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'Silent Pioneers' tell their story on TV Friday Show on PBS here Features local man

TUCSON - During the past two decades, record numbers of Gays and Lesbians have 'come out' publicly acknowledging their sexual preferences. While this predominantly youthful Gay community has achieved considerable visibility, there remains a large group of elderly homosexuals in America who have lived their lives as 'silent pioneers,' quietly paving the way for a younger, more vocal generation.

These elder homosexuals represent a cross-section of regional, ethnic, racial and professional backgrounds. They live in small towns and urban and rural communities across America.

'Silent Pioneers' depicts the quiet heroism of men and women who lived through an era when homosexuality was not tolerated at all. The generation portrayed in the film has battled constantly for self-esteem and survival in a 'straight world'.

The film crew came to Tucson last year to film a segment of 'Silent Pioneers' with Brother Paul, 82, at his eastside ranch. Paul talks about what it was like growing up in the 1920's, '30s, '40s and '50s.

'Silent Pioneers' was produced by Pioneer Productions; Producer, Patricia Ginger Snyder; Director, Lucy Winer; Executive Producer, Harvey Marks; Director of Photography, Paula deKoenigsberg.

Major funding for this production was provided by the New York Council for the Humanities, the New York State Council for the Arts, The Chicago Resource Center, private individuals and foundations.

'Silent Pioneers' is distributed to public television stations by the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and will be seen in Tucson on KUAT-TV, Channel 6 on Friday May 10 at 10:30 p.m. The show will be telecast again on Monday, May 13 at 2:30 p.m.

AIDS victims buying drug in Mexico

EL PASO, TX (AP) - AIDS victims are crossing the border or turning to the black market to buy an unproven, experimental drug made in Mexico, health officials say.

"Gay men are rushing across the border in droves to get it," said Dr. Donald Abrams, assistant director of the AIDS clinic at San Francisco General Hospital.

AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is a deadly affliction in which the body's immune system becomes unable to resist disease, and no cure is yet known. It is most likely to strike homosexuals, abusers of injectable drugs who share needles, and hemophiliacs.

"It is very upsetting to see all my patients running to Mexico and being taken advantage of before it's been proved that this drug has any effect," Abrams said.

The drug, Isoprinosine, is legally available in more than 70 countries but has not yet been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Pharmacies in Juarez, Mexico, sell a 20-tablet box of Isoprinosine without a prescription for about \$2.50.

Dr. Earl Gorby of the Texas Department of Health office in El Paso said the Federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta has contacted his

Tramps celebrates 1st anniversary

TUCSON - It was exactly at 10:38 a.m. on May 11, 1974 that Tramps opened its doors to join the Tucson nightclub scene. This Saturday, at 10:38 a.m., the champagne will flow and the schnapps will be downed as owner David Rainey gets behind the bar in celebration of the first year anniversary of his brainchild. Of course this hoopla will cost you, but not much. As a matter of fact it will cost you just one penny per serving, during the morning hours, and that's a fact.

Actually the Anniversary Party starts on Friday, May 10 and will run straight through until Monday morning. Anyway, they are claiming it to be a "72 Hour Party" and they mean to have it. The bar will have after hours on both Friday and Saturday nights. There will be special drink prices, special entertainment, and special music.

Johnny Eckhardt, from the Probe in Los Angeles, has been imported to DJ for the big party. This Thursday, May 9, is Johnny's birthday and he will be playing that night also. On Saturday afternoon, May 11, there will be a wet t-shirt contest for the women and a wet jockey short contest for the men.

On Sunday, from noon to 7:00 p.m. draft beer will be just .30 and there will be a Tea Dance beginning at 3:00 p.m. Also, during the afternoon and early evening hours Sunday, the dance groups, Country Cloggers and the Midnight Ramblers, from Charlie's in Phoenix will be performing. There also be lots of fun and surprises.

Lots of improvements have been made to the establishment since it first opened in May 1984. A huge patio now graces the back yard, with landscaping now taking hold. Two new bar areas have been added during the year and a restaurant will be coming very shortly to complete the complex.

Happy Anniversary to David, Jesse and all the staff at Tramps.

department about Isoprinosine trafficking.

Gorby said Texas officials were told that Isoprinosine was selling for 10 times as much in San Francisco as it sells for in Juarez.

He said the drug reportedly sells on El Paso streets for \$2 a capsule and about \$1.20 a capsule in San Francisco.

Chuck Fruthey, information officer for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, said many AIDS victims are desperate and can't afford to wait for the FDA to approve Isoprinosine for use in the United States. "A lot of people whose lives are really on the line, don't have the luxury to wait that out," he said.

Abrams said preliminary research on Isoprinosine indicates it may be useful in victims in the early stages of the disease. He said he is doing a test involving 24 patients with pre-AIDS symptoms such as swollen glands, fever, fatigue, night sweats and loss of weight.

The study, in which Isoprinosine is administered to 12 of the patients, and a placebo to the other 12 is part of a nationwide test, Abrams said. "It's a relatively benign drug. It doesn't seem to cause severe side effects," he said.

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Tucson AAF/T board meets with director



Meeting in Tucson last weekend, Arizona AIDS Fund Trust. See related May 4 are (L to R) Michael Helmbach, Dr. Bob Henry and Bob Hegyi all of the story below.

TUCSON - Last Saturday, May 4, Bob Hegyi, Executive Director and Consultant to the Arizona AIDS Fund Trust, met with the two Tucson Board members, Michael Helmbach and newly appointed Board member Dr. Bob Henry.

