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## Local AIDS Blood Incidence 'Average'

by Carla McClain

TUCSON - About one unit out of all blood units being sold or donated daily in Tucson is contaminated with the potentially deadly virus linked to AIDS, say health officials.

As a general statistic, that rate of contamination is "not alarming...it is exactly what we expected, about the national average," said Bruce Porter, head of the communicable disease division of the Pima County Health Department.

A total of about 400 to 500 units of blood per day, from all non-profit and commercial Tucson blood centers, are now being tested here for the HTLV-III virus, believed to cause AIDS.

People who have the virus will not necessarily get the disease. However, many of those individuals who have sold or donated the apparently contaminated blood are reacting angrily when told of the test results, protesting that they have been tested for the AIDS factor without knowing it.

"They are shocked, but many of them are real angry," said Porter, who personally is notifying those who test positive for HTLV-III after selling their blood to Tucson plasma centers. They are angry about the test, at their spouses and sex partners, about where they may have been exposed. This seems to outweigh their concern for the future of their own health."

The testing for HTLV-III virus in blood was started voluntarily this spring by the American Red Cross and other blood centers around the nation. It since has been mandated for all blood businesses by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

AIDS, which has killed more than half of the 10,000 plus people diagnosed as having it, can be spread to unsuspecting and healthy people through contaminated blood. The disease so far has affected mostly homosexual men, but also intravenous drug users and hemophiliacs, who have

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## Pride Week Picnic Draws Record Crowds

TUCSON - The Eighth Annual Picnic in Himmel Park, always largest attended event in past Lesbian and Gay Pride Weeks, outdid itself this year.

On Sunday, June 23, the crowd began gathering before the noon opening and stayed until the closing at dusk. Estimates ranged from 1,000 to 1,500 persons who attended this year's "Day in the Sun". People were arriving and leaving all during the day. The weather cooperated wonderfully with partly cloudy skies and a nice breeze wafting over the gala picnickers.

Music was supplied by Bobby Bishop Jr., and Dave of the Joshua Tree, throughout the afternoon. The Tucson bars provided bartenders to serve beer to the thirsty revelers and the food booths were kept on their toes serving their delicacies. All of the other booths were busy passing out various bits of information, and the volleyball court was in motion from opening to closing.

There were a few snags, which happens at any event of this size, but all systems eventually worked and everyone had a marvelous time. It was cruise, cruise, cruise for many; and booze, booze, booze for others. But, that was what the day was planned for and it worked perfectly.

Due to a duplicate reservation, the picnic area was moved about 100 feet west of its regular location to the band shell area of Himmel. It proved to be better suited for the Pride Picnic in that it contained our group much better and allowed much better vantage points for spectators and picnickers.

The one spigot beer tap didn't seem to hinder to many imbibers as there were over twenty kegs of Miller Lite dispensed, thanks again to the wonderful help of the bartenders - Donnie and Dale of Tramps, Gary and Todd of Joshua Tree, Eddie and Bill from Ritas, Roger from Graduate with a lot of help from the SOS membership and Colette and her staff. There are many, many other people and businesses to thank for their assistance in producing



this annual event, most importantly the six members of the Tucson Gay Barowners Association - Bob Bishop of Back Pocket / Joshua Tree; Colette Barajas of Colette's West; Dick Plowman of The Fineline; Ron Templeton of Graduate; Mac McKown and Thom Swanson of Rita's Rendezvous and David Rainey of Tramps.

All donor names will be found in next weeks paper to insure that none are left out.

If you missed this years Himmel Park Gala, you will have to wait until next year which will be bigger and better than ever. It will be worth the wait.

**On this anniversary of Stonewall, I ask my gay sisters and brothers to make the commitment to fight. For themselves, for their freedom, for their country . . .**

**. . . We will not win our rights by staying quietly in our closets . . . We are coming out! We are coming out to fight the lies, the myths, the distortions! We are coming out to tell the truth about gays.**

**---Harvey Milk**

# B R I E F S

## SUMMER CARNIVAL

### MOVING INTO HIGH GEAR

TUCSON - One of the 'new' events that the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee has scheduled this year is the "Summer Carnival", set for this Saturday, June 29. This event started slowly but has been building steadily until now it is a full blown event! The carnival will take place in the parking lot and probably spill over inside of Colette's West and the Joshua Tree/Dick Pocket.

'Booth' space is free to any person, club, business or organization. These 'booth' spaces can be as sparse or as elaborate as one wants to make them. The person with an assigned space may sell, give away, or offer information to an expected large crowd of people attending. No alcohol may be sold, but the mind boggles at what is left. Already there are several varied food booths. There will be several artists displaying their arts and crafts for sale. There will be a dunking booth. Other booths already signed up include dart throwing, pie throwing, caricature drawing, tattooing, as well as several information booths manned by members of organizations in the Tucson Gay community.

