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NJ State Troopers Under Fire

NEW YORK, NY - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund filed a "friend of the court" brief in two criminal cases in New Jersey, protesting an operation by New Jersey State Police that has victimized hundreds of men over several years. On Jan. 3, Superior Court Judge Martin Role accepted the brief as part of his review of the charges against two men arrested for "lewdness" at the rest stop.

Lambda, the New York-based Gay rights advocacy organization, wrote the brief on behalf of a coalition that includes the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey, the Anti-Violence Project of New Jersey Lesbian & Gay Coalition, and the New York City Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Project. The coalition urged Judge Role to consider the cases, among the first to rise to a higher court, int he context of the hundreds of others that have occurred. Lambda's public criticism of anti-Gay harassment comes in the midst of other charges that the New Jersey State Police discriminates against minority groups.

Based on public records, Lambda's brief examines the tactics used by troopers at the rest stop, and documents how this kind of enticement and entrapment, has been condemned by both the federal and New Jersey courts as an illegal and morally offensive practice for law officials, particularly when aimed at a specific minority group.

Between Feb. 1988 and Oct. 1989, at least 540 men were arrested at the Vince Lombardi Rest Stop and charged under a New Jersey criminal statute for "lewdness". The overwhelming majority of these arrests followed a disturbing pattern, described in the brief as follows:

Plainclothed state troopers, usually working in pairs, spent hours standing at urinals, approaching men and engaging in flirtatious behavior. The troopers routinely pretended to masturbate, soliciting physical and sexual contact with men at urinals and in stalls through winks, leers, stares, and smiles. At the least indication of reciprocal interest, the troopers made an arrest, flaunting standard New Jersey requirements of procedural fairness. One trooper alone scored nearly 100 arrests.

Of the 540 arrests noted by the brief — all of them processed by the same lower court judge, Ridgefield Municipal Judge Robert W. Avery — only eight have been dismissed. The victims, mostly "first offenders" and more than half from out of state, were given a steep fine of $805. As of October 1989, the township had raked in over $200,000 in fines and court costs from this one operation.

"Perhaps one of the most disturbing aspects of this police operation — and there are many — is that the people swept up in it are members of a particularly vulnerable group, like the victims of other state police abuses that have come to light recently," stated Evan Wolfson, Lambda staff attorney and counsel on the brief. "The men they target are perceived to be Gay, and whether they are or not, the troopers who start the activity can usually count on their victims being reluctant to fight the injustice because of the embarrassment and possibility of discrimination that follows such charges. New Jersey has no laws protecting Gay people from discrimination based on sexual orientation. In at least one case, troopers contacted a man's employer, and he lost his job - even before any trial.

Lambda also observed that the money spent on this operation has outraged many people who find it difficult to comprehend why, in the midst of a war on drugs and an outbreak of violence on the New Jersey Turnpike, the state police feel they need to post fifty-six police officers in one restroom where there has been no violence. "It's especially galling since they haven't even tried putting up signs, haven't asked the Marriott Corporation which runs the place to put in an attendant, and haven't taken steps to really stop any purported problem," said Wolfson. "All the state police have done is send in troopers to whip up activity day after day. Not one of the cases involved a complaint by anyone other than a state trooper.

Wolfson pointed out that the abuses at the Vince Lombardi Rest Stop come on the heels of a number of similar incidents of serious misconduct by the state police against other minority groups. Last November, Channel 9 News of New York and local New Jersey news media investigated the harassment of Black motorists.

In those "stop and frisk" cases, state troopers were alleged to have randomly pulled over people of color, especially those driving expensive cars, on extremely tenuous charges. In a similar "program", troopers have admitted to stopping cars merely because they have "Grateful Dead" bumper stickers. Vince Lombardi cases have also been accompanied by abusive raids by state troopers on parks and adult bookstores, raising parallel concerns of victimization, disregard of people's rights and dubious priorities.

Speaking to the "Bergen Record", a local New Jersey newspaper, Col. Clinton L. Pagano, superintendent of the NJ State Police, denied that the rest stop operation was "unlawful, unfair, or unconstitutional". He also denied Lambda's charges that only young, good-looking officers were asigned the lewdness detail and was quoted as saying, "It is not a popular assignment. But we have prevailed upon our people to do it."

Pagano's assertion was contradicted by a police representative speaking at a public forum held Jan. 11 to protest abuses of police authority. Sergeant Brennan told representa-

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The 1990 Census And Us

by Ivy Young

WASHINGTON, DC - As you can see, 1990 ends in a zero. That means it's time for the decennial count, by the Census Bureau, of the entire U.S. Population.

Ordinarily, the Census Bureau ritual would be of little or no consequence to the Lesbian and Gay community. But this year things are slightly different. Unlike past national counts, the 1990 census could have a direct impact on some of the issues affecting Lesbians and Gay men.

For the first time ever, the Census Bureau has added the category "unmarried partner" to the relationship section of the questionnaire. Expanding the selection choice beyond "roommate/partner" or "roomer/boarder", the new category is, according to some sources, the Bureau's attempt to get an accurate count of the number of heterosexual couples living together without "benefit of marriage".

By simple deduction, however, Census officials will also be able to determine the number of same-sex couples living together in committed relationships. That same-sex couples information will be published along with the statistics on heterosexual unmarried partners. For those of us working in the Lesbian and Gay families arena, that information could prove vital to the success of our efforts in the future.

The Census Bureau has been roundly criticized for its failure to alert affected groups that the question even exists, or, for that matter, what "unmarried partner" actually means. There has been no outreach effort, no community education, no discussion with Lesbian and Gay activist in particular, about how best to ensure that the question is understood and answered accurately.

The Census Bureau does not perceive, or more likely, does not care that for Lesbian and Gay couples answering the survey honestly involves more than a simple check off. The issue of government intrusion and privacy is a crucial one for many Lesbians and Gay men; yet, Census officials have made no effort to counter the fear and apprehension that could lead to a serious undercount of same-sex couples.

Given the Census Bureau's negligence, lack of forethought, and apparent disregard of the Lesbian and Gay community, what are our options regarding the 1990 census?

For some activists in our community, the answer is a simple one: boycott the 1990 Census. Their rationale is basically the criticisms outlined above; a serious lack of outreach by the Census Bureau, coupled with a deep-seated concern over confidentiality, will lead to a gross undercount and a skewed statistical profile.

Unfortunately, this issue is more complex, and requires more than a simple solution. Whether we choose to answer or not, the question is on the survey. Statistics will be gathered, no matter what. Whether we choose to answer or not, we will be living with the results of the census for the next decade. Public and private industry programs are affected by census data; social and economic policy is guided by that same data; legislative agendas are set, initiatives launched, and priorities determined by the numbers gathered. If we choose to deliberately absent ourselves from this process, if we elect to "disappear" what advantage do we gain?

Some Lesbian and Gay activists have predicted that as few as ten percent of those couples affected by the "unmarried partner" question will respond honestly. But, a recent poll conducted by the Washington "Blade" found that of the couples responding, seventy five percent said they would answer the question truthfully. Granted, the "Blade" survey was conducted in a major metropolitan area with a history of Gay visibility. Similar results may not emerge from some small town or hamlet. Then again, they might.

Yes, there will be an undercount of Gay and Lesbian couples, just as there is with every other minority constituency in the United States. And, just as leaders in those communities have done following past national counts, we too will be able to offer cogent arguments about why the numbers are not accurate:

Census Bureau insensitivity, fears about confidentiality, the chilling effect of the on-going climate of homophobia in the U.S., etc.

Our responsibility now is to provide for our community what Census Bureau officials did not — information and education. Our community must be persuaded to put aside the fear of being exposed and answer the Census honestly. We have nothing to lose by being truthful.

The struggle to have our relationships and our families recognized and protected will assume much greater urgency in the decade to come. Accurate statistics gathered from the 1990 Census could provide us with a small, but important weapon to help wage that struggle.

[ED NOTE: Ivy Young is director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Lesbian & Gay Families Project].

Stand Up

And Be Counted

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UPDATE

HOLLY NEAR IN TEMPE CONCERT

TEMPE, AZ - Searching for a Saturday evening of politics, passion and downright captivating music? Then hang on to your soul and catch Holly Near in concert on Saturday, March 10 at 8:30 p.m. Set at the beautiful Sheraton-Tempe Mission Palms, 60 E. Fiofth Street in Tempe. Holly will be accompanied by Pianist John Bucchino. Holly Near will move, touch and inspire you with her wonderful music and infectious humor.

Tickets are $16.00 and are available in Tucson at Antigone Bookstore 403 E. 5th Street. They are also available at Changing Hands Bookstore in Tempe; Humanspace Bookstore in Phoenix or Arcadia Books in Flagstaff. Tickets may also be purchased by calling C.B. Productions at 438-1157 in Tempe.

This concert is held in conjunction with the 15th National Conference for the Association for Women in Psychology. The concert will be interpreted for the hearing impaired and is also wheelchair accessible.

REGIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT DRAWS OVER 400 PARTICIPANTS

by Mark Kerr

PHOENIX - The Phoenix Regional Invitational Bowling Tournament was held last weekend, Feb. 16, 17 and 18 at Maricopa and Northgate Lanes in Phoenix.

