

## Observer benefit "A Night To Remember"

TUCSON - Last Saturday evening, March 22, at Sir George's Royal Buffet, members of the Copperstate Leathermen/Tucson Command and the Sisters of Sonora combined forces to put on a benefit for the Observer. It was truly a night to remember.

The evening was notable in that it combined a very diverse group of the Tucson Gay Community. It was everything a person could imagine - Leather to lace, religious, non-religious, businessmen, female impersonators, Gay, non-Gay, bi-sexual. A real rainbow in the spectrum of the Tucson Gay community. They were all gathered for a specific cause - to show support for their local community newspaper - OBSERVER.

The evening opened with cocktails served by two of Tucson's men's clubs, Tucson Knight Ouls and Tucson Arizona Levi Leathermen. The cocktails were served by members of MCC church, and SOS, as well as other individuals who volunteered their services. Dinner was enjoyed by almost 100 people who partook of a very tasty meal cooked up by Sir George's crew.

Natalie Perry and David Weinstein were officially presented with the first bi-annual Tucson Observer Gay Appreciation Award, certificate and a silver bowl in recognition of their outstanding service to the Tucson Gay community. The winners for this award was first announced in January. There will be two more winners announced during Gay Pride Week also. Four TOGA Awards will be presented each year to an individual, organization, club or business who is deemed to have provided the Tucson Gay community with support by donating of their time and effort in helping or effecting a change in the community or members thereof.

Copperstate Leathermen presented Bob Ellis with a plaque commemorating his honorary lifetime membership in their organization.

A 'Roast' of Observer editor Bob Ellis was enjoyed thoroughly by everyone, including Ellis who still insists that all were lies except when comments were made to his age (which were slightly exaggerated also).

An all-star show followed the 'roast' which featured thirteen of the finest in entertainers. From female impersonation, mime to live vocalizing, the performances showed off the talents of Tucson's finest.

When all was over and the dust began to settle, the astonishing accounting became visible. Donations from tips by performers, waiters, bartenders, donations via tickets at the door, cigarette sales, liquor sales and all amounted to an amount approaching \$3,000. After expenses, a net amount of slightly over \$2,000 was donated to the continuing operation of the Observer. Thank you. A separate accounting is elsewhere in this issue as is the formal thank you to all who participated as well as a special thank you from the Observer staff.

It was truly an evening to remember, and here we present a photo page in remembrance of all who gave their time, money and efforts either in the background, foreground or by attending this very special social affair.

## Franks AIDS Legislation Defeated

by Kimberly Webster  
PHOENIX - On Friday, March 21, in a 22-24 vote, Representative Trent Franks' legislation pertaining to mandatory reporting of positive HTLV-III testing results, was defeated on the House floor.

Representatives of Mobilization Against AIDS-Phoenix have worked solidly for two months organizing opposition to the bill. At no time since its introduction did the bill receive support from any health or public agency. Tucson Red Cross Executive Director JoAnn Webster and Arizona Blood Services Vice President, Dr. Ernest Simon each testified in opposition to the bill on separate occasions, stating that its passage would endanger the blood supply and endanger the civil rights of high risk groups.

Dr. Glyn Caldwell, assistant Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services, did not testify in favor of the bill, rather he stated that the DHS did not oppose one provision of the bill, the mandatory HTLV-III positive reporting requirement. The DHS is pursuing similar reporting requirements through the Director's regulatory authority.

Kimberly Webster, Co-Director of Mobilization-Phoenix, called the defeat of the bill a "small yet significant victory in our political response to the AIDS crisis in Arizona." Webster stated that the defeat of Franks' bill was brought about by an effective coalition approach.

"The groups working to defeat this legislation could not have done so individually. Collectively, we presented a well-rounded argument that legislators could buy."

Representatives Peter Goudinoff, D-Tucson, in cooperation with Bart Baker, R-Herford, David Bartlett, D-Tucson, Cindy Resnick, D-Phoenix, and John Kromko, D-Tucson orchestrated debate on the House floor for the bill's defeat.

## NYC approves Gay rights bill, finally

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - The City Council here approved a Gay Rights Bill on Thursday, March 20, fifteen years after a similar bill was introduced in the early days of the Gay rights movement. The bill will prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment or public accommodation.

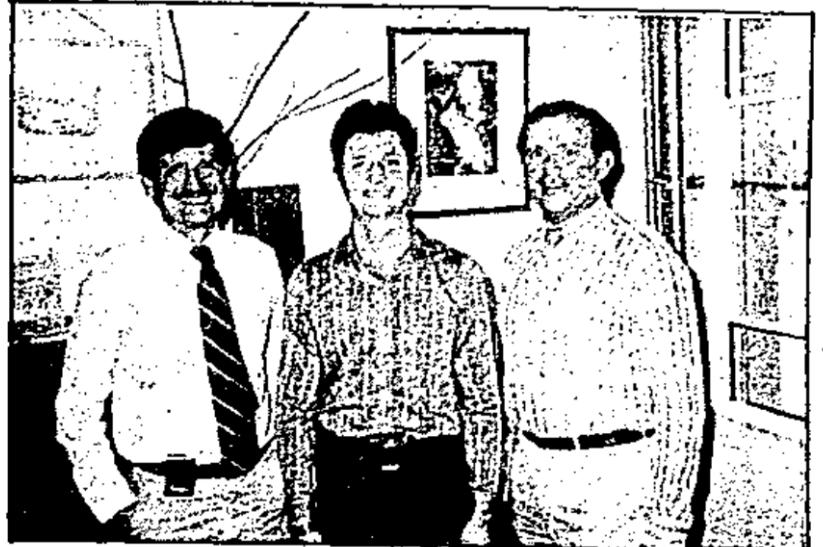
More than 100 police officers were assigned around City Hall as supporters and opponents gathered to await the vote. The Gay rights bill grew out of a police raid on the Stonewall Gay bar, which set off riots in 1969 and is considered a flash point of the entire Gay movement.

Similar bills have become law in 50 other cities (Tucson included), 12 counties and in Wisconsin.

A Gay rights bill was first proposed in New York in 1971, but was largely ignored. Another bill had reached the full council only once before, in 1974, when it lost by 22-19.

Opponents of the newly  
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## TAP Holds Shanti Workshops



TUCSON - In Tucson last weekend to hold a 'crash' Shanti Project workshop to the Tucson AIDS Project is Jim Geary, Director of the Shanti Project, San

Francisco pictured in the center above flanked by Dr. Bob Henry, Director of TAP, on the left and Michael Hutchins, Chair of the Emotional Support Group of TAP.

