

Gift to Life benefit and auction raises big money



Elizabeth Taylor

by M. Scot Skinner
SCOTTSDALE, AZ - About 800 Arizonans, many of them mink-clad and dripping diamonds, gathered last Monday, Feb. 10, to bid on 11 spectacular horses, to gaze into Elizabeth Taylor's famous violet eyes, and to raise money for AIDS.

The "Gift To Life" dinner and Arabian horse auction, held at Lasma Farms, was expected to raise between \$1 and \$3 million for AIDS research - what one participant called "an unpopular cause."

All proceeds from the fund-raiser are to be split by the Arizona AIDS Fund Trust and the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

Bob Hope was the master of ceremonies for the dinner entertainment, which included performances by Grammy award-winning singer Melissa Manchester, Donna McKechnie of the original cast of "A Chorus Line," and a young country band, Sawyer Brown.

Taylor was presented with the Arizona AIDS Fund Trust "Woman of the Year" award for her efforts and leadership in the battle against acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Dr. Eugene La Croix, Arabian horse

breeder and owner of Lasma Farms, received "Man of the Year" award for his contributions.

Nancy Reagan was honored with the "Humanitarian" award for her efforts in fighting drug abuse. It was accepted on her behalf by Dorothy Wrigley Chauncey of Scottsdale.

At a press conference before last night's festivities, which commanded \$250 to \$1,000 a plate, Taylor talked about her involvement with AIDS research.

"I have been involved with this cause since before anyone I knew was stricken. I got involved because I'm concerned with human beings, and it seemed to me that not enough was being done," she said.

Taylor was the chairwoman of a star-studded benefit dinner for AIDS research that was held last September in Los Angeles. She said Monday that she has committed nearly all of her time since then to the American Foundation for AIDS Research, of which she is national chairwoman.

"Our organization, which is only four months old, has already received over \$1 million," she said.

Hope, standing by Taylor's side, said that the gala represented his first participation in a benefit for AIDS research.

"It's all on account of this lady right alongside of me," he said. "She asked me to be here to help with this program, and I'd do almost anything for Elizabeth Taylor. In fact, I'm going to be at that auction, and I'm going to tell you that I'm sharing a room with a horse," he deadpanned.

Earlier, other representatives from the entertainment community voiced their support for the cause.

Kim Criswell, who stars as Grizabella in the Los Angeles production of "Cats," said, "My friends have died of this disease, and I'm tired of it. That's why I'm here. I'm an entertainer; I'll entertain. If I had a million dollars, I'd give it away, but I don't. I'm giving what I can."

Doctors told to 'quell hysteria' over transmission of AIDS

BOSTON, MA (AP) - Now that doctors have clear evidence AIDS isn't caught through casual contact, they should play a more active part in "quelling the hysteria" over transmission of the deadly disease, a physician says.

"The picture is ... clear," Dr. Merle A. Sande wrote in an editorial in the latest edition of the New England Journal of Medicine. "The AIDS virus is spread sexually, by the injection of contaminated blood and vertically from mother to fetus. Other modes of transmission are extremely rare."

The latest evidence supporting this view is contained in a study also published in the journal. Doctors surveyed 101 family members who lived with AIDS patients, both before and after they got sick. None caught the disease.

The largest and most thorough study of relatives of AIDS victims to date provides "conclusive" evidence that the fatal disease does not spread through close, day-to-day personal contact. The study examined in more detail than ever before the extent to which family members hugged and kissed AIDS patients and shared toothbrushes, drinking glasses, beds, towels and toilets with them.

Dr. Gerald H. Friedland, the study's chief author, said, "We conclude that the risk of transmission of the virus during close, long-term contact has to be extremely, extremely

small, approaching zero. That is very reassuring."

In blood tests conducted in the study, only a 5-year girl, out of 101 people who shared homes with AIDS patients, showed signs of infection with the AIDS virus. The child, whose mother had the disease, had suffered related disorders since she was an infant and almost certainly was born with the infection, the doctors concluded.

Sande, chief of medical services at San Francisco General Hospital, said that even though scientists have learned much about the AIDS virus, the new knowledge has often produced more public concern than relief. Sande said doctors should oppose universal AIDS screening, quarantine of AIDS patients and excluding infected people from classrooms and jobs.

The study was conducted by Friedland of Montefiore Medical Center in New York with researchers from the federal Centers for Disease Control. The results were publicized last fall after they were presented at a meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in Minneapolis.

The researchers examined 68 children and 33 adults who lived with AIDS victims for an average of nearly two years. They said that most of the families lived in poor, crowded conditions that would be expected to facilitate the transmission of contagious diseases.



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Panel chief will prevent vote against AIDS discrimination

by Howard Fischer
PHOENIX - The head of the House Judiciary Committee said Monday, Feb. 10, that he will not schedule a hearing on a bill prohibiting discrimination against people with AIDS.

Rep. Jim Skelly, R-Scottsdale, said he sees no reason to allow a vote on the proposal by Rep. Peter Gouginoff, D-Tucson. Skelly said no one should be forced to give equal treatment in housing or employment to people with acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

About three-fourths of those with AIDS are male homosexuals, with most of the remainder divided between intravenous drug users and people, such as hemophiliacs, who receive regular blood transfusions.

Gouginoff's proposal would extend the same protections to people with AIDS that are used to prevent discrimination based on sex, race, or disability. (OBSERVER Nov. 27, 1985).

Skelly said the matter is a civil rights issue, not a health issue.

"Inasmuch as there are so many unanswered questions into how AIDS is spread, and it is presently a national disaster, I would hate to prohibit people from deciding who is going to live in the rental units they own," he said.

Skelly said he also sees no reason to "force an employer to possibly jeopardize the health of his present employees."

The Scottsdale Republican also said he will not grant a hearing if any legislator introduces a bill prohibiting discrimination based on sexual preference. Landlords and employers should decide whether to hire or house homosexuals, he said.

"We're talking about a person who commits or practices bizarre or unnatural sexual deviations," Skelly said.

"The fact of the matter is, homosexual behavior, whether you believe in it or not, is illegal in Arizona. And I hope it will stay that way."

The new report adds force to the assertions of the federal Centers for Disease Control that the spread of the AIDS virus through non-sexual personal contact has never been documented and is extremely unlikely. "This is a strong piece of additional evidence that casual transmission does not occur," said Dr. Harold Jaffe, chief epidemiologist of the centers' AIDS branch.

Reports over the last two years that the virus had been isolated in the saliva and tears of some patients further aggravated public fears of associating with AIDS victims. Last September, half of the 762 American questioned in a New York Times-CBS News Poll said they believed the disease could be transmitted through casual contact.

Seventy-two of the household members studied were of Hispanic descent, 18 were blacks, seven were whites and four were from other ethnic groups.

Questioning the scientists said, disclosed that 92 percent of the family members had used the same bathtub or shower as the patient in the months before or after AIDS was diagnosed; that 90 percent had used same toilet and 37 percent had slept in the same bed with the patient; half had shared drinking glasses and combs, 37 percent had shared towels, 9 percent had shared razors and 7 percent

D R I E F S

ATTENTION SOFTBALL PLAYERS

TUCSON - There is a move afoot to enter a softball team from Tucson in Gay Games II in San Francisco this year. All persons interested in such a project should attend a meeting this Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Back Pocket. If you are on a team at present or are planning to play in the spring and summer leagues, come on by and let's talk about joining the Gay Games team in addition. That's 3 p.m. this Saturday at JT/BP.

PARENTS CONTEST GAY SON'S WILL

NEW YORK, NY - An attempt by the parents of an AIDS victim to overturn his bequest to his lover was rejected by a Manhattan judge. Judge Marie Lambert ruled that the dead man, Richard Thaler, was "of sound mind and memory" the day the will was executed.

Thaler, an advertising executive, who died in May 1984 at age 36, left most of his estate to George Shetta, his lover of 12 years. But the parents, Charles and Ernestine Thaler, of Inverness, Florida, contested the will. Shetta, 44, said he was shocked at Mr. and Mrs. Thaler's action, adding, "I had no idea they were going to do anything like that. Their basic reaction was that he was dumb and I was the queer."

GAY TOLERANCE TO BE TAUGHT?

