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Some Words Are Offensive to Yellow Pages



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Bill Ashley in Chosen Books

by Susan Ager

DETROIT, MI - "Gay" and "Lesbian" are offensive words that cannot be used in a Yellow Pages ad, the company that publishes the book has told the Detroit area's only Gay/Lesbian bookstore.

Ameritech Publishing Inc., says it made a mistake last year when it allowed a small ad to appear in the current Detroit Consumer Yellow Pages. That ad, for Chosen Books, says the store carries "Gay-Lesbian Literary books - gifts."

"It's been our policy since forever not to publish advertising material which we believe is offensive to our customers - or may be offensive to our customers. I really should say," said Jayne Colombo, public relations manager for Ameritech. The current ad "was printed mistakenly, and that is very unfortunate, but it doesn't alter our decision not to print it this year," she said.

Instead, the company suggested the bookstore describe itself as an "adult bookstore" or a bookstore for "alternative lifestyles," said Bill Ashley, 23, who with his lover, John Cook, 31, started the store 15 months ago. The owners said they have a First Amendment right to describe themselves as what they are.

"Alternative lifestyle" is far too vague," said Ashley. "And we are not an 'adult bookstore' by any means. The books that we carry for the most part could be found in a Dalton or a Doubleday, if they took the time to order the books and stock them. We carry 1,500 to 2,000 titles right now - novels, poetry, plays, biographies, autobiographies. The only difference is that they revolve around a gay or

Lesbian identity.

Said David Piontkowsky, the store's attorney: "If Ameritech's real purpose is to protect the morality or ethics of its readers, it is going about it in an absolutely inverse way. People could wander into it, or call, with no idea of its nature. It could end up affronting the public rather than informing it."

The store is clean and well lighted, with a computerized inventory and books displayed as they would at a B. Dalton Bookseller. It also carries about 1,200 greeting cards, several styles of T-shirts, bumper stickers and other gifts. A few sex-oriented magazines and paperbacks are "the male equivalent of Playboy and Penthouse" and Harlequin romance novels, Ashley said.

Chosen Books is the largest homosexual bookstore in the Midwest, and among the five largest in the nation. This fall it will publish a catalogue for national distribution.

In May, Chosen Books' local

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Weekly Gay Television Programming Planned in Tucson

TUCSON - On Monday, August 6 there will be a meeting for anyone interested in the newest Gay activity in Tucson. A weekly television program will be made available to the general public which will be produced and directed by Tucsonans.

Mr. Jim Farris in conjunction with the Fineline, will produce for the Tucson Community Cable Corporation a weekly 1/2 hour program designed to inform the public cable audience of Gay life through a series of programs utilizing a public forum format. The program will address the issue of Gay life in a straight world.

Anyone interested in working, providing ideas or assisting in the production and promotion of this 1/2 hour weekly series is urged to attend the meeting at The Fineline, 101 West Drachman, Tucson. The meeting will take place in the BFR upstairs at 8:00 p.m.

The Tucson Cable Corporation is providing free usage of their equipment through their grant and will offer instructions in the use of the equipment. Remember, anyone interested in this exciting new venture on the Gay scene in Tucson is urged to attend this important milestone meeting. A representative from every local organization is especially requested.

Three Tucsonans Named in Advocate 400

TUCSON - The latest issue of "The Advocate", the national Gay news magazine was their 400th edition. To celebrate the event, the publishers spent several months asking people to tell them who in the United States they regarded as "real contributors, the movers and shakers" of the Gay and Lesbian community. The result of the survey constituted the Advocate 400.

Three members of the Tucson Gay community were named to this prestigious list. They are:

Bruce Fowler, professor; co-founder and first president of Dignity/Tucson; co-founder and first co-chair of Tucson Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee.

William "Bill" North - dog groomer; a founder and former co-chair of the Tucson Gay Coalition.

Robert "Bob" Ellis, editor; founder of Arizona Gay News (AGN) and editor of Attitude, an outgrowth of AGN. Current editor and publisher of the newspaper Observer.

Two members of the Phoenix Gay community were also honored - Robert "Bob" Hegyi and Bob DeBrecht.

Concerning the list of honored persons, Advocate President David B. Goodstein said, "I have the privilege of knowing more of these 400 than do most people. My job at this magazine does have a few prerequisites, including being able to meet and talk with the Gay people actively involved in the community. They are amazing." Goodstein continued, "Even in 1984 it is not easy to do the work of this community; most of its members still do not know how to make a difference, even if they cared to come out of the

closet to do so. Many who do come out publicly are traumatized by discrimination, even persecution."

"Our leaders are pioneers," Goodstein said. "A friend once told me you can always tell the pioneers because they are the ones with the arrows in their chests. Nowhere is this truer than in our community. So my admiration for these 400 is very great indeed."

Advocate editor Robert I. McQueen said, "To celebrate the milestone our 400th issue represents, we've decided to honor 400 individuals who have made, and are making, significant contributions to the Gay rights movement in the United States. Many of these people have been instrumental in the founding of important Gay organizations. Some worked in the political arena, while others have expressed their commitment through Gay journalism, sports, theater, literature or religious organizations. A few - perhaps the most deserving of honor - are not themselves Gay, a fact that makes their dedication even more impressive."