Hegyi reminded us that since the Fund was organized over two years ago, over \$50,000 has been raised and a great portion of that amount has been disbursed either for educational materials and direct assistance to Arizona AIDS victims. As reported in last issue of Observer, the Fund currently has \$16,106.76 in its account. There are continuous fund raising activities throughout the year, and the big event that the Fund puts on each year, "Sweat and Muscle" extravaganza, netted \$5,252.10.

Grace Haynes is Chairperson of the Fund and Michael Rose is Treasurer. Both are from the Phoenix area. Other Phoenix Board members include Dr. Ken Fisher, Scott Jacobson and Stephen Weil. Rowe Babcock and Bob Hegyi are Trustees with Craig Cox acting as volunteer coordinator.

The Board has voted to make Mr. Hegyi a paid staff member in his capacity as Executive Director and Consultant. Since Hegyi closed out his commercial business, his activity with the Fund has been a full-time endeavor.

Big Brothers opens to Gays

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization of Sacramento, California has adopted a non-discrimination policy which will allow Gay men and women to apply as volunteers. The change in policy was a direct result of a lawsuit threatened by National Gay Rights Advocates, the San Francisco-based public interest law firm. NGRA was representing Sharon Bee, a Lesbian who was turned away when she tried to volunteer in March, 1984.

Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said: "We were not about to allow them to continue a blanket policy of excluding all Gay people from the organization. That is patently illegal. We threatened to sue them under the state Civil Rights Act. When we sent them a draft of the complaint, the issue was quickly brought before the Board of Directors." Graff noted that the Board unanimously passed a non-discrimination policy at that point rather than face a lawsuit.

Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director, said: "This is a complete victory. We forced an organization to

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with expenses coming out of his own pocket. Because of his total dedication to the AIDS project, the Board decided that his services were invaluable and made the decision to pay Mr. Hegyi \$1,300 per month for a period of three months, at which time his activities will be reviewed by the Board. Funding for Hegyi's salary comes out of a General Fund that is set aside for salary and office expenses.

Hegyi stated that the Arizona AIDS Fund Trust has applied for a financial Grant from the U.S. Conference of Mayors, but had been turned down. He said that they are still optimistic about getting a grant since the Conference of Mayors encouraged them to resubmit their Grant forms for a mid-summer review.

In addition to subsidizing the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard in Phoenix, there is a 24-Hour AIDS line in Phoenix by calling 277-1929.

Returning from a recent AIDS Seminar in San Francisco, Hegyi was very pessimistic about the acceleration in the spread of this dread disease and called for renewed fundraising to the Arizona AIDS Fund Trust in order that they may continue their assistance to our own Arizona AIDS victims, whose number is increasing at an alarming rate.

International

Mr. Leather 1985

CHICAGO, IL - The world leather community is readying itself for the Seventh Annual International Mr. Leather Contest and Show scheduled for May 26 in Chicago. Sponsored each year by the Gold Coast leather bar, the contest traditionally brings over 1,000 leathermen together. Drummer magazine has called the event the Academy Awards of Leatherdom.

Arizona Mr. Leatherman, Jay Cunningham of Tucson will represent the Grand Canyon State at the finals in Chicago. A large entourage is expected to accompany Cunningham on this trip in hopes of cheering him on to the title of International Mr. Leather 1985.

Organizers expect an overflow crowd in Chicago this year as two other national events are scheduled to occur simultaneously with the Contest over the Memorial Day Weekend. The Gay Athletic Association will host the National Gay Volleyball Tournaments and the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs features a major meeting and dinner.

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BRIEFS

FIRST WINNER DRAWN IN RITA'S CRUISE TO REMEMBER CONTEST



Shown above are Thom Swanson, co-owner of Rita's Rendezvous with Natalie Perry. Natalie is drawing the first week's winning dinner-for-two ticket in the big 35 week contest at Rita's with 'A Cruise To Remember' as the Grand Prize.

TUCSON - As reported earlier, Rita's Rendezvous is conducting a weekly contest with the grand prize a 'Cruise to Remember' to New Orleans, Key West and the Yucatan Peninsula in February, 1986.

A winning ticket is drawn each Sunday with each weekly winner receiving a dinner for two at Rita's. Each weekly winning ticket goes back into a bowl for the Grand Cruise Drawing on New Year's Eve. That means that the final total number of people vying for the \$3,000 plus grand prize is only 35!

Last Sunday, John T. and Arthur were the first week's winners in the contest with the winning ticket number #21084.

In the event that no one should claim the winning number on a Sunday, that number will be posted for one week and at the time for the next drawing if no one has claimed it, there will be two tickets drawn. Starting with this week's drawing, and each succeeding week, persons will be eligible for a "Grand Consolation Drawing" on New Year's Eve. The person with the most losing tickets, by weight, will win a consolation prize in excess of \$200. Should one person win a weekly drawing more than once, he/she is eligible for only one final drawing ticket. Employees, families, relatives, lovers of persons doing official business with Rita's Rendezvous are not eligible for this contest.

OPBPA CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

TUCSON - More than 80 people exchanged thanks and congratulations, ate sumptuously, met new friends, popped prize balloons and toasted the first birthday of the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association [OPBPA] on April 16 at CJ's Restaurant in downtown Tucson.

"We have stuck to our purposes and we have earned respect in the community," said outgoing president Bruce Hyland. Incoming president, Merle Yost, promised, "I pledge to you that we will continue to stick to our purposes."

Foremost among those purposes is mutual support between the merchants, artists, technicians and professional practitioners who belong to the rapidly growing OPBPA. That mutual support was much in evidence at the birthday dinner.

Other new officers installed at

the meeting included James Foley, vice-president; Robert Womack, secretary and Bruce Johnson, treasurer.

The next regular meeting of members is scheduled for Thursday, May 16.

