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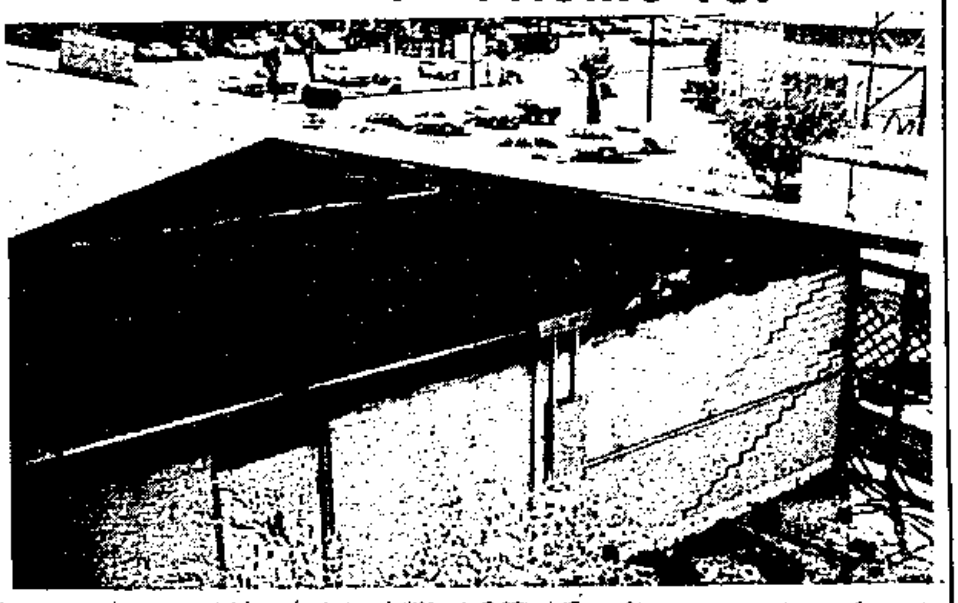
Arson Fire At Homo-Tel



TUCSON - Shown above is the exterior of the north wall of the vacant motel building adjacent to the Fineline that was arsoned last Saturday, Sept. 22. Damage to the interior is approximately one quarter of a million dollars. See related story.

TUCSON - An arson fire caused $250,000 damage to a vacant, two-story motel adjacent to The Fineline and forced evacuation of 420 persons from the club shortly before 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22.

Dick Plowman, owner of the Fineline, had been in the midst of remodeling the motel after it had been heavily damaged during a violent wind and rain storm in 1983. Plowman had hoped to have the motel open for business in approximately two months. New plumbing and electricity was just about completed and sub-flooring had just been put down. Plowman credits this sub-flooring for saving the building from more extensive damage.

The building had been the Old Mabel Inn and had been kiddingly renamed Homo-Tel in anticipation of reopening. Although there was no damage to the Fineline itself, except some smoke in the downstairs Dicks' bar, electricity and gas were shut off to the entire complex forcing it to close for the remainder of the evening.

Plowman had high praise for all the Fineline customers and staff who responded so quickly to evacuation orders. Not one person was injured in the evacuation. Plowman also had good words for the Tucson police Department and Fire Department for the immediate response to the alarm. "They all performed beautifully," Plowman said, "and I have been in places where such service was not nearly as good."

The cause of the 2-alarm fire still has not been pinpointed but according to sources there is no question as to it being set by an arsonist. Anyone who might have seen any person or persons in the vicinity of the gates of the patio or inside the fence of the motel are urged to contact the Tucson Fire Department Arson Squad - 1-800-35 ARSON. There is a $10,000 reward upon conviction of the arsonist.

The Fineline and Dicks as well as the Showbar are in daily operation again.

"Arizona Gay" TV Show Seeks Audience/Guests

TUCSON - "Arizona Gay", the new public access television forum about being Gay in a straight society, is seeking audiences and guests for future tapings of shows dealing with issues affecting Gays.

The show is taped on Wednesday nights at the Tucson Community Cable Corporation Studio at 10 West Congress Street and the public is invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

Producer James Farias is also seeking guests - straight or Gay - to appear on shows dealing with such subjects as: "Significant Others" (parents, siblings, friends or co-workers of Gays who will discuss how they felt when they learned their loved one was Gay); "Gay Parenting" (the problem of being a Gay parent); "What is Gay?" (a discussion of stereotypical attitudes about appearance and behavior that is supposedly 'Gay'); and other subjects about Gay life of interest to both the Gay and straight community.

"Arizona Gay" has been warmly

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Mr. Tucson Leatherman Sought

TUCSON - The first annual Mr. Tucson Leatherman Contest is coming up and all member Gay bars are participating. The Tucson winner will be entered in the Phoenix finals November 10 at Trax,to decide who is Mr. Arizona Leatherman and then on to the Mr. Leatherman USA in Chicago.

Contest rules are simple - all contestants must be Arizona residents and be at least 21 years of age. Any applicant holding title to regional, state, national or international contest is not eligible to enter this contest. Each contestant must file a signed application and publicity waiver form with the registrar. Each contestant must have recieved and read a copy of the contest rules. All contestants must be registered and checked in one half hour prior to the contest. Each contestant must keep his entry number visible from the time of registration until the end of the contest.

Judging of each of the on-stage prsentations will be scored on the following basis: 30% leather image (fit, condition and appropriate combo). 30% physical appearance (swimsuit or posing pouch) and 40% attitude/ personality (questions, conversation and interaction with the crowd).

