

Tucson pride week plans firming up fast

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee has been hard at work planning for Lesbian and Gay Pride Week 1985. Pride Week '85, whose motto this year is "Alive With Pride In '85" will begin on Sunday June 23 and end on Sunday, June 30. There are events planned for each day of the weeklong celebration.

On Sunday, June 23 the annual Picnic in Himmel Park will take place from noon until dusk. Beer, food, games, dancing, booths and plenty of fun in the sun. Each year the Picnic has been held in the northeast corner of Himmel Park.

On Monday, June 24, there is a Law and Government Forum at the Fineline from 7 to 9 p.m. invited guests include members of the Police and Sheriff's department, as well as members of city council and their staffs.

On Tuesday, June 25 there will be a Video Dance at Rita's Rendezvous from 9:00 p.m. to closing.

Wednesday, June 26 will feature the Academy Award winning documentary "The Times Of Harvey Milk."

Thursday, June 27 there will be a live presentation of "International Stud", a special encore performance of this popular play that played to SRO audiences, and featuring local actors.

Friday, June 28 there will be the traditional Dance Contest to be held at Tramps from 9 p.m. to closing. There is an entry fee but the prizes make the small fee worth it.

Saturday, June 29 there will be a "Summer Carnival" at Colette's West and at the Jo-Jo's Tree. Outdoors fun with booths, food, games, and a real carnival atmosphere.

Sunday, June 3, will wind up Pride Week with a brunch at Ruby's from noon to 3 p.m. and a Swap Meet at Tramps at 3 p.m.

Most of these activities are free to members of the community. Where there may be a small charge, the monies go to performers or to increase the size of prize money. Watch the pages of the Observer for additional information on this fun-packed week of events designed for our community in celebration of Lesbian and Gay Pride Week 1985.

ACLU announces plan for Lesbian/Gay rights project

NEW YORK, NY - The American Civil Liberties Union has announced plans to establish a new project aimed at ending discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians. The Lesbian/Gay Rights Project, located in the ACLU's national office in New York, will begin by challenging the state sodomy laws that criminalize homosexuality and attacking the various forms of discrimination that these criminal laws engender.

ACLU Executive Director Ira Glasser and ACLU President Norman Dorsen said that with the creation of the project, the ACLU would be able to take a more aggressive and visible role in fighting for equal rights for Gays and Lesbians.

"Gay men and Lesbians confront laws and government practices that would long ago have been struck down as unconstitutional if they applied to racial minorities or women," Glasser said. "Laws in twenty-four states, and the District of Columbia that outlaw consensual sodomy are used as the legal justification for various forms of discrimination, and force Gay men and Lesbians to choose between suffering second class citizenship or keeping their sexual orientation a secret from the world."

"As long as civil rights for Gays and Lesbians remain a Gay people's issue alone, it will be too easy for Gays to be isolated in their struggle to secure equality," Dorsen added. "Antiquated sodomy laws restrict the civil rights and liberties of many Americans, and permitting such discrimination to continue threatens the civil rights of all Americans."

The first priority of the ACLU Lesbian/Gay Rights Project will be the eradication of sodomy laws. Sodomy laws are used as the legal basis for police harassment of Gay men, and to justify differential treatment of Lesbians as well as Gay men in housing, employment, and domestic relations (e.g. child custody) cases. Even where sodomy laws are not vigorously enforced, their mere existence defines Gay relationships as a crime, perpetuating common myths and stereotypes about Gay men and Lesbians, and inhibiting Gay people from living openly.

The ACLU, with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, has already filed a legal challenge to the Louisiana sodomy law [OBSERVER, Jan 9]. The ACLU is now exploring the possibility of bringing similar challenges in Arkansas and Minnesota.

The Gay Rights Project will also target discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians in housing and employment with emphasis on education of the uniformed municipal services (police, firefighters, etc.). In addition, the Project will pursue several cases in which local laws interfere with Gay peoples' First Amendment rights, including laws barring Gay teachers from "advocating" homosexuality in the classroom.

The ACLU Lesbian/Gay Rights Project is a result of strategy meetings of the national Ad Hoc Task Force to Challenge Sodomy Laws. This task force, organized in 1983, consists of the national ACLU, several state ACLU affiliates, Lambda, the Lesbian Rights Project, Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, Texas Human Rights Foundation, the National Committee for Sexual and Civil Liberties, and the National Gay Rights Advocates.

The Project will work closely with Lambda to assure that there is no duplication of effort, and to avoid diverting contributions from other Gay rights groups. Overall litigation priorities and strategies will be

developed in consultation with an advisory board now being formed. The board is expected to include such leading Gay rights activists as Jay Kohorn, Roberta Actenberg, Leonard Graff, Tim Sweeney, and Abby Rubenfeld, in addition to several members of the ACLU Board of Directors.

The ACLU said it would require \$50,000 to begin the project and was now actively seeking contributions.

Troy Perry here June 8

TUCSON - On Saturday, June 8, Metropolitan Community Church of Tucson will celebrate their fifteenth anniversary with a banquet at the Ramada Inn. The keynote speaker for this banquet will be the Reverend Elder Troy D. Perry, founder and Moderator of the Board of Elders of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

Perry is very active, not just in Metropolitan Community Churches, but in the larger Gay and Lesbian community. He has served on the Human Rights Commission of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, is serving on the Board of Directors of the Gay Rights National Lobby, and has represented the Gay and Lesbian community during former President Jimmy Carter's administration in meetings with Midge Costanza.

Following Rev. Perry's address will be a 'cabaret-type' show featuring local talent. Tickets are \$15.00 per person as a donation and is tax deductible. Tickets can be purchased from members of MCC/Tucson or call the church office at 622-4536 to reserve seats. The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with a no-host bar, dinner at 7:30.

Troy Perry is recognized as one of the most dynamic speakers in the country and everyone is urged to attend this evening of celebration, entertainment and eloquence.

