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Holly Near And Ronnie Gilbert In Tucson Concert



Photo by Irene Young

TUCSON - Holly Near is returning to merely a substitute for imagination and Tucson on Friday, November 2 at the talent. Holly Near avoids all the Tucson High Auditorium, after a pitfall. Near's songs take up women's previous sell-out performances here in issues and other political concerns, past years. Accompanying Holly in this but she eases the seriousness of the year's "Election Year Concert Tour" is content with her easy stage manner and Ronnie Gilbert, who was the lead female the reality of her talent is never in vocalist with the famous singing group doubt.

The Weavers. Near and Gilbert will be accompanied by John Buichino on piano and a performer since the age of 7, with a special opening act by Susan Near has shared concert bills with Bonnie Raitt and Pete Seeger and this Freundlich, sign language artist.

Holly is an exuberant, compassionate and energizing performer. Her voice is strong, her vocal range broad. Her music appeals to audiences from all walks of life and her commitment to social change is central to her art.

Mixing politics with music is a tough trick. If not done just right, the results can be self-righteous and preachy. Sometimes the rhetoric is 623-7951.

A veteran of television and film are \$8.50 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at Antigone Books; UA Campus Women's Center; Food Conspiracy Coop; Workshop Music and Sound; Bentley's House of Coffee and Tea and Ruby's. For

reservations, tickets, free childcare or other information call 623-1688 or

Mr. Tucson Leatherman Sought

TUCSON - The First Annual Mr. Tucson Sunday, Oct. 14; Monday, Oct. 15 at The Leatherman Contest is half over as of Fineline and the contest closes out at today, Oct. 10. The contest is being The Joshua Tree/Back Pocket on Tuesday, sponsored by all the member Tucson Gay Oct. 16. Contest time is 9:00 for each Bars, and each bar is sponsoring its night. Contestants must sign up before own contest. Each bar will present the contest time. winning-contestant with a prize of \$25.00.

Winner of the first Contest held Colette's West. In order to be as fair at the Graduate on Sunday was Jay as possible. Each Tucson bar placed Cunningham. Colette's West held their name in a hat and Colette's West contest on Monday and Tramps on was the winner and eligible to hold the Tuesday, Oct. 9. Winners will be announced next week.

The winner of the finals contest will be held on Sunday, Oct. 28 at the Graduate on Sunday was Jay as possible. Each Tucson bar placed Cunningham. Colette's West held their name in a hat and Colette's West contest on Monday and Tramps on was the winner and eligible to hold the Tuesday, Oct. 9. Winners will be announced next week.

Next week the final half of the on October 28 will be entered in the

Contest will see entrants vying for Mr. Arizona Leatherman Contest at Trax

prize money at Rita's Rendezvous on in Phoenix on Saturday, Nov. 10. The

Cooperation Urged Between Gay Community And Tucson Police Department

TUCSON - A meeting was held Monday, March 8 at the Tucson Police Department Headquarters between two members of the Tucson Gay Community and detectives of the Special Investigations and Sex Crimes detail of the TPD. Jack Stockslager representing the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee (TLGPC) and Bob Ellis representing the Observer. TPD was represented by Lieutenant Lyle Mann and Detective Liz Barry.

The meeting was called by Lt. Mann of Special investigations for several reasons. One of the most pressing being the non-cooperation of the Gay community in coming forward with information that would lead to the arrest and conviction of molesters, rapists, muggers and other perpetrators of violent crimes against our Gay community.

The Tucson Police Department is very concerned about the welfare of the local Gay community and wants to protect Tucson Lesbians and Gays from harm. To be able to do that they need help from our community. According to Lt. Mann, there is a lot of violence in our community that is either not reported in the first place or if reported is not prosecuted because the victim is unwilling to press charges.

Gay people are easy victims for crimes of violence. The reasons for not reporting violence are understandable. Fear of being "found out" by family, employers, friends, etc.

However, any victim who feels that he is in that sensitive position, and cannot have his/her name as public record, can still report any violent act and remain anonymous.

Because he/she prefers to remain anonymous means that the offender will not be charged, but the information supplied by the victim will go into a confidential file and be used as a guide to identify those that continue to persecute the Gays and Lesbians of Tucson.

The normal procedure that is

followed by the TPD when you telephone them to report a crime of assault, or of a sexual nature, is as follows: You dial 911 and explain the problem to the person answering, as soon as possible after the crime has been committed. You will be asked if you need medical assistance, etc. Then a uniformed officer will be dispatched and fill out a case report. This means giving essential information (name, address, phone, type of crime committed, etc.).