The participating bars in Tucson will each have a separate contest night. Beginning Sunday, October 7 at The Graduate; Monday, October 8 at Colette's West then Tuesday, October 9 at Tramps then the following week, Sunday, October 14 at Rita's Rendezvous; Monday, October 15 at The Fineline and Tuesday, October 16 at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket. All contests will start at 9:00 p.m. The finals will be held on Sunday, October 28 at Colette's West at 9:00 p.m.

All interested parties in the Tucson Gay community are urged to sign up with their favorite bar and enter this contest. It means bucks, and a whole lot more. Let's put Tucson as well as Arizona on the map with a bang! More details next week. Get your leather together, go to your favorite sponsoring bar and join in the fun.

Benefit Show For Observer This Sunday

TUCSON - To help the local newspaper, The Observer, and to keep it rolling off the presses each week, a benefit show has been planned and will take place this Sunday, September 30 at the Graduate. Perormers who will be donating their time, energy and tips to the cause include the producer Brenda

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Study Finds Hormonal Difference Between Straight And Gay Men

WASHINGTON, DCC (AP) - Researchers say they have the first clear evidence of a biological difference between homosexual and heterosexual men, a dissimilar response to hormones that may have developed before birth.

In measuring rising and falling levels of hormones due to stimulation by other hormones, scientists found that the responses of homosexual men fell in between those of heterosexual men and women, says a report published September 21 by the journal Science.

For years, scientists have unsuccessfully tried to establish a link between levels of so-called sex hormones in the body and homosexuality. Baseline hormone levels of homosexuals and heterosexuals proved to be virtually identical.

In the latest work, scientists looked at responses of hormone levels to certain stimulation and found measurable differences between groups of men with different sexual orientation.

"This is the first study in this country clearly suggesting and presenting evidence of a biological difference between homosexuals and heterosexuals as a group," Dr. Brian A. Gladue, the chief researcher, said in a telephone interview.

In trying to study homosexuality, scientists are trying to find out if it is based on psychological or physical factors, or both.

The new research, done at the State University of New York at Stony Brook by Gladue and Drs. Richard Green and Ronald E. Hellman, clearly showed a different hormone response in nine out of 14 men carefully selected for longtime homosexuality.

Gladue, who is now at North Dakota State University in Fargo, said that because some of the homosexual men did not show this response, and because bisexuals and less-committed homosexuals were not tested, the research methods could not be used to identify potential homosexuals.

"There appears to be some evidence that there may be a biological aspect of homosexuality in some individuals, just as there is a biological aspect to heterosexuality," Gladue said.

The researchers said no one knows what is responsible for the differing sexual responses to hormones.

"We may be looking at the consequences of an event that took place in utero (in the womb) in both homosexual and heterosexual men and women," he said. "It may be that one portion of sexuality originated before birth.

The study was "the first simultaneous direct comparison of heterosexual and homosexual men with heterosexual women," said the report.

EDITORIAL...

Some weeks ago I wrote a little editorial concerning "queerbashing", a very popular sport where non-Gay men attack Gay men and women to vent their homophobia. This is a constant threat to all of us who are out and about trying to enjoy ourselves.

In that column I mentioned that fact that we should always be aware of what is going on around us. Who is in the shadows. Who is acting suspicious. Who looks like he does not belong. Who is out there to hurt you, baby?

Unfortunately there are a lot of people out there who want to hurt us - and do.

This past weekend, a quarter of a million dollar fire was started by someone in a building near the Fineline. The firemen were called to put out the blaze around 10:00 p.m. There were almost 500 people who had to be evacuated from the Fineline. Did anyone see anything? There was someone there who set the fire - whether alone or with others. Did anyone see anything? Fortunately no one was hurt. Until the arsonist is apprehended we won't know if the fire was a result of homophobia or not. It might have just been someone who likes to set fires.

The point being, some people might have gotten hurt and possibly very seriously. A large crowd of people stampeding out of a building because of a nearby 2-alarm fire could have had serious consequences! The early hour might have something to do with the cool heads that prevailed during the evacuation. But that earlier hour should have allowed someone to see who was loitering around or acting suspicously.

Cars tires slashed, toilets stopped up, general vandalism, mayhem, arson. Just a few of the things that people get away with under cover of darkness. Be alert. Be cautious. Be aware that someone out there does not like you because you are Gay. Be on the alert. The life you save may be your own.

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BRIEF

TUCSON MIXED CHORUS REHEARSING FOR WINTER CONCERT

TUCSON - Mariposa Mixed Chorus, the newly formed mixed chorus in Tucson, is now beginning rehearsals for its Winter Concert in December. The Concert will be a fund-raiser for AIDS research and assistance in Tucson. A variety of musical works, both secular and sacred, will be performed.

The chorus is still accepting new members to the group and everyone is urged to join. Tucson may well have the only Gay/Lesbian mixed chorus in the country.

Rehearsals begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. every Saturday in the M.C.C. church building, located at 560 S. Stone. Members need not know how to read music or have prior choral experience - just the desire to sing. For more information, please contact David at 325-7519.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"One woman called in during the show and started screaming at me to go back to Africa. And then she added, 'Besides, you are a Lesbian!' So I said to her, 'See lady, just because I'm wearing my Super Dyke T-shirt, you think that I'm a Lesbian. I guess if I wore a string of pearls, you would think I was an oyster."

