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## Gay Television Debuts In Tucson

TUCSON - On Wednesday, September 12, the nation's first weekly forum about Gay life in a straight world made its debut. "Arizona Gay", produced by Land of AZ in association with the public access facilities of the Tucson Community Cable Corporation is a weekly show dealing with the homosexual experience can be seen each Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. on Cox Cable channel 37-A and will be rebroadcast on Thursdays at 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

The first two shows - "Coming Out", parts 1 and 2 - focus on the individual's emergence into Gay life. The audience will be shown pre-taped interviews in which six people tell how they first realized they were Gay and how they have adapted to living in a society that considers them abnormal.

The studio audience will then question the guests and engage in discussion. Leading off the first show is "Terry", age 35, an unemployed food service manager from Minnesota who tells about finally feeling free to "come out" in Tucson. Next is "Rene", a housewife and mother who grew up in a Gay household and is a

bisexual. The third guest on the first show is "Jack", co-chairperson of the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee and a state social worker who investigates cases of suspected child molestation or abuse.

The second show, which will air on September 19, features a Gay Grocer and "radical Paerie" named Myk; a Lesbian bartender and a Gay banker. Future shows will cover topics such as Gays and Religion, Gay Parenting, Significant Others and Gay Professionals.

Host, and producer, James Farlas explained that there is programming and representation for almost every other minority group but that Gays have no voice in the media. He feels it is important not only for Gays but for the rest of the community to understand the problems and perspectives of that minority.

"Arizona Gay" is thought to be the first regularly scheduled show of its kind in the country. Its professed aim is to "explore the interfaces between the homosexual community and the heterosexual society in which we all must live," said Farlas.

## Aids Victims' Autopsies Reveal Massive Damage

CHICAGO, IL - One of the first large reviews of autopsies of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) victims demonstrates the massive systemic damage caused by the disease, including unexpected testicular damage.

Kevin Welch, MD, and colleagues from the University of California School of Medicine in San Francisco, report on autopsy findings from 36 patients in last week's Journal of the American Medical Association. Virtually every major organ system of the body is affected by the syndrome, they say.

"This study confirms the wide spectrum of disease noted clinically in these patients. In some cases, the autopsy demonstrated that the manifestations of disease were even more protean than clinically suspected," they said. "The severe lymphoid depletion that marks the terminal stages of this disease is likely to provide the setting for the overwhelming infections usually responsible for the patients' deaths."

Affected organs include the lung, the gastrointestinal tract, the liver and the central nervous, lymphoid, endocrine, genitourinary and cardiovascular systems. Cancers affecting organ systems include Kaposi's sarcoma and several lymphomas. Opportunistic infections included *Candida albicans*, *Cryptococcus neoformans*, *Histoplasma capsulatum*,

*Cytomegalovirus*, *Pneumocystis carinii*, and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.

An unexpected finding involved testicular function. In each of the 20 case specimens examined, absent or markedly decreased spermatogenesis (sperm formation) was noted.

"The finding of decreased or absent spermatogenesis in these patients is an interesting abnormality that would not be predicted by comparison with other immunodeficiency states," the researchers say. The finding was not explainable on the basis of anticancer chemotherapy, since most of the patients had only infectious complications of AIDS and since spermatogenesis is not a recognized complication of the antibiotic therapies used.

The researchers conclude, "These data provide some support for the hypothesis that antisperm antibodies may play a role in the development of immune deficiency."

The majority of the patients (94 percent) were homosexual men. Death in 83 percent of the patients was attributable to opportunistic infections, most commonly affecting the respiratory tract (64 percent) and membranes of the brain or spinal cord (11 percent). Nine percent of the patients died with widely metastatic (spreading) Kaposi's sarcoma and secondary hemorrhage.

## Gay Barowners To Host Phoenix

TUCSON - The Tucson Arizona Gay Barowners Association (TAGBA) will act as hosts when the member barowners from Phoenix arrive in Tucson for a regularly scheduled monthly meeting next Tuesday, September 18 at Colette's West.

The Arizona Gay Barowners Association has a roster of twenty Gay bars now and has become a driving force in the Gay communities of Arizona. The organization offers a comprehensive health plan for their employees and has worked as a team in many fund-raising activities in both cities. Every year, AGBA sponsors a huge Octoberfest in South Mountain Park in Phoenix. Last year's event raised nearly \$3,000 for AIDS research. More than 2,000 persons are expected at the event this year.

