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Carolina Gays Target Helms

by Kathy Hoke

CHAPEL HILL, NC - Two weeks after U.S. Senator Jesse Helms vilified Lesbians and Gay men in his campaign kickoff, (OBSERVER, Feb. 7) about 40 activists met to discuss a Lesbian and Gay strategy to help make 1990 the year he comes home to North Carolina - in defeat.

"When you get hurt, you have to say, 'Enough is enough,'" said Mandy Carter, coordinator of North Carolina Project 1990, a new statewide Lesbian and Gay group fighting to defeat Helms. "You have to say, 'I'm not going to take it anymore.'"

If his campaign opener Jan. 13 proves to be a harbinger of homophobic tactics to come, Helms fired a first shot impossible to ignore. He told the boisterous crowd of 1,700 supporters, whose stomachs were full of barbecue and cole slaw, that he was fighting for "family values".

"Homosexuals, Lesbians, all sorts of disgusting people are marching in the streets demanding all sorts of things, including the right to marry each other," Helms told the crowd at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. He also denounced abortion rights, the "filth" of pornography, and public spending on "sick and perverted so-called artwork."

Defeating Helms, however, became a top priority of Lesbian and Gay activists in North Carolina well before Helms made his latest anti-Gay public remarks. Last summer, a dozen activists met in Chapel Hill with Sue Hyde of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force to talk about the 1990 Senate race. Four in the group were delegated to come up with a proposal.

"We all felt the need for a Gay/Lesbian response," the four wrote in a letter announcing the Jan. 27 strategy meeting. "We agreed that it shouldn't be based totally within the Democratic Party, since they were too prone to ignore or mute our issues. We felt that we could get substantial support from Gay people across the country for our campaign."

In addition, the Helms race came up as a top organizing project during a Lesbian leadership retreat in Durham conducted by Suzanne Pharr of Arkansas. Activists met again Jan. 9 to form a political group, agreeing on calling it North Carolina Project 1990.

Discussion continues on the new group's legal organization - whether it will be a political action committee or a non-profit educational group with more restrictions on activity. So far, more than \$2500 has been raised for the group's \$32,000 projected budget. Organizers expect North Carolina Project 1990 to join other social justice, peace and progressive groups seeking to end Helms' 18-year Senate career. Project 1990 will disband after the Nov. 6 election.

"Judging from [Helms'] comments in the United States Senate on Gay and Lesbian people, and

AIDS issues in particular, homosexuality is going to be a major part of his campaign," Family Fund organizer Leo Teachout said.

"We need to be ready to respond, and it costs money to address some of these issues and inform people about the truth - and Jesse Helms would not know the truth about Gay and Lesbian people if it crawled into bed with him."

Working with the news media about homophobia and its probable role in this year's race may emerge as a major strategy of Project 1990 and other groups. "It's difficult to get the mainstream media in North Carolina to run very many stories about Gay and Lesbian people," said Teachout. "So we're talking about buying newspaper space, radio spots and TV time to tell the North Carolina people about Gay and Lesbian people from the experts - and not just from Gay men and Lesbians."

Considerable thought and planning must become part of the effort to defeat Helms, said Eric Rosenthal, political director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund of Washington, DC.

"We need to respond in the most practical way possible - in a way designed to achieve our ends, to see that the word 'former' comes in front of Jesse Helms'

Same Sex Couples Urged To Check "unmarried partners"

WASHINGTON, DC - For the first time in history, the 1990 census includes a question that can be used to count the number of Lesbian and Gay couples across the country.

Beginning the last week of March, the Census Bureau will distribute its decennial questionnaire to every household. The relationship section of the survey - which asks for information on how people in households are related - includes the designation "unmarried partner" along with "roomer/boarder", "housemate/roommate" and other designations.

According to the Census Bureau, the unmarried partner category will distinguish between persons who share a household for economic reasons and those people who share households "for more personal reasons".

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Families Project is urging Gay and Lesbian couples living in committed relationships to answer the census honestly and check off the unmarried partner designation. NGLTF has also launched a campaign to increase public awareness of the question and pressure the Census Bureau to be more sensitive to Gay and Lesbian concerns.

According to sources, the new unmarried partner category is an attempt by the Census Bureau to get an accurate count of the number of heterosexual couples living together without "benefit of marriage".

By simple deduction, including gender-specific names of household members of gender designation, Census officials will also be able to determine the number of same-sex couples living together. Both sets of figures - same sex and heterosexual - will be published. There is no question on the 1990 Census that measures sexual orientation of individuals.

"The struggle to have our relationships and our families recognized and protected will assume much greater urgency in the decade to come," said Ivy Young, Director of the NGLTF Families Project. "Accurate statistics gathered from the 1990 Census could provide us with an important weapon to help wage that struggle."

According to Young, public and private industry programs are affected by census data, as well as social and economic policy, legislative agendas, public initiatives, voting registration and congressional districting.

Activists have criticized the Census Bureau for not educating constituents affected by the question, including Gays and Lesbians. The bureau has made minimal if any efforts to explain what "unmarried Partner" means and who should answer it, citing "budgetary restraints" and lack of personnel for its failure to do outreach to the Gay and Lesbian community.

In a letter to the Census Bureau, Young has called for a meeting with Dr. Barbara Bryant, chief of the Bureau, to discuss Gays and Lesbians in the Census. NGLTF has also distributed information on the Census to Gay and Lesbian press and organizations nationwide, and has launched a publicity campaign in the mainstream media.

This is the third feature article on the 1990 Census to appear in OBSERVER. All readers are urged to check the "unmarried partner" question when they receive their Census forms.

Minnesota State Senator Allan Spear's office has also written the Census Bureau, pointing out issues of confidentiality, false responses, undercounting and other potential census problems.

Title 13 of the U.S. Code prevents any agency, including the INS, IRS, FBI, courts, military, welfare agencies, and others from accessing information about Census responders. Answers on the Census are strictly confidential.

NGLTF is encouraging its Gay and Lesbian organizations to contact the Census Bureau and pressure it to be more sensitive to Gay issues. Write to: Barbara Bryant, Director of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20233.

Observer/Community Benefit

TUCSON - The annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit is just around the corner. It will be held Saturday, March 31 at the Quality Inn, 1601 N. Oracle Road. Doors and bar will open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner scheduled at 7:30. Entertainment will be presented both before and following dinner. This annual benefit is produced and hosted by Desert Leathermen.

Tickets for the entire evening, including dinner, will be \$12.00 each. For those wishing to attend and enjoy the evening's entertainment only, General Admission tickets are \$5.00 each.

In the past years the OBSERVER has equally shared the proceeds from this benefit with one other local non-profit organization. This year, however, in an agreement between OBSERVER and Desert Leathermen, the proceeds from the benefit will be divided between the Shanti Foundation/Tucson and Frensdorff House, a low-cost residence for people with AIDS.

Entertainment will be headed by Mr. Loren Johnson who will act as Master of Ceremonies for both portions of the entertainment. Impersonators Margo Leigh, Michelle Kristie, Christine Shade, Dani Reid and Danny Pagel as well as the live dancing of the Southern Hospitality Howdy Cloggers and the Copper City Squares and a surprise appearance by Queen Moose.

With the Miss Gay Tucson

Pageant and well as the Fiesta de Mayo celebration coming up shortly it is expected that all the candidates for these two functions will be present also.

Early in the evening, Desert Leathermen will present their yearly award to their "Person of the Year", and the OBSERVER will present its annual TOGA Awards, humanitarian awards given a male and female who have given outstanding service to the Gay and Lesbian community.

The dinner menu consists of a choice of Sliced Roast Beef or Sautéed chicken served with green beans, salad, rolls and coffee or tea.

In the spirit of a true community affair, many organizations and businesses are volunteering services as waiters, bartenders, ticket sellers, etc.

In addition, the local bars contribute the beverages for the evening which are sold at the moderate price of \$1.25 for well drinks, \$1.00 for canned beer and .75 for schnapps or soda. All proceeds from the bar as well as all net proceeds from the evening after expenses go to Shanti and Frensdorff. Last year's benefit raised over \$3,000.

There will be door prizes awarded during the evening with some valuable prizes already donated. Anyone wishing to donate additional prizes, please call 323-9520.

UPDATE

TUCSON TO BEGIN IT'S OWN SHARING WEEKEND APRIL 7

TUCSON - A program that has been highly successful in Phoenix is going to begin in Tucson the first Saturday of each month from 8:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m., beginning on April 7.

All Tucson bar owners have authorized a certified member of one of the Tucson AIDS organizations to collect \$1.00 at the door of their bars with the proceeds to be divided among those participating AIDS agencies.

Plans are still being worked out and will be updated next week, but at press time, persons entering any Tucson bar on that particular Saturday will be asked to donate at least \$1.00 for AIDS agencies in Tucson. The donor will be stamped or given some sort of identification which would prevent him or her from being solicited again at another establishment on the same evening. Persons who are financially unable to afford even that small donation will be allowed to enter the establishment without donating.

It is hoped that with the success of this 'sharing weekend' there will be less need to have benefits for these organizations individually as has been happening in the past; and benefits for AIDS Organizations would be limited during the year.

CORRECTED DATES FOR 'SAFE SEX' PRODUCTION

TUCSON - Last week, OBSERVER printed a notice about the theatrical production of "Safe Sex". The dates printed were incorrect.

One-In-Ten Repertory Theatre Company, in conjunction with the University of Arizona Lesbian/Gay Alliance has announced new dates for the Harvey Pierstein production of "Safe Sex".

All performances will take place in The Cellar, on the lower level of the Student Union on the University of Arizona campus.

The new, and corrected, dates for the production are:

Saturday, April 21 - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 22 - 2:00 p.m.
and
Saturday, April 28 - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 29 - 2:00 p.m.

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CATHOLIC LESBIAN CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, NY - The Conference for Catholic Lesbians will be holding its 5th biannual conference in Estes Park, Colorado, May 25 to 28.

The Conference will feature workshops on homophobia, empowering relationships, women's health issues, coming out and more. Focus group sessions about aging, social justice, Lesbian mothers, Lesbian runs, sexual and substance abuse, and women in management will also be offered.

For more information or for registration, write: Conference Coordinator, CCL, Inc., P.O. Box 436, Planetarium Station, New York, NY 10024 or call Erna at (212) 562-8922.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S FILM FESTIVAL MARCH 15 THROUGH MAY 13

TUCSON - The Primavera Film Festival sponsored by the Arizona Center for the Media Arts, and Filmworks, will present films by International Women Directors, March 15-18 and March 22-25.