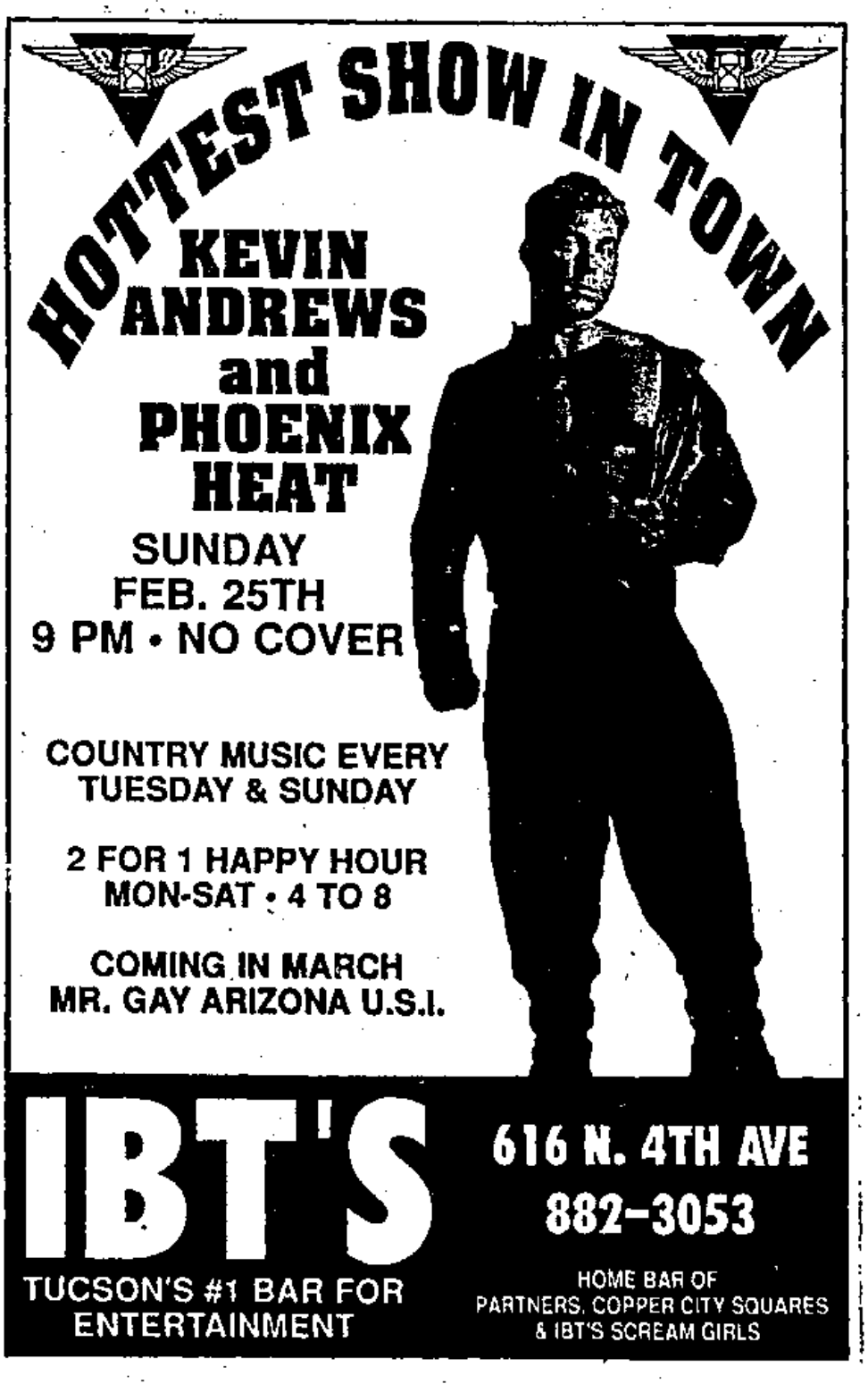
Over 400 bowlers from Gay and Lesbian leagues across the United States and Canada participated in this prestigious tournament. In the tournament, two perfect 300 games were rolled, and scores were quite high in all of the events.

Tucson sent sixteen bowlers to the tournament - 12 from the New Joshua Tree League and 4 from the Rainbow Room League.

The New Joshua Tree League did quite well in Phoenix. Jack Stockslager finished 10th in Singles (out of 310), with a 667 score. In Doubles, the team of Jeff Thompson and Bob Stockslager finished 8th (out of 206 doubles teams) with a 1299. The other New Joshua Tree League team headed by Jack Stockslager, Carol Merfeld and Bob Stockslager finished 11th (out of 103 teams) narrowly missing out on a cash prize with a 2445.

Plans are underway to attempt to have the Lesbian and Gay Bowling Tournament add Tucson to it's cities on the "tour" and a group of local bowlers are very optimistic about this happening later this year.

Congratulations to all the winners and to those who missed out on being recognized, it's back to the drawing board until the next tournament.



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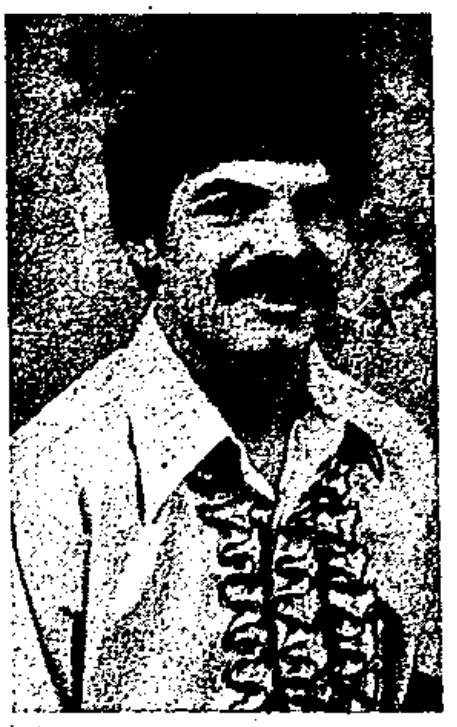

LONNIE DEAN COMBS
Nov. 21, 1957 - Feb. 19, 1990

Another fallen AIDS victim. On Monday, Feb. 19 Lonnie lost a 2-year valiant battle. He was a brave fighter to the end. He will be greatly missed by those who loved him and knew him to be a sweet, gentle, loving man.

Lonnie is survived by his lover of nine years V.A.S. His mother and step father, Mr. and Mrs. Cooke of New Albany, Indiana; sister, Leatha; brothers Brooke, Gary and Troy all of Cincinnati, Ohio; Papa Steve Davis of Tucson; Papa Chuck Clapp of Tucson; friends Terry and June Campbell of Atlanta, GA; Brenda Gary of St. Petersburg, Fl; Hugh and Dottie Leeper of Kona, Hawaii; Beth Long of Tucson; Nina Crandall of Tucson and Mr. and Mrs. Don Velsch of Atlanta, GA.

I wish to thank the following for their love and support through Lonnie's last days: Steve Davis, Chuck Clapp and T.A.P. Tamalyn Taylor and the Hospice of St. Marys; Pastor Rada and the Cornerstone Fellowship; Posada del Sol; Dr. Bruce Williams of UofA Medical Center and all others concerned.

A Memorial Service will be held Sunday, Feb. 28 at 5:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship, 3333 E. Grant Road.

Lonnie loved life. He faced each day with his special warm smile. Everyone is welcome to come to his memorial service whether they knew Lonnie or not. God bless. Thanks Tucson. V.A.S.

JAMES (JIM) O'MALLEY
Oct. 15, 1936 - Feb. 16, 1990

Jim O'Malley died of a heart attack on Friday, Feb. 16 at his home in Palm Springs. He was born in Ireland and lived in Tucson for nearly ten years.

Jim was co-owner of Jim's, (which is currently the Graduate), Santiago's and Sir James all in Tucson.

Memorial services were held last Saturday, in Palm Springs. His ashes will be interred in Chicago, Illinois.

To my best friend Frank Soule who passed away on December 27, 1989. Love, Ken

THANKS FRIENDS

Our Open House at the Shanti Office on Sunday was a wonderful success. Lots of folks came by to share in the festivities and to see the completed version of our offices now that the remodeling is complete.

The new addition was dedicated to Steve LeGro in recognition of all the time and energy he put in to get this project together for us.