TUCSON - The Tucson AIDS Project held workshops over the past weekend, March 21, 22 and 23 presented by the Shanti Project from San Francisco. According to Jim Geary, Director of the Shanti Project San Francisco, said, the Tucson workshops presented "the cream of the regular 44-hour program," that Shanti Project usually gives to its volunteers.

The Tucson volunteers who attended the workshops were trained on counseling skills as well as "getting in touch with their own feelings about death and grief," Geary said. "Most importantly," Geary said, "we help them to live with AIDS."

As of the middle of February, more than 17,000 people in the United States had been diagnosed with the dread disease that had killed more than 9,000 of them. In Arizona, more than 100 AIDS cases have been diagnosed statewide.

The Shanti Project/San Francisco has long been considered a model support

program for AIDS victims and their families, said Michael Hutchins of TAP.

TAP Director, Dr. Bob Henry said that the Tucson AIDS Project will continue to provide all the essential services to PWAs but will lean more to the 'philosophy' of the Shanti Project when counseling patients. Henry said that the volunteers who attended the workshops were asked to commit to the Tucson AIDS Project for a minimum of 6 months giving a minimum of two hours per week.

Since moving into their office at 80 W. Cushing Street, Henry said that the TAP AIDS Hotline is operating now from 10:00 a.m. until midnight. Where they used to get between 10 and 15 AIDS-related calls per day, they now are receiving about 25 calls per day, Henry said.

The group plans to hold an open house in April to 'show off' their new facilities. The Tucson AIDS Project Hotline is 792-3772.

## EDITORIAL

If you weren't there, you will have a hard time believing the love, caring and sharing that went on at the Observer Benefit last Saturday evening at Sir George's Royal Buffet. The benefit raised an astonishing amount of money. It turned out to be an evening that people wanted to respond to a communication effort that has been an ongoing thing for almost ten years.

The hard facts are that donations totalling \$2,940.73 were received. After expenses of \$916.03 were subtracted, the Observer is now able to pay off some really past due bills and get back to business with some replacement equipment with the net total of \$2024.70 it received. We thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts. As a point in fact, if one would consider the non-monetary donations (dressing room truck, light, sound equipment, flowers, etc) the gross total would go over the \$3,500 mark easily, and - if you added in all the man hours, gasoline, etc. the figure becomes astronomical!

It is that last sentence I would like to address now. The number of people who worked long and hard for the success of this benefit is also astronomical as you can see from the list that appears elsewhere in this issue. To those kind, dedicated, lovely people I wish to convey my very sincere thanks. But also, we must remember the multitude of persons who came to see the end results - the concerned people of the Gay community who bought ticket,

drinks, dinners, and tipped the bartenders and waiters and performers. Thank you very, very much.

To all the performers, there is no finding words to thank you enough for your truly magnificent effort in behalf of the Observer. Under the most trying of circumstances you all came through with flying colors. Bravo!

To the members of Metropolitan Community Church, your help in time of need has shown through again. Your hands-on helping by providing waiters for the evening was outstanding and the other major service you provided was what actually helped make the evening the financial success it was. Let's let bygone's be bygone's. Thank you each and everyone of your fine community.

To the people who helped in so many ways, every barowner in Tucson and many in Phoenix, our lovely cigarette girl, our beautiful ticket seller, our fantastic DJ, the light people, etc, etc, etc. The list goes on and on.

It was truly a community function and one that was enjoyed by everyone. The evening will be repeated next year at this time, but it is doubtful that it can reach the natural high that this evening provoked.

Thank you Tucson. You are marvelous!

### TAP TO REORGANIZE CORE GROUP

TUCSON - As the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) formed over the past year, it made policy and appointed officers as appropriate at the time. To build a strong organization that will continue to be responsive to client and community needs, TAP is now defining its organization and operation with bylaws, policies and procedures. Because TAP is a community-based operation, TAP's decision making body, the CORE GROUP, will be reassembled to allow wider representation from the greater community of Tucson and selection of persons who are best suited for individual TAP CORE positions and the accompanying responsibilities.

Potential or current TAP volunteers (including current CORE members) may nominate themselves for one or more positions on the TAP CORE group. Nominees must submit a letter or statement to the TAP office by 6:00 p.m. April 10, 1986, indicating their qualifications (i.e. experience, education, etc.) for the position and what they will do in the position if selected. Persons accepting CORE positions must agree to serve for at least one year. A selection committee composed of 15 TAP members (including the present CORE group) will review the submitted applications and interview the candidates. Nominees may not be present or take part in the selection of a position for which they have applied. The new officers will be announced at the General TAP Meeting, May 8, 1986.

The CORE positions are: Director, Co-director, Secretary, Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator, and chairpersons of the following committees: Emotional Support, Practical Support, Education, Fundraising, Hotline, and Public Relations. In addition, a member-at-large and a person with AIDS will be selected. Further information about the selection process and descriptions of CORE position responsibilities are available at the TAP office, 80 West Cushing Street, Tucson, AZ 85701.



### This Week's TV Programs

- TV GUIDE ...E.E.E.E.E.E.E.E
- 7:00 (2) THE LOVE BUTT - (60 min.)  
The Mermaid is getting super busy planning not only her show on the 20th of April, but also taking over the city's biggest entertainment package over, Mermaid: Christi Luvshitz.
- (7) THE GUILDED GIRLS (60 min.)  
Dorothy has a habit of saying the right things at the wrong time. Some people are amused while others don't appreciate her dry sense of wit. Dorothy: M.J. Gilmore.
- (69) FRONTLINE - (60 min.)  
Jackie de Soy Sauce is slated about doing a show where she is actually going to get paid for it. Don Hinkle Orchestra.
- 8:00 (2) KATIE AND AL (60 min.)  
Al is going to try it again. Maybe this time the top of his dress will stay up high enough not to show off the top of his shaving line. Al: Roger Curtain.
- (7) MIAMI TWICE (60 min.)  
All Stubbs and Crook can say is "Thank you all. We know who our friends are!" Stubbs: Bob Jealous. Crook: Gary Stark.
- (69) MOVIE - Comedy (2 hrs.)  
"It's Not Me!" A local show girl keeps complaining. "Yes, our names are the same but I don't do stunts and I don't live in Malibu!"
- 9:00 (2) DIE NASTY (60 min.)  
Alexi finally comes out of retirement for a benefit show to prove to her friends that she can still keep up with them. Alexi: Jessie Caplan.
- (7) ST. SOMEWHERE (60 min.)  
Will Mrs. Endicott live? It's apparent that most people hope so. Mrs. Endicott: Stephanie Price-tag.



