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'Early Frost' Rates High With Everyone

by Dan Huff

"An Early Frost" aired on NBC-TV last Monday, Nov. 11. This is a terribly sad tale of one young man's problems as a homosexual and an AIDS victim that is guaranteed to bring a lump to the throat of even the staunchest Old Testament-thumping archeconservative. Which seems precisely the point of this project.

It's an argument against discrimination, not only for Gays but for disease victims as well, something that has been overdue in the recent spate of problem-of-the-week films flickering across our screens like ghouls ghosts on the *Underworld Express*.

"An Early Frost" is better than most. Never flashy or sensational, the writing is precise and poignant as it details the sorrow of one Boston family, the Piersons. Like most of these films, we see them living their normal lives first.

Michael (Aidan Quinn) has been named a partner in his law firm. He returns to Boston to tell his folks, Katherine (Gena Rowlands) and Nick (Ben Gazzara). What Michael can't tell them is that he's Gay, and that he's been living with his lover, Peter (D.W. Moffett), for nearly two years.

The two have a close, warm relationship. And Michael's relationship to his parents also is fairly good, despite his inability to tell them of his Gay lifestyle. Both relationships fall apart in the face of Michael's AIDS diagnosis. The film details their slow, painful regroupings in the shadow of the disease, ending on a hopeful note.

It would be hard to imagine such a difficult topic handled by a national TV network in any other fashion than the way it has been dealt with here. The film even touches, although lightly, on the issue of alleged promiscuity among Gays and one possible

reason for the rapidly escalating number of AIDS cases.

The only tawdry episode occurs near the death of Victor (John Glover), the stereotypical "mincing" Gay who deals with his personal horror as bravely as any hardened soldier. As he discusses a studded dog collar to be dealt with in his will, we are led to believe it was worn by some kinky sex partner until Victor makes it clear he's really talking about a lost dog. Victor's death is one of the saddest points in this very sad film, which at least has the good grace never to lapse into the needlessly mawkish.

The acting strikes a note of realism seldom seen in relatively low budget TV drama. Gazzara and Rowlands, especially, seem like the folks next door, even if Quinn and Moffett are just a bit too bland to seem like real people. Nevertheless, you'd have to be more hard-hearted than a cast-iron sink not to empathize with these two basically decent men as their world crumbles.

And we can forgive the film's tendency to lapse into wooden, boilerplate-like dialog in spots when the characters are discussing the nature of the disease and the resulting discrimination. "An Early Frost" is, after all, a sincere, forthright attempt to confront a very real, very big shadow on the bedroom wall of our society. Shouting and screaming about evil and the judgment of a vengeful deity will only make matters worse.

As this film shows, in the darkness of ignorance where we now lie, love, understanding, sympathy and hope are badly needed.

"The film does not have a happy ending," AIDS is a fatal disease. [ED NOTE: Dan Huff is a television writer for the Arizona Daily Star from which this has been reprinted].

Can We Talk?**A Workshop On Safe Sex!**

Saturday, November 16, 1985 2:00 to 4:00 PM
The FINELINE, 101 West Drachman

or

Monday, November 18, 1985 7:30 to 9:30 PM
Main Auditorium, Second Floor, University Medical Center

This workshop, presented by the Tucson AIDS Project, focuses on a positive approach to sexuality and is intended for Gay men age 18 and over.

More TAP Fundraisers On Tap

TUCSON - More fundraising activities are scheduled for the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) in the coming weeks.

Next Sunday, Nov. 17, the M & M's Sporting Mantas, will be serving a Mexican Dinner at Rumor Hazzit. The dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. There will be a donation of \$3.50 for a very delicious Mexican dinner, with all proceeds going to TAP.

After the dinner, at 9:00 p.m. there will be a fundraising show at Simone's, 2849 N. 1st Ave. (formerly Colette's West). The show will feature a number of performers including Aviva Diamond, Fans Limited, Monte-Jon and Rick Dillon, among others. Monte-Jon and Deb Weiland will act as hosts for the show which will feature song, dance, comedy and even a "slave" auction. Tickets for the show are \$2.00 at the door with all proceeds going to TAP. In addition, Simone's is selling tickets for a 13" color TV and a microwave oven with all proceeds going to the Tucson AIDS Project also. These tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5.00.

