

Observing Tucson And
The Greater Arizona Community

OBSEVER

THE WEEKLY OBSERVER

APRIL 30, 1986

ISSUE 93

—Fiesta de Mayo Sat. and Sun., May 4 and 5—Fiesta de Mayo Royal Candidates

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) and the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket have planned the First Annual Fiesta de Mayo to be held this Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4. This two-day celebration is a fundraiser for TLGA with all proceeds going to pay for Pride Week '86 events.

With the theme of "Forward Together", four couples are running for King and Queen of the Fiesta. The couples are identified by various colors. Representing the color red are Aviva Diamond and Roger Barger sponsored by the Graduate. Color white representatives are Richard Cordova and Minerva (Min) sponsored by Classic Cleaning. The color green is represented by Monte-Jon and Eddie Florez sponsored by Rumor Hazzit. The color purple is represented by Peter Sittig and Christi Lunden sponsored by Rita's Rendezvous.

The winning couple will receive crowns and robes and will reign over Lesbian/Gay Pride Week '86. The candidates are earning votes by collecting money donated under their names. The couple who raises the most money will win the crowns.

The celebration is scheduled to begin each day at 3:00 p.m. Many organizations, groups and businesses have rented booths to sell traditional food, run games and sell other items for your enjoyment. The booths will be open throughout the evening.

At 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, the candidates will be presented and live Mexican mariachi music will be played along with other entertainment will begin. On Sunday, again all booths will be open at 3:00 p.m. along with more live entertainment and Mexican

music.

Sunday evening is considered the formal portion of the Fiesta de Mayo and all participants and those who attend are encouraged to dress in traditional Mexican-style. At 9:00 p.m., the candidates will be formally presented in full dress along with other honored guests, including Virginia Urias, Queen of the Fiesta Patrias of Tucson 1984-85.

The voting closes at 10:00 p.m. The winning couple will be announced and the Coronation will take place between 10:30 and 11:00 p.m.

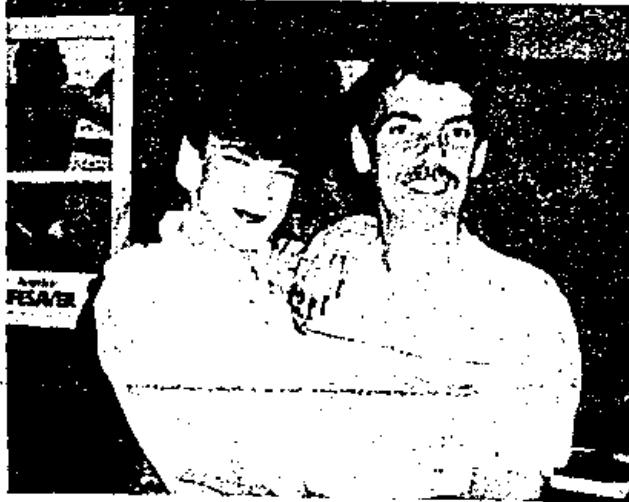
The entire Joshua Tree complex will be decorated Mexican style. Also all who attend the Fiesta will be asked to vote for the best decorated booth in the Mexican tradition. The winner will receive the rent of their booth at half price.

Again this is a fundraising event. All money raised through votes for the candidates, booth rental, sales of Pride Week T-Shirts, and food at the TLGA booth will be returned to the community in the form of events during Pride Week '86 - June 21 through June 29, and other events and services provided by TLGA throughout the year.

The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance is your organization working endlessly throughout the year to present Lesbians and Gays to the rest of the Greater Tucson area community in positive ways that reflect our pride. To continue the struggle against oppression TLGA needs your support. Vote for the candidates of your choice and attend the Fiesta de Mayo.



CANDIDATES FOR THE COLOR PURPLE:
Peter and Christi Lunden -
Sponsored by Rita's Rendezvous



CANDIDATES FOR THE COLOR RED:
Roger and Aviva Diamond -
Sponsored by the Graduate



CANDIDATES FOR THE COLOR WHITE:
Richard and Minerva (Min) -
Sponsored by Classic Cleaning



CANDIDATES FOR THE COLOR GREEN:
Eddie and Monte-Jon, or Monte-Jon
and Eddie (depending on which one
gets into drag first). Sponsored
by Rumor Hazzit.

—Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance
forward together—

tucson 86

NGLTF: Violence against Gays on upswing

by Douglas Kreutz
Citizen Staff Writer
TUCSON - On the streets, they call it "queer bashing." It amounts to verbally harassing or physically assaulting homosexuals.

In a report released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) it was maintained that "anti-Gay violence increased markedly in 1985" in some communities across the U.S., possibly as a result of what the report called "AIDS backlash".

Leading a list of 44 cities and regions in reported incidents was Phoenix (OBSEVER April 16), with 326 reports of verbal harassment or physical assault last year. Other cities reporting high numbers of incidents were San Francisco with 253 and New York with 241.

But according to representatives of the Gay community in Tucson, which was not included in the study, there's no indication that bashing incidents have increased here.

"I really have not been aware of an increase in violence against Gays here in Tucson," said Jack Stockslager, co-chairman of the Tucson Lesbian Gay Alliance. "I think it's because we're more of a laid-back community. I think we're more liberal, more accepting, here

than in other parts of the state and the country."

"I just haven't seen much of it here," said a spokesman for the Joshua Tree bar, a frequent meeting place for Gays. "I think you're looking at places like San Francisco and New York and Los Angeles for that kind of thing. People going in cars will yell out 'faggot' and things, but as far as violence, I don't think we're seeing more than we have in the past."

The task force report, titled Anti-Gay Violence and Victimization in 1985, includes data from Gay, Lesbian and anti-violence organizations in 44 cities and regions.

"Among the 44 organizations reporting to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 17, or 38 percent, claimed that anti-Gay incidents were more frequent in 1985 than they were in 1984," said Kevin Berrill, manager of the violence project for the task force. "Fifteen organizations, or 34 percent, said they were unsure as to whether there was an increase," Berrill said in a telephone interview. "Four organizations, or 9 percent, said violence had not increased."

Berrill, who emphasized that the study was not scientific in

CONTINUED ON PAGE NINE

B R I E F S

COURT TO RULE

ON AIDS ISSUE

WASHINGTON DC (AP) - Amid growing fears over the spread of AIDS, the Supreme Court is planning to decide whether public schools and other federal aid recipients may discriminate against those with contagious diseases.

The justices set the stage for a ruling next year to determine whether a carrier of a contagious disease - including the AIDS virus - may be considered a "handicapped" person protected by federal law against discrimination.

In a case involving a Florida school teacher, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in 1985 that the federal law banning discrimination against the handicapped applies to contagious diseases. In appealing to the Supreme Court, Nassau County, Florida, school officials said the appeals court decision could have "disastrous consequences".

The officials said, The decision...has far-reaching implications insofar as it constitutes a precedent that all individuals with any form of contagious disease including AIDS and other fatal diseases are protected under federal law.

AIDS - or acquired immune deficiency syndrome - is a viral disease that can kill its victims by destroying their immune system and leaving them vulnerable to other diseases.

The Florida case involves a woman, Gene H. Arline, who was diagnosed as having tuberculosis, an infectious respiratory disease.

MUD WILL BE FLUNG

TONIGHT!

TUCSON - As a fund raiser for Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA), the Graduate is presenting an unusual show this Thursday, May 1 entitled "Mud Will Be Flung Tonight".

Miss Aviva Diamond will be headlining this show and will be presenting several of the Divine Miss Midler's better known songs. Also accompanying Aviva will be a rare appearance by Miss Vicki Eadi. Also, coming out of retirement for an extremely rare appearance will be Miss Brenda Starr, radiating her very special talents from the stage. And last, but certainly not least, Delilah will shine forth rounding out a lively evening of entertainment for a great cause.

The evening's performance is being produced by Sisters of Sonora (SOS). The bar will feature happy hour prices all evening long and also will be serving 50 cent schnapps. The show will take place at 8:30 p.m. promptly. See you there.

ACTORS LAB FINISHES SEASON

SCOTTSDALE - Actors Lab Arizona finishes their 1985-86 season with the opening of "Steambath" on May 9. "Steambath" is about a group of people who find themselves in a steambath and are informed by a crazy Puerto Rican that they are dead and he is God. Trinidad Silva (from Hill Street Blues) has been brought in from Los Angeles to play the Puerto Rican. "Steambath" is a refreshing, shocking and hilarious adventure into the process of life, death and after life.