Both Colette's and Joshua Tree will be offering extra special drinks and drink prices during the carnival.

The Summer Carnival will run from 2:00 p.m. until dusk or beyond if the demand is there. It is still not too late to get booth space assigned. Contact Jack Stockslager at 293-3515 or come to the carnival early and get an assignment from the TLGPC booth at Colette's.

## CASINO NIGHT MOVED

### TO TRAMPS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 30

TUCSON - Originally scheduled at the Graduate, "Casino Night" has been moved to Tramps and will be held in conjunction with the Swap Meet at Tramps on that day. Both events will begin approximately at 3:00 p.m. A roulette wheel and Black Jack will be featured at this event. No purchase is necessary to play these games. On

entering Tramps, persons will be given a double ticket. One-half of the ticket will be deposited in a jar for the drawing of the Grand Door Prize. The other half can be turned in for ten chips, to be used at the "gambling" table. Prizes will consist of plants of varying value, the smallest plant prize is worth 50 chips. No money can be used at the "gambling tables".

The Swap Meet is a benefit for "Arizona Gay", Tucson's weekly cable Gay TV show. The Swap Meet will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the patio area. The cost of getting a space is only \$5.00 which will go to "Arizona Gay". Each seller is requested to give one gift for the "Arizona Gay" table so they can raise some additional money.

All in all, a great afternoon of gambling, swap meeting and fun.

## LIQUOR BOARD

### RULES AGAINST FINELINE

TUCSON - A State Liquor Board panel has revoked the liquor license of the Fineline bar because of alleged violations primarily involving minors visiting and drinking at the business. Some youngsters testified that no one at the bar ever asked to see proof of their age. James P. Lagattuta, assistant attorney general said at the hearing held last week. Lagattuta said a 14-year-old testified that he and two young friends entered the bar by distracting the person checking ages. A 19-year old testified he had been in the Fineline 100 times since he was 17. Lagattuta added. People who are at least 21, and those who turned 19 before January 1, are of legal drinking age in Arizona, he said. The minimum age increased this year.

Harold L. Higgins, an attorney for bar owner Richard Plowman, said the revocation is not justified and Plowman "is going to pursue the matter to whatever court is necessary." Higgins said Plowman has taken steps to correct any problems at the bar at 101 W. Drachman.

"The bar will continue to operate

as long as it is legally permissible to do so," which is as long as appeals are being made, Higgins said. Higgins said he plans to file for a rehearing within 10 days and will appeal to the Pima County Superior Court should that fail.

In the meantime, the Fineline is open as usual and will be open as long as there are appeals to the court system.

## EDITORIAL

It occurs to me that it is coming around a little early this year. Maybe because the summer heat has come a little early. But it is a shame it couldn't have waited until after Pride Week '85.

I am speaking about the number of hate letters received here lately. Not all of them directed at OBSERVER fortunately, but to those other people who were the "victims" of such a show of vindictiveness, I really feel sorry.

Our policy has been and always will continue to be to not print letter unless signed, and if they are of a libelous nature, they will be checked out with the person who is being vilified to get the other side of the story, and with our legal department. In any event, OBSERVER is not going to be involved in any law suits that it had no business getting into in the first place. We are perfectly capable of getting into trouble ourselves!

People should be very careful before making accusations without first knowing all the facts. There are always two sides to any story, and usually somewhere in between is the truth of the matter. Innuendo, little white lies and out and out big fat lies will not be perpetrated through the pages of this paper.

Many times these squabbles between individuals are not the business of the community as a whole, but between parties who should be able to solve these matters without help from the outside.

We preach 'Unity In The Community' and will stand up and fight for what is right for our community as a whole or for any member who has been maligned or hurt, but we will not enter into a fray that is fraught with half truths, lies or innuendo.

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## Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee

Jack Stockslager, Co-Chairperson

The 1985 Pride Week Picnic set a record for attendance and also was the first picnic in eight years where there were no incidents of harassment or fights. This was also the first picnic where a major TV station [CH 9] held a live telecast for their evening news. The picnic was also covered by TV channels 4, 13 and Arizona Gay. All the news reporters noted a major difference this year in the general attitude of the picnickers. They were amazed that as they moved around the park with their cameras no one ran and hid. Our pride was very evident this year.

The picnic and the entire Pride Week events have a very significant purpose. It is our purpose, as we join Lesbians and Gays across the country, to celebrate our accomplishments and to further our struggle against the discrimination we face in our daily lives. Pride Week celebrations are as important to us as July 4th is important to this country. With every Pride Week, it is our intent to recall our pride in our history. We celebrate a time in history when Gay Power really began.

