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Bob Hegyi addresses TAP group

by Peter Johnson
TUCSON - Bob Hegyi, executive director of the Arizona AIDS Fund Trust, [AAFT] attended the Tucson AIDS Project [TAP] meeting on Thursday, May 20, where he addressed the group and answered questions on a variety of topics relating to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

Hegyi congratulated TAP for the large turnout - about 30 people have attended each of the group's first two meetings - and then spoke about his role as director and consultant to the AAFT, and about what the fund can and is doing for people with AIDS.

He emphasized that anyone in Arizona who has been diagnosed as having AIDS is eligible for assistance, but said that the patient must contact him or another AAFT Board member before the assistance process can be started. Once he has been contacted, Hegyi said, he will visit the individual to find out what the patient's needs are.

The Fund can provide money for insurance premiums, rent, food, counseling [for the patients as well as a spouse], and sometimes for house payments, Hegyi said. However, he said it will not pay for medical expenses because those are covered under the state health-care program for indigents.

"The average AIDS patient will spend \$149,000 on medical care, and those costs would easily wipe out the fund, which currently contains about \$15,000," he said.

Hegyi said he is attempting to set up a 24-hour answering service in Phoenix to field calls from people who have questions about AIDS. Hegyi said he gets an average of 50 calls a day at his office and another 20-25 calls at night on his answering machine. "It's amazing how many calls I get - many of them from doctors, nurses and other health professionals," he said.

The Fund has not yet had any success in obtaining assistance from the state, Maricopa County or the city of Phoenix, Hegyi said, but he added that Phoenix is considering making some funding available and that he plans to talk to Maricopa County Supervisor Carol Carpenter about obtaining assistance from the county.

In response to a question about the test being used to detect antibodies to the HTLV-III virus in blood, Hegyi said he is working to come up with a unified statement about how to deal with the test results. However, he said that his advice is not to take the test.

"There are many people who are very interested in the results," he said. "The armed forces and insurance companies in particular. And no matter how many times we are assured that the results will be confidential, we just can't count on it." "There are ways to break computer codes and gain access to things that are supposed to be confidential, so our advice remains - don't give blood and don't take the test," Hegyi continued.

TAP member Mike Griffin who, with Hegyi recently completed the San Francisco-based Shanti program, which trains counselors and social workers to care for AIDS patients, primarily in San Francisco, talked about the program and gave some advice to the TAP members who are preparing to offer similar services in Tucson.

"Shanti" means "inner peace", Griffin said. "It is nationally known for its training and services and provides support for AIDS patients, their lovers and families. It currently has seven houses in the San Francisco area, where people with AIDS can live," Griffin continued, "and it provides one-on-one counseling and teaches how to learn down fears about death and dying, anger, depression and guilt."

"It is a very powerful organization in terms of teaching people how to live. If you contribute to someone's weeks, days or months, it helps you see

life better," Griffin said. "At the end of the training we were all one big family; and it makes you face your own fears about dying, which may not be such a bad thing when you realize that many people in this world lead pretty miserable lives."

Hegyi said that after the training, "it was as if I had shed 30 pounds. I got a sense of the importance of touching and loving AIDS patients, who are desperately in need of being hugged and held."

[The Shanti training procedure is on videotape and Hegyi said he has ordered a set of the tapes for use with a similar program in Arizona].

"Most of what happens with AIDS can be expected," Griffin said, "and can be dealt with just by having someone to listen. A lot of [the psychology of] AIDS is attitude, and patients with positive attitudes and continued support mechanisms tend to fare better over the long term."

Both Hegyi and Griffin were quick to add that although dealing with AIDS patients can be a rewarding experience, it also can be difficult and frustrating. "Realize what you're getting into," Hegyi said. "It can be difficult emotionally to become involved with a person who has AIDS. It is something you can't forget, and you will live with it for the rest of your life." "People are in need of all kinds of assistance," he said, "so if you want to help, then do what you can do best."

The Tucson AIDS Project is already organizing to provide just such assistance, and help is needed in the following areas: Professional psychological counseling; advocacy for public assistance; residential shelter; AIDS "Hot Line"; insurance information and advocacy; religious/spiritual counseling; recreation/socialization activities; education [one-on-one group]; telephone notification; in-home assistance; financial counseling; personal grooming; legal assistance; nursing day-care; transportation; public relations and clerical support; and spousal and family support groups.

If you would like to help, please fill out the form printed elsewhere in this issue of OBSERVER and mail it to the Tucson AIDS Project, 3242 E. Speedway, Tucson, AZ 85716, or come to the next TAP meeting at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 13 in dining room C at the University of Arizona Medical Center.

A support group for people with AIDS and the individuals most closely working with them already has formed and meets Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Griffin at 882-9814 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Also, there will be a trained counselor to answer questions [from patients, lovers, friends, family and the well/worried] pertaining to AIDS, AIDS-related complex, safe sex, HTLV-III blood test screenings and any other related topics, from 6 to 8 p.m., every Friday at the Men's clinic, 101 W. Irvington Road.

Troy Perry comes to town

TUCSON - The Reverend Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, will be in Tucson on June 8 and 9 to help MCC-Tucson celebrate their fifteenth anniversary. A special banquet has been planned to honor this momentous occasion, which will take place at the Ramada Inn downtown on June 9. Rev. Perry will give the keynote address.

Rev. Perry will be ministering at both worship services on Sunday, June 9. Morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m. and the evening service begins at 8:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend these services and hear the message delivered by this most eloquent minister. A reception will follow the morning service at the church.

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ALIVE WITH PRIDE IN '85



"Arizona Gay" and Tucson Gay Pride

TUCSON - In recognition of Lesbian/Gay Pride Week '85 in Tucson [from June 23 to June 30], "Arizona Gay" will be cablecast at various times each day to acquaint as many people as possible with the issues affecting the Gay and Lesbian citizens of our city.

Produced and hosted by James Farias, "Arizona Gay" is a weekly, one-hour television forum about "being Gay in a straight society." The series was recently honored with an "Oasis Award for Cablecasting Excellence" presented by the Tucson Community Cable Corporation [TCCC] and Cox Cable for outstanding achievement in community programming.

A special half-hour show has been produced about the events of Gay Pride Week and will be cablecast each day from June 20 through the end of the month.

In addition, Farias has selected what he considers the most important shows from the more than twenty that have been produced and cablecast since the series began last September, and these will be replayed throughout the week. [See program schedule below].

In a letter to the "Oasis" the TCCC newsletter, Farias said, "It is important that these programs be seen by as many people as possible, to help crush the many false stereotypes and misconceptions about Gays and Lesbians."

"The purpose of [my] show," he said, "is to educate non-Gay and Gay public alike about some of the issues and perspectives of the Gay and Lesbian community. Only by educating people can we light up the shadowed corners of the mind that begot the monsters of intolerance."