-- The irrepressible Florence Kennedy, civil rights activist and feminist, recounting a phone call she received during an appeance on the Phil Donahue Show recently. (GCN)

WHO'S AFRAID

ARLINGTON, TX (GCN) - A community theater cancelled the last three performances of an all-male production of Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf?" after the author requested the show be shut down, according to the New York Times. Director Dov Faher said he cast the play with our men because a "very, very close friend of Albee's" told him Albee had written the script for an all-male cast, but changed it when he was told audiences would not want to see a play about homosexuals.

Albee, however, denied that allegation, saying "if I had wanted (to write a homosexual play), I would have." Albee said he had heard of three or four previous all-male productions of the play, all of which were closed by his agents.

Theatre Arlington's all-male production of "Virginia Woolf" had drawn the attention of three conservative city councilmen in this city of 100,000. The councilmen also wanted the play shut down, but for reasons of homophobia, not aesthetics. Tate Kelly, the chairman of the theatre board, noted, "We are not - double underlined - closing down the play at the request of the councilmen. What we regret is ... is that this whole thing has gotten wrapped up in the censorship issue. This is going to in a way vindicate the councilmen.

by Doc

A big howdy goes out to the Sons of Apollo, the Arizona Rangers, L.A.D.S., Arizona Leather Levi Fraternity and all other clubs up the pike in the Phoenix area. This reporter looks forward to reporting your news or just plain gossip you relay to me or I am able to pick up on one of my trips to your fair city.

It may only be September 27, but the TKO, SOA and AR are working hard on plans for this years version of the Arizona Three Way. For those of you remembering last years held in Tucson, you know it was a fun-filled four days. This year, the event will be held in Phoenix hosted by the Arizona Rangers.

A brief history on this event - The Arizona Three Way: The TKO, SOA and AR joined together last year for the first annual brotherhood run. This event is always held over the Thanksgiving holidays, starting Thursday night with the traditional turkey dinner and running thru Sundays send-off brunch. Last year in attendance in Tucson, saw 12 different clubs - a few CDI's and over 75 people. The two hottest items in last years event were a city bikers hat and Rolaids!

If you would like to join all of us this year, or would like more information, contact one of the members of this years sponsoring clubs at their home bars. This year's sponsoring clubs are the Arizona Rangers - home bar Little Jim's 307; Sons of Apollo - home bar Tommy & Clyde's; Tucson Knight Owls - home bar Rita's Rendezvous and the Tucson Levi and Leather - home bar The Graduate.

That's right. At the planning meeting held last weekend in Phoenix, TKO, SOA and AR voted to invite TALL to join them in this brotherhood activity as one of the sponsoring clubs. Now, how can they call it a 3-way? Welcome aboard TALL and I'm sure between this years 4 clubs, we are going to have one of the biggest, funnest and wildest four days this state or our out of town guests have ever seen.

During this past weekend, this reporter was snooping around the bars in Phoenix for good old fashioned gossp!. Well, let me tell you I'd thought I had seen everything, but no. Walking into the home bar of the butch club SOA, Tommy & Clyde's, there from front to back was hanging laundry that probably was left over from a scene from the Beverly Hillbilly 's. Come to find out , Tommy & Clyde were having a tacky party. Well guess who was also in town - TKO & TALL. Anytime you get these two groups together, Hell will be

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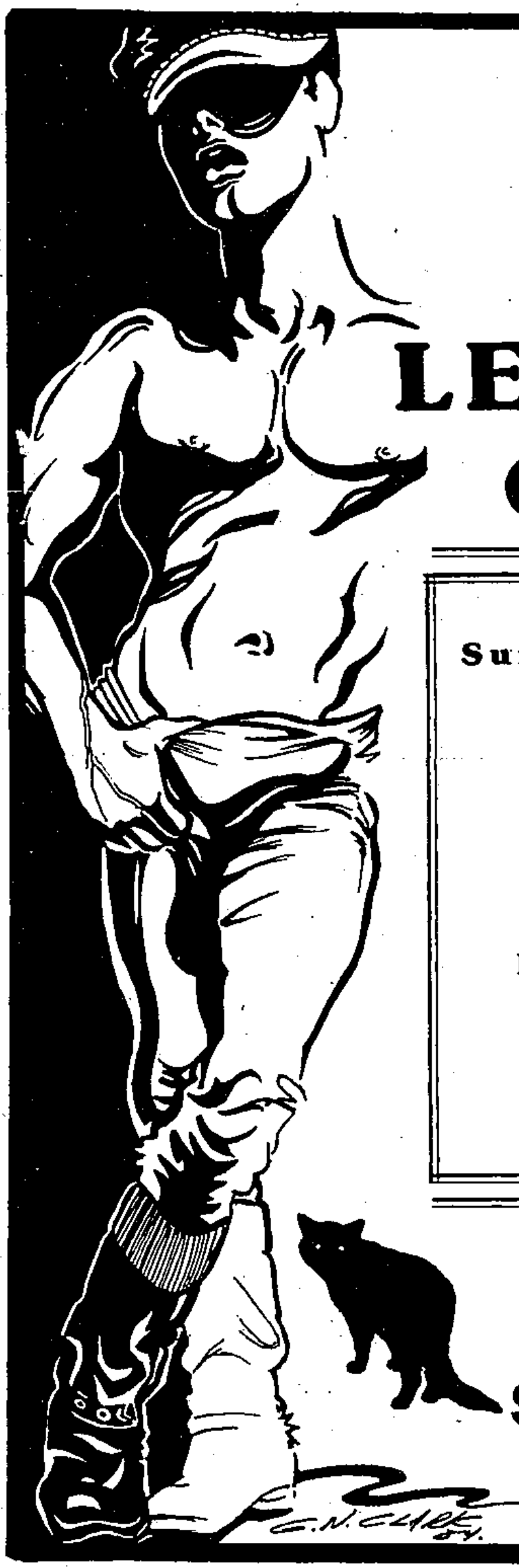

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Tues. Oct.9 TRAMPS

Sun. Oct. 14 RITA'S

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Ask Your Bartenders For DETAILS

Tucson Lesbian And Gay Pride Committee Report

A full day of softball was experienced by over 100 spectators and players this past Saturday at Himmel Park. The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee sponsored another fundraiser where four softball teams participated in a two-round double header.

