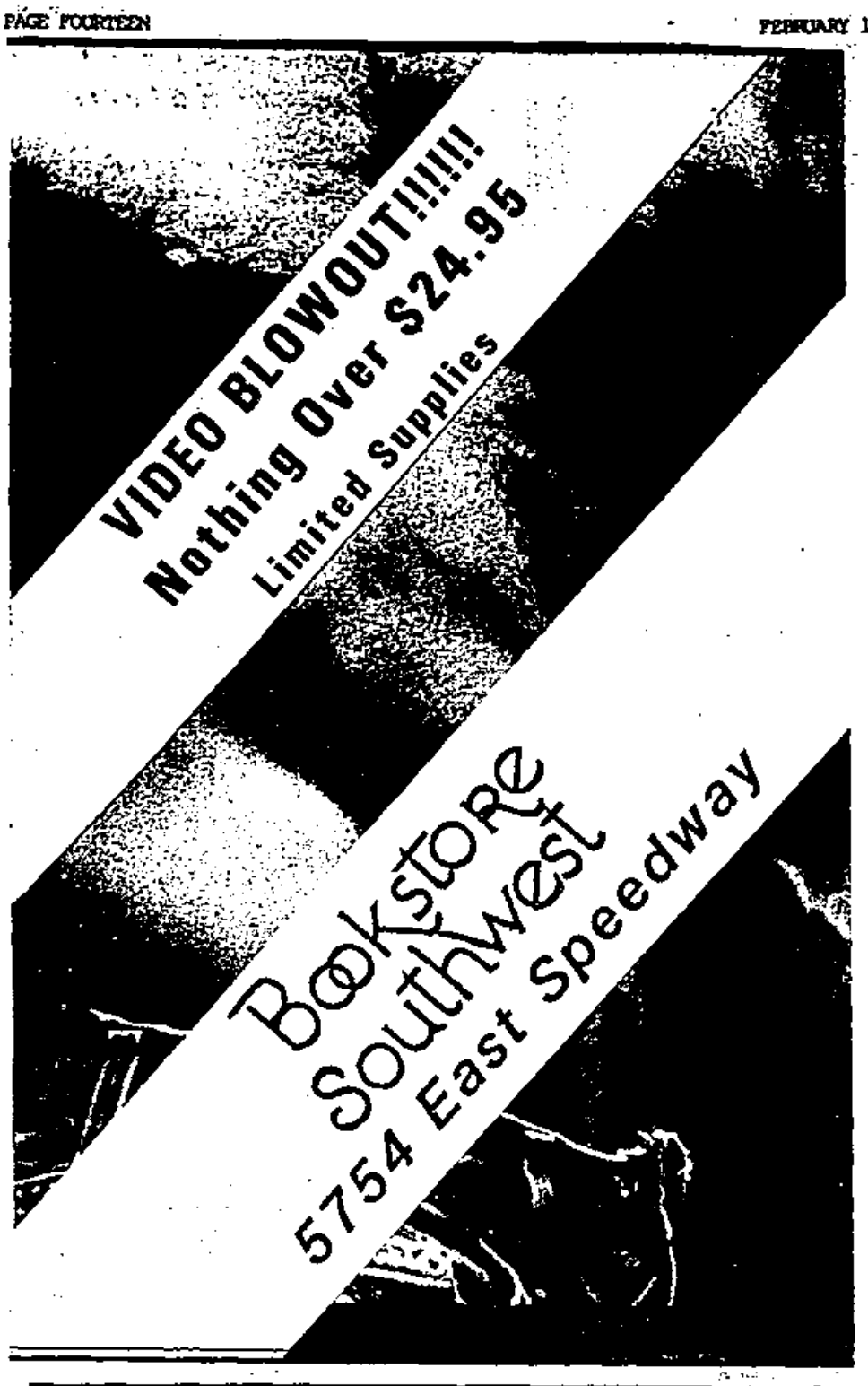

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Inside The Washington Lobby

by Chai Feldblum and Laura Markowitz

[ED NOTE: AIDS has been the spotlight Gay issue in the media for most of the '80s, provoking homophobia from the general public, but also bringing Gay men, Lesbians and straight people together in shared pain and loss. AIDS and Gay rights are often inextricably linked, especially in the mind of Congress. Last year's Congress passed legislation that not only limited the type of language used in AIDS educational materials, but that was based on blatantly homophobic attitudes. At the same time, during the past Congress lobbyists have sometimes been able to convince the Members to pass some AIDS legislation that is unencumbered by anti-homosexual provisions.

Lesbians and Gays need to stay informed. But keeping track of different bills and amendments as they bounce back and forth in committees, the House and Senate can be dry reading. With this new column, "Inside the Washington Lobby" , we are going to take you inside the Washington lobby and introduce you to AIDS and Gay rights legislation that will be voted on in 1989, tell you who the key players are — our allies and our obstacles to freedom and security under the law.