The pregnant Miss M. - Singer Bette Midler is pregnant, and she and husband Martin von Hasselberg are expecting a child this fall.

### LOCAL PRODUCTION COMPANY TAKES OVER

**MISS GAY TUCSON PAGEANT**  
TUCSON - It has been announced that Robert Ulsrud (aka Christi Lunden) has taken over as producer and manager of the official Miss Gay Tucson Pageant starting with the pageant that will be held in January 1987.

In a deal with JBC Productions of Phoenix, Penguin Productions will produce and manage all future pageants. While Mr. Ulsrud will not own the pageant, JBC Productions still owns it. Mr. Ulsrud will completely run the entire pageant.

When asked to comment, Ulsrud said, "Tucson is proud to have the pageant in this town, but they were rather disgruntled, to say the least, that the entire pageant was being run from Phoenix. We have enough people in Tucson who know the business end of a pageant, that there is no need for Phoenix to have any part of it at all. It should be run from Tucson for Tucsonans and support this city alone. I am pleased and proud to be able to do this from now on."

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### STAGED READINGS AT ATC IN TUCSON

TUCSON - The Arizona Theatre Company is presenting the third set of staged readings in ATC's new 'Plays and Playwrights Program' on Friday, March 28 and Sunday, March 30 with both readings beginning at 8:15 p.m.

'The Anatomy Lesson' by L.J. Schneiderman will be presented. Directed by Ken Ruta, the members of the cast include Michael Keenan, Eduardo Martin, Melinda McCrary, and Kristina Callahan. The readings will take place at the ATC Rehearsal Hall, 56 W. Congress in down Tucson.

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## Arizona represented at national AIDS forum

TUCSON - More than 500 health care providers attending the Seventh National Lesbian/Gay Health Conference and Fourth National AIDS Forum in Washington, D.C., March 13-15, were Tucson AIDS Project members Bill Richards and Dr. Bob Henry and Kay Bauman of Tucson; and Dr. Ken Fisher (Arizona AIDS Fund Trust) and Kimberly Webster (Mobilization Against AIDS) of Phoenix. Also attending were Dr. Michael Dolores of Tucson and ASU faculty member in social work, Natalie Jane Woodman of Phoenix, who received the NLGHP 'Community Service Award' for her contributions to Lesbian and Gay health and public education.

During the general and concurrent sessions of the 3-day health conference, 94 topics were presented of which 60% dealt with AIDS. Numerous AIDS support agencies and individual care providers presented their experiences in education, counseling and support program development as well as research findings in psychosocial reactions and behavior changes in Gays in response to AIDS. Other topics included Lesbians, Gays and parenthood; coming out resources for families; addiction issues for Lesbians and Gays; incest and child sexual assault; and improving care for Gays and Lesbians within mainstream health agencies. Dr. Bauman conducted a session on 'Lesbian/Gay Health Curricula in American Medical Schools', and Ms. Woodman spoke on 'Mental Health Issues in Lesbians and Gays', during a plenary session on health service delivery.

On March 15, representatives of 105 AIDS support agencies met to hear Jeff Levi of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Gary MacDonald of the AIDS Action Council, Tom Stoddard of Lambda Legal Defense Fund, Ben Schatz of National Gay Rights Advocates and Paula Van Ness of AIDS Project Los Angeles discuss the national political climate regarding funding for AIDS service and education programs, and legal issues regarding HTLV-III testing, reporting and civil rights.

They stressed the urgent need for organization and political activity at the local level because it is state law and health department policy that will determine the way these issues are handled. A nationwide wave of attempts to pass oppressive legislation is expected following the lead of Colorado and the recent statement from the Centers for Disease Control supporting mass HTLV-III testing of high risk individuals. Workshops on grant writing, fundraising, organizing support services and political action committees followed.

## TLGA to hold fundraiser

TUCSON - In conjunction with the Joshua Tree, the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance announces the 1st Annual Lesbian/Gay Fiesta de Mayo. It will be a two day Fiesta to be held Saturday and Sunday, May 3rd and 4th at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket. This is a fundraiser with all the proceeds going towards the expenses of this year's Lesbian and Gay Pride Week.

Food, games, information and activity booths will be set up

along the edges of the grass recreation area (volleyball court). The booths will open at 3:00 p.m. each day and continue to be open until 1:00 a.m. each night. A stage will also be constructed in this area for live entertainment. Booths will be up to eight feet wide and can be rented for \$25 or 10% of the profit whichever is the highest. We encourage all Lesbian and Gay oriented organizations to rent a booth as a way of raising extra funds for their own group. The booth chosen as best representing the Mexican theme of the Fiesta will receive 50% off their booth rental. Three booths are already reserved. To reserve a booth, leave your name, organization name, phone number at the Back Pocket between now and April 26. We advise early booth reservations as space is limited.

There will also be a contest for King and Queen of the Fiesta. Candidates will compete as couples. The competition will consist of obtaining votes, at \$1.00 per vote, with proceeds going to TLGA. The couple that has the most votes wins and will be crowned on stage at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 4. The contestants for King and Queen can be of either sex. Candidates will be encouraged to secure sponsorships from bars and/or businesses. Candidates can also earn votes by entertaining on stage both Saturday and Sunday. The voting will end by 10 p.m. Sunday, May 4. The candidates must be Tucson residents and be willing to donate time and energy as the winners will also reign over this year's Pride Week events. Candidates must sign up at the Back Pocket between now and Sunday, April 6.

## Udall agrees to make inquiries for MAA

TUCSON - A meeting between Kimberly Webster, Co-Director of Mobilization Against AIDS and Arizona U.S. Congressman Morris Udall was held on Tuesday, March 18. As a result of that meeting, Congressman Udall agreed to make a Congressional inquiry to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) chief on behalf of people with AIDS in Arizona.

Webster explained that, because Arizona is a 'low incidence' state, physicians have met with no success in procuring compassionate use treatment protocols of experimental drugs for their patients. She emphasized that individuals with AIDS should not be penalized for living in a state with few cases of AIDS. Congressman Udall agreed to put the pressure on the FDA to release protocols to Arizona physicians. Mobilization staff will monitor and report progress on this situation.