Goodstein concluded, "Bravery and courage have always been virtues in short supply. In our day and age, three other qualities - perseverance, truthfulness and honesty - are also rare. In 'The Advocate 400' are the names of some of those Gay men and Lesbians who live lives dedicated to truth, honor and the safety of Gay people in their communities. A few of the 400 have been acknowledged before; most have not. We hope this issue will go a small distance toward correcting that situation."

AGBA Membership Grows

TUCSON - The Arizona Gay Bar Owners Association (AGBA) was established a couple of years ago to help pull the Tucson and Phoenix communities together. With the signing up of the six Tucson Gay bars, the member AGBA bars now totals twenty.

All officers have been in office since the beginning. They are Tommy Ward (Tommy and Clyde's), President; George Hill (Hotbods), Vice-President; Ron Farrah (Farrah's), Treasurer and Cheryl Emery (former owner of Full Moon), Secretary.

The group, which meets every third Tuesday at member bars, has recently established a health insurance plan for their employees.

One of the most important functions of the AGBA is the proper coordination and overseeing of fund raising events for different benefits. The group's biggest event is held each year in South Mountain Park where the AGBA sponsors a huge Octoberfest.

More than 2,000 persons are expected this year. Last year's event raised nearly \$3,000 for AIDS research.

Since the AGBA began publishing bad check information between its member bars, the incidence of bad checks has dropped dramatically.

Tucson member bars include: Back Pocket/Joshua Tree; Colette's West; Fineline; Graduate; Rita's Rendezvous and Tramps.

The AGBA will hold its August meeting at the New Lost World Resort in Rancho Mirage, California, just outside of Palm Springs, on Tuesday, August 21.

DID YOU KNOW...

The first Lesbian trial in America took place in 1642, and one participant, Goodwife Hymann, was sentenced to make public confession of her crime. Her partner, Mary Hamon, was paradoxically cleared of the offense entirely.

EDITORIAL...

Someone said the other day that our fair city of Tucson was destined to become the new Gay mecca of the United States. And I am inclined to agree.

We have always had the beautiful weather and beautiful people. What was lacking was the will to get it all together and make the Gay community click. I must admit that most other American cities have that same problem.

In the past couple of years though, the Tucson Gay community has literally gotten off of it's duff and started to move ahead at a very rapid rate.

Where this forward movement began or what caused it to begin in the first place is of no real concern, the facts are clear. Tucson is feeling a vibrant growth within the Lesbian and Gay community.

The religious community, the sports community, the entertainment community, the business community, the clubs and organizations within the Gay community of Tucson are all feeling this growth.

Fact: Tucson will very soon have a Gay radio station. Fact: Tucson will shortly be going on the air with specially locally produced television shows by and for the Gay community. Fact: There is a business association for all Gay Tucson businessmen and professionals, who meet regularly and are addressed by business and political leaders from the non-Gay community. Fact: All six Gay bars in Tucson are now affiliated with the Arizona Gay Bar Owners Assn. which adds solidarity to that segment of our community. Fact: The Tucson Lesbian and Gay population is growing by leaps and bounds. (It is hard to find a native anymore). And the list goes on and on.

What all this means is that in order to keep this phenomenal growth on track, it is the duty of each and every member of our Gay community to assist. There are many organizations

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B R I E F S

GAY BICYCLISTS ORGANIZE

TUCSON - Another new organization is taking shape in Tucson - Gay Arizona Bicyclists (G.A.B.). Anyone interested in bicycling with a group of Gay brothers and sisters is welcome to come to the organizational meeting. The group is open to beginners or professionals.

Any person in the community in joining G.A.B. should be at Himmel Park, Northeast Corner (near the library) on Saturday, August 11 at 4:00 p.m.

WISCONSIN BASHING

MADISON, WI (CCN) - A survey conducted by the Wisconsin Governor's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues revealed that two thirds of the 145 respondents worry about their safety. Half of those answering the questionnaire said they modified their behavior to avoid violence and 87 percent said they thought they could be victims of homophobic violence in the future.

Ninety-seven men and 46 women from 212 cities and towns responded to the surveys, which were distributed by the Governor's Council through community groups, at bars and meetings and with the help of the Gay news media.

Many of the respondents criticized police, especially the Milwaukee police force. Said one, "Police (make) the 'Gay rights state' a joke."

EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT THE GAY RIGHTS REPEAL

ROCKVILLE, MD (CCN) - A coalition of Gay and straight organizations has launched an education campaign to turn back the effort to repeal Montgomery County's Gay rights measure, according to the Washington Blade.

Spokespeople for the Montgomery County Coalition for Human Rights, representing area Gay groups, and the Montgomery County Citizens for Justice "a broadly based citizens group," said the organizations will make a concerted effort to get the facts out about the county's comprehensive human rights law, which includes protective provisions for Gay men and Lesbians.

The county council approved the bill in February and it was signed into law at that time. But, opponents of Gay rights prevented the law from taking effect last month by collecting almost 24,000 signatures on petitions calling for repeal of the Gay related portions of the bill. The question, however, has yet to be certified for the November ballot because petition signatures have not been verified.

