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Fundamentalists win Tennessee textbook case

by Kristi Umbreit
GREENEVILLE, TENN. (AP) - Fundamentalist Christian children HAVE the right not to read school-books their parents find offensive, a federal judge has ruled, in the case of seven families who objected to such texts as "The Diary of Anne Frank" and "The Wizard of Oz".

U.S. District Judge Thomas G. Hull, in a 27-page opinion, said the Hawkins County school board must accommodate the families' rights to a free, public education without violating their First Amendment rights to religious freedom.

He did not recommend a specific alternative, but said home schooling for reading classes would be one.

Hull said he would convene a jury to decide damages in the case and set a tentative trial date for Dec. 15.

Within hours of the decision, the school board's Greenville attorney, Ronald Woods, filed a notice of appeal with the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, said court clerk Irene Keasling.

"This is a wonderful victory. We're ecstatic," said attorney Michael Farris, who represented the parents in their battle for an alternative to using the Holt, Rinehart, Winston series of reading books.

But Anthony Podesta, president of People for the American Way, which paid the fees for Timothy Dyk, the school system's attorney, called the ruling a "recipe for disaster for public education that will disrupt education for all children."

"It will invite every sect in the country to pick and choose which parts of the public school curriculum it will accept," said Podesta, whose group was organized by television producer Norman Lear.

The school board, backed by attorneys from the state of Tennessee, argued during the trial that the changes demanded by the parents would defeat public education's purpose of exposing students to varying viewpoints.

"This is not the end of the road," Dyk said during a news conference. "We intend to take this case as far as is necessary to get this decision reversed."

The case was referred to as a modern version of the 1925 Scopes "monkey" trial in which science teacher John Scopes was prosecuted by the state for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution in Dayton, Tenn. - 150 miles down the Tennessee River from Greeneville.

In Dayton, William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow argued bitterly over whether students could be taught that man was descended from the same ancestors as the apes. The verdict went to the creationists, but was reversed in Scopes' favor on appeal.

The families had sued the Hawkins County schools in 1983 after objecting to hundreds of passages in the Holt books, including stories by Margaret Mead, Isaac Asimov and Danish fairy-tale writer Hans Christian Anderson.

The parents said the books contain references to witchcraft, exotic religions, one-world government and relative ethics.

They objected to "The Diary of Anne Frank" because its young Jewish author, who died in a Nazi concentration camp, calls for toleration of all religions.

"The Wizard of Oz" was deemed objectionable because it tells children that traits such as courage, intelligence and compassion are personally developed rather than God-given, and the story depicts a witch as good.

Said Hull, "The plaintiffs have sincerely held religious beliefs which are entitled to protection under the free exercise clause of the First Amendment and which are offended by certain recurring themes in the Holt series."

"In forcing the plaintiff-students to read from the Holt series or to forfeit a free public education, the defendants have burdened the plaintiffs' right of free exercise of their religion," said Hull.

He said the fact that Tennessee laws mandate education while allowing children to be taught at home or in private schools shows that the state has acknowledged alternatives to traditional public education in classrooms.

"The plaintiffs are therefore entitled to opt out of the Hawkins County public school reading program while still enjoying the benefit of the rest of the curriculum (with appropriate

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EDITORIAL

And the Gay vote was missing again

The 1986 election results are now history. There will be talk for some time to come about how the results will affect the Gay and Lesbian community but the fact that the Lesbian and Gay voters did not go to the polls in any significant numbers in Arizona at least, is true. It seems I've either heard or written that story before!

Each candidate who made a positive statement concerning Gay rights was defeated soundly. It makes us look very bad to politicians in our state, who are aware that we are present, but who now wonder what our impact on local and state government really is. We seem to speak loudly but when it comes to 'carrying that big stick' which we need to effect our political clout, we turn out to be wimps.

No longer will we be perceived as a 'force to be reckoned with' in our state until we show we can elect officials who will be sensitive to our needs.

Realizing that the only political organization that sent questionnaires to local politicians, (the State Committee For Progress), was out of the chute for the first time and maybe could have done more, given more experience and time and money. The two Arizona Gay newspapers each gave Gay and Lesbian voters the pick of the crop of politicians who maybe don't like us, but realize that we are human beings who need redress before the local and state governments. The candidates were clear-cut. Their policies each and every one of them was on 'our' side. In well over 50% of the cases these candidates went down to defeat by large margins - not even close.

It makes one wonder if the Kinsey figures are true. One in ten! Pima County voting officials claim that only 52% of the registered voters turned out for

this years election. So obviously 1 in 10 did not make it to the polls in Pima County. The statewide figures are not in at presstime but it is probably a like percentage of non-voters.

To Carolyn Warner, Richard Kimball, Mike Morgan, Diane Bishop and the others running unsuccessfully for the various state legislative offices, please accept our sincere apologies. We tried to raise the consciousness of our community and we have failed.

To Morris Udall, Jim Kolbe, Renz Jennings, Diane Bishop and the other successful legislative candidates for state office congratulations on your victory. I am sorry that we cannot accept credit for your victory, for we are not sure that anyone in our community voted.

There were a couple of good notes in this election day of defeat for the Gay community: Rep. Trent Franks (R-Phoenix) was defeated by a slim margin and the voters in California defeated the LaRouche Proposition 64 by a whopping 70 plus percent. The initiative called for identification of AIDS victims and possible quarantine measures. It would have barred them from education and restaurant employment. Virtually all major candidates, the Gay community and the California medical establishment opposed it. The California Gay community is obviously much better organized politically than is our Arizona community.

In these times of ultra-conservatism, fundamentalism, and plain hatred and fear of Gays and Lesbians because of the AIDS crisis, we have to hold hands and keep our goals on a path that permits us to show our strength in united numbers. Only then can we achieve our common goals in the only viable manner - the political process.

Massachusetts linemen return to work with man dying of AIDS



Paul Cronan

The Associated Press

NEEDHAM, MA (AP) - More than two dozen telephone repairmen who had walked off the job rather than work with a colleague dying of AIDS relented last week after talking with doctors about the fatal disease.

But four others refused to enter the office they share with the diseased man and had to be handed their assignments outside.

"It's not that they don't like Paul," said Kay Moore, wife of shop steward George Moore. "They think their families are in jeopardy."

The Moores were among 50 workers and their families who met with three doctors to talk about their fears of contagion from Paul Cronan, 31.

The repairmen returned to work after a yearlong absence and the settlement of a \$1.5 lawsuit against the New England Telephone

Company. The suit alleged the company revealed his disease to co-workers, provoking threats. The amount of the settlement was not disclosed.

Cronan, who lives in Boston, said he was greeted on his first day back at work by a message scrawled on the garage wall: "Gays and bisexuals should be taken to an island and destroyed." The sign was erased.

The next day, 29 of Cronan's 44 co-workers refused to pick up work orders at their office.

The meeting with doctors allayed most fears, although they trivialized families' concerns, Mrs. Moore said.

She said most of the families were not aware that doctors believe that acquired immune deficiency syndrome is a virus spread through sexual intercourse

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UPDATE



TV Programs

**BONNIE BITCH AND FRIENDS
MAKE TUCSON APPEARANCE
SUNDAY, NOV. 9**

TUCSON - Returning from a seven week tour of the United States, Bonnie Bitch and Friends will make an appearance in Tucson this Sunday, Nov. 9 at Rumor Hazzit.