Since AGBA began publishing a list of bad checks between member bars, the incidence of "hot" checks has dropped. The Tucson host barowners have

made plans to entertain the visiting Phoenixians on Monday evening. A double-decker bus has been rented and will take the visiting guests as well as anyone else who would like to accompany them to all the Tucson member bars. The bus will leave from the Fineline at 8:00 p.m. and visit Colette's West, leaving about 8:45 for the Back Pocket/Joshua Tree, leaving about 9:30 for Rita's Rendezvous leaving about 10:15 for Tramps and leaving about 11:00 for the Graduate before returning to the Fineline at about 12:15. The bus capacity is only 70 so anyone planning on going on this fun excursion is advised to get there early for a seat.

Officers of AGBA are Tommy Ward (Tommy & Clyde's), President; George Hill (Hotbods), Vice-President; Ron Parrah (Parrah's) Treasurer and Cheryl Emery (former owner of Full Moon), Secretary. AGBA meets every third Tuesday at member bars.

## Tucson Lesbian And Gay Pride Committee Report

For those who don't know, the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee (TLGPC) was formed in January 1984 and is an outgrowth of the 1983 Lesbian and Gay Pride Week Committee. TLGPC meets year round on the second Monday of every month at 6:30 at the Fineline BFR room. Our general purpose is to disseminate information and develop activities and services that benefit the Lesbian and Gay community and further our struggle against discrimination. The annual Pride Week celebration is one of our activities.

Currently TLGPC is very busy finishing the work on a Tucson Directory of organizations, services and businesses that are sensitive and open to the needs of our community. The Directory will come out in two issues. The first issue will be a listing of services and resources and will be available the first part of October. The second issue will be a combination of resources and businesses, including advertising.

As this is an election year, TLGPC is working very hard to increase the Lesbian and Gay awareness. We want to know where the candidates stand on the issues that directly affect us as a minority group and also generally affect us as citizens. To further that awareness and to also make politicians aware of our existence and voting power, TLGPC has scheduled a Political Forum on October 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 South Scott. Invited to speak at the Forum are candidates for Pima County offices including Pima County Supervisors, County Attorney and Sheriff. One of the many issues the candidates will be asked to address is would they actively support

a county ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on sexual and/or affectional preference. As the city already has such an ordinance, this would be a continuation of protection out into the county. Watch for more information regarding this important and timely event.

TLGPC is also currently planning our 1st Annual Formal Christmas Dinner and Dance. We feel there is a need on the social activities calendar for some events where we can come out and party in our formal attire. Come and help us plan this gayla event.

Also upcoming on our calendar is a fundraiser that is a first of its kind for Tucson. On Saturday, September 22 at 12:00 at Himmel Park is a double-double header softball match. The Joshua Tree Pussycats take on Dick's Fineline on one field. At the same time on the second field are Colette's West Bulldogs versus the Saddle Tramps from Tramps. The winners and losers from each game will then clash for a playoff for the second round. Four kegs of beer will be on hand. A \$2.00 donation gets you all the beer you can drink. Come and see who is #1 in Lesbian and Gay softball.

I want to extend a thank you to all of you who have attended our various fundraisers including our last Skate Nite last Wednesday at Rollers. We will be having Skate Nights every other month. Please remember that TLGPC is your organization. You, the community, have put your money into the general fund. Please attend our meetings so you can have a voice in how your money is spent. We want to meet your needs as a community, so let us hear from you.

# EDITORIAL...

With this issue, the Observer takes another step forward. At the insistence of many of our advertisers, the Observer will be distributed in the fourteen member bars of the Arizona Gay Barowners Association. This will almost triple our circulation each week and will provide the Phoenix Gay community with information as to what is happening in our area.

The Observer will, however, remain a Tucson entity. Advertising will not necessarily be solicited from Phoenix but none will be refused. As stated previously, the Tucson Gay community has come into its own. The vitality of our local Gay community is boundless and we still feel and have previously predicted that Tucson will become the Gay mecca of the country in the not too distant future.

And while awaiting that prediction to come true, we hope to continue to grow with our community by improving the communication lines within our community.

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## CISSY GOLDBERG IN FOUR TUCSON APPEARANCES

TUCSON - For the first time, "The Queen of the Lounge Acts", Cissy Goldberg will make a Tucson stage appearance. Regal Productions, the folks who have annually produced the Empire Halloween Ball in Phoenix, have booked Goldberg into the BFR Room at The Fineline. Fineline owner, Dick Plowman, has remodeled his BFR showroom and it will be a little bit of Las Vegas glitter that will showcase the multi-talented Cissy Goldberg. There will be two shows on Sunday night Sept. 23 at 9:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. and two shows on Monday, Sept. 24 at 8:00 and 11:00 p.m.

Cissy Goldberg has entertained all over the United States and has proven himself a definite crowd pleaser, spurring no ones feeling with his hysterical views and opinions of Gay men and women. Those with virgin ears or weak minds should stay away, it is not a family-type show. But those who are interested in having a hilariously funny evening should not miss this opportunity. Tickets \$3.00 per show. Reservations are suggested due to limited seating. Call 795-7467 for reservations and further information.

