



AIDS Could Kill More In U.S. By '87 Than Died In Vietnam War Battles

ATLANTA, GA - If trends continue, by the end of 1987 AIDS will have killed more young Americans than died in battle in the Vietnam War.

That, in all its starkness, is a conclusion that can be drawn from the data presented here last week, as more than 2,400 scientists from all over the world took part in the largest conference ever held on AIDS. (Observer April 17).

Although experts on the AIDS epidemic are reluctant to predict events as far as two years away, they left here frightened that the pace of the epidemic's spread might outrun the scientists' fast-moving efforts to find a cure.

Worldwide, AIDS has now struck more than 11,000 victims, and most of them will be dead within two years, the researchers attending the International Conference on Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) were told. More than 10,000 of those cases are in the United States.

An additional 50,000 to 1 million Americans have already been infected with the virus. And, although they are not yet sick, they run a very high risk - 10 percent or more - of developing symptoms and dying of the disease within the next five years.

Federal experts expect the number of lethal cases to double within the next 12 months, bringing the total number in the United States to more than 20,000. If this trend should continue, which is likely, the death toll would surpass the 47,000 Vietnam battle deaths by the end of 1987.

The disease has now spread beyond the Gay community and other high-risk groups, with heterosexuals now accounting for about 30 percent of AIDS cases.

AIDS has also been costly in terms of dollars. By one federal estimate, the AIDS epidemic is already costing more than \$1.5 billion in medical costs alone - \$5.5 billion if lost earnings and other indirect costs are added in. (ED NOTE: See separate story this issue of Observer).

AIDS has spread out from New York City, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, which to date have seen most of the cases, to other cities, which are reporting increasingly large numbers of new patients.

AIDS is beginning to infect so many people, including heterosexuals who have had sexual contact with members of the high-risk groups, that it will be necessary to vaccinate all Americans if and when a vaccine is developed, said James W. Curran, who heads the AIDS task force for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the federal agency responsible for tracking epidemics.

"I was frightened when all this started," said Charles Kilpatrick, a physician at the National Jewish Hospital in Denver, who identified the first case of AIDS in a hemophiliac. "I never thought that we would reach 9,000 cases."

Though much concern was evident at the Georgia World Congress Center, where the meetings were held, there was also a sense of excitement among the scientists, who were aware that they are a part of an unprecedented concentrated effort to conquer a single disease.

Researchers from all over the world, who had been keeping in touch through medical journal articles and telephone calls, now had a chance to

sit down with each other and discuss their latest work - frequently only a few days or weeks old - and share solutions.

With no vaccine or clearly effective drug in sight, the message being presented by all of the groups was the same: Protect yourself. AIDS is primarily transmitted through sexual contact. Limit sexual partners. Use precautions.

Ever since AIDS was first discovered in a few homosexual men in New York City and Los Angeles during the summer of 1981, it has been largely a disease of homosexual men and intravenous drug users, who together account for 90 percent of cases.

Many of the reports presented at this meeting, however, indicate there is now a secondary spread of the virus to the spouses of intravenous drug users, and recipients of AIDS-contaminated blood transfusions and the fetuses of infected women.

Growing evidence suggests that many of these people are actively infected, although they might not feel sick. And they are theoretically capable of passing the virus and the fatal form of the disease on to other heterosexuals through intimate contact.

Growing experimental evidence supports what the epidemiologists have suspected for a long time - the AIDS virus is passed through the fluids of sexual intercourse.

For a while researchers said that heterosexual passage of the disease would be less likely because, they thought, the violent nature of homosexual sex allowed the virus to enter the bloodstream through ruptured tissue. Presumably that would not happen among heterosexuals.

This theory, however, was thrown into serious doubt last week. Not only are the spouses of AIDS victims showing evidence of having been infected, but Patricia H. Fultz, a CDC laboratory researcher, easily infected a baboon by swabbing the animal's vagina with the AIDS virus. Only two weeks after application, Fultz found evidence of the virus in the blood of the animal.

The most heartening data presented at the meeting from several sources is that AIDS does not seem to be passed through casual contact, such as sharing the same house or job, eating at the same table to going to school.

The AIDS epidemic frequently has been likened to an iceberg, and many of the papers presented here last week dealt with the hidden base of the epidemic.

Until the AIDS virus was discovered and grown in test tubes last spring, only the visible portion of the iceberg was known to physicians - the obviously sick people stricken with the fatal form of the disease.

Once scientists had isolated the actual AIDS virus, however, they could investigate the larger, unseen base of the iceberg by looking for evidence of the virus in the blood of apparently healthy people.

The evidence consisted of AIDS antibodies, proteins that the body makes specifically to defend itself against the AIDS virus, just as it makes measles antibodies to defend itself against measles.

The base of the AIDS iceberg is turning out to be frighteningly large.

For every sick or dying AIDS

patient, there are apparently healthy people who carry AIDS antibodies in their blood which means that they have at one time or another been infected by the virus.

The big question that the researchers have been asking all year is how many of these people - 500,000 to 1 million - still carry active virus that could eventually kill them or be passed on to other people.

Doctors had hoped that people with the AIDS antibody would be just like people with the measles antibody and never have to worry about getting the disease again. Unfortunately, the evidence presented at the meeting suggests this is not the case.

Study after study suggests that a large number of people with the AIDS antibody also carry the active virus. Scientists do not know what this means, but they think it might mean that these people are more likely to get the fatal form of AIDS or pass the virus on to other people.

New evidence presented last week suggests that the virus survives as a chronic infection in apparently healthy people, perhaps for the life of the individual. Ironically, the virus apparently finds a sanctuary in the T-helper lymphocytes, the white blood cells that are supposed to protect against infection.

It is almost as though the fugitives being sought in the manhunt have taken up refuge in the police cars.

This disturbing information was presented by Anthony Fauci, a nationally recognized immunologist and now director of the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases.

Fauci infected human white blood cells with the AIDS virus. After a few days all the cells died off, which was expected. But instead of throwing away all of the presumably dead cells, Fauci kept them, and after a few more days started to see apparently new and healthy helper cells.

Somehow they had escaped the killing effects of the AIDS virus and presumably were now safe, because Fauci could find no virus in any of his cell cultures. But when he treated these lymphocytes with bio-chemicals that forced them to multiply, AIDS viruses started pouring out of the cells, where they had apparently been living in a dormant state.

