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Observer Benefit: Meet The Staff

Saturday, March 26 saw the third annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit presented at the Americana Hotel. The evenings festivities were produced by the Desert Leathermen, and was actively participated in by every club and organization and Gay oriented business in Tucson. It was truly a unique event.

The staff of volunteers who make the weekly OBSERVER a reality were introduced to those attending. These are the people who are currently contributing as writers or production people for the OBSERVER. They normally get no recognition for their volunteer labors, so the OBSERVER would like to take this opportunity to put them display.

The first gentleman has given us a "Thought for the Week" since 1984. But in addition he has kept us informed about the religious community through his close association with MCC/Tucson. And he has still found time to appear on stage in various forms of drag to entertain us. As a sideline, he is the Lucy half of the notorious Juicy Lucy column. He is currently playing Gypsy Rose Lee in the Partners' production of "Gypsy" - Mr. Ben Corbin.

Since May 22, 1985 the column, "Out On The Town", has been written under the nom-de-plume of Jza Jza La More, keeping all of us on the edge of our seats in the wonderful world of the scandalous Ponderosa with Stunt Malibu Christi and the rest of the neighborhood. Her friends names have been changed to protect them, so if you would like to join this group of crazies, we suggest you direct your application to Jza Jza herself, Mr. Joe Figueroa.

Next we have a man who began his OBSERVER writing career in November 1984 with a "Viewpoint" article, and has continued with his bi-weekly "As I See It" column. He was nationally recognized as one of the Advocate magazine's top "400" persons in the United States for outstanding contributions to the Gay community of America. He was Co-founder and first president of Dignity/Tucson; Co-founder and first Co-chair of the original Tucson Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee. The OBSERVER's literary credentials are enhanced by contributions from this University of Arizona professor, I am very proud to have Dr. Bruce Fowler on our staff.

This gentleman began his volunteer writing efforts beginning with issue #2 way back in July 1984. He is the one who has kept the Gay community informed of all the happenings between the various organizations and clubs in Tucson and Phoenix. That is no easy task. He is also the Juicy half of the scandalous Juicy Lucy. A man who knows his business when it comes to the club scene - "What's Up?" - Doc Hayes.

About a week after last year's OBSERVER/Community Benefit, this young man began writing his weekly astrology column and it has become one of the most popular each week. We all wonder what's in store for us and now we know - because The Lights Of Tucson tell us so. And the man behind that

crystal ball is Michael Criston.

With his first "View From Within" column appearing in issue #9 of September 12, 1984, and continuing on with his "Commentary" column ever since, this next gentleman has written on everything from Dynasty to AIDS; from Atheism to La Cage Aux Folles, from the AMA to the Supreme Court, from Rock Hudson to Judge Robert Bork. He was a contributing writer to the national Gay magazine Patlar Gazette and is currently Managing Editor of "Arizona Living" magazine. He is a contributing producer for the nationally syndicated Lesbian and Gay radio show, "Inside Out". Our man in Phoenix - Christopher Geoffrey McPherson.

This young man came to my attention when he submitted an article he had written for one of his University of Arizona creative writing classes. His piece "The Unwelcome Guests", was a recollection of the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights which he attended last October. It has been chosen as a teaching aid for beginning composition writing classes at both the U of A and Pima College. Since then he has written a weekly column under the heading "A Remarkable People". He has become very involved with the Shanti Foundation's Quilt Project as well as other Gay community affairs. We consider him to be a very remarkable person himself - Mr. Curt Stubbs.

This reporter began writing for the OBSERVER in September 1984 when he was co-Chair of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride Planning Committee, which was re-named Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance. He has spearheaded the Fiesta de Mayo benefit which annually raises the funds to produce our yearly Pride Week functions. In addition, he has been reporting on the sporting events of our community - Softball and Bowling: Mr. Jack Stockslager.

Production and layout are what makes us look "pretty" and we have two who are responsible for this 'look'.

This young man came to the OBSERVER with very experienced credentials. His name went in the staff box in November 1986, after he arrived in Tucson from Florida where he worked in production for the widely known "David" magazine. In addition to his duties at OBSERVER, he also works in the production of the "Beacon" the monthly publication of MCC/Tucson, and he has worked diligently on the souvenir program for the last two OBSERVER/Community Benefits - Mr. Lance Penny.

Last, but certainly not least, a very, very close friend of mine, whose artistic talents are well known in this community. He came here from Seattle over ten years ago, where he worked with the Seattle Gay News. He promised that he would stay with the Observer for at least six months. Here it is now nearly 200 issues later and he is still giving it his best effort. He has always been a ready listener to all who needed a friend. I am very happy and proud to have this talented artist on our staff, my confident and lover - Mr. Gary Clark.

1987-88 TOGA Award Winners



TUCSON - Last Saturday, March 26, The OBSERVER/Community Benefit took place. As in past years, the OBSERVER presented their 'Tucson Observer Gay Appreciation' awards. We call them TOGA for short, but they are long on sincerity, for each of the three recipients this year has shown great pride in his or her community and the OBSERVER is most proud to recognize them.

Pictured above are the three winners of this year's TOGA Awards. Left to right, Roger Barger, Colette Barajas and Bert Hoop.

ROGER BARGER

Ever since I met Roger, over ten years ago, he impressed me as a person who loved his community and held it in high regard. Whenever a brunch was needed to help send a visiting club or group back to their hometown, he was in the kitchen whipping up something. If you needed help in raising money for any worthy cause, he was always in the foreground, using that mouth of his, cajoling or demanding more money from the audience. Going back into the archives to get some factual amount that he helped raise, in the many benefits he participated in throughout the years, proved to be more difficult than anticipated. The total figure is in the thousands of dollars that he has helped in raising for various charitable causes. With the other awards he received Saturday, I feel that one of the more important facts about this man has been overlooked - his humanitarian efforts for the Tucson Gay Community. The TOGA Awards is honored to welcome Roger Barger into its select group.

COLETTE BARAJAS

This young woman could write a book about her life and it could become a best seller. She has risen from adversities that most would not have. She has always been in the forefront when people come to her for help. If you need a keg of beer for an event or if you need hot dogs to sell for a benefit, or if you need an entire

baseball team to challenge, she has always been able to come up with the request "as long as it is a benefit for and about the Tucson Community. She has been a pillar in the Tucson Lesbian Community, providing one of the finest entertainment facilities for women in the entire country. She has consistently presented nationally known entertainers for the Arizona women's community. Although her establishment is aimed primarily toward the women's community, men are always welcome. As an example of her community involvement, she took time off from her club on a Saturday night to 'work' the door at Saturday's benefit. She is number one fan of the Chicago Bears - Colette Barajas.