PRINCE DENIES HOMOSEXUALITY

LONDON, ENGLAND - Blatantly unfair as this headline is, we found it to be irresistible. A recent issue of Time magazine reports that many English people are reacting as their American counterparts did at one point, confusing cause and effect and believing that one may contract AIDS by donating blood.

To restore public confidence and increase blood supplies, the Prince of Wales offered himself as a donor. Like other donors, he was asked whether he was homosexual or had ever had sex with anyone who was. He denied either activity. So much for confidentiality.



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—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.

'BROTHERS' BEST ON CABLE

NEW YORK, NY - Showtime's comedy series "Brothers", has walked off with top honors in "On Cable" magazine's 1985 awards for cable broadcasting. The show won the award for outstanding music, comedy or variety program, beating competitors such as Duran Duran in Concert; The Everly Brothers Reunion Concert; a Gallagher special; Over Your Head; Bette Midler's Art or Bust, and Not Necessarily The News.

Philip Charles McKenzie, who plays the very open, very Gay character of Donald on "Brothers", won the award for outstanding music, comedy or variety personality. He beat the likes of Gallagher, Studs Terkel ("Nightcap") and Mitchell Lawrence ("Not Necessarily The News").

"Brothers" was turned down when offered as a pilot to the networks, and Showtime's decision to present the show was considered bold. The series premiered last summer.

Robert Walden, who played Joe Rossi on the "Lou Grant" series, was the only 'name' actor in the cast when the show premiered. Walden plays a former professional football field goal kicker-turned-bar owner. His co-stars, Brandon Maggart and Paul Regina, portray Walden's brothers - one (Maggart) a dumb but lovable bigot, and the other (Regina), a newly "out" and naive Gay man.

McKenzie plays Regina's friend, the often outrageous and flamboyant Donald, who has been established as the wisest and funniest of "Brothers" characters.

On Cable magazine polled its readers to select winners in the competition among cable channels.

"Brothers" has not only been renewed; it has been contracted for 60 more episodes - a television record. The second season has just begun on Showtime (in Tucson, Cox Cable Channel 29).

INTERNATIONAL MR. LEATHER 1985 CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

International Mr. Leather 1985 will feature four nights of special events, parties and the most dazzling display of masculinity ever offered. Over \$5,000 in prizes are awarded to the winners, plus a grand prize to International Mr. Leather which includes a new motorcycle. Registration is free to winners of local 'Leather' contests and \$100 for those entrants sponsored by a Levi/Leather business or organization. Spectators may purchase Weekend Packages (\$50 each) which include admission to all parties, reserved seating at the Contest, an official contest poster and T-shirt designed by Etienne, discounts at Chicago's leading leather shops, bars and business, and much more!

Both entry forms and Weekend Package reservations are available by mail from International Mr. Leather, Inc., 5025 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60640. Spectators are encouraged to reserve their Weekend Packages prior to May 15 to insure reserved seating will be available.



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'Lesbian Nuns' Catholics have misgivings

["Lesbian Nuns: Breaking Silence," published by the Nefad Press, has the book but, commenting on a national review April 1 publication. (Observer nine Lesbians still in religious orders, he said he did object to her magazine had an article on the book. Phil Donahue had the authors on his interview show. One of the two still-practicing nuns profiled in the book, lives and works in the Tucson area.)

The instant sales success and the attendant media blitz accompanying the recent release of "Lesbian Nuns: Breaking Silence," in which 42 former and nine current nuns tell their personal stories, is causing celebration in some quarters, distress in others.

It's a runaway moneymaker for the publishers, it has made overnight media 'stars' of its co-editors and it is seen as "real helpful" by an Arizona officer of the National Organization for Women.

The other side of the coin is concern - among people in the Roman Catholic Church - about the book's implication that the stories are typical of convent life.

Bishop Manuel Moreno of the Diocese of Tucson said that he was "sympathetic to the trials that these persons must have gone through," but added that he was "sad that such a book has to come out and receive all the attention it is receiving because of the harm it will do."

The harm involves the public's impression and the effect the book may have on "those who are striving to holiness and a chaste life," he said, adding, "I offer my prayers for them that they will maintain."

In agreement with Moreno was Sister St. Joan Willert, president of St. Joseph's and St. Mary's hospitals in Tucson and a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet for 42 years. She called the book "a disservice to those still in religious life."

Referring to the title of the 383-page book, which Willert had not yet seen, she said, "If these people want to 'break silence' as they say, I would presume that's their right regarding freedom of speech. But, personally, I can't see any purpose or value in their writing this, and the disservice I think they've done is that the book implies they're speaking for a large number of people and this isn't true."

Most of the nuns who wrote the autobiographical essays left religious orders in the turbulent 1960's and '70s when there was a major exodus of priests and nuns from religious to secular life.

All but five of the 42 ex-nuns (from almost as many religious orders) featured in the book, have also left the church, according to the book's co-editor, Rosemary Curb. She noted that "12 of us now practice Wicca [witchcraft]" and belong to witches' covens.

Others have adopted psychic exploration, herbal healing and goddess imagery as their new religion and most have donned Lesbian activism as their new "habit," Curb said.

Curb was a nun for seven years. Co-Editor Nancy Mahan, who notes that when she entered the convent she "hoped either that my atheism wouldn't matter, or that once I devoted myself to studying the great mystics and doctors of the church, I would see the light," left after a year.

The focus of the book, however, and of the media attention, is Lesbianism among religious or former religious women.

Andrew M. Greely predicted in a phone interview that the book would probably be a "mass media sensation," but he said the fact that there are homosexual priests and Lesbian nuns "in more or less the same proportion" as in the population at large, is not the relevant factor. "What is relevant," said the priest-sociologist-author who spends spring seasons in Tucson, "is whether or not they engage in genital sexuality."