Nevertheless, supporters of Gay rights are gearing up to correct the misleading rhetoric of a group of religious fundamentalists, the Citizens for a Decent Government. "Much has been said which is untrue, misleading, if not outright malicious, regarding the purpose of this law," said Jim Mihalik, chair of the predominantly straight Montgomery County Citizens For Justice.

GROUP URGES REAGAN TO CANCEL OFFICIALS APPEARANCE WITH ANTI-GAY GROUPS AT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, DC - The Concerned Americans for Individual Rights (CAIR), an organization of moderate to conservative Gays and Lesbians, has urged President Reagan to cancel the appearance of two Administration officials at the upcoming Pro-Family Forum scheduled in Dallas just before the Republican Convention there this summer.

The forums, sponsored by the Moral Majority and the Free Congress Foundation, will have a portion of their program devoted to "What's Wrong With Homosexual Rights", according to a pamphlet distributed by the sponsors. An earlier news release from the group had labeled this segment as, "The Threat Of Homosexuality."

"Whatever they call it," according to CAIR Chairman Bruce Decker, "The anti-Gay tone of the discussion is assured. We do not believe that such bigotry and intolerance represent the views of either the President or of his administration."

In a telegram to the President, CAIR praised Mr. Reagan for his oft demonstrated opposition to "intolerance toward minority groups."

"As you would not tolerate your official representatives attending a conference at which blacks, Jews, Hispanics, the handicapped or any other minority would be attacked or maligned," the message continued, "so we are sure you will not want to have your official representatives at a conference attacking Gays."

The wire pointed out that Dr. Edward Brandt, Assistant Secretary for Health, earlier had cancelled the presentation of a humanitarian award to a Lesbian group on the strength of a telegram of protest.

"The participation of At Ragnery of the Justice Department and William Bennett of the National Endowment for the Humanities in this event - combined with the Brandt cancellation - will lead many people to believe that the Reagan administration is anti-Gay," the telegram stated.

"We are sure this is not the signal you would want to send.... Their withdrawal (from the Pro-Family Forum) would reaffirm the Administration's commitment to oppose discrimination in all forms," concluded the message from CAIR.

REMINDER

When you knowingly take a minor into a bar and purchase an alcoholic beverage for that person, you are jeopardizing the bartender who you deceived as well as the license of the establishment. Maximum fine for the bartender could be \$1,000, six months in jail and 3 years probation.

In addition, you could be cited for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. This is pretty tough stuff and it is expected that surveillance in drinking establishments will be increased when the new drinking age law goes into effect.

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**GAY PROFESSIONALS SOUGHT
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TUCSON - A Tucson Gay Community Directory is being published on a regular basis, and professionals, businesses and services are being sought for inclusion. Sponsored by the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, the first directory was published and distributed during Lesbian and Gay Pride Week in June. The second edition is now being prepared.

Attorneys, doctors, counselors, real estate sales personnel or brokers, maintenance people, artists, mechanics, animal care people, etc., anyone who is interested in doing business with the Gay community of Tucson is urged to contact Rich Blum, 622-4485 (9 a.m. - 9 p.m.) or Rick, 745-9345 eves.

TLGPC wants to support your business if you are interested in doing business with the Gay community.

GAY EMPLOYEES TO FORM ORGANIZATION

TUCSON - Sunday, August 5 at noon in the BFR at the Fineline will be the place and time for an organizational meeting for anyone interested in forming a Gay business employees association. All bar employees or employees of any Gay oriented business or an employee of a business that does business with the Gay community is urged to attend this initial, organizational meeting. The association is to be primarily a social one.

Interested persons should call Jim Adams at Tramps, 882-0795..



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 REVIEWS

Hello to all the Tucson talent and their avid followers!

The last five years we have followed, sought out, enjoyed, loved, fought with, learned from, given to and received from the special people in our community, aka the female impersonators.

Therefore when the Observer wanted volunteers to review - and with the encouragement from friends, the "Fanatic Fairy" and I decided to take on the challenge.

Sincerely, H.H.

What a better way to start than with the Benefit show Sunday, July 29, at Tramps for Dusty Hahn.

The staff was pleasant and the sound system excellent and best of all the entertainment started on time!

The entertainers pulled together for a show which had something for everyone.

Aviva Diamond glittered and glowed with her feathers and rhinestones. Her generous spirit shines brighter than her rhinestones when she moves to her fans. To some it may seem she's only giving feathers or roses, but we know that she is giving of herself.

Brenda Starr drew many tips and as always one to take us back to "the good old days", she surprised us with new numbers. The girl seemed to be having fun - the dimples adorable.

Monte-Jon, Eddie Florez and all the others in the cast and behind the scenes worked hard to put on a special show for a special friend. Thanks Tramps. Get well Dusty.

With Love
 Honey Hono

P.S. We are looking forward to the August 5th Casey Star Special at The Graduate. Rumor has it there's a new girl in town. We'll be watching you Stephanie!

Hugs and Kisses
 H.H. & F.F.

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Yellow Pages ad representative sold the store a half inch boxed ad that cost \$140 a month to run in seven Detroit area phone books. The ad read: "Gay-Lesbian literary books, unique cards, T-shirts, buttons, posters, women's music, unusual gifts."

