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As I See It

by Bruce Fowler - Tucson

Growing old as a Gay man

(The following is an excerpt from my private journal. It is taken from a time in my life near the end of my 'mid-life crisis', a subject I'd like to discuss in the next couple of articles - Growing Old As A Gay Man)

My voyage of self-exploration that has been taking place for the most of my life began in earnest when, at 19, I realized that the roots of my homosexuality lie beyond simple choice. As a matter of fact, the only choice in the whole matter was the choice to accept who I am, explore the possibilities, live in the sunshine and to get on with my life. Or, I could take the other choice, the one of denial that causes one to live in the shadows. I made that choice for awhile and soon saw that I was living a life-long struggle leading to bitterness and unfulfillment. That choice was beginning to do serious damage to my spiritual and mental health - I was headed toward the life of an emotional cripple. I changed my mind and made the choice that offered life.

I know that I am no more responsible for my gift of a homosexual orientation than others are responsible for their gift of a heterosexual orientation. Like evey human, I do have some choices. I have a choice in the matter of the quality of my relationships with others. I have a choice in my committments, in my growth process, in my maturity and generally in the quality of my life.

Through the years, in an attempt to be acceptable to the Gay subculture and out of my need to avoid any additional confusion and ambiguity about me as a Gay man, I *foreclosed* on opportunities to discover and explore other aspects of my being. For example, other than an understanding family, for many years I had no heterosexual friends. At 25, I thought that to be Gay meant I had to shun 'them' for they were the enemy. Bi-sexuals were a part of both worlds and really not a part of either - they too were to be shunned. Until a few years ago, I had few Lesbian friends, foreclosure had come from voices around me saying I could not trust a 'deigel dike' and certainly no man could ever be friends with a feminist Lesbian. What price did I pay for such foreclosure?

I have four sisters, one lived with another woman for 10-years. Too busy dealing with my own new prepackaged Gay lifestyle, the voice of foreclosure slammed that door closed and I never really knew my sister during those years - a loss I feel strongly today.

There is much I have missed in my life because I have foreclosed on certain possibilities. My own fears have often gotten in the way of my ability to reach out. My old pains have made me unwilling to be vulnerable anew. And yet at mid-life I am called to reshape parts of myself, deepen others and above all else, I am called to continue to grow, experience, reflect, mature and to be reconciled to my past. The quality of life to me is my acceptance of the mosaic that is my life and which reconciles and unites me to the paradox of all human maturity.

Phoenix goodwill traveling show tours Tucson this weekend

TUCSON - A group of about 40 performers will arrive in Tucson early this Saturday evening, Sept. 27, to participate in a very unique event. It is billed as a "Traveling Show" and will feature singers, dancers, cloggers, square dancers, etc. from the Phoenix area. The show does not include any female impersonators.

At 7:00 p.m. each Gay bar in the city will be the scene of the first act of this show. These individual performances will be of a short duration, (approximately 15 minutes for each act) and then the acts will rotate to the next bar and repeat their 15 minute show. It is hoped that there will be only a very short time between acts due to travel time between bars. The idea behind the show is to permit the entire city of Tucson to enjoy these performances in the confines of their favorite local bar. There is no need for the patron to travel to another bar to see the show - the show will come to them.

The entire evenings event will last until approximately 9:00 p.m., and in that time frame each bar will have seen the entire performance presented by these 'touring' performers.

There will be no cover charge at any of the bars for the show. The performers are giving their time and talents as a goodwill gesture to the Gay community of Tucson.

This unique concept was the vision of Bill Sather who is a member of Charlie's Country Cloggers and also teaches a clogging team at Trax called "Arizona Sidewinders". Saturday evening will prove a 'first' in the concept of "Traveling Show" and if Tucsonans react favorably to the idea it is hoped that the event will be repeated a couple times each year.

