



## Gays and Lesbians demonstrate against 'Traditional Value' coalition in Washington

WASHINGTON, DC - Gay and Lesbian and other civil rights groups rallied and marched in the nation's capital last January 26 demonstrating against a "national summit on homosexuality" held here by the Rev. Louis Sheldon to form a "National Task Force on Preservation of the Heterosexual Ethic".

Sheldon and about 70 people met all day at the Sheraton Hotel to plan how to defeat anti-discrimination initiatives that they say would classify homosexual "behavior" a civil right, and map expansion of Coalition for Traditional Values (CTV) "reparative therapy for enslaved people afflicted with gender-identify conflict".

Between 500 and 750 Gays and Lesbians rallied against CTV at a demonstration sponsored by a coalition of District of Columbia-based Gay and Lesbian groups, including the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

The rally was followed by a march up Connecticut Avenue to the Sheraton-Washington Hotel, site of the CTV symposium. The demonstrators sealed a main entrance to the hotel and held an impromptu rally followed by a candlelight vigil in memory of victims of anti-Gay hate crimes.

CTV and Sheldon's positions on creationism in the classroom, abortion and homosexuality have garnered the group considerable controversy and media attention. CTV, based in Orange County, California, has been the subject of recent articles in the Los Angeles Times and Los Angeles magazine, which called Sheldon the "Son of Falwell" and detailed his move into the national political arena.

CTV has been involved in recent Gay and Lesbian political fights, in particular the domestic partnership referendum in San Francisco, which lost last November, and the repeal of the Irvine, Calif. Gay and Lesbian civil rights ordinance.

Most recently, a speech by William Allen, former chair of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, entitled "Blacks, Homosexuals, Animals - What is a Minority," at a CTV symposium in Orange County drew broad congressional and public criticism.

Gay and Lesbian activists view the Washington symposium as CTV's bid for national attention. Speaking at the symposium were William Dannemeyer (R-CA) and William Allen.

Prior to the Gay and Lesbian rally and march, a press conference was held to refute CTV's positions on homosexuality and expose its repressive political agenda. Participating in the press conference were John Buchanan, chair, People for the American Way; Rev. William Sloan-Coffin, President, SANE/Freeze, and noted civil rights figure

Bryant Welch, executive director, APA's practice division; Laurie Coburn of PFLAG; Tim McPeley, executive director HRCF; Rabbi Lynne Landsberg, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; and Ivy Young, director of NGLTF's Family Project.

Sponsoring or participating in the Gay and Lesbian demonstration or press conference were NGLTF, HRCF, American Psychological Association (APA), Washington Interreligious Staff Council, NOW, People for the American Way, Gay and Lesbian Activist Alliance, OUTF, and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).

In this issue of OBSERVER, in a column headed "Guest Editorial" we have included a statement on CTV and the Rev. Louis Sheldon by NGLTF's Family Project Director Ivy Young. We encourage everyone to read it to keep abreast of this latest threat to Gay and Lesbian civil rights.

## Ron Asta to speak to OPBPA

TUCSON - There was a time in the early 1970s, when developers spoke the name of Ron Asta only through clenched teeth.

He was "the guru of no-growth," head of the "Astacrats," --environmentalist politicians who eventually filtered into city, county and state governments.

Today, he heads Asta Planning & Zoning Co., the business of which is to guide prospective homebuilders through the maze of bureaucracy -- from site analysis to plat approvals to negotiations with the neighbors. The firm's record to date, he says, is 26 wins, no losses.

But Asta has not lost his zeal for putting limits on growth, for balancing productiveness to resources.

That's what he'll be talking about at the Feb. 16 meeting of Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association, at the Hotel Park Tucson, 5151 E. Grant Road.

"I want to talk about how we got to where we are and where we're going," Asta said. "We have a critical choice: Are we going to save our air or save our neighborhoods. The air is threatened by traffic congestion that can only be alleviated through changes in land-use patterns. It's a silent, mostly unstated issue."

Asta earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Oregon State University in 1963 and a masters from the University of Arizona in 1965. He went to work for Pima County as a senior planner that same year and by 1970 had advanced to associate director of the Planning Department. In 1972, he won a seat on the County

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## Guest Editorial

[The following statement is by Ivy Young, director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Family Project. It was delivered at a press conference in Washington, DC on January 26. The press conference was held in opposition to the Coalition for Traditional Values (CTV) and the Rev. Louis Sheldon. (See separate story).]

I want to talk today about Reverend Sheldon's fierce determination to preserve "traditional family values" and how those values really play themselves out in American family life today.

The "Traditional Family": father-breadwinner; mother-homemaker and the children. That construct of the nuclear family defines approximately ten percent of American families today. Ninety percent of us, then, live outside Mr. Sheldon's view of how the world should be.

So how do Americans define family? According to a 1989 poll conducted by the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, the majority of those surveyed (74%) defined family, not in a legalistic sense, but by function, as a group of people who love and care for one another.

For Lesbians and Gay men that definition is no different. For us, family is a social institution of inclusion, not exclusion. Perhaps we are more fortunate than most; we get to choose our families. And the families we create are not, as Representative William Dannemeyer would have you believe, "...filled with despair". On the contrary, in our families there is a keen sense of joy and celebration. Because despite the ravages of hatred, and in the face of virulent homophobia, we create and sustain gentle and nurturing unions.

As for our children, there are thousands and thousands of them in this country who are part of Lesbian and Gay families. We hope we are teaching our children the values of love and compassion, not bigotry and hatefulness. We hope we are teaching our children not just to tolerate, but to respect and celebrate the diversity of life on this planet.

Let's look at what is happening in many of Mr. Sheldon's "traditional families" in America today.

Fifty percent of American marriages end in divorce. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, three to four million women a year are abused by their husbands or boyfriends; every 18 seconds a woman is battered by her spouse; thirty percent of female homicide victims die at the hands of their husbands or boyfriends. That's four women a day who die as a result of domestic violence. Spousal abuse, according to the U.S. Surgeon General, is the number one cause of injury to women in the U.S.

I won't burden you with all the current statistics on child abuse and sexual assault. Here are just a few: according to a survey conducted by Richard Gelles and Murray Strauss, more than ten parents per one thousand said they beat their child at least once a year. And, every year, one child in one thousand faces a parent with a weapon.

It's interesting to note that according to the National Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the typical incestuous family tends to be that family which rigidly adheres to traditional family roles and gender stereotypes. And the upstanding, church-going traditional family man is the person most likely to be a wife and child abuser. Here is that "traditional family" value as expressed by Mr. Sheldon: "I love my children, though I've broken a lot of yardsticks over their butts. They never hit me back. That was often the only way I could control them."

It seems Mr. Sheldon's definition of family is found in the first entry under family in the Oxford English Dictionary: "the servants of a house".

Unfortunately, the statistics I've cited are the reality of what is happening in thousands of homes across this nation. These are not the family values Lesbians and Gay men wish to perpetuate.

Let's look now at some of the efforts the Coalition for Traditional Values has made in its attempt to "strengthen and support" the family.

In California, CTV has urged its followers to oppose a state child care bill similar to the federal measure that garnered overwhelming support in Congress. Does that stance by CTV aid the thousands of working parents in California who struggle daily to find adequate, affordable daycare for their children? Does it strengthen those families?

Again in California, the Coalition for Traditional Values vehemently opposes a bill that would recognize Vesper Marriages. The idea of Vesper Marriage has been put forward as a way to resolve some of the problems faced by many of our senior citizens. Widows and widowers who find companions to share the autumn of their lives, are threatened with the loss of pensions and other entitlements if they remarry. Vesper marriage would recognize the relationships those elders create, while not jeopardizing the benefits they so desperately need. But, CTV says absolutely no. Mr. Sheldon says he speaks for compassion and righteousness. Where is the compassion in that opposition?

Needless to say, CTV cohorts in San Francisco led the charge against the Domestic Partnership Ordinance that was unanimously passed by that city's Board of

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# UPDATE

## GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY THEATER COMPANY FORMS IN TUCSON

TUCSON - It started a few months ago, when a few friends made their dream come true - creating, for the first time in Tucson, a Gay and Lesbian Community Theatre Company - "One in Ten".

The group's goals include "favoring Gay repertory plays and literature in expressing the positive aspect of the Gay and Lesbian community; emphasizing for non-professional actors, the chance to show their talents not only in a Gay atmosphere but beyond the frontiers of discrimination in proving once and for all that the arts are a universal language of free expression."

Beside acting, "One In Ten" repertory company encourages anyone interested in participating in this new, exciting theatrical adventure with original ideas or artistic suggestions are encouraged to call 795-3527. The group is looking for a performance space also.