"Steambath" plays Thursdays through Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 7:00 p.m. at Actors Lab, 7624 E. Indian School Road off Parkway Avenue in Scottsdale. Tickets are \$10 for Thursday and Sunday performances and are \$12.50 for Friday and Saturday performances. For tickets and more information, call 990-1731.

THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING AT IBT

We just barely got over the three-day Fourth Avenue Street Fair and now here we are getting ready for another really big evening.

Sunday, May 4 we will present our first Annual JBC (James B. Crickman) Production of "IBT Awards Party". We will present some serious awards and some seriously funny and some funny (seriously) awards. Be on hand beginning at 9:00 p.m. for a great fun time.

Don't forget our big "WET PARTY and WET DRAG SHOW" as a kick-off to Lesbian and Gay Pride week on Saturday, June 21. Most of you remember our first Wet Party so get ready for another real "wet" time.

Thanks to everyone who stopped by and celebrated the Fourth Avenue Street Fair with us. It was a weekend to remember. Thanks to all the performers and staff who really worked their buns off to ensure a great weekend.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME

616 N. 4th Ave. Tucson, 882-3053

It's About People,
It's About Parties,
It's About Fun,
and It's About Time

IBT-S

It's 'Bout Time
616 N. 4th Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85705

882-3053

TV

This Week's TV Programs

7:00 (2) THE LOVE BOTT (60 min.) A controversial donation by the Captain becomes an embarrassment to the person who started the controversy. Captain: Thom McNamee.

(7) THE GUILDED GIRLS - (60 min.) Dorothy and Blanche can't decide who will play the Queen and who will play the King. Blanche: Eileen O'Farrell. Dorothy: M.J. Gilmore.

(69) FRONTLINE - (60 min.) Hostess Jackie de Soyza seems to appear and disappear quicker than Glinda the Good Witch. Where is she? Don Hinkle Orchestra.

8:00 (2) KATIE AND AL - (60 min.) Al brings new meaning to the term "Queen" while Katie is being coaxed along by a new partner for the week. Al: Rodger Curtin. Katie: Pietra St. Pool.

(7) MIAMI TWICE - (60 min.) Crock, once again, ALMOST enjoys a show, while Stubbs starts frequenting watering holes earlier than ever. Crock: Gary Stark. Stubbs: Bob Jealous.

(69) MOVIE - Comedy (2 hrs.) "The T.L.G.A. T-Shirt". A mad sales person is running around town selling T-shirts and seldom has the correct color, size, and/or printing special that anyone needs. After a few days, she's almost ready to hit a blonde over her head and drag her off to a cave and live forever in the mountains. Starring: Natalie Gray.

9:00 (2) DIE NASTY - (60 Min.) Everyone is wondering how Alexi grew so tall when she's got such a short and sweet little mama. Alexi: Davida Zircon.

(7) FAMILY TRIES - (60 Min.) Alex never thought that Mallory could be so butch after a show one certain weekend. Alex: Markie Ibt.

THE WEEKLY OBSERVER
P.O. BOX 50733
TUCSON, AZ 85703-1733
(802) 622-7176

EDITOR & PUBLISHER.....Bob Ellis
PRODUCTION & GRAPHICS.....Gary Clark

REGULAR CONTRIBUTORS

Gabriel Bazuio - Photography
Doc
Monte-Jon Glaser
Jza Jza LaMere
Christopher Geoffrey McPherson
L. Mills
Paul W. Reigle
Tommy Schelling
Jack Stockslager
"Bird Bath" Copyrighted by Adam Woolridge and BEAST.

PUBLICATION OF NAMES OR PHOTOS OF ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION IN THE OBSERVER IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS INDICATION OF THE SEXUAL ORIENTATION OF SUCH PERSON, ORGANIZATION OR ADVERTISERS OR ANY EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS THEREOF.

OPINIONS THAT ARE EXPRESSED IN LETTERS TO THE EDITOR OR COLUMNS BY CONTRIBUTORS ARE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE OF THE OBSERVER OR ITS STAFF OR ADVERTISERS. OBSERVER ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS OWN EDITORIAL POLICY ONLY.

ALTHOUGH OBSERVER HAS MANY FINE ADVERTISERS, WE DO NOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY CLAIMS MADE PERTAINING TO THEIR PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES.

PERMISSION TO REPRINT [EXCEPT FOR SEPARATELY COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL] IS GRANTED WHEN CREDIT IS GIVEN TO THE OBSERVER.

on top of the line

S

X

Y

F

Z

W

is here

882-4953

APRIL 30, 1986

PAGE THREE



TUCSON - Shown above is a photo of the building that M.C.C./Tucson has made an offer on to purchase. The acquisition of

this property will enable the Tucson church to settle into a permanent home. See related story below.

TUCSON - Metropolitan Community Church of Tucson (M.C.C.) has put an offer on a building at 1301 West St. Clair Street in the city's near west side. The building, a former Boy Scout hall, is 1,500 square feet with a large meeting room, small office and kitchen. The building meets the present needs of M.C.C. and sits on 15,000 square feet of land that can meet future growth needs.

To make the team of owning their own building a reality, M.C.C./Tucson is asking for 25 people to come forward and donate \$1,000 each to the building fund. With the present amount in the fund, it will take an additional \$25,000 to pay for the building and the necessary renovations. The entire sum must be raised within 90 days.

"This may sound like a lot of money, but I feel our

congregation and friends can do it," said Reverend David Gunton, Pastor of M.C.C./Tucson. "This will be a major step forward, not just for M.C.C. but for the entire Gay and Lesbian community in Tucson. No longer are we going to just drift from place to place as doors open for us, but we will be able to put down roots," said Gunton.

To become a member of the 'Group of Twenty-Five', or to make a tax-deductible donation of any amount, send your check to the M.C.C./Tucson Building Fund, 560 S. Stone Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701.



TENNEY

POLICE DON'T NEED
EXTRA PROOF TO
GRAB OBSCENE MATERIALS.

JUSTICES

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - Police do not need to provide special proof before winning court permission to seize allegedly obscene materials the Supreme Court ruled on April 22.

By a 6-3 vote, the court said the same standards apply when police seek court warrants to seize allegedly obscene films or books as when police seek to seize illegal drugs or weapons.

GACY REPORTEDLY SAYS

HE HAS MS

EAST MOLINE, IL (AP) - Convicted serial murderer John Wayne Gacy says he suffers from multiple sclerosis and is bedridden much of the time, a pen pal said, citing a letter from the death-row inmate.

"After seeing four nerve specialists, three out of four confirmed that I have MS, better known as multiple sclerosis," Gacy wrote Norman Grimstad Jr., of East Moline. "It attacks the nerves and muscles of the body. There is no treatment or cure. I am in bed up to 20 hours a day," said Gacy's March 25 letter from Menard Correctional Center.

Prison officials would not confirm the report. Corrections Department spokesman Jim Howell said inmates' medical conditions were confidential.

Gacy, 45, was convicted in 1980 in the sex-related slayings of 33 young men and boys, the most murder convictions against an individual in U.S. history. Bodies of 29 victims were found beneath or near Gacy's home northwest of Chicago.

More of Les . . .

by Les Bottes

A LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

After months of holding my breath, it may once again be safe to breathe. The current Arizona legislative session will soon be finished. Some amazing stories have come out of these last sessions. Our paragons have now made legal size paper illegal, while creating a temporary sales tax for the next 12 million months.

What happens to normally sane men when they go to Phoenix in January? Some say that the Maricopa County dew point causes behavioral changes to legislative members within 3 days of the opening gavel. A graduate student at ASU has gone so far as to theorize that the Ramrod's close proximity to 18th Avenue and Jefferson may explain the unpredictable behavior. Apparently mice, when exposed to vapors of lite beer and semen, become both dominate and extraordinarily knowledgeable. One mouse was able to identify pornography from Milton by vowel sounds alone. A timid grey mouse appeared to discipline other mice trotting over 55 ips, although later observations seemed to indicate that 65 was more the norm. That mouse is now rumored to be running for governor.