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Public school officials here are considering a program that would promote student tolerance and understanding of homosexuality. "We do it now with blacks, Hispanics and Chinese," said school board member Jo Ann Miller. "In this spirit we are making an effort to include Gay and Lesbian information in our curriculum."

The program would not involve study of homosexuality. Instead, selected school administrators and teachers (such as high school principals, counselors, and family life teachers) would receive copies of a book titled "Demystifying Homosexuality" to draw upon for discussing Gays and Lesbians.

Funds to purchase the books have been offered the school district by a local association of Gay businesses. The book has been approved by the board of education curriculum committee. The board itself must vote before the program can be implemented.

'A KISS IS STILL A KISS'

THOMASTON, MAINE (GCN) - Visitation rights have been revoked for a Gay man who kissed his lover while visiting him at Maine State Prison. According to the Boston Globe, Peder Baughman, 29, hugged prisoner Daniel Nully, 27, and kissed him on the cheek. Baughman is appealing the decision through the Maine Department of Corrections.

WOMEN-ONLY POLICE STATION

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL (GCN) - A women-only police station has been created here to encourage women to report crimes such as rape and beatings, with more than two hundred women a day now reporting such crimes.

According to 'Off Our Backs', Rosmary Correa, chief inspector of the station, said she considers the new station a success. "It is hard for a woman to tell a policeman, who is not always sympathetic (to) all of the intimate details of the sexual or physical abuse she has suffered. Here a woman feels free to go into these details which are often of vital importance to bring the aggressor to trial."

Other Brazilian states have also announced plans to open women-only police stations.

STOP RAPE NOW

NEW YORK, NY (GCN) - The National Organization for Women (NOW) Media Reform Task Force has successfully blocked the marketing of "Rape", a proposed new perfume. A company here had filed papers to register "Rape" as the name of a perfume already test-marketed in a few locations. The company's vice president admitted that the papers were withdrawn due to public pressure.

METAPHYSICAL COURSE ON SEXUAL REALITY

TUCSON - If you would like to learn the metaphysical flip-side of sex from a spiritual "Dr. Ruth" then head out to the new Tucson National Resort and Spa on March 1 and 2 for a course on "The True Nature of Sexual Reality from a Metaphysical Perspective."

In the two-day course, "Sexual Reality and the Path to Enlightenment", renowned clairaudient Peter Brandlen will channel Zoroaster - an 'energy from another plane' - who will explain the true purpose of sexuality on the Earth plane.

The course will cover such topics as: the Polarities of Creation (Positive/Negative, Male/Female), Karmic Patterns, Cycles of Completion (Death, Separation, Divorce), apparent Sex and Gender Variations, Metaphysical Bonding (Soulmates, Partners, Marriage) and Total, Nonjudgmental, Unconditional Love and Acceptance of Self.

Brandlen is a former Illinois educator who has received international recognition over the last ten years for his special gifts and channeling of the "energy" known as Zoroaster, or "Z". He has resided in Tucson for over 5 years and recently conducted a series of ten two-hour workshops on various aspects of the metaphysical sciences including Astrology, Numerology, Chakras and Color.

Since becoming aware of his ability, Brandlen has traveled and lectured widely, appearing on television and radio programs, made himself available as a channel for "Z" to advise doctors, lawyers, judges, psychologists, entertainers, celebrities and others - many of whom are still "in the closet" about admitting their interest in metaphysics.

For further information about the course call 742-2211.

HEALTH CHIEF REMOVES AIDS VICTIM'S BODY

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - The District of Columbia Health Commissioner Andrew McBride ended up donning gloves and an apron and helped to carry the body of a 25-year-old man with AIDS out of the man's basement bedroom after a medical technician and police officers refused to handle the corpse, official said. As a result of the stalemate, the body was left unmoved for more than six hours.

Several of the 12 city employees responsible for removing bodies said the incident, which occurred Monday, Feb. 3, was inevitable. They have refused to handle AIDS victims, sending one of three supervisors instead, to protest the lack of hazard pay.

The dispute over the body of Michael J. Lanier occurred shortly after his mother discovered him unconscious Monday afternoon. Rescue officials determined Lanier was dead and his doctor later confirmed that Lanier had acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

According to Charles Seigel, a spokesman for the D.C. Department of Human Services, when police called the medical examiner's office to remove the body, one of two technicians on duty refused to go.

The second technician did go, but based on the condition of the body decided to call for assistance, Seigel said. The technicians' supervisor drove to the scene but did not remove the body until several hours later, after police asked the Mayor's Command Center to call Andrew McBride, the city's public health commissioner, for help in resolving the dispute.



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TERRIGNO TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR MARCH

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA - Former West Hollywood Mayor Valerie Terrigno, accused of embezzling nearly \$11,000 while she directed a counseling program which is now closed, was granted a continuance on her Los Angeles federal court trial. The trial, originally set for Jan. 7 has been reset for March 11.

Terrigno, a 32-year-old who gained notoriety as the first U.S. mayor who is openly Lesbian, was indicted Oct. 23. Terrigno is still a member of the West Hollywood City Council.

INTERNATIONAL STUD PRODUCTION PRAISED

TUCSON - In a recent Arizona Wildcat, daily newspaper at the University of Arizona, columnist Elizabeth Hannan gave a rundown on the 1985 theater season in Tucson, describing it as "varied, broad and deep". In the article Hannan recognized the production of "International Stud" produced by Time and "R" Productions at the Finesline last March.

Miss Hannan says, "Independently produced shows provided some of the most daring shows of the year. In March, the Finesline nightclub presented Harvey Fierstein's 'The International Stud,' which explored honesty, love and commitment through a homosexual relationship. The two-man play shed compassionate light on a controversial subject through a searing performance by Anthony Alvarez (who also produced the show), with strong support from Monte-Jon Gilmer."

DIPLOMATIC DUTCH QUEERS

AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND (GCN) - Lesbian and Gay couples in the diplomatic services here will be eligible for the same benefits as married heterosexual couples. The new regulation will allow Lesbians and Gay men to receive the 40 percent salary supplement for a lover, which used to be available only for married couples, according to the New York Native. The Netherlands is the first country in the world to introduce this type of regulation.

'ALBUQUERQUE SIX' LESBIANS SUE POLICE

ALBUQUERQUE, NM - Five of six Lesbians convicted in July on 19 counts of assault and battery of a police officer are appealing the court's decision and are filing a civil suit against the police department. The women were arrested following an incident where 13 police officers arrived at a party attended by 40 women and attempted to disperse the gathering.

Phil Donahue, Ms. magazine and other national media are turning their interest to the case involving the 'Albuquerque Six'. Chuck Aspinwall, the women's defense attorney, has high expectations for the social and legal ramifications the suit would bring.

"Police officers are the ambassadors of local government, and the message of the civil suit is for them to clean up their act," stated Aspinwall.

The women were arrested for disorderly conduct, refusal to obey, unnecessary noise, obstructing an officer, resisting arrest, and assault and battery of an officer. The women were sentenced to unsupervised probation.

GIRL SCOUT RANGER ALLEGES SEXUAL HARASSMENT

SAN JOSE, CA - Christopher Morgan, a 31-year-old Girl Scout camp ranger, has sued the national Girl Scout organization and a local chapter for \$1.5 million. Morgan claims he was sexually harassed by women counselors who called him a "fat, male chauvinist pig," harassed him by their allegedly Lesbian displays, and assigned him to disagreeable chores.

Morgan's attorney, Rita Risser, said the man suffered loss of sleep, upset stomachs and nervousness because of the camp activities. The suit asks \$500,000 for discrimination, \$500,000 for slander and an additional \$500,000 for intentional infliction of emotional duress. Morgan is also asking \$25,000 in overtime and medical expenses.

According to the San Diego Tribune article, Morgan did not allege that he ever saw Girl Scout counselors or staff members engage in sexual activity while undressed, that he never heard them talk about sex or saw them have sex with campers at Skylark Camp, which hosts more than 800 girls, ages 6-16, each summer. He stated he did observe seven or eight counselors fondling, stroking and kissing each other and sunbathing nude or semi-nude in his presence.

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House panel ok's AIDS reports

by Howard Fischer
PHOENIX - A House committee voted on Monday, Feb. 10, to require that the names of people who have AIDS or carry the AIDS virus be reported to the state, blood banks and health-care institutions.