"One In Ten" will be performing "This Brooding Sky" by Sarah Dreher this Friday evening, Feb. 9, at Colette's and again on Saturday, Feb. 10 at Boomer's Cafe Espresso. Both performances begin at 8:00 p.m. The Tucson Gay and Lesbian community is encouraged to attend either one of these upcoming performances and encourage this new theater company.

## SHANTI FOUNDATION TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

TUCSON - After more than a year of demolition, remodeling and fix-up, the Shanti office is finally ready to have it's Grand Opening, Ribbon Cutting, Open House.

Sunday, Feb. 18, from 2 until 5 p.m., members of the Shanti family will have a celebration to dedicate their new office space and to acknowledge all the folks who put in so much time and energy to see this project happen. There are plans for refreshments, entertainment and a dedication / ribbon cutting ceremony to make it all official.

Patty Bowers, who oversaw the remodeling, has gathered lots of before and after pictures to remind everyone what a huge accomplishment this really is.

"Our expanded space has allowed Shanti to have all of our functions now located at the office, trainings, volunteer support groups and such had previously been held at various locations around town," said Anne Schmitt, President of the Shanti Board of Directors. "As our organization has grown, the need for additional office space and work space for staff and volunteers has been a real accomplishment," Schmitt said. "See you Sunday, Feb. 18th, 2 p.m. at 602 N. 4th Ave."

## Deadline Feb. 12 For Free Valentine's Day Greetings

TUCSON - For the fourth year, OBSERVER is offering free Valentine messages to appear in it's February 14th issue. Last year nearly 200 messages were printed to lovers, parents friends and enemies. It's fun and easy to do.

Either mail your messages to OBSERVER, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, AZ 85703, or hand your messages to an OBSERVER staff member or drop it off at any of the local Gay bars for pick-up by OBSERVER.

## FUNDRAISER FOR CAT COMMITTEE SUNDAY, FEB. 11

TUCSON - A special fund raiser for the CAT Committee will be held at the Rainbow Room this Sunday, Feb. 11. The show will begin at approximately 8:30 p.m. Lee Thompson is producing the show with Natalie Perry and Roger Barger acting as co-hosts for the show.

Performers included Margo Leigh, Christina de Alexis, Lillian Jade, Danl Reid, Kimberly Ryan, Tiffany, Bert Hoop and a surprise guest performer. This is the first fund raiser for the CAT Committee since the 1989 Awards Presentation last month.

All expenses for the CAT Dinner and Awards presentation are raised through the generosity of the entire Tucson community. Without the help from individual members of the community, the awards would not be possible. Plan now for a fun evening. All of the performers time, talent and tips will go to the CAT Committee.



Shanti Foundation of Tucson is happy to announce that we will have an Open House & Dedication to celebrate the completion of our Office Expansion Project.

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DEAR GAY COMMUNITY OF TUCSON: I would like to thank all of you for the awards IBT's received at this year's C.A.T. Awards ceremony. All of the nominees deserved to be honored. Our intention has always been to provide a comfortable and pleasing atmosphere for the Gay community. It is especially gratifying to be recognized.

I would like to thank the many friends who have supported us and the best staff in town. You have all made my job much easier and IBT's a success.

I would also like to thank the members of the C.A.T. Committee, volunteers and entertainers who helped put together a wonderful awards banquet. To be a part of this event and this community makes me very proud.

Sincerely Danny Duncan Manager, IBT's

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

As is often the case, in acknowledging everyone in a large community event, someone always gets left out.

In last week's issue in the story about the Community Awards Presentation on Jan. 27, we failed to acknowledge Gary Hart who accompanied the dance group on the piano while they did their musical presentation. We apologize for any inconvenience that may have occurred.

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## Jesse Helms blasts Gays as he announces candidacy

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) who in the closing days of the last session of Congress single-handedly blocked Senate action to provide federal funds for low income people with AIDS in need of AZT, announced his candidacy for a fourth term in the U.S. Senate.

Lashing out against his favorite targets, Helms declared that "homosexuals and Lesbians (are) disgusting people, marching in our streets demanding all sorts of things, including the right to marry each other".

Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest Lesbian and Gay political organization, responded with a direct challenge to Helms. "Any politician who categorizes millions of Americans — people who pay their taxes, serve their country, build communities, lead productive lives in every work setting in the United States — as "disgusting" is unfit to hold public office," McFeeley stated.

"The U.S. Senate is an honorable institution reserved for people who respect and desire to help all Americans and should not be occupied by haters. I am sure the voters of North Carolina will agree," McFeeley said.

"Senator Helms' bigotry has no place in the federal government, and the Human Rights Campaign Fund will continue to oppose his extremist rhetoric whenever it rears its ugly head," McFeeley stated.

Helms, who made his announcement before a crowd of 1,800 at the state fairground in Raleigh, stated that he wanted to continue to provide conservative leadership in foreign policy, in cutting the federal budget, and in opposing the right to choice, Gay and Lesbian civil rights and tax-supported "filthy" art. This last topic referred to the Senators opposition to the National Endowment for the Arts for its support of an exhibition of photographs by the late Robert Mapplethorpe which was the center of controversy in Washington last summer.

"What that perverted, homosexual filth is, is not Michelangelo. It is modern day Sodom and Gomorrah," Helms stated. He failed, however, to note that many historians accept that Michelangelo, like Mapplethorpe, was homosexual artist.

The Charlotte Observer, a major North Carolina newspaper, responded to Helms' anti-Gay remarks in an unusual editorial directly challenging the Senator's views on homosexuality. "When Sen. Helms describes homosexuals and Lesbians as "disgusting people" — as distinguished from human beings who do things he finds disgusting — he reveals what a mean-spirited man he is, how totally lacking in compassion he is for anyone who is, by his standards, different," the paper wrote.

"His choice of that description Saturday reminds us again that Sen. Helms is not only mean-spirited, but that he relishes being mean-spirited. He gleefully flaunts his mean-spiritiness. He glories in his mean-spiritiness," the Observer continued. "We would suggest, however, that anyone who takes such joy in meanness comes very close to exemplifying what is meant by "evil," it concluded.

Press reports indicate that none of the likely Democrats vying to replace Helms in the Senate are well-known statewide. Human Rights Campaign Fund officials, however, stated that the Helms race will still attract national attention. "Senator Helms is the

preeminent right-wing extremist running for re-election to the Senate," Communications Director Gregory King stated. "With the announcements of Senators Gordon Humphrey (R-NH) and William Armstrong (R-CO) that they would not run again, we can focus greater attention on the North Carolina race.

King indicated that HRCF is in close contact with Lesbian and Gay activists in North Carolina and that the organization is actively involved with mainstream political groups that are seeking to defeat Helms. "We have seen in the past that incumbent members of the Senate can be defeated, even when their opponents are far less known at the beginning of the campaign," he said.

## T-Room troubles at Arizona State

TEMPE - The New York Native newspaper reports in its latest college report that the members of the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union at Arizona State University face a difficult problem. As the Gay co-chair of the LGAU told the Native recently, although ASU is the fifth largest university in the country (with a student population of 43,000), Gay life is not very open.

The Native said, "Arizona is a conservative state, to say the least. Last year, the GOP put in its platform that Christianity is the official state religion (they later removed it); the state has an English only law (which has just been declared unconstitutional), it is legal to carry firearms openly; and a state-wide poll suggests that 71% of the state's population favors not having a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Ex-Governor Evan Mecham tried to have the LGAU kicked off campus, but his attempts were rebuffed by the school's Chancellor; however, the consensus is that the Chancellor was not defending the LGAU so much as his turf.

"But all these problems have paled against the issues raised by bathroom arrests. The student-run newspaper has been rather hostile to the LGAU and to Gay and Lesbian students. It published the names, addresses, and majors of the students arrested (the newspaper did not publish the names and addresses of students arrested for other offenses). It was only when the two co-chairs of the LGAU personally confronted the newspaper's editor, according to one of the co-chairs, that the publishing of names ceased. To make matters worse, recently a weekly newspaper has asserted that the LGAU had advocated the arrests, which the co-chair vehemently denies.

"According to the co-chair of the LGAU, several years ago a woman who was then a member of the LGAU started a dialogue on her own with the chief of the campus police to sensitize them about bathroom sex arrests. Later on, when the arrests continued, the woman was quoted on TV as saying that the people arrested were sick and in need of help, but that she did this on her own, not as a representative of the LGAU.

"Despite these problems with the campus police (who apparently have been known to handcuff people for infringing bicycle riding rules — they get \$20 per arrest), and despite a generally hostile atmosphere on campus, the quiet persistence of the LGAU has paid off. Recently, the campus newspaper in a front page article written by the LGAU entitled "To be Lesbian and Gay is to Face the Wrath of Ignorance".