Although Farias begins each program with a "Viewer Discretion" disclaimer, he stresses that there is

never any nudity, any violence, nor any obscene language. "The only controversial thing about these shows," he says, is the fact that they contain 'ideas' that may be unfamiliar to many people."

Children watching the series "may have questions," says Farias, "and they should - because they will grow up in a world like ours, where at least one out of every ten people they deal with is Gay."

On June 27, the public is invited to participate in a live show at the TCCC Studio, 10 W. Congress, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. to express support for those whose affectional orientation may subject them to harassment and discrimination.

In a letter to the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, Farias wrote that he was "proud to be a member of a community which cares deeply for safeguarding and advancing the human rights of people who are subject to abuse and discrimination because they are Gay."

TCCC in their Oasis newsletter acknowledged that they are "proud to be able to bring to the community a local public access program as informative and well-produced as 'Arizona Gay'."

ARIZONA GAY SCHEDULE FOR PRIDE WEEK
6/23 6:00 p.m. First Desert Lesbian/Gay Conference
6/24 1:00 p.m. Rights of Gay People
6/25 11:00 a.m. Our Children Are Gay
6/25 4:30 p.m. Gay Fathers
6/26 2:00 p.m. First Desert Lesbian/Gay Conference
6/26 9:00 p.m. This is Arizona Gay
6/27 2:00 p.m. Gay Fathers
6/27 9:00 p.m. First Desert Lesbian/Gay Conference
6/28 2:00 p.m. Our Children Are Gay
6/29 9:00 p.m. Rights of Gay People
6/30 6:00 p.m. Homosexuality: Read All About It.

**Your support of TLGPC fundraisers
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BRIEF

OASIS MCC

BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

PHOENIX - Oasis Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of Tempe/Phoenix has announced an ambitious building fund campaign. The fund will enable the church to place a down payment on their own permanent home or structure in the valley area within the year.

Oasis MCC is currently conducting services at Denforth Chapel on the Arizona State University Campus and has been for almost five years. Due to the rapid growth of church membership in the past year, it has become necessary to re-evaluate the current use of the smaller chapel space.

Rev. Kay Pollin, founding pastor of Oasis MCC remarked, "God is calling us to move. There are many Gays and Lesbians in the valley who do not even know that the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC) exist. Our primary outreach is to the Gay community with the message that God loves them - unconditionally - just as they are. This is crucial, especially now. People with AIDS are dying and being told that it's God's punishment. We need to provide a place for reaffirming the message that being Gay is not a sin. We cannot spread this message and effectively grow until we have a place of our own."

In the past year, the church has increased the size of its board of directors, doubled the number of deacons and student clergy, and has had a 75 percent increase in church attendance. Oasis MCC began as a seven-member study group in 1979, and now has an average of 35 people in attendance as a "mission". To obtain "charter" status, 35 official members and a commitment to pay a full-time pastor are just two pre-requisites.

Throughout the year, there will be a number of efforts to raise monies for the building fund, said members of the ad hoc committee charged with this purpose. "The primary goal is to obtain the commitment from our own members to financially support this venture. Concurrently, we will be seeking help from the Gay and Lesbian communities through outreach programs and solicitation of donations from individuals and organizations."

Currently operating on an annual budget of over \$10,000, Oasis MCC will probably double that figure in its next fiscal year, solely for its operating expenses.

Individuals and organizations who wish to contribute to the Oasis MCC Building Fund may send their tax deductible donations to: Oasis MCC Building Fund, P.O. Box 10172, Phoenix, AZ 85064, or call the church phone at 268-3183 for more information.

TWO ELECTS

1985-86 OFFICERS

TUCSON - The Tucson Knight Owls, a men's social organization, held their 1985-86 election of officers Saturday, June 1 at Tramps. New officers include, Elmer W., President; Gary T., Vice President; Jimmy F., Secretary; Tommy M., Treasurer and Bert H., Activities Captain. Tommy served as President and Elmer served as Vice President last term.

Elmer stated, "I know that we will have a lot to live up to this coming year, but we expect our tenure as new officers to be an excellent one for TKO. We have the membership and staff to make it so. I want to make it clear that I am not the 'boss' but we will all work together to make our club one that our community will respect and, through our many activities, TKO will gain even more recognition than it has in its great past record."

Elmer is still the club 'clown' and the first thing he said when the election results were in, "I is your president, and Bill is now first lady. Nancy Reagan, watch out!"

INCREASING GAY VISIBILITY

TROUBLES 43% OF JEWS

IN 1985 U.S. OPINION POLL

NEW YORK, NY - The increasing visibility of homosexuality in society is troubling to almost half of American Jews, according to the 1984 National Survey of American Jews conducted by the American Jewish Committee.

Two questions concerning homosexuality were included in the 1984 poll, which findings are based on the responses of almost 1,000 randomly sampled Jews.

The survey's first question concerning homosexuality - "Whatever my personal views of homosexuality, I think that homosexuals should have the same rights as other people" - saw 87% of respondents agree, 9% disagree, and 4% indicate "not sure".

Responses to the second question - "Whatever my views of the rights of homosexuals, I am troubled by the rise in their visibility" - 43% agree, 49% disagree, and 8% not sure.

Women, the more highly educated, and the less observant were somewhat more sympathetic to equal rights for homosexuals than their opposite numbers. These same demographic characteristics, with the additional factor of age (under 40 versus over 60) operated to significantly distinguish the "less troubled" from the "more troubled" respondents to question 2.

PACIFIC TRIBAL HOMOSEXUALITY

PAID ALTO, CA (GCM) - Over 30 different tribes in New Hebrides, New Caledonia, the Fiji Islands, New Guinea and New Britain practice or historically practiced some form of institutionalized homosexuality, according to a report of the Boston Globe. Gilbert Herdt, a Stanford anthropologist, reports that all the young males of some tribes are expected to engage in Gay sex for years as part of a secret cult. This practice is supposedly kept hidden from the women and children of the tribe, and is believed to keep the society militarily strong by transforming boys into "men".

Herdt has said the boys assume heterosexual relations once they become adults but "continue to display an intense sexual antagonism toward the women [of the tribe]."

MATLOVICH WITHDRAWS

SEX BAN PROPOSAL

WASHINGTON, DC (GCM) - A proposed initiative that would ban sex in Gay bathhouses has been formally removed from the District's Board of Elections and Ethics after the initiative's author requested it be withdrawn, according to the Washington Blade. Gay activist Leonard Matlovich has said he introduced the initiative to slow the spread of AIDS, saying that sexual activity in the baths contributed to the increase in AIDS cases in the District. (OBSERVER, May 22).

Gay and Lesbian activists overwhelmingly opposed the measure, saying the initiative would not help reduce the incidence of AIDS, but would only serve as another weapon against Gay rights. The activists have advocated voluntary educational programs in the baths.

