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Gay Games III And Festival May Draw 10,000 Participants



Arriving at Gay Games II in 1986 are signs held by athletes from around the world as they march into Kezar Stadium in San Francisco.

An array of exciting proposals for Gay Games III and Cultural Festival were presented at a planning conference attended by over 70 delegates from Gay organizations around North America and abroad. At one point, delegates from the 16 cities represented estimated sports participant numbers from their own communities - the figure was above 10,000. By the time the cultural representatives added their estimates, the number rose to 10,000. Those people were talking massed choruses, bands, dance and theatre troupes as well as crafts, video and film and two-dimensional workshops.

At any rate, from the Opening Ceremonies parade of participants to the Closing Ceremonies gigantic party, Vancouver will sparkle as host of the largest Lesbian and Gay event ever held in Canada's history August 4 - 11, 1990.

It all began in San Francisco with the 1,300 athletes of "Challenge '82" followed by the 3,500 participants in "Triumph '86". Now Vancouver proudly offers the world "Celebration '90: Gay Games III and Cultural Festival".

The eight day event will celebrate thousands of personal triumphs which make up the Lesbian and Gay lifestyle. "In a positive and

supportive environment those participating will share and celebrate the myriad of accomplishments that have made us the powerful and creative and loving women and men we are," say Gay Games III organizers.

"Celebration '90" is centered on the principle of inclusion. Everyone is welcome - people of all ages, colors, sexual orientations. Athletes and artists with all degrees of skills can take part because winning in Celebration '90 means doing one's personal best.

As with the first two Gay Games, women and men will participate in equal numbers and together wherever possible. Age group divisions will ensure the most enjoyable competitions for everyone. Invitations to participate go particularly to those special interest groups who sometimes feel excluded by major Gay events. The physically challenged are especially welcomed.

In short, everyone who supports the inclusive principles of the Gay Games is welcome to participate. The dominant spirit of Celebration '90 is openness and honesty where no one needs to disguise any aspect of their lifestyle.

There are no qualifying trials or regional eliminations for the Gay Games. All preliminary competitions are part of the Games themselves. The emphasis is on participation rather than competition. Entries opened in July and will close in the Spring of 1990. There will be an entry fee for each person for each sport. Fees will be discounted for early registrants. In sports where facility limitations make it impossible to accept all entries, they will be accommodated in the order they are received. The following are the sports being offered for registration"

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Appeals Court Rejects Army Lesbian

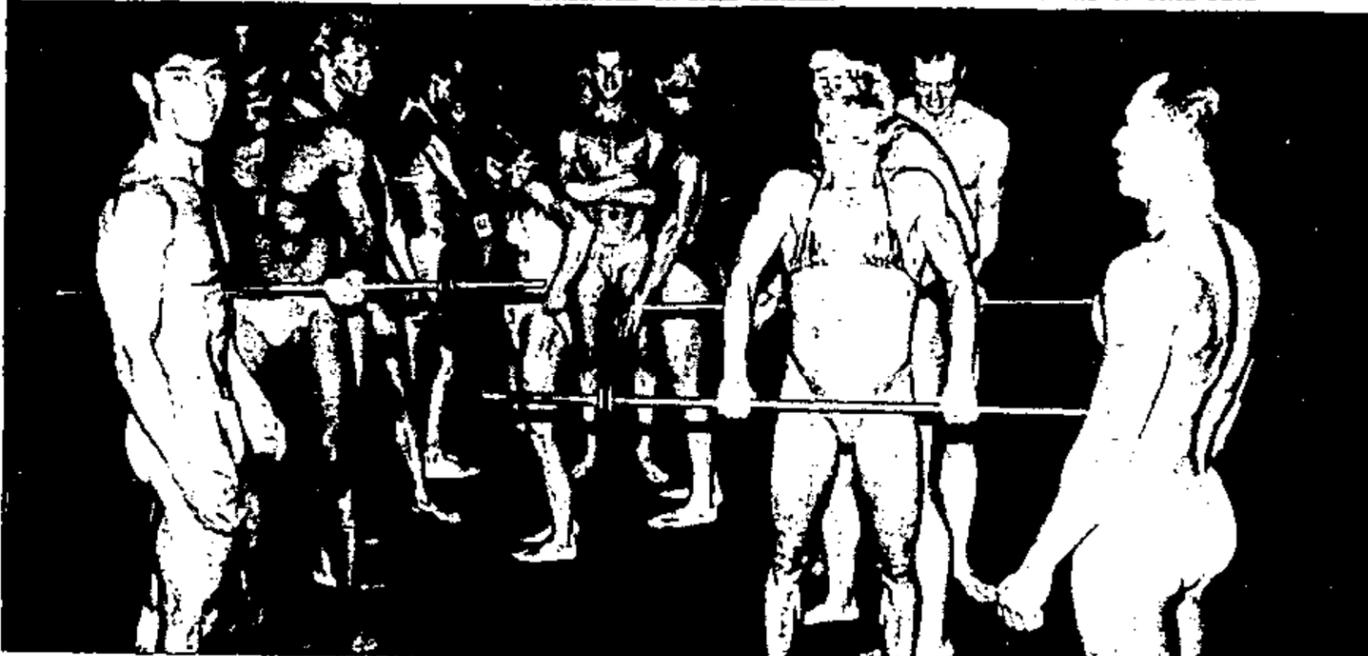
CHICAGO, IL - In the latest development in Lesbian Miriam ben-Shalom's 13-year battle to re-enlist in the U.S. Army Reserves, the U.S. Federal Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit has ruled that the Army is not required to re-enlist ben-Shalom.

Justifying its decision in part on the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Bowers v. Hardwick, in which the Court held that states could regulate the rights of Gay people to engage in private, adult, consensual sexual behavior, the court in ben-Shalom upheld the Army's regulation discharging persons who "engage in homosexual conduct, or who by their statements demonstrate a propensity to engage in homosexual conduct."

The new decision by a three-judge panel in Chicago reverses a lower district court ruling which had declared the Army regulation unconstitutional and had ordered the Army to re-enlist ben-Shalom. ben-Shalom will appeal to a full panel of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Sue Hyde, Director of the Privacy Project of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), and organizer of the Gay & Lesbian Military Freedom Project Coalition, condemned the court's decision. "The damage Hardwick did to the lives of Gay men and Lesbians continues to become clear with each new case. In ben-Shalom, the 7th Circuit extends the dangerous logic of Hardwick to say it's OK to be Gay, OK to say you're Gay and you favor Gay rights, but that it's not OK to act on one's sexual orientation, not OK to live our lives fully, without experiencing discrimination."

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Physique competitions will be an important part of Celebration '90.

These men and women are finalists in the Triumph '86 competition

which attracted a full house in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium.

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UPDATE

WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT TO MEET TO PLAN FOR MARCH SET FOR OCTOBER 7
TUCSON - Women Take Back the Night, an international organization whose purpose is to end violence against women, will hold a meeting Monday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Tucson Women's Commission Building located at 240 N. Court.

The meeting will be held to prepare for the Women Take Back the Night march which will take place Saturday, Oct. 7.

The purpose of the march is to bring awareness to the community regarding issues of rape, battering, sexual abuse, and other ongoing acts of violence towards women.

All women interested in participating are invited to attend the meeting or call 791-7891, 897-7880 or Julie at 326-2153.

DESERT LEATHERMEN CAUGHT CAROUSING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
 by Ernie Hoop

TUCSON - Last weekend, many members of Desert Leathermen (DL), along with a few guests traveled to San Diego to host a Beer Bust at Wolfs, the home bar of California Cyclamen Motorcycle Club (CMC). After arriving, DL quickly turned the bar into an extension of Tucson, complete with Pinata and "Tucson First" posters.

During the Saturday evening festivities at Wolfs, DL held their traditional raffles for fabulous and valuable prizes, including cookware, tickets for lunch at a San Francisco restaurant, and chances to break open the pinata later that evening. All in attendance were quickly swept up in the festive atmosphere, and smiles and laughter were the order of the day.

DL also made an appearance at BULC, where they were greeted warmly, as well as raising a few eyebrows.

The members of CMC were wonderful hosts and tour guides, and made sure DL was wined and dined. The Hole provided a wonderful brunch both days.

Plans are already underway for a return engagement by Desert Leathermen, as well as a San Diego weekend here in the Old Pueblo.

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Mr. Nielsen, assistance professor of dance at the University of Arizona, has been an OP member since he came to Tucson in 1987. He produced the "One Night Only" dance performance/benefit in March 1988.

The performance will take place on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Studio "Y" Theatre, 738 N. 5th Avenue.

Mr. Nielsen and OP suggest a \$5.00 donation to TAP from each person attending this very special event. Seating is limited. For reservations call 628-8980 or 882-7113.

C.A.T. COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER
TUCSON - A special benefit show will be presented at the Rainbow Room on Saturday, Aug. 26, starting at 8:30 p.m. DQT (Drag Queen Time). The show is being produced by Lee Thompson and all proceeds will go to the C.A.T. Committee.

The C.A.T. (Community Awards of Tucson) Committee is preparing for the 1989 awards presentation to be held in January, 1990. This is a non-profit group consisting of members of the Tucson community who seek to have members of the community awarded for special achievements to the community, and see that these are awarded on a fair and equitable basis. This show is one of the several fund raising activities that will help support the C.A.T. Committee in their presentations.

