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PHONE WARS, JESSE DOES IT AGAIN

by John Rammond

NEW YORK, NY - The telephone sex industry came under fire in a two-pronged legal attack last week at federal and local level, and community activists organized to prevent a serious erosion of freedom of expression.

An amendment to the federal Communications Act of 1934, sponsored by Senator Jesse Helms, and slipped through the Senate virtually unnoticed by civil libertarians as part of an appropriations bill, would impose severe penalties on anyone who operates an "adult" telephone service. Although the new law will be challenged in court and attorneys for adult phone companies will seek an injunction against implementing it until the court case is decided, it is currently scheduled to go into effect March 21.

As that date nears, the New York Telephone Company has requested a hearing from the state Public Service Commission to revise regulations affecting the way the telephone company relates to operators of various "adult" entertainment services that use telephone lines. Both efforts were intended to stop, or at least sharply curtail, various kinds of commercial 'dial-a-porn" or "phone sex" services.

Besides curtailing the freedom of expression enjoyed by customers of such phone services, sudden closing down of adult phone industry would seriously threaten many Gay newspapers and magazines across the country, about half of which derive substantial revenue from ads for those services. And those in the Gay community concerned with health care were quick to point out that telephone sex is a "safe" outlet that should be encouraged rather than attacked at a time when many government and private agencies are devoting unprecedented efforts to stop the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

The adult phone industry became possible after the break-up of the Bell telephone monopoly about ten years ago, at which time local telephone companies were forced to accommodate, impartially, private companies that wanted to provide information services over telephone lines.

Along with many small companies providing such information as daily Zodiac forecasts and results of sports competitions, various adult phone services, straight and Gay, proliferated.

The telephone company provides phone service to these companies on several special telephone exchanges dedicated to information services and is paid by callers as for any other phone calls. In addition, many of the services operate on a surcharge system, where the caller understands there will be a charge by the adult phone vendor for each time period the caller remains on the line.

Under the present system of billing, those surcharges are then listed on the caller's phone bill, collected by the telephone company, and passed along to the operators of the adult or other phone service companies. Most "party line" numbers operating on the 540 and 550 exchanges, where callers talk to each other, are billed this way. Other services, on various 900 exchanges, where a caller may listen to a pre-recorded erotic tape or talk with an employee of the vendor, may be billed in this way or billed through the customers credit card.

In November, Republican Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina managed to attach an unnoticed rider to an appropriations bill. The measure amended the Communications Act, which regulates telephone service, to make it illegal for a person to provide "any obscene communication for commercial purposes" or to permit "any telephone facility under such person's control" to be used for obscene communications for commercial purposes.

The penalty is specified at a fine of up to $50,000 or imprisonment of three to six months for each offense and, in a continuing violation, each day will be considered a separate offense. Both the phone sex company operators and the telephone company itself apparently are liable to the penalties under this law.

The new regulation states that the sanctions shall not apply if the telephone customer has requested such service and stated that no one under eighteen years of age will be allowed access to the service.

A previous law with the same intent, sponsored by Jesse Helms and passed by Congress in 1988, was challenged by adult phone services and struck down as unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. The new legislation has been drafted to meet Supreme Court objections to the 1988 statute, but lawyers for the adult phone companies and civil libertarians intend to challenge it. They hope to obtain an injunction to hold up implementing the law until it can be tested in court.

In New York State, partly to protect itself under the new federal law, but going beyond the federal statute, the New York Telephone Company, a subsidiary of NYNEX, has asked the Public Service Commission to review the requirement that New York Telephone accommodate adult phone companies. Similar requests have been made by telephone companies in California and another is expected soon in Boston.

The New York Telephone company already provides a service whereby customers who want their phones blocked from access to adult phone services may request such a block and the telephone company will implement it without charge. This has, until now, been considered sufficient protection for parents, for instance, or employers, who don't want their phones used for this purpose.

Now New York Telephone has requested that all phones be blocked from adult service exchanges unless the phone customer delivers a written request to the company asking to be connected to those exchanges. How many people opt to continue to have access to the information exchanges depends very much on how the telephone company presents them with their choices.

Where customers are asked to check off a neutral choice on a postcard distributed with their phone bill, for example, many will choose to continue the service, but when the customers are simply notified that they have to write a letter to the telephone company to request adult services, the response will be much lower. Adult phone industry spokespeople point to a recent incident in Philadelphia where they said only 900 phone subscribers out of millions chose to have access to adult phone lines.

The telephone company also requested the right to close down any services on the 500 party line exchanges that it believes are detrimental to its own image, including adult services. For this purpose, the telephone company includes Gay-related conversation, even if not specifically sexual, as adult information.

Finally, and most devastating to the adult phone companies, New York Telephone has requested that it be allowed to terminate the current billing procedure for adult phone services. Instead of billing and collecting adult phone fees, the telephone company would simply provide a list of customers and charges to the adult phone service, which would then have to do its own billing. Since the individual charges are comparatively small, that would make it uneconomical for the phone services to operate and would drive all except the more expensive credit card services out of business. The phone company would, however, continue its current billing practices for other kinds of phone information services.

Last week representatives of the adult phone companies and Gay community organizations concerned both with civil liberties and with safe sex, as well as New York Native, Outweek, and Gay Cable Network, met and formed a community coalition to organize community response to the attack. Adult phone services have become an important safe sex institution for many Gay people and have been economically supportive of the Gay press in many cities. Furthermore, a decision in favor of New York Telephone will set a precedent of allowing the telephone company authority to censor what can be said over its lines.

[Reprinted from New York Native]

Florida county extends housing protection to Gays & Lesbians

PALM BEACH, FL - Palm Beach County became the first in Florida to prohibit discrimination in housing, the financing of housing, and public accommodation when the Palm Beach County Commission amended its fair housing laws law month.

"For the first time since the anti-Gay Anita Bryant crusade in 1977, some Gay men and Lesbian Floridians are able to enjoy equal protection under the law," said Rand Hoch, attorney for the Palm Beach Human Rights Council. The Council, along with the Gay oriented Atlantic Coast Democratic Club, were the two organizations instrumental in lobbing for the changes in the law.

The new law, which took effect this month, prohibits discrimination based on race, sex, color, religion, national origin, handicap, familial status, sexual orientation, age or marital status. The law provides for civil fines of up to $50,000 for those who discriminate.

The Council began work in August, 1988, when its Board of Directors began to screen candidates for County Commission, asking questions regarding extending civil rights to Gay men and Lesbians. Two of the successful candidates for the County Commission - at the time both Democrats - received the Council's endorsement after pledging to support Gay rights legislation.

Following the November, 1988 election, the Council secured the support of a third Commissioner. However, technical changes in the law unrelated to the issue of sexual orientation, stalled the matter from being placed on the agenda for over one year.

To become a law in Palm Beach County, an ordinance must be approved at the first reading, and be again approved at a public hearing.

Five days prior to the first reading, leaders of various Boards of Realtors got around to reading the ordinance, to discover that civil rights protection would be extended on the basis of "sexual orientation, marital status and age". These three classes are not protected under federal or Florida law.

"We caught the Realtors and the religious community off guard and unprepared," Hoch explained. "We had done our political homework with the Commissioners, and we were calling in our chits."

On Dec. 5, 1989, the County Commission voted 5-0 to adopt the ordinance on first reading. "It was great to win, but we knew we had to keep our votes until the final reading in January," Hoch noted.

During the month that followed, the Realtors and the fundamentalist community mounted an effort to either defeat the ordi-

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UPDATE

TUCSON TO BEGIN IT'S OWN SHARING WEEKEND APRIL 7

TUCSON - A program that has been highly successful in Phoenix is going to begin in Tucson the first Saturday of each month from 8:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m., beginning on April 7.

All Tucson bar owners have authorized a certified member of one of the Tucson AIDS organizations to collect $1.00 at the door of their bars with the proceeds to be divided among those participating AIDS agencies.

Plans are still being worked out and will be updated next week, but at press time, persons entering any Tucson bar on that particular Saturday will be asked to donate at least $1.00 for AIDS programs in Tucson. The donor will be stamped or given some sort of identification which would prevent him or her from being solicited again at another establishment on the same evening. Persons who are financially unable to afford even that small donation will be allowed to enter the establishment without donating.

It is hoped that with the success of this 'sharing weekend' there will be less need to have benefits for these organizations individually as has been happening in the past; and benefits for AIDS Organizations would be limited during the year.

COURT RULES COUNTY OUT OF ADULT BOOKSTORES

TUCSON - The Arizona Court of Appeals has ruled that the Pima County Board of Supervisors does not have the power to license sex shops.

In January 1988, the supervisors passed an ordinance requring adult businesses to remove the doors on video booths, comply with sanitary measures and register for an operating permit, and submit to four annual inspections by the Pima County Health Department.

The owners of 14 sex-oriented businesses sued the county to block the law from being enforced.

A unanimous decision by Division Two Chief Judge Lloyd Fernandez, said that while the Legislature and cities have the power to pass such a law, counties do not.

Since counties are political subdivisions of the state, the opinion says, "County Boards of Supervisors have only those powers that have been expressly conferred or ... delegated to them by the State Legislature.

The law was never enforced and county officials say there is no plan to draft a new one.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

You may notice that there is something a little different with this issue and for that we ask your patience.

OBSERVER is currently integratring a new computer system with its current one and it will take a couple of weeks to get it all together.

We hope that by this new system we will be able make the OBSERVER better than ever, with cleaner, more readible advercising as well as editorial copy.

We would appreciate your comments. We approach our 300th issue in the hopes that we will be able to serve you even better than before.

DR. KEN FISHER AWARDED KPNX COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD IN PHOENIX

PHOENIX - The Minority Advisory Board of KPNX-TV, NBC, Channel 12, recently awarded its first Community Service Award to Dr. Ken Fisher, MD.

Dr. Fisher, a member of the Advisory Board, was recognized for his years of outstanding service to the medical community — with specific emphasis on the work he has done for persons with HIV infection and persons with AIDS.

Dr. Fisher is a nationally-recognized authority on treating persons with AIDS and has been featured on CBS' "West 57th", KAET's "Horizon", and prominently featured in articles for The Arizona Republic and The Phoenix Gazette newspapers.

The KPNX Minority Advisory Board Community Service Award was started in 1989 (to begin with the 1990 award) to honor outstanding community service to minority communities in the Metropolitan Phoenix area. Recipients of the award may be a person, a group of people, or an institution as chosen by the members of the KPNX Minority Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board was begun in 1969 by KPNX in an effort to establish an open line of communication between the television station and minority communities of the Metropolitan Phoenix area.

AZT OKAYED FOR THOSE WITH HIV

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) says the drug AZT may be recommended for adults infected with the virus that causes AIDS even if the patients don't have symptoms of the disease.

The drug has been used for three years to treat patients severely ill with AIDS and related problems.

"The studies and the change in labeling mean that better treatment can now be offered to thousands of people at earlier stages of infection with the AIDS virus before their health deteriorates critically," Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan said in a statement.

The FDA on March 2, approved new labels expanding the drug's use after two federally sponsored studies showed that AZT slowed progress of the disease when administered to infected persons with early symptoms or none at all.

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and Burroughs Wellcome Co., the drug manufacturer, conducted trials involving 2,000 volunteers. AZT was shown to slow down the progress of AIDS while causing far fewer severe side effects than those suffered by patients in advanced stages of the disease.