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### News From MCC Tucson

The annual Congregational Meeting was held on Saturday, Jan. 27, and the new year for MCC/Tucson has begun. The Administrative Council has elected the officers of the Council with Rev. Perry as Moderator; Dennis, Clerk; James, Vice-Moderator; Annie, Treasurer; and Angie, Member-At-Large. The Pastor/Pastoral Committee will consist of Nadine representing the Pastoral Staff; Bob representing the Administrative Council; and Ben representing the Congregation.

The Congregation was blessed last Sunday with the acceptance of a new member to the church. Faith DuVall was accepted during a special ceremony during our Morning Worship Service. We are pleased that Faith has decided to join us and pray that she will receive as much of a blessing personally as the congregation is blessed to have her with us. Faith has been added to the Altar Guild with Bob and Ernie. The Altar Guild will prepare the altar for each worship service.

South Stone Avenue is still torn up and under construction but church services are still being conducted on schedule. Morning Worship Service is at 10:45 a.m. and Evening Worship Service is at 5:30 p.m. every Sunday. There is a Praise, Prayer and Communion Service each Wednesday starting at 6:45 p.m. The Pastor's office hours are from 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday each week. For an appointment or for further information, call the church at 622-4536.

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## POLITICS '90

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### WORLD NEWS

**BULGARIA:** The Bulgarian Parliament last week elected Andrei Lukanov, an economist, as Premier, to replace Georgi Atanassov. Atanassov and his Cabinet resigned last week. Lukanov promised immediate reforms to fight Bulgaria's "social and economic crisis".

**SOUTH AFRICA:** In his speech, opening the Parliament, State President F.W. de Klerk lifted the 30-year ban on the African National Congress and 33 anti-apartheid organizations, including the South African Communist Party, and the Pan-African Congress. Also in his speech, de Klerk stated that jailed Black leader Nelson Mandela, imprisoned for 27 years, will be freed. De Klerk also lifted the press restrictions that were imposed in 1986, when a state of emergency was proclaimed.

**GERMANY:** Last week in Davos, Switzerland, East German Premier Hans Modrow, and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl held meetings regarding reunification and other topics. The East German Premier reversed his stand on reunification and stated the German should be united, but neutral. West German Chancellor Kohl believes that a united Germany should be in N.A.T.O.

**Great Britain:** A new scandal may be brewing. It is alleged that MI-5 (the British version of the CIA) schemed to portray two prime ministers and various politicians as Soviet spies. There could be an inquiry into this accusation in the near future.

### NATIONAL NEWS

George Bush, last week, gave the annual State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress. In his address, Bush stated that his administration is going to put more emphasis on education "to make American students the best," he stated. He also will put more emphasis on drug enforcement, increasing federal funds for the war on drugs.

The Democratic response, given by the Speaker of the House Thomas Foley of Washington, believed that Bush had the right ideas for making America great, but wondered how it can be done when so little money is going to these programs.

Former H.U.D. Secretary, Samuel Pierce, may face new allegations. New evidence shows that Pierce may have played favorites when awarding HUD Contracts. It is alleged that Pierce gave certain contracts to influential Republicans.

### ARIZONA NEWS

Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice, Frank Gordon, stated last week that he will not enter the race for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. He stated that he does not wish to make a career change at this time. Gordon's decision leaves the door open for Phoenix Mayor - Terry Goddard. Goddard has stated that his decision will be made in the very near future. Another possible contender, Carolyn Warner said that her decision will come in due time.

Last week, the Secretary of State's office released the latest figures on persons registered to vote in Arizona:

REPUBLICANS	776,152	46.5%
DEMOCRATS	705,137	42.2%
OTHER	188,061	11.3%
TOTAL:	1,669,350	

Going through the Legislative Calendar for the week of Feb.

5, a couple of bills caught my eye. HB2113, introduced by Rep. Jack Jewett (R-Tucson), would make moving violations on the state highway, outside metropolitan areas, a civil violation. This bill is being considered by the House Rules Committee.

The other bill, HB2167, introduced by Susan Gerard (R-Phoenix), would increase the civil penalty for non-serious pesticide violations.

Rumors are running rampant regarding potential State House of Representatives, and State Senate Candidates. Here are a list of potential candidates from Pima County:

- DIST. 9: Marion Picking for the House.
- DIST. 12: Evan Adelstein for the House and Bill Minette, Pima County Democratic Chair for the Senate.
- DIST. 13: District Democratic Chair Winston Smith may run for the House.

On Sunday, the second anniversary of the impeachment of then Gov. Evan Mecham by a 46-14 margin by the State House of Representatives, is marked. The beginning of the end (or so it seemed) for Evan Mecham.

### PIMA COUNTY NEWS

Recently, Pima County Democratic Party Chair Bill Minette, stated that he will not run for another term when his present term expires in January. Bill has turned the County Party from a depressed, downtrodden organization to an organization full of pep, vigor, organized and ready to fight during the upcoming campaign season. Bill is an asset who will be sorely missed.

### AS I SEE IT . . .

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, the Tucson Unified School District will hold a Budget Override Election. If the override is defeated, the District's budget will decrease by \$8.6 million. If the override is passed by the voters, the Tucson Unified School District would have enough money to continue the current programs, extend the school year, make classes smaller, give teachers a pay raise, and put reading specialists in each of the schools.

The answer is before us: Pay now or pay for more prisons. Invest in a city that can attract business or live in a minimum wage town. Vote for Tucson's future - the children, or move quickly because Tucson will not have a future. Vote for the override on Feb. 13.

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### A View From The Rock

Commentary from Cornerstone Fellowship . . .

I was driving home the other evening when a car bearing a rather interesting bumper sticker passed by. The label read, "Porn Hurts Kids — Circle K Sells Porn". Immediately red flags began waving in my mind, and I felt that there was something seriously wrong with this picture. I thought on this for awhile and suddenly realized that the concept behind this slogan is one of blaming an inanimate object for the sin of an animate individual. In this particular case, the driver was blaming pornography for causing child abuse.

The very thought that porn causes child abuse, or guns cause murder, or chemicals cause addictive behavior, is indicative of how our society has conveniently abdicated its responsibility for its own actions, in favor of placing blame on something or someone else. Now, I am not saying that I am pro-chemical use/abuse. But I do find it rather ludicrous that people are not willing to accept the remote possibility that maybe, just maybe, child abusers, murderers, and chemical abusers are accountable for their own behaviors.

We recently discussed this cause and effect theory in relation to Satan, a.k.a. the Devil, in our Sunday School class, and it was pointed out that, contrary to the claims of our dear friend Flip Wilson, the Devil doesn't make us do it! It is much easier to blame our anti-social behavior on the Devil, or someone or something else, than the belief that there could possibly be anything wrong with ourselves. Unfortunately, this leaves one with the impression that we are utterly out of control over our lives and the decisions we make.

It is high time we begin to accept responsibility for our actions, whether they are good or bad. II Corinthians 5:10 tells us that "we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him (or her) for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad". God will not accept the defense that so-and-so or such-and-such was at fault for our sins. Each of us will stand alone as the sole defendant in the trial of our life.

No, pornography does not cause child abuse, although child abusers may use porn to conduct child abuse. Guns do not kill people, although people with guns often do. And chemicals do not cause addiction, but those who lack self-control and the ability (or desire) to face the reality of life turn to these chemicals for comfort and refuge. Hitler carried this cause-and-effect theory to an extreme, and exterminated six million Jews and countless thousands of Gays in order to fix the social problems of his Aryan nation. Had he lived long enough, he would have seen that his heinous crimes did nothing to better the situation, but actually worsened it.

The religious right may continue to condemn pornography and picket/boycott those establishments who trade in it. Pacifists may continue to lobby for gun control. President Bush may continue to wage his multi-billion dollar war on drugs. But until such time that we recognize the root of these and other problems plaguing our society is the human factor of choice and free will, these campaigns will never accomplish what their well-meaning advocates hope. Only when we acknowledge that each of us is personally responsible for our actions and the problems of our society, will we realize progress in becoming a truly civilized world.

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# A REMARKABLE PEOPLE

by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

Now that it's been held over until Feb. 17, there are still a few days left to see a.k.a. Theatre's production of "Bent" by Martin Sherman. It's highly recommended. This is an important play about the persecution of homosexuals in Nazi Germany, and a.k.a. has mounted it superbly. They are to be both thanked and congratulated.

In Nazi Germany as in this country today, there was great confusion about what homosexuality was and what constituted homosexual crimes. Not that it mattered to the Nazis. All they needed was the suspicion of a person's homosexuality to condemn them to the concentration camps or later to the death camps.