Texas students

Score win for Gay rights

LUBBOCK, TX - Texas Tech University has agreed to recognize Student Services for Lesbians/Gays as an official student organization. Lambda Legal Defense and the Texas Human Rights Foundation, as co-counsel on the case, had filed a federal court lawsuit seeking to enjoin Texas Tech University from denying the students official recognition. This acquiescence comes as a result of a Supreme Court decision to refuse to hear an appeal by Texas A&M University -- the decision resulted in a success for Gay students at A&M. [OBSERVER, Aug. 29, 1984]

Says Houston cooperating attorney Karen Lerner, "Those who would perpetuate discriminatory practices have been left with no alternative here in Texas." Karen Lerner and Mike Charleton both Lambda cooperating attorneys, are currently pursuing punitive damages against the individual Regents of the University who, although advised of the law, refused to adhere to it.

At Texas Tech University, the Gay students have already celebrated and have already held their first official campus meeting. Student Services for Lesbians/Gays at Texas Tech President Robert Reed Oberour declares, "It's a matter of dignity and self-respect. We've been waiting a long time for the simple right to meet and work together as a legitimate campus organization."

ALIVE WITH PRIDE IN '85



PHOTO: Mel Bernstein & Bill Irwin

BRIEFS

AIDS Forum May 23

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee will present a free forum on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 23. The forum will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street.

The Forum, entitled, "AIDS: An Update", will focus interpretations of the current situation for the Tucson Gay community by University of Arizona physicians who have an interest in AIDS or are treating AIDS patients.

Specific topics will include a definition of AIDS, local and national statistics, methods of risk reduction, and the significance of the HTLV III blood test.

Everyone who is interested in finding more information on this dread disease, its effects on the Gay population and on the population in general, is encouraged to attend this significant forum held by the University of Arizona physicians who are the most well-informed people on this subject.

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE
RAPE PREVENTION SEMINAR

TUCSON - A women's Self-Defense Rape Prevention Seminar will be held Wednesday, June 5 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Amphi Junior High School Auditorium. The seminar is restricted to women only and anyone under 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Fee for the seminar is \$20.00.

The seminar is sponsored by Defense Management Corporation, a local company interested in community involvement, providing general and specialized training in defensive tactics; personal protection; defensive weapons and management courses, in cooperation with Amphitheater community schools.

The seminar will include lecture and hands-on training (wear clothing you will be comfortable moving around in, i.e. pants and shirt), and is designed to increase your awareness of the sexual violence which is occurring more frequently, and to present some facts about the crime, the victim, the criminal and the law. The self-defense training consists of intensive no-nonsense techniques which are designed to incapacitate an attacker. You will also learn prevention tactics, passive resistance, personal weapons and targets.

Class size is limited. To reserve your spot, register with a check or money order payable to A.C.S.I., and mail to: Defense-Management Corporation, P.O. Box 55522, Tucson, AZ 85703-5622.

POPPERS MAY BE HAZARDOUS!

Current thinking suggests that while poppers may not cause AIDS, their use may hasten the onset of the disease once a person is exposed.

New factors have raised concern over a link between inhaling amyl or butyl nitrites and AIDS. First, not all people exposed to the virus get the disease. Second, the chemical used in the manufacture of nitrites has been found to have some serious effects on the body's immune system.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) now says that nitrites are no longer considered harmless to the immune system. And recently the Los Angeles AIDS Task Force issued a unequivocal warning to people at high risk of being exposed to the virus: Stop using poppers.

The chemical can be hazardous in at least three ways, various researchers report. It can suppress the immune system; it can produce cancer-causing chemicals in the body, called nitrosamines; and it dilates the blood vessels, possibly making it easier for the virus to enter the body.

Researchers believe the disproportionate rate of Kaposi's Sarcoma among Gay men with AIDS may be due to the fact that poppers have been found to hamper the ability of certain cells to fight off the cancer. This discovery was made by researchers at the Texas Medical Center in Houston. Their study conclude that "isobutyl nitrites should not be used by man."

Manufacturers of the chemical claim that exhaustive government tests have removed any shadow of doubt regarding a potential health hazard. In 1983, when San Francisco was conducting hearings on an ordinance requiring a posted warning wherever poppers were sold, the maker of two popular brands testified that his products had passed "what is probably the most thorough screening given any consumer product available today."

However, these tests, conducted by the Consumer Products Safety Commission, gave a seal of approval only for using poppers for what they are advertised - as "room deodorants." The commission did not test them as they are more commonly used - inhaled directly through the nose. (Pattar)



FLORIDA CITY HAS

HIGHEST AIDS RATIO

BELLE GLADE, FL - The highest AIDS rate in the United States is in Belle Glade, Florida. Authorities say that the AIDS epidemic in the community, located in the heart of the Everglades, is not behaving like anywhere else in this country. Instead, it is more like the epidemic in tropical Africa or Haiti. There is probably no other environment in the United States which is as similar to those places as Belle Glade. This may be the reason.

With 41 AIDS cases among the 24,000 residents of the sugar-growing area, the region has an AIDS rate that is five times higher than that of the New York or San Francisco metropolitan areas. (Pattar)

MATLOVICH

SUBMITS TWO DC INITIATIVES

WASHINGTON, DC - Former Air Force sergeant, Leonard P. Matlovich, now a Gay activist residing in Washington, submitted two proposed election initiatives. One of these would prohibit sexual activities in bathhouses; the other would require Gay-oriented businesses to post health warning signs.

The proposals were rebuffed by some local Gay leaders, who fear government intervention in such matters is best left to the community to control. The proposals must still be approved by the elections board and endorsed by 28,000 signatures for it to appear on next November's ballot.

HTLV-III FOUND IN AFRICA

12 YEARS AGO

NEW YORK, NY - While AIDS and HTLV-III might be new arrivals in the Western World, the virus has been around for quite a while in equatorial Africa, as shown from a recent analysis of 75 blood samples taken in Uganda over 12 years ago. Two-thirds of these samples tested positive to HTLV-III antibodies. The investigators could not explain why, with such a high level of exposure to the virus, AIDS is not epidemic in those areas.

NATIONAL BUSINESS GROUP

ANNOUNCES 1985 AWARDS

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - The National Association of Business Councils announced the recipients of its 1985 Awards recognizing outstanding contributions to the Lesbian and Gay business and professional community. NABC, the national Gay Chamber of Commerce, represents more than 3,500 businesses and professionals through its twenty-one affiliates across the country.