This means that the virus might live for years causing no trouble at all, according to this theory, until the unknowing host is stricken by another infection, which activates the immune system. But instead of fighting the new infection, the activated lymphocytes would start releasing the dormant AIDS virus.

Even though the ominous cloud of this ever-expanding epidemic hung over the meeting, adding a sense of urgency to everything that was being said, there was also very much a feeling of hope.

So many discoveries were being made so quickly by so many scientists that it seemed only a matter of time before even as formidable an enemy as AIDS would fall.

The AIDS virus was fully identified only a year ago, but already human trials are beginning on no fewer than six drugs that, in test tube studies at least, seem particularly effective against retroviruses, the class of virus that the AIDS virus belongs to.

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

TKO Spring Fling this weekend

TUCSON - The Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) are presenting their annual "Spring Fling" extravaganza this weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 26, 27 and 28. TKO, a man's social club, presents Spring Fling each year as the major fund-raiser for the organization. Members and guests come from all over the southwest to join in the festivities that are planned. This year's activities include gaymes, bar-hopping bus tour, lunches, brunches, dinners, show, party, etc., etc., etc..

Persons planning on attending the Spring Fling should register at the Graduate, Friday, April 26 from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. A welcome drink and pizza will be served to all signing up for the weekend. The total cost for all events, from the Friday night registration to the send-off brunch on Sunday is \$30. This small fee will get you free drinks, plenty of food and let you in on more than 40 fun hours.

On Saturday, April 27, after the group gets back from its fun-site and after all the gaymes are finished and lunch is over, there will be a Sun Tran bus awaiting at 2:45 p.m. at the Graduate to take the entire party on a bar-hop stopping at each bar. Dinner will be served at the Back Pocket during this bar-hop.

At 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, the Presentation of Club Colors will take place at the Graduate. This is always a moving event. At 9:00 p.m. an AIDS benefit "Turnabout Show" will be presented at the Graduate featuring some of the most unlikely entertainers ever to hit the stage. Lots of laughs are in store for the audience here. At 11:00 p.m. the scene moves to Tramps where the first annual "Black Party" will take place. There will be a free kegger sponsored by Sun Country Leather Club for all people wearing the Spring Fling run pin. This party will continue after hours until the wee small hours of Sunday morning.

On Sunday, at 1:00 p.m. the Graduate will be the scene of the Presentation of Awards to the winners of the Saturday Gaymes followed by a send-off brunch courtesy of the Graduate. And to add fuel to an already roaring party weekend, the Sisters of Sonora (SOS) will be celebrating their first anniversary with a free kegger and cake, if you can handle it!

For anyone working and unable to partake of the events until the bar-hopping bus, you can still join in the fun. You will be asked for a \$5.00 donation to offset the expense of the bus. This will also allow you to be a part of the remaining activities. For more information contact the Graduate.

Thousands involuntarily sterilized

LYNCHBURG, VA (CON) - Virginia has been directed to launch a public media drive in order to attempt to inform thousands of former and current psychiatric patients that they may have been involuntarily sterilized, according to the "Guardian".

This order was the result of a federal class action suit brought in 1980 by the Virginia chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on behalf of men and women sterilized in state facilities between 1924 and 1972.

The Virginia law, which allowed the sterilizations of possibly as many as 10,000 people in those years was set up to "protect the class of socially

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GYMKHANA THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 28
PHOENIX - The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) will be holding their first annual Gymkhana this Sunday, April 28 at Skyline Ranch (30th Avenue and Elliott Road). This fundraiser begins at noon and will continue on into the evening with a steak dinner and show at Charlie's beginning at 7:00 p.m. The show will feature that Texas songbird Dena Kaye. Admission is \$6.00 and includes all of the day's events plus dinner and show.

The afternoon events include 'horse' events and 'people' events. For the horse set, there will be Barrel Racing; Texas Flag Race; Ribbon Race; Jumping Figure 8; and Pole Bending. There will be a \$1.00 entry fee per person per event.

The 'People' events (2 persons), include Egg Toss; Costume Race; Wheelbarrow Race; Sack Race and Stick-Horse Barrel Racing. Also there will be a Grand Tug-of-War; the winning team (5 members) will receive a 'traveling' trophy which will be awarded to future winners.

At half-time in the afternoon, there will be a demonstration of trick horseback riding by Vern, who is world renowned in this field.

Election of new officers by members of AGRA will take place during the Gymkhana.

THE GAY BEAT GOES ON

LONDON, ENGLAND (GCH) - At the British Record Industry Awards ceremony last month, Frankie Goes To Hollywood won Best Single for "Two Tribes" and for "Relax", and their producer, Trevor Horn, won the Best Producer Award, according to Gay Life, a British magazine.

Bronski Beat, another openly Gay rock group which was also nominated in several categories, won no awards. Gay Life reports, however, that Bronski Beat was voted third most popular new group last year.

UofA STUDENT REPERTORY COMPANY PLAYS THIS WEEKEND

TUCSON - The Student Repertory Company, an independent performance group composed of University of Arizona students, has announced its next production - Three, one-act, plays exploring the absurdities and paradoxes of life in modern America. The plays will be presented Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in "The Cellar" in the U. of A. Student Union Building.

Two of the plays are by the outstanding American playwright/actor, Sam Shepard who most recently wrote the screenplay for the award-winning film "Paris, Texas" and starred in "Country". The one-act plays are characteristic of his unique style (sometimes labeled bizarre realism) which incorporates sharply drawn characters and elements of American myth with an ominous surrealistic edge.

"Icarus's Mother", is a parable of the post-nuclear age and won an Obie award as best Off-Broadway production in 1986 (one of ten Shepard has won, five times more than any other playwright). Meg Nolan will direct the Tucson production.

Gretchen Gates will direct the second play, "Fourteen Hundred Thousand". It is a dramatic analysis of the contradictory nature of human intellect and industry.

"Impromptu" by Pulitzer Prize Winner Ted Kooser completes the program. This particular production is being rehearsed experimentally without a director and is a study of the way art reflects life reflects art reflects life reflects art . . .

The Student Repertory Company was previously supported by its faculty advisor, Dr. Peter Wearing of the University English Department. The troupe is now self-supporting and is financing this project by touring a children's show to elementary schools and by performing an original comedy revue for an only slightly more mature audience at the Tequila Mockingbird.