All performers in the show are donating their time, talent and tips and those behind the scenes are donating their time, talent and energy for the C.A.T. Committee.

The cast in the show includes Gary L'Abbe as Master of Ceremonies with Margo Leigh, Michelle Kristie, Dani Reid, Lady Di, Kimberly Ryan, Lotta Hormones, Pasha Darkfire and Miss Pit "1902" performing for your entertainment.



HOLY UNION ANNOUNCED
TUCSON - Robert Raught and William Bruder II have announced plans for a holy union to take place on Friday, Sept. 1. The 7:00 p.m. services will be preceded by a dinner at Le Bistro. Both of these events will be by invitation only.

Beginning at 8:00 p.m. there will be an open reception in celebration of the union to be held at Mi Casa Su Casa, 8101 E. Golf Links. All friends of the couple are invited to attend.

COPPER CITY SQUARES FORM
TUCSON - The Copper City Squares, Tucson's first Gay performance square dance team is now recruiting experienced square dancers to be part of a precision team.

Their purpose will be to practice and perfect choreographed square dance routines for the entertainment of the Gay communities around the state and country.

Further information can be obtained by calling Gary at 882-6498 or write to Copper City Squares, 1335 W. Placita Cobre, Tucson, AZ 85745.

NEW YORK LETTERS

EDITOR:
 The other day I received a thank you note from a couple of friends who I had done some emergency work for. A cooler had broken down on a weekend and they were unable to get it repaired. It was during our recent record-breaking hot spell and one of my friends was ill.

I offered to fix the cooler and did so as I saw the urgent need to get it repaired. I was paid for the work and thought nothing more of it.

In the next day or so I received a card in the mail thanking me for taking care of the problem. The writer said, "Some people step in and take care of a problem when they see the need. Other people have the intentions of helping out but don't follow up."

The card really hit me and brought the thought to mind that there are some people who really appreciate a favor being done for them. While most take it for granted, it is really nice to hear it either personally or by mail. Wish more people felt that way.

Thank you
 Bobby Plummer

TO THE COMMUNITY:
 Joshua Tree and Staff would like to thank the community for their support in the wonderful turnout last Saturday, Aug. 19 for the Tucson AIDS Project and Proyecto Arizona/Sonora benefit show.

It was one of the finest shows and in the near future we hope we can get together again. Hang in there and keep working for each other. Thank you,
 Bobby Holliday

Weekday Training Session
September 18 & 19
 We are tentatively planning to hold a Shanti Training Session on September 18 & 19, that's a Monday & Tuesday, for all our friends who work on weekends and have been unable to arrange time-off to attend our regular weekend session.

If you are interested in this training please call the office as soon as you can... whether we have it or not will be totally dependent on how many people are signed up ahead of time.

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He lived in both Tucson and Phoenix for years and in that time he had the opportunity to show that he was unique in the way he conducted himself and the way he gave of himself to help others.

The many honors and awards that he received during his lifetime are but a small tribute compared to the many, many unknown favors Phil did for others.

Phil lived through his AIDS illness with strength and dignity, and he 'beat' many of the maladies that accompany this disease. It is ironic that his passing was due to one of the easier afflictions to cure with the findings of new drugs - pneumocistis carinii.

The Gay community of both Phoenix and Tucson share in the loss of this truly good person - Phil Santhon. God Bless.

CHESTER BARRETT
MAY 11, 1943 - AUGUST 19, 1989

A blessed memory. Chester Barrett was born in Corbin, Kentucky. He moved to Tucson in 1974 and became active in the Tucson community. He was a member of Tucson Knight Owls and was employed at the Rainbow Room.

Chester is survived by his sister, Wanda Martin, also of Tucson.

Chester suffered from cirrhosis of the liver and succumbed to the disease after a long struggle. Funeral arrangements were made by Hugel's Swan Funeral Home where viewing and last respects were held on Tuesday, Aug. 22. Graveside services were held at East Lawn Cemetery Wednesday, Aug 23.

Suit Filed Against Florida Sheriff

NEW YORK, NY - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has announced a lawsuit against Walter J. Gallagher, Sheriff of Orange County, Florida, for violating Deputy Sheriff Thomas Woodward's constitutional rights, including his right to privacy under the Florida State Constitution. Sheriff Gallagher forced Woodward to resign after mounting an unconstitutional investigation into Woodward's off-duty private sexual activity.

During his five-year tenure with the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Woodward had been promoted three times and had received consistently high recommendations and evaluations by his supervisors and co-workers. In October 1988, Woodward was appointed Deputy Sheriff by Gallagher. Six months later, despite Woodward's continued exemplary service and professional conduct, the Sheriff's office began to probe Woodward's private life, including his off-duty sexual activity.

The investigation was based on an allegation that Woodward, over a year and a half before, and while off-duty, had engaged in a sexual relationship with a consenting adult male in the privacy of Woodward's own home. At no time was any allegation made that bore on Woodward's performance of his job as deputy sheriff.

Lambda Staff Attorney Sandra J. Lowe represents Woodward together with William Sheaffer of Orlando, Florida. Lowe noted that Sheriff Gallagher used the power of his publicly-elected office to conduct an unjustified intrusion into Woodward's private sexual life without any connection to Woodward's performance on the job or conduct in the community. The investigation, and the termination that followed, served only to promote Gallagher's own personal bias against Gay men and bisexuals, and deprived the citizens of Orange County of an outstanding public servant and law enforcement officer.

"This complaint has far-reaching potential beyond this case," said Lowe, "because it says that the right to privacy and simple fairness - which a majority of Floridians voted for and all are entitled to - prevent a government official from snooping into the private life of a highly-qualified and dedicated employee, solely because of his sexual orientation."

"It says that no one should be fired simply because of the prejudices and hostilities of his or her boss. Article 1, Section 23 of the Florida State Constitution provides that a person has a fundamental right to be let alone, to be free from governmental intrusions into one's private life, and to autonomy in making important personal decisions," Lowe said.

As part of the investigation, an investigator called Woodward in after he had worked a full night shift, and subjected him to a demeaning inquiry regarding intimate details of his life history. In response to this interrogation, Woodward stated that he is bisexual.

Based on this, Woodward was labeled a "homosexual" and was told he must resign or be terminated. Under duress, Woodward agreed to resign, but only after being assured that such resignation would ensure the confidentiality of the investigation. Despite this representation, the private details of Woodward's sex life and termination were made available to the local press, and were widely publicized. As a result, Woodward has been unable to find other work in law enforcement.

Woodward is suing Sheriff Gallagher for violations of his right to privacy, due process, freedom of expression and association, and equal protection of the law. Woodward also charges the Sheriff with fraudulent and negligent misrepresentation regarding the confidentiality of the investigation. The suit asks for damages, including reinstatement to his prior position with the Sheriff's office, and restoration of all back pay and seniority. The suit has been brought in the Orange County Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

Lambda's Legal Director Paula L. Ettelbrick stated, "For too long Gays and Lesbians, and those perceived as Gays and Lesbians, have been at the mercy of their employer's moral visions - however myopic that vision may be. The Woodward case is a striking example of an employer - in this case, a governmental institution - which spitefully ignored and willfully violated the privacy rights guaranteed under a State Constitution."

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TAURUS

Speculation, gambling or investment potential is highlighted for profits. Taking a romantic chance could also surprise you with added benefits. Good relations at work increase your ability to do a thorough job.

GEMINI

If you are feeling bored with present circumstances home is the last place you will want to be. Control a tendency to over express your feelings. Avoid situations in which you will compound already existing stress.

CANCER

Unusual ways of communicating with others may appeal to you at this time. Especially if you are trying to make a point with a close relations. This does not necessarily mean a relative but someone who is almost as close.

LEO

Innovative techniques will win you the respect of others. This respect could therefore develop into increased financial security. Many Leos are in a good period for making money and developing additional sources of income.

VIRGO

Logic could dictate that you listen to what others tell you with an open analytical mind. Overly critical attitudes can result from misconceptions of subjects you

know nothing about.

LIBRA

Surprising someone with an expression of your concept of beauty is an excellent way to show them you care. You are in a period of more harmony within your own duality and thereby projecting this into the lives of others.

SCORPIO

You could be feeling disappointed in a friend with whom you have had financial dealings in the past. Discuss the potential for growth. An important lesson will inspire your higher nature. Avoid being overly critical.

CENTAUR

Someone you know may be highly influential in helping you have a more secure relationship with a special someone. This is best pursued on a social level and not a professional level. Avoid confrontation.

CAPRICORN

A female helps you settle a difficult work issue. It is wise if you compromise on an important long range goal. Do not allow your temper to flare or you will regret the damage you do to yourself in securing a happy future.

AQUARIUS

Expressing your hopes for the future to a special friend may allow you to find mutual interests in Aquarian matters. Strong energies emanate from you. Fate will see you rise to high status.

PISCES

Secure vibrations could have you wanting to stay home. Someone you like could have other plans. Insist upon quiet conversation as opposed to loud gatherings.

PERSPECTIVE

by J.J. Cody

Someone the other day mentioned Thomas Wolfe's novel, "You Can't Go Home," it started me thinking about home and in this writers experience I have found that to be true. And the question keeps haunting me, "where is home?" Is it perhaps the place we were born, or where we felt the most comfortable? Regardless of where home is or was, it does seem we can never return. People, places, and things are never the same.

