Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee Report

The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee has been very busy getting ready for the 1st Annual Twinkle Ball Gay-La, a formal dinner and dance, on Thursday, Dec. 6 at the Santa Rita Hotel from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Although it is now too late to buy dinner tickets, you can still join the party at 9:30 to dance for a $5.00 donation at the door.

Cocktail hour starts at 7:00 pm. with dinner served at 8:00. From 9:30 until 1:00 a.m. there will be dancing, entertainment and drawings for many door prizes.

A law enforcement subcommittee of TLGPC has been formed. The first meeting was held on November 26. It was decided that Jack Stocksleger would act as the liaison between the Lesbian and Gay community and the police departments. One function of the liaison is to document, investigate and hopefully, resolve incidences of police harassment, failure to protect or other police problems with Lesbians and Gays. Anyone in the community that has a problem with the police, where you feel that you have been mistreated, please report these incidents directly to Jack Stocksleger, any TLGPC member and/or at a TLGPC meeting. Stocksleger can be reached by phone in the evenings at 293-3515.

The subcommittee is looking into developing a group to do awareness sensitivity type training on an ongoing basis with the police and/or other appropriate groups. The subcommittee is also looking for individuals willing to volunteer their time to be Lesbian and Gay Victim/Witness volunteers. After training, these volunteers would be on call at specified times to assist and advocate for victims many times at the scene of the crime. It is hoped that after this program gets in place, more of us will be able to report crimes, especially those of sexual assaults to the authorities. As it stands now, we are thought of as easy victims by offenders based on our reluctance to report.

Two reports of problems with the police were reported to me this past Thursday night. At around 10:15 p.m. on Nov. 29, two patrons of the Joshua Tree were detained by an officer in the parking lot. The men were spotted by the officer kissing. The officer allegedly told these men that they could be arrested and taken in for this "homosexual act". One of the men did ask the officer for his name and badge number. Again the officer said he could arrest him for requesting that information. After these warnings, both men were allowed to leave.

Later that evening, as the Pineline was closing, Debbie, Pineline bartender, and Desiree, bartender at Colette's West, were physically assaulted by a man in the parking lot. The police were called and did respond quickly. That particular officer although seemed more concerned about the offender than the victims. Debbie reports that she was asked her name, address, phone number and what happened, period. The officer did not ask either victim how they were, if they were injured or if they needed medical attention. The officer left without giving either victim his name, the police report number or advising them at all on the status of the case and what they should do next. Debbie required stitches on the lower forehead, has a broken nose and two black eyes. Desiree has a broken cheek bone. At last the officer remembered to give the offender a citation. I will be discussing both of these cases with the Tucson Police Department so that both officers involved will be able to learn how to better serve our community.

Please watch this column for further information regarding these and other situations. Further planning meetings of the Law Enforcement Subcommittee will be held in January 1985. Remember, TLGPC needs your suggestions and help. We meet the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Pineline. Our next meeting is this coming Monday, Dec. 10.

Jack Stocksleger,
TLGPC Co-Chairperson.

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Settlement In AIDS Discrimination Case

NEW YORK, NY - Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and Attorney General Robert Abrams announced that they have reached what they termed an "extremely favorable" court settlement on behalf of a doctor who was threatened with evicion because he treats persons with AIDS.

The Attorney General and Lambda filed suit last year after a board of a Greenwich Village cooperative sought to evict Dr. Joseph A. Sonnabend, an acknowledged expert in immunology and a pioneer in the search for a cure for AIDS. The doctor's offices had been located in the building since 1977.

Under the settlement, the co-op will award Dr. Sonnabend $10,000 in damages, provide him with a new one-year lease, and pay the Attorney General's office $1,000 in legal costs. The co-op board, while not admitting to past discrimination, has also agreed to refrain from discriminating against disabled persons in the leasing of its office space. The suit had charged that the eviction would have constituted discrimination against AIDS patients in violation of New York's Civil Rights Laws which protects disabled persons.

In commenting on the litigation, Dr. Sonnabend reflected: "I brought this test case lawsuit because I could not stand by and see my patients victimized by unfounded fears. All of the research that has been done on the AIDS epidemic to date supports the view that AIDS is not casually transmitted. There is absolutely no danger to people who live in the building if a person who has AIDS walks through the lobby."

Attorney General Abrams said: "There is absolutely no evidence that AIDS can be transmitted through casual contact like walking past someone, sharing an elevator or shaking hands. The discrimination faced by people with AIDS -- such as the attempted eviction of Dr. Sonnabend -- is a result of ignorance and fear. This case demonstrates that New York law protects people with AIDS against discrimination."

Lambda's Managing Attorney, Abby Rubenfeld, stated, "Since the AIDS epidemic hit this country, Lambda has received hundreds of telephone calls from people who have AIDS, from people who are suspected of hanging AIDS, and from family and friends of those with AIDS. The callous discrimination by landlords, employers, school officials and even morticians is shocking. The Sonnabend case should let all persons know that blatant and cruel discrimination of this sort will not be tolorated."

National Governor's Association Considers Civil Rights Agenda

NEW YORK, NY - In its November meeting, the Staff Advisory Council of the National Governors' Association's Committee on Human Resources recommended to the NGA Executive Committee that it adopt a civil rights policy that includes the issue of Gay/Lesbian Civil rights.

National Gay Task Force Executive Director Virginia M. Apuzzo commented, "Through our presentation, we have identified a deficiency in the National Governors' Association agenda that affects the entire civil rights community. The struggle for Lesbian and Gay rights is just one part of the overall civil rights agenda, which is best addressed as a single entity rather than piecemeal.

In June, following lobbying by NGTF, the U.S. Conference of Mayors became the first national organizations of elected officials to take a position in favor of Lesbian and Gay rights by endorsing a resolution recommending "that all levels of government adopt legal protections for the rights of Gay and Lesbian Americans.

SEND A AMESSAGE TO JERRY FALWELL. SEE 'A VIEW FROM WITHIN' IN THIS WEEKS ISSUE ON PAGE SIX .

Jury Formation Difficult

NEW YORK, NY - About half of the 150 prospective jurors asked to be excused in a murder trial after seeing officers wearing surgical masks and gloves escort the defendant into court. Eddie Coaxum, 34, who is an AIDS patient, is charged with the April 1983 stabbing death of Steven Hunt, 38, in a drug "shooting gallery".

Coaxum's first trial ended in a hung jury. Before jury selection began, Health Commissioner David Spensor briefed potential jurors on how AIDS is believed to spread. But at one point during the proceedings, Coaxum began coughing, which produced worried looks on some prospective jurors' faces. A defense motion to have the officers remove their gloves and masks was denied.

J/T 8th Annual Xmas Hayride To Winterhaven Dec. 20

TUCSON - The eighth annual hayride to view the Christmas lights and decorations at Winterhaven will be held on Thursday, December 20. This annual tradition which has been given to the Gay community of Tucson by the Joshua Tree each year is one of the real fun events of the season. As usual, the Hayride will leave from the Joshua Tree and pick up passengers at all the Gay bars before arriving at beautiful Winterhaven and then returning to the Joshua Tree. Watch for additional details and exact arrival and departure times in the next issue of Observer.

AIDS Aftermath: Fewer Sex Partners Among Men

by Sally Ann Stewart

WASHINGTON, DC - Homosexual men are changing sex partners much less often as the Gay community becomes more anxious about and aware of the AIDS epidemic, a new study shows.

Stephen Morin, a clinical psychologist looking into the social and psychological effects of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, studied 824 Gay men in San Francisco. He presented preliminary findings of his ongoing study at an American Psychological Association Conference here.

In November 1982, Gay men in San Francisco reported an average of six or more sexual partners a month. By May 1984, the average dropped to 3.9. Morin says psychologists are counseling San Francisco Gays to help them reduce their chances of contracting AIDS by altering their lifestyles.

But changing longstanding behavioral patterns often causes more stress and anxiety, Morin says.

Medical experts should concentrate on soothing AIDS patients' stress, anger and depression - in addition to treating the physical symptoms, a panel of experts said at the associations's discussion.

AIDS is a fatal, sexually transmitted disease that makes patients' immune systems unable to fight disease. The cause and cure are uknown, but in 1983, French researchers linked AIDS to a virus, HTLV-3.

According to the latest statistics from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, as of November 12, 6,857 cases and 3,235 deaths were reported. About 73 percent of the patients were homosexual men. Other high-risk groups are Haitian immigrants, intravenous drug abusers and hemophiliacs.

Name The Gay Automatic Teller

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - San Franciscans have all the fun, according to Herb Caen in his San Francisco Chronicle column. He reports that Atlas, the Gay savings and loan firm., is having a contest to name its new automatic teller machine in the financial district. Early entries are: Kissenteller; The Quickie; La Cage au Dough and Oh, Take It Out!

Thank You

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Who Helped Make Our Party Last Sunday A Big Success

RITA & VINNY

EDITORIAL...

It is that time of year again when the jolly fellow in the red suit and white beard is packing up his sleigh in the frozen northland ready to make his yearly trip to Arizona.

It is just as true that with the holiday season comes the holiday spirits - not the inner spirits but the liquid kind. It is the time of parties and hoopla readying ourselves to get rid of this old year in hopes that the new one will be better to us.

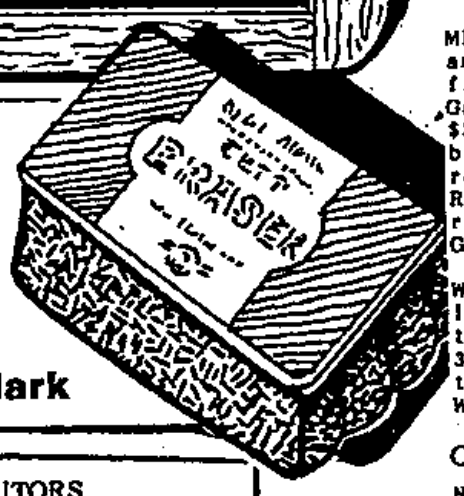
Not much chance of that if we don't pitch in and make it be. It is a good time to make our plans to improve our personal lives physically, mentally and financially.

But before we think of the New Year, we have to ring out the old. That brings up those spirits mentioned above. If you drink - don't drive. If you are with a group select one person to be responsible to take care of the rest for that one occasion and change off as the season's parties continue.

You very probably will save your own life from one of misery either by a bad accident to yourself or others, but don't forget about the beefed up police DWI squads that will be around with roadblocks. That is a whole seperate piece of misery.

Use common sense. Drink moderately or let someone who is sober drive you. Have a great holiday season. But more important have a safe and sane one.

Bob Ellis



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BRIEFS

JANUS THEATRE COMPLETE AUDITIONS FOR FEBRUARY PERFORMANCES

PHOENIX - Janus Theatre Company held auditions last Monday and Tuesday for their upcoming production "The Ritz". The seventeen member cast will be directed by Keith Morris and will be produced by John Goldschmid.

The Ritz, written by Terrence McNally will be presented February 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16. There are some technical positions available. For further information call 258-9773.

LEATHERFEST I TO BE HELD IN PHOENIX

PHOENIX - Arizona's first ever weekend long series of activities for men of leather and leather attiude will be produced and hosted by the Copperstate Leathermen on December 14, 15 and 16 as "Leatherfest I".

Posters have gone up at Phoenix Power & Supply, Trax, Ramrod and Tommy and Clyde's. Other materials will be distributed to Tuff Stuff in Phoenix and Tramps and Graduate in Tucson. All of these locations will have the flyer/application as well.

Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14 at Phoenix Power & Supply and will run continuously until bar closing.

Several of the events of the weekend are closed to participation by registrants only. There will be two unrelated seminars covering topical subjects of interest to the leatherman. There will also be a private 'Black and Blue' party as well as brunches and a champagne dinner buffet.

The registration fee after Dec. 5 is $20.

LEGION BARS GAY CHAPTER

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The American Legion has turned down the charter application of the Alexander Hamilton Veterans Association on a 3 to 2 vote of the commanders of District 8 in the San Francisco area. The issue of Gay veterans was raised according to Commander McGruder Wilkinson, who heads the district. But he told the San Francisco Gay newspaper, The Sentinel, he "did not know if that influenced the vote" against the Gay association.

Deputy Public Defender Gordon Armstrong, who witnessed portions of the proceedings of District 8 has offered his services to the San Francisco Human Rights Commission which is investigating the conduct of the Legionaires.

GAY WINTER GAMES CALLED OFF

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - The 1986 Winter Gay and Lesbian Games may have permanently frosted over, reports Equal Time. Games offices have closed down owing $3,500 for rent, phone and publication bills. "A large miracle" would be required to revive the Games, said Robin Karas, one of the two people remaining from lthe original 18-member Games planning committee.

There was great enthusiasm for the Winter games after the 1982 Gay Games in San Francisco, when Minneapolis had the third largest contingent and swept 35 medals. But fundraisers failed and the planning committee shrank. The Winter Games may be rescheduled.