This series of fundraising events culminates on Sunday, Dec. 1 with a benefit show at Rita's Rendezvous. During this show the winners for the trip for two to Hawaii tickets will be drawn. Tickets for this raffle are \$5.00 each and can be purchased at various spots around town. The lucky winner will receive round trip air fare and hotel accommodations for two for one week in sunny, tropical Hawaii.

Proceeds from this show and raffle will also be donated to Tucson AIDS Project. Funding for AIDS is slow and hard to come by. We need to rally and support the many benefits and people who are working very hard to bring you a variety of events in an effort to support a most worthwhile cause.

Grand Opening For It's 'Bout Time

TUCSON - The new owners of the "oldest" new bar in Tucson, It's 'Bout Time, will be holding a Grand Opening celebration beginning this Friday and continuing through Saturday.

The new staff and management have been spending many hours getting this venerable old bar into shape for the celebration. Painting, polishing and decorating have been the order of the day for some time now and things are really beginning to shape up.

On Friday there will be drink specials of schnapps for .50 a shot, long neck beer for .75 and all well liquor for \$1.25 from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. closing.

Saturday the bar will open at its regular 10:00 a.m. hour but in order to get ready for the Opening Party, the place will close down for two hours, from 7 until 9 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the new owners, management and staff from 9:00 p.m. until closing in celebration of the Grand Opening of It's 'Bout Time. There will be some surprises and prizes. Special drink prices for Saturday include Long neck beer for .75 a bottle, and all well liquor for \$1.25 from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Mark, Ed, Dan, Phil and Sandy will be there to welcome you as will staff members Bert and Jimmy, Jim and Sue, Dan, Dan, Dan (no that's not a broken record), Richard, Clint, Mark and Scott.

It's "Bout Tim is located at 616 N. Fourth Avenue and the new phone number is 882-3053.

Experimental French AIDS Program Expands

PARIS, FRANCE (AP) - A French doctor who helped develop a new treatment for AIDS announced last Monday, Nov. 11, that one of his patients had died, but said the experimental program has shown great promise and is being expanded.

Dr. Philippe Even of the Laennec Hospital in Paris said the patient, a 38 year-old French male homosexual, died Saturday. The man "had suffered from AIDS for at least a year," and first underwent experimental treatment with the drug cyclosporine three weeks ago, Even said. "He described the man as "a desperate case" and said his death had been expected, given the advanced stage of the case and the patient's multiple infections.

Dr. Even and fellow researchers Dr. Jean-Marie Andrieu and Dr. Alain Venet announced on Oct. 29 that cyclosporine had been proved effective in fighting acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). (OBSERVER, Oct. 30)

Many doctors here and in the United States criticized the announcement as premature, mainly because it was based on only eight days of tests with two patients. The man who died last Saturday was one of those patients.

A hospital source who works with Even, speaking on terms of anonymity, said the man had been sent home last week but returned to the hospital a day or two before his death.

Even said the nine surviving patients at his hospital appeared to be responding so well to cyclosporine that the treatment was being extended this week to at least five other French hospitals. He said the number of patients in the program would grow to 20 to 30.

"What can I tell you now as it concerns the first 10 patients we have really followed (under cyclosporine treatment) is that the results entirely confirm the hopes we had," he said.

Cyclosporine has been used for several years to prevent rejection of transplanted organs. The French researchers said it also paralyzed cells infected by the AIDS virus, preventing the spread of the disease and allowing the body to rebuild its immune system.

Dr. Even also revealed that another patient in the terminal stages of AIDS was treated with cyclosporine for two days and died, despite showing a "biological improvement." He said that death occurred two days before the Oct. 29 news conference and doctors had administered the drug with no hope of a cure. They gave the patient the drug with his consent simply to gather biological data, Even added.

Even also said that a woman with the related condition known as AIDS-related complex had responded very well.

As of Monday, Nov. 11, there were 14,519 known cases of AIDS identified in the United States.

Brazil #4

BRASILIA, BRAZIL (OCH) - The Brazilian government is organizing a national campaign to teach health officials and citizens how to avoid contracting AIDS, according to the Washington Blade. Pamphlets warning of AIDS symptoms and recommending prophylactic methods will be distributed in schools and to the general public.

Brazil currently ranks fourth in the world behind the U.S., Haiti and France with 415 AIDS cases and over 200 deaths resulting from the disease.

B R I E F S

TAP BAKE SALE RAISES BUCKS

TUCSON - Blanche and Howard were on hand at Rita's last Sunday, Nov. 10, for a second bake sale in an effort to raise money for the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP). This sale raised \$220.21 and the monies were turned over to TAP on Monday.

