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**C. A. T.
Community Awards
of Tucson**

TUCSON - The Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) Awards is finally coming to the final evening and the tension is mounting. For the last 12 months, the CAT Committee has been working and fine honing this annual award ceremony to make it one of the best, most honest and exciting in the three year history of CAT!

There were 21 categories on this year's ballot which was designed to cover the entire spectrum of the total community. Absentee ballots were made available and the last two weeks saw the voting by members of the Tucson community who were numerically registered and given a voting card which was surrendered upon voting to guard against double voting.

In addition, there will be several Special Merit Awards presented to persons whose names were suggested on the ballots.

The final tabulations are now in and listed below are the final five nominees in each category. The winner in each will be announced and presented with the unique CAT Award at the Awards Dinner and Presentation to be held at the Quality Inn, 1601 North Oracle Road. Cocktails will begin being served at 5:00 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. The awards presentation and entertainment will follow dinner.

Tickets for the evening are on sale at all bars and will also be available at the door on Saturday. Tickets are \$15.00 per person which, of course, includes dinner. Tables of ten can be reserved at \$150.00 per table. Otherwise, there will be no reservations and seating will be

handled on a first come, best seats.

So, here are the five finalists in each for the twenty one categories. Again, the winner in each category will be announced and presented with the CAT Trophy on Saturday evening. Good luck to everyone. All finalists are listed in alphabetical order.

1. CLUB OR ORGANIZATION SPONSORED SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

- A) Desert Leathermen: Mystery Run.
- B) Shanti Foundation: The Last Prom
- C) Sisters of Sonora (SOS): Hoedown
- D) Tucson Knight Owls (TKO): Spring Fling
- E) Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA): Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic

2. CLUB OR ORGANIZATION SPONSORED BENEFIT OF THE YEAR

- A) Desert Leathermen: Observer/Community Benefit Dinner.
- B) Partners: Bowling For Dollars for Shanti Foundation.
- C) Shanti Foundation: The Last Prom.
- D) Sisters of Sonora: Hoedown.
- E) Tucson Knight Owls: Make-A-Wish Foundation Christmas Tree Raffle.

3. COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR (MALE)

- A) Roger Barger
- B) Jerome Beillard
- C) Willie Gradillas
- D) Gary L'Abbe
- E) Ed Nolcheck

4. COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR (FEMALE)

- A) Colette Barajas
- B) Patty Bowers
- C) Ann Corbin
- D) Natalie Perry
- E) Pam Young

5. SUPPORT SERVICE ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

- A) Gay and Lesbian Adult Discourses (G.L.A.D.)
- B) People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (P.A.C.T.)
- C) Shanti Foundation/Tucson
- D) Sisters of Sonora (SOS)
- E) Tucson AIDS Project

6. SOCIAL CLUB OF THE YEAR

- A) Desert Leathermen
- B) Partners
- C) Sisters of Sonora
- D) Southern Hospitality in Tucson
- E) Tucson Knight Owls

7. MOST OUTSTANDING RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION

- A) Cornerstone Fellowship
- B) Dignity
- C) Metropolitan Community Church
- D) St. Francis in the Foothills
- E) Unitarian Universalist Church

8. MOST SUPPORTIVE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR (NON-BAR)

- A) Books Brothers Ltd.
- B) Boomers Cafe Espresso
- C) Hair On Broadway
- D) Ann Schmitt Graphics
- E) Shanti Foundation/Tucson

9. MOST OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE MEDICAL FIELD IN 1989 (PERSON)

- A) James Carlin
- B) Scott Gorman
- C) Bobby Harris
- D) C. Everett Koop
- E) Bruce Porter

10. ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR (NON FEMALE IMPERSONATOR)

- A) Ann English
- B) Jerry Harrell
- C) Loren Johnson
- D) Phoenix Beat
- E) Lisa Otey

11. FEMALE IMPERSONATOR OF THE YEAR

- A) Aviva Diamond
- B) Michelle Kristle
- C) Margo Leigh
- D) Candy Plastique
- E) Christine Shade

12. BAR OR BUSINESS SPONSORED BENEFIT OF THE YEAR

- A) Colette's West: Marga Gomez Shanti Benefit
- B) Graduate: President's Auction for SOS
- C) IBT's: C.A.T. Benefit Show
- D) Rumorz: Jello Wrestling: Shanti
- E) Rumorz: The Last Prom: Shanti

13. BARTENDER OF THE YEAR (MALE)

- A) Roger Barger - Graduate
- B) Rick "BDR" Hancock - Rainbow Room
- C) Terry Miller - Graduate
- D) Danny "Moose" Pagel - IBT's
- E) Big Mike Uolla - IBT's

14. BARTENDER OF THE YEAR (FEMALE)

- A) Colette Barajas - Colette's
- B) Patty Bowers - Colette's
- C) Sandy Elenz - IBT's
- D) Sheila Murphy - Colette's
- E) Natalie Perry - Colette's

15. FINE ARTS GROUP OR ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

- A) a.k.a. Theatre
- B) Scream Girls
- C) Teatro Carmen
- D) Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus
- E) WomenKraft

16. DISK JOCKEY OF THE YEAR

- A) Clint Austin - IBT's
- B) Bobby Bishop, Jr. - Joshua Tree
- C) Gilbert Borboa - IBT's
- D) Jeannie Kelley - Colette's
- E) Ruben Tellez - Rumorz

17. BAR MANAGER OF THE YEAR

- A) Colette Barajas - Colette's
- B) Roger Barger - Graduate
- C) Bobby Bishop, Jr. - Joshua Tree
- D) Danny Duncan - IBT's
- E) Peter Sittig - Rumorz
- F) Jim Lefkowitz - Rainbow Room

18. BAR EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR (NON-BARTENDER/NON-DJ/NON-MANAGER)

- A) Michael Bennett - Rumorz
- B) Freddie Carillo - Graduate
- C) David Locke - Rumorz
- D) Joseph Mendez - IBT's
- E) Jenna Van Dorn - Colette's

19. MOST OUTSTANDING DANCE BAR

- A) Colette's
- B) IBT's
- C) Joshua Tree
- D) Rainbow Room
- E) Rumorz

20. MOST OUTSTANDING ENTERTAINMENT

- A) Colette's
- B) Graduate
- C) IBT's
- D) Joshua Tree
- E) Rumorz

21. BAR OF THE YEAR (BEST OVERALL)

- A) Colette's
- B) French Quarter
- C) Graduate
- D) IBT's
- E) Rumorz

Skinhead sentenced for Gay bashing in D.C.

WASHINGTON, DC - In a move that was widely acclaimed by Gay rights and anti-violence activists, Judge Robert Scott of the District of Columbia Superior Court sentences David McCall, a self-proclaimed Skinhead, to 10-30 years in prison for assault with intent to kill and 5-15 years for armed robbery for the vicious Sept. 1988 beating of a Washington, D.C. Gay man, Rodney Johnson.