Columbo said the decision to ban "Gay" and "Lesbian" was made by an ethics committee composed of Ameritech Publishing managers and was based on a company policy that gave it "the right to include or reject any items it sees as being offensive to the general public or in poor taste." "But we don't have any list of bad words anywhere." The policy, she said, "is applied on a case-by-case basis." Ameritech Publishing publishes white and yellow pages for Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Asked about listings in the Detroit white pages for a Gay Community Information and Referral Services and a Gay Council, Columbo said: "We have to admit we don't know what they are. There are cases where we've allowed a community service agency - non-profit and community service - to have a listing in the white pages. You've brought those to our attention, and we'll look into them. If they don't meet our guidelines, we'll take action."

Of the 48 listings of people whose last name is Gay or whose business includes the word, Columbo said, "We won't count them."

Club



Events

by Doc

Seven members of TKO took off together to get out of the heat and headed up to Molino Basin. They sure beat the heat, but had plenty of rain and gnats to put up with! Now they are back down and are getting ready for their meeting Saturday. If anyone would be interested in attending a TKO meeting to get a view of how things operate, contact one of the following: Tommy 323-3527 or Chester 327-9392. There is still time for anyone interested in going on the City of Rocks run so get in touch with them.

Just a reminder, the Sons of Apollo (Phoenix) will be arriving Friday night for the weekend. Word has it they will make their first stop at Rita's Rendezvous around 7:30 p.m. TKO and TALL, let's get out in force and welcome our out of town guests. They (SOA) thru TKO and Rita's Rendezvous have requested and received permission to have a bike christening on the patio at Rita's, Saturday at 7:00 p.m. If you have never witnessed a bike christening, be there and join in this unusual but rewarding (to the individual owning the bike) event.

Lee R., President of the Tucson Arizona Levi Leather Club (TALL), has asked me to express his total thanks to every member of the Tucson community for their support of TALL's Beach Party and show. A special big thank you goes to Bob Bishop and the entire Joshua Tree/Back Pocket staff for the support and assistance which helped make the entire day a success. A very special thanks goes to the following members of the Broadway Review cast and supporting members: Monte-Jon, Nancy N., Patrick T., Ron L., Rick D., Louie W., Debbie W., Victor A., Eddie F., Michael D., Craig B., (cast); Rick N. on music, Gary H. on piano and Michael W. on lights.

Special congratulation goes out to Susan M., winner of the San Carlos trip. She and friend will be leaving for San Carlos on Susan's birthday.

Just a short tid bit of info. Mark and Ed's Christmas in July was just more than Miss Santa could handle. Add four kegs and Jim's cookies you are going to need more than one Miss Santa....TALL meeting this month will be at Patrick P's house on Aug. 5. Anyone interested in attending contact Lee at 293-4069.

One final word to everyone out there. This weekend you will be seeing a lot of different club colors, cruising around town and at the bars, so get on the band wagon for the fun of it. I wonder how these club members spell relief the next morning?

BOOKS

BEYOND THE MEN'S ROOM DOOR:

The trend has started in Tucson. Everyone is writing a book now. Some of the latest literary offerings to be found are:

"The Bags Of My Life" by Warner J. A complete guide for those who need to avoid overhead lighting.

"Dumpster Decorating" by Rodeo Queen. Offers thousands of tips and positions on being pretty by your favorite dumpster.

"The Patty Pantless Card Games Rule Book" is a handy book full of minor rules one always forgets. Diagrams by Pouting Patty.

"Break Dancing" by J.B. answers all those questions of etiquette for those in foot casts who love to dance.

"Warning: The Surgeon General Has Determined That Smoking Can Be Hazardous To Your Health" by Skeets.

"Success Is Just A Roof Away" by Dick P. (aka DPDP).

"How To Do Your Nautilus Instructor" by David R.

"The Clark and Kent Saga" by Super Mom.

"I Never Promised You My Hardware" by Marshall K.

"Groping Your Way Through Life" by John H.

"Not Only In Spring" by Jim Bo

"Home Is Just A Vacation Spot" by Denny and Loyd.

"In My Opinion" by Michael M.

"Just Queen Victoria and Me" by Lloyd B.

"How Not To Lose Your Pants On Speedway" by Tommy S. A most interesting book!

"Finding The Right Gentleman Caller" by Gene Z.

"The Case Of The Mysterious Flower Sender" by Peter S.

"I Was A Closet FTD Delivery Man" by Jim D.

"How To Get Into Trouble and Not Leave Your Bar Stool" by George R. This is a wonderful guide for anyone who hates to leave the bar alone.

"How To Put The Theory Of Profit and Loss Into Use" Written by Monte-Jon with a personal endorsement by Ron L.

"I'm Just A Girl Who Can't Say No" by Ron T.

"Celebant Marriage" by Roger B.


"Just Call Me The Welcome Wagon" by Tom N. An action packed novel by the only person in Tucson with TV monitors on all the Freeway off-ramps.

"Things I Never Told Robbie But Someone Should" by Brent F.

LAST WEEKS PUZZLE SOLUTION

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"Friendship and Desire," the congress will look at such problems of younger Gays and Lesbians as education, housing, family relations, and age of consent. Congress participants must be 25 years or younger. For more information contact the Dutch Gay Youth Platform, P.O. Box 542, 1000 AM, Amsterdam, The Netherlands..