Matlovich also withdrew an initiative which would require the posting of AIDS warning signs in Gay establishments and other businesses that cater to people at high risk for AIDS.

Matlovich reportedly said he might reintroduce the initiatives if he feels the Gay community is not adequately coping with the spread of AIDS.

GAY SEX POLICY

IN NEW SOUTH WALES JAILS

NEW SOUTH WALES (GCM) - "Inside Out", a Gay prisoners' newsletter from Australia, reports that the Minister for Corrective Services here has stated that no disciplinary action will be taken against prisoners who engage in consensual homosexual acts. Prisoners will only face disciplinary action if they breach prison regulations in the course of having sex, e.g. entering another prisoner's cell without permission.

"Inside Out" reports it will be collecting further information from prisoners as to interpretation of this new policy at individual prisons, especially in view of the current furor over AIDS and the limited amount of official, reliable educational material being distributed about the disease.

SUMMER CARNIVAL

SEEKS ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS

TUCSON - The "Summer Carnival" which is one of the big events during Pride Week '85 still has several spaces open for anyone wishing to participate. The Carnival will be held on Saturday, June 29 in both Colette's West parking lot and Hack Pocket/Joshua Tree parking lot. Both are within walking distance of each other.

As envisioned by the planning committee of TLGHC, there are spots available for food booths, game booths, fun booths, information booths, arts and crafts booths, just about anything that would attract a person.

There is no charge for the booth space. Any money received can be kept, or donated to any charity the booth occupant wishes. The idea for the carnival is to get people out, and everyone have a good time together. Persons occupying any space assigned is responsible for "construction" of his/her 'booth'. A couple of card tables and chairs are sufficient - or you can get as elaborate as you wish. Just remember, the carnival is a fun day, if you want to sell wares and make money for yourself. OK, but if not, give it to your favorite charity. You don't have to charge if you don't want to. This is for us, get the spirit, have some fun.

Come one, let's get with it. Get in touch with Co-Chairperson of TLGHC Jack Stockslager at 293-3515 or any TLGHC member or leave your name and number at Colette's West. The Carnival is on Saturday, June 29 and will run from 2:00 p.m. until dusk or whenever. Let's make this a real big wind-up of Pride Week '85 - "Alive With Pride in '85".

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COUNSELING CONCEPTS

RELATIONSHIPS: What's Love Got To Do With It?

Of late I've heard a lot of discussion about relationships. One talks about compatibility, a delight to be with, good sex, interesting, etc., but the word love seems to be absent. Tina Turner poses the question, "What's love got to do with it?"

Are we trying to escape the matter of fact reply of people who say, "Gay love is just pure and simple. They're not capable of love." Even when we know such statements are totally false we tend to soft-pedal the love part. Is that why we don't hear people talk about or admit to a very special love relationship? Do we admit to a weakness by saying, "I love?" It's not 'Butch' to say, "I love you?" It takes strength, old fashioned guts, to demonstrate the fact of love. It's nice to see the Gay and Lesbian community come of age by admissions of loving another person.

Bearing witness to the fact of your love for another person is not by saying, "Well, my lover and me..." the word lover has been overworked. It's picked up along the way the connotation of "my sexual partner and me." We all know sex plays a big part in a beginning love relationship but it is not the relationship. "My spouse and me" or "My mate and me" seem to go beyond the sexual attraction part. There seems to be more security there. Now see if some of the statements and definitions of love that follow strike some resonant chords in you.

Love can be defined as: affection based on admiration, warm attachment, devotion, care, unselfish concern that freely accepts another in loyalty and seeks their good, a score of zero in tennis. By definition love can mean from everything to nothing at all. We've all run into those people to whom love means nothing at all. I guess they should take up tennis then their values would match. Sometimes people have come to that, to really start investigating why love doesn't mean anything.

In the ideal love doesn't keep track of wrongs. Love respects the other. Love is patient enough to talk things out when there's been a difference. When things are rough going, love's there. Love doesn't high-tail-it and run at the first sign of trouble. Love builds up another; hopes for another's best. Love rejoices when the other wins big in life. Love doesn't have to be top banana. Love takes you just as you are.

Can you imagine being in a relationship with these kinds of positive things on your side? It makes that riskier part much easier. What do you think? Does love have anything to do with it? If it doesn't would you try it?

Paul W. Reigle
for Counseling Concepts, Tucson

Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee

The third annual MUDWRESTLING fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, at Joshua Tree/Back Pocket at 2:00 p.m. A tag team match and several individual matches are scheduled. We need more contestants. Challenge a friend or a lover to roll and tumble in the cool mud. Special prizes will be awarded the winners. Contestants can sign up at the Back Pocket or call me at 293-3515. This is a fundraiser and all proceeds go to pay for Pride Week '85.

TLGPC is now meeting every Monday to finalize the details of Pride Week. There are eight days of activities scheduled beginning with the picnic at Himmel Park on Sunday, June 23 and ending on Sunday, June 30 with Casino

IDAHO HOUSE DEFEATS ANTI-GAY BILL

BOISE, ID (OCN) - In a 9-8 vote, the Education Committee of the Idaho House of Representatives defeated a bill that would have made it illegal for teachers to say or imply that homosexuality is normal or acceptable, according to the Advocate.

The bill, sponsored by state Rep. Myron Jones, was introduced after the Idaho Education Association filed a "friend of the court" brief against a similar Oklahoma law that was challenged by the National Gay Task Force and struck down by a tie vote of the U.S. Supreme Court March 26. (OBSERVER, April 3).

The law would have required that a violator be "summarily dismissed" and barred from further teaching.

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Troy Perry was ordained a Baptist minister at the tender age of 15, already realizing his sexuality was turning out to be a little different than was expected. Back then, Troy thought he was the 'only one' like that. Suppressing his true feelings, he went on to become the pastor of a church in Santa Ana, California. Eventually, however, Troy could no longer stay in the closet and came out to his congregation. The church excommunicated him; his wife and two sons left him; and Troy was left alone. At the encouragement of a friend, he began to realize that there was a need in the Gay and Lesbian community for spiritual acceptance. Thus, Metropolitan Community Church was started in 1968. Twelve people attended the first service, held in Troy's living room.

Today there are over 32,000 members of MCC churches, missions and study groups, located in ten countries around the world. The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (U.F.M.C.C.) is the largest organization in the world to touch the lives of thousands of Gay men and Lesbians in a positive and uplifting manner. Because of this, Troy has also become very active in the national civil rights movement, in an attempt to put an end to racism, sexism, and homophobia.

He has served on the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations, and has received numerous awards for his humanitarian achievements. Troy also pushed very hard for the acceptance of U.F.M.C.C. into the National Council of Churches, which has tabled their decision indefinitely. Troy has worked diligently to produce the one-hour television documentary "God, Gays, and The Gospel," which will air later this year on PBS. The show documents the progress of U.F.M.C.C. throughout the seventeen years of existence.