And not that it matters to modern Germany. They have steadfastly refused to honor those homosexuals killed in the camps, labor trains and police stations by the Nazis. They claim that because Germany and the Allies kept the Nazi section of law making sexual acts between men illegal, then those killed were "criminals" and deserved neither the honor, remembrance nor remuneration accorded the other victims of the holocaust.

In Nazi Germany, however, as throughout so much of history homosexuals were not necessarily found guilty of doing homosexual acts, but rather of the act of being homosexual and so being suspected of doing homosexual acts. In Nazi Germany, in addition to those coming through the courts, there were many others plucked from the bars, off the streets and from the privacy of their own homes simply for being homosexual.

It may see a small thing this distinction between being homosexual and doing homosexual but it is at the very center of modern jurisprudence. A man may be a thief, and be called a thief by all and sundry, but modern law says he may not be punished for his thievery without proof and his day in court.

I'm not really sure why, in this country, for this crime, due process of law is waived and guilt is assumed before innocence. I believe it has something to do with the pathological fear of sex that so permeates this country and makes it so willing to condemn anyone who gets enjoyment from their genitals. I believe it also comes from a tradition of half understood Christian teachings. In Nazi Germany this willingness to suspend due process, indeed the willingness to suspend canon humanity as well, was partly the result of being in the center of the pressure cooker called Europe, partly nationalism, and partly the result of the loss of WWI and the fiscal and moral bankruptcy of the Weimar Republic that followed.

But this lack of due process for homosexuals in this country goes far beyond the court system. We've all heard or read some closet homophobe talk about the need for a Gay rights bill, but that it shouldn't extend to, say, landlords. "After all," the homophobe reasons, "the landlord may have a religious proscription against homosexuality."

Bushwa. In the first place I don't think there is a religion in the world that proscribes homosexuals as people, only the doing of homosexual acts, "Lying with a man as with a woman," as it were. So, again, there is no due process of law. Without the benefit of trial and proof it is assumed that because a person is homosexual by nature that person is automatically sleeping with some, anyone of the same sex who will have her/him.

Second, I could then, under this type of reasoning, claim to be a member of an offshoot Mormon sect that still believes black skin is the mark of Cain. Therefore I can refuse to rent to blacks and George Hamilton, right? How long do you think that one would stand up in court?

In Nazi Germany homosexuals were denied their basic humanity, due process of law, dignity. Today in Germany those tens, perhaps hundreds of thousands of homosexuals who died at the Nazis' hands are denied by refusing to acknowledge their deaths. Most of the others have been honored and recompensed, the Jews, Catholics, the political prisoners, the Jehovah's Witnesses - but not the homosexuals. They and the gypsies are still considered criminals.

In this country we are also denied humanity, due process and dignity, although thankfully less stringently. For now. In this country, however, Gay men are facing our own holocaust and instead of using the guns and concentration camps of the Nazi SS to kill us, our countrymen are using the passive "good German" ploy of the german populace to watch us die instead. And you can bet that unless we do them ourselves, there will be no statues to commemorate our passing.

## Valentine's Dance at Hotel Congress

TUCSON - Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 9 p.m. Hotel Congress hosts a special Valentine's Day Dance produced by and for Tucson's Lesbian and Gay Community. Heterosexual friends are also welcome. Advertising for the event reads "civilized straights welcome". The dance features several angles on the Lesbian and Gay men's community response to sexuality in the age of AIDS.

The dance, called "St. Joan In Love" is produced by Wingspan and the UoFA Lesbian/Gay Alliance. It begins at 9 p.m. and continues until 1 a.m. at Club Congress. Cover is \$3.00 at the door and ID is required.

Inside, the debut of a new safer sex musical cabaret called "All The Way" which begins at 9:15 demonstrates a new approach to presenting healthy sexuality in a time dominated by fear and repression. Some have christened a new epidemic ADS - Acquired Dread of Sex, to describe the trend in the Gay men's community to equate sex with death. The cabaret, which features local talents like Lisa Otey, presents a very healthy eroticism and wit to revalidate sexuality and eroticize safer sexual options. "All The Way" is produced jointly by Wingspan and the Tucson AIDS Project's Diana Dexter.

Also premiering will be the new ad campaign for Gay men called "Good News About Man To Man Sex". This new poster and series of brochures was produced by a State Health Department grant by Pima County Health Department, TAP and Shanti Foundation of Tucson. It presents safer sex in a completely new tone and is modeled after European and Canadian materials.

Some of the controversial information it includes has never been printed in the U.S. because of moral restrictions from the federal government. Arizona can be proud that our health department has taken some risks in presenting real information for the first time to the groups of people still most in need of education (75% of all cases of AIDS in Arizona are still Gay and Bisexual men).

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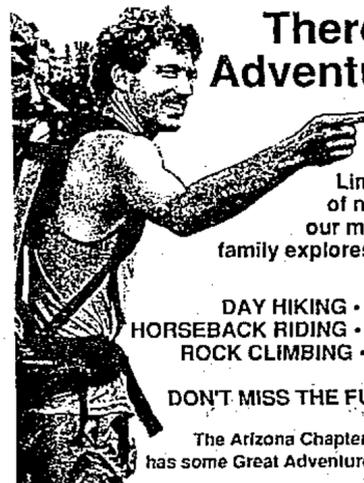
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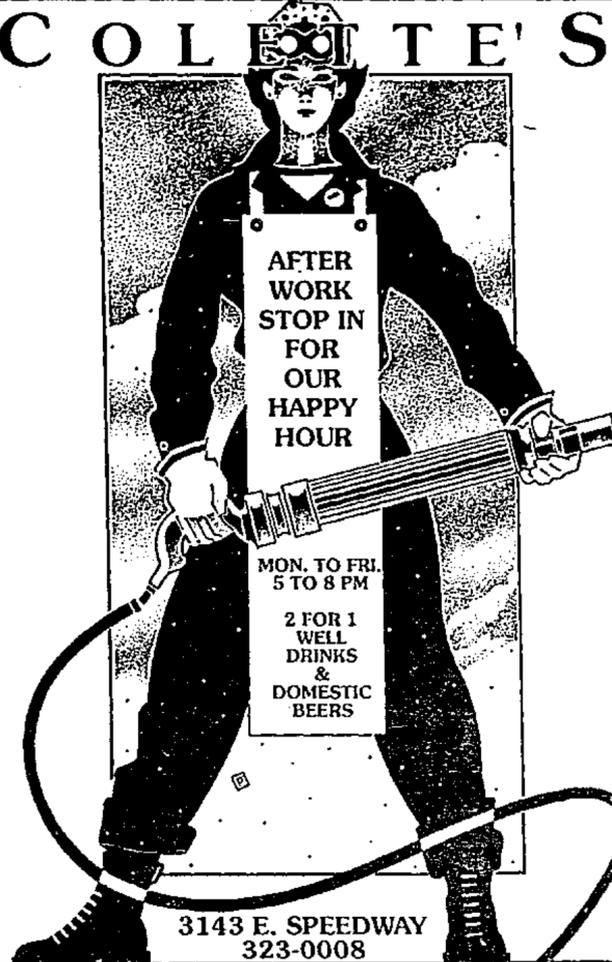
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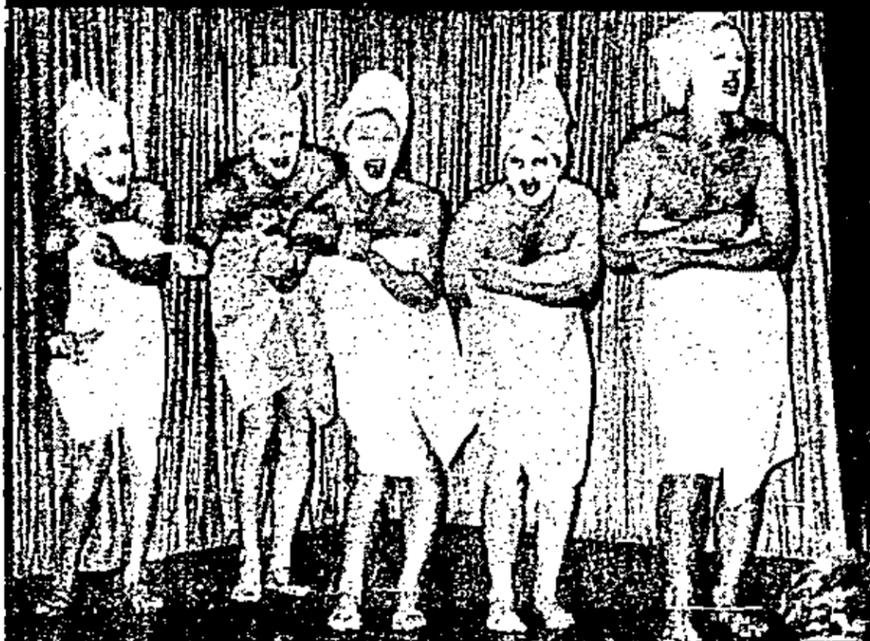
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# WHAT'S UP DOC?