BERT HOOP

The final TOGA was presented to a person whom I have known for many years. I respect him as one who can get the job done. Three years ago, when he was president of the fledgling Desert Leathermen, he had the idea of an OBSERVER Benefit - to be held outside of the usual bar scene. It is no easy task to try and find a place that will cater to the Gay community. He found one, and the first year's production was such a success, that it was decided to include one other Tucson non-profit organization in the Benefit, to participate in the funds raised.

Last year, with MCC as the partner, the OBSERVER/Community Benefit was an even larger success. The room was packed well over the fire code laws. Saturday evening, with Shanti as the co-beneficiary, was the result of the leadership of this same person, who along with The Desert Leathermen, spearheaded this benefit to another rousing success. For the past three years one of the most popular events in the Tucson Gay Community. A real class event. The OBSERVER is happy to present a TOGA Award to Mr. Bert Hoop.

by Bob Ellis

UPDATE

ANGLF BOOTH AT UA 'SPRING FLING'
 TUCSON - The Academic Alliance of Gays, Lesbians and Friends (ANGLF) will be represented at the UoEA's 'Spring Fling' this weekend. The group will be selling kisses - the Hershey candy kind and will be passing out literature.

Spring Fling takes place this Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 31, April 1, 2, 3. Spring Fling is an annual fun fair held on the University of Arizona campus and is open from 4 until midnight Thursday and Friday; 11 a.m. until 1 a.m. Saturday and 1 to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

ANGLF is a social organization geared to the support of Gay and Lesbian students at the University of Arizona and their friends. Voting membership is open to all University undergraduate and graduate students. Currently an average of 20 people attend the meetings. Although only students may vote, everyone is welcome to attend the meetings and participate in the groups activities.

The Gay Academic Alliance was organized in 1984 and later renamed ANGLF. The group was formally recognized by the ASUA Student Government in the spring of 1985 and received funding for the first time in the fall of 1986. The group received funding again this school year and remains strong and continues to grow. Be sure to stop by the Spring Fling and buy a kiss from ANGLF.

CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP ANNOUNCES EASTER SCHEDULE

TUCSON - Cornerstone Fellowship has announced its schedule of worship services and other related activities for the Easter weekend. The following is a breakdown of these events:

Friday, April 1, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service, to be held at the church. The death of Jesus Christ will be reflected upon in this solemn time of worship.

Sunday, April 3, 6:00 a.m.: Sunrise Service at Ft. Lowell Park. Held at Ramada #5, this early morning time of worship celebrates the empty tomb, signifying the resurrection of Christ and His victory over death.

Following the Sunrise Service, a potluck breakfast will be held at the church from approximately 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. The usual Sunday School classes for adults and children will be held from 9:00 to 10:00.

At 10:30 a.m. the Easter Sunday Celebration will be held. This will be a joyous time as the theme of victory and resurrection continues. Several members and friends of the congregation will be singing seasonal music during the service.

Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 0333 E. Grant Road in Tucson. (North Entrance). For more information, call 881-3519.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE MEETS THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 2
 TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance TLGA, will meet for the first time this year to formulate plans for their annual fund raiser, Fiesta de Mayo. The event is designed to defray costs of putting on a weeks worth of events in celebration of Lesbian/Gay Pride Week.

Persons interested in attending this meeting are urged to be at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket Patio this Saturday, April 2 at 4:00 p.m.

This Third Annual Fiesta de Mayo will be held at the Joshua Tree on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 5, 7 and 8.

As usual, candidates will compete for King and Queen of the Fiesta by obtaining votes/dollars. The candidate couple with the most votes (dollars on hand at the time of the final counting - no IOU's) wins. The winning couple reigns over this year's Pride Week activities.

King and Queen candidates are not urged to register at the Back Pocket. The candidate couples have until the final vote is tallied on May 8 at 10:00 p.m. to gather votes. Candidate couples must be registered to be eligible to gather votes.

In addition, there will be various food, game and crafts booths at the Fiesta. These can be used as fund raising booths for your organization. There will be room for only 12 booths this year and they will be on a first come basis. There is no charge for booths. Those interested in setting up a booth need to register at the Back Pocket or call Jack Stocklager at 293-3515 by May 1.

Persons interested in joining TLGA to assist in these fund-raising activities or in the planning of Pride Week activities are urged to attend the meeting this Saturday, April 2.

RUN SET FOR WOMEN'S CENTER
 TUCSON - A 10k and a 2 mile 'fun run' are scheduled on Saturday, April 9 in recognition of Women's Week. The ASUA Women's Resource Center has scheduled the runs and is now looking for runners and helpers to put on the benefit.

Entry forms are available at Colette's and the Women's Resource Center on the UoEA campus. For further information call 621-3919.

U.S. CUSTOMS SEIZES GAY MATERIAL
 PHILADELPHIA, PA (BAR) - U.S. Customs has seized a shipment of materials from France to Giovanni's Room, a Gay and feminist bookstore in Philadelphia. Customs agents said the material was seized because it "depicted homosexual activity" and included "photographs of nude boys." It was unclear whether or not any material actually involved minors, according to the Philadelphia Gay News.

Ed Hermance, store owner, said he believed that the shipment included two issues of the French periodical *Gai Pied*. He said he plans to fight the seizure and has engaged a lawyer to investigate.



Tucson, Arizona
CHRISTINE O'FLAHERTY
 Shanti Volunteer

"I feel a calmness that has blossomed within me since I began working with Shanti in October - the quiet that comes with listening then hearing the presence of another being.

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"So I try to be an open heart. The Shanti Foundation nurtures our open hearts. I have deep gratitude for everyone within her circle and the loving ways I continue to learn more about from each of these special people."

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Community Awards of Tucson (C.A.T.) AWARD WINNERS

TUCSON - Last Saturday's OBSERVER/Community Benefit held at the Americana Hotel saw the first annual Community Awards of Tucson (C.A.T.) presented to the winners:

Names of individuals, clubs, organizations and events were nominated by ballots distributed throughout the community. A list of finalists was made from these nominations, then a committee of 23 individuals from diverse areas of the Tucson Gay community voted, selecting the winning nominees.