The following awards were announced: Dr. Mathilde Krim of New York City and Duke Comegys of Los Angeles - 1985 Presidents Awards; Control Data Corporation of Minneapolis, Minn. - 1985 Equal Opportunity Achievement Award; and Arthur Lazere of San Francisco - 1985 Meritorious Service Award. The NABC Awards were presented last weekend, May 19, in connection with the fifth anniversary of the association.

"I am most pleased to honor the two outstanding individuals who are recipients of the Association's 1985 President's Awards," explained Werner P. Kuhn, NABC President. "Dr. Mathilde Krim is an outstanding example of the support for Lesbian and Gay concerns in the non-Gay community through her sensitive and informed leadership in our nation's fight against the AIDS epidemic. On the West Coast, Duke Comegys represents a new generation of Gay activist through his tireless and professional fund-raising and leadership in addressing our community's many needs."

Comegys currently serves both as president of the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center of Los Angeles and as Co-Chair of the national Human Rights Campaign Fund. Krim is the founder and Chairperson of the AIDS Medical Foundation in New York City, the only non-governmental organization in the United States whose primary goal is to fund and sponsor research into the causes, methods of treatment and prevention of AIDS.

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LIFE TRIUMPHANT: Seasons Of Our Lives

[This column is dedicated to the memory of all Lesbian Women and Gay men who took their own lives because the world would not love or understand them. It is also dedicated to all the Gay men whose lives were ended by AIDS, especially the friends I lost personally, and most of all to Myron Smith. Dearest Myron, we miss you still and all the beauty you created for us. God grant rest and peace to their immortal souls.]

Spring, 1985. The season of the Eternal Return. Is it not amazing that life, with all the sordidness and evil that we can inject into it, is still able to renew itself? Despite all of our efforts to destroy this good earth, all the ways we have of killing and maiming each other, Life still comes back.

The rolling hills still turn green when Springtime finally arrives. The most powerful Winter's gale, which blew so hard that centuries old trees were uprooted, now becomes no more than a gentle breeze. The ground, so recently frozen, so hard and unyielding, becomes, eventually, soft and moist, thus supporting the tender blades of grass. The skies so overcast and gray, turn once again to that beautiful robin's egg blue.

The birds again are on the wing, the animals of the forest end their long, slumbering hibernation, and venture forth to feel the light and warmth of the sun. The hum of bees is heard again as quacking ducklings follow behind their mother on the way to the pond and their first swim. Newborn chicks chirp about the mother hen for seed while baby lambs and goats kick up their heels in the meadow. Butterflies soar in all their translucent beauty; frogs send up their amorous songs and rabbits hop through the fields.

The ice finally breaks, freeing streams to flow anew from the mountains. Trees and plants open their green leaves, and flowers, loveliest of

all Creation's adornment, flourish in every patch of earth. Pinks, yellows, blues, purples, reds, oranges, golds, whites, every color of the rainbow that dances above our heads burst forth about our feet. The fragrance is heady and delights the senses.

The message is clear: "Life! Life Triumphant!"

But wait. Hold a moment. Stop, dead! Dead. How can all this wonderful Life renewing events happen to us in a world like this, in a country like this, in a state and city like this, in a community like ours? Life? Triumphant? Isn't that a terrible, cruel joke. Isn't death really triumphant? What about Herpes, Hepatitis B, AIDS? Drug Abuse, Alcoholism, Suicide, Selfishness, Heartbreak, Infidelity? What about Hate, Apathy, Fear, Vengeance, Ignorance, Rape, Robbery, Mugging, Hunger, Greed, Murder? Suffocating Closets, Terror, Slender, Loneliness? Destruction, War and Nuclear Holocaust?

Who can believe that life is good, much less 'triumphant'? Does life, yours and mine, really matter in the end. And is it worth the struggle to "believe that people are still good", as Anne Frank wrote in her diary? Aren't all of these above mentioned things what we really believed in? Don't we hold them close to our hearts? Will we, in our Lesbian and Gay Community, continue to be uncaring, hateful, egocentric, immature monsters that many believe we are? Life? Triumphant? Who are we kidding?

But, Life does return. Life gives us new reasons to go on living. Giving Life means that 1985, its outdated politices, closets and images are over. Closets sooner or later must shut their doors forever. Giving Life means that no one else, nor their rules, are appropriate to us if they do not help make us more alive. Non-Gay/Lesbian society is not really part of us. And we, this community, into which

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OUT ON THE TOWN

STUNT MALIBU CHRISTI FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the world of the Fabulous Stunt Malibu Christi and all her crazy friends. You will be reading about them and their antics. The names have been changed to protect the..... well, you know.

4/16/85

Stunt Malibu Christi was greeted with open arms as she arrived in Tucson today. She was promptly whisked away to her Skaggs El Con Hotel before she was mobbed by local fans.

Several hours later, she arrived at a close friend's house to put on one of her famous shows. She was obviously tired from her stunt shows in Atlanta but, nevertheless, fabulous. She made it an early evening and bowed out after her short but lively performance.

4/28/85

Stunt Malibu Christi made a surprise guest appearance at one of Tucson's local night clubs tonight. It was a very impromptu affair attended by a few close friends and some newly acquired fans boosted by a keg of beer in the back of a friend's truck. There were rumors that she may have sustained some type of injury during this performance but her managers refused to comment.

5/5/85

S/M Christi made another spectacular appearance here in Tucson today. She attended a small poolside party at a fashionable Tucson foothills manor owned by none other than "Moist's" Machoman. Machoman made quite a dent in the Atlanta night scene a few weeks ago along with some friends. (The Cabana will never be the same. Thank you Doris D. and rm. 217 & 307).

The party was held to welcome Magic Fingers Madge to the neighborhood. Hopefully, Christi's close Atlanta friends will be able to greet Madge upon her arrival in Atlanta in July and show her some points of interest.

Miss Christi's water ballet performance was, to say the least, FABULOUS!