The Film Festival will start with a women's film series which runs through May 14 entitled "Women Who Dare". The second component of the Film Festival will introduce a program of short films entitled "Womenview". Both programs will take place at the Screening Room, 127 E. Congress Street.

"Women Who Dare" will run on Thursdays and Sundays and "Womenview" will run on Fridays and Saturdays.

"Women Who Dare" series features internationally acclaimed directors Chantal Akerman (France), "Je, Tu, Il, Elle"; Margarethe von Trotta (Germany), "Marianne and Juliane"; Sally Potter (England), "The Gold Diggers"; Liliana Cavani (Italy), "Beyond Good and Evil"; Yvonne Rainer (U.S.), "Film About Women Who..."; Vera Chytilova (Czechoslovakia), "Daisies"; Marguerite Duras (France), "India Song"; and Monika Treut (Germany), "Virgin Machine".

The "Womenview" series is a showcase of narrative, comedy, narrative, documentary and experimental short films highlighted by new cinematographic version of the Seven Deadly Sins by Helk Sanders, Beth Gordon, Maxi Cohen, Chantal Akerman, Valie Export and Ulrike Ottinger.

For more information contact Anne Hourot at the Arizona Center for the Media Arts at 628-1737.

RESEARCHERS ARGUE OVER AIDS STUDY
CHICAGO, IL (AP) - A new study indicates the AIDS epidemic has peaked in the United States, but two federal researchers said it was incorrectly based on a 150-year-old theory for predicting epidemics.

The study, carried in the Journal of the American Medical Association, suggests new AIDS cases are on the decline and will continue to decrease to 200,000 by 1995 and to a lower level by the year 2000.

The work of Dennis Bregman and Alexander Langmuir of the University of Southern California was criticized in two editorials in the journal written by researchers for the federal Centers for Disease Control and the National Cancer Institute.

Bregman and Langmuir used a statistical model called Farr's Law of Epidemics, first used in 1840. The model states that epidemics tend to rise and fall symmetrically in a normal, bell-shaped curve.

Using data from the Atlanta-based CDC, Bregman and Langmuir say 920 cases of AIDS were reported in 1982, followed by increased in new cases of AIDS each year until 1987, the last complete year available for statistics, with 19,333 new cases.

Using Farr's Law, they then project 21,978 new cases in 1988, 21,604 in 1989, and 18,363 in 1990. Using Farr's Law, the number of new cases would continue declining, reaching 921 in 1995. They project 200,000 cases of the deadly disease by 1995.

Nationwide through January, the CDC has reported 121,645 cases of AIDS since reporting began in 1981. The disease has killed 72,580 of those patients.

"If you continue to focus on the increasing number of cases, then it draws attention away from focusing on the emerging, persistent endemic problem in our community," Bregman said.

Mitchell Gail, an epidemiologist at the National Cancer Institute in Rockville, Md., said in an editorial that Farr's Law may be inapplicable to the AIDS epidemic.

Gail and co-author Ron Brookmeyer of Johns Hopkins University said CDC surveys and other indicators have noted as many as 1 million Americans carry the AIDS virus.

"If a fraction of those infected go on to develop clinical AIDS, as is consistent with available data on AIDS incubation distribution, then the estimate of 200,000 cumulative cases will fall seriously short," they wrote.

Gail said Farr's Law would be applicable with a closed population - as in the case of a measles outbreak on an island in which no one was coming or going.

MISS GAY TUCSON CANDIDATES MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 1

TUCSON - There will be a Miss Gay Tucson Pageant Meeting on Sunday, April 1 at Noon at IRT's. This meeting is for all who are entering this year's pageant, and is mandatory for all entrants. Candidates are to bring their applications with payment and also a blank cassette tape.

Rooms must be reserved at the Quality Inn, 1602 N. Oracle, by March 29 in order to get the special discount. All contestants are required to stay at the hotel on April 29. Contestants should ask for the Penelope Pope Productions block of room.

Tickets for the Pageant will be on sale after April 1.

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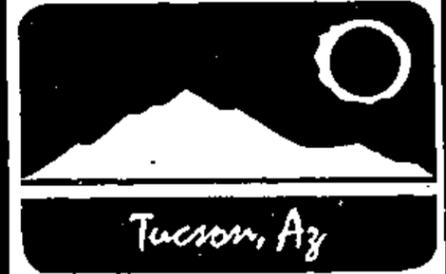
This Group began a 7 week session March 14th. We still have a few openings for those who want to join us... Call the office to register

"IMAGES" will meet on the first and third Thurs. at the Shanti Office. It was left off of the 'Eclipse' calendar. Oops - Sorry!

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Fiesta de Mayo fund raising events begin rolling for Pride



Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen candidates Lorena and Gabriella representing the Red Team.

TUCSON - One of the most important dates for the Tucson Gay Community will be the weekend of May 4, 5 and 6 when the Annual Fiesta de Mayo takes place. This three day celebration of Mexican Independence is important because it also coincides with the major fund raising activity of the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance. This is the 5th Annual Fiesta de Mayo produced by the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance, producers of the weeklong series of events that constitute Lesbian and Gay Pride week in Tucson.

This year there are three couples running for the Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen title. They are Martin and Iris (white team); Lorena and Gabriella aka Greg (Red Team) and Freddie and Kimberly aka

Keith (Green team). They will be out until the last day of Fiesta de Mayo raising money for Pride Week. Each dollar raised counts as a vote for that team, and on Sunday evening, the money is counted and the one who has the most votes (money) will be crowned King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo 1990.

These couples have a big job ahead of them and they will need all the help that they can get. With other donations, last year's three couples raised a record total of over \$7,500.

Fiesta de Mayo has been traditionally held in the Patio and outdoor stage area of the Joshua Tree. The entire area is decorated in the Mexican theme with many booths offering food, games, arts,



Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen candidates Freddie and Kimberly representing the Green Team.

crafts, and other fund-raising opportunities for entrepreneurs. There is no charge for booths, but it is best to get your reservation in early. There is a deposit for a booth, which is returned in full when the reservation is fulfilled.

Entertainment for the three-day Fiesta includes a Live Band all three days, Mariachis on Friday and Saturday, Folklorico dancers, current and past crown-holders entertaining plus a special show on Saturday from 9 to 10:30 p.m. hosted by Miss Gay Arizona, Divina.

The actual crowning takes place on Sunday at 11:30 p.m. and while the votes are being counted there will be more entertainment by former Fiesta de Mayo Kings and Queens.

Booths will be open on Friday from 7:00 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 4:00 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.

So far, fund raising events announced are by Freddie and Kimberly. They are:

March 24 - French Quarter Beer Bust and Grilled Hamburgers from 2 to 6 p.m. .50 per beer, and \$2.00 for a huge hamburger with all the trimmings.

April 1 - Benefit show at the Graduate at 8:30 p.m.

April 8 - Beer Bust at Rumorz from 1 to 6 with food and a raffle for lottery tickets.

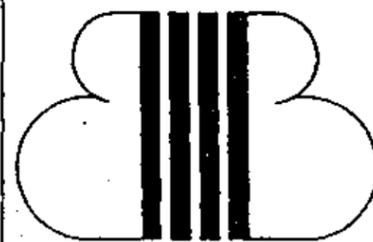
It's a big three-day celebration and party with plenty happening all three days. Plan on this weekend, and be sure to help the candidates - remember it all comes back to the community - all of it!

Pride Week Logo Contest

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) has announced its yearly contest to pick an official logo for this year's Lesbian and Gay Pride Week. The theme for 1990 is "Look To Our Future". Pride week this year opens Sunday June 24 with the annual Picnic and runs through the following Sunday, July 1.

A prize of \$75.00 is being offered for the winning logo. Deadline for submission is Sunday, April 22 at the TLGA meeting at the Joshua Tree patio. The logo will appear on all T-Shirts, Flyers, Buttons, Posters, and all advertising concerning this year's Pride activities.

Submissions may be mailed to OBSERVER, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, AZ 85703 or given to any TLGA member. It is hoped that T-Shirts will be available during the Fiesta de Mayo fund-raising event at the Joshua Tree May 4-5 and 6.



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		JAN.	FEB.		JAN.	FEB.		JAN.	FEB.	
APACHE	52,108	4	4	2	1	1	0	1	1	1
COCHISE	85,686	8	8	2	4	4	1	18	20	1
COCONINO	75,008	8	8	5	-	-	-	13	15	1
GILA	37,080	4	4	3	-	-	-	1	1	1
GRAHAM	22,862	0	1	0	1	2	1	3	3	1
LA PAZ	12,557	2	3	1	1	1	0	6	6	1
MARICOPA	1,509,052	789	823	484	275	280	83	1287	1330	70
MOHAVE	55,865	9	10	5	-	-	-	18	20	1
NAVAJO	67,629	3	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
PIMA	531,443	196	202	112	37	36	11	429	431	22
PINAL	90,918	11	11	9	2	2	1	19	19	1
SANTA CRUZ	20,459	2	2	0	1	1	0	2	2	2
YAVAPAI	68,145	12	11	6	-	-	-	18	21	1
YUMA	76,205	14	15	6	5	5	1	38	41	2
UNKNOWN		2	2	1	6	6	2	296	294	[13]
TOTALS	2,718,215	1064	1107	638	334	338	100%	2149	2204**	

(NOTE: Percentages denoted with [] are of the total. All other percentages are of the total minus the unknown or missing data.

** TOTALS OF HIV REPORT DOES NOT INCLUDE SEROPOSITIVES WHO TESTED ANONYMOUSLY. 308 additional persons tested HIV positive through the anonymous test option.

SUMMER SPARKS HEAT IN CHICAGO BAR
CHICAGO, IL (BAR) - Militant homosexuals have plastered Chicago's New Town Bay neighborhood with flyers announcing a Donna Summer concert at Roscoe's Bar. "Donna Summer, Live at Roscoe's", the flyer reads. "A Benefit for Jesse Helms. April 1, 1990. Tickets are \$25. Available from Jim Ludwig or at the door. This is a Screw You Production".

According to sources, the militants are angry that Roscoe's continues to play Summer's music on its new dance floor. Summer has made numerous anti-Bay and AIDS-phobic slurs.

Although no one has claimed responsibility for the anti-Roscoe's flyers, some sources suspect that some members of ACT UP/Chicago are involved.