The first round was the Joshua Tree Pussycats vs Dicks' of the Fineline on Field #1. Saddletramps of Tramps played Colette's Bulldogs on Field #4. The Pussycats triumphed over Dicks' 17 to 9. Dicks', playing for the first time, managed to slightly quiet the usual thundering bats of the Pussycats.

In the second round, the Bulldogs faced Dicks'. Again it was a very close and very well played game by both teams. The Bulldogs won 5 to 4. The Pussycats sharpened their claws and faced the Saddletramps for the winners versus the winners game. The seasoned Pussycats faced a much improved Saddletramps team. Balls flew in all directions and home runs abounded. When the dust had settled, the Pussycats had defeated Saddletramps 27 to 11. The Pussycats remain undefeated with a 5 and 0 record. Saddletramps have one win, two losses. The Bulldogs are 1 and 3 with Dicks being 0 and 2.

TGLPC thanks all those who helped make this a very successful day. This was a fundraiser and thanks to those who donated $2.00 for the beer, and bought those tasteful lunches donated by S.O.S., over $150 was raised. A special thanks goes to Jim Shafer for again starting the day off with the National Anthem and auctioning off the lunches. Also thanks to the Fineline, Joshua Tree, Tramps and Colette's for donating the kegs of beer.

The TLGPC continues to plan more events. Coming up on October 9, is the first Political Forum sponsored by a Tucson Lesbian and Gay organization. The Forum will be held at the Temple of Music and Art, 330 S. Stone at 7:00 p.m. Come and find out where those candidates running for Pima County offices stand on Lesbian and Gay rights plus other human rights issues. Let's start to use our Lesbian and Gay voting power.

Another Skate Night is planned for October 17 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Rollers. Also in October, TLGPC will be publishing our first Lesbian and Gay Tucson Directory.

Another exicilting coming attraction is the Twinkle Ball Gay-La Formal, Thursday, December 6 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Santa Rita Hotel. This is a formal dinner, dance. All tickets will be sold in advance. It could be the formal Lesbian and Gay event of the year. Door prizes will also be awarded.

by Jack Stockslager, Co-Chairperson of The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee (TLGPC).

by Miss D. and Mr. P.

Yea Wildcats! We found a solution to a bit of a problem you may have. If you go to the home games and also have to work until 5 p.m. or so. Now this place may not be qualified to call itself a restaurant, let alone a deluxe restaurant, however if you whip from work to a game, take ten minutes and stop at the Sausage Deli. To be honest, we later realized we had called the place by mistake (we'll go to the real objective some day). A charming young man told us, by telephone, they did indeed have a patio of sorts, and four picnic benches, highly glossed by "Michael Queezy" or something like that. Since we only know Grand Rapids and Ethan Allen furniture we were not overly impressed. Actually we did not even properly hear the name of the aritst who created the picnic benches. We went over there anyway. It is a real "Sausage Deli". They have unusual prices. For instance, Two dollars and nine cents for one creation. Seating is available inside, and it smells quite nicely of garlic, onions, sauerkraut, hot cheese and others blending in well. We chose a Knockwuerst Submarine loaded with sauerkraut etc. on a foot long section of French (or Italian) bread. Also, a ham and cheese (by choice). From a large selection of domestic and imported beers, we took two Heinekens and sat in the patio. It was very close to North First Avenue, where it makes a "Y" with Euclid, but we chatted amiably without raised voices. (The picnic tables were quite countryfied no matter who designed them) A young man came out, almost too soon, you understand we were not going to a football game, and said, "Your sandwiches are ready." Indeed they were, wrapped in white heavy, butcher paper, and accompanied by our choice of cups of cole slaw, potato salad and macaroni salad.

The first two were excellent, the macaraoni salad, not so. It was bland and tasteless. The ham and cheese sub was great- with everything, tomatoes, lettuce, onions)and mayonnaise on the side). The knockwurst sub was excellent. In fact, with the ham, cheese, Knockwurst, sauerkraut etc, served to us, your grandma could have easily fed her family of eight for a week. So, go there, as we did and eat on the patio, or in less than fifteen minutes, pick up a picnic feast for the football game or the park or whatever. They throw in some pickeles too. Also there is a good wine selection.

The menu is on boards overhead. You wil find several things you will like. Dessert? We had far too much Sub, but noted that they offer cheese cake, and carrot cake. By the way, one sandwich came with a bag of handcooked potato chips,- very good too.

The help there is friendly, so we bussed our own table - we wanted to be friendly too. Our telephone person told us that they seved as late as 9 p.m. Also, in the four years they have been in business, they have never had a dissatisfied customer! We believe it. We were happy. Football fans, relax in the park.. We think you will like their food.

SAUSAGE DELI 2334 N. 1st Ave., Ph. 623-8182. (Like we said, they serve as late as 9:00 p.m.). Until we eat again!