The affair was also graced by the presence of none other than the mature, but still beautiful, Miss Mae. Also attending was the unforgettable star of

6th Avenue, Miss Ronda Jons. Another surprise appearance was made by Miss Jane "Hellum Heels", the Queen of comedy, who put on an outrageous show herself.

It has been rumoured that Christi is staying somewhere near the famous movie location Old Tucson. Could this mean yet another film for the Fabulous Stunt Malibu Christi? Only time will tell.

Stunt Malibu Christi took a short and unexpected trip north only to be witness to the kidnapping of Tommy Titty Twister and Blanche O'Hara by Ronda Jons and Toasted Totie. Assisting in the kidnapping were Machoman, Magic Fingers Madge and I somehow managed to get involved also. The getaway car finally arrived back in Tucson at about 4:30 a.m.

The poor kidnappees were toured from Avra Valley to Reddington Pass. At the Pass, Miss Jane [aka Sister Mary Virgittal] outdid herself by displaying great style, courage, and talent [among other things] during her performance for all the people cruising by. The crew also managed to attend a small party, where once again S/M Christi showed up to strut her stuff. (Too bad Machoman didn't). Don't be surprised if you see more of Christi - she introduced her three look-alike cousins at the party. She also managed to drown her sorrows and herself in a vat of beer.

The drought has finally ended and Toasted Totie will be smiling for weeks, if not months. When one does more in three days than in the last year or two, no wonder she's smiling. [I wonder how they manage to walk?]

Tommy Titty Twister [who certainly left his mark in Tucson] and Ronda Jons bid adieu as they headed north on Saturday. We'll keep you tuned in to that ménage. [As Agatha says, "Once is NEVER enough!"]

Yours Forever,
Jza Jza LaMore

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COUNSELING CONCEPTS

RELATIONSHIPS: WHO ARE THEY FOR?

People question, "Are relationships for me? Could a relationship last?" There is a shakiness there. "I'd like to try but why bother if it won't last".

One has to realize that we humans are first and foremost social beings. We don't really like loneliness. However, we've all been hurt, laughed at, embarrassed, etc., and we don't want to be hurt. We don't want to risk letting our inner thoughts out to someone we like or they may make a fast exit. Yet there is that desire to be close to people, to have a network of friends. If you're attracted to a person, love them, like them, enjoy their company and the feelings are mutual... why not join together? Risk is a part of it. It is always a part whether a love relationship or one of friendship.

The other question that comes to mind is one of expectations. What do you expect from this relationship. It's in this area that couples need to talk for there are no traditional models to follow. If we try to force traditional opposite sex models on ourselves, we'd be doing a great disservice. So go ahead and make your own road together.

Paul Reigle
for Counseling Concepts - Tucson

THE ORIGIN OF AIDS BEEN DISCOVERED?

NEW YORK, NY - Researchers at Harvard University think that they may have discovered the origin of AIDS. If their theory is correct, it may well provide valuable clues to developing a vaccine that will protect humans against the dreadful disease. These past twenty-five years together. Role models are important to us all.

The bottom line here is that we are naturally inclined toward relationships and they can do last. "But is it for me?" you say.

It depends on a person's motives. What are your reasons for a relationship? Is it because: They're good in bed, you're assured a sex partner, you don't want to be alone, you want someone to be there waiting, you want someone to cook and clean, you want someone to do things with, you love a person and they love you? It could be any or all. The thing is relationships need to have a basis, a reason for being. The best in a lot of people's minds is two people who love and care about one another. It begins there and grows forth into the future. If that's where you're at then it's for you.

Richard Lovelace said in a poem,



THE WEEK IN PHOTOS

Last weekend was an action-packed one that included sporting events, awards ceremony, a luau and an auction for Tucson's Gay TV show "Arizona Gay". Here are a few of shots around the town last weekend.

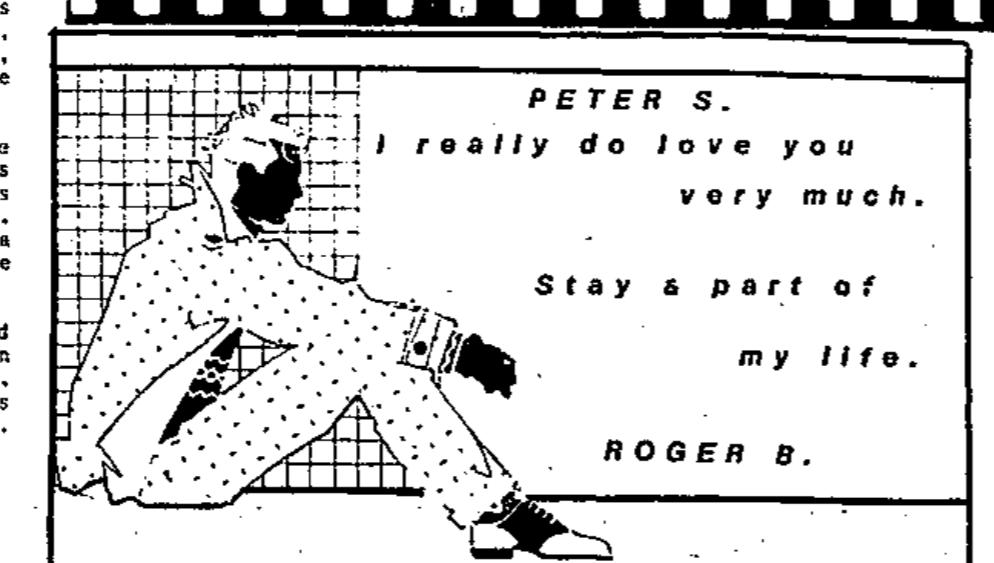


It was volleyball at Back Pocket on Saturday afternoon to help raise funds to send the Tucson team to Chicago for the championships. The team, "Shades of Brown" will be playing in Chicago over this Memorial Day Weekend. Good luck.