Troy has proven his ability to speak eloquently before large audiences and has been enthusiastically received by congregations and audiences throughout the country, and the world. His appearance in Tucson is a rare occasion and a very special opportunity for all to get to know Troy personally.

Jack Stockslager, Co-Chairperson

Night at the Graduate. The specifics for each activity are listed in the Special Calendar Section of this issue of OBSERVER. Our next meetings are Monday, June 10 and 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the FineLine.

This is the biggest Pride Week ever scheduled in Tucson, and is thus more expensive to put on. We need your support by attendance at all fundraisers, purchasing Pride Week T-shirts and by putting your donations in the TLGPC jars that are at all the bars. Help us give you a week of activities that we will all remember. Let us all make sure that this year's theme, "Alive With Pride in '85," rings true in Tucson.

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Anyone can see from last year's TLGPC Fundraising Mudwrestling Matches that everyone had a good ol' time. As prizes, winners received bars of appropriately named 'Fairy' soap to cleanse their bodies.

This year, the Mudwrestling will be held on Saturday, June 15 at the Back Pocket 'mud rink'. Festivities begin at 2:00 p.m. and remember, it is a fundraiser to help produce this

year's Pride Week '85. Mudwrestling is fun, though a bit dirty, but remember the mud is cool and some even think it has 'therapeutic value'. Grudge matches are welcome as well as anyone who would like to wallow in the mud! Sign up prior to 2:00 p.m. if possible.

And all you perspective audience, be sure to be there, cheer on your favorites and stand clear of the mud hole or you might get dirty.



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OLD PUEBLO REPORT

After months of meetings, hours of preparations, Friday night at 4:30, May 24th, the "Old Pueblo Run" got underway. There were times when nothing seemed to be falling into place and everytime those working on the run turned around, another obstacle popped up. But, when the time for the start of the run came upon us, all was well and the party got off to a good start.

Speaking of those people who put all the time into this run, getting it ready and consumed not telling how many aspirins, or whatever, they all were members of the five sponsoring clubs. These clubs were the Tucson Knight Owls (TKO); Tucson Arizona Leather/Levi (TALL); Sister of Sonora (SOS); Sun Country Leather Club (SCLC); and the T-Squires. In all but two of the committees, each had two chairpeople, one each from the different sponsoring clubs. These people were:

Co-Chairpersons for the Old Pueblo Run:
 Nancy P. [SOS] & Doc [TKO]
 Co-Chairpeople for Finances:
 Tommy M. [TKO] & Dotty [T-Squires]
 Co-Chairpeople for Food:
 Lee [TKO & TALL] & Terry [SOS]
 Co-Chairpeople - Awards & First Aid:
 Larry [SCLC] & Rita [T-Squires]

The following two committees ended up to be one person committees but both did a superb job:

Security: Gary T. [TKO]
 Entertainment: Juan [SOS]

And finally, the last committee that in "a lot of ways" can be the most important committee. This committee is the Activities Committee and if they don't come up with some really good games for everyone to play, all the good food, all the hours of planning, and even the monies collected can go to waste because the people wouldn't have a good time. Co-Chairpeople for this committee were Bert [TKO & TALL] and due to some last minute changes a TAD pledge, Joe, was recruited and put to work. As for Bert, he has previous experience in planning different games but Joe never had any. For Joe, it was a real learning experience.

Being the present Activities Captain of TKO, I know the amount of work that goes into planning and running activities at different runs that capture the imagination of the participants. Also, having set some different games up myself, I can usually figure out sneaky different ways to play them. In one of the people games, the one requiring rolling grapes down a rain spout and catching them in a cup at the other end, I was able to figure a different little twist, how to accomplish the game and ended up being disqualified. Oh well, I guess I should have read all the rules a little closer.

Back to the overall run, Starting Friday night. The first keg was tapped at 4:00 p.m., without the gas tank. Thanks to Larry he saved the day by showing up with the gas tank. Guests for the run started arriving both at

the campsite and at the Graduate Thursday evening. The beer started flowing at 4:30 and the party was on its way. Vehicles of all types - cars, trucks, motorcycles and motor homes - started rolling in bringing a wide variety of campers all looking forward to a fun-filled weekend. Each member of the five sponsoring clubs and all the other registered guests had hopes of taking one of the trophies home from either the people events or the biking events. Everyone, this time, was eligible for the always famous and sometimes feared "Trash Award".

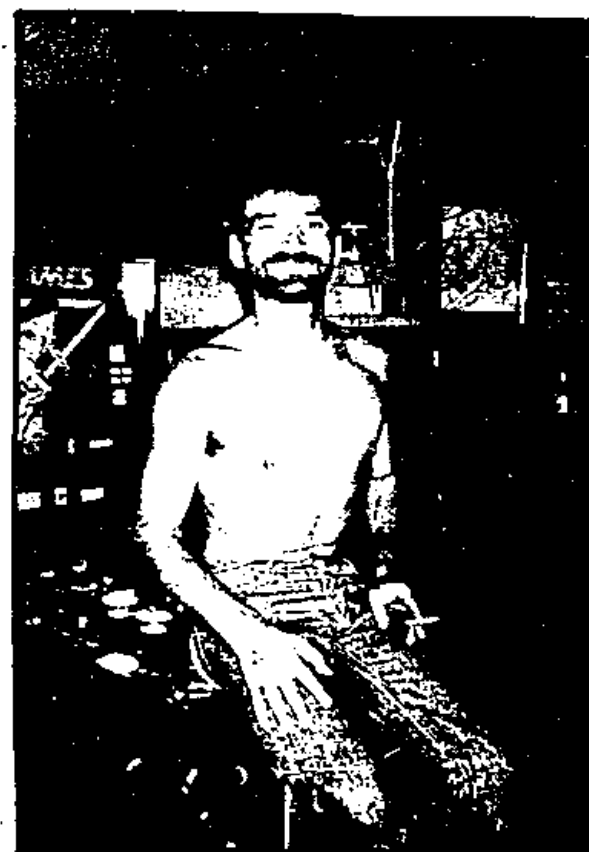
The first overall game was the "Gold Rush". This event consisted of locating golden painted rocks with different point values painted on the bottom, scattered around and throughout the campsite. From the very beginning, up to the final counting of points Sunday afternoon, people were tramping through the woods, looking under any and everything even as late as 3 a.m. locating the golden nuggets. The winner of this game was Richard [San Diego].

The next event, going along with the Gold Rush game, was the "Prospectors Game". This game consisted of locating four different prospecting items [drawings thereof] also hidden around the campsite. Clues for locating these items were placed in the run packets with four different clues, one different in each run packet. The final winner of this game went to Marilyn of the T-Squires.