Congressman Udall also agreed to oppose potential rescissions of 1986 AIDS funding. He further pledged to oppose any situation where mandatory testing for the HTLV-III/LAV antibody might occur. Webster said, 'It is important to note that no such proposal is presently gaining support in congress, even though the likes of Lyndon LaRouche and William F. Buckley are calling for universal screening.'

Congressman Udall should be commended for his support of the AIDS-related issues presented to him.

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# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OUTFRONT

## OUTLANDISH OUTRAGEOUS OUTSPOKEN OUR Community...



WHO SAYS TUCSON IS A SMALL TOWN ?



by Loretta von Oystershucker

LORETTA STRIKES AGAIN.....

At the benefit for the OBSERVER, held last Saturday, March 22, Loretta von Oystershucker was invited to be on the date to offer her comments in assisting in the 'roast' of editor Bob Ellis. Unfortunately she was unable to attend. She was sailing that very day aboard her private yacht from Key Biscayne traveling south in the Caribbean to do some research in the Bermuda Triangle area. Miss Oystershucker however, before the signal faded, was able to send by wireless the following message which was read to the assembled crowd at the Benefit:

"It is with my deepest regrets that I cannot attend tonight's special and important event honoring Bob Ellis and the Observer. Unfortunately my time schedule does not permit me to be in Tucson tonight. With all the Miss Gay Whatever contests going on, I am sure there is going to be a Miss Gay Journalist/Tucson contest soon, so I am in search of a home elsewhere so I can enter.

When I was asked to join in the Roast for Bob and was told of the other illustrious participants on the date, I became most upset knowing I would not be there. A group like us together could really get Ellis or do one hell of a revival of 'Arsenic and Old Lace!' I was also told that George Reederus and Teacher John

might be in on the roast too. With them joining us along with Bob, we could probably re-enact the Last Supper from memory!

Please don't get me wrong, Bob Ellis is not really old. Just because his underwear says 'Fruit of the Garden of Eden' does not make him old.... Just because Bob was second in line to use the press to print his first newspaper, after they printed the first Bible at Guttenburg, does not make Bob old.... Just because Bob swapped cake recipes with Marie Antoinette does not make him old.... Just because Bob gets seasick everytime he hears a Mayflower Movers commercial, does not make him old.... Just because Bob refused to fight in the Civil War because he could not decide if he looked better in Blue or Grey does not make him old....

Just because when Bob first learned to drive it was in a 'Model T' does not make him old... And just because when Bob first moved to Tucson, the house he now lives in was just being built, does not make him old....

In all fairness, I have to say that Bob Ellis is not as old as he looks. Just think how you would look if you lived with Gary Clark all those years. Of course on the plus side of this relationship is that Bob has been practicing safe-sex long before we were told to. (Just teasing, Gary!)

On a serious note here, we all owe Bob Ellis a great deal of thanks for his perseverance in bringing an informative newspaper to us for so many years. Let us also thank Bob for helping us keep those trash cans lined and mirrors in the bars clean all these years. Bob really does a fantastic job with the newspaper. Why his thirst for news items is second only to a bar owners thirst for liquor!

Always trying to better the paper, bringing you up-to-date information, Bob lets you, the reader, know just when, where, and why the next meeting for the Society for Uncircumcised males is being held. No man in our time can equal Bob's ability to bring into our lives such pleasure in black and white - except perhaps for Elmer.

Again I apologize for not being able to attend this wonderful evening honoring a wonderful man and beautiful friend. Thank you Bob for everything you have given all of us.

Love and Kisses  
Loretta von Oystershucker

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NYC APPROVES GAY RIGHTS BILL FINALLY

passed bill voted to sue or seek a referendum to strike it down, while city attorneys and Gay activists said that they were confident the bill would be upheld.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York announced it "will seek legal counsel to determine what steps may be taken to reverse this action." Councilman Noach Dear, another vocal opponent, said he was considering a court challenge on the basis that the law violates the First Amendment rights of those who object to homosexuality on religious grounds. City Council majority leader, Peter Vallone predicted that the bill would be subjected to a referendum

Mayor Edward L. Koch said he would sign it into law March 31.

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance Report

Some of you may remember one year ago, March 22, 1985 Jerry Falwell came to Tucson to solicit money at a private brunch. Some of the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride

Committee members got tickets and greeted Rev. Falwell with a silent standing protest on the inside and a not-so-silent protest on the outside. That day I got on his mailing list, just to keep track of his activities and use up his stamps. Well, this week I received a letter from Falwell where he is crediting 'militant' Gays with nearly destroying his 'Christian Ministry.' His statement, 'we have almost been destroyed by this nationally organized conspiracy.' The losses are awesome... impossible to compute, scores of thousands of dollars... over 1 million dollars.... This tragedy comes at the time of his 28th wedding anniversary.

He is begging for money to combat us 'militant Gays' and says he has 'never prayed more fervently for a miracle.' Rev. Falwell has a million dollar phone bill to be off by March 25, 1986. It is interesting to see how effective we can be when we are organized. Every name on his mailing list costs the Moral Majority money, in stamps, printed materials and labor. Write Jerry Falwell, Lynchburg, Virginia 24514 and let him know you are interested in his 'Christian Ministry' and want to be on his mailing list.

by Jack Stockelager



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TUCSON - Last Saturday evening, March 22, at Sir George's Royal Buffet, members of the Copperstate Leathermen/Tucson Command and the Sisters of Sonora combined forces to put on a benefit for the Observer. It was truly a night to remember.

The evening was notable in that it combined a very diverse group of the Tucson Gay Community. It was everything a person could imagine - Leather to lace, religious, non-religious, businessmen, female impersonators, Gay, non-Gay, bi-sexual. A real rainbow in the spectrum of the Tucson Gay community. They were all gathered for a specific cause - to show support for their local community newspaper - OBSERVER.

The evening opened with cocktails served by two of Tucson's mens clubs, Tucson Knight Owls and Tucson Arizona Levi Leathermen. The cocktails were served by members of MCC church, and SOS, as well as other individuals who volunteered their services. Dinner was enjoyed by almost 100 people who partook of a very tasty meal cooked up by Sir George's crew.

Natalie Perry and David Wetstein were officially presented with the first bi-annual Tucson Observer Gay Appreciation Award, certificate and a silver bowl in recognition of their outstanding service to the Tucson Gay community. The winners for this award was first announced in January. There will be two more winners announced during Gay Pride Week also. Four TOGA Awards will be presented each year to an individual, organization, club or business who is deemed to have provided the Tucson Gay community with support by donating of their time and effort in helping or effecting a change in the community or members thereof.