We go back to the place we thought of as home, seeking "something" that is no longer there, and we ask ourselves, "What has happened, where is home?" Friends and loved ones have changed, the closeness that once was there has vanished. Have we also changed, or is it the world changing around us, are we trapped in time?

In the dictionary I found a definition of home as, "An environment affording security and happiness."

This brings to mind the worn-out cliches, "Home is where the heart is" and "Home is where you hang your hat".

If you go back to where you thought your heart was and it doesn't work and you don't own a hat, the nagging question still remains, where is home?

And what about the thousands of homeless in Arizona and the millions more in this "great land of opportunity", where is home for them? In shelters or vacant condemned buildings? God forbid. Then again maybe there is a sense of home, because in so many it becomes an accepted lifestyle. Is

it better to have the whole earth as a home than just to consider one town or building as our home?

For some they can be content in one place, while others it seems are wanderers, so I guess there is no pat answer to the question, "where is home?" How many have found the answer and how many more are still searching? For some there may be no answer, just more questions.

Tucson, to me, seems like home for now, but is it just a resting place on my seemingly never ending journey? And if so, will I ever find the elusive place called home?

[ED NOTE: Born and raised in the Mid-West, J.J. Cody is a freelance writer and abstract artist. Several of his articles have appeared in independent papers throughout Missouri and Kansas. Some of his paintings are in private collections in several states. He now resides in Tucson with his companion of eleven years, who is also a freelance writer/artist.]

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First battle won against Big Brother group in D.C.

NEW YORK, NY - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund has announced that it has won the preliminary round in a sexual orientation discrimination complaint against Big Brothers of the National Capital Area, an agency that matches adult volunteers with boys in need of role models. Big Brothers refused to allow Jeffrey Gould, an experienced health educator with a master's degree in counseling, to volunteer with the agency and become a "big brother" solely because he was gay.

In a significant development, the District of Columbia Office of Human Rights (OHR), where Gould had filed a complaint, ruled that Big Brothers is not exempt from the D.C. Human Rights Act which bars discrimination on a number of grounds, including sexual orientation. OHR rejected Big Brothers' assertion that, as a non-profit volunteer organization, it was not bound by the law and could freely discriminate. OHR held that Big Brothers is a "public accommodation" subject to the anti-discrimination laws that govern most establishments.

Lambda Cooperating Attorney Jane Dolkart, of the D.C. law firm of Dolkart & Zavos, and Evan Wolfson, Lambda Staff Attorney, represent Gould. Dolkart noted that OHR's ruling, which states that Big Brothers is bound by the Human Rights Law, assured that Big Brothers' anti-gay discriminatory policy will now be examined in full - in and of itself, a civil rights victory.

"This decision has implications far beyond this case," stated Wolfson. "It represents a victory not only for gay men and lesbians who seek to be role models to underprivileged youth, but to all individuals who are told that because of their race, gender or religion, they cannot participate in various organizations serving the community. Everyone should be protected against unfair discrimination, and everyone should be barred from discriminating."

Wolfson also said, "We are now going to prove the main lesson of this case: Gay people are fit to be role models, and to do what we do in millions of encounters every day - as teachers, as social workers, as parents, as family members, as friends, and, for that matter, as Big Brothers - interact with and help children, our own and others'."

Gould applied to be a Big Brother in July 1988. The application materials he received asked specifically about his sexual orientation. Gould called and spoke to the Acting Executive Director of the local organization who assured him that Big Brothers did not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, and that, in fact, it would be illegal for them to do so.

Gould, who thought it was important for "role models" not to lie, answered the question honestly. A week later he received a mysterious letter warning him to expect a rejection letter from Big Brothers because of his sexual orientation. Two months later, after much delay, he did receive a rejection letter. When Gould contacted the organization, the director explained that they did not accept gay men as Big Brothers.

In response to the OHR refusal to exempt Big Brothers from the Human Rights Law, Jeffrey Gould stated, "I am glad that I will now have a chance to challenge the policy which keeps me from using my experience and interest to help a child in need. I want to be a Big Brother, and don't want to begin by teaching my little brother that it's okay to lie, okay to discriminate, okay to set yourself up as above the law."

Currently, Dolkart and Wolfson are already preparing for the next stage of the case, the "fact-finding", in which Gould will demonstrate that he was discriminated against on the basis of his sexual orientation. It will then be up to Big Brothers to attempt to show that their policy of discrimination is justified as "necessary" for business. Lambda attorneys are confident that there is no lawful justification for this kind of discrimination.

Founded in 1973, Lambda is the nation's oldest and largest legal organization dedicated to the rights of lesbians and gay men.

FEDERAL APPEALS COURT REJECTS ARMY LESBIAN CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

Ben-Shalom began her legal battle in 1976, when she was discharged from the Army Reserves because she acknowledged her lesbianism to reporters writing about her appointment as one of the first two women drill sergeants in the Army Reserves. In earlier victories, lower courts held that ben-Shalom's First Amendment rights were violated by her discharge; and that the Army regulation denied to gay people equal protection under the law because it penalized persons for their status as homosexuals.

Apart from her lesbian identity, ben-Shalom's qualifications to serve in the Army Reserves had not been questioned, nor had ben-Shalom been charged with engaging in homosexual conduct. The Army claimed that embracing a homosexual identity indicated a propensity to engage in homosexual behavior, and that since homosexual behavior or a propensity toward it was proscribed by Army regulations, ben-Shalom's First Amendment rights were not violated when she was dismissed for acknowledging her lesbian identity.

"This ruling is repugnant to constitutional principles," said Nan D. Hunter, Director of the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "It allows governmental policy to be based solely on prejudice. Excluding lesbian and gay soldiers is necessary for morale only if one accepts the government's claim that anti-gay prejudice is a legitimate part of morale. We believe that under the law, equality must be valued more highly than bigotry," said Hunter.

The decision by the Court of Appeals found that the Army's need to foster morale and discipline was independent of "mere prejudice," even though the court also noted that "there no doubt is prejudice against homosexuals both in and out of the Army."

"For the Court to acknowledge the obvious prejudice behind this regulation, and then to ignore that the Constitution requires that all governmental policies be fair and even-handed even in the military, was an abdication of the court's duty," Hunter concluded.

"Miriam ben-Shalom is an excellent soldier who happens to be lesbian," said William B. Rubenstein, ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights staff counsel. "The military policy of disqualifying all gay Americans from military service is an insult to thousands of soldiers like ben-Shalom, who have exemplary records."

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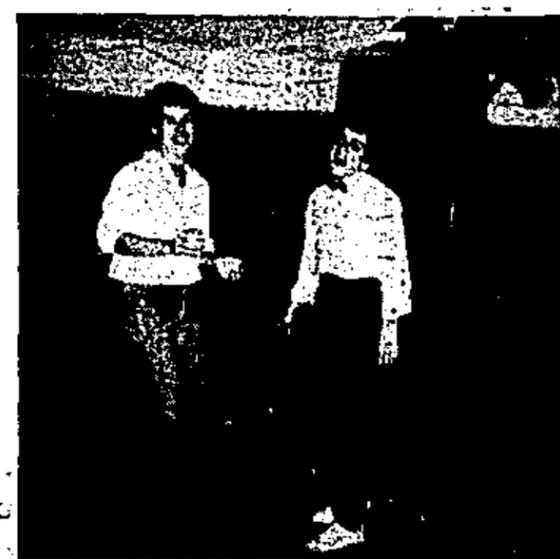
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POLITICS '89

by Mark R. Kerr

Sharon Hekman

Recently I attended the first head to head debate between Vice-Mayor Sharon Hekman and her challenger, environmental activist/actress Molly McKasson.

After hearing the answers and responses given, I have come to the conclusion that there is a clear choice in the Ward 6 Democratic primary. Sharon Hekman must be returned to the City Council for another four years. Sharon Hekman has over 20 years experience working for various government agencies before she was appointed, she worked for the Pima County Sheriff's Department. Sharon has a degree in Organizational Development from Pepperdine University.

Sharon, with her vast governmental experience, will bring the community together. She knows how to make the huge, monstrous bureaucracy work for the people. Her opponent was rather vague about her qualifications. She stated that she believed in representative government, strong leadership and that she would be a full-time representative. When it comes to priorities and goals for the next four years, Sharon has one heck of a game plan, compared to her opponent.

Sharon's goals for the next four years are as follows: (1) She will develop new plans for Tucson to save drinking water and develop new ways to use effluent water. (2) To develop alternative modes of transportation such as a light rail system, more bicycle paths and trails. (3) Develop a community-based team policy (government agencies working together). (4) Develop a plan for Tucson to invest in the local businesses in the area.

Mrs. McKasson, on the other hand, was vague regarding her priorities. She stated that she will try to see that money is spent more prudently on city services. She stated that she plans to hold 50 "Town Hall" meetings in the first 2 years. She plans to protect the environment. (She could not be any more specific). She stated that if she was elected, she would make sure that no drinking water will be used on any golf courses. McKasson also stated that she will bring good jobs that pay well.

These type of plans/promises sound like those in a student body election, vague with no substance. Mrs. McKasson accused Sharon of "flip-flopping" on the issues. Mrs. McKasson would not elaborate on which issues Sharon was "flip-flopping". Mrs. McKasson also accused Sharon of being a weak, indecisive leader. Why then did her fellow council members elect her as Vice-Mayor?