On a 6-4 margin, members of the House Judiciary Committee also voted to restrict who can donate blood. Violators could be charged with a class 4 felony, which normally carries a four-year prison term for first-time offenders.

Anyone with acquired immune deficiency syndrome, and men who have had sexual contact with other men since 1977, would be prohibited from donating blood, plasma, sperm or organs.

Past or present intravenous drug users and hemophiliacs could not give blood. Sexual partners of anyone in the above groups also would be prohibited from donating blood.

A Tucson Red Cross official said potential donors already are screened to determine if they belong to any of those categories.

Another provision of the House bill would require blood banks to report to the state the names of people whose blood tests positive for AIDS. At Monday's hearing, the Red Cross opposed that provision.

The Red Cross is concerned that some citizens might be unwilling to donate blood for fear of false test results showing they have AIDS.

Rep. Jim Skelly, R-Scottsdale, bristled at the complaints. "It seems like the representative from the Red Cross was more concerned with ensuring QUANTITY of the blood supply than the quality," he said.

"If this were not a disease associated with the homosexual community, we would have passed strong legislation years ago," he said. He blamed the delay on "the philosophy of some people who do not want to offend some people in the homosexual community."

The Judiciary Committee did make one change in the bill by removing the AIDS testing requirement for prisoners. Department of Corrections officials said routine testing is unnecessary and costly.

Under questioning by legislators, though, a lobbyist for the Corrections Department said he had no idea how many inmates are carriers of the virus that can cause AIDS and therefore can infect others. He said as many as 400 inmates may be infected. Tom Aughterton, lobbyist for the Corrections Department, told legislators there is one inmate with a confirmed case of AIDS and three others who have other diseases usually linked to problems with the body's immune system.

He said the department tests inmates only when they are known homosexuals, intravenous drug users or hemophiliacs - all high-risk groups for AIDS - or those who have had sexual contact with any of these people.

Aughterton guessed that the number of people with AIDS who do not have the disease themselves is anywhere from 3 percent to 5 percent of the prison population. That translates to from 240 to 400 people capable of transmitting the disease to others.

The four committee members who voted against the bill said it is overly broad.

Rep. Reid Ewing, D-Tucson, said the legislation does nothing to educate those in high-risk groups about how to prevent the spread of the disease.

The AIDS bill, House Bill 2136, may face problems in the House Health Committee. Chairman Bart Baker, R-Herford, said he hadn't made plans yet to hear the bill. H.B. 2136 is the first dealing with AIDS to be heard in the Arizona Legislature.

Man gets 20 years in court reporter's killing

by Margo Hernandez
TUCSON - Hector Carrillo was sentenced last Thursday, Feb. 6, to 20 years in prison for the December 1984 stabbing death of Superior Court reporter Bruce Johnson. (OBSERVER, Dec. 19, 1984).

Judge Thomas Meehan imposed the sentence for second-degree murder after being told by lawyers that Carrillo is either a sick man who should be hospitalized or a dangerously manipulative criminal who uses the legal system to his own advantage. Meehan called Carrillo "dangerous to the community," and also sentenced him to a 10-year term, to be served concurrently, for the theft of Johnson's car.

Carrillo, 37, was convicted by a jury in December of fatally stabbing Johnson, 58, in Johnson's home. He also was convicted of the theft charge. (OBSERVER, Jan. 8, 1986).

Before sentencing, defense attorney Thomas Higgins asked Meehan to place Carrillo in the state hospital. He said Carrillo suffers from a mental disorder and from mild to moderate retardation. Higgins said that while his request was unusual, after six months at the hospital Meehan could order Carrillo imprisoned. Higgins told Meehan that "warehousing" Carrillo in a state prison would not be appropriate.

Higgins also pointed out that there was no physical evidence linking Carrillo to the crime and that evidence showed there was an accomplice. Without a statement made to police when he was arrested, there would be no case against Carrillo, Higgins said.

But Meehan said a report from a psychiatrist, Dr. Joseph Santiago, indicates that Carrillo has learned "how to manipulate the system." Meehan also said that in his experience with the state hospital, "they stabilize them and then kick them out on the street." Carrillo has "slipped through the cracks before. I'm not going to take the chance that he'll slip through the cracks again."

Prosecutor Kenneth Peasley agreed and said Carrillo is a dangerous criminal who uses his mental retardation to his advantage. Carrillo, Peasley said, has manipulated the legal system in the past "in everything from arson to child molesting."

A pre-sentence report shows that Carrillo was arrested twice in 1976 on arson charges, which were dismissed after he was found incompetent to stand trial. In 1977, he was committed to the Arizona State Hospital after he again was charged with arson, in the burning of an unoccupied house. Carrillo said voices made him do it.

Carrillo was arrested in 1982 on charges of sexual conduct with a minor and child molestation involving a 9-year-old boy. The report said two psychological evaluations found him incompetent to stand trial.

Meehan noted that psychological evaluations found Carrillo to be "a clear and present danger to the community." Other aggravating circumstances were the multiple stab wounds Johnson suffered, and the trauma suffered by his family.

Johnson's body was found in his westside townhouse Dec. 11, 1984, after he failed to report for work for two days.

Carrillo was arrested Dec. 20 after police learned through conversations with Johnson's friends that Carrillo had visited the victim two nights before the body was found. Carrillo told police that he stabbed Johnson but did not kill him. He said he was trying to get away because Johnson wanted to go to bed with him.

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signed Cassy D. Roma

VIEWPOINT

(ED NOTE: The following letter appeared in the Arizona Daily Star, Thursday, Feb. 6 edition)
To the editor:

Dear Ms. Rom-
Who?
B.

In his letter of Jan. 29, Thomas Wheeler assert that "God had delivered AIDS unto those people (homosexuals and drug abusers) to show that there is something very wrong with their behavior and our reaction." Wheeler also praises the Rev. Charles F. Stanley for having "the guts to publicly state that AIDS was punishment from God (OBSERVER, Jan 22).
Wheeler's reasoning is severely flawed, however. If AIDS is evidence of God's disapproval of homosexuality, how can Wheeler explain that the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta have discovered absolutely no cases of AIDS among Lesbians? As AIDS researcher Mathilde Krim points out, if the epidemic is God's way of punishing Gay men, it follows that "Lesbians must be his chosen children."
Marion L. Kelley

DEAR BLABBY:
Is it possible to coordinate entertainment for a bar full of people with your mouth full?
signed Turned Table Manners

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What they're saying about us

ED NOTE: When Tucsonan Terry Lea read the following letter in the Editorial section of the daily Tucson Citizen he became so incensed that he whipped off the accompanying letter to Richard Kline, president of Big Brothers of Greater Los Angeles. More of us

should do the same when we see such attacks on Gay men or Lesbians.

Here is Mr. Kline's letter as it appeared in the Citizen and Mr. Lea's response follows:

Big Brothers has no place for gays

By RICHARD S. KLINE
President, Big Brothers of Greater Los Angeles

This holiday season may be one of the saddest ever for thousands of fatherless boys. These children create a father figure to inspire them. Enter the American Civil Liberties Union to serve in the role of Christmas spoiler.

The ACLU has filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles County Superior Court challenging the right of the Big Brothers of Greater Los Angeles to carefully and privately screen potential volunteers.

Specifically, the ACLU complains that, rather than considering an applicant on all the criteria needed to become a Big Brother, we excluded one solely because he was admittedly involved with me: — a homosexual relationship.

That legal action tragically challenges the very existence of Big Brothers and questions our ability to guide impressionable young boys toward traditional values and lifestyle.

The ACLU invokes the California Unruh Civil Rights Act of 1959, which outlaws discrimination in any business establishment. It insists that the Big Brothers organization is a business that must be judged by the same standards as one that sells consumer goods like shoes or holidays, instead of as a social service organization that deals with the long term development of thousands of children.

Our program finds adult males who can work well with boys who are between the ages of 6 and 12. These boys are discovering their own identities and are often dealing with low self-esteem, loneliness and anger — byproducts of the belief that their fathers rejected them. They look to their Big Brothers, as they would to a father, for answers to their most personal questions.