This coming Saturday, Feb. 10 it will not only be time for TKO's monthly Beer Bust again, but also one annual event of a far from serious nature - the "Mini-Tacky Ball" contest. This year TKO will be putting on a short "Mini-Tacky Ball Show" also. I can assure this show (7) will be one you will probably try to forget as soon as it is over. To give you an idea as to how serious this show will be, just check the theme and title of it.

The "Mini-Tacky Ball" is an annual event put on at the Graduate by TKO which gives everyone an equal chance to win a title, and not have to spend any money, have any talent, just good imagination and a bit wild and crazy. It is one contest that all the props, clothing and whatever is supplied for the contestants.

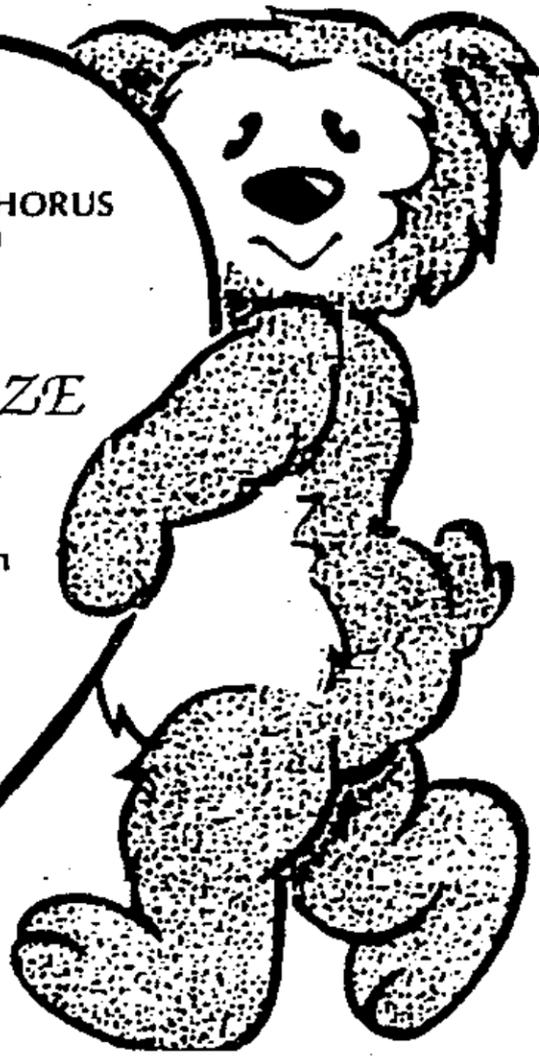
When you walk into the Graduate Saturday, hanging all around the bar you will see the props the contestants will be using. The contest works like this: Contestants will be asked to donate 50 cents to enter, that goes into the prize fund that will be won by the winner of the contest. The winner will also win a bottle of well booze of their choice. Second and Third place winners will win a prize, but remember, this is the "Mini-Tacky Ball".

When the contestants are told to go, they will have somewhere between 30 and 45 minutes to gather up their props from around the bar, change into these props, trying to appear TACKY, and then will be judged by the customers as to who is the TACKIEST. The winner will be asked to represent TKO at the Halloween show at the Graduate as TKO Mini-Ball Queen. If the winner wins that contest, one of the different categories, they keep the prize money.

The winner is also allowed to go on one or two of TKO's summer campouts at no charge. See, this is one hell of a big contest put on by TKO and the prizes are well worth 30 minutes of your time, so be there (at the Graduate) early, pick out, but at that time do not remove your costume until the announcer says go. You will be able to run and gather up your outfit, that is if you can beat the other contestants to those beautiful props, and be ready in time for judging which will be after the show. Good luck to all who have one of those crazy and exciting fun days and enters this contest.

Word is out, as of Last Saturday, this year's Miss Gay Tucson contest will be held on April 29. The location has not been given as of yet, but I was told it will be announced in the very near future. As of this writing, there is approximately 10 contestant so far who will enter this year's contest.

Of course, as this pageant draws closer, the number of contestants may either increase or decrease. As I get further information on this I'll be passing it on to you. If this coming year's winner is half as good as is our present Miss Gay Tucson -



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At this time, I'm sending out the word to all CAT Committee members that there will be a meeting of the full committee at the Back Pocket on Feb. 14 at 6:00 p.m. I know this is a holiday and people will want to go to the different parties that may be staged either at the bars or private homes, but this meeting (I pray) should go smoothly and fast, and everyone will be able to go on to these parties. This is a very important meeting so please be there, CAT Committee members, next year's meetings, voting and final awards presentation will be in the planning stages as a result of this meeting, and also any problems we, as committee members, have observed from this previous year and awards presentation evening.

Also, speaking of the CAT Committee, on Sunday, Feb. 18, there will be a benefit show for the CAT Committee at the Rainbow Room. Check elsewhere in this OBSERVER for a list of times and stars who will be in the show. Let's all try to support this one, as it is a show to help support the CAT Awards of Tucson.

Another annual contest that TKO stages is the Closet Ball Contest. This event will be held on April 28 at the French Quarter. As this event draws closer, TKO will be putting more information into the paper for you.

TESS: What recent "Bartender of the Year" (male) had to call his mother at 3:30 a.m. last Saturday to get a ride home? What bartender at the Graduate was recently seen laying on the pool table with two different people holding his legs in the air on a quiet (?) Thursday afternoon? What club President was recently seen during a beer bust at the Graduate on his knees (that alone is nothing new), but he was handcuffed, and had a slave collar and chains on?

With those final words, I had better put this weeks column to rest and go on about whatever kind of monkey business I can find to get into. I hope this will be a beautiful week for each and everyone of you and all receive just tons of love and kisses.

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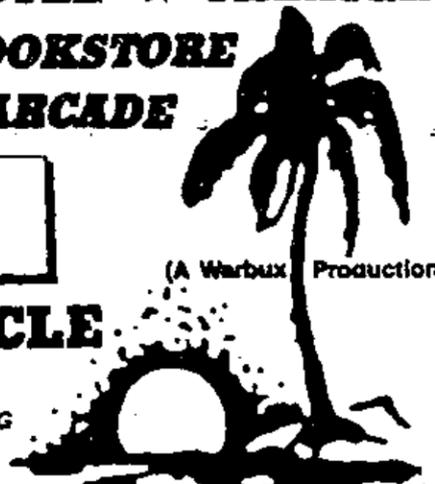
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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11**  
GRADUATE - TWO Beer Bust 2 to 6 with drawings for prizes and fun for all, PLUS the annual TWO Mini-Tacky Ball beginning at 3 which will be followed by a short show with some real surprise entertainers!!!! Lots of fun and games.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**  
FRENCH QUARTER - Sisters of Sonora (SOS) will hold their monthly Casino night and Beer Bust here from 5 to 9 p.m. There will be fabulous prizes to the winners as well as some fabulous hot hors d'oeuvres served too.

GRADUATE - TALL Beer Bust 2 to 6 p.m. Make this one.

RAINBOW ROOM will present a fabulous show and auction beginning at 8:30 p.m. The show stars Dani Reid, Margo Leigh, Lillian Jade, Tiffany, Christine de Alexis, Kimberly Ryan and Bert Hoop with a special guest star. The show is hosted by Natalie Perry and Roger Barger and all tips and auction proceeds go to the Community Awards of Tucson.

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

GRADUATE - Valentine's Day Show starring Miss Gay Arizona, Divina; CAT Female Impersonator Award winner Michelle Kristie; with Candy Plastique and hosted by Aviva Diamond. 8:30 ish.

**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.

JOSHUA TREE - An all "Live" show scheduled here starring Becky and Mark and some special guests. Watch for details.

**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, FEBRUARY 24**  
GRADUATE - Big "Rodeo Show" is in the works. While the Cowboys are in town it's always a fun time.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
GRADUATE - Beer Bust 11 to 5 plus free send off brunch for LADS at 1 p.m. Everyone welcome.

JOSHUA TREE - Showtime with Loren Johnson, Becky, Debbie Mason, Iris Parks. Hosted by Gabriella La Vanity. 9:00 p.m. Make plans now.

Coming to IBT's in March - The Mr. Gay Arizona, USA Pageant!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17**  
FRENCH QUARTER - Plans are being made for a BIG, BIG St. Patrick's Celebration on the patio. Watch for details.