COLETTE'S WEST
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COUCHON-DE-LAIT
SAT MAY 18

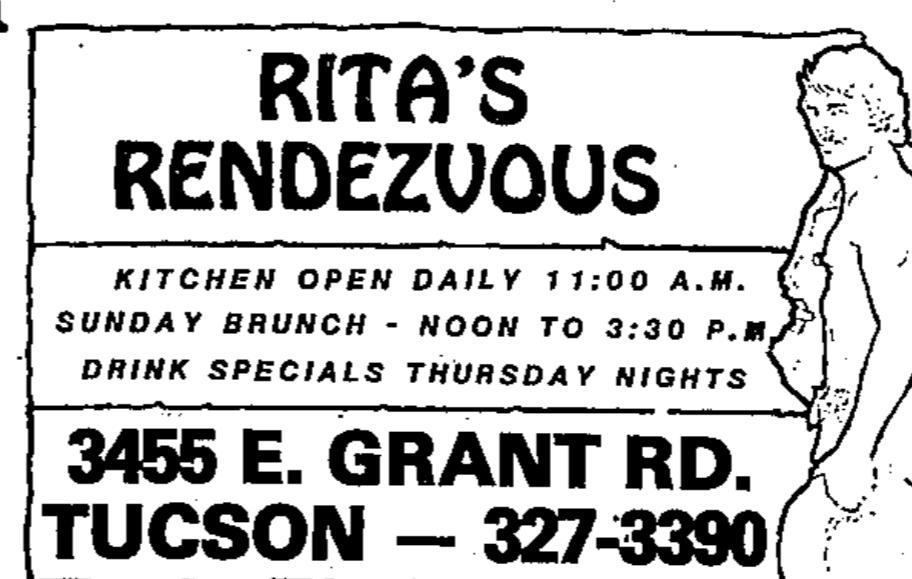
At the bowling alley on Sunday at Joshua Tree on Monday a good crowd was on hand for dinner and the presentations.



On Saturday, Colette's West put on their annual Luau and it was one of the wilder events Tucson has seen in some time. At least six inches of sand all over the floor, a 120 pig roasted underground in the parking lot, loads of people downing Polynesian drinks, all gathering to have one whale of a time. If you missed it, be sure to get in line for next year's extravaganza.



The score ended up 29 to 27 in favor of the Joshua Tree Pussycats over Saddle Tramps team, but there was a lot more fun than runs. The TLGPC fundraiser for Pride Week activities raised \$192.



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SHOP FOURTH AVE.

NEWS FROM MCC/TUCSON

After an absence of a few weeks, we are happy to resume our article in the Observer. Ben is mending very fast now and is up and around again. Annie is still in the hospital recovering and is improving daily. We thank each of you for your prayers, your cards and your concern. Without your support it would have been a much harder battle for recovery.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Why is it that the only time doctors, dentists and lawyers are on time for appointments is when you are not?

TLGPC REPORT

Several fundraisers are planned between now through June to raise at least \$1,000 for Pride Week 1985. This past Softball Sunday successfully raised \$192.00. There are two more games scheduled - June 2 and June 16. At these games, for a \$2.00 donation, you get all the draft beer you can drink plus hot dogs and soda are on sale for a small donation.

MCC-Tucson will be celebrating their fifteenth birthday on June 8th and June 9th. The Reverend Elder Troy Perry, founder of U.F.M.C.C., will be here both days to help us celebrate. Saturday evening, June 8th, a banquet will be held at the Ramada Inn, downtown. Troy Perry will address the banquet and a cabaret of local talent will follow. Tickets are \$15.00 per person as a donation which is tax deductible. Tickets can be purchased from members of MCC-Tucson or call the church office at 622-4536 to secure your ticket.

The Reverend Elder Troy Perry will be preaching at both the morning and evening services on Sunday, June 9. A reception will follow the morning service in the backyard of the church for Troy. Plan to attend these monumental services and meet Troy Perry.

Next Sunday is Pentecost and Reverend Bernardo David will be ministering the Word at our morning service at 10:45 a.m. Plan to attend and share the blessing of this service with us.

Regular church services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sundays, with mid-week services at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays. Regular office hours are from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. If no one is in the office, please leave a

I wish to thank all those people who attended the "Arizona Gay" auction last Sunday evening co-sponsored by Tramps and TLGPC. Approximately 40 people attended and the bidding was very lively. Several unique and valuable items and services, including erotic prints, wall hangings, a cocktail party for 12, a catered dinner for two, maid service and jewelry brought in a grand total of \$815.00 to keep "Arizona Gay" on the air. All items were donated and I wish to thank all you donors for your generosity. There will be further auctions for "Arizona Gay" at the Pride Week Picnic on June 23 and at other functions during that week.

SPORTS



LESBIAN AND GAY SPORTS

The Joshua Tree Pussycats remain undefeated with a 6-0 record. The Pussycats defeated Saddle Tramps of Tramps 29 to 27. This was the first game in three years to go into extra innings. The Pussycats started the game with an early lead which was quickly overcome by Saddle Tramps in the fourth inning. From the fourth through the 9th inning the lead switched back and forth ending with a 26-26 tie in the bottom of the 9th.

In the top of the tenth inning, the Pussycats scored three runs. Saddle Tramps returned with two doubles scoring one run making the score 29 to 27. The next two batters popped out to a very motivated PussyCat second baseman, Rick. With two out and two runs behind, and a man on second base, the next Saddle Tramps batter hit a long fly ball to left field. The PussyCat left fielder, Nonie, settled under the ball for an easy catch - the ball hit her glove and bounced in the air and she caught it in her ungloved right hand to end the game. Pussycats 29, Saddle Tramps 27.

Thanks to the spectators and players, \$192.00 was raised for Pride Week 1985. Saddle Tramps has again challenged the Pussycats to a rematch on Sunday, June 2 hopefully at Himmel Park. Thank you to all the players and spectators.

At the awards banquet held at the Joshua Tree last Monday, May 20, the Community Mixed Bowling League honored the top players for the 1984-85 season.

Cleanup Artists finished in first place, the Gol Robbed finished second and Joshua Tree garnered third spot. The top women bowlers were Cathy R. and Pam R. Jim G. and Bill B. were the high bowlers among the men. Congratulations to all.