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ACP Files Report, Begins Selecting Candidates

PHOENIX - The Arizona Committee for Progress (ACP), a Lesbian/Gay community political action committee, filed its financial report with the Arizona Secretary of State's office on March 15, two weeks ahead of the April 1 deadline.

As a registered PAC, the Arizona Committee for Progress must file such reports on a regular basis. These reports show how much money was collected by the PAC, where it was spent, and the names of contributors who gave more than \$25 in cash or in kind.

The report shows that the Lesbian/Gay PAC collected a total of \$4,095.09 during 1989. Of that amount, \$3,069.42 was spent on community events and administrative expenses, leaving a year-end balance of \$1,025.67. This amount is earmarked for direct campaign contributions during 1990, as are funds collected so far this year.

has no paid staff, so no individuals involved in the ACP have profited from it. Instead, the amounts listed under expenditures included funds used in the PAC's efforts during the 1989 Phoenix city elections (although no direct campaign contributions were made), miscellaneous printing and postage costs (for newsletters, invitations to PAC events, etc.), and costs associated with a fundraiser held in May, 1989.

This year, on the other hand, the PAC intends to spend the lion's share of its funds on political campaigns. Plans for some of the funds have already been made; the committee has a preliminary list of 15-20 incumbent state legislators whose campaigns may receive contributions. Many checks have already been written; several more will be cut in the next few weeks.

The reason for early contributions? Legislative candidates have limits on the amounts of PAC

funds they can accept; as of mid-March, many had already reached their limits. The Arizona Committee for Progress has had to act quickly to put themselves on record in support of pro-human rights candidates.

As new candidates make themselves known, the Arizona Committee for Progress may make several more contributions. Some aspiring office holders have already approached the PAC for support.

Anyone wishing to become a member of the Lesbian/Gay PAC may call Charlie or Randy at (602) 252-1343 or Don at (602) 253-3285, and request a membership form. The minimum annual contribution required to become a PAC member is \$10.

AAP WALK-A-THON APRIL 7
 PHOENIX - Hundreds of Phoenix area residents from all walks of life, are expected to participate in the Arizona AIDS Project's (AAP) T Third Annual "From All Walks Of Life" Walk-A-Thon on April 7.

The money raised will assist AAP in continuing to provide community AIDS education; case management services for persons infected with HIV; emotional support groups for HIV positive individuals, and families and friends; direct client emergency financial assistance; emergency food bank and a 24-hour crisis and information telephone line.

Board member Joe Onofrio said, "They are walking so that no one experiences this illness alone; walking so that people become educated about AIDS; and walking to help AAP reach their financial goal of \$50,000". For more information call AAP 420-9396.

At the present time, the PAC

Arizona Committee for Progress
 the Lesbian/Gay Community
 Political Action Committee (PAC)

1989 Report

As filed with the Arizona Secretary of State
 on March 15, 1990

Beginning Balance	\$ 0.00
Total Contributions (February-December)	4,095.09
Total Expenditures*	3,069.42
Ending Balance	\$1,025.67

* Expenditures:	
Fundraiser event	\$1,201.18
Phoenix City Election-related	431.42
Indirect political contributions (1)	200.00
Direct political contributions (0)	0.00
Newsletters (2)	600.59
Set-up, misc. communications, etc.	636.23
Total	\$3,069.42

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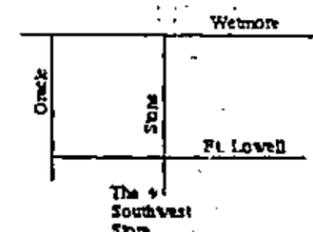
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WHAT'S UP DOG?



When a person writes about something in his column, that writer should be sure that all the information is correct before printing. Last week I sent a message, via this column, to the bowling league that bowls at the Cactus Lanes, stating "the bowlers on the Wednesday Night League..." This past Monday I was informed that that league bowls on Monday night. Sorry gang, I'll try to be more careful next time. But regardless, we who are on the Committee for this year's Tucson IGBO bowling tournament, need your support also and look forward to sitting down and discussing said tournament with you.

The Committee met this past Monday at the Fiesta Lanes and choose our tournament name: "Old Pueblo Invitational Tournament". Officers for this tournament were elected: Jack S., Tournament Director; Mark K., Secretary; and Bill C., Treasurer. Appointments were also made for some of the sub-committees which will be working to bring everything together for Tucson's first IGBO Bowling Tournament, Oct. 6 and 7.

The first order of business for the Old Pueblo Invitational Tournament Committee will be to start gathering up seed money to put this major undertaking together. Letters will be going out in the very near future to all organizations, and businesses announcing this tournament, giving full details about it, and listing individuals who will be approaching you for your generous contributions.

Any further questions you may have concerning the tournament can be directed to me at this time at 884-7309. I still do not have all the information, but I will get the answer for you and get back to you as soon as possible.

As I have stated, this tournament is open to all even if you are not bowling in a league presently but would like to enter. I'll have sanction information for you. Remember, the New Joshua Tree Bowling League will be running a 12-week summer bowling league, starting May 13, so this would be a good time to register and get some practice in for the tournament.

The next meeting for the Tournament Committee will be Monday, April 16 at the Fiesta Lanes, so stop by for more information.

The Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen Contest is taking off and at least one set of candidates is out there working for this title. Check elsewhere in this issue of the Observer to see what the THINK GREEN couple has planned and stop by and help support them. Remem-

ber, all money each of the contestants raises goes right back to the community via the Pride Week celebrations. This contest is the sole money-raising activity for the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) which puts the entire week of Pride Week events together, so all the support you give (\$1 is the same as 1 vote per couple), will go a long way in making this year's Lesbian/Gay Pride Week a big success.

At this time I want to wish all contestants in this years "Fiesta de Mayo Contest the best of luck and hope you will forgive me for showing a little favoritism toward the GREEN Couple - I live with the Queen Candidate Kimberly Ryan, and I would like to remain amongst the living.

Have you gotten your tickets for this year's Observer Benefit, March 31, at the Quality Inn, yet? This is an annual benefit sponsored and produced by the Desert Leathermen and this year marks the 5th year, so let's all do our best to support this worthwhile activity.

If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, you had better get them soon because from all I've been hearing, this year's benefit will be the biggest and best ever. Monies this year, thanks to the generosity of Bob Ellis, editor of the OBSERVER, will be split between Shanti Foundation and the Frensdorff House. More information on this can be found in this issue of the OBSERVER.

TEBS: Myron was saying the other day that he is allowed to go to any straight bar he wants to by himself, but he is dead if he tries to go to another Gay bar by himself.... Doc finally got W's cherry at the Graduate the other day, after so many, many years of trying..... That was no typo last week, I meant to say Mark, Mark and Dork, which I might add won Win, Lose or Draw again last Monday night.

I guess that will do it for today and hopefully all the information this time is correct. Be good and play safe because the Big A-bug is watching you.

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Southwest Mr. Drummer '90 Chosen

PHOENIX - Climaxing this year's Southwest Regional 'Drummer' weekend, Ronald Brewer was chosen as Southwest Mr. Drummer '90, and Andre' Kingsley was chosen as Southwest Drummer Boy '90. Brewer and Kingsley will proceed to San Francisco, where they will compete against titleholders from 17 other regions for the titles of International Mr. Drummer and International Drummer Boy.

The Mr. Drummer contests are for leather men, and are judged on the basis of community involvement and dedication to the leather lifestyle as well as the contest events. Titleholders are expected to act as ambassadors from their regions to the non-leather community. The contest is organized under guidelines established by Drummer magazine, which takes its name from Henry David Thoreau's observation that "if a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away."

Brewer was sponsored by The Bum Steer. Dino M. Rosie, sponsored by Charlie's, took first runner-up honors, and Andrew "Salty" Smith (Copperstate Leathermen) was second runner-up. Other contestants were Abraham Calleros (Tuff Stuff); Gregory Foster (Firebird Levi/Leather Society) and Timothy McCullum (Der Leder Sippe).

Kingsley was sponsored by Preston's. Mark Bachand (The Bum Steer) was first runner-up in the Drummer Boy Contest.

Judges for the Mr. Drummer contest were Mr. Marcus Hernandez (columnist for the Bay Area Reporter in San Francisco), Mr. David Rhodes (Publisher of Leather Journal); Ms. Jan Lyon (Ms. National Leather Association '89); Mr. Lee Willis (owner of Stud

Works in Seattle, Washington), Mr. Jay Cunningham (Mr. Leather Arizona '85) and Mr. Rick Condor (Southwest Mr. Drummer '89). Ms. B.J. Bud served as scoring tally master.

Co-Ducee's for the contest were actor and director Steve Schemmel, and International Mr. Leather '88, Michael Pereyra. Dennis Russel provided sign interpretation for hearing impaired members of the audience.

The Southwest Regional Drummer weekend began Friday and The Bum Steer with a VIP reception for the Contestants, Judges, Sponsors, weekend package holders and invited guests. The contestants were introduced, and then went on a tour of area bars with Rick Condor, and the evening ended with After Hours at Trax.

Saturday there was brunch at Apollo's, and the Southwest Mr. Drummer Contest began with private interviews of the contestants by the judges. Preston's held a buffet dinner, and the contest continued at The Bum Steer with the Dress Leather, Jockstrap and Erotic Fantasies categories.

The Erotic Fantasies are five minute, one-act plays, written and directed by the contestants, that depict a sexual situation in a safe, sane and consensual manner. The judges were pleased with the variety of situations and settings portrayed, from Calleros' traditional depiction of blackroom play with two slaves to Foster's dream of high energy sex and rock-and-roll (but no drugs). McCullum fantasized about reversing the roles with his leather craftsman top. Rosie presented a gothic scene, inspired by "Phantom of the Opera". Smith concentrated on discipline, in this case the discipline of a Karate sensai.

Discipline was also the subject of Brewer's fantasy, Military Discipline as it might have been practiced by the Calvary in Arizona Territory. The effective use of a drum beat, the struggle for dominance, and the final resolution in affection made this, in the words of Judge Rick Condor, "The essence of what a Drummer-type fantasy should be."

The Southwest Drummer Boy was voted on by the Southwest Mr. Drummer contestants on the basis of the hard work and assistance they had given the contestants during the event.

Special guest, State Representative Sue Laybe (D-Dist. 25) addressed the audience concerning upcoming legislation of interest to the Gay and Leather communities.