COURT REJECTS ADOPTION REQUEST

NEW YORK, NY - The New York State Court of Appeals rejected the adoption request of a 57-year-old man who wanted to beome the legal father of his 25-year-old lover. The procedure is widely used in California and other states to obtain legal rights similar to state marriage.

"Adoption is not a means of obtaining a legal status for a non-marital sexual relationship - whether homosexual or heterosexual," wrote Judge Matthew J. Jasen in the 4-2 majority decision. The court said only the state legislature could change adoption laws to permit lovers "to adopt one another for the purpose of giving a non-matrimonial legal status to their relationship."

(Though the term matrimony refers to motherhood and is used in a religious context, the judges apparently meant to refer to the government marriage as opposed to Holy Union or heterosexuality.

SUN COUNTRY LEATHER CLUB OFF AND RUNNING

TUCSON - As reported last week, the Sun Country Leather Club is off to a bang-up start. One of the first projects is providing a Tucson Gay family with toys and food this Christmas. The club has already found a very worthy woman with a boy 9 and a girl 7. The club will be selling popcorn at the 4th Avenue Street Fair this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7, 8 amd 9, as a fundraiser for this Christmas project. In addition, the club's home bar, Tramps, will be taking donations of toys, canned goods and money for this needy family.

At the end of December Sun Country Leather Club will sponsor a three-day weekend celebration for the installation of their officers and as a fund raiser for Jay Cunningham, Mr. Arizona Leatherman. More on this event next week.

On February 16, the SCLC will sponsor the first Annual Black and White Ball at the Santa Rita Hotel which has already been reserved. There will be special guest stars and entertainment and fun for all. Tickets and more information will be forthcoming.

A busy schedule is ahead for this new a vibrant club on the Tucson scene.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I'm willing to think for the majority. The majority rules.

"I don't want to tell anybody what to do as long as they live by the Ten Commandments. I'm telling people what they can print only if it's immoral, only if it's filth, only if it's dehumanizing."

----Suffolk County, New York, Legislator Michael D'Andre (R-St. James) expounds on his philosophy regarding the sweeping anti-porn bill he introduced into the County legislature this fall, New York Times, November 13, 1984. D'Andre also told the Times that his bill is the outgrowth of the country's move to the right, synbolized by Reagan's election victory.

PNEUMONIA ANTIDOTE APPROVED

WASHINGTON, DC (GCN) - A drug found effective in treating a fatal form of pneumonia that strikes 60 percent of people with AIDS has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, according to the Los Angeles Times. Margaret Heckler, Secretary of Health and Human Seervices, announced recently that pentamidine, which had been available only on an experimental basis from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) would become more readily available on account of the FDA approval. Previous to this, the CDC had obtained it from foreign markets.

STEAM OFF AT S.F. "Y"

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GCN) - The San Francisco Central YMCA shut down its steam room and sauna for 36 hours recently in an apparent attempt to halt alleged sexual activity at the facility, according to the Bay Area Reporter. The sauna and steam room were reopened after angry members threatened to cancel their memberships and demand refunds of dues.

In a closure notice, the Y management tried to spruce up its image by saying, "The Central YMCA is not a bathhouse....We will not function as one.

"It has been brought to our attention through numerous member complaints that overt sexual activity continues in the adult men's center... Until Monday, we will shut down the dry room and steam room. If this does not curb the sexual activity, we will take further action.

David Kline, a Y member who said he had never seen sex in the steam room, suggested that Y staff ought to deal with violations of its rules rather than shutting down the facilities. "The closure," Kline said, "is not happening in a vacuum. Many of us are aware that the health department is conducting aggressive, covert, city-wide operations to outlaw male homosexual activity. This is a part of policy of deliberate harassment of businesses that cater to the Gay populace."

GAY AND IN PRISON

by John W. Kenner, III

"Our tongues meet and he presses the warmth of his body against mine. Then I feel his hands, his mouth - soft and warm on my flesh. The wave rises and 1000 pictures burst starlike in my mind's eye as I'm being immersed in the warmth of his body - sweet, wet, fulfilling. The wave finally crashes, I gasp for breath, I open my eyes. I'm alone - in prison."

In prison, fantasy becomes a substitute for reality. Prison is, needless to say, an abnormal environment, and it takes a little getting used to. Some men seem to be able to adjust overnight while others never do. But between these two extremes there lies a gray area in which most men find themselves when they first enter prison. Once the initial shock of losing your freedom has passed and fear of the unknown is overcome, prison presents a particular dilemma that is a common demolisher, the unanswered need for sexual gratification. The realization that you're not going to get laid for a long, long time can be extremely traumatic. But then reality often is.

There's something no one ever tells you - prison is lonely as hell. It is also frustrating. The loneliness is one thing and each man deals with it as best as he can. In dealing with the frustration, a man can do one of two things: He can adapt or quietly go insane. I adapted.

In July, 1982 I was found guilty of setting fire to the Glen Burnie Mall. I am now serving a five year sentence at Anne Arundel County Detention Center in Annapolis, Maryland. This is the first time I have ever been incarcerated and believe me, it's my last.

I have gone through a lot of changes in my head; adapting to the no-sex routine and trying to figure out how to jack off in a 4-man cell without letting someone know I was human, too. My first sexual contact occurred six months after I was confined. I realized something I missed far more than sex was the warmth and closeness of another human being.

It was okay to sneak off in a corner for a quick piece of ass or a blow job, but the thought of everyone else's knowing about it was a bit too much to handle. This also explains why most of the men simply settle for self-gratification. The majority of homosexual activity is kept undercover.

I have also learned that there are men who go without, and that the fallacy that everyone is fucking everyone else in prison is just that - a fallacy.

In most instances, a man releases his frustrations through masturbation and fantasy. It's safer, less complicated and one hell of a lot easier to come by than another homosexual. But even masturbation can be a problem when you live in a 15' by 20' cell with three other dudes, unless you come to terms, like: "I'm on Monday, you're on Tuesday - I won't watch if you won't." Naturally, the adult thing to do is to just handle it like a bowel movement and do it anytime the notion strikes you. If your cell partners happen to be nosy, let the cells watch you - you might find it stimulating. In most instances, however, cell partners cut each other a lot of slack and self-gratification remains a private thing.

Anyway you slice it, prison is an abnormal environment, straights go Gay, Gays go straight and everyone seems to acquire a sexual hang-up or two. But if there's one thing that a prison can cure, it's getting too much of a good thing.

(The Gay Paper, Baltimore, Maryland)

"Alive With Pride In '85" has been chosen as the coming year's Gay Pride Celebration national slogen, reflecting the Gay community's positive self-image. The theme was decided upon at the third annual National Pride Coordinators' Conference held in Wichita, Kansas. In commeroration of the Stonewall Riot, Iconference members also adopted June 28 as the national day of Gay observance.

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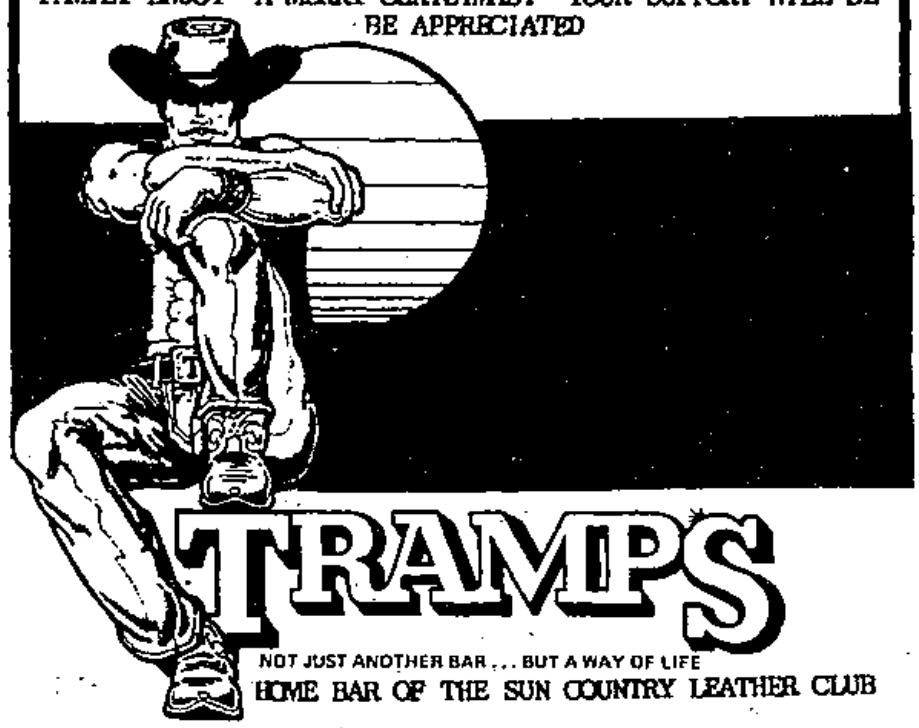

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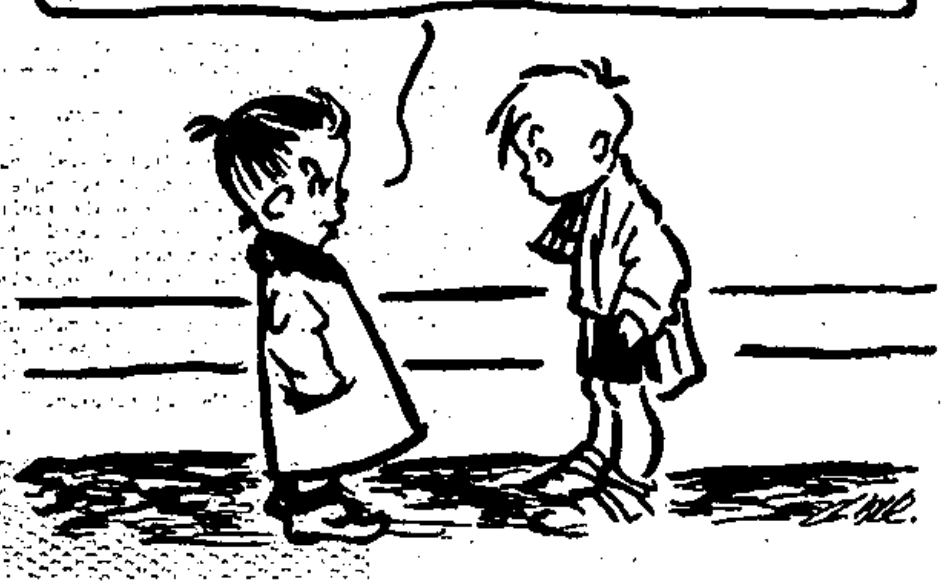

by Jay Cunningham

LEATHERSPACE

LEATHER ATTITUDE/LEATHER IMAGE

This article was contributed by Frank Sicurello.

Leather attitude...ask ten people to define it and you're likely to get back an indifferent shrug or two, one hostile glare, and seven differing opinions, none of which matches your own. You may be sure of two things that each person's definition will be as individual as he or she is individual and that the definition will take its shape from the sum total of the individuals experience of the leather world and its inhabitants.

Why, you might ask, am I interested in defining leather attitude? There are a number of reasons, most of which have to do with the kind of person I am and the kind of person I would like to become. The kind of person I am was decided for me by circumstance and opportunity and the decision I have made that affect how I have responded to circumstance and opportunity. They are given in my life as it has unfolded so far. The kind of person I would like to become is another story. The kind of person I would like to become is up to me to decide now. The future "I am" is up to me to work toward in the present. What has this to do with defining "leather attitudes"? For me it has everything to do with it because my leather attitude will be with me everywhere I go and it will affect everyone I meet and will reflect upon everyone that I call brother or sister. My leather attitude will determine how others see and respond to me: My leather image.

This is where I go out on a limb... My leather attitude at the present time 'remember I'm still becoming' involved, first of all, a primal response to men in leather. Out of the response has come a desire to know many of those men on more levels other than the obvious ones. I have gained from them a sense of brotherhood, camaderie, friendship, and acceptance that I have not experienced before in my life. I want for them the best. My leather image I hope to make synonymous with the goals and the purposes expressed in the founding principles of the Sun Country Leather Club, of which I am a member. Additionally, I would like to be respected by the community for who I am and what I may accomplish.

In his initial column for Leatherspace, Jay expressed the hope that this column would become a forum for ideas, interchange of information, articles, etc. There has been a deafening silence. Is anyone out there? For my part, I wrote this bit because I hoped it would lead to the expression of opinion, discussions, and maybe a little controversy. Men and women of leather attitude, I invite you to share with us your perceptions/definitions of leather attitude/leather image within these pages at your earliest opportunity. You will obey! Or else! Or else what, did you ask? Or else Jay and I will get writers cramp.

Once again, the address is Leatherspace, % Observer, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, AZ 85703-1733.