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which provide service to the community which need your help. One of the hardest working of these groups is, perhaps, The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee. A group of hard working people whose good deeds is well documented. This group meets every second Monday of the Month at 8:30. The August Meeting is being held at Colette's West. Your ideas and input are needed. Come by and see what is happening in your community.

There are many other organizations who are worthy and need volunteer help also. Check out the notices in the classifieds of this issue and join one or more. I guarantee that you will be glad you did. It is a good feeling to do something for someone else. The community needs you. Join it!

Sounds expensive? It's not. The cost is \$150 (non-member + \$10.00) food and transportation is shared. If necessary, arrangements can be made for a 4 day, 3 night cruise. Available space is limited. Reservations have come from Virginia, California and Phoenix. Call NOW to reserve your berth (or additional information. Call me, Wayne, 623-4897

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS - Amsterdam will be the site of an International Gay/Lesbian Youth Congress/Festival August 5-11. With a theme of

DID YOU KNOW....

Kinsey's figure on the incidence of predominantly homosexual persons is well known; what is not so publicized is his statistic that indicates that only 50% of the male population reaches old age without at least one homosexual orgasm or arousal.

LADY CASONDRA

A N D C O M P A N Y

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

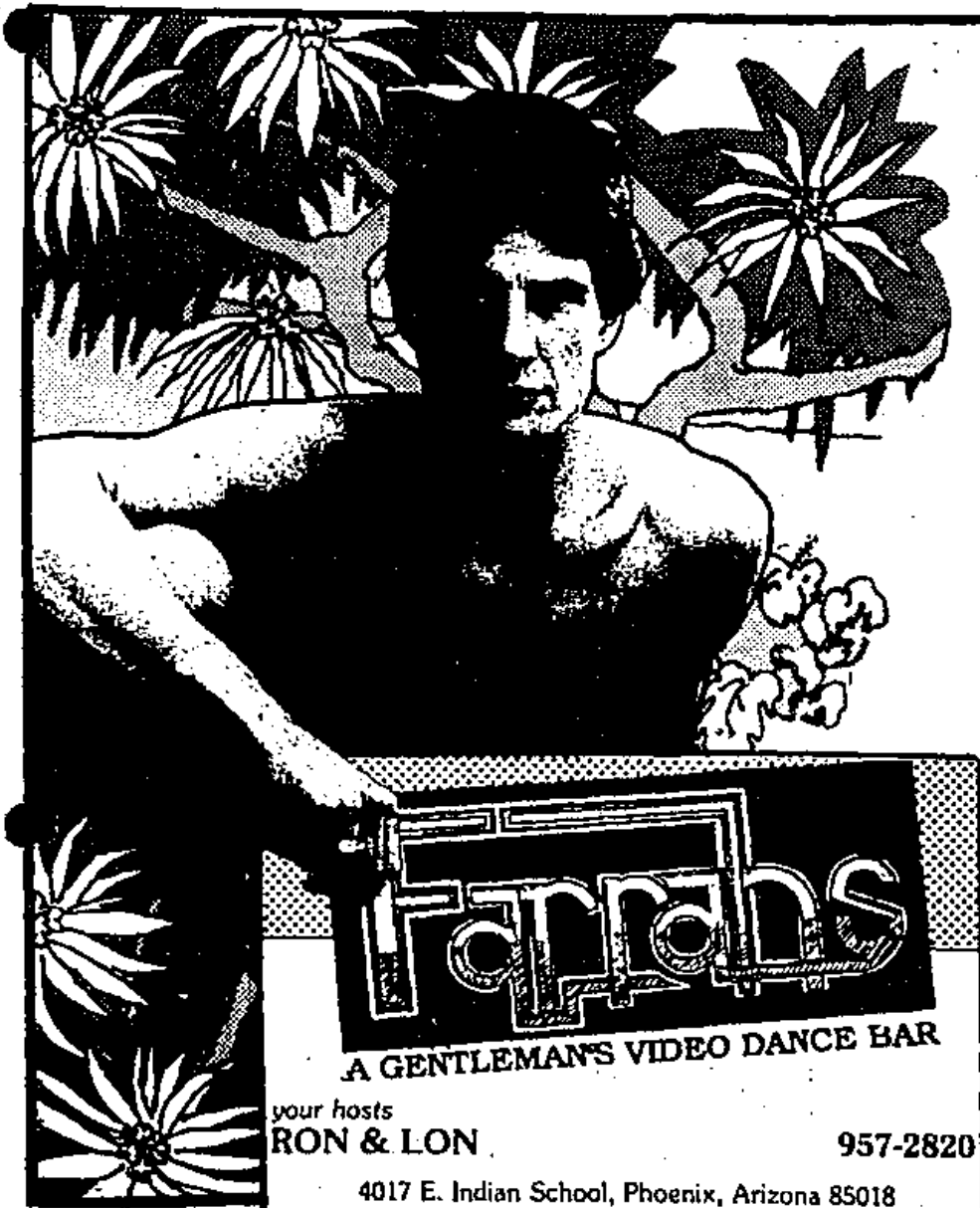
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SPECIAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3 - SONS OF APOLLO Motorcycle Club arrives for weekend from Phoenix for annual elections.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

COLETTE'S WEST - Live band "Rare Breed" 9 to 1. \$1.00

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

BACK POCKET - Volleyball Tournament - Joshua Tree Pussycats vs Colette's Bulldogs. 1:00 p.m. Fundraiser for Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Saturday Night Revue Again" show 7:30 p.m. \$2.50. Proceeds to purchase a piano for the troupe.