I tried to duplicate these experiments last week, but I had all kinds of trouble finding public semen to create the scientific control. This could be good news for the 1987 session. With these strange vapors now under control, the next legislature may be able to look forward to rational law making. Of course, such a thought may be premature. I understand a senator is now considering the introduction of legislation requiring all future legislative candidates to continue the tradition of being baldies.

(ED NOTE: Les Bottes is a critic and writer living in Arizona. His column dealing with a variety of subjects of interest to our readers will appear regularly in the OBSERVER).

MUD WILL
BE FLUNG
TONIGHT

With
Miss Aviva Diamond
in her impression of
The Divine Miss M

Other surprises
also starring
Miss Brenda Starr
(out of retirement)

Delilah
and a special guest appearance by
Miss Vicki Edie

THURSDAY, MAY 1st 8:30 SHARP
SPONSORED BY S.O.S.

TO BENEFIT T.L.G.A.

ALL TIPS, DONATIONS COUNTED
AS VOTES FOR AVIVA AND ROGER
CANDIDATES FOR KING AND QUEEN
OF FIESTA DE MAYO

HAPPY HOUR PRICES ALL NITE!
SCHNAPPS 50 CENTS

622-9233

Tucson, Arizona

Graduate
23 W. University

Peter

VOTE FOR
"The Color Purple"

Christi



King and Queen
of
FIESTA de MAYO

\$1.00 Donation All proceeds go to T.L.G.A.
KEEP YOUR TICKET STUBS *
A drawing will be held at Rita's
Sunday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.
Winner will receive a
VCR
donated by Thom and Mac

*PURPLE TICKETS
ONLY!

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS

3455 E GRANT RD TUCSON

327-3300

Café Olé

FINE FOOD
DESSERT
ESPRESSO

LIVE MUSIC
BEER & WINE
CAPPUCINO

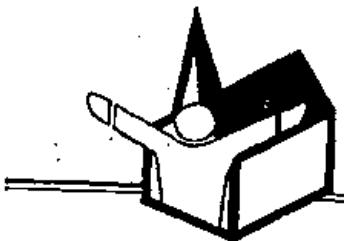
121 E. BROADWAY 628-1841

EMBRACING
YOU
WITH
CHRIST'S
LOVE

REV. DAVID A. CLINTON,
PASTOR

METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH
of
TUCSON
560 S. STONE
TUCSON, AZ 85701

(602)622-4536
SUNDAY SERVICES
10:45 AM
6:30 PM



WHAT'S UP DOC?

Spring Fling is now flung and the 4th Avenue Street Fair has folded up for another six months. The drag outfits are hung back in the closets and await the next show. Is anyone out there ready for a vacation after all of this? I, for one, really do not know why we put our bodies through so much.

Well, for the Copperstate Leathermen (CLT), it's off to Bisbee this weekend. They are holding a "Murder at the Copper Queen". This sounds as if it is going to be a fast-paced fun-filled weekend and if possible, I'm going to go along. Not that I need anymore TBBS's, but it never hurts being on a run like this one, with pen and paper handy. If you haven't signed up for this run yet, applications can still be found in both the Graduate and IBT's.

Speaking of IBT's, shame on each of you who missed the shows last Saturday and Sunday. People were beginning to wonder about the first show on Saturday, will it ever start, because Miss Gay Arizona, Tamara, was not on hand. Bless her big heart, she said she had car trouble on the way down. I wonder which rest stop the car (?) acted up. Finally, the show started and from that moment on and continuing through the last number in the final show Sunday, everyone was very well entertained.

SOS tells me that they are asking the community to design a new logo for them. This logo will be, finally, their official logo to be used on banners and friendship pins. President Mike informed me that a cash prize will be awarded for the winning entry, but he forgot to tell me the amount. As for myself, I like the one with the Rose hanging at the Graduate. Let's go, all you artists, this is a good chance to display your talents.

A few of Partners ventured up to Phoenix to take in the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics. Due to the early deadline for this article, I'll have to get any information on these Special Olympics and pass it on to you next week. Partners' next meeting will be held May 4th. If interested, contact Allen at 887-0232 for details.

May 4th is also meeting time for TKO. This is a very important meeting because nominations for officers for the coming year will be taken. TKO's June meeting will be a campout at Roosevelt Lake. At that time the elections will be held. For May's meeting, it will be held at Tommy and Gary's house. If you would like to join them call 323-3527 for directions.

It's a little early, but TALL has asked me to announce their Labor Day weekend "Old Pueblo" run at Catalina State Park. I'm not sure when applications will be out, but you don't want to miss this one.

That's it for this week. Now let me sift thru the TBBS's for this week's juice spot.

TBBS: Two Sunday's ago, at the TKO Spring Fling send-off brunch at the Graduate, Ben was modeling a pair of black lace panties. Could you see Roxanne doing a strip? I've seen better stick figures drawn by grade schoolers....Would you believe Patrick telling Mikeeee, "We better get innocent real soon."IBT Dan was telling me the 4th Ave. Street Fair was getting to him. He hired another

bartender to work the bar. - I guess so he could work the streets....I hear Bubble Butt was propositioned for a rendezvous in the ice pond at IBT's....I wonder if we will read anything in the D-Gazzette on how to be a proper woman?....One day at the Street Fair wiped out two cases of batteries for me, not to mention the number of nitro pills Phoenix was in town over the weekend reading my beads in living black and white? They tell me he is known far and wide as Picacho Macho. Is that true, Richard? And is it true that 'Rage' Kirk gets moist over Michael?

Finally, if anyone would like to join a summer bowling league at the Fiesta Lanes, starting the last week of May, contact either Penny or Allen. This will be a joint bowling league between the Wednesday night Rita's league and Partners. Bowling through the summer will start at 8 p.m.

Now I'll put this pen to rest for a couple more days, but don't worry, I'll keep it handy in case you slip with the loose tongue.

Dear Blabby

DEAR BLABBY:

I'm concerned about something that is happening in Tucson. It seems a certain leather club in town is dead set against all kind of female impersonators, not to mention any kind of female impersonation. Yet, when this club tries to raise money for a cause, the first thing they do is put on a drag show. Blabby, isn't there enough fighting against Gay people without us fighting amongst ourselves? What gives? signed.

Concerned over Pride

Dear Concerned-

It does seem that when any group attempts to raise funds, local performers are called on. There are several ways to look at this. First, all the performers are always willing to back a good cause and do. Most social groups know this and do take advantage of it, which is smart. It is sad, however, that favors are sometimes not returned. Second, most of the performers do a benefit for the cause itself, not for the group that is putting it on. It would seem one good turn should deserve another one. I am in full agreement that there is too much hassle coming from outside our community to be putting up with petty prejudice from within.

B.

DEAR BLABBY:

I overheard some people talking about something called Men Behind Bars. From what I could gather it's a film or something like that. Do you know anything about it?

Signed,

Baffled over Behind Bars

Dear Baffled-

"Men Behind Bars" is an annual fundraiser show held in San Francisco. The cast is composed of every bartender in the city. Held at one of the larger theaters in town, the show has brought in lots of people, not to mention lots of money. The proceeds goes to various San Francisco AIDS causes..

This last year's show was video taped and the Gay community of San Francisco is sending the Gay community of Tucson the tape to be shown as a fundraiser for Tucson's Shanti Foundation. The showing is set for the latter part of May.

Having seen the tape, I strongly suggest that everyone try not to miss a truly fun-filled show, as well as supporting a very good cause. More details later.

B.