At a bar called the Stonewall Inn, in New York City, on Saturday, June 28, 1969, the police conducted a raid. Three Gays were arrested and put in a paddy wagon. A Lesbian came out of the bar and fought the police. People began yelling police brutality and a riot began that lasted two and a half days. Many people were arrested and ten police officers were hospitalized.

Lesbian and Gay Power really began at that time, which showed that we no longer allow ourselves to be society's scapegoats. In the past we ran from the police. At Stonewall we fought back for the first time, turning on our oppressors.

We in Tucson, Arizona are celebrating our Lesbian and Gay history under the theme of "Alive With Pride in '85". In Tucson, we have also fought back and as a result we have a law that

protects us from discrimination based on sexual preference in employment, housing and public accommodations. They can't fire us or kick us out of our residence simply because we are Lesbian or Gay.

We still have a long way to go. If you work outside of the city limits, you have no job protection. Consensual sexual behavior between two adults of the same sex is against the law in the state of Arizona. Our relationships have no legal or institutional sanction. Your spouse can't be covered by your medical insurance policy where you work. The fear of AIDS has caused some groups in Tucson to consider a movement to repeal the legal protection that we now have. We have much more work to do. So, as you celebrate today, this week and throughout the year, consider what you can do to bring to reality this year's slogan - "ALIVE WITH PRIDE IN '85".

### LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN PRIDE WEEK EVENTS

There were three 'casualties' in the weeklong series of events for Lesbian and Gay Pride Week '85. The "Law and Government Forum" scheduled to be held at the Fineline on Monday, June 24, had to be cancelled due to lack of response of members of the Law and Government of Tucson.

"The Life and Times of Harvey Milk" which was supposed to be shown at the MCC church building on Wednesday, June 26 and again at Joshua Tree on Saturday, June 29 was unable to be shown. The distributors of the video version of this Academy Award Winning Documentary was unable to supply the tape and will be unable to provide it until sometime in December, not in June as they promised. Instead, "Consenting Adults", the highly acclaimed television drama was shown instead.

On Sunday, due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, the "Casino Night" originally scheduled to be held at the Graduate has been moved to Tramps and scheduled for 3:00 p.m. to coincide with the planned Swap Meet.

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### LOCAL AIDS BLOOD INCIDENCE

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been infected through blood transfusions.

Nationwide, the HTLV-III virus is showing up in about two or three out of every 1,000 units of blood tested, and all suspect units are being destroyed. The first to use the test here - The Red Cross, which processes more units of blood than any other center in the area - reported positive results at about the same rate.

However, the Red Cross has not yet begun notifying its donors who have been exposed to the virus. "We will begin that process by July 1," said Joann Webster, director of the Tucson Chapter of the Red Cross. "We're still working out how we will inform people. It will be done by a physician."

All potentially infected people being notified by the county are being advised to see a doctor immediately, and to have their blood re-tested, said Porter. "It's not easy to do this," he commented. "We try to emphasize that it only means exposure, that it doesn't mean they have AIDS or are going to die. But it is a tremendous social dislocation. These are human beings who are being told that they may have some real problems, that their lives may be threatened."

Positive test results are occurring not only in the high-risk male homosexual group, but also in the low-risk heterosexual population, he said.

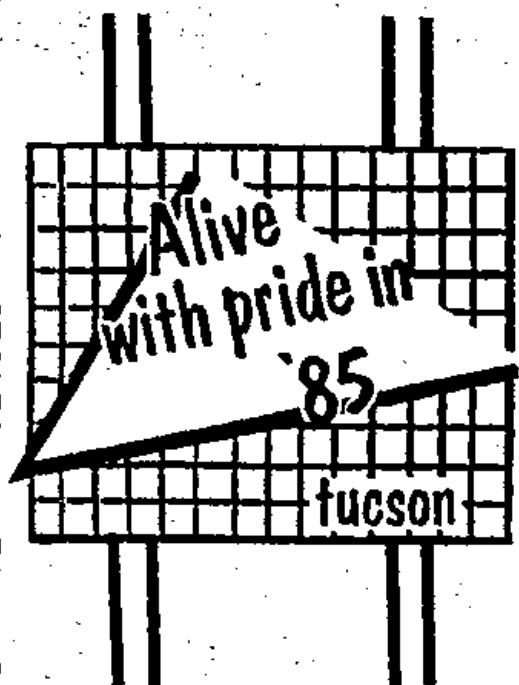
However, the very fact that such news could be "catastrophic" to a blood donor, and that the test being used to detect the virus is not totally accurate, has prompted United Blood Services of Southern Arizona to decline to notify anyone with a positive test result. "It is premature to do it," said Joseph Dockery, executive director of UBS, which has just opened a non-profit blood donor center in Tucson and is testing all donated blood for the virus. "The test is too insensitive... it doesn't tell you much."