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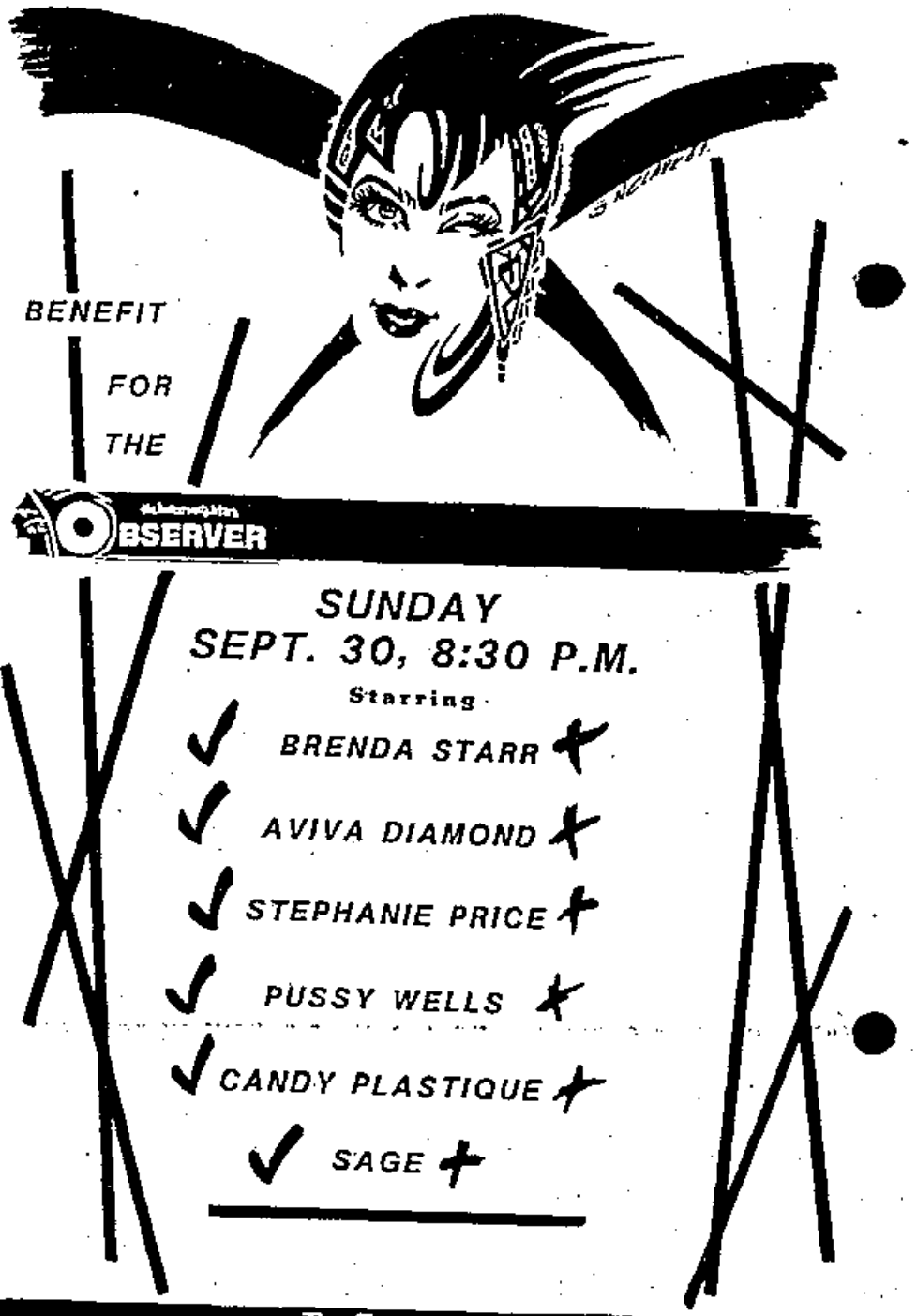

The Graduate
23 W. University Tucson, Arizona 622-9233

Theatre REVIEWS

Regal Productions has done it again - except this time in Tucson. People who are familiar with Regal Productions know that then they put on a show they mean biusiness. That's exactly what they gave us when they produced the excellent show at The Fineline last weekend starring the outrageous Cissy Goldberg.

Goldberg's attitude, humor and skits were absolutely great. His comedic routines were well researched. It is wonderful to see a performer prepared and not have to depend on glit, glamour and some new disco hit to make their show work.

For those of you unsupportive Tucsonans who could not take the time to see this excellent entertainer, you will have a second chance in November or December at Rita's. In closing, Cissy, thanks for a great show and hope to see you in the near future. E.P.

TUCSON - Tucsonans had the opportunity to see and enjoy the multi-talented Cissy Goldberg who appeard at the Fineline last Sunday and Monday. See related review this issue. Goldberg will to Tucson return later this year.

I don't know if you have noticed, but Tucson is heading fast to replace Philadelphia as the City of Brotherly and Sisterly Love. Just look around and you'll see couples everywhere. There is one small problem though, that being the couples seem to change rather frequently, so it is necessary to keep on top of who is with whom. So I shall try to clear the air for you. At least you'll be in the know for today!

Now Vinny C. is still with Rita C. He is not having an affair with Denny W. I know you always see them dancing, but it is strictly a platonic relationship. Beside, if Denny had seen Vinny kissing Ron F. (From Phoenix) goodbye the other day, he'd be furious. Now as for Rita, those constant phone calls from Eduardo are strictly business. It all has to do with Eduardo setting Rita up in a townhouse somewhere. Wonder if Ralph G. knows this?