The FDA move should make it easier for patients to obtain reimbursement under their health insurance policies, said Burroughs Wellcome Vice President J.R. Whitehead.

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Fiesta de Mayo Candidates Sought

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) is now accepting entrants for the King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo. Fiesta de Mayo is a three day celebration held at the Joshua Tree/Back pocket each year as a fundraising event for Pride Week activities. This year the Fiesta will be presented May 4-5-6.

The final deadline for entrants is the third (3rd) Sunday of March - March 18. There will be no more than four (4) couples accepted as candidates. Each couple will be given their choice of their theme colors which will be red, white, green and tan. The couples will be allowed to chose their colors on a "first come, first choice" basis.

The contestants for King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo are the sole fund-raising support for TLGA which uses the funds to present a weeklong group of Gay Pride events each year. The couples will be holding their individual fund-raising activities leading up to the last evening of Fiesta de Mayo. The couple raising the most money wins the King and Queen crown and will make appearances at all the Pride Week events as well as represent TLGA at functions throughout the year. Pride week will be celebrated June 24 through July 1.

The King and Queen will be crowned at the conclusion of the Fiesta de Mayo on May 6. All contestants will be judged solely on the amount of money raised during the time specified before the final counting. Anyone wishing to run for King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo may contact any TLGA member or call TLGA Co-Chairs Jack at 578-2865 or Chris 293-1677.

The following are some of the rules being observed during the fund raising campaign. A complete list of the rules will be given to the contestant couples.

1. All contestants shall be at least 21 years of age.

2. All contestants shall be residents of the Tucson metropolitan area.

3. Deadline for entering the competition of candidacy for King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo will be the third Sunday of March or until filled by four couples.

4. The King and Queen and the court of Fiesta de Mayo will be required to represent TLGA for the entire year.

There are additional rules for the candidates which will be given to them when they are recognized as contestants.

GAY ARMY RECRUIT TOLD TO REPAY SCHOLARSHIP

ST, LOUIS, MO (AP) - The ROTC wants to recover a $25,000 scholarship it gave to a star recruit who lost his commission after disclosing his homosexuality.

James Holobaugh, 24, was to have been commissioned by the Army in May, when he disclosed he was Gay. The military withdrew the commission and moved to make Holobaugh reimburse the Reserve Officers' Training Corps for the Washington University scholarship.

The Pentagon regards homosexuals as unsuitable for military service and does not knowingly permit them to serve.

Its policy, stating that the presence of homosexuals "would seriously impair discipline, good order, morale and security," was upheld by the Supreme Court in two decisions Feb. 26. (OBSERVER, Feb. 28).

NEW GRIEF GROUP BEGINS MARCH 14TH

Anyone interested in joining this support group for persons who have experienced the death of a loved one please call the Shanti office to register. We meet Wednesday nights for 8 weeks • 7 PM at the Shanti office.

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Observer/Community Benefit set for March 31

TUCSON - The 5th Annual OBSERVER/ Community Benefit will take place at the Quality Inn, 1601 N. Oracle on Saturday, March 31 beginning at 5:30 p.m. This annual event is hosted by Desert Leathermen of Tucson.

There will be a full course dinner served and entertainment throughout the evening. As usual, it is planned to have the festivities concluded by 10:00 p.m. in order to allow participants to party at their own favorite establishment.

Tickets will be available very soon. Tickets for the entire evening, including dinner, will be $12.00 each. For those wishing to attend and enjoy the evening's entertainment only, General Admission tickets are $5.00 each.

There will be a full service bar, as usual, with drinks moderately priced - $1.25 well drinks, $1.00 canned beer and .75 for schnapps or soda. All proceeds from the bar will go to the benefit as will all the proceeds from the evening after expenses. Last year's benefit raised over $3,000.

In past years the money raised has been split with the OBSERVER and another community organization. The proceeds for the OBSERVER have enabled the paper to purchase new equipment as needed and assist in paying old bills. Currently, for the first time, the paper is in the black. This is mainly due to the continued support of businesses in our community and also to the additional financial support of the various communication companies who have been advertising their telephone facilities in these pages over the past year.

Because of this additional advertising revenue, the OBSERVER has chosen not to financially participate in this year's benefit. The OCSERVER has asked, and Desert Leathermen have concurred that this year's beneficiaries will be the Shanti Foundation of Tucson and The Frensdorff House of Tucson, a residence for people with AIDS.

There will be door prizes awarded during the evening with some valuable prizes already received. Anyone wishing to donate door prizes, please call 323-9520.

Watch for additional details next issue.

Stress Management talk at OPBPA

TUCSON - M. Ruth Nentwig knows how to fashion personal shields to fend off the arrows of stress fired on us by work, our homophobic culture and physical illnesses.

Nentwig, a certified psychologist in stress management, will offer tips on stress self-defense and even demonstrate one or two at the March 16 meeting of Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association at the Hotel Park Tucson.

Nentwig began life in Pueblo, Colo., and, except for a two-year stay in Tucson, grew up in southern Colorado. But she kept an inner urge to return to Tucson and did, finally in 1987.

Psychology was not her first career. She earned a PhD in anatomy from the State University of New York and taught about the human body at that school and at the University of New England in Maine for the next 11 years, when she was elevated to administration.

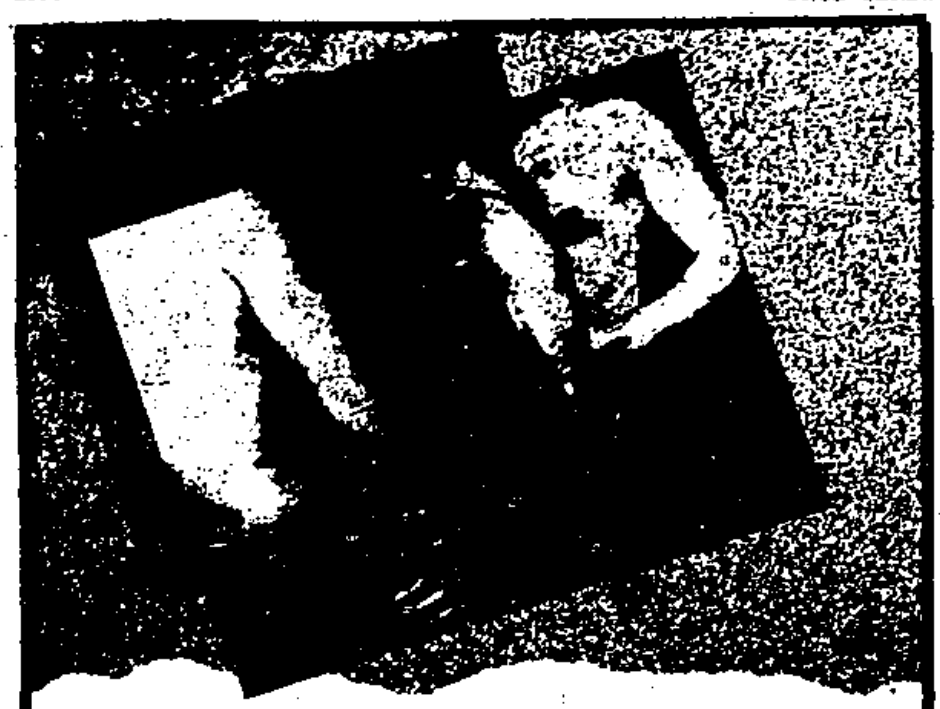
"After a year and a half in administration, I decided I'd had it with academics, so I moved to Oregon," she said.

She garnered masters and PhDs in psychology and counseling from the University of Oregon. She did a year's internship at the Sepulveda (Calif.) VA Hospital.

There, "I got interested in the whole mind-body therapy technique, stress and pain management," she said.

She next worked a year at La Frontera Clinic in Tucson before entering private practice. "The mind-body connection, when working improperly, can actually cause physical illness," Nentwig said. "Work to improve the connection can also improve the quality of life for those who already have illnesses, such as AIDS."

Get-acquainted time begins at 7:30 p.m. on the meeting night. There is no charge for members and newcomers.



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DEAR EDITOR:

Shanti would like to express its thanks to Southern Hospitality in Tucson for the production of such a fine show for the benefit of Shanti on Sunday, Feb. 25th at the Rainbow Room.

Special thanks to Kenny Davis and Sean Thomas for their hard work in creating such a professional presentation.

Thanks are also in order for the performers and their donations of time and talent. Christine, Tiffany, Reva, Raven and Marcus, you were superb! The show was flawless!

I would also like to thank all of the Shanti volunteers who worked the door, the lights and the floor for your donation of time; and to Pam for the donation of her tips. Thanks to Jim at the Rainbow Room for his financial contribution and the use of the space.

It is with great pride and even greater appreciation that Shanti thanks this community for its support and love because without you, our services would not be possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Big Mike on his new title as Mardi Gras King '90 and thank him for his incredible fundraising efforts on behalf of Shanti and PACT. Thanks to Ernie and Earvin for their efforts also. And thanks to the French Quarter for the donation of money from the Cajun Dinners.

And last, but certainly not least, many thanks go out to Gregg (aka Gabriella) and Mark (a.k.a. Tiffany) for their ongoing support by donating one-half of all proceeds throughout their campaigns for the title of Miss Gay Tucson. Thanks, and good luck to you both.

Sincerely and with deepest gratitude,

Natalie Perry
Shanti Foundation - Tucson

EDITOR:

Thanks for the great winter, Mike Holliman of Speedway Books and Videos; and to Mark Holquin of The Bookstore Southwest; and all the great people in Tucson.

Love, Wayne Blaalid
South Dakota

A View From The Rock

Commentary from Cornerstone Fellowship . . . .

How to keep ourselves in good physical shape is a topic that provokes a lot of discussion and activity in our society today. We are very conscious of our need to take good care of our physical bodies because physicians as well as health-oriented organizations remind us frequently of the things that will happen to us if we do not follow their advice.

We also spend a lot of time and money getting up-to-the-minute information on current affairs, our hobbies and our vocations. We want to know that intellectually we are apprised of current affairs and technology. But I wonder what percentage of people in our society worry about the status of their spiritual health and education?

The Bible reminds us in several places that we have an inner being that needs to be just as fit as the physical and intellectual parts of us. Your spirit can be spiritually ill and no one will ever take your temperature or put you in a hospital to recuperate. One of the signs and symptoms of spiritual illness are a lack of peace, a feeling of being unloved, worthless, and a hollow feeling that never seems to be filled.

Have you been on a search that seems to lead to nowhere? You may have tried to fill this void with possessions, lovers, and intellectual pursuits but the emptiness remains. The emptiness of spiritual illness can only be filled by following the advice of our spiritual physician, God, the One who created us as physical, intellectual, and spiritual beings. God's prescription for spiritual health would include such things as proper diet (Bible reading and study), vigorous exercise (prayer and service to others), and rest (worship and praise to God).