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signed Thom.

by Doc

Special news this week from TALL. They are having their $2.99 dinner this Sunday, December 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Graduate. As a special surprise, and if Hopi is doing any of the baking it will be, SOS is having a Bake Sale going on at the same time. Let's all support both events and have a good meal followed by some home made cakes and cookies.

Last week I suggested everyone get to Rita's Rendezvous Sunday, Dec. 2, and wish Rita and Vinny good luck in the future. I stopped in, and let me tell you that's what I call a party. I have never seen so many people in this bar and stay so long. There were so many guest bartenders you hardly ever got a drink twice in a row from the same bartender. Good Luck Rita and Vinny on your future ventures and I hope to see your smiling faces at the bar often.

TKO has a custom that when their meeting is over, the club goes on a good will bar run. After Saturday's meeting it was carried on, only this time with a little different twist. Six of us ended up at the 307 in Phoenix. Having just been there the preceeding weekend, Mother Johnny was surprised to see us walk in. One of the six who went kept up his normal plan of attack and fell in love 5 or 6 times in just two hours. Bill H., don't you think that wash and wear wedding dress is going to fall apart from being through the mill so often. Yes, he did find another little part-time love and brought him back to Tucson with him. Poor little Jimmy (Bert & Jimmy) walked up to the bar wearing his overlay with all the run buttons on it and a lady (of the real type) asked him, "Is there a special occasion you have decorated yourself up for?"

After the 307 it was off to the Power and Supply. Upon arriving I was cornered by Dale McK. and told to report, since I hadn't mentioned in last weeks column that he was the winner of the Arizona Brotherhood Run Trash Award. If I would have thought about it I would have known - no competition whatsoever. Congratulations Dale.

From Phoenix Power & Supply we headed to Tommy and Clyde's. They (the bar) was having a Roast. Bill L. of SOA was sitting at the bar when he saw us come in he just shook his head in a 'Oh No, Not Again!' way.

After Tommy and Clyde's it was back to the 307 for last call. Just because we were in town was no reason for Mark (ARMSC) to ask Mother Johnny to have an afterhours party, but he did. At the party, Bert and Jimmy fell in love again, not with each other but with a furry little puppy. But Bill H. takes the honors this weekend. He and his little love went out to the car to talk and a couple of minutes later up popped two fire trucks and an ambulance - that must have been a hot conversation. I am not sure what time Bill H. and love arrived back in Tucson but my truck pulled in at 5:30 a.m. Now, if only I can find out who drove it back!

Now to respond to Dear Blabby. I'll not direct this to her because she was only passing on the message. Lady "C", and I do mean Big C: If I were you I wouldn't be talking - remember we have all seen you both on and off the stage!

Finally, a few personal words to everyone of you out there. We are coming into the holiday season when we tend to party a little more than normal. It will be a gift to all of us from each of you when partying you give your car keys to someone else before driving home. Also remember the year is 365 days, not just 30, so carry the friendship and brotherhood throughout 1985. Ho! Ho! Ho!

It Was A Wild And Crazy Party.....

Last Sunday, December 2, Rita and Vinny Cicciarelli held their third anniversary party. Unfortunately for them it was their last anniversary at Rita's Rendezvous. The popular operators of this very popular eastside bar have sold their interest to two very fine men - Mac McKown and Thom Swanson.

Barowners and bartenders from throughout the Tucson Gay bar scene acted as guest bartenders during the day. Guest waiters, guest DJ's and multitudes of friends who came out to wish Vinny and Rita well and to welcome Mac and Thom to their new enterprise.

Wall to wall people was the order of the day. High energy was the feeling of the day, and highly charged feelings of friendship and camaraderie were evident everywhere.

Vinny and Rita will remain in Tucson for several months before returning to their California home. Mac and Thom plan some innovations for the Rendezvous, but no major changes are planned immediately. The staff will remain the same. The kitchen is open again for lunches and a Sunday brunch. Dinners will be served on a regular basis in a couple of weeks.

Observer takes this opportunity to wish Vinny and Rita, always staunch supporters of this paper, very best wishes and all the good luck in their future ventures - (No Rita is not going to open an adult book store).

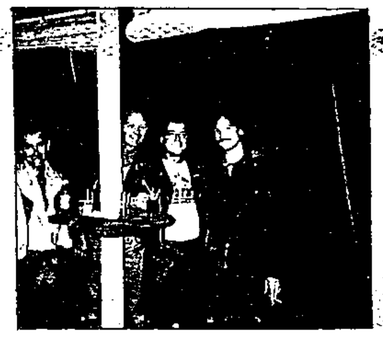
At the same time we welcome Mac and Thom and, of course, wish them all the luck and good wishes too. We look forward to working with them in the years to come.

Now, here are some of the photos that were taken on that memorable Sunday, December 2nd.

Rita and Vinny dancing the light fantastic

A group of merrymakers in the corner and out of the crowd

Jack Stockslager talking someone into joining the TLGBC



Out on the patio left to right Neal, George, Gene and Brent enjoying the cool fresh air of the patio.

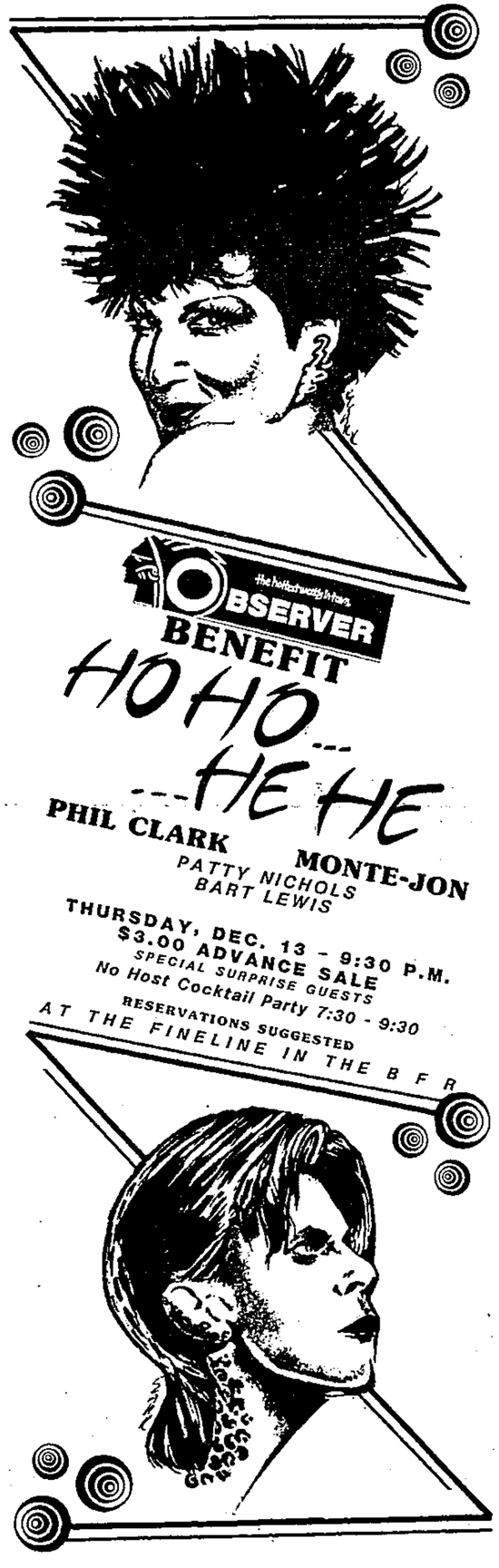
Colette talking to Dick Plowman before going on her guest bartending job.

Guest bartenders Rick of Rita's, and Phil and Elliott and Fineline.

Bartenders - Vinny of Rita's, Ron of Graduate and Bob Bishop of JT/BP.

Doc found the lines not too long outside the building.

Vinny, Jr., Scotty Bishop, Nancy Norman and Cathy Cicciarelli having a good ole' time.



DEAR READER:

In my columns in the past, I have addressed many issues of great importance to all of us within the Gay community.. I had hoped that this would encourage you to become involved with the fight for Gay civil rights. I am sad to say, that very few of you have.

I too often hear that you find it difficult to get involved because you fear being found-out. You cannot attend meetings, or you just don't think you can contribute anything worth the effort. All of us within the Gay civil rights movement have been trying to tell you how wrong those ideas were, but for whatever reason, you continue to be disinclined to get involved.

Now there is a way. I have rewritten a letter I sent to Dr. Jerry Falwell several weeks ago. It appears on this page. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO MAKE AN IMPACT IS TO CLIP IT OUT AND MAIL IT TO HIM! For twenty cents and an envelope, YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

IF YOU DO NOT, YOU WILL ONLY BE HURTING YOURSELF.

IF YOU DO, THE LIFE YOU COULD BE SAVING, COULD BE YOURS.

If you DO wish to get involved, please write to me in care of this paper. There are many groups you can be a part of. And we need your support.

Thank you, and remember, even though you are ONLY ONE, you are ONE OF MANY.

Sincerely

Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

A View From Within

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

CLIP IT OUT AND MAIL IT TO HIM!

Dr. Jerry Falwell
Lynchburg, VA 24514

December 5, 1984

Dear Dr. Falwell:

I am one of the approximately 17 MILLION homosexuals in the United States of America. I am sending you this letter, because I am alarmed at the recent wave of violence aimed at me and my community. I am also concerned with the growing wave of hatred toward me, fueled by your Moral Majority and its followers.

I think we can all be adults in this matter. I can see no reason why your organization, in the name of Christianity, spouts such falsehood and lies about homosexuality, and Gay America. You have even been quoted as saying, "I personally believe that homosexuals should be afforded total civil rights." (National Review, 10 August 1984). Are you showing one side to us and another to your followers?

In July, in San Francisco, a man in his early 40s was bludgeoned to death in an attack by SIX teenagers armed with bats, chains and metal pipes. This, police later found out, was the EIGHTH attack on Gay men by this same group in ONE EVENING. The mother of one of the confessed attackers overheard the boys talking about going to San Francisco (from their home in Vallejo, over one and one half hours drive away!) to "beat up some faggots", and she did nothing to stop them. The mother was also quoted in the San Francisco Chronicle as saying she and her family were Mormons, and, of course, the Mormon church does not believe in the homosexual life- style. Does this mean, then, that they believe in MURDER!?

Dr. Falwell, this is the kind of rampant homophobia that you and your followers encourage. This is too similar to Nazi Germany and the panic caused by the persecution of the Jews. Any person even seen TALKING to a Jew was either killed on sight, or carted off to Auschwitz, or Dachau. I realize that homosexuality is a moral issue and not a religious one, but is murder not a moral issue, too?

Is this the kind of action you are looking for? Is this what you want? Do you want 'God fearing Christians' to KILL? You and I both know that you do not. You are too intelligent a man to have this motive in your heart.

Is not the whole premise of Christianity to live one's life as Jesus did? To react to a situation the way Jesus would have? Would he have advocated and ACTIVELY CRUSADED for the murder, segregation and persecution of ANY group of people? I think not.

I support your recent talks with representatives of our NATIONAL GAY TASK FORCE. But, I am sad to say, it is not enough. Every day someone is a victim of discrimination because he or she is Gay. Many times, this ends in murder. Dr. Falwell, this bitter fighting amongst our groups has got to come to an end. We all have concerns of greater importance that we all should be addressing.

I want to see an end to this senseless killing, maiming, discrimination, and prejudice.

PLEASE, Dr. Falwell. Please see your way clear to addressing this issue, before one more person is killed. Please.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely

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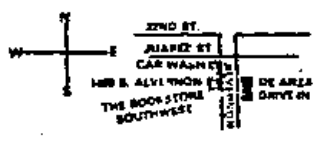

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For information on Gay and Lesbian meetings.

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NOTICES

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

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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SPECIAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen opens today. Dinner menu will be available in two weeks. Sunday Brunches too!

SANTA RITA HOTEL - 88 E. Broadway. First Annual "Twinkle Ball Gay-La" presented by Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee. Formal attire. Door prizes. Cocktails & Hors d'Oeuvres at 7 p.m. Prime rib dinner 8 p.m. Dancing 9:30 to 1 a.m. Those not attending dinner will be admitted at 9:30 p.m. Tickets for dancers only $5.00 and are on sale at Rita's, Books Bros., Colette's, Phil's Cards in Joshua Tree and any TLGPC member.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

TRAMPS - CELEBRATE 4th Avenue Street Fair. Opens at 8:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

FINELINE - "R" Productions presents from Phoenix Tamara and Margo St. Jaynee.

TRAMPS - CELEBRATE 4th Avenue Street Fair. Opens at 8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

BACK POCKET - Volleyball league playoffs at 1:00 p.m.

FINELINE - "R: Productions presents from Phoenix Tamara and Margo St. Jaynee.