## STUDDS FIGHTING FOR CAREER

BOSTON, MA - Rep. Gerry Studds, D-Mass., is fighting to save his career after censure by the House of Representatives last year for having had a sexual relationship with a 17-year-old page, the Chicago Tribune reported.

If Studds survives the challenge of Peter Flynn in the September 18 primary and goes on to win re-election, the 46-year-old Studds would become the first openly Gay member of Congress. Recent opinion polls show he stands a good chance of doing just that.

Studds has said that, while his first priority would be his own 10th District constituency, he also hopes to represent the interests of the national Gay community.

But Flynn has relied on the House censure as the focus of his uphill challenge and denies his attack is a Gay issue. "Gay rights has nothing to do with this. We're talking about an act of child molestation," Flynn said.

He said Studds has hurt the image of Gays by reinforcing the image that homosexuals are inordinately interested in having sex with "underage people." Flynn said, "Gerry Studds has set back the Gay rights cause 25 years."

Studds declined to discuss his opponent or Flynn's campaign charges in an interview with the Tribune, but said he is "heartened" by the support shown by his constituents.

"People realize that old stereotypes need to be cast aside," he said. "Likewise, the stereotype that some Gays have of straights as being people who are unwilling to accept them should be changed."



BOBBI CAMPBELL  
1953 - 1984

Bobbi Campbell, who was featured last year on the cover of "Newsweek" magazine for a story on AIDS, died August 15 in San Francisco at the age of 32.

Following his diagnosis in October 1981, Campbell became a leading spokesperson for people with AIDS. In June, in New York at the First International Lesbian and Gay Health Conference, Campbell announced the formation of the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPA). NAPA plans to work on education, peer support, health advocacy and other related issues.

Campbell, who jokingly referred himself as the "AIDS Poster Boy," was a registered nurse and a native of Tacoma, Washington. His family requests that donations in Campbell's memory be given to groups working to support people with AIDS.

## BICYCLISTS PLAN RUNS

TUCSON - Gay Arizona Bicyclists are alive and well. Three trips have been planned for the month of September. The three trips are geared for the novice, but everyone is welcome. Please remember to bring along plenty of water, maybe some sun screen and a light picnic lunch.

The first trip will be bicycling through Saguaro National Monument, on Sunday, September 16 at 10:30 a.m. Meet in the parking lot area of the national monument. Group leader will be Mikel.

The second trip on Sunday, 23 September the bicyclists will meet at the corner of Ajo and Kinney Road at 10:30 a.m. Group leader is Patric.

On Sunday, September 30 the group will meet at Ft. Lowell Park, at the corner of Glenn and Craycroft at 10:30 a.m. and will be biking towards Sabino Canyon.

A bicycle maintenance course will be offered in October. Watch for it. The next meeting of the Gay Arizona Bicyclists is Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 7:00 p.m. near the Himmel Park Library. For further information call Patric 747-0514.

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by Miss D. & Mr. P.

If your great (or great-great) grandparents lived in Imperial Russia, and your family passes stories down through the generations, it is remotely possible you have heard of the Zakuski. No, as far as we know, there is no Russian restaurant in Tucson. The Zakuski was, in those gastronomic times, "hors d'oeuvres". Bowls, dishes, plates, platters, countless, set out upon long tables, to be tasted and nibbled, washed down, frequently, with small glasses of vodka.

When we walked into Roths on East Speedway for Sunday brunch, Zakuski flashed into both our minds. There was the very long table. There were the bowls, platters, etc. The brunch is buffet, and if you have fifty active food hares, no matter, you can lunch (or brunch) very well here. Unless the editor will turn over two full pages to us, we cannot list their offerings. Salads, green and other, fresh fruits (grapes, pineapple, melon) relishes, herring in sour cream. A dish one of us glanced at vaguely and thought might be poultry stuffing with truffles (odd as it may sound) however it was bread pudding with blueberries (and very good it was). Hot bread, sweet rolls, marinated vegetables, potatoes in various guises, pastas of many color and herbs.

We didn't get the two pages, but when your plate is nicely full, you take two steps and there are Eggs Benedict on their neat muffins, bacon, sausage, one more step and you are faced with chicken breast with sweet and sour sauce, crepes with fruit, Prime rib, (rosily rare) and a huge ham, carved as you stand there. Be advised and take this Zakuski in courses. You may go back as often as you wish. Empty a plate and a waiter will leave you the silverware and whisk away your plate. Go back to square one and start again, and again. He will refill your cup with steaming, fragrant coffee constantly. Your beverage is included, as is a complimentary glass of champagne (or two or so).