No blood units donated to UBS in Tucson have tested positive, he said,

probably because the center is so new and few units have been processed. However, UBS has no plans now to notify any potentially infected donors in Phoenix, either, where the company dominates the non-profit blood donation business.

"Telling someone they have a positive test is potentially catastrophic for them," said Dr. James Olive, vice president for medical and technical operations for Blood Services Inc., in Scottsdale, parent company of UBS. "We've got to have better data if we're going to do that. Even a confirmed positive test doesn't mean you have AIDS. We don't really know what it means. It really isn't right to frighten someone nice enough to give blood with a test result that we don't even understand."

People who have repeatedly tested positive to HTLV-III with this test have shown a negative result when a more specific, sophisticated and expensive blood test is used, he pointed out. "It makes you think there might be something wrong with the test," Olive said. It is "unwise" for people at high risk for AIDS to take the HTLV-III test, in Olive's opinion.





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## GAY HEALTH

[ED NOTE: The following column will be appearing in the OBSERVER on a regular basis. Because of the many questions concerning AIDS that everyone is asking, Mike Griffin, AIDS counselor with TAHLA, the Tucson Gay Clinic, will become a regular contributor using questions that are asked of him at the Clinic or by phone. If you have a specific question you would like answered, contact Mike at the address or telephone number listed below.]

**AIDS: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**  
 by Mike Griffin, Tucson Alternative Lifestyle Health Clinic AIDS Counselor, 101 W. Irvington Rd., 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Fridays, or call 882-9814, Monday - Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Q. Can straight women and Lesbians get AIDS?

A. YES, but to date women are a very small group [6%] of the total number of Persons With AIDS [PWA's]. This would

be about 600 out of 10,000 cases currently reported. Most in the group have been infected [1] by sexual contact with high-risk men [Gay, bisexual, IV drug users], or [2] due to contaminated blood products, or sexual contact with someone who received such blood products. Lesbians who refrain from sexual contact with high-risk males have a very low incidence of AIDS. If you are contemplating sexual activity with high-risk males, use of condoms may provide some degree of protection.

Q. I'm getting married after several years of a "Gay" lifestyle. Should I get the HTLV-III test to see if I've been exposed to AIDS?

A. YES and NO! This is a difficult question, and may be the only exception to the advice we generally give against taking the HTLV-III test. The answer is NO if you have already been sexually active with your potential marriage partner and do not plan to have children in the near future. In this situation, if you were tested and were found to be positive, she probably would also test positive - eventually,

due to your exchange of body fluids. So why worry about the fact that both of you have been exposed, but may never develop AIDS? If, however, you plan to start a family, both of you should consider being tested to see if either or both of you have been exposed. Pediatric AIDS cases are not rare [107+ cases], especially to mothers who had no symptoms of AIDS before they gave birth, but who developed AIDS after giving birth. Therefore, planning to have children where one or both parents are in a high risk group [Gay, bisexual, IV drug user] might be the exception to the general "NO" given regarding the HTLV-III test, especially if either person was sexually exposed to someone who actually developed AIDS.

Q. What is an ARC? I heard the term used at the AIDS Forum.

A. ARC stands for "AIDS Related Complex or Condition", a syndrome recently defined by the Centers for Disease Control [CDC] in Atlanta. Since most of the opportunistic infections used for diagnosis of AIDS

appear in only the most severe cases, a new group was devised to reflect those persons who share many of the symptoms, but do not yet have the "appropriate" infection to meet CDC standards for a confirmed diagnosis of AIDS. Thus we have "ARC" - conditions related to AIDS but not quite yet a "confirmed" case.

ARC includes persons without severe opportunistic infections who satisfy criteria for two laboratory conditions or abnormalities from each group below:

- [1] CLINICAL, for 3 or more months in the absence of other causes.
- [a.] Fever equal to, or above 100 degrees F.
  - [b.] Swollen lymph nodes [Lymphadenopathy]
  - [c.] Diarrhea.
  - [d.] Night Sweats.
  - [e.] Constant fatigue.
  - [f.] Total weight loss of 10% of body weight, or more than 15 lbs. in 1 week to 3 months.

[2] LABORATORY [See your doctor about this if you have any two of the above!!!!]