For instance, few realize that many of the AIDS lobbyists are Lesbians, or that the watchdog of our civil rights protection has been the disability community. Through reporter Laura Markowitz and Chai Feldblum of the ACLU, the first two columns of "Inside the Washington Lobby" will give a brief recap of the 100th Congress and a preview of the upcoming one. Subsequent columns will have the insiders' report on the status of the AIDS and Gay rights Legislation — the ins and outs not covered by the mainstream press].

AIDS EDUCATION
AND THE HELMS AMENDMENT

No funds may be used to provide AIDS educational materials that "promote or encourage homosexual sexual activities and all such materials must emphasize abstinence from homosexual sexual activities, read the infamous Helms amendment that became law under the Fiscal Year 1988 (FY88) Appropriations Bill — a yearly enactment that governs how the federal government spends money in that particular fiscal year. It was a short-term victory for Helms, and the Senator began working on ways to make it a permanent law of the United States.

In April 1988 it looked as if Helms would succeed. The Senate passed the Helms Amendment as part of S.1220, the AIDS Research and Education Bill, championed by Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA). Although Kennedy succeeded in getting an additional provision added that somewhat reduced the impact of the Helms Amendment, the entire Helms language was in the legislation — a three year authorization bill.

But then the tides turned. Debate on the FY89 Appropriations Bill came around in the Senate while the counterpart to S.1220 was still being argued in a House committee (bills must be approved in committee before they go "to the floor" for a general vote). Helms was poised on the Senate floor, ready to offer the same amendment that the Senate had now passed for him twice before. But something was different. During the previous week, lobbyists had been talking to Kennedy and Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA), urging them to make a "pre-emptive strike" and offer a non-homophobic amendment before Helms could offer his.

"AIDS educational programs ... shall not be designed to promote or encourage, directly sexual activity, homosexual or heterosexual... but shall be designed to reduce transmission of [HIV]," read the alternate amendment, drafted by lobbyists from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), AIDS Action Council, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and the Human Rights Campaign Fund. It was hoped that once this amendment was passed, the original Helms amendment could actually be defeated, even if it were offered once again.

Negotiations for this strategy were completed moments before the FY89 Appropriations Bill came to the floor. Then, for the first order of business when the bill was called up, Cranston and Kennedy offered the amendment. Helms sputtered about their use of procedure to defeat him but there was nothing he could do. The amendment passed — after extensive discussion on the need for effective AIDS educational materials.

And the second part of the strategy worked too. Three times that afternoon Helms tried to strike the Cranston-Kennedy language and insert his own language. Each time he failed. Those who were observing Helms that day report that he was so furious he seemed to turn lavender.

AIDS TREATMENT AND RESEARCH

The federal government has been appropriating money for AIDS treatment, research and education since the AIDS epidemic came to the attention of Congress in 1981. This is somewhat unusual since ordinarily money is appropriated to a program after a bill to create the program has been passed. While general institutions, such as the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control have been authorized for years, specific AIDS programs within those institutions had never received separate authorizations.

Although money for treatment and research had not been challenged because of that lack of authorization, lobbyists did not want to count on Congressional or Administration goodwill in the future. Senate bill 2889 was passed and authorized a series of AIDS research and education programs, through the leadership of Senator Kennedy and Congressman Henry Waxman (D-CA). It is a major victory that the bill includes the non-homophobic wording of Cranston-Kennedy provision of the FY89 Appropriations Bill, and offers some assurance of future funding.

Each year Congress increases the spending budget for AIDS treatment and research. This year it stands at nearly $1.6 billion, but in the forecast Bush administration budget cuts, there may be a fight to maintain that budget.

NEXT WEEK: CIVIL RIGHTS and LEGISLATION FOR 1989.

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Author/Activist Beam Dies

PHILADELPHIA, PA - The Gay community lost one of its leading activists on Dec. 27 with the death in Philadelphia of Joseph Fairchild Beam. The exact cause of his death was not immediately clear. Friends said, however, that he had been in ill health recently and had been extremely depressed for several months.

For many years, Beam had worked to create a stronger movement of black Lesbians and Gay men. He was the first editor of "Black/Out", a magazine serving that community, and served for three years on the board of directors of the National Coalition for Black Lesbians and Gays.

"Joe was such a positive role model for black Gay men and women alike," said Renee McCoy, executive director of NCBLG. "He had a gentle, frank spirit and was an inspiration to Gays and Lesbians at all levels, from all walks of life."

In 1985, Beam began work on a collection of writings and artwork by black Gay men. It was published eighteen months later, under the title "In The Life". Although a number of works had already been published by and about black Lesbians, Beam's was the first anthology ever to focus on the experiences of black Gay men.