The restaurant is in a country club setting. Huge windows overlook a golf course, a lake where a large family of ducks of different breeds waddle, swim and dive. We watched a foot long gold fish (or carp) swim around, it was orange anyway. There were guests from tennis, guests dressed almost formal and we were in our own Sunday clothes and felt quite at ease. There is a quiet atmosphere, although the place was full, you may talk quietly to your friends, but you don't have to whisper. We enjoyed our brunch. And for the price of all this opulent spread, for two, including tax (but not tip) \$16.60!

Make a reservation for sure, as early as possible. Full bar, the lunches and dinners on other days, read most elegantly and they will give you a nice little copy of their lunch and dinner menu when you go for brunch on Sunday.

Roths is located in its delightful grounds, at 6601 E. Speedway. Telephone 296-0715. Lunch 11 - 2. Dinner 5 - 10 p.m.

## Theatre REVIEWS

### CLOUD 9

TUCSON - Theater critic John Simon of Newsweek magazine said: "...Cloud 9 is a bundle of merry mischief-poignant characterization, malicious charm and absurdist slapstick." Tucson's Stray Theater production of Cloud 9 is all of that and more. Now playing at the Tucson Community Center Little Theater, the actors and actresses in this play by Caryl Churchill received a standing ovation from the audience on the opening night presentation.

Cloud 9 is a biting, witty, satirical farce whose first act is set in darkest Africa in 1880 and in the second act finds the characters (they have aged only 25 years since act one) are in the liberated 80's, seeking their sexual identities in a world without standards. "A non-stop round robin of sexual liaisons."

Of special interest to the Gay and Lesbian community, would be the frankness of the lines as characterized by the actors. The play is blunt, shocking, wonderfully funny and most of all presents the Gay characterizations in a positive light. There is lots of action here. Act one, for instance, introduces a proper Victorian British family and their guest, a visiting explorer named Harry Bagley, wonderfully played by Barry Dowell, who instantly seduces the wife, played by a man (Newton-John Skinner), the schoolboy son, played by a woman (Christine Decker) and the black servant, played by a white, (Adam E. Graham), all before marrying the governess, a Lesbian.

The the players were marvelous. It was a pleasure to see theater such as this in Tucson. It is a pleasure to see a near capacity audience of obviously mixed lifestyles all obviously thoroughly enjoying the play together. It says a lot for the producer, directors and actors, but it also says a lot about the people of Tucson.

Congratulations to Stray Theater and let's see more. Congratulations to all the actors, producer Karinn Hamill, all the technical staff and the many benefactors who brought this all together.

Cloud 9 will show Wednesday through Sunday September 12 thru 16. All tickets are \$5.00 available at the TCC Little Theater. If you miss this you are missing one of Tucson's best theater productions. Support your local tax deductible Actors and Technicians. Adopt A Stray.

### N.Y. MAYOR ALLEGES GAY BIAS

NEW YORK, NY - Mayor Ed Koch claims Bell Helicopter Textron of Fort Worth, Texas renege on a contract to sell New York's police Department a helicopter because of a contract provision that bans discrimination against homosexuals.

Koch has ordered an investigation and may sue the firm, United Press International has reported.

"I wouldn't doubt for a minute that's the one (sexual orientation) that they object to, but then they shouldn't have signed the contract," Koch said.

Bell spokesperson Marty Reisch denied that the company had signed a contract with the New York police, but he said the provision against Gay bias "might have been a part of" the company's concerns, UPI reported.

"We have a very strong affirmative action program...We don't discriminate against anybody," Reisch said.

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### NGRA DEFENDS REFERENDUM CANCELLATION

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - National Gay Rights Advocates has gone to the Maryland Court of Appeals to defend the Montgomery County Maryland Board of Elections decision cancelling a referendum on a Gay rights law.

In February of this year, the County Council voted to extend its general human rights law to ban sexual orientation discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. Petitions to require a referendum were immediately circulated by the reactionary, anti-Gay "Citizens for Decent Government" and certified on June 28.

After a suit was threatened to halt the election, the Board reversed the earlier certification. It was then sued by the proponents of the repeal effort. The trial court permitted the election and National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) has now appealed.

The validity of the petitions has been challenged on several grounds. Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director said, "The format of the petitions is legally deficient because they do not comply with the requirements of the state law. In addition, fraudulent representations were made in order to procure signatures." Graff believes that, because there are so many violations of the election law, the court will agree that the referendum should not be on the ballot.

Jean O'Leary, Executive Director of NGRA, said, "It is fundamentally unfair to submit the civil rights of a minority to a vote. History has shown that such an election is unwinnable. We want to stop this election because it

only encourages hate and bigotry." O'Leary noted that this marks the first time Gay men and women have gone to court in an attempt to halt the repeal of a human rights ordinance.