Copperstate Leathermen presented Bob Ellis with a plaque commemorating his honorary lifetime membership in their organization.

A 'Roast' of Observer editor Bob Ellis was enjoyed thoroughly by everyone, including Ellis who still insists that all were lies except when comments were made to his age (which were slightly exaggerated also).

An all-star show followed the 'roast' which featured thirteen of the finest in entertainers. From female impersonation, mime to live vocalizing, the performances showed off the talents of Tucson's finest.

When all was over and the dust began to settle, the astonishing accounting became visible. Donations from tips by performers, waiters, bartenders, donations via tickets at the door, cigarette sales, liquor sales and all amounted to an amount approaching \$3,000. After expenses, a net amount of slightly over \$2,000 was donated to the continuing operation of the Observer. Thank you. A separate accounting is elsewhere in this issue as is the formal thank you to all who participated as well as a special thank you from the Observer staff.

It was truly an evening to remember, and here we present a photo page in remembrance of all who gave their time, money and efforts either in the background, foreground or by attending this very special social affair.

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Friday	PARTY - PARTY and Video Dancing
Saturday	PARTY - PARTY and Video Dancing
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**LETTERS**

**DEAR EDITOR:**  
 I am writing this letter to address the Gay community of Tucson.  
 On Sunday, March 16th, there was to be a benefit show for abused children with all proceeds going to Casa de Los Ninos.

Members of Garland Productions thought the show would prove that the Tucson Gay community had a lot of love and sympathy for these children in need.

What a shock it was to find out that the Tucson Gay community in reality, cares only for themselves, and have no human compassion whatsoever. I have never seen a more self-centered, insensitive bunch of ingrates in all my life.

I have never before been ashamed of being a part of the Gay community. Never, that is, until the Tucson Gay community proved to me that it was something to be ashamed of.

I was never so disappointed in my life. I actually felt betrayed.

I do want to thank you for showing me the no good, selfish, obstinate people you really are before I got to know more of you. Now I know not to waste my time on people that showed me they're not worth knowing.

I would however like to thank those people who did care enough to come support this cause. I would also like to apologize to the cast and crew who spent a lot of time and effort to find out the Tucson Gay community isn't worth it.

A lot of time and money was lost with this show, but that doesn't compare to what the children lost... hope.

How can these children keep hope when you've proven that you don't give a damn? That's the saddest part of all.  
 B.J. - Tucson

**ED NOTE:** We all know the disappointment when a certain event we are counting on does not come off. However, it often is better to hold your anger, frustration and disappointment until you can calm down, and reflect on the situation in a rational manner. Calling the entire Gay community of Tucson names will not ingratiate you to them nor help cure your problem. And the record shows that you are totally incorrect. There have been hundreds of events in Tucson throughout the years, where the same community you call "self-centered, insensitive bunch of ingrates" has more than proven their compassion to humanitarian causes.

Having been at the event you describe, I too was embarrassed. The event had a lot of publicity. What went wrong is something that the production company will have to decide. But it is not fair to blame it on the entire Gay community of Tucson. See letter below:

**TO THE TUCSON GAY COMMUNITY:**  
 I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to those of you who came out last Saturday night in support of the Observer Benefit. Special thanks must be given to a few people. First to the Copperstate Leathermen/Tucson Command for their belief that all things are possible and who had the patience and perseverance to stand behind me when I got carried away. Secondly, to Jim Scorop and the staff at Sir George's Royal Buffet for their understanding of a group such as ours.

A very special "well done" to those at the head table for their attendance and comments. TKO and TALL. I love all of you - in brotherhood - more than you will ever know. MCC, T-Squares and SOS, you should all look for work in cocktail lounges. You're great waiters and waitresses. Even Tommy and David. Linda, Terry, John and Big Mike - what better crew for show support. Thank God Collette can count! Richard Smith, from the Arizona Rangers, can be security anytime he wants to.

Another very special thank you has to go to a very special group of people for putting themselves on the line for the liquor license.

Aviva, there is no way to put into words what I feel for you personally and the rest of the people in the show. The time and effort all of you put into this community is above and beyond the extreme call of duty.

To every bar and business in this town, and those in Phoenix, you've done it again. To use an old cliché - thank you - and this is especially true of the Graduate, Joshua Tree, the Ramrod and most lovingly of our home bar, It's 'Bout Time. Mark, Dan and Sandy, you are so f-----g precious and beautiful.

I won't go on forever, but there are some personal thank yous that cannot go unsaid. Randy and Paul for your time and gas. Skeeter for having more balls than I every will. TJ for your love and forgiveness. Doc for being a sounding board when I have to spout off. Lee for being your sweet damn self. Dale, Bob and Larry for being there and filling the hole. Roger for the \$2.00 in his bra the next morning. Stephanie for saying yes. Mona and Penny for your special touch. Dan for your martini with just the right amount of olives. Mark for the video. All of you for being you. Ernie for being the most fantastic lover a man ever had. And most, most, especially to Bob Ellis for being one of the most fantastic human beings it has every been my pleasure to know.

Remember this - with all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Bert Hoop, Commander  
 Copperstate Leathermen,  
 Tucson Command.

**DEAR BOB,**  
 Because I was exhausted from the Shanti Training experience last Saturday, I went to bed early and missed the benefit that was held for the Observer. I wanted, however, to express my gratitude for the service you and the Observer provide to the community. It and its forerunner the AGN, have been the primary means of communication to Gays and Lesbians in Tucson and southern Arizona and your papers have been crucial in bringing to our attention the threats to our society such as Anita Bryant, the moral majority, HTLV-III testing etc.

Attached is a check for \$25 as my personal donation to the Observer. I hope the community supports you as you so justly deserve so that you can continue to provide this much needed service.

Sincerely yours  
 Bob Henry  
 Tucson AIDS Project

**DEAR FRIENDS:**  
 I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new president-elect of the Sisters of Sonora (SOS). My name is Michael Ulloa (aka Big Mike) and I have been actively involved with SOS as a club member and secretary since we were formed two years ago. Other officers installed at our last meeting are: Penny P., Vice President; Ken H., Secretary; Ann C., Treasurer and Roger B., Spokesperson.