This case report will be given to an investigator in one to three days and then you will be asked to come in for a taped interview. When the suspect is arrested he will be indicted by the Grand Jury or in a preliminary hearing. Lt. Mann states that in sexual crimes, the victims names are not printed in the local newspapers as a matter of editorial policy. You can remain anonymous and still put the offender away where he belongs.

Lt. Mann states that most of the offenders are habitual in that they will repeat the crime more than once. The way that they can catch and arrest an offender is by the victims coming forward and giving all the information that is available, license number, color of car, description of individual, etc. The police department has a file on persons of the type that prey on Gay people, and, according to Mann, their offender arrest rate is about 66%.

On Monday, November 12 at 6:30 at the Fineline representatives of the Tucson Police Department and Pima County Sheriff's Department will meet in a "Public Safety Forum" sponsored by the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee. Every concerned person in the Tucson Gay community is urged to attend this forum and learn what the police and sheriff's department needs to help our community and vice versa, what you can do to help get crime out of our Gay community.

winner of this contest will be entered into the finals of the International Mr. Leatherman Contest held annually in Chicago.

There will be a pool of judges at these preliminary contests chosen by the sponsors who will be available for actual judging or assistance in judging. Each business holding a preliminary contest may request assistance at any time for their contest. The participating judges will then select one of their members to be the Senior Judge.

Persons interested should contact the bar of their choice to enter that particular contest. Contest rules are

simple: 1. All contestants must be Arizona residents and be at least 21 years of age. 2. Any applicant holding title to a state, regional, national or international contest is not eligible to enter. 3. Each applicant must file a signed application and publicity waiver form with the registrars. 4. Each contestant must have received and read a copy of contest rules. 5. All contestants must be registered and checked in one-half hour prior to the contest they enter. 6. Each contestant must keep his entry number visible from the time of registration until the end of the contest. Good luck.

BRIEFS

EDITORIAL...

Our lead story this issue concerns a meeting that I attended with some officials of the Tucson Police Department this week.

It is rather mind-boggeling to have conversations with authorities of the law and have them state that they find many members of the Tucson Gay community uncooperative in assisting them while investigating crimes of violence against members of our own Gay community.

It is understandable that for sensitive job positions and family positions that reporting offenses to the police could compromise you. To those that are in this position I urge you to read the article on page one this issue and reconsider your position.

To those who do make a proper police complaint after being the victim of a crime, and then do not follow through with your complaint, shame on you. People who commit violent crimes will only go out and do it again. You, as a victim, must see that they do not get a chance to commit their crime on someone else because you were afraid to pursue the complaint or figured that the police would not catch the criminal anyway.

I urge you to read the article and cooperate with any law agent who is obviously anxious to help our Tucson Gay community.

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OCTOBERFEST SET FOR OCT. 21

PHOENIX - The Arizona Gay Barowners Association is presenting the annual Octoberfest on Sunday, October 21 from 3:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. The big party will take place in the Los Lomitas Picnic area in South Mountain Park.

Tickets to the annual extravaganza are \$5.00 which is a donation going entirely to the Arizona AIDS Fund Trust. The donation will get you food, beer, wine, fun and games as well as some outstanding music supplied by popular DJ George Hill. See you there.

DESERT OVERTURE TO MAKE APPEARANCE AT TRAMPS IN NOVEMBER

TUCSON - Desert Overture, the 30 member Lesbian and Gay Concert Band from Phoenix will be making an appearance at Tramps on Saturday, Nov. 17 at 8:00 p.m. The band is coming to Tucson to perform and see if there is any interest in Tucson musicians joining the band making it into an Arizona band. If Tucson musicians are interested in forming their own band, members of Desert Overture will be willing to assist in the formation of the Tucson band.

It is rumored that the Desert Sky Singers, the Phoenix-based chorus will make the Tucson trip with Desert Overture.

BILL REINKE STILL CRITICAL

PHOENIX - Populist bar owner, Bill Reinke, remains in critical condition in St. Joseph's Hospital here after his automobile crashed on the afternoon of October 1st near the intersection of 58th Street and Indian School Road.

The fact that Reinke has responded well to doctors, there is some growing optimism that he will pull through. Massive internal injuries as well as facial and head wounds have kept Reinke in the intensive care unit at St. Josephs.

Before opening his present establishment, JR's Hideaway in Scottsdale, Bill along with his long-time partner Sammy owned Casa de Roma, Forum-Boardwalk, Matty's Attic, Sammy's and The Grand Camel.