Tickets are \$3.00 and may be reserved by calling 824-6783.

'DEAR ABBY' TO RECEIVE

IMAGE IN MEDIA AWARD

AT CONFERENCE IN LOS ANGELES
NEW YORK, NY - At a New York press conference this week, Gene Santomasso, president of the 2,000-member Gay Father's Coalition International (GFCI) based in Washington, DC, announced that newspaper advice columnist, Abigail Van Buren, has been named to receive the organization's Image in Media award. Last year, television talk show host Phil Donahue received the award at a New York ceremony.

In making the announcement, Santomasso noted that Van Buren, writing her column as "Dear Abby" since 1959, has given hope to thousands of Gay men in parenting roles. "Few media personalities have had as significant an impact upon the perception by Middle America of Gays and Lesbians, as has Ms. Van Buren."

Writing her nationally-syndicated column for more than 1,000 newspapers around the world, Dear Abby reaches over 80 million readers daily. Many of her letters deal with Gay-related subjects, and her accepting and informative answers have helped open the minds of the world to the issues of Gay parenting.

From her Beverly Hills, California home, Ms. Van Buren said that she would accept GFCI's Image in Media award in person during a dinner in her honor, on opening day of the GFCI's 6th Annual World Conference on May 31 in Los Angeles.

Being held over a three-day period at the Marriott Hotel at Los Angeles International Airport, the conference is expected to attract about 600 Gay men and women, educators and professionals. More than 30 workshops and panel discussions on the issues of Gay parenting are planned.

A pre-registration package is available at no cost from the GFCI Conference Organizing Committee, 2985 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90046. A 24-hour recorded information line (213) 871-1575, gives callers an opportunity to request Conference information by return mail.

GREAT OUTDOORS UPDATE

TUCSON - Spring Fever brings out the boys. A backpack and overnight camping is planned this weekend, April 27-28 by Tucson's "Great Outdoors" chapter. This is one of the best and most scenic hikes. The "Wilderness of Rock" area on Mount Lemmon is the planned campsite with some members and guests planning a return backpack via Hutch's Pool and Sabino Canyon. Call Curry, 299-0394, for Saturday departure plans.

A variety of events are being planned for May: Sildes of Cancun at the regular meeting on May 2; car-camping at Parker Canyon Lake; Hike to Pima Canyon; business meeting in a hot-tub; a wild Memorial Day Weekend at Hennegan's Meadow Lodge in the White Mountains. Guests are always welcome. For more details or a club schedule, call Wayne, 623-4897. HAPPY TRAILS.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I'd like to thank Harvey Milk for his courage and his pride in being Gay." -- Richard Schmiechen, co-director of "The Times of Harvey Milk," upon accepting the trophy for best documentary feature at the Academy Awards ceremony on March 25, 1985.

'SINGING NUN' AND 'FRIEND' DEAD IN APPARENT SUICIDE

WAVRE, BELGIUM (GCH) - Jeanine Deckers, the "Singing Nun" who became famous around the world more than 20 years ago with her song, "Dominique," committed suicide with a close woman "friend" the last weekend in March, according to the Boston Globe.

Deckers, who left the Dominican order in 1966, and an unidentified friend she lived with, were found by police in their home. The women apparently taken a huge dose of sedatives. They left a letter which according to the Belgian news agency, explained their suicide and asked for "discretion".

Deckers was 52 at the time of her death.

WOMEN USE IT, IT'S SMALLER THAN A BREADBOX

NEW YORK, NY (GCH) - A "Glamour" magazine poll in the March issue shows 94 percent of the women respondents, aged 18 to 35, have used "erotic materials," according to USA Today. Forty-six percent say they have used a vibrator. And 69 percent have used "erotic literature", 65 percent special lingerie; 59 percent, "erotic films"; 54 percent, skin magazines; 42 percent, oils and creams.

Of those using "erotic": 70 percent use it as a turn-on to sex; 52 percent use it during sex for "added excitement"; 48 percent use it when alone.

EDDIE MURPHY APOLOGIZES

NEW YORK, NY - Comedian Eddie Murphy has said in an interview with Parade magazine that he is "sorry" for jokes he made in 1983 and 1984 about catching AIDS from Gays. He said, "I want to apologize to the Gay people - I never really apologized. And to anyone who's been offended by any kind of thing I've done....Sorry. A big wet kiss. I'm just trying to get a laugh."

DONNA SUMMER FALLS FROM GRACE

CHICAGO, IL - Recently Donna Summer has said some very nasty things about homosexuals and AIDS. At the International Film Festival held here recently, Summer reportedly said, "I have seen the evil of homosexuality come out of you people . . . AIDS is your sin."

A GIGGLE A DAY . . .

And here's Randy Shilts with what you may hope is The Final Lightbulb Joke. Q. How many heterosexual men does it take to change a lightbulb in San Francisco? A. Both of them.

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*Review...***Values held by 'Lesbian Nuns' incompatible with religious life**

LESBIAN NUNS: BREAKING SILENCE, edited by Rosemary Curb and Nancy Manahan, Malad Press, \$9.95, 382 pp.

by Dodie Gust

It seems ironic that Lesbian activists and other militant feminists - who are fond of attacking anything even faintly suggestive of being exploitative of women - have been done in so neatly here by some of their own [secular] sisters.

One of the persons interviewed for the report on this book, called it "a disservice" to women still in religious life.

That is incontestable: The book's aggressively touted [and now outmoded] values of "doing one's own thing" and "expressing one's self" are obviously at odds with the religious life, which starts with a basic premise of trying to get "out of" not "into" self, in order to serve God and others.

To say nothing of the book's exclusive focus on the "sexual activity" interpretation of that term Lesbian, not on the "sexual orientation" connotation - and of this focus in purposeful juxtaposition with the word "nun", which connotes a vow of chastity.

But the book is just as clearly a disservice to women in general, Gay or straight, in or out of religious life.

Also, the book is used as a tool to vent anger - which comes through loud and clear - on any target in sight, preferably large and stationary targets such as the church and society.

The tactics used by the editors and publishers to accomplish the primary purpose - making the book a sure-fire moneymaker - and the transparency of these tactics are what makes the book, in a word, tacky.