Thirteen individuals won framed awards:

BEST DOOR PERSON OR SECURITY
Freddie - Graduate

BEST DAYTIME BARTENDER - MALE
Kenny - Graduate

BEST DAYTIME BARTENDER - FEMALE
Natalie - Colette's

BEST NIGHT BARTENDER - MALE
Roger - Graduate

BEST NIGHT BARTENDER - FEMALE
Sandy - IBT's

HAPPY HOUR - BEST BAR
Graduate

BEST DANCE BAR
I.B.T.'s

BEST OVERALL ENTERTAINMENT BAR
Graduate

BEST DISK JOCKEY - MALE
Clint - IBT's

BEST DISK JOCKEY - FEMALE
Laura - Colette's
tie - Theresa - Colette's

BEST BAR MANAGER
Roger - Graduate

BEST GO-FOR - JUMPER INNER
Kenny - Graduate

Special Merit Awards to presented to the following:

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER
Annie Corbin
Natalie Perry
Roger Barger
Ben Corbin
Rev. Bernardo David
Bob Ellis

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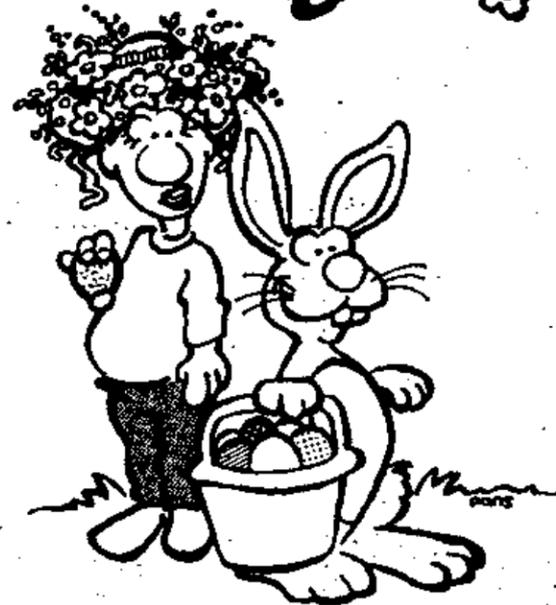
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Weekly Observer
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Tucson AIDS Project (TAP)
Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance
Tucson Mecham Recall Committee

CHARITY ORGANIZATION
Sisters of Sonora (SOS)

ENTERTAINER
Bobbi Jo
Lady Casandra

SPECIAL EVENTS
Joshua Tree: Fiesta de Mayo for TLGA
Rumor Hazzit: Jello Wrestling for Shanti
IBT's: 4th Ave. Street Fair
Rumor Hazzit: Christmas decorations and Party.
Rumor Hazzit: Bucky and Don's Sunday Brunch.
Graduate: Turnabout Show
Sisters of Sonora: Hoedown at IBT's
Sisters of Sonora: Casino Nights at Graduate
T.L.G.A.: Gay Pride Week Picnic
Observer: Weekly Newspaper
Partners: "Gypsy"
Partners: Bowl-a-thon for Shanti
MCC: Religious Organization
Desert Leathermen: 2nd Annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit
Desert Leathermen: PWA Dinner
STRO: Christmas Tree Raffle

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FRONT ROW CENTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Jacquleen's Birthday Show

Starring

Jacquleen De Savoi - Tabitha Scott

- Dana - Becky - Tamara -

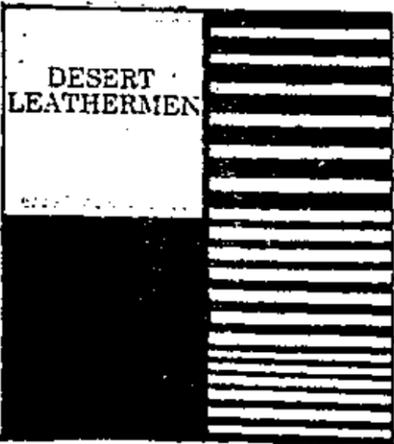
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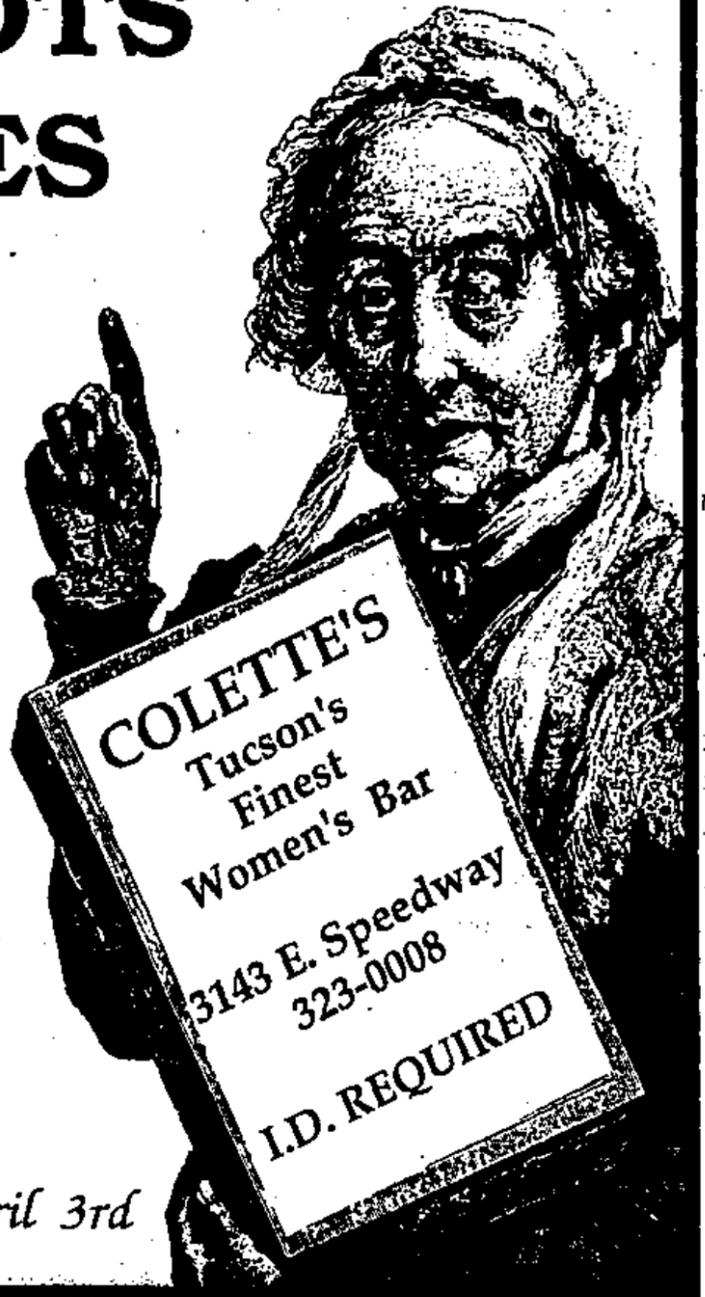
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LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

DEAR FRIENDS -

I've tried to decide where I should begin thanking people in this Tucson community, and was unsuccessful in my decision making.

Let's see, do I begin with Bob Ellis and Gary Clark and the rest of their staff, or should it be Bill and Bert and Ernie and the rest of Desert Leathermen? It might be Mark, Moose, Sandy, Teno, Jimmy and their gang at IBTs, or could it be Roger, Tom, Bill and R.T. from the Graduate? But then there's Colette; and how about Partners, SOS, TKO, TALL7; or Rumors, J/T's and Rita's.