I-10 ADULT BOOKS
25¢
MAGAZINES VIDEOS
GIFTS NOVELTIES
Wilmot/I-10, Tucson, Arizona
(NE Frontage Road) (602) 574-9236
Behind Chuckwagon Tavern in the Chuckwagon Cafe/Rez Complex
Eastbound - Wilmot and Westbound - Kino Rd
NEW HOURS: Mon thru Thurs. and Sun. 10 AM to 2 AM
Fri and Sat. 10 AM to 3 AM

I Try
To Remember

The Cruise To Remember

by Arthur Blank

The Final Day



FEB 15 - 22 1986

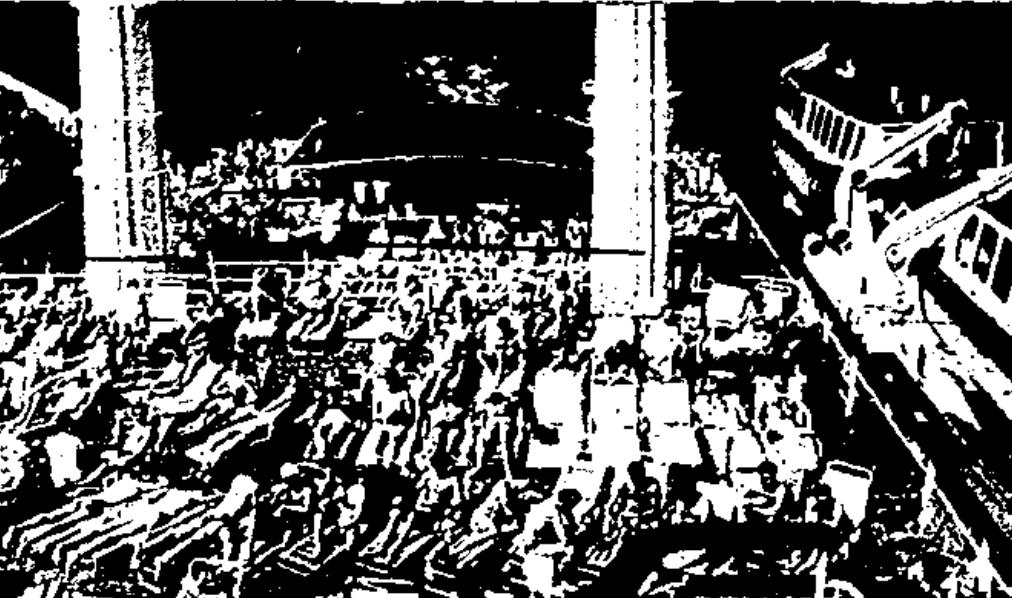
God, it sounds like one of those atomic bomb movies, but it really isn't as exciting as all that. At sea, plowing continually on toward New Orleans. The day was bright and hot - a perfect day to laze about with nothing to do. I do think people were getting saturated - should I eat, or have a drink, or dance, or gamble, or watch a movie, or lie in the sun or ?, etc. I don't know about

moved, until finally, Thom felt compelled to get the glass. We made him give us all a taste so there was hardly any left for him.

The afternoon was given over to the heady pursuit of watching horseracing with small wooden stick horses people moved around a track laid down on the deck. All the horses had been decorated up and given names like "Long Dong Silver" and such. I never could figure how people knew to move but I guess it wasn't really important. Heard the Rev. Troy Perry, as we passed through the gift shop, haranguing an audience in the Star Lounge for all the world like a baptist preacher. He's the guy who founded the MCC church some years ago in California and is apparently a very powerful person, at least in person. He was beating to death how to be christian and be gay at the same time (how about just being a good middle-class type, forget the religion?). Later, we got invited up for champagne at some peoples' room and met the Rev. himself, resplendent in clerical collar and dark suit with a lovely dark man on a very short lease and in very tight jeans. The Rev. Perry was powerful in person, with piercing blue eyes and dominating presence, the aura of the professional meeter and socializer - like a politician. He could make you see Jesus alright.

you, but I don't think I'm cut out for the lifestyle of the chic and the brainless - it's wearing making all those decisions. Watched the maitre d' and the head chef demonstrate how to make crepes suzette in the morning. Fairly straightforward except their admonition concerning the amount of Grand Marnier to be used: "One glass for the pan, one for the chef." They offered the chef's glass to the observers of the demonstration. No one

Dinner wasn't memorable except for all the quibbling among us on how much each person should leave for tips for the waiters and busboys. For all the money that was floating around on that boat (pardon) you have never seen people be so tight. John and I took a nap after dinner, John not feeling too well and me just

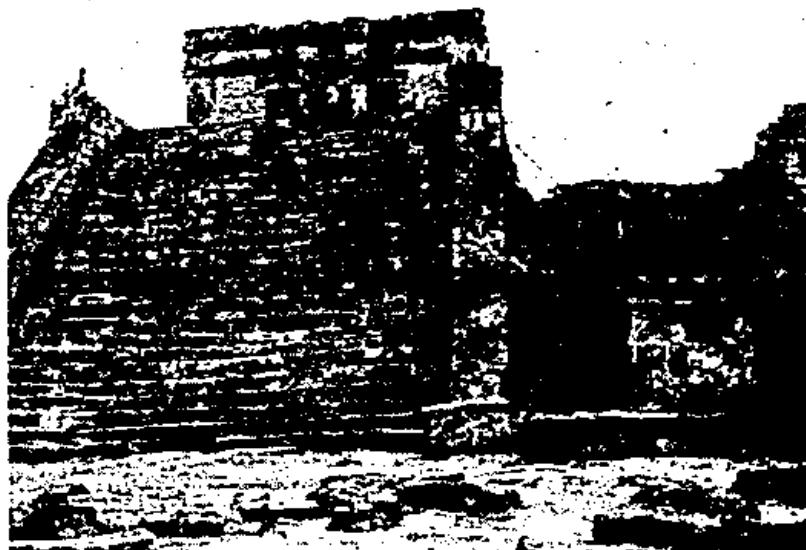


plain tired.

Got up around 11:00, John still asleep, put on my pig face and wandered around to the masquerade party. Neither one of us has ever been real big on dressing up, so didn't make a big deal of it, but not so most of the queens. There was one guy in a, like cup, somehow stuck on his crotch and a little makeup and that was it. The pretty "weight lifter" was there in his neon tubes and leaves; the Rev. Perry and his boyfriend turned up, of course, in heavy leather, and so on. I had one drink and tried to get another and couldn't so went back and finished packing. We had to put suitcases in the hall

to be borne away during the night for transport.

We docked next day at 7:00 and had to wait quite a while for the feds to walk the drug dogs around the luggage (I had no fear as I had been forced to throw my remaining stash over the railing the night before, along with the pack of papers I had had since college - we're bong guys). All was cleared and we were able to leave the ship, amidst much tearful leave taking. I was ready to go and I think John was too. Good to feel dry land lurching beneath your feet and know that you're ashore in New Orleans.



CINCO DE MAYO

Monday, May 5

Tequila Shots .75
Corona Beer \$1.00
Margaritas \$1.25
Mexican Munchies

All Day

All Night



SUNDAY, MAY 11 ALL MALE REVUE

The strippers are back!!!

SUNDAY, MAY 25

THE CISSY GOLOBERG SHOW

Make your reservations early

Various video programming all day.
Sports video on request before 9 p.m.

RUMORHAZZIT

A VIDEO DANCE CLUB

2222 N. Stone, Tucson Arizona

791-0309

HOURS: 2:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.





4th AVENUE STREET FAIR

Scene Stealers



IN REVIEW

A VERY SPECIAL FUNDRAISER

CAMERA
AT WORK

THE TUCSON CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

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

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 7 p.m.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11 am to 6 pm Well Bourbon \$1. \$1.50 Well 6 pm to 1 am. Your Hostess Cheri 6 pm to 1 am. Dance music 6 to 1 with Clint.

RITA'S - Longest cocktail hour in town 11 am to 7 pm featuring Well Scotch \$1 and Schnapps .75. "DINNER BUFFET NIGHT" 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. \$1.75. "Bowlers Special" - Special drink prices for bowlers in Rita's shirts.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Wednesday Beer Bust from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. "Dynasty" on life-size screen plus Drink Specials from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m.

THURSDAY

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

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 7 p.m.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11 am to 6 pm Well Rum \$1. From 6 pm to 1 am, Long Necks .75 with Dance Music from 8 pm to 1 am with Danny Page "Oldies but Goodies".

RITA'S - Longest Cocktail Hour in town 11 am to 7 pm featuring Well Bourbon \$1, Schnapps .75. Hors d'oeuvres 5 to 7 pm. Well Vodka \$1.25; Schnapps .75 and Domestic Beer (non-premium) \$1 from 7 pm to 1 am

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. Daily drink specials from open to 8 p.m. Square dancing by T-Squares from 7 to 10 p.m. Regular disco/video dancing 9 to close. All white well drinks \$1.25 and long neck Lone Star Beer .75 from 8 p.m. to close.

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 - 11 am to 6 pm Well Gin \$1. Dance Music from 8 pm to 1 am with Clint. Well drinks \$1.25 from 6 pm to 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 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.