The Community Mixed Bowling League is getting ready for their summer league. Summer bowling begins Thursday, June 6 at Cactus Bowl. The summer season lasts for 12 weeks. There will be an organizational meeting at 6:00 p.m. on June 6th with bowling beginning at 7:00 p.m. For more information call 293-3515. Bring a friend and have some fun this summer!

Support Lesbian and Gay sports in Tucson by attending all events.

MAY 22, 1985
SPECIAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 23
AIDS FORUM - 7:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4833 E. 22nd. Sponsored by TLGPC and TALAH.

FRIDAY THRU MONDAY, MAY 24 - 27
OLD PUEBLA RUN sponsored by TKO, TALL, SCLC, SOS AND T-SQUARES. Camping out at Catalina State Park. Check for more information at Graduate or Tramps.

FRIDAY, MAY 24
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Memorial Day Weekend plus celebrating the completion of their NEW ROOF. Four days all schnapps .75 ea.

SATURDAY, MAY 25
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - NEW ROOF IS ON and they're celebrating Memorial Day Weekend with all Schnapps .75 ea. plus regular Steak Dinner 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$3.50. Beer Bust

SUNDAY, MAY 26
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - NEW ROOF IS ON and they're celebrating Memorial Day Weekend with all Schnapps .75 ea. plus regular Steak Dinner 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$3.50. Beer Bust

MONDAY, MAY 27 (MEMORIAL DAY)
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Celebrate Memorial Day with their traditional free Bar-B-Que beef meal, 3:30 until ?? plus all Schnapps .75

FINELINE - HIGH ENERGY Memorial Day Party. Hourly drink specials. New Lights, New Sound, New Look! TRAMPS - MEMORIAL DAY PARTY with Bar-B-Que, plus special prices on Margarita's and Daquiri's.

FRIDAY, MAY 31
FINELINE - "IF" plays live music in the BFR. Produced by "R" Productions, music from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

SUNDAY JUNE 2
TLGPC SOFTBALL GAME FUNDRAISER. HIMMEL PARK NOON.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6
CACTUS BOWL - Summer Community Mixed Bowling League begins at 7:00 p.m. Organizational meeting at 6 p.m. Come out and join the fun. For more information call 293-3515

FRIDAY, JUNE 7
FINELINE - Live music by "IF" in the BFR upstairs.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14
FINELINE - "IF" in the BFR upstairs. Live music presented by "R" Productions.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
BACK POCKET - TLGPC MUD WRESTLING FUNDRAISER 2:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16
TLGPC SOFTBALL GAME FUNDRAISER. HIMMEL PARK NOON.

THE WEEKLY OBSERVER
LETTERS

Dear Mr. Ellis:

Thank you for your letter about Governor Anaya's Executive Order. I have long been a champion of non-discrimination. My record in my business clearly demonstrates my commitment to the principle of equal opportunity in hiring, and to fair and equitable treatment of all my employees. My commitment in setting non-discrimination standards in housing is there to be examined. If elected, I will bring this same commitment to the Governor's office.

At this point, however, I am not prepared to promise specific Executive Orders. My promise is that I will be diligent in ferreting out and correcting discrimination in hiring, in housing, in promotions, and in the work place.

Best regards,
Bill Schulz

[ED NOTE: The above is in response to our Inquiry to Bill Schulz regarding New Mexico Governor Tony Anaya's recent Executive Order barring discrimination in New Mexico based on sexual preference [OBSERVER, April 11]. Mr. Schulz will be seeking election as Governor of Arizona in 1986. He deserves your consideration, as of this date, for reasons stated above.]

Dear Bob:

This is a very special Thank You to the entire community in Tucson for the support and concern shown to us during this past month. No where else in the world is there a better group than right here in Tucson. Your cards, letters, telephone calls and especially all of your prayers have kept us going. We don't know how we would have pulled through it all without you. It is with the deepest humility that we want to publicly thank all of the groups, organizations and individuals, especially our adopted children, for their concern. We love you all.

Ben and Annie

[The following letter was delivered and read to the Tucson Women's Commission at their meeting of May 15.]

TO: The Tucson Women's Commission:

In many ways the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee and the Tucson Women's Commission have much in common. I believe that we share in the goal to improve the quality of life for all minorities. We strive to end discrimination and oppression that is based on fear and ignorance. We refuse to accept second class citizenship, we urge and support those who have been discriminated against or harassed to stand up for their rights. We struggle for equal rights not special privileges. We inform, educate and sponsor workshops, projects and activities to accomplish our goals. Our membership/targeted populations cross all ethnic, occupational, racial, economic, political and cultural boundaries. We and you are everywhere in the world. We are among you. We and you demand our right to choice, especially in those matters that affect our bodies. We, along with you, are many times victims of sexual and physical assault simply due to our status or, or lack thereof, in society.

Having so much in common, myself and the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, were astounded and left with mouths open when we heard that the Tucson Women's Commission stands accused of discrimination against certain employees, both past and present, based on their sexual and affectional preference. In fact I was quite saddened and angered at hearing this information.

LETTERS CONTINUED PAGE TWO...E.E.E.

You are indeed in a very remarkable position. Unlike the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, you enjoy the financial sanction of the Tucson Mayor and City Council. You are funded by taxpayer's money, of which ten percent are Lesbian and Gay. By accepting those funds, I believe along with that, comes responsibilities. One of which is quite clear and that is to not discriminate against any minority. Especially a minority that is protected by Tucson City Ordinance.

The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee lodges this very strong objection with you against your defiance of the law that protects us, Lesbians and Gays, from discrimination based on our sexual and affectional preference in employment, housing and public accommodations.

We lend our full support behind those employees who have filed complaints with the Human Relations Commission. We strongly urge you to cease and desist all practices and policies of harassment and discrimination against Lesbians and Gays. We further urge you to meet all the requests by the complainants. We stand ready to back our objection with whatever legal measures are necessary to end this defiance of the law.

I would rather stand here and say that we are ready to work along with you to meet our common goals. In fact I invite you to join us at any of our meetings to come and learn about us. I am sure together we stand a much better chance to improve the quality of life for all women which most definitely includes Lesbians.