Throughout the debate, Mrs. McKasson wrapped herself in the flag, and gave good sounding, no substance answers. Everytime she spoke during the debate, I expected to see the Johnny Mann Singers pop up behind her and bust into a chorus of "America The Beautiful". On a couple of occasions Mrs. McKasson almost came to tears. Throughout the debate Mrs. McKasson seemed that she was trying to win the part of a city council member. She was melodramatic to the point of campiness. Sharon simply gave her answers to the numerous questions asked.

Dramatics, vagueness, one-liners and tears does not a city council member make. This is not a "broadway" role, this is real life. Sharon Hekman has faithfully and loyally served this metropolis for the past 2 years and 5 months as City Council Member for Ward 6. And for the past 20 years, she has served the county. Sharon is not a "one issue" candidate. She is a full time representative who listens to all sides, comes up with solutions to problems which everyone is happy with. Sharon Hekman wants to serve Tucson, not a faction.

So, on September 19th, for those in Ward 6, when you go to the polls to vote in the Democratic Primary for the Ward 6 City Council seat, cast your vote for the person who will serve Tucson - cast your vote for experience, cast your vote for Vice Mayor Sharon Hekman. With Sharon on the council, the best will come.

Until next time, take care.

Progress Report On 101st Congress

WASHINGTON, DC - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) announced the publication of its Federal Legislative Report, a 10 page document summarizing Congressional activity during the first seven months of 1989 on issues on the national Lesbian and Gay agenda. It includes House and Senate legislative summaries, information on the obtaining Congressional Committee reports, and a Congressional calendar for the balance of 1989.

According to the NGLTF report, battles are expected in the coming months over anti-Gay amendments to the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, the Senate appropriations bill, the District of Columbia appropriations bill, and funding for the National Endowment for the Arts. The report also noted possible action to "remove discrimination protections for persons living with HIV infection and AIDS" from the Americans with Disabilities Act, which is currently pending in both the House and Senate.

"When Congress returns from its August recess, we anticipate a very high level of activity on bills important to the Lesbian and Gay community," said Peri Jude, NGLTF Legislative Director. "This report provides individuals and organizations with useful information on lobbying their Senators and representatives on critical legislation before Congress."

Commented Urvashi Vaid, NGLTF Executive Director, "If we are to move forward with our agenda and block anti-Gay amendments by legislators such as Senator Helms and Congressman Dannemeyer, it is vitally important that members of our community be informed and active. We encourage everyone to order a copy of the Federal Legislative Report and then start writing and calling their elected officials in Washington."

Copies of the report may be ordered by sending \$1.00 to NGLTF, Federal Legislative Report, 1517 U Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20009.

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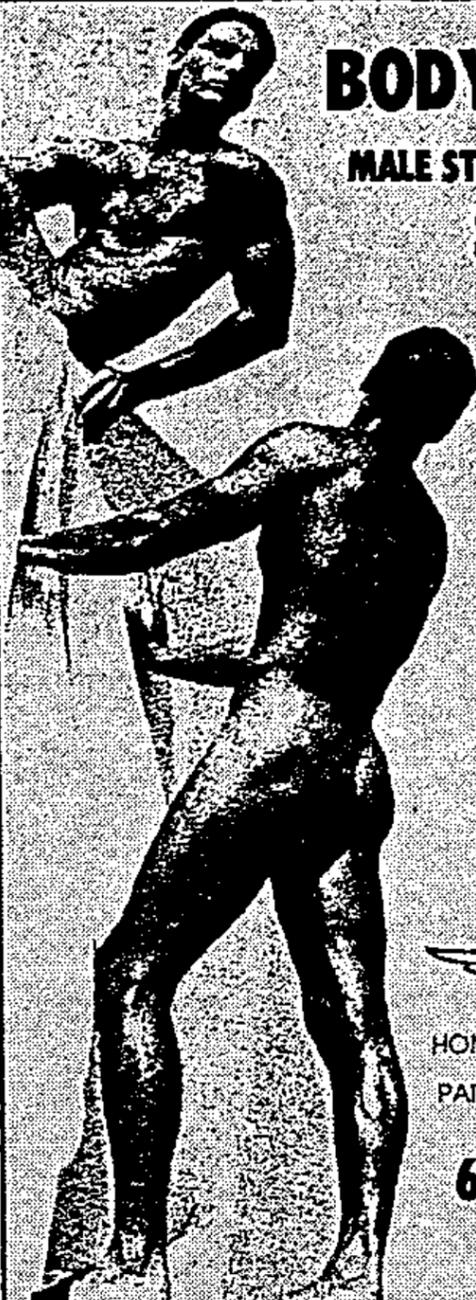
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WHAT'S UP DOG?



Anytime you have to even think about the loss of a friend, it is difficult. This past weekend, I, along with many others, lost a friend. Chester (aka Miss Kitty to TKO members) passed away and will be missed by all who were lucky enough to have met him. Being a member of the Tucson Knight Owls, I can tell you that over the past five years or so, having Chester as a fellow club member has been very enjoyable and entertaining.

Chester was one of those who you never really knew just how he was feeling, and just how he would react to different situations, but the end result in all cases, he would watch out for the feelings of all. He was one who would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. In general he was real and treated everyone fairly and equally. He will be missed by all those he knew, parted with and went on different outings with. Rest in peace, Chester.

Well, things sure do have funny ways of working themselves out. In last week's paper I stated I would not be going to the City of Rocks with the Tucson Knight Owls. As it worked out, my arm was twisted last Thursday evening at the Graduate and I went along with two others who also were not going. We ended up on Saturday afternoon driving four hours to join the others at this year's City of Rocks Run.

To say that those already there were surprised is putting it mildly. Then it was party time and the three of us got into the swing of things. After Hank and Phil finally managed to get their tent and their air mattress up, they both bent their elbows for a cocktail or two.

By the time we three had arrived, the games, those scheduled, had already been played and everyone was just sitting around. The Albuquerque bunch were over at their campsite playing Trivia, the young against the elders. The TKO's Captain put the word out to all TKO members that it was time to get dressed for supper. He also let the Albuquerque crew know. I hope with all the pictures of both groups in costume, I get at least one good picture of each one for the paper.

For Hijos del Sol, this was also a contest to be judged by TKO. The winner of this year's Miss City of Rocks crown (?) was Dr. Bo. Of course Sadie protested but what's new. The other winners were: 3rd place to Bill; 2nd place to Bloss and 1st place to Dr. Bo.

TKO's Sunday morning beauty award "Miss Classy Lady" went to Hank. Also, one little item that I just cannot miss passing on to you - Sunday morning, Phil was seen holding a comb looking for his hair!

This was the 8th year in a row that these two clubs have been meeting at the City of Rocks for their Brotherhood Run and as always it was very successful and a fun-filled weekend. As for TKO the next time these two clubs will be getting together will be Hijos del Sol's Balloon Run Oct. 13-15 in Albuquerque. I wonder if Sadie will take a few of us up the mountain again and get us lost? If anyone would be interested in going along on this run in October contact me so that when the run applications arrive, I can get one to you.

Desert Leathermen's trip to San Diego was quite a success. The eight-hour trip over gave DL a chance to have some interesting discussions and make some fascinating discoveries.

The group was talking about Candi's age, and Bert revealed that "Candi is so old, the diamonds she wears were formed on her fingers". Once in San Diego, Ernie discovered that everyone could tell he was blushing by looking at the bald spot on the top of his head.

Pledge Abby made the club proud by setting a good example for women in leather everywhere. It was reported that the prizes that fell from the broken pinata were all put to good use during the weekend.

Even Jeff, Stan's roommate, got into the spirit of the weekend during Sunday brunch at The Hole, although we're not sure the buttons on his shirt or his 501s held out.

When DL premiered their club drink, "Cactus Gum", one man couldn't get enough, as he licked the serving bowl clean. It must have been an exciting scene to watch. On the way home, Jeff found the ultimate bumper sticker: "If it swells, RIDE IT!"

This coming Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Rainbow Room, it's show time again. This show will be a benefit for the CAT Committee. I,

as one who has worked on this committee since day one, would like to see a large crowd in attendance. All monies donated will go towards this year's Awards presentation night. Also, if you have not registered to vote in this year's election, there will be a registrar on hand for your convenience.

For more details, times, performers, etc., check elsewhere in this issue of OBSERVER. Since this is a CAT Committee benefit show, for once it would be nice to see a large turnout of the CAT Committee members.

One item I do want to pass on to all is last week I attended another AIDS seminar and for once some good news came out of it. The committee I sat on will be going around to the different bars in the near future passing out this information, so when you spot their booth or table, go up to those manning it and ask questions. It is heart-warming to finally to get some good news after all the years of bad news.

I guess it is time to get this one to Bob so that he will be able to put it into this week's issue. Have a beautiful week.

The Prom is Coming

TUCSON - The next big fund-raising event for the Shanti Foundation of Tucson will be the presentation of "The Prom" which will take place at Ramon Bazzit, 2222 N. Stone on Sept. 3, Labor Day Weekend Sunday.

A cast of 20 to 30 persons have been rehearsing, learning the dance crazes of the sixties, the era that "The Prom" takes place.