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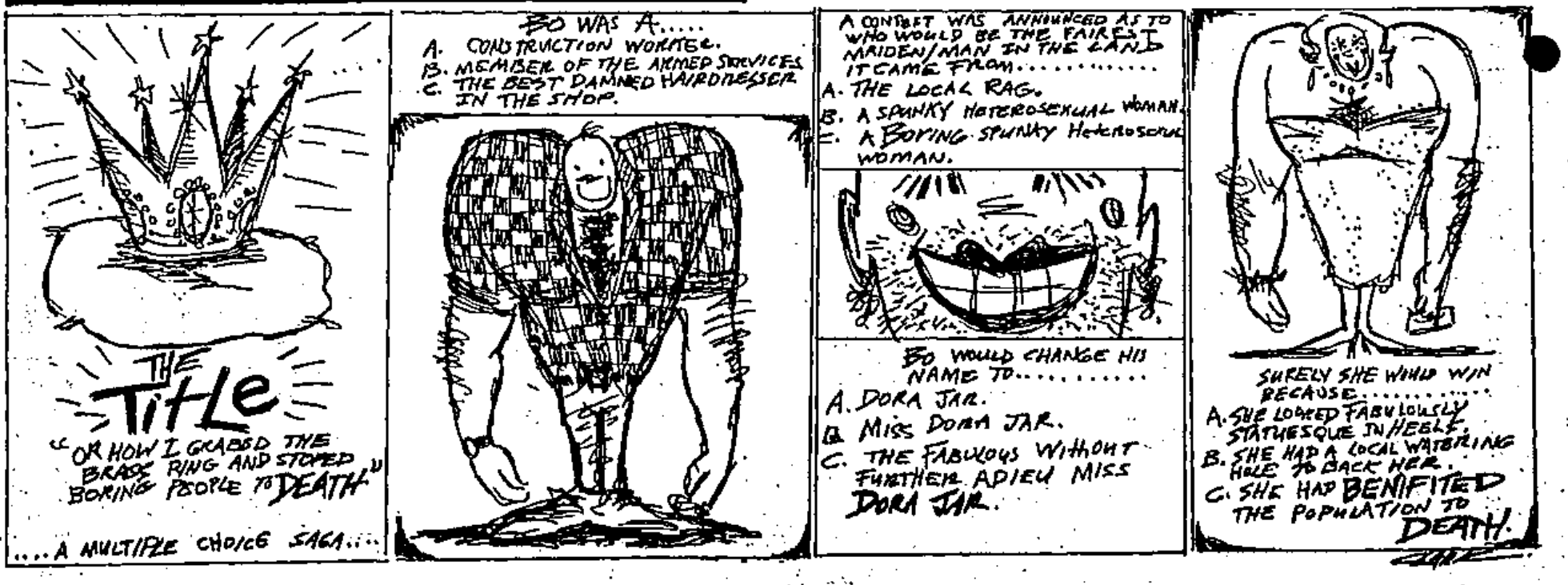


ADHS study shows AIDS awareness and attitudes changing in Arizona

PHOENIX - Arizonans have become more aware of how the AIDS virus is transmitted, have grown more tolerant of AIDS and the people most affected by it, and believe AIDS education should be taught in school, according to a 1989 Knowledge, Attitudes, and Beliefs (KAB) survey commissioned by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS).

The KAB survey was conducted on behalf of ADHS between late October and mid-November 1989 by Behavior Research Center of Phoenix. A total of 530 adults statewide were randomly surveyed by telephone. Similar studies were conducted in 1987 and 1988 and comparison of data from the three studies shows that AIDS awareness among Arizonan's has continued to increase in such areas as high-risk behaviors and methods of protection against the virus. Findings include:

** 9 out of 10 respondents were aware of high risk behaviors: having sexual intercourse with a person infected with AIDS (96%); sharing intravenous needles to shoot drugs (96%); having multiple sexual partners (93%); having sexual intercourse with a prostitute (87%).

** 92 percent believe that the use of condoms can help prevent the spread of AIDS, up from 85% in 1988 and 70% in 1987.

The study also reveals that Arizonan's may be growing more tolerant in their attitudes about the disease and those most affected by it:

** 89 percent believe children with AIDS should be allowed to attend school, an increase from 79% in 1988 and 69% in 1987.

** Those who believe AIDS patients should have their health insurance cancelled fell to 11 percent from 19% in 1988.

** 3 percent believe people with AIDS should lose their jobs, down from 16% in 1988.

There was an increase in the number of respondents who felt that information about AIDS should be taught in schools (97% in 1989 compared to 84% in 1988 and 91% in 1987). More than three quarters (76%) stated that school-based AIDS education should begin in the sixth grade or earlier (compared to 69% in 1988), and 89% stated it should be taught no later than the seventh grade.

According to Dr. Steven Englender, Assistant Director of the ADHS Division of Disease Prevention Services, the results of these studies indicate that AIDS education efforts are making an impact.

"Similar studies nationwide show that adults have become knowledgeable about basic AIDS facts," he said. "The challenge now is to translate this knowledge into actual behavior change."

Englender was also encouraged by the high level of acceptance of school-based AIDS education. "Education is our primary weapon against this disease and, as noted in the recent report from the Governor's Task Force on AIDS, schools must play an active role in providing early AIDS education to our youth."

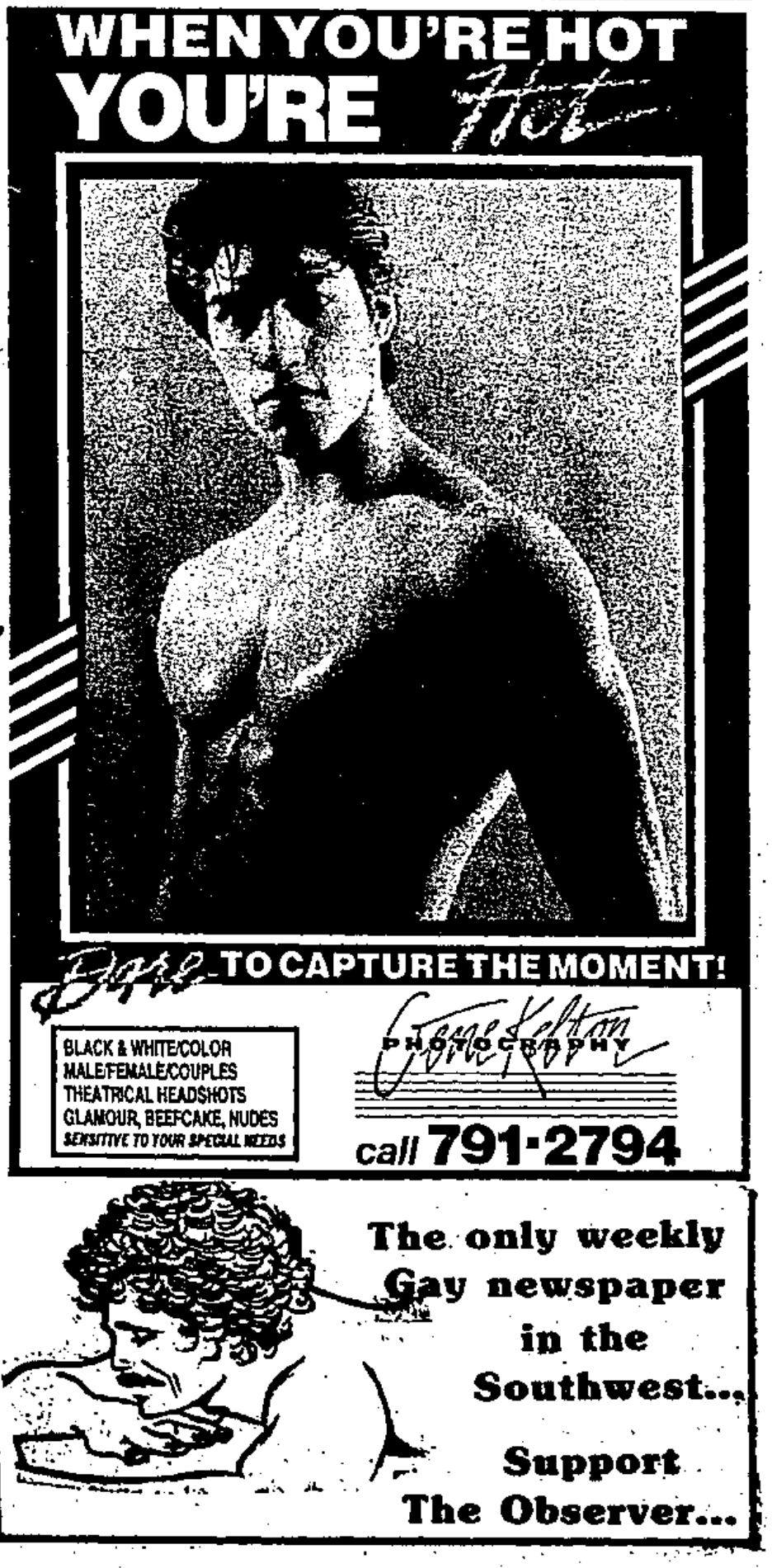
The studies were funded through the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Copies of the full report are available from the ADHS Office of Health Promotion and Education, 255-1292.

MR. GAY ARIZONA USI CONTEST SUNDAY, MARCH 11

TUCSON - On Sunday, March 11, IBT's will host the first Mr. Gay Arizona U.S. International Contest. This is an official pageant of the U.S. International Pageants. It is a competition based on four different categories: Evening Wear, Swim Wear, Male Interview and Talent. (The talent competition is not limited to live vocals).

The contest is being judged by a panel of 6 who are not members of the Gay community. There will also be entertainment provided by Erica Lamont, "Miss Gay Oklahoma City, Michelle Kristie, CAT Award Winner for "Best Female Impersonator 1989", and other local personalities.

The deadline for entering is Friday, March 9. The entry fee is $25.00 and applications area available at IBT's. The contest is open to all Arizona residents over 21, who are active in the Gay community. The winner will receive $100 cash prize, dinner for two at a local restaurant, and the title of Mr. Gay Arizona, U.S. International 1990.



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MCC wishes to thank S.O.S. for the opportunity of joining with them to enjoy last Sunday with the Hoedown. It was certainly a "fun day". The entertainment throughout the day was great. The Bake Sale presented by MCC/Tucson was successful. Thank you, S.O.S. for letting us participate and thank you, Tucson, for your support.

As we enter our second week of Lent, let us reflect on what Christianity means to so many people. Jesus of Nazareth has influenced more people than any other man who ~~has~~ lived. Jesus had a ministry of just a little over three years, but His teachings still live today. His teachings, however, as great as they are, are not the foundation of Christianity.

The foundation of Christianity is that Jesus Christ died on the cross, was buried for three days, arose from the dead and still lives today, Easter is the celebration of His death and His resurrection. Lent is the time to prepare our inner selves to celebrate Easter.

Thought for the Week: A laugh is a smile that burst wide open.

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WHAT'S UP DOC?

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Last Monday, 28 people, mostly from the New Joshua Tree Bowling League, sat down and held the first meeting about the proposed IGBO (International Gay Bowling Organization) bowling tournament to be held here in Tucson. The league voted to register with IGBO to go after a bowling tournament in October. A few committees were appointed to get the ball rolling (no pun intended) and start all the leg work to have 160 people for Tucson's first IGBO Bowling Tournament.

The tournament will be open to everyone here in Tucson also, whether or not you are presently, or would be at the time of the tournament, a sanctioned bowler with a current card. If you are not, arrangements can be made both prior to this date or at the tournament itself to sanction you.

The next meeting for this tournament committee will be held at the Fiesta Lanes, North Oracle and River Road, Monday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend this meeting, ask your questions, and help on the different committees so that Tucson's first Gay/Lesbian IGBO Bowling Tournament will be a tremendous success and all out-of-town guests will look forward to returning to Tucson for another tournament or just a visit.