SOS is a non-profit, social service organization based out of Tucson, Arizona. We concentrate on a variety of needs in the Gay and straight community in our area as well as other organizations in the state of Arizona. Organizations we have supported are:

- Tucson AIDS Project (TAP);
- Arizona AIDS Fund Trust (AAFT);
- Muscular Dystrophy Association;
- Tucson Lesbian Gay Alliance (TLGA);
- Tucson Knight Owls (TKO);
- Metropolitan Community Church;
- Arizona Gay Rodeo Association;
- The Observer;
- Tucson Arizona Levi Leather (TALL);
- Arizona Gay.

On Easter Sunday, March 20th, SOS will be sponsoring the 4th annual Easter Bonnet and Basket Contest at the Graduate with a show preceding the contest.

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In Loving Memory  
**OF**  
**OUR PARENTS**

Ed  
 11-29-22 - 3-22-86  
 and  
 June  
 8-24-25 - 12-29-85

**We Miss You BOTH**  
 Mark, Dan, Sandy, Russ  
 and  
 Fluffy Dog

# WHAT'S UP DOC?



Copperstate Leathermen/Tucson Command, give yourselves a richly deserved pat on the back. Your Observer Benefit was a fantastic, fun-filled evening. A lot of long hours and hard work was put in by your command to bring about a totally successful evening. Bert, local Commander, you are to be congratulated for the super accomplishment of a tremendous undertaking of this event. Now that it is over, Bert, you can have that triple martini you wanted.

Tucson can also be proud because every bar, club, and organization flew their respective colors in lending their support for the benefit 100%. As for the show, with maybe the exception of bad timing for a speech, everyone really put forth maximum effort. The real show highlight to me was Tucson's own Roxanne, not wearing a crown, title or anything. Just a flawless performance. Nothing taken away from any of the fellow performers, you were all great and I look forward to seeing you all on stage again.

The total evening was an Observer Benefit. A major portion of the evening's activities was the roasting of Bob Ellis. After hearing all the spicy comments, I'll bet Bob was thankful all the roaster did not show up. A large group of us in attendance go back to the days of the TGN (Tucson Gay News). By our attendance it was our way of saying thank you, Bob, for the years of putting out a weekly paper, supporting all of us, and we all wish you a lot of luck in the years to come.

Now that we have the second major weekend function, in as many weekends, behind us, what do we look forward to?

To start off, this coming Sunday at the Graduate, SOS is producing another Easter Bonnet Contest. This has always proved to be a fun-filled evening and I'm sure this year's version will continue the tradition. I look forward to viewing all the different creations which probably originated in Paris, New York, Nogales or wherever. Value Village will probably have a run on fake flowers and all kinds of different items used on these bonnets.

The next weekend, April 5th, again at the Graduate, Cheri is producing her own show. I hear one of the performers will be Rick, who made his debut at the Closet Ball. Cheri tells me a lot of rehearsals have gone into this show to make sure everyone in the audience views a good performance.

Are you tired yet? Don't fall asleep the next weekend or you'll miss the AGRA Midnight Ramblers (square dancer group from Phoenix). They will be arriving April 11th and plan on performing at different bars around town, promoting next year's Arizona Gay Rodeo. As soon as I get their itinerary, I'll pass it on to you.

Speaking of square dance groups, I owe Tucson's T-Squares an apology. A couple of weeks back I said that the T-Squares would be hosting the Midnight Ramblers. I meant to say this would be a good chance for the two groups to get together and share squares, or whatever. I hope I haven't created any major problems for either group. The T-Squares also just announced the next beginners class for square dancing starting up April 6th at Rumor Hazzit from 2 to 4 p.m. Contact Tommy Marlin at 329-3527 for additional information. The T-Squares also give classes in Country Swing.

You say enough is enough, give me a free weekend. Guess what? No such luck, because starting again at the Graduate, at 9 p.m. it's the Tucson Knight Dns Spring Fling for '86. This will be their 6th year in a row and again Tucson will be invaded by people from all over the west. Each year has proven bigger and better and having first hand knowledge of some of this year's events, everyone is in for a full

fun-filled weekend. One of the special awards that keeps people on their guard is the Trash Award. From some of the previous winners, one with painted toenails, one whose blond head was, shall I say, exercising his neck muscles and even one with a pink feather boa, everyone in attendance has to be careful. TKO members are not in the running for this award, they each vote for who they feel is the most deserving of the Trash Award. Cut-off date for the price break is April 11th, so get your applications in early.

TBBS: Complaints, complaints, that's all I ever get. Why haven't I seen my name in the paper? Jim - Jim - Jim, now are you happy? ...During a conversation at the Graduate the other night, I learned a new way to spell racy - REZ... I see the Graduate is getting ready for TKO's Spring Fling. They have installed new white walls in the T-room for people to write on. The only problem, and then maybe it isn't a problem, you almost have to be on your knees to write on the white portion of the wall.

Well, that's it for this week. Keep a stiff upper lip or whatever, but have a safe week.

## Mounties to no longer bar Gays

TORONTO, CANADA - The Canadian government, in a sweeping set of social changes to comply with a new constitutional Charter of Rights, has said that it intends to remove barriers preventing homosexuals from serving in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and other services; plans to abolish mandatory retirement for federal civil servants and will seek to broaden the role of women in the military.

Given the large parliamentary majority held by the Conservative government of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and the long-standing tradition of party discipline, approval of the series of changes that Attorney General John C. Crosbie detailed before Parliament last week normally would be a routine matter.

However, several members of Mulroney's party indicated that they were strongly opposed to some of the proposed changes, particularly the one prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in all areas of federal jurisdiction. They indicated they would press to be released from their commitment to support government legislation.

The stern-faced, scarlet-coated mounted police, in many ways the symbol of Canada's devotion to peace, order and good government, long have followed an unwritten policy of barring homosexuals, according to observers here.

"We are condoning a third sex, somebody who is not exactly normal," one Conservative Party member, Alex Kinky, told reporters. "We are sending out a dangerous message."

A Canadian armed forces administrative order effectively bans recruitment of homosexuals and allows for the dismissal of those on the force. Last year, a parliamentary subcommittee reported that 44 members of the Canadian armed forces were dismissed under provisions of the order in 1983 and 38 more in 1984.

The U.S. military does not allow homosexuals to enlist and homosexuality is cause for discharge from the services.

The pending reforms that Crosbie outlined in the House of Commons put the government on record as being committed to equal treatment for women in the military so long as this was compatible with the need to be "operationally effective in the interests of national security. The government believes that one's sexual orientation is irrelevant to whether you can perform a job or use a service or facility," a report on the proposed changes introduced by Crosbie said.