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6. THE BACKDOOR BOYS	7	14	.333	10	886	2449
7. THE VIRGINS	7	14	.333	10	822	2337
8. BANANA NUT BREAD	4	17	.191	13	859	2386

HIGH SCRATCH GAME: THE BACKDOOR BOYS 715 / BILL C. 235 / ARLENE P. 187  
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RAINBOW ROOM BOWLING LEAGUE  
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TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.	AVG.
1. FALL GUYS	45.5	18.5	.727	577
2. TEAM 88	41.5	26.5	.610	563
3. STRIKE FORCE	41	27	.602	570
4. CUTTER QUEENS	36	32	.529	564
5. BARD TIDES	33.5	34.5	.492	566
6. HEAD HUNTERS	33	35	.485	545
7. LAKE BRAINS	33	35	.485	545
8. TEAM 81	27	41	.397	560
9. VIADINETTES	24	44	.352	547
10. TEAM 84	21.5	46.5	.316	544

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HIGH HANDICAP SERIES: TEAM 88 1046 / HEAD TIDES 1046 / FALL GUYS 1047 / JOHN G. 715 / QUIN S. 679 / CHARLES I. 676

# Non-Bar CALENDAR

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**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AND 10**  
Tucson's first Gay and Lesbian Theatre Group "One In Ten" will present Sarah Dreher's "This Brooding Sky" a comic gothic romance at Colette's, 3143 E. Speedway, at 8 p.m. and again on Saturday at Bomer's Cafe Espresso, 500 N. 4th Ave. Both performances are fund raising efforts for this fledgling Gay and Lesbian Theatrical group.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**  
A C.A.T. Committee Fund Raising Show will be held at the Rainbow Room starting at 8:30 p.m. The show is being produced by Lee Thompson. Co-hosting will be Natalie Perry and Roger Barger. The performers will be Margo Lee, Christina de Alexis, Lillian Jade, Dani Reid, Kimberly Ryan, Tiffany, Bert Hoop and a surprise guest performer. All performers are giving their time, talent and tips to the C.A.T. Committee. Plan now to attend, this show will be something special.

Simutek/Connecting Point, a locally owned business and Apple Computer Company are underwriting a special performance of "The Importance of Being Earnest" by the Arizona Theatre Company to benefit the Tucson AIDS Project. Performance to be held at 7 p.m. in TCI's Leo Rich Theatre. Tickets are \$15 General Admission and \$10 students. Available at TAP office, Jeff's Classical Records and both Bentley's locations.

The new Men's Massage will be open for new and past participants beginning at 6:30 p.m. Minimal fee. Call Marc at 881-4582 to register in advance.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**  
The C.A.T. Committee will have a full-member meeting at the Joshua Tree starting at 6:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend and the public is not only welcome but encouraged to attend as the committee sets plans for next year and will review this year's presentations.

Lesbian/Gay Valentine's Dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Club Congress, 311 E. Congress, plus 9:15 safer sex cabaret "All The Way". Proceeds to benefit Wingspan and JoFA Lesbian/Gay Alliance. \$3 Cover or \$2 with Wingspan or Student ID.

**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 is 7:30 p.m. at the Park Tucson Hotel. No charge for members and newcomers.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**  
Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus will present the First Annual "Sweetheart Squeeze" at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 209 E. 16th St from 8 to 11 p.m. A \$2.00 donation will be requested and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Plan now to attend this evening with a Community Awards of Tucson winning group.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
Gallerie Etc. presents a benefit for the Prensdorff House - a one-man show of "Landscapes of the Mind", paintings by Burke Jensen from 2 to 6 p.m. 20% of all proceeds sold this day will be donated to Prensdorff House. Continuing exhibits include the Ceramics of Ron Fritz and the Polychromatic paintings of Gary Clark. Gallerie Etc. is located at 606 N. 4th Ave. 622-5542.

Shanti Foundation of Tucson will have an open house and dedication to celebrate the completion of their office expansion project. 1 to 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to join Shanti as they celebrate their new space and take a little time to say thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the remodeling possible. 602 N. 4th Ave.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
The new Men's Massage will be open for new and past participants at 6:30 p.m. Minimal fee. Call Marc at 881-4582 to register in advance.

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will hold its second meeting of the year at 3:30 p.m. on the patio at Joshua Tree to discuss Gay Pride Week 1990 and the Fiesta de Mayo fund raising event leading up to Pride Week activities. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

The following are organizations who hold regular weekly meetings 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**  
"DAGES" 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 DEPRESSION" Grief Support Group. 8-week closed sessions. Confidential. Call Shanti, 622-7107 for beginning date of next session.

# 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, Bobby Jr.

COLETTE'S WEST - Open 11 a.m. Brunch till 3 pm. Two for one 5-8. "Wine Down Nite" \$1.00 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie hits on the big screen at 7 pm.  
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-4 with Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers or Mimosas \$1.50. Special Hot Drinks every day and evening.

GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.25 daytime / \$1.50 nites. IT'S 'BOUT 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 \$130.

RUMORBAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys \$1.25 + Schnapps .50/shot. + Hot Dogs! DJ Wayne 9 to 11.

**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. Two for one 5-8. 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 'BOUT 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.

RUMORBAZZIT 2222 - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. 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. Two for one 5-8. Longneck Bottle 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 'BOUT TIME - 4 to 8 pm Two for 1. Bud and Bud Lite \$1.25. Country Music and Dancing 7 pm to close

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.

RUMORBAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well/ beer 4-7 pm. WJ/DJ 9-1 with Wayne.

**wednesday**

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust from Noon to Close Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .50 / 4-7 pm non-premium beer \$1.50, Well drinks \$1.75. T-Squares dance and offer free square dance lessons at 6:30. DJ Jeffrey 9:00 p.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Two for one 5-8. Schnapps \$1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7 GRADUATE - Non-premium beers \$1.25 days / \$1.50 nites.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 party with Big Mike. 4 to 8 Two for One. 8 to Close, White Well Nite .75 (\$1.00 w/ juice) Hot Music 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. Schnapps .50 from 8 pm to close. Music tonight oldies but goodies!

RUMORBAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bottled Domestic Beer Nite - \$1.25, plus .75 schnapps from 7 pm until 11 pm. WJ/DJ Reuben begins at 9

**thursday**

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 4-7 pm non-premium beer \$1.50/well drinks \$1.75; 8 pm to 1 am All Domestic Bottle Beer \$1.75, Schnapps .75; DJ 9 to 1 Jeffrey.

COLETTE'S WEST - Two for one 5-8. Big League Basketball on TV with .50 draft and .50 Hot Dogs during game. "Sudersize!" .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 'BOUT 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.

RUMORBAZZIT - 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 drinks \$1.75. DJ 9 pm to 1 am, Bobby Jr.

COLETTE'S WEST - Two for one 5 to 8. 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 'BOUT TIME - Come party with Moose noon to 6 - 4 to 8 Two for One / Dancing with Gilbert 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. DJ from 9 to 1.

RUMORBAZZIT - 2 for 1 beer/well 4-7 p.m. Free Hors d'Oeuvres 5:30 pm. Progressive Friday: Well drinks \$1.25 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour till 1 am. WJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

**saturday**

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Happy Hour 4-7 pm \$1.50. non-Premium Beer and \$1.75 Well Drinks. DJ 9-1 Bobby Jr.

COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Drink Specials 8 to Midnight.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7 GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Come party with Moose to 6 / 2 for 1 from 4-8 pm / Gilbert your DJ 9 to 1.

# Inside The Washington Lobby

by Chai Feldblum  
and Laura Markowitz

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Return of the 101st Congress: AIDS and Gay Rights Legislation in the first half of 1990:

With the return of Congress on Jan. 23, AIDS and Gay rights activists and the entire NORA (National Organizations Responding to AIDS) coalition, are preparing for the upcoming legislation on issues vital to the community. Here are some of the issues we can expect to read about in the news, with some projections as to outcome and opposition.

### THE BUDGET

Every year, there's a budget. The Office of Management and Budget, which coordinates the President's proposed budget, has announced that it will be late by a week in transmitting the President's budget to Congress, so the budget process will not start on time. (OMB is essentially made up of the people with the axes, who chop the various Departments' requests for money).

Many activists are hoping that recent activities in Eastern Europe will have a "peace dividend" effect on the budget, that is that domestic programs will receive a greater share of money as a result of cuts in military programs. Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) is pushing this concept for the upcoming budget. It won't be clear how much of this money, even if it does come through, will be allotted for AIDS programs.

### AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT

This bill, which would offer protection to people with disabilities (including AIDS and HIV infection) in the private sector, will be given a final push for passage. It needs to pass three more House committees, where it will probably be met with anti-Gay and anti-AIDS amendments by Congressman Dannemeyer (R-CA) and others, before it goes to the full House of Representatives for a vote. If all goes well, AIDS activists are looking forward to a signing of this bill by President Bush by the summer. ("We're getting our party hats ready!" said one activist).

