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SUNDAY, JUNE 22
GAY PRIDE WEEK BEGINS IN HINNEM PARK WITH HUGE PICNIC. Free beer (be sure to bring your proper identification for the beer), soft drinks, and there will be food booths, game booths and information booths. Also volleyball, dancing and live entertainment too. Noon to Dusk in the bandshell area in the Northeast corner of Himmel Park near the library. Be sure to be one of the hundreds who will be at this 8th annual Pride Week Picnic.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Pride Week Kick-off Show at 8:30 with Christi Lunden, Monte-Jon, Candi Plastique and male dancer Michael. PLUS, direct from Phoenix Miss Classy Goldberg. \$2 for reserved seating. Non-reserved no charge.

MONDAY, JUNE 23
FINELINE - PRIDE WEEK '86 - Two workshops: Sex and Love Addiction and Gay and Lesbian Communication begin at 7:00 p.m. Both workshops moderated by highly qualified facilitators. A festive reception will follow the workshops at Fineline.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25
GRADUATE - PRIDE WEEK '86 - 9:00 p.m. "Mad Hatters Tea Party with three cash prizes of \$25 each for the most Original, the best Gay Pride Theme and the most Degenerate.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26
PRIDE WEEK '86 presents MOVIE NITE. The critically acclaimed film "Buddies" will be presented at the Modern Languages Building Auditorium on the UofA campus at 7:30 p.m. More information and directions will be published prior to this event. The film has had successful runs in Australia, Europe and across America where it has received universally enthusiastic reviews. Definitely keep this date open.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - PRIDE WEEK '86 - "CASINO NITE" Where there are some really nice plants you can win as you play Black-Jack for chips. No money involved, just a great time and prizes to boot. ALSO "Card Sharks" game. More later.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28
RUMOR HAZZIT - PRIDE WEEK '86 - Dance Contest with \$60 first prize, \$50 Second Prize and \$40 third prize. Judging by King Roger and Queen Aviva and the rest of their court of Fiesta de Maya. Judging based on costume, technique, originality and stage presence. PLUS a slide show featuring slides taken at the Pride Picnic as well as the other various functions during Pride Week '86.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29
JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - PRIDE WEEK '86 - 3 to 7 p.m. Luau and Video Show. Food as well as a taped show of last year's Pride Week '85 and as new taping featuring many Tucson Lesbian and Gay personalities in interviews prepared especially for this event. A great afternoon planned at the BBQ grill as well as inside at the video screens.

Civil Rights Law may protect PWA's

by Robert Pear
New York Times

WASHINGTON, DC - Justice Department lawyers have tentatively concluded that people with AIDS are "handicapped individuals" entitled to protection under federal civil rights law.

A confidential legal opinion drafted by lawyers in the civil rights division says people with AIDS meet the statutory definition because they have a physical impairment that substantially limits one or more "major life activities."

The law also covers people who are "regarded as" having such an impairment, whether correctly or not. For this reason, the opinion suggests that people with antibodies to the AIDS virus, but no symptoms of the disease may be protected by the law as well.

Under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, it is illegal for federal agencies and recipients of federal money to discriminate against handicapped people who are "otherwise qualified" for a particular job, service or benefit.

Thus the Justice Department's final position on the issue - and senior officials said there was little disagreement within the department - will have wide implications for employers, schools, hospitals and other entities that receive federal money. People with acquired immune deficiency syndrome and related conditions have been dismissed from jobs, denied medical care and barred from public schools.

Organizations that defend the rights of homosexuals have avidly sought a declaration that people with AIDS are covered by the 1973 law. Homosexual and bisexual men account for 73 percent of the reported cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, according to the Public Health Service.

Under the law on employment, handicapped people are deemed to be qualified if an individual analysis determines that he or she can with "reasonable accommodation," perform the essential functions of a job. Employers must make such accommodations for handicapped employees unless they can show that the adjustments would impose "an undue hardship" on the operation of a federally assisted program.

Justice Department officials cautioned that there would not be a violation of the law or a remedy in every case of discrimination. The opinion says that a person who poses a genuine threat to the health or safety of others may, for that reason, be unqualified for a particular job or benefit. But, it says, such cases should be rare because "AIDS is not readily communicable, and not spread by casual contact."

The opinion reflects the thinking of career civil servants and some political appointees at the Justice Department, including lawyers with the most expertise in laws affecting the disabled. The opinion is set forth in a detailed memorandum from Stewart B. Oneglia to William Bradford Reynolds, the assistant attorney general for civil rights. Oneglia's office coordinates the civil rights activities of more than 25 government agencies that distribute federal aid.

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Local medics against giving names of those who test positive

by Carla McClain
Tucson Citizen

TUCSON - The Tucson medical community has spoken out firmly against the controversial proposal of reporting to state officials the name of anyone whose blood shows evidence of exposure to acquired immune deficiency syndrome - AIDS.

Being proposed as a "top priority" by state health officials, the mandatory reporting and naming of such people on a "confidential" state list already has been soundly denounced by the Gay male community, which is at highest risk from the killer disease and would be most affected by such a list.

And in a public hearing on the issue in Tucson on Monday, June 2, held by state health officials, the proposal was opposed by the Pima County Medical Society, The Pima County Health Department, The Arizona Public Health Association, the College of American Pathologists, and a number of individual physicians at University Medical Center.

Almost all medical experts cited the fear of losing the confidentiality of the names on the list, who might become victims of discrimination.

Doctors also stressed that the test for exposure to AIDS - known as the HTLV-III test - is not totally accurate and only reveals the presence in the blood of antibodies to AIDS virus and not the virus itself. The test does indicate exposure to the AIDS virus, but does not reveal who will get the fatal disease nor who might be able to infect others with it, they testified.

"I agree that controlling the spread of this virus is a major public health concern, and that the reporting of all AIDS cases and AIDS-related-complex cases is important to that control," said Dr. Patricia Nolan, director of the Pima County Health Department, who also spoke as a representative of the Arizona Public Health Association.

"However," she added, "the issue of positive HTLV-III test results, even when confirmed, is less clear-cut. These results might keep a person from obtaining health and life insurance. Schooling and jobs may be threatened. The reporting of these results, by name, is not desirable because there is not adequate protection of confidentiality. Yes, we can report the number of positive results, in order to get the statistics, but not the names."

Most of the testifying physicians, including Nolan, pointed out that the state can offer people with positive test results no treatment to prevent them from getting AIDS because there is no vaccine or cure for the disease, which has struck more than 20,000 Americans including 84 in Arizona.

"We just have nothing to offer these patients with positive test results," said Dr. Kay A. Beaman, a family physician at University Medical Center and a trained epidemiologist. "This

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BRIEFS

GAY COMMUNITY RAPP LINE

PHOENIX - After years of sweeping popularity overseas, GAB (Group Access Bridging) telephone service has come to Phoenix. The service helps people make new friends, meet someone special, or just take part in some lively conversations. The GAB concept is similar to that of a call-in talk show, but since there is no host, the topics of conversation are limited only by the callers' imagination.

For example, Gay men calling "Male Call" at 1-976-GAYS, (1-976-4297) will first hear a brief announcement stating that they are connected with the service. If no one is on the line, a "facilitator" will converse with them until someone else joins in. (Moderator is on duty from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. only). When a new person calls, a chime sounds to let the callers know another talker is in their midst.

"Imported to America, GAB lines have enjoyed resounding success in Europe under such names as "Hot Line" (Sweden), "Talkabout" (Great Britain), and "Teleconvivialite" (France).

If test marketing in cities like New York, Boston and Chicago is any indication, Americans are ready to GAB their hearts out. A case in point is Omaha, Nebraska. When two GAB lines were introduced there, the local phone company logged 120,000 calls the first weekend. (Another 125,000 couldn't get through because of the jam).

Rates for 1-976-4297 are 70 cents for the first minute and .35 for additional minutes. To insure privacy, any calls made will show up on monthly phone bills under the heading "ScoopLine".

PRISON WARDEN RECONSIDERS

THOMASTON, ME - Danny Nutting, an inmate at Maine State Prison who had previously been denied visits from his lover, Peter Baughman, because during a visit they kissed, has regained his right to visits from Baughman.

It has been reported that Warren Magnusson, the warden at the prison, sent Baughman a letter in which he agreed to allow Baughman to visit Nutting provided they agree not to engage in physical contact.