One area that any tournament needs will be score keepers. Yes, it is a long way down the road yet but it wouldn't hurt to let it be known you would like to volunteer to keep score. While in Phoenix during their IGBO Tournament, the score keeper was paid $1.00 by each bowler bowling on the two alleys they were keeping score for and also given money from the tournament directors. I'm not sure how we will work it here this year, but I can guarantee you will be paid for the games you keep score for.

Watch this column because, I'm not sure if you can tell but, I am very interested and involved with this bowling tournament and I will be keeping everyone up to date on everything concerning this very special project for Tucson, and be passing information on to you as I get it.

Don't forget, if you are interested in this tournament and would like to help set the first one up for Tucson, stop by the next meeting, March 19 at the Fiesta Lanes. We need as many volunteers to help as possible because this is no small undertaking. A lot of paper work, leg work and telephoning will occur between now and when that first ball is rolled down the alley in Tucson's first IGBO Bowling Tournament.

This coming Saturday will find the Club Weekend at the Graduate again. First off it will be TKO's Beer Bust Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m. TKO will also be having another swap meet across the street from the Graduate beginning at noon. Due to the short time span, from this past Saturday's meeting to next Saturday, I did not get letters out to all the different clubs and organizations, but if any of you have items you would like to try to sell at this swap meet, as before, you can set up a table or TKO will sell your items on consignment. Give me a call at home - 884-7309 or Gary at 623-0993 for more details, or if you have items you would like for us to try and sell.

Another important date for TKO is their annual Closet Ball Queen Contest. This year it will be held at the French Quarter on April 22, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Entertainment for this year will be Lady Casondra and Tish Tanner. I'll place more information in this column on this event as the date draws closer, but I can tell you the applications will be available at all the bars around April 1. Watch for the posters announcing this contest and pick up your application for entry from the bartenders.

Then on this Sunday, at the Graduate, it will be time for TALL's Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m. Then from 5 to 9 p.m., it's SOS' Casino Night. I feel sorry for SOS having activities on successive weekends. They've got to be tired after that great Hoedown last Sunday.

Speaking of SOS' Hoedown, I think this past one was the best they have ever held and I congratulate all of SOS for the fine job of setting it up, getting top notch entertainment, and from the time the doors opened, a great Southwestern party.

Another very important event coming up is Desert Leathermen's 5th Annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit on Saturday, March 31. I'm sure tickets for this always fantastic evening and very worthwhile event, will be in the bars soon, as well as posters announcing all the details. Be sure to get your tickets early and let's all support the NUMBER ONE NEWSPAPER IN ALL OF ARIZONA!

I got a little long-winded this week, so I had better wrap this column up for the week. As promised, elsewhere in this week's OBSERVER is a list of some of Tucson's clubs with their mailing address and at least one phone number for contact. Check it out and call them to find out some of the different activities they have planned for the coming months. You may enjoy more than one of them.

Have yourself a very special, loving week. I'll see you next week, maybe a little shorter winded. Thanks Tucson - I love all of you.

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POLITICS '90

by Mark R. Kerr

WORLD NEWS

SOVIET UNION

Voting in elections for local Parliaments took place in three republics last week. With early results in, its looks like the hard-line Communist candidates are going down to defeat to pro-reform, non-Communist candidates. This is seen as a victory for President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Last Tuesday, the Supreme Soviet (the national Parliament) approved a law, by a 327-24 margin, that made Mikhail Gorbachev the first Soviet Executive President with sweeping powers of war and peace. Under this law, the president could make decisions, declare war, make "emergency decrees," without consulting the Communist Party.

NICARAGUA

The ruling Sandanistas were defeated in the national elections held last week. President Daniel Ortega was defeated by the United National Opposition candidate, Violetta Chamorro, by a 55% to 42% margin. In the election for the National Parliament, the UNO coalition captured 52 seats, the Sandanistas won 38 seats. This is seen as a major upset since the Sandanistas outspent the opposition by at least a five to one margin. Also, they controlled the media. Mrs. Chamarro will be sworn in on April 25th.

JAPAN

Last week, Toshiki Kaifu was re-elected prime minister of Japan. By a vote of 286 to 143, Kaifu defeated the Socialist Party candidate, Takado Doi. The vote was the first action by the newly elected Diet.

NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Last week, Jesse Jackson ended speculation by his announcement that he will not run for Mayor of Washington. Jackson plans to focus his energies on statehood for the District of Columbia. Jackson's decision comes amid growing signs that the electorate was getting wary of his mayoral bid. Recent polls show him trailing Mayor Marion Barry.

District of Columbia Delegate to Congress, Walter Fauntroy announced his candidacy for the Democratic Mayoral Nomination. Fauntroy had been a delegate to Congress since 1971. Fauntroy stated that he would be an active mayor, and his priority is the drug problem that prevails in D.C.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - State Attorney General John Van De Kamp announced his candidacy for Governor last week here. In his announcement speech, Van De Kamp talked about his opponent, former San Francisco Mayor Diane Feinstein's record as much as his own. This due to the fact that Feinstein, through a half-a-million dollar television advertisement blitz, has surged ahead of Van De Kamp in the polls.

ARIZONA NEWS

Recently, former Phoenix Mayor Terry Goddard, named former Arizona First Lady, Hattie Babbitt, to be his campaign manager for his bid for the Democratic Gubernatorial nomination.

Charles McCarthy, a former federal employee, announced his candidacy for the United States House of Representatives from Congressional District 5. He is running as a Democrat. McCarthy will be remembered as the only candidate ever to have his "announcement speech" stopped. He was making his speech at the Feb. 26 meeting of the DGT (Democrats of Greater Tucson). He had a 21 page speech prepared, and he was on page 14 when he was stopped after weary DGT members began to file out of the meeting. DGT members were not prepared to hear someone read an "encyclopedia".

McCarthy, in his speech, stated that he would not accept any PAC money, and plans to spend only $2,000 in his bid to unseat incumbent Congressman Jim Kolbe.

ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE NEWS

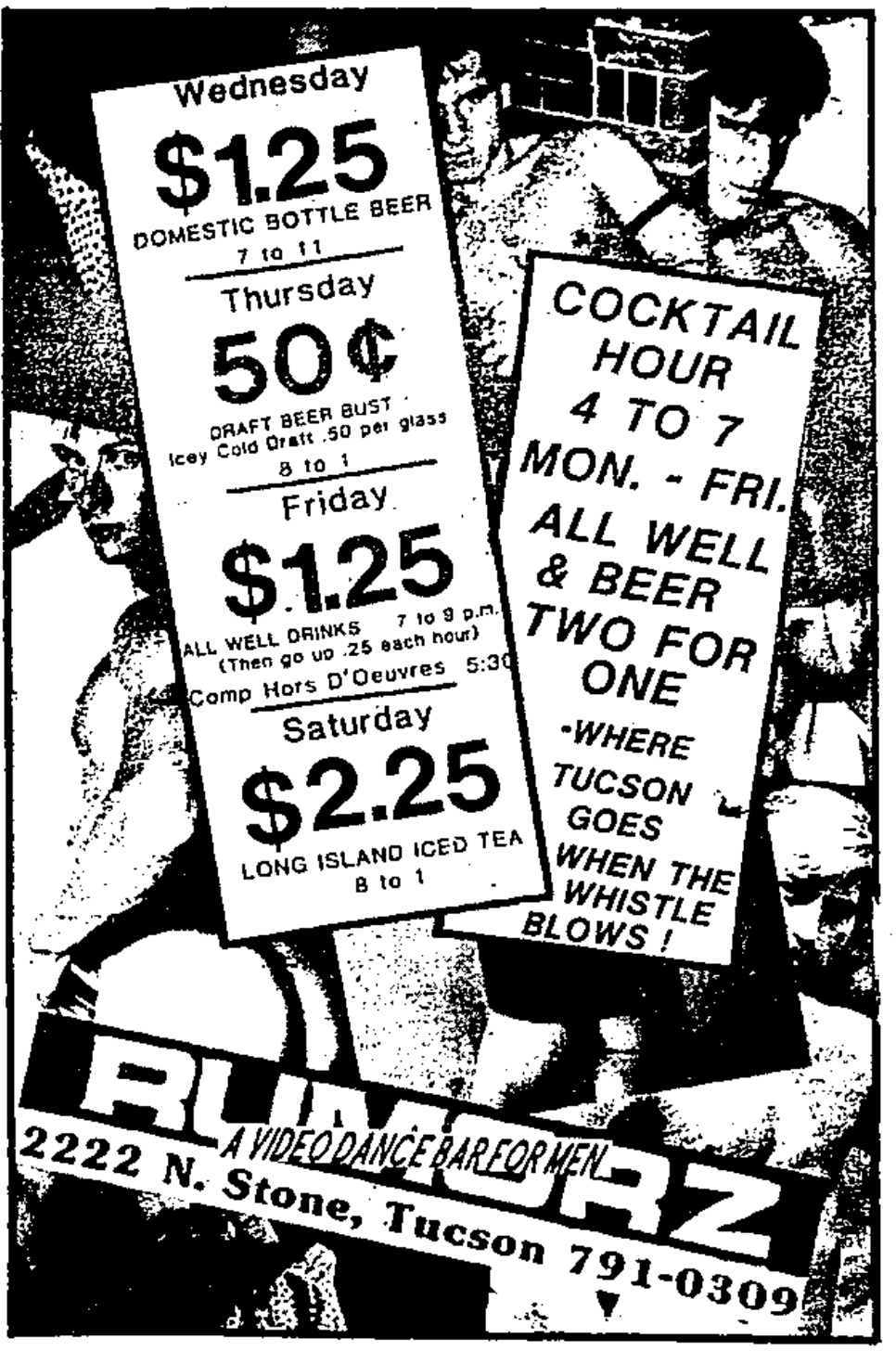
H.B. 2089, is a bill that we should be interested in. H.B. 2089 would remove the co-habitation statutes off the books. The bill was sponsored by Rep. Peter Goudinoff (D-Tucson) and Eleanor Schorr (D-Tucson).

The bill has been sent to the House Judiciary Committee which is chaired by Rep. Jim Skelly (R-Scottsdale). We need to launch an effort to get the bill heard before the Committee. I am asking you all to call Speaker of the House, Jane Hull, to ask her to force Rep. Skelly to hold hearings on the bill. As a group we could save this bill. Give Speaker Hull a call at 1-800-352-8404. The time to act is now!

PIMA COUNTY NEWS

The Lambda Democratic Caucus held elections last week for the Executive Committee. Mark Von Destinon was elected Male Co-chair Kathleen Mayer was re- elected Female Co-chair; Abby Snowhite was re-elected Vice-chair; Mark Kerr was re-elected County Representative; Allison Reynolds was elected Corresponding/Recording Secretary; and Frank Alvarez was elected Treasurer. The new Executive Committee is making plans for Lambda to be heavily involved in the 1990 election campaign.

Until next time, take care and register to vote.