The first, and most famous, ballot contest was in Dade County, Florida in 1977. There, Anita Bryant, was successful in her campaign to rescind the local law protecting Gays in employment and housing. In the next few years, similar laws went down to defeat in St. Paul, Minnesota; Wichita, Kansas; Eugene, Oregon; and in Santa Clara, California.

Working with NGRA on the case is civil rights attorney, Susan Silber, the Women's Legal Defense Fund and the prestigious Washington D.C. law firm, Covington & Burling.

### SALVATION ARMY LOSES 4.5 MILLION RATHER THAN SIGN HOMOSEXUALITY FORM

NEW YORK, NY - The Salvation Army is giving up a \$4.5 million in New York City contracts rather than comply with Mayor Edward Koch's order barring hiring discrimination against homosexuals. Lt. Col. Wallace Conrath of the Salvation Army of Greater New York said his organization could not comply with the requirement because it believes that homosexuality violates the laws of God.

The Salvation Army operates seven day care centers and a wayside home and provides foster care and adoption services under city contracts totaling more than \$4.5 million.

# Entertainment

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people, places, objects and events

## DEAR READERS:

For those of you who saw me Saturday and were kind enough to remind me on Sunday how pretty I was, W. and Lloyd H. Ron and Mike also thanks. Now I am sure you would all like to know what I did last weekend, especially now that my roommate Don P. has informed you that I never came home all weekend!

Well, first let me tell you I got inspired to be festive when I saw John T. rip Arthur's pants off at the bar. With the help of Del S. and Denny W. and their teeth, Arthur had a whole new look. Speaking of new looks, Eduardo seems to be gaining in looks, especially now that he has retired. I think Ralph G. is going to have his hands full.

One place I did not go to this weekend is a bookstore. Richard K. was saying he doesn't go to them anymore, but let me tell you, they still remember him well. Everytime I go in they always ask how Betsy Boothhopper is doing. I, myself, only stop at the bookstore to see if any of my fellow employees are there. They usually can be found around the Bill McT. Memorial Booth. Please don't get me wrong, Peter S. has never been spotted in a bookstore, which is a good thing for Roger B. No, Peter spends all his spare time pressing flowers, you know, the flowers he gets every Sunday when Jim D. doesn't have company in from L.A.

Del S. and Steve gave a cocktail party Friday evening, and I just had a little trouble getting home. I think it was the hors d'oeuvres they served that got me going. I am sure they got the recipe from the "Hors d'Oeuvres You'd Never Serve Your Dentist" cookbook. Daisy was in town from Phoenix and it was such fun listening to her and Steve exchange pleasantries. Stuart S. stayed awake through the entire evening. I guess they ran out of gin because all of a sudden I was at Tramps. Hello again to everyone I

saw there. I guess they ran out of gin because the next thing I knew I was in the infamous Hot Tub at Denny W. and Lloyd H. Ron and Mike also checked in for the night. Well, I guess they ran out of gin because the next thing I knew I was back at Tramps at 10 in the morning. They weren't out of gin and it was all downhill from there.

From Tramps I made a stunning appearance at Rita's, right in front of Vinny and Rita! From there I took a group on a tour of the wonderful Congress Bar downtown. I'll bet Charlie, the bartender, was glad to see us leave.

At this point I had to check back into the Hot Tub. This time Michael M. and Lloyd B. joined in. I had a marvelous conversation with both, and can't wait to have it again because it will seem new to me. I do remember Lloyd losing his clothes. That was some sight, seeing Lloyd in cowboy boots and sunglasses roaming around the house. Well, better to lose your clothes around a house than on Speedway. (Marshal K. might as well find out this story). Suddenly Boyd and Randy were in the Hot Tub with me. Traffic was heavy Saturday night. By now Denny was napping, Lloyd, Little Tom and I were in the Hot Tub and we really did run out of gin. Not to worry - I switched to bourbon!!!

Sunday was a slow starting day, but I made it through. Had dinner with Marshal from Jimbo's Kitchen. That was great. Unfortunately I missed Spring demonstrating what she can do with an ear of corn. Next time you're in ask her to show you.

So that was my weekend, or what we have reconstructed so far. Let me know if there's anything I forgot. Love and Kisses

Loretta's Cousin Tommy  
P.S. Now I remember, I did leave something out, but we won't tell Denny, okay Lloyd?...