If you didn't get a chance to stop by for this event - Come by the office and see the final results. *We could not have done it without you!*

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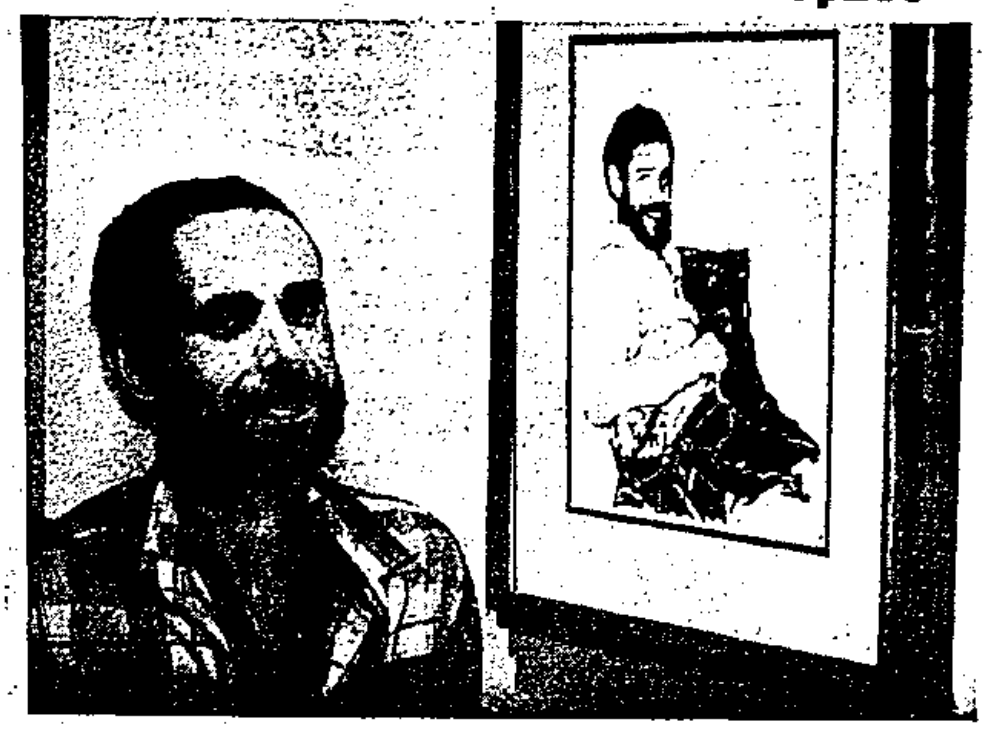
Shanti dedicates new office space



TUCSON - The Shanti Foundation of Tucson officially dedicated its new office space last Sunday, Feb. 18. The new addition, which tripled the group's original space, now makes it possible for several groups to meet at one time without interference with each other. The space will also allow other groups and organizations, who are without space, to use the Shanti space when it is not being used by them.

Nearly 200 persons attended the opening and dedication on Sunday. The project was nearly two years in the making and a cast of thousands (?) helped in the process. All materials, paint, fixtures, furniture, artwork, carpeting, etc. was donated by individuals who recognize the need of the Shanti organization in Tucson.

The initial construction person, and the one person whose imagination foresaw the finished product as it appears today was Steve LeGro. Steve, a PWA, spent many hours sawing, hammering, plumbing, caulking, shimming, painting, etc in a show of real dedication to this project.

In his honor, the new addition was dedicated to Steve for his work and energy in getting the remodeling construction off the ground. An Ink and Prisma color drawing of Steve was presented to him and is permanently hung in the Shanti office as a reminder of his dedication. The photo above shows Steve standing proudly beside his likeness, which was done by Shanti Board of Directors President, Anne Schmitt.

Ron Asta addresses OPBPA

TUCSON - The newly formed Tucson Business Coalition could be the force that breaks the stalemate between local big businesses and neighborhood activists and gets the city rolling again, former county supervisor Ron Asta predicted Feb. 16. Asta was speaking to the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association at the Hotel Park Tucson.

He said the new organization already has 1,000 small business members who have joined forces "because they're angry about the city's lack of direction, about over-regulation, about taxes.

Asta, who led the grass roots upset of big business power in the city and county in the early 1970s, said that the same neighborhood activists and environmentalists who supported that revolt are now blocking any progress toward solving one of the city's biggest problems, air pollution.

"We must have the political will to tell neighborhood organizations who oppose commercial and high-density residential development in the older parts of town that they're wrong, that it is in the public interest to increase population density so people will have to drive less and mass transit can be more efficient."

Asta, who championed growth in mass transit for 20 years, says he now believes that the system of big buses should be reduced and competitive mini-bus and jitney systems through neighborhoods should be encouraged.

He also said that the light rail lines proposed from downtown to the east, north and southsides are "not appropriate for Tucson" unless they eventually are used to link the main city to new satellite cities in Oro, Rincon and Green Valleys and in the Ryan Field area.

The satellite communities should be separated from Tucson by a broad desert greenbelt around the city. "It's better to have five 6-foot players on a basketball team than one 30-foot player. A city can get too big to function.

"If you're going to have a rail system to move people within a city, you must have high density residential development along the route, and there is just no way you are ever going to get that along Broadway," Asta said..

Grade separated intersections along major streets, as also proposed by the city, make good sense, he said. "The community has killed every new roadway proposal. One-way street pairs will never happen," Asta said. "This is all that's left."

Asta said that Tucson ought to tell state water officials to "go to hell" with their tighter water use restrictions for Tucson "until the state can bring Phoenix into line."

OPBPA's next meeting will be Friday, March 16, also at the Park Tucson's Psychologist Ruth Nentwig will offer suggestions to alleviate the stresses of work and lifestyle.

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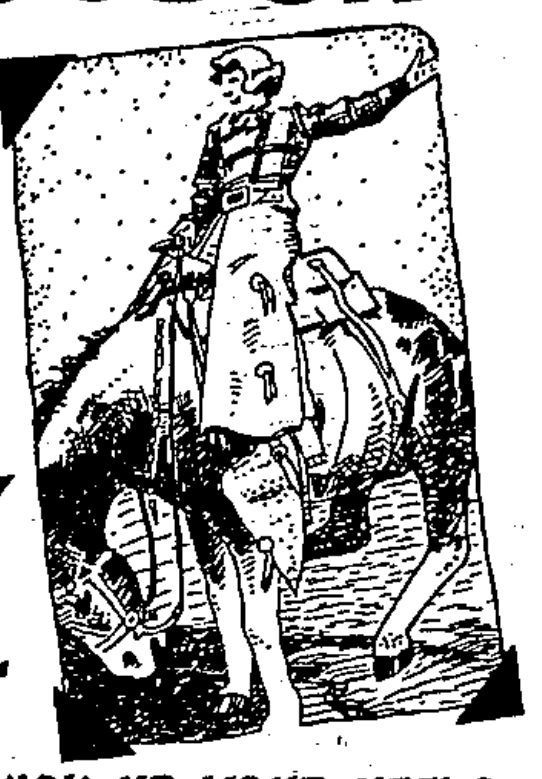

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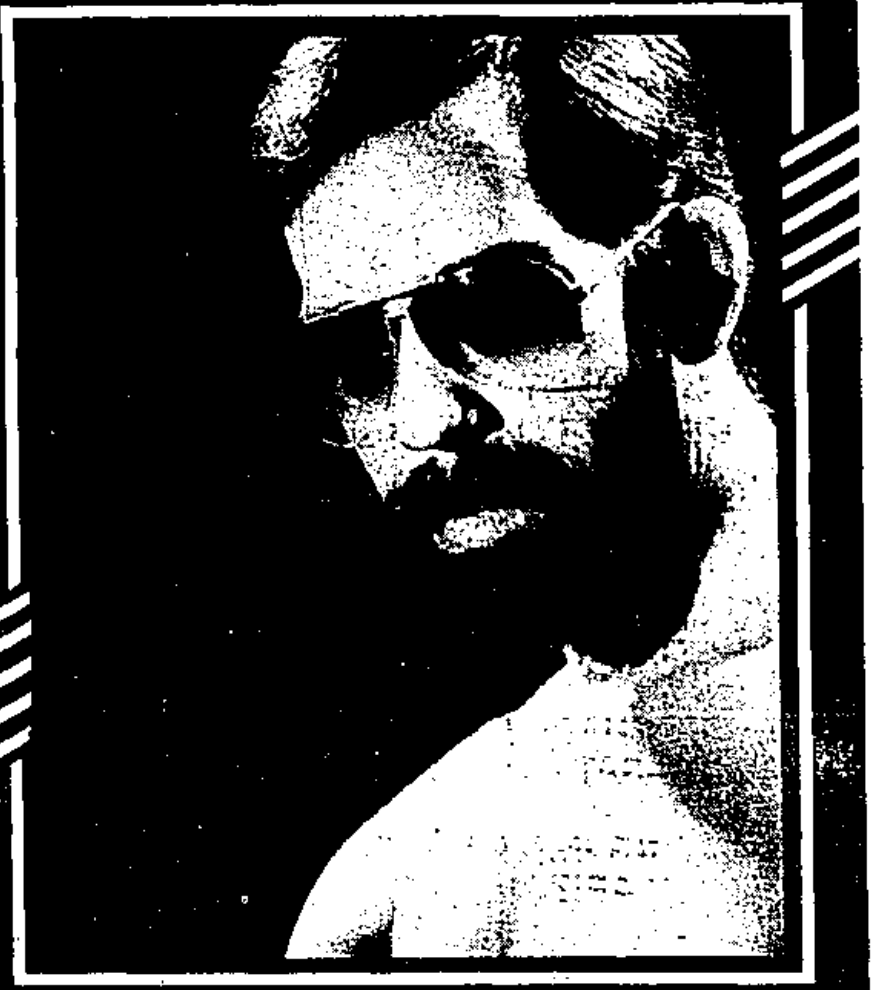

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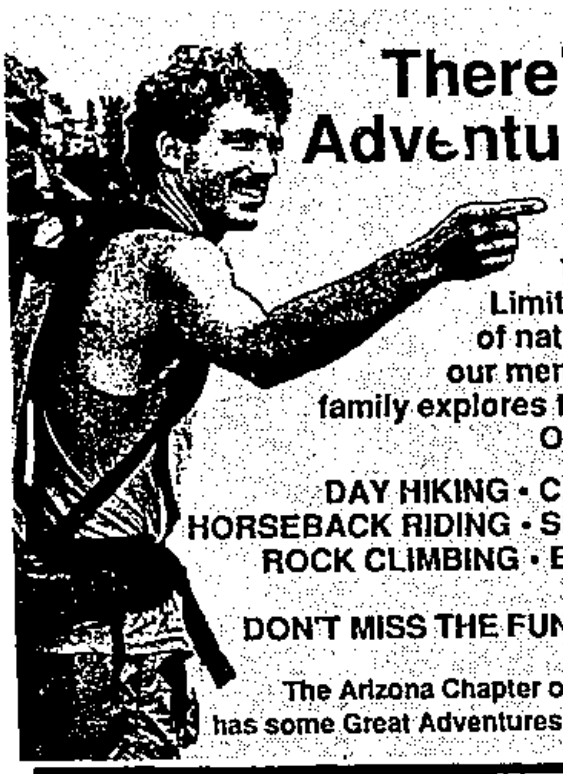

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18. Analysis (1920s through 1970s)
19. Isolation or confinement to mental hospital (1920s through 1970s)

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A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

Stand Up And Be Counted

The United States, by decree of its Constitution, must count its residents at the beginning of every decade. This count serves many purposes, not the least of which is apportioning representation in the House of Representatives.