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# THE TUCSON CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - "Wednesday Madness" - From 2 to 8 p.m. Drink Special. Check the chalkboard. Draft Beer Bust 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. .50 per glass. Bobby Jr., DJ in J/T 9 to 1

**FINELINE** - Upstairs bar opens 7 p.m.

**GRADUATE** - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

**IT'S 'BOUT TIME** - 11 am to 6 pm Well Bourbon \$1. \$1.50 Well 6 pm to 1 am. Your Hostess Cheryl 6 pm to 1 am. Dance music 8 to 1 with Clint.

**RITA'S** - Longest cocktail hour in town 11 am to 7 pm featuring Well Scotch \$1 and Schnapps .75. "DINNER BUFFET NIGHT" 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.

**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour prices until closing.

**IT'S 'BOUT TIME** - 11 am to 6 pm Well Rum \$1. From 6 pm to 1 am, Long Neck \$1.25. Dance music from 8 pm to 1 am with Danny Page! "Oldies But Goodies".

**RITA'S** - Longest Cocktail Hour in town 11 am to 7 pm featuring Well Bourbon \$1, Schnapps .75. Hors d'oeuvres 5 to 7 pm. 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. Square dancing by T-Squares from 7 to 9 p.m. Regular disco/video dancing 9 to close. All white well drinks \$1.25 and long neck Lone Star Beer .75 8 p.m. to close.

## 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 9 to 1

**IT'S 'BOUT TIME** - 11am - 6pm Well Gin \$1. Dance music from 8 pm to 1 am with Clint. Well drinks \$1.50 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**RITA'S RENDEZVOUS** - Longest cocktail hour in town 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. featuring Well Rum or Tequila \$1, Schnapps .75. Hors d'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

**RUMOR HAZZIT** - Open 2 p.m. until 1 a.m. Drink special daily open to 8 pm. Video dancing 9 p.m. to close.

## 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 Long Necks \$1.25 6 pm to 1 am. Dance music from 8 pm to 1 am with Clint.

**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. Disco open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. \*\*\*

**GRADUATE** - Draft Beer .75 and drink specials until closing.

**IT'S 'BOUT TIME** - Noon to 6 p.m. Draft Beer .75. Dance music 8 pm to 1 am.

**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 - 6pm Well Vodka \$1. From 6pm to 1am Well Drinks \$1.50.

**RITA'S RENDEZVOUS** - Longest cocktail hour in town - 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. featuring Well Vodka \$1, Schnapps .75. Hors d'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m. dally.

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

## 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 \$1.50 from 6 pm to 1 am.

**RITA'S RENDEZVOUS** - Longest Cocktail Hour in town 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. featuring Well Gin \$1.00, Schnapps .75. Hors d'oeuvres 5 to 7.

**RUMOR HAZZIT** - Open 2 p.m. until 1 a.m. Daily drink special from opening to 8 pm. All Well Drinks 2 for 1 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Video dancing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

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# SPECIAL CALENDAR

## THURSDAY, MARCH 27

**BACK POCKET** - A party for all you Louis's out there. Special drink prices and fun for everyone.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 30 (EASTER SUNDAY)

**GRADUATE** 4th Annual Easter Basket and Easter Bonnet Contest. \$50 cash prize for most original bonnet; \$25 for most beautiful and \$15 for most tacky. Easter Basket winner will receive \$25. Happy Hour prices day and night PLUS drink specials. Cash Prizes and special drink prices. A short show produced by SOS begins at 8:30 p.m. hosted by Miss Aviva Diamond. See their ad this issue. That Easter Basket contest does not mean the wicker basket filled with Easter eggs either!

**RITA'S RENDEZVOUS** - Extra special Easter Sunday brunch featuring Lamb, eggs, and plenty of other Easter goodies. 12:30 to 3 p.m. \$1.75 - such a deal.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 6

**GRADUATE** - Special show produced by Cheryl. More details next week.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 6

**RUMOR HAZZIT** - Male Stripper Show. More next week.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 20

**RITA'S RENDEZVOUS** - Penguin Productions presents Christi Lunden's Spring Fling - "All Broadway" starring Aviva Diamond and Miss Gay Phoenix Rhannon.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 27

**RUMOR HAZZIT** - Benefit Show for Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance. More later.

## SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 3 AND 4

**JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET** - CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA being presented as a fundraiser by Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance to help finance Lesbian and Gay Pride Week activities. Booths, games and plenty of fun. King and Queen of the Fiesta will be crowned. Entertainment on an outdoor stage. See news story in this issue. Watch for more details as the activity draws nearer. Keep these dates open.

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# SPORTS



## JOSHUA TREE VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Standings as of 3/23/86

TEAM	Wins	Losses	Games	Percent
MEN AT PLAY	19	4	23	.826
MEAN MACHINE	15	10	25	.600
MASTER BLASTERS	13	10	23	.666
MADOLFOS	9	13	22	.409
AAGLF	6	16	22	.273
LIBERTIES	6	17	23	.261

### Schedule of Play

Sunday, 3/30/86, at 1:00 p.m.

Master Blasters vs Mean Machine  
Madolfos vs Liberties  
AAGLF vs Men at Play  
Mean Machine vs Madolfos  
Master Blasters vs Men at Play  
Liberties vs AAGLF  
Mean Machine vs Men at Play  
Master Blasters vs Madolfos

### Tucson Gay Games II

Volleyball, softball and tennis are practicing weekly in preparation for the games. All three teams practice on Saturday. Volleyball is at 10:00 a.m. at the Joshua Tree. Softball is at 3:00 p.m. at Himmel Park. Tennis is at noon at Tucson High School. The team leaders meet each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Back Pocket for planning and to sign up new athletes. For additional information call Jack Stocklager at 293-3516, evenings.