A big thank you goes to all those who came and supported the sale with their purchases. Also, this sale would not have been possible without the efforts of those who took time out to bake and donate the goodies. A very special big thank you to these dedicated people.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

"An Early Frost", the NBC television drama that was shown nationally last Monday, Nov. 11 drew a whopping 29% Nielsen rating. Obviously everyone interested in gaining more information concerning Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome was tuned in.

The Tucson AIDS Project manned their Hotline during and following the show until about midnight answering questions from over 200 callers. The number of calls received by the Phoenix hotline numbered over 400.

The excellently produced show was a 'gem' in that it explained intelligently to the viewers the discrimination that is being made against people with AIDS, as well as the double discrimination if they happen to be homosexual. There is a review in this issue of OBSERVER that will explain more in detail about the show itself.

The fact of the matter is, every person who is homosexual, and every person who is an AIDS patient or who may have AIDS Related Complex, can be happy over this production. It was certainly an eye-opener for parents and friends of Gays everywhere. I have heard so many people tell me that they only hope that their parents watched the production. Mine did and they learned more positive things about AIDS as well as the Gay lifestyle and its problems with discrimination than volumes of books and lectures.

Thank you, Producer Perry Lafferty, NBC, the writers, actors and all who had a part in the production of this epic drama.

MISS GAY TUCSON APPLICATIONS

TUCSON - Applications for contestants who want to participate in the Miss Gay Tucson contest, will be available this weekend. The contest will be held on January 12, 1986 at The Fineline where applications may be picked up. Deadline for entries is Dec. 15.

Miss Gay Tucson will be eligible to enter the Miss Gay Arizona Pageant to be held early next year where she will be in competition with Miss Gay Phoenix. If that contestant wins or is 1st runner-up in the Arizona Pageant, then she becomes eligible to enter the Miss Gay America Pageant to

be held in the fall of 1986. Watch for more details in future issues of OBSERVER.

JBC Productions is producing all the Arizona pageants and may be contacted by writing, JBC Productions, P.O. Box 44281, Phoenix, AZ 85064 or by calling 244-1188 in Phoenix.

ABNORMAL BEHAVIOR CHARGED

WILSON, NC - The director of the Wilson County Department of Social Services has charged that the state's Department of Human Resources has put "the entire student population" of Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf "at risk, due to staff shortages and lack of staff training" in recognizing "abnormal sexual behavior."

Jerry A. Smith made the charge, after an investigation revealed that three male students, aged 11, 12 and 13, engaged in sexual activities with each other one night last March. The investigation, which resulted in the isolation of one of the boys from the rest of the students at night.

LETTERS

EDITOR, The Arizona Observer:
In December, The Copperstate Leathermen - Tucson Command will be chartered by this Association.

This Command (or chapter) will have local administration and will move rapidly to integrate into the local community fabric with the support and backing of this Association, it's brother Phoenix Command and all subsequent Commands.

The Copperstate Leathermen, as an Association, has never imposed any requirements or restrictions on the conduct of its full members, pledges or associates. Our people have consistently demonstrated that their maturity and respect for whatever surroundings they may find themselves in. This has been a highly successful formula that has earned us a high degree of respect in the Phoenix business community, among other organizations throughout the Southwest and has permitted us unprecedented growth.

We are good community citizens and friends. We maintain a high degree of visibility and are giving ever increasing support to fellow community organizations such as the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association because we believe the support and enhancement of expression alternatives is of significant benefit to all of us, no matter where our prime interests may lie.

It is our sincere hope and belief that in short time, Tucson will accept The Copperstate Leathermen - Tucson Command as a valid, viable and integral part of the scene, just as we hope future commands will emerge and be accepted in Flagstaff, Yuma and elsewhere throughout Arizona.

Respectfully
Dale A. McKissack, President
The Copperstate Leathermen
An Arizona fraternal association



Events

Doc Last Sunday evening at the Graduate will be one night highly praised for weeks to come. It was their "Turnabout" show and let me tell you the show was really great and loads of fun. Rather than me give you the details of this show, I'll steal a line from the Saturday AM cartoons and turn the review over to the Labor Day Virgin to report - "Exit stage left".

SOS held a good dinner Sunday prior to the show. Even if they had to cut it off early, I enjoyed it and was able to have plenty.