TUCSON ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GAY MEETING INFORMATION

TUCSON - Alcoholics Anonymous has regularly scheduled meetings for Gay men and Lesbian women.

Men's Group meets Saturdays, 6:30 p.m. at A.A. Central Office, 840 South Campbell.

Tucson Lesbian Women's Group meets Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m. at A.A. Central Office, 840 South Campbell.

Combined Gay and Lesbian Group meets Thursdays, 8:15 p.m. at U of A Hospital, Dining Room F.

Anyone with a drinking problem, or a desire to stop drinking is welcome.

CONFERENCE ON SPIRITUALITY AT ASU

PHOENIX - The Arizona Lesbian and Gay Interfaith Alliance (ALGIA) will be sponsoring a "Conference on Spirituality" on December 7 and 8 on the campus of Arizona State University hosted by Oasis Metropolitan Community Church and the Lesbian and Gay Christian Campus Outreach (LCCCO). The Conference will involve worship experiences in an interfaith setting, presentations and discussions on topics of spirituality, and information tables by Arizona's religious/spiritual communities.

Any supportive spiritual/religious organizations and individuals are welcome to participate and attend. Any organization/individual wishing to assist in the planning of the conference, providing speakers/topics, and/or setting up information tables at the conference are asked to contact David Benzshawel, Oasis MCC, P.O. Box 10272, Phoenix, AZ 85064 (Phone 268-5183) no later than October 31. More information on the conference will be in upcoming articles before the conference.

OKLAHOMA THREATENED AGAIN

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK (OKN) - The Oklahoma legislature voted overwhelmingly to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to reinstate its anti-Gay teacher statute, according to the National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA). The law prohibits discussion of homosexuality by school teachers and was declared unconstitutional by the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals earlier this year.

National Gay Rights Advocates has submitted a reply brief. "We are asking the Court to affirm the appellate decision. It was a sound, well-reasoned ruling based on established First Amendment principles," said Leonard Greif of NGRA.

The Court can simply affirm the lower court's decision, or it can grant full review, entailing additional briefs and oral arguments. The Court, now in its summer recess, will consider the matter in October.

BIKINI COST JOB

DALLAS, TX - Danny White, 24, entered his picture (bikini clad) into a Gay beauty contest on a lark and won. Finishing first was a double-edged sword, however, as his employers found a copy of the picture in a Gay newspaper, and White was immediately fired.

"We maintain that homosexuality isn't an acceptable lifestyle," said Joyce Ross, director of public relations at Baylor University's Medical School. "We feel this policy is acceptable to Baptist tradition." White had been a pulmonary technician at the church-supported school for four years, and he called the firing "a blatant case of discrimination." Neither the job's application nor the employee handbook clearly stated that Gays were prohibited from working at the center, he said.

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That's all Folks!

Rumors, Rumors. Tucson has done it again. We must be the rumor capital of the nation! Well, I, not being one to ever start or spread a rumor, contacted Rumor Control to find out the real truth behind some of the many rumors flying around Tucson.

To start with, the romance between John H. and Stuart S. is still going strong. There was just a small problem over the prenuptial agreement. In case it doesn't work out, Stuart gets to keep his poppers and John gets to keep his cars.

Another rumor going around is that Ricky D. has been seen at the bookstores. Well, only his vehicle has been seen and Ricky says it wasn't him, it was Eddie F. Now Eddie says he has not been to the bookstore in a long time. Well, Rumor Control verified the vehicle being there, only it got there on its own out of habit. Besides, Ricky gets into enough trouble at home, so why would he let Jason catch him at a bookstore, right Eddie?

Now for the rumor that Phil C. did the show at the Fineline to raise money to buy personalized fire extinguishers for customers. This is not true. As Monte-Jon pointed out to the audience, Phil did the show to raise money to purchase larger costumes. I guess the dressmaker Bill McT. recommended to him is rather expensive.

As for the painting of Bill H's that used to hang at the Fineline. It was not sold. No, Bill has it hanging where nobody will ever see it - above his bed!

If you heard the rumor that David R. was seen kissing someone and it was not Curtis L., that's not true. It was Curtis. He was just trying out his Halloween costume. Good costume, Curtis, couldn't tell it was you. Happy belated birthday, David.

Did you hear the rumor that Bucky L. has now retired. Well, it's not because of his age. Actually he not working so he can get his Sally Rand look-a-like stage act together. He also said he wants to spend more time at home now that he caught Don A. sitting on the wash machine with the spin cycle going, and going, and going.