Through the years, census figures have caused controversy over undercounting of Blacks, Hispanics, single parents, the homeless. This year, some changes have been made to correct those deficiencies.

But not enough.

For the first time, "unmarried partners" will be counted for the census: male/female couples and same-sex couples.

And herein lies the potential problem.

Many Gay and Lesbians are complaining —rightly so— that the government is not doing enough to assure same-sex couples confidentiality in reporting their status.

The government is spending millions of dollars for advertising to explain to previously undercounted minorities the safety of complying with this year's census. Apparently not on cent is being spent to equally assure same-sex couples.

BY LAW, NO INFORMATION FROM THE CENSUS CAN BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE:

> The Immigration and Naturalization Service will NOT be told if you are in this country illegally.

> Police agencies will NOT be told your whereabouts if you are wanted for a crime.

> NO AGENCY will be told about your status as a partner in a same-sex relationship.

> In fact, ALL census information is sealed, by law, for 75 years.

Granted, the Government is not highly regarded for its veracity and honesty. I will be the first to admit that. But, can we risk continued prejudice and stereotyping by NOT providing information for the census?

We need to stand up, be counted, and show the narrow-minded imbeciles in Government that Gays and Lesbians amount to more than just "a few crazed sexual perverts".

We have not had such an opportune time for ten years —and will not for ten more. A lot has changed in the world - and our country. NOW is the time to have our TRUE numbers known.

When your chance comes, make sure you TRUTHFULLY answer the census — and mark "unmarried partner" on the form.

It's time.

At Spes Non Practa: See you next week.

OUT ON THE TOWN

Jade's retired? Or so it seems, unlike Granny's tennies, the girl got a brand new pair of pumps anyway.

So does Christina know now how it feels to eat out of the proverbial trough.

Did Dudley Do Right do wrong or does he even know! Oh where, Oh where can that Kelley Girl be - Oh where or what did she see!?!

Miss Mae may or may not. Anyone may or may not know what Miss Mae knows! The death of neck-grow feel-e-acks. The lunch was served and the wine was white.

The Ponderosa Annex was wanted by whom? Is the Ponderosa Annex doing Ponderosa re-runs and where does Boy-In-A-Box fit in? And what about Marana Marana Danna? Is there water or was it all gas?

The Teenie Tiny Turtle comes back to the Tired Turtle to stay at Turtle Flats to make a Teenie Tiny Tee Pee.

Now, from Cordon Bleu to the streets of Main, so what kind of party smarty?! Miss - Takes are missing.

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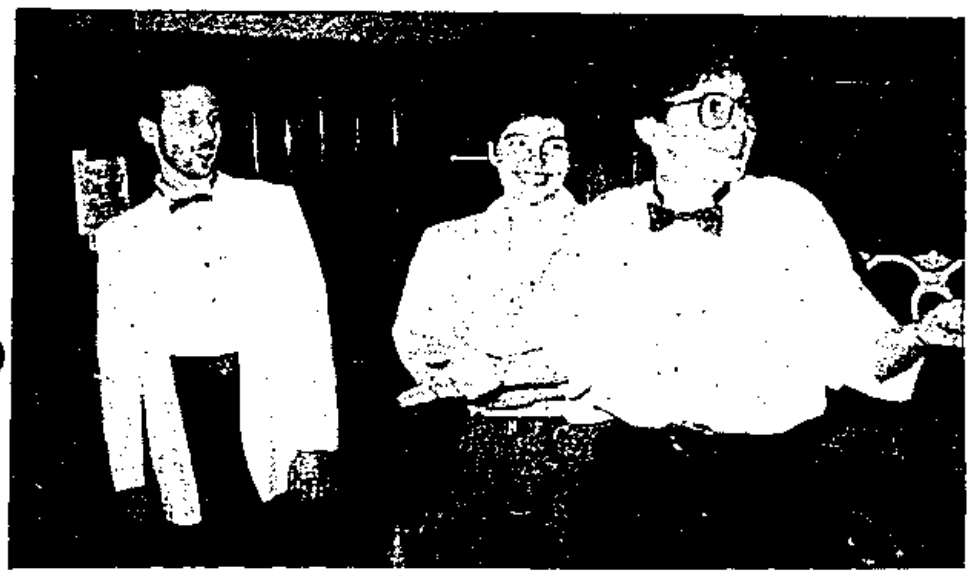

Members of the newly formed 'One In Ten' theatrical group are shown above following a successful performance of "This Brooding Sky" at Colette's accepting the accolades of the packed house. See story below.

TUCSON - Tucson's newest theatre company - One In Ten, is not only another theatrical group - it is Tucson's first Gay and Lesbian Theatre Group.

On Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9 and 10, for the first time together as a theratrical group, the troupe displayed some excellent talent under very trying circumstances and came through with flying colors. The performance that this reporter saw was presented at Colette's. The play, "This Brooding Sky" by Sarah Dreher was staged on the dance floor with the audience on three sides. However, unless you were near the stage area, it was extremely difficult to hear to actors delivering their lines.

Judging from the reaction of the audience, however, a lot of people did hear and thoroughly enjoy the performance by a very talented group of actors and actresses. The play, a comic gothic romance, was presented outdoors at Boomers Cafe Espresso the following night. The crowd at both performances was large and appreciative of this newly formed group. It is hoped that the troupe will find regular theatrical facilities with proper acoustics which will permit them to act and be received as they properly should.

Congratulation to all One In Ten for a memorable performance.

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WHAT'S UP DOC?

I just cannot believe this - it is snowing again. If I had wanted to live in snow country, I would have stayed in Pennsylvania. Guess I'll just have to move south for the winter!

For my first experience in a bowling tournament, one on the Gay/Lesbian tour in Phoenix this past weekend, it was a lot of fun and I'll be looking forward to next year. There is another tournament coming up in San Diego in July that I would like to try and make also.

There were over 400 people from all over the West, some from the North and just all over the U.S. taking part in this one. As for the Tucson group, most of them did well. Jack S. with a 667 series placed 10th in Singles; Jeff T. and Bob. S. placed 8th in the Doubles event, and the Tucson team came in 11th; all from the New Joshua Tree Bowling League. Congratulations to each of you and everyone who made the trip from Tucson to Phoenix.

A very big congratulations goes out to Steve Miller from the 307 in Phoenix. Steve, with a 140 bowling average, bowled a perfect 300 game Friday evening!

As for me, well let's just say I showed up but my bowling ball decided to stay in Tucson. So much for trying to win my entry fee back at least. I, like a fool, chose the wrong times to be bowling, thus after bowling late Friday evening, and of course a few stops afterward on a bar hopping expedition, I was only able to get 3 1/2 hours sleep before I had to be back on the alleys bowling in Doubles events. See why I blame it on my bowling ball - it was able to rest!

While in Phoenix, I also talked to some people from "Team Arizona", our Gay Games team headed to Vancouver this year for Gay Games III. Team Arizona still needs volleyball players, and have openings on some of the other team sports. The team chose it's name because it will include players from all over the state. If you would be interested in joining in on the state-wide venture, contact the Tucson coordinator for Gay Games III, Deanna Lewis at 721-1365 for more details.

Back in Tucson now, don't forget that TKO will be hosting L.A.D.S. this weekend. At last count, 38 people will be coming down from Phoenix for this weekend run. Festivities will begin on Saturday afternoon with a welcome brunch at Jerry's house. From there you can bet the entire bunch, Phoenix and Tucson, will be traveling around Tucson, stopping at those watering holes we all enjoy so much.

On Saturday evening, the bunch will be at the French Quarter for dinner. Peter tells me that in conjunction with his Mardi Grass weekend celebration, he is going to have a Steak Fry at the same time this group is there, so why not stop over for a good meal and meet some of the people from Phoenix. Check the French Quarter ad this issue for more details.

Then on Sunday, there will be a send-off brunch at the Graduate. With the new floor at the Grad, everyone will have to be careful so as to not drop any food - Roger might get upset! It is also rumored that, the long-absent owner of the Graduate, RT, will be in town. I've suggested to Roger to hide the money this weekend - RT has to have his own this time (Ha Ha!).