TRAMPS - CELEBRATE 4th Avenue Street Fair. Opening today at 8:00 a.m. with coffee, soft drinks and juices until noon.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

FINELINE - "Ho Ho...He He". Benefit show for Observer in BFR. Starring Phil Clark (Bette Midler); Monte-Jon (David Bowie); Bart Lewis (Mick Jagger) and Patty Nichols. Plus special guest stars. Come and be a supporter of your local paper.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Special Thursday drink prices begins today!! Check their ad.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

FINELINE - "R" Productions presents "A Benefit for Derek" (an attack victim). Featuring Don, B.J., Felicia, Rhiannon, Amanda, and Rita

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

FINELINE - WEEKLONG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - $1.00 domestic bottle beer, well drinks and wine opening to 1 am.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

FINELINE - WEEKLONG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - $1.00 domestic bottle beer, well drinks and wine from opening to 1 am.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

COLETTE'S WEST - ANNIVERSARY PARTY. More later.

FINELINE - WEEKLONG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - $1.00 domestic bottle beer, well drinks and wine from opening to 1 am.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

FINELINE - WEEKLONG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATON - $1.00 domestic bottle beer, well drinks and wine from opening to 1 am.

JOSHUA TREE - Annual Hayride to Winterhaven. See next week for more details.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

FINELINE - WEEKLONG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - $1.00 domestic bottle beer, well drinks and wine from opening to 1 am.

THE TUCSON CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust 9-1 .40 Glass.
COLETTE'S WEST - Well Liquor .85 - 9 to Midnight.
FINELINE - Tall Neck Bottle 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 6 to 10 p.m. Well Shots .75
TRAMPS - Square Dancing with Tucson's T-Squares and country and western music with DJ Linda Fizdale.

THURSDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 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. Kitchen open for lunches 11 a.m.

FRIDAY

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BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shots of Schnapps .75.
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SATURDAY

COLETTE'S WEST - Free Pool from Noon to 4 p.m.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open for lunch 11 a.m. 3 p.m. Beer Bust 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. $1.50
TRAMPS - Saturday morning with Daddy David begins at 6 a.m.

SUNDAY

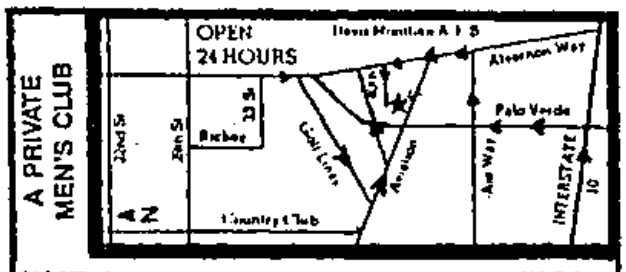
BACK POCKET - Beer Bust 4 to 6 p.m. All the draft you can drink for $2.00. Steak Dinner 4 to 8 p.m. $3.00. Volleyball.
COLETTE'S WEST - Sunday Sick Call - All Juice Drinks $1.00 Happy Hour Prices 4 - 9 p.m.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Sunday Brunch Noon to 3 p.m. DJ Dancing 3 to 7.
TRAMPS - BEER BUST 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. All the draft beer you can drink $2.00 $300 cash "Grab Bag". Drawing begins at 11 p.m.

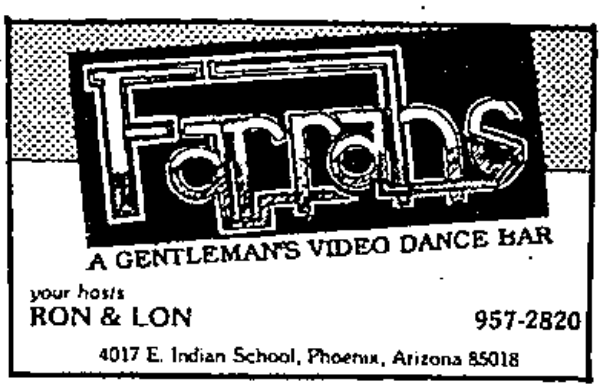
MONDAY

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.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Lunch served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shot Nite - Well shots .75.
COLETTE'S WEST - .75 Domestic Beer. Pool Tournament from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight on alternate Tuesdays.
FINELINE - WATERMELON NITE - SHOTS .75
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Lunch served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
TRAMPS - 'PROMOTION NIGHT' check for special schedule each week. "Rock 'n Roll Night too!





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CUTTER TRAMPS I	30	14	.682	5
SPEEDWAY BOOKS	27	17	.614	8
JOSHUA TREE	26	18	.591	9
BACK POCKET	25.5	18.5	.579	9.5
SUPER TRAMPS	22.5	21.5	.511	12.5
NIGHT BLOOMING SERIOUS	21	23	.478	14
CLEAN-UP ARTISTS	21	23	.477	14
H.O.T. (Hot Of Tucson	20	24	.409	17
TRAMPS	17	27	.386	18
COLETTE'S KILLER BEES	16.5	27.5	.375	18.5
ALLEY...COPS!	14	30	.318	21
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There are four weeks remaining in the first half of the season. If you wish to join the CML, call 293-1515 early evenings except Mondays. The second half begins January 14, 1985. $5.75 per night plus sanctioning.

COMMUNITY MIXED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
FINAL TEAM STANDINGS
SECOND HALF

BACK POCKET * PICKERS**	19	3	.864	--
COURT JESTERS	17	5	.773	2
FINELINE "SCHNITZELS"	16	6	.667	4
JOSHUA TREE "MEN AT PLAY"*	11	11	.500	8
THE LADIES & THE TRAMPS	6	16	.273	13
THE BLADES	5	16	.238	13.5

* Winner of first half.
** Winner of second half.

League playoffs will take plce this Sunday, December 9 at 1:00 p.m. on the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket court.

QUIP OF THE WEEK: "Rabbits are difficult to understand because they have hare lips."

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR:

On behalf of the Tucson S.O.B. Volleyball team, which participated in a national Gay tournament in San Diego during the Thanksgiving weekend, I wish to apologize to several individuals whom I neglected to mention in the November 21 issue of The Observer.

My deepest regrets go to: Gary Clark who designed and produced the poster which advertised the November 8 fundraising show; Bob Ellis for allowing the team free use of The Observer for promotion of the show and space for articles; Rodney, of the production crew for the show, for his half of the $40 donation previously and erroneously attributed to another individual; and, Brett for waiting tables the night of the show.

I do not wish my oversight to affect future attempts by this team to enlist community support. Again, my apologies.

Jim Larrabee Team Member Tucson S.O.B.

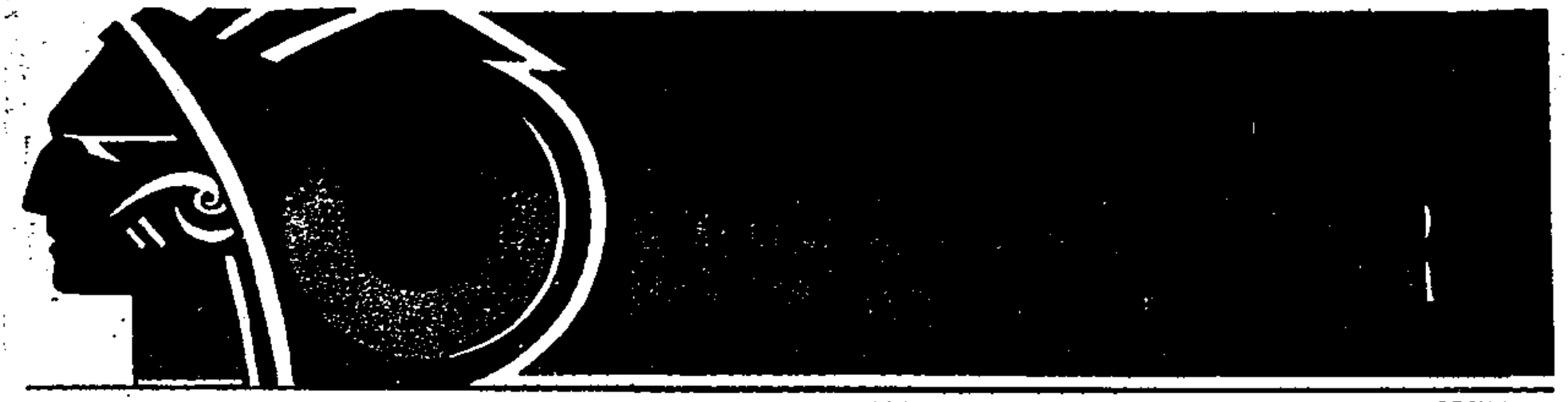
P.S. A complete financial statement delineating the team's use of money raised through the fundraising show and donations will appear in a future issue of The Observer.

PHOTO QUIZ.....

This week we feature another well known face in the Tucson community. He can be seen in our local watering holes quite frequently and his talent is quite well known. If you can guess that talent, you will have a good tip as to who he is. If you can't, you'll have to wait until next week to find out.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PHOTO QUIZ:

That cute little boy in the smart white high school graduation coat that was the subject of last weeks Photo Quiz was none other than Albert Benjamin better known to some as Brenda Starr - hair and all!!!



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Ho...Ho...He...He... Observer Benefit

TUCSON - "A really big shew" will take place tomorrow night, Thursday, December 13 at the Fineline beginning at 9:00 p.m. It is a fundraiser for the Observer and the evening promises to be another fun-filled event.

Heading the cast of talented entertainers is the energetic Phil Clark who idolizes Bette Midler and performs her routines with the same frenetics as she does. Monte-Jon Gilmer, who idolizes David Bowie and who will be singing some of his hits live - no mime here! Bart Lewis, who made quite a hit in his last appearance as Mick Jagger will again perform as the bare-chested Mick. Also appearing will be Patty Nichols plus some special guest artists.

As with most Gay newspapers, which are distributed free of charge, the advertising dollar does not always completely cover costs of production, making an occasional fundraiser necessary to continue operations. The Observer is the only Gay weekly in Arizona and one of very few weekly newspapers in the entire country. Your continued support of the paper and its advertisers is appreciated, as will your presence at this Benefit Show, Thursday, Dec. 13 at 9:00 p.m. in the BFR at The Fineline. See you there!!!

Christmas Hayride Dec. 20

TUCSON - As it has been doing for the last seven years, the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket is sponsoring this years annual hayride to view the Christmas lights and decorations at Winterhaven.

For those who may not know about it, Winterhaven is a suburb located in central Tucson. All residents turn the area into a virtual city of lights. Each homeowner tries to outdo the other in decorations and lighting. Thousands of Tucsonans visit the area each Christmas season to view the splendor.

Those taking advantage of the hayride always have a great time caroling and imbibing a bit while enjoying the lights and the crowds. If it is cold, we recommend wearing some heavy clothing as the trip takes about two and a half hours.

The truck filled with hay will leave the Back Pocket/Joshua Tree parking lot at 7:30 p.m. and will go to every Gay bar for a pick-me-up and pick up passengers. The first stop will be at Colette's West, then the Fineline, Graduate, Tramps and Rita's in that order. The truck will then go to Winterhaven and return to the Back Pocket/Joshua Tree.

The more the merrier makes this a memorable alternative evenings entertainment. A highly recommended fun evening.

The $30 Million Picture

MIAMI, FL (GCN) - The publisher of Edmund White's "A Boy's Own Story" and the photographer who took the book's cover photo are being sued for $30 million. Condo developer Kenneth Rosen, the father of coverboy Robert Rosen, has filed suit against the New American Library and photographer Dan Weaks.

Rosen claims that Weaks' use of young Rosen's photo creates the false impression that White's first person novel about a Gay teenager is modeled on Rosen's life. The suit contends that Rosen was "humiliated, upset, distressed and subjected to ridicule" as a result of the photo's use.

Although Robert Rosen signed a release form, his attorney claims it is invalid because he is a minor and "children cannot give legal consent to anything." Weaks snapped the picture of Rosen while he strolled along the beach at Cape Canaveral watching a space launch.

Fineline And Colette's Celebrate Anniversaries

TUCSON - Two Tucson bars are celebrating anniversaries this coming week. The Fineline will be observing its anniversary with a week-long series of events beginning Monday, December 17 and running through Sunday, December 23. To make the celebration all the merrier, owner Dick Plowman will be offering domestic beer, well drinks and wine for $1.00 each all seven days from opening until 1:00 a.m. In addition, Saturday and Sunday, the celebration will close out with a special production of "The Rhinestone Revue" in the BFR. Produced by "R" Productions, the Revue stars Richard Bell, Bubbles, The Rhinestone Queen, Carole Maerten with a special guest appearance by Jessica Caplan. Showtime is 9:30 p.m.

Colette's West is celebrating their "First/1st" Anniversary on Wednesday, December 19. Colette is bring Hawkins and DeLear in from St. Louis to entertain. This versatile group plays a great variety of music and will surely be happy to play your requests. Showtime is 9:00 p.m. There will be special drink prices all day long.

Happy anniversary to two of our favorite watering holes.