My decision heightened when I realized I hadn't begun to scratch the surface of individuals that might top my list. Who first? Should it be Willie or Annie, Mike G., Scott G., Jack S. or Patty B. There's T. Barr Stevens, Gary and Kip, Juicy Lucy, Peter and Sam. How about Curt, Chris, Bill and Robert? Then I made a decision.

This "Thank You" really could go on for pages and who I would begin with, impossible to decide.

So, from the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank all of those people who made last Saturday evening possible, both for myself personally, and on behalf of Shanti.

It's overwhelming for me to comprehend the support and dedication that has made Tucson such a unique place to be on this earth. Tucson really is a piece of paradise. I love you all.

Natalie

TO THE COMMUNITY:

I want to thank everyone who attended and made the OBSERVER/Community benefit such a memorable one. To Mr. Bert Boop for his usual grand style of producing the affair, and Mr. Bill Finley, president, and all of the Desert Leathermen; and of course all the clubs and organizations and businesses whose members were bartending, waiting, selling and helping in general. And to the wonderful entertainers who performed Saturday evening, thank you very, very much.

To Mark Elenz, who was well 'roasted', I want to extend my personal thanks. From past experience both Roger Barger and I know what it is to sit in that hot seat. You carried it out beautifully - although we didn't learn too many new scandalous things about you.

And I especially want to thank everyone for attending the festivities and I know I speak for all the staff members when I say that your continued support of the OBSERVER makes our efforts all the more worth while.

Thank you each and every one. All of you are what makes Tucson the wonderful place that it is.

Bob Ellis

News from MCC Tucson

Easter is this coming Sunday, April 3rd. We are in the midst of celebrating Holy Week which is the week preceding Easter. The schedule of events for this week are as follows:

- March 31, Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m. Worship Service
- April 1, Good Friday
7:00 p.m. Worship Service
- April 3, Easter Sunday
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Reid Park, between the Duck Pond and the Rose Garden.
8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast.
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
12:45 p.m. Easter Brunch
6:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service.

All of the above events will be held at the church except for the Sunrise Service.

Last Saturday at the Americana Hotel, the third Annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit was a great event. MCC/Tucson was glad to have been invited to participate. Congratulations to Desert Leathermen for an evening that will be long remembered. A big Thank You to the Community Awards of Tucson for the Merit Award, MCC/Tucson will continue to work to be worthy of being the recipient of this honor.

Thought for the Week: When is enough too much and not enough too little?

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March 27, 1988**

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Program Advertisements	\$ 400.00
Reserved Tables	500.00
Dinner, Show, Cocktail, and Raffle Tickets	2136.75
Cigarette Proceeds	93.00
Special Donations:	
It's 'Bout Time	100.00
Joshua Tree/Back Pocket	100.00
Show Tips	44.25
Bar Tips	86.60
Shanti Raffle (Print)	175.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$3635.60

EXPENSES:

Hotel:	
112 dinners @ 58.50	\$ 952.00
Juices	104.00
Soda	100.00
Plastic Cups	50.00
1.50 per person x 184	276.00
Raffle Tickets	14.19
Award Prizes	55.50
Video Tapes	31.66
Program Printing	120.00
Sound Converter	27.98
Shot Cups	6.40
Ticket Paper	8.99
Backdrop Signs	7.99
Program Supplies	4.13
Poster Preparation Printing	3.27
Liquor License	55.00
Transportation	41.24
Stage Backdrop Materials	22.80
Shanti Raffle Proceeds	175.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2057.15

NET INCOME FOR BENEFIT \$ 1,578.45



Friday, April 1

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A REMARKABLE PEOPLE

by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

Memorials are not for the dead, they're for the living. Certainly memorials commemorate those who are gone, remind us, the living, of what has been lost but they do more than that. They serve as reminders of what a tragic thing it is sometimes to be human, to be aware of the imminence of our own death. We all need to come to grips with death, sometime or is all we accomplish in life.

One of the ways we learn about death, often from a very early age, is by homage to one of the great cultural memorials. It is there that we learn of death, of the great tragedy called war, and of the nobility of the human spirit that can transcend death, war and any of a myriad of other indignities to which the human race is prone.

Peace Park in Hiroshima, Japan is at ground zero of the first atomic bomb. It is an awesome montage of a building whose girders were the only thing not disintegrated, pictures of the devastation, ghostly shadows of people etched for all time in the wall before which they were standing at the time of detonation and of course the ever present, well tended Japanese flower gardens. Visitors to the park are reminded not so much of the individual lives lost, but of the immensity of the loss and the carnage of which we human beings are so capable.

In Washington, DC, the Vietnam War Memorial, with its thousands of names carved in black marble, is highly personal to those of us who lost friends and relatives, but like Peace Park, it also reminds us of what an enormous horror war is, and of the great price we pay for it. And also, like Peace Park, visitors to the Vietnam Memorial often leave strengthened, their long-suppressed grief and fear expressed, their faith in humanity renewed by such eloquent expression of loss, and thus their hope rekindled.

The Names Project Quilt which will be in Phoenix April 16 and 17 is a memorial to our, and the world's loss and in its openness and pride, a symbol of how far Lesbians and Gay men have come and how far we have yet to go. Now, many of those who have died were not Gay, but they were no more the innocents portrayed by the country's leaders and media than were the Gay men and junkies who also died. It is only in our humanity that we are all innocent, and it is only in our common innocence that we are human.

Most of us who saw the quilt memorial in its inaugural appearance at the March on Washington came away both drained and renewed. We were drained by the sheer numbers of our loss and by the individuality of the panels and the lives they portrayed. We saw panels with blue jeans, sequins, feathers, plain white bed sheets. Many had only first names out of consideration for surviving relatives. One had two first names for two brothers, done by their sister who also put the message in that their parents requested no last names. Some of the panels were joyous, some were in the true spirit of mourning, but all were personal.

But we were also strengthened, our will to live and our will to fight renewed by the quiet beauty of the quilt and its evocative opening ceremony. We were reminded again of the incredible diversity of being Gay, and of the creative thread that unites us.

This memorial, however, is not like others. It is not funded

by the government and is actually being done in spite of, and because of, governmental indifference. This memorial - our memorial - is a dynamic, living one to our loss and to the shame of our nation's leaders. And, this memorial is being made by all of us, out of our own pockets, out of our own creativity, out of our own fear and loss.

Tucson will hold a private memorial service and presentation of our panels for the quilt at St. Francis in the Foothills church on April 9 at 7:30 p.m. The entire quilt as of Feb. 15 will be in Phoenix April 16 and 17. Go for someone you love, for someone who has been lost, for someone yet to be diagnosed. Most of all, go for yourself.