Rave reviews such as "The finest show to play the East Coast in ten years;" "The funniest human being on the face of the earth;" and "One of the best cabaret acts working the circuits today," follow in papers from each city that this talented act plays.

In addition to the 7 week - 12 state tour, Bonnie Bitch (aka Steve Hinricks) and crew has also played in Canada and most recently a mini-tour of resorts in Mazatlan, Mexico. Following a short stay in Arizona, the act will go back on a 5-week tour of southern Florida.

Reservations are highly recommended for this limited one-show engagement which begins at 9:00 p.m. There is a \$2.00 Cover for the show.

YWCA: WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

TUCSON - The Women Helping Women Program, sponsored by the YWCA continues to hold counseling sessions in the areas of legal, financial and career concerns every Thursday evening from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Women who are concerned about the legal ramifications of a problem and feel that clarification would help in determining the right course to pursue, legal advisors can help you. They are all practicing Tucson women attorneys. If you are re-entering the workforce, or desiring a definite course to follow to reach higher levels of management, career advisors are certified counselors with expertise in that field.

The counseling sessions are being held at Trinity Presbyterian Church just off Fourth Avenue, at their Fourth Street entrance. For an appointment, call the YWCA, 884-7810, Marlene, or 296-1285 Winnifred Wallace.

EARLY SEX EDUCATION URGED IN SURGEON GENERAL REPORT ON AIDS

LOS ANGELES, CA (AP) - Sex education should begin in early grades so children will know how to protect themselves from AIDS, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop says in a report on the deadly disease, the Los Angeles Times has reported.

Koop's report, which was issued last Wednesday, also says that acquired immune deficiency syndrome should not be used as an excuse for discrimination, the newspaper said.

Sex education "must start at the lowest grade possible . . . so that children can grow up knowing the behavior to avoid to protect themselves," the report said.

"There is now no doubt that we need sex education in schools and that it include information on heterosexual and homosexual relationships," Koop wrote. "The need is critical and the price of neglect is high. The lives of our young people depends on our fulfilling our responsibility."

The Times, quoting unidentified sources, said the report was presented to President Reagan earlier this month and was approved by the White House.

The report was quoted as saying that quarantining patients "has no role in the management of AIDS because AIDS is not spread by casual contact."

"AIDS should not be used as an excuse to discriminate against any group or individual," Koop wrote.

TAP MEETING TO FEATURE PANEL ON NEW DRUG AZT

TUCSON - A new drug --AZT-- is changing the stakes in the fight against AIDS. Want to learn about the latest developments? A panel of doctors and other professionals will answer questions at the next monthly meeting of the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP).

A representative of the University of Arizona Medical Center's experimental drug trial program will be joined by Kay Bauman, M.D. of the University Medical Center, Joy Greenway, M.D. of the University of Arizona and Bruce Porter, epidemiologist for the Pima County Health Department.

The meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the University Medical Center in Dining Rooms 'E' and 'F'. All interested people are invited to attend.

VATICAN GETS BLUNT

VATICAN CITY (AP) - The Vatican's latest condemnation of homosexual acts, issued last week, was seen by some churchmen here as another in a series of blunt warnings to European and North American Roman Catholics to abandon their increasingly liberal views concerning sexuality and other social issues.

Conservative Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the Sacred Congregations for the Doctrine of the Faith, instructed bishops to stamp out pro-homosexual views within the church and to oppose any attempt to condone homosexuality through legislation or other means.

7:00 (2) THE LOVE BUTT - (60 min.)

After the wild and raucous weekend, the ship is sort of calming down to normal. The Captain seems almost rested and a new purser, Goopher Smith is behind the bar. Captain: Thom McSmirnoff. Goopher: Steve Delilah.

(7) THE GUILDED GIRLS (60 min.)

Dorothy was the only one in costume on a certain Friday nite. She never looked lovelier while Blanche and Rose seem to have misplaced their costumes. Meanwhile Sophie wasn't to be seen anywhere. Dorothy: M.J. Gilmore. Blanche: Eileen Over. Rose: Jason Bertendi. Sophie: Bruce Hazzitt.

(69) FRONTLINE - (60 min.)

Hostess Candi Plasti interviews former hostess Jackie de Soy Sauce about an upcoming show. The main thought on her mind is how she is going to cam ALL those people into that little, tiny dressing room. Don Hinkie Orchestra.

8:00 (2) KATIE AND AL - (60 min.)

Katie's new job is going very well. Everyone says it's really amazing how pictures can make someone look fifteen years younger than they are. Katie: Petra St. Pool.

(7) MIAMI TWICE - (60 min.)

The budget used to cover most things for Crock and Stubbs' outings, but after last weekend the budget had to be doubled for film. Crock: Gary Stark. Stubbs: Bob Jealous.

(69) MOVIE: Drama - (120 min)

"HALLOWEEN '86, PART II". An entire town seems to have robbed Fort Knox looking at the expense of costumes. Some that were seen: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs; The Crown Royal Cat; Silver Faced Divas, The Virgin Queen (queen maybe, never a virgin), plus various assorted sequin jock straps, tiger skins, bearded 'ladies?' and many more, too numerous to mention. All in all a fabulous, fun-filled night. Cast of thousands.

9:00 (2) DIE NASTY - (60 min.)

Alexi seemed to play "Phantom of the Opera" to certain friends last weekend. It seems as soon as Alexi left somewhere, her friend would show up. Alexi: Davida Zircon.

(7) FAMILY TRIES - (60 min.)

Didn't Alex look pretty last Friday night? That outfit was something else. It should have been somewhere else! Alex: Marakie lbt.

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Blacks, Hispanics far more likely to get AIDS

WASHINGTON, DC - Blacks and Hispanics account for four out of 10 AIDS cases in the United States and are far more likely to get the deadly disease than white Americans, according to a report released last week by the Federal Centers for Disease Control.

"Blacks and Hispanics are being disproportionately affected by the epidemic," said Dr. Harold Jaffe, chief of the CDC's AIDS epidemiology program. "In minority populations, AIDS is a disease particularly affecting male and female intravenous drug users, their sexual partners and their children."

"This issue has been largely unappreciated. The stereotype of AIDS is that it's a disease of middle-class white men. That has prevented people from seeing it as also a minority health problem," said Jaffe.

The CDC report noted that of the more than 24,500 cases of AIDS reported in the United States in the last five years, about 6,200, or 25 percent, were black and about 3,500, or 14 percent, were Hispanic. Yet blacks comprise only 12 percent and Hispanics 6 percent of the overall U.S. population.

Some communities were hardest hit, with about two-thirds of all black and Hispanic AIDS cases in New York, New Jersey or Florida.

Once they get AIDS, blacks and Hispanics may also die of the disease more quickly than whites, said Dr. Beny Primm, a black physician who heads the Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation in Brooklyn. He said that minority AIDS victims are often "debilitated when they come in, so bothered by so many health problems, wait so late to get help, and cannot get proper health care."

The new CDC statistics show that among adult AIDS patients, the majority of cases are still among white homosexual and bisexual males. But looking at rates per million people affected, blacks and Hispanics are more than three times as likely as whites nationwide to get the disease.