The "gym" will be decorated with posters of prom queen candidates, as well as other memorabilia of high school days. The "kids" will be dancing the Madison and other fancy-steps, as well as other shennigans that "kids" that age partake in.

There will be members of the "faculty" who will act as chaperones, and various activities taking place throughout the "gym" and in the parking lot "Drive-In". Vintage cars, school bus (if it's not in the garage for repairs), hot dog and popcorn vendors - everything that will remind you of that high school prom you went to or wished you could have gone to.

Witness the bitchy Prom Queen candidates as they vie for the title - See some of the "Rydell High Trojan" football, basketball and baseball team as they strut their stuff - See the crowning of the Prom King and Queen - It promises to be an outstanding event and all proceeds will go to the Shanti Foundation/ Tucson. Plan to attend Sunday, Sept. 3.

Do Lesbians and Gay Men Pose A Threat to the American Family?

Jesse Helms Says "Yes"

The Human Rights Campaign Fund Says "NO"

□ Helms is counting on killing the "Hate Crimes" bill by passing an amendment proclaiming America's 20 million lesbians and gay men a threat to family. The Hate Crimes bill represents a key first step in stopping violent crime motivated by prejudice—including "gay bashing." A recent Justice Department study found that lesbians and gay men are "probably the most frequent victims" of hate crimes.

□ The Helms amendment—based on bigotry, ignorance and fear—could actually encourage the anti-gay violence the bill's trying to stop. The Helms "hate crime" is an unprecedented assault on American diversity and pluralism.

□ He's counting on the fair-minded majority across the country not learning of or not speaking out against his amendment. Most of all Jesse Helms is counting on your silence!

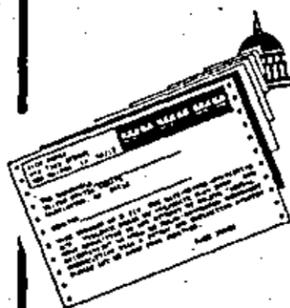
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The Action Hotlines are sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign Fund. To take additional steps to help defeat Helms amendments or secure general info, contact the Field Division, HRCF, P.O. Box 1723, Washington, D.C. 20013 or call (202) 628-4161.

A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

The Abyss

The ad-copy is simple enough: "There's Everything You've Ever Known About Adventure... And Then There's The Abyss." Well, I don't know what you know about adventure, but I can assure you that in future dictionaries, opposite the entry "action-adventure movie," will be a still from, "The Abyss".

It's hard to know where to begin in this review of the film. From the opening sequence of a submarine's underwater encounter with "one of them" and lasting through the next 2 hours 16 minutes, "The Abyss" is one fast wallop after another.

This should come a little surprise when you consider the film's writer/director: James Cameron. Yes, the man who scared you sh-tless with "Aliens" has proven to have an eye and ear for making the totally impossible believable.

Shot almost entirely underwater in the wastewater container at an abandoned nuclear power facility, the film has a resounding realism lost in its model-sub-in-a-tank predecessors. Congrats for this goes to Leslie Dilley's production design, Mikael Salomon's photography —and the haunting, gorgeous score by Alan Silvestri.

The calamities which befall the film's marvelous cast are realistic and spine-jarring. From the opening sub encounter to the destruction of a ship's crane and the ominous consequences thereof, and the more personal dramas, "The Abyss" constantly achieves what few special effects-laden films do: the total suspension of disbelief.

See this film on a big screen, with a 70mm print and Dolby sound. (In Phoenix the film is showing at the Cine Capri, the largest screen in the city. In Tucson the film is playing at Catalina Cinemas and at El Con, both in Dolby stereo).

As for the actors, their names will be popping up near Oscar time next year. Absolutely riveting is Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, who plays the designer of an experimental underwater oil-rig and the soon to be ex-wife of the man in charge of the rig, played with consummate skill by Ed Harris.

I cannot imagine what terrors these actors were forced to endure in making the film. If stunt doubles were used in some of the scenes, I couldn't tell. (Just seeing Mastrantonio and Harris holding their breath in one particularly daring scene made me almost pass out from oxygen deprivation). Yes, it's that real.

Michael Biehn (also in Cameron's "Aliens") reappears here as a real son of a bitch. A Navy man. A REAL psycho. As usual, the highly underrated actor delivers and delivers. Members of the supporting cast are true and honest in their portrayals of members of the rig's crew.

As to the story itself: there are these luminescent things which appear in the crepuscular depths of the Atlantic near this enormous trench which runs about 2.5 miles deep. Are they Russian enemies? Friendly creatures?

Then, there's this atomic warhead, and Biehn's character wants to use it to destroy these light-things (He's not a very pleasant person....). Well, someone's got to stop him, and the unhappily married couple rises to the tasks. (Even the requisite "car chase" is here, done with a

master's hand —and a powerful conclusion).

One fellow film critic said "This film is 2 hours and 8 minutes of the year's best adventure film. Unfortunately, the film is 2 hours and 16 minutes long," and proceeded to lambaste the ending, calling it a "typical Hollywood-style sell-out." Well, he's wrong.

In fact, the end provides a most satisfying payoff to the film's exciting set-up; it makes a film worth going to in this day and age. In the face of drivel such as "Batman", the third "Indiana Jones" flick, the latest and worst of "Star Trek" and the turgid clump of trash this year, "The Abyss" shines just that much more.

I hope other filmmakers sit up to take notice of the success of "The Abyss". It proves once again that a film does not have to be a sequel, or derivative, or filled with shots of ruble women with breasts flopping about to be successful.

Give us a well-thought-out script, fantastic acting, a story about people rising to overcome the obstacles of life —and a couple great special effects scenes—and we will be happy. Oh, for more like Cameron.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

News From MCC Tucson

This coming Saturday, August 26, is our monthly Bingo games. Starting at 6:30 p.m., ten games will be played. The first nine games will pay a cash prize of \$5.00 to the winner of each game. The tenth and final game will be a "Cover All" and will pay a cash prize of \$40.00. Three Bingo cards are printed on a sheet and each sheet is sold for fifty cents (.50) — refreshments are offered during the evening. Plan now to spend a pleasant evening enjoying the fellowship of those in attendance and winning cash at the same time.

Special classes will begin on Sept. 10 at 9:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The subject of these classes will be "The Journey To Spiritual Maturity" and will last for 13 sessions. There will be a donation of either \$4.00 or \$5.00 (whichever you can give) to offset the printing of the workbooks. Call the church office at 622-4536 for more information. Also, starting on Sept. 10 at 1:00 p.m. there will be new Membership/Inquirer's Classes. It is not obligatory to be a member of MCC/Tucson to attend these classes, everyone is invited.

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CALENDAR

of upcoming events

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

IBT'S - Clint Myers, from Trax in Phoenix will be guest DJ this weekend. He will welcome the students back from 9-1 with some hot sounds.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

COLETTE'S - Tucson's Square Dance group, T-Squares, will hold their 5th Anniversary Party here from noon until 6 p.m. Come on by and help them celebrate.

IBT'S - Guest DJ Clint Myers, from Trax in Phoenix will be playing for your dancing feet from 9 to 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Benefit show for the Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) Committee. The show will feature such performers as Margo Leigh, Michelle Kristi, Mr. Dani Reid, Garay L'Abbe, Portia Darkfire, A Lotta Whorson's, Lady D, Kimberly Ryan and Miss Fit. Sounds like a fun evening. Come on out for a worthy benefit. 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

IBT'S - welcomes back the students with some "Body Language" a group of some hot male strippers from Phoenix will be taking it off to warm you up beginning at 9 p.m. No Cover.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

COLETTE'S - The musical talents of Patti McCulla returns to the stage here. A unique performer with marvelous musical talents.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - "Together Again" starring Bobby Holliday, Linda Fizzle and Vanity, plus some special guests. Showtime 10 p.m.

RUMORZ - "The Prom" - a benefit for Shanti/Tucson will take place here. This promises to be a real "event" with a cast of thirty-some people all in character and dress of the '60s. Get into the spirit of this unique day and join in on the prom of your life. Much more later, but mark your calendars!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

JOSHUA TREE - Starting tonight and running for four weeks, JT's will be having a "Fall '89 Talent Search". Winners of each week's contest will receive a \$25 first prize. Contestants must register by 7 p.m. on the evening of the particular contest entered. The finals will take place on Oct. 11 and the first place winner will take home the \$75 first prize as well as a position in the regular show cast. It's all hosted by Bobby Holliday. For more info contact Bobby Holliday & JT's.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

COLETTE'S - The second presentation of the hilarious "Newly Wed Game". If you remember the first one you will surely not want to miss this and if you weren't we'd advise getting there early!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

COLETTE'S - Singer Anne English performs here again much to the delight of her many fans.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - Some hot male strippers imported all the way from Phoenix will take it off for everyone in the outdoor stage area. The evening will be cool and the dancers HOT!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

COLETTE'S - Vocalist Cynthia Stacey will be in the spotlight here for the evening. Check it out!