David Hyder, another gang member who was convicted of the same charges, will be sentenced on March 12. McCall and Hyder had been held without bond since their conviction by a unanimous jury on Nov. 17, 1989. A third Skinhead indicted in the attack, Richard Grimes, fled the jurisdiction and was never found or tried; police are still looking for him.

The beating which took place in the early morning hours while Johnson was on his way home from work, involved several gang members, some wielding baseball bats and shouting "die, faggot, die". Johnson who was left for dead, suffered a concussion, collapsed lung, broken finger, and a fractured skull, ribs and shoulder in the attack.

The sentencing comes just four months after Johnson filed a multi-million dollar civil lawsuit against eight members of the Skinhead gang who had engaged in a weekend of beatings and robberies of Gay men in the Dupont Circle area of the District of Columbia, including the attack on Johnson.

The lawsuit, filed by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a national Lesbian and Gay rights organization based in New York, and the D.C. law firm of Lyons, Mack, Delaney and Young, claims that the Skinheads violated Johnson's civil and constitutional rights by conspiring to attack him solely because he is Gay. The civil case is the first of its kind ever filed by a Gay person against members of the Skinheads.

Lynn Delaney, one of
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Skinhead

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Johnson's attorneys, noted that McCall will serve more time in jail than some homicide defendants, and he is sure to be incarcerated for most of his 20s.

According to Delaney, who was at the sentencing, the judge rebutted all the defense's arguments — for example, that they were from broken homes, that this attack was a "unique" instance in their lives — and implied that it was just common sense that the defendant could not so severely beat another human being without expecting to pay for his crime with a substantial sentence.

"The length of this sentence," said Paula Ettlebrick, Lambda's Legal Director and co-counsel in Johnson's civil case, "sends a strong message to would-be hate mongers that their contemptuous attitudes and actions will not be tolerated."

With the first of the criminal convictions behind them, Johnson and his lawyers plan to move forward with their civil case, which is based predominantly on conspiracy claims as well as civil assault and battery. "There are many more Skinheads out there who are legally responsible for Rod's beating and who must be held accountable," said Ettlebrick. "Though we are pleased with the criminal convictions, it is still only partial justice."

TIME FOR VALENTINE MESSAGES AGAIN
TUCSON - It's getting near that time of year again. Valentine's Day is coming right up and once again, OBSERVER is soliciting Valentine's messages from its readers. These messages will be included in the February 14th issue of OBSERVER.

There is no charge for these messages and if past Valentines Days mean anything this will be the biggest double page greetings ever. Last year there were over 200 love notes printed, so get those Valentine messages in early and join the crowd in giving greetings to your lover or even your enemy for that matter. Keep it clean though and have fun.

Messages may be hand delivered to any OBSERVER staff member or mailed to OBSERVER, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, AZ 85703.

ACLU CHALLENGES DENIAL OF VISITATION FOR LESBIAN INMATE
SCRANTON, PA - The ACLU has filed suit in federal court in Pennsylvania to overturn a county jail visitation policy which forbids Lesbian and Gay lovers - but not heterosexual boyfriends or girlfriends - from visiting an inmate.

The ACLU represents a woman inmate of the Blair County Prison who was denied visitation with her lover because, according to the warden, the prison "can't condone such relationships".

The ACLU is challenging the policy as a violation of the equal protection guarantees of the Constitution and as "arbitrary" and "not rationally related to any legitimate penological goal".

The case arose last summer when the inmate, identified only as Jane Doe in the court papers, wrote the warden to request that her lover be permitted to visit. "I love her and she loves me and I sure would like to see someone I love," Doe wrote. "She is all I got."

Warden Gary Sparks denied her request, and the Blair County Prison Board upheld his decision.

At a December hearing in federal court, Sparks admitted that at the time he denied Doe's request, he believed that homosexual sexual conduct was illegal in Pennsylvania. Sparks had told Doe that she would have to "act according to the laws of Pennsylvania."

The visitation at issue in the case, moreover, is non-contact visitation. No physical contact between an inmate and any visitor is permitted.

"This policy creates two tiers of inmates, making Lesbian and Gay prisoners 'second class' citizens within the prison," said Jere Krakoff, the ACLU cooperating attorney who is representing Doe.

"The warden's denial of visitation appears to be motivated by nothing more than the desire to discriminate against an unpopular group," said Nan D. Hunter, Director of the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, which is co-counsel with Krakoff. "It represents the rankest kind of equal protection violation."

According to testimony at the hearing, the Blair County Prison is the only institution in the United States known to have such a policy.

T-SQUARES BEGIN NEW TRAINING SESSION
TUCSON - T-Squares, Tucson's oldest square dancing group will be holding beginners square dancing lessons tonight, Jan. 24 at 7:30 at Colettes. If you are unable to make this first meeting but want to learn how to square dance, please contact Linda, 623-4104 for more information.

TEAM ARIZONA REPRESENTATIVES SEEK TUCSON ATHLETES FOR GAY GAMES III
TUCSON - Representatives of Team Arizona, the coordinating committee for the state is seeking competitors who wish to participate in Gay Games III in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, Aug. 4 through 11.

Interested Tucsonans will have a chance to talk to these representatives on Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Joshua Tree beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Entries are open now and will close in the spring of 1990. These sports are offered for registration:

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| | Ice Hockey |

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Any person who is interested in joining this event, thousands of athletes from all over the world are expected, should be at Joshua Tree on Saturday, Feb. 3 to get all the information on the logistics of this huge Gay athletic extravaganza.

PROSTITUTE IN LANDMARK AIDS-RELATED CASE DIES
ORLANDO, FL (AP) - Elizabeth Kaye Sherouse, the first prostitute in the United States to be charged with attempted manslaughter in an AIDS-related case, died January 9 at age 26. The exact cause of her death was not available.

The state of Florida spent more than a year trying to send Ms. Sherouse to prison on dozens of charges, including attempted manslaughter for planning to have sex with two clients while knowing she carried the fatal virus.

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Partners' Bowl-A-Thon benefit awards



TUCSON - The awards for Partners' Bowl-A-Thon were awarded last Saturday afternoon, Jan. 20, at IRT's. Over \$1000 was raised in pledges for this latest Bowl-A-Thon held in December. Pictured above are members of the Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) who won three awards in the benefit held for Shanti Foundation of Tucson.

Those winning awards were:

MOST MONEY RAISED INDIVIDUALLY
 Tina Escoto - First Place
 Ken Martin, Second Place
 Patty Bowers - Third Place

MOST MONEY RAISED CLUB OR ORGANIZATION
 Tucson Knight Owls (TKO)

HIGH SERIES
 Mark Kerr

High Game Individual
 Tommy Marlin

Low Series Individual
 Bert Hoop

"Partners of Tucson wants to thank each bowler who secured pledges and then rolled those high scores. Many thanks to the bars and businesses who supported this fundraiser," said Ben Corbin, President of Partners.

The T-Shirts are now on order for those who bowled during this series and will be contacted when the shirts arrive. "Partners thanks everyone for their patience and sincerely regrets the delay this year," Corbin said.