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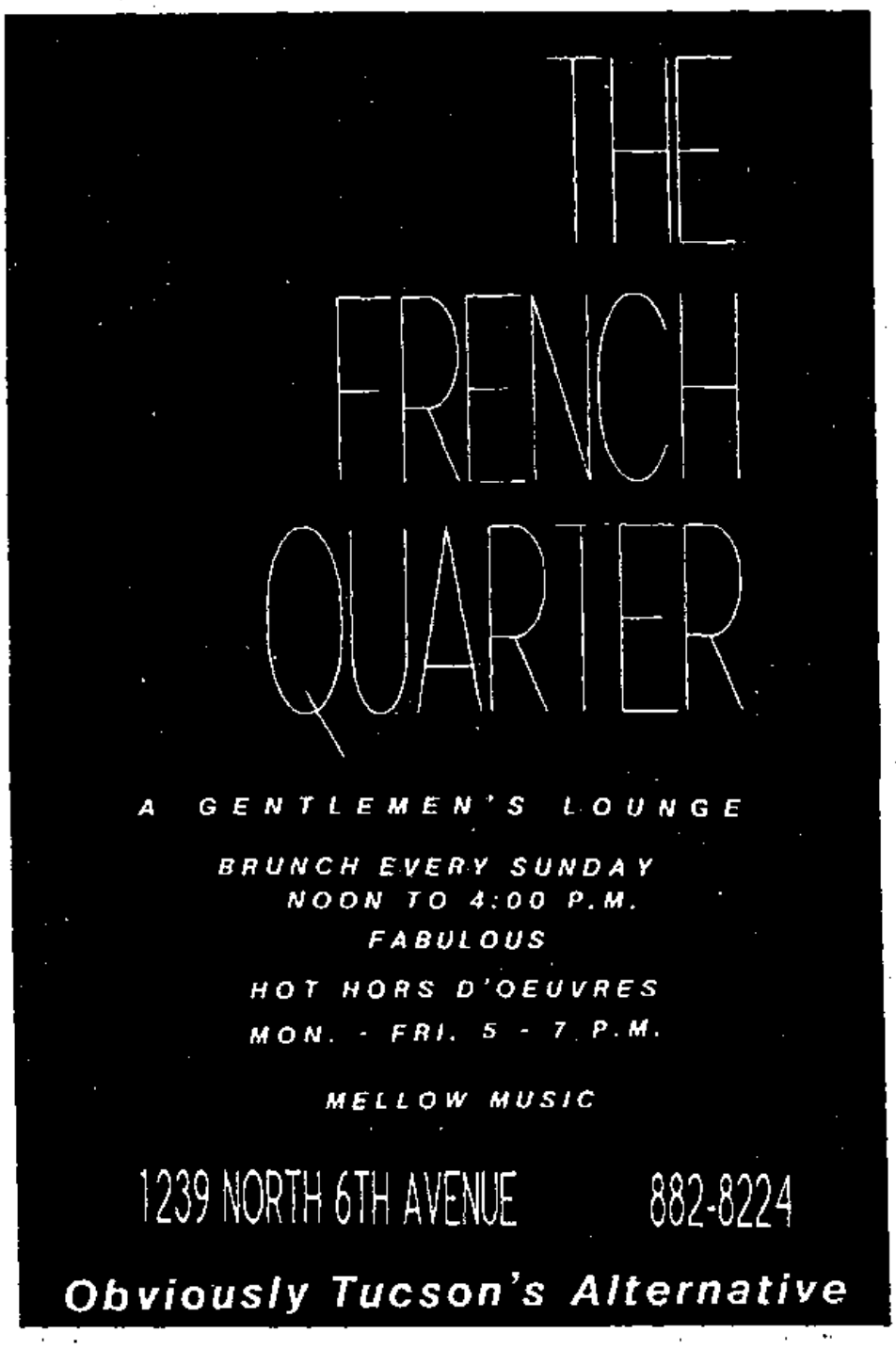

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Inside The Washington Lobby

by Chai Feldblum and Laura Markowitz

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HATE CRIMES SUCCESS

It was a longshot, but Gay rights advocates and their congressional supporters decide to go for it and their strategy worked! The Hate Crimes Statistics Act passed without the addition of the anti-Gay amendment that had been proposed by Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC). (OBSERVER, Feb. 14, 1990)

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act, which will require the Attorney General to gather statistics on crimes motivated by prejudice on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation, will enable law enforcement officers to focus their resources on combatting such crimes. That means, down the line, more protection against Gay-bashing.

The strategy actually began last summer. At that point, the bill's sponsors wanted to bring the Act to the Senate floor. It had already passed the House of Representatives several months earlier. During House consideration, some conservatives were concerned that the law would result in substantive civil rights protection for Gays.

The House, therefore, added a statement of the obvious -- that the bill was not a Gay civil rights rights bill and did not give protection against anti-Gay discrimination. (We DO need to pass that kind of bill at some point). Getting the bill through the Senate though, was going to be tough because Senator Jesse Helms had already circulated a strongly anti-Gay amendment to his colleagues.

"The homosexual movement threatens the strength and survival of the American family as the basic unit of society," said Helms' amendment. "State sodomy laws should be enforced. . . the Federal Government should not provide discrimination protections on the basis of sexual orientation, and school curriculums should not condone homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle in American society."

Ironically, of course, the language and sentiments of this amendment are precisely the elements that cause the type of violence that the underlying hate crimes bill is trying to address.

Although Helms' amendment was clearly outrageous and may not even reflect the true feelings of 51 members of the Senate, the fact is that Members of Congress always have an eye to their re-election campaigns and therefore often find it hard to vote against these types of statements.

The strategy began in July 1989, when Senator Paul Simon (D-IL), a primary co-sponsor of the bill, and Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT), a conservative who is also a co-sponsor of the bill, considered ways to undermine the anti-Gay Helms amendment. They, and the bill's supporters, came up with an alternative amendment that said "Nothing in this bill encourages or promotes homosexuality".

Simon and Hatch then collected a number of letters from Gay and mainstream religious and civil rights organizations such as the Police Executive Research Forum, the American Jewish Congress, the ACLU, People for the American Way, and others, saying they opposed Helms' amendment and specifically endorsed the Simon-Hatch substitute amendment. Having these types of letters from a range of organizations is often useful in defeating radical conservative amendments.

Unfortunately, there was never any action on the Senate floor in July on this bill because it was the end of the session and the bill was particularly vulnerable to a filibuster (Helms would talk endlessly until 60 members voted to end debate — a difficult vote to get).

The leadership of the Senate does not usually like to schedule bills that will be filibustered, unless there is no alternative. As a general matter, action on all bills is at the discretion of the leadership — primarily Senator George Mitchell (D-ME) who decides which bills will get floor time.

When the bill came back to the floor in mid-February, Simon and Hatch had the letters and their one-sentence alternative amendment to fight with — which they hadn't had a chance to use in the summer. They modified their alternative amendment somewhat to address Helms' amendment.

They added the fact that American family life is the foundation of American society and that schools should not "de-emphasize" the critical value of American family life. They also noted that nothing in this bill should be construed to promote or encourage homosexuality. No one knew if this strategy would work, but advocates and Congressional allies alike hoped for the best.

Not surprisingly, the Hatch-Simon amendment passed unanimously — who was going to vote against American family life? The real test came 10 minutes later when Helms offered his amendment, and made it clear that he felt Senators should vote for both amendments. He also made a not-too-veiled threat that those who voted "no" on his amendment would have some explaining to do to their constituents.

Senators Robert Dole (R-KS) and Hatch — both noted conservative Republicans, stood up and said they would vote against Helms' amendment. And the near miracle happened — Helms' amendment was defeated by a vote of 77-10. (Both Arizona Senators, McCain and DeConcini, voted "no" to the Helms amendment).

What does it mean that the Senate turned down an opportunity to pass an anti-Gay amendment? We do not believe this indicates a substantive change of heart on the part of members of Congress about homophobia — but that is partly because we don't believe that the passage of anti-Gay amendments by the Senate in the past has necessarily been based on deep-rooted personal homophobia. Rather, they come about because members of Congress have always been scared to vote against something that would haunt them in their next election campaign.

The key to turning around an anti-Gay vote, therefore, is to come up with an alternative that Senators can vote for, which states some affirmative position but does not engage in Gay-bashing. The victory, then, will often have less to do with turning around personal homophobia — which was never necessarily the main motivating factor — and more to do with setting up a situation that will allow Senators not to have to vote for a hateful anti-Gay amendment.

This revelation is not new but it reinforces once again the need for advocates to have a pulse on what moves Congress and to then come up with strategies that will accommodate their election fears in the short run. Of course, the real resolution must be to change the minds of a majority of constituents across the country so that the election fear for members will be to vote AGAINST Gay rights, not for Gay rights. At that point in time, we will finally be able to drop the cover of offering to an election sensitive Congress less drastic alternatives to anti-Gay amendments — a time we are really looking forward to.

[Laura Markowitz is a Lesbian activist and editor of a national magazine for family therapists. Chai Feldblum is an attorney for the ACLU AIDS Project].

Florida County continued from page one

nance, or place it on the ballot for referendum.

"The best thing our opponents did," Hoch explained, "was call for a referendum. This helped us mobilize the minority organizations in Florida, who strongly oppose any minority rights issues being placed before a majority of voters."

While the Realtors were trying to explain that they were not opposed to civil rights, the Gay and Lesbian community mounted a letter writing campaign. Over 3,200 letters were collected by the Council and the Atlantic Coast Democratic Club. The letters, stamped in bold red letters "No Referendum", were delivered to the Commissioners on Jan. 10, 1990.

"Most of the Commissioners had never received that many letters on any issue before," said James Swope, President of the Democratic Club. "It had quite and impact."

The final reading on Jan. 16, lasted almost four hours. Thirty people spoke in favor of the ordinance, while only 17 opposed it. Speakers from both sides quoted the Bible. Only one member of the clergy spoke against the ordinance, while two rabbis, a Presbyterian minister, an Episcopalian Bishop and a minister from the Metropolitan Community Church called for adoption of the ordinance.

Despite the lengthy public hearing, Republican Commissioner Ron Howard, called for additional study of the matter. His call fell on deaf ears. He next called to table the ordinance, but his motion failed for lack of a second.

In one last final attempt to defeat Gay rights, Howard called for the Commissioners to vote separately on each of the three locally protected classes --sexual orientation, marital status, and age. This too failed for lack of a second.

When the vote was taken, four commissioners - two Democrats and two Republicans - voted to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Howard voted against the ordinance.

Republican Commissioner Carol Elmquist voted with the majority, although she stated that she could not "agree, condone or personally approve of homosexual behavior".

A law prohibiting discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians was approved in 1977 in Dade County Florida, but it was repealed at a referendum later that year after a bitter campaign mounted by singer Anita Bryant.

In 1989, Commissioners in the city of Tampa and Hillsborough County also defeated amendments to their Human Rights Ordinances which would have, if approved, prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"I hope that other counties and cities in Florida will enact similar laws," Hoch said. "There is no reason why a state with a Gay and Lesbian population of close to 1.5 million should tolerate legal discrimination."