Although rules given to visitors by prison officials do indicate that visitors and inmate may embrace at the beginning and end of a visit, Magnusson said that rule was allowed only to heterosexual couples. He did admit, however, that heterosexual males (i.e. father and son) may embrace.

Baughman says he will fight the policy because he feels he is being discriminated against.

HUDSON DREADED TV KISS

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - Rock Hudson agonized over a scene calling for him to kiss Linda Evans on an episode of "Dynasty," but went through with it, despite knowing that he had AIDS, according to an excerpt from his book printed in this week's "People" Magazine.

"I've got to kiss Linda. What the hell am I going to do?" he reportedly asked his secretary, Mark Miller, after receiving the script a week before the kissing scene was shot.

"He was trapped," said Miller. "He couldn't ask them to change the script. He felt either you announce you have AIDS or kiss the lady."

According the excerpt from "Rock Hudson, His Story," co-written with journalist Sara Davidson, "on the day the kiss with Linda Evans was shot, Rock used every gargle, mouthwash and spray he could get his hands on. He told Mark: 'The kiss is over with. Thank God.' He said it was one of the worst days in his life."

Actor George Hader, a close friend of the superstar, said the night the "Dynasty" episode was shown, "I could see where Rock kept his lips closed and hit Linda on the side of the cheek for a brief, chaste kiss," Hader said. "He did not open his mouth. No saliva was exchanged."

CONDOM JINGLES SHUNNED DOWN UNDER

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (GCN) - The Health Minister, Barry Unsworth, has cancelled a series of radio jingles which were to be part of the Health Department's safer-sex condoms campaign. Unsworth said the jingles were tasteless and that he did not believe they would be effective in reaching groups at high risk for AIDS. The jingles were set to the song, "Who's Sorry Now", the best known version of which was recorded in the 1950's by Connie Francis.

TRANSSEXUAL LOSES SECOND ELECTION

NEW LONDON, CN (AP) - Too many members just couldn't accept a woman who was a man, said Bridgette Pol Brusseau, who for the second time lost her bid to become the first transsexual to lead an American Legion post.

Brusseau, who was decorated during the Korean War while in the U.S. Air Force as Robert "Bobby" Brusseau, lost last Monday to Vietnam veteran Dominic G. Cirioni Jr. on a 52-22 vote by the John Coleman Prince Post No. 9.

"If she's been born a woman, I'd vote for her," Elmo E. Pearson, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War, said before voting. "There's a name for a man who has sex with another man and it's not commander. It's outrageous. It's disgusting."

LESBIAN / GAY PRIDE WEEK KICKOFF

Saturday, June 21

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 3. BEST FEMALE IMPERSONATOR IN 1-PIECE BATHING SUIT, \$50-1st: #25-2nd
 4. TAN LINE CONTEST, \$25-1st: 5 drinks 2nd
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 Schnapps .25
 7:00 p.m. to closing

IT'S 'BOUT TIME

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CAMERON IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE

LINCOLN, NE - Anti-Gay psychologist Paul Cameron and his homophobic Institute for the Scientific Investigation of Sexuality (ISIS) have fallen on financial hard times, according to his wife, Virginia. Mrs. Cameron wrote in a fund-raising letter, "ISIS will not be able to continue unless we have your financial support. We are (presently) operating in the red. We must hear from you or we will not be able to continue our fight against misguided sexuality and for responsible morality."

Mrs. Cameron, who said she felt compelled to emerge from "the background", warned, "we are rushing toward an amoral, Godless society." She also boasted that ISIS is being credited with "setting the Gay rights movement back on its heels," but that doing so has not been easy.

Meanwhile, ISIS announced in a newsletter that it will host the "First ISIS Convention" focusing on "The AIDS Challenge" - in Estes Park, Colorado, this weekend from June 13 thru the 15th.

LaROUCHE BATTLE HEATS UP IN COURT

BOSTON, MA (AP) - Extremist politician Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr. and his organizations face challenges to their fund raising across the country, but nowhere have the fights turned as bitter or posed as much of a threat to his empire as the one in a courtroom here.

A federal grand jury's investigation into allegations of credit card fraud and tax avoidance has brought a blizzard of suits, complaints and public vilification of government officials by LaRouche's followers.

The effort has reaped the LaRouche organizations seven separate contempt-of-court findings and massive fines - more than \$17 million so far. Each day adds another \$45,000 to the total piling up unpaid for 14 months.

"I've never been involved in a case where there was this much grand jury litigation," said Daniel F. Small, assistant U.S. attorney.

"If the intent is to in any way diminish our commitment to the investigation, that won't work," he added. "This office won't be... intimidated out of a case and won't allow someone to abuse the system to their advantage."

A Boston attorney representing the LaRouche groups did not return a reporter's telephone calls. LaRouche's spokesman at his Leesburg, Va., headquarters, Christina Huth, declined repeated invitations to comment.

In documents made public during contempt proceedings, federal prosecutors say the grand jury has found evidence of "an extensive nationwide pattern" of credit card fraud totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars by entities and individuals associated with LaRouche, a frequent fringe candidate for president.

No indictments have been handed down and the investigation is continuing.

Prosecutors have said in court that the LaRouche groups allegedly made unauthorized charges of \$500, \$1,000 or more to the credit card numbers of people whom they had solicited to buy magazines.

The fines are the result of U.S. District Judge A. David Mazzone's contempt-of-court rulings against four LaRouche-related organizations for refusing to comply with subpoenas for documents.

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This Week's TV Programs

7:00 (2) THE LOVE BOTT - (60 min) The Captain decides to show a movie but can't decide on "Outrageous" or "My Beautiful Laundrette". Captain: Thom McSorley.

(7) THE GUILDED GIRLS - (60 min.) With any luck, Dorothy is going to remember to show up at a very important rehearsal for an upcoming show. Dorothy: M.J. Gilmore

(69) FRONTLINE - (60 min.) Hostess Jackie de Soy Sauce is back at the old grind while ratings drop. Don Hinkle Orchestra.

8:00 (2) KATIE AND AL - (60 min.) Katie's on vacation and Al is wondering what kind of trouble she is up to. Meanwhile, Al thinks about the trouble she can get into. Katie: Petra St. Pool. Al: Rodger Curtin.

(7) MIAMI TWICE - (60 min.) Crock is looking for an apartment and everyone's worried until it's found out that he is looking for a friend. Crock: Gary Stark.

(69) MOVIE - Comedy (2 hrs.) "Really?" A local bar asks Larry, Curly and Moe to police their parking lot, but is it really going to profit?

9:00 (2) DIE HASTY - (60 min.) Alexi finds the one "Achilles Heel" of a friend and "goes for the jugular". Alexi: Davida Zircon.

(7) FAMILY TRIES - (60 min.) Alex says it's really true. Several people have finally come to visit since Mallory is out of town. Mallory: Dani Ibt. Alex: Markie Ibt.



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Guest Editorial

The Arizona Daily Star

AIDS DILEMMA: It's puzzling that the state still wants test results.

Proposed state records-keeping on people whose blood test show they have antibodies to the AIDS virus would cost the state much more than it would be worth in preventing the spread of the disease.

Even if you discount the concern over confidentiality of the records as unjustified paranoia among Gay men, who most frequently contract AIDS, the record-keeping proposal is flawed by the documented inaccuracy of the antibody test.

Error rates of over 50 percent have been reported. The errors are mostly false positive readings. It is better to advise people with positive results to have more tests. But that does not require state intervention, as State Health Director Dr. Lloyd Novick says it should.

Physicians in private practice, hospitals and clinics that conduct the blood tests are ethically obliged to report the results to patients, and most are conscientious enough to refer them to the proper agencies which offer the patient counseling and education.

It is essential that the state have an up-to-date record of persons who have been diagnosed by case history and full testing as having AIDS or AIDS-related infections. It is in the interest of the public health to keep track of those persons.

But it is pointless to keep painstaking records of positive antibody tests - called HTLV-III tests - when the patterns revealed could be totally misleading and inaccurate.

Novick has said he believes that the presence of antibodies means that the virus also is present, but there is a significant body of research to dispute that opinion. Researchers say that antibodies can be present even when the virus is not. Antibodies do not indicate with certainty that a person will

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Reynolds' associates said he tended to agree that the 1973 law applied to people with AIDS. Senior officials said there was more uncertainty and debate about coverage of healthy people with antibodies to the AIDS virus.