Greely said he has not yet read the book but, commenting on a national review April 1 publication. (Observer nine Lesbians still in religious orders, he said he did object to her magazine had an article on the book. Phil Donahue had the authors on his interview show. One of the two still-practicing nuns profiled in the book, lives and works in the Tucson area.)

She wrote, "...During my life now, when at times I express my love sexually, I feel free. I live my vow of celibacy, my vow to love all. I am committed to my group of sisters, as well as to my special friend-and-lover".

In the book, the contributors give personal accounts, sometimes detailed, of coming to realize, accept and, in most cases, act out their Lesbianism.

Greely said, "The fact that priests and nuns are human has been established. They are Gay, straight and in between, like people everywhere. But to redefine the vow of celibacy to fit what one is doing is not in line with the tradition of the church. An active sex life is incompatible with the religious life."

In Arizona, Sister Pat O'Donnell, one of only two essay contributors still in religious life who used her real name in the book and who identifies herself as living and working in a desert retreat near Tucson, could not be reached for comment. In Phoenix, the National Organization for Women has latched onto the book as a cause celebre.

Judith Guenther, a NOW state coordinator, said the organization had voted to "do an action" against a Phoenix television station's reported decision not to air a syndicated TV show interview with the book's co-editors. After negotiations with the station's manager, whose "integrity" Guenther praised, NOW members called off a planned rush-hour picketing of the station and settled for public-affairs programming on Lesbianism.

She noted that she and 12 other NOW members were also not eager for release of the program when they viewed the second segment in which the interviewer focused on "how Lesbians make love."

The book was described by Guenther as "just wonderful. The stories tell of the women's own spiritual growth and the steps they had to take - from submerging themselves into the patriarchal system" of the church to personal freedom.

Guenther sees the book as generating positive publicity, "one of NOW's 10 primary aims." "It's been quite a while since NOW has had Lesbian publicity," Guenther said, "and this book will be real helpful to educate members internally as well as for the public."

Hailing the book as a tool for "high visibility action," Guenther said, "This is 'Lesbian only,' not 'Lesbian and Gay'. We have dramatically different issues. Lesbians do not have the AIDS issue, bath houses, etc. A Gay man has more privileges than a Lesbian woman and a patriarchal system is a patriarchal system whether it involves Gay or straight men."

(Reprinted from the Arizona Daily Star)

BIGOTS BAG FEDERAL PR POSTS
WASHINGTON, DC - Claude Allen, newly appointed press spokesperson for the Senate Relations committee, was Senator Jesse Helms' campaign press secretary last year. During the campaign he charged that Helms' opponent was supported by Gay groups. Defending his homophobic tactics, Allen now claims that Democrats said "Right Wing nuts" were supporting Helms, and explains that he thought it proper to counter by pointing out that what he calls "queer groups" supported his opponent.

In another homophobic appointment, right-wing radical Patrick Buchanan was named White House director of communications. Buchanan, once a speech writer for former president Nixon, has written that Gay people should be segregated and stigmatized, and called for subjecting them to legal as well as social restrictions. He also insists that AIDS represents their just punishment for daring to go against nature.

Dear Sirs:

I have been away from Tucson for forty years - but on my return I still find it a charming and friendly city. The big difference is the Gay life. It was non-existent publicly, but of course, available privately in the 40's. For the last 40 years I've lived in the Bay Area, 31 of which I lived with a Black man. After that long, it was like family, and on his death from cancer a year and a half ago, I had to get away. Young friends helped me move and get situated here.

From the total Black population, I would expect and hope for more Blacks in the Gay bars - but I'm impressed with the friendliness and good will of most people I meet here. Your bartenders seem to be exceptional people - like Jason at the Graduate - and very helpful to this old man of 68. I'm surprised too, at the number of senior citizens you see in bars now. These are all plusses added to a beautiful country and weather. Why would anyone leave Tucson?

Sincerely, Warren Tieknor

P.S. I'm impressed with all the positive programs in the Gay community here. Keep up the good work.

To The Editor:

Christopher Geoffrey McPherson begins his article "Lesbians Against" says: "It's All Out War Now..." by saying he is in the civil rights fight not just for himself but for everyone. But the rest of the article seems to be merely a group of paragraphs which alternate between telling us how wonderful he is and calling women every catty name he can think of. The impression I got was of a little boy who hadn't gotten his way and was going to take his bat and ball and go home - thinking because of his illusion of self-importance that no one else could play without him.

The men and women of the Arizona Lesbian and Gay Task Force have worked hard over the past several years to mend some of the differences between the men's and women's communities in Phoenix. We've come a long way in that time, and it would be unfortunate to let Mr. McPherson damage that in any way. And it seems some people are too often and too easily influenced by an idea merely because it appears on a printed page somewhere. I was not at the meeting he describes, so I don't know exactly what transpired, but I have heard a version different from the one Mr. McPherson has recorded - a version without the venom.

For someone new to the community - or at least recently returned - Mr. McPherson is getting around and getting himself noticed. It seems many places I turn, his name comes up. It's obvious he has a great deal of energy, and he's obviously very "gutsy". It's too bad he uses his energy and "guts" in such potentially destructive ways. If he were truly "in the battle" for anyone other than himself, it seems he would use what he has and does to repair rather than attempting to destroy.

Oscar Witham - Phoenix Corresponding Sec. ALGTF

Review...

OVER THE RAINBOW IS OUT OF THIS WORLD

TUCSON - Sunday, April 28 an SRO crowd was treated to an entertainment extravaganza in the BFR Theater at the Fineline. "R" Productions presented "Over The Rainbow" starring the live talents of Don and Earvin along with special guest stars Stephanie Price, Candy Plastiquer, Jacqueline de Savoie and Felicia.