Some of the other rumors going around that are not true:

Jackie W. is not putting plumbing in by the dumpster behind Rites....The men's room at the Joshua Tree is not a future site for nuclear testing....Sally B. was only giving the bar's phone number out to those men at the Fineline last Friday night.

J.B. does not sleep with every young men that walks into the Fineline.Jim S. "thingy" does not stretch across the bar at Tramps....Denny W. and Loyd H. are not going to Portland to attend Fred H's wedding. So, those of you who have not slept with him when he visits need not worry.

While Denny and Loyd are gone and Jim A. is house sitting, he did not flatly reject my offer to come up and show him how to run the hot tub. He was very polite and just didn't want me to go to any trouble. He said he already knew how to work the hot tub. So, that rumor is true.

Lloyd B. does not celebrate birthdays. Oh come on Lloyd, you are still younger than Bob E. and he celebrated his for four days this year.

I, Tommy S. do not have to sand blast my sheets every Saturday. Why, my sheets are as pure as all my intentions.....When Peter S. said he was home painting, he did not mean his

nails and face.....C.B. did not break his leg by falling in his high heels.

The mannequin dressed rather untastefully at Rita's is not wearing a new TRD uniform. Actually it is a copy of T.J.'s Prom Dress, (the original disintegrated with age).....Jim D. claims his new roommate, Tony, is going to sleep in his room and he is going to sleep on the couch. Now we know that's not true!

H/T Tom does not get every new face that comes to Tucson. I beat him to one about four years ago. Of course, Tom was out of town at the time.....Spring does not sit in the walk-in at Rita's and wait for the Coors deliveryman every Friday....

Ron T. is not remarried nor have a boyfriend on the side, right Blake?....The rumor is not true about Rusty S. pulling all the tendons in his hand by going home with Gene Z and Gene sneezed.....Don P. does not roll his hair with beer cans like Buckey L. says.

Richard W. does not cash his paycheck in for bookstore tokens....Elliott A. was smiling last Friday nite because Thursday nite he had a gorgeous hunk of a man. That rumor is true!!!

LESBIANS PINCHED FOR PUBLIC SEX

MADISON, WI (GCN) - Two Lesbians face charges stemming from a July incident in which they were arrested for having sex in a park here, according to Out! newspaper. Assistant District Attorney Steve Bablitch will press charges against the women, although he declined to pursue charges against a heterosexual couple arrested in June for having sex in a park. Both cases occurred in daylight and the arrests were precipitated by citizen complaints.

Bablitch says his decision is not prejudicial against the women, however. He claims that the straight people were partially covered by bushes and believed no one was around to see them. Bablitch said he would prosecute the women because they were in plain view of others, especially children.

The Lesbians are charged under a little known statute barring "acts of sexual gratification in public." If found guilty, they face a maximum penalty of nine months in jail and/or a fine of \$10,000.

The statute is included in legislation passed last year which decriminalized private, consensual sex between adults, but established penalties for public sex.

PARTNER BENEFICIARIES

BERKELEY, CA (GCN) - The Berkeley School Board voted to include the domestic partners of school district workers in benefit programs.

The benefit plan is the first in the country to take Gay and Lesbian relationships into account, making live-in lovers eligible for the same benefits afforded the spouses of straight, married school district workers.

A report completed in mid-July by the Berkeley City Council's Human Rights and Welfare Commission found that Lesbian workers and their partners were discriminated against under the old policy. It was this report as well as a decision by the city council to delay action on an identical measure covering city workers which prompted the school board's vote. Berkeley officials estimate that 26 of its Gay workers will apply for domestic partner benefits, at a cost to the city of \$42,000 a year.

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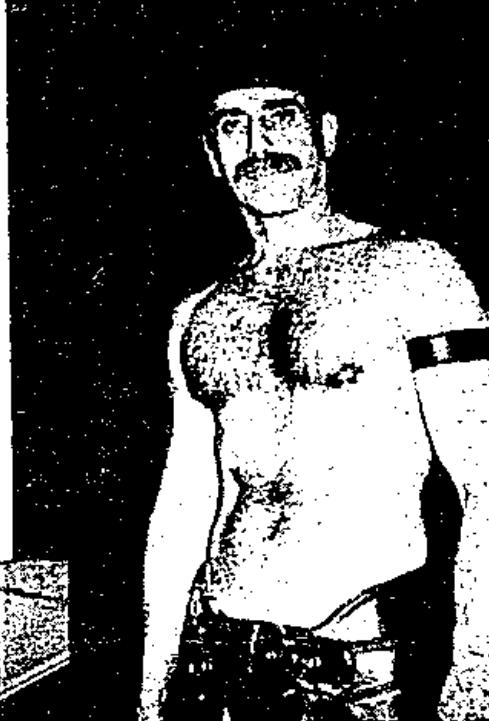


Three entrants at the first annual Tucson Mr. Leatherman contest at the Graduate last Sunday. L to R - Roger, Steve and the winner Jay.