## COUNSELING CONCEPTS

### PROUD OF WHAT?

Part of the 'American Ethic' that we are taught is to take pride in what we do and to have pride in ones self. Being proud of ones community, government, etc., is all part of it, 'Mom, apple pie and the American way.' I'm not proud of a lot of things involved in that ethic and I'm going to work for changing them but, where does pride find its roots?

If a person is to have pride in things it has to begin with themselves, self-image. I think of those children attending the Harvey Milk School in New York. Here are person's who have gone through so much harassment that they need this accepting environment to rebuild that self-image. The growing up process is so crucial to our mental and emotional stability later on in life. When growing up you probably knew you were different. That 'Being Different' was handled and taken in stride with some support from parents or an understanding someone or a very low self-image was developed. Developing a supportive network of friends can help to erase the damage of the past. It makes me very proud when I meet understanding parents who are supportive. I'm proud of organizations in Tucson like the Gay Youth Group. They all work to produce stable persons who are accepting of themselves and are proud to be who they are. The harassment and condemnation needs to be countered with support.

When the declaration of one's sexual preference is made to parents and they have a loving response, I'm proud of these people. Parents may be shocked but they've probably known all

along. I'm very proud of those persons who come to the point of self-acceptance that they feel they must let those who mean most know about their sexual preference. It takes a lot of courage. A person risks much in doing so. I'm not proud of parents who reject their own because of their son or daughter's sexual preference. It is a twisted parental love that does things like that. From my own personal experience I can tell you it's not easy to deal with at times.

I am proud of a religious denomination, United Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, who, right from the beginning say: "God wants you to be yourself! Why try to change the way God has created you?"

I am proud of non-Gay people who accept us as we are and treat us as persons. I'm proud of my community [the Gay and Lesbian community] that is coming of age; proud of a community that bonds together to feed needy people on Christmas day; to organize a network to help persons with AIDS; to work for acceptance not by riot, but by orderly display and through the political system.

I am proud of couples who live out their lives in view for all to see.

We can all be proud of the distance we've come. We still have a way to go. Be proud. Remember, pride begins with you. Be proud of the person you are.

Paul W. Reigle  
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## WHO SAYS TUCSON IS A SMALL TOWN?



by Loretta von Oystershucker

The scorching heat from the Tucson sun certainly brings a slowdown of activities around the Old Pueblo. The world just shifts into low gear as we survive another summer. All becomes quiet, except, except for our tongues, which still seem to work at high speed no matter what the temperature is outside. Rumors of all kinds are flying through the wires, behind a booth, over the bars. You know - Telegraph, Telephone, TelaFlores. Why here are some of the many rumors I heard just last week.....

..Crazy Patrick claims his family comes from royalty. Rumor has it his parents just discovered what a queen he is.

..Big D. Rick said he left town. Rumor has it he already had all the men in Tucson before he became famous at Tramps. Mel L. said he would forgive Roger for not sharing.

..Rumor has it Brent F's new love was spotted at a certain well-known cruise park. Perhaps he just wandered in by mistake.

..Jack D., the rumor goes, has re-proven to his friend Richard the theory of gravity when they watch a full-length 'movie'. What goes up must come down, so just buy the selected shorts.

..As we all know Thom S. was out of town for three days, without even Mac saying where he went. Rumors are flying that he either went to a Fat Farm, an abortion clinic or to have snaps permanently attached to his body to hold his pants up around his waist.

..While Thom was out of town, the rumor is Mac forgot his way home!

..There is a daily rumor that the Fineline was closed the night before. According to D.P.D.P. that is true - they were closed at the proper closing hour of 1:00 a.m.

..Another rumor is everytime a bartender from the Fineline is seen talking to another bartender or manager, they are asking about job openings.

..When Billy McT. heard there were two positions opening at Rita's soon, the rumor goes, he thought there were two new sexual positions someone came up with to try in the ladies room.

..Rumor has it that if Eddie F. and Tommy S. didn't have 'Bookstore Eyes' they never would have gotten Rita's opened that Tuesday when all the lights were out so the video could be set up.

..Jim T. tried to remake a movie version of "Going My Way" but according to rumor he ended up with a remake of "To Catch A Thief".

..Don P. now has a slot on the outside of his bedroom wall that is big enough for the Domino's Pizza delivery person to just drop in the pizza.

..One of the best kept rumors around town is that a certain Bruce is going to open a new bar. The question though is which bar did he buy - Colette's, or a bar on Stone. Someone even said, The Graduate! Interesting.

..Gary C. is spreading the rumor that he is suffering from a kidney infection. Another source is saying he is suffering from 'lack of peroxide' withdrawal!

..Christi Lunden said she was proud to be a part of the Gay Pride Picnic. Rumor has it she's just proud to finally get a gig over at Rita's after all these years.