Very simply, the book is soft pornography. Yet it (unskillfully) masquerades as what it is not.

The title indicates this is an

account of women religious who are Lesbian. What we find is that only nine of the 51 personal "confessions" are by current nuns; the rest have long since left the vowed life, most before final vows (co-editor Manahan left after a year).

Secondly, the description of the sexual encounters is not in any way justified here (as it is in literature) by being an integral part of a larger story. Rather, the sexual activity is the story. Period.

It also can't be classified as a book of self-discovery or growth because it stays locked in one-dimensionality.

This, I think, is one of the major disservices it does to Gay women - and

to women in general.

This is presuming that at least some of these women possess attributes other than their yen for furtive sex (with an occasional fist-shake at the establishment thrown in for underscoring).

It's almost impossible to find qualities of tenderness, compassion, tolerance, and goodwill in the accounts or to spot any of the common human emotions such as love, fear and sadness that most humans possess in varying degrees at varying times.

There are one or two accounts that probably would have been poignant had they appeared in isolation from the others. I cannot help but wonder if these particular women were not duped

into believing this would be a more sensitive book.

But the deadly dull sameness of the accounts - with "X" amounts of explicit details sprinkled in at predictably spaced intervals - cancels out the possibility of poignancy very quickly.

If we were to buy this crudely molded one-dimensional [genital-only] composite of a woman presented by this book we would be forced to ask:

Is this all there is to a woman?
Is this all there is to a human being?
I don't think so.

[Reprinted from the Arizona Daily Star]

**CARDIAC ARREST
OR POLICE BASHING?**

NEW YORK, NY (CON) - In the wake of a congressional hearing on racist police brutality here, a new grand jury is examining charges that white city police murdered a young Black man and were protected by the Chief City Medical Examiner, according to the New York Times.

Michael Stewart had been "taken into custody" last September by three white officers who accused him of writing graffiti on the subway. According to sources, he was on his way home from a Gay bar. When Stewart arrived at Bellevue Hospital hours later, he had been hogtied, was covered with bruises and other wounds, and was no longer breathing. The autopsy performed by Examiner Elliott Gross at Stewart's death 13 days later claimed "There was no evidence of physical injury resulting or contributing to death...The cause of death is cardiac arrest pending further study."

Dr. Gross's autopsy report is "an outrageous statement," it's called a blatant lie," said Dr. Robert Wolf, one of the Stewart family's doctors. Pathologists in the medical examiner's office make the same charge.

New York Mayor Edward Koch has also ordered an investigation into allegations against Dr. Gross, who has stepped aside temporarily from his duties.



Co-editors Nancy Manahan, left, and Rosemary Curb

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ATLANTA, GA (AP) - The costs of health care, disability and death associated with the national AIDS epidemic have topped \$5 billion and could double in the next year, according to the national Centers for Disease Control.

The CDC estimates that the first 9,000 people to get AIDS in this country required 1.5 million days of hospitalization and 51,000 days of outpatient treatment, for a health care cost of \$1.25 billion, said CDC researcher Ann Hardy.

Those same patients, according to the CDC's estimates, will total 7,538 years of work disablement before their deaths, and their deaths will rob the economy of more than \$4.2 billion in lost wages and benefits.

The total price tag on the disease: \$5,638,500,000.

The dollar amount is a representation of the cost of AIDS to the country, not just to the individual

patients and families involved. Hardy said at the CDC's International conference on Acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

"This is meant to help broadly determine the economic impact of AIDS," she said.

A total of 9,608 AIDS cases have been reported in this country since 1979; 73 percent have been in the chief risk group, homosexual or bisexual males. The disease, which breaks down the body's immune system, has so far claimed the lives of 4,712 people.

The dollar-value of the damage wrought by AIDS pales statistically next to diseases such as cancer, at \$50 billion a year, and heart disease, at \$85 billion a year, both of which strike many more people than does AIDS, Hardy said.

But AIDS kills predominantly young people in their productive years, she added.

Article written by: Mona Bare-It
Witnessed by: an Innocent Headly
Popper. (Innocent of what?)



We thought about writing about Vinny and Rita...but it would be a short column; very short.

Sitting here trying to think (a fest unto itself) of a subject that we could be kind to; someone that we could write about and NOT be nasty, rude, vicious and down right tacky, but who wants to read about Ms. Elle?

Well, we thought about writing about the Observer; then we remembered Auntie Roberta would not be well for this...as if he was well for anything. Besides Gary has been commissioned to do fourteen drawings for us - we HAVE to be nice to him.

And then there's Loretta, but she's been done, and done, and done, and done...over done.

Well someone should talk to Ms. Coco about her attitude, but then she would be a bitch for months and of course if her attitude did change, no one would know her.

There is always the Graduate, but who wants to read about sleazy sex when they could do it with us (but please don't tell our husbands).

We thought about Ruby's, but how can one write about a place where you are not welcome to come into.

We also thought about Colette's West, but remembered that's where we go to get plastered and I still want to be served.

We thought about JT/BP but they have about the same number of leaks as Rita's.

Then the Congress popped into mind... Remember, you can turn a cucumber into a pickle, but you can't turn it back.

We also thought about C.B., but then she would sue us. But what would he do with a dildo, a bottle of poppers and an empty can of Crisco?

Well silly us... (How Loretta of

\$19,000 AIDS DONATION MISSING

NEW YORK, NY - The Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) has reportedly been cheated out of over \$19,000 by Megatone Records, according to a story in the New York Native. According to the report, the profits of the disco record, "Menenergy Megamedley" by Patrick Cowley, who died of AIDS in 1982, were supposed to go to GMHC, and the record label promised "100 percent of world-wide profits from this record will be donated to GMHC to help fight AIDS."

Thus far, only \$735 has been received by GMHC. Megatone informed GMHC that only \$735 remained after expenses, but the company's own records indicate a \$20,000 donation to GMHC, which GMHC has not received.

us). We also thought of doing a piece on Ms. Bucky...But then history is history.

We also thought about talking about different Gay groups. Just grab any four or five letters out of the alphabet and form your own.

So - we decided to write about Jim T's new roommate...Of course she will probably will have moved by the time this is printed! Only Jim didn't know that she owned stock in Baby R. After all, who needs their front yard turned into a dump.