LEATHERDOM'S NIGHT

Tough

Jay Cunningham, winner of the first contest for Mr. Tucson Leatherman held at the Graduate last Sunday.



Shown above with Master of Ceremonies, Jesse from Tramps is Jay Cunningham, winner of the Graduate contest for Mr. Tucson Leatherman. Five other Tucson contests follow. Congratulations.

LEATHER MAN?

1984-85 Installation of officers for Tucson Arizona Leather club at Graduate last Sunday.



Phil Clark, playing the part of the Divine Miss M. (Bette Midler) shown here with her dazzling Harlettes at The Pineline last weekend.



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No, it isn't Mick Jagger, but who cares? He played the part to the hilt, and Phil seems to be enjoying it a bit too much during his show at The Pineline last weekend!



CATCH A RISING STAR!!

The "Diva" Phil Clark and the Dazzling Harlettes at the Pineline last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



Joanne Dickson predicts:
AMAZING FUTURE!!

THE TUCSON CALENDAR**WED.**

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust 9-11 .40 Glass.
 COLETTE'S WEST - Well Liquor .75 - 9 to Midnight. T-Squares
 Square Dancing Group meets alternating Wednesdays with
 Tramps.
 FINELINE - Tall Neck Double Beer Night .75 - "Dynasty" on
 big screen TV in BFR.
 GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.
 RITA'S - "Dynasty Nite" on big screen TV. Alexis Champagne
 Cocktail .50 from 8 to 9 p.m. Well Shots .75 - Free
 Hors d'oeuvres.
 TRAMPS - Square Dancing and country and western music with
 DJ Linda Fizzdate.

THURS.

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Night .90 domestic
 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. "ARIZONA PAY" 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 - "The Wild Heart" Male
 Revue. 8:00 p.m. in BFR.
 RITA'S - Well Shots .75 - Free Hors d'oeuvres

FRI.

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shots of Schnapps .75.
 FINELINE - The Helladonnes (A mystical show) in the BFR
 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.

COLETTE'S WEST - Free Pool from Noon to 4 p.m.
 FINELINE - Rhiannon and the Wild Hearts (Male Revue) in the BFR. Check daily schedule board in lobby for times and admissions.
 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
 6 to 9 p.m.

SUN.

BACK POCKET - Steak Dinner 4 to 8 p.m. VOLLEYBALL.
 COLETTE'S WEST - Sunday Sick Call - All Juice Drinks \$1.00
 Happy Hour Prices 4 - 9 p.m.
 FINELINE (DICKS) - 16 oz. Strawberry Fruity Daiquiri
 Special noon to 7 p.m.
 RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - DJ Dancing 3 to 7. Kitchen opens at
 Noon. BBQ Dinner 5-8 p.m.
 TRAMPS - BEER BUST Noon to 1 a.m. -- \$500 cash "Grab Bag".
 Drawing begins at 11 p.m.

MON.

COLETTE'S WEST - Monday Night Madness - \$1.00 Margaritas
 9:00 to Midnight.
 FINELINE - All Well Drinks .75 - "Monday Night Football" on
 big screen TV in BFR.
 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 - First fun movies
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 TRAMPS - "TRADITION NIGHT" check for special schedule each
 week.