OASIS MCC PLANS AIDS VIGIL OF PRAYER

PHOENIX - Rev. Charlotte Strayhorn, Pastor of Oasis Metropolitan Community Church, announced that her congregation will sponsor an "Easter AIDS Vigil of Prayer," to call the Maricopa County religious community's attention to the problems of AIDS during the Easter weekend.

In a letter sent to all religious leaders and church organizations in Maricopa County, Strayhorn urged that each organization send representatives to the church during the vigil so that the representatives can, in turn, familiarize their congregations with Oasis MCC's concerns.

During the vigil, which begins at noon on Saturday, April 2, and runs through Sunday afternoon, the church will offer a number of speakers familiar with the problems of AIDS and its effects on patients and the people close to them. The event will be highlighted by the musical group "Christ Event" from California.

During the entire weekend, the church's sanctuary will be open continuously for silent prayer, meditation or reflection. Any members of the Phoenix community is invited to participate in the vigil. "You don't have to be religious or Gay to be involved in this weekend," Strayhorn said. "This weekend will emphasize both the spiritual support of the community and be informative at the same time."

Strayhorn, whose church offers a special outreach to Phoenix's Gay and Lesbian community, is attempting to unite Maricopa County's religious community around the issue that has been one of the Metropolitan Community Churches' main concern over the last several years. Through the special services as well as informative talks and seminars by experts in AIDS-related areas, Strayhorn hopes to make other religious leaders aware of the special issues involved with AIDS.

"Many other churches have not perceived AIDS as their problem," Strayhorn said. "We are attempting to change that perception by sharing with our brothers and sisters in Christ that AIDS knows no boundaries and has no prejudice. Like it or not, we are all in this together."

Strayhorn hopes that this vigil will be viewed as an important spiritual statement to the greater Phoenix community.

Strayhorn recently moved to the Phoenix area after successfully pastoring New Spirit MCC in Cincinnati, Ohio. She looks forward to working with community leaders from all walks of life in combating the phobias surrounding AIDS.

Juicy Lucy

Well, well, well, I didn't get my Merit Award from the Community Awards of Tucson committee. I was disappointed that I have cried my eyes into a deep red, bloodshot mess. Oh well, I still have my copy of the Observer listing everyone on the committee - so look out you bunch of do-gooders, keep your mouths shut or this girl will get even.

This OBSERVER/Community Benefit was really a grand affair. I hope I made a good impression on everyone during the evening. I tried to be as sedate and inconspicuous as possible. There was sure a lot going on and I was beginning to wonder if it would ever come to an end. It just kept going on and on and on. It would have been over at least an hour sooner if Mark hadn't gotten on the microphone. I sure am glad that he likes to hear himself talk, no one else did.

Tucson was bombarded with out-of-towners last weekend. Did you notice that beautiful cigarette girl during the evening of the Benefit? She flew all the way in from Las Vegas just for the cocktail hour. I understand she got more tips for giving away "feels" than what she made on those cigarettes. I won't mention any names but Skip sure showed Tucson what a Las Vegas show-girl looks like after forty. I got to meet Grandma Larry from California and what a mess that one is. And did you notice all the Royal Court from Phoenix? I was really admiring Lady Casandra's new wig until I found out it was her own hair, she just backed into a live electrical outlet while she was bending over.

During the presentation of awards, when Partners won a Merit Award for "Gypsy", Keith was "so out of it" she never knew that K & K Productions had won the award.

Bert kept insisting that he stayed perfectly calm, cool and collected during the entire evening and only had three little bit-by drinks. But how come he got into more arguments with more people in a shorter time than all of his obnoxious career. He even called Annie at two in the morning wanting a cup of coffee and didn't remember making the call a few hours later. Now, I ask you!

Poor John from TKO was supposed to be a waiter at the West Bar from five until seven and ended up being a waiter all night. I don't know if it was his choice or not, but he used up more red tickets than anyone he served.

I don't know what Roger's problem was (possibly Jet-Lag) but everytime he used the microphone he turned it off for the next one to use. And poor Big Mike lost the microphone during the show. Caught him on his hands and knees following the cord all over the floor - or was it Tug Boat Annie?

And who couldn't help but notice those beautiful centerpieces on the tables. Rick really out-did himself - but since he is on the C.A.T. Awards committee, I refuse to say anything nice about him.

Mark from Leather and Lace, wasn't wearing his/her Under-Alls, his panty lines were showing. And back to Roger, you could tell he was in attendance, both bars ran out of rum very early in the evening. Hear tell he couldn't find rum just everywhere in China and he was trying to make up for lost time.

This will be the final time I'll mention the pink (?) and Gray (?) worn by D.L.'s former Token Broad.

My congratulations to all you winners of the awards, I hate you all and I will get even - now sweat!

Not everything happened at the Benefit last week. There was a lot of action all over town. For example George M. was heard to say, "I'll just move on down the line." But he didn't say how long of a line.

Loren Johnson was really in a great mood Sunday night doing his thing behind - yes behind - the bar at the Graduate. I won't elaborate as to why he couldn't work on the stage, but with that blue makeshift spotlight that Marque had on him, no wonder the Graduate won the Best Entertainment Bar Award.

And just what was I seeing when Phil and Jerry ended up with Freddie in between? A lover's spat that almost became a riot?

And what was I seeing when Moose had to have relief behind the bar to check out that one up close on the other side of the bar?

I guess that about finishes it up for this time. However, as I promised, I will be digging into my archives for some of those little tid-bits that you thought that I had forgotten about and you had hoped would never come to light. This is one bitch who doesn't forget.

WHAT'S UP DOG?

As I've heard it said in the movie business, "That's a wrap". This was my comment finally Saturday evening after the C.A.T. Awards had all been passed out. Of course, it's not a full wrap as of yet, because the full Community Awards of Tucson committee will be having one more meeting. This meeting will be to go over this first community awards of Tucson and work on some of the problems we encountered this year.

I, for one, was very pleased with the turnout and the awards passed out. I also plan on being a part of this committee for next year's presentation. My personal congratulations go out to all of this year's winners. Check elsewhere for a full list of winners in this OBSERVER.

The C.A.T. presentation was only one portion of a complete evening of food and entertainment. The occasion was DL's third annual Community benefit for the OBSERVER and for this years co-recipient, Shanti Foundation. The ballroom filled early, with people drifting from one end of the room to the other, reasons: location of the bars. Finally dinner was served, which I can truly say was well worth the wait in the long feed line. During the first half of the evening, DL had raffle drawings for a large selection of gifts.