The other people events were called the "Fruity Games" utilizing grapes, lemons and bananas as props. One event consisted of scooping up a cup full of grapes, pouring them into an elevated rain spout and then running to the other end and catching as many as possible. This was the game I was able to find a simpler way to win, though, after I'd finished with 257 grapes caught, I was disqualified. Oh well, I guess I should have read the rules a lot closer. After all the people games were played, Richard R. [GDI] took first place and Tom T. [SOS] took second.



You will have to read the Club Scene column to find out why Rick is so



happy, and even Tom from San Diego has a grin on his face. What happened?

OUT ON THE TOWN

STUNT MALIBU CHRISTI FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Jza Jza certainly didn't want to wind up in the centerfold like Loretta so here we are once again with more gossip from the last couple of weeks. For shame, Loretta!

Stunt Malibu Christi went on an overnight camping trip and had a wonderful time. She wanted to tell all her fans during the entire trip. It was her first time four wheeling. Time L. certainly had a great time dancing with Christi and the Rockettes that night by the fire. Christi better be careful next time or she'll really sing her bouffant.

Too bad all the food was left behind but not to worry, there was enough Southern Comfort punch, beer and champagne to last FOR DAYS! Toasted Tottie really lived up to her name that night and I think Blanche will be back for more. Nobody got much sleep that night. Stretch and Ronda Jons were rudely awakened the next morning by Madge and Mac. Ever tried sleeping in the back of a truck as you are taken four wheeling in a sandy wast? It's hard. Welcome to the crew Stretch.

The rumors about Stunt Malibu Christi's injury are true. She re-injured her neck at Macho Man's Manor the other night. Rumors have it she'll have a neck brace for awhile, however she is holding her own head up.

Miss Mae, with ample bustle and boob, managed to put on quite a show at home. I never thought Miss Jane's fancy could be tickled so. After a short gestation of nine minutes, Miss Mae lost 25 pounds and gained triplets. The children failed to thrive, however, and ended up as spare padding. The overall performance was so incredible that Miss Ronda Jons' control was simply lost. Talk about 227! Will she ever recover. She managed to avoid Miss Mae's performance at one of Tucson's newest clubs. Too bad the audience was so sparse. There probably aren't too many cockroaches left after Miss Mae's heels managed to find most of them and wipe them out with a bang. Miss Jane and Miss Mae took a short drive over Cate's Diner before the show only to give a certain unidentified hitchhiker the scare of his life. Next time he should wait until the truck stops moving before getting out. [it

wasn't that bad now, come on! Marilyn's blue dress never saw so much action, from Le Far West to Fourth Avenue.

Miss Mae also reinjured herself at Macho's Manor after the show on Fourth Avenue, but she's recovering and should be well enough for another show soon.

Well, Blanche O'Hara has finally come out. "Gloria" will now have a new meaning. Thank you Toasted Tottie and Miss Mae. I don't know who had boogies in the booth, but Blanche's moustache went poof!

Yours Forever
 Jza Jza Lafore

Fan Mail and other correspondence to:
 Stunt Malibu Christi Fan Club
 Le Far West Region
 P.O. Box 2704
 Tucson, AZ 85702

NEW CO-SPONSORS FOR HR 230

WASHINGTON, DC - Two new co-sponsors of the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill (HR 230) have been announced, they are Rep. Lindy Boggs [D-LA] and Rep. John Miller [R-WA]. They join 58 other members of the House of Representatives who have renewed their co-sponsorship so far.

Miller is the third Republican to add his name to the federal bill during this 99th Congress.

BACK OFF

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE CHIEF TELLS VICE SQUAD

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - According to the New York Native, the Chief of Police in Minneapolis has ordered his vice squad to "radically de-emphasize" its aggressive patrolling of gay businesses. Following a lawsuit filed by gay businessman, Police Chief Tony Duozze was quoted in the Minneapolis Star as saying, "I'm willing to admit that I've been slow to come around to this situation. I think what's been going on has been more harm than good - people have been put through awful mills, and lives have been hurt."

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Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Week set

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee has been hard at work making plans 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 and the turnout has been over 1,000 for the past few years.

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" will be shown at the MCC Church building, 560 S. Stone, 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 27 there will be a live presentation of "International Stud", a special encore performance of this popular play that played to SIO audiences, and featuring local actors. Two performances, 6 and 8 p.m. in the BFR at the FineLine. Donation requested. (6 p.m. show donation to performers. 8 p.m. show donation to AIDS research).

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 cash prizes make the small fee worth it. \$50 Grand Prize. \$40 runner-up. \$10 2nd place each category (disco and traditional) plus \$20 3rd place each category.

Saturday, June 29 there will be a "Summer Carnival" at Colette's West and

at the Joshua Tree. Outdoors fun with booths, food, games, and a real carnival atmosphere. Another showing of "The Times Of Harvey Milk" at the Joshua Tree at 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 30, will wind up Pride Week with a Swap Meet at Tramps at 3 p.m. Cosmo Nite at Graduate at 6 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.

"MOTHER" SAY, "PLAY SAFELY"

LOS ANGELES, CA - Zelde Rubenstein, who played the diminutive psychic in "Poltergeist," has been selected to portray "Mother," the central figure in a special public relations/advertising program designed to target AIDS high risk groups in Los Angeles. The full range campaign was created by The Communications Works, a West Hollywood public relations firm specializing in Gay outreach.

Scheduled to appear across Los Angeles on billboards, posters, brochures, on buses and in shelters, the film star depicts a Norman Rockwell type figure that proclaims the slogan "Play Safely", promoting low risk sexual behavior.

Los Angeles Cooperative AIDS Risk Reduction Education Service (LA CARES), an organization supported by the LA Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center and AIDS Project, Los Angeles, is sponsoring the program. Hugh Rice, coordinator of LA CARES, says there will be a "Mother's Favorite Son" program comprised of selected volunteers and contributors. Says Rice, "These sons will become highly visible reinforcement of Mother's message of awareness for responsible sexual behavior."

LETTERS

Dear Sir:

I would like to protest most strongly the language you used in covering the recent AIDS forum and the headlines on the article by Newton Shinner. To refer to a person with A.I.D.S. as a "victim" is a disservice to both the person involved and all other persons who may have this condition. I have a heart condition known as bundle branch blockage, does that make me a victim of bundle branch blockage? My Associate Pastor, Reverend Bernardo David has cancer, does that make him a cancer victim? All too often we slap the label "victim" on a person with A.I.D.S. and they are immediately robbed of hope.

As time goes on, we are finding more and more people who are living longer and longer after being diagnosed as having A.I.D.S. Are these people victims? Newton closed his article with the words "And someday, we will be the victors. We will conquer AIDS." Let's all adopt that head-space. Please, let's not talk about "victims", let's talk about persons with A.I.D.S. and people who are winning the battle. Sincerely yours

Reverend David A. Guntion
Tucson

ED NOTE: Of course no harm was intended. As a matter of fact that headline was "stolen" from the Tucson Daily Star. In the future we will not use the word "victim" when referring to AIDS, but rather, as you suggested "person with AIDS". However, will the next flood victim be "person too close to the river" or the person who got mugged, "poor unfortunate person"? I myself am a victim of circumstances - I do not enjoy writing about AIDS, but it is a job that has to be done.