Thousands call hotline for data on AZT

WASHINGTON (AP) - Since disclosure of the first therapeutic drug to help AIDS sufferers, (OBSERVER, Sept. 17), thousands have called a hot line to get more information, and researchers are meeting to plan more studies involving the drug, health officials said on Monday, Sept. 22.

Federal authorities said Friday that an experimental drug found to cut the death rate and improve the quality of life of some AIDS patients will be made more widely available. They

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Folsom Street Fair: Things have changed and they haven't changed

BY STEVE RINGMAN/THE CHRONICLE

By Bill Gordon

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Nine month-old Samantha Miller chewed on a biscuit and beamed a semi-toothy smile last Sunday, Sept. 21 as her stroller rolled through the Mardi Gras atmosphere of the Folsom Street Fair.

"A few years ago, I wouldn't have brought my baby down here for a stroll," said Sindy Miller, Samantha's mother, recalling the now-closed Gay bathhouses and leather bars that once lined the street.

"Things here have changed - and they haven't changed," said Miller, who lives nearby. "At least they're trying to change it. They put in a few cafes, but I wish they'd do more."

Thousands of people gathered on Folsom Street Sunday in the blazing sun of the last day of summer to celebrate what has and has not changed in the South-of-Market neighborhood. More than 150 booths offered balloons, beer, food, pottery, T-shirts, political flyers, AIDS information - even psychic readings and spinal examinations.

Professsional musicians performed on stage while people danced in the street. Proceeds from the fair went to the Coming Home Hospice.

"We have people here in leather, and we have families here with children. We have every type of person, and they're all having fun," said organizer Michael Valerio, who called the annual fair a "South-of-Market showcase."

The atmosphere remained predominantely Gay and a little bit wild. Men in leather and chains, transvestites in feather boas and a variety of other party-goers in painted faces or strange costumes filled the street. The neighborhood may be changing, but the street fair is still for open-minded individuals who enjoy life's variety.

"We held our first fair in 1984, when South of Market became chic," said Valerio. "There were a lot of conflicts then between the Gay community and the straights moving in. Those problems have passed and several South-of-Market businesses that initially rejected the fair as "not their kind of event" participated this year," he said.

Editor's Comments.....

TUCSON - This Sunday at 8:00 p.m., Tucson's own Aviva Diamond will finally receive her crown as Miss Gay Tucson II. In what has been a most controversial experience in the Gay community of Tucson, there will be a representative who lives in Tucson and who will work for the good of the Tucson Gay community.

Last Spring when the first Miss Gay Tucson Pageant was held, Stephanie Price was the winner and was crowned Miss Gay Tucson with Aviva Diamond as first runner-up. In the meantime Stephanie has moved to Phoenix leaving Tucson without a representative.

The Arizona Gay Pageants were recently taken over by new ownership. As the result of several meetings, it was decided that Stephanie Price should relinquish her crown but retain the title Miss Gay Tucson I, and award Aviva Diamond the title of Miss Gay Tucson II. Now that award will be presented by the new owners of the Arizona Gay Pageants Rob Thorne and Jay Murillo this Sunday at the Graduate.

Following the 8:00 p.m. ceremony, there will be a short show beginning at 9:00 p.m. This show is designed as a fund raiser for Aviva to raise money to defray costs of her trip to the National Miss Gay America contest to be held in Dallas, Texas in early October. Appearing in this show will be the present Miss Gay Arizona, Tamara, Aviva Diamond and Bobbi Jo. The show will be hosted by Christi Lunden and there will be a very special guest appearance by the wonder lady herself, Miss Cissy Goldberg.

The time is short to raise the necessary funds to help defray the costs to send Aviva to Dallas. It is hoped that the entire community will get behind this person who has proven time and time again that she cares about her home town. She has helped numerous causes. Raised lots of money for organizations, the Observer included, as well as entertained thousands of us in the community. It is time now that we repay some of that love that she has shown us.

Sunday, September 28, 8:00 p.m. at the Graduate. That's this Sunday! Please help.

NEWS

UPDATE

BAR TALK.....