As for Denny W. and Loyd H. - well after all these years they act like they are still courting. Why they court anyone they can up to the hot tub. Just a while back they courted a charming gentleman named Jason up to the hot tub. Now don't confuse this Jason with Jason M. that works at the Graduate. Jason from The Graduate goes with Ricky D. who lives with Eddie F. and left the bar with Gordon (but not the Gordon that used to work at Tramps) the other day. Confused? Well read on!

Now the Jason that Denny and Loyd courted is from Washington, D.C. and is extremely agile. Why he is able to change from tourist drag to airport drag in the back seat of a car that is driving down one of Tucson's lovely back roads. In the midst of all this excitement, Denny managed not to giggle too much, Loyd kept the car on the road while staring into the back seat, and Jason's Timex watch got placed between my legs and guess what - it's still ticking!!!

For those of you who were at Rita's the day each time the phone rang someone shouted out "I'm not here" that person is Dan P. and he goes with the Rodeo Queen. Now Dan used to go with Don P. and they were talking together that day. Crawford and Michael from Phoenix were next on the scene. Crawford used to go with the Rodeo Queen. Well, when the Rodeo Queen walked in, his ex was on his present lover's lap, while his ex's present lover was on the Rodeo Queen's present lover's ex-lover's lap. Now, try and keep that one straight!!!

Trying to keep up with Ron M. is not easy either. He's the Ron that goes with Charles N. Well, he gave a surprise birthday party for Charles, but left Charles to invite the guests. Anyway, Ron served the first course to someone in Charles' bedroom, but I won't mention his name because his lover has already been named in this column. He served the main course under the dining room table by himself and then served dessert to Gary Y. on the living room floor. Now Gary Y. lives with Eddie A. but he wasn't there! Neither was Gary's boyfriend Bob.

As for myself, I can't even figure out who I'm with. Oh how I wish I could be like Lloyd B. who is with Michael M. When Lloyd was asked the secret to keeping his marriage alive, he replied "There aren't any more Michaels in town I want." Now I would love to be that way, only I can't decide what name to go after. I certainly didn't get very far with the name Marshall or Skeets. Anyway, Helen is still going with Chris, even if she does spend a lot of time outside bookstores. And J.B. just lives with DPDP, they are not lovers. Why, anyone who knows DPDP knows he likes young men - so watch out Alan, J.B. is available.

Well, enough for this week. Watch for the next issue when I'll give you up-to-date details in the Stuart S. and John H. romance.

Loretta's Cousin Tommy.....

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Starr, and the wonderful talents of Aviva Diamond, Stephanie Price, Pussy Wells, Candy Plastique and Sage.

The scene of this frivolity is, of course, The Graduate, 23 West University. It will be a fun evening with some of Tucson's best talents giving their all for what many think is a very worthy cause. Your participation is encouraged and we will see you all there this Sunday, September 30 at 8:30 p.m. sharp! Thank you very much.

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greeted as a long-needed forum about this great invisible minority by the media (including spots on KOLD television news (Channel 13); KGUN television news (Channel 9); the Arizona Daily Star and Jeff Smith's column in the Tucson Citizen, as well as the Gay newspapers - The Observer and Western Express. The show has also been given the endorsement of the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee.

Persons who would like to appear as a guest or in the audience are invited to contact the producer at (602)293-0184.

"Arizona Gay" is cablecast on Cox Cable's public access Channel 37-A on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.; Thursdays at 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 6:00 p.m. For those who do not have cable available to them, the show is shown at the Back Pocket each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. as a service to the community.

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raised.

The bar started the evening off with a Banana eating contest. I'm not sure the order of finish, but our own Lee won a mattress which he stored on the pool table that night. Next it was on to the tacky dress contest. Hang on to your seats. TJ won a plaque for his tassels, etc. ... The next day, some one walked up to TJ and asked, "Are yuour the drag queen from Tucson?"!!!

Moving on - The T-Squares out of Tucson wil be at the Ramrod on October 21 for a dance. They are going up to take part in the AGBA Octoberfest. More information on this event appears in this paper. Tickets are available at your local favorite bar.

The Desert Overture, out of Phoenix, will be coming to Tucson for two shows. Info on this also appears elsewhere in this paper.

Finally, Tucson's first Annual Mr. Leatherman Contest runs Oct. 7 Graduate; Oct. 8 Colette's; Oct. 9 Tramps; Oct. 14 Rita's Rendezvous; Oct. 15 Fineline and Oct. 16 Joshua Tree/Back Pocket with the finals Oct. 28 at Colette's West. Let's all get out and support this and show other towns that we in Tucson do have some hot men and women in leather.

Can't forget this - The SCA had a bike run up in Northern Arizona and of all things were asked to leave one of the bars they stopped at. Pledge Ron should not order Shirley Temples.

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WED.

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust 9-1 .40 Glass.
COLETTE'S WEST - Well Liquor .85 - 9 to Midnight. T-Squares Square Dancing Group meets alternating Wednesdays with Tramps.
FINELINE - Tall Neck Bottle Beer Night .75
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.
RITA'S - "Dynasty Nite" on big screen TV. Alexis Champagne Cocktail .50 from 8 to 8 p.m. Well Shots .75 - Free Hors d'oeuvres.
TRAMPS - Square Dancing and copuntry and western music with DJ Linda Fizdale.