Bob:

For some months, I have been meaning to write to you to call your attention to the bigotry practiced by the Salvation Army. Because that organization came up in the news this past week for taking kickbacks from clothing manufacturers in 10 major cities and are now being investigated nationwide, I am now reminded to tell you about my experiences with them.

Most people think the Salvation Army is a benevolent, altruistic charity. Most do not know that it is a definite religion with specific creeds and biases. Among them are the facts that they will stand up in their temple pulpits and make snide remarks about the Jews, Catholics, etc.

But specifically, they hate Gays, and use all of the old condemnations and prejudices. Locally, people who were in the Corps and found out, or admitted being Gay, were exiled from Tucson. Lesbians who attend the Corps church/temple at 2nd and Richey are unwelcome in the church services.

The same actions occur in Phoenix. It would be interesting to see what effect a contingent of openly identified Gay people would have on their churches, attending the church services as a protest group.

We give and give to the Salvation Army thinking they are humane and ethical. They are not.

Bill Lewis - Tucson

ED NOTE: We do know of other former Salvation Army members and conditions are similar, as you describe. The Salvation Army in New York City is going to court trying to overturn Mayor Ed Koch's Executive Order 50 which protects Gay men and Lesbians who work for private agencies that do business with the city, from discrimination. See the follow-up story in this issue of OBSERVER.

DOC:

If other people, who have made you uncomfortable do not have the intelligence to come forward and apologize for the discomfort they have caused you, I, as the new TKO President will do so. We do love you - we're still queer for you. Affectionately

ELMER

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT

If you would like to help the Tucson AIDS Project, fill out this form and mail it to TAP, 3242 E. Speedway, Tucson 85716.

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- G. Recreation/socialization activities.
- H. In-home assistance.
- I. Financial counseling.
- J. Personal grooming.
- K. Legal assistance.
- L. Public relations/clerical support.
- M. Transportation.
- N. Nursing day-care.
- Q. Spousal or family support group.
- R. Education, one-on-one group.
- T. Telephone notification.

SPORTS



PUSSYCATS TAKE DOUBLE HEADER FROM SADDLE TRAMPS

As reported by Jimmy The Greek

TUCSON - Michael Y. pitched a one-hitter through 5 2/3 innings in the night [and beer permit] shortened second game of a double header Sunday, June 2 at Himmel Park to lead the Joshua Tree Pussycats to a 17-4 win over the Saddle Tramps. With the Pussycats trailing 3-2 at the end of four innings, Yeoman and catcher Ed P. led a nine-run, nine hit barrage to blow the game wide open as the 'cats sent fourteen men to the plate in the top of the fifth. Losing pitcher Tim M. allowed eighteen loose hits despite striking out four and walking only one man.

Both teams put on an offensive show in the first game as the lead exchanged hands five times before the Pussycats took the lead for good, scoring four runs in the fifth inning. Saddle Tramps scored two runs in the seventh to trail 13-12, but the 'cats scored once in the seventh and two in the eighth to secure the victory. The undefeated Pussycats improved their record to 8-0. The Saddle Tramps dropped to 1-6. Special thanks to the Joshua Tree and Tramps for supplying the players and spectators with two kegs of beer.

1st Game	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
SADDLE TRAMPS	3	2	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	12	37	9
PUSSYCATS	3	6	0	0	4	0	1	2	X	16	22	6

WP- MICHAEL Y. (7-0) SO-3 BB-1

LP- TIM M. (0-1) SO-4 BB-2

2nd Game	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
PUSSYCATS	0	2	0	0	9	5	0	-	-	17	18	7
SADDLE TRAMPS	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	-	-	8	5	6

WP- MICHAEL Y. (8-0) SO-0 BB-0

LP- Tim M. (0-2) SO-4 BB-1

GRADUATE BOWLING LEAGUE AWARDS BANQUET

TUCSON - The Graduate Bowling League held their awards banquet last Sunday, June 2, at Rita's Rendezvous. A sumptuous dinner was provided to all the bowlers in the league and afterward awards were presented.

Accepting trophies for first place were the "Butcherettes" - Joe, Duane, and Big Mike.

Second place trophies were presented to the "Coquette's" - Veronica, Larry and John.

Accepting the awards for their third place finish on the team "Coco and the Channels" were Peter, Olivia and Kay.

It was announced at the dinner that the Graduate Fall Bowling League will be sponsored by Rita's Rendezvous. The entire league extends their thanks to Tom, Mac, and Peter for a really great banquet and afternoon.

SOFTBALL

The TLGPC Softball Sunday, June 2, at Himmel Park was a resounding success. The Joshua Tree Pussycats remain undefeated beating Saddle Tramps 16 to 12 and 18 to 5 in this double header. This fundraiser was well attended by some fifty fans. Over \$150 was raised for Pride Week '85. Thank you to the fans and Joshua Tree and Tramps for donating the kegs of beer. See the full game statistics in this column. The next Softball Sunday is scheduled for June 16 at Himmel Park. This will also be a double header with Saddle Tramps playing Colette's Bulldogs. The winner of that match then plays the undefeated Joshua Tree Pussycats.

BOWLING

Thursday, June 6 at 6:00 p.m. is the beginning night for the summer league at Cactus Bowl. This season lasts for 12 weeks. There will be four people on a team. There are openings for individuals and full teams. This is a mixed league sanctioned by the ABC and WIBC. Have fun this summer. Bring a friend and go bowling.

Winners of the winter bowling season, The Clean-Up Artists, competed this last Saturday in a tournament at Cactus Bowl for a \$1,000 prize. Although the team did not win the money, they made an excellent effort, considering they had to bowl at 9:00 a.m. after a very late-Friday night. The winners of the summer league will also be competing for the same prize money at the end of this season.

Editor-

I would like to share the following with anyone who has problems of self-image, acceptance or whatever:

I am a child of the universe
I am a child of God, and
I am a child of yours--family, society, America and Arizona
I am like everyone else, with one difference
I love one of my own, a man
Life, goals and purposes are the same for you and me
Body and soul are the same.
I am a first-class human being.
You say sex is for procreating, for the opposite sex.
I say Love and Sex are the same for all.
I am love, I am Sex
Love and sex is fun, so am I.
Love and sex is sharing, so am I.
Love and sex is human, so am I.
Love and sex is emotional, so am I.
Love and sex is being needed, wanted and desired, so am I.
I need never apologize, rationalize, or feel guilty.
If you accept me, I will accept you.
I can be your friend and more.
If not, it is your loss.
I am me.
AMEN

BELIEF:

I am a first class human being, a first class citizen which entitles me to all rights and privileges - God, America and Arizona provide. I have nothing to apologize for, to be ashamed of nor to be proven. I can and do lead a rewarding, productive, joyous life. I am going to live my life, my love and my sexuality to the fullest.