Other than that, the only thing going on now is the Arizona Brotherhood run in town next week. Applications have already been received insuring a fun weekend. For anyone, how I'll never know, who did not have a chance to either meet or see Nature (a nick name) at TKO's Spring Fling, he will be arriving next week. Of course no one person can make a run successful, but adding one as Nature along with 70 to 80 others, you know it's going to be a fun-filled weekend.

Applications are available at the Graduate for anyone in Tucson who'd like to join in on this run. Once again, the five sponsoring clubs for this event are: Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (this year's host club) and the Tucson Knight Owls. From Phoenix the Sons of Apollo, Arizona Rangers and joining this year from Phoenix will be the Copperstate Leathermen.

The S.O.S. plans on adding their expert assistance in helping to serve the meals for the visitors. This is so the clubs can visit more with the out of state guests.

In closing, I'd like to send a personal get well to Annie. We all miss you and hope to see you real soon.

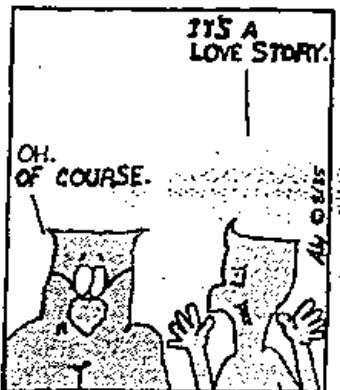
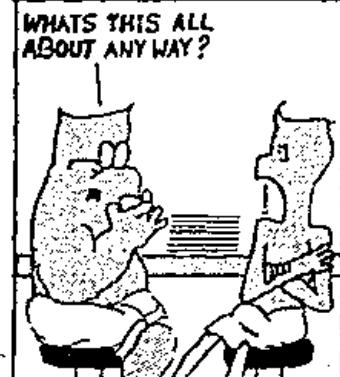
TBBS: IP was telling me the other night he got a new watch. It seems he couldn't set the sun dial for California time on his old one....Talking to Guppy the other night, I said everything she has is too small. Her response was, "Not my dildo." And right after that she turned to Roger B. and asked him if he would go to the bookstore to get her a larger one....Saturday night as I walked into the Graduate, some guy was there selling roses at 1/2 price....When S.O.S. has a dinner, you can be sure plenty of salad will be on hand. Last Sunday they showed up with 20 lbs....Bob was asking B. Mike what the difference was between him (B. Mike) and L. Mike. Would you believe B. Mike's answer was the checking accounts....There wasn't a drag queen safe at the show Sunday because IP was after all their beads.

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by Loretta von Oystershucker

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I suppose you are all waiting for my response to last week's column in the OBSERVER by Dear Blabby concerning a cake I baked for the TAP Bake Sale. It seems the cake was not exactly up to bakery quality. Well, I feel that my dear sister Blabby handled the letter from "Tucson's Most Notorious Brothers" rather well. I feel I had a great influence on my slightly younger sister ("smile, it's not all that bad") over the years and she has always turned to me for advice ("Okay you two, now take your clothes off and get on the floor!"). I could not have answered the letter any better myself.

Now as for "Tucson's Most Notorious Brothers", I can understand why the cake was so sweet to them. After all the years that those two have only eaten Humble Pie, I really did want to make it up to them and I baked them something that I was sure they would find delicious, but I forgot where their bar was to deliver it in person.

Anyway, getting back to Blabby, my little sister has followed in my journalistic footsteps and fate has brought us together writing for the same publication. Now the Observer has such a small office that occasionally some of the letters sent to Dear Blabby end up on my desk and I do my best to make sure they get back to Blabby's desk. Occasionally, like a failed cake, I don't always succeed and some letters do not reach Blabby. So I would like to let you in on some of the best letters that should have reached Blabby and you can find out from her how she would have answered.

DEAR BLABBY:
A few days ago I went to the Zoo and was shocked to see BOR putting on a public display in front of the monkey cage. Right there in public he was trying to show the monkeys how to do it by themselves, you know, self-manipulation. How could a grown man pull his own thing out in public and try to teach monkeys what to do with it?
Signed, Embarrassed, but couldn't help but watch.

DEAR BLABBY:
Last week I was entertained at a lovely dinner party along with six other friends. During the evening, conversation came up about Thom S., owner of Rita's. Two of the guests admitted that they had gone to bed with Thom and a third one said they think they had also, but wasn't sure. I was wondering if this was a frequent occurrence in Tucson with so many people in a group admitting they have gone to bed with Thom? Do you think it could be true or are all these people only saying that now that Thom is a bar owner and just want a free drink?
Signed, Glad I don't drink.