## The 4th Man Opens Exclusive Tucson Engagement Friday



TUCSON - When we keep harping that Tucson is growing rapidly, we don't necessarily mean growing out, we mean growing up too. The Showcase Cinemas, are bringing a new dimension in movie viewing to Tucson. Productions that heretofore have played only in the major cities. Such is "The 4th Man"

The 4th Man which opens this Friday, Sept. 14 at Showcase Cinema, is directed by Paul Verhoeven who also directed the acclaimed "Soldier of Orange" and "Spetters". The film's opening scenes find Jeroen Krabbe (shown at left above) waking, badly hung over, in the Amsterdam apartment that he shares with his Gay lover. That day he leaves for an out-of-town speaking engagement, and enroute to

his destination has a series of visions that foretell his future.

The visual symbolism in The 4th Man is so fevered and relentless that the film has the feeling of a feature-length hallucination. Krabbe and female lead Renee Soutendijk play their roles with just the lunatic intensity that the material requires, daring to be nearly ridiculous and sometimes gamely crossing that line. They share a number of memorably heated encounters, including a bedroom scene during which Gerard allows that he thinks Christine would make an attractive boy. Christine doesn't say so, but she's got some interesting plans for Gerard too. Highly recommended.

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# The LESBIAN BADGE

I was sure I had to be straight; at the time I was living with a male lover and not only did I like him, I loved him. I felt satisfied with our relationship, real Lesbian but me. I was so sure kind of, sort of. But the thoughts existed, the could-I-be's and the what-it-might-be-like and the ache that I carried around, the unnamed passion was beginning to comprehend.

Granted, I had begun going to women's bars. Granted, I had graduated from one night a week to four and spent the majority of my time wooing a woman I'd just met. So maybe my heart did leap to my mouth every time I saw her and maybe I was fantasizing up the great ying-yang, then going home to something completely different. And, true I'd been writing love poems to non-existent lovers for years, and definitely I spent my entire adolescence composing long letters to female friends and yes, I, too, read "Rubyfruit Jungle". But, be a Lesbian?

"Gay" was the word I used then. "Lesbian" was a big gulp, it took months to spit it out. It sounded so, well, sexual to me and enticing. And the arguments, I had all of them. I loved women, my energy would always go to women, to "the struggle" but attracted? Me? And let's face it, how do they make it? Often I muttered guiltily to my friends after dragging them off to another women's event, "but I like fucking and I like men." Those two taboo subjects I thought were crucial, one couldn't enjoy both. My head said nonsense but my gut heaved with indecision.

So I had an affair with the woman I'd been chasing, she had an affair with my lover, it all got messy and I felt split in pieces. Pretty common stuff, I suppose. But, it was another year before I left him. Clinging on, I think, to the last vestiges of an old way, yet knowing it was only a matter of time before I'd begin to explore the new.

by Kathryn Eberly

I remember the terror of experiencing another woman's body, the terror of believing everyone else was a real Lesbian but me. I was so sure my lovemaking would be inadequate, that I wouldn't know how to "do it". Talk about repression, talk about Catholicism though by then I'd read Henry Miller and Anais Nin. I'd even discovered the "Twenty One Love Poems" keyed up that sex was the essential thing: performance anxiety as if I'd be found out and asked to leave this sorority I so wanted to be in.

For a long time I propped all that fear up with drinking and drugging and had a lot of unsuccessful encounters with women I'd met at the bar! Loving the women, the dancing, the sweat, the rhythms of sexuality that oozed over everything, it absolutely energized me. And too, finding out I was attractive to some women, having them cruise me. And me, too, being brash and bold, looking long and hard at someone; what the hell! It was exciting and scary, the dancing at times so erotic I'd quake.

But the other side of it, hating how lonely I felt, shy and isolated. Too often too drunk, unable to meet friends, I spent a lot of time wishing and watching, wanting in.

The Big L, Lesbian, the other world, how did one become one? Where to join? Did I need to sign a paper, have a lover, hang at the right bar? Politically correct or incorrect? Should I march in a rally, but was it the right rally. Wear ties or leotards? Write erotic poetry? Read porn. And if I felt my heart pump whenever I ran into The One I was looking for? Must I re-read "Rubyfruit Jungle"? Masturbate - the right way?

And could people tell? Was it written on my face? Did my swagger betray me? My clothes become me? Every day I switched from being timid

and frightened: would people know, to being happy and feeling courageous, flaunting it in front of every damn person I'd meet.

It was a badge, an identity, one of the most important things I'd found out. I loved women, I could be in love with women. Such turbulence and such emotion I felt. It certainly didn't abate overnight.

Well, six years later the process continues, sometimes the questions persist but more often a contentment and an exhilaration that still does not leave.

About three years ago I stopped drinking and that became the door that opened myself up to more acceptance. It was like coming out all over again. Re-learning a lot of things, feeling for perhaps the first time without everything being muted or distorted.