Following the presentation of awards, the festivities continued with After Hours at The Bum Steer.

Sunday began with breakfast at Charlie's. An organizational meeting for a Phoenix charter chapter of the National Leather Association was held at The Bum Steer. The Drummer weekend ended at The Bum Steer with a BBQ dinner and fundraiser kegger to benefit the Southwestern Mr. Drummer travel fund.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

You may notice that there is something a little different with this issue and for that we ask your patience.

OBSERVER is currently integrating a new computer system with its current one and it will take a couple of weeks to get it all together.

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And now -- The 62nd Annual Oscar Awards

Okay, okay. I know everyone has their Oscar lists: who will win what and why. Why should I be any different?

The following is a list of who SHOULD win. Yes, there is a difference.

The voting members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences are not well known for voting as they should (based on quality of achievement); but, instead, voting along political lines. Why else has Steven Spielberg not ever won a competition Oscar?

So, although political influence is hard to predict, here goes!

BEST ACTOR: Hands down, the person who most deserves this is Daniel Day Lewis for his brilliant and unparalleled performance in "My Left Foot". With a long history of stunning performances, his time has come.

However, this year, the competition is tremendous. Many who are nominated deserve recognition--including Morgan Freeman in "Driving Miss Daisy" who I believe will walk away with the statuette.

BEST ACTRESS: Without doubt, the deserving candidate here is Jessica Tandy for "Driving Miss Daisy". The other candidates are all deserving; but, in this case, I think the Academy will do the right thing and vote the award to Tandy. The only other possible contender here is Michelle Pfeiffer for "The Fabulous Baker Boys".

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR: This is a toughie; so many good performances were turned in here. Perhaps the most deserving is Denzel Washington for "Glory". I think the Academy will vote the award to Martin Landau not so much for his current film "Crimes and Misdemeanors", but for his last "Tucker". (The Academy's

like that).

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS: again, a real toughie. Julia Roberts turned in a wonderful performance in "Steel Dawn", but so did Brenda Fricker in "My Left Foot" --who most deserves the award. However, I think the Academy will go with Anjelica Houston for "Enchanted, A Love Story".

BEST PICTURE: Once more, a tough field. Although I think "Born On The Fourth Of July" will probably win out, the film most deserving of recognition is "Driving Miss Daisy" --one of the most capably produced slice-of-life films in decades. With performances outstanding and production design miles beyond its competition, "Daisy" is what films should be.

There are other categories; I'll let you know my score.

CAPSULE COLUMN: A big sigh of disappointment over Musical Theatre of Arizona's recent production of "The King and I" starring Nancy Dussault and Noel Harrison.

Unfortunately, the lavish costumes, stunning sets, and beautiful Rodgers and Hammerstein score could not compensate for a lackluster performance by Dussault --whom I have seen to be much better than on opening night at ASU's Sweeney Center.

The last production in MTA's season paled in comparison to the other productions. It is hoped that next year's fare ("Daen Yankees", "Oliver" and "South Pacific") will rise to the standards previously exhibited by MTA.

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ROCK TILL THE FAGS ALL DROP
Sebastian Bach, lead singer for the double platinum heavy metal band "Skid Row", appeared in a recent "Metal Edge" magazine wearing a T-shirt proclaiming "AIDS Kills Fags Dead" (with AIDS printed to look like the logo for Raid insecticide). Skid Row's debut LP on the Atlantic Record label topped the two million sales mark, and the band greeted 20,000 fans a night opening for Bon Jovi.

In response to a complaint by GLAAD/LA, the editor of Metal Edge apologized, telling GLAAD the magazine thoroughly regretted publishing the photo and will include a statement to that effect in their next issue.

Sebastian Bach, however, offered only lame regrets. According to the Bay Area Reporter, Bach smirked on MTV, "It's the Raid logo on a T-shirt, right? And, you know, on the Raid logo it says, 'Kills Bugs Dead' underneath it. Well, this says, 'AIDS: Kills Fags Dead'. I said, 'what's wrong with killing little bundles of wood?' Then, chuckling to a bandmate, "Nobody gets it, my jokes".

He added, "Here's my statement. I do not know, condone, comprehend or understand homosexuality in any way, shape, form -- or size. But I do understand it's not cool to make fun of death..." Appearing onscreen after the clip, MTV News anchor Kurt Loder sarcastically called Bach "Mr. Sensitivity".

Like Guns N' Roses lead singer (and arch-homophobe) Axl Rose, Sebastian Bach is revered by his adoring fans -- even as his words and actions defame Gays and fuel anti-Gay violence.

Write to: Mr. Ahmet Ertugun, Chairman, Atlantic Records, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019. Demand that Atlantic Records and Skid Row issue a real apology directed at the same heavy metal audience exposed to this display of bigotry and hatred.

FAG-BASHING RAP

The rap group Big Daddy Kane has a new album on Warner Brothers' Reprise label. "Spin" magazine reported that the group is "in the forefront of the most important new direction in hip hop," but lamented the following "lapse into homoerotic stupidity". On the album, Kane Raps: "The Big Daddy law is anti-faggot/ That means no homosexuality/ What's in my pants will make you see reality."

Spin noted, "Somebody should tell Kane that such life-denying ignorance directly contradicts hip hop's new commitment to diversity." We agree fully, and think pressure should also be put on Warner Brothers. Write: Mo Ostin, Chairman, Warner Brothers Records, 3300 Warner Boulevard, Burbank, CA 91510. (Letters to Big Daddy can be sent in care of Warner Brothers).



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By Dennis Cunkin

NEW YORK, NY (bar) - A Gay man ordained as an Episcopal priest in December has been told to shut up by the bishop who ordained him, forced to resign a church ministry to Lesbians and Gays - and may be defrocked and tossed out of the church following his controversial comments and celibacy and monogamy.

J. Robert Williams, 34, who was ordained by Bishop John D. Spong of the Diocese of New Jersey on Dec. 16, was suspended by Spong from the priesthood on Jan. 29, after Williams stated during a church symposium on same-sex unions that he did not believe that monogamy was a necessary condition for Christian marriage.

Williams also made a "flippant remark" about Mother Teresa at the symposium. The remark was made in response to a hostile statement from a participant.

In the last part of his statement, he accused me of disparaging the church's tradition of celibacy. I acknowledged that was true, and stated my own prejudice that I cannot say anything positive about celibacy; that I believe sex is inherently good for all people."

"The audience member then asked 'Do you really think the quality of Mother Teresa's life would be significantly enhanced...' I cut him off saying, 'If she got laid? Yes, I believe the quality of anyone's life is significantly enhanced by sex,' Williams said in a statement clarifying his remarks.

Although Williams acknowledged that he should have been more circumspect and that his response to the questioner was clearly a mistake, he refused to retract his "strongly held belief that celibacy is an inherently negative phenomenon."

Calling Williams' comments about Mother Teresa "in bad taste... politically insensitive... and dumb" Spong demanded that he publicly apologize to the press and "most particularly to the Roman Catholic Church."

Williams refused, saying that it would "constitute an unspeakable act."

"I believe for Bishop Spong to ask a self-affirming Gay man to 'apologize' to the Roman Catholic Church is as unconscionable as asking a Jew to apologize to neo-Nazis."

In a letter to Williams, Spong said that his willingness to bless non-mono-gamous unions "flies in the face of everything I have written and said.

Calling Williams' remarks a "great disservice," Spong said that the church could only support priests who "encourage and affirm persons in responsible and faithful commitment." He said that non-mono-gamous relationships were "irresponsible."

"My position on sexual exclusivity, as stated during the presentation, is that it is not a requirement for a valid Christian marriage."

"The bottom line for me is that sexual exclusivity is an option a couple may or may not choose as a part of making covenant together. Hence as I said at the symposium, I am more concerned with Faithfulness than monogamy," Williams' statement said.

According to Williams, Spong also objected to his defining same-sex unions as marriage and that Spong specifically gave him permission to bless the unions.

In response to whether monogamy

was a requirement, the bishop gave no criteria but said, "Just consider that you have permission to do it." He said he would stand behind Williams in the ensuing media attention.

"Therefore his remarks to me by phone represented a complete reversal of what he had told me in the past, and place what I feel to be an unacceptable restriction on my ministry," Williams said.

A spokesman for the Diocese of New Jersey said that Spong would convene "a standing committee" to hear charges against Williams. Williams could be expelled from the ministry as a heretic for his views.

Upon his resignation, Williams released a statement that detailed the behind-the-scenes story of his ordination.

Full of ecclesiastical intrigue, the statement provides a startling view of Episcopal Church politics, including the fierce opposition to Williams' ministry by a closet-case Lesbian priest in his Diocese and Williams' growing awareness that his involvement with the Episcopal Church was at the expense of his integrity.

"To the extent that Christianity makes alliances with the power structures of society, it loses its essential nature. Liberation theology must always be done from the margins - of the society and the church."

"So, now I find myself back where I started, and probably back where I belong as a Gay priest and a Gay theologian - on the margins of the established church," he said.

Williams said that he would explore other religious traditions - including the Metropolitan Community Church - which he says is more welcoming and inclusive of Lesbian and Gay people than the Episcopal Church. He may also lecture and teach - or start an independent parish.

"One thing of which I am, and always have been, certain is that God has called me to express her unconditional love for all people through a radical, prophetic, creative ministry among my people, Lesbians and Gay men. I will continue to see ways of carrying out that ministry. I tried an experiment that failed. The context of my ministry will change, but the original vision will remain the same."

Although Episcopal Church guidelines prohibit the ordination of "practicing" homosexuals, Williams was ordained by Spong because such guidelines are not church law.

AIDS FUNDRAISER PROCEEDS CHOPPED
DETROIT, MI (API) - Expenses such as theater and equipment rental ate up more than three-fourths of the \$141,000 proceeds of a Dionne Warwick AIDS benefit last November, disappointed beneficiaries said.

"I think it's unfair to people to say you're doing a fundraiser for children and trying to appeal to their emotions, and then spend that much money on expenses," Judy Lipshutz, who heads United Community Services in Southeast Michigan, said.

The benefit provided the Dionne Warwick Foundation in Washington, D.C., 45 percent of the proceeds after expenses and Detroit area AIDS groups 55 percent.

About \$12,000 will go to the Warwick Foundation, \$15,000 to area groups, and the remaining \$14,000 to expenses, said Georgella Pascoe Muirhead, the city's director of public information.