DEAR BLABBY:
A very close friend of mine told me in private that Chuck B., a bartender at Rumor's left his husband and family to live the life of a single person. Yet, lately he has been seeing only one person, Skeets aka Beefcake. Do you agree with me in thinking this relationship could really work, especially with Chuck's experience in raising children?
Signed, Slightly Soured Grapes

DEAR BLABBY:
I was sitting in one of the local bars and overheard Roger B. and Don P. talking about the past over shots of Schnapps. When the subject of weight came up, I heard Roger say to Don, "Why, I remember when you could fit behind the bar at the Graduate!" Did Roger mean Don could fit behind the bar before a weight gain or a recent swelled head now that Don has a house in the foothills.
Signed, Skinny, Green with Envy, and Been Pole.

DEAR BLABBY:
I recently met this new guy in town who seems really nice. His name is, George A. and he tells everyone he is from Montana. Do you think when one is from Detroit originally it makes them more "butch" to say they are just from Montana?
Signed, I like Bronco even if he is just a Colt.



by Loretta von Oystershucker

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COUNSELING CONCEPTS

THE CLOSET CATCHES UP

Imagine for a moment the shock one would go through finding out that they were a very sick person but had no one to call out to for help. Part of the support group is not there because one didn't cultivate those relationships. Parents cannot be told that one has AIDS, Hepatitis B, etc., because then they'd know you were Gay. "An Early Frost" which aired last Monday night on NBC brought home the message clearly. What a time to have to tell your parents that you're a Gay person when you may be dying of AIDS! They not only have to deal with their son's homosexuality but that they may lose him to this little known about disease called AIDS.

I have to live with myself and so I want to be fit for myself to know I want to be able as days go by always to look myself straight in the eye.

I don't want to stand with the setting sun and hate myself for the things I've done.

I want to go out with my head erect, I want to deserve every man's (person's) respect.

For here in the struggle for fame and self, I want to be able to like myself.

I don't want to look at myself and know that I am all show.

I can never hide myself from me.

I see what others may never see.

I know what others may never know.

I never can fool myself... so whatever happens

I want to be self-respecting and conscience free.

So what about it? Are you cultivating relationships with parents so you can let them into your life and who you are. You do run the risk of losing those who mean a lot to you. That is a fact. Coming out of the closet is risky business. Let me ask this question: If they cannot take

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When everything is said and done, the cultivation of relationships is really the cultivation of ones self, of you being true to your own self. Cultivate you and you won't have to worry about the closet catching up.

***** COMING *****

THURSDAY, NOV. 21 - 9:00 P.M.
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Last Sunday, Nov. 10, the Graduate presented their 3rd Annual Turnabout Show. I packed the house, the crowd stayed through the whole show, then gave the performers a standing ovation, which this reviewer feels they deserved - and more.

Each individual worked hard and the show sparked and flowed smoothly. I'm sorry I don't have the space to review each act. They all deserve to be mentioned with love.

There was comedy, tap dancing, serious song, Dolly Parton and above all - Roger, whose sweat and toiling made a group of non-experienced people work and look good, all with love. That love showed through. The sweat and hard work paid off and anyone who missed the show, missed a lot of love, caring and entertainment.

At the end of the show, the names were shot out like gunfire from a

machine gun. I tried to get them all, but if I missed any of the performers please forgive me. With that said, I thank the cast of "Turnabout-3": Glenda La Grande; Wayne; Miss Gigi; Miss Ginyela; Bob; Miss Lady Di; Miss Theresa; Mike; Candy; Ben, with Annie's love; Big Mike on lights, Eddie on sound and of course Aviva Diamond, Roger and the bartenders for an enjoyable couple of hours.

Neil Cowley

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by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

LOVE: A HUMBLE STAB AT A DEFINITION

"IT IS THOUGHT A DISGRACE to love unrequited. But the great will see that true love cannot be unrequited. True love transcends the unworthy object and dwells and broods on the eternal, and when the poor interposed mask crumbles, it is not sad, but feels rid of so much earth and feels its independency the surer. Yet these things may hardly be said without a sort of treachery to the relation. The essence of friendship is entireness, a total magnanimity and trust. It must not surmise or provide for infirmity. It treats its object as a god, and it may deify both." --Ralph Waldo Emerson, from his essay *Friendship*.