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

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 - 11 am - 6pm Bloody Marys \$1. All Long Necks \$1.25 6 pm to 1 am. Dance music from 8 pm to 1 am with Clint.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Domestic Beer Special (non-premium) \$1.00 - 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Lunch Buffet served noon until 5 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm until 1 a.m. Daily Drink Special. Video dancing 9 p.m. until close.

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. Disco open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. ***

GRADUATE - Draft Beer .75 and drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 2 TO 6:30 P.M. Copperstate Leathermen Draft Beer Bust. .50 draft. Dance music 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Brunch 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. \$1.75. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.25 noon to 7 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm to 1 am. T-Squares Beginners Class from 2 to 4 pm. Sunday Pool Tournament 4 pm. #25 First Prize guaranteed.

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.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11am to 6pm Well Vodka \$1. From 6pm to 1am Well Drinks \$1.50.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 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 pm. Video dancing from 9 pm. until 1 am.

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.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11am - 6pm Well Scotch \$1. All Well drinks \$1.50 from 6 pm to 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 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. to 1 a.m. Daily Drink Special 2 for 1 Well 2 to 10 p.m. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.



APRIL 30, 1986

SPECIAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 1 - "HUG WILL BE FLUNG TONIGHT" fund raising event for Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride Alliance. Show starts promptly at 8:30 p.m. featuring Aviva Diamond, Brenda Starr, Miss Vicki Lee and Delilah. Happy Hour prices all evening and Schnapps on sale at .50. Be there!

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 3 AND 4 - JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA being presented as a fundraiser by Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance to help finance Lesbian and Gay Pride Week activities. Booths, games and plenty of fun. King and Queen of the Fiesta will be crowned. Entertainment on an outdoor stage.

SUNDAY, MAY 4 - IT'S 'BOUT TIME - James B. Crickman Production of the First Annual IBT Awards Party. 9:00 p.m. Be on hand to see this serious and seriously funny "Awards" show.

MONDAY, MAY 5 - RUMOR HAZZIT - celebrate the real Cinco de Mayo in true Mexican tradition. Tequila shots .75! Corona Beer \$1.00 and Margarita's \$1.25 with Mexican munchies served too! All day and nite for these specials. Olet!

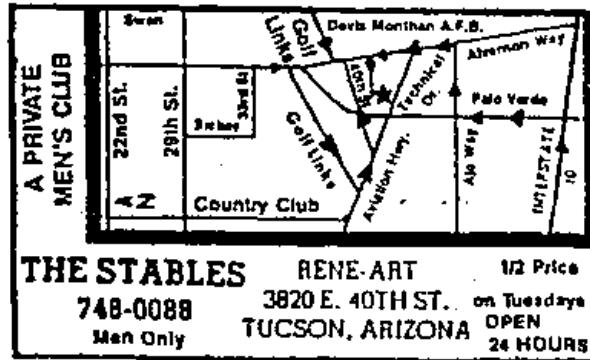
SUNDAY, MAY 11 - RUMOR HAZZIT - ALL MALE REVUE - The stripper are back and Rmor's got 'em. Get there early!

SUNDAY, MAY 25 - RUMOR HAZZIT - Cissy's back in town and funnier than ever. Make reservations for Cissy Goldberg now!

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 - IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Another BIG "WET" party and "WET" drag show that will be surely another big event if anyone has dried out from their first "WET - WET" Party!

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 - HIMMEL PARK - 8TH ANNUAL LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE PICNIC. More details later, but save this afternoon from noon to dusk and join thousands of Gays and Lesbians for the annual Pride Week kick-off picnic. Bigger and better than ever.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Christi Lunden's "Gay/Lesbian Pride Show" at 8:30 p.m. with Phoenix star performer Cissy Goldberg, Tucson's Monte-Jon, Sable Grey and Michael. A great evening of entertainment after a great day in the park! Make reservations early.





The Associated Press
The Rev. Jerry Falwell

CHICAGO, IL (Chicago Tribune) - Television evangelist Jerry Falwell, voicing indignation over the "growing bigotry" against conservative Christians in this country, is forming a new national organization to do battle with the secular press and others who "discriminate (against) Bible-believing religionists."

Falwell, a fundamentalist Baptist preacher and outspoken political activist from Lynchburg, Va., said the group will be called the Christian Anti-Discrimination Committee and would be patterned after the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, which monitors anti-Semitic incidents in the United States.

"Our intention is to get Bible believing Christians of this country angry at those persons who have no respect for their faith," the 52-year-old evangelist said in a telephone interview. He cited the national print and broadcast media, liberal clergy, the American Civil Liberties Union and television producer Norman Lear's People for the American Way lobby as prime targets of his venture.

He said the committee, which is expected to operate offices in Washington, D.C. and Lynchburg, would challenge unflattering descriptions of Christianity in the news media and elsewhere through rebuttals and the threat of legal action.

Falwell said about a dozen of his television evangelist colleagues have indicated they are also "ready to declare war" against the press, which he said routinely characterizes conservative Christian spokesmen as "extremists, radicals and racists."

The American news media, Falwell charged, "hate the Christ we stand for" and he vowed that his watchdog committee would "put the media on their guard and put the fear of God in their hearts."

APRIL 30, 1986
VIOLENCE AGAINST GAYS RISES: AIDS
BACKLASH SUSPECTED
CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

nature and should not be considered a thorough study of anti-Gay violence, said. "AIDS backlash appeared to be a factor in a significant number of episodes reported. AIDS backlash, he said, refers to an increased prejudice against Gays as a result of the spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, a fatal disease that most often affects Gay men and intravenous drug users.

"But there's also a strong possibility that AIDS is just an excuse and that the real underlying cause behind the violence is hatred, bigotry and ignorance about Gay people and who we really are," Berrill said.

Spokesmen for Gays in Tucson, some of whom asked not to be identified, contended, however, that Tucsonans generally are sympathetic to victims of AIDS and liberal in their views concerning homosexuality.

"This is a much more comfortable city for Gays to live in than other cities across the country," said Stockslager. "We're very cautious here because we know we're a minority. We're not doing the marching in the streets that people are doing in some other communities. We're doing it more through education."

According to the task force report, there was an increase in vandalism and destruction last year at Metropolitan Community Churches, a Christian denomination, that serves the Gay and Lesbian community around the nation. But the Rev. David Gunton of Metropolitan Community Church of Tucson said, "As far as actual harassment or violence to the church, we haven't experienced anything.... Things may be better here than in some of the other cities."

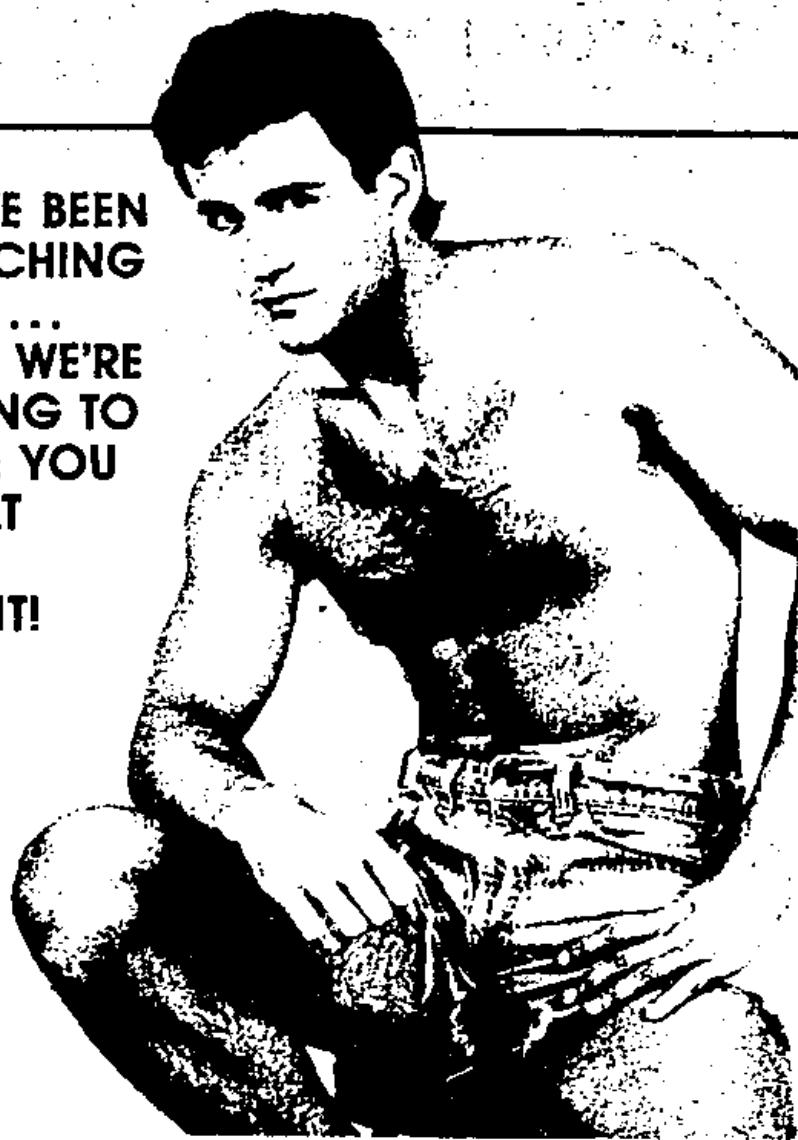
Bob Ellis, editor of the Observer newspaper, which is oriented toward Gay readers in Tucson, said he "just can't tell for sure whether there's a marked increase" in harassment and violence here.