You all know that Joan Rivers thinks Heidi Abromowitz is a tramp... Well Can We Talk... About Jim's roommate: Rita's calls her when they are doing liquor orders to find out how many days off she is going to have that week. Prima Donna that she is, we are surprised that she hasn't insisted that Rita's build her a throne, fit for a queen! Of course you must know she does have all the taste and class of the Ramada Inn; after all, most of her honeymoons were there. (The president of Ramada Inn's personally thanked her for her trade). Well, enough about dirt.....

Let us talk about the cesspool of our lives - Michael J. and that cheap tramp she's going to stay with for two weeks. (Thank God) all of our housing taxes will go down. Then, of course, with all that ego gone, there will be enough room to allow NASA to move all their operations here. But seriously, just because they had to replace the boardwalk in Key West because of Michael's knees, we don't think she is a tramp.

P.S. So, we must tell how we are that we didn't have anything to write about this month since we're being nice.

See you soon with a chapter on:
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After a year, it's that time again for the Tucson Knight Owls' annual Spring Fling. This year it is the fifth year for this run and it will be held totally in and around Tucson. Again this year, Tucson will be visited by out-of-town guests from all over the southwest. This year's version will have a special set of games at the run site, a special AIDS Benefit show and a birthday party on Sunday.

Festivities begin Friday night at the Graduate at 9:00 p.m., with registration for all, both in town and out-of-town guests. A free drink and pizza will be furnished to all signing up for this run. The total cost for all from Friday night through the send-off brunch Sunday is \$30. This small fee will get you free drinks, plenty of food, and get you on and in the 40 hours or more of fun.

After Friday night's registration, and I'm sure some bar hopping, everyone will be back at the Graduate early Saturday morning for needed eye-openers. With luck, everyone on this run will be on time so we can depart for the run site where this year's games will be played. Lunch will be furnished at the run site courtesy of Tramps, served by Mama Jesse.

Finishing up the games, everyone heads back to the Graduate for a Sun-Tran bus tour of the Gay bars. Stops at each bar will last approximately 45 minutes. In the middle of this tour everyone will be furnished a steak dinner courtesy of the Back Pocket and

Bill H. Arriving back at the Graduate around 7:45 p.m., everyone will have another 45 minutes to do whatever - clean up or just drink. At 8:30 the evening gets underway at the Graduate with TKO introducing the out-of-town clubs with presentation of Club Colors. Then it's showtime: A benefit for AIDS, supported by TALL, SOS, SCLC and TKO. This is a Turnabout Show, and from all the practicing and rehearsals, plan on seeing a fabulous show. Since this is a benefit for AIDS, I strongly encourage everyone to attend and please be very generous with your gifts.

You would think after going through a day like this everyone would head home for some much needed rest after the show. But, the day's schedule continues with everyone heading over to Tramps for their Black Party. There will be a free kegger for those wearing run pins, furnished by SCLC. The Black Party begins at 10:00 p.m. and will continue until the wee hours with after-hours.

Thank goodness the bars in Tucson cannot open until noon Sunday. Still, yes, everyone will be there for much needed eye-openers. Starting at 1:00 p.m., TKO will present the awards to all of this year's winners of the games. A couple of special awards will also be presented this year for the first time.

After all awards have been presented, it's time for the send-off brunch courtesy of the Graduate. Normally after the brunch, the run is over and everyone heads home. Past history, however, shows that not all guests head home at this time but stick around for another full day of partying.

After the presentation of the awards, something really special is planned. Everyone gets to help celebrate a birthday party. That's right, it was one year ago that the sound of crystal clinking was introduced in Tucson. That's the day the Sisters of Sonora was formed at the Graduate. David O., chairperson for SOS, tells me that in honor of their birthday, they will be furnishing a birthday cake and a free keg of beer.

At this time I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my brothers and sisters of the Sisters of

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Sonora the happiest birthday possible. I look forward to working with all of you in the upcoming year. I also look forward to reporting on your different activities.

From previous years with the Spring Fling Weekend, I've taken a vacation on Monday. I too will need rest.

For any one working, but would still like to join us on this run starting Saturday, with the bus tour, and all the later activities, see me at the Graduate. You will be asked to pay \$5.00 to help with the expense of the bus. This will also be part of the rest of all the activities.

As you can see, it's going to be a very busy, fun-filled weekend for not only the Tucson Knight Owls, but also our guests from Tucson and from out-of-town. When our out-of-town guests go home, they will tell all those who didn't make this run, "The Tucson Knight Owls and all the bars and people of Tucson DO know how to have fun."

THOUSANDS INVOLUNTARILY STERILIZED
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Inadequate citizens from themselves."

Millions of people in the U.S., particularly people of color, poor people, the disabled and immigrants were sterilized without their consent as the result of eugenics laws in the 1920's.

According to the ACLU, "many of the men and women involuntarily sterilized were selected for sterilization because they were characterized as misfits, loose women or incorrigibles." During that period many men and women were committed to mental institutions because of their homosexual tendencies or activities.

By 1972, the Lynchburg Training School and Hospital alone had sterilized 8,300 men, women and children.

The Virginia settlement provides medical treatment and counseling to those reached by the radio and television campaign, but no financial compensation. A federal judge

dismissed the Virginia ACLU's claim that the sterilization law was unconstitutional in 1981.

The lawsuit has pushed Virginia to enact one of the most comprehensive laws in the U.S. safeguarding people from involuntary sterilization. As a result of pressure from reproductive rights activists, national safeguards were implemented in 1978 to protect Medicaid recipients from sterilization abuse.

Over one-third of Puerto Rican women of child-bearing age in the U.S. and possibly more than one-half on the Island have been sterilized. Disproportionately high numbers of Native American women and Black women have also been sterilized.

THIRD WORLD GAY MALE ANTHOLOGY
NEW YORK, NY (GCN) - Gay men of color from around the world are invited to submit work for an anthology of Black and Third World Gay male writing. The book will include both poetry and prose (fiction and non-fiction) and will be published by The Crossing Press. Isaac Jackson is the editor.

The anthology will explore the ways race, ethnicity, and racism shape the perceptions of Gay men of color - of themselves and of their sexual orientation.

Visual artists are also invited to send photographs and drawings (in black and white only).

Work cannot be returned unless accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope. The deadline for submissions is April 30, 1985. Send to: Isaac Jackson, Third World Gay Male Anthology, P.O. Box 1513, New York, NY 10009.