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, Cheeseburgers, 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.
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TRAMPS - BEER BUST Noon to 1 a.m.--$500 cash "Crab 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.
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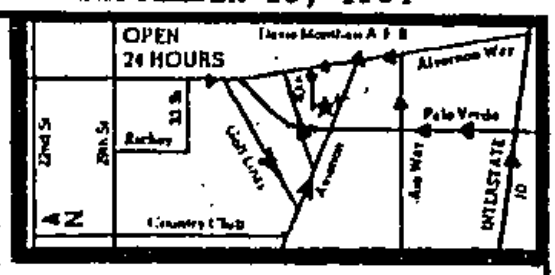

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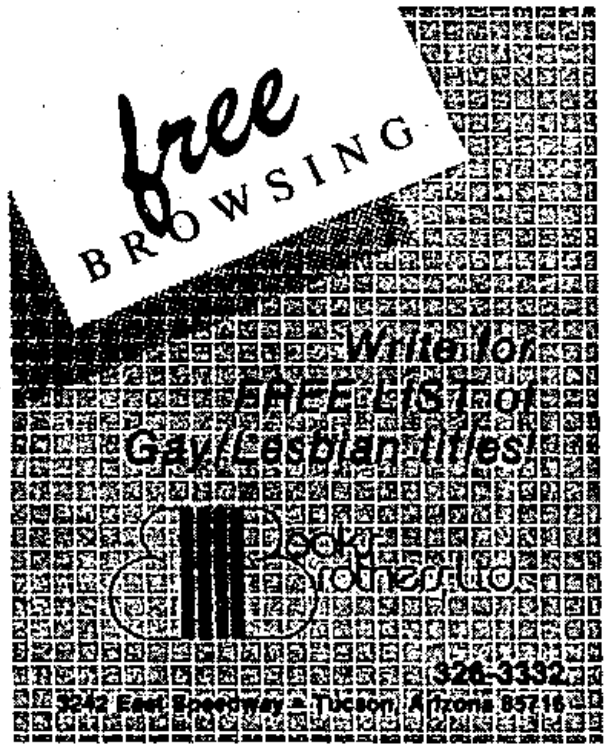

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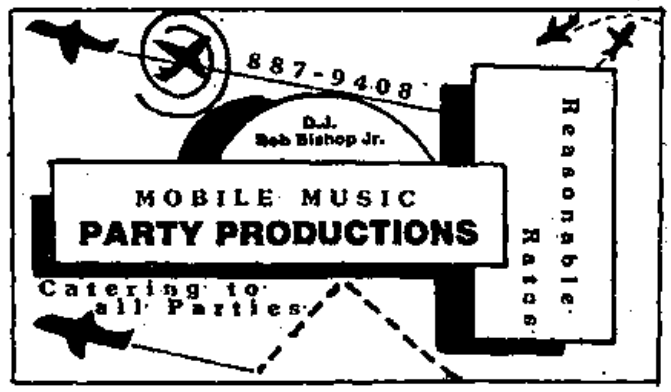

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

COLETTE'S WEST - MR. TUCSON LEATHERMAN CONTEST 9:00 P.M. Sign up now with your favorite bartender.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

FINELINE - MR. TUCSON LEATHERMAN CONTEST 9:00 P.M. Sign up now with your favorite bartender.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

COLETTE'S WEST - Finals for MR. TUCSONS LEATHERMAN CONTEST at 9:00 p.m. Winner to go to Phoenix for Mr. Arizona Leatherman title contest on Nov. 10 at Trex.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

On a recent trip to the Greater Tucson area, I had the pleasure of meeting some of the most hospitable people I have ever encountered.

Back on the east coast, people's attitudes and righteous beliefs have a tendency to get in the way of who we really are. This atmosphere seems to breed various lines such as, "I don't care," or, "Find it yourself; I haven't time to help." I often find myself getting a little frosty around the edges. I do admit, however, that this currently is not the case after my brief stay here. I really don't believe the weather had much to do with this sudden (and welcomed) change in me.

To those persons who were kind enough to "show up" for me, I thank you. I thank you for one of the most memorable weekends in my life. To Dennis W. (The crazy Finn) and Loyd H. ("So this is the infamous hot tub, huh!"), my words simply cannot express my sincere appreciation for you taking the time to show me a good time. Upon meeting several genuine REAL PEOPLE I have come to the conclusion that your city and it's surrounding areas will live in my mind as well as my heart for many years to come.

I will be back, Tucson. It is difficult at this point to say just when. I am certain that when I do return, the same sincere people will be around with their quick wits and ever-ready smiles to help brighten my day.

I thank you all again and only hope that you always get what you want. Sincerely

Jason Christopher White

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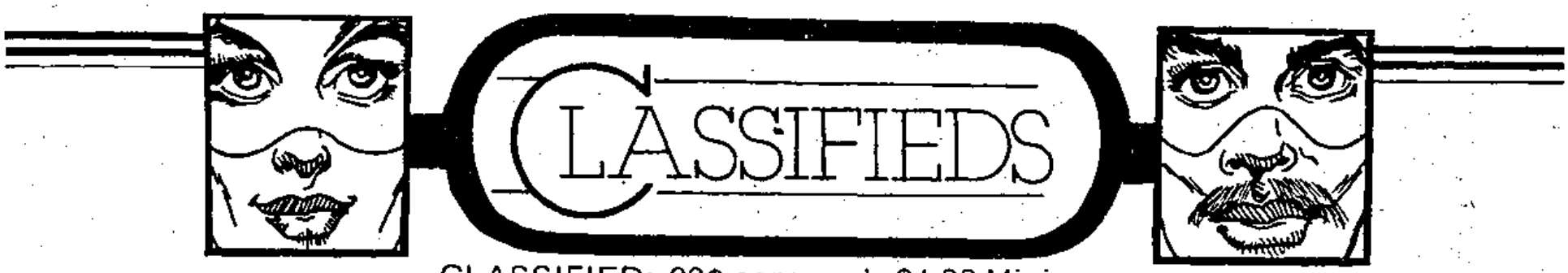

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GAY ARIZONA BICYCLISTS will meet the first Wednesday in October near Himmel Park Library. For further information call Patric 628-9619. 11

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

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NOTICES

NEXT MEETING OF THE OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION will be a breakfast meeting, Tursday, 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.