There were also sexual differences. Men of all races account for over 90 percent of all AIDS cases. Of more than 22,000 male AIDS patients, 37 percent were black or Hispanic.

But among the 1,600 women who have contracted AIDS, 70 percent have been black and Hispanic women, making them about 12 times more likely to get AIDS than white women.

In terms of risk of getting AIDS, CDC found that homosexual or bisexual men with AIDS were predominantly white, while "patients with a history of IV drug abuse or

heterosexual contact with persons at increased risk for acquiring AIDS" and those with unknown risk factors were predominantly black or Hispanic.

Minority children with AIDS have also been particularly hard hit. Of the 350 AIDS cases in children under 15, 58 percent have been black and 22 percent Hispanic. The national incidence among black children is 15 times greater than that among whites and among Hispanics, nine times greater, CDC said.

Again, these children were more likely to live in New York, New Jersey or Florida. Most of the children with AIDS acquired the disease before or during birth from the mothers who were IV drug abusers, or whose sex partner was a drug abuser.

The disease, which is spread through intimate contact with blood or bodily fluids, has not been shown to be spread to older children within households by casual contact.

Both Jaffe and Primm emphasized the need for more recognition of the minority AIDS problem and more targeted education programs. Primm believes that the "black community is in somewhat of a state of denial that this could not necessarily be a problem for blacks."

Washington Post News Service paper makes AIDS test a hiring factor

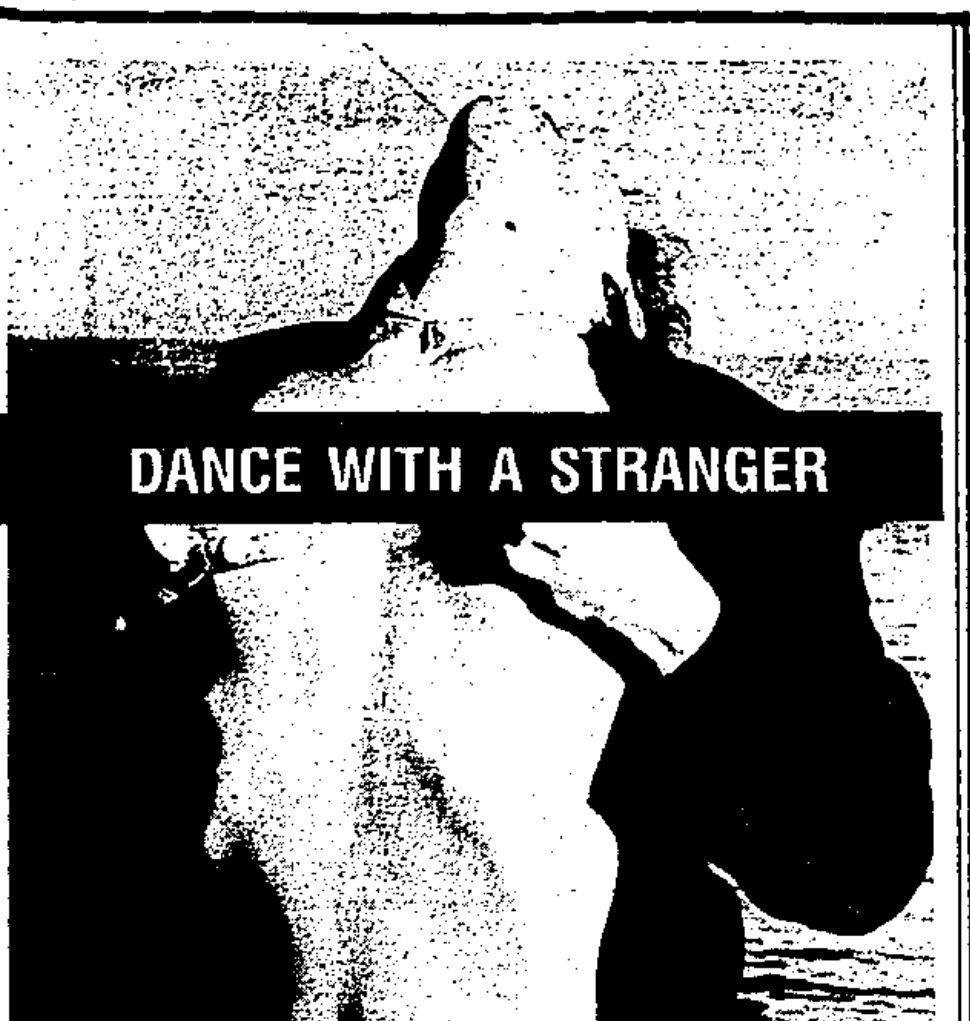
BIRMINGHAM, ALA (AP) - The Birmingham News has been requiring new employees to take AIDS tests because of health and financial concerns, the newspaper's publisher said.

The practice was begun about six months ago, Victor H. Hanson II told National Public Radio.

"We don't want knowingly to get involved with somebody who has a debilitating illness that would be very costly to us," Hanson said.

While the AIDS test is a condition of employment for new workers, the newspaper is not requiring those hired before the policy was implemented to take the test.

The blood test reveals the presence of antibodies to the AIDS virus. It does not indicate whether the virus itself is present or whether the person will develop the fatal ailment, and health officials say it can produce incorrect results.



DANCE WITH A STRANGER

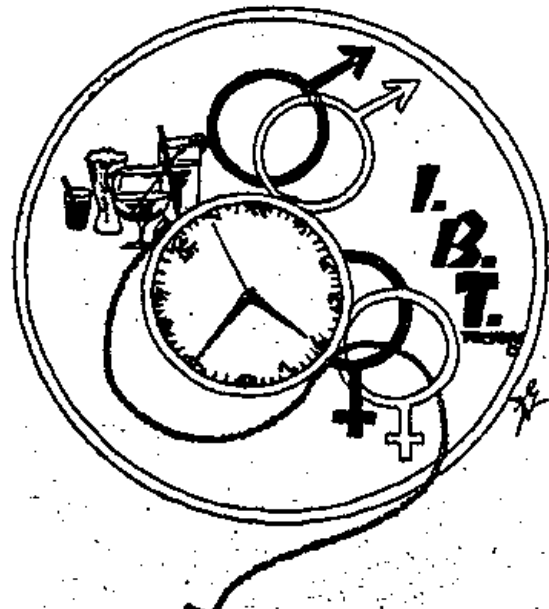
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In placed this small, delicate looking man, moving with very small steps, running his tongue round and round and back and forth over his red lips. He had lightly olive skin, a square jaw, and wide set large brown eyes. His narrow hips rotated in wide circles as he moved toward the reception desk. He grasped the white cloth, and holding it in one hand, with the other teased one end into a tail which he pulled upright in front of his mouth. Somehow the action, and it may have been intended to, reminded me of someone almost kissing a hard cock, and not unwillingly. He twirled to the music, all the while playing with the white cloth. Finally he moved toward me, and as he came closer and gyrated more insistently, he must have noticed the unbelieving look on my face: The tip of the white cloth went limp, falling over his fist. He straightened up, turned his back, and hips wagging accusingly, walked quickly from the room.