The opening, with Judy Garland introducing the song "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" followed by Don's vocals and Earvin's piano skills received a standing ovation.

The show ranged from serious to comedy (Candy's "Where The Boys Are" and "There Goes My Baby" brought the house down) to high quality vocals (Don and Earvin's "Amazing Grace" duet demanded an encore). A free buffet was an extra added dimension to this exciting evening.

Although this was a one-time-only performance, "R" Productions promises more shows of this quality in the near future.

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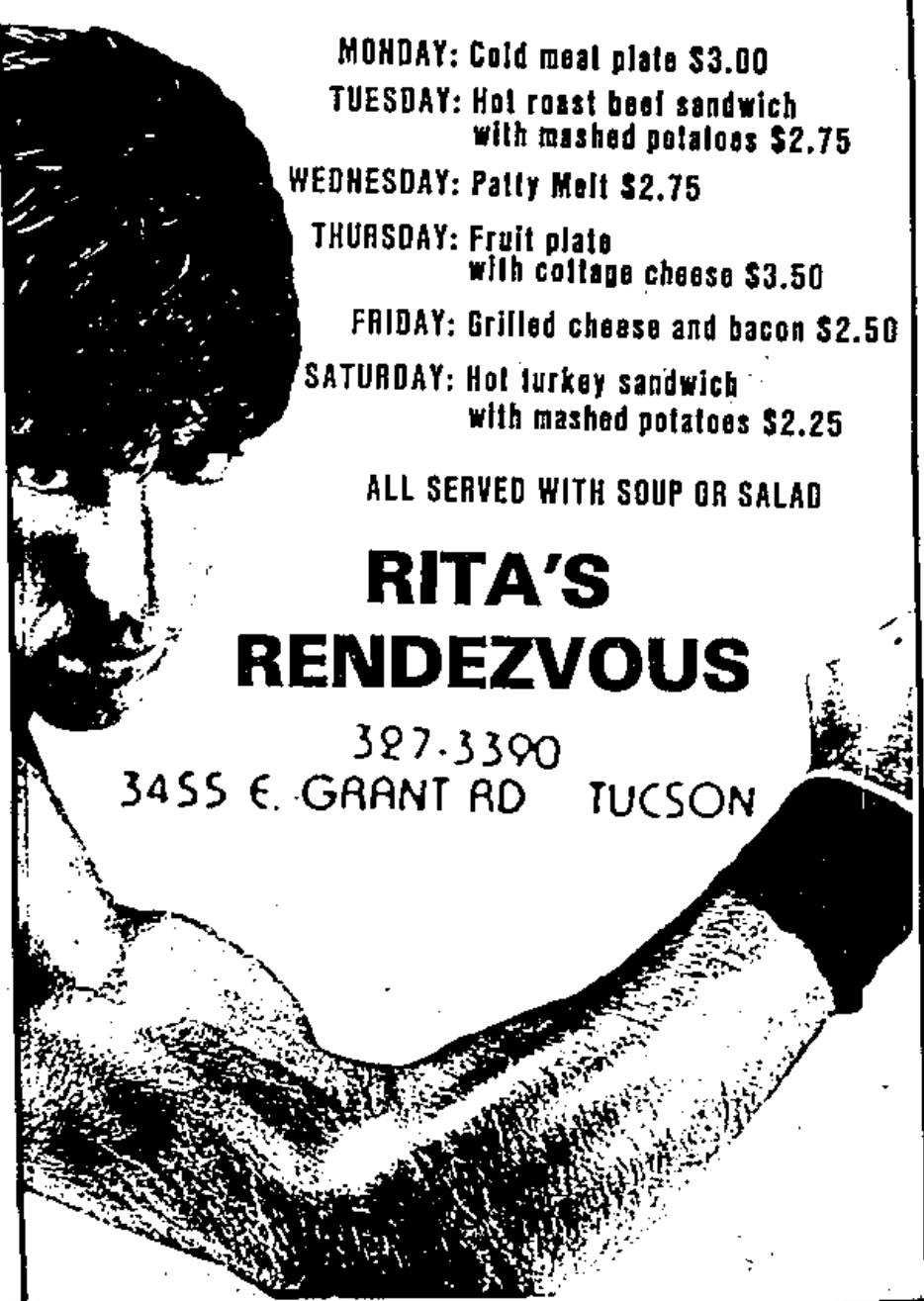


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LUNCH SPECIALS

MONDAY: Cold meat plate \$3.00
TUESDAY: Hot roast beef sandwich with mashed potatoes \$2.75
WEDNESDAY: Patty Melt \$2.75
THURSDAY: Fruit plate with cottage cheese \$3.50
FRIDAY: Grilled cheese and bacon \$2.50
SATURDAY: Hot turkey sandwich with mashed potatoes \$2.25

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MAY 19 - Dayhike, Pima Canyon, Santa Silvertown Narrow-gauge Railroad in Catalina Mountains. Call David 327-1661.

MAY 25-27 - Train Trip, Durango to Silverton, Colorado. Call Rick 885-6052 or Larry 792-1324.

PIMA CANYON What would we do without Pima Canyon? This lovely bit of desert

riparian joy is right at the end of North First Avenue and is a perfect spot to spend a hot summer-like day. It isn't a long or difficult hike (a walk of only about three miles with no major climbs) and the rewards are ample: bask on water-worn slabs of granite, rock or sand bars, spangled with tiny red garnets and silvery mica flakes. Watch hawk or vulture cruising along the cliffs high above or listen to the calls of a host of songbirds hidden in the tangle of mesquite nearby. Or just listen to the stream bouncing over roots and rocks, quietly reminding you of the magic of running water and cool green cottonwoods in the midst of arid crags and sturdy saguaros.