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I am sure that you must be wondering how this may possibly be in today's modern world when there are so many community-based AIDS service organizations (ASOs). So, who are these people who are so desperately in need? They are our brothers and sisters, who for whatever the reason, are incarcerated. They are the prisoners with AIDS.

Many states have "AIDS Segregation Units" in their prisons, and almost all county jails have no rational policy in dealing with prisoners with AIDS. They are, more often, treated like lepers and live in simply dreadful conditions.

ALLCARE Incorporated exists to help these unfortunate people. Our aim is to obtain the best possible medical care for all people and prisoners with AIDS. We do this in a number of ways, one of which is our phone program where we accept the prisoners' collect phone calls to tell us of their problems, and then we contact the institution directly and attempt to have a constructive dialogue with their doctor. We also have an on-call doctor who will consult with the prisoner's physician by telephone. Once they are released, we will help them settle back into society and assist them with their needs. Many of them have no "support system", loved ones or families to go to upon release.

Unfortunately, many of the prisoners with AIDS discovered their HIV sero-positive antibody status for the first time when they entered prison. Some states have a mandatory HIV antibody test, and a positive result will automatically send the inmate to an "AIDS Segregation Unit". Of course, pre- and post-test counseling are almost nonexistent. They are often told by uniformed security staff "You have AIDS and you're going to die". Then they are locked away in a dingy and desolate "AIDS Segregation Unit" where they can waste away until they do as they bid. In fact, too many of them, dying seems like a good way out, and to some it will be the only way out.

Although we help prisoners with AIDS throughout the United States, we do a lot of work right here in the State of Colorado where there is a mandatory HIV antibody test. There is at present no pre-test counseling, and the post-test counseling is definitely questionable. One post-test counselor at the Department of Corrections was known to go to the families of HIV sero-positive inmates in the visiting room and tell the families the man had AIDS.

A positive test result will automatically (after it has been confirmed by Western Blot) send the persons to one of the DOC's oldest and most run-down (albeit recently painted) cellhouses in the Territorial Facility called the "Special Management Unit". Staff in this unit are not given any special training on AIDS and are definitely not trained in sensitivity to the needs of people with AIDS. Because of the location of this unit, everyone in the DOC knows of these men's

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I hope you too will become one of our supporters. I hope you will be able to see the suffering and will want to help ease it. I hope you will feel strongly enough about this that you will help us in a very real way. Please take the time right now to fill our check for as much as you can spare and send it off to us today. We cannot do this alone, we need your help and the help of all Gay communities throughout the United States if we are to be able to continue this much-needed work.

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THE WORLD'S TOUGHEST GAY TRIVIA QUIZ

by Leigh W. Rutledge

- 1. Who was the first actor to be nominated for a Best Actor Oscar for a performance in an openly gay role?
2. Who was the first actor to actually win a Best Actor Oscar for a performance in an openly gay role?
3. Approximately how many people battled police during the initial "Stonewall Riot" on June 27, 1969?
4. After a fierce political battle with what powerful U.S. religious figure did John F. Kennedy remark, "Now I know why Henry VIII set up his own church?"
5. Which of the following celebrities does not have a gay brother: Grace Jones, Morton Downey Jr., Ronce Blakely, David Soul?
6. Name the first five recipients of People magazine's annual "Sexiest Man Alive" title.
7. According to the results of one survey, most men report that their penis usually hangs to which side inside their trousers or underwear?
8. How many direct descendants of Oscar Wilde are alive today?
9. Name the Washington D.C. gay conservative who became Oliver North's favorite fundraiser for aid to the Nicaraguan contras. (He was also the first person to plead guilty to charges of fraud in the Iran-contras scandal.)
10. In 1937, two gay men, Teddy Cole and Ralph Roe, made national headlines for attempting what astonishing feat near San Francisco?

ANSWERS

- 10. Attempting to escape from the supposedly inescapable federal prison on Alcatraz Island. The two men, lovers, leapt into the San Francisco Bay from one of the island's bluffs and tried to swim to safety. No trace of Terry Dolan
9. Carl "Spitz" Channell; Channell was a political protegee to the late London
8. Two: a grandson, Merlin, and a great grandson, Lucian, both living in either side, with no obvious preference.
Seventeen percent said it hangs to the right, and the rest said it hangs to automatically hangs to the left inside their trousers or underwear.
7. Just over seventy-five percent of the men surveyed said their penis Country
6. Mel Gibson, Mark Harmon, Harry Hamlin, John F. Kennedy Jr., Sean
5. David Soul. He has a lesbian sister.
4. Francis Cardinal Spellman
3. 400
1985
2. William Hurt, for his performance in Kiss of the Spider Woman, in Hackman in The French Connection.
1. Peter Finch, for Sunday, Bloody Sunday, in 1971. He lost to Gene

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name after Nov. 6," Rosenthal said.

Rosenthal, who attended the meeting in Chapel Hill, noted the increasing anti-Gay role Helms has taken on in the last three years. With his power and eagerness to block legislation on Lesbian and Gay concerns, Helms seems likely to kill efforts to bring promising new treatments for people who are HIV-positive. "People will get sick and die because of the role he plays as a roadblock," Rosenthal said. "I think we have a lot at stake."

tact Carter at 604 W. Chapel Hill Street, Durham, NC 27701, telephone (919)682-6374.

At press time, two other candidates had filed to run against Helms. John Ingram (D), a former state insurance commissioner who ran for Senate against Helms in 1978 and Lloyd Garrison, a writer and Southern Baptist minister.

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ONE - IN - TEN REPERTORY THEATRE at The Celler (UofA) SAFE SEX By Harvey Fierstein

A View From The Rock

Commentary from Cornerstone Fellowship

When was the last time you apologized to a friend for doing something terrible, and they said, "That's okay, I still love you."? What a unique friendship that would be. And what is a friend? Too often, we use the word to describe a stranger we dance with, someone who buys us a drink, a co-worker, an acquaintance. What would this friend do if you did this same terrible thing again, and again? Do you think they would forgive you just as easily? They might begin to mistrust you, avoid you, and most likely would soon reject your friendship.

We live in a community full of people who have been rejected. Often we are rejected not because of what we have done, but because of who we are. We've been rejected by our families, our friends, and our churches. But there is one who cannot be added to this list, and that one is God.

The Bible tells us of God's love, and how He won't turn from us no matter how many times we hurt Him and reject Him. God looks beyond our actions and sees into our hearts. He is that friend who says, "That's okay, I still love you." There is no greater friend for any of us. He will forgive us repeatedly and forget to count the number of times we have failed Him. If only we could be that kind of a friend for each other.

So, the next time you feel rejected, remember that God knows how you feel (they called Him to the cross). He is waiting for you to say you are sorry, so He can show you that He still loves you.

"This is my command, that you love each other as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21
COLETTE'S - Country and Western night with vocalist Loren Johnson. It's the regular once-a-month affair and always a good time with the CAT Award-winning Johnson.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23
COLETTE'S - Female illusionist Eddie Edwards comes to town to show off some super talent. Eddie has played night clubs, theatres and hotels from coast to coast as well as appearing on several national television shows. Plan now to attend and see this handsome and multi-talented performer in his first Tucson appearance. 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24
FRENCH QUARTER - An afternoon fundraiser for Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen candidates Freddie Carillo and Kimberly Ryan will take place on the patio and consist of a Beer Bust, .50 draft beer, grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings, plus you get a raffle ticket with each beer purchased. This benefit will benefit everyone since all money raised goes to Pride Week activities.

GRADUATE - A show to benefit a help out one of the candidates for Miss Gay Tucson - Michelle Kristie will take place here beginning at 8:30 and will feature Marpessa Bennett, Maylie Reese, Jerry & Friends, Margo Leigh and hosted by Christine Shade.

RAINBOW ROOM - A Benefit Show for Tiffany St. John who will vie for the title of Miss Gay Tucson. A fine performer. Be sure to check it out.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
IT'S - Those hot men are back!! Kevin Andrews and the Phoenix Heat perform again and it's always to a standing room only audience. They're gaining quite a local following.

MONDAY, MARCH 26
FRENCH QUARTER - It's Academy Award Night and it will be watched here in style beginning at 7 p.m. Hosted by Miss Candy Plastique. Ballots are available now to pick your favorite nominee and give you a chance to win lots of cash, prizes and much more. Black Tie Optional. Win, Lose or Draw returns next Monday.

JOSHUA TREE - The New Moon Weekend winds up here with "Black Leather Lunacy". Wear your leather and get .50 off regular nighttime drink prices.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27
COLETTE'S - Anne English will perform here much to the delight of her many fans. If you don't know of her, stop in and see why she is so popular.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31
OBSERVER/Community Benefit Show at the Days Inn on Oracle Road begins at 5:30 p.m. Check the non-bar calendar and the flyers and posters and advertising about this big community event.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1
COLETTE'S - A big show is being planned here as a benefit for Brewster House, the shelter for battered and abused women and children. The show will star Neva Channing, Raven, (Miss Go West '89), and JJ's Bad Intentions plus live entertainment by Loren Johnson and Marcus. 8:30 p.m. Produced by Southern Hospitality Club in Tucson.

IT'S - Benefit for Michelle Kristie, candidate for Miss Gay Tucson. Guest performers include the IT'S Screem Girls plus a special appearance by Aneseda Mann!

RAINBOW ROOM - Tiffany is holding a benefit show here to assist her in the quest for the Miss Gay Tucson title. A good show is planned by this popular entertainer.

MONDAY, APRIL 3
COLETTE'S - Nationally renowned folksinger Ruth Pelham will appear here in an exclusive performance. An evening of wonderful music and entertainment. "One of America's greatest songwriters", Pelham is a Lesbian/Feminist whose songs provoke and encourage. 7:30 p.m. \$3.00 cover.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7
 Tonight will be the first of Tucson's sharing Weekend. From 8:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. each patron entering one of the Tucson bars will be asked to give \$1.00 donation which will be collected by members of Tucson's AIDS organizations. The money will be divided equally among participating organizations. Persons who cannot afford the donation will not be challenged as well as persons who have proof of having contributed previously. Tucson's Sharing Weekend will be held the first Saturday of every month.

COLETTE'S - Christi Lunden will be cocktailing tables here this evening to help her raise money for the Miss Gay Tucson Pageant. Stop by and say hi.