"I hear a lot," Ellis said. "I hear there's a lot of verbal harassment mainly outside some of the most popular (Gay) bars in town - people driving by and screaming 'faggots!' and 'queers!' and things like that. But they're not driving by and screaming 'AIDS carrier!'"

"There have been occasions at some of the night spots in which the non-Gay community were almost physically harassing Gays - pushing and shoving," Ellis continued. "But this kind of thing has been going on for a long time, and it's hard to tell if it's increasing."

Ellis added, "It's a question of education, education concerning AIDS and concerning the homosexual lifestyle. It's slowly happening in Tucson, and maybe that's some of the difference."

WE'VE BEEN
WATCHING
YOU ...
AND WE'RE
GOING TO
GIVE YOU
WHAT
YOU
WANT!



May 3 and 4

A BENEFIT FUNDRAISER FOR
TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE

CINCO DE MAYO
— FIESTA —

BOOBS - GAMES - FOOD - FUN

Live Entertainment On Our Outdoor Stage

See the crowning of the

KING and QUEEN of the Fiesta

Notice

NO VOLLEYBALL or STEAK DINNERS

Sunday, MAY 4 Only

Thomas Tax & Financial Services

- Income Tax
- Business Accounting

HAVE YOU FILED YET?

325-2266 exts

Tucson, AZ

RainCrew
RAINFOREST GALLERY

Jack Wilson

SPRING SALE 25% to 40% OFF
CUSTOM FRAMING IN METAL OR WOOD

553 N. 4th Ave. • Tucson, AZ 85705 • (602) 882-9815

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE

2921 N. 1ST AVE., TUCSON 622-6233

BUYING A CAR

We Finance
NO INTEREST CHARGES

we promise

courteous, professional treatment to the community.

Jerry Dember Motors
2431 E. 22nd Street
Tucson, AZ 624-9888

Sales Representatives:
Skeeter Mathews, and Bad Baby Bob

New England Style . . .



DISTINCTIVE FEATURES

- Mirrored living area (Bristol, Concord)
- Fireplace (Mystic)
- Loft (Bridgeport)
- Dining area
- Chair rails
- Ceiling fan (Bridgeport)
- Walk-in closets
- Free satellite TV
- Acoustically designed
- Spa
- 2 swimming pools
- Racquetball court
- Recreation room w/kitchen
- Beautifully maintained landscaping
- Storage room

CLOSE TO BARS

Mention you saw this ad in the Observer
 and we'll
 reduce your rent \$15.00 per month
 with approved application.

WE'LL EVEN DO YOUR LAUNDRY FOR YOU, CALL FOR DETAILS!

792-2221 / Oracle at Glenn

CAMBRIDGE VILLAGE
APARTMENT HOMESOUT ON THE TOWN
STUNT MALIBU CHRISTI FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Starting on a bad note, Christi sends her condolences to the Siamese Sisters. C.M. Tina Turner will be fondly remembered by those who knew her and also by those who knew of her. Miss Mae will always remember the evening she held her in her arms. Also girls, good luck with the addition to your box.

Ronda Jons certainly likes to take rides, especially on one particular wagon. She keeps going back even when she continues to fall off. Maybe this time she'll stay on.

Miss Mae prefers to stay away from the wagon for now. She remembers getting bucked off the Butch Marshmallow and that was enough for her. For now she'll just watch the parade and maybe join in one of these days.

Well, Danny Wonder warned her, but no, we'll see if Miss Mae can make a go of this one. Lightening can strike anywhere at anytime. Sometimes a fire gets started, sometimes not. Maybe that witch's mother can keep the embers going for more than two weeks.

It was thought that Totie tried but it seems Terry's trying harder or would like to be given the chance. Seems Teresa decided to put on a show of her own last Saturday after the stage performers made their exit. Everyone there felt the change of atmosphere that evening. Between Teresa's feelings, or was that feelers, and Vivians pumps, they could put on their own show and be crowned Cinco de Mayo royalty. Speaking of Kings and Queens, Twinky wanted to be a part of the royal family but try as she might, no Prince was to be had. Maybe she should try a trick other than the one over the shoulder.

Has anyone ever told Terry about blinders, two-way streets, patience, diamonds or gold? Certainly not spicier! Maybe she just gets bored too easily.

Sammy Jo Carrington seems to have the same problem. Nothing here, what's in San Francisco? Certainly not sleep. Maybe variety is the spice of life.

It seems Totie's retirement was short-lived. Someone thinks her approach may be all wrong. She has a good warm-up but the follow-through is lacking something, or maybe it has too much. Is the magic number 30? Is that Ronda's magic number too?

Seems Magic Fingers Hodge didn't fall off the face of the earth. She just took to the Wild West for a while. Love those experienced cowboys!

Macho Man couldn't stand the pressure after the going away party, so he really is leaving town. Seems West Phoenix has bigger and wetter things to offer.

Jza Jza deserves a slap on the hand. Goodness a good

secretary is hard to find. Or was that a hard secretary is good to find? Well, anyway she should have sent a card, flowers or something. Anyway, the last time that secretary received roses she couldn't even remember why.

Speaking of roses - - - - - Emily! - - - and when will Endora emerge? - - - Till next time, forever yours

Jza Jza La More
 Fan Mail To: Stunt Malibu
 Christi Fan Club, P.O. Box 2704,
 Tucson, AZ 85702

LETTERS

A NOTE TO THE COMMUNITY: Due to the inconsistency of collections at the door and because we started so late, all funds from the TLGA benefit last Sunday, April 27, will go directly to TLGA for Pride Week as originally planned rather than being counted as votes for each pair of candidates who are running as King and Queen of the Fiesta de Mayo scheduled this weekend (Sat. & Sun.) at Joshua Tree/Back Pocket. This decision was made jointly by the candidates themselves and the Gay Alliance.

I personally apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused the candidates and/or their supporters.

The benefit was wonderful (we raised \$565). The cast, Delilah, Monte-Jon, Rick, Michael, Aviva, Jessica and Christi was stunning and they performed one of the most professional and entertaining shows ever witnessed in Tucson. The audience thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the entire evening. Thank you all for your tremendous effort on our behalf (including the staff at Rumors and all the people behind the scene) for a great kick-off benefit for Pride Week. A special thanks to S.O.S. for your \$50 donation.

The national slogan chosen for this year by the National Gay Pride Committee is "Forward Together". Hopefully, Tucson will continue to move in that direction and continue to support that cause.

If you'd like to get involved in planning Pride Week this year come join us on May 12th at 6:30 p.m. on the patio at the Joshua Tree. We need your help.

Also the "New" Gay Pride T-Shirts (\$8.00) will be available at our booth at the Fiesta de Mayo this weekend.

Sincerely
 Natalie
 Asst. Co-Chair TLGA.

DEAR EDITOR:
 I would like to take this method of thanking the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance and all who participated and attended the April 27th Benefit Show and who made it the success that it was. It was a very enjoyable show put on by some outstanding performers for a very worthy cause. Sincerely
 Bruce Pegg, Rumor Hazzit



MORRIS OPTICAL
 Richard (Dick) George
 Licensed Optician
 9-5 Mon.-Fri. 9-12 Sat. (Sept.-Apr.)