Anyone who made a pledge and has not yet paid, please contact your Bowl-A-Thon bowler or the Shanti Foundation/Tucson office, 622-7107.

Friend kills AIDS patient, then self

LOS ANGELES, CA - A close friend of a dying AIDS patient shot and killed the sick man in his hospital bed before turning the gun on himself, authorities said. The apparent murder-suicide took place Jan. 3 in 35-year-old Phil Jenkins' room at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, hospital spokesman Ron Wise said.

AIDS care experts said the deaths demonstrated the vital need for psychological counseling for friends and family members of patients as well as those afflicted with the disease.

The gunman was also a patient at the hospital and had tested positive for HIV, Cedars-Sinai AIDS researchers Dr. David Ho said. Jenkins had been hospitalized for about three weeks and was suffering from "multiple complications" including pneumonia, according to hospital officials. He was first diagnosed as having AIDS about a year ago, they said. "He was in the final stages of AIDS and didn't have much time left," Wise said.

The gunman apparently was a frequent hospital visitor and familiar to staff there.

"I heard three shots," said a patient in a nearby room who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "His wall and my wall are together. I heard he was real sick. I went in and saw him lying there in a bed on his side. The friend was on the floor lying right by the chair."

Patients nearby said they did not realize a shooting had taken place, but reported hearing several loud noises. An unnamed visitor said a nurse began scream-

ing after she entered the fifth floor room where the shooting took place.

The situation was chaotic and police wearing gloves, masks and gowns cordoned off the room.

Wise told reporters that tightened security will be considered by the hospital staff, but that the facility will not be turned into "some kind of armed camp."

The shootings occurred just a month before Cedars-Sinai is scheduled to open a 24-bed, \$2.5 million AIDS treatment center, according to Wise. Currently AIDS patients are treated in numerous units throughout the hospital.

Funding for the new center comes from relatives and friends of late Gay rights activist Sheldon Andelson, who died from AIDS complications in 1987.

In addition to medical care, the new facility also will provide a host of counseling services for AIDS patients and those close to them, according to Wise.

Despite widespread opinion among AIDS experts that such facilities are badly needed, final approval of the new center came only after prolonged bickering. Administrators, pediatricians and other hospital personnel supported the project. But others, including many physicians, opposed it.

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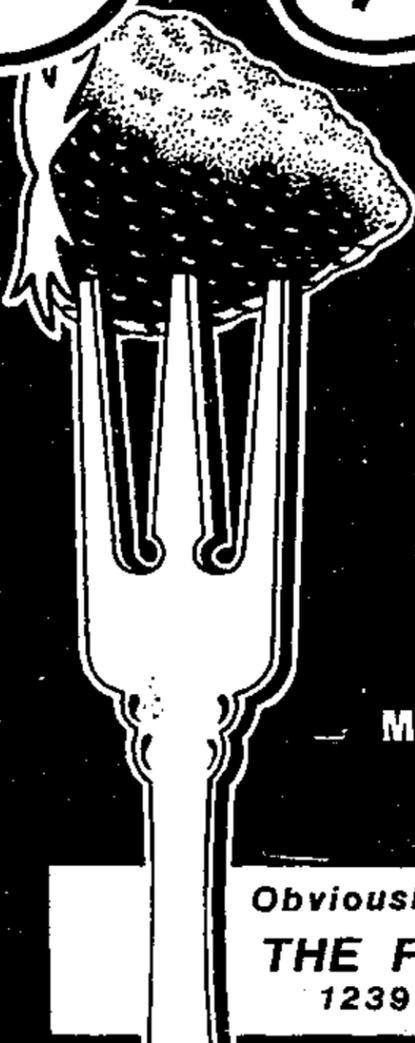
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POLITICS '90

by Mark R. Kerr

GRAND CANYON NEWS OF THE WEEK

THE GOVERNOR'S RACE: Last Thursday Governor Rose Mofford shocked us all by announcing that she is not going to run for a full term in the upcoming gubernatorial election. She stated that 50 years of state service was enough. "This one I have to call for Rosie," said Mofford. "I just wonder how many more years can one person serve?"

Gov. Mofford made the announcement on her second return to the Capitol since her Dec. 18 gall bladder surgery. She stated in her announcement that she wanted to end the speculation and to clear the way for potential Democratic candidates. Mofford would not name anyone she'd support, but would actively support the primary winner.

She also stated that she will be an active governor until Jan. 1991, when her term expires. Then she plans to travel throughout the state, do some golfing, "attend my 50-year class reunion," this year and be able to attend a sporting event and not have to leave to be somewhere else. She also wants to spend more time with her family.

THE GOVERNOR'S RACE: THE PLAYERS

The Democratic shoe-in is now a major battle. Gov. Mofford's decision not to run has thrown a monkey wrench into the race. The Republican Party is facing a free for all with at least four candidates. The Democrats may now see a primary campaign, with the possibility of at least six potential candidates.

The announcement of Mofford's withdrawal came to the Republican candidates like a large gift. The candidates, Fife Symington, Fred Koury, Evan Mecham and Bob Barnes, all stated that Mofford would be a hard candidate to defeat. Here is a list of the potential Democratic candidates for the Democratic Gubernatorial nomination.

BRUCE BABBIT: Governor of Arizona from March 1978, upon the death of Gov. Bolin, to 1986. In 1988, Babbitt ran for the Democratic Presidential nomination. Babbitt now practices law with the firm Steptoe & Johnson. He has stated that he would not seek public office until his two teenage sons are out of school - not before 1993.

TERRY GODDARD: Mayor of Phoenix since 1983, Goddard has long been considered a top contender for the Governor's office. Terry Goddard was the architect of the city's first district system. He was elected on a campaign plank of open government, in his first election. His high profile and ability to raise a huge campaign war chest, are counted to his advantage.

FRANK X. GORDON, JR.: Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court. He was the judge at former Gov. Evan Mecham's impeachment trial. Gordon has served on the Supreme Court bench since 1975 and has been Chief Justice since 1987. He is considered just as a possible candidate, because he would have to give up a lifetime appointment in order to run.

CAROLYN WARNER: She ran for Governor in 1986, finishing second to Evan Mecham in a three-way race. She campaigned in the short-lived recall election. She is the most likely candidate to run. Warner has served as the State Superintendent of Public Instruction from 1975 to 1986.

There are two other possible candidates, Eddie Basha, member of

the State Board of Education and Bill Jamieson, former head of the state Department of Economic Security.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE RACE

After the Mofford era, the Secretary of State will be a contested race. State Treasurer Ray Rottas, barred from seeking a third term, will run for the Republican nomination of Secretary of State. The incumbent, Jim Shumway, is being contested for the Democratic nomination for Secretary of State by Richard Mahoney.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S RACE

Democratic candidate for Attorney General Richard Segal, was in Tucson last week to drum up support. Segal stated that he was not a career politician. He stated that he will try to bring common sense to the A.G.'s office. Segal said one of his major goals is to make sure we have a safe environment in which to live, and that he will prosecute corporations and corporate officers if they foul Arizona air and water.