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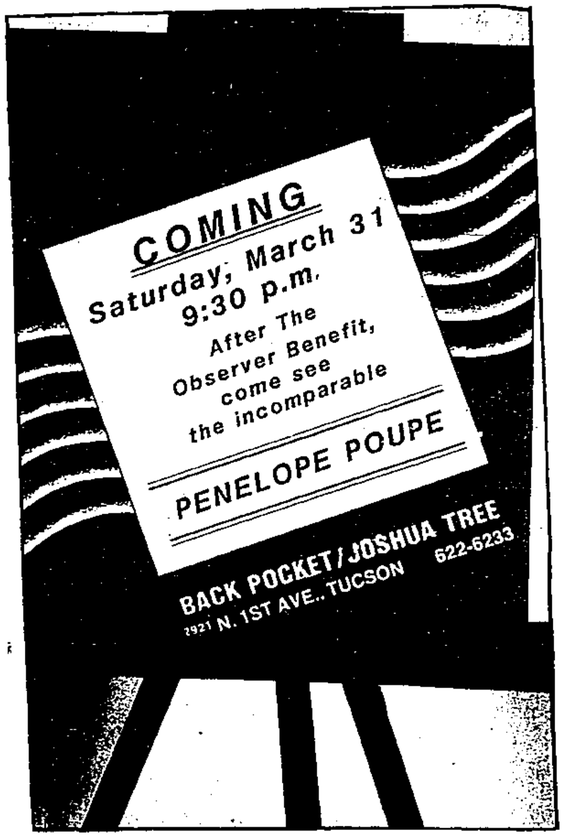

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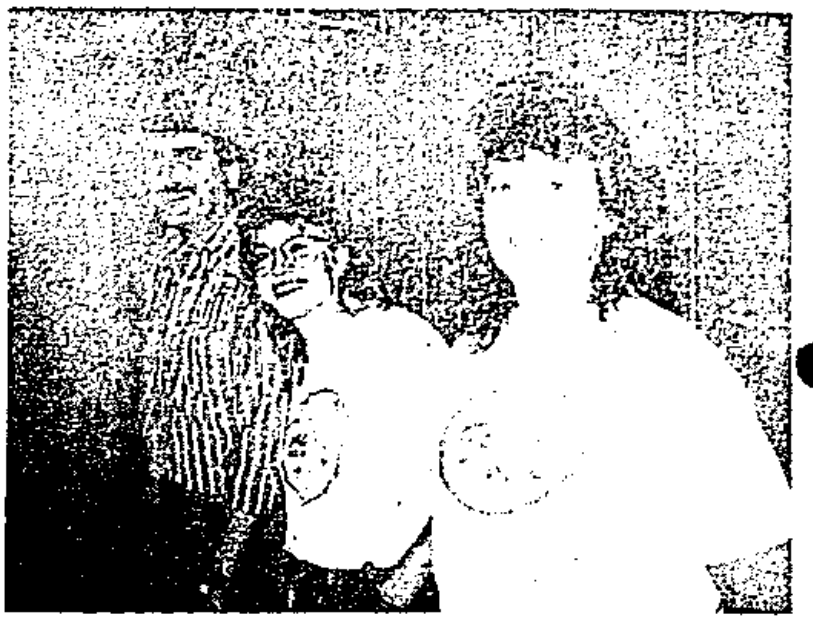

A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

The Lure Of "City" Life

It always warms my heart when I find an especially good film, book, theater production or television show — there are, after all, so few out there.

So, you can imagine my skepticism when CBS announced its new series with Valerie Harper, "City".

Harper, you will recall, was involved in a court battle regarding her series "Valerie". She was removed from the series, replaced by Sandy Duncan, and —suffering the ultimate insult— the name of her series was changed to "The Hogan Family". (Harper won, by the way).

It is the ultimate irony, then, that Harper's new series runs against her old series, Monday evenings.

In the new series, Harper plays the City Manager of a largish, unnamed city —and is wonderful, hands down. Her dismissal from Valerie may prove the most beneficial thing to have happened to her career since her stellar role as Rhoda in the old CBS hit "The Mary Tyler Moore Show".

It is always difficult to hail a new show as the conquering hero; look at how many critics were caught with their pants down over the bomberino "The Famous Teddy Z", a stinker from the word go. (Not me, by the way).

I've called them right: I picked "L.A. Law" a hit in this column on December 31, 1986; I called "Murphy Brown" a winner on February 8, 1989. Now, I pronounce "City" a television champion.

But, how can I go wrong? Harper has always been a comedic actress with timing more accurate than the Swiss. Here she is surrounded by an ensemble cast better than almost any other in television history.

Okay, so they go a little overboard with Gloria, the rich young woman who doesn't seem to have a clue what's going on in the world; Lance, the anal-retentive filing clerk (what's wrong with organization?); and the borderline stereotyping of hispanic Anna-Maria played by another brilliant actress, Liz Torres (from the gratefully cancelled "Teddy Z".

Torres is such a funny woman, however, you can easily overlook the stilted accent (her character is from Cuba), and her childhood stories: "As a child in old Havana, I learned two things: pattycake and how to interrogate a prisoner".

If Torres doesn't win an Emmy this year, I'll be VERY surprised. (Don't wince, I predicted Larry Drake's win for "L.A. Law").

The group is rounded out with Victor, the dimwitted cop; Harper's secretary Wanda; and her assistant Roger played by Todd Sussman —the slow-talking cop from CBS' soon to be gone "Newhart".

Crated by Paul Haggis, and produced by CBS Entertainment Productions, this show has the fast-paced, cunningly witty, brilliantly observant writing which made "Murphy Brown" a big hit.

As well, the ensemble acting can't be beaten with a stick. Harper obviously learned an important lesson from Candice Bergan in "Murphy Brown": let the ensemble support the lead.

Harper may well follow Bergen's lead and win the Emmy for best actress in a comedy this year. (And yes, I predicted Bergen's win last year —right here in this column).

This might be overly optimistic, but CBS seems well on the road to being, once again, the dominant force in prime time comedy programming.

Remember that golden Saturday night line-up: "MASH", "Mary Tyler Moore", "Newhart", "All In The Family", and the "Carol Burnette Show"? So do I.

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CALENDAR of upcoming events

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

COLETTE'S - It's International Women's Day and there are plans to observe it here in style. Check it out.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

GRADUATE - Regular Monthly Beer Bust for the Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) from 2 to 6 p.m. Prizes all afternoon and lots of fun and camaraderie too.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

COLETTE'S - The super hot women's band Two Nice Girls will be playing here beginning at 6:30 p.m. $3.00 cover.

GRADUATE - Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen hold their monthly beer bust from 2 until 6 p.m. Then the Sisters of Sonora (SOS) hold their monthly Casino Night from 5 to 9 p.m. A full day of fun and games.

IBT'S - Mr. Gay Arizona U.S. International Pageant will be held here. Competition based on Evening Wear, Swim Wear, Male Interview and Talent. Deadline for entering contest is March 9. Entry Fee $25 with winner winning $100 cash and dinner for two plus the title of Mr. Gay Arizona, U.S. INternational 1990. There will be entertainment during the evening also featuring Erica Lamont, "Miss Gay Oklahoma City, Michelle Kristie and others local personalities.

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 Professinal Golfer's Association players who will compete this week in Tucson, plus a Cher party after the concert. Come on down!

FRENCH QUARTER - Two day St. Pat's Party here! Phoenix jazz vocalist Debbie Mason will sing at 9 p.m. tonight and tomorrow afternoon, plus much more.

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

JOSHUA TREE - Celebrate St. Patrick's Day here with a series of special drink prices during the day and evening hours.

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

COLETTE'S - If you're a Lisa Otey fan here's your chance to see and hear her once again. She will perform after the movie.

FRENCH QUARTER - Two days of celebrating St. Patrick's Day end here with popular vocalist Debbie Mason from Phoenix singing. "Jazz in the afternoon" on the patio. Come on out for a Cher Party before and after the concert with drink specials and free Cher albums. More info next week.

IBT'S - A Pre and Post Cher Concert party is going to take place here with lots of surprises.

JOSHUA TREE - St. Patrick's Day Weekend show on the outdoor stage, weather permitting, otherwise it will be indoors. Watch for the names sof some of your favorite performers next week.

RAINBOW ROOM - Come on by after the Cher Concert for a 'Cher Show' with our own Cher (This one's from Washington, DC though!) Also, Moose will be celebrating his 21st (???) birthday so come by and help him celebrate.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

COLETTE'S - Western night with vocalist Loren Johnson. It's the regular once-a-month afair and always a good time with the CAT Award-winning Johnson.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

COLETTE'S - Female Illusionsist Eddie Edwards comes to town to show off some super talent. Eddie has played night clubs, theatres and hotels from coast to coast as well as appearing on several national televivision shows. Plan now to attend and see this handsome and multi-talented performer in his first Tucson appearance. 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

IBT'S - Those hot men are back!! Kevin Andrews and the Phoenix Heat perform again and it's always to a standing room only audience. They're gaining quite a local following

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

JOSHUA TREE - Penelope Poupe will present one of her fabulous shows here on the outdoor stage. More details later.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

COLETTE'S - A big show is being planned here as a benefit for Brewster House, the shelter for battered and abused women and children. Watch for more details. It's gonna be a good one!

IBT'S - Benefit for Michelle Kristie, candidate for Miss Gay Tucson. Guest performers include the IBT's Scream Girls plus a special appearance by Aneeda Mann!

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Tonight will be the first of Tucson's sharing Weekend. From 8:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. each patron entering one of the Tucson bars will be asked to give $1.00 donation which will be collected by members of Tucson's AIDS organizations. The money will be divided equally among participating organizations. Persons who cannot afford the donation will not be challenged as well as persons who have proof of having contributed previously. Tucson's Sharing Weekend will be held the first Saturday of every month.

MONDAY, APRIL 9

COLETTE'S - Nationally reknowned folksinger Ruth Pelham will appear here in an exclusive performance. Get in line.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

FRENCH QUARTER - Easter Sunday Breakfast from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. as a benefit for Shanti/Tucson - Eggs, pancakes, hash browns, toast, sausage and bacon. Mmm good!

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

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).

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will meet at 3:30 p.m. at the Joshua Tree. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Everyone is welcome.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) Committee will meet at the Joshua Tree starting at 7:00 p.m. Officers for the coming year will be elected at this meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association (OPBPA) holds its monthly meeting at the Hotel Park Tucson. Get acquainted time begins at 7:30. Guest speaker is psychologist certified in stress management, M. Ruth Hentwig who will offer tips on stress self-defense. No charge for members and newcomers.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

5th Annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit at Quality Inn, hosted by Desert Leathermen. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. Dinner and a full evening of entertainment is $12.00. General admission is $5.00. Mr. Loren Johnson will head an all-star stellar cast of entertainment. Watch for more details on this important community benefit.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

The opening of a new one-man show of the abstract acrylic paintings of Tucson artist Knute Lockwood at Gallerie, Etc., 606 N. 4th Ave. Public reception to meet the artist. 20% of all sales this day go to Casa de los Ninos.

SPORTS

THE NEW JOSHUA TREE BOWLING LEAGUE
1989 - 90 SEASON STANDINGS. SECOND HALF
MONDAY MIXED LEAGUE - 6:30 P.M.
FIESTA LANES, 501 W. RIVER ROAD
WEEK OF MARCH 5, 1990

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3. THE WEEK AFTER NEXT	32	24	.571	7	903	2488
4. SOMETHIN' REAL CUTE	30	26	.536	9	841	2361
5. THE BACKDOOR BOYS	27	29	.482	12	886	2449
6. JOSHUA TREE	27	29	.482	12	850	2407
7. BANANA NUT BREAD	25	31	.446	14	859	2386
8. THE VIRGINS	11	45	.196	28	822	2337

HIGH SCRATCH GAME: THE BACKDOOR BOYS 715 / BILL C. AND JACK S. 235 / ARLENE P. 187
HIGH HANDICAP GAME: THE WEEK AFTER NEXT 903 / KURT R. AND JEFF T. 267 / JAN R. 231
HIGH SCRATCH SERIES: THE BACKDOOR BOYS 1936 / JACK S. 639 / CAROL M. 498
HIGH HANDICAP SERIES: BOOKS BROTHERS LTD. 2495 / MARK K. 712 / SALLY B. 629
HONOR ROLL: THE BACKDOOR BOYS 2415 / DON W. 530 / CAROL M. 433

WOMEN'S SPRING SOFTBALL LEAGUE COACH SOUGHT

TUCSON - A women's softball league will be playing every Wednesday. A coach is needed for the spring season. Any woman interested in being a coach, please call Boomer's at 798-3403.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

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

EVERY MONDAY

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

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY

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

EVERY SATURDAY

HIV Wellness Clinic for HIV+, ARC/AIDS. Balancing the mind, body and spirit in a supportive and confidential atmosphere. Yoga, nutrition and treatment options. Every Saturday, 1-4 p.m., 191 S. Tucson Blvd. TAP office.