After this and the C.A.T. awards, it was showtime. I'll not go into all the details for this show or the entire evening, because I'm sure it's more fully covered elsewhere in this issue of the OBSERVER. I'll leave it at that and just say great evening gang.

This coming weekend, it's club meeting time again. Contact one of the club members of any of the local clubs if you'd like to attend their meeting to see what they are all about, and even join if interested. With the warmer weather finally here, all the clubs will become more visible, so get on their band wagon to have a super summer.

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- 4/3 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Ft. Lowell Park (Ramada #5)
- 8:00 a.m. Potluck Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. Easter Celebration
- 4/10 7:00 p.m. Movie Night (Free admission/popcorn)
- 4/17 10:30 a.m. Second Anniversary Celebration
- 12:00 p.m. Potluck Brunch

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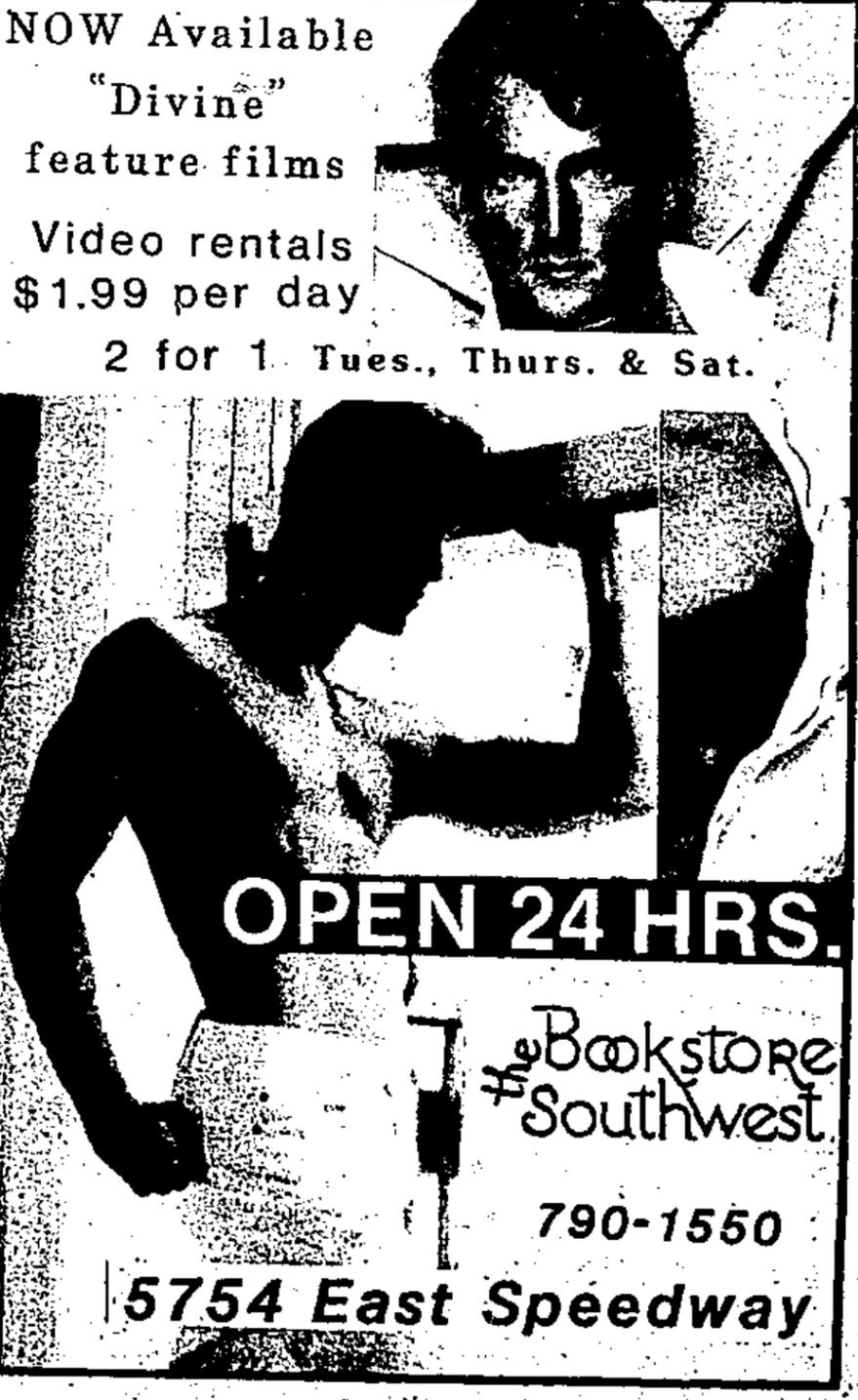
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The Sun entered the Constellation of ARIES at 2:40 a.m., Tucson MST on March 20. Because my last column was for the Full Moon of April 2nd, we are even, so to speak, on forecasting a week ahead from the publishing date of the OBSERVER so now we have to let time catch up with us. Instead of Moon and its quarters, news and fulls, let's take a little time to look at the Sun and its prediction for the 1st Sign, which is the sign of Spring.

Have you noticed all the Lilacs in bloom, and has the weather not been just grand? Did you all go to the wonderful OBSERVER Benefit party at the Americana? I really enjoyed seeing all the people who are so often the subject of the stories in the OBSERVER; and Gary's haircut did look good. Of course nothing ever satisfies a Leo. Bob was so neat in his black tie, but Virgo's are always sharp dressers, and sharp editors. I know he will probably have to struggle with my wandering Pisces spelling so you beautiful people can read it.

ARIES is all about: ARIES: Cardinal, Fire, First:

Aries represents the First Cause, the Life Principle, Pure Spirit, God the Creator, the Resurrection. Onrushing Force whose impetus is irresistible. Here the accent is on unfettered activity, primitive self-expression, the joy of being. Those who identify themselves largely with Aries therefore see themselves as leaders and pioneers. They seek activity, often of an adventurous kind and manage to pack more experience in one lifetime than natives of some other signs might do in two or three.

The glyph for Aries suggests a fountain gushing up from some hidden spring (as indeed the entry of the Sun into Aries heralds the beginning of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when the world of Nature "springs" to life). It also represents the shooting forth of plant life and, by extension, the appearance of new forms on every level in response to some hidden creative force.

The Ram, the symbol of Aries, unquestionably assumes the leadership of his flock and dashes in head down (Aries rules the head) when danger threatens. The battering ram and the words ram-bunctious and rampageous suggest uncompromising assertiveness associated with the sign. The Lamb is traditionally the animal of sacrifice and the entry of the Sun into the first degree of Aries, when the sign is still young, symbolizes the sacrifice of Spirit as it descends into incarnation in Matter.