A single mother who comes to Big Brothers for help trusts the professional judgment of our trained social workers to recommend a Big Brother who would be the most positive masculine role model for her son. She must feel secure that we have taken every precaution to protect her son, and that the Big Brother will guide the youth along a path that is socially acceptable.

The ACLU insists that a homosexual man is not an appropriate primary masculine role model for a boy. We think not, and for very subtle reasons. The negative effects of having a homosexual Big Brother might not be seen for years. But, with the rise in gay pride over the last decade, a homosexual man may approach his lifestyle with a sense of mission — the same zeal as any minority seeking acceptance. A gay Big Brother could easily go overboard in justifying his beliefs and lifestyle to an impressionable boy. That missionary zeal, from a man to whom a boy clearly looks for guidance, may lead to a confused sexual identity and a heightened curiosity about homosexuality.

"If my Big Brother is gay, I think I'll try it, too," is a view that a little brother may form.

The reasons for homosexuality are only theories; there is no hard evidence that indicates whether sexual preference is a learned or a biologically determined behavior. Although I believe in a homosexual's right to privacy and happiness, I do not believe that anyone should experiment with our children during their most impressionable years.

Big Brothers exists to help guide young boys who are suffering from the loss of their fathers. For many children, living in a broken home is a difficult enough adjustment. The Big Brothers organization does not want to expose these boys to yet another alternative lifestyle.

Thus the screening of Big Brothers is our moral and ethical responsibility, and the interest of fatherless boys is of paramount concern. Each potential volunteer is subject to a stringent process that includes references, state and federal fingerprint checks, interviews and review by a Screening Advisory Committee. We question any man whose background suggests that he would make a poor role model. The ACLU challenges the basic right of the Big Brothers to deny applicants.

We enter a sad, strange and dangerous era when Big Brothers is under attack for affirming the conventional lifestyle of marriage and family.

Richard S. Kline is president of the Big Brothers of Greater Los Angeles.

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Los Angeles, CA 90041

Dear Mr. Kline:

In the Dec. 31, 1985 issue of the Tucson Citizen, I read an article that was surprising and disgusting to me. Surprising in that it was authored by a person who should know better and disgusting in its inaccuracy and bigotry.

Mr. Kline, in one short article, "Big Brothers has no place for Gays," you have managed to drag out most, if not all, of the stereotypical myths about Gay people.

One by one I will take your statements and refute them. The ACLU challenge to Big Brothers of Greater Los Angeles is against its bigotry -- no against the right to screen potential volunteers. If you exclude solely on the basis that one is homosexual you are wrong and I question your ability to pick proper guides for young boys. You give the impression that Gay people don't espouse the values of honesty, the work ethic, clean nurturing home life, patriotism, liberty, pursuit of happiness, tolerance, acceptance of different people. These are the traditional values I would want express to to my child. You say you need the most masculine role models. Most Gay men are probably more masculine than you are — certainly most do not fit the effeminate stereotype you are dredging up. A Gay man may be more supportive and nurturing than a non-Gay man. Most of the ones I know are much more in touch with their feelings than non-Gay men.

Many Gay men knew they were Gay from a very early age -- and were not "seduced" or enticed into a Gay life. What would you or your macho men do for a boy who needed to talk about feelings that he might be Gay. Would you laugh at him, send him to a psychiatrist, or what? How would a closeted-Gay boy feel if his Big Brother made fun of Gays in front of him? Most Gay men have been reared in a non-Gay environment so a Gay man has seen both sides and is much more capable of helping a young boy sort out his feelings than is almost any non-Gay man. As far as setting examples -- Gay men are all around us -- as physicians, pharmacists, lawyers, dentists, bankers, carpenters, athletes, policemen, military men, teachers, actors, etc. Most are closeted because they must be -- because of bigotry and prejudice such as you exhibit in your article.

I feel quite safe in stating that most Gay men would not rather glamorize the lifestyle -- all Gay men know it is much easier to be non-Gay and none would choose the lifestyle. Gays only accept the lifestyle as that is the way they are. There always have been Gay people in the world and there always will be. If you think little brothers might "try it", perhaps you should read the Kinsey Report. Most young boys/men "try it" at least once -- and will reject a Gay lifestyle unless they are already Gay. You can no more convert a non-Gay to a Gay than you can convert a Gay to a non-Gay. It is most important that young men have examples that are non-biased and non-bigoted -- that tends to disqualify you as big brother material.

I am sure there are many knowledgeable single mothers -- women who know Gay men on a personal basis -- who would welcome the help of a Gay man as a big brother for her son. The real crime is denying a man and a boy the Big Brother experience because of myths that have been put to rest by intelligent people long ago.

There are many responsible Gay men in Tucson -- men who would make great Big Brothers -- the same is true of Los Angeles -- you must only look for them and encourage their participation. Letters such as yours don't encourage anything. I hope your board of directors is more knowledgeable and less prejudiced than you are.

Terry H. Lea - Tucson, AZ

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE DOCTORS TOLD TO 'QUELL HYSTERIA' OVER TRANSMISSION OF AIDS

had shared a toothbrush with the patient.

Summarizing recent AIDS findings, Sande wrote:

• The AIDS epidemic appears to be slowing in some areas. In San Francisco only 5 percent of AIDS free homosexual men acquired the infection in 1984 and 1985.

• The incidence of heterosexual spread of AIDS remains low. Throughout the United States, there have been 152 reported cases of transmission from men to women and 26 from women to men.

• There is no evidence the disease is spread by oral sex or kissing.

As of Monday, Feb. 3, 17,001 cases of AIDS nationwide had been reported to federal authorities. Half the victims have died and none have been cured. Experts estimate that between 1 million and 2 million are infected the the AIDS virus.

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- (7) **THE CUILDRED GIRLS** - 60 min.
After writing a vicious letter, Dorothy wonders whether it will really do any good at all, but she knows she is not alone in her feelings. Dorothy: M.J. Gilmore.
- (69) **FRONTLINE** - 60 min.
A new interview show. Hostess Jackie de Soy Sauce and co-hostess Candi Plasti will be interviewing aging actresses and controversial new ones. Tonight's guest Don Hinkie explains where he gets all his energy. Don Hinkie orchestra.
- 8:00 (2) **KATIE AND AL** - 60 min.
Two girlfriends, living together and working at rival nightclubs, wonder how they have gotten along so well all these years without killing each other. Katie: Petra St. Pool. Al: Rodger Curtain.
- (7) **MIAMI TWICE** - 60 min.
Stubbs and Crock are on the prowl again without ever knowing where they are going or when they'll get there. Stubbs: Bob Jealous. Crock: Gary Stark.
- (69) **SDVIE** - (Drama) - 2 hrs.
"After The Applause Dies". A made-for-TV movie about an actress who wonders if a twice-a-month appearance will really make them forget.
- 9:00 (2) **DIE NASTY** - 60 min.
Kristie decides dark, curly hair is much more becoming on her. When a title is given to someone else, she tries to squelch rumors that she has her spoon out stirring s---. She is above that. She could care less. Also, Alexi decides blonde hair is for her and misses a very important engagement. Kristie: Davida Zircon. Alexi: Jessie Cappie
- (7) **ST. SOMEWHERE** - 60 min.
Mrs. Endicott makes her two-week appearance. Mrs. Endicott: Stephanie Pricetag.