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

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 in the DB Cafe with your host DB Gallati. Party with Big Mike and the gang.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open at Noon. Bloody Marys and Screws $1.00 all day. Country Rainbow dance group 4 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. 6:30-8:30 Boudy Cloggers. Bowlers Special 1/2 price drinks for bowlers.

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

tuesday

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

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

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

GRADUATE - .50 draft from opening to closing.

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 .75 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 Two for One. Corona Nite: $1.25. 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/Western Nite - dancing and dance lessons.

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

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .75 / Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm non-premium beer $1.50, Well drinks $1.75. 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 4-6 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.

GAYBRIEFS

by Jim Roche

The Politics Of AIDS

Sitting at a table in the recreation center at Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) in New York, I overheard comments about recent thefts. A letter from the center's staff sent to all GMHC clients warned of thefts of jackets, coats and money from the center. A number of Gay clients expressed their concern and ideas on what's happening. "They've ruined it, like they have elsewhere." They are the increasing number of IV drug users who make use of all the city's HIV-related services, including free dinners served for PWAs every day at sites throughout the city. At all the free dinners throughout town a slow but progressive change can be seen. Once made up of almost totally Gay men, they now include IV drug users, women families and homeless people.

In the past Gay men described these meals as the high point of their week, "a place you could go to be with friends peers be with people like you ... if you were missing for two weeks, people asked where you were and called." Now I hear, "staff at one dinner actually frisk people," at other dinners if someone is missing or in the hospital the staff won't share clients names, phone numbers or personal information with concerned friends.

What once was a community of Gay men helping other Gay men in a crisis has become institutionalized, depersonalized and to some dangerous. Originally programs like GMHC were set up to empower people with AIDS now their very institutional structure seems to have as its aim, control, crowd control, behavioral control, and some would say, mind control. The tenor of social functions has changed, the mission of many programs once seen as almost exclusively serving the Gay community, have begun to open up and become more inclusive, but not necessarily to everyone's liking.

At first, when AIDS really seemed to be a Gay disease, almost every program begun to provide leadership and services in this crisis, was started by and for PWAs, Gay men and Lesbians. But soon it became apparent that this "Gay-centric" view of AIDS was in conflict with the reality that HIV had become a major problem of people of color, IV drug users, women and the poor.

It's a problem of all oppressed people across the social, political and economic spectrum. Inclusiveness became the name of the game. "AIDS IS NOT A GAY DISEASE" has become the new coalition's slogan. This effort to be inclusive and set few limits of who could join the fight against AIDS, as long as they wanted to defeat the disease, provided opportunity for homophobia to grow right in our own back yard.

In a recent GMHC orchestrated letter to the editor in New York's OUTWEEK Magazine, the agency's "people of color" rebuked the "white community" for it's insensitivity to issues of race in their concern about the controversial appointment of Dr. Myers as health commissioner. (OBSERVER, Jan. 31). In their letter, they questioned, "Were he not a Black man appointed by a Black mayor, would you have felt so compelled to criticize him?" They ended their complaints about Gays by saying, they are "tired of you in the white Gay community who purport to speak for an AIDS agenda."

In all of this, they failed to even once note Myers' well-known and documented homophobia. His efforts to close Gay bathhouses, bars and even Gay bookstores. His aim in Indiana was to destroy the Gay community and culture. They failed to note his efforts to undermine the civil rights of Gays through uninformed testing contact tracing and notification, or his policy, which allows anyone to accuse an HIV positive person of unsafe sex without being informed who their accuser is, and then the HIV+ persons can be locked up!

How can employees of GMHC (The 'G' used to stand for Gay, by the way, but the word is seldom used now in an effort to be inclusive) ignore the uproar heard from almost every human rights organization in Myers' home state of Indiana. They can ignore it because somehow, even on the staff of a "Gay" organization, homophobia has been Okayed in the name of inclusiveness. In New York, the mumbling at dinner tables is now front page news in most of the Gay press. It's bitter, nasty and ripping the Gay and Lesbian community apart. Reports from other parts of the country point to this happening elsewhere at an alarming rate.

AIDS, as we have heard for years, is not a Gay disease. And services to people with AIDS must reflect this reality. The comments about the thefts reflect a continuing and growing division between different groups trying to vie for the same limited money, benefits and services. The assumption by many Gays at these AIDS Dinners that IV drug users are stealing, fighting and the cause of problems reflects their phobias and racism. For a good look at racism we don't need to leave our community, that's plain and simple.

The divisions that these situations reflect have to be overcome if we are not to be overwhelmed by our own bigotry. But while AIDS isn't a Gay disease, let's not forget that it is a disease particular to Gays, and that one of its most damaging effects is that it works in concert with homophobic bigotry. A major reason AIDS funding and education programs were so slow in coming into being was homophobia and homohatred. Some in leadership wanted us dead, and still do. That homohatred has to be dealt with while we deal with AIDS, but now that our coalition is inclusive, fighting this bigotry seems to have lost its urgency.

Right now, in New York City, over 60% of all hospital beds for HIV infected people are contracted to the Catholic Church, a church which actively discriminates against Gay men. As Gay members of the community, AIDS action groups leave their boards in different communities, in the spirit of inclusiveness we have been allowing almost anyone on, for the sake of coalition building. All across America we hear of outright homophones being appointed because their church or community or political group wants to fight AIDS. We have the right to say no to homophobes. It's that simple.

For us in the Gay community, we have to remember that AIDS is a Gay disease. The issues of discrimination, bias, bigotry and intolerance which are central to overcoming this crisis cannot be separated from AIDS' Gayness. For a long time, minority communities tried to ignore the problem of AIDS because they didn't want to be placed in relationship to either drug use or homosexuality.

Now that they are involved, the issue of basic civil rights for Gay people can easily be lost because we seem to treasure coalitions over justice. Ask yourself: How can a church, working with AIDS victims, say it's part of a coalition to fight AIDS and still be anti-Gay? How can one part of a coalition deny the basic rights of its partner?

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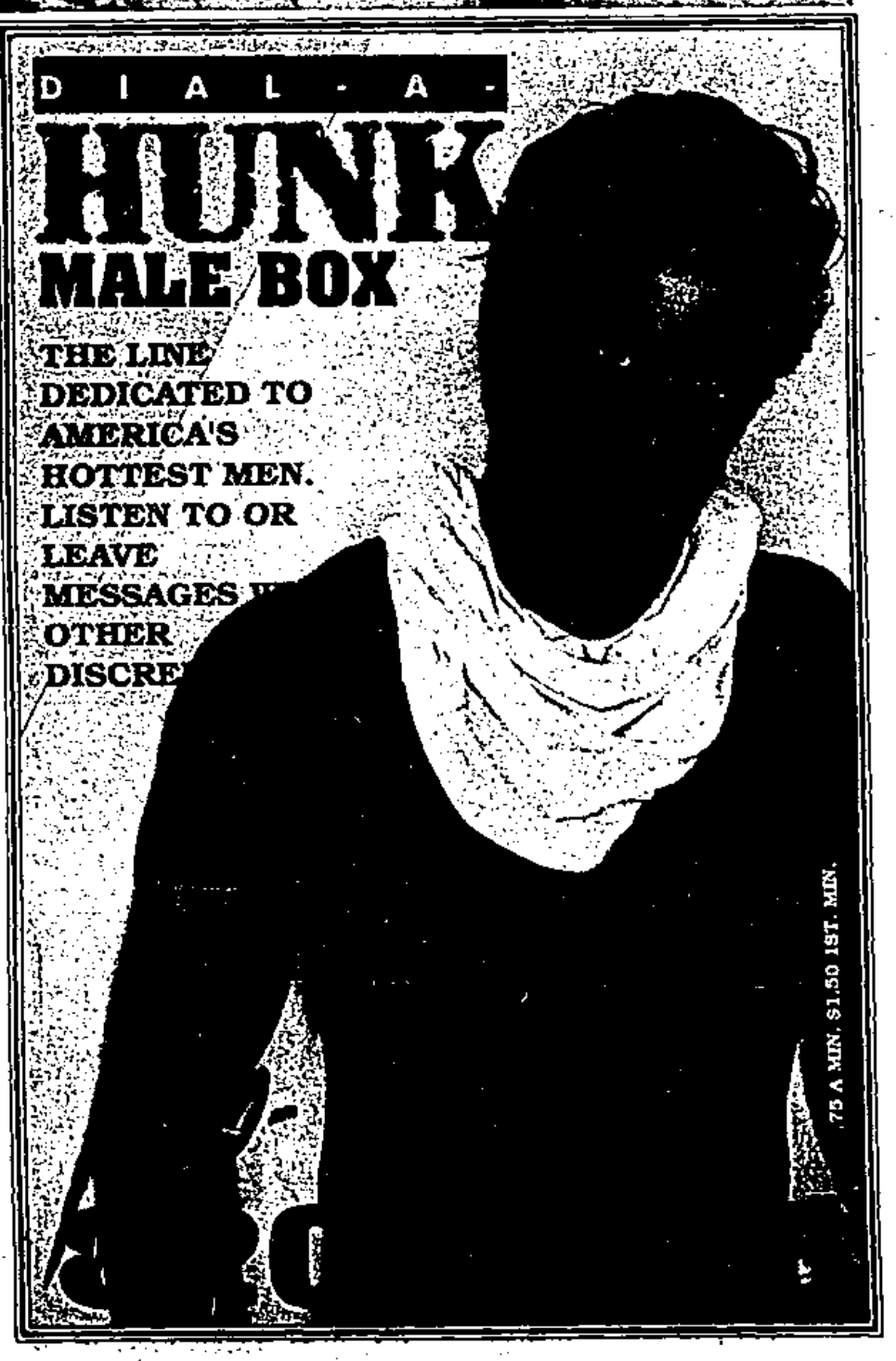

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Church to rise from the ashes

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (UNNS) - When Trinity United Methodist Church is rebuilt, it promises to be bigger and different.

Feb. 18, the 204-member church announced during a news conference its plans for a joint ownership agreement with the Names Project, best known for its creation of a 17-ton quilt honoring those who have died from AIDS.

The church's building was destroyed by fire nearly 10 years ago, allegedly "because some persons were offended by its openness to Gays and Lesbians," said its pastor, the Rev. Paul Dirdak.

The new, multi-million-dollar building will serve as the mission and worship home of the church as well as house the Names Project Quilt and offices. The building, expected to be completed in 1993, will provide a variety of services to people with AIDS.

Under the agreement, Trinity will own the land and the new facility will be jointly owned by a new corporation.