Ron, A.A. - Tucson



SPECIAL CALENDAR

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 292-2515

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 8
BACK POCKET - TLGPC FUNDRAISER - POOL TOURNAMENT begins at 1:00 p.m. Prizes. Register at Back Pocket prior to 1:00 p.m. this day.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9
MCC - Celebrating 15th anniversary. MCC founder Troy Perry officiates at both Sunday services, 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Reception for Rev. Perry following morning service.

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. GRADUATE - SHOWTIME - Aviva Diamond, Hostess with special guest star. More later. 9:00 p.m.
PATRIOT'S PARK, PHOENIX - 1985 LESBIAN & GAY PRIDE CELEBRATION. PARADE AND FESTIVAL. Floats, music, crafts, entertainment. Festival and entertainment begins at 4:00 p.m. 5:30 parade, 7:30 rally.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 (Father's Day)
TLGPC SOFTBALL GAME FUNDRAISER. HIMMEL PARK MOON. Double Header: Colette's Bulldogs vs Saddle Tramps. Winner plays the undefeated Joshua Tree Pussycats
TRAMPS - CELEBRATE DADDY'S DAY. All call liquor \$2.00 all day and evening.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23 (GAY PRIDE WEEK IN TUCSON)
8th ANNUAL PICNIC, HIMMEL PARK. Northeast corner - noon to dusk. Free beer and soda. Food booths, information booths, dancing, games, fun.

MONDAY, JUNE 24
PRIDE WEEK - LAW AND GOVERNMENT FORUM. 7 to 9 p.m. Fineline, BFR.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25
PRIDE WEEK - VIDEO DANCE. Rita's Rendezvous 9 p.m. to closing. 12 foot screen with all current video sounds plus some video surprises.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26
PRIDE WEEK - Award winning movie "The Times Of Harvey Milk" 8 p.m. MCC Church building, 560 S. Stone.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27
PRIDE WEEK - Live "The International Stud" 2 performances 6 and 8 p.m. Fineline BFR. Donation requested for performers. [8 p.m. show donations go to AIDS research].

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 11:00 - 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
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 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

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.
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 \$1.50. Dave Pierson DJ's in J/T 9 to 1
COLETTE'S WEST - Sunday Sleek 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 11:1 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. 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.
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 11:00 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.
TRAMPS - "PROMOTION NIGHT" check for special schedule each week. Spin-off dance night with Linda and Curtis.




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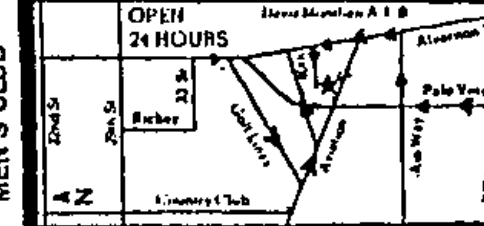
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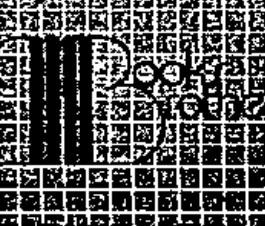


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GAY AND LESBIAN SOCIAL RAP GROUP TUCSON meets every Tuesday evening at 8 P.M. AT MCC, 560 S. Stone. For more information call 792-3772

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 Flanline 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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SENIOR GAYS (Over 40). If interested in forming a new group, call Russ at 795-7180 Tucson.

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NOTICES

THE ARIZONA LESBIAN AND GAY TASK FORCE, your organization aimed at furthering human rights, education and networking with other national and local organizations, invites you to participate. Come and attend our meetings and input your ideas. Visitors and new members always welcome. Meetings: Every Monday. Membership: \$10 per year. Contact: Lesbian/Gay Community Switchboard (7 p.m. - 11 p.m.) 234-2752 or write P.O. Box 1405, Tempe, AZ 85281.

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PERSONALS

NEEDED - COMPANION, HELPER (18-30) on trip back East. Will return to Tucson by September. Write Tom, 2509 N. Campbell, #268, Tucson, AZ 85719 or call 326-0371. 44

CASA GRANDE PROP. GYM seeks contacts for friendship, sex, share mutual interests, love, possible relationship. Write Rt. 1, Box 894, Casa Grande, AZ 85222. 45

THE EDGE....

by Guy Edgerly

One, two, thirty, fifty and sixty nine. No, not a phone number or entry number to a computer. They are numbers that mean a lot to me.

"One." The most important of all. Everything is based on one. No matter what happens in life, one is the ultimate number. One is you. No matter what is happening, your main concern is how will it affect you. When a joke is told, it's you who laughs regardless of anyone around you. When sadness strikes, it's your reaction that counts most. We are always alone with ourselves no matter who else is around. So before anything else happens, make sure that number one is taken care of. Strengthen yourself. A strong mental, physical and emotional self will help you deal with all the other numbers.

"Two". Sooner or later a strong "one" will want to share the good life. Hopefully with another strong "one". Two can be a sign of growth if you can make it work. "Two" seems to be an important goal for most of mankind. However, it is not necessary for a happy life. Two's are nice, but rarely work out for very long. All "two's" should be ended after 3 years, while you still like each other. [Quit while you're ahead]. Leave while you're a little hungry. Leave them wanting more.

After "two" comes "Thirty" and "fifty". For some, that is the number

of "lovers" [small 'L'] they have in their lifetime. For me, these are important psychological barriers of age. What I feel is more important than when I feel it. Actually, still feeling it is more important than anything. I still have [at 45] the energy and enthusiasm of my 20's, so when someone tells me to "act my age", I tell them to act like they want when they are my age, but don't tell me how I should act. I don't act. I'm very real. My values are important to me. At 30 and 50, you may reevaluate yourself, but don't be put in a mind-set to "act 30 or 50 [or 80]. Just live what you feel based on a strong "one".

"Sixty nine." A favorite number no matter how old you are. If you need an explanation of this number, ask someone who has experienced it to show you what I mean.

QUESTI ROMANI!

ROME, ITALY (GCM) - "The world's first homosexual museum" has been opened on the Pope's turf, according to the International Gay Association. Its goal is to "reflect the reality which exists but which is hidden with lies," says museum director Massimo Censoli.

The most recent exhibit included approximately 1,000 Lesbian and Gay postcards. The next scheduled show will focus on Gay Italian film director Pier Paolo Pasolini. The museum also intends to exhibit literature and documents describing Lesbian and Gay life.