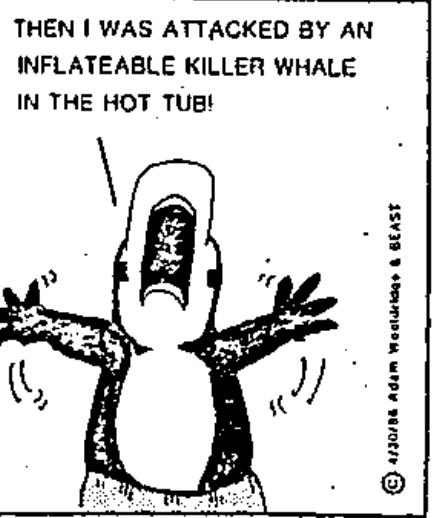
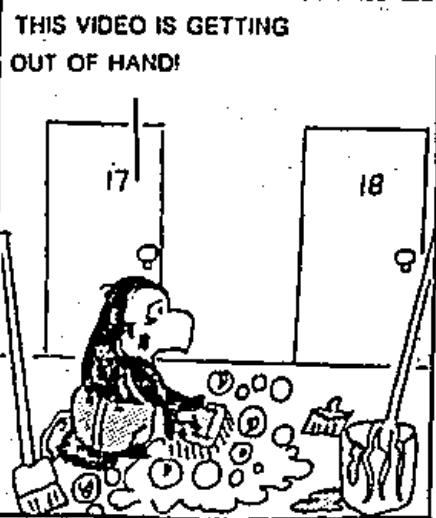
DIGNIFIED CARE
OLD-FASHIONED DILIGENT SERVICE

15% DISCOUNT
FOR THE
GAY COMMUNITY

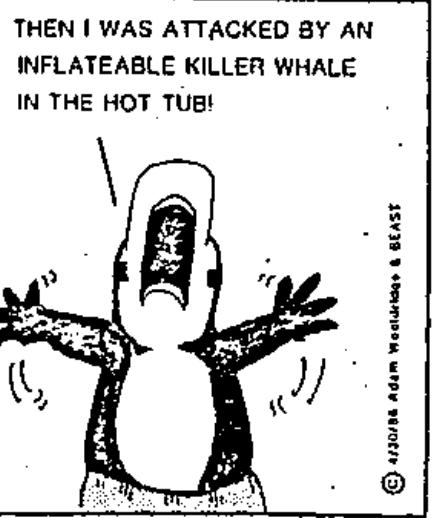
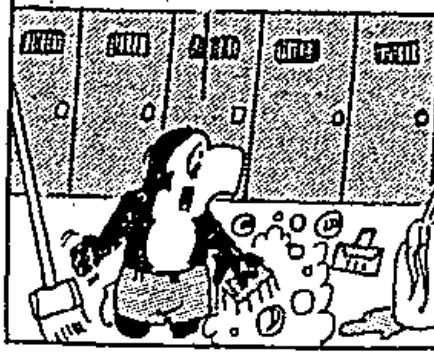
2222 N. Craycroft Rd.
 Tucson, AZ 85712
 296-5691

**BEARD
BATH**

BY ADAM WOOLDRIDGE & BEAST



CLEANING UP AFTER THE
REGULARS IS BAD ENOUGH! THEN
20 WILD HORSES AND TWO DOGS
WHO THINK I'M A FIRE HYDRANT!



THEN I WAS ATTACKED BY AN
INFLATEABLE KILLER WHALE
IN THE HOT TUB!



ARE YOU SURE THAT STEVEN
SPIELBERG STARTED THIS WAY?

ALL VIDEO ARCADE OPEN 24 HOURS

7 DAYS A WEEK

- BOOKS • FILMS • RUBBER GOODS
- MAGAZINES • GIFTS • NOVELTIES

CAESAR'S ADULT SHOP2540 N. MIRACLE MILE
TUCSON, ARIZONA 85705

Phone 622-9479

VIDEO RENTALS ONLY \$1.99 PER DAY

**the Bookstore
Southwest**

- Large Selection of Toys
- Great Variety of Magazines
- Video Games

We Buy Used Magazines...
Please Call First

ALL VIDEO
RENTALS
\$1.99

326-6668

1400 S. ALVERNON



CLASSIFIEDS



CLASSIFIED: 20¢ per word. \$4.00 Minimum.

NOTICES

People to become part of a new Wellness Center. Must have applicable skill or talent. Excellent opportunity. Also in need of personal assistant. Call 881-4582, Marc, Tucson. 91

SEEKERS ...providing monthly Catholic liturgy, Bible study, rap groups and social activities for Gays and Lesbians interested in personal and spiritual growth within the context of a "family" of caring and concerned Catholic individuals and their friends. For information, call 297-8340 or 745-1812 Tucson.

The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) meets the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Call 293-3515 for location. Everyone welcome.

MEN'S BODYWORK CLUB - Weekly gatherings for men who want to feel the pleasure of exercise, nudity and massage. Sincere only. Write P.O. Box 40504, Tucson, AZ 85717. 96

ROOMMATE REFERRAL OF TUCSON. Men and women both welcome. NO FEE. Call Bill James 622-3808.

AIDS HOTLINE - TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP) 792-3772 from 6 p.m. to midnight. Transmission, sympathy, testing for AIDS, medical and counseling.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP) MEETS THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH at the University of Arizona Medical Center in Dining Room "C" (Second Floor) at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome and urged to attend. Get involved! For more information call 792-3772.

GAY OR LESBIAN???
AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM??!!
Call A.A. 624-4183. 24-Hour Hotline.
for information on Gay and Lesbian
meetings in Tucson.

NOTICES

TUCSON ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE HEALTH ASSOCIATION (TALHA) 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; Phone 573-0096. Open 6 to 8 p.m. every Friday. A \$5 donation is requested. TALHA also is in need of doctors and nurses to volunteer their services.

SENIOR GAYS (Over 40). If interested in joining, call Russ at 795-7180 Tucson.

TUCSON YOUTH GROUP meets every Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. at 500 S. Stone. All Lesbians and Gays under 22 invited 792-3772

GAY AND LESBIAN ADULT DISCOURSES. Tucson, self-facilitated, open rap group. Topics, opinions, personal concerns discussed. Occasional guest speaker. For meeting time and place call 881-1794.

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.

GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL - Call Information and Referral 881-1794.

IS FINDING THE RIGHT PEOPLE DIFFICULT? Do you dislike meeting people in a bar? Would you like the smooth, positive approach? **ALTERNATIVE ENCOUNTERS REFERRAL/DATING** is the answer. Serving the entire Gay community of Phoenix and surrounding areas, Flagstaff, Tucson. Call 956-0228. Open Mon-Sat 10-7. 93

HELP WANTED

BUSINESS AND PERSONAL ASSISTANT (Possible live-in situation). Need help in establishing a wellness foundation. Good opportunity. Part-time or full-time. Call Marc 881-4582 in Tucson. 93

HEALTH CONSCIOUS INDIVIDUALS NEEDED TO PROMOTE UNIQUE PRODUCT. I will pay you \$5 for preliminary interview. Call George Gallego 881-7448 in Tucson. 96

PERSONALS

APOLLO ESCORTS Spring/Summer meeting at the McCormick ranch house, Scottsdale, Sunday, May 11th, 6pm sharp. Steak fry and no suit swim party till dawn. Including Tucson group. Be there! 94

WANTED: Submissive male, 21 or older, for permanent position in Phoenix by Leather Daddy/Master. You will be responsible for the maintenance of house, yard, pool as well as "all other" duties dictated by this Leather Daddy. You are masculine appearing and serious. All replies promptly answered. P.O. Box 44872, Phoenix, AZ 85064. 91

YOUNG GWM COMING TO TUCSON FOR VISIT from Nebraska in middle of May for three weeks. Would like to meet discreet GWM for good times while here. Harvey, P.O. Box 50733, Tucson AZ 85703-1733

MALE, 21 YEARS, WANTS FRIENDSHIP with others 18-22 years. Must be sincere and discreet, like outdoors. Write with photo. All answered. Sidney, P.O. Box 395, Sahuarita, AZ 85629. 91

TOTAL BODY MASSAGE BY APPOINTMENT Call Bill 624-0270 in Tucson. 92

WANTED

PROFESSIONAL PERSON who would like to cut down on overhead. I have office space to share and maybe more business opportunities. Call Marc 881-4582 Tucson. 93