The Department of Health and Human Services asked the Justice Department for legal advice on these questions in March. The official response to the request will come from Charles J. Cooper, the assistant attorney general in charge of the Office of Legal Counsel.

The decision is being closely coordinated with Charles Fried, the solicitor general, who must decide what position, if any, to take in a Supreme Court case on whether tuberculosis constitutes a handicap under the 1973 law.

It is not clear whether ideological conservatives, in the Justice Department or elsewhere, will influence the decision on AIDS. Many such conservatives oppose federal efforts that might be seen as endorsing or condoning homosexuality. But senior Justice Department officials said they were not analyzing the issue in terms of homosexual rights because federal law did not explicitly prohibit discrimination against homosexuals.

TUCSON Lesbian and Gay Pride Week

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TEATRO CHICANO - PRIDE WEEK '86 - Chicano Theatre group to perform "Reunion" in its first performance outside of San Francisco. It's a Gay-oriented play dealing with homosexuality in the Chicano community, performed by local actresses and actors of Teatro Chicano. 7:30 p.m. at Cholla High School Auditorium. Tickets \$4.00 with proceeds going to Tucson AIDS Project. PLUS Cast Party following performance - "Noche Amistad (Friendship Night) - A dance to benefit Tucson AIDS Project at Hayden Furniture Gallery, 1149 N. Main from 10 p.m. until 7:30. Donation to TAP requested at the door.

spread AIDS or even become ill.

The state says that it might seek further tests on people reported to have had positive HTLV-III results, but it would not have to do that and probably would not have the time or the resources to track down the named persons. And, even if it did, it is doubtful that the expense would serve any purpose.

Most tests reveal actual absence or presence of the disease in the body, not mere exposure to it. With most infectious diseases, treatment can begin as soon as they are detected. But there is no treatment yet for AIDS. The state can do no more than refer people who test positive for counseling, which they are probably already receiving.

And, finally, there is the distrust of the state's confidentiality. It might be overplayed, but it is not unjustified. State records are inadequately protected from court subpoena. AIDS infection has become an issue in domestic relations cases. It is an easy jump from domestic relations to insurance liability cases.

There is a great interest among insurance companies and employers to find out which people might be AIDS-prone.

Because of pure fiscal considerations, insurance companies want to avoid covering AIDS expenses. Because of sheer ignorance about AIDS transmission, some employers want to avoid hiring what they consider potential carriers.

If one has enough political clout and/or enough money to spend, confidentiality of records can be breached by law. Therefore, some with "false positives" could be irreparably damaged.

It is puzzling that Novick continues to pursue the proposal to record test results against the better judgment of physicians, clinicians and statisticians.

LAW MAY PROTECT AIDS VICTIMS

In March, the Public Health Service recommended that millions of people in high-risk groups, such as homosexual men and intravenous drug abusers, undergo periodic blood tests to check for exposure to the AIDS virus. If the testing program is effective, the Justice Department said, it may "significantly enlarge the group of people" who complain of discrimination.

In most situations, it said, the disease "will not present a safety or health risk that would justify exclusion, segregation or otherwise discriminatory treatment of persons with AIDS" or antibodies to the virus.

The opinion did not discuss the use of blood screening tests by insurance companies to detect antibodies to the AIDS virus.

The government has recorded 21,302 cases of AIDS, of whom 11,645 have already died. There is no cure for the disease, which leads to a breakdown of the body's ability to fight off infection. Almost one-third of the reported cases have been in New York City. In addition, the government says that as many as one million people may have developed antibodies after being exposed to the virus at some time.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME

IT'S 'BOUT TIME PRESENTS BISMARCK

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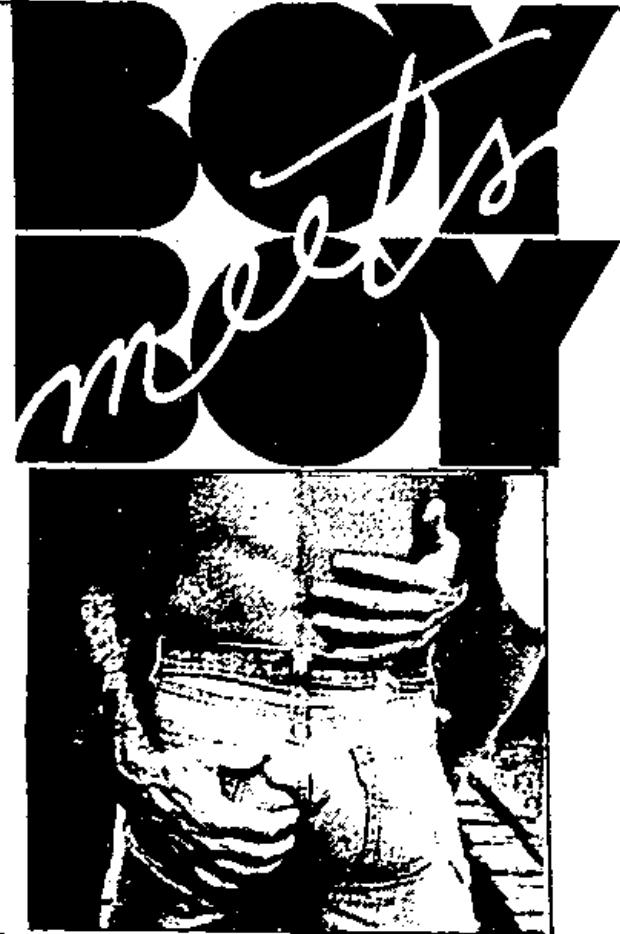
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theme of the conference. Our Sunday evening service was conducted by Hita, our student clergy, and members of H.G.C. Apostles of God from Sierra Vista.

This coming Sunday, June 15th, MCC/Tucson will celebrate the 16th anniversary of its founding. Pastor Dave will have as his subject "Where From Here?" as his sermon. Come join us for a time of worship, a time of celebration and a time to prepare for another year in Tucson.

MCC/Tucson is still searching for a permanent home. Another bid has been placed on yet another building. Our hopes have been high and then dashed to the pits on previous biddings, so until the final closing, we will just wait, hope and pray before making any formal announcements.

Thought for the Week: Words are impressive, but actions make the lasting impression.

Last Saturday, MCC/Tucson had their first of a series of pool parties for the summer. A lively group met for an afternoon of swimming and sunning. The afternoon concluded with a potluck supper and the evening was spent by getting to know each other socially (with a bit more swimming thrown in). Two more of these parties are planned, one in July and one in August.

During Sunday morning service, our Lay Delegate and our Alternate Lay Delegate gave their reports and impressions of the District Conference held recently in California. These talks were given instead of a regular sermon. Pastor Dave concluded this part of the service by giving a short message on the

OUT ON THE TOWN

STUNT MALIBU CHRISTI FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Greetings from the Ponderosa.

Jza Jza is out on a short sabbatical, and didn't want to end up as an Observer centerfold, so sister Ra Jza will be filling you in on all the real dirt from Le Far West. Quite frankly, with her looks, Jza Jza need never worry about being a centerfold.

What's happening with all the boxes around here? Have Dash and Matilda dumped theirs yet? Has Dash any new prospects? He should really try some different bait. You can only get so much use out of one worm.

Ronda's box is still broken... things keep falling out of it. Mae's box is getting a face lift even though Mae needs the lift much more than her box. Does anyone have the phone number of Sky Hook Crane Service?

Tondaleo is still celebrating in her box and probably will be for awhile.)

The Simian Sisters have stretched their box and held an Inaugural Ball that would rival Ron & Nancy's. Everyone had a wonderful time and Baby Tabatha stole the show. Christi would have been jealous.

Jza Jza's box is still so-so, but she keeps asking permission to get her rocks off. Girlfriend, if you need to ask, you've got problems.

As for Christi's box, it got so stuffed just a little one this week. One one letter from Ronda Jones. Take it away Ronda!

Dear Christi:

It seems there's been another little tiff in the family. Apparently Ms. Mae is embarrassed to be seen in public with her sister Ronda. Mae tells Ronda that dinner will be at the

Silver Saddle and then takes everyone else to some Chinky restaurant. Talk about being embarrassed, Ronda arrives at the Saddle early and reserves a table for 8 and then ends up alone (and fuming) for the next 2 hours. Was I stood up or what. Too bad Endora's crystal balls didn't let her in on poor Ronda's plight.