FINELINE - Lady Casandra Show in BFR upstairs

GRADUATE - The Casey Star Show with Aviva Diamond, Shree and Stephanie. 9:00 p.m.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - BBQ Rib Dinner 5 to 8 p.m. Live band "Topaz" plays 6 to 10 p.m.

TRAMPS - Desert Valley Squares 15 Square Dance Group from Phoenix. 4 to 6 p.m.

SAT. & SUN. AUG. 11 & 12 - GREAT OUTDOORS Overnight trip to Mount Graham. 792-1585.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

TRAMPS - Guest DJ Linda Fizzle from Inconito 11 in Phoenix plays from 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

COLETTE'S WEST - Leo Party. Drink specials all day.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

TLCPC (Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee) August meeting at Colette's West. 6:30 p.m.

FRI. - SUN. AUG. 17-19 - Tucson Knight Owl's annual trip to City of Rocks, New Mexico.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

COLETTE'S WEST - Football Tournament - 4 p.m.

HIMMEL PARK - Softball Game between Saddle Tramps from Tramps and Joshua Tree Pussycats. \$2.00 donation for beer. Fundraiser for TLCPC.

GREAT OUTDOORS - Day hike on Atascosa Peak near Nogales. 792-1585

THE TUCSON CALENDAR

WED.

WEDNESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust 9-11. 40 Mins

COLETTE'S WEST - Well Liquor .95 9 to Midnight

FINELINE - .75 Tall Neck Beer Bottle Night

GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. to Midnight

RITA'S - Well Shots .75 - Free Hors d'oeuvres

THURS.

THURSDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Nite .90 domestic

9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - Draft Beer Bust 9 p.m.-midnight \$2.00

FINELINE - Kamikaze Nite .75 / Showtime in the BFR

RITA'S - Well shots .75 - Free Hors d'oeuvres

FRIDAY

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COLETTE'S WEST - Monday Night Madness - \$1.00 Margaritas

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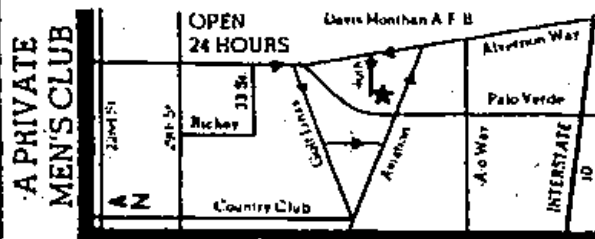
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ON TUESDAYS

ON BEHALF OF GAYS WHO ARE CHILDREN

by Griff Humphreys

I knew him slightly, from his hanging around the community center, sipping coffee and posing cool. He broke more appointments with me than he kept. While he said that he trusted me, I doubted his capacity to believe in any person that much. He had suffered profound loss in his life, and did not easily risk close relationships. An adult who offered only compassion and respect was an enigma. Yet he did spill his guts to me once, and I felt every bit of his rage and vulnerability.

Most social workers are familiar with lives like this. Raised by alcoholic parents, he was regularly abused. He knew that he was homosexual from an early age, but was smart enough to keep it from his parents. When he was 16, his father confronted him with rumors that he and a friend were involved in "crimes against nature". In a drunken rage his father decided to knock some sense into him. He fought back, knowing that he would have to leave home. He was the epitome of society's throwaway child. With a little clothing in a knapsack he hitchhiked to Hollywood, carrying some vague fantasy of thriving here, but deep inside wondering if he could survive.

His name was Tony. He was probably handsome when he was 15, but four years of street life had deepened the fear lines on his face. His prostitution arrest reports listed his address as "transient". He moved from one motel to the next, each sleazier than the one before. New boys arrive every week on Santa Monica Boulevard; Tony had been around a long time for the streets. Both his income and his enthusiasm were waning, but not his need to survive. Soon, we hoped, he'd take some steps to change his life.

Today, as I walked up the stairs to my office, I met a colleague who handed me a photocopy from a stack in her hand: "Anyone having information about the murder of Tony... is urged to call the L.A. County Sheriff's Department..." Tears welled in my eyes, and my voice choked. I realized that I valued Tony far more than I had been aware. Then the feelings of sadness and loss gave way to darker questions. How was it that the end of Tony's life should imitate its violent beginning?

Most of us can easily distance ourselves from such tragedies. If we grew up with nurturance and respect, we have difficulty empathizing with a life like Tony's. Much of it was a fantasy that on the streets he could find the caring support that he hadn't known as a child. Though he longed for guidance from adults, he did not know how to ask for or accept it. To those who tried to help, he would toss back: "Quit working the streets to take some job at a hamburger stand? Get real!" Neither child nor man, he fell into the crack where "responsible" society could not see or hear him.