### IMMIGRATION AND HIV INFECTION

A restriction on travel in the United States for foreigners with HIV infection has been a major source of embarrassment for this country as several international organizations are planning to boycott the 6th International Conference on AIDS in San Francisco this summer because of the policy. An international conference on hemophilia, also

scheduled for the summer, is being met with the same response from the international community.

Foreigners applying for visas to the United States can be excluded if they are HIV infected, and if they receive a waiver to enter the country, that fact is stamped on their passport. The National Commission on AIDS recently issued recommendations in this area and because of the immediacy of the situation (with the upcoming conferences) advocates hope to see some changes.

Representatives from several organizations including AIDS Action Council, the ACLU, and Hemophilia Foundation, are scheduled to meet shortly with officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to discuss the situation of both visitors and permanent residents.

### CARE FOR PWAs

This session should see at least the introduction of some type of care bill for people with HIV infection that will propose programs to deliver services to cities that are most hard-hit by AIDS as well as to PWAs across the country. This will be the opening shot in a long-term effort by NORA to convince Congress to deal effectively with financing care for PWAs.

### AIDS EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

The big news story in early January in Washington was that Bill Roper will be leaving the White House Domestic Policy Office to head up the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. Roper was one of the main White House negotiators for the ADA bill, and he knows AIDS issues. CDC is the agency responsible for surveillance and prevention activity for AIDS.

The ACLU has sued CDC, on behalf of various groups, charging that the CDC guidelines (which require among other things, that AIDS educational materials be "inoffensive" to the general public) were unconstitutional. A judge recently ruled that the ACLU could proceed with the suit.

In the coming session, there should be some effort to have CDC guidelines modified so that the lawsuit can be dropped. In the meantime, the United States is far behind other countries in having an effective prevention program in place. Establishing such a program is one of the main NORA objectives, being spearheaded by the American Psychological Association.

### CONFIDENTIALITY BILL

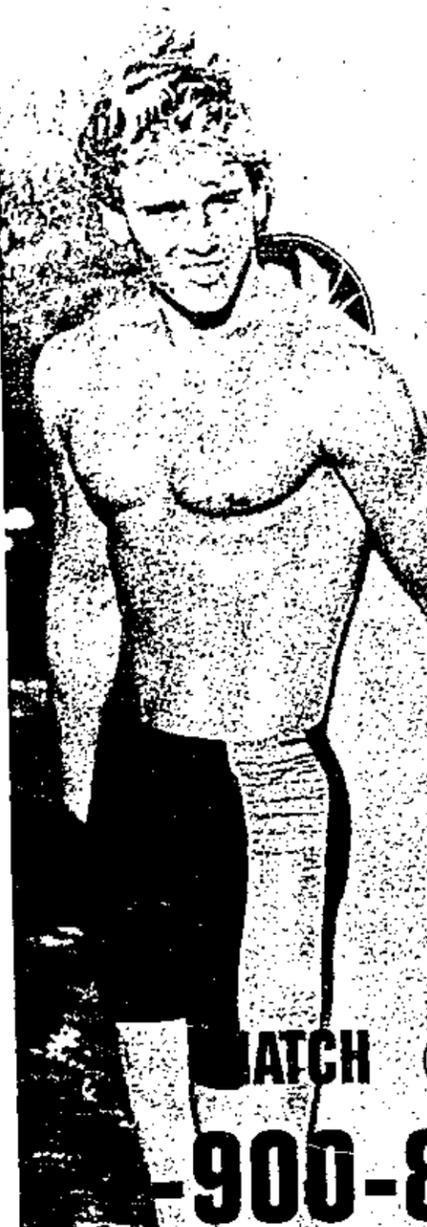
We can expect to have some activity again around a bill to provide money for voluntary HIV testing and to establish federal confidentiality protection. On the flip side, the American Medical Association has come out with a policy calling for reporting the names of those who are HIV-infected to state health officials. Many members of congress will be eager to push this proposal forward. Congressman Dannemeyer has already distributed the AMA recommendation to all of his colleagues.

### HATE CRIMES STATISTIC ACT

This bill establishes a system in which data would be gathered on hate-motivated crimes, including crimes against Gays. The bill has already passed the House, and activists hope to push it through the Senate. Helms stands ready, as always, to propose anti-Gay amendments to the bill.

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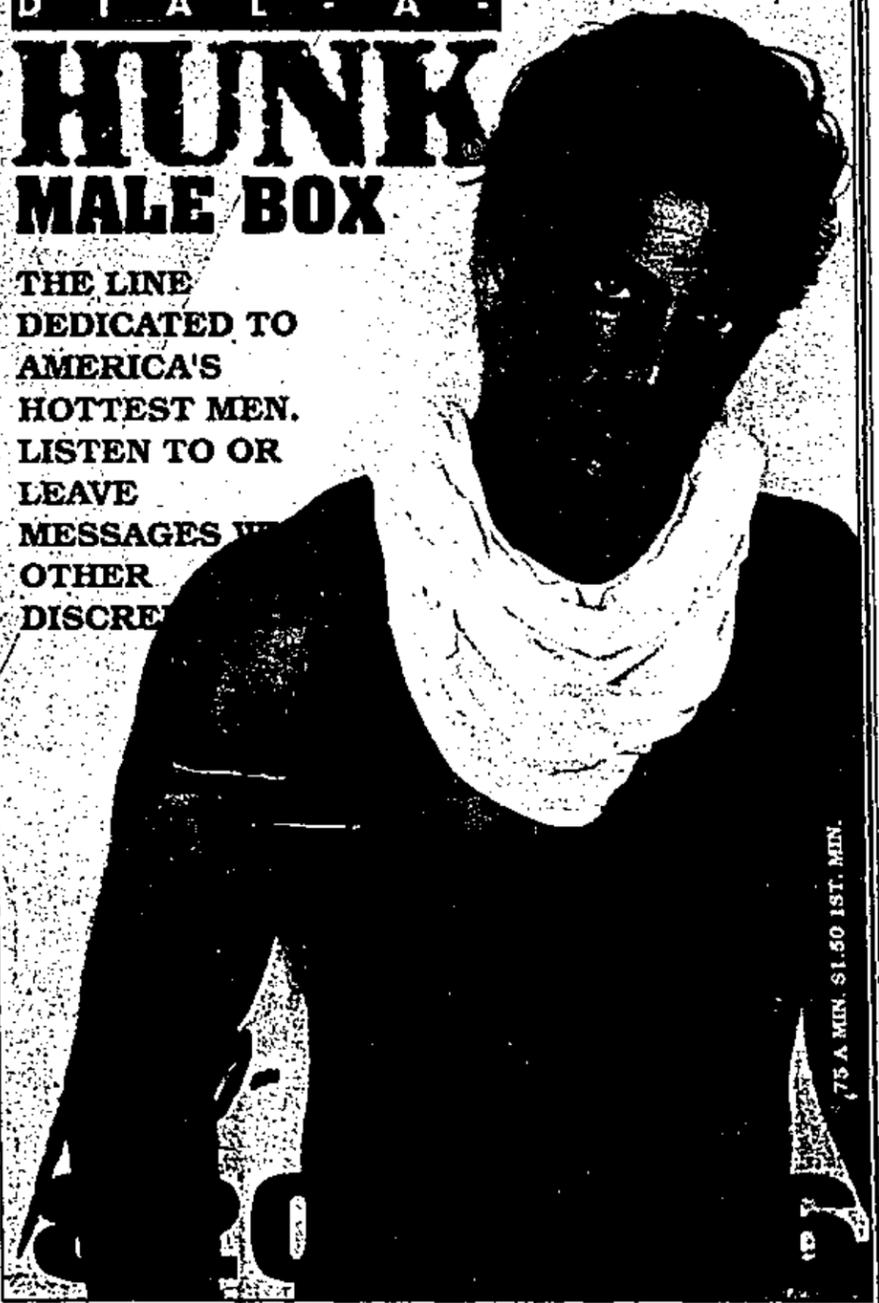
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GUEST EDITORIAL

Supervisor's. (The law was repealed by a mere 1700 votes). What was the danger as perceived by the Coalition for Traditional Values? The ordinance provided only that unmarried couples, heterosexual and homosexual, could register as a couple and declare their commitment. It also provided bereavement leave and hospital visitation rights to those same committed couples. Is that such an enormous threat?

Is Mr. Sheldon's "traditional family" so fragile that it could not survive the mere thought of an unmarried partner visiting his or her lover in a hospital.

Finally I would ask you to think back to other times when the call to defend traditional values filled the air. "Kinder, Kirche, Kuche" (Children, Church and Kitchen) was the cry of fascists in Europe as they exterminated all those who were different.