"Listen you, I can talk just like the next guy, but I like to sound that way. It is identifiable and doesn't threaten anyone: I'd rather be thought a fool than get into trouble with other people."

"What's wrong with the way you really talk?"

"I think you've missed the point of our little school. Let me put it this way: Being gay is really tough, there aren't any good role models, no support from other people in maintaining a relationship, no one to even define what a relationship consists of. We are constantly having to define ourselves and some people just aren't up to it. In regular society things have been going the same way for years and there are patterns any stupe can fall into - not so with us boys. We offer a service for the man who just hasn't the stamina to forge his own life: easily adaptable roles and patterns that are fun to use and allow him to interact with the straight world in a predictable, understandable way. Straight people hate nothing more than a homosexual who is confident, sure of himself and acts in a manner not easily describable as "gay". We are here to make sure this threat is not made to those that allow us to exist in their society peacefully."

"Is that person your typical academic result? I mean, he was seems like a wonderful person, but is that really the way a person wants to be?"

"Well, this, we do aim to please and our market research tells us that the general public is more comfortable with a noticeably "gay" man. You know, one that is more easily described by the standard stereotypes." He pursed his lips at me and raised his eyebrows knowingly.

This speech about finished me for the School of Gay Accent and Demeanor. I wanted to haul off and hit this squishy turkey. I stood and stared at him in revulsion.

"Is that why you speak like such an ass? Doesn't your tongue work or is it worn out from wrapping around too many things sticking in your mouth?"

I started to consider and to think about his speech, his call for the mask.

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OUT ON THE TOWN
 STUNT MALIBU CHRISTI FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Christi still thinks Jza Jza has a better idea, sabbaticals can be fun. She must tell everyone just how much fun she had when she returns.

The mobile Massacre managed to maintain a late schedule for the fabulous Halloween affair at Macho Manor. More than a dozen guests from Tucson managed the trip, but it seems most of the Queen's entourage was lost at some fair affair in Phoenix.

Poor Trixie has finally died. She was found at the bottom of the pool last week at Macho Manor. Garden services were held prior to the gala Halloween activities with a few close friends attending.

Leave it to Miss Mae not to have to say "The one who got away". All she has to do is make sure the cabin has no exit. However, when suds flow, Miss Mae must go. If it wasn't for Hot Legs, Le Shea and Ronda Jons that poor cabin would still be flowing down the Salt River. Thanks to Macho Men, the Manor affair was certainly a hit, especially with the crew from down south. Now everyone knows who Chester is. No wonder that poor thing stayed in the closet so long. Maybe he should go back.

terrorizing Phoenix. People in a certain restaurant were confused some of the time while being entertained most of the time. A certain unknown sugar daddy was willing to share the green but Jade decided that shade of green was too shady, so down came the shades and away with that shady sugar daddy.

Now is there trouble on the Plantation or has Key really found that rainbow? Maybe it was just a few good men.

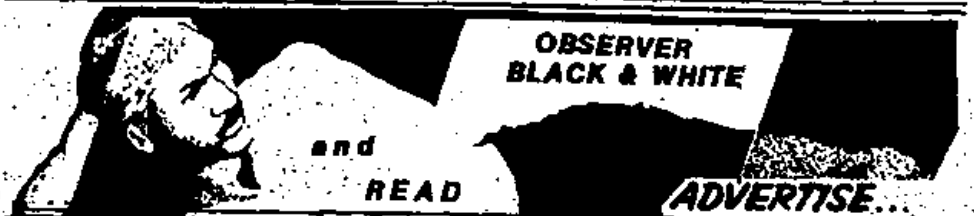
Mathilda Oz's time machine apparently needed a lube job so the stop at the Ponderosa was re-scheduled, however Mathilda's tainted tunes are still traveling to and fro from the Ponderosa to Macho Manor.

So is Gurna Blankstone still holding on to that stone most people hope for, or are those rumors still to fly? Totie is still trying. Maybe she'll be thankful before Thanksgiving. Has the Air Force given Arabella a good discharge. Has Mae tested the chicken waters or are they too hot for her? Is Ronda still Ronda Jons's? Will Christi's box get stuffed? Does she deserve it?

Till next time, forever yours
 Jza Jza La More

Seems some of the crew did a number on Tucson before

Fan mail to: Stunt Malibu Christi Fan Club, P.O. Box 2704, Tucson, AZ 85702.