RAINBOW ROOM - "La Noche Mexicana", a benefit for People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT) will be held here featuring the live band sounds of Rare Breed and some other surprises.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

COLETTE'S - A regular monthly event occurs again - it's a night of Womyn's Music. Come on down!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

COLETTE'S - Country/Western Night again - It's a monthly affair, you know - headliner will be Mr. Loren Johnson. Always an entertaining evening.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

COLETTE'S - The popular band Razz-Ma-Tazz returns for a second time by popular request. They will be playing from 5 until 7 only so get there early. \$2.00 cover.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

COLETTE'S - Vocalist, musician, songwriter, and general all-around wonderful entertainer Anne English performs here. Don't miss it!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

COLETTE'S - Big 3rd Anniversary celebration with an all-star, live variety show. Watch for details.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

JOSHUA TREE - Beach Party II will be celebrated here following the big outdoor concert held elsewhere. There was a big crowd on hand last year and this year promises to be even better. Watch for more details and get your sun screen ready!

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

(NOTE: IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT OR SPECIAL HAPPENING THAT YOU FEEL SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS NON-BAR ACTIVITY CALENDAR, PLEASE CONTACT BEN CORBIN PRIOR TO MONDAY OF THAT WEDNESDAY'S PAPER FOR INCLUSION IN THAT WEEK'S ISSUE. AFTER FIRST NOTICE HAS APPEARED IT WILL APPEAR WEEKLY UNTIL THE EVENT HAS TAKEN PLACE. MR. CORBIN MAY BE REACHED AT 297-1909 OR 622-4536).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

The Gay and Lesbian Democratic Caucus will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the MCC/Tucson church building, 560 S. Stone. Guest speaker will be Steve Leal. Everyone is welcome.

Positive Approach to Living with HIV, at P.A.C.T. office every Wed. 7 P.M. You do have choices, come and learn. 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #282.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Benefit show for the Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) Committee will be held at the Rainbow Room. A big show is planned so watch for details on this benefit that benefits the community in the end.

T-Squares, Tucson's Square Dance group celebrates 5th anniversary from noon until 6 p.m. at Colette's. Everyone welcome to help celebrate.

MCC/Tucson's Monthly Bingo Games will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. at 560 S. Stone. Cash prizes for each game, refreshments served during the evening.

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

The "New Joshua Tree Bowling League" will have their first organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Fiesta Lanes, 501 West River Road. Actual bowling will start on Sept. 11. Call Mark at 749-1312; Jack at 578-2865 or Bill at 744-1345 for more info.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

HIV/AIDS Emotional Support Group, 7:30-9 p.m. every Tuesday, TAP office, 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #252. call 322-6226 for more info.

Mi Casa Su Casa's Taco Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. This will be held by the poolside, swimwear is encouraged. There will be a buffet with \$4.00 as the suggested donation. Call 885-0115 for details.

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Women Take Back the Night, an international organization whose purpose is to end violence against women, will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Tucson Women's Commission Building located at 240 N. Court. The meeting is being held to prepare for the Women Take Back the Night march which will take place Saturday, Oct. 7. All women interested in participating are invited to attend the meeting or call 791-7891, 887-7880 or Julie at 326-2153.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Mayor Tom Volgy pays Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association a return visit to review the state of our city. Hotel Park Tucson is the place. Greetings begin at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Volgy begins speaking at 8. The meeting is free for members and first-time guests.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Douglas Nielsen and Friends will perform a benefit dance for Tucson AIDS Project, co-sponsored by the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association at 7:30 p.m. at Studio Y Theatre, 738 N. 5th Ave. A \$5.00 donation is suggested. Reservations: 628-8880 or 882-7113.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22-23-24
Arizona Women's Music Festival, The Lavender Patch, White Mountains Arizona. Music, crafts, fine arts, performing arts and more! Emceed by Slique Callahan. For more info contact 258-7985 or 274-0353.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

The "Women Take Back the Night" march will take place. The purpose of the march is to bring awareness to the community regarding issues of rape, battering, sexual abuse and other ongoing acts of violence towards women. For more information call 791-7891, 881-7880 or Julie at 326-2153.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Former Los Angeles police officer Mitchell Grobman will come to the Hotel Park Tucson to tell Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association members and guests about the circumstances that led to his dismissal from the force, despite LA's anti-job discrimination law. Greetings begin at 7:30 p.m., the meeting at 8. This will be an open meeting.

Tucson CALENDAR

Sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys \$1.25. Steak Dinner 5 pm to 777 \$4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am, Linda Fizzle.
COLETTE'S WEST - "Wine Down Nite" \$1.00 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.
GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) \$1.25 plus other drink specials.
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Monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 1 am Miller bottle or Schnapps .75 5-8 pm non-premium Beer \$1.25. Well Drinks \$1.50. DJ 9 to 1 Dave Pierson.
COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. All White Well \$1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well drinks \$1.25 (w/juice \$1.50), Longnecks \$1.50, Draft .75; 4 to 8 pm Two for One. 8-1 Miller Products \$1.25. Dance 9 - 1.
RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm: Two for 1 drinks.
RUMORHAZIT 2222 - Open noon to 1 am. 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Dewey DJs beginning at 9.

Tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer \$1.25. Well drinks \$1.50. Corona Beer \$1.00 or Well Tequila \$1.50 from 8 pm to 1 am. + "Stop Light" specials. Bobby Jr. DJ's at 9.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special: Longneck Bottle Beer Special: \$1.25 from 8:00 until midnight. DJ from 8 to midnight.
GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks \$1.50 till closing.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm Well drinks \$1.25 (w/juice \$1.50), Longnecks \$1.50, .75 draft; 4 to 8 pm Two for 1. 8-1 Bud Products \$1.25. Dance 9 - 1.
RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m. Two for One drinks.
RUMORHAZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well/beer 4-7 pm. WJ/DJ 9-1 with Dwayne.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer \$1.25. Well drinks \$1.50. Draft Beer Bust .50 per glass plus \$1.00 Schnapps from 8 pm to close! DJ Linda 9pm.
COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Schnapps \$1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight. Pool Tournament 8:00 p.m.
GRADUATE - .50 draft or .75 Schnapps open to close plus other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 p.m. Well drinks \$1.25 (w/juice \$1.50) Longnecks \$1.50 & .75 draft. 4 to 8 Two for One. 8-1 Well Nite, all Well .75, Dance 9 - 1.
RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks.
RUMORHAZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bud Can Beer Nite - .50 per can, plus .50 schnapps from 7 pm until close. WJ/DJ "Spin Plinn" begins at 9

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer \$1.25. Well drinks \$1.50, 8 to close Well Drinks \$1.50, DJ 9 to 1 Dave Pierson.
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IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm Well Drinks \$1.25 (w/juice \$1.50). Longnecks \$1.50. Draft .75, 4 - 8 pm Two for One. 8-1 Beer Bust, all can beer .50/can. Dance 9 - 1.
RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks.
RUMORHAZIT - 2 for 1 well/beer 4-7 p.m. Kegger 8 pm to 12 am .50 per glass, munchies. Video/disco dancing with "Spin Plinn" 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer \$1.25. Well drinks \$1.50. DJ 9 pm to 1 am, Bobby Jr.
COLETTE'S WEST - International Happy Hour plus Party Nite - Hourly Drink Specials 8 pm to Midnight.
GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm. Well Drinks \$1.25 (w/juice \$1.50), Longnecks \$1.50, draft .75; 4 to 8 Two for One; 8-1 Well drinks \$1.50 (w/juice \$1.75); Dance 9-1.
RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks.
RUMORHAZIT - 2 for 1 beer/well 4-7 p.m. Progressive Friday: Well drinks .75 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour till 1 am. DJ "Spin Plinn" 9-1.

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Happy Hour 5-8 pm \$1.25 non-premium Beer and \$1.50 Well Drinks. DJ 9-1 Bobby Jr.
COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Drink Specials 8 to Midnight.
GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well Drinks \$1.25 (w/juice \$1.50), Longnecks \$1.50, Draft .75; 4 to 8 Two for One. 8-1 Well drinks \$1.75 (w/juice \$1.75); Dance 9 - 1.
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Inside The Washington Lobby

by Chai Feldblum
and Laura Markowitz

Over a year ago, U.S. Marine Barbara Baum was charged with "lewd and lascivious acts," sodomy and obstruction of justice" for allegedly engaging in sexual activity with another woman and lying about her activities. The other woman, in fact, testified against her, and Baum was sentenced to a year in prison and a dishonorable discharge.

Baum's case is one in a series of prosecutions of Lesbians by the armed forces that have become prevalent in the last year. Gay rights activists and feminists believe that these prosecutions are an extension of sexual harassment directed against women. In many of the military's investigations of charges of lesbianism, the woman under investigation had refused a sexual advance from a man who then, from spite or revenge accused her of being a Lesbian. It is more than just homophobia that is making the military go after women; the misogynistic attitude that women have no place in the military is also evident.

That was clear in the case of Pett: Office Mary Harrison. As far as can be determined, a male subordinate apparently resented having to take order from Harrison because she is a woman, so he accused her of being a Lesbian. In many cases, the women under investigation are competent and aggressive—threatening characteristics for those who like to believe that women have no place in the armed services.

One of the reasons the military has stepped up its investigations of women recently is that the armed services have changed their standards for sufficient cause for a discharge. In the past, the military had the discretion to retain a person who had engaged or was found likely to engage in homosexual activity. Now military law states that homosexual persons MUST be discharged (even though a heterosexual person who was "just experimenting" can be retained).