Physically, exteriorly it represents the head as part of the body. Interiorly, it represents the brain. The function sociologically is ideation. The Key Word is self-assertion. Assets: Mental alertness and leadership. Liabilities: Impulsive, quick temper. Aries mottos in combination with the elements by Ascendant or Moon and Sun: Earth/Aries "I start." Water/Aries "I stir." Air/Aries "I begin." Fire/Aries "I attack."

Sun/Aries Aim: leadership. Strong sense of individuality and independence when well-placed; rebellious and egotistical when not. Ability to crusade; good grasp of details. Nature can be: inspirational; impulsive; assertive; straight forward and sporting; or: It can be reckless; overly aggressive and naive. There is usually a need to cultivate moderation; tolerance; patience; forethought and humility.

I would tell you about Aries people but it would take a couple of pages, and besides it might snock you, because you will not find anything but a bunch of sugar coated BS in most of the commercial Sun Sign books. Of course where you Sun is at, is only one third of your personality. You also need to know where your Moon was when you were born, including what phase it was in, and your Ascendant (Rising Sign) which can only be determined with an accurate time of birth and a specific location.

And to top all that off there is a little man-made point called Part of Fortune which sums up the way to get the best out of life for you. While I get a very professional fee for private consultation, over the years I have built a rather organized language bank into computer software that I can use to assemble these four critical points that do, in fact, give you a real picture of what your personality is, and how it can relate to other people to make it easier for you to get along with everyone that you really want to get along with.

If you are interested, give me a ring and I'll tell you how to receive this information by mail at a reasonable price.

Now to the Solar Ingress in ARIES:

The Ascendant here was in Capricorn the sign of business and profession. Both the Sun and Moon were in the third house of communication, the Moon 31 degrees ahead of the Sun in Taurus, while Mercury was lolly-gagging in Pisces in the 2nd House of money and love, Venus in the 4th opposing Pluto in the 10th, or on the floor of wherever you're doing it with your Scorpio partners which, if you happen to be straight, may produce a whole bunch of Capricorn kids next January.

But the real thing is that all this communication about money is all confused by Mercury in Pisces and the fact there is a fight about it, because Mars is conjunct with that Capricorn Ascendant which is just telling us that Evan Mecham is in a lot of trouble over the loan to his auto dealership, whether he thought it was honest or crooked to make the loan. And since we cannot avoid hearing about that unless we turn off the radio and TV, it only proves that what is happening is right in line with what is supposed to happen here in Arizona. Have you noticed the popular new bumper sticker "SHIT HAPPENS"?

[NOTE: For personal assistance regarding your Horoscope, call Michael at 327-4242 in Tucson].

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SPECIAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 1
COLETTE'S - Benefit Show for Dana who is entering the Miss Gay Tucson Contest coming up. Showtime is from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. and there is a \$2.00 Cover to help defray costs of costumes to enter the Contest. Show features Jacquleen de Savoi and Tabitha Scott, the current Miss Gay Tucson. Dancing follows.

JOSHUA TREE - "Friday Madness" show hosted by Diana Collins and Friends. 8:30 p.m.. No Cover.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
GRADUATE - The Basketball-Crazy Graduate will be packed for the upcoming UA vs. Oklahoma basketball game at 6 p.m. Yelling, screaming, hollering, drinking, come on out and pull for our Cats. Of course we're #1 - Numero Uno!

JOSHUA TREE - A Birthday Show for Jacquleen starring Jacquleen de Savoi, Tabitha Scott, Dana, Becky, Tamara, Dani Reid and Carvin. On the outdoor stage and there is a \$1.00 donation.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3 - EASTER SUNDAY
COLETTE'S - Big Easter Egg Hunt goes on from 3:00 p.m. to closing. Also special drink prices all day! 7:00 movie - "The Women" on the big screen.

GRADUATE - TALL - Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen hold their monthly Beer Bust from 2 until 6 p.m. and will have a special Easter Buffet being served from 3 until 6 p.m. Stop on by and enjoy.

IBT'S - "Stardust Ball" will be presented this Easter from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. IBT's will be closed until 6 p.m. to get the place decorated. Come as your favorite 50's star. There will be a Hula Hoop Contest; Twist Contest; Bubble Gum Blowing Contest; Jitterbug Contest and a Limbo Contest. It's going to be a-gaal! Come on and join the fun.

JOSHUA TREE - Easter Show hosted by Varonica Lake with Friends. It's a benefit show for Fiesta de Mayo Queen candidate Gabriella Vanity. It begins at 8:30 p.m. on the outdoor stage. Also featured will be an Easter Basket Contest with a prize for the "Nicest Basket". No Cover.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10
COLETTE'S - Back from a 'Triumphant' European tour, Patti McCulla returns here and will be singing and playing after the Sunday movie from 9 p.m. to midnight. The movie is "Destry Rides Again".

SOFTBALL - Another afternoon of Softball in Himmel Park. These are fundraisers for the Shanti Foundation of Tucson. Beer and Hot Dogs are available. In addition, this afternoon will feature Volleyball too! Come out and support the cause.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15
COLETTE'S - Showtime with Tabitha Scott, Jacquleen de Savoi and Dani Reid. 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17
COLETTE'S - Movie for today is "Arsenic and Old Lace". It begins at 7:00 p.m. on the big screen.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24
SOFTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL - Another Shanti fundraiser in Himmel Park, Field #1 at 1:00 p.m. Ice Cold Beer and Hot Dogs with proceeds going to Shanti. Fun and exercise in the fresh air with your friends.

COLETTE'S - Movie for tonight is "It Happened One Night" beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the big screen.

JOSHUA TREE - 1st Annual Luau with roast pig etc. More details later.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
COLETTE'S - The Dena Kaye Show will take center stage here. Make plans now to see and hear this popular Country/Western singer. More details later.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MAY 6, 7, 8
JOSHUA TREE - Third Annual Fiesta de Mayo Celebration is the major fundraiser for the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance to pay for the expenses of Pride Week each year. Food, craft, information booths. King and Queen of Fiesta candidates, lots of hoopla! Registration for candidates and booth space is accomplished by leaving your name (organization, club, individual, etc.) address and phone number at JT/EP or call Jack Stockslager, 295-3515.

SUNDAY, MAY 15
COLETTE'S - Watch for more details on the 4th Annual "Luau" - Hawaiian Roast Pig authentically cooked in the ground. Special drinks and lots of grass skirts. Watch for more details, but make plans now.

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There will be two more softball benefit games for the Shanti Foundation of Tucson. They will be on Sunday, April 10 and April 24. Himmel Park, Field #1 is the location and the time will be 1:00 p.m. It is planned to have a volleyball game also for those who would rather watch or play that sport.

There will be beer and hot dogs available, with the proceeds going to Shanti. The weather is great and it is fun to get out in the park and either play or watch. And you are helping a very worthy organization. Mark your calendars for these two special Sunday afternoons in Himmel Park.