In other news, the Simian Sisters had a very nice little party for two old farts who still deliver.

Speaking of Old Fart, is City Hall trying to B'jeenarewart with him? According to the city, Old Fart has two feet of their property inside his fence. And as for City Hall... Don't mess with Mama Keg Leg. She'll break your face.... with her thighs.

Back to my wonderfully exciting news - I've been chosen to receive the Silver Poet Award for 1986 by the World of Poetry.

Love and kisses to all my fans. I wish to thank all the little people -- especially Mae. Love Ronda

Well, congratulations Ronda - we never knew you had it in you (talent that is). Tell us dear, is it true that you've fallen off the wagon? We've heard it was more like catapulting off the wagon.

Have we raked everyone over the coals yet? If not, we'll get you next time. Jza Jza may extend her sabbatical.... after all she doesn't get paid for this.

Who cares, who does who. Temporarily yours

Ra Jza

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Diary Of A Gay Cab Driver

PART TWO

It has only been a few months since I started working the night-shift and already I am a seasoned driver. Lately, the girls in the office have been screaming about my handwriting on the daily trip sheets, so I've decided to practice my penmanship and begin the 'Diary of a Gay Cab Driver' and thereby improve my motor skills. This job has fast become a vehicle to re-think my city. With this in mind, I give my brain the same command Nabokov used to stimulate his imagination for the last Tome of his auto-biographical opus, "SPEAK, MEMORY".....

It's Saturday night and the shift starts faster than a drag queen changing dresses between acts. The first couple of calls are the usual supermarket pickups and shopping mall runs. People going home from work. Then I clear at El Con and the dispatcher moves me to the Doubletree to standby at our central location. This is a chance to check with the other drivers. We trade gossip and information usually concerning the previous night's escapades. I pull up in line and Rhett is there. He has been driving a year with the A-Team. A typical Old Pueblo hot-shot, he carries a snub nose .22 and dreams of becoming a mercenary.

"Hey Rhett. What's happening? What did you book last night?"

"Hey D.J. Oh I did 120, but had to go till 2:30. What did you book?"

"I only booked 95 and had to go till 4:00, but the tips were better than average."

"Oh yeah, how much better?"

"About 25 in cash, a juicy bud, and two lines of the 'real thing'. Have you seen Coley yet? What's his cab number?"

"I don't know. I came on before him."

Just then Rhett's number is called and he's spared the usual embarrassment of dodging my inquiries about Coley. With a flash he's off and running down Alvernon and I am left to dream about Coley. Most nights when I won't want to go into work, all I have to do is think about him and that's all it takes to get me out the door. He is the most graceful and beautiful man I have ever known. I didn't know God made men like that. But I suppose there is an infinity that I don't know of God's work. Coley is fortunately not part of that void. He is finite. I heard he had to take some lumps from the other cab drivers just for reciprocating my friendship. Especially from Rhett, his high school buddy. I hate placing men in compromising situations. It's one of the worst aspects of being Gay.... All at once I am shaken from my reverie.

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"Take it to 6576 South Torrada Tostada".

by D.J. - Tucson

I repeat the address and the dispatcher 10/4's.

The Torrada Tostada is on the Southside, off the Deep Six... I zoom across town and begin to weave down 6th Avenue through the usual parade of custom low-riders and two story Chevy Blazers.

I am close and ready to jog into the neighborhood by way of Missiondale. There are the "Gables", not really an old or new neighborhood. It is solidly middle-class. I figure the pick-up will probably be someone Mama going home after a full day of baby sitting, or else a young grandee on his way to the Copa. But, lately, I have learned that expecting the usual can take you by surprise. I pull up to the address, honk, and the door opens. A lady appears and signals me as she gathers her purse and coat. She gets in the cab with a solemn Hrumphhh. I pull away and inquire with the usual, "Where to, Ma'am?" She waits a little longer than usual to answer but finally says, "Why do you hate me?"

This is a little more than unusual, but I answer quickly to try to keep us on track. "Well ma'am, I don't hate you, where do you need to go?" She replies with a cold stare, "I can tell from your aura that you hate me."

"Ma'am, I don't hate you. I don't hate anyone, and I don't know anything about my aura. Please ma'am, where do you need to go?"

Even more seriously she answers, "Do you know your aura is extending 40 or 50 feet from your body with wave lengths vibrating from purple to red?"

This time I try the direct approach. "Lady, please, please, please, PLEASE.... Where do you need to go?"

"Do you know where the Abbey of Perpetual Adoration is?"

"Yes, it's on Country Club near Speedway."

"Well, take me there immediately young man and no funny stuff. I have an appointment with St. Michael, the Archangel."

I move the cab quickly towards Country Club, but I really wish I could drop her off at the Graduate. I know Roger or Aviva Diamond could show her a thing or two about wave lengths. We pull up to the Abbey and she hands me a twenty. Without waiting for her change, she bolts up the staircase like she's going to meet her lover. I shove the bill into my pocket, scribble the date onto my trip sheet and wonder who the patron saint of cab driver's is.

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"Clear at Speedway and Country Club."

"Bring it to the Plaza, one-two-eight..."

I whip the cab onto Speedway and head for the Plaza. Maybe

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Coley will be there. I didn't know then that our friendship was fleeting. He will be gone like the stud cab driver. Some men run away. They don't really slip through your fingers as much as pass through your heart and keep right on going. I pull into the Plaza parking lot - no Coley. There isn't time for frustration, the radio crackles:

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can be riding on that box of red stuff. This call is to Old Pueblo General. I floor it down Campbell and even shoot two lights, then it's up to the E.R. where a surgical team is waiting to escort me to the O.R.

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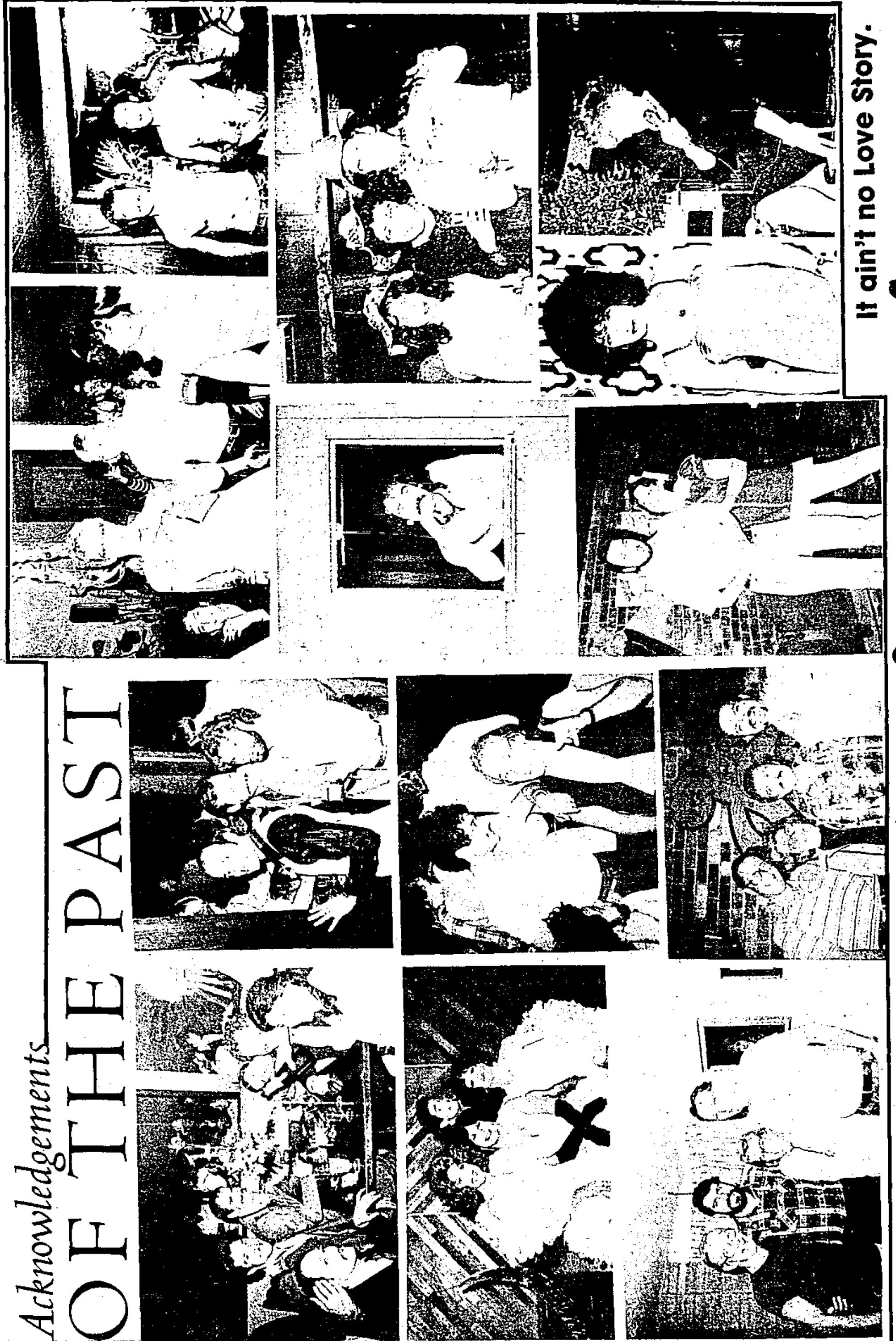
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As I See It - - - -