Segal strongly believes in the right to privacy and is against government interference in personal decisions. His priority, he stated, was for the Attorney General's office to fight an organized war on drugs.

Richard Segal has been a resident of Arizona since 1943. He is a graduate of North Phoenix High School, Phoenix College and the University of Arizona. Segal is past President of the Maricopa Bar Association and the State Bar of Arizona. Presently he is a trial lawyer with the law firm of Gist, Rosenfeld and Henderson, where he has been since 1959. Segal also serves as a Pro-Tem Judge for the Maricopa County Superior Court and the Arizona Court of Appeals. Segal stated, in his Tucson appearance, that he will run a vigorous campaign.

RUMOR MILL

It is rumored that a well-known political activist may have violated proposition 200, by giving two checks of \$200 to a certain Pima County Senate campaign. I will be checking into this with results in future columns. (Recently, this political activist has wrapped himself up in Prop. 200).

COMMENTARY

Governor Mofford may have withdrawn from the upcoming Gubernatorial campaign, but we shall never forget our Rose. She inherited a mess in February of '88 when Evan Mecham was impeached and she became Governor in April of '88 when the State Senate convicted Mecham and removed Mecham from office.

Gov. Mofford soothed the wounds left by Mecham, and helped to get the state government moving again. Rose has served the state of Arizona for fifty brilliant years, and we will probably not see the likes of her for a long while. Rose was a class act who gave us a better view of politicians.

Governor Mofford, thank you!

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Gays entitled to equal protection Tucson attorney says

TUCSON - Tucson attorney Pam Liberty addressed the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association (OPBPA) at their January 19 meeting. She discussed the current status of Gay and Lesbian rights both in personal relations in the workplace, locally and nationally.

Gay and Lesbian Americans are as entitled to equal protection under the law as are ethnic minorities, certain religious groups and women, Liberty said. It is futile to look to the politically stacked courts for that protection, she said. Gays and Lesbians must "demand, wheedle and beg" protection from state legislatures and Congress.

"What do currently protected groups have in common?" Liberty asked. "They have a characteristic that sets them apart from the majority and that characteristic is not a matter of choice but of birth.

"The bulk of psychology research indicates that sexual preference is inborn and established by age 5," Liberty continued. "Homosexuality is no more a matter of choice than heterosexuality."

Protected groups are mostly a numerical minority and, as such, do not carry clout through the democratic process, Liberty said. Finally, they have a long history as victims of discrimination.

If equal protection were extended to Gays and Lesbians, laws prohibiting same-sex marriages would be subject to challenge, as well as restrictions on Social Security beneficiaries, insurance coverage and income tax advantages.

"Research shows that 40 percent of an employer's costs are paying employee benefits, much of which goes to pay bills for spouses and children," she said. "That means Gay and Lesbian employees with lovers are not getting equal pay for equal work."

"Clearly, Gays and Lesbians meet all requirements to qualify for legal protection," she said, "but the courts have sidestepped the issue over the years.

Liberty cited as an example the 1986 Supreme Court ruling that upheld Georgia's sodomy law. The decision was based on a Bible passage rather than legal precedent.

In 1961, Liberty said, all 50 states had sodomy laws. So far, 26 states have repealed them. Arizona is not one of those states. Arizona's law makes any act of oral or anal sex illegal, regardless of sexual orientation.

"Our goal should be to make Arizona the next state to repeal its sodomy statute," she said.

"We owe Evan Mecham and Roy Lao a lot," she said. "Nothing has galvanized our community as much as they did. The news for Arizona politicians is that homophobia just won't sell. If anything, it's likely to backfire."

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This week we lost a dear friend. James Fisher's passing was a gentle one, befitting his journey through life. Those who knew him, however briefly, were touched by his warmth, his intelligence, and his generous spirit. His relentless energy and humor were infectious.

James was a teacher. Everyone witness to his numerous appearances on panel discussions and in media interviews, in support of AIDS education efforts, was struck by his eloquent sincerity. Many times he ignored his emotional and physical sufferings to help others in need of his quiet strength. As a founding member and president of the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson, his dedication to this group was unflagging. Through all, he was uncompromising in his insistence that people with AIDS be treated with the respect due every man.

It's difficult to consider James gone. He remains very much a part of the lives of those he touched. I see him on skis, body tucked in fearless attack of a slope, soaring towards some better place, towards something greater. James slipped away from us in the middle of the night, in the company of his family, his eyes open wide and crystal clear. No doubt he wished to miss no detail of his passage.

James requested that, instead of flowers, any contributions to his memory be sent to the People With AIDS Coalition of Tucson (P.A.C.T.), Box 2488, Tucson, AZ 85702. A memorial will take place Saturday, January 27, 2 p.m., at Saguaro National Monument East. For further information call 322-9808.

OUT ON THE TOWN

The Welcome Wagon Hostesses never quit. Those girls from the East certainly couldn't have come from anywhere near Rarchner Caverns now could they. One of these days someone is going to shoot them. Wouldn't that make them happy?

So, is the entire Ponderosa moving to the Annex? Considering Granny's condition last weekend, she wouldn't know who was there anyway. Speaking of roommates, Nurse Jane's new box is certainly looking like a piss elegant hotel room now. Last week she entertained serving beef stroganoff. It should have been called chicken stroganoff, but everyone there was too old. The wine was red.

Was it Figsky & Hutz, Starter & Clutch or Starsky & Hutch or just a starry-eyed Hutch? At least the star has come back to earth.

It's nice to see the Graham Mountain girls are still an item even after eight years of ups and downs. Marilyn Monroe still lives in some persons mind. At least it's been left for posterity.

So how is that terrible tired touring trio all tuckered out tipping traix 'C' notes and returning to a tere on a torso tres tired and still tiddly and tittering. Too tantalizing they said.

There are very few places V. would have gotten a tan last Sunday, semi-done buns, just a couple of smiles. Any road trips on the agenda for Cybil and Mae. Who knows, the West looks festive. The South might but be sure Miss Jane Pittman stays at home.

When will the 'D' model and band record and release "Granny's Song"? Everyone may know as soon as the drum stops rolling and the clocks start working.

Where else but in the Old Pueblo can you get a prick-ly portrait by Titty Boy? Just make him an offer he can't refuse, he'll just slide out of it.

Miss Mae's overtime certainly didn't cut into her social time, however, the streets are really not safe yet. As far as she's concerned, if she doesn't get laid soon someone will get hurt.

So, is Miss Jade into high rises now, the current Miss Yuppie? Will that Gay cab driver ever give another free ride again? And those Thompson Twins?

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WHAT'S UP DOC?

Well, we have just three more days to wait until the winners in this year's Community Awards of Tucson (CAT Awards) are announced. The evening will be this Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Quality Inn on Miracle Mile. Tickets are available at the bars and will also be at the door on Saturday evening. The Cocktail Party begins at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00. Check elsewhere in this OBSERVER for a complete schedule of times and events for the evening.