"Crime Against Nature Law" Attacked In Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS, LA - An attack on Louisiana state's crime against nature law, which criminalizes sex acts between con- senting adults in private, has been filed in federal district court here.

The suit was filed by the ACLU of Louisiana and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., (LLDEF), with support from the Crescent City Coalition, and the Louisiana Gay Political Action Committee.

The Louisiana statute, the origins of which date to 1805, defines crime against nature as "unnatural carnal copulation," which has been interpreted by the Louisiana Supreme Court to mean oral or anal sex. Such acts between consenting adults in private, including married couples, are felonies with a maximum penalty of a $2,000 fine and/or five years imprisonment.

Comments Abby Rubenfeld, Managing Attorney for LLDEF: "Criminalization of the sexual activity of Lesbians and Gay men is often cited as the legal foundation for discrimination we face in employment, custody, and mahy other areas. Elimination of the sodomy laws is thus an important goal for all of

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Arizona Students Zero Funded

TEMPE, AZ (GCN) - The Lesbian and Gay Academic Union (LGAU) at Arizona State University may file a discrimination suit against ASU Student Life if formal protests of the group's zero-fundings are unsuccessfu.

Fopr the first time in its history as a recognized campus organization, the LGAU has been denied any university funding, according fo Steve Cronk, the LGAU representative to the budget committee. At a preliminary budget hearing, Cronk was continually interrupted by a senior Senator who asked if LGAU advocated homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle. Since the time left for Cronk's testimony was not sufficient to explain the group's needs, the budget committee recommended a funding level of $90 for approval by the full senate, considerably less that LGAU's request for the year.

At the Senate meeting, President Ray Burnell said that he would refuse to sign any bill for an organization which promotes a specific sexual orientation. Despite objections from some senators, including LGAU chair Kim Hunter, the group's funding was withdrawn.

LGAU has lodged a formal protest with Student Life, and members are in the process of contacting organizations throughout the country for advice and assistance. Should they be unsatisfied with the outcome of the formal protest, LGAU members are ready to go to court. Cronk said that several lawyers have already volunteered their services to the group free of charge.

by Ellen M. Young

Houston Referendum Goes To Voters Jan. 19

HOUSTON, TX - Vote yes for a United Houston is the message Citizens for a United Houston hopes will carry them to victory Jnauary 19 in the nation's fourth largest city.

Houston voters will decide if sexual orientation will be added to the classes already protected from job discrimination in City of Houston jobs. Citizens for a United Houston (United Houston for short) is the umbrella organization that is urging voters to vote yes to prohibit job discrimination against anyone on any city job for which they are qualified. "The issue on the ballot is job discrimination," explained United Houston Campaign Manager Bill Oliver. "And we strongly believe people should be hired and fired based solely on their job performance."

The two ordinances providing protection against job discrimination based on sexual orientation were passed 8-7 and 9-6 by the Houston City Council on June 19. The issue was forced to a vote when about 60,000 signatures were turned in requesting a citywide referendum. The Committee For Public Awareness, the group opposing the ordinances is trying to persuade voters the issue is Gay rights. An opposition leader has charged that Gays have a "gross" lifestyle. The committee has also distributed literature saying the ordinances include quotes.

Supporters of United Houston believe the campaign can be won, but not without strong financial support. "The committee will have no trouble raising the big money for media," Oliver stressed. Contributions may be sent to Citizens for a United Houston, One Allen Center, Suite 1000, Houston, TX 77002

Gay Adventists Seek Historic Landmark Status For Stonewall

LOS ANGELES, CA - Seventh-day Adventist Kinship International, Inc., has filed for National Historic Landmark status with the National Park Service for the building which formerly housed the Stonewall bar in Greenwich Village in New York City.

The organization is a support gorup of Gay and Lesbian Adventists which was formed in 1976 to help Gay members of the conservative denomination integrate their sexual orientation with their Christianity. It has no affiliation with the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Bob Bouchard, president of the group, said the building is already on the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Greenwich Village Historic District, but its listing on the register is unrelated to its association with the Stonewall. "It's

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EDITORIAL...

I attended the December meeting of the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee last Monday. There was a good core group attending - people who are interested in bettering our Tucson Gay community. Each giving input of ideas and impressions that will undoubtedy affect your lifestyle here in Tucson.

At this meeting two guests attended, both with grievances to report to the committee. A young Gay man was fired from his job because, he alleges, he is Gay. The other party, the man's superevisor and non-Gay, was fired because she stood up for the young man. The two had previously talked to the Tucson Human Rights Commission and were told that they both had excellent cases against the firm. Upon further checking, it was discovered that the firm, Husky Industrial Maintenance, was just about ten feet outside of the city limits, putting it in the county which does not have a human rights ordinance.

At the meeting it was discussed and the decision was made to boycott the company. How do you boycott a company whose business it is to sweep shooping centers parking lots? Simple, you form a group, write each and every shopowner and merchant in the centers that this company contracts for, complaining about the company's hiring policy. All organizations both Gay and non-Gay that support human rights will be notified - and the squeeze begins.

Until the TLGPC was in operation, there was absolutely no place where grievances like this could be aired. The Committee is active, and wants to be a vital part of the community. You should be a part of it.

Bob Ellis

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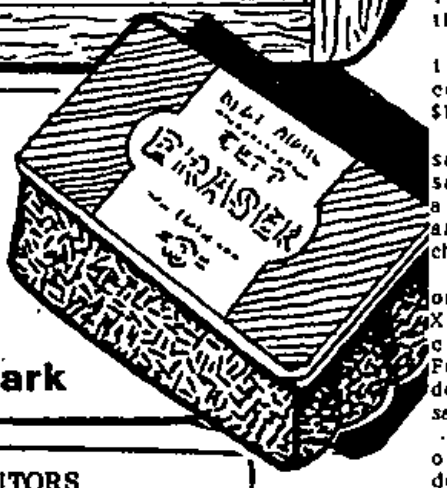

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BRIEFS

BENEFIT FOR ATTACK VICTIM SATURDAY

TUCSON - Derrick was walking to the Fineline on Sunday, October 28. As he walked across the parking lot, four or five men appeared from behind the new patio wall and tackled him, stole his money and in the mayhem considerable damage was done to his knee - torn ligaments and broken bones. After his physician examined him it was determined that Derrick needed immediate surgery. Because of the speed of the operation decision, he was unable to properly get financing for such an expense.

The Fineline and "R" productions is holding a Benefit for Derrick this Saturday, December 15 at 9:00 p.m. The show will feature Don, B.J., Felicia, Rhiannon, Amanda and Rita. Your presence is urged to raise money to help pay Derrick's medical expensess.

DOING IT DAY AND NIGHT

WASHINGTON, DC (GCN) - Folks who like telephonic sex can do it day or night, according to a Federal appellate court which unanimously rejected Reagan administration attempts to restrict phone sex calls to nighttime hours only.

According to a New York Times article, Federal Communications Commission regulations regarding business hours for phone sex companies were declared unconstitutional. A three-judge panel said that while the aim of the regulation was to limit access by minors, the effect was to deny access to adults as well.

Last December, Congress passed and Reagan signed a law banning commercial operation of dial-for-sex services if trhey were easily accessible to minors. The FCC was directed to develop guidelines to determine whether a service properly restricted its clientele to adults.

CANADIAN TRANSACTION TEACHES VALUE OF A DOLLAR

TUCSON - When is a dollar not a dollar?

When it's Canadian, says Dick Plowman, owner of the Fineline.

A Fineline employee accepted two $100 American Express travelers checks from customers last week and returned change to the customers in U.S. currency.

The net loss: About $50.

Plowman said the travelers checks were almost identical to American dollar-denominated checks.

"It's dark inside here and we didn't notice any difference," he said. The customers didn't point out the difference. "If it was intentional, it's a great scam. But let's give them the benefit of the doubt," he said.

The bank exchanged Plowman's less-than-dollar dollars at 74.87 U.S. cents. For $200 Canadian, he received $149.74.

A spokesman for American Express said U.S. and Canadian checks are the same color, carry the same symbols, and a differentiated only by serial numbers and small lettering at the top of the checks.

Canadian checks begin with just one of the following letters: S, V, W, X, or Y. U.S. dollar denominated checks begin with two letters. Further, Canadian checks say "Canadian dollars" on the top, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said the two kinds of checks often are confused. No other dollar-denominated checks are issued, he said, though American Express sells checks denominated in Japanese, Saudi Arabian, French, German, Swiss and British currencies.

GAY MAN WINS CUSTODY FIGHT

SAN DIEGO, CA (GCN) - A Gay father won custody of his 13-year-old son, ending a 19-month battle with the boy's fundamentalist Christian mother, according to the Los Angeles Daily Journal.

Superior Court Judge Judith McConnell upheld a 1982 ruling which awarded custody of Brian Batey to his father, Frank Batey. The boy's mother, Betty Lou Batey, hid Brian for 19 months because she believes that homosexuality is a sin. Betty Lou Batey now faces four counts of contempt stemming from her flight with Brian from San Diego to Denver, Colorado.

Frank Batey is a former member of a fundamentalist church and one-time Salvation Army cadet. He said he left the church in part because of its teaching against homosexuality.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Society has always regarded marital love as a sacred expression of the bond between a man and a woman. It is the means by which families are created and society itself is extended into the future.

"In the Judeo-Christian tradition it is the means by which husband and wife participate with God in the creation of a new human life. It is for these reasons, among others, that our society has always sought to protect this unque relationship.

"In part the erosion of these values has given way to celebration of forms of expression most reject. We will resist the efforts of some to obtain goverment endorsement of homosexuality"

----President Ronald Reagan, the darling of Gay Republicans, clears up any lingering doubts left by his ve[illegible] statement previously uttered in w[illegible] he said, "..."I am opposed to discrimination period."

TEACHING CREDENTIALS RESTORED TO BOY LOVER

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GCN) - A California state agency has restored the teaching credentials of a man fired for writing love letters to a 17-year-old male student, according to a UPI dispatch.

Robin Heil, a high school teacher in the town of Ridgecrest, was fired in 1979 after the student's mother gave school authorities the letters Heil had written to her son. Heil allegedly propositioned the student, and threatened to commit suicide if his affections were not returned.

Several months after Heil was fired, the California Commission on Teaching Credentials barred him from teaching anywhere in the state of California. That decision was overturned by a state court order and the commission complied, albiet somewhat unhappily. The chairman of the commission, David Levering, called the restoration of Heil's credentials "an outrage." But earlier, a commission committee had fournd Heil to be "a fit person to have a California credential."

STIFF PENALTY FOR AIDS OFFENDERS

BERLIN, GERMANY - West Germany's health ministry has said it was considering legislation calling for prison terms of up to three years for AIDS patients who know they have the disease but continue having sex. The ministry said it was proposing the ban as part of a legislative package aimed at eliminating AIDS. The statement came amid growing concern in West Germany over the spread of the disease.

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ironic that the building is on the Register yet it's not being recognized for the most important event in its history. National Historic Landmark status is a step above a listing on the National Register of Historic Places, therefore filing for Landmark status will ensure that 53 Christopher Street is remembered for being the birthplace of the modern Gay liberation movement," Bouchard said.

The Stonewall bar was raided by police on June 27, 1969. The Gay clientele took the unprecedented step of resisting the police, sparking three days of rioting in Manhattan's Greenwich Village. The modern Gay lib[illegible]ation movement which resulted from the riots is often called "the Stonewall movement" and it is not uncommon to read of the changes occurring in the years "since Stonewall."

To qualify for Landmark status, a building must meet certain criteria, such as being a structure "...at which events occurred that have made a significant contribution to, and are identified prominently with...the broad cultural...or social history of the Nation..." Another criterion is being a structure "...associated significantly with an important event that outstandingly represents some great idea or ideal of the American people." According to Bouchard, "The Stonewall movement re-affirms the great American ideals of equality and equal treatment under the law so eloquently expressed in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

Seventh-day Adventist Kinship International, Inc. can be contacted by writing to Box 1233-W, Los Angeles, CA 90078 or by calling (213) 876-2076.

IN GOOD COMPANY: Oscar Wilde

If you're wondering what to read this winter, you owe it to yourself to pick up one of Oscar Wilde's works -- his novel, The Portrait of Dorian Gray, or one of his superbly witty plays..perhaps his best, The Importance of Being Earnest. And then you should turn to Hesketh Pearson's biography. It's very readable, unbiased, and contains generous servings of Wilde's famous wit.

Wilde, of course, was perhaps the best-known Gay to take his cause to court. His lover's father, the Marquis of Queensberry (could fate or fiction have given him a more ironic name?) was furious that Wilde was romancing the Queensberry's son, Lord Alfred Douglas, so he began spreading nasty insults about Wilde. Wilde was naturally furious. He was one of London's literary giants and certainly its most flamboyant personality -- sort of a Liberace, Boy George, Joan Rivers, Gore Vidal combination -- and he felt that he deserved to live his life as he pleased. So he rashly decided to sue Queensberry for libel. Wrong choice. Wilde was on his own turf at parties and in the theater, but the court proved to have laws as two-edged as Wilde's tongue.