ED NOTE: As we enter into the 1986 Lesbian and Gay Pride Week celebrations, here are some very sobering thoughts as viewed by Tucsonan Bruce Fowler.

AS I SEE IT.....

by Bruce Fowler - Tucson

As one reads national Gay and Lesbian newspapers today, one becomes increasingly aware of the fact that the Gay and Lesbian movement seems to be taking a new direction. It seems that more and more national organizations are merging with one another in a desperate attempt to "stay alive". Resources (both financial and human) are dwindling and nearly every group seems to be looking for an acceptable agenda for moving forward the Gay and Lesbian rights issues.

As I see it, the same thing is happening at the local level here in Arizona. Gay and Lesbian organizations that had strong direction, good leadership and a very well defined agenda in the 1970's and early 1980's seem to be wandering around in search of a purpose in the mid 80's. Our local organizations and clubs seem concerned only with internal personal support ("huggy, feel-good", as a friend calls it) and have little interest in the agenda of the earlier period of the Gay and Lesbian movement, namely: education, legislative change, public relations and community involvement.

One exception is our efforts to combat AIDS. At least we still all agree what needs to be done in that area. But, even in this arena, except for an occasional fund-raiser, most of the older organizations and clubs have no real agenda.

It would seem that the organizations and clubs that stood in the forefront of the Gay and Lesbian movement for human rights in the 1970's and early 1980's have returned to the closet in the mid-1980's. Many of those groups that were so heavily involved in Gay and

Lesbian rights in Tucson and Phoenix five and ten years ago now have little real clout, offer almost no direction and provide little hope to the average Gay and Lesbian person for effecting change in the near future.

I submit that many of our organizations are returning to the closet and are doing so as a result of personal homophobia - a devastating kind of "illness". Excuses such as "not wanting to take the risk" and "not knowing how to organize" or "not having the time" will move us backward, not forward. Such excuses are a thin veil for the homophobia they represent in any case. Perhaps the worst excuse I've heard, "...but we're so much better off than ever before, we don't need to do anything. After all, it isn't that bad!" These excuses herald the death blow to Gay and Lesbian rights.

The real enemy of Gays and Lesbians is our own personal homophobia which we internalize and which will deny us our basic freedoms causing us to become complacent.

So long as ANY Lesbian or Gay is persecuted, there is need for a movement that has a well defined agenda, has made clear its goals and knows what means it will use to achieve those goals.

With few exceptions, most organizations and clubs in Phoenix and Tucson no longer have a clearly defined set of goals. There are NO real, clear-cut plans for bettering the condition of Gay and Lesbian people in Arizona. In fact, Gays and Lesbians are becoming complacent and bounded by their closets. Resources are dwindling. And the enemy plans laws to further deny our rights and talk of establishing "camps" and of tattooing all Gay men.

The agenda of the 1970's is still appropriate. We still need to educate society and ourselves. We need to work for legislative changes. We need to

do Public Relations that promotes the quality of Gay and Lesbian human beings. We need to be involved in our Community (both the Gay and Lesbian communities AND the community at-large). To stop now and turn inward will offer only momentary solace, resulting in long-term defeat.

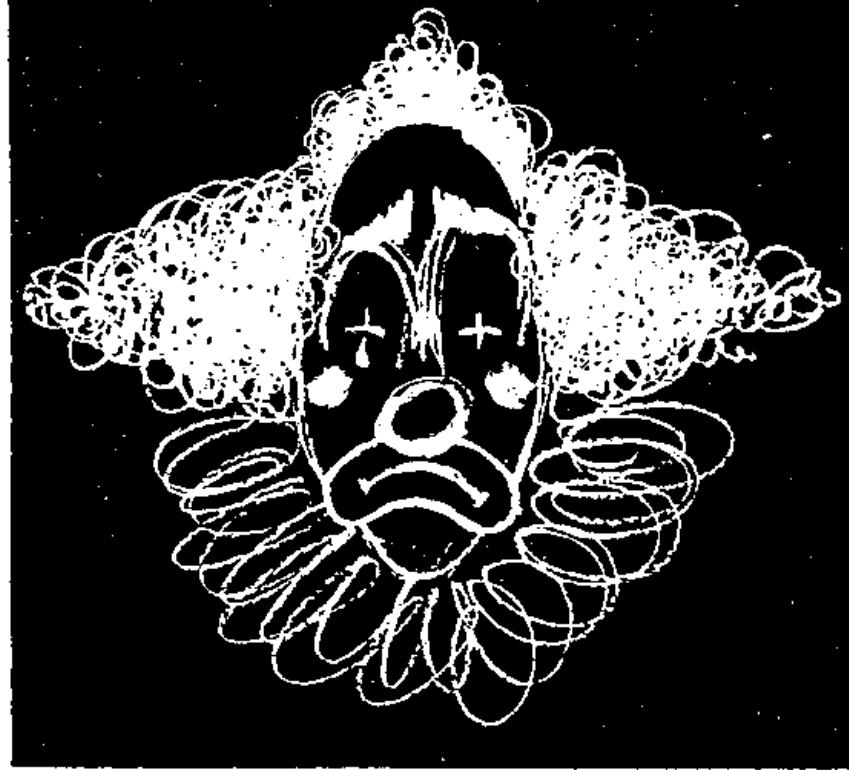
It's time to define our agenda, make clear our goals and identify the means we will use to achieve those goals. And we don't have the luxury of waiting.

Did I hear that correctly?



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SATURDAY, JUNE 14
RUMOR HAZZIT - Saturday Movie Matinee at 3:00 will feature "Some Like It Hot" starring Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon and Marilyn Monroe on the giant video screen.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15
RUMOR HAZZIT - "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" show featuring Tamara (Miss Gay Arizona); Jacqueline de Saval, Aviva Diamond, Mr. Eddie Florez and Mr. Monte-Jon. \$2.00 cover and reservations are highly suggested. Show starts at 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - "WET PARTY, WET CONTEST, WET SHOW!" Show stars Aviva Diamond, Tamara and Candi Plastique. Cash and other prizes for the contest. Check out IBT's ad for details.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22
GAY PRIDE WEEK BEGINS IN HIMMEL PARK WITH HUGE PICNIC. Free beer (be sure to bring your proper identification for the beer), soft drinks, and there will be food booths, game booths and information booths. Also volleyball, dancing and live entertainment too. Noon to Dusk in the bandshell area in the Northeast corner of Himmel Park near the library. Be sure to be one of the hundreds who will be at this 8th annual Pride Week Picnic.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Pride Week Kick-off Show at 8:30 with Christi Lunden, Monte-Jon, Candi Plastique and male dancer Michael. PLUS, direct from Phoenix Miss Cissy Goldberg. \$2 for reserved seating. Non-reserved no charge.