..With Ms. Lunden returning to the stage next month in a Penguin Production, there is speculation that some stage personalities may retire and then return with their own production companies - Some rumored about are....

Lady C. with her new company "Titanic Productions". The Trampettes with their company, "High Heels Productions" Brenda Starr with "High In The Night Productions"; Monte-Jon with "Don't Get Me Started Productions"; Dani Reid with "Stay On Stage Productions"; Mother Johnny with "My Way Productions"; Misty McRae "Fame Is Just A Shot Away Productions"; and Mona Littlemore's "Somewhere Over The Hill Productions".

..There is a rumor that Sofonda Peters went to buy a few groceries for dinner and had to buy a new Cadillac to cart them home.

..Del S. according to rumor, was surprised to find that when he hired a certain company for services rendered, part of the payment would be for Steven to play chauffeur.

..Peter S. took a date with him to Phoenix and the rumor is the date was Roger B.!

..A member of the opposite sex asked Michael Y. if he was well endowed. Rumor has it for once Michael was without words.

..Dick (you know him) according to rumor claims that Liz (you know him) is definitely fifties trivia.

..There is a rumor that when CB is cooking at Rita's, the food must be gourmet because it certainly isn't fast food.

..Another rumor is JoJo tried to have a three-way with B/T Tom and Daryl but it didn't work out when Daryl wanted to be on top. Also, as the rumor goes, Daryl wanted to be on top with Jimmy J., or so Bruce thought.

..There is a rumor that there are so many rumors going around town that it would fill a book to print them all. Now that rumor is probably true.

..Rumor has it that Rita's will be having some out-of-town guests from Detroit's Brewster Project over Labor Day Weekend. Come out and greet them.

## NEWS FROM MCC/TUCSON

It was a great weekend celebrating our fifteenth anniversary here in Tucson. The Reverend Elder Dr. Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Church, was here to assist us in the celebration. It was a time of renewal for all, a renewal of our faith and a renewal of our goals for the future of the church here in Tucson. It was a great blessing for all and a weekend to be long remembered.

Our piano is now completely free and clear from any mortgage - It is the sole property of MCC/Tucson. It is dedicated to the glorification of our Lord Jesus Christ and prayers are being said so that it will be an inspiration to all who attend the services.

Our morning service on Sundays has a new format. The service is more formal to attempt to make our more liturgical brothers and sisters feel at home. The Sunday evening services will continue in the same informal atmosphere as in the past.

Beginning on July 14, Pastor David Guntion will deliver a series of sermons on AIDS. The subject of his sermons will be: "A Punishment from God?" on

July 14; "Facing Our Fears" on July 21; and "Toward a Caring Community" on July 28. These sermons will be given at the 10:45 a.m. service. On these same dates, July 14, 21 and 28, at the evening services, a series of messages will be on "Homosexuality and the Bible". Pastor Dave has spent much time and has said many prayers in the preparation of these messages, so plan now to hear these important messages that concern each and everyone of us in the community.

Pastor Dave and Reverend Bernardo will be in Sacramento, California for our General Conference. This will be an international gathering of the URMCC and it is estimated that 5,000 people will be at the Conference. Even though our leaders of the Church here in Tucson will be out of town, services at both the morning and evening on Sundays will continue without interruption. Plan to attend our services at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., God will be there as usual.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Our founding fathers objected to taxation without representation. They should see it today WITH representation.

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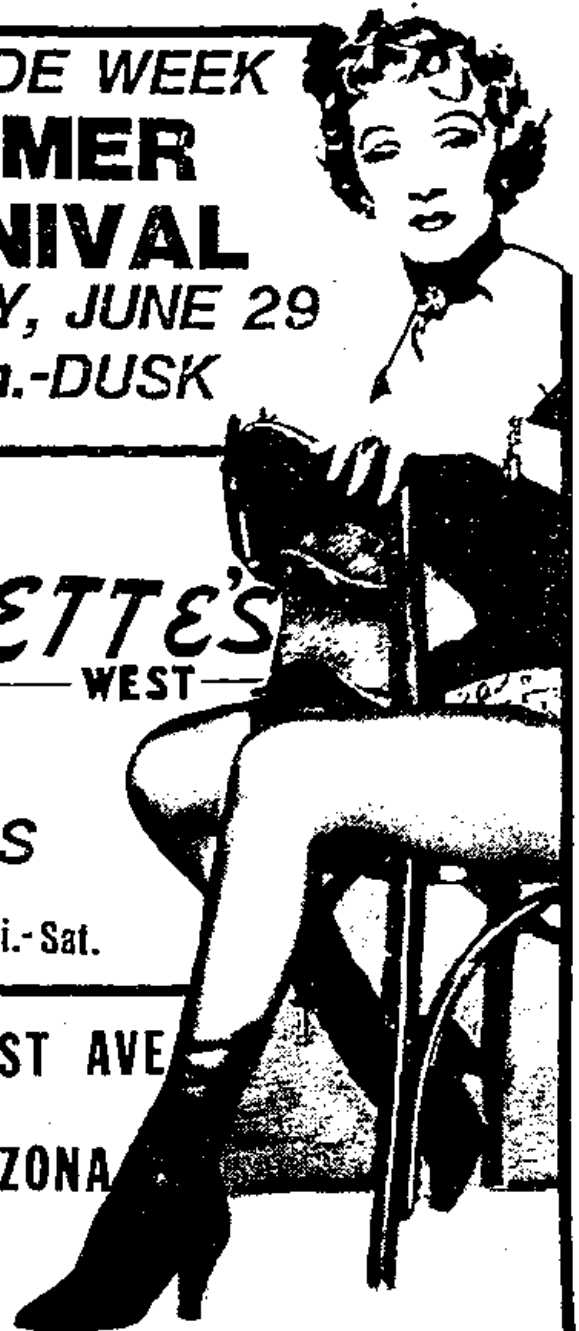
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# LETTERS