I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.
I love thee with the passion put to use
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
With my lost saints -- I love thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life! -- and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death."
--Elizabeth Barrett Browning, sonnet No. 43 from her *Sonnets from the Portuguese*.

"LOVE IS OUR EMOTIONAL RESPONSE to that which we value highly. It is the experience of joy in the existence of the loved object, joy in proximity, and joy in interaction or involvement. To love is to delight in the being whom one loves, to experience pleasure in that being's presence, to find gratification or fulfillment in contact with that being. We experience the loved person as a source of fulfillment for profoundly important needs." --Nathaniel Brandon, from his book *Honoring The Self*.

And, as an example of the effect love has on one person: --from the novel, *News on the Homefront*:

"Darling," he said. "I shall love you for as long as the diamond on this ring exists in this world. Wherever I am, I shall always have you by my side; for as long as I live, you will live within me. Until the sun itself turns cold, I shall love you, and even longer."

And, as an example of the effect a lost love has on one person: --from the *Sonnets: Translated from the Ancient Books of an Empty Heart*, sonnet No. 1:

Morning is unmasked. The great heart of the Day arises and warms the dark alloy.
Alone, again, am I, when my mind, a Race from the scenario worlds away,
Joins here the cerulean hue Light
Severing away the black of night. Day
Here, though a pleasure, reminds me how might

I survive a night again far away From you. My dearest, where have you gone? Why

Have you left me? I cannot endure, nay,
I cannot survive. This day, unlike my
Other lonely days, stabs harder.
I lie
Surrounded by your memory, and
fear
Not; for I find my peace when with you there...

This column is dedicated to a dream which was once held in my hand, but which has faded away.

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TUCSON LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE COMMITTEE [TLCPC] meets the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Call 293-3515 for location. Everyone welcome.

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TUCSON ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE HEALTH ASSOCIATION (TALIA) Gay men's clinic, for the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, and counseling on AIDS/HTLV-III and for the worried-well. Located at 101 W. Irvington; Open 6 to 8 p.m. every Friday. A \$5 donation is requested. TALIA also is in need of doctors and nurses to volunteer their services.

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THE TUCSON CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Wednesday Madness" - From 2 to 8 p.m. Drink Specials. Check the chalkboard. Draft Beer \$1.00, to 1 a.m. .50 per glass. Bobby Jr., DJ in J/T 9 to 1

FINELINE - Upstairs bar open 7 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m. After Hours dancing until 4 a.m.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Western Nite with "T" Squares.

RITA'S - Lunch served 11:30 - 1:30. Longest cocktail hour in town 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. featuring Well Scotch \$1 and Schnapps .75. "ITALIAN NIGHT" Italian Buffet 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. "Bowlers Special" Special drink priors for bowlers in Rita's shirts. 11:30 to closing.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Wednesday Beer Bust from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. "Dynasty" on life-size screen plus Happy Specials from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

SIMONE'S - Open 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Well Drinks \$1.00. Keferrals .75 Specials run open to close. Happy Hour 3-7. "Dynasty" on big screen TV with Happy Hour .75.

THURSDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Night \$1.25 domestic 8:00 - 1:00 a.m. Dave Pierson, DJ in J/T 9 to 1

FINELINE - Upstairs bar open at 7 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m. After Hours dancing until 4:00 a.m.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - "Leather Nite", .75 Long Necks and .50 Schnapps for all in leather 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

RITA'S - Lunch served 11:30 - 1:30. Longest Cocktail Hour in town 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. featuring Well Bourbon \$1, Schnapps .75. Hors d'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m. Well Vodka \$1, Schnapps .75 and Domestic Beer (non-premium) .75 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. DJ 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. Daily drink specials from open to 8 p.m. plus video dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

SIMONE'S - Open 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. 10 oz. draft .25. Flavored Brandy .75. Specials run open to close. Happy Hour 3 to 7. DJ playing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

FRIDAY

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 7 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m. After Hours dancing until 4 a.m.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. disc Jockey 9 to 1

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Pop, Country dance music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with D.J. Well drinks \$1.25, Schnapps .50 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Lunch served 11:30 - 1:30. Longest cocktail hour in town 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. featuring Well Rum or Tequila \$1, Schnapps .75. Hors d'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m. DJ plays from 9 p.m. to closing.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. until 1 a.m. Drink special daily open to 8 p.m. Video dancing 9 p.m. to close.