MARIPOSA MIXED CHORUS meets every Saturday at M.C.C. from 6 to 8 p.m. for rehearsals. Please call David at 325-7519 for more information.

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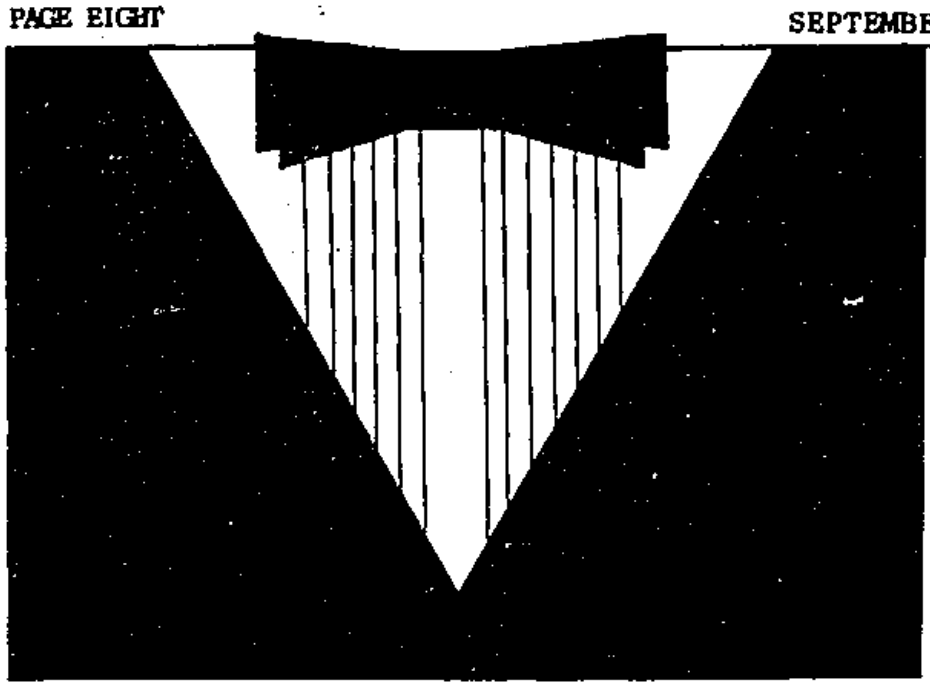

A View From Within

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

WHO ARE YOU, AND WHY ARE YOU GAY?

History, as it is often said, is most notorious for the fact that it all too often repeats itself. Lucky and privileged are those few who are witness to this cyclic change.

You, and I, your lover, your friends and mine are to be counted, now, amongst those few. We are witness to a cycle of history as it is being repeated. How many minorities were, once, in history, where we are now. How many fought a cause so profoundly believed in? How many suffered oppression and rebelled, civily, against it? How many?

Who are you, then, and why are you Gay? Did you awaken one morning suddenly enraptured of the idea of harassment, discrimination, violence, persecution, injustice and illegality? Did you suddenly decide to damn convention and trudge off on the path of non-conformity? Did you suddenly desire the warmth of a man's body against yours in the morning, more (or in exclusion of) a woman's?

These are simplistic questions meant to address the complex subject of being 'Gay'. And here, in response to my own questions, is my answer: If I could have been given the choice to make, I would have chosen the straight life.

Please don't misunderstand me. I am Gay and proud to be. I love men. But the ill-effects (from society-at-large) against my 'choice' are many and spirit-breaking. I have suffered much and hated often due to my lifestyle, but I am a stronger person because of the challenge and opportunities thrust in front of my life. Many times I have given thought to how the 'other half' lives, those contented with a wife, 9-to-5 job, house and 2.3 children, and, in the end, given thanks that I am not one of them.

Lucky, then do I feel myself, that I have been chosen to be Gay?

We are on the vanguard of history of Gay rights and Gay pride, of life, fairness, justice and equality. Years hence, sociologists will note the 1980's as the turning point in our movement. As the 1960's were for blacks, and the 1930's for women, so shall the 1980's be for Gay men and Lesbian women.

Can you comfortably sit in idle as history is made around you? Can you fairly let others wage your battle? If you wish, as do all of us to enjoy the privilege of our lifestyle, then you, and only you must be willing to defend it.

Too many of our comrades have fallen because of ignorance and fear. (What then is prejudice if not ignorance and fear?)

The next of our kind who dies at the hand of ignorant teenagers with baseball bats, pipes and chains, shall do so by your own fault. Through inaction too many innocent, loving human beings have met violent, tortured deaths.

You, then, who read this, could be the next innocent victim. As you exit the next bar or disco you are in, can you safely walk home or to your car? What apology can you offer if your lover is killed next? Can you live with the knowledge that you could have acted, now, and saved his life?

Only a person with no conscience of humanity could sleep well at night knowing of the mass murder of our community.

It is now that we must stand up and be counted: To defend our lifestyle with honor, civility, compassion and intelligence.

Only by your actions can we be acknowledged as people who contribute positively to our society.

And it is only by your inaction that more shall die, and more shall live oppressed, discriminanted against, harassed and cast out!

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