Jack B. Stockslager
Co-Chairperson TLGPC



THE TUCSON CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. .40 per glass. Bobby Jr., DJ in J/T 9 to 1
COLETTE'S WEST - Well Liquor \$1.00 - 9 to Midnight.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 3 p.m. Tell Neck Bottles Beer Night .75 from 7 p.m. - Hourly drink specials.
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.
TRAMPS - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
TRAMPS - Square Dancing with Tucson's T-Squares and country and western music with DJ Art

THURSDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Night \$1.00 domestic 9:00 - 1:00 a.m. Dave Pierson, DJ in J/T 9 to 1
COLETTE'S WEST - Draft Beer Bust 9 p.m. - Midnight \$2.50.
FINELINE - 12 oz. canned beer .75 from 7 p.m. to closing. Hourly drink specials daily.
GRADUATE - Country & Western music from 9 to closing.
RITA'S - "Party Hite" - 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 of dressed in leather. Sleaze & cruise music by Linda.

FRIDAY

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 3 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m.
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.
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 - Disco music by Curtis 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

SATURDAY

SATURDAY
COLETTE'S WEST - Free Pool from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 3 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m.
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 9 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 Sick Call - All Juice Drinks \$1.35 Happy Hour Prices 4 - 9 p.m.

FINELINE - Long Island Ice Tea .75 from 7 p.m. to close. Hourly drink specials daily.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open Noon to 9:00 p.m. Brunch till 3:30; Special Bar-B-Que Dinner 5:30 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. \$500 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 .25. Dave Pierson DJ's in J/T 9 to 1

COLETTE'S WEST - Monday Night Madness - \$1.35 Margaritas 9:00 to Midnight.

FINELINE - Dick's choice Well \$1.00 from 7 p.m. Hourly drink specials daily.

GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. to Midnight.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

TRAMPS - Salsa Night with Linda Fizdale 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 12 oz. cans of Miller or Miller Lite 75 cents! Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T 9 to 1

COLETTE'S WEST - Pool Tournament from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight on second Tuesday of the month, \$25 first prize. Long Neck Beer Bust \$1.00 begins at 9:00 p.m.

FINELINE - Kamikaze's .75 from 7pm. Hourly Drink Specials.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

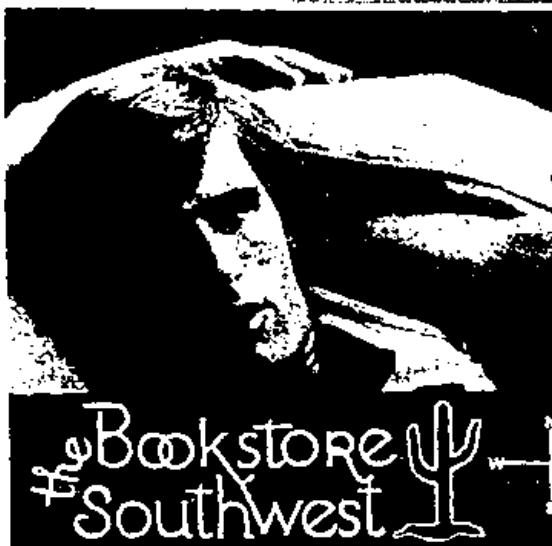
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GAY AND LESBIAN SOCIAL RAP GROUP TUCSON meets every Tuesday evening at 8 P.M. AT MCC, 560 S. Stone. For more information call 792-3772

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

TUCSON LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE COMMITTEE (TLGPC) meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Fineline until Lesbian/Gay Pride Week activities are over. They will then return to the second Monday of each month. Everyone welcome.

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NOTICES

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PERSONALS

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GAY CHRISTIANS... Feel unaccepted, uncomfortable in present church? God does love you. Let's worship Him together. 682-3916.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

Saturday June 8

Club



Events

by Doc

With the "Old Pueblo Run" this coming weekend, this is one time I wish someone else was writing this week's column. But since no one is available, here goes...

If you attended last Sunday's TALL Buffet at the Graduate, you are very lucky to have been able to get some of the food, for that matter, any food at all. It seems the shopper and the cooks couldn't get together long enough to put it together. No sweat; the shopper [Murray] pulled everything together and was able to serve another of his fast, good and inexpensive meals. Congrats go out to TJ because I guess he put a foot or something where the sun doesn't shine on you know who, to get the meal on. Just kidding gang, from what I've heard everything turned out very delicious.

If you were waiting for this week's paper to find out about TDO's Bowling League, you missed the first meeting and the free bowling - it was last Wednesday night. If you are still interested in bowling in this summer league, stop down next Wednesday, May 22, at 8:30 p.m. at the Fiesta Lanes. I'm sure plenty of room for either teams, team members, or subs will be available.

Well, starting at 4:30 p.m. this Friday night, Catalina State Park gets jumping, slipping, sliding and probably a whole lot more. That is the time the "Old Pueblo Run" starts. If you want to join us for this one, applications will be available at the registration table in the main arena, in the Group Area Camping Area. Watch for the signs leading to the area. As of this reporting, applications have been stands taken by national Presbyterian received from Las Vegas, San Diego, general assemblies.

Phoenix and as far away as Florida. The crew that has been working on this fun have really worked their asses off to put this thing together and to make sure everyone in attendance goes away with plenty of fond and happy memories.

Besides the very interesting and different people games, and some new twists on biking events, there are six (6) different cocktail parties and six (6) kegs of beer. Sunday's Gold Rush trip had to be changed, but I'm sure whatever that crew comes up to replace it with will be as much fun. Looking at the menu for the complete fun, I can tell you I don't eat that well at home.

This run, to me, is the best way anyone can get more than their monies worth, and kick back and relax, that I've seen in a long time. If you were giving this run a thought, I cannot urge you strongly enough to come along on it. You will not be sorry. Applications are still available at both the Graduate and Tramps.

A special invitation goes out to all the Tucson bar owners to join us on this run for the whole weekend or whenever you can make it. Showtime will be Saturday night at 9:00 p.m. and the awards presentation will be Sunday evening at the same time.