SIMONE'S - Open 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Happy Hour with food 3-7. Schnapps .75. Specials run open to close. DJ playing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

SATURDAY

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer \$1.00 (except premium). Drink specials until closing.

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 7 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m. After Hours dancing until 4 a.m.

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

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Pop, country dance music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with D.J. Well drinks \$1.25, Schnapps .50 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Domestic Beer Special (non-premium) .75, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Lunch served noon until 5 p.m. DJ 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon until 1 a.m. Daily Drink Special. Video dancing 9 p.m. until close.

SIMONE'S - Open Noon to 1 a.m. Free Pool noon to 5 p.m. Watermelons .75. Happy Hour 3-7. Specials run open to close. DJ playing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

SUNDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beer Bust 4 to 6 p.m. .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4:00 to dusk \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's in J/T 9 to 1

FINELINE - Upstairs bar open from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

GRADUATE - Draft Beer .50 and drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Sunday Beer Bust Noon to 4:00 PM, .50 glass draft. T-Squares beginners class 7-9 p.m. Schnapps .50

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Brunch 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.00 noon to 2 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open noon until 1 a.m. Drink Specials. Sunday Pool Tournaments 3-6 p.m. Video dancing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

SIMONE'S - Open noon to 1 a.m. Tea Dance 4 to 8 p.m. Fresh fruit blender cocktails \$2.50. Bloody Marys \$1.25. DJ Michelle direct from San Francisco. Football on Big Screen TV

MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Bowlers Special" .75 well drinks for J/T bowling league bowlers. Dave Pierson DJ's.

FINELINE - Upstairs bar open from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Lunch served 11:30 - 1:30. Longest cocktail hour in town 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. featuring Well Vodka \$1, Schnapps .75. Hors d'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m. daily.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. until 1 a.m. Daily drink specials open to 8 p.m. Video dancing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

SIMONE'S - Open 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Giant Margaritas \$1.25, 10 oz. draft .50. Hot Dogs .50. Happy Hour 3-7. Specials run open to close. Football on big screen TV

TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 12 oz. cans of Miller, Miller Lite or Coors \$1.00! Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T 9 to 1

FINELINE - Upstairs bar open from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer \$1.00 (except premium) and drink specials until closing.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Lunch served 11:30 to 1:30. Longest Cocktail Hour in town 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. featuring Well Gin \$1.00, Schnapps .75. Hors d'oeuvres 5 to 7.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. until 1 a.m. Daily drink special from opening to 8 p.m. All Well Drinks 2 for 1 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Video dancing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

SIMONE'S - Open 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Long Neck Domestic beer \$1.00. Melon Balls .75. Happy Hour 3-7. Specials run open to close. Pool Tournament at 9:00 p.m. Come early and sign up.

NOTE: SIMONE'S was formerly Colette's West and is in the same location, 2849 N. First Avenue, Phone 622-9731.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME was formerly Tramps and is in the same location, 616 N. Fourth Avenue, Phone 882-3053.

SPORTS

TEAM STANDING
JOSHUA TREE BOWLING LEAGUE
AS OF NOV. 4, 1985

TEAM	W	L	TOTAL PINS
1. CLEAN UP ARTISTS	26	6	13830
2. LADIES	22	10	13796
3. IT'S 12, TIME TO ES	21	11	13805
4. LADIES AND THE TRAMP	17.5	14.5	13469
5. OUT FOR BLOOD	17	15	13387
6. FLINTSTONES	15	17	13264
7. SANTA BARBARA	14	18	13383
8. MEN FROM MARS	14	18	13417
9. JOSHUA TREE	13.5	18.5	13689
10. BACK POCKET	12.5	19.5	13506
11. WILD ONES	12.5	19.5	13500
12. SIMONE'S	7	25	11732

JOSHUA TREE BOWLING LEAGUE
THANKSGIVING RAFFLE

For Thanksgiving, the Joshua Tree Bowling League is selling raffle tickets for \$1.00 per ticket for two 10-12 pound shank-quality hams. You can buy as many tickets as you want. The drawing is Monday, November 25 at 9:00 p.m. at Cactus Lanes. You do not have to be present to win. You can buy tickets from any member of the bowling league. The proceeds beyond the cost of the hams go to the league prize fund.