In all fairness, it was listed in last weeks calendar that COLETTE'S WEST would be officially open this Friday, Sept. 26. Well, there have been some unforseeable delays. And at presstime it is unknown if they will be open this Friday officially or not. They have had to change their ad to make Oct. 3rd the "official" opening date, but they will most probably be open to the public before that date. Keep your ear to the ground and listen for the news of this latest addition to the Tucson night scene. It's located at Speedway and Country Club, northeast corner. A woman's bar where everyone is welcome.....
There will be a big 'Traveling Show' from Phoenix performing at all the local bars. The shows will feature singers, dancers, cloggers and square dancing. See complete story on page one of this issue of OBSERVER and attend. Give the Phoenix performers a real Tucson welcome.
.....This Sunday, Sept. 28 a comedy show at RUMOR HAZZIT that features Phoenix comics Tish Tanner and Rose Trellis and the fabulous comedic talents of Tucsonan Candy Plastique. 9:00 p.m. and $2 cover. Make your reservations early for this fun show..... There are also very big happenings going on at the GRADUATE this weekend with a 3-day celebration that culminates in the crowning of Aviva Diamond as Miss Gay Tucson II. There is a show Friday with Denver Wayne singing live, and the traveling show Saturday. On Sunday TKO will sponsor their second annual Mini-Tacky Ball at 3 in the afternoon which will be followed at 8:00 p.m. the crowning of Aviva Diamond as Miss Gay Tucson II and then an all-star show. See their ads this issue for full information.....Volleyball in full swing at BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE every Sunday. Couple that with their famous Steak Dinner and a big 4 to 7 beer bust and you have a great way to spend an outdoorsey afternoon in the company of some real great looking people.....FINELINE will be celebrating the grand re-opening of the main floor disco which again has a full-service bar. It takes place this Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10 p.m. and lasts until dawn! After hours in the Skyline upstairs. Free buffet and no cover. The hitch is you have to have an invitation, but not to worry, just stop by the Fineline and pick one up.....RITA'S RENDEZVOUS getting ready for some heavy remodeling, is also preparing for another of their Penguin Production extravaganzas Sunday, Oct. 5, starring hostess Christi Lunden, and guests Bobbi Jo and Jessica Caplain and from Phoenix a real Tucson favorite Ebony..... On Sunday, Oct. 5, IT'S 'BOUT TIME will feature the Copperstate Leathermen with a repeat of a live show they did on their last run - "An In Town Show" will feature the CSL on stage with some very unusual performances to say the least. A real fun show at Ft. Waldorf and it should be even funnier on IBT's stage. Copperstate also has a .50 draft beer bust from 2 to 6 on this day also.....

ONE OF TUCSON'S FAVORITE MIXOLOGIST RETIRES

TUCSON - Tommy Schelling has announced that he will be retiring. Now that statement may not be earth shaking to many of you, but to long-time Tucsonans, Tommy has touched many hundreds, yes thousands of lives. Serving drinks that is.

Tommy began working in the Tucson bar scene on New Year's Eve in 1972 when he began waiting tables at the old Stonewall. He held that position and added his culinary talents by cooking spaghetti dinners at the Stonewall for some time. He was also the first chef, along with his friend Michael Sevell to institute the Sunday Steak dinners that are still being served to this date.

Tommy started bartending at the Stonewall in 1975. In the early 1980's he went from Stonewall (aka Joshua Tree) to Rita's Rendezvous where he has worked the day shift until this Thursday, September 25 when he officially hangs up their old bar towel..

Tommy will be 'retiring' to Bisbee to be with his colleague Isidro Chavez, who is general manager of the Bisbee Grand Hotel. It might be mentioned here that Chavez was manager of the Congress Hotel in Tucson while it was being renovated, not the MacArthur as previously reported.