HOMOPHOBIC, ANTI-SEMITIC,
MISOGYNIST

GAINSVILLE, FL (GCN) - The Beta Theta Pi fraternity at the University of Florida, which was reprimanded last year for harassment of Gay people, may lose official campus status because of an anti-semitic 30-page publication, according to Gay Life.

The publication, entitled "Uncensored, 4 o'clock weekly" gives awards for "Kike of the Year" and "Most hateable Jew of the Year." It also names the "most lustful after little sister."

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LESBIANS AGAINST GAYS: IT'S ALL OUT WAR NOW . . .

I am in the battle not just for myself, not just for other Gay men, and not just for Lesbians. I am in this civil right fight for everybody! (and THAT is something that you can quote me on).

There are certain Lesbian women -- who may or may not work for an organization whose acronym is quite the opposite of T.H.E.H. -- who must feel slightly deified; who feel that they can only work toward their own goals; who do only what is necessary for their own survival and to hell with Gay men and everyone else. (Are you still with me here, Maxine?)

After the Sally Jessy Raphael fiasco (for those not familiar with this: KTVK, the ABC affiliate in Phoenix, chose not to show a segment dealing with Lesbian nuns in the Catholic Church. Certain Lesbian women protested). KTVK-ABC decided that to try and ease tensions within the Gay community, and the media, they would offer 30 minutes of prime Saturday afternoon viewing time to address Lesbian and Gay issues, and women's issues.

Well, when this Saturday show reaches the air in a couple of months, don't look for any Gay issues to be addressed: The "representatives from the Lesbian community" wanted all 30 minutes to themselves.

How do I know this? KTVK-ABC invited me to attend a planning conference. I have been in constant contact with KTVK-ABC, KTSP-CBS, KPHO-Independent, and KPNX-NBC to try and get some media/Gay dialogue going. I was invited, because KTVK-ABC said that they wanted some input from the Gay community, and I was only too happy to go.

I arrived at the KTVK-ABC studios only to be informed that these "women" were rather upset because a "man" had been invited to attend. "They" said it was "their" issue, and "they" did not want the women/lesbian issues to be clouded by "Gay" issues.

Why was I not surprised? When I

got involved in this civil rights fight, I was told that these "women" were anti-Gay. They could not be counted on to help "Gay" people. They were rotten, self-centered, egotistical, cynical extremists.

I did not, for a moment, believe it. I do now.

Just who do these "women" think they are? The sun does not rise and fall by their wishes alone! WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER! Every advantage I get to help Lesbians, I use. I ask their advice. I seek their input. I go the whole 9 yards.

DON'T LOOK FOR THIS KIND OF CONSIDERATION FROM ME ANYMORE, LADIES! If you want to play this game by your own rules, fine. After we get our civil rights, and you are all stuck doing dishes, don't ask us to come to your assistance. EVER!

Change your own tires, girls. Open your own doors, dears. I AM PISSED, AND I AM NOT GOING TO TAKE IT ANYMORE. I am through pulling for my Lesbian "sisters".

I was told by many Lesbian women how "surprised" they were by what I had said at the first Human Relations Committee meeting (for the anti-discrimination ordinance in Phoenix) last fall. "They were surprised", I was told, "that a man could be smart enough to say what I said, and say it so well." If this was not a back-handed compliment, I don't know what was. I had, apparently, earned their respect. Frankly, if this is what their respect includes, I don't want it.

I am honestly ashamed that you guys are on our side. How does this look to outsiders? We can't even muster up enough allegiance to our common cause to sit down and talk about mutual issues.

I was game, and you dropped the ball. As far as I am concerned, you are on your own.

=AIDS can be spread by heterosexual contact=

ATLANTA, GA - A study of military personnel indicates that AIDS can be spread by heterosexual contact, supporting a growing belief that the deadly disease is moving into the mainstream of society, a researcher reported last week.

"It is very clear that AIDS is transmitted to recurrent heterosexual activity in terms of spouses," said Dr. Robert R. Redfield of Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington. The data, he said, also showed that prostitutes were likely to transmit the mysterious disease. "The more [sexual] activity one has, particularly if it crosses over into these high-risk groups, the greater the risk" of getting AIDS, he said.

Both conclusions, if confirmed by larger studies, would mean that groups like homosexuals and intravenous drug abusers may not be the only ones at high risk of contracting the illness.

Redfield, who works in the Army hospital's virology department, said that he thought AIDS in heterosexuals would follow patterns seen in homosexuals, who make up about 75 percent of AIDS victims.

"It wasn't homosexuality that was shown to be at risk, it was the degree of activity... I would suggest that as this disease enters the heterosexual community, it may follow the same mode. Those individuals who have more heterosexual partners may be at greater risk..."

The study of 41 patients was presented at the final session of the three-day International Conference on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, where about 2,400 scientists and researchers from 30 countries have heard the latest reports about AIDS, which destroys the immune system's ability to fight infection.

Another study of AIDS patients, done in New York City, supported the cases for heterosexual transmission. In that study of 3,000 cases, 27 men were found to have no known risk factor. Two of the 27 reported sexual contacts with women who were intravenous drug abusers. Of the remaining 25 patients, 12 frequented prostitutes.

"Sexual contacts from prostitutes may be a route of transmission in these men," Charles Rabkin of the New York City Health Department said.

A federal official told the conference that the 9,600 AIDS cases reported since 1981 have cost the nation about \$5.6 billion in medical bills and lost productivity.

Ann Hardy of the federal Centers for Disease Control, which are based here, said that if cases soar to 18,000 in 1986 as expected, costs would double next year unless a treatment was discovered.

Other papers presented at the conference reported:

* At least six anti-viral agents are beginning to be tested against AIDS. "We have a long way to go before AIDS is preventable or even treatable," said Dr. Martin S. Hirsch of Massachusetts General Hospital. "But we have taken the first steps and I think we are on the way."

* Symptoms of diffuse dementia, a condition of dulled mental processes, now are being seen among AIDS patients. Scientists think the finding indicates that the virus may not only attack the immune system but the brain and central nervous system as well.

Among the strongest evidence Redfield offered on heterosexual transmission was the results of a survey of seven wives of AIDS patients. Blood tests showed that five had contracted the AIDS virus. The other two had pre-AIDS conditions which is known as AIDS Related Complex.