A View From Within

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

WHEN A WOMAN WANTS THE BEATINGS TO STOP

As of 10 May 1985, there were 10,226 cases of AIDS, of which 5,008 have died since 1981. (From Centers For Disease Control). With 235,311,000 people in the United States, (as of 1983, from Reader's Digest Almanac and Yearbook), this represents a very small percentage of our population suffering directly from this syndrome. This is not meant to lessen the tremendous tragedy AIDS represents, but to draw attention to another syndrome that afflicts over 6,000,000 people EACH YEAR!

The facts are a sad statement on the condition of the human society as it exists today.

I was not aware just how serious was the syndrome of wife/spousal abuse until I began the research for this column. The statistics are damning. Each year from 3 to 5 billion (yes, that's BILLION) dollars are lost to business due to abuse-related absenteeism. Each year over 100 million dollars are spent on medical bills for injuries sustained due to wife/spousal abuse. [Sylvia Porter, financial columnist]. Battery is the single largest cause of injury to women. 40% of all female murder victims die at the hands of a family member, or boyfriend. [1979 FBI Uniform Crime Report]. Each year 2,000 - 4,000 wives are beaten to death by their partners. Every 18 seconds, an act of domestic violence is committed. 60% of all American families use aggression to resolve disputes. [Arizona Republic 7 Oct. 1984].

Those facts were nationwide; the facts for Arizona are no less difficult. In 1983, 39% of all murders committed were between partners. Each day, the Phoenix Police Department receives 63 domestic violence calls, and spends one-third of its police time responding to these calls.

Facts are only facts? The numbers represent only nameless, faceless bodies? Maybe so. What about the businesses, or groups that assist these people. In Maricopa County, 3,000 women and children are served in [only] 100 beds in shelters. The same number are turned away for lack of space. In all of Arizona, 24 shelters serve 6,000 women and children. They also turn away the same number for lack of space.

As a man, I guess I cannot fully realize the extent of this violence. The numbers astound me, that this syndrome is so rampant and widespread. Funding is scarce, and what there is is obviously not enough.

I do not pretend to have an answer or a solution. I am not knowledgeable enough in this subject. But there are people in Arizona who can help, or provide more information on the subject

of wife/spousal abuse. If you are a victim, or if you know a victim of this violence, the following organizations can help:

FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY: P.O. Box 1641, Scottsdale, Arizona 85231, or call 949-8684 [24-hours a day]. They offer an in-residence, six-week program to aid women and their children who are victims of abuse. On a sliding scale, the fees range from \$1 per day for the wife and fifty cents daily for each child, and up. Begun in 1978, and currently funded by CODAMA, this organization aims to help keep the family together, if possible, with counseling for the husband, wife and children.

CENTER AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT: 5555 N. 7th Avenue, Suite 115, Phoenix, AZ 85018 or 448 West 10th Street, Mesa, AZ 85201 or call 257-8093. C.A.S.A. is primarily interested in aiding victims of sexual assault which includes, but is not limited to rape, incest and molestation of either women or men.

Other numbers to call: **PHOENIX SOUTH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER** 257-9339 or 237-9345. **FAITH HOUSE** 939-8798.

Or write: **MARICOPA COUNTY TASK FORCE AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**, 2415 East Filmore, Phoenix, AZ 85008. **ARIZONA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**, P.O. Box 27365, Tempe, AZ 85282.

For further information on this subject, a new book, "The Battered Woman Syndrome" [Lenore E. Walker, 256 pp., Springer Publishing Company, New York, 1984] reports statistically on the experiences of 435 battered women. The study was funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. The results of a 200-page questionnaire are presented in charts and tables to clearly represent the significance of the results.

The book expands on the theory of learned helplessness [touching on Freud's theory of Psychic Helplessness in infants], and the "Cycle Theory of Violence" which identifies three phases in each battering incident: tension building [arguing, for example], battering incident [the act of violence], and loving contrition [where the batterer seeks forgiveness].

The book can be ordered from the publisher [200 Park Avenue, South, New York, NY 10003, [212] 475-2494, or from any B. Dalton or Waldenbooks in Phoenix or from Books Brothers, Ltd. in Tucson. Other books of interest on this subject are: "The Battered Woman" by Lenore E. Walker, 1979 and "The Battered Wife" by Del Martin.

[ED NOTE: In Tucson, names and numbers of organizations helping wife/spousal abuse can be obtained by calling Information and Referral 782-3772].

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Review...

"BY GEORGE" EXTENDS ITS RUN

TUCSON - "By George: An Evening Of Gershwin", presented by the Invisible Theatre was scheduled to run through June 9th. Because of sell-out crowds during its initial run, the show has been extended and will now play every Thursday through Sunday through June 30, barring any other extensions, which very well could happen.

Conceived by Helena Elling, musical director, Susan Claassen, producer/director, and Kenneth LaFave, musical arrangements, "By George" received mixed reviews when it first opened, but, as is the case many times, the public knew what it liked and the show became a sell-out.

Under the very capable direction of Susan Claassen, the ensemble of five talented artists and four equally talented musicians romp through an exciting array of Gershwin songs dating from 1918 to 1937. "By George" offers some 35 of Gershwin's great compositions. Included are songs from some of the great musical productions as George White Scandals, Girl Crazy, Porgy and Bess and Goldwyn Follies among others.

The ensemble was choreographed by Neil Cowhey who does some excellent special dance solos. Cowhey moves with grace and spirit on every occasion. Although the program credits Cowhey with "special movement", the entire ensemble responds to his choreography with ease in displaying the multitude of tempos presented throughout the evening.

The ensemble includes Donna Ames, Gail Fitzhugh, Bill Guise, Cowhey and

Jim Shafer. No stranger to the Tucson arts scene, Shafer's rendition of one of the opening numbers, "Swanee", was given a classic Al Jolson touch and proved to be the entertaining opening that the rest of the show had to live up to, and it does. Shafer is making his Invisible Theatre debut but he has appeared as a solo artist with the Arizona Opera Company and the Tucson Gilbert and Sullivan Theatre. He has also appeared with the Canadian Opera Company of Toronto.

Neil Cowhey is a familiar face to Tucson audiences both as a dancer and choreographer. He has appeared in Invisible Theatre's productions of "The Club" and "Cole". He is currently the Director of Dance Conservatoire East, and has choreographed and danced for the University of Arizona, Tucson Metropolitan Ballet, Tucson Symphony, Gilbert and Sullivan, Playbox Theatre as well as Southern Arizona Light Opera Company.

The entire cast and crew of "By George" deserves the thunderous applause and curtain calls it receives after each performance. It is because of their multiple talents and high energy that this production has proven the sell-out success it has been. A classy presentation that is highly recommended.

"By George: An Evening Of Gershwin" plays at the Invisible Theatre every Thursday through Sunday through June. Curtain time for all shows is 8:00 p.m. It is located at 1400 North First Avenue, Tucson. For ticket information or reservations (which are recommended) call 682-9721.