MONDAY, JUNE 23
FINELINE - PRIDE WEEK '86 - Two workshops: Sex and Love Addiction and Gay and Lesbian Communication begin at 7:00 p.m. Both Workshops moderated by highly qualified facilitators. A festive reception will follow the workshops at Fineline.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25
GRADUATE - PRIDE WEEK '86 - 9:00 p.m. "Mad Hatters Tea Party with three cash prizes of \$25 each for the most Original, the best Gay Pride Theme and the most Degenerate.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26
PRIDE WEEK '86 presents MOVIE NITE. The critically acclaimed film "Buddies" will be presented at the Modern Languages Building Auditorium on the UofA campus at 7:30 p.m. More information and directions will be published prior to this event. The film has had successful runs in Australia, Europe and across America where it has received universally enthusiastic reviews. Definitely keep this date open.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - PRIDE WEEK '86 - "CASINO NITE" where there are some really nice plants you can win as you play black-jack for chips. No money involved. Just a great time and prizes to boot. ALSO "Card Sharks" game. More later.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27
RUMOR HAZZIT - PRIDE WEEK '86 - Dance Contest with \$60 first prize, \$50 Second Prize and \$40 third prize. Judging by King Roger and Queen Aviva and the rest of their court of Fiesta de Mayo. Judging based on costume, technique, originality and stage presence. PLUS a slide show (featuring slides taken at the Pride Picnic as well as the other various functions during Pride Week '86.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28
JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - PRIDE WEEK '86 - 3 to 7 p.m. Luau and Video Show. Food as well as a taped show of last year's Pride Week '85 and as new tapings featuring many Tucson Lesbian and Gay personalities in interviews prepared especially for this event. A great afternoon planned at the BBQ grill as well as inside at the video screens.

TEATRO CHICANO - PRIDE WEEK '86 - Chicano Theatre group to perform "Reunion" in its first performance outside of San Francisco. It's a Gay-oriented play dealing with homosexuality in the Chicano community, performed by local actresses and actors of Teatro Chicano. 7:30 p.m. at Cholla High School Auditorium. Tickets \$4.00 with proceeds going to Tucson AIDS Project. PLUS Cast Party following performance - "Noche Amistad" (Friendship Night) - a dance to benefit Tucson AIDS Project at Hayden Furniture Gallery, 1149 N. Main from 10 p.m. until ??? Donation to TAP requested at the door.

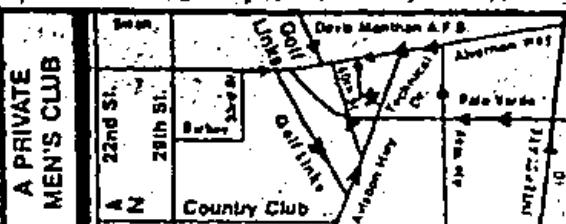
SUNDAY, JUNE 29
HIMMEL PARK - PRIDE WEEK '86 CLOSES - Softball game between Tucson's Gay Games II team versus a surprise team to be announced. There will be keg beer available for a donation to offset the softball team expenses to Gay Games II. A great way to wind up Pride Week '86.

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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. \$10 per glass. Bobby Jr., DJ in J/T 9 to 1

FINELINE/SKYLINE - Upstairs open from 7 pm to 1 am. Beer Bust - draft beer .25. Downstairs non-alcoholic disco 9 pm - 1 am \$3 cover.

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 8 to 1 with Clint. RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Well Scotch \$1. Schnapps .75 noon to 7 p.m. DINNER BUFFET NIGHT 6 to 9 p.m. \$2.75

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/SKYLINE - Upstairs open from 7 pm to 1 am. Dancing begins 9 pm. Drink specials. Downstairs non-alcoholic disco 9 pm - 1 am \$3 cover.

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 Padel "Oldies but Goodies".

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 p.m. featuring Well Bourbon \$1; Schnapps .75. From 7:00 p.m. to closing Well Vodka \$1.25; Schnapps .75 and Domestic Beer (non-premium) \$1.

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

FRIDAY

FINELINE/SKYLINE - Upstairs open from 7 pm to 1 am. Drink specials. Downstairs, non-alcoholic disco 8 pm to 1 am \$3.00 cover. After hours 1 am to 4 am.

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 - Noon to 7 p.m. featuring Well Rum or Tequila \$1; Schnapps .75

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/SKYLINE - Upstairs open from 7 pm to 1 am. Drink special. Downstairs, non-alcoholic disco 8 pm to 1 am \$3.00 cover. After hours 1 am to 4 am.

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

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11 am - 6 pm 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/SKYLINE - Upstairs open from 7 pm to 1 am. Dancing and drink specials.

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 on the first and third Sunday of each month. Dance music 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Brunch 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. \$2.25. 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/SKYLINE - Upstairs open from 7 pm to 1 am. Dancing and drink specials.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

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

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 p.m. featuring Well Vodka \$1; Schnapps .75

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

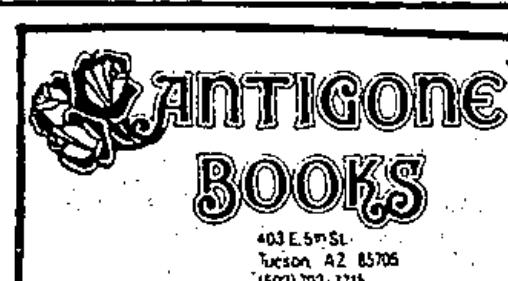
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GRADUATE - Bottle Beer \$1.00 (except premium) and drink specials until closing.

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

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 p.m. featuring Well Gin \$1; Schnapps .75

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.



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MOVING

The very word strikes fear into many people's hearts; and well it might since moving is something that affects more than 40% of the population in any one year. And, like malaria, it never goes away - there are frequent attacks and relapses. I have read that, along with death and divorce, moving may be one of the more stressful situations in which to find oneself. Having just moved my home and, then, one month later, my office, I thought it appropriate to think about moving a little.

As the child of a preacher, I moved with my family around the state of Virginia on average of every two years, only staying long enough in one place to begin to feel at home, and then, once again get ripped up and transplanted to new soils. Since coming to Tucson nine years ago, I can recollect living in twelve places. Moving becomes a ritualized torture - it hurts, but the pain is dulled by familiarity and repetition.

When friends asked me to move with them into a house someone was kindly letting them live in I was thrilled - my first house away from home. I packed the bug with everything I owned and came to Tucson and moved in: a lovely old heap with holes in walls, floors and windows. My room, quite spacious, was furnished with a mattress on the floor, some non-functioning venetian blinds, a milk crate, and a large rectangular mirror leaning

against the wall (that thing sure came in handy on occasion!). So much for my first house.

By the time I moved in with John three years later, I required several Toyota pickup loads to relocate. We rented a U-haul with a lift "to pick up a few things from my folks garage". We drove up to John's folks house and he opened the garage door - the double garage was practically full of antique furniture - large, dark, heavy-duty looking things! We got the last piece, an over-sized rolltop desk, into the new house right around nightfall (June), only after disassembling the damn thing - it was too big to fit in the door. Talk about a great way to start a relationship!

I don't know how you progress toward a move, but we usually vacillate between extremes:

1) Pack thoroughly, have everything done early, and eat out at restaurants a week before and a week after the move ("I just can't find the china").

2) Pack 1 or 2 boxes, spend every night in the bar and finish packing in a mad panic the day of the move.

Each way seems to work, at one time or another, depending on the mood of the move. Out when you're supposed to be and everything clean - except a couple of times. We lived in a tiny dark apartment, owned by

this old-world asshole (he upped the rent \$25 a month as we showed up with the van to move in) and decided to move out just 4 days before we did. The old guy hit the roof while John and I spelled each other guarding our stuff in case he tried to impound it or something (we didn't know if he could but he was surely crazy enough). Served the old creep right.

Before I met John, I lived in an apartment complex that had been mainly gay and then slowly turned low rent redneck. Finally it got to the point where the neighbor kids were baiting me in the street (Hi fag; Hi pretty boy, etc.) and John and I just up and moved one night, leaving the place absolutely trashed. A real pleasure that was (2 of the kids were the landlords).

A tip: Unlike landscaping, never pick a hot, sunny day to do your work (you die, not the flowers). The day we moved into the Royal Alvernon, upstairs, dawned a hazy, muggy day which progressed into a steamy 98 degrees. Lugging china cabinets upstairs in those conditions could try the best of us.

As an uplifting closing, I would suggest everyone find a place they like and stick to it. I know years of my life have been left in the backs of pickup trucks or unthinkingly chucked into a dumpster - I didn't feel like moving them.