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**COUSING CONCEPTS
KNOWING AND ACCEPTING ME**

The dust has settled from SOS's Spring Fling, but no rest for anyone. Now the five clubs, TKO, TALL, SOS, SCLE and the T-Squares are gearing up for their "Old Pueblo Run", May 24 through May 27.

As stated in previous issues, this run will be a camp out at Catalina State Park. Plenty of good food, people games, biking events and in general a lot of fun will be on hand for all those in attendance. Applications for this run have been dropped off at Tramps and the Graduate so be sure to get yours and mail it in early.

TKO had their meeting this past weekend up at Molino Basin. On their agenda was welcoming three new pledges to the club. Approving the final draft of their "Articles of the Tucson Knight Owls" and nominations for next year's officers. They also started planning their June activity, a Scrabble run around Tucson. I wonder who will bring the dictionary for this one?

News from TALL this week. That's right, they finally gave me some and it's as follows. First of all TALL is having their Sunday dinner May 19 at the Graduate. Price for this is only \$3.99 and it runs from 5 to 8 p.m. Rumor has it that Bert will be cooking with a wok. Ernie suggested that Bert should wear a geisha outfit at that time. Watch the paper, because TALL has something real big planned for September. I'll be giving you the details as they come available to me.

Strange as it may seem, I also have news from SOS. First off, they are working with the Lesbian and Gay Pride Planning Committee in planning this year's Lesbian and Gay Pride Week. Other news from David O. can be found in the TBBS.

TBBS: It's been a good week for this section so here goes. First off when I asked David O. (SOS) if he had any news he wanted me to put in the paper, he said, "Yes, I'm pregnant"....TJ for the first time, what happened to your colors?....Sunday, Bill N. of the Graduate challenged TALL from behind the bar. I guess he felt safe. Was he in for a surprise. TALL went behind the bar and got him....Roger (Graduate), the next time you talk with Max, may I suggest Super Glue....I hear Ron and Patrick had a little misunderstanding in Phoenix. While Ron was in Charlie's (Phoenix) cleaning up, Patrick was outside sitting on the curb....Speaking of Ron T., at the Dena Kaye show at Colette's, she introduced Ron as the waiter out of Phoenix....Sunday, Forrest went over to his family's house to celebrate his birthday. I wonder why he didn't take his new husband with him....Glen, the next time you check into the Riverfront Hilton, just ask, you do not need to use a porcelain pillow....Finally, what bartender's lover was caught ripping off the ice cream chairs at Tramps?

That's all for this week, and if I live through this week's TBBS, I'll see you next week.

NOTE: All sponsoring club members of the "Old Pueblo Run", please get your monies in. It is needed so that we can start purchasing the necessary items for the run.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE Labels on the drug sold in January say the drug raises uric acid levels in the blood.

A study by researchers at the University of California at Irvine has also indicated that Isoprinosine reduces the frequency of genital herpes outbreaks and speeds the healing of lesions during a herpes attack.

Isoprinosine is produced in Mexico City by the Laboratorios Sanfer Co., which has a license to produce the drug from Newport Pharmaceuticals of Newport Beach, California.

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AIDS EFFECT ON THE LESBIAN COMMUNITY DISCUSSED

SAN DIEGO, CA - AIDS is far and away the most discussed issue in the Gay community these days, and at times it seems there's little more to say about it. But the Lesbians And Gays United Against Repression (LAGUAR) sponsored a panel discussion on AIDS last month which did bring important new perspectives to the issues.

As LAGUAR is one of the few mixed Lesbian and Gay male organizations where women predominate, it was not surprising that all three resource people on its AIDS panel were women. The forum presented a rare, in-depth look at one of the least-discussed aspects of AIDS: its effect on the Lesbian community and on relations between Lesbians and Gay men.

Researcher Karol Lightner presented the results of a recent informal survey she conducted concerning the attitudes of San Diego Lesbians toward AIDS. She sent out questionnaires to 60 women, of whom 25 responded. The open-ended questionnaire allowed women to comment freely about their fears regarding AIDS. According to Lightner, two issues turned up over and over in the responses: The fear that AIDS will be used to wipe out all the gains the Gay community has made in civil rights and social acceptance in the last 15 years, and the fear that Lesbians will soon start getting the disease, most likely through sexual transmission from bisexual women. (About 600 of the total AIDS cases in the U.S. has been women; so far no cases have been reported among Lesbians).

Lightner's results revealed an interesting division within the Lesbian community. While some women have felt compelled to reach out to Gay men and help support them during the crisis, others have felt that AIDS makes separation all the more important, and that women stay as far away from the Gay male community as possible.

A number of women, both in Lightner's survey and at the meeting itself, complained that (in the words of one attendee) "fundraising for AIDS is drying up resources in our community. We're not seeing fundraising for violence against women or for the Lesbian health clinic at Womancare. We're not seeing concern about the bombings at the Birth Control Institute or the continuing problems at Womancare." According to these women, AIDS has become just another excuse for Gay men to avoid dealing with women's issues and confronting their own sexism.

Other women surveyed complained about media coverage of AIDS, saying that stories that AIDS is "homosexual disease" will tend to lump Lesbians in with Gay men and subject Gay people of both sexes to any future quarantining, harassment or other AIDS-related repression. Many women in the survey, despite their own homosexuality, gave answers that reflected stereotypical and prejudiced thinking about Gay men and their lifestyles. A number of respondents blamed the AIDS crisis on the sexually promiscuous lifestyles allegedly led by all or almost all Gay men, and one woman wrote on her questionnaire, "I'm tired of supporting Gay men who've brought us sadomasochism, man-boy love and now disease."