Also listed elsewhere is a complete list of the top five people nominated in each category. Good luck to all those nominated, you are all winners in your own way. A complete list of all the winners will appear in next week's OBSERVER.

This past weekend over at IBT's, Partners' awarded the trophies for this year's winners in the Bowling-For-Dollars benefit - a benefit for Shanti. I lost my notes on the different winners so at this time all I can do is say congratulations to each of you.

Due mainly to a lack of communication, TKO ended up not going

to Bisbee this past weekend. It seems one person stated the possibility and it somehow got twisted around differently, thus TKO did not show up for the trip.

It may be a little early, but I will pass on some up and coming Beer Bust news from TKO. On Feb. 10, it will be TKO's Annual Mini Tacky Ball time again at the Graduate. This year, some of the members of TKO will be putting on a Mini Tacky Show for everyone's entertainment. All festivities will start at 2 p.m.

I guess I'll put this column to the press at this time. It is one of those time's my notes did not keep up with me, so if I forgot something, please forgive me. Don't forget this Saturday's CAT Awards at the Quality Inn, these are your awards and a good turnout by you the voters will show the CAT Committee you do appreciate the work they have done over these past 12 months in preparation for this year's awards.

TSBS: Lee - Scott asked me to ask you something about a certain 3 dots. Could you please explain this one?

A View From The Rock

Commentary from Cornerstone Fellowship

When someone says to me, "I don't believe in miracles; I only believe in things I can see," I always say to them, "Well, look at me: I'm a miracle. And look at yourself: You're one too!"

The fact that you and I are alive today, this very second, is a miracle. Your life, and the continuous unbroken genetic lines that make up your life, reaches back all the way to Adam and Eve. Have you ever studied your family tree and looked for the times when that genetic cord was almost broken? Was it during wars, plagues, ship wrecks, plane crashes, or other disasters our world has experienced?

You are the survivor of a survivor of a survivor . . . You may never know how many times you personally have escaped near-death experiences. Whatever your sex, race, education, economic group, or sexual orientation might be, you are special. God has not let you down, and you won't let Him down, either.

Your life is a gift from

God, and you are here for His purpose. Just think of it: you are part of God's total and divine plan. You are a miracle, created in the image of God! Don't you think it is time to find out why God has created you and why your life is important to Him?

Your God says, "Bring my sons from afar, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made." (Isaiah 43:6b-7)

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On Sunday, Jan. 28, Cornerstone Fellowship will host its first annual Super Bowl Party from 2:00 p.m. until the game ends. Everyone is invited to join us as we kick back and relax during this fun and exciting time. A huge submarine sandwich will be served, and guests are requested to bring a snack to share. Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 3333 E. Grant Road, across the street from Jack-In-The-Box. Call 881-3519 for more information.

News From MCC / TUCSON

This coming Saturday, Jan. 27, is the Annual Congregational Meeting. A Pot-Luck Luncheon will start at 11 a.m. with the General Meeting starting at 1 p.m. Every member of MCC-Tucson is encouraged to attend this important meeting. The 1990 Budget is to be approved, a seat on the Administrative Council must be filled and the position of Lay Delegate is to be filled. Everyone is invited to attend to observe how a Congregational Church is governed.

This month only, there will be no Bingo Games on Saturday, Jan. 27. MCC/Tucson acknowledge the Community Awards of Tucson Dinner and Awards Presentation to be held on this same night. Bingo Games will resume on Saturday, Feb. 24.

Rev. Ed Perry has been on vacation this past week. During our Morning Worship Service, Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willey gave several

Certificates of Appreciation to members of the congregation for work done "behind the scenes" for the church. Congratulations to all of those receiving certificates.

Thought for the Week: Trust everybody, but always cut the cards.

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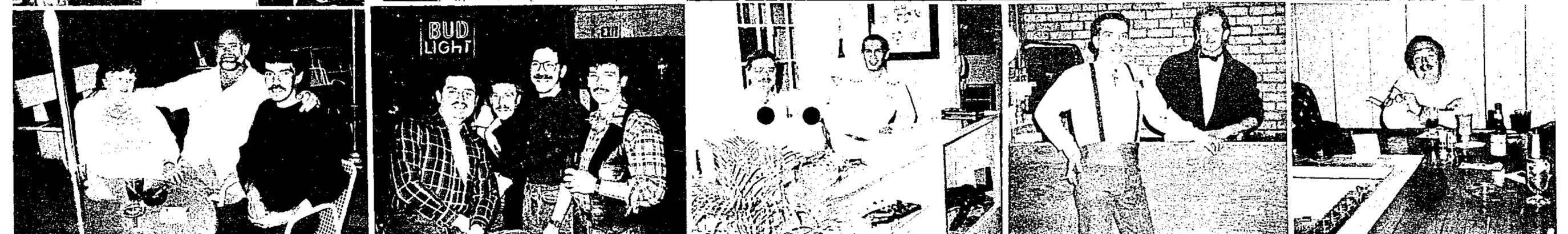
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A COMMENTARY BY

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9-11-7

Not counting the day this paper is printed, there are only 9 years, 11 months and 7 days left until the next millennium. That's right, the year 2000 is right around the corner.

So much is made about the coming of the 1990s. What about the end of the 1000s? Can you imagine what the "Millennium In Review" shows are going to be like?

There are the major events: The Renaissance, the Black Plague, the discovery of the New World, penicillin, the Crusades, the Dark Ages, the Spanish Inquisition, the Magna Carta, the Incan Empire, the Encyclopaedia, slavery, telephones.

There are the people: Marco Polo, Chaucer, Gutenberg, Joan of Arc, Michelangelo, Copernicus, Galileo, Kant, Napoleon, Admiral Perry, Beethoven, Darwin, Marx.

Interesting to notice how most of the great events of the 1000s occurred in the first 9 centuries.

Yes, the last hundred years have been pretty dull — making for a grim prospect on the coming, "Century In Review" shows. Sure, more has been invented in the last century than in all of history before; sure we have cable television, cellular telephones, CNN; but what do we really have to show for ourselves?

Perhaps the world DOES move too quickly. At the start of this millennium, there were only about 350 million people on the planet — and not a laptop computer between them.

Our foreparents did not have refrigerators, door locks, plastic — and only a marginally effective postal service. Yes, things were tough; but our foreparents had only the minimum amount of worries: find some animal to kill, kill it, eat it. Weave some clothing, mate with a member of the opposite sex, and build a nice fire for warmth. Things were pretty calm.

But, don't you miss the great things that happened during the thousand years before these?

There was the invention of writing, language, the pyramids, Ramses the pharaoh, Greek tragedies, Plato, the Roman Colosseum, the entire Roman Empire, killing mammoths for food. How can the last millennium compare?

In a thousand years, my comparable equal will be writing his column with a mind-activated computer which will send his column via satellite to the newspaper's headquarters in Ceylon for international distribution to personal computerized clipboards about 4 seconds later.