ARTHUR LE BLANK

WHAT'S UP DOC?

My vacation via TKO is over. It was fun sitting back for a year. The only thing I had to worry about was getting this column out. Well, as I said, that freedom is now passed.

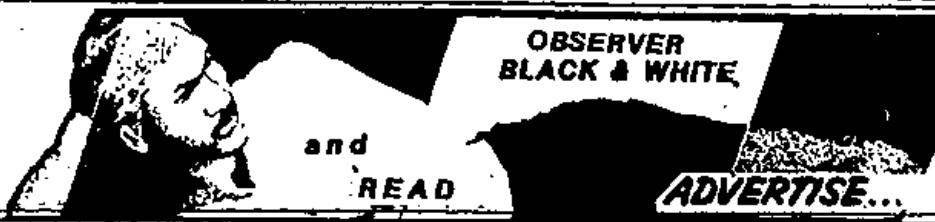
This past weekend found TKO at Roosevelt Lake for a weekend campout. There they were joined by members of Partners and TALL. Beside the general brotherhood for the campout, the main reason was TKO's election of officers for the 1986-87 year. Results were as follows: President - Tommy M.; Vice President - Mike D.; Secretary - Bill H.; Treasurer - Patrick T.; and Activities Captain - myself, Doc.

Swearing in ceremonies will be held at another campout, June 28 and 29 at Molino Basin. If anyone would like to join in on this very special day for TKO, contact Tommy M. at 323-3527. This same weekend, TKO will also be celebrating its 7th year anniversary.

Moving over to TALL, they were getting ready for their June Birthday Run to Phoenix on June 21st. This will prove a very fun-filled, active and possibly very wet weekend. If you would like to join them on this run contact Lee at 293-4069. Also on TALL, if one day you are driving down Grant Road and you see a BRIGHT TANGERINE colored dot coming your way 8 blocks away, don't panic, it is just TJ's new toy - TIGER.

SOS tells me they have something coming up and have promised to get news about it to me. Let's hope they get it to me in time for next week's paper at least.

I'll close this short column for now and wish everyone a happy week. I'm even giving the TBBS a break this week. Now, if all those out there came thru with their threats about writing about me, there would have been a little humor to fill the TBBS gap.



A View From Within

A COMMENTARY BY
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY MCPHERSON

THE KINDNESS OF STRANGERS:

A REVIEW OF THE BIOGRAPHY OF TENNESSEE WILLIAMS

"A Streetcar Named Desire", "The Glass Menagerie", "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof". If the names of these plays sound familiar to you, then it is likely that you are familiar with the works of the great, quintessentially American playwright Tennessee Williams. In a recently released paperback version of the book "The Kindness of Strangers: The Life Of Tennessee Williams", its author Donald Spoto covers in-depth the often tortured life of this man.

In case you had not heard, Tennessee Williams was a homosexual. (He died Feb. 24, 1983). It is for this reason that I most wanted to read about the life of someone whose talent I had admired for many years --actually since I was involved in a production of "A Streetcar Named Desire". The haunting play struck me for some odd reason: one that I was never quite able to identify. It is only after having read this book that I was able to discover why I so identified with the author.

Williams led a very tortured life. Born March 26, 1911 in Columbus, Mississippi, the second of three children, Williams knew disappointment and pain almost from the very first minute of his life. Attached to his idyllic Southern lifestyle, he was rudely introduced to the "real world" with a move to St. Louis, Missouri --a move necessitated by his father's work. A sick child almost since birth, Williams did not adjust well to life in this "big city". He began writing poetry, and continued his writing pursuits into college. Perhaps the first and most unsettling tragedy came with his older sister Rose's mental illness which necessitated a lobotomy (a practice now virtually unknown). Williams faulted his mother for this decision which left his sister inhabiting another world, and made Williams constantly fear the possibility of his own mental illness.

The biography artistically details the life and times of Williams, holding no punches as it describes his notorious life as a homosexual. Constantly on the prowl, Williams sought out the affection of another man's body, trying in vain to find a substitute for the love he never felt he had as a child. Even on the rare occasions when he "settled down" with a lover, he still made nightly forays into the dark to find a sexual partner. His adventures took him across America, and into Europe.

His first lover died tragically after their relationship ended. His second, with a beautiful Spaniard, ended slowly and without regrets. The major love in his life, with a 25-year-

old New Jersey-born Sicilian named Frank Merlo, lasted over a decade but also ended tragically first, by Williams withdrawal into abusive drug and alcohol use, then by terminal lung cancer which took Frank's life in September, 1963. Williams lived to regret his shabby treatment of the only man who truly loved him.

There would be other men, but after Frank's death, there would be no more of the successes he knew in the 1940's, 1950's and early 1960's. His works won Tony Awards (for the theatre), Academy Awards, the Pulitzer Prize, and the Drama Critic's Circle Award, but Williams always doubted his talent, and was never able to find happiness in his success.

This book is filled with all the details, the gossip, the truth --it tells it all, and it is not often a pretty sight. It is, however, fascinating reading about a man, his lifestyle and his legend.

LA CAGE AUX FOLLES will be playing in Phoenix at the Symphony Hall July 29 through August 3. If you have not seen this show yet, GO! The story is wonderfully uplifting, and the songs are marvelous, as is the dancing. Tickets are \$32/25/15 for the evening shows, and \$30/25/15 for the matinees. This is the touring company, so you can be assured of a wonderful time. (I saw this show in San Francisco August 1984, and I am STILL humming the tunes).

If you want a wonderfully put-together medical overview of the AIDS situation, and other HTLV-III information, here's an address you can write to for a free packet of info, which covers the whole story well:

The HTLV-III Information Center
Abbott Laboratories
Diagnostics Division
Dept. 49B, AF6C
Abbott Park, IL 60064

NEWS FLASH! United Press International (UPI) on June 8th reported about an article in the New York Times which says that Justice Department lawyers have tentatively concluded that AIDS victims should be legally considered "handicapped individuals". This would entitle AIDS patients protection under a federal civil rights law which makes it illegal for federal agencies and recipients of federal money to discriminate against such handicapped individuals. (See separate story on page one of this issue of OBSERVER).

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DOCTORS AGAINST TELLING WHO'S BEEN EXPOSED TO AIDS

is not like the PAP test (for early detection of cervical cancer in women) where you can move in right away with treatment that will prevent the development of cancer and death. You can't do that with AIDS.

Although the majority of AIDS victims are Gay men and intravenous drug abusers, the disease also has plagued hemophiliacs, many of them children, through contaminated blood donors. Some have been barred from schools after their condition became known.

In defending the proposal, the director of the Arizona Department of Health Services, Dr. Lloyd Novick, has explained that state health officials need these results to judge the full scope and development of AIDS in Arizona -- still considered a "low-prevalence" AIDS state -- and also to prevent further spread of the disease by notifying and counseling all "suspect carriers," as the state refers to those with AIDS antibodies.

The proposed state regulation also would forbid any "suspect carrier" of AIDS to donate blood or plasma for transfusion or donate any organs, sperm or other tissue for implant or transplant.

The regulation also states that "medical information collected... shall be designated and maintained as confidential, and shall not be disclosed by any employee. Under no circumstances shall medical information be disclosed for political or commercial purposes."

Commenting on that, Dr. Steven Engleman, head of the state's infectious diseases division, said, "We feel our confidentiality statutes and regulations are adequate at this point to protect anyone on that

list. There would be no problem with discrimination because you cannot get this information from the state."

"Our job is to protect the public health and this is one way to do it," he added. "We know of no better way to do it."

But the Pima County Medical Society and the College of American Pathologists pointed out that there is "an unacceptable high number of false positive results" from the HTLV-III blood test. That means that people who don't have any AIDS antibodies could end up on the state list saying they do, said Dr. Ronald Spark, a Tucson pathologist and member of both medical organizations.

However, Engleman indicated that the state would try to get a second confirmatory test, in addition to the HTLV-III test, "if we do not feel it is a true positive suspect carrier."

Arizonans have until June 12 to speak publicly or to submit in writing to the state health department any comments on the proposed regulation. The issue will then go to Novick for review and revision, to be followed by his final proposal. After confirmation from the state attorney general, the regulation would then go into effect, possibly in September.