Essex Hemphill, a member of NCBLG and a contributor to "In The Life", also spoke of the inspiration that Beam had provided. "The work that Joe did in the community as a whole -- Gay and Lesbian, black and white -- enriched the community in ways that have yet to manifest themselves. His life was a light for many of us. His book opened up an important dialogue among black Gay men, and made us aware of the number of us out here," Hemphill said.

At the time of his death, Beam was compiling material for a second collection, "Brother to Brother". According to his publisher, Sasha Alyson, "Joe already had made a great deal of progress on that book, and his parents were highly supportive of what he was doing. We will expect to publish it."

A Joseph Beam Memorial Scholarship Fund for Creative Writing has been established at Temple University. Interested parties may contact it in care of Marie Inyang, Esq., 12 S. 12th St., PSFS Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107,

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COUPLES DINNER-DANCE AT RAWHIDE

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For further information, call 831-5920 or 841-0583 In Phoenix, or 888-8694 in Tucson. For a free information packet about "Celebration '89", write to: Anniversary '89, P.O. Box 713, Mesa, AZ, 85211-0713.

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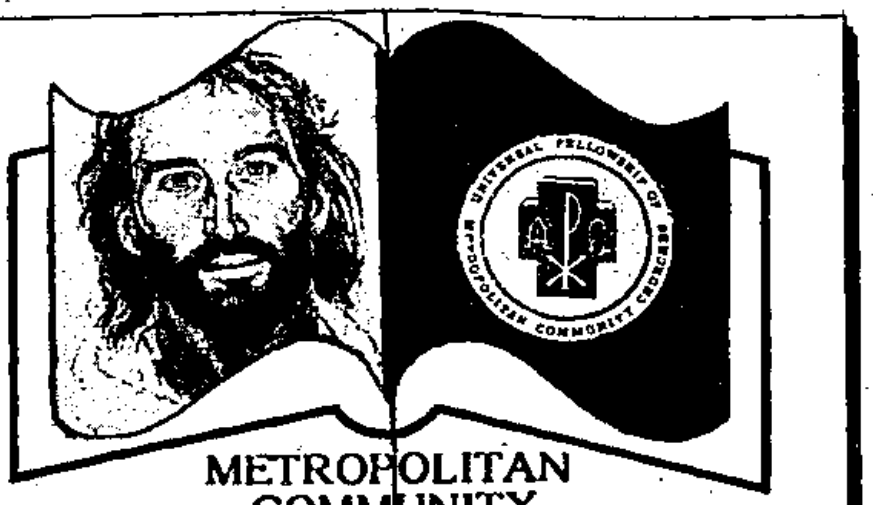

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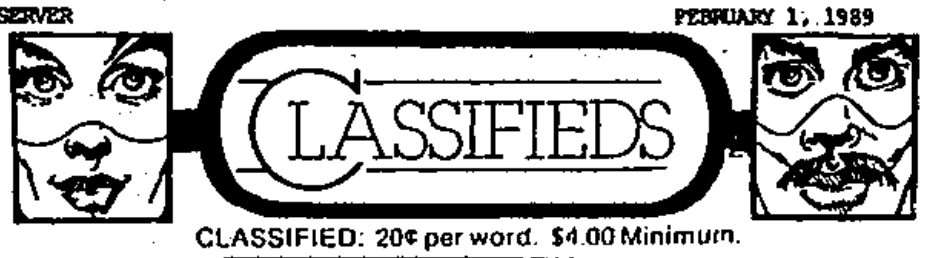

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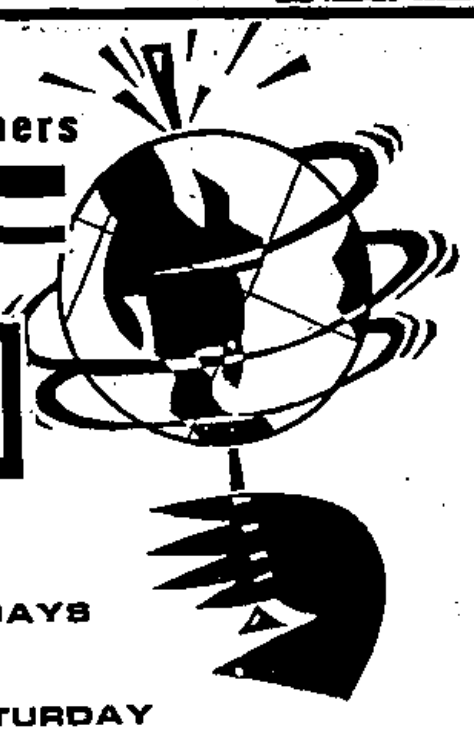

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