For the moment, let's skip what we say we do that allows us to ignore our throwaway children. Instead, let's examine what was not said or done that might have made a difference in Tony's life. Did anyone ever tell him that an estimated 10% of the American population is homosexual? Did anyone, any teacher or counselor, ever suggest to him that one can be both healthy and gay at the same time? Most of all, did anyone ever teach him that even children have rights: the right to a safe environment, the right to be themselves?

While society debates homosexuality, while the self-appointed moralists condemn homosexuals, young gay people are isolated, left to the mercy of exploiters. Many of them, while still children in the eyes of the law, are murdered, and there is no public outcry.

Meanwhile, all around us, boys and girls are growing up gay and lesbian - and will continue to do so, whether they are "socially acceptable" or not. Our collective responsibility for lives and deaths like Tony's lies with our silence. We have failed to provide adequate, accurate information to our young people, information that could be lifesaving.

To nurture and inform young gays, we must talk about homosexuality honestly and openly with all young people. Many homophobes believe that accurate information somehow "lures" otherwise heterosexual young people into being gay. Evidence does not support this myth, yet its effects are often tragic. We deny young people information, and this leads to alienation. Alienation can lead to worse: Young gays and lesbians are more likely than the general population to be victims of family neglect, depression, substance abuse and suicide.

Homosexuality has existed throughout history and in all cultures. It is the natural path for gay people, just as heterosexuality is for others. Our children deserve to hear that truth. For Tony, it's too late. But not for thousands of others.

(ED NOTE: Griff Humphreys, former counseling director at the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center of Los Angeles, is a social worker in private practice in West Hollywood.)

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Or a silky tie and shirt of lace,
And a smooth complexioned bronzy face.

There's more to life,
Than a view like this;
Like a sweet spring day
And a cool breeze kiss,
Or golden rays sifting through a pine
And fleecy clouds on a rocky climb.

Soft and puffy snow white
The artist's hand,
Lofty in regal height
Etching light with outstretched
fingers.
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There are times a man searches
with his heart and with his soul;
to try and be a person,
to try and be whole.

He thinks himself lesser
or greater of a man
he tries to choose his pleasure,
while doing the best he can.

He tries so many people
just to find himself,
he pours his heart and soul out
to be placed upon a shelf.

He cries
then he pleads
he rubs himself raw
so deep he even bleeds.

Oh, if life were even
Oh, if life were fair
if people knew the reason,
why people really care.

JJ

SCIENTISTS REPORT AIDS VACCINE TIMETABLE

WASHINGTON, DC - The AIDS vaccine, originally thought to be ready for testing in two years will now take "three to six years" to develop, according to Dr. Robert G. Gallo, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) scientist who discovered HTLV-3, the suspected AIDS virus.

"It will take a few years just to develop the tools to make (vaccine) tests on animals," Gallo stated. The first prediction of the two year timeline was disputed by scientists at the time of the HTLV-3 announcement last April. However Dr. Gallo defended his estimate then as reasonable and asserted that the biological materials needed for the research were sufficiently available.

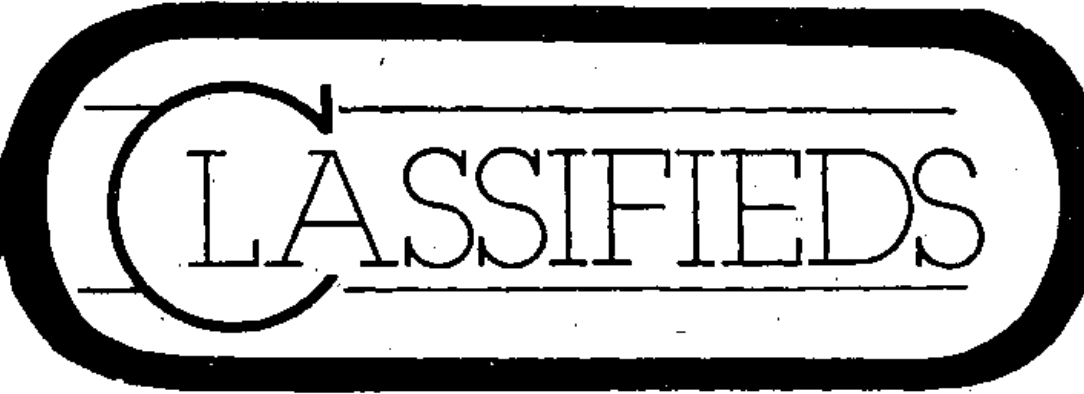
Joyce Doherty, cancer communication spokeswoman, explained that the change in the length of time it will take to develop the vaccine was "not inconsistent" with Dr. Gallo's first assessment. Any vaccine testing

schedule is "tentative". "There are many variables, but we are moving along on schedule for animal testing," Doherty declined to say when the vaccine would be available to AIDS patients.

Perhaps the first Lesbian novel to be published was Mary Wollstonecraft's "Mary, a Fiction". The author, married to poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, is better known as the author of Frankenstein.

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TUCSON ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE HEALTH ASSOCIATION (TALHA) Gay men's clinic, located at 101 W. Irvington is open from 6 to 8 p.m. every Friday. A \$5.00 donation is requested. TALHA is in need of doctors and nurses to volunteer their services.