FRENCH QUARTER - The first afternoon Beer Bust from 2 to 6 hosted by Shanti. .50 draft on the patio. Food, entertainment and lots of fun.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

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

EVERY MONDAY
 Uofa Lesbian/Gay Alliance meets every Monday night at the Student Union in room 285. For info call 888-3249.

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.

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 622-4536).

SATURDAY, MARCH 31
 5th Annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit at Quality Inn, hosted by Desert Leathermen. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. Dinner and a full evening of entertainment is \$12.00. General admission is \$5.00. Mr. Loren Johnson will head an all-star stellar cast of entertainment. Watch for more details on this important community benefit.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1
 There will be a Miss Gay Tucson Pageant meeting at Noon at IT'S. All who are entering - this is a mandatory meeting and please bring your applications with payment and also a blank cassette tape.

The opening of a new one-man show of the abstract acrylic paintings of Tucson artist Krute Lockwood at Gallerie, Etc., 606 N. 4th Ave. Public reception to meet the artist. 20% of all sales this day go to Casa de los Ninos.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APRIL 21 & 22
 One-In-Ten Repertory Theatre Company in conjunction with Uofa Lesbian/Gay Alliance will present of Harvey Pierstein's "Safe Sex" at 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in The Cellar, (lower level of Student Union, Uofa campus).

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
 One-In-Ten Repertory Theatre Company will present "Safe Sex" in The Cellar in the lower level of the Student Union on the Uofa campus at 8 p.m. The play by Harvey Pierstein is being produced in conjunction with the Uofa Lesbian/Gay Alliance.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29
 Miss Gay Tucson Pageant. At the Quality Inn on Oracle Road. Applications available at IT'S now. Tickets on sale after April 1.

One-In-Ten Repertory Theatre Company in conjunction with the Uofa Lesbian/Gay Alliance will present the final performance of "Safe Sex" at 2 p.m. in the Cellar (lower level of the Uofa Student Union.)



SPORTS

THE NEW JOSHUA TREE BOWLING LEAGUE
 1989 - 90 SEASON STANDINGS, SECOND HALF
 MONDAY MIXED LEAGUE - 6:30 P.M.
 FIESTA LANES, 501 W. RIVER ROAD
 WEEK OF MARCH 19, 1990

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.	PB	HC	HS
1. BOOKS BROTHERS LTD.	46	24	.657	—	899	2495
2. THE STRAY BALLS	44	26	.628	2	863	2464
3. JOSHUA TREE	39	31	.557	7	850	2407
4. THE WEEK AFTER NEXT	37	33	.528	9	903	2488
5. BANANA NOT BEARD	36	34	.514	10	859	2392
6. THE BACKDOOR BOYS	32	38	.457	14	908	2458
7. SOMETHIN' REAL CUTE	32	38	.457	14	841	2361
8. THE VIRGINS	14	56	.200	32	822	2337

HIGH SCRATCH GAME: THE BACKDOOR BOYS 743 / DON. W. 244 / ARLENE F. 187
 HIGH HANDICAP GAME: THE WEEK AFTER NEXT 903 / KURT R. AND JEFF T. 267 / JAN R. 211
 HIGH SCRATCH SERIES: THE BACKDOOR BOYS 1963 / JACK S. 639 / CAROL M. 498
 HIGH HANDICAP SERIES: BOOKS BROTHERS LTD. 2495 / MARK K. 712 / SALLY B. 629
 HONOR ROLL: THE BACKDOOR BOYS 2458 / JEFF T. 566 / ARLENE F. 408

RAINBOW ROOM BOWLING LEAGUE
 WEEK # 23 OF 33 (SECOND HALF)
 MARCH 5, 1990

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.	AVG.
1. FALL GUYS	17	7	.708	571
2. STRIKE FORCE	16	8	.666	574
3. HARD TIMES	15	9	.625	574
4. HEAD HUNTERS	14	10	.583	573
5. TEAM #11	13	11	.541	577
6. TEAM #8	12	12	.500	560
7. LAVE BRAINS	11	13	.458	562
8. VIRGINETTES	10	14	.416	566
9. GUTTER QUEENS	7	17	.291	563
10. TEAM #4	5	19	.208	549

HIGH HANDICAP GAME: TEAM #8 693 / HEAD HUNTERS 674 / FALL GUYS 666 / CHARLES I. 287 / JOHN G. 279 / RICHARD B. 270.
 HIGH HANDICAP SERIES: STRIKE FORCE 1925 / TEAM #8 1866 / HARD TIMES 1848 / JOHN G. 715 / RICK H. 693 / GREG B. 679

FRIDAY, APRIL 13
COLETTE'S - Gabriella La Vanity will present a "Meet The Candidate Night" as a benefit for Miss Gay Tucson Pageant.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14
RAINBOW ROOM - A Benefit Show in support of Raven for Miss Gay Tucson is planned here. Watch for details.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15
COLETTE'S - A big Easter Party is planned including an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids as well as the adults. Watch out.

FRENCH QUARTER - Easter Sunday Brunch Extravaganza from 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. \$3.00 per person includes complimentary champagne. All proceeds to benefit Shanti/Tucson - Eggs, pancakes, hash browns, toast, sausage and bacon. Mmm good! Tickets are now on sale from Shanti volunteers, The French Quarter and Rumors. Reservations accepted for 6 or more with prepaid tickets at French Quarter only.

GRADUATE - The Annual Easter Show and Easter Bennett and Easter Basket contests and all that hoo has. Fun and more fun on this festive day.

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 1 p.m. Brunch till 3 pm. "Wire Down Wite" \$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 Bot 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 in the DB Cafe with your host DB Gallati. Party with Big Mike and the gang.
RAINBOW ROOM - Open at Noon. Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.00 all day. Country Rainbow dance group 4 pm. Complimentary Buffet 5:30.
REMORAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys \$1.25 + Schnapps .50/shot. + Bot Dogs! DJ Dewyne 9 to 1.

monday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .75 Schnapps .75 / Well and Domestic Beer \$1.75 7 p.m. to 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. Bot 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.
RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm: Two for 1 drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. 6:30-8:30 Bowdy Cloggers. Bowlers Special 1/2 price drinks for bowlers.
REMORAZZIT 2222 - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Monday night drink specials. Dewy 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. Bot 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.
REMORAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well/ beer 4-7 pm. W/DJ 9-1 with Dewyne.

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. Wednesday Night special Domestic Longnecks \$1.25. DJ Jeffrey 9:00 p.m.
COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Two for one 5-8. 7-Squares dance and offer free square dance lessons at 6:30. Schnapps \$1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Bot 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)
RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. Schnapps .50 from 8 pm to close. Black & White Service Industries Night-Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price - Draft .50
REMORAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bottled Domestic Beer Nite - \$1.25, plus .75 schnapps from 7 pm until 11 pm. W/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. "Subsersize!" .75 draft beer from 8 pm to Midnight.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Bot 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 Two for One. Corona Nite: \$1.25. House Music night 9 to 1.
RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. Draft Beer .50, all imported Beer \$1.00 7 pm to 1 am. Country/Western Nite - dancing and dance lessons.
REMORAZZIT - 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 / 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. Bot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7
GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Come party with Kevin 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.
REMORAZZIT - 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. W/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. Bot Hors d'Oeuvres 5 to 7
GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Come party with Kevin to 6 / 2 for 1 from 4-8 pm / Gilbert your DJ 9 to 1.
RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon. DJ plays from 9 pm to 1 am.
REMORAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. Bot Dogs. 8 to 1 - Long Island Ice Tea \$2.25. Dance with W/DJ Reuben 9-1.

Desert/Mountain States Gay/Lesbian Conference May 11-13

LAS VEGAS, NV - A six-state Lesbian and Gay conference will be held in the Entertainment Capital of the World on Mother's Day, May 11-13. "Bringing Together as Lesbians and Gays" will be the conference theme and individuals will learn and share information which can be taken back to their respective communities.

This will be the sixth annual Desert and Mountain States Lesbian and Gay Conference. The conference site is rotated between Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and Nevada. The conference returns to Las Vegas for the first time since it was founded there in 1985. This year's conference will be held at the El Rancho Hotel and Casino.

Kay Weaver, a major new talent in the Gay and Lesbian entertainment industry, will be featured in a major concert on the second night of the Conference. Weaver's vocal style is often described as similar to Linda Ronstadt. Concert admission is included in the conference registration but those wishing to attend the concert only can purchase a ticket for \$13.50.

Steven Tierney, Ph.D., an activist from Boston, Massachusetts, along with Urvashi Vaid, Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, will be the featured keynote speakers. Tierney was very effective in getting the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Law passed. Vaid, an attorney who is well known in the Lesbian and Gay community, directed media operations for the civil disobedience action which was held in Washington, DC in October, 1987 when over 500,000 activists marched on the nation's capital to demand increased AIDS funding, repeal of state sodomy laws and to

gain recognition for Lesbian and Gay relationships.

Workshops will be divided into five tracts, including: Health and Wellness; Politics and the Environment; Spirituality and Privilege. Each of the six states will be bringing experts and community leaders to educate and inform individuals from surrounding states.

Registration cost for the event will be \$55 if received in Las Vegas by May 4 (postmarked by April 30). At-the-door registration will be \$65. Registration can be mailed to the Desert and Mountain States Lesbian and Gay Conference (DMSLGC) at P.O. Box 19360, Las Vegas, NV 89132-0360. Additional information can be obtained by calling the local organizing committees or the Las Vegas committee at (702) 791-0083 or (702) 737-7780.