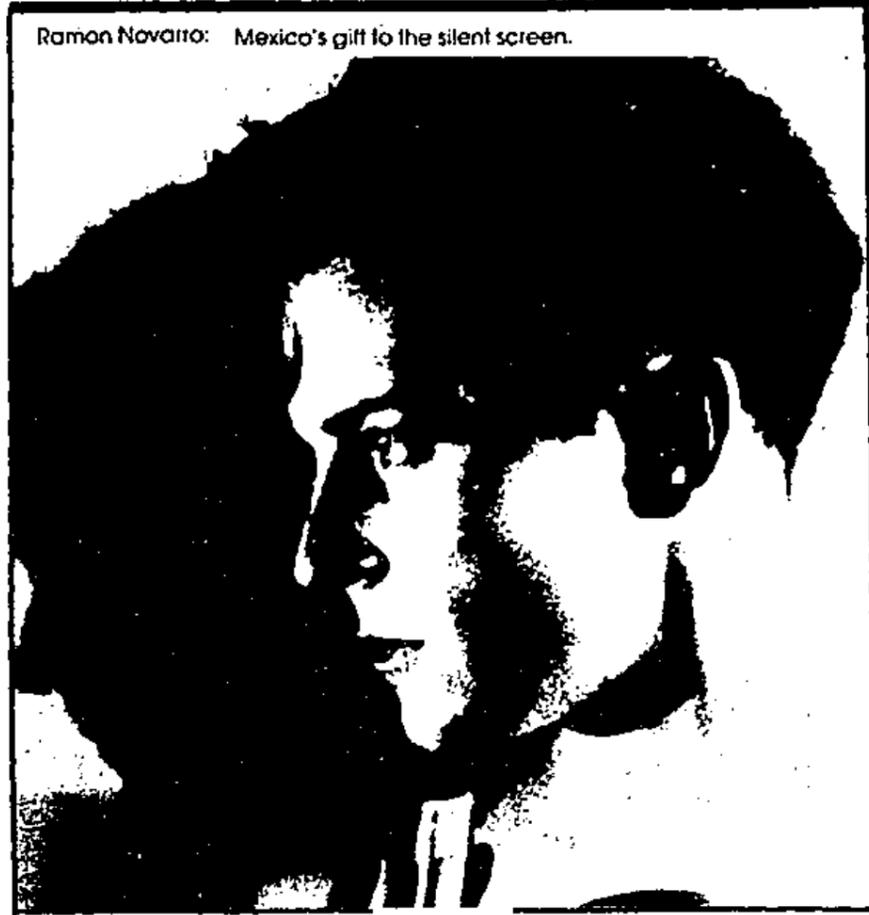
COUNSELING CONCEPTS

I caught myself the other day looking at all the people passing by going about their shopping. The one thing that I noticed were the signs that they carried. I noticed the signs like keys, lots of keys, hanging from belt loops mostly from the belt loops of the males passing by but not all. Earrings, left ear, right ear, both ears, one, two, three, four and more on the same male and/or female ear or ears. There were hankies in all colors from all pockets. There were belts that were noticeably too large that had the excess dangling (suppose to say something about availability). There were hair do's, mohawks, braids, no hair, red hair, black hair, green hair, yellow hair and scraggly hair. There were struts, swishes and swaggers. The list goes on and on. Why? Why all the hoopla? It has something to do with identity. For the most part they are signs of persons who are searching for identity. Signs of persons trying to identify with a particular group and thereby establishing their own identity. It used to be that a male persons wearing an earring in the left ear was a sure sign that the person was Gay. Those signs are now in the past for such purposes. No matter of sexual orientation people are searching for things, groups and people to identify with in order to gain some kind of stability to their own identity.

What makes you you and me me? Some people adopt a sign of some kind be it an earring, or a set of keys hanging from the belt and gain an identity. It's easier than finding out who you are and what really makes you tick. A sign doesn't make you who you are. What makes you who you are is a mixture of heredity and environmental factors. Personality has a lot to do with environmental factors. Temperament falls on the heredity side of things. Sexual orientation? It falls on the side of genetics but not on heredity although the environment side does shape to a degree a person's preference (like blondes vs brunets). The reason attempts to change a persons sexual orientation do not work out is that it goes deeper than environmental factors. So, when speaking of one's identity it takes for granted sexual orientation as a constant. It is who you are as a Gay person or as a non-Gay person. Hence, who you are as you.

Can you go beyond the sign? Can you toss all that aside and not worry what the Gay community will say or think? You can but will you? I hope so. Take all the influence in your life and put it to one side and ask yourself what you like, feel and want and then . . . act on it! Be you. You're the only one who can do it. The bonus is a comfortable, satisfied, self-assured you. Go for it!

Paul W. Reigle
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Thom



WE'RE THROUGH WITH LOVE: Well, here we are—most decidedly *not* between the legs of Jayne Mansfield, even though there's lots of room over there. Maybe she's acting so butch to attract our attention. Sorry, Jayne, but we just don't think of you that way. But then, we've never seen you in that outfit before, either. What's going on? Why'd you change into that punk get-up? And where's that smile? And the pink hearts? This is supposed to be Valentine's Day!



A VERY, VERY HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO EVERYONE



Jackson Taylor:
Happy Valentine's Day.
Bruce

To Professors B. and the lovely
Thursday night chicks... Valentine's
greetings from this little pig.
Abruzzos.
M.R.M.

Wry: After eight years of observing,
you still are my laughter, my love, my
life.
Bob

Louise Wutchevitz:
I love you
T.J.

Chuck:
Blood, guts and slobber.
S.M.

Lorrie Sweetheart:
I love you with all my heart.
You mean the world to me. Forever
yours
Sandy

Eddie: After five years, starting six is
easy. I love you
Mark

Eric: Light of my life - you are the
best valentine I have ever received.
Bert

Happy Valentine's Day to I.P. Please
help me hide it.
Lee

David: Thanks for the Rocky Mountain
High. Happy Valentine's Day. I love
you.
F.S.

Skeets: Nobody's love could ever separate
us.
Who loves ya?
Sally S.

Rodger: Roses are red,
Let's screw.
Love
Sally S.

Werk Stauffer:
Happy Valentine's Day.
Bruce

Bert: You're my only love.
Forgive me for always
for living.
Ernie

Lee W.: There is history. There is
future. As for now, be mine. Love
Doug

To The Gay Community of Tucson:
We work together.
We disagree together.
But a disagreement is a part of
the family.
Thank for letting me be a part of
the family.
Bob

Ernie: You're the "Cameo" in Yum!
You make every Valentine's Day to
me.
Bob

Thom S.: I love you very much.
I hope you love me next 30
years.
Bob

P.K.B.: Happy Valentine's Day.
Bob

Susan: Happy Valentine's Day.
Bob

Natalie: I was a million miles away
when I heard of your Valentine's
heaven!
p.k.b.

This year we decided to take a
different approach so we've put
the emphasis on unwritten love,
which is so much more juicy than
the consummated kind. Yes this
issue is just crawling with
heartbreakers.

Nike C.: You're the only one I'll never
forget. I love you
E.

Keith: I love you so much that I think
of you always. Your love is the most
beautiful thing I have ever felt.
Keith, I want to be with you forever.
Our kind of love is unique. We need
each other to make it in this world,
today, tomorrow, forever. Love always
David

June and Ward: I never even heard of ether! Love
you always, and Ricky once or twice.
Never leave. Love
Lumpy

To a Friend: You're my favorite little Sis -
We've been through a lot. Be kind, I
love and care. Your big Sis
B. D'Almond

P.J.: Love and friendship always.
Thank you for your support. Happy
Valentine's Day.
Jack

To My Valentine: I hope you love your hole day.
Love
Thom

Dan: Thank you for 10 beautiful years
of happiness. I know we'll have many
more. Happy Valentine's Day. All my
love.
Kurt

Sandy: You are my friend, my companion,
and my life. I love you very much.
Your Valentine
Lorrie Sweetheart

Ms. Estelle Gruelbert: From one woman of the eighties to
another - Happy Valentine's Day! Love
Ms. Gladys Featherlips

Dear Michael: You are one in a million. Thank
God I found you. Love
Lloyd

Larry: I love you with all my heart.
Eddie

Steve (Bigfoot): Mastery of the heart and soul is
nobler than that of the beast. Master
thine heart. Love
Beastmaster

To Tucson: I love you.
DROP

Mark: Understanding, truth and
involvement is ours. My love.
Jay

Peter: Because of you, you have made my
world a lot brighter and warmer, and
brought a new meaning to our love.
Love ya
Roger

Big Mike: Roses are red, violets are blue,
remember, Michael. I still love you.
Little Mike

Though we may spawn in different
streams, a friend to me you'll always
be.
Roger: I love you truly. Please be
my Valentine.
Peter

Jim: You me, together forever. I love
you.
B.F.B.

Skeets: Now that I've found you, I hope
to never lose you! Happy Valentine
Love
Chuck

Lee: I'll take the "Oh my God"
T.J.