TBBS: Roger wishes to thank Scott for his help Saturday night - even if he (she) did sleep on the pool table.

I Guess that is about it for this week. As you can tell this is going to be a busy weekend with plenty to do for everyone. Have a good time, play safe and be careful driving after drinking.

Just for the record: For those of you who do like bowling, whether or not you are presently bowling in a league, a few of us who did take the Phoenix trip are working on the possiblity of having a tournament held here in Tucson. There is still a lot of paper work to get done, but as of this past Monday evening, some of the details have been worked out and Tucson could possibly have its first Gay/Lesbian Bowling Tournament in October. As more details become available, I will be passing them on to you.

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GAYBRIEFS

by Jim Roche

When my brother and sister-in-law suddenly decided to move half way across the country to the town I lived in it became apparent they needed to be told something about, well, my notoriety as a Gay person. I hadn't even discussed this with my brother, actually I'd spent about an hour with him per year for the past decade or so, so it never seemed like a necessity. But I had discovered that this was an announcement that was best made at my discretion.

From experience I've learned that surprises of this sort are best avoided. The year before, when my church found out that their "family man" minister was Gay, all hell had broken loose. I was the subject of half page articles in the local paper, my congregation met to discuss my Gayness, threats were made against my life. You name it, it had happened to me. Although I have since left the church, members still harass me by calling employers to make sure they know I'm Gay (I've lost several positions after phone calls from these people) and sending mail-order surprises. Some people can really hate.

Well, when my brother and his wife arrived in town we went out for dinner and before we even began he said, "Everybody seems to know you around here, when I go places people say, 'Why do I know that name?'" I sat them down and broke the news. "About my roommate David... I guess you could say we share more than the rent."

"Oh?".

Then the questions, my sister-in-law first: "Well, what I don't understand is, why you have to tell everybody?" She then gave every cliche in the book, suggesting that I was harassed and losing my job because I was, you know, "flaunting it". The conversation went on and seemed to end in a supportive gesture or two (they paid for dinner, which was very important to me as, I wasn't too sure about my employability). Her final suggestion: "Move back to NY, it's the only place you'll be happy... and, well, keep it quiet." Translation: Don't flaunt it. Stop making Gay and Lesbian issues your life, why ruin your career over something so trivial?

During this conversation I found out that neither my brother nor his wife go to work and tell people they're heterosexuals! (I look at the wedding ring on her finger and wondered...) There's nothing wrong with being Gay... but by letting people know you're just asking for it... I'm sure you've heard this before.

Later I went home and picked up a copy of a Gay paper and read the news from Bartow, Florida. It seems the County Sheriff has a policy there that is, in his words, designed to "protect homosexuals. He says that he's afraid if incarcerated homosexuals were mixed up with the general jail population "all hell would break loose". Hey, I know that from experience. So, being as enlightened as most sheriffs are, he solved the problem by having all the Gay and Lesbian prisoners wear pink wrist bands. Yes, that's right, if you're Gay or Lesbian you are made to wear a pink wrist band so that you can be easily identified. So you don't get mixed-up.

When the ACLU asked about this, the Sheriff's spokesperson said there wasn't any real special reasons for picking out pink. Other people have to wear other colors, like prisoners who are escape risks (can you be a prisoner and not be?). It isn't even pink she said, it's "off red", adding "that's just the color that was available".

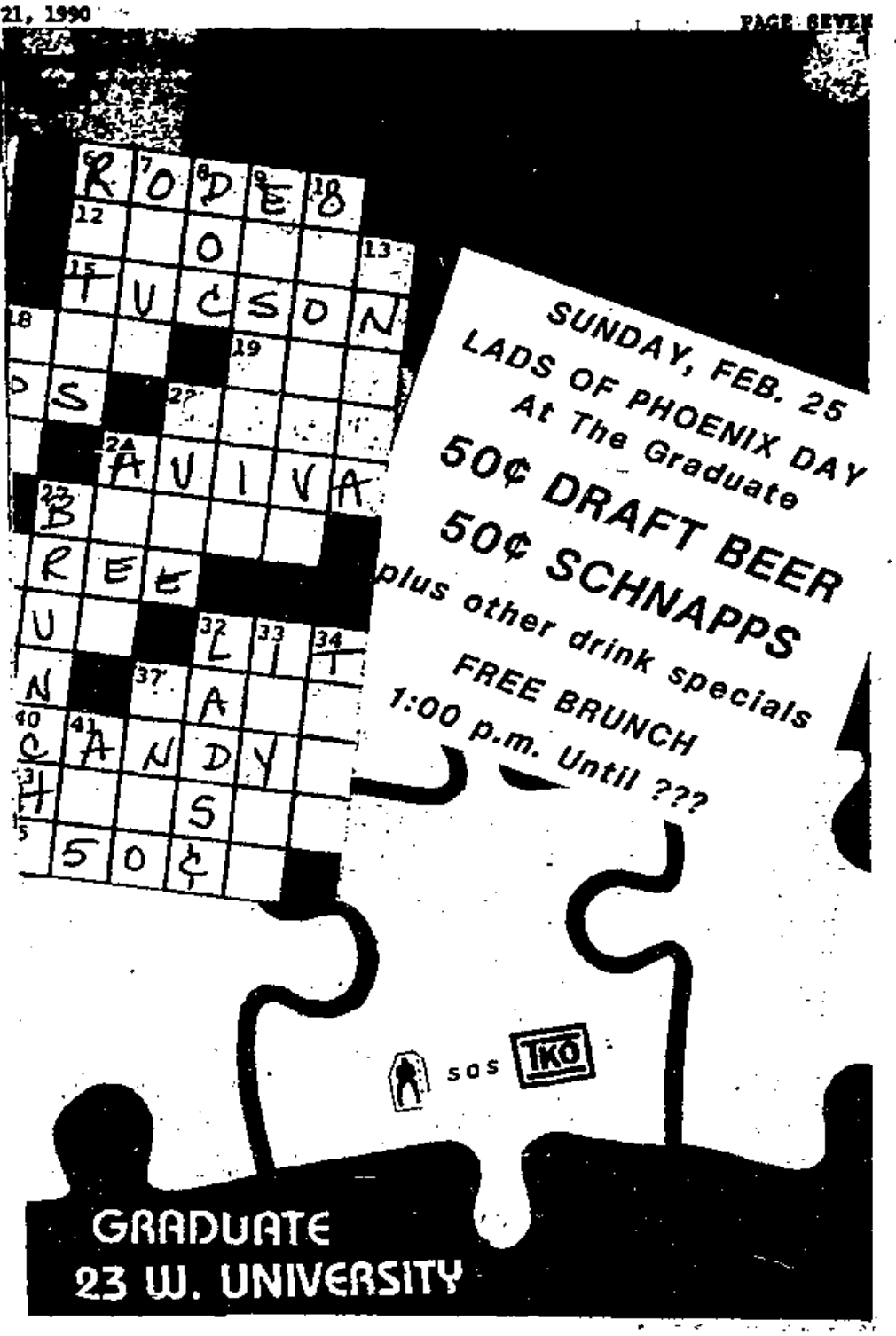
So far six Lesbians had written to the ACLU to complain that after they were "pink tagged" they lost privileges and were treated harshly by corrections officers. The Sheriff denies all of this, except for the tags. He thinks that's a good idea still. He should talk to my sister-in-law and the two of them should figure all this out.

I'm confused. If we wear a tag to keep us separate, aren't we flaunting it? But the Sheriff says you have to flaunt it to keep from getting bashed. That's not an uncommon theory you know - ask William F. Buckley, Jr. He thinks we should all be well marked. But... you see, we don't get bashed for flaunting it, or lose our jobs for being open. We get bashed and lose our jobs because we are who we are, and one way or another they want to know... because... well... I guess they have to know.

For these people the problem is we (Gays) might be anybody, right" I suppose that's why my brother and sister-in-law were both wearing wedding rings, so I would know. And everybody else would know. It seems people have to figure these things out so they can be sure if somebody is one of us, or one of them. I suppose in some cases we could be one of them and one of us too. Depending on who they are. Or we are.

Tags help, they make it easier. It's not the Sheriff's fault there are all these faggots around, right? And, well, he has to know. They all have to know, because if they don't well then... I guess all hell would break loose. What's a poor boy to do about coming out? Should he let everybody know?

I've been working at it for a while and all I can tell you is that some people seem to want to want to know and some people don't want to know. My suggestion is that people who want to know wear yellow tags, and those who don't want to know wear, well, what color is left? That way I'll know who I should tell and who I shouldn't tell, and we'll all be happy, right? Call that Sheriff, he knows all about those color things.



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Inside The Washington Lobby

Volume 2, Number 5

by Chai Feldblum and Laura Markowitz

When the news reports a crisis or an event grabs the attention of Congress, lobbyists use the immediacy of the situation to move bigger issues forward. The immigration situation is a perfect example of how this is done. It is also a good example of how lobbyists couple issues together in order to gain momentum for stickier issues.

Two major international conferences on AIDS are scheduled to take place in the United States this summer. Recent national and international news stories report that some international groups are calling for a boycott of the conferences because of the U.S. policy of not granting tourist visas to visitors with HIV infection.