## JOSHUA TREE MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

Standings as of 3/17/86

TEAM	WON	LOST	TOTAL PINS
1. JOSHUA TREE	25.5	10.5	16011
2. SANTA BA REARA	25	11	15632
3. SIMONE'S	22	14	15670
4. FLINTSTONES	21.5	14.5	13723
5. LAMBDA	21	15	16066
6. OUT FOR BLOOD	17.5	16.5	17627
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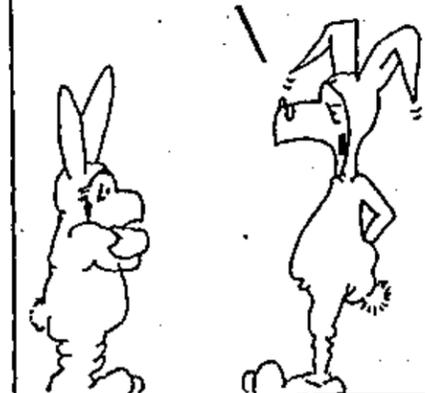
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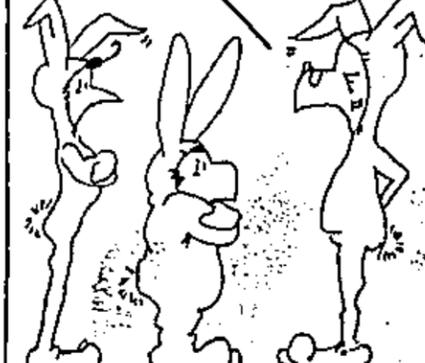
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# A View From Within

A COMMENTARY BY  
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

## TID-BITS OF INTEREST

(There was no one subject which caught my interest enough to do a whole column about, so I'll take this time to mention a few tid-bits which have caught my eye in the past weeks. -CGM)

Have you ever heard about TAFT BROADCASTING? Well, you probably have even if you don't know it. They were responsible for the TV movie *Welcome Home, Bobby* which aired on CBS a while back. They are also bringing us the ABC movie *Two Loves* in the spring. (No date yet. Sorry.) Keep your eye on this column for updates on that film!

A big Pat-on-the-Back Award goes to the Los Angeles Times Sunday newspaper which ran a real nice advert for the Gay Rodeo which was held at the L.A. Equestrian Center the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of March. I'm sure the ad was purchased but the point is that it was accepted at all. Could you imagine one of our newspapers running an ad with the words GAY RODEO almost an inch high?

Keep your eyes open for a couple films coming our way (if we are lucky....) that deal with homosexuals. Firstly, there is "Parting Glances" which opened in L.A. on March 7th. Bill Sherwood's film deals with 24 hours in the New York City, and focuses on two men in particular. Also, "Desert Hearts" by Donna Deitch based upon the 1970s novel by Jane Rule. This one centers on the love story of two women.

Also, there is Stephen Freear's "My Beautiful Laundrette" which opened in L.A. March 14th. "My Beautiful Laundrette" opened in London last fall and had since toured England to favorable reviews, mostly because of its "straightforward handling of a love affair between two men."

(L.A. Times Calendar 2 March 1986 by Clarke Taylor). Of this love affair, NEWSWEEK said: "...Kureishi (author, 29-year-old Hanif Kureishi) has equal insight into heterosexual and homosexual passion, handling the latter with a directness and human sensuality that puts Hollywood to shame." (24 February 1986 by J.K. .).

If you want to see these films, and cannot drive over to L.A. to see them (which is what I intend to do), call your local theatre, or theatre chain and ask them to bid for these films. If you have a local arts-type theatre which shows foreign language films, or off-market films, call them. CALL THEM! It's about time that our state gets some of these films, too.

Have you seen the GAY COMIX? A real good friend of mine ordered a copy for me, and I must say I was rather upset after reading it. It's cute, with a lot of stereotyped characters and stories. The women all wore pants, or jeans, and the men have massive pees and crotches-of-death. Goodness, is this the best they can do? I promised to read issue number 7 (the next issue) before making a more permanent judgement on this publication which comes from San Francisco. (I always thought S.F. was a bit more progressive than this). If you want more info on Gay Comix, their address is: 1528 Fifteenth Street, San Francisco, California 94103.

You may have heard about the AIDS bill in the House which has been gathering a lot of attention lately. Well, to update as of the afternoon of March 17, it is still alive

having been passed by the House Judiciary Committee as an amendment to House Bill 2148 which, as you can guess, has nothing whatsoever to do with AIDS. By the time you read this, it could be law, or dead.

(ED NOTE: Rep. Trent Franks legislation pertaining to AIDS was defeated in the Arizona House of Representatives on Friday March 21. See story on page one of this issue of OBSERVER)

After reading the Bill, and the AIDS amendment, I don't have too much trouble with it, except for the unclear parts about reporting positive test results to the Department of Health Services. (Who will do what, exactly?)

As for the recent recommendations that all "high risk groups" be tested, I still think it wise to wait until a more accurate test is devised. Right now the accuracy rate is questionable, at best. Why go through all that extra suffering when a positive test result could be wrong? It makes little sense to me.

full, what are some good colors for me to wear? As you are one of the best dressed people in Tucson, I want your opinion. And, what should I say if I win?  
signed  
Not Dressed, But Somewhere To Go

Dear Not  
Do you work at the Graduate? Never mind, not important. What to wear, what to wear? Well, you might dress up like a postage stamp, that's what separates the winners from the others, after all. However, that's a bit pushy. Why not basic black with a string of pearls that's always a plus. If you win, may I suggest you keep it short and thank only the people who had the most to do with you winning...yourself.

B.  
DEAR BLABBY:  
Why is it that some people waste other people's time by using other people's time and space for their own personal grandizement? I mean, who needs it? I went to a benefit show and instead of being concerned with the main reason we were all there, certain people got (how you say) side tracked into a completely different political bout. Over a subject that is more than dead and gone. Why bother?  
signed  
Bummed at the Benefit

Dear Bummed  
Why bother indeed! Have you heard the latest new drag number? It's brand new. This is one chorus: "Don't cry for me Old Pueblo  
The truth is that I up and left you,  
Your air is cleaner  
Your skies are sunny  
But I'm in Phoenix,  
I need the money". I rather liked it.  
B.

*Dear Blabby*

DEAR BLABBY:  
First there was Ruby's; then Colette's; then Simone's. Now, rumor has it, that there is a new girl's bar called "Peg's Place". Is this true?  
signed  
Desperately Seeking Shelter

Dear Seeking  
I think you are misinformed. Peg's Place is in reality Rumor Hazzit. The only changes planned in their format that I am aware of is switching the hot weinies and balls to Tuna Surprise.

B.  
DEAR BLABBY:  
As a most illustrious finalist in the Western Express Awards, I would like to know what to wear to this special event. As I am a full figured girl, and I do mean

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SOS will be entering its third year next month and the club foresees growing much stronger and being a greater asset to our community. I would like to extend an invitation to you to attend one of our monthly meetings held on the first Sunday of every month. Our next scheduled meeting will be held Sunday, April 7th at the Graduate our home bar, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Any questions you might have about SOS please feel free to call the Graduate at 622-9233. The Graduate is also used as our mailing address, 23 West University, Tucson, AZ 85705.  
Sincerely, Michael Ulloa  
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