Wilde's defense was that he was not a homosexual (in the "dirty" sense of the word). But, of course, Wilde was a homosexual. Period. And because he had never made a real secret of his lifestyle, he lost his case. He had flaunted his colorful image for years, and because he did, he was the toast of London society. No one knew exactly what Wilde did -- in private, in detail -- and thus gossip about him was all the more juicy. And Wilde loved it.

But when the printed facts about Wilde's homosexuality appeared in the newspapers, they read like deadly clinical indictments, and thus Wilde was sent to prison for two years. He could have fled to France, but he was stubborn (perhaps because he was Irish), and he refused to accept the court's edict that what he did with his private life was wrong.

People in Victorian England were not so different from people today; after Wilde was imprisoned, they turned on him. In our own time, at one time, Barbra Striesand could do no wrong; she was a Jewish genius songstress who looked like no one else and who had original style and chutzpah. Yet when she produced, directed, and wrote (in large part) Yentl, the critics and the public turned on her. A women too big for her britches.

The public places their eccentrics and their geniuses on pedestals and then tears them down; if you don't believe it, steal a copy of the popular National Enquirer, or one of its sibling yellow sheets.

Fortunately for us, Wilde was clever enough to write his best work and lived life on his own terms for many years. While Wilde was in his prime, no one else in England could match his elegance and his style, and when he traveled across America on a lecture tour, Wilde proved to be immensely popular. Even the Colorado miners endorsed him, for he could out-drink them all. His American tour was one long whirlwind of balls, dinners, teas and receptions. From the time he told the American Customs official, "I have nothing to declare but my genius," America belonged to Wilde.

When he lectured at Boston, sixty Harvard students dressed in knee britches and sat on the front row, holding lilies. Wilde anticipated something like this, and so he came from behind the curtains wearing beautiful evening clothes, the epitome of conservative elegance. When he returned to England, he had given American audiences eighty lectures on aesthetics and, subliminally, a taste of his colorful zest for life. His fame was ablaze on both continents.

Luckily, literary critics have largely ignored Wilde's disasterous day in court. Today, he is considered to be one of Ireland's best playwrights, and he is also considered to be one of the masters of the "comedy of manners." Playwriting is not an easy task, and yet from the beginning, Wilde wrote hit after hit, using his matchless humor to point out the hypocrisies of society. His high-spirited love of the ridiculous made his plays unque during his era, and audiences could always count on one character being very much like Wilde himself, continually tossing off such Bette Davis quips as, "I can resist everything but temptation."

Alas, the temptation to perform in court proved to be Wilde's undoing, but he made Gays strong and visible, noble even. And perhaps for that reason, England passed laws protecting consenting sexual behavior between adults" long before American legislators began to timidly advocate Gay rights.

Wilde laughed with life, and at life; he saw through its absurdities. Today, no one remembers the Marquis of Queensberry -- except perhaps as an example of warped homophobia. In contrast, Wilde's classy intellectual originality has gained him a permanent notch in the lapel of Western Literature.

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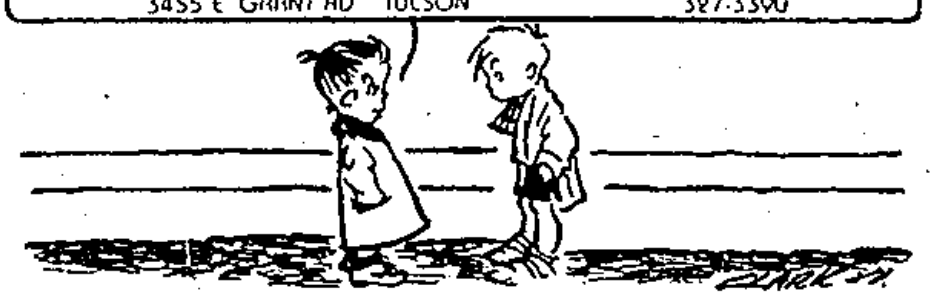

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CUTTER TRAMPS I	30	18	.625	7
JOSHUA TREE	29	19	.604	8
BACK POCKET	28.5	19.5	.594	8.5
SPEEDWAY REBELS	28	20	.583	9
SUPER TRAMPS	26.5	21.5	.552	10.5
NIGHT BLOOMING SERIOUS	23	25	.479	14
CLEAN-UP ARTISTS	23	25	.479	14
H.O.T. (Hot Of Tucson)	22	26	.458	15
COLETTE'S KILLER BEES	17.5	30.5	.365	19.5
TRAMPS	17	31	.354	20
FUN FLOWERS	16.5	31.5	.344	20.5
ALLEY...COPS!	14	34	.292	23

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There are three weeks remaining in the first half of the season. If you wish to join the CML, call 293-3515 early evenings except Mondays. The second half begins January 14, 1985. $5.75 per night plus sanctioning.

COMMUNITY MIXED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
TOURNAMENT - LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
RESULTS - DECEMBER 9

DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT (Single games to 15 points)

	Game #
FINELINE "SCHNITZELS" - 15 vs THE BLADES - 13	1
THE COURT JESTERS - 15 vs THE LADIES & THE TRAMPS - 5	2
THE BLADES - 15 vs THE LADIES & THE TRAMPS - 10	3
FINELINE "SCHNITZELS" - 15 vs THE COURT JESTERS - 5	4
THE COURT JESTERS - 15 vs THE BLADES - 4	5
THE COURT JESTERS - 17 vs FINELINE "SCHNITZELS" - 15	6
FINELINE "SCHNITZELS" - 15 vs THE COURT JESTERS - 12	7
(FINELINE "SCHNITZELS" - THE WINNERS)	

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP (Single games to 15 points-Best of 7

	Game #
JOSHUA TREE "MEN AT PLAY" 15 vs BACK POCKET "PICKERS" 13	1
BACK POCKET "PICKERS" 15 vs JOSHUA TREE "MEN AT PLAY" 9	2
BACK POCKET "PICKERS" 16 vs JOSHUA TREE "MEN AT PLAY" 14	3
JOSHUA TREE "MEN AT PLAY" 15 vs BACK POCKET "PICKERS" 13	4
JOSHUA TREE "MEN AT PLAY" 15 vs BACK POCKET "PICKERS" 2	5
BACK POCKET "PICKERS" 15 vs JOSHUA TREE "MEN AT PLAY" 5	6
(TEAMS TIED 3 GAMES EACH)	

To be played Sunday, December 16 at 2:00 p.m.

QUIP OF THE WEEK: A martyr grins and bears it, while a flasher bares it and then grins!

NEW YORK LETTERS

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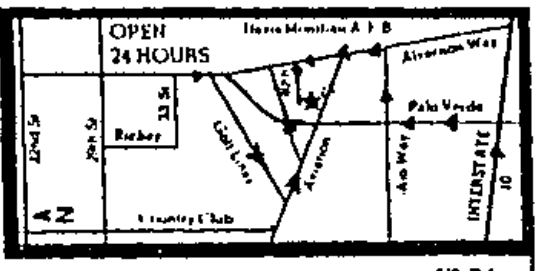

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SPECIAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

FINELINE - "Ho Ho...He He". Benefit show for Observer in BFR. Starring Phil Clark (Bette Midler); Monte-Jon (David Bowie); Bart Lewis (Mick Jagger) and Patty Nichols. Plus special guest stars. Come and be a supporter of your local paper.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Special Thursday drink prices begins today!! Check their ad.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

FINELINE - "R" Productions presents "A Benefit for Derrick" (an Attack victim). Featuring Don, B.J., Felicia, Rhiannon, Amanda, and Rita

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - "TRIM THE TREE PARTY" 3 to 5 p.m. Drink specials and complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

FINELINE - WEEKLONG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - $1.00 domestic bottle beer, well drinks and wine opening to 1 am.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

BACK POCKET - "HAPPY BIRTHDAY NIGHT" 1/2 price drinks to December birthdays. I.D. required.

FINELINE - WEEKLONG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - $1.00 domestic bottle beer, well drinks and wine from opening to 1 am.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

COLETTE'S WEST - ANNIVERSARY PARTY. Hawkins and DeLear direct from St. Louis playing starting at 9 p.m. Drink specials all day long.

FINELINE - WEEKLONG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - $1.00 domestic bottle beer, well drinks and wine from opening to 1 am.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

FINELINE - WEEKLONG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATON - $1.00 domestic bottle beer, well drinks and wine from opening to 1 am.

JOSHUA TREE - Annual Hayride to Winterhaven. Leaves Back Pocket 7:30 p.m. picks up riders at each bar and returns to Back Pocket after viewing the Christmas decorations.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

FINELINE - WEEKLONG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - $1.00 domestic bottle beer, well drinks and wine from opening to 1 am.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

FINELINE - WEEKLONG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - $1.00 domestic bottle beer, well drinks and wine from opening to 1 am. "The Rhinestone Revue" in the BFR. See Dec. 22 for details. Showtime 9:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

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THE TUCSON CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust 9-11, All you can drink $2. 11 p.m. - 1 a.m. .35 a glass of draft.
COLETTE'S WEST - Well Liquor .85 - 9 to Midnight.
FINELINE - Tall Neck Bottle 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 10 p.m. Well Shots .75
TRAMPS - Square Dancing with Tucson's T-Squares and country and western music with DJ Linda Fizdale.

THURSDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 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 and Domestic Beer .75, Well Drinks $1.00 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Kitchen open for lunches 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FRIDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shots of Schnapps .75.
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SATURDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shots of Schnapps .75
COLETTE'S WEST - Free Pool from Noon to 4 p.m.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open for lunch 11 a.m. 3 p.m. Beer Bust 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. $1.50
TRAMPS - Saturday morning with Daddy David begins at 6 a.m.

SUNDAY

BACK POCKET - Beer Bust 4 to 6 p.m. All the draft you can drink for $2.00. 6 to 9 p.m. Beer, wine and well $1.00. 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Disco. Steak Dinner 4 to 8 p.m. $3.00.
COLETTE'S WEST - Sunday Sick Call - All Juice Drinks $1.00 Happy Hour Prices 4 - 9 p.m.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Sunday Brunch Noon to 3 p.m. Bar-b-que Dinners served 5 to 9 p.m.
TRAMPS - BEER BUST 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. All the draft beer you can drink $2.00 $500 cash "Grab Bag". Drawing begins at 11 p.m.

MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowlers Special Night. 1/2 price drinks to Monday night bowlers.
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.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Lunch served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shot Nite - Well shots .75.
COLETTE'S WEST - .75 Domestic Beer. Pool Tournament from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight on alternate Tuesdays.
FINELINE - WATERMELON NITE - SHOTS .75
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Lunch served 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
TRAMPS - 'PROMOTION NIGHT' check for special schedule each week. "Rock 'n Roll Night too!

A View From Within

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

GAY LIFE AS PORTRAYED ON DYNASTY

Aaron Spelling should either be strung up and left to die, or deified and made an honourable Gay American.

Although things have not been rife with accuracy concerning Mr. Gay prime-Time, Steven Carrington, on DYNASTY, we must applaud the fact that there even IS a Gay ON prime-time TV.

Four years ago, when DYNASTY first started, Steven was a good, clean-cut All American boy, who, as the series developed, was once involved with another clean-cut All American boy named Ted. Well, Steven's dad walked in on an innocent embrace, and killed Ted. He was tried, convicted, and given probation. Ho, hum. Life goes on. (Stifle a yawn).

As the series continued, Steven pped next to the swimming pool and l in, hitting his head on the way in. When he awoke he was (surprise!) no longer Gay! Well, he had these affairs with women and ended up marrying one. He divorced the little tramp, and then married Claudia to save his child from being taken away from him. Steven has been a man of many worlds. (I think he should be in therapy.....

Now, this year, apparently, he is falling back into the 'lure' of being Gay. His new PR assistant, Luke Fuller, made a pass as subtle as a train running into a truck of watermelons on one of his first days at work. (This character first appeared on 21 November 1984). What next?

The recent issue of PEOPLE magazine (26 November 1984) carries a blurb about a proposed, future, on-screen kiss between Steven and Luke. It seems the censors in Hollywood may take exception to this. They just might feel (mistakenly) that America is not ready just yet.

The whole subject is being over-sensationalized. I can see the furor that will come from the kiss, if it is televised. Jerry Falwell of the ultra-conservative right, mothers, grandmothers, fathers, and teachers will all get their dander raised.

The "demoralizing of America" will again be a front-page issue.

By now, this whole subject should be passe'. But it isn't. In this modern day and age, people STILL think two men kissing is some big deal. For crying out loud....