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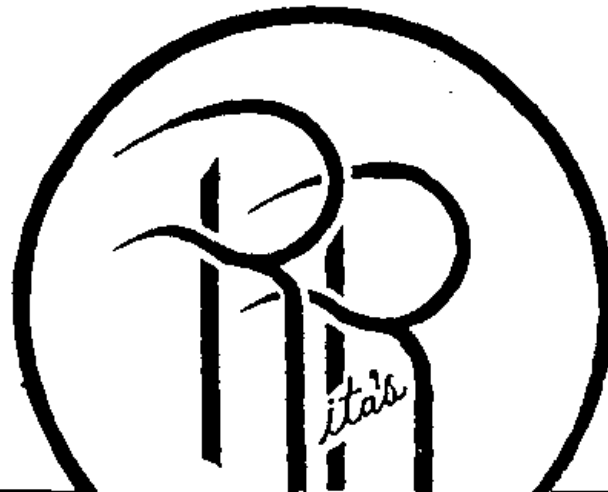
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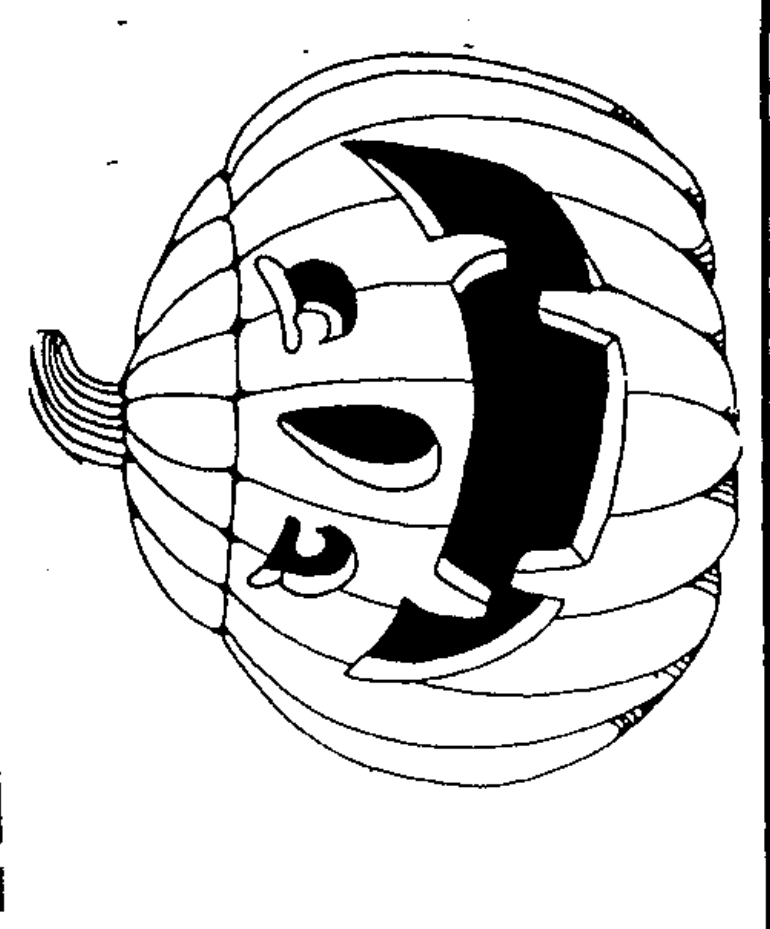
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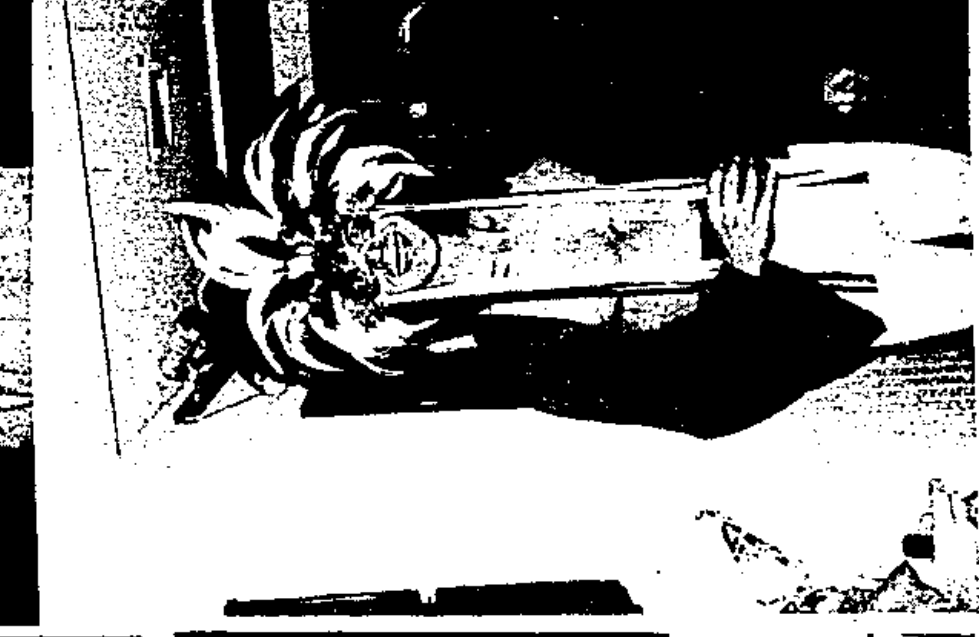
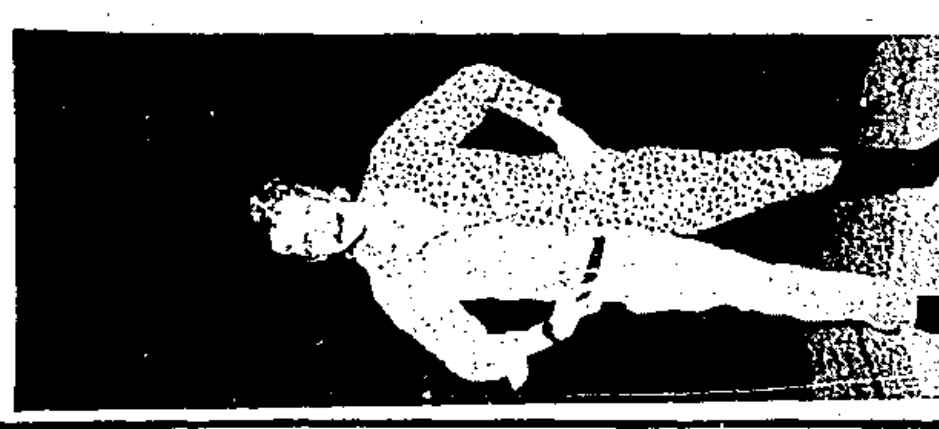
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HALLOWEEN



THE TUCSON CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

JACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Wednesday Madness" - From 2-4 p.m. Drink Special: Check the chalkboard. Draft Beer Bust 9 pm - 1 am .50 per glass! Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm - 1 am

COLETTE'S WEST - Schnapps shots .75 from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Bottle Domestic Beer \$1.00 with other drink specials.

FINELINE - Open 7 pm. Draft Beer Bust: .25 per glass from open to 1 am.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Bourbon \$1.00, 5:30 - 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well. 8-12 .50 draft and .50 Schnapps. Dance 8 to 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Well Scotch \$1, Schnapps .75 noon to 7 pm. DINNER BUFFET NITE 6 to 9 pm \$2.75.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Domestic Beer Bust all day and nite \$1 "DYNASTY" on life-size screen 8 pm. Schnapps .50

THURSDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Nite \$1.25 domestic 9 pm to 1 am. Dave Pierson DJ 9 to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Sudserize!" .40 draft 8 pm to Midnight.

FINELINE - Open 7 pm. Long Neck Bud Nite: .75

GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing!

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Rum \$1. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to 1 am .75 Long Neck Beer (non-premium). Dance 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 pm Well Bourbon \$1. Schnapps .75

RUMOR HAZZIT - Daily Drink Specials 1 p.m. to 8 pm. Square Dancing by T-Squares 7 - 9 pm. Regular disco/video dancing 9 pm to close. All White Well Drinks \$1.25

FRIDAY

COLETTE'S WEST - Party Nite. Hourly Drink Specials 8 pm - midnight.

FINELINE/SKYLINE - Party till 1 a.m. downstairs in the Fineline disco and Virgo's Pub. After Hours till 4 am in the Skyline for over 21.

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon - 5:30 pm Well Gin \$1.00. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well; 8 pm - 1 am \$1.50 Well plus dancing from 8 to 1.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm - 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 pm Well Rum or Tequila \$1.00. Schnapps .75.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Drink Special 1 to 8 p.m. daily. Video dancing 9 pm to close.

SATURDAY

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

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

FINELINE/SKYLINE - Party till 1 a.m. downstairs in the Fineline disco and Virgo's Pub. After Hours till 4 a.m. in the Skyline.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 pm Bloody Marys \$1.00 6 pm to 1 am All Well \$1.50. Dance 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Domestic Beer Special (non-premium) \$1.00 from 11 am to 7 pm.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 1 pm to 1 am. Daily Drink Special. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

SUNDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beer Bust 4 to 7 pm .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4 to 7 pm, \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's from 9 pm until 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Football on our big screen plus "Wine Down Nite" .75 wine 8 pm to midnight. Movie Nite begins at 7 pm. Gyst DJ from 9 to 1.

FINELINE - Lobby Level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Drink Specials.

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) \$1 with other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Bloody Marys \$1.00 Noon to 6:30 - 6:30 to 1 am "Danny's Choice" every hour (2). Dance 8-1am

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Brunch 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Bloody Mary's or Screwdrivers \$1.25 noon to 7:00 pm.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. T-Squares Beginner's Class every Sunday afternoon. All day and night "501 - 50's Party" Wear your 501's and get .50 off whatever you're drinking Plus shots of schnapps .50 plus oldies but goldies Video dancing 9 pm to closing.

MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowler's Special: .75 Well Drinks for J/T Bowlers. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Monday Night Football" on big screen. .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .89 from 8 pm to midnight.