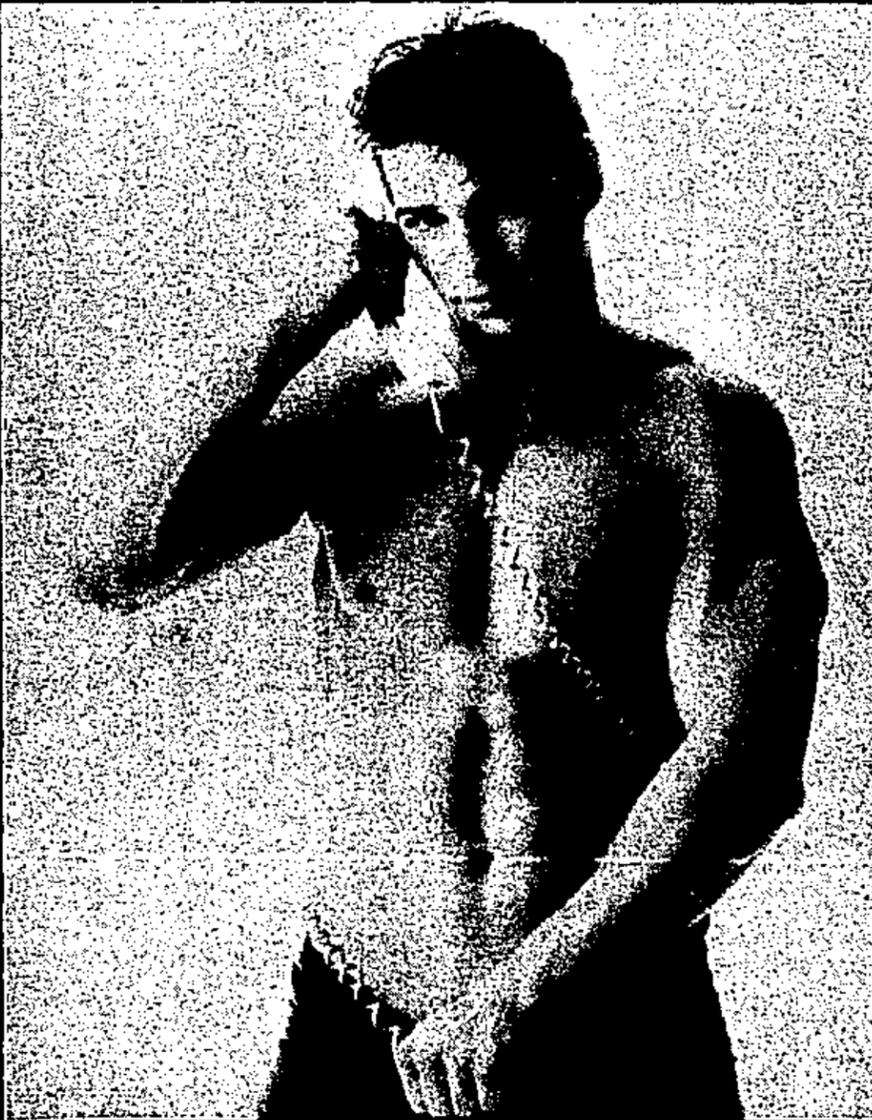
a.k.a. THEATRE TO PRESENT TWO ONE-ACT COMEDIES

TUCSON - a.k.a. Theatre Co. will be presenting two one-act comedies by award-winning playwright Israel Horowitz. "Primary English Class" and "The Indian Wants The Bronx" will open on April 11 and run Wednesdays thru Sundays until April 29.

The curtain rises at 8 p.m. and the a.k.a. box office opens at 7 p.m. on show nights. Tickets are \$7. Reservations are obtained by phoning 623-7852. The plays will be directed by a.k.a. veterans Meg Nolan and Lara Dalbey. a.k.a. is located at 125 E. Congress.



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Shanti Monthly Financial Report

Month of January 1990

Cash in bank at beginning of month	\$3757.17
Income	
Visors	6.00
Bowl-A-Thon	232.43
Jan. Volunteer Training	460.00
CAT Awards Banquet	105.00
Donations	1357.57
Newsletter Income	100.00
PWA Direct Support	185.00
	<u>\$4408.57</u>
Expenses	
Rent	400.00
Utilities	172.92
Advertising/Promotion	20.00
PWA Direct Support	120.50
Office Expense	349.73
Newsletter	665.09
Jan. Training Refund	90.00
CAT Awards Banquet	150.00
Volunteer Training Expense	194.81
Petty Cash	90.67
	<u>\$2278.72</u>
Cash Forward	\$3924.45



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**"IT'S TIME TO CALL HOME"
 DECLARES MORMON APOSTLE**
 SAN DIEGO, CA - The Restoration Church of Jesus Christ has announced the creation of a new "800-Line Ministry" that is calculated to reach out to Lesbian and Gay people throughout the United States.

Elder Rand L. Laurent of the Church's Quorum of Twelve declared, "The purpose of this line is to reach out to religiously disenfranchised people, who have been rejected from their own denominations for any reason and allow them a place to come home to, with a spiritual family to nurture them."

The 800 line is a 24-hour, 7-day a week-recorded message line that allows people a way to listen to a pre-recorded message concerning the mission of the Church in serving all people and ministering to their needs on a one-to-one basis. Persons calling the line then can request further printed information or request a representative of the Church to contact them to answer their questions.

The Restoration Church of Jesus Christ was established four and one-half years ago. The Church has congregations called "Families". There are five Families in California, one in Houston, Texas, and three mission groups: Independence, MO, Phoenix, AZ, and Albuquerque, NM.

The Church differs from other restoration churches in that sexual orientation is no bar to membership or service, women as well as men are ordained to the Holy Priesthood; and all committed relations where love and mutual respect are found can be joined or "sealed" for time and all eternity in the Temple.

"We are committed to serving the needs of the one in the same manner that Jesus did when He ministered to humankind, as testified to by the scriptures," declared Elder Laurent. "We invite all people to call. It's time to call home," he concluded.

The number is 1-800-RCJC (7252). All are welcome to call.

KENTUCKY BAY DASHER GETS 50 YEARS
 CARBELLVILLE, KY (BARI) - A white man who tried to murder a Black man he believed was Gay by beating him with a bumper jack, locking him in the car trunk with a live snapping turtle, and then attempting to burn the car was sentenced to 50 years in prison by a Taylor County, Ky., jury here. A second suspect charged with the attack is undergoing psychiatric evaluation and has not stood trial.

The victim, Kirk Nash, 21, was assaulted Sept. 24, 1989 in rural Campbellsville by Rex Melton, 23, and allegedly by Ricky Johnson, 19. Nash and Johnson were lifelong friends and Nash was acquainted with Melton.

According to trial testimony, Melton and Johnson turned on Nash after he made sexual advances toward them while they were riding around and drinking in Nash's car. Key witness, Robert Cox, a close friend of Melton, told the jury that Melton and Johnson told him, "they had gotten into it and hit [Nash] with a bumper jack. One of them said the boy was queer and tried to get hold of them. They said that he tried to suck one of them... They said they were going to burn the car and had taken the car down Clark Road and drove it off in a holler," Cox said.

In trial testimony, state trooper David Grant said he found Nash locked in the trunk with severe lacerations about the head and his head resting on a large snapping turtle. There was a strong odor of gasoline and charred paper on the trunk lid. Nash survived the attack but is described as a "vegetable" and will be institutionalized for the rest of his life.

REAGAN AS DRAWS FIRE
 by Allen White
 LOS ANGELES, CA (BARI) - When it was announced that former President Ronald Reagan had recorded a public service announcement calling for understanding in the AIDS crisis, a cry went up from AIDS activists: The spot was made for the Pediatric AIDS Foundation, which was established by "Starsky & Hutch" star Paul Blaser and his wife, Elizabeth.

"We can all grow and learn in our lives and I've learned that all kinds of people can get AIDS, even children. But it's the disease that's frightening, not the people who have it," Reagan said. "You can't catch AIDS from hugging someone. I'm not asking you to send money; I'm asking for something much more important - your understanding."

Reaction ranged from anger to disgust.

"He went through his entire administration, saying nothing, doing nothing while we were organizing in the Congress, organizing in the town councils, trying to get legislation to speed up money for AIDS research," said T.J. Anthony, an aide to San Francisco Supervisor Richard Hongisto.

Jean Harris, aide to Supervisor Harry Britt, said, "even if he is talking about infant children, I find it hypocritical that he was president for eight long years and never did a damn thing for AIDS. People are still dying from AIDS and for eight years while he was president he could have provided federal funding to help slow this epidemic down."

Ken Jones of the San Francisco AIDS foundation said, "I found it more confusing than enlightening how one person could go through such denial when he was in office. It is a day late, a dollar short. Now there is no political price for him to pay; for him to appear is slightly offensive but maybe it will help."

"I will never forgive him for his failure to show leadership," Jones said.

EXPANDED AIDS VACCINE TESTING APPROVED
 WASHINGTON, DC (ap) - Testing of and experimental vaccine on California AIDS patients will be expanded and extended to individuals who are infected with the AIDS virus but have not developed symptoms.

The Food and Drug Administration last week granted permission for further testing of the vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk.

The vaccine, which uses an inactivated virus, is being tested as a treatment for AIDS rather than as an agent to prevent someone from getting the disease, which destroys the body's ability to fight infection.

Researchers are trying to find out whether the inactivated virus will cause the body to produce specific cells, called T-cells, that destroy other cells infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV.

They hope that by stimulating the immune system's response to HIV, the vaccine might halt or reverse spread of the virus in newly infected people - those who have the virus but have not developed symptoms of AIDS or AIDS-related complex.

"This vaccine is for treatment" of AIDS, said Dr. Janet Woodcock, head of the FDA's divisions of biological investigational new drugs. "Use of this to prevent acquiring (AIDS) is a totally different question."

But, she added, "Trials like this in the HIV-infected could yield information that could help design trials for the uninfected."



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

WINGSPIRIT - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Hotline M-W-F 2-5 p.m., Weeknights 6-8 p.m. Men's night on Mondays 7:30 pm. Women's night on Wednesdays 7 pm. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 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 881-5651 for information.

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Don't give up your religion, just because you're Gay. The RESTORATION CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST is here for you. For recorded message call: 1-800-677-RCJC.

G.A.P.A. - Gay Asians Pacific Alliance is forming a new social, educational, political and cultural group in Tucson. Call Marc at 881-4582

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 78613, Tucson, AZ 85703 or call Beverly and Roberta 795-4517 or Sam and Ron 886-0149.

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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

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MORMON'S 3RD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. \$1 at door (more if you can, less if you can't)

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Personals

Thank you - Earvin, Brian and the fabulous Debi Mason for the impromptu performance on our patio on Sunday evening. You all really raised the roof. Thanks again, The French Quarter Staff.

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POLITICS '90

by Mark R. Kerr

WORLD NEWS

In East Germany, the first free elections were held into the country's 40-year history. Turn-out was about 90%. The question hovering over this election was the pace of reunification. The voters gave a mandate to a speedy reunification, by giving the Christian Democratic Alliance a landslide victory. Here are the final results:

Alliance for Germany (AA, CDU, CSU) 48% - 193 Seats

Social Democratic Party (SPD) 22% - 87 Seats.

Party for Democratic Socialism (PDS) (former Communist Party) 16% - 65 Seats.