I find I am becoming the woman I imagined I could be, with or without a lover: the woman I watched so often on the dance floor and wondered what her

life was like, full of people and of love. And self love, that word I sneered at, nurturance, the phrase I laughed at, I was envious of those I thought possessed it. It seems I now possess small doses.

The Big L, Lesbian, the anonymous club, the intangible world of the other - that image has faded, becoming instead the day-to-day sensibilities, a constancy of the women who are around me and in me, and a growing knowledge there's so much yet to be discovered. (Reprinted from Gay Community News)



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Square Dancing Group meets alternating Wednesdays with  
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FINELINE - Tall Neck Bottle Beer Night .75  
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.  
RITA'S - Well Shots .75 - Free Hors d'oeuvres.  
TRAMPS - T-Squares Square Dancing Group meets alternating  
Wednesdays with Colette's West.

THURS.

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Louie's Finger Sandwiches from 5  
to 7 p.m. Bottle Beer Night .90 domestic 9:00 - 1:00  
a.m. "ARIZONA GAY" television show on TV at 7:30 p.m.  
COLETTE'S WEST - Draft Beer Bust 9 p.m. - Midnight \$2.00.  
FINELINE - Shots of Schnapps .75  
RITA'S - Well Shots .75 - Free Hors d'oeuvres

FRI.

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Mary's Hot Roast Beef Sandwich on  
a hard roll, 5 to 7 p.m. Shots of Schnapps .75.  
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.  
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Jimbo's Kitchen open Noon to 9 p.m.  
Complete dinners served 6 to 9 p.m. Specialty items.

SAT.

BACK POCKET - Noon to 7 p.m. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cheese-  
burgers, steak sandwiches served.  
COLETTE'S WEST - Free Pool from Noon to 4 p.m.  
FINELINE (DICKS) - 16 oz. Strawberry Fruity Daiquiri  
Special 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Beer Bust 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. \$1.50  
Jimbo's Kitchen open Noon to 9 p.m. Dinner served  
from 6 to 9 p.m.

SUN.

BACK POCKET - Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Steak  
Sandwiches Noon to 8:00 p.m. Steak Dinner 4 to 8 p.m.  
COLETTE'S WEST - Sunday Sick Call - All Juice Drinks \$1.00  
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FINELINE (DICKS) - 16 oz. Strawberry Fruity Daiquiri  
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RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - DJ Dancing 3 to 7. Kitchen opens at  
Noon. BBQ Dinner 5-8 p.m.  
TRAMPS - \$500 cash "Grab Bag". Drawing begins at 11 p.m.

MON.

BACK POCKET - Monday Night At The Movies - 8:00 p.m.  
COLETTE'S WEST - Monday Night Madness - \$1.00 Margaritas  
9:00 to Midnight.  
FINELINE - All Well Drinks .75  
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. to Midnight.

TUES.

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shot Nite - Well shots .75.  
COLETTE'S WEST - .75 Domestic Beer. Pool Tournament from 8  
9:00 p.m. to Midnight on alternate Tuesdays.  
FINELINE - WATERMELON NITE - SHOTS .75  
TRAMPS - "PROMOTION NITE" check for special schedule each  
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includes admission and skate rental.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 'UNO TOURNAMENT' sponsored by TRJ  
and Rita's. 2 to 6 p.m. No entry. Trophies.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 'UNO TOURNAMENT' finals sponsored  
by TRJ 2 to 6 p.m. Trophies awarded.

TRAMPS - 'BEER BUST' from 1 to 8 p.m. \$2.00 for all  
the draft you can drink. Watermelons .75 and Hot Dogs .50.  
\$500 cash "Grab Bag" begins today and continues every  
Sunday. Drawing starts at 11 p.m. Employees, their  
husbands or wives, not eligible to win!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Member barowners from Phoenix Arizona Gay Barowners  
Association will be bar hopping in a double decker bus.  
Bus leaves FineLine at 8:00 p.m. and go to each member  
TAGBA bar. Everyone welcome to join in the fun.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

TRAMPS - "Heineken Nite". .75 each from 8 p.m. to 1  
a.m. Prizes and surprises.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

FINELINE - "Arctic Nite". Temperature down to 40  
degrees. Bring your furs and a friend.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

FINELINE - Regal Productions presents 'THE Cissy  
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p.m. Admission \$3.00 for each show. Reservations  
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

GRADUATE - Benefit Show for The Observer. Watch for  
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**TUESDAY - 4 - 8 p.m. COCKTAIL HOUR - Munchies**  
"SHOT NITE" - Shots of well drinks .75

**WEDNESDAY - 4 - 8 p.m. COCKTAIL HOUR - Munchies**  
9 p.m. - 1 a.m. BEER BUST - Draft Beer .40

**THURSDAY - 5 - 7 p.m. LOUIE'S FINGER SANDWICHES**  
8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Long Neck Domestic Bottle Beer .90 per bottle