FINELINE - Lobby level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Movie Night begins at 8 pm. Spaghetti Dinner \$2.00 plus Well Drinks \$1.00

GRADUATE - All White Well Drinks \$1.50 until 1 am plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Vodka \$1.00; 5:30 to 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to 1 am: Well \$1.50

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 pm: Well Vodka \$1.00 and Schnapps .75

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 1 pm to 1 am. "Monday Night Football" on giant screen at 6 pm with drink specials. Video dancing begins at 9 pm.

TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 12 oz. cans Millers or Millers Lite \$1.00! Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T 9 pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Long Neck Domestic (non-premium) Beer .85 plus check our weekly Tuesday specials 8 pm to midnight

FINELINE - Lobby level Fineline open at 7 pm. Tequila \$1.00. 16 oz. Margaritas \$1.50.

GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks \$1.50 till closing plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm: Well Scotch \$1.00. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to close: Well \$1.50

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 pm Well Gin \$1.00 and Schnapps .75

RUMOR HAZZIT - .50 off all call drinks from opening to closing. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

SPORTS



JOSHUA TREE VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE FALL LEAGUE

SECOND HALF

Standings as of 11/02/86

TEAM	WINS	LOSES	GAMES	PCT.
U-GUYS	6	1	7	.8571
INVISIBLES	5	2	7	.7142
MEN AT PLAY	4	2	6	.6666
MADOLFOS	4	3	7	.5714
DOUBLE TROUBLE	1	5	6	.1666
TIT	0	6	6	0

Due to cool weather and rain volleyball was canceled this past Sunday. This was only the second time in seven years that a day of match play has not been held. This coming Sunday will be the second week of play in the second half of the season. For the first time, U-Guys, holds first place with the Invisibles only one game behind in second place. Men at Play, winners of the first half, are a close third place only two games from first. Right behind is Madolfos, in fourth place, just two and one half games out of first.

Schedule of Play 11/09/86

- Double Trouble vs. T.N.T.
- Madolfos vs. Invisibles
- U-Guys vs. Double Trouble
- Men at Play vs. Madolfos
- T.N.T. vs. Invisibles
- U-Guys vs. Men at Play
- Double Trouble vs. Invisibles
- Madolfos vs. U-Guys
- T.N.T. vs. Men at Play

JOSHUA TREE MIXED HAWLING LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF 10/24/1986

TEAM	WON	LOST	TOTAL PINS
1. SHOTS PLEEZ	21	11	13728
2. FLYNTONES	21	11	13662
3. THE MISFITS	20	12	13884
4. HEAD GAMES	19	13	13708
5. JOSHUA TREE	19	13	13491
6. RITA'S GIRLS	18	14	13746
7. THE DUNPIS	17	15	13424
8. PENETRATING FORCE	15	17	13596
9. KASSIE'S KLAN	15	17	13595
10. THAT'S THE TICKET	13	19	13357
11. 3 J's	13	19	13075
12. THREE MINUS ONE	11	21	13575
13. MEN AT WORK	11	21	13274
14. BACK POCKET	11	21	13155

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

GRADUATE - Singer Sherri Kimmerling makes another Tucson appearance. This time for two nights. A great voice and great stage presence make this artist one of the most popular on the Arizona stage.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

FINELINE - 1st Annual "Red Party" begins at 9 p.m. Red attire requested. There will be a "Red Buffet" among many other red surprises. Afterhours till 4 a.m.

GRADUATE - Sherri Kimmerling, popular vocalist from Phoenix makes another Tucson appearance much to the delight of her many Tucson fans. If you haven't caught her act yet, get there early! No cover.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - A special surprise guest bartender will be working behind the bar. Come by and see who it is! All Schnapps on hand will be on sale for .50 per shot and all U.S.A. Beer will be on sale for \$1.25! Come on by!!!!!!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

GRADUATE - An afternoon of Country Dancing at its finest. Charlie's Country Cloggers appear here for their first Tucson visit. It all takes place from 2 to 5 p.m. in the afternoon. Clogging is their act and they are the best!

RUMOR HAZZIT - Bonnie Bitch and Friends make a return appearance to Arizona from a national tour. 9:00 p.m. \$2.00 Cover.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - "DOMINO THEORY Live! Totally original music! Tucson's first Gay bar performance. \$300 Cover at door. It all begins at 8:30 p.m. Be there and "Dance Your Ass Off!"

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

GRADUATE - Special Thanksgiving evening show. Watch for details.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

RUMOR HAZZIT - "Return To The Rainbow", a Garland Production hosted by Don Henkle and Jacqueline De' Savoi. Features a cast of many including Candy Plastique, Tamara; B.J., Michael Caeti, Aviva Diamond, Rose Trellis, Christi Lunden and More!! Showtime is 8:30. Reservations are highly recommended. \$2.50 cover.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Original schedule for a November and a December show here have been revised into one giant, spectacular Christmas show. Watch for more details concerning a really outstanding cast of performers from both Tucson and Phoenix.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

GRADUATE - Big Christmas show is in the works here. Watch for more details, but keep this date open!

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WHAT'S UP DOC?



Oops! Last week was a goof up. For the first time I forgot to write a column. I'll blame it on the baseball game, and then the damn Red Sox lost the game. To think a baseball game would make me forget my column when I had some good BS for you.

One of those BS items I had for you happened after the Wildcat football game. TJ and I headed for the Graduate after the game for a few victory drinks (that was last week, not this past weekend). As always Hopi was also there with his tape of the Wildcat Fight Song. After playing it a few times, out came not one of the UofA's cheerleaders, but one of the Graduate's little Tippy cheerleaders, s Bill N. Give that girl a few top shelf drinks, a couple of pom poms, play the fight song and watch that old gal really move. By 1 a.m. if Bill had tried one more split, she would never have gotten up off the floor. All things taken into consideration Bill, your age, your shape, your drinks, and etc, etc, you really have more balls than anyone else, myself included. Keep up the practice and get ready for Nov. 22 as that's the day the Wildcats beat the Sun Devils.

Starting this week you will notice posters in some of the bars advertising this year's Tucson Knight Owl's turkey raffle. Again this year TKO is raffling a turkey off, 10 lbs. or better, at each bar you see a poster in. Drawing for the turkeys will be Saturday, Nov. 22 at 8:00 p.m. in each bar. Another turkey will be awarded to the bartender who sells the most raffle tickets. Tickets can be purchased for \$2 each. If by chance your favorite bar is not selling these raffle tickets and you would like to purchase one or more call me at home at 884-7309

and I'll get some to you, who will be the bartender who sells the most tickets, and which bar will? Good luck to everyone.

TALL held their installation of newly elected officers at the Graduate this past Saturday. Taking the oath of office for the upcoming year were: President: Forrest; Vice-President: (re-elected) Duane (IP); and finally for Secretary: Roy, also known as the first lady of TALL who was also sworn in by TKO's First Lady Gary. Have a successful year and I look forward to working with you and your entire club both through this column and TKO.