Remember the stink about MAKING LOVE? The "love" scene between Harry Hamlin and Michael Ontakaen (the scene that raised all the dander in the press...) was as exciting as watching a test-pattern. The whole affair (no pun) was so unrealistic as to be insulting.

Now we have this. This on-screen kiss. I am not prejudiced. I feel that Aaron Spelling and the DYNASTY creaters Richard and Esther Shapiro have done a good job and should be patted on their collective backs. So far, so good. But this had better be handled right.

What is the big deal. If Gay America weren't so closeted, Steven and Luke would be living together happily with children, jobs, dinner parties at the mansion, and brunches with Blake and Krystle. Maybe next season.

QUEER DISCHARGE POLICY

WASHINGTON, DC (GCN) In a study requested by Rep. Barbara Boxer (D-CA), the General Accounting Office found that discharges from the military on grounds of homosexuality are on the upswing.

In the last ten years, 14,311 members of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines received walking papers because they were Gay or were suspected of being Gay. The yearly figure for 1974 was 875, but by 1983, that number had more than doubled to 1796.

The Navy led the way with more than half the total - 8151. The armed forces spent $373,000 investigating 1619 charges of homosexuality in 1983. Of the 14,311 discharges, officers accounted for only 191.

THE EDGE..... by Guy Edgerly

I'M EDGE

I am Edge from the planet Guyonia. We live just a heartbeat from planet Earth. Being so close we have decided to make contact and hope of exchanges of ideas to better both our cultures. I have been sent as a volunteer and have assumed humanoid form so as not to scare you. For, on Guyonia, we do not look like you. We are pure love and energy. Some of our life forms have been encumbered at birth by being attached to what humans call a body. Our malformed members have to learn to deal with life by having bodies with arms, legs, eyes and ears. This is a great detriment to our society as it detracts the mind forces and energy is wasted, as well as resources, on trying to maintain the body so that the mind may live.

Nevertheless, even these lower lifeforms are encouraged to do their best for the benefit of the entire society. Here on Guyonia, a mind is a terrible thing to waste no matter what its capacity may be and we do not put limits on anyone. The more minds we have working, the better off we all are. We have and encourage high expectations for all our citizens.

In trying to learn your ways and understand your minds, I may be making observations and asking questions that may seem silly or absurd. Any question is valid on my planet as long as it generates an intelligent and sensible answer. Love and truth are the basis of everything on Guyonia.

MY ORIGIN

Since revealing my presence on your planet, many questions have been asked especially regarding our bodiless minds (as opposed to Earthlings mindless bodies). You seem so preoccupied with your primitive functions.

Here on Guyonia, Many eons ago, our forms were similar to yours. It became apparent to our early life forms that bodies severly limited out intelligence and diverted too much time, energy and resources to maintain. We learned that the mind was our most prized possession so we cultivated it. Evolution took its natural course. Even today there is an occasional throwback to our primitive days when our minds were trapped (or stored) in bodies. Since we are pure love and energy, we encourage every life form to elevate itself. Since we do not have earthlike features, we normals do not stare or laugh at these "freaks". It is not their fault. We do the best with what we have.

Reproduction is different here on Guyonia. It is a question of mind over matter. We "get off" on mental intercourse. One of your species we conceived this way about 2,000 earth years ago. As on Guyonia eons ago, you did not appreciate such a high life form and destroyed him. None have been born that way since. It takes time.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

JUDICIAL IRONY

ALEXANDRIA, VA (GCN) - A military appeals court judge scheduled to review a celebrated Air Force case involving homosexuality was recently arrested by Fairfax County police on a charge of soliciting sex from a male undercover detective, according to the Washington Blade.

Judge Albert B. Fletcher was one of the 16 men arrested during a two-week police crackdown at three alleged Gay cruising areas. Fletcher declined to coment, but two other men arrested in the same investigation told the Blade that police had approached them for sex and then arrested them for soliciting. The two men said they would fight the charges in court.

Fletcher is part of a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Military Appeals which is deliberating the case of former Air Force Lt. Joann Newak. Newak was convicted in March 1982 of having sexual relations with an enlisted woman. She served one year of a six-year term at Ft. Leavenworth and was granted parole in August 1983. Her conviction is being appealed on grounds that her counsel prejudiced her case because he also represented the woman who testified against Newak.

Fletcher is accused of having solicited a plain clothes detective for oral sodomy on October 24.

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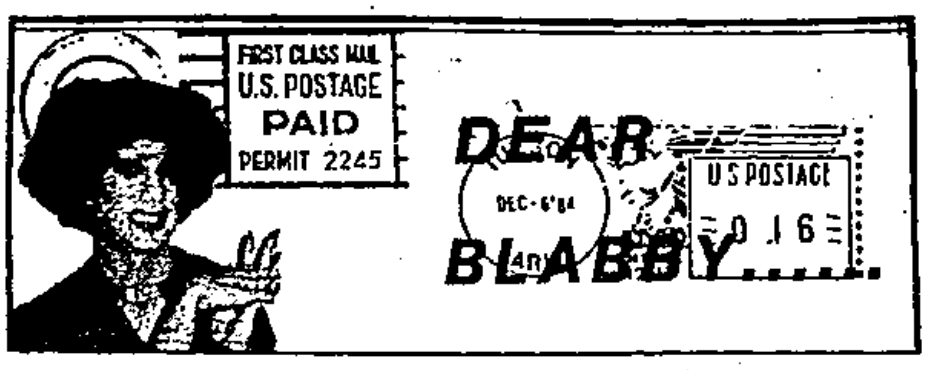


DEAR BLABBY:

Last week I attended the first annual Twinkie Ball Gay-la. It was a real experience for me, I must say. Never in my life have I seen so many different and obscure concepts of formal attire. Now granted, I will admit I was not in the position to run out and spend sixty bucks on a tuxedo (though many people did) but I assumed a tasteful suit would do. My question is, don't people know what formal is? There was everything there from leather harnesses to high bitch drag! I don't mind except the hotel personnel were a bit taken aback. Why would anyone attend *such an affair* in *anything* so inappropriate.

signed Disturbed Over The Dress.

Dear Disturbed:

Unfortunately, due to my journalistic responsibilities I was unable to attend said affair. However, I arranged for my roommate to attend with a dashing, handsome, charming and witty date. Both related to me that the evening was a huge success in general. The entertainment was short but extremely professional. Neither of them would comment on the food however. As for your question on attire, I can only say dress is a matter of taste. To each his own.

Blabby

Dear Blabby:

I have been out Christmas shopping for days and am at my wits end. I would like to find some Gay-oriented cards and some unique gifts for my Gay friends on my Christmas list but I don't know where to find any. Most importantly, I would rather spend my money at a Gay-owned establishment. Do you have any suggestions.

signed Grasping for Gay Gifts.

Dear Grasping:

Phillips cards and gifts would be an excellent place to check out. Phil is clearing out numerous tasteful and unique gifts and nick nacks from his own personal collection, not to mention he has the best selection of Christmas cards both humorous and tasteful in town. The shop is located at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket and will be open every night from now until Xmas.

Blabby

Dear Blabby:

I just got back from San Diego and was disappointed to find that I missed the 4th Avenue Street Fair. Now that there is a Gay bar (Tramps) on 4th Avenue I was wondering how they fared. Were there any problems with straights in the bar?

signed Wondering

Dear Wondering:

As a matter of fact Tramps fared the Fair very well and was one of the hoppingest bars on the Avenue. On Sunday, they presented a show in the afternoon for all the fair goers, starring Aviva Diamond, Stephanie Price, Candy Plastique and Lindas Fizdale, the DJ. The show was a huge success and, I am sure, a real educational experience for the hetero-sexual onlookers. Congratulations to all the performers and tech crew.... Great job.

Blabby

FLESH ARREST

The following article, reprinted in its entirety, appeared in the November 5, 1984 edition of the Boston Herald:

"Three American tourists were charged with indecency yesterday after posing for nude photographs in front of the Parthenon in Greece. The three were identified as William Mullen, of Hartford, Conn, Herman Kendelan, 22 of San Mateo, California, and Willard Freitas, 23, of Santa Clara, California."

FLEXING OUR MUSCLES:

NOW WE'RE NUMBER SEVEN

WASHINGTON, DC (TWN) - Gay men and Lesbians represent the seventh largest voting bloc in the United States, the Washington Blade reports. Using the 10 percent figure established by Kinsey, the Gay community represents 17 million voters (one-tenth of the voting age population.)

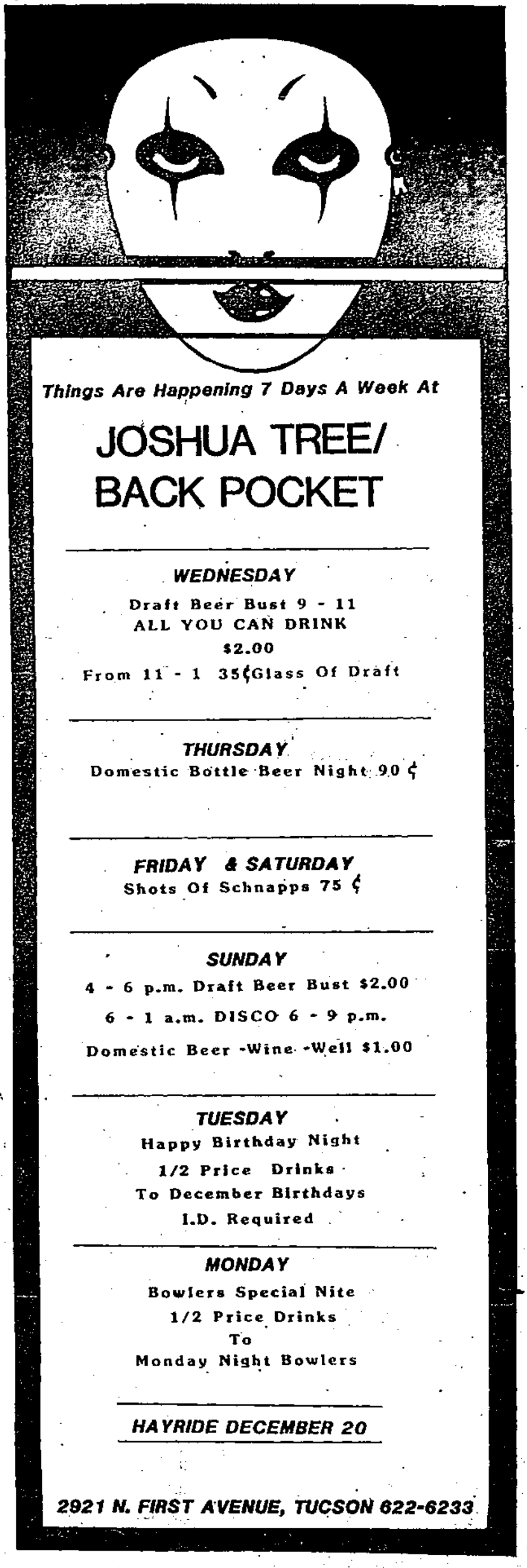
This places us behind women, 81 million; evangelical Christians, 40 million; the 'elderly' (over 65), 28 million; blacks, 19 million; and union members, 18 million. Ranking behind Gay voters were Hispanics with 9 million, Jews, with 4.7 million; farmers with 3.1 million; and Asian-Americans with 2.5 million.

CIA SETTLEMENT

REDONDO BEACH, CA (GCN) - A Gay man whose security clearances at a defense plant here were revoked in 1981 has reached an out-of-court settlement with the Central Intelligence Agency, according to the Advocate. The judge in the case, however, sealed the settlement so its terms cannot be made public. The plaintiff, John W. Green, said he was pleased with the settlement, calling it an "amicable resolution."

Green's clearances were revoked in 1981 when his sexual preference became known at the plant where he worked for 15 years. After exhausting internal appeals, Green filed suit against the agency in November, 1983. He said the CIA "tried to beat me down and run me out of money," but when Green persisted, the agency entered into serious negotiations with him about three months ago.

Green has been reinstated to a mangement position and receives back pay to compensate for salary losses over the past three years.



THE TWINKLE BALL GAY-LA BASH

TLGFC REPORT Jack Stockslager - Co-Chairperson

The first annual Twinkle Ball Gay-La was held last Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Santa Rita Hotel. This was the first formal party organized by TLGFC and it was a big success. Over 105 Lesbians and Gays dressed in evening gowns and tuxedos were in attendance. The ballroom was glittering with Christmas lights, garlands and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Both classicaland contemporary Christmas music filled the room during the cocktail hour and dinners.

After a very tastful and filling prime rib dinner and dessert, drawing were held for several door prizes. Several lucky winners received two free hair cuts from Darryl, owner of Chamade for Hair; a set of contact lenses, including the examination from Dick, owner of Morris Optical; dinner for two at the Santa Rita; an hour for two in a hot tub at Oasis Hot Tubs; a $15.00 gift certificate at Phillips Card Shop; tickets for two to a formal ball on February 16, 1985 organized by the Sun Country Leather Club; two poinsettias and a gift certificate from Debbie, owner of End Of The Rainbow Balloons. Thanks to all who donated the door prizes.