**FRIDAY - 5 - 7 p.m. MARY'S HOT ROAST BEEF SANDWICH ON A HARD ROLL**  
9 p.m. 1 a.m. - Shots of Schnapps .75

**SATURDAY - 11 A.M. - 1 P.M. BLOODY MARY'S .85**  
NOON - 5 p.m. - 1/4 POUND HOT DOGS ON SUBMARINE ROLL \$1.25  
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TUCSON TOUR MASTERS. Share 1 or 2 day motorcycle trip with Gay Men's Touring Club. We are not leather/levi. Goals: Promote positive image; cycle safety and maintenance; planned trips and fellowship. Call Guy 326-8473. 8

TUCSON LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE COMMITTEE (TLGPC) meets every second Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Fineline. Everyone welcome.

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

ROOMMATE REFERRAL OF TUCSON. Men and women both welcome. NO FEE. Call Bill James 622-3608.

### NOTICES

NEXT MEETING OF THE OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION will be a breakfast meeting, Tuesday, September 20. Coffee at 6:30 a.m., Breakfast at 7:00 a.m. and meeting immediately following. For more info write OPBAPA, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, AZ 85733 or call the Observer, 622-7176 for location. 9

TUCSON YOUTH GROUP meets every Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. at 560 S. Stone. All Lesbians and Gays under 22 invited.

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.

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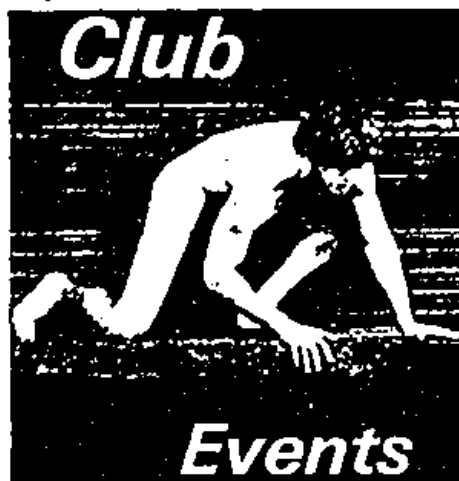
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by Doc

This is the weekend (Sept. 15 and 16) for the Uno Tournament at Rita's Rendezvous, co-sponsored by the Rendezvous and TKO. Anyone who has not signed up yet, there is still time or you can do so before the games begin. All those who have already signed up and those wishing to sign up should be at the Rendezvous no later than 1:30 Saturday, Sept. 15. Rules will be explained prior to the commencing of playing and at least 6 judges will be walking around between the tables to answer any questions that may arise during play. Games both days start at 2:00 p.m.

The games are broken down into two days. After each game, the two players with the lowest scores determined when one player at each table reaches 500, will move on to the next round. Finally on Sunday, the final two rounds will be held with the winners coming from the final game.

For those eliminated due to high scores you can still play on Sunday, challenging members of the TKO. A consolation prize will be awarded to the final winner in this group. TKO members will not be eligible to play in the main tournament.

TKO members will also be waiting on tables for your drinking comforts.

Good luck to all those playing in this tournament. I'll announce the winners and fill you in on all the hot scoops that happened during the games in next weeks paper.

Moving on to T.A.L.L. - Congratulations go out to their members who will be celebrating their first years anniversary next month. At their meeting on Sept. 7, they elected a new slate of officers for the up and coming year. You will have no trouble with the officers names because they mostly just switched name tags. The newly elected officers are: TJ, President; IP, Vice President; Mike W., Secretary; Murray, Treasurer; and Lee, Run Captain. Good luck to the newly elected board and may the up and coming year bring many happy and rewarding times.

After their meeting, everyone headed to the Graduate. Upon arrival, everyone got into reading Glen D's copy of "The Butch Manual". The theme for the day was "When the going gets tough, the tough goes shopping."

One final note from San Diego. Only TALL's Patrick would have a shot of schnapps on the throne.

Saturday evening at the Graduate found S.O.S. throwing a surprise birthday party for Terry. Would you believe Terry claimed be turned sweet 16. As for Hopi who carried in the birthday cake, she never looked so good.

Get ready Tucson to swing your partner round and round. That's right, Tucson now has its own square dance club "T-Squares" (Tucson Square Dancers). The idea to form this club came August 4th when the Desert Valley Squares from Phoenix visited Tramps for a show. The T-Squares now meet every Wednesday night from 7 to 9. Anyone out there who enjoys square dancing or would like to learn contact either Maxine at 747-2875 or Tommy at 323-3527. Their next meeting will be held at Tramps on Sept. 19, and meets alternately each Wednesday between Colette's West and Tramps.

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