GAY AND LESBIAN SOCIAL RAP GROUP TUCSON meets every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. at MCC, 560 S. Stone. Call Galen, 883-1328.

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SOUTH AMERICAN GAYS TERRORIZED BY NAZIS

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA - It has been reported that some 10,000 Gays have fled Argentina, Chile and Uruguay in recent months because of the work of a Nazi commando group. In Argentina, some 17 Gay men have been strangled, stabbed or beaten to death in the past 15 months. The murders took place within a very quiet 30 block radius of the city, but police have been unable to solve even one case to date. Most of those fleeing have found refuge in Brazil, considered a paradise by comparison. (Out Front)

PROJECT TO STUDY LESBIAN BATTERING

TALLAHASSEE, FL (GCN) - A research project focusing on physical violence in lesbian relationships is underway. The study examines the range and type of conflict resolutions techniques used within the lesbian relationships and then gives special emphasis in physical violence.

The study is supported by a \$20,000 grant from the Chicago Resource Center to Sappho's Library, Inc., a non-profit, tax-exempt, lesbian organization.

Participation is not limited to lesbians who have experienced violence in relationships. Information gathered through the study will be used as base data for future research and as educational materials for women who work in counseling situations with lesbian couples.

For more information or to participate in the study, contact Gail Dixon or Vicki Combs, A.W.A.R.E., 402 E. Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301.

CHEAPER HEPATITIS VACCINE BY 1987

WEST POINT, PA - Scientists said they may have discovered a way to develop a vaccine that combats a common, potentially deadly strain of hepatitis for only a few dollars per patient, far cheaper than the existing vaccine that costs about \$100 per patient. The disease, hepatitis B, strikes thousands of Americans each year and can cause liver cancer, a leading killer in Africa and Asia, scientists said. Gay men with multiple partners are considered at risk for hepatitis B.

Estimates of the time it will take for the vaccine to become available for general use range from 2 to 3 years. About 200,000 liver infections per year are blamed on the hepatitis B virus, with 300 resulting deaths. Since June 1982, when the \$100 a dose hepatitis B vaccine became available, only about 1 million doses have been administered to "only a fraction of persons at risk."

TREATMENT FOR HERPES

WASHINGTON, DC - The first long-term "meaningful" treatments are being reported for genital herpes, a disease that affects 5 million to 20 million Americans.

Doctors from five medical centers have used an oral form of acyclovir, a drug first used on genital herpes in ointment two years ago, to ease the recurring attacks most victims suffer.

Other doctors, it was learned, are finding that daily use of the oral drug has prevented the bulk of recurrences for as long as eight months. Researchers are also finding that the drug's use shortens the period in which victims shed herpes virus, which may infect others.

CALIFORNIA 'Y' DIRECTOR SAYS GAYS DON'T BELONG IN THE Y.M.C.A.

SANTA BARBARA, CA (GLC) - YMCA Executive Director Norman Curtis said Gay people don't belong in the "Y". He told a newspaper, "If you state that you are a practicing homosexual, then you are not welcome as a member." Gay Community News reported. The statements have sparked a letter campaign against Curtis. Persons interested in sending a letter may address it to: Norman Curtis, YMCA, 36 Hitchcock Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. Persons sending letters are asked to send copies to the Gay/Lesbians Resource Center, 112 De La Vina St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Dear Doris: All my homosexual friends seem to be falling in love and having torrid affairs. Meanwhile the single straights I know - including myself - are either stuck in unhappy relationships with girls or desperate to find decent females to date."

It seems much easier to be Gay than straight these days. Do you agree? - Puzzled, St. Petersburg."

"Dear Puzzled: Yes. It's probably much more difficult to find a potential mate and work out a healthy relationship than to lead the promiscuous, mindlessly sex-oriented lives of the Gays."

Homosexuals are about as romantic as rabbits. Thank God every day that you're not like them."

---The "Dear Doris" column, "Weekly World News", May 22, 1984.

WALL STREET JOURNAL FIRES REPORTER, RAGS ON HIS GAYNESS

NEW YORK, NY (GLC) - R. Postser Winans, 35, was fired earlier this month by the prestigious Wall Street Journal when he admitted that he had leaked confidential, inside information to investors in advance of publication. Journal readers learned about Winans' dismissal in the newspapers own front page columns. Winans was a regular contributor to the Journal's popular investors gossip column, "Heard on the Street".

Equally surprising to many Journal regulars was the inclusion of considerable irrelevant commentary about Winans' homosexuality. The article even included a sketch of Winans' lover, David Carpenter. Why the normally staid newspaper chose to discuss Winans' sexual life was not made clear.

ACCEPTABLE TENANTS

SAGINAW, MI (GCN) - Housing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation has been outlawed in this central Michigan city, following testimony by the Michigan Organization for Human Rights (MOHR) and a local Episcopal priest.

Opposition to the ordinance surfaced only once in a letter to the editor of the local newspaper.

In its testimony, MOHR noted that "the Michigan (Landlord's) Association clearly recognizes that the difference between an acceptable and unacceptable tenant has absolutely nothing to do with....sexual orientation."



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