Tommy was one of the first 'gossip' columnists in the Gay Arizona media. He wrote for many years for the Arizona Gay News and for a short period the Observer under the pseudonym 'Loretta'. His writing talents were the fear of the Tucson community and the waiting line was long every publication date to see who did what to whom and why. An earlier report said Loretta was lost during a flight over the Bermuda Triangle, but there have been rumors that she has been seen more recently at the bottom of the Lavendar Pit in Bisbee, so who knows.

Schelling and Chavez have purchased an older home in historic Bisbee and it was learned that the three previous owners were writers. It is not known, however, if any of them were of similar ilk.

When asked about his immediate future plans, Tommy said, "I plan to revive prostitution to its former glory!" People who remember Tommy before his current period of non-alcohol and monogamous relationship should take those plans seriously. Bisbee Beware!

Good lucky Tommy. It's been a pleasure being served by you. I wish now that I had all those tips back. I could retire too!

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THOUSANDS CALL HOT LINE FOR DATA ON AIDS DRUG

stressed, however, that the drug is not a cure, and that it can have serious side effects.

The National Institutes of Health said a special telephone hot line established to answer questions about the drug had received more than 3,500 calls between Friday and Monday.

The hot line, which operates between 8 a.m. and midnight (EDT) seven days a week, has been receiving an average of 50 calls per hour on 10 incoming lines from doctors and patients interested in being included in further studies of the drug. The special toll-free number is 1-800-843-9388.

Unlike other purported developments involving treatment of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, inquiries about azidothymidine, or AZT, have not been as frantic as in the past, say operators of the hot line.

A spokesman for the Whitman Walker Clinic here, a clearing-house for AIDS information, said it has been receiving calls about AZT, but said these inquiries have not yet been as urgent as in the past.

"People are keeping up hope, but they are cautious," Jason Whidden said. "We're talking about people who are already reconciled to the fact that they might die and have had their hopes raised before."

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(7) THE GUILDED GIRLS (60 min.)
Dorothy must be in hiding. She hasn't been seen around town for weeks. Dorothy: M.J. Gilmore

(60) FRONTLINE (60 min.)
Hostess Candi Plasti is told by her producers to calm down her show. Apparently there are people out there who don't realize a tongue-in-cheek show. Don Hinkle Orchestra.

8:00 (2) KATIE AND AL - (60 min.)
Al is seen out after a refreshing dip in a pool, while Katie is trying to bring back the Kaftan as a fashion statement. Al: Rodger Curtain. Katie: Petra St. Pool.

(7) MIAMI TWICE - (60 min.)
Crock finally admits his slight left-of-centerness. "Somewhere between here and OZ!" Crock: Gary Stark.

(69) MOVIE - Drama (120 min)
"THREE WHO DARED!"
Three people decide that almost anything can be done on a patio. One of these people proved that about a year ago.

9:00 (2) DIE NASTY - (60 min.)
Alexi decides to join rather than fight them. It seems easier for her at this stage. She meanwhile plans a short trip east. Alexi: Davida Zircon.

(7) FAMILY TRIES (60 min.)
Alex cuts the new family member out of the will. She needs to stay with the family till the last dying minute! Guest starring Cherry Pit.

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Imposter phones medication change

by Sue Manning

SANTA MONICA, CA (AP) - A man claiming to be the doctor of an AIDS patient called St. John's Hospital and ordered a change in medication that caused the patient to become coma-like and could have killed him, police said.

"This is being investigated as an attempted murder," police Sgt. Russ Martin said. "The person who called in and claimed to be his doctor was not, and the medication given to the patient was potentially fatal."

At 11:25 p.m. last Saturday, Sept. 20, a man called the nurse caring for the 49-year-old patient, Martin said. "He identified himself as the patient's doctor, discussed the patients condition and then prescribed a change in medication," the sergeant said.

The patient was given the newly prescribed medicine and about 4 a.m. Sunday he started to slip into a coma because of that medication, Martin said. Doctors and nurses were able to revive the man, and Monday he was "out of danger in terms of the medication he had been given," he said. The name of the man, the identity of the hospital staff members involved and the patient's condition were not released.