Trinity Church, which has been renting space for its worship services, will contribute about $300,000 from its building fund to the project. The Names Project is expected to raise its share of the money (between $5 and $10 million) through a national fund-raising campaign.

United Methodist Bishop Melvin G. Talbert of San Francisco praised the joint agreement, saying, "it was not appropriate to spend (church development) money simply to serve a few people".

On most Sundays, about 25 people attend worship services at Trinity. According to Mr.Dirdak, completion of the joint project will eventually result in an "85-percent change" in the makeup of his congregation.

"I want to start celebrating the Eucharist weekly and having healing services with anointing with oil," he said. "That is something persons with AIDS understand."

When asked by a reporter whether his congregation will feel "at home" sharing its building with people with AIDS, Mr. Dirdak said, "a church ... being used appropriately in the community is a church at home."

Last year, Trinity shared space in its rented facility with a congregation of Gays and Lesbians.

Cleve Jones, who made the first panel of the AIDS Quilt three years ago, observed that the HIV virus does not discriminate: "If we are to defeat the virus, we must cross those boundaries" of race, religion, ideology and culture.

San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos, on hand for the announcement, said Trinity "is not a Gay or Lesbian church, but a straight congregation that recognizes what it is to be in mission." Mr. Agnos called AIDS "a medical earthquake, and that is not a political hyperbole."

The Names Project Quilt was first displayed on the Monument Mall in Washington, D.C. in 1987. Its 14,000 panels, created by those who have lost friends and family to AIDS, are claimed by Organizers of the Names Project to be the world's largest folk artifact -- so large, in fact, that it may never be displayed in its entirety again.

Names Project workers speak enthusiastically about the "power of the Quilt".

"The wonderful aspect of the quilt," Mr. Dirdak said, "is that it gives people who are grieving a chance to physically create a memorial to a loved one. The therapeutic process is profound."

LESBIAN AND GAY YOUTH PAMPHLETS AVAILABLE CAMPAIGN TO END HOMOPHOBIA

BOSTON, MA - A unique, affirmative, and much-needed series of pamphlets designed for young people who are questioning their sexual orientation is now available. The two pamphlets entitled, "I Think I Might Be A Lesbian/I Think I Might Be Gay ... Now What Do I Do?" were produced by the Campaign To End Homophobia, a national network of people who work to end homophobia through information sharing and education.

The feedback on this literature has been overwhelming! "...thank you for the work you are doing ... it is so needed." "... I want to commend the focus as well as the language used in the brochures in communicating with young people." "...How much these would have meant to me when I was a teenager in the 1920s!"

The pamphlets were designed by two sexuality educators based on their conversations with young Lesbian and Gay men; quotes from the young people are sprinkled throughout the text. The Peer education aspect is certainly one of the leading factors in the success of the project.

The pamphlets are boldly honest. "...I told (my friends) I was no different now than I was five minutes before I told them, except that now I wasn't keeping a big secret from them." --Terryle, age 16. "...When I first met another Gay person, it was incredible, refreshing, reassuring, touching, awesome and wonderful." --James , age 17.

There is so much information packed into the two pamphlets! But the young people who helped design the series insisted that as much material as possible be available to their information-starved peers. There are frank discussions on safer sex, self-esteem and making contacts with other Lesbian and Gay youth.

The Campaign to End Homophobia produced these materials to fill the gap in resources available to adolescents, knowing that most sex education curricula are written with the assumption that all teens are heterosexual. To youth questioning their sexuality, these pamphlets are an affirming and supportive breath of fresh air. To parents and adults working with Lesbian and Gay youth, they are an effective educational tool.

There has been some negative response from conservative religious organizations. But the Campaign is not daunted by such conservatism. As of December of last year, almost 100 organizations had requested permission to reprint the pamphlets for distribution. That means contact to perhaps thousands of young people.

As you probably know from your work in Lesbian and Gay organizations, ruffling feathers is nothing new. It just makes the fight to end homophobia that much harder. Please spread the word about the pamphlets so that we can make the road for Lesbian and Gay youth a little smoother in the years to come.

For more information on the Campaign to End Homophobia, or for copies of the pamphlets, contact Cooper Thompson at (617) 868-8280.

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THE POLITICS OF AIDS

If you work as a volunteer, or as a member of a community group dealing with AIDS in any way, be out. Be proud. Be clear about drawing the line on homophobia, racism and bigotry of any kind. Don't sell yourself out for a short term gain of commitment that doesn't include your basic human rights. And when we look to empowering people, let's not forget that it's the PWA who needs to be empowered here.

CLASSIFIEDS

CLASSIFIED: 20¢ per word. $4.00 Minimum.

Notices

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.

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

ROOMMATE REFERRAL OF TUCSON
Men and women both welcome. NO FEE. Call Bill James 622-1808 in Tucson.

GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON
Call Information and Referral 881-1794

GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?
Call A.A. 624-4183. 24-Hour Hotline. Call for information and Gay and Lesbian meetings in Tucson.

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

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 10 am to Midnight. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

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

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

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

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

NEED BUSINESS OR PERSONAL CONTACTS IN PHOENIX?
The Camelback Business and Professional Association has your information. Call Peter Hudson at 225-8509 or write CBPA, P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN AND GAY MORMONS
Don't give up your religion, just because you're Gay. The RESTORATION CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST is here for you. For recorded message call: 1-800-677-RCJC.

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs at 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays in front of the Himmel Park Library. For more information call Mitch at 326-3332.

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 790-7525 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 795-4517 or Sam and Ron 886-0149.

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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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Personals

Dear Miss Patty - Thank you for the rescue on Sunday. Love you, Danny. 294

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Congratulations to SOS for another successful Hoedown. Thanks for you help. Love ya all. Mike B., Myron, Peter and the staff of Rumorz. 294

Thanks to: Gina for the "Girl talk"; Kelly for the cookies; Liz for the tall hugs; Annette for no sleep; Sharon for breakfast; and Chris and Cheryl for the "Cop Stance". See you in a few weeks! XXX OOO Michelle, Las Cruces 294

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by Dr. Demian

Slapping Tradition? Silly!

Q. Aren't Gay and Lesbian marriages or unions a slap in the face of tradition? A.H., Tacoma, Washington.

A. Those who believe that same-sex marriages are a "slap in the face of tradition" have not looked very closely at tradition.

Historian John Boswell's discovery of ancient same-sex marriage ceremonies has occasionally been reported in Gay newspaper accounts. The Yale professor is well known for his book Christianity, Social Tolerance and Homosexuality, which won the 1981 American Book Award for History.

Based on an extensive review and analysis of centuries-old liturgical documents, Boswell has more recently found that Christian marriage rites between members of the same sex were conducted as early as the 4th century, long before heterosexual ceremonies became widely performed in the 11th century.

Heterosexual marriage started as a civil ceremony concerned with property exchange. Church rites developed later continued to emphasize progeny and worldly success.

Gay marriage rites, on the other hand, appear to have started as a religious ceremony and were based principally on love. And not just 'platonic' love. The Gay rites make clear that the relationships would include an erotic dimension, says Boswell.

Both men and women were married using these rites, though evidence for Lesbian unions is not as geographically widespread nor as ancient.

That the Gay unions were comparable to heterosexual marriages is made clear in several ways:

1. Early legal documents acknowledge inheritance rights of same-sex partners. The Gay rites appeared in liturgical manuals — together with those for heterosexual marriage — under the heading "Gamos", which means marriage.

2. In slavic-speaking villages, one of the women partners had to agree to perform a share of the "men's" work, but never to have sex with the men.

3. The rites typically invoke the names, love and martyrdom of saints Sergius and Bacchus, who are clearly identified in church documents as male lovers.

In this century, anthropologists have observed Gay marriage ceremonies in Albania and in rural areas of Greek and Slavic speaking countries. Local residents unapologetically equated the ceremony to a heterosexual marriage.

Surprisingly, the Gay marriage rites are among those ancient texts explicitly authorized by the Roman Catholic Church for present day use. In fact, Boswell says the rites are still used in some isolated communities, but he declines to say where for fear the tradition would be undermined.

[ED NOTE: Demian has a doctorate in education (Ed.D.) and is co-publisher/co-editor of Partners: The Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples. Send your questions about Gay and Lesbian relationships, for possible use in future columns, to Partners, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109].

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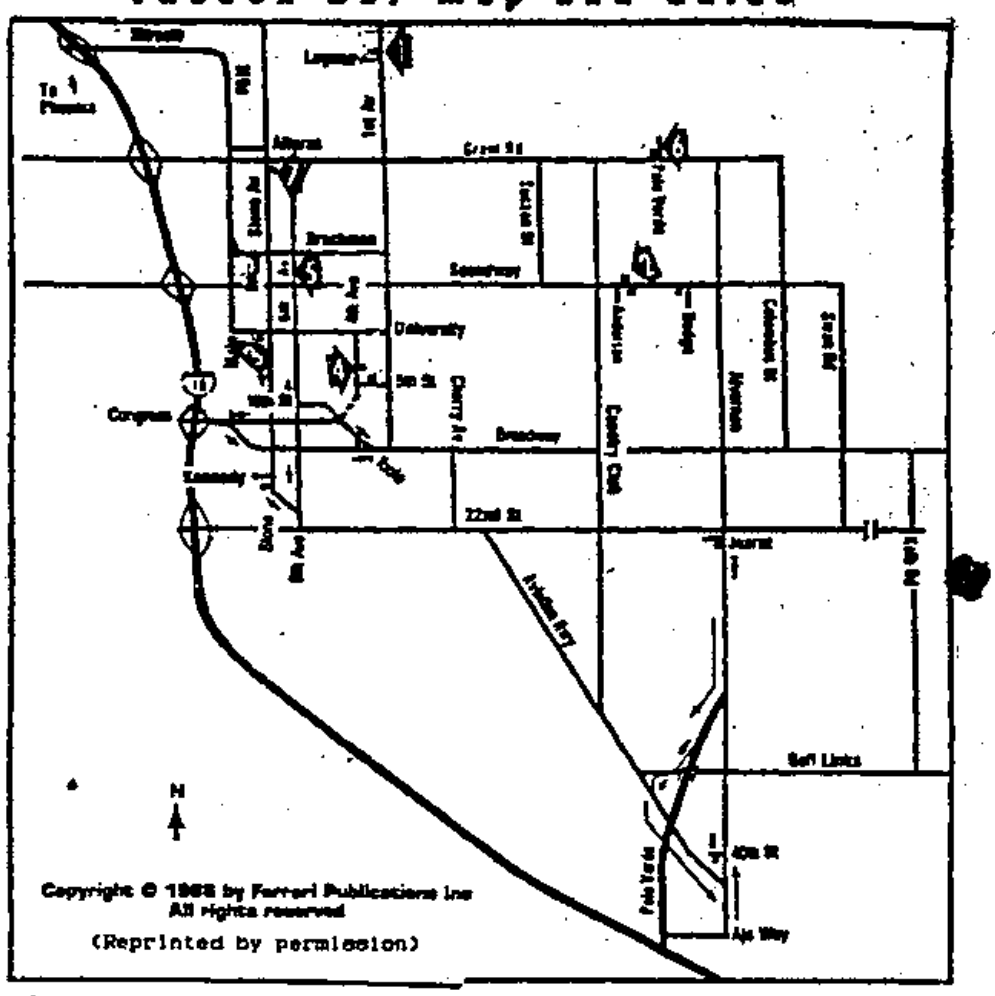

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