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wednesday

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COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Schnapps shots .75 from 8 pm to midnight.
GRADUATE - Domestic Beer \$1.00 with other specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks \$1. (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.50. 5:30 to 1 am Draft Beer .50 and Schnapps .50 shot. Dance 8 - 1 am.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 12 noon to 1 am. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.
REMORAZZIT 2222 - 4-6 p.m. 2 for 1 call/well/beer. "White Wednesday" 8 pm to midnight .99 White Well (with juice .25 extra). \$1.25 Well Drinks & Manches 1-7 pm. Video Disco Dancing 9 - 1 with Randy.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - B-B-Que Chicken Dinner from 4:00 until 7:30 \$3.50, then \$1.25 Mital All Wine Coolers, All Domestic Bottle Beer \$1.25 from 9 pm to 1 am. Dave Pierson, DJ, 9 to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - "Sudseraise!" .40 draft beer from 8 pm to midnight.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing!
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.50. 5:30 to 1 am Long Neck Beer (non-premium) .75 Dance 8 to 1.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 12 noon to 1 am. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.
REMORAZZIT 2222 - 2 for 1 call-well-beer 4-6 p.m. Kegger!!! 8 pm to 12 am .25 per glass. Happy Hour \$1.25 Well, manches 1-7 pm. Video/disco dancing with Randy 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shots of Schnapps \$1.00 each from open to closing. Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Party Nite. Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to midnight.
GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon - 5:30 pm Well Drinks \$1 with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.50. 5:30 to 1 am All Well \$1.50 (with Juice \$1.75). Dancing 8 to 1.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 12 noon to 1 am. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.
REMORAZZIT 2222 - 2 for 1 call/beer/well 4-6 p.m. Happy Hour 1-7 pm \$1.25 Well drinks plus Manches 1-7 p.m. DJ/VJ Randy 9 to 1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Drink Specials. Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T 9 pm to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - Party Nite Hourly Drink Specials 8 to midnight.
GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 pm Bloody Marys \$1.00 6 pm to 1 am All Well \$1.50. Dance 8 to 1.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 12 noon to 1 am. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.
REMORAZZIT 2222 - Beer Bust 1 to 6 p.m. Ice Cold Draft .50/glass. Original Peter Dogs .25 with all the trimmings. \$1.00 Corona Nite 8 pm-12 am. A hot dance nite with VJ/DJ Randy.

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust Noon to 8 pm Bud or Bud Lite .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4 pm to 7:30 \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's from 9 pm until 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - "Wine Down Nite" .75 Wine 8 pm to midnight. Movie Nite at 7 pm.
GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) \$1 with other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Bloody Marys \$1.00 Noon to 5:30. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness" every hour (?). Dance 8pm-1am
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 12 noon to 1 a.m. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm. Complimentary Hot Dogs with all the trimmings and Potato Salad from 2 to 6 pm.
REMORAZZIT 2222 - Open Noon to 1 am. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys \$1.25 NOON to 3:30 pm. Fresh Fruit Daiquiris \$1.50 1 to 6 p.m. plus any flavor schnapps .50 a shot plus Peter Dogs with all the trimmings for .25 each. Remoraz Unofficial Progressive Music Nite with videos & dancing 9 to 1 with Randy.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Miller bottles or Schnapps .75 - Noon to midnight. "Bowlers Special Night" 1/2 price on well drinks for J/T Bowling Leaguers. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .89 from 8 pm to midnight.
GRADUATE - All White Well Drinks \$1.50 until 1 am plus other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30; Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.50. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness".
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 12 noon to 1 am. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.
REMORAZZIT 2222 - 4-6 p.m. 2 for 1 call/well/beer. 1 - 7 pm Well drinks \$1.25, manches.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Spuds McKernie Nite" Bud Lite Long Necks \$1 plus \$1.50 Well Drinks from 9 pm to 1 am. Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T beginning at 9 pm.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Longneck Bottle Beer Special: \$1.00 from 8:00 until midnight. Alternative listening and dancing to music from 60s - 70s and early 80s from 7 to 11.
GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks \$1.50 till closing plus other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm; Well Drinks \$1.00, Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.50. "Trashy Tuesday" show begins at 6 p.m. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness".
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 12 noon to 1 am. Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.
REMORAZZIT 2222 - 2 for 1 call/well/beer 4-6 p.m. Well drinks \$1.25, manches 1-7 pm. Video/disco Dancing 9-1 with Randy.

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ARE THE "MORAL" THE MAJORITY?

With comments asserting that it would force churches to hire homosexuals, transvestites, and persons with AIDS, the religious, ultra-conservative Moral Majority organization attempted —once again— to sway the feelings of our national representatives — this time with the override of the controversial civil rights bill recently voted into law.

The legislation, which President Reagan —in his as-usual questionable judgement— recently vetoed, would force institutions which receive government funds to now allow discrimination within the entire institution. The 1984 ruling of the Supreme Court in the Grove City v. Bell case, said anti-discrimination policies must be followed only by the specific program within an institution which received the government monies. This it was felt, would allow widespread civil rights abuses.

A long time in the writing, the newly passed legislation would restore civil rights to the point at which they were prior to the 1984 Supreme Court ruling.

It is not clear exactly why the Moral Majority group became involved. It could be surmised that they, long supportive of President Reagan and his policies, wanted to prevent an embarrassing, ninth veto override in this, a crucial election year.

It should have been obvious that with a democratically controlled House and Senate —and with truth on our side— the Moral Majority would have an uphill battle. Little did they —in their characteristically specious judgement— foresee the backlash —from the Republicans— their little act would receive.

In fact, 21 Republican sen-

ators, and 52 Republicans in the House, voted against their president: an act which does not bode well for presidential hopeful George Bush. (In fact, Bush made a major campaign error when he — with misguided loyalties— sided with President Reagan on vetoing the civil rights legislation. This, in front of a group of blacks).

Many of the Republicans said they voted in favor of the bill specifically because of the distortion of the facts which the Moral Majority was espousing.

I did not have to sit too close to the edge of my chair with this vote, however. With comments like, from representative W.G. Hefner giving an impassioned speech for the bill, "No job is important enough for me to lie to the American people. If I have to cave in to false information —no job is worth it." This, in response to threats of retaliation at the polls (from Moral Majority group callers) should he vote for the bill; and like Senator Kennedy's comments calling the Moral Majority tactics, "mischievous and deceptive" saying their actions only serve to prove they are "neither moral nor a majority". I was secure.

It is important to remember that once sexual orientation is added to the role-call of classes against which discrimination is not legal —and it will be, one day— this landmark veto-override will extend to Gays and Lesbians too.

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