In addition to possibly leading to an absolute discharge rule, an investigation is intimidating in the way that it is conducted. Persons suspected of being Gay or Lesbian are told to name names in order to save themselves. Some persons, including Baum, have not been able to withstand the considerable pressure of the investigators, and have named others. Inevitably they end up, as did Baum, fully prosecuted regardless of their cooperation. The atmosphere is truly one of a witch hunt.

Baum served 226 days of her one year sentence before her lawyers, pro bono attorneys from the District of Columbia law firm of

Arnold and Porter, managed to have her sentence suspended and secured her release from prison. Her discharge, however, remained dishonorable. Her lawyers are trying to get her sentence commuted (erased completely, so that she would not have to face even the potential threat of having to finish out the remaining days) and to have her discharge changed to "honorable".

The ACLU is filing an amicus brief on her behalf arguing that her sentence is a violation of the Eighth Amendment — that it is cruel and unusual punishment to give a prison sentence for consensual sexual activity. The ACLU is also exploring whether there is a problem of selective enforcement in this area — whether the armed services are investigating and sentencing more Lesbians than Gay men.

To defend women like Baum, and to protect other women — Lesbian and heterosexual — in the armed services, the Military Freedom Project was established about a year ago. The Project, a joint effort of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Women's Equity Action League, the ACLU, the National Organization for Women, and the National Lawyers Guild, is investigating the condition of women and Gay people in the military. One main issue they are addressing is the treatment of Lesbians in the military.

One of the Project's first acts was to arrange for women who have been subject to military investigations to meet with Members of Congress — particularly those Representatives who are on relevant committees, such as the Armed Services Committee. Some of these women have also been invited to speak before the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services' (DACOWITS) — a civilian advisory committee to the armed services which held hearings in Washington this past May on issues affecting women in the military.

On the legislative angle, the strategy for addressing the treatment of women in the military is to put the spotlight on the issue — hold hearings and educate Members of Congress as to the way the military is handling the treatment of women. If the investigations can be shown to be outgrowths of sexual harassment, legislative measures may be possible. Of course, the armed forces will be a challenge to change because it is seen as the last bastion of machismo.

The final goal is to get the military to change its rules so that they will not be able to discharge anyone from his or her job for reasons unrelated to job performance. It is hard enough for women who choose to join the military. That a charge of Lesbianism is used to intimidate, control and subvert women is insidious from feminist as well as from Gay rights perspectives.

(Laura Markowitz is an editor of a national magazine and a Lesbian activist. Chai Feldblum is an attorney for the ACLU AIDS Project).

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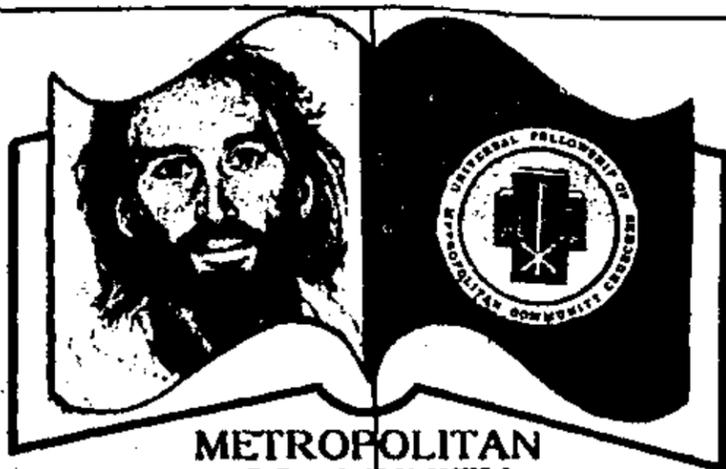


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Gays On TV Under Attack

The American Family Association has launched an all-out drive to stop sponsors from advertising on TV shows with Gay or Lesbian characters.

Led by the Rev. Donald Wildmon, the Tupelo, Mississippi-based AFA claims 380,000 followers and an annual budget of \$5 million. The group made headlines in all the national media by successfully persuading Pepsi to drop its support for Madonna's recent tour (it found her "Like A Prayer" video blasphemous), Domino's Pizza to pull commercials from Saturday Night Live, and Mennen to cancel its sponsorship of ABC's "Heartbeat".

Since Heartbeat's debut last year, the AFA has conducted a nationwide campaign against the show, focusing on lesbian nurse practitioner Marilyn McGrath. For example, the AFA Journal reported: "In one scene, two Lesbians are talking ... Claire, a patient, at one time ... had a crush on Marilyn ... This entire episode contains a lot of lesbian dialogue... The last scene, in which Claire dies... evokes sympathy for homosexuality." The AFA urged its followers to write the show's sponsors and threaten to boycott their products if they continued to "promote homosexuality".

In March the Mennen Company cited mail objecting to the show and pulled its ads (the AFA took credit). Shortly afterward ABC put the show on hiatus. The network had already decided not to renew "Heartbeat" for next season. Mennen has refused to respond to GLAAD's request that it state in its advertising guidelines that it will not discriminate against

shows because they portray Gays and Lesbians.

When you write to Mennen, tell them that Gays are family, too. Write: L. Donald Horn, Chairman, Mennen Company, Hanover Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960, or call (201)631-9000.

Rev. Wildmon has asked readers of the AFA Journal to thank Mennen for its actions against "Heartbeat". He also requested that his followers write to the other "Heartbeat" sponsors and complain about the fact that they didn't pull their ads. These include Chm. George L. Bunting, Jr., Noxell Corp., 11050 York Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21030 and Chm. D. Wayne Calloway, PepsiCo, Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, NY 10577.

The AFA also protested ABC's "The Women of Brewster Place," miniseries for showing a lesbian relationship, and urged members to write Chm. Samuel C. Johnson, S.C. Johnson and Sons, Inc., 1525 Howe St., Racine, WI 53403 and to PepsiCo. We suggest you write to support sponsors who have withstood the AFA's attacks.

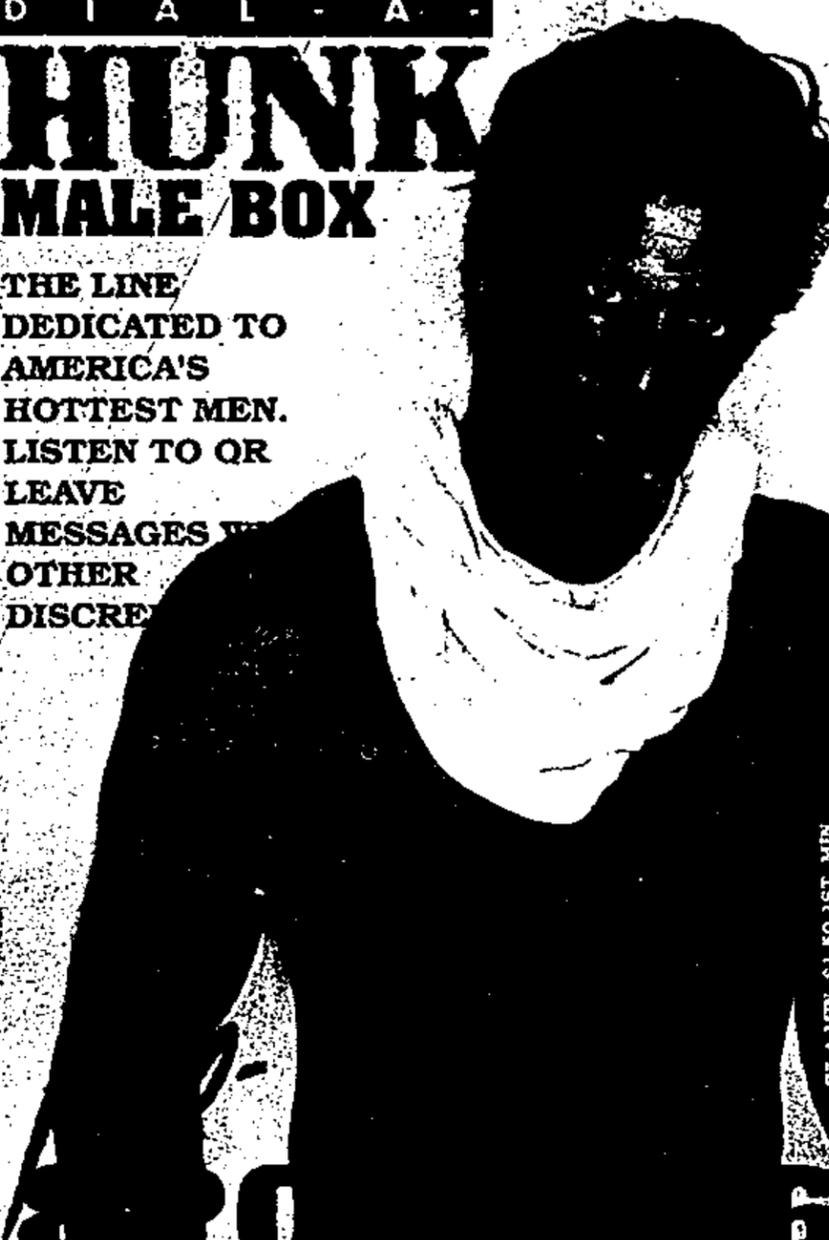
With the cancellation of "Heartbeat" and "Hooperman" and the departure of Hank Elliot from "As The World Turns", there will be no permanent Gay or Lesbian characters on network television next season. Get the picture?