In his column, will he bemoan the recent millennium as being boring and dull, point to such marginal highlights as the colonies on Mars, Saturn and orbiting Jupiter; the invention of genetic manipulation capable of preventing the aging process rendering humans and other animals immortal; the first millennium without war; the "drug" problem of ingesting too many amino acids thereby changing the genetic structure of the addict?

Will he yearn for the good old days of Watergate, World War Two, the slaughter of the Mayans, the Rambo films?

It makes one wonder.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

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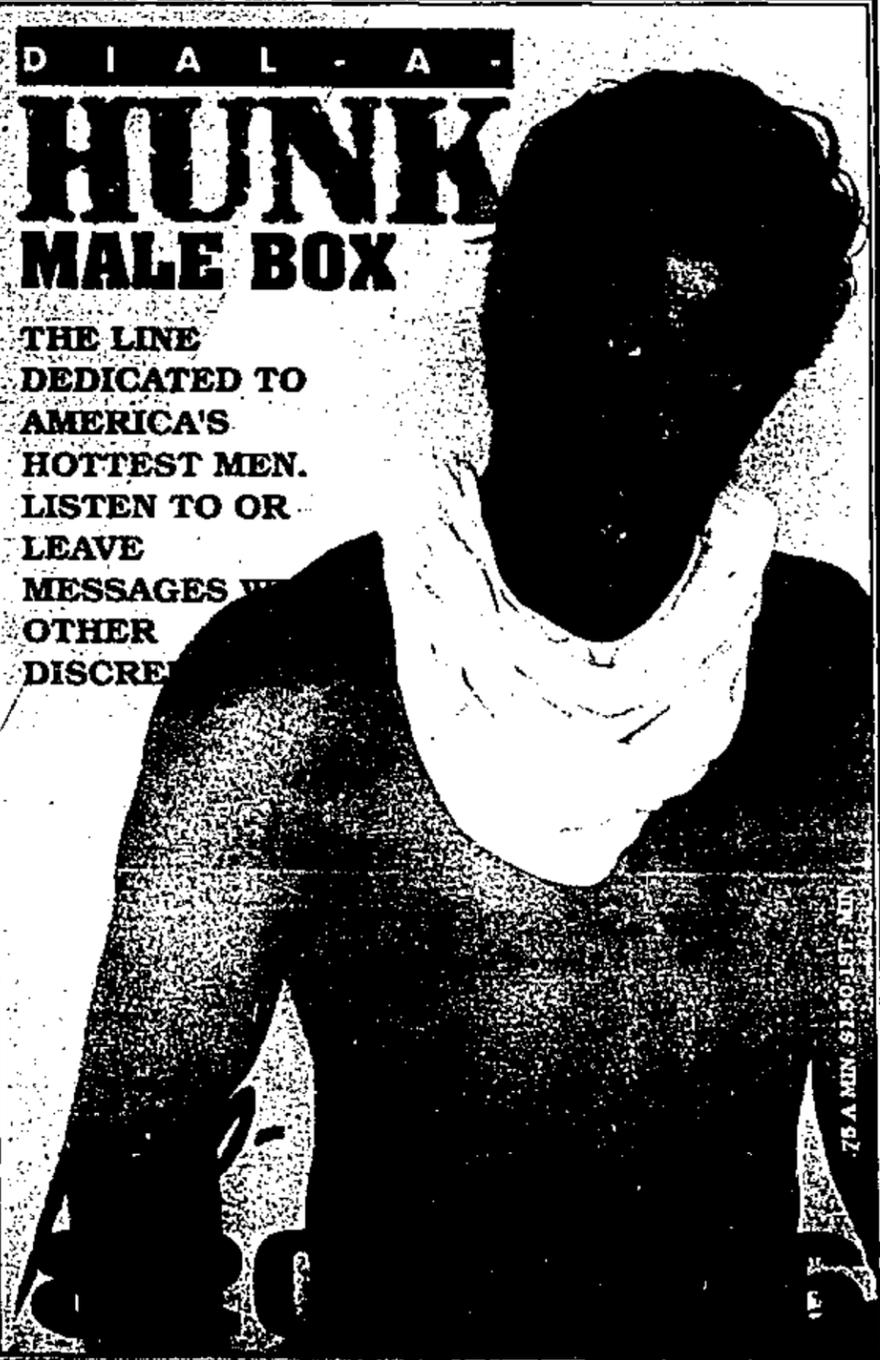
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of upcoming events

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
COLETTE'S - It's time for that once-a-month "Soul Nite" where the best of soul music is presented for listening and dancing.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
IBT'S - Kevin Anderson brings his troupe "Phoenix Beat" back once again. This group always draws a packed house who 'heat it up' as the "Beat" take it off for your approval. It begins at 9:00 p.m. and there is NO COVER.

JOSHUA TREE - Plan now to watch the Super Bowl here with your friends. Jayne Wayne will be serving wines with chili, chips and salsa and selling Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers for \$1.00 and Schnapps or Draft Beer for .75

RUMORZ 2222 - Comic impressionist Tony Rose will make his initial appearance in Tucson with his hysterical, fast-paced program. Now on national tour, Rose recently appeared on the Home Box Office Cable special "Campus Comedy". His over 100 celebrity character voices plus his own character 'Mama Soaa' continue to make this comic one of the fast-rising stars in the country. Don't miss it.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29
COLETTE'S - The magical musical talents of Patti McQuill will be heard here from 8 to midnight. Be there!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2
COLETTE'S - SHOWTIME from Phoenix with Penelope Poupe' and Miss Gay Arizona - Divina. This is your chance to see the newly crowned Miss Gay Arizona.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
GRADUATE - It's time for another show here and this time it will feature Miss Gay Tucson Christine Shade who will host stars Divina, Miss Gay Arizona, Penelope Poupe' and Marissa Bennick. It begins at 8:30ish.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4
COLETTE'S - Car Wash to benefit Shanti/Foundation and Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. In the parking lot. Stop in, get your car cleaned and help two wonderful charities.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
FRENCH QUARTER "A Formal Affair" - A formal evening of dance and drink with music of the big bands and oldies. A Free rose to each customer in celebration of Valentine's Day.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
COLETTE'S - Valentine's Dinner and Dance beginning at 5:00 p.m. Loren Johnsons entertains at 9:00 p.m. Happy Valentine's Day.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
COLETTE'S - Soul Night! Another evening of soul music and another evening of this very popular monthly soul session.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
COLETTE'S - "All The Way" - a musical comedy concerning safe sex produced by Wingspan and the proceeds to benefit the Tucson AIDS Project.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
COLETTE'S - Car Wash to benefit Shanti/Foundation and Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. In the parking lot. Stop in, get your car cleaned and help two wonderful charities.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
COLETTE'S - Vocalist Dena Kaye is making another of her cross-country tours and will make another appearance here beginning at 9:00 p.m. The cover is \$4.00 and well worth it to enjoy the singing talents of this very, very popular performer.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MARCH 17 AND 18
FRENCH QUARTER - Plans are being made for a two-day St. Patrick's Celebration on the patio. Watch for details.