From our standpoint, there are two problems with U.S. immigration policy as it relates to HIV infected people: one affects foreigners who want to visit the United States; the second affects immigrants to are applying for permanent residency. Because of a Helms amendment to the appropriations bill two years ago, HIV infection was added to the INS list of excludable diseases. INS officials can therefore ask foreigners applying for a visa to enter the U.S. whether they are HIV infected and deny them entry.

Last summer, when Dutch visitor Hans Paul Veerhoef came to the United States to attend the National Gay and Lesbian Health Conference, he admitted that he was HIV infected and was detained by INS officials. Veerhoef was ultimately granted a waiver to enter the U.S. after numerous AIDS and civil rights groups took up his cause. Several things resulted from the Veerhoef incident.

After work by the AIDS lobby and statements of concern by Congress (particularly Senator Edward Kennedy), a new INS waiver policy was instituted, stating that a waiver should be granted to anyone coming to the United States for 30 days to attend a conference, do business, visit family or get medical treatment.

The Veerhoef case also served to bring the INS' policies on HIV infection into the International news, embarrassing the Justice Department and giving the United States a bad image. Ours is one of the few Western countries that has these restrictions for tourists, and in fact the World Health Organization has stated a position against such a policy.

While the INS' slight change of policy was a gain of sorts, it still did not address the problems faced by tourists or visiting friends and lovers who are HIV infected. It also failed to address confidentiality concerns. The visitor, while still in his or her country of origin, has to self-identify him or herself as HIV infected to the consulate officer. The United States consul then stamps a marking indicating a waiver into the person's passport. This creates obvious confidentiality problems.

In addition, the U.S. immigration policy continues to be a dire problem for immigrants applying for permanent residency. Current INS policy requires that individuals applying for permanent resident status show a negative HIV test. Those who are HIV positive are automatically denied residence status. The only people who can even apply for a waiver are those who have lived here for seven years or more, or those who can prove they are refugees.

But those waivers seem to be theoretical —in practice, almost no waivers have been granted. There is no way of knowing how many HIV infected people haven't come forward to get naturalized because they are afraid of being denied residency on the basis of HIV infection.

Last month, the National Commission on AIDS came out with recommendations on both travel and immigration with regard to HIV infection. It recommended that the policy for travelers be changed to that tourists are not asked about their HIV status. For legalization applicants, said the commission, waivers should be liberally granted, and there should be an overall review of whether HIV should even be on the INS list of dangerous and contagious diseases. Since Congress put it on the list, Congress has to be the one to take it off.

Now lobbyists are trying to make sure that the commission's recommendation will not be used simply to address the immediate problem of the upcoming conferences, but also to change the policy for those seeking permanent residence. In mid-January, representatives from various advocacy groups met with top policy officials at the INS to discuss both travel and immigration issues. A legal paper outlining the groups' requests in the area of travel, prepared by the American Foundation for AIDS Research with input from the ACLU and AIDS Action Council, was sent to the policy officials shortly after the meeting on behalf of a range of groups.

The groups requested that applicants not be asked whether they are HIV infected. This echoes INS policy of ten years ago that directed INS officials not to ask applicants if they are Gay. Only if INS officials somehow find out that a visitor or immigrant is Gay will they take some action. As with HIV infection, Gay and Lesbian foreigners are legally excludable from the United States. (Another policy that needs to be changed.

The next step will probably be an announcement from various agencies involved (Departments of Justice and State, and the Public Health Service) of changes they will make in the waiver policy to better ensure confidentiality. These changes will help, but it won't get rid of the underlying problem. For that, advocates will ultimately have to turn to Congress.

[ED NOTE: Laura Markowitz is a Lesbian activist and an editor of a national magazine for family therapists. Chai Feldblum is an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union AIDS Project].

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POLITICS '90

by Mark R. Kerr

GOVERNOR'S RACE

Last Wednesday at the Holiday Inn in Tucson, former Phoenix Mayor Terry Goddard announced his candidacy for the Democratic Gubernatorial nomination. Goddard stated that his reasons for running was to restore economic vitality, make the streets safe and rid Arizona of drugs. Goddard said that he is not the "Phoenix candidate" but the candidate for all of Arizona.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

Fred Koory: Koory, the former member of the Maricopa Board of Supervisors, is running for the Republican Gubernatorial nomination. He was born in 1940 and is a resident of Glendale. Koory graduated from ASU and served in the Marine Corps from 1961 to 1964. Koory served in the Arizona House of Representatives from 1967-70. He also served as a State Senator from 1971-76. Koory was Majority Whip from 1971 thru 1974 and Minority Leader from 1975-76. Koory was appointed to the Board of Supervisors in 1978, succeeding Bob Corbin and was subsequently elected in 1980 and re-elected in 1984 and 1986.

PIMA COUNTY NEWS

Last Tuesday in Tucson, the Tucson Unified School District was handed yet another override defeat. Approximately 57,000 voters, 26 percent, went to the polls - a higher than expected turnout for a bond override. Superintendent Paul Houston stated that there will be layoffs and that the budget cuts will affect the students.

Here are the results int he TUSD Board Override election:

Tucson Unified, Kindergarten - Third Grade:
NO - 28,037 54%
YES - 24,216 46%
Turnout 52,764

Tucson Unified - 10% Budget Override:
NO - 29,153 56%
YES - 23,034 44%
Turnout 52,764

The Amphitheater, Sunnyside budget overrides also went down to crushing defeats. The only school district that managed to get a budget override was the Flowing Wells District.

AS I SEE IT

The TUSD Budget Override showed that people are not satisfied with governmental services, and do not trust those people in charge of those services. One of the main factors that makes government work is to have the trust of the voting electorate. Flowing Wells has such a relationship. Maybe the TUSD School Board should take a look at Flowing Wells and maybe follow their lead.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lambda Democratic Caucus' February meeting will be held at the Plaza Hotel. It will be on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 7:00 p.m. The Caucus will be holding a celebration for the success of the past year.

Until next time, take care.

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A View From The Rock

Commentary from Cornerstone Fellowship . . . .

"If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!"

Ecclesiastes 4:10

Everyone has friends. It may be just one person, or a large group, but everyone has friends. In fact, as we travel through life, it is very difficult to not develop acquaintances, companions, and ultimately, friendships.

If we are lucky, our friends will not just be of acquaintance or companion types, but some will become close, dear people in our lives. These people we call "friends", or even "best friends".

Those people whom we call best friends have moved into that category through the sharing of common experiences, those things which have drawn us together with love and trust. Best friends are those with whom we have shared our most intimate feelings and experiences. Best friends are also those people we expect to "be there" for us, whenever, and forever.

But... unfortunately, no matter how sincere the intentions, or the depth of love, those friends can let us down! It is so easy to say, "Oh, I'll always be there for you!" or, "Don't worry, I'll never leave you". But giving these words credibility is not easy, nor is it always possible. Sometimes it is simply a matter of the other person not being available during our time of need due to circumstances beyond their control. But more often than not, it's a case of someone saying one thing and doing another. Remember the old saying, "When times are tough, you find out who your real friends are"? I'm sure we've all been disappointed, hurt, or let down by a friend who turned away from us in our time of need. Perhaps we have even done the same.

So, where does this leave us? Well, for those of us who are Christians, we have a solution. You see, every Christian has one very special and dear friend, one who is always there when you need him. A friend who loves you more than you could ever imagine, even when you may seem unloveable. A friend who picks us up when we fall, and never says one thing, only to do another! This terrific friend is Jesus Christ.

If you are not a Christian, there are some questions you might want to ask yourself. Do you want to take a chance on being alone in your time of need? Do you have anyone in your life who can fill the list of demands that Jesus can. Have you been hurt by or disappointed in people who said they were your friends, but couldn't prove that to be true? Don't take a chance. You can make a new friend today.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

COLETTE'S - It's Rodeo Parade Day in Tucson and after the grande stop by and see what's on special for you rodeo nuts!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

COLETTE'S - Vocalist Dena Kaye is making another of her cross-country tours and will make another appearance here beginning at 9:00 p.m. The cover is $4.00 and well worth it to enjoy the singing talents of this very, very popular performer.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

FRENCH QUARTER - 2-Day Big Mardi Gras extravaganza kicks off here beginning at 7 p.m. with the first 50 customers receiving Mardi Gras masks. 6 to 8 p.m. there will be a welcoming party for LADS from Phoenix with TKO hosting. Party includes a Steak Fry (8oz top sirloin, baked potato, beans and salad) for $5.00. Guest bartenders include Natalie Perry from Colette's from 7 to 8; Patrick from the Graduate from 8 to 9 and Big Mike from IBT's from 9 to 10. These bartenders will each give away a nice door prize during their shift..

GRADUATE - Annual 'Rodeo Kick-Off Show' begins at 8:30 p.m. Show stars Candy Plastique, Margo Leigh and Aviva Diamond. While the Cowboys are in town it's always a fun time.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

FRENCH QUARTER - Final and Big day for the Mardi Gras Extravaganza. Cajun cooking on the patio from 5 to 8 p.m. From 3 until closing, 25 cent draft beer will be served at the newly remodeled Patio Bar only with members of SOS serving. Jeff Myer will be guest bartender on the patio bar from 3 to 8. From 4 to 6:30 the jazz vocals of Debi Mason with Larry Dabney direct from Phoenix will be performing on the patio. Inside Guest Bartenders, 3-5 Don Paugh (JT's); 5-7 Teno (Rumorz); 7-9 Ruben (Graduate), 9-11 John (Rumorz). Free Mardi Gras Masks to the first 50 people at 7 p.m. then from 8 p.m. to Midnight the popular Phoenix trio "Connection" will again play for their Tucson fans. And at Midnight, the Mardi Gras King will be crowned.