## TO THE EDITOR:

Now that I am home again and progressing toward recovery, I want to thank everyone for all of their concern that they have been showing to me. The cards, flowers, plants and visits have been a God-send to me.

I am trying to show my appreciation to as many individuals as I can, but so many have shown their concern that I would like to thank each and everyone publicly. To you Bob, I was very pleased with the May 29th issue of the Observer - it made my day. To the H&S, T&O, T-Squares - I love you all. To The Graduate and Tramps - I will return.

Love to you all

Annie

# SPORTS



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# SPECIAL CALENDAR

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FRIDAY, JUNE 28  
PRIDE WEEK - Dance Contest at TRAMPS. 9 p.m. to close \$5 entry fee. Cash prizes. Contestants must sign up between 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to pay entry fee.  
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Regular or Strawberry Daiquiri, Pina Colada or Heineken Beer on special \$1.25.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29  
PRIDE WEEK - Summer Carnival 2 p.m. until dusk at COLETTE'S WEST and BACK POCKET. Food booths, arts & crafts, game booths, dunking booth, information booths, caricatures, plus a whole lot more. PLUS drink specials at both bars.  
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SUNDAY, JUNE 30  
PRIDE WEEK - "Swap Meet" at Tramps 3:00 p.m. "Arizona Gay" fundraiser. \$5 per space plus one item to "Arizona Gay" table. PLUS "CASINO NIGHT" at Tramps at the time. Free tickets (no purchase necessary) to get chips to play Roulette or Black Jack. Win prizes PLUS big door prize with winning ticket number.  
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 3  
FINELINE - "Summer Smiles" live show with Newton John Skinner and Barbara Tafaya. This performance a benefit for AIDS. \$5.00 donation requested. 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 4  
GRADUATE - 4th of July Celebration - .50 draft from opening to closing. Free hot dogs, beans and chips starting at 1 p.m. PLUS Stephanie Price Anniversary Show at 9:30 p.m. Starring Miss Price with Candy Plastique, Miss Dominique Jeanette and Miss Jacqueline de Savoie.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, JULY 5, 6, 7  
FINELINE - "Carbo and R" Productions presents "Summer Smiles". A live show with Newton John Skinner and Barbara Tafaya. 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$3 in advance or \$4 at door. Matinee Sunday, July 7 at 3:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, JULY 10, 11, 13, 14  
FINELINE - "Summer Smiles" continues for its final performances. All performances 7:30 p.m. Matinee Sunday, July 14 at 3:00. See July 5 for more details.

# 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  
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Open 9 a.m. Mon. - Sat. Noon Sundays  
COLETTE'S WEST - Well Liquor \$1.00 - 9 to Midnight.  
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 3 p.m. Tall Neck Bottle Beer Night .75 from 7 p.m. - Hourly drink specials.  
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.  
RITA'S - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
TRAMPS - Top 40 Nite..Terry is DJing. Draft Beer .25

## 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  
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Open 9 a.m. Mon. - Sat. Noon Sundays  
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 Nite" - Well Shots and Domestic Beer \$1.00. Well Drinks \$1.25 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
TRAMPS - Leather Night. 1/2 price well and .30 draft if dressed in leather. Sleaze & cruise music by Linda.