Bob: Happy Valentine's Day to my
Valentine! All my love now and
through the years to come. Love and
God bless.
Dick

Bob S.W. Jr.: I'll love you till you've lost
breath.
Jim Smith

Poodles: You're the number 1 food in my
life. Love and kisses
Punkin

P.S. Don't forget it's my turn!
Mike Y.
I do love you
Dan-P.

To Bill, who loves me
It's that time, lover - Be my
Valentine. Love
Willie

Dennis: May tons of daffodils and sweet
basil fall on your head. I want to
lick your elbows.
The Park Boy

Mark: Love you always.
Ed

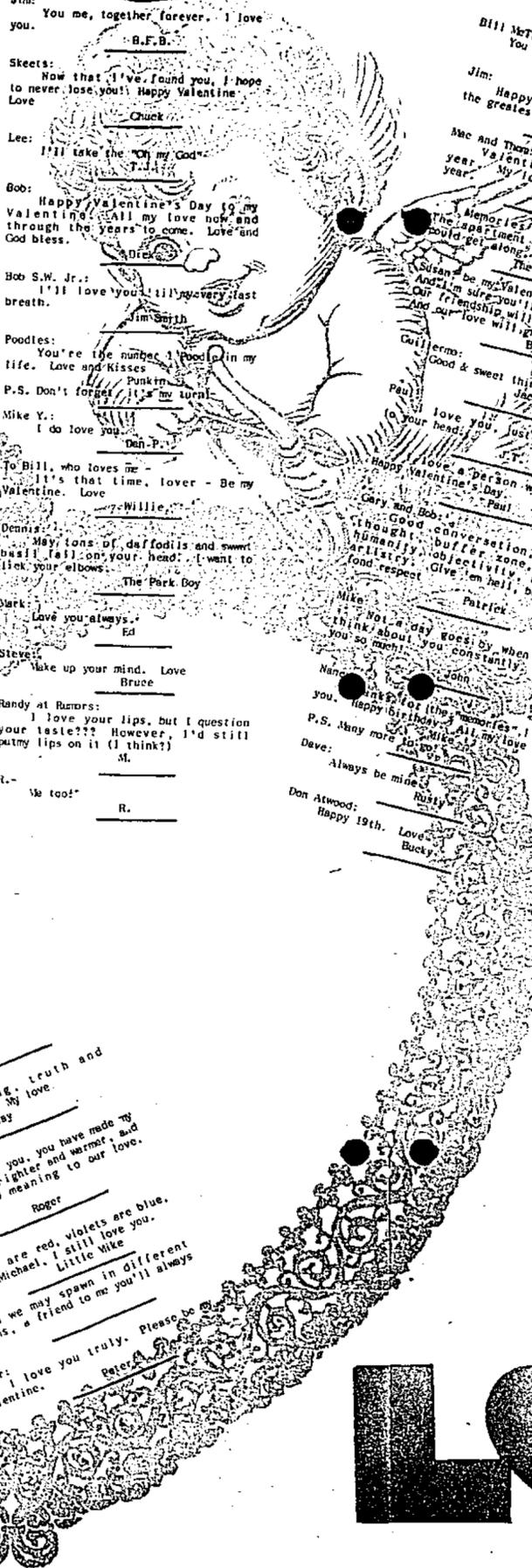
Steve: Wake up your mind. Love
Bruce

Randy at Rumors: I love your lips, but I question
your taste??? However, I'd still
put my lips on it (I think?)
M.

R.: We too!
R.

Don Atwood: Happy 19th.
Love
Bucky

Happy Valentine's Day
Bucky



D NANCY (Crazy Woman)
Still love you madly. With fond
memories and great hopes for the next
five minutes.
"Sleazebucket"

Bill Mt.: You know I'll love you always.
E.

Jim: Happy 20th! I love you. You're
the greatest.
Gizmo

Me and Them: Valentine's Day comes once a
year. My love for you both lasts all
year.
Ed

Memories help, but so little.
The present is very empty. Wish me
could get along. I love you.
The Agnostic Phoenix

Susan: Be my Valentine!
Our friendship will flourish
And our love will grow.
Betty

Guillermo: Good & sweet things could happen.
Paul
Jackie

I love you, just don't let it go
Happy Valentine's Day
Paul

Gary and Bob: Good conversation, food for
thought, buffer zone, tangible
artistry, objectively, activism,
food respect
Patrick

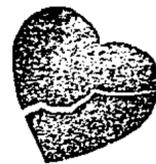
Mike: Not a day goes by when I don't
think about you constantly. I love
you so much!
John

Nancy: Thanks for the "memories". I love
you. Happy birthday. All my love
P.S. Many more to go!
Dave

Always be mine
Rusty

Don Atwood: Happy 19th.
Love
Bucky

Happy Valentine's Day
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A View From Within

A COMMENTARY BY
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS: MORE ABOUT AIDS

Upon perusal of two newspapers available to the medical trade, (The American Medical News, week of 24 January 1986; The Internal Medicine News, for 15-31 January 1986), I found four articles which contained new information about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome:

It was thought that between 5% and 20% of those exposed to the AIDS virus would eventually develop the disease, but in an article in the American Medical News, the National Cancer Institute revealed the results of a study of men who -- in 1982 -- tested positive for the virus. Of the homosexual men from New York City (no number of subjects was listed), one-third have since developed AIDS. Scientists involved with the study believe that the results reflect a possible fact that the virus may have infected homosexual men in New York sooner than the other risk groups tested. (Page 49).

Legislation requiring testing of all donated organs may be proposed in Indiana, after an episode involving the heart and liver of an Indiana man. The organs were transplanted shortly before reports surfaced that the man had been exposed to the HTLV-III virus. (These reports were later disproved). A state organ transplant task force was formed upon the orders of Indiana Governor Robert Orr. (Page 49).

A state of the art, comprehensive AIDS treatment service began on Feb. 1 at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Professor of Epidemiology, B. Frank Polk, M.D. said, "We can care for AIDS patients more efficiently, effectively, and comprehensively in a nursing unit with specially trained health professionals." He then said, "The staff will care for them not only medically, but socially and psychologically as well." It is hope that other hospitals will follow this lead. (Page 49).

The front page of the American Medical News reported that new cases of AIDS among Gay and bisexual men have stabilized in San Francisco and New York City, a trend attributed to safe sexual practices in these two groups. The safe sexual practices theory is further supported by the reported downturn of other sexually transmitted diseases within the two groups. The leveling-off may also have come from the fact that those who were at high risk to contract the disease already have. This is a "so-called saturation effect." Harold Jaffe, M.D. at the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) cautioned that these statistics "are only a short-term trend... and we shouldn't conclude that these changes are necessarily permanent." There appears to be a continuing increase of AIDS among intravenous drug users. Dr. Morgan, a chief AIDS statistician said the slowing will continue, explaining that the time it takes for AIDS cases to

double has increased from every six to seven months in 1983, to 13 to 15 months, or 14 to 16 months, currently.

The Internal Medicine News (Pages 38-39) reports:

Another non-infection pulmonary manifestation of AIDS may have been found, says Dr. P. Solal-Celigny of Saint-Louis Hospital, Paris. It is called Lymphoid interstitial pneumonitis.

From Milan, Italy comes a report that "clinically unaffected" (with AIDS virus) intravenous drug users can exhibit AIDS-like signs of immunosuppression.

This week's column also introduces a new feature which shall appear when necessary. It is the Pat-on-the-back / Kick-in-the-pants Awards. These will be given for good deeds which should be applauded but which do not merit entire columns, and for bad deeds which should be mentioned but which also do not merit entire columns.

This week:

A big **PAT ON THE BACK** goes to Denny's Inc. (the restaurant people) for their four brochures which outline nutritional information about their menu items. Now we can -- in at least one restaurant -- know exactly what we are putting into our bodies.

Another big **PAT ON THE BACK** to the producers of the soap opera, "The Young And The Restless" for their switch to fake furs from the real thing. With today's technology, it is possible to make fake furs which look, feel, and act like the real thing. It is no longer necessary to kill small furry animals and wear their skins. Let us hope all visual media will choose this route, over endorsing the murder of foxes, lynx, seals and minks.

IF YOU have spotted something that deserves a **PAT ON THE BACK**, or a **KICK IN THE PANTS**, please drop me a line in care of this paper. I will credit you for your find, unless you state otherwise. Please provide as many details as possible. (Where it happened; where you heard about it; when; who was involved; why you think it deserves special mention). Thank you.