NEWS FROM MCC/TUCSON

This Saturday, April 27, Gerry Sabine, the District co-ordinator for deaf ministry, will be leading a workshop -- "Deaf Ministry Workshop For Arizona M.C.C.'s". This is a much needed endeavor on the part of all of us. Plan to attend this workshop. Following the workshop, at 5:30 p.m., will be a Potluck Supper, come and share with us as we host our guest speaker and our out-of-town guests.

Sunday at 10:45 a.m., Gerry Sabine of Long Beach, California, will be bringing the message at our morning service. Plan to bring a friend to share in this enrichment and blessing as we praise the Lord. Following our service, will be a fellowship to meet our brothers and sisters in an informal atmosphere.

The choir of MCC/Tucson is still looking for a pianist to help in their ministry. If you can play the instrument (and need the practice) what better way to improve on your talent and skill (and enjoy it at the same time) as to share with this group of talented singers. If you can give time on Thursday evenings and on Sunday mornings for the worship service, your blessings will be tenfold. Please call the Church office if you can help, this group praise God as they were meant to be in their service to God.

Regular church services are at 10:45 a.m. Sunday; 6:30 p.m. Sunday with mid-week service at 7:00 Wednesday. Regular office hours are from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. Call the Church office at 622-4536 for an appointment for consultation.

Thought for the Week: Criticize in private. Praise in public.

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TUCSON Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee

Jack Stockslager, Co-Chairperson received our first check of \$30.00 on April 22. Thank you, employees of the Arizona Daily Star.

Members of TLGPC Health Committee will be meeting with executives of TV Channel 13 and the Arizona Daily Star to hopefully jointly sponsor a forum for the entire Tucson community on AIDS in late May or early June. We feel AIDS is not solely a Gay issue, but affects the entire community.

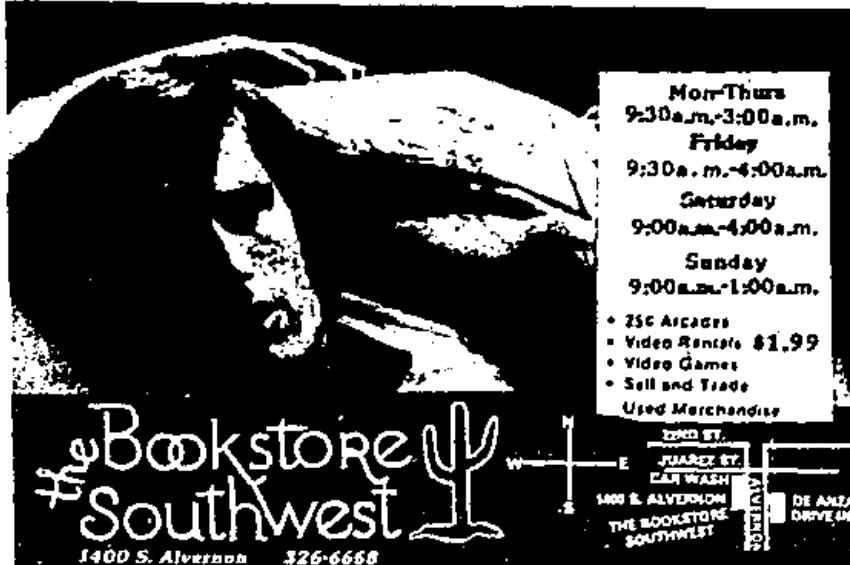
Our first fundraiser for Pride Week '85 is Softball Sunday, May 19 at Himmel Park at noon. Undefeated Joshua Tree Pussycats take on Tramps, who I hear have been practicing weekly. For a \$2.00 donation, you can have all the draft beer you can drink, enjoy the out-of-doors, see some good baseball and partake of good camaraderie. This will be followed by at least three other Softball Sundays. Remember, June 15, for our third annual Mud Wrestling fundraiser at the Back Pocket. Several grudge matches are planned.

Our next meeting is Monday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pineline. Help us improve the quality of Lesbian and Gay life in Arizona.

On Saturday, April 20, we launched a major fundraising campaign for 'Arizona Gay'. Volunteers from the Committee hit the bars with balloons and buttons asking for contributions. We collected a total of \$262.50. The patrons at Tramps donated \$39; Joshua Tree \$109 (\$50 from Bob Bishop); Graduates \$102 (\$25 from Ron Templeton); Rita's (\$20) and Ruby's. Thanks to you, 'Arizona Gay' can now produce two more shows involving Lesbian and Gay substance Abuse and Legal Rights for Lesbians and Gays.

TLGPC and Tramps are co-sponsoring an auction for 'Arizona Gay' at Tramps on Sunday, May 5 starting at 7:00 p.m. We urge you to contribute any item or service of value to be auctioned off. Please see Jesse at Tramps for details.

TLGPC has crossed another bridge and accomplished another first for Lesbians and Gays in Tucson. We are now on a list of charitable organizations for employees of the Arizona Daily Star to select and contribute money to that is automatically deducted from their pay checks. We will receive quarterly contributions from those employees that so designate. We



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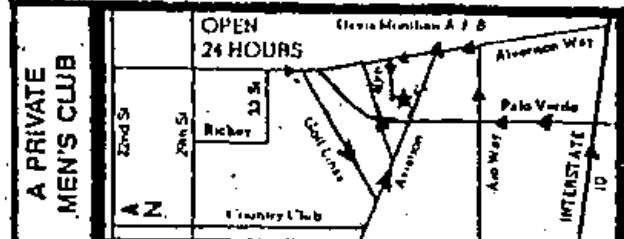
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GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL has over 80 resources for Gay men and Lesbians in Tucson. Call 792-3772.

You are invited to join a discreet group of Gay men and women ages 24-40 who meet at each others homes in a relaxed, social environment for the purpose of sharing good conversation, pot lucks, outings, etc., as an alternative to the bars. If interested, please write with means of contact to P.O. Box 11102, Tucson, AZ 85734.

ROOMMATE REFERRAL OF TUCSON. Men and women both welcome. NO FEE. Call Bill James 622-3808.

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 GAY HELPLINE - 742-7558 T-Squares, square dancing group meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Tramps.