S.O.S.'s meeting will this Sunday. For the location of this meeting contact an SOS member or contact the mouthpiece of SOS Roger, at the Graduate. This past Sunday SOS held their monthly Casino Night at the Graduate; with TKO members as guest dealers. I cannot understand why TJ and Jim didn't want me dealing at their table. All those in attendance and playing Black Jack really had a good time and the final prize winners picked up some very nice gifts. I hear next month's guest dealers will be the Desert Leathermen (I hope it's official). Now, I'll work the other side of the table so maybe I can pick up one of those prizes. Of course, if I pick up on something else, I'll just have to give my chips to poor old Ben. Ben was wiped out of his chips three different times. With his kind of luck, I'd suggest SOS never let him deal.

I guess that's about it for this week. Once again, Bob, sorry for last week's f--- up. I hope everyone has a real fun-loving week and I'll be talking to you thru this column next week.

Tucson support group for married Gay men to begin in January

TUCSON - The Tucson-based Center for Human Development is scheduling another eight-week Men's Support Group beginning in January, 1987. The program is not a counseling or therapy group, but rather an opportunity for married Gay men to explore the issues that are central to healthy adjustment and optimum personal functioning. The format of the series includes a weekly one-hour meeting; each of the eight meetings focuses on a specific issue for discussion and provides an opportunity for the participating men to share their ideas, feelings, needs and suggestions regarding the week's topic. No formal presentations are planned. Following each meeting those men who wish to continue the relationship-building, frequently get together for coffee, drinks, etc. at another location to continue the evening's session, and the group may continue beyond the planned eight-weeks if the participants wish.

The support group operates on the premise that each man's marital and Gay status is a highly individual and unique matter. As such, each man must decide (1) Whether he wishes to work toward sustaining and strengthening the marital relationship or instead to move toward dissolution of the marriage; (2) Whether to come out to his wife (and/or family) or to keep his homosexual interests and activities covert; (3) Whether he will be open to, or insulated from, the possibilities of an emotional, affectional relationship with another man and the implications of that decision; (4) How he can best cope with the feelings of resentment, confinement, guilt, ambivalence, etc. that can occur as he tries to express his full sexual and emotional self and still maintain

the expected marital role; and (5) How he will cope with the desire for Gay sexual outlets and the interpersonal and health issues that can arise.

During the eight weeks, the participating married Gay will have a positive, self-enhancing opportunity to explore and examine his values, beliefs, sexuality and capacity for personal intimacy. All matters relating to the group are discreetly managed and confidentiality is assured.

Although the Men's Support Group is limited to approximately eight-ten men each session, two concurrent groups are planned. The only eligibility requirements are that the participant must be (1) Gay or bisexual and (2) planning marriage, currently married or recently separated or divorced. Any man who is interested in the remaining openings may contact Dr. Dan Overbeck's office, himself a formerly married Gay counselor, at 884-0476 for additional details. Meeting dates and times will be scheduled once the participant roster is full, and will, as much as possible, be at the convenience of the participants.

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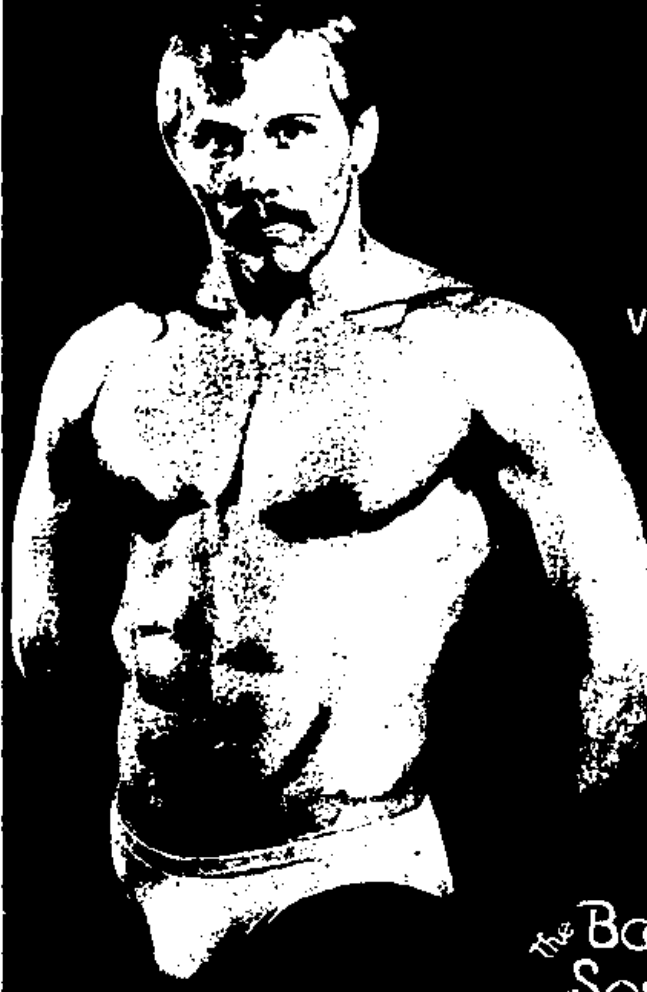
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New sex research project underway

PHILADELPHIA, PA - Word of a new study focusing on Lesbian and Gay sexuality has been released by two independent researchers. The study seeks to address the question about the types and incidence of sexual dysfunction in Gay and Lesbian couples. James Bahr, a member of the research team, stated, "We believe that Gay and Lesbian sexual orientation is a natural state. Further, we believe that Lesbians and Gays should be sexually functional. Very little research has been done on sexual dysfunction in Lesbian and Gay couples. The work that has been done has exclusively focused on couples who have come in for counseling. Clinicians need information desperately. Moreso, Gays and Lesbians who are sexually dysfunctional, or have a dysfunctional partner, need to know that they are not alone."

research done. The time has come for research concerning Lesbians and Gays to begin to reflect and explore our issues."

Bahr, who is himself Gay, recalls, "I have had to deal with dysfunctional Gays and Lesbians in the past whose confusion and lack of knowledge about sexual dysfunction has caused them a great deal of anxiety. All I had to offer them was my knowledge of heterosexual dysfunction. It seems appropriate that when dealing with a particular population a clinician or researcher should have knowledge about that population. Extrapolations from other populations are not sufficient."

Currently, the study is in the data collection stage. Weeks and Bahr are trying to obtain couples willing to fill out their questionnaire. The questionnaire takes 15-20 minutes to complete, and is returned via mail. Participants will have no contact with the researchers, unless so desired. Bahr assures that all information is anonymous and confidential; no one will be able to identify a couple with their responses, not even the researchers. Nothing else will be asked of the participants. Length of the relationship is not a consideration; that the partners consider themselves to be in a committed relationship is all that is required. The only couples who should not fill out the questionnaire are those that have ever been in counseling as a couple. Couples where one or both partners have been in individual counseling are encouraged to participate.

Any couples interested in completing the survey should contact Bahr at (215) 622-2007, or write Box 2364, Philadelphia, PA 19103-0364.

The researchers hope to be able to answer what most sex researchers consider to be a basic question: "What kinds of sexual dysfunctions affect couples and how prevalent are they?" Bahr notes that it was as recently as 1979 that a similar study was first done on heterosexual couples. This study proved invaluable to sex researchers and clinicians who need to treat the dysfunctional couples.