Post Script: Happy V.D. to Marissa, Olga, Kathleen (how is Chicago?), Michael in L.A.C.A., Ricky, Lisa, B. and her sister N., Michael from Colo., Cris and Cathy (my chest misses you), and the guy from Alaska.

Post Post Script: Nice to run into you again, Mark L. Sometimes when the past sneaks up on you, it isn't that bad.

LETTERS

GENTLEMEN:
 Under Editor's Comments, Issue 80, you say some feel you are not very professional. "Viewpoint" and "A View From Within" surely are written well, and are examples of Observer's professional commitment to the community.

"Briefs", frequent reprints of national items, are examples of professionalism. "Notices" cover the spectrum of our involvements. Would that those groups furnished commentary. Are there none amongst them who can write? Your coverage of AIDS is sensitive and current, an example of professional commitment to our concerns and needs.

Von Berg of "Quietfire"
 Memories of older Gay men.
 Phoenix

EDITOR:
 Thank you for letting your customers send love notes to their sweethearts and thank you for your weekly paper. I'm new to Arizona and to Tucson and your paper has helped me find a job, a place to live and where to go to meet people. I love it and hope you never stop printing it. Your paper is an asset to the community and a door opener to the Gay Community. Your friend

Betty B.

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WHAT'S UP DOC?



Just to let you know that this reporter does get out to more than the bars, here it is 10:00 a.m. Sunday and I'm sitting at the Fiesta Lanes watching 40 alleys full of women bowling. Now is that dedication or not? (Remember the bar doesn't open until noon). The only reason I can even think of for doing this is maybe I'll learn by watching and be able to improve my bowling.

To start off this week's column with a couple of changes from last week's column does help get the pen rolling. First off, Page has backed out of my show for this Sunday and she will be missed. I'll try to have her in another show soon.

The second change from last week's column is the Copperstate Leathermen AIDS Benefit Raffle for a 19" color TV has changed the price of the tickets. Their own commander, Louise Manichevitz (aka Bert) is now selling the tickets for 3 for a dollar. Come on Tucson, lets force Bert to bring more tickets into the bars because all on hand were purchased.

Speaking of replacing items at the bars, I want to go on record concerning the Reader's Choice Awards. I feel stuffing the ballot boxes just to win an award is cheap. If it means that much to you to win an award, send me your name and I'll give you one. I do not know who picked up all the copies of the Western Express from all the bars, but if that's the only way you can win an award, you do not deserve it. I'm lucky because I already have my one ballot and I will mail it in, but there are probably a lot of others around Tucson who would have voted if given the chance. That's all I'll say on that subject, let your conscience be your guide.

On a happier note, I move on to TKO's Closet Ball. Yes, the ballots or entry forms are not out as of the time I am writing this, but from talk around town, this years version sounds like the biggest and the most contestants ever. For one reason, the first place prize money has increased to \$150. Maybe I should enter, I could use that kind of money. A very special show has been lined up for your entertainment. TALL's version of "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas". For all of you who may have missed this one before, I can't stress on you how strongly I urge you to see it, so mark March 15 on your calendar and be sure to be at Rumor Hazzit to both see the show and witness the transformations of some of your friends from one gender to another. The complete evening will be one you will not forget for a long time. Good luck to each contestant in this year's version of TKO's Closet Ball '86.

TALL will be having their Sunday Din-Din next Sunday, Feb. 23 at the Graduate. I'm a member of TALL so I'll try to make sure this one starts on time. On the menu will be baked ham in champagne sauce, and all the trimmings. Let's get out and buy every plate TALL can serve, it beats cooking at home.

Next weekend it's time for Copperstate Leathermen from Phoenix to invade Tucson again. The occasion will be to help celebrate the Tucson Command in hanging their (Tucson) colors at it's 'Bout Time. Good luck Tucson Command, and on this very special day I again welcome you and look forward to reporting your news in the future. After the hanging of colors ceremony, the local command will be installing a couple new pledges who have served their pledge periods and are now ready to work for the local and state-wide organization promoting leather and the camaraderie leathermen have.

This coming weekend will be a busy, fun-filled one at the Graduate. Starting Friday night, Linda Fizzle will be spinning all your old favorite records upon request. Then on Saturday evening, a very special two person, Aviva Diamond and Tamara (Miss Gay Arizona), show. I also have word from a reliable source that there will be a special guest also performing.

Finally, on Sunday, my show, which started this complete fiasco of a weekend. My show will be comical in nature, and probably a lot more. It will, I repeat, it will start on time. That in itself is comical. Filling the gap for Page will be Ben. After Ben hearing Annie say she had two new pairs of high heels he has never worn, it was easy to talk him into the show. Remember, if you enjoy all the work by those putting on this

Valentine's Weekend special at the Graduate, show them.

Well, I guess that's about it for this week. It has been an interesting one and I've probably forgotten some news I should have reported on, but there is always next week. Have a good one and let's all work together to warm Tucson up.

TBBS: This portion of my column has gotten very interesting because people are saying to me, "I've never seen my name in your column." There is only so much I can get into this paper, but don't worry. I'll be watching and maybe one of these days you will see your name here. Now that Baby Bob is married, have you noticed his pants have creases in them? You would think he is trying to live a straight and narrow path now - HA!...Lindsey, you do not have to worry about Friday at the Graduate anymore. Joe filled in very well for you last Friday... Move over "Baby Bob" because Les "Sweet Pea" aka Titanic Wayne has been found under a cabbage leaf in the "Graduate" garden. Love you Sis - Ken!... Sunday at Rita's, Peter put a leafed celery stock behind his ear and said he felt like a Green Goddess looking for the Jolly Green Giant.

Congratulations to Bucky and Don who celebrated 20 years of love together last Sunday at Rita's Rendezvous. I wonder which of the two we should send get well cards to.

Hey SOS, what have you got up and coming. Let me know so I can get the word out for you.

SMOKER'S WRINKLES: Cigarettes cause orange skin, yellow teeth, bad breath too

(ED NOTE: The following editorial appeared in the Arizona Daily Star, and is reprinted here as food for thought).
SMOKER'S WRINKLES: Cigarettes cause orange skin, yellow teeth, bad breath too

So you won't stop smoking out of concern for your health. After all, you could get run over by a truck tomorrow as you're crossing the street. If you gotta go, you say, you may as well die happy, doing the things you enjoy in life.

And you say you won't stop for the sake of your family. You love them. You're a good caretaker. They don't want for anything. That's all that matters.

Ok, here's one last shot - an appeal to your vanity. Will you stop smoking for the sake of your face?

According to an article published in the British Medical Journal, cigarette smoking can lead to a wrinkled, haggard look that has been dubbed "smoker's face". The look can include crow's feet at the corners of the eyes, or other lines and wrinkles; gauntness or a leathery, worn appearance; and a slightly gray, orange, purple or red complexion.

The study says quitting may stop or reverse the process.

You've known for years about the links between smoking and heart disease, smoking and cancer, smoking and lung disease. Your teeth are stained and your breath is bad.

If none of those things is enough to get you to stop, this probably won't either. But it's worth a try, just in case. Take a good, long look in the mirror and think about it.