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		AUG.	JULY	AUG.	JULY	AUG.	JULY
APACHE	52,108	4	4	2	1	1	0
COCHISE	85,686	6	6	2	3	4	1
COCONINO	75,008	6	6	3	-	-	1
GILA	37,080	3	3	2	-	-	0
GRAHAM	22,862	-	-	-	1	1	0
LA PAZ	12,557	2	1	1	-	-	0
MARICOPA	1,509,052	602	598	338	242	231	67
MOHAVE	55,865	7	7	4	-	-	1
NAVAJO	67,629	3	3	2	-	-	-
PIMA	531,443	166	160	76	35	31	26
PINAL	90,918	9	9	7	1	1	1
SANTA CRUZ	20,459	-	-	-	1	1	0
YAVAPAI	68,145	10	9	4	-	-	1
YUMA	76,205	12	12	3	6	6	2
UNKNOWN		1	1	0	6	6	2
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My friend John was here recently for a week, staying with a mutual friend of ours. John and I have been close friends for more than fifteen years. He is not Gay, he is happily married and has had a series of fairly long term extramarital affairs through the years. He cried and hugged me and thanked me for telling him the night I came out to him. Could I do any less for him when he told me he is transvestite?

Two years ago, the last time I saw John, he was finally confronting his transvestism. He was in a really miserable state. Our mutual friend (who is lesbian) and I spent several hours throughout the weekend talking to him, telling him how to get the best help, how to build a support group, etc., when he got home.

Seeing him this time, how happy he is to be who he is, how calm, how relaxed, I was very proud of our intervention. But, I realized that I wasn't comfortable with the changes. I also realized the discomfort my coming out caused in many of my friends. They got over it then, I got over with it now.

One of the reasons I was uncomfortable was because I didn't know what to expect. My previous experience with cross dressers had been with several drag queens and one transsexual (another mutual friend). My transsexual friend is just too lantern-jawed and too anti-stylish ever to look like a woman, but she's happy, so I'm happy.

I expected to see John in the exaggerated styles that drag queens seem to favor and I just wasn't ready to accept that in a friend of such long standing. My anxiety was increased by remembering John two years earlier telling me that sometimes he just wanted "to dress up like a little girl, a pretty little girl."

But he dressed appropriately for someone his age and height (6'4"). When I first picked him up at the beauty parlor where he was having his shoulder length hair done, I was apprehensive because I didn't even know how to ask for him, what name to use, his masculine one, or his feminine one. At the door, when they asked whom I was to pick up, all I could do was blither, "uh, this is kind of weird..."

They knew immediately whom I was asking for, "Oh, you're here for the guy from Colorado." Instead of looking outrageous or inappropriate, John/Betsy looked almost matronly. While still recognizably my old drinking buddy, she still looked the part of a woman.

I found myself, as we went to dinner that night, and dinner and Gay bar hopping the next night, changing my behavior. I became more gallant, holding doors, chairs, etc. - and I even found my speech becoming more gallant. I was acting out the heterosexual roles my parents had inculcated me with in my childhood. I was becoming the heterosexual they had wanted me to become. I'm sure, however, that they would never have approved of my choice of women.

Betsy's attitudes had become more flirty-feminine-subservient. It was as if we, one Gay man and one non-Gay man, were re-enacting the traditional war between the sexes but with the roles being played the opposite of what some might suspect.

After John left I got to spend an afternoon with another friend (not mutual) who had just come back from two weeks at his ancestral digs in the midwest. I started telling him about John, and how I felt about the whole experience. This friend then told me about his trip and the opportunity it had offered to deal with his revered older brother's transsexualism, and

his confusion about it. We both agreed that we had thought ourselves quite sophisticated about sexuality until something out of the normal had occurred in the lives of someone we had known and care about for years.

I was just thankful that my recent experience with John had made me more sympathetic and able to help another friend. Tell me there's no plan governing our lives.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE WOMAN

by Lori Kenschaft

CHARLOTTE, NC (GON) - A performance by singer Cris Williamson was picketed by ten Christian protesters as newspaper editorials argued over the relationship of women's music to lesbianism and whether it makes a difference.

Williamson played to a packed audience of 592 people in the South Mecklenberg High School, reports 'The Front Page' the Gay North Carolina newspaper. A few days before the performance, an entertainment publication 'Creative Loafing' had characterized the concert as a coming-out rally for lesbians.

After the 'Creative Loafing' article appeared, the picket was organized by Concerned Charlotteans, a Christian group led by Fundamentalist minister Joe Chambers. Two TV stations aired local news stories about the protest, including interviews with the concert producers and Chambers. "Homosexual acts are illegal in North Carolina," said Chambers. "To conduct a program that would appear to be an effort to promote that kind of lifestyle would be an affront to everything that is decent in our community."

The editorial page of 'The Charlotte Observer' strongly disagreed in a signed editorial published the next week. Saying that he and his wife would have gone to the concert if they had been able to locate a babysitter, Ed Williams wrote, "I'm a fan of Williamson's music. I knew she was feminist, but I didn't know she was homosexual. To be honest, I can't say I care... I could make a long list of the sorts of people I want [my son] to avoid in this world, and no one would be on it simply because he or she is homosexual... If you think you can tell who's homosexual and who isn't by what music they like, you're too dumb to be walking around loose."

According to Williamson, the Charlotte incident was the first time one of her concerts has been picketed in her 17 years in women's music.

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BOOK REVIEW

by Bruce Fowler

*Take These Broken Wings and Learn To Fly,
The AIDS Support Book for Patients,
Family and Friends*
by Steven D. Dietz & M. Jane Parker Hicks, MD.
Harbinger House, Tucson, 140 pages, \$9.95

Written by Tucsonans, Steve Dietz and Jane Hicks, "Take These Broken Wings and Learn to Fly" is a kind of handbook on AIDS and AIDS-related issues for PWAs and their families and friends. In fact, the book is an excellent 'handbook' for anyone wanting basic information about AIDS both as a disease and as a socio-psychological crisis.

Dr. Hicks directs the Immunology Research Lab at the University of Arizona Medical Center and writes about the medical side of the AIDS crisis with a vocabulary and clarity that appeals to the layperson. Her writing is clear, concise and filled with compassion and understanding. At the same time, she manages to maintain her credibility as an immunology researcher. For example, in a section entitled, "The Backward Virus", she explains in a clear manner that even this reader understood, exactly what a retrovirus is and why it's important to the understanding of AIDS.

Co-author Steve Dietz, is a therapist-counselor who has over 15-years of experience in personal and family counseling and crisis inter-

vention. He currently resides and practices in Tucson. His writing style also is one of authority liberally sprinkled with sensitivity and compassion. He often directs his comments to the reader as a therapist might talk to a client. For example in chapter 8, "Changes That Start Today", he writes:

"At times, even after all your treatments and all your efforts to strengthen your body and improve your attitude, it will seem that not nearly enough is being done. Although treatment for AIDS or ARC can sometimes be very aggressive, it may be hard to see positive results. Prolonged fatigue and be debilitating. Drug treatments can extend for weeks or months, and the side effects can include nausea, hair loss, fatigue, cramps, skin discoloration, or weight loss. It is not unusual, for a short time, for treatments to cause more discomfort than the initial disease...."

Dietz goes on to make specific recommendations of how to deal with these periods of "being down". Throughout the book, there are lists of well thought-out suggestions on how to deal with this situation or that one.

The reader has available all of the knowledge the authors share and counsel they give which is intended to transcend the tragedy of AIDS. The text covers medical issues explaining exactly what AIDS is and runs through such issues as sharing the information with others, family adjustments that need to be made, asking for help from others, balancing needs dealing with old friends and making new ones and ways to improve upon a positive attitude toward living a rich and rewarding life.

The book also contains an easy to use glossary, an information and advocacy resource list, suggested reading list, a list of medical references and a state agencies hotline services list.

"Take These Broken Wings and Learn to Fly" is MUST reading for every PWA as well as every life-partner, caregiver, family member and caring friend. There is insight and understanding in this book that would be hard to find in a single source elsewhere.

(Bruce Fowler, a frequent OBSERVER contributor, is currently editor of the Shanti Foundation newsletter "The Desert Eclipse" where this review will appear and is printed here with permission of Shanti Foundation/Tucson)



GAY GAMES III AND FESTIVAL
MAY DRAW 10,000 PARTICIPANTS TO
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA
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THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The festival will provide a showcase for the creative achievements of Gays and Lesbians from all over the world as well as provide 'hands on' experiences and sharing for the artists who attend.

In keeping with the Celebration '90 principle of inclusive participation, the cultural activities will range from main stage spectaculars to learning workshops. Many major Lesbian and Gay cultural groups have agreed to participate. The cultural planning committees are asking for proposals now so that individual interests from the whole community can be built into the program.

Some plans already submitted include Photography and Visual Arts Shows, an Artisan Bazaar, Square Dancing, Choruses, Video and Film Festivals, Dance Presentations, Chamber Music, Theatre, Band Concerts, and a Writers and Readers Festival and Book Fair.

Because of the enormous size of this event, OBSERVER will have a continuing update until Gay Games III and Festival are concluded in August 1990. An Arizona Coordinator will be announced to assist all interested participants, whether athletes or cultural, to join in this massive celebration in the beautiful Northwest. Watch for further details.

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