## FRIDAY

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

COLETTE'S WEST - Free Pool from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Open 9 a.m. Mon. - Sat. Noon Sundays  
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 - 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 \$1.00. Happy Hour Prices 4 - 9 p.m.  
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Opens at noon.  
FINELINE - Long Island Ice Tea .75 from 7 p.m. to closing. Hourly drink specials daily.  
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open Noon to 9:00 p.m. Brunch till 3:30.  
TRAMPS - Sunday Beer Bust Noon to 7:00 PM. .30 per glass of draft. Tea Dance with DJ Linda 3-8 p.m. Disco 8-1 with Terry.

## MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowlers Special Night. 1/2 price drinks to Monday night bowlers. Schnapps .75. Dave Pierson DJ's in J/T 9 to 1.  
COLETTE'S WEST - Monday Night Madness - \$1.35 Margaritas 9:00 to Midnight.  
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Opens daily at 9:00 p.m.  
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 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.  
CONGRESS TAP ROOM - Opens daily at 9:00 p.m.  
FINELINE - Kamikaze's .75 from 7pm. Hourly Drink Specials.  
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## A View From Within

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

### NAOMI HARWARD ON THE EVENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF WOMEN CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI, AFRICA

JULY 1985

[In a departure from my regular resolution]. I keep getting told, weekly commentary. I present the first of many occasional columns which will provide information on special national and world events as presented by those men and women directly involved. I am pleased and honored that this special feature will be inaugurated with the words and observations of Naomi Harward.]

"This is the 1985 United Nations Decade of Women Conference and it's the follow-up from the big conference on women in Mexico in 1975. Then the mid-decade conference in Copenhagen in 1980. What they're trying to do is really stimulate more awareness and concern for women throughout the world and there will be people from all over the world talking in terms of the kinds of things that are their problems, and what they are doing about them, and how it's coming.

"This particular conference is concentrating on equality, opportunity and peace. Then they have sub-headings [which include] employment, health-care, and education.

"I'm representing the Gray Panthers at the sub-committee on the Non-Governmental Organization [NGO]. They found from their experience in Mexico City and Copenhagen that official delegates from the countries that participate in the United Nations ... come with instructions on what they are supposed to say, and what they are not supposed to say. So, they have developed this NGO conference that precedes the regular conference to get people together, to feel freer [to talk], and these people are not delegates from their governments; they are representatives from all different kinds of organizations, and groups throughout the world that are concerned about the welfare of women. They come together to talk frankly in terms of what is really happening, while at the regular United Nations Conference, it's very official.

"I will be participating in the older women's sub-committee and I will be carrying a resolution that has been developed by the Gray Panthers and nine other organizations, and will be presenting it at the sub-committee meeting. I have not seen it yet [the

Naomi Harward, 78, professor emerita at the Arizona State University, [1954-1976] has been an active member of the Gray Panthers since she helped found the Arizona chapter in 1978. She is from Illinois, and came to Arizona in 1954 because of her children's health. She taught for almost 23 years at ASU first in the Sociology Department, and later in the School of Social Work, and retired from teaching in 1976. In 1978, she helped to create the Valley of the Sun Gray Panthers. It is because of her work with the Arizona chapter, and her work with the national Gray Panthers organization that she is going to Africa.

She has spoken in favor of civil rights of many groups, including Gay men and Lesbian women [most recently of which was her presentation to the Human Relations Committee Ad Hoc Committee on Additional Coverage for the Phoenix City Council, which was examining the possibilities of adding sexual orientation to the list of groups against which discrimination would be illegal.]

"I'm Vice Chair of the National Steering Committee [for the Gray Panthers] and so, I'm on the National Executive Board of the Gray Panthers.

"I think it [the trip to Africa and the United Nations Conference] is very exciting. I think it will be an opportunity to have some contact with people from all different kinds of backgrounds, and to discuss some of our common problems and any ideas we have on how to meet them."

[The preceding presentation was taken from a telephone interview with Ms. Harward on the afternoon of 12 June 1985, and is excerpted here in part. No part of this presentation may be reprinted without written permission from the author].

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I do have one question. Some of my friends say that I could get into trouble for not telling the truth, the whole truth, etc., etc. Is this true? What is it called when you don't tell

the truth, the whole truth, etc.....?

Also enclosed, please find an 8x10 glossy of me on the stand. My big moment.

signed: Ask me the questions, I'll sing you a song.

Dear Large Nellie Thing,

You had the guts to wear that in a court of law? Looking at this picture, I'm surprised they [like so many] didn't hold you in contempt. As to your question. Yes, you can get into trouble for not telling the truth on the witness stand. In fact, you can get into a lot of trouble. In the courtroom, they call it perjury. On the street we call it lying. One way or the other, the penalty is a stiff one and not a stiff one you would like. My advice would be this. If you can squeeze those hips out of the valley, head for the hills.

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