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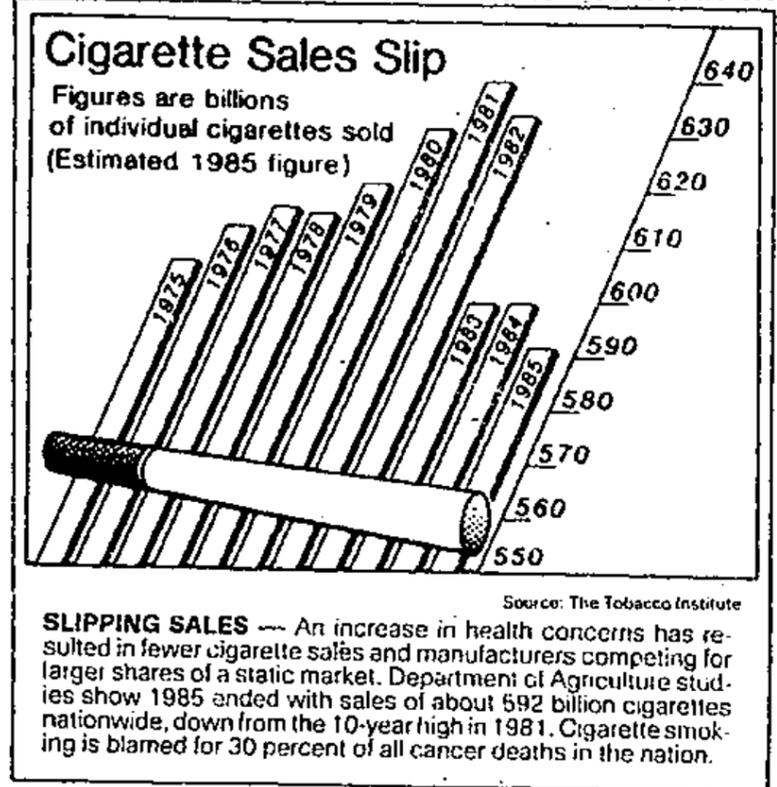
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VOLLEYBALL - VOLLEYBALL

The sixth year of the Joshua Tree Volleyball League will begin the Spring season on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 1:00 p.m. at the Back Pocket. Those interested in joining either as an individual or as a team, can show up on the first day to register. There are six people that play on the court at a time and each team roster can consist of no more than eight players. Everyone plays, which means that all extra players (over 6) on a team that show up on a given Sunday will be rotated in with each serve. To give us an idea of how many players to expect there will be a sign-up sheet at the Back Pocket bar starting Feb. 12. The league will last for 12 weeks followed by playoffs and a tournament.

SOFTBALL - SOFTBALL

For the last two spring and summer seasons in Tucson we have had a small softball league which basically consisted of 2 to 4 bars sponsoring teams that played each other every other week at Himmel Park. I propose that we continue this tradition this year. I am currently organizing a team to be sponsored by the Joshua Tree. I know of another team that is being organized to be sponsored by IT'S 'BOUT TIME. I encourage the other bars to get teams together and that our first day of play be on Saturday, March 1, 1986. Get together at your favorite watering hole and organize a team. Call me, Jack Stockinger, if you are interested at 293-3515.

BOWLING - BOWLING - BOWLING

The Rita's Rendezvous Bowling League teams bowls every Wednesday night at 9:00 p.m. at Fiesta Lanes. They need some additional bowlers. Anyone interested please come on out and join the fun.

The Joshua Tree Bowling League bowls every Monday night at 9:00 p.m. at the Cactus Lanes. We are now in the second half of the season. The winners of the first half was the team: Clean Up Artists, congratulations. The following is the current standings for that league. Regular substitutes are needed.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Bon Voyage Party for John and Art the winners of the "Cruise to Remember" drawing. Off to the New Orleans, then on the SS Bermuda Star for Key West, then to Cozumel - Tulum on the Yucatan Peninsula. Seven days with a shipload of over 750 Gay people. Watch out guys! Bon Voyage party goes from 6 to 8 p.m. Let's send them off with a big Tucson farewell....

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

T.A.P. - Tucson AIDS Project general meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Dining Rooms "C" & "D" on the second floor of the University Medical Center. Guest Speaker Kimberly Webster, Co-chair of the Phoenix chapter of Mobilization Against AIDS.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - VALENTINE'S DAY -

GRADUATE - Begins a three-day Valentines Day weekend extravaganza. Linda Fisdale will be playing your music by request. A hot DJ with some real hot music.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Copperstate Leathermen hang their colors in this, their home bar at 8:00 p.m. Come help them celebrate. ALSO IT'S first annual Pink Party. More later.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

GRADUATE - "TWO WOMEN SHOW" starring Miss Gay Arizona, Tamara and the runner up to that title, Aviva Diamond. Two great acts on the Graduate stage!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 7 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m. After Hours dancing until 4 a.m.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11am to 6pm Well Bourbon \$1. Western Nite with "T" Squares from 7 to 9 p.m. \$1.25 Well 6pm - 1am. Cheri your hostess 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Clint your DJ.

RITA'S - Longest cocktail hour in town 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. featuring Well Scotch \$1 and Schnapps .75. 'ITALIAN NIGHT' Italian Buffet 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. \$1.75. 'Bowlers Special' - Special drink prices for bowlers in Rita's shirts.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Wednesday Beer Bust from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. "Dynasty" on life-size screen plus Drink Specials from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m.

THURSDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Night \$1.25 domestic 9:00 - 1:00 a.m. Dave Pierson, DJ in J/T 9 to 1

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 7 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m. After Hours dancing until 4:00 a.m.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11 am to 8 pm Well Rum \$1. From 6 pm to 1 am Long Necks .75 Clint your DJ

RITA'S - Longest Cocktail Hour in town 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. featuring Well Bourbon \$1, Schnapps .75. Hors d'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m. Well Vodka \$1.25; Schnapps .75 and Domestic Beer (non premium) \$1 from 7 pm to 1 am

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. Daily drink specials from open to 8 p.m. plus video dancing 9 pm. to 1 am.

FRIDAY

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 7 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m. After Hours dancing until 4 a.m.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. disc jockey from 9 to 1

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11am to 6pm Well Gin \$1. Dance music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Clint your DJ. Well drinks \$1.25 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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SATURDAY

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer \$1.00 (except premium). Drink specials until closing.

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 7 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m. After Hours dancing until 4 a.m.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. disc jockey from 9 to 1

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11am - 6pm Bloody Marys \$1. All well \$1.25 6 pm to 1 am. Dance music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Clint your DJ.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Domestic Beer Special (non-premium) \$1.00 - 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Lunch Buffet served noon until 5 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm until 1 a.m. Daily Drink Special. Video dancing 9 p.m. until close.

SUNDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beer Bust 4 to 6 p.m. .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4:00 to dusk \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's in J/T 9 to 1

FINELINE - Upstairs bar open from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

GRADUATE - Draft Beer .50 and drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 p.m. Draft Beer .75.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Brunch 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. \$1.75. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.25 noon to 7 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm until 1 a.m. Drink Specials. Sunday Pool Tournaments 3-6 p.m. Video dancing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 'Bowlers Special' .75 well drinks for J/T bowling league bowlers. Dave Pierson DJ's.

FINELINE - Upstairs bar open from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11am to 6pm Well Vodka \$1. From 6pm to 1am Well Drinks \$1.25

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TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 12 oz. cans of Miller, Miller Lite or Coors \$1.00! Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T 9 to 1

FINELINE - Upstairs bar open from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer \$1.00 (except premium) and drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11am - 6pm Well Scotch \$1. All Well Drinks \$1.25 from 6 p.m. to closing.

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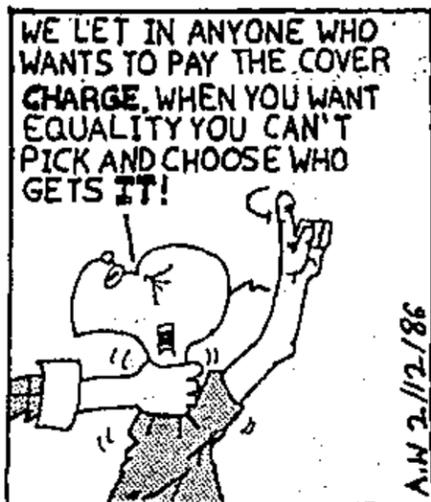
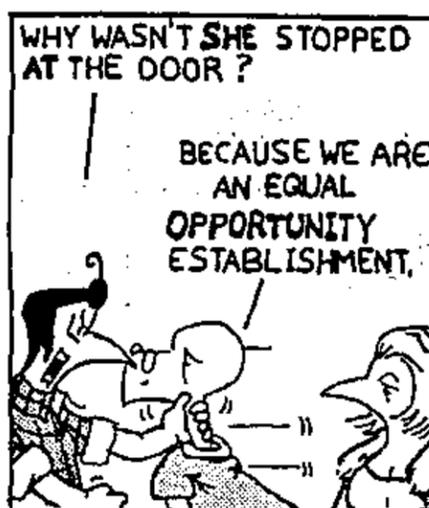
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