SERVICES

CUSTOM PHOTOGRAPHY. Specializing in fine black and white images. All work handled with discretion. For more information call Gabe 888-5031 Tucson. 100

FOR SALE

FASHIONABLE PARK CENTRAL condo in Phoenix. Anxious seller. Has 1 bedroom overlooking pool. Needs decorating. A steal at \$37,000. Call me, Wayne, 623-4897 Sierra Investments, Tucson. 93

FOR SALE - FIX 'EM UP SPECIAL! 12 x 60 mobile home. Cheap lot rent. Kids and pets OK. Fenced yard. Can we talk? Call Syd, 628-1159 or leave message 888-7650 in Tucson. 93

FOR RENT

\$200-230/MO. UTIL. PAID. FREE LAUNDRY. Furnished room for rent in 2-story natural rock house near downtown, PCC West Campus, St. Mary's. Ideal for working adults or students. Don't live alone. Meals available. Owner-music major. "CASTLEROCK", 25 N. Westmoreland. 884-0951 Tucson

89
FURNISHED ROOM TO RENT. Share entire house. \$210 includes utilities. Speedway/Country Club. 326-8473 Tucson. 95

1-2 BR. Clean, quiet, private. Near Glenn & Campbell, or Glenn & Miracle Mile. A/C, pool. \$250 - \$325. Manager 881-0122 Tucson. 95

A View From Within

A COMMENTARY BY
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

IF YOU THINK STONEWALL WAS IMPORTANT, READ ON

Here are some facts, courtesy VARIETY, (April 9, for week ending April 2):

MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDRETTE, grossed \$323,827 in four weeks, showing in four cities and six theatres. Average: \$17,583 per theatre.

PARTING GLANCES, grossed \$228,720 in six weeks, showing in five cities and six theatres. Average: \$36,133 per theatre.

And now, for this week's column:

If you read the movie industry weekly trade publication VARIETY, you will have come across the article by Richard Gold titled GAY-THEMED FEATURES HOT S.O. DRAW. The article centers around the success of four independently-produced films, two of which My Beautiful Laundrette and Parting Glances have been reviewed in this column during the past weeks; the other two films are Desert Hearts, and Dona Herlinda and Her Son. It is an article which practically heralded the coming of acceptance of homosexuality.

(Donna Deltch's Desert Hearts, opened in New York on April 4, grossing \$22,862 in its opening weekend. It is scheduled to open in Los Angeles on April 25; Dona Herlinda and Her Son made its U.S. debut on April 6, pulling in \$5,304 for one day).

Now that the facts have been laid out, here's what this all means: For many generations, acceptance for the homosexual lifestyle has been sought by various people, for various reasons. Since the Stonewall 'riots', the Gay Civil Rights Movement had a name, a face and a cause. Now, finally, Gay-themed films are commanding respect from audiences --the proof being in the unexpectedly high box-office

grosses being enjoyed by three independently produced films, Parting Glances, My Beautiful Laundrette, and Desert Hearts.

The VARIETY article attributed this success to "mainstream acceptance of homosexual lifestyles and a willingness among audiences to recognize 'universal' elements in Gay love stories". What also helps is the "intelligent" (my quotes) view of My Beautiful Laundrette which came from Michael Barker, Sales Vice President for Orion Classics which distributes the film. He said, "What struck us was the universality of the love story. I never saw it as a Gay film." And the box office grosses show that his insight was exact. Showing in Los Angeles, Boston, Washington, D.C. and Miami (and newly opened in San Francisco April 4), this film has grossed, nationally, "over \$400,000". It is not, say, the \$2,119,680 Police Academy 3 pulled in the week ending April 2, but \$400,000 is nothing to sneeze at!

The wonderful film Parting Glances is a success story of a different kind: filmed with a budget of (get this) only \$250,000 --few commercials on television are produced for that small budget--this bright comedy by Bill Sherwood has, in seven cities (as of April 9), already made back its original investment! (It has since opened in at least one other city --Phoenix).

In grossing over \$314,000 in its seven-city run, Parting Glances has shown its wide audience appeal. (And believe me when I tell you that this ultra-microscopic budgeted film looks as if it were made with a multi-million dollar budget: it's that good!). The executive V.P. for

this film's distributor, Cinecom, Ira Deutchman, says that the "Gay audience is nothing to sneeze at", and acknowledges that the film is largely supported by the Gay market, but --according to the VARIETY article-- there is "evidence that crossover audiences also are supporting Parting Glances." Doug Miles, advertising-publicity director for the five-theatre Le Fonte Cinema chain says of the film's run in Atlanta, "No Gay-Themed film has done as well as this in Atlanta," and says the audience are people who "are interested in seeing a well-written, well-acted, well-directed film."

And what accounts for these successes? It is hard to say for sure. It is certain that the two films in circulation now are stunning and well-made. But there are many films which are as well produced which have little or no box office support, or media backing. I would tend to think the acceptance of films like this may be --in part-- due to the AIDS situation, for this reason: film, cinema, movies and television have long been the arbiters of change in society --moral, philosophical, legal, etcetera. With the good timing of the release of these four films, many people are being exposed to the "good side" of homosexuality: people who may be tired of the negative backlash of AIDS, may be seeking an alternate voice, or a "second opinion". How fortunate that the opinion they seek turns out to be one or more of these brilliant films.

It is good that these people have the opportunity to see Gay men and Lesbian women as the "everyday" people which we (directly within the society) already know them to be. "Outsiders" will see these Gay men and Lesbian women leading normal "everyday" lives, shopping for groceries, watching television, making love, using the toilet and will say to themselves (I hope) "Look! They are just like me! (Well, sort of)." They will open their eyes to the fact that "we" are indeed very similar to "they", and not

as mysterious, and unknowable as they thought for so many years.

I can only hope that the major movie-making industry (read: HOLLYWOOD) takes a big hint from these films, and begins to make films about normal, everyday people who --gosh! What a coincidence! Just happen to be Gay or Lesbian. I hope that these "future films" will show us going about our daily lives without being totally consumed by our lifestyles --as have so many films in the past. I hope that the people in power will realize the harm that comes from centering on homosexuals and their "homosexual problems", instead of homosexuals and their "everyday problems". I hope, I hope, I hope.

Again, I ask that you support these films when (and if) they come to a (here we go) "Theatre near you." I also ask that you call your theatre chains and ask them to consider bringing these films to your city. I also ask that --if you can-- go to one of the cities where these films are shown and see the film, support it. (Plan a vacation around it....) We are in a very important time, you and I --we cannot allow this opportunity to disappear.



RITA'S RENDEZVOUS

3455 E. GARANT RD. TUCSON

327-3390



Rita's Rendezvous Pres
Tucson's May Calendar Man

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	Sunday Brunch 12:30-3:00 p.m. Scrambled eggs Tater Tot Pancakes French Fries \$1.75				1 Party Night! 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Drink Specials	2 Lunch Buffet Noon to 7:00 p.m. \$1.75	3 Lunch Buffet Noon to 7:00 p.m. \$1.75
5					7 Dinner Buffet \$1.75 Fried Chicken Hamburgers Tater Tots French Fries \$1.75	8 Party Night! 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Drink Specials	9 Lunch Buffet Noon to 7:00 p.m. \$1.75
6					10 Lunch Buffet Noon to 7:00 p.m. \$1.75		
7					11 Sunday Brunch 12:30-3:00 p.m. Scrambled eggs Tater Tot Pancakes French Fries \$1.75	12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	
18	Sunday Brunch 12:30-3:00 p.m. Scrambled eggs Tater Tot Pancakes French Fries \$1.75						
19							
20							
21	Dinner Buffet \$1.75 Chicken, Fried Steak Ribs, Pot. Gravy Salad, Veggie Biscuit, Gravy French Fries \$1.75 to 8:00 p.m.						
22					Party Night! 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Drink Specials		
23						Lunch Buffet Noon to 7:00 p.m. \$1.75	
24							
25	Sunday Brunch 12:30-3:00 p.m. Pot Roast Ham Mustard (blueberry) French Fries \$1.75						
26							
27							
28	Dinner Buffet \$1.75 Rice Salad, Veggie Popovers French Fries \$1.75 to 8:00 p.m.						
29					Party Night! 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Drink Specials		
30						Lunch Buffet Noon to 7:00 p.m. \$1.75	
31							

Gabriel Baxurto - Photography