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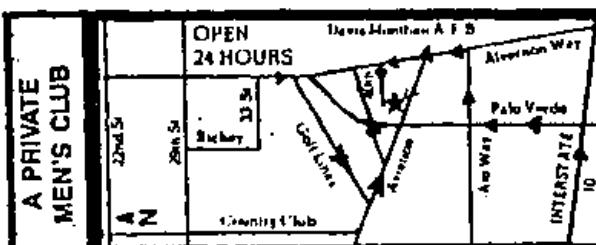
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SPECIAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
 GREAT OUTDOORS - Day hike to Pinn Canyon. Call Carl,
 792-1586 for info.
 RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - MR. TUCSON LEATHERMAN CONTEST 9:00
 P.M. Sign up now with your favorite bartender.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15
 FINELINE - MR. TUCSON LEATHERMAN CONTEST 9:00 P.M.
 Sign up now with your favorite bartender.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16
 GRADUATE - 2 FOR 1 Drink Specials - Everything! from
 6 to 10 p.m.
 JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - MR. TUCSON LEATHERMAN
 CONTEST 9:00 P.M. Sign up now with your favorite bartender

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17
 TUCSON LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE PLANNING COMMITTEE "SKATE
 NIGHT" from 7 to 10 p.m. at Rollers.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18
 GRADUATE - 2 FOR 1 Drink Specials - Everything! from 6
 to 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
 RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - UNO DOUBLES PARTNERS TOURNAMENT.
 \$50 FIRST PRIZE AND \$25 Second Prize. Drink Specials.
 Finals on Sunday, Oct. 21. Check bar for times.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21
 AGBA OCTOBERFEST South Mountain Park (Los Lunas
 Picnic Area) in Phoenix. 3 to 11 p.m. \$5.00 Donation to
 Arizona AIDS Fund Trust gets you all the beer, wine, food,
 music, fun and games you can handle. Be there!
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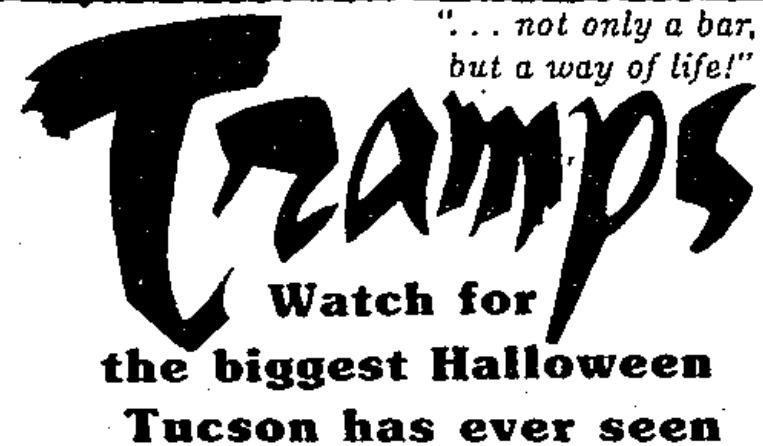
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27
 COLETTE'S WEST - HALLOWEEN PARTY. Live DJ. and
 more.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28
 COLETTE'S WEST - Finals for MR. TUCSON LEATHERMAN
 CONTEST at 9:00 p.m. Winner to go to Phoenix for Mr.
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THE DECISION TO VOTE

When called upon to do so, four years ago, I voted. I had just become legal voting age, and this was my first presidential election. I voted proudly for Ronald Reagan and insured the doubtful masses that my choice was THE choice.

After four years, I still stand firmly behind my choice: the economy has been growing and love of country has never been stronger.

Now however as a self-proclaimed gay political activist, it has become for me a matter of priorities: Is it the lesser of two evils or the evil of two lessers?

A vote for Reagan is a vote for sound fiscal judgement. For intelligence, foresight, organization. Also for a continued policy of discrimination against women, seniors, minorities and homosexuals.

A vote for Mondale is a vote for fresh government (note his VP choice...). For intelligence, foresight, organization. Also for a Gay civil rights movement and the appropriate consideration of the approximately 17 million Gay Americans.

Which is the MOST important priority now? Continued growth and strength for America? Or a new growth and liberalization of America?

As the owner of a small business, I choose Reagan; as a Gay American, I would choose Mondale. Unfortunately, as the maxim reads: It is one man, one vote. I cannot cast my vote for both.

It is a difficult decision that I make. I cannot provide an answer for you, as I cannot provide an answer even for me.

I think you must, as I have, look deeply into your heart and mind to weigh the good against the bad and choose. BUT, most importantly, YOU MUST VOTE. Do so, and do so PROUDLY!

To be an American is a luxury we can ill afford to overlook. People who criticize our country are freely invited to depart. Many people of communist countries are rarely given the same opportunity: to leave if they don't like it. So great is our freedom to have the CHOICE to make, whether or not to leave the country.

I stray from my point here long enough to impress my sentiments upon you: whether you vote correctly for Reagan, or vote correctly for Mondale, vote true to yourself.

The decision might prove difficult for you, as it has for me, but the choice MUST be made and no one can make that choice but you.

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