Free Democratic Party (FDP) 6% - 24 Seats.

Others (20 political parties) 8% - 31 Seats.

This is seen as a victory for West German Chancellor Kohl who is up for re-election, and who

campaigns for quick reunification. It is possible that by the time the December election rolls around (for West Germany) that both countries will vote in the election. The head of the Christian Democrats Lothar de Maizere, stated that the first thing that his government will deal with is reunification, and the economy, and persuading people to stay.

NATIONAL NEWS

Senate Bill 1782 is a bill that we should be interested in. The bill, sponsored by Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy, would amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an AIDS treatment assistance program for low income individuals, and for other purposes. This is a bill definitely worth supporting. We need to get behind this bill.

How, you ask? By calling Senators DeConcini's and McCain's Tucson offices and asking them to support S.B. 1782. Senator Dennis DeConcini's number is 670-6831.

Senator John McCain's number is 670-6334. Call now - your help is needed. These phone calls really help, and only take a minute of your time.

Last week I reported that 26 incumbent members of the U.S. House of Representatives had won by default (no opposition). That total has now risen to 30. Joining them are West Virginia Democrat Bob Wise, Oregon Democrat Peter DeFazio and Iowa Republican Jim Leach and Democrat Neal Smith.

ARIZONA NEWS

The big news is the Governor's A.I.D.S. Task Force Bill. The bill, sponsored by Representative Susan Girard of Phoenix, passed in the Health and Human Services Committee last week by an 11-4 margin. Speaker of the House, Republican Jane Hull was not going to let the bill go on, but negotiations and some bargaining got the bill out of the Judiciary Committee where the bill could have died, and placed into the Rules Committee where it passed, and now will be voted on the floor.

Representative Girard stated that she has the votes to get the bill passed in the House. This bill is the package of recommendations which a special Task Force

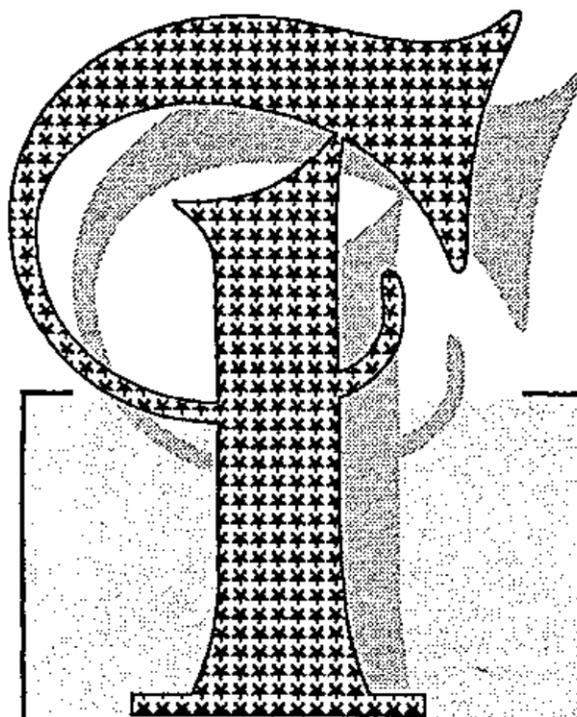
came up with. We definitely need this bill, and our work is ahead in the Senate. (Next week, the OBSERVER will print a copy of the bill and the names of the State Senators to call and the toll-free numbers to use.

Last week, Attorney General Bob Corbin stated that he will not be a candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. He has decided to retire and the end of his term.

LOCAL NEWS

Last week a flurry of announcements from incumbents about the upcoming election. Running again are: Representatives Carmen Cajero and Phil Hubbard from Dist. 10; Rep. John Kromko and Peter Goudinoff from Dist. 11; Rep. Eleanor Schorr and Sen. David Bartlett from Dist. 13; and Rep. Ruth Solomon from Dist. 14.

Until next time, take care.



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UPDATE

IN MEMORIAM

**AMERICAN GAY ATHEISTS
LOOK TO FORM TUCSON CHAPTER**
TUCSON - The American Gay Atheists will hold an introductory meeting in Tucson Saturday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. at Wingspan located at 240 Court in downtown Tucson.

AGA Phoenix Coordinator Douglas McNeil will be in charge of the meeting. He will also be speaking at the Tucson Chapter of American Atheists on Sunday, April 8 at their meeting at the Royal Sun Restaurant, 1015 N. Stone. McNeil will be talking about the "New Age" movement.

American Gay Atheists is an educational organization dedicated to State - church separation and to support Lesbians and Gay men.

For more information contact American Gay Atheists, 3003 N. Central Ave., Box 121-211, Phoenix, AZ, 85012-2903, or call (602) 264-7432.

GAY ARAB GROUP SEEKING MEMBERS
WASHINGTON, DC - The Gay and Lesbian Arabic Society (GLAS) of the U.S. - the first such group in the world, including the Middle East - is looking for members and other people interested in Gay Arab issues.

GLAS, formed in the nation's capital more than a year ago, currently has dozens of members around the country. The group is open to Gays and Lesbians of Arabic descent, and their supporters. To accommodate increasing West Coast interest, GLAS has recently opened a San Francisco chapter.

"GLAS provides Arab men and women with a support network and a vehicle for Gay Arab visibility," said Ramzi Zakharia, GLAS founder and co-leader. "We reach out to Gay Arabs and build a group identity that, for the most part, does not exist."

"We advocate a positive image of Arabs in the Gay and Lesbian community," said Zakharia, a Palestinian born and raised in Lebanon. "We attempt to change negative stereotypes, such as the 'sultan' image, that some people have of us. We also educate the straight Arab community about Gay and Lesbian issues."

Topics of discussion at GLAS' regular meetings include coming out of the closet in the Arab world, developing relations with the Jewish community and lobbying other Arab organizations.

For more information on GLAS or to become a member, write The Arabic Society, P.O. Box 4971, Washington, DC 20008. In San Francisco, contact Huda Jadallah at (415)864-3112.

**LAMBDA CAUCUS TO HOLD MEETING
IN WARD 6 COUNCIL OFFICE**
TUCSON - The Arizona Lambda Democratic Caucus will hold its March meeting on Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the offices of Ward 5 Councilman Steve Leal at 4300 S. Park Ave. These offices caused a stir when they were first opened by ex-Councilman Roy Laos.

The meeting will be devoted to planning fund raising events and upcoming electoral campaign strategies. Members are encouraged to bring friends and ideas. Refreshments will be served.

NEW YORK LETTERS

**AN OPEN LETTER TO THE
TUCSON GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY:**
On behalf of Los Amigos Del Sol (LADS) in Phoenix, I am happy to thank the entire Community of Tucson for the warm reception LADS received during our recent "LADS Takes Tucson" weekend. Although we are accustomed to enjoying ourselves wherever we go, the warmth and hospitality shown by so many, many of the Tucson community was overwhelming!

From our reception at a Tucson LADS home, where Desert Leathermen and Tucson Knight Owls were ready to greet and direct us to local places of interest, to the great send off brunch at the Graduate on Sunday afternoon, we all felt like royalty.

In addition to the above mentioned groups and lounge, we also wish to thank Colette, and the entire staff of Colette's West for their untiring help during our Talent Show on Saturday night. The crowd could not have been more receptive, nor the service more cordial.

Thanks, too, to the French Quarter for the delicious steak fry Saturday evening. Drinks, service and food surpassed superlatives.

The Observer, too, added their own warm touch by the many times we were included in their last issue. I counted six times, myself. The inclusion of Los Amigos Del Sol welcomes in so many of the businesses' ads was welcome as well and did not go unnoticed.

A final thank you goes to each individual person in Tucson who took personal interest in us, by offering lodging, rides, conversation or just that question we love to answer... "what is LADS, anyhow?"

Appreciatively
Steve R., Secretary



WILLIAM C. (BILL) WILEY
Sept. 9, 1944 - Jan. 3, 1990

Bill Wiley died on Wednesday January 3rd of natural causes at 8:10 p.m. at the University of Arizona Medical Center in Tucson. Graveside services for Wiley were held with military rites at Southlawn Cemetery on January 8. Bill was born in Findlay, Ohio but had lived in Tucson for many years.

Bill leaves his lover of nine years and three months, Tony, who apologizes to all their friends and to the community for this late notice.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

APRIL FOOL

We hope we didn't confuse too many of our readers with the unusual front page of this weeks issue. Our "National Observer" pages that we have run in the past have caused plenty of comment, so we thought it would be fun to give it a front-page spot for this unusual holiday. For those who thought it was a new paper in town - APRIL FOOL.

ACLU HAILS CRITICAL VOTE KILLING DANNENBERG AMENDMENTS CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

sentatives before the summer," said Nan D. Hunter, Director of the ACLU AIDS Project. The bill passed the Senate in early September, 1989, (OBSERVER, Sept. 1989) and was endorsed by President Bush last summer.

If enacted by Congress, the ADA would prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability, including AIDS and HIV infection, in all private employment settings (where there are more than 15 employees) and in all business, social service programs, and offices of health care providers across the country.

The employment provisions of the bill would guarantee job security for people with AIDS and HIV infection, for persons thought to be HIV-infected and for persons who associate with others who have AIDS or HIV infection.

In the realm of public accommodations, the law will be critically important in ensuring fairness and access to services for people with AIDS and HIV infection. The businesses and service providers covered by the bill's anti-discrimination mandate include doctors' offices, hotels, restaurants, food stores, clothing stores and schools. Proprietors of such establishments will no longer be allowed to refuse to serve people with AIDS or HIV infection.

Under the ADA, a person can file suit in federal court if he or she had been discriminated against because of HIV disease in any of its stages, from asymptomatic infection through AIDS.

Stop By Our Table and Say 'Hi' at the Desert Leathermen Observer Benefit Saturday, March 31st

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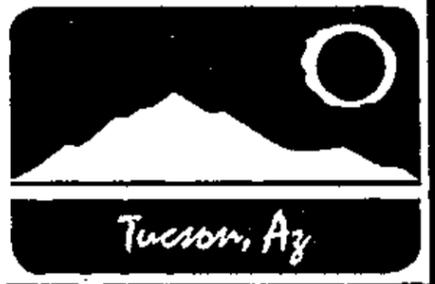
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"IMAGES" will meet on the first and third Thurs. at the Shanti Office - It was left off of the 'Eclipse' calendar. Oops - Sorry!

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