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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 activities calendar please contact Ben Corbin prior to Monday of that Wednesday paper for inclusion in that weeks issue. After the first notice has appeared, it will appear weekly until the event has taken place. Mr. Corbin may be reached at 622-4336).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
 The Lambda Democratic Caucus will meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 48311 East 22nd Street beginning at 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
 Third Annual Community Awards of Tucson Presentation. This event will be held at the Quality Inn, 1601 North Oracle Road, Cocktails starting at 5:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:00 p.m. The Awards Presentations and entertainment will follow dinner. Tickets are on sale for \$15.00 per person and tables for ten can be reserved at \$150.00 per table. Tables will be assigned as they are reserved. Tickets available at all local Gay bars.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
 40's & Better Hike and Picnic at Catalina State Park. Call 624-5247 for more information.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
 Ron Asta, former county planner, county supervisor and now private zoning consultant, will wax eloquent on growth in Tucson. Get Acquainted time in 7:30 p.m. at the Park Tucson Hotel. No charge for members and newcomers.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY
 "IMAGES" Shanti Support Group - 7 p.m. A support group focusing on positive attitudes, self-love and self-healing. HIV/AIDS persons encouraged. Call 571-0372 for location.

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

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

"LIVING THROUGH DEATH" Grief Support Group. 8-week closed sessions - confidential. Call Shanti, 622-7107 for beginning date of next session.

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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, Bobby Jr.
COLETTE'S WEST - Open 11 a.m. Brunch til 3 pm, specials all day. "Wine Down Nite" \$1.00 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-4 with Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers or Mimosa \$1.50. Special Hot Drinks every day and evenings.
GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.25 daytime / \$1.50 nites, IT'S 'BOU TIME - Country Music, Line Dancing, Square Dancing - good food - great special - lots of fun with Big Mike and the gang.
RAINBOW ROOM - Open at Noon. Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.00 all day. Country Rainbows dance group 3 pm. Complimentary Buffet 5:30.
RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys \$1.25 + Schnapps .50/shot. + Hot Dogal DJ Dayne 9 to 1.

monday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .75 Schnapps .75 / Well and Domestic Beer \$1.50 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Bowler's Special with Fiesta Bowling card .50 off well and beer 9 to 1. Jeffrey dj's starting at 9.
COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. All White Well \$1.00 from 8 pm to midnight.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7 "Designing Women" on TV 8:30-9 pm / "Live" "Win, Lose or Draw" game between competing local bars begins at 9 pm.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.
IT'S 'BOU TIME - 12 to 6 party with Big Mike, 4 to 8 Two for One. Miller & Miller Lite \$1.25. Hot Music 9 - 1.
RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm: Two for 1 drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. Bowlers Special 1/2 price drinks for bowlers.
RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Monday Night Football on giant screen plus complimentary food by Coach John; Monday night drink specials. Dewey DJs at 9.

tuesday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 p.m. Draft Beer .75 - Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm Domestic Beer \$1.50, Well drinks \$1.75. 7 pm to 1 am any drink in the house \$1.75. Bobby Jr. DJ's at 9.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Longneck Beer Special: \$1.25 from 8:00 until midnight. DJ from 8 to midnight.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7
GRADUATE - .50 draft from opening to closing.
IT'S 'BOU TIME - Noon to 6 party with Big Mike, 4 to 8 pm Two for 1. Bud and Bud Lite \$1.25. Hot Music 9 - 1.
RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m. Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. Rum & Coke Nite - 1/2 price well or call 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.
RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well/ beer 4-7 pm. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Dayne.

wednesday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust from Noon to Close Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .50 / 4-7 pm non-premi beer \$1.50, Well drinks \$1.75. DJ Jeffrey 9:00 p.m.
COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Schnapps \$1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight. Pool Tournament 8:00 p.m.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7
GRADUATE - Non-premium beers \$1.25 days / \$1.50 nites.
IT'S 'BOU TIME - Noon to 6 party with Big Mike, 4 to 8 Two for One. Well Nite, all Well .75 (\$1 w/ juice) Hot Music 9 - 1.
RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. Schnapps .50 from 9 pm to close. Music tonight oldies but goodies!
RUMORHAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bottled Domestic Beer Nite - \$1.25, plus .75 schnapps from 7 pm until 11 pm. VJ/DJ Reuben begins at 9

thursday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 4-7 pm non-premium beer \$1.50/Well drinks \$1.75; 7pm to 1am Long Neck Bud and Bud Light \$1.50, Schnapps .75; DJ 9 to 1 Jeffrey.
COLETTE'S WEST - Big League Basketball on TV with .50 draft and .50 Hot Dogs during game. "Sudsize" .75 draft beer from 8 pm to Midnight.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7
GRADUATE - All Dark Well \$1.25 days / \$1.50 nites.
IT'S 'BOU TIME - Noon to 6 party with Big Mike, 4 - 8 pm Two for One. See our ad for specials or entertainment. "House Music" night 9 to 1.
RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. All Imported Beer \$1.00 7 pm to 1 am. Country Rainbow dance group performs 7:30 pm.
RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 well/beer 4-7 p.m. Kegger 8 pm to 12 am .50 per glass, munchies. Video/disco dancing with Reuben from 9-1.

friday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .75 / Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm non-premium beer \$1.50, Well drink \$1.75. DJ 9 pm to 1 am, Bobby Jr.
COLETTE'S WEST - International Happy Hour plus Party Nite - Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7
GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.
IT'S 'BOU TIME - Come party with Moose noon to 6 - 4 to 8 Two for One / Dancing with Gilbert 9 - 1.
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Guest Editorial

by Neil Isbin

TEARING DOWN THE WALLS OF PREJUDICE THAT DIVIDE US

In a moment that will be forever immortalized in history, the East German Communist leadership, supported by the Soviet Union, both recognized and embraced humanity's universal yearning for freedom.

The breaching of the Berlin Wall, the very symbol of the Cold War, officially heralds the beginning of a new and exciting era that began in Poland ten years ago. The long cold winter of totalitarianism is ending as the democratic ideals of "liberty, equality and justice for all" blossom forth worldwide.

With biblical portent, the conceptual and physical destruction of the Berlin Wall serves to challenge democratic and communist societies alike. No wall — whether physical, legal or social — can withstand the force produced by the trumpeting shouts for freedom.

Freedom can often be violently suppressed, but once the torch of freedom has been lit, it can NEVER be totally extinguished. Troops and tanks, fascists and bigots may win many battles, but they cannot win the war — the cause of Freedom will eventually triumph within every society in the world.

As the East Germans dismantle the Berlin Wall that separates the East from the West, so too must we dismantle the walls of prejudice and bigotry that still divide our own nation. While the recent elections of a black governor in Virginia and a black mayor in New York City demonstrate that we have made a lot of progress, we have many miles to go.

Towering above our shameful and violent history of socially accepted, intellectually justified and legally enforced religious intolerance, racism, sexism, xenophobia and homophobia, our national ideals of liberty, equality and justice have served as beacons of hope and sources of power.