GRADUATE - Beer Bust Noon to 5 p.m. plus free send-off brunch of LADS at 1 p.m. Everyone welcome.

IBT'S - Kevin Andrews and his hot male dance group Phoenix Beat returns to the IBT stage to warm the cockles of your little hearts. It starts at 9 p.m. and there is no cover.

JOSHUA TREE - Showtime with Loren Johnson, Becky, Debbie Mason, Iris Parks. Hosted by Gabriella La Vanity. 9:00 p.m. It's a benefit for Shanti. Make plans now.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

FRENCH QUARTER - The popular 'Live"Win, Lose or Draw game takes place here every Monday. Tonight's challenge match features the Desert Leathermen. 9:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

COLETTE'S - A big Show for Multiple Sclerosis set here with Lorean Johnson as MC and the show stars Miss Gay Arizona, Divina; Miss Gay Tucson Christine Shade and #1 Female Impersonator in Tucson laccording to her CAT Award, Michelle Kristie. A really good show for a really great cause.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

COLETTE'S - A Car Wash to benefit P.A.C.T. and Multiple Sclerosis will be held in the parking lot here from 1 to 4

RUMORZ - The ever popular SOS Hoedown returns here for a Spring Affair. Watch for more details.

Coming to IBT's in March - The Mr. Gay Arizona, USI Pageant!

MONDAY, MARCH 12

COLETTE'S - Poopular Tucson vocalist and musician Patti McCulla holds forth here from 8 to midnight.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

COLETTE'S - As a regular monthly treat, the music will be "soul" here tonight. Get down! Get down!

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

COLETTE'S - St. Paddy's Day 'Brouhaha" planned here along with welcoming the Ladies Professional Golfers Association players who will compete this week in Tucson. More later.

FRENCH QUARTER - Plans are being made for a BIG, BIG St. Patrick's Celebration on the patio. Watch for details.

GRADUATE - St. Patrick's Day show with lots of performers and lots of Erin Go Braugh! More to come.

RAINBOW ROOM - St. Patrick's Day celebration planned here. Watch for many more details to come!

WEEKLY MEETINGS

The following are organizations who hold regular weekly meeting on days indicated.

EVERY MONDAY

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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

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

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"LIVING THROUGH DEATH" Grief Support Group. 8-week closed sessions - confidential. Call Shanti, 622-7107 for beginning date of next session.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

A USA (Uncircumcised Society of America) Arizona Chapter, will have a party for members and interested members. Call Marc 881-4582 for info and reservations.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Bingo Games will be held at MCC/Tucson, 560 S. Stone Avenue starting at 6:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be given to the winner of each game. Sheets of 3 cards will be sold 1for 50 cents each. Plan now for a fun-filled evening that could be profitable.

AArticles are being collected at Colette's, 3143 E. Speedway that will be sold at the Tanque Verde Swap Meet today and tomorrow with all proceeds going to the Multiple Sclerosis fund raising project now underway in Tucson.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will hold its second meeting of the year at 3:30 p.m. on the patio at Joshua Tree to discuss Gay Pride 1990 and th Fiesta de Mayo fund raising event leading up to Pride Week activities. Everyone is encouraged to attend for their input.

The new Men's Massage will be open for new and past participants at 6:30 p.m. Minimal fee. Call Marc at 881-4582 to register in advance.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

The Lambda Democratic Caucus will have their February meeting at the Plaza International Hotel, 1900 E. Speedway. The elections have been re-scheduled for this meeting. There will be a No-Host bar.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

A Car Wash to benefit P.A.C.T. and Multiple Sclerosis will be held in the parking lot at Colette's, 3143 E. Speedway.

Broad Perspectives, Tucson's only women's radio programming presents "Comedy Night" 7 p.m. KXCI 91.7 FM

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Broad Perspectives, Tucson's only women's radio programming presents "Music Mix" 7 p.m. KXCI 91.7 FM

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

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TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.	PB	BG	HS
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2. FALL GUYS	8	0	1.000	573
3. STRIKE FORCE	7	1	.875	604
4. HEAD HUNTERS	4	4	.500	592
5. TEAM #1	4	4	.500	572
6. LANE BRAINS	4	4	.500	571
7. TEAM #8	3	5	.375	564
8. GUTTER QUEENS	2	6	.250	571
9. VIRGINETTES	0	8	.000	554
10. TEAM #4	0	8	.000	0

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys $1.25. Steak Dinner 5 pm to 7?? $4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am, Bobby Jr.

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

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

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

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Country Music, Line Dancing, Square Dancing - good food - great special - lots of fun with Big Mike and the gang.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open at Noon. Bloody Marys and Screws $1.00 all day. Country Rainbows dance group 3 pm. Complimentary Buffet 5:30.

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

monday

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

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

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

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.

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

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

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

tuesday

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

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

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

GRADUATE - .50 draft from opening to closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 4 to 8 pm Two for 1. Bud and Bud Lite $1.25. Country Music and Dancing 7 pm to close

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

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

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust from Noon to Close Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .50 / 4-7 pm non-premium beer $1.50, Well drinks $1.75. T-Squares dance and offer free square dance lessons at 6:30. DJ Jeffrey 9:00 p.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special.Two for one 5-8. Schnapps $1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight.

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

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

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

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. Schnapps .50 from 8 pm to close. Music tonight oldies but goodies!

RUMORHAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bottled Domestic Beer Nite - $1.25, plus .25 schnapps from 7 pm until 11 pm. VJ/DJ Reuben begins at 9

thursday

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

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

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

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

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 party with Big Mike, 4 - 8 pm Two for One. See our ad for specials or entertainment. "House Music" night 9 to 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. All Imported Beer $1.00 7 pm to 1 am. Country Rainbow dance group performs 7:30 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT - Keggar 8 pm to 12 am .50 per glass, munchies. Video/disco dancing with Reuben from 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .75 / Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm non-premium beer $1.50, Well drinks $1.75. DJ 9 pm to 1 am, Bobby Jr.

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

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

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

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

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. DJ from 9 to 1.

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

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Happy Hour 4-7 pm $1.50. non-Premium Beer and $1.75 Well Drinks. DJ 9-1 Bobby Jr.

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

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

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Come party with Kevin to 6 / 2 for 1 from 4-8 pm / Gilbert your DJ 9 to 1.

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

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

News From MCC Tucson

Bingo Games will be held this Saturday, Feb. 14, starting at 6:30 p.m. at 560 South Stone Ave. Cash prizes will be given to the winner of each game with the final game of "Cover All" paying $40 cash to the winner! In case of multiple winners, the prizes will be divided among the winners as evenly as possible. There will be refreshments and soft drinks offered during the evening. Plan now for a fun-filled evening.

Next Wednesday, Feb. 28, is Ash Wednesday. There will be a special Worship Service starting at 6:45 p.m. This will begin the season of Lent. Easter is on Sunday, April 15. Lent is the forty days before Easter, not counting the 6 Sundays. The 40 days were originally observed as the 40 hours that Christ was in the grave from His crucifixion until His resurrection. The 40 hours were lengthened to forty days. There have been many changes in the observance of Lent, but Lent, as we know it today, was established in the 9th century.

Desert Leathermen went on a Beer Bust in San Francisco this past weekend and the attendance at MCC/Tucson was down. Even our Assistant Pastor was an absentee at our worship services and our choir became a quartet. We are anxiously waiting for a report on their trip, our prayers have been with them.

Thought for the Week: He-who-lives-in-a-glass-house should never invite over he-who-is-without-sin.
-Readers Digest

JAZZ SINGER DEBBIE MASON IN TUCSON APPEARANCE

TUCSON - Debbie Mason, jazz vocalist extraordinaire will come to Tucson for two appearances this Sunday, Feb. 25.

Mason who has played at all the major jazz clubs in Phoenix has also had successful bookings at Winks and K.C's in Phoenix. She is the director for the Black Theatre Group there.

She will appear first at the Mardi Gras celebration at the French Quarter from 4:00 until 6:30 p.m. on the French Quarter Patio (weather permitting). Later that evening, around 9:00 p.m., Debbie will be singing at the Joshua Tree. Two chances to hear this wonderful entertainer.

TUCSON CHORUS BEGINS FUNDRAISING

TUCSON - The First Annual Sweetheart Squeeze Dance, sponsored by the Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus, was held on Saturday, Feb. 17 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. There were approximately 50 persons who attended. A big "squeeze" goes out to each and everyone who came out. Music for the evening was provided by Jason from Rumorz which included a few slow numbers for those special sweethearts. Thanks also goes to Jim O., Bruce, Al and Anne for their extra effort and thanks to those in the chorus who graciously provided refreshments.

The dance kicked off the chorus' series of several fundraisers for the season. The Albuquerque Campaign also was started to raise funds for the chorus to travel to New Mexico in June to perform in conjunction with the New Mexico Gay Men's Chorus.

Another Albuquerque fund raiser will be coming up this Thursday, Feb. 22, when the chorus will be at the staging area prior to the Big Rodeo Parade, fueling up all those cowgirls, cowboys, clowns and policemen with hot coffee, cocoa and doughnuts from sunrise to starting time for the big Rodeo Parade.