Much closer to home, and unfortunately not too long ago, men like Bull Connor, Ross Barnett, George Wallace and Lester Maddox also urged their followers to uphold the traditional values that allowed racism and bigotry to flourish in this country.

Threats to the American family do not come from the desire of Lesbians and Gay men to create loving relationships. No, the threat to the family is poverty and economic injustice, ignorance and inadequate education, homelessness and hunger. Let Mr. Sheldon and the Coalition for Traditional Values put what energy and resources they have into combatting these scourges of American family life. We would all benefit from that agenda.

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INSIDE THE WASHINGTON LOBBY  
GAYS IN THE MILITARY

The witch-hunting of Gays in the military that has been on the increase this year will probably not be the target of legislation yet in Congress, but might be reviewed and publicized in hearings. Most of the activity now is still occurring in litigation, but ultimately we may need legislation to change the military's discriminatory policy toward Gays.

GAY CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

This act would provide anti-discrimination protection on the basis of sexual orientation. It currently has 8 co-sponsors in the Senate and 74 in the House. In the upcoming session, there will be a redoubled effort to educate more members of Congress about the need for the bill. This is what activists tend to call "a long-term project".

Some legislation of significant concern to PWAs, like financing, may take a long time to achieve, which is hard to accept since often there are life-or-death issues. Each session there are gains and losses. This session we stand close to achieving the ADA Bill, which will be an incredible triumph for PWAs.

The Gay Civil Rights Act, in the meantime, may not be seriously considered, the educational effort will be slowly advanced. There are always surprises in Washington politics, but AIDS and Gay activists try to remain cautiously optimistic.

**DANCING NIGHTLY!**  
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# OUT ON THE TOWN

Who managed to fit into those glass slippers finally and did Cinderella find her Prince Charming? Speaking of Prince Charming, Michelle must have her homework at the Library. Those two weeks of research certainly did work. In fact, it's still working eleven years later.

And for Nurse Jane's second number - - - dinner that is. Apparently she hammed it up even though there weren't any willing chickens. What to stuff and what not to stuff, that was the question. Only the professor knows for sure. The wine was white.

It's nice to know N'awlins hasn't changed. Teresa Brewery seems to be working both sides of the bar. Tina changed her name to Magnolia Louise even though she was a southern belle for only a short time attaining the crown name "Queen Penguin". Judy Jetsen still is.

Just what was Whistler's Mother waiting for last Saturday anyway? Who knows if it was even worth waiting for. Are sponge guns the latest thing?

From the Ponderosa to the Annex, the house is never empty. When's the last time the Ponderosa was hopping like that? And the band played on. From Mae's frozen toes and fingers to the Berlin Wall. If it wasn't for Granny's pacemaker, the Queens would not have been saved. At least the box still stands. So much for Granny.

So how many people survived the Gay American Beer Taste Test? Well, Puchie is still looking for Tina. Maybe she'll find her under a bar stool. Tina can be claimed at IET's lost and found department anytime. It's hard to believe Magnolia Louise is still alive. After all, two weeks in N'awlins where the bars never close and only survived because of the kindness of strangers.

Nogie Nora needs no intro, especially with Mae and the Sin City by the Bay. Maybe after this excursion they can both write right.

Doris the Dominatrix de Detroit and husband Jumpin' Jack Flash will flourish. What about Joseph the Lesbian bartender and Mr. Safe Sex? So, will it really take more than 35 cents? What about the .25 discount? And remember Tina's trollops will try. And that's the truth.

Til next time, forever yours  
Jza Jza La More



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RON ASTA TO SPEAK TO OPBPA

Board of Supervisors where he served four years, the last as board chairman.

During his years in office, Asta championed the creation of Catalina State Park, laws limiting development on hillsides and a controversial community comprehensive plan. He stood foursquare against growth so rapid as to put a strain on public services and schools, against urban sprawl and the construction of freeways.

Get-acquainted time at the Feb. 16 meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge for members and newcomers.

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**TUCSON AIDG PROJECT (TAP),** 151 S. Tucson Blvd, Suite 252 (The Broadmoor). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV+; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

**ROOMMATE REFERRAL OF TUCSON**  
Men and women both welcome. NO FEE. Call Bill James 622-3808 in Tucson.

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**GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?**  
Call A.A. 624-4183. 24-Hour Hotline. Call for information and Gay and Lesbian meetings in Tucson.

**GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN** in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Certified psychologist facilitator. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

**AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS.** Hours M-F, 10 am to Midnight. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

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

**WINGSPIRAN - 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. Wozyn's night on Wednesdays 7 pm. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1776 Tucson.

**LUTHERANS CONCERNED/TUCSON** is a fellowship and support group for Lesbian and Gay Lutherans. We meet monthly and all are welcome. Call Greg at 322-6334 or write to Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40252, Tucson 85717.

**GAY SUPPORT GROUP**  
Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings rotate Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 or Paul at 851-5651 for information.

**NEED BUSINESS OR PERSONAL CONTACTS IN PHOENIX?**  
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**LESBIAN AND GAY WOMEN**  
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**FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON** meet for fun runs at 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays in front of the Himmel Park Library. For more information call Mitch at 326-3332.

**P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS** Coalition of Tucson, Broadmoor Bldg., 3833 E. 2nd Street. Office hours 10 am to 5 pm M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-9808 for information.

**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 Jan 885-7118 or write P.O. Box 17747, Tucson, AZ 85731-7747. All replies confidential.

**COUPLES OF TUCSON,** a social and support group for Gay and Lesbian couples. For more information write P.O. Box 78513, Tucson, AZ 85703 or call Beverly and Roberts 795-4517 or Jim and Louis 744-0481.

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**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.** The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. Contact Michael Hutchins, Ph.D. 327-4024 Tucson.

**OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (OP)**  
For meeting dates and locations or membership information call 296-4642 or write OP, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson 85733

**UNCIRCUMCISED MEN'S GROUP:** a social and educational support and networking group for men who are uncircumcised and men who want to meet men who are uncircumcised. Part of national organization. USA/AZ, P.O. Box 40504, Tucson, AZ 85717

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A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

From The Governor's Task Force On AIDS

A rather hefty document found its way to my desk last week. It was the final, 174-page report from the Governor's Task Force on AIDS.

In it are the recommendations from the Governor's 33-member force which was formed to review the situation of AIDS infection in Arizona, and report recommendations on how the state should deal with the medical crisis.

I wish to confine my comments about those recommendations to the area which specifically deals with Gay/Bi-sexual men (pages 60-62).

As of October 12, 1989: (Note: It should be remembered that AIDS symptoms may take up to 10 years or longer after infection to exhibit themselves; the following figures correlate with infection rates from the early 1980s.

As time progresses, these percentages will decrease with higher percentages of infection coming from drug use.)

78% of those infected with HIV are Gay/Bi-sexual men. 54% of Blacks with AIDS are Gay/Bi-sexual and 70% of Hispanics with AIDS are Gay/Bi-sexual.

These statistics are alarming --although they are roughly in line with national distribution statistics. They show the prevalence of AIDS in the Gay communities in Arizona.

The report acknowledges the efforts the Gay communities have undertaken to prevent further infection: "Gay men have responded to this epidemic by providing volunteer support services and education within their community."

The report falls to note, however, that these Gay organizations were --in almost every

case--the first such organizations in every city which had one. Were it not for these efforts, such organizations would have only come into existence many years later.

The report identifies the diversity of the Gay population, and urges, "In order to ensure adequate education, information must be provided that is reasonably designed to reach these varied groups."

Problems which could hamper such information delivery include "lack of targeted funding, risk of discrimination in employment, housing, insurance, lack of fair and equitable media presentation, and general homophobia."

Some of the Task Force's recommendations for education include: "Creating school based curricula that do not presume that the entire audience is heterosexual... Electronic and print media education... [a recognition] that ethnic minority Gays need particular attention." These suggestions are all remarkable in their reason and rationale.

Regarding implementation, this section concludes:

"The state and local communi-

ties should evaluate whether existing legal prohibitions such as sodomy laws, or the lack of legal protection, such as non-discrimination laws, are barriers to effective AIDS education and public health policies in Arizona. If necessary, they should then promote legislation and administrative policies to remove these barriers. This would include, for example, specific anti-discrimination legislation to cover those not covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act or modification of the Arizona Liquor Board's restriction on the display of sexual material and the distribution of condoms in bars..."

Although the Governor may elect to adopt all, some or none of the Task Force's many recommendations, it is at least some comfort to know the depth of investigation which went into their research.

We should all urge Governor Mofford to seriously consider implementing those plans which affect the Gay community.

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