TUCSON YOUTH GROUP meets every Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. at 560 S. Stone. All Lesbians and Gays under 22 invited 792-3772.

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

work with the volunteers. Call 792-3772.

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

GAY OR LESBIAN??? AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM??? Call A.A. 624-4183. 24-Hour Hotline, for information on Gay and Lesbian meetings.

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TEAM	W	L	PCT.	PB
CLEAN UP ARTISTS	35	17	.673	-
SPEEDWAY BOOKS	34	18	.653	1
JOSHUA TREE	33	19	.624	2
BACK POCKET	30	22	.576	5
COLETTE'S KILLER BEES	30	22	.576	5
SUPER TRAMPS	27.5	24.5	.528	7.5
FINELINE BOWLERS	25	23	.510	8
WE GOT ROBBED	21	25	.519	8
NIGHT BLOOMING SERIOUS	27	25	.519	8
FUN FLOWERS	22	30	.423	10
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CUTTER TRAMPS	9	43	.173	26

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COMMUNITY MIXED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
STANDINGS AS OF 4/21/1985

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.	PF/OME PA/GAME
MEN AT PLAY	11	3	.785	
TEAM NUMBER ONE	9	3	.750	
TRAMPS	8	5	.613	
COURT JESTERS	7	8	.466	
BACK POCKET	5	8	.385	
CUBS	0	8	.000	

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TEAM STANDINGS
GRADUATE BOWLING LEAGUE
APRIL 17, 1985

TEAM	WON	LOST	PINS
1. BUTCHETTES	29	19	20480
2. LITTLE BUCK AND THE WHEATS	29	19	16751
3. COQUETTES	28	20	20118
4. TOOTH FAIRIES	28	20	20066
5. COOD AND THE CHANNELS	27	21	20104
6. HOT CROSS BUNS	26	22	20170
7. BLANCHE'S BOMBERS	24.5	23	20103
8. FAIRLANES	24	24	20225
9. WHITE SWALLOWS	23	25	20035
10. SNOW QUEENS	23	25	19922
11. LOOSE LIPS	21	27	16438
12. THE THREE GRACES	19.5	28	19744
13. BAD BOYS	19	29	19651
14. ALLEY...COOPS!	14	34	19682

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Why do they sentence so many to anonymity? What kind of country is this where ALL are NOT free to express their feelings, their emotions, openly . . . honestly?

Many say this "lifestyle" is immoral and above all . . . wrong. What qualifies these people to judge? What gives them this right, this power over other lives?

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FRIDAY, APRIL 26

GRADUATE - TKO Spring Fling registration 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Welcome drink and pizza to Spring Flingers.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Welcome back party for Rita and Vinny who have spent two months in Hawaii spending the profits from the sale of the bar. Complimentary buffet 6 to 9 p.m. Cocktail Hour prices all day long. Kitchen will be closed for dinners this day only.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

CONGRESS - Celebrate a new drink the "Tip O'Neill Special" and the unveiling of the "autographed" picture of this illustrious Irishman. The special is only \$1.50 today and end tomorrow and is guaranteed to do the job!

GRADUATE - TKO Spring Fling bus departs for bar-hop to all Gay bars in town. \$5 donation gets you on bar-hop as well as the remaining weekend activities. Check with TKO at Graduate.

GRADUATE - "TURNABOUT NIGHT" AIDS Benefit sponsored by SOS - TKO - TALL - SLC. Starts at 9:00 p.m.

TRAMPS - "BLACK PARTY" 10:00 P.M. TO ??? Afterhours this night. No cover!

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

CONGRESS - The "Tip O'Neill Special" cocktail continues all day and evening. See Saturday for details.

FINELINE - "OVER THE RAINBOW" show starring Don Hentle and Marvin Wagner with special guest stars Stephanie Price, Felicia, Jacqueline De Savel and Candy Plastique. 6:00 p.m. in the BPR. Tickets \$1.00 in advance, \$3.00 at the door.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

COLETTE'S WEST - A return engagement by Hawkins and Delear. Live music from this dynamic duo from St. Louis.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

COLETTE'S WEST - The Dena Kaye Show. Country Western music at its best by the songbird from Texas!

SUNDAY, MAY 5

COLETTE'S WEST - Celebrate Cinco de Mayo to the live music of Rare Breed. Viva!

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MAY 10, 11, 12

TRAMPS - First Year Anniversary Party. 72 hours of non-stop fun and games. Watch for details.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

COLETTE'S WEST - Mark your calendars now. Colette's 2nd annual luau. Tons of sand, bar-b-que, music, laughter and loads of fun. More later...

THE TUCSON CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

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10:45 AM
6:30 PM

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Pastor

... Celebrating Christ in the Gay community

FRIDAY

CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Open 9 a.m. Mon - Sat. Noon Sundays.

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 3 p.m.

JOSHUA TREE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

TRAMPS - "Party Nite" - Well Shots and Domestic Beer \$1.00. Well Drinks \$1.25 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

TRAMPS - Leather Night. 1/2 price well and .30 draft if dressed in leather. Sleaze & cruise music by Linda.

SATURDAY

CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Free Pool from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

FINELINE - Open 9 a.m. Mon - Sat. Noon Sundays.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. disc jockey from 9 to 1

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

TRAMPS - Hot Dogs and Hamburgers served on the patio.

All afternoon country and western music by Art. Disco music by Linda 8 p.m. 1 a.m.

SUNDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beer Bust 4 to 6 p.m. .40 per glass. 6 to 8 p.m. Beer, wine and well \$1.00. Steak Dinner 3:30 to 7:30 \$3.50. Dave Pierson DJ's in J/T 9 to 1

COLETTE'S WEST - Sunday Slick Call - All Juice Drinks \$1.35 Happy Hour Prices 4 - 9 p.m.

CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Open at noon.

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 3 p.m.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open Noon to 9:00 p.m. Brunch 11:30 to 3:30; Special Bar-B-Que Dinner \$3.50 to 9 p.m.

TRAMPS - Sunday Beer Bust Noon to 7:00 PM, .30 per glass of draft. "Church" with DJ Linda 3-8 p.m. Disco 9-1 Terry. \$100 cash "Grab Bag" drawing begins at 11 pm

MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowlers Special Night. 1/2 price drinks to Monday night bowlers. Schnapps .75. Dave Pierson DJ's in J/T 9 to 1.