Perhaps the most heartbreaking response to the survey was that of one woman who wrote, "I've stopped touching my Gay male friends almost completely. I feel like I'm treating them like Pariahs, and I don't like it. But my fear of survival is winning out over my loyalty to my friends."

At the end of the meeting, LAGUAR members reached a consensus that, because of the group's predominantly female membership and close ties to the women's community, LAGUAR is in a good position to help begin positive discussion between Lesbians and Gay men, building bridges and working together on issues of concern to both sexes. The group plans future events to help broaden women's concerns about AIDS and build better understanding of women's issues among Gay men.



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The month of May is full of Lesbian and Gay activities in Tucson. Sunday, May 12 is the end of the Spring Volleyball League. Saturday, March 17 is a Challenge Volleyball Fundraiser featuring the very best in Gay athletes. On Sunday, May 19, is the Challenge Softball Fundraiser at Himmel Park at 12:00 noon featuring the Joshua Tree Pussycats and Tramps. A \$2.00 donation at both of these events buys you all the draft beer you can drink.

Also on May 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Tramps is the Arizona Gay Auction. All proceeds form the auction go towards keeping the only weekly Gay TV show on the air. Many useful and valuable articles will be available to the community and opened a door that will allow them to participate in an important aspect of family life.

Although Ms. Bee has left Sacramento to attend graduate school, the policy change is now in effect. Gay people will be judged, as others, by individual parents and not excluded. It's not just your penis you are as a class.

John H. Magee, a litigation specialist in San Francisco, was NERA's meeting this coming Monday, May 13 volunteer attorney on the case.

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS NOW OPEN TO GAY MEN AND WOMEN

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On Thursday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. is the AIDS forum for high-risk people to be held at the Tucson Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street. This event should be considered mandatory for all Gay men. It's not just your penis you are as a class.

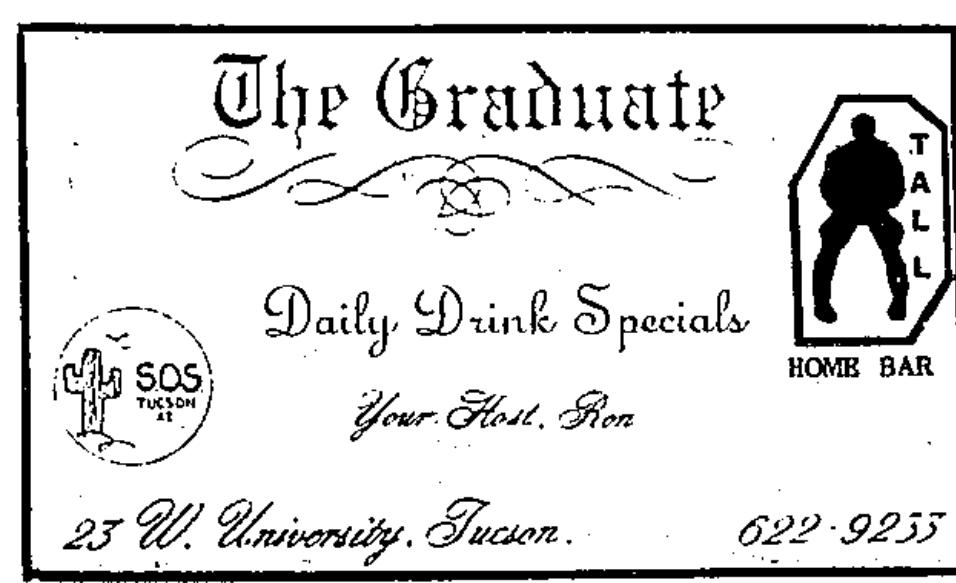
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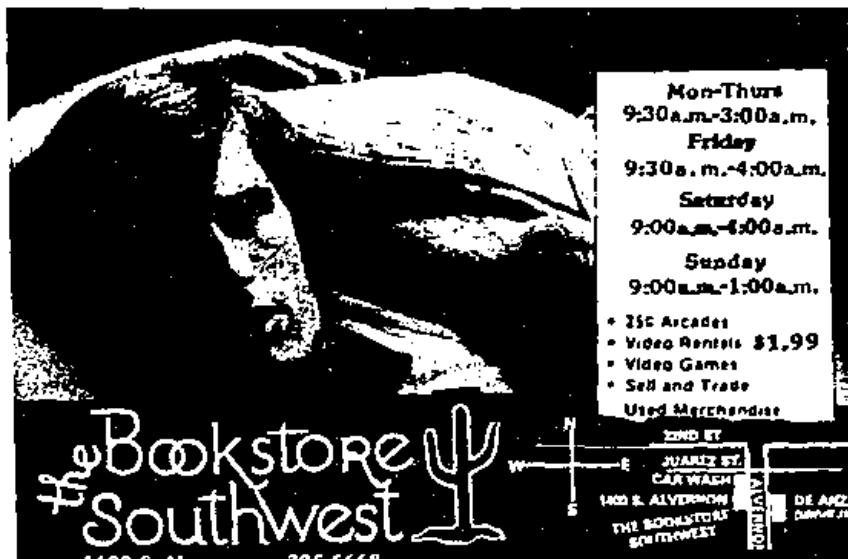
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GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL has over 80 resources for Gay men and Lesbians in Tucson. Call 792-3772

You are invited to join a discreet group of Gay men and women ages 24-40 who meet at each other's 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.

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

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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 number with the volunteer. The volunteer will return your call.

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A View From Within

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

THANK YOU, FARRAH'S

I have a policy within these columns to not name names--(usually...) I try to tell a story, or get a point across without having to resort to pointing fingers, placing blame, getting people all ticked off. I cannot, however, tell this bit of information to you, my dear faithful readers, without naming names.