Readers are urged to call to register your opposition to the proposed regulation. In Phoenix, call Dr. Engleman or Dr. Novick at the Department of Health Services at 255-1280. In Tucson, call 792-8315. Administrative Offices for Communicable Disease Control. Urge these officials to reopen public hearings on the proposed regulation, and to further study the effects of the regulation (number R9-6-603 and R9-6-701).

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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 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.

TUCSON ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE HEALTH ASSOCIATION (TALHA) Gay men's clinic, for the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, and counseling on AIDS/HIV-III and for the worried-well. Located at 101 W. Irvington; phone 573-8096. 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.

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

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.

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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 560 S. Stone. All Lesbians and Gays under 22 invited 792-3772

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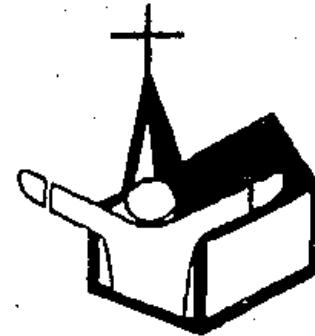
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First Lesbian and Gay demographic survey for Arizona

The OBSERVER is presenting herewith a questionnaire which is designed to be answered anonymously by our readers in an attempt to gather important information about our Gay and Lesbian communities in Arizona. Information gathered herein will be published in approximately one month or as soon as tabulations are completed. This questionnaire can be mailed back to the OBSERVER at the address at the

end of the survey or may be placed in individual envelopes and deposited at local bars for pickup. Envelopes should be marked to the OBSERVER in all instances.

There is no need to worry about confidentiality as no where is there any place for name or other identification. Please answer only one questionnaire so that final tabulations may be as accurate as possible.

Note to those persons taking this survey: The intent of this survey is to --in general terms-- determine demographic information about the Gay and Lesbian Community in the State of Arizona and the major cities of Phoenix and Tucson. You will note that no information is requested that could serve to identify you to anyone --therefore, we ask that you answer all questions completely and honestly. We appreciate your assistance in this survey. Thank you.

Why we are doing this survey: We feel that community-generated information is of great value in countering myths and stereotypes. We also believe that self-definition serves to dispel these myths and stereotypes.

Note to non-residents: Even if you do not live in Arizona, please fill out this questionnaire. We would like to know more about those people who come to visit our state.

***** SURVEY: *****

YOUR BACKGROUND: (items 1 - 12)

City of birth: _____ (1) City of residence: _____ (1a)

Age: _____ (2) Sex: _____ (3) Race: _____ (4)

Education completed: _____ (5)

Are you presently in a "relationship"? yes no (circle one) (6)

If "yes", how long have you been with your mate?: _____ months (7)

If "no", have you ever been in a relationship?: yes no (8)

(If "yes" how long since it ended? _____ months) (8a)

(For which reason did it end? _____) (8b)

How long have you been "out"? _____ months or _____ years (9)

I am out to: (Please indicate "yes" or "no") (10)

My mother _____ My father _____ Other family _____

My boss _____ My co-workers _____ My neighbors _____

My friends _____

I use the following regularly: (Indicate "yes" or "no") (11)

Drugs _____ Cigarettes _____ Alcohol _____

I consider myself: (Please indicate one) (12)

"Straight" looking _____ "Butch" _____ "Effiminent" _____

SEXUAL ACTIVITIES: (items 13 - 18)

"In more than 50% of my sexual activities, I am": (13)

Passive Active (circle one)

"I usually partake in the following sexual acts": (yes or no) (14)

Anal intercourse _____ Mutual masturbation _____ Oral Sex _____

Oral/ Anal Sex ("rimming") _____ Fisting _____ S. & M. _____

Bondage _____ Multiple partners _____ (how many? _____)

"Although not usual, I have tried the following sex acts": (15)

Anal intercourse _____ Mutual masturbation _____ Oral Sex _____

Oral/ Anal Sex _____ Fisting _____ S. & M. _____

Bondage _____ Multiple Partners _____ (how many? _____)

"I average this many anonymous partners per month": _____ (16)

"I average this many regular partners per month": _____ (17)

Have you ever had a sexual relationship with a member of the opposite sex? (yes or no) _____ (18)

HEALTH: (item 19)

"I have had the following": (Indicate yes or no) (19)

Hepatitis A _____ Hepatitis B _____ Hepatitis non A or B _____

Syphilis _____ Gonorrhea _____ Prostrate trouble _____

Body Lice (crabs) _____

THE IDEAL MATE: (items 20 -30)

"The men/women (20) (circle one) I am attracted to have the following qualities:

Age _____ (21) Color of eyes _____ (22) Color of Hair _____ (23)

Length of Hair _____ (24) Height _____ (25) Weight _____ (26)

Muscular? (yes or no) _____ (27) Taller than me? (yes or no) _____ (28)

Approximate annual income \$ _____ (29)

What career would this person have? _____ (30)

SOCIAL HABITS: (items 31-68)

"I go to 'bars' this many times per week": _____ (31)

(Answer the following "yes" or "no")

I drink socially _____ (32) I use drugs socially _____ (33)

I smoke socially _____ (34) I enjoy dancing _____ (35)

"I enjoy the following":

Camping _____ (36) Theatre _____ (37) Symphonies _____ (38) Brunches _____ (39)

Movies _____ (40) Concerts _____ (41) Dining Out _____ (42)

Dining in home _____ (43) Old/ Classic Movies _____ (44)

Roller skating _____ (45) Ice Skating _____ (46)

Window Shopping _____ (47) Other (please indicate) _____ (48)

"I own the following":

Television (how many) _____ (49) Video Recorder (how many) _____ (50)

Jewelry (value) _____ (51) Piano _____ (52)

Car (how many) (make/year) _____ (53) Stereo _____ (54)

Portable radio _____ (55) Cassette recorder _____ (56)

Piece of clothing valued \$250 or higher _____ (57)

Remote Telephone _____ (58) Anything monogrammed _____ (59)

Shoes (how many pairs) _____ (60) House _____ (61)

Other real estate _____ (62) Art (as investment) _____ (63)

Bonds _____ (64) Precious metals _____ (65) Stocks _____ (66)

Hot tub _____ (67) Swimming pool _____ (68)

PERSONAL: (items 69-84)

I make annually: \$ _____ (69) My profession is: _____ (70)

I rent/own (circle one) (71) my home/ apartment (circle one) (72)

My car payment per month is: \$ _____ (73)

My monthly credit payments are: \$ _____ (74)

I have this many credit cards: _____ (75)

My phone bill per month averages: _____ (76)

My weekly food bill averages: _____ (77)

My expendable income (what you can spend on anything else) per week is: _____ (78)

My favorite Television show is: _____ (79) Magazine: _____ (80)

TV News Show: _____ (81) Author: _____ (82)

If I could be in any profession, I would choose: _____ (83)

I get 50% or more of my news from: (Choose one) (84)

Local television news _____ Network Television news _____

Local newspaper _____ Other newspaper _____

Radio _____ Other (please indicate): _____

GENERAL: (item 85-96)

I am aware of AIDS: yes no (85)

I have changed my social habits because of AIDS: yes no (86)

I am interested in the politics affecting the Gay/Lesbian Community: yes no (87)

I have written at least one letter to any media complaining about the depiction of Gay life: yes no (88)

I am aware that no current law in Phoenix, Arizona guarantees me protection against discrimination in housing, or employment due to my sexual orientation: yes no (89)

I have been verbally abused because I am Gay/Lesbian: yes no (90)

I have been physically abused because I am Gay/Lesbian: yes no (91)

I have been physically injured (requiring medical attention) because I am Gay/ Lesbian: yes no (92)

I know that there is a community switchboard to assist members of the Gay/Lesbian Community in Phoenix and Tucson: yes no (93)

I give financial support to the Gay/Lesbian organisations in Phoenix and/or Tucson: yes no (94)

I belong to the following Gay/Lesbian organisations: _____ (95)

I read the following Gay newspaper(s) on a regular basis: (96)

Observer _____ Western Express _____ Previews and Reviews (P & R) _____

GENERAL: (items 97-100)

Are you a parent? yes no (97) How many children? _____ (98)

Have you ever been in the armed services? yes no (99)

Are you a registered voter? yes no (100)

***** The editor of the OBSERVER newspaper would like to thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Watch our future issues for the results which will appear in the A VIEW FROM WITHIN column.

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