If you're out early saddling up for the day, mosey on down to St. Andrews on the northeast corner of S. 5th Ave. and E. 16th St. Grab some coffee and doughnuts and say "howdy" to members from the chorus who are volunteering their time for this annual community event.

St. Andrews has graciously volunteered their facilities and equipment in support of this event. All proceeds will go for operational expenses incurred to present this spring's concert and to start them on their way to Albuquerque to perform with the New Mexico Gay Men's Chorus.

TLGA MEETS, ELECTS OFFICERS, SETS PLANS FOR GAY PRIDE 1990

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA), the coordinating committee for Gay Pride Events in Tucson has met for the first time this year to begin fund raising plans for this year's Gay Pride Week events in Tucson. Pride Week, with the theme "Look To Our Future" will be celebrated June 24 through July 1.

Officers for the coming year were elected: Chris Jones and Jack Stockslager, Co-Chairs; Ben Corbin Vice Chair; Mark Kerr, Secretary and Ann Corbin, Treasurer.

Plans were discussed for the major fund-raising event for Pride Week - Fiesta de Mayo which will take place May 4-5-6 again at the Joshua Tree outdoor stage and patio. The Committee is again looking for 1990 Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen candidates.

TLGA will meet next on Sunday, Feb 25 at 3:30 p.m. on the Joshua Tree Patio. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings and give their input in helping to put on these two, highly popular events. TLGA won a CAT Award for producing the "Social Event of the Year - Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic". Nearly 5,000 persons attended The Picnic last June.

NEW YORK U.S. POSTAGE

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making the C.A.T. Benefit at the Rainbow Room a great success on Feb. 11.

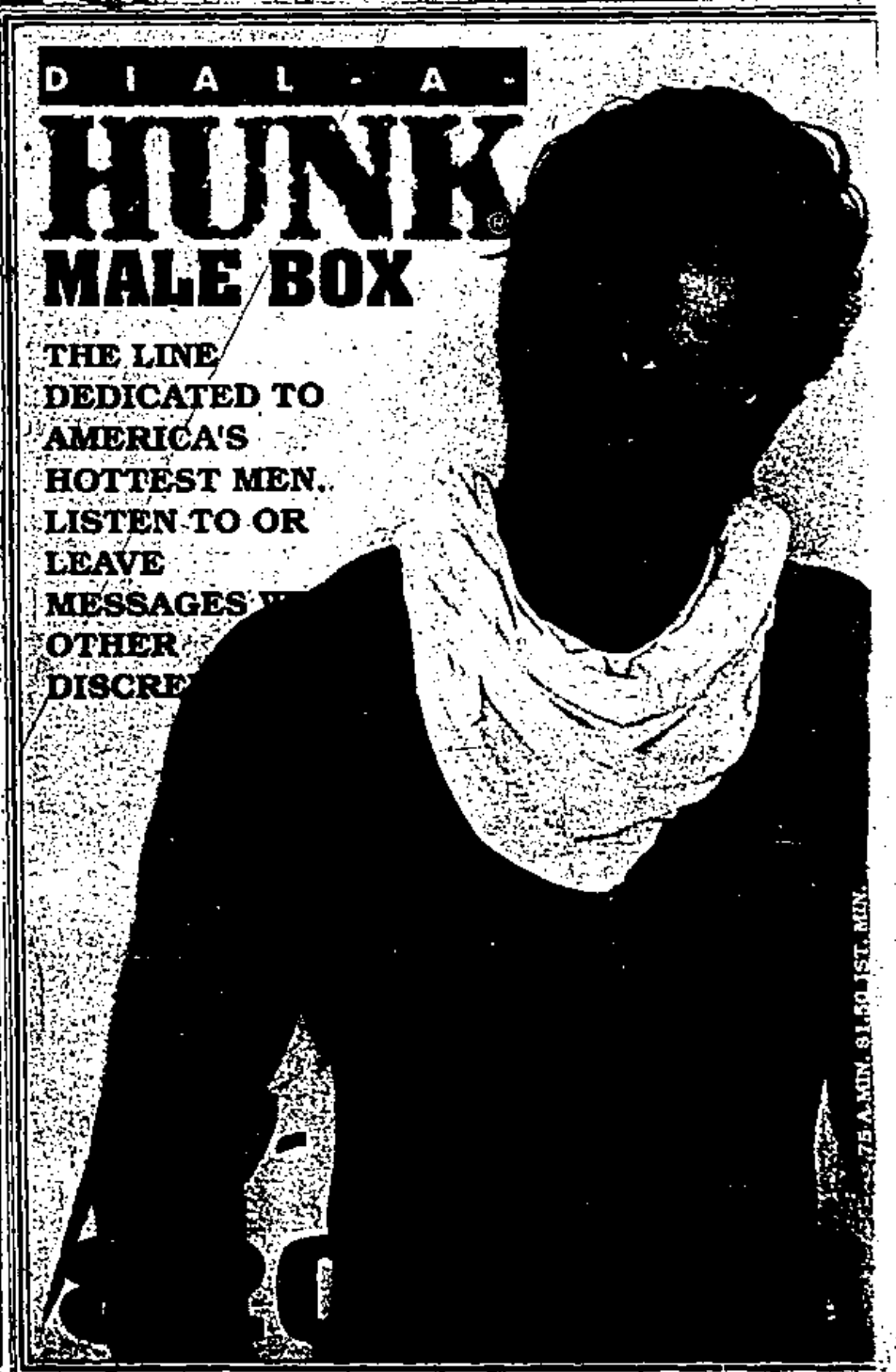
Kimberly Ryan, Dani Reid, Tiffany, Lillian Jade, Christina de Alexis, Bert Hoop and Ben Corbin, you were all truly wonderful and put a lot of work into the show.

Special thanks to Roger Barger and Natalie Perry for hosting the show, always a great job from both of you. Stan, the DJ; Terry on lights and Patty. No show would be complete without hour help.

And, of course, B.D.R. and Tom Novakowski. I hope all of us can work together again real soon.

Take care and let's keep the support of our community alive.

I love you all, and thanks
Margo Leigh
aka Lee Thompson



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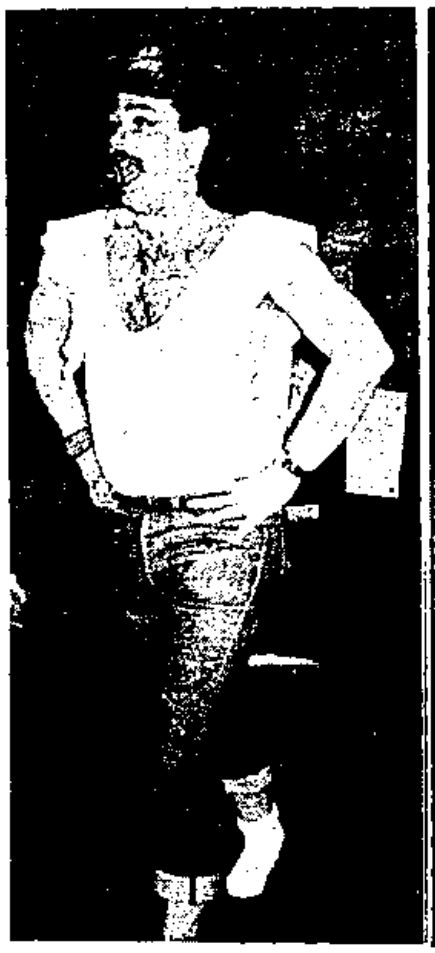

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LAMBDA JOINS PROTESTS AGAINST NJ STATE POLICE REST STOP RACKET

tives of irate civil rights leaders and minority groups that the anti-Gay operation is used as an overtime assignment by officers seeking to earn extra money, particularly during the holidays.

Lambda noted that the fight in these two particular cases represents just a beginning of a multi-faceted effort to get state police to stop its harassment of Gay men and other minorities. Said Wolfson, "We urge the new administration of Gov. Florio, local officials, and others in New Jersey to end this waste of resources, and to protect the rights of the victims who have been caught up in it." Lambda urged people who witnessed an arrest or were themselves arrested to come forward and help fight police abuses against Gay people and other minorities.

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

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

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. In Tucson contact Joan 790-7526 or Jan 885-7118 or write P.O. Box 17747, Tucson, AZ 85731-7747. All replies confidential.

COUPLES OF TUCSON, a social and support group for Gay and Lesbian couples. For more information write P.O. Box 78613, Tucson, AZ 85703 or call Beverly and Roberta 795-4317 or Jim and Louis 744-0481.

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To find healing come worship with Casa De La Paloma Apostolic church Sundays at 10:30 am. Plaza Hotel, 1900 E. Speedway, Salon "D", second floor. Call Pastor Sandy at 323-6855 for more information. Affiliated with the national Gay Pentacostal Alliance.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Information and Referral about Gay Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson.

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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CRONIES: GAY MEN 40 PLUS. BE ACTIVE. JOIN US IN SOCIALS, theater, music, dinners, outdoor activities, exploring Arizona, physical fitness plus other new interest yet to encounter. Also meet new and active friends. 323-1661, in Tucson.

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ASIAN/ORIENTAL CLUB: Men interested in joining new social, educational, political and cultural group call Marc 881-4582 Tucson.

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

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

GAY SUPPORT GROUP
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