So, in closing, I hope to see you at the "Old Pueblo Run", or you'll hear from me next week. Speaking of next week's column, if it's not in this paper, it's because I was just totally exhausted from the weekend. I'll do my best to report on the weekend, and with a little luck be able to give you some pictures. Bye for now and wish me luck.

CHURCH BARS GAY CLERGY

NEW YORK, NY - The highest court of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has ruled that member churches cannot ordain homosexuals.

The action by the church's Permanent Judicial Commission rejected a stand taken by a member church, Westminster Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, NY, when that church declared in June 1983 that it was extending the opportunity of becoming elders and deacons to all members, including homosexuals. The declaration, however, continued to bar ordination of Gays to a third level, that of full "ministers of the word".

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A View From Within

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

ISOPRINOSINE IS NOT A CURE FOR AIDS

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Because of the stringent testing requirements of the Food and Drug Administration, ISOPRINOSINE -- as well as several other drugs -- is only just beginning to be tested to determine how effective it is against the AIDS virus. Under regular testing requirements, these tests could take several years before a human is treated. However, because of the increasing exodus to Mexico, the FDA has issued an advisory saying that the drug will be made available through Newport Pharmaceuticals of Newport Beach, California [Post Office Box 1990, Newport Beach, CA 92660, (714) 642-7511] on a "compassionate-use protocol" which, in effect, means that if a doctor believes this drug will help his or her patient, then the doctor may request this drug from Newport Pharmaceuticals and will only have to pay the cost of manufacture for the drug. In other words, the manufacturer cannot make a profit on sales of this drug at this time.

An FDA spokesperson made the point very clear when he said, "The fact that they're not perfected [through testing at the FDA] becomes immaterial if your life expectancy is a week or a month."

With all of this good news, there is a catch: the company chosen to provide this drug was not even aware of the FDA ruling at the time this information was published, and doubted that they could even handle the task of providing the drug as stipulated in the FDA advisory.

This poses a very uncomfortable situation. [Although ISOPRINOSINE is not a cure for AIDS, it may help because it stimulates the immune system which is the area attacked by the syndrome of AIDS]. It can be said that the FDA is making an attempt to assist AIDS victims by allowing this unapproved, and untested [in America] drug to be administered to them, saving them the expense and discomfort of having to travel to Mexico or any of the other countries where ISOPRINOSINE is available legally. However, with the Newport company unaware of the approval, and possibly unable to handle the demand, we may still be in the same spot running faster and faster just to stay where we are. Under current FDA guidelines, ISOPRINOSINE may not be available on a widespread basis for another 3 to 6 years. How many more AIDS patients will have died by then?

LIFE TRIUMPHANT

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you were born needs you, more than anyone or anything else.

Now with all of Springtime blooming forth around and in us, I make the following resolutions and encourage all of you to do the same. Because we live in an age that tries, at every turn, to rob Gay men and Lesbian women of Life, I resolve to only and single-mindedly give Life to my own, our own people. No longer will I seek out or help those who do not support us one hundred percent. No more will I volunteer my energy, my Life to anyone or anything outside my Community. I will give of myself to my people because they, we need Life most of all, and as far as I am concerned, over and above all our Community should be a jewel. It should shine, and all of us with it! Our stores and businesses should thrive over other concerns. And, all those who are not Lesbian or Gay, but who support us should be applauded, gifted, encouraged, and cherished for their efforts.

What can you do personally to bring Life Triumphant back into our midst? So very much. First, perhaps you could realize that each of us is a sister or a brother. This means that the spark of Life passes from you to a man in full leather, to a young, fair-haired disco baby, to an upwardly-mobile, upfront Lesbian, to a man in

Unfortunately, there seems to be no other course of action at this time. Funding for AIDS is open for cutting in future federal budgets. It is said of the study of AIDS, that more information was learned about a new ailment in a shorter time than ever before. This holds well for the support initially given the AIDS research, but what about the next ten years? Many researchers at the April 15 symposium in Atlanta say it will take AT LEAST that long before a cure is found, not just a treatment, but a cure.

There are now over 10,000 cases of people with AIDS. Many of these people have died. Many of those still alive will die before a treatment is found, and a cure perfected. AIDS is a plague on our community, and no expense should be spared in finding the causes and preventions. But the responsibility does not begin or end there. WE are as responsible for the outcome of this point in history as is any government agency, the FDA or any drug manufacturer.

As members of a group of people who comprise over 75% of known AIDS victims, we must make the effort to educate ourselves about safe sexual practices and ways to improve our health, and therefore, our chances of fighting this dread disease. [There is even a play on Broadway -- which I feel will take a good many awards for which it has been nominated; and I speak of the play AS IS]. These are great ways to educate ourselves, and the people around us.

To get more information about AIDS, and what you can do to help, write to the Arizona AIDS Fund Trust, 3 Bob Hegyi, Post Office Box 16423, Phoenix, AZ 85014. You may also look for the brochure "GUIDELINES FOR AIDS RISK REDUCTION" which is published by the AAF-T.

To speak to someone about AIDS, you can call the Lesbian and Gay Community Switchboard in Phoenix at 234-2752 or 234-2753 Monday through Saturday from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

For a tape-recorded background of AIDS, call the Phoenix Baptist Hospital TEL-MED Center in Phoenix Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 248-5600. Ask for tape number 571.

Of course there is also the national AIDS number 1-800-342-AIDS.

[ED NOTE: Tucsonans who would like more information concerning AIDS can call any of the above Phoenix numbers or call the local hotline 792-3772, from 6:00 p.m. until Midnight. Tucson's TEL-MED is located at St. Joseph's Hospital 721-3800. The Tucson AIDS Project is now underway and it is assured that Tucson will have more information outlets in the very near future.]

drag, to a Lesbian witch, to a bar owner, to a very feminine Gay man, to a married Gay man, to a Black militant Lesbian, to an Oriental Gay teenager, to a street hustler, to a Lesbian senior citizen, to a Gay man with AIDS, to a Lesbian mother and her children, to a Gay clergyman, to a Lesbian minister or nun, to a Gay man in the closet, to a lesbian couple celebrating forty-eight years together, and on and on. Giving Life means caring about all the family. We are the world. We are the Children.

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Yours,
OR
Maybe someone's you
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