The guests were then treated to some very special live entertainment by Monte-Jon, Nancy Norman and Rick Dillon. The room was filled with the very pleasant and in-step sounds of heel and top tap dancing. This was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the evening. In fact, these performers received a standing ovation at the end of their routine with the crowd yelling for more. Thank you Monte, Nancy and Rick for sharing your talent with us.

Next, the guests got to take their turn on the dance floor moving to the sound of the latest hits under disco lights. The music and lights were provided by John Weller. Thank you, John, for volunteering your time and a job well done.

A very delightful St. Nicholas arrived at the ball entertaining us with Christmas joy and finishing the drawings for the door prizes. Thank you Jim Shafer for your handsome, Gay appearance.

There is no doubt that much Christmas cheer and joyful times were had by all. It was quite a time of pride to see all of us so finely dressed and on our very best behavior. I wish to thank the Social Activities sub-committee, chaired by Natalie Perry, with help by David Cooper and Brent Bates for organizing the ball. Also thanks to Jim L. for helping decorate.

Apologies to all who expected photos from the ball. We had camera difficulties (with all 3 cameras, if you can believe that) and no pictures turned out with the exception of the Observer's which appear here.

by Doc

Things have been on the quiet side this past week. I guess all three Tucson clubs, TKO, TALL and SOS are getting ready for their Christmas Party Saturday. I'll warn all of you now, I have bought a new pen just for the party so be careful what my ears hear.

TALL this past Sunday, put on their monthly dinner at the Graduate. Congratulations to TJ and Lee. I guess they are the ones who pulled it off, who combined forces and were able to get Murray to accomplish something on time. The menu was ham, brocolli and rice. From the small samples I tasted, the food was excellent.

At the dinner, Lee was telling me that in the painting party on Saturday night, Forrest (TALL pledge) broke one of his ear rings, a globe. You Leather Queens sure have some odd jewelry. It was also reported to me from TJ that Lee's chaps were 20 degrees off center from his ass. Now I ask you, how did TJ determine the chaps were 20 degrees off center? Then TJ told me it was all lies. Funny how the guilty always use that line.

SOS was also busy this past Sunday. They had a Bake Sale at The Graduate. I bought some of the cookies and they were delicious. I look forward to their next Bake Sale because I missed the banana bread. During the course of the evening, Ron passed out hand dipped candy to all in the bar. He should have warned Burt that it was coconut. Thanks to the final auction, all baked goods were sold.

The only thing to report from TKO this week is Bill H. returned one part-time lover back to Phoenix but brought a new one back. You may have thought I was making up the story about the wedding dress, but as you can see, it's true.

One last little item. I'm not sure it will be published, but my spies tell me our editor Bob was at Rita's taking pictures. He was sure he had some good shots until he discovered he forgot to remove the dust cover from the camera lens. That will teach you to make a center fold out of me!

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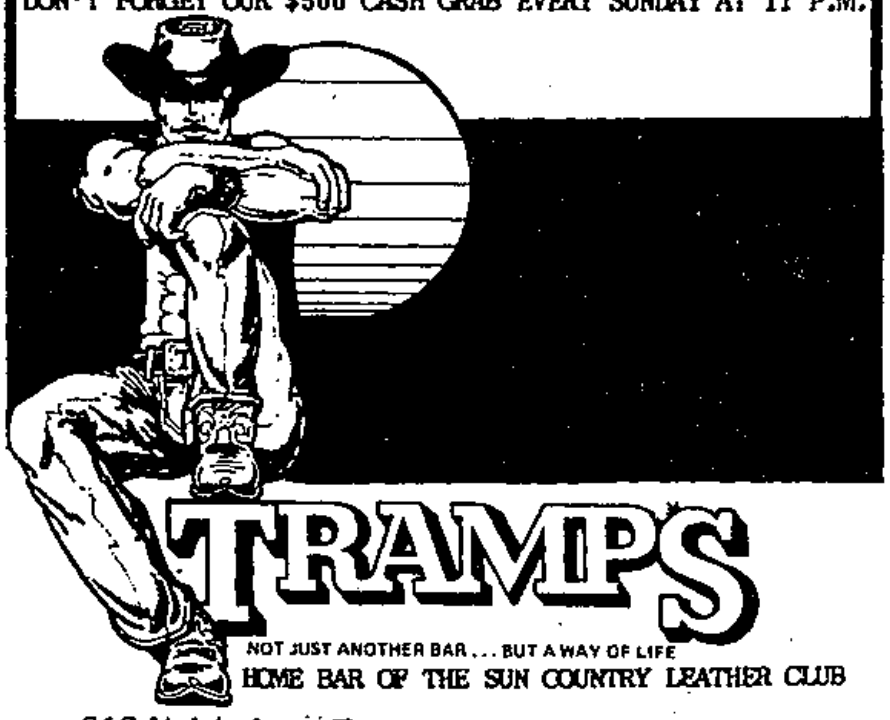

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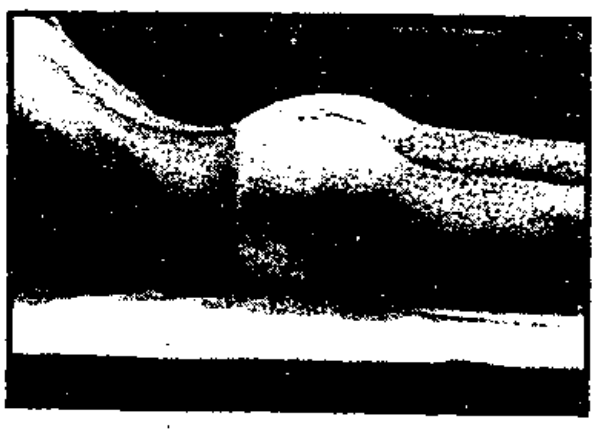

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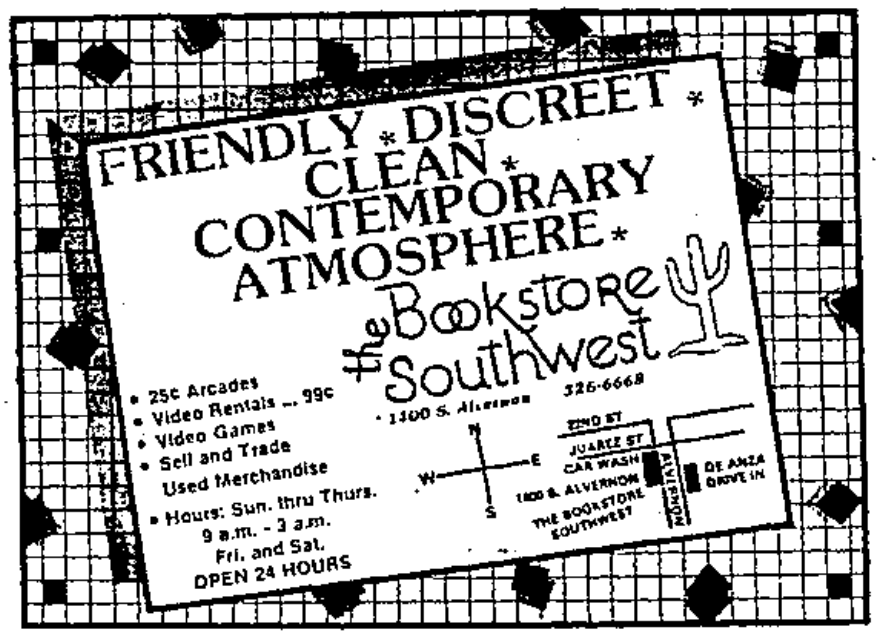

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by Jay Cunningham

LEATHERSPACE

"Leather Weekend", the season's first major event for the leather/levi community, will take place in Washington, DC on January 18, 19 and 20, 1985. The event is sponsored by the Centaur Motorcycle Club of Washington. The Centaurs, founded 15 years ago in Richmond, Virginia, have been sponsoring the run for the past several years.

Last year's run brought more than 450 registrants from the Eastern United States and Canada. Run functions include a welcoming party at the Exit bar of the DC Eagle, a Saturday brunch, a formal leather evening buffet and open bar at the Exile, and a Sunday lunch at the Exile. The Saturday ceremonies include entertainment by Leatherella, Washington's foremost comic commentator on the leather/levi scene, as well as a "Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather" contest. The winner of this contest will represent Leather Weekend and the Centaur MC at the International Mr. Leather Contest to be held in Chicago in May. Clubs and associations are encouraged to provide registrants for this contest. The Centaurs will inaugurate new officers at the Sunday event at which time the winner of the contest will be announced.

Ample time will be available during the weekend for visitors to sightsee in Washington. The nation's capital is home to a large and active Gay community, with many facilities for entertainment. In addition, the Presidential inauguration will be held on the Monday succeeding the Centaur events.

Registration will take place at the DC Eagle, 940 7th Street, NW, on Friday evening, from 9:00 until midnight and on Saturday, from noon until 3:00 p.m. Registration will resume at the Exile, two blocks away, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Registration for the run is $6.00.

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us. The sodomy laws also embody most clearly the weight of social disapproval directed toward Gay people. To have the courts strike them down as violative of basic constitutionally guaranteed rights would have an enormous psychological impact."

R. James Kellog, attorney for the suit, said the sodomy law was used as an argument against the New Orleans Gay rights ordinance. "The statute is the legal foundation for discrimination against Gay people," he said. "Many Gays are easily victimized and silenced by the knowledge that their private sex lives are illegal in the state." Kellog said the law is also used to sweep the French quarter and parks by arresting often under the flimsiest of evidence, Gay men who authorities often have no intention of prosecuting.

The plaintiffs are two Lesbians, two Gay men and an unnamed heterosexual couple. The suit was brought as a class action on behalf of all homosexual adults and married heterosexuals in Louisiana. The suit, says the law violates the constitutional right to privacy, and separation of church and state.

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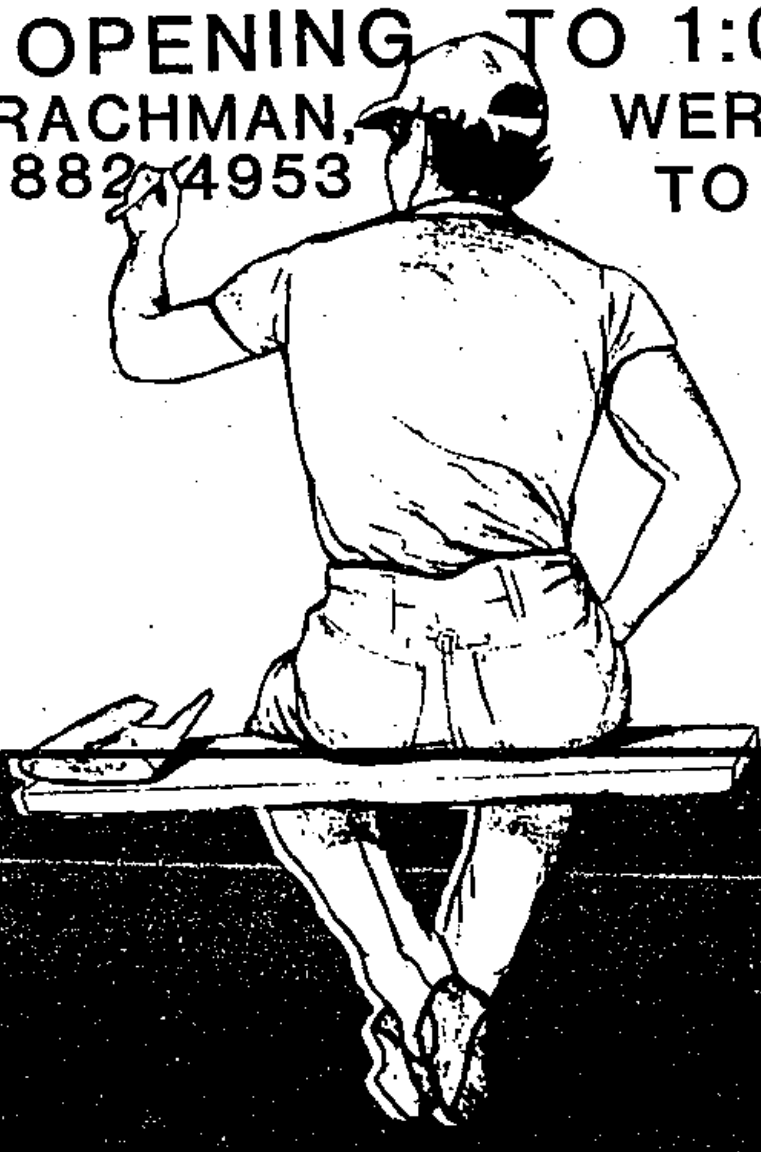
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