TEAM STANDING
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS BOWLING LEAGUE
AS OF OCTOBER 30, 1985

TEAM	W	L	PINS
1. PISTOLAS	23.5	10.5	13895
2. MIRACLE WHIPS	20	12	13632
3. A BIG NIGHT	19	13	13592
4. RITA'S ROLLERS	19	13	13354
5. THE SUPREMES	17.5	14.5	13611
6. CUTTERSHIPS	16	16	13449
7. THE SPLIT ENDS	14	18	13323
8. LAS REINAS	12.5	19.5	13317
9. 3 EASY PIECES	11.5	20.5	13505
10. RITA'S ROCKETTES	9	16	12949

JOSHUA TREE VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
STANDINGS AS OF
NOVEMBER 10, 1985

TEAM	WIN	LOST	ECT.
MEAN MACHINE	12	3	.800
MEAN AT PLAY	10	6	.625
COURT JESTERS	7	9	.437
SIX E 2 PIECES	1	12	.076

SCHEDULE OF PLAY
NOVEMBER 17, 1985
MEAN AT PLAY vs SIX E 2 PIECES
MEAN MACHINE vs COURT JESTERS
COURT JESTERS vs SIX E 2 PIECES
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

SIMONE'S (Formerly Colette's West) - Pajama-Slumber Party. Special half price drinks if you come in your jammies! DJ Dancing. "Sleep with your favorite bartender!!!"

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - (Formerly Tramps) will celebrate their Grand Opening tomorrow, but there are Pre-Grand Opening specials today - Schnapps .50; Long Neck Beer .75 and all well liquor \$1.25 from 6 p.m. until closing.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - (Formerly Tramps) GRAND OPENING PARTY begins at 9:00 p.m. Bar will open at its regularly scheduled time at 10 a.m. but will close from 7 to 9 p.m. to get ready for the party. Long Neck Beer for .75 and all well liquor \$1.25 during the party. Some other surprises are in store also. Come on by and help celebrate Tucson's "oldest" new bar.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

RUMOR HAZZIT - Mexican Dinner Fundraiser for Tucson AIDS Project - 6:30 p.m. - \$1.50 donation to TAP. SIMONE'S (Formerly Colette's West) - AIDS Benefit Show 9:00 p.m. Song, Dance, Comedy and a "Slave" Auction. Hosted by Monte-Jon and Deb Welland. Among the many performers to be on stage include Aviva Diamond, Fanci Lids, Monty and Rick, and many more. \$2.00 donation to the Tucson AIDS Project at the door. Tickets are now on sale for chances on a 13" color TV and a microwave - \$2 ea. or 3 for \$5 with proceeds going to TAP also.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

SIMONE'S (Formerly Colette's West) - Blackjack Night begins at 8 p.m. - .25 draft and .75 watermelons!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - November "Extravaganza" monthly show produced by Penguin Productions and featuring top talent from Tucson and Phoenix. This month will also feature the winner of the Halloween Drag Costume Contest. Watch for details next week on performers and other surprises. Reservations now being taken and recommended.

THURS., FRI., SAT., SUN., NOVEMBER 26, 27, 28, 29

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Headquarters for the Arizona Brotherhood Run annual get-together of all Arizona clubs. Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) are hosts for this years event being held in Tucson.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

RUMOR HAZZIT - "Gentlemen Prefer Baines" show at 9:00 p.m. starring Aviva Diamond, Sasha, Monte-Jon and Eddie Flores. \$2 Cover.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 (THANKSGIVING DAY)

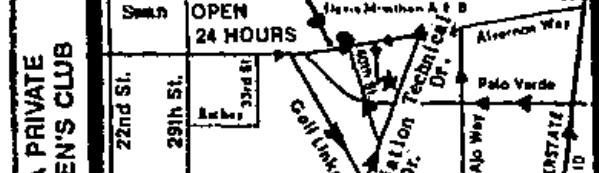
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Thanksgiving Buffet - Food served from 3 to 7 p.m. PLUS The Fred Doty Show with two shows - 6 and 10 p.m. Live country singing at its best. Celebrate Thanksgiving in real Western style.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

STABLES - 6TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION. 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. For members only. Keg Beer - Buffet - Prizes - \$2.00 discount coupon on Nov. 29 only.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - BIG, BIG AIDS Fundraiser with BIG, BIG Raffle for BIG, BIG PRIZE - Trip for two to Hawaii for seven nights. Raffle Tickets on sale November 1 at all bars, \$5.00 each. Benefit Show begins at 8:30. \$10.00 donation at door. All proceeds to Tucson AIDS Project.



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