The history of this nation has been the story of one minority

after another appealing to our national ideals in their fights for equality and inclusion. While we have made remarkable progress in combatting religious intolerance, racism, sexism and xenophobia, discrimination against homosexuals remains socially accepted, intellectually justified and codified in law.

As long as it is believed that Gay behavior, religiously inspired bigots can comfortably justify their discrimination by saying that Lesbians and Gays are misguided in their immoral actions. In refusing to acknowledge the legitimacy of homosexual love, they have argued that even talking positively about homosexuality contributes to the delinquency of a minor.

But as more and more research points to Gay behavior as a biological orientation, it is becoming increasingly clear that talking negatively about homosexuality is a form of physical and emotional child abuse. Physical child abuse because talking negatively about homosexuality encourages anti-Gay violence; emotional child abuse because talking negatively about homosexuality teaches a child to hate himself or herself.

Recently the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released a report that estimated that Lesbian and Gay youth "may comprise up to 30% of youth suicides annually." Citing that suicide was the leading cause of death among young Lesbians and Gay men, the report called for an end to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Thousands of lives were lost at the hands of the KGB before they had the courage to admit their errors. Hundreds of lives were lost in flights to freedom before the East German government had the courage to admit their error in constructing the Berlin Wall. How many lives of young Gays and Lesbians will be lost by suicide or rendered dysfunctional by internalized and external homophobia before our political and religious leaders have the courage to admit that they too have been wrong? Homophobia is the illness, not homosexuality.

Our democratic freedoms and the economic prosperity those freedoms create have served to inspire people worldwide. Let us respond to the courage of the Eastern European and Soviet Communist leaders in launching their reforms by perfecting our own democratic society. Let us respond to the destruction of the Berlin Wall by destroying the remaining walls of prejudice in our own society.

In recent generations, we have seen many leaps of consciousness as the bigotry of the day has been rejected. It is time for another leap of consciousness. It is time for society to recognize the legitimacy of homosexual love and to welcome its Gay and Lesbian citizens as equal citizens under the law. It is time for our nation to fulfill its national destiny by ending prejudice and discrimination once and for all.



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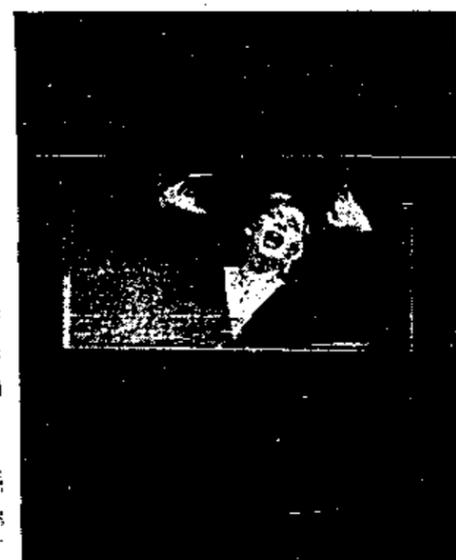
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Gallerie, etc. opens with one man show

TUCSON - The one-man show by Gary Clark opened at Gallerie, etc., 606 N. 4th Ave. on Sunday, Jan 21. Good weather brought a large contingent of fans of Clark, who also serves as art director for OBSERVER.

The exhibit will run through Feb. 16. 20% of the proceeds from artwork sold during the show will be donated to the Shanti Foundation.

Nearly 50 pieces of artwork ranging from sculptures to pen and ink drawings as well as acrylic and prisma color are featured in the show of pop icons of movie stars and other celebrities as well as several male nude studies. For more information call the gallery 622-5542.



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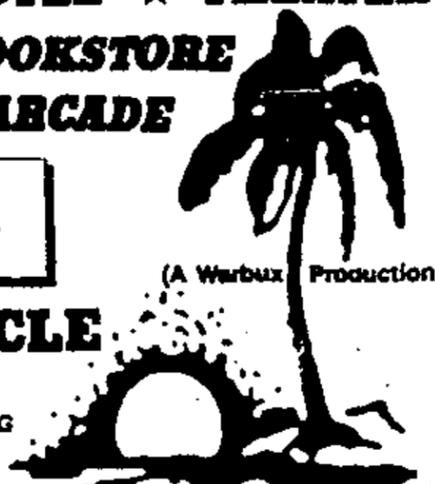


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SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 pm at 602 N. 4th Ave. Potential Shanti volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 8 pm only. Phone 622-7107.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. In Tucson contact Joan 790-7526 or 885-7118 or write P.O. Box 17747, Tucson, AZ 85717-747. All replies confidential.

COUPLES OF TUCSON, a social and support group for Gay and Lesbian couples. For more information write P.O. Box 78613, Tucson, AZ 85703 or call Beverly and Roberts 795-4517 or Jim and Louis 744-0481.

JESUS/ROBBO, HE'S THE LORD THAT HEALETU THEE To find healing come worship with Casa De La Paloma Apostolic church Sundays at 10:30 am. Plaza Hotel, 1900 E. Speedway, Salon "D", second floor. Call Pastor Sandy at 323-6855 for more information. Affiliated with the national Gay Pentecostal Alliance.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Information and Referral about Gay Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson.

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP NOW FORMING. The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. Contact Michael Butchins, Ph.D. 327-4024 Tucson.

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

WINGSPIRIT - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Hotline service, 2-4 weekdays, and Mon. & Wed. eves. Men's night on Mondays 7:30 pm. Womyn's night on Wednesdays 7 pm. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 Tucson.

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Eligible veterans among your readership could support us (and give us more clout in the admittedly "conservative" traditional Legion) by:

1. Becoming a member of the American Legion in our Post — even if they do not live in the San Francisco area, or

2. By transferring membership from another American Legion post to ours, if they are already Legionnaires. They would still be entitled to participate in all activities of their current, local Post, but WE would have the benefit of "numbers" on OUR membership roster, ensuring us of greater representation at Legion functions, and assuring more specific attention therefore to the special needs of Lesbian and Gay vets.

Our Post is rapidly becoming known throughout California as well as nationally. We participated in the Gay March on Washington, and were present at ceremonies placing a wreath in honor of dead Lesbian and Gay veterans at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

We were at the dedication of Harvey Milk's grave in the Congressional Cemetery. Recently deceased Leonard Matlovich, was a member of our Post, and in his American Legion uniform was

photographed at his famous gravestone, with its inscription, "They gave me a medal for killing two men, and a dishonorable discharge for loving one".

We march in many parades in San Francisco, proudly carrying the Rainbow Flag along with the U.S. Flag, the California Flag and the M.I.A. Flag. Our Post has high visibility locally and statewide, and we are asked to participate in most Gay/Lesbian functions. We were the Color Guard for the Gay Games opening and closing ceremonies in San Francisco, and were asked to participate in the '90 Vancouver Games.

Interested veterans who would like more information are asked to call or write: Alexander Hamilton Post 448, Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 128, San Francisco, CA 94102. (415) 431-1413.

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