The name: Farrah's.

You might remember when I got up on my high horse and screamed and yelled (something I seem to do with a lot of regularity now-a-days) about how the bars are overlooking the well being of their patrons: the men and women who comprise the Gay community of Phoenix. (THE AGBA: AIDS, TOKENISM AND CIVIL RIGHTS. Observer 9 January 1985). At the time that column came out, I had just discovered that one lone club had been accepting \$1.00 donations on Saturdays to contribute to local organizations, one of which was the Arizona Lesbian and Gay Task Force, (which is no longer in debt, thanks in part to this bar...).

Last night I went to the new CLUB 4158, you know, the new Farrah's. It is a nice place, with a nifty dance floor, some great pictures of all sorts of gorgeous men (with none or less clothing), and even doors on the stalls in the men's room. Great touch, guys...

Well, I wandered around after paying (donating) my \$1 cover charge, got an orange juice, wandered around some more, saw a couple of people I knew, wandered around some more, and stopped by the dance floor to watch. The new song We Are The World began, and I started to wander some more. The DJ came on over the song, and thanked all of us for donating our \$1 at the door, and told us that since December Farrah's has contributed over (now pay real close attention) \$9,000 to various organizations, one of which is the Arizona AIDS Fund Trust. Well, I have to admit I stopped in my tracks, a little lump in my throat, and listened to the scattered applause from one or two people in the club. I was stunned. I was very, very happy. I was very proud.

For the first time, I can say that I was very proud to be a member of the Phoenix Gay Community, because for the first time I have seen the proof that each and every person in that club cared enough to part with \$1 to help those who cannot help themselves. I felt the same pride that I feel every time I hear We Are The World (even though I have heard it a million times, what it represents never dims in my eyes: That millions of people have parted with much more than \$1 not only to buy a great song or album, but also to help those who cannot help themselves.)

Bob Hegyi is in trouble. He is the man who is in charge of the Arizona AIDS Fund Trust. They applied for a

grant for some money. 43 other states applied, and of the 9 grants that were given out, none came to Phoenix. The \$9,000 that Farrah's has donated could probably be spent in a couple months with all of the people in Arizona that have AIDS and cannot buy their own food, pay the rent, or the other bills.

I don't want to hit you with another plea for money. Things are rough all over, and lots of other people and organizations are out for your donations (part of which are tax-deductible...). But look, AIDS can hit any of you. Please do not wait until your friends or you get AIDS before you decide to do something to help. Please do something now.

I want to thank each and every person who was at Farrah's on Saturday evening, 27 April 1985. And I also want to thank each and every person who has ever gone to Farrah's on a Saturday evening since December and contributed \$1. And a big THANK YOU to Farrah's for taking a step forward in community involvement.

NOW. You are all asking yourself just how to get those big-wads of money from your wallets and into the hands of Bob Hegyi and the Arizona AIDS Fund Trust. Here are the simple things you may do.

If convenient, go to Farrah's on a Saturday. Pay your \$1 donation (or more, if you have it...) and have a good time. (Do try the nachos. They are great!) Try not to drink too much. And if you drink, don't drive. Have a good time, and don't take home any strangers. (That sounds easy enough, doesn't it?)

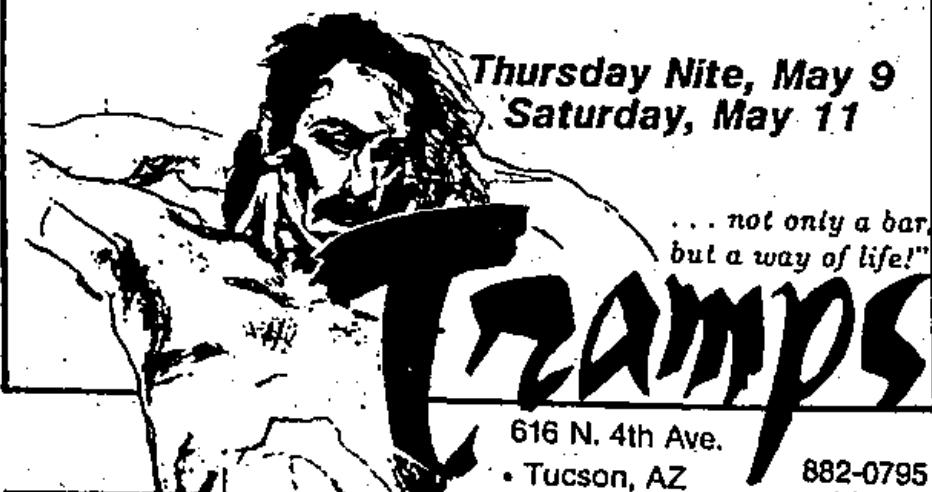
Second, if you cannot get up to Farrah's, then you can drop that big check of yours into the post and mail your donation to AAF-T c/o Bob Hegyi, Post Office Box 16423, Phoenix, AZ 85014. (And if you want to volunteer your time, let Bob know. We can never have too many volunteers...)

Thirdly, you can ask your favorite club or bar to begin a donation night the way Farrah's did. Ask the bartenders, the club owner or manager: Let them know that you would support a donation night. Let them also know that you are concerned about your community, and that it is important to you that these clubs begin to apply themselves to community support.

Well, there you have it: My soap box is now back in the closet, and I am no longer breathing hard. I want to encourage each and every reader of mine to go to Farrah's if for no other reason than to show them that you support the fact that they are supporting our community. You will certainly have a good time, you will probably find the man or woman of your dreams, and, if you try the nachos, you will leave with a full stomach. And, if you go on a Saturday, you will leave knowing that you have helped someone.

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