Now, Bahr and Dr. Gerald Weeks are beginning to ask the same question about Gay and Lesbian couples, in hopes of helping to "normalize" Lesbian and Gay sexuality, as well as to provide important information. "For too long now," Bahr points out, "Lesbians and Gays have been viewed by the scientific community as emotionally underdeveloped, or sick. This attitude is reflected in, and partially directed by, the

Juicy Lucy

My stars, what a weekend. It was just plum-filled with beauty and a beast or two. After seeing some of those costumes Friday evening, you'd think Tucson had come out of the closet. I swear, some of those girls were just too pretty, which rattles my goose-down pillow: too much competition. One of those girls I loved because she finally appeared in public as she really is - Doc. I hear she won a contest over at Rumor Hazzit. They must have really been desperate or just felt sorry for her.

Over at the Graduate, I hear Hopi won a contest. I was told she appeared better looking than she ever has. Over at IBT's, Danny P. showed up in her true colors. The other bartender was just too cute to have been tending bar. Instead she should have been at my place and place that grass skirt over my head for days. Also, at IBT's, did you notice the outfit Ernie was wearing? Whatever it was, looked like something that came out of a Goodwill box. The necklace was cute. Back at the Graduate, did you notice the Smurf playing the sound for the show? That girl was just too much and probably put the

Smurf's back 100 years.

Saturday I headed over to the Graduate because I heard those girls in leather were serving some victuals. Who in the hell was the cook? Then they started a swearing in show (I guess) of the new bosses for the year. Now, how can this leather club have a First Lady and top that off by having her sworn in by the First Lady of another "men's club? What some of these city slickers will do just to have their puss in front of people.

It was back to the Graduate Sunday evening to join in playing cards. I didn't win any of those goodies up front by Grandma (I guess) sitting there. I wonder how many chips it could have cost me for that one dealer all in black?

To all of you Wildcat fans - See, don't monkey with my men from California.

I just heard a long neck open, so I'm off to other pastures. Beside, nothing going on here at this time on the West Side. This week I'll be hitting each Gay watering hole in town.

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or contact with blood and blood products.

A few of Cronan's colleagues have been turned away from their friends' houses because of widespread misunderstanding about AIDS contagion, she said.

Others are under pressure by their families to stay away from Cronan, and some families simply don't believe the doctors' assurances.

Yet the families were impressed by the phone company's resolve to keep Cronan on the job, and by his persistence, Mrs. Moore said.

"The majority of people were saying they admired Paul and his courage," she said. "They understand he's a human being and he's suffering from something nobody has control over."

Business agent Mike Connor said the local chapter of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was supporting Cronan's return to the job because "it's the right thing to do."

Cronan's attorney, David Casey, who handled the case for the American Civil Liberties Union, said the company promised to refuse service to customers who wouldn't allow Cronan in their homes.

New England Telephone spokesman Peter Cronin said he was checking whether that was a provision of the settlement, but the company has received no complaints.

HOPE EXHAUSTED TO UNITE LOVERS

ST. CLOUD, MN - Karen Thompson, the woman fighting for the right to be with her lover who was severely disabled in an auto accident, has lost her appeal in a Minnesota court to overturn a lower court's ruling which effectively bars her from even visiting.

Even though Thompson and Sharon Kowalski had been lovers for four years at the time of the accident, Kowalski's parents eventually obtained court orders giving them absolute custody of their daughter and refused to allow the two to be together or for Thompson to continue physical and occupational therapy to which Kowalski was responding. Kowalski has regressed without the therapy and has little chance of regaining even rudimentary motor skills if it is not resumed. Thompson's attorneys said that they may have exhausted one of their last hopes to reunite the women.

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FUNDAMENTALISTS WIN TENNESSEE TEXTBOOK CASES

provisions for home instruction according to state law," Hull said.

Vicki Frost, one of the parents who filed suit and a leading witness during the July trial, expressed joy over the decision.

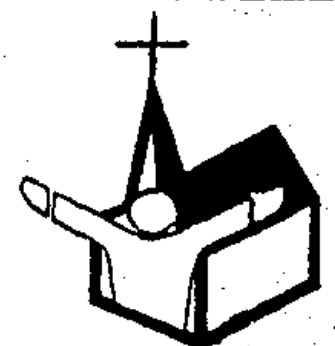
"I can say I'm very grateful and I'm thankful," Frost said by telephone from her Church Hill home.

Hull noted that trial testimony showed using alternative texts in class would be burdensome to the school system.

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TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fineline, 101 W. Drachman. Everyone welcome.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING FORM A SUPPORT GROUP for Parents and Friends of Gays please contact Sean, P.O. Box 27929, Tucson, AZ 85726 or the Confidential Hot Line for Parents of Gays, call Herb, 742-1689 (after 7 p.m.) in Tucson.

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OKAY, HERE IT GOES.

As you could probably guess, I have to write these columns a bit early before they appear here in print. I am typing away at this one on the early evening of Tuesday, the 28th of October. Usually, it doesn't matter when I write my column, but this week it does: I am taking a chance that by the time this column reaches the light of print, CAROLYN WARNER will be the newly elected Governor of the State of Arizona. Congratulations, Carolyn!

Next: You will probably remember my column of November 20, 1985 when I listed all the books by author GORDON MERRICK, whose books deal intelligently with Gay characters as people first, Gay second. Well, good news! Mr. Merrick has come out with another book called A MEASURE OF MADNESS, in paperback for \$4.95. Look for it the next time you're in a bookstore. I promise you'll be in for a good read.

News in a recent PEOPLE magazine has it that there is trouble casting a new Gay-themed picture called THE FRONT RUNNER. The film, based on the novel by PATRICIA WARREN, is about a college track coach who becomes attracted to his star runner, who is Gay. Olympian GREG LOUGANIS

has joined the cast, as has handsome GREG SHOW of the soap Ryan's Hope. Also in the cast is MATT LATTANZI who plays-out a favorite fantasy of ours: a Gay runner. The lead is still not cast, and has been turned down by many stars, including mega-success HARRISON FORD.

ART BUSINESS NEWS reported in its October 1986 issue that the VORPAL GALLERY in San Francisco is one of the 22 By Area art galleries who are raising money for AIDS. A fundraising auction of 200 original works hopes to raise more than \$1 million to be donated to 5 San Francisco organizations: AIDS Health Project, Coming Home Hospice, San Francisco AIDS Fund, Shanti Project and Stop AIDS. Honorary Chair of the "ART FOR AIDS" campaign is San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein.

An interesting organization was created originally to aid in introducing handicapped individuals to each other, in the same way dating services operate. They even arrange for meetings between Gay and Lesbian handicapped individuals. For more info, write to Handicap Introductions, P.O.B. 232, Coopersburg, PA, 18036, or call (215) 282-1577.

Also: In case you haven't heard, there is an organization for the family and friends of Gays and Lesbians called PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS, which has a local chapter in Phoenix. The organization tries to help the parents and friends of homosexuals understand homosexuality. It is an important organization, and you can get more info by writing to the group at P.O.B. 37525, Phoenix, AZ 85069. You can

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Lastly, a word of thanks for all the cards, letters and flowers from those of you wishing me well with regard my recently injured VCR. Luckily, damage looked worse than it really was, and it has since been repaired and reunited with the family which loves it so much.

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