"We are continuing our investigation of the matter in question which is also in the hands of the Santa Monica Police Department," Armen Markarian, director of communications for St. John's said late Monday. "We are concerned and anxious to resolve the matter, but until that investigation has been completed and until we have had an opportunity to review all the facts involved, we will be unable to offer further comment," he said.

"We checked with the patient's real doctor and found out he had not called," Martin said. "I've never heard of this happening before."

As of Sept. 1, AIDS had been diagnosed in 24,430 people in the United States and claimed 13,342 lives, according to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Falwell's check arrives to settle Gay lawsuit

SACRAMENTO, CA (AP) - Television evangelist Jerry Falwell, leader of the Liberty Foundation, has paid the court award to the Sacramento Gay activist to whom he lost a law suit. (OBSERVER, Oct. 16, 1985).

The activist, Jerry Sloan, told a reporter Thursday, Sept. 18 that he had received a check for $8,982.90 as his award in a $5,000 suit that Falwell had appealed. The three-judge Sacramento County Superior Court panel that rejected Falwell's appeal last June added attorney fees and sanctions for what it called "prosecuting this frivolous appeal."

Sloan's suit was based on a statement by Falwell during his "Old Time Gospel Hour," which Sloan videotaped. Sloan said Falwell called the Metropolitan Community Church "a brute beast, a violent satanic system which would one day be utterly annihilated and there would be a celebration in heaven."

Later, Falwell was appearing on "Look Who's Talking" on Sacramento's KCRA Channel 3. Sloan, who is affiliated with the River City Metropolitan Community Church in Sacramento was a spectator.

From the audience, Sloan asked whether Falwell had ever made the statement. Falwell denied it, and said he would give Sloan $5,000 if he could prove that he had. Sloan produced the tape but Falwell refused to pay.

Sloan said he filed suit because "he accused me of lying and of being an unreliable person ... It was a question of honor."

Asked if there was any profit in the award, after expenses, Sloan answered, "Very little." He said some of the money would be spent on a new Gay-Lesbian community services center in downtown Sacramento, and some to organize a new Metropolitan Community Church congregation in Mexico City.

Asked if he had previously known Falwell, Sloan said, "Jerry and I went to college together. We were good friends when we were young men. He now denies it." That was at the Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo.

Sloan said there was a note written on the back of the check saying he "could not call a news conference and gloat over the fact that I got the check."
He said he isn't calling a news conference, but "I had reserved the right to talk to the press if the press called me.

Gay sculpture harassed

MIAMI, FL (AP) - A "Gay Liberation" statue should be removed from a city park because it promotes the homosexual lifestyle as socially acceptable, a group called Concerned Citizens for Children says.

"The only purpose of these homosexual statues... is to advocate and promote a homosexual lifestyle," Russel Mittelstadt, the group's attorney, said. Their purpose is to insgtruct and encourage a deviant lifestyle." The new organization is dedicated "to protecting our children from homosexual influences," he said.

Mittelstadt said the Dane County district attorney's office would be asked to initiate civil action under a state law to protect minors from materials that appeal to "the purient, shameful interest of minors."

"The purpose of the statue "is to foster, encourage and condone homosexuality in Wisconsin," Mittelstadt told a news conference. If the homosexual lifestyle becomes acceptable, "we may some day have a teacher handing out the Rock Hudson statue" for student of the year, Mittelstadt said.

The lifesize sculpture, by artist George Segal, shows two men and two women, all fully clothed. The men are standing, one with his arm on the other's shoulder, while the women are seated nearby. Officials said the statue was originally intended for a site in New York, but financial and political opposition stalled that effort.

A second casting of the statue, intended for San Francisco, was later moved to Stanford University in Palo Alto, Califoirnai, for similar reasonss, officials said.

The Madison Park Commission voted early this summer to located the statue in Orton Park. "It surely cannot be intrinsic artistic merit as New York and San Francisco turned them down," Mittelstadt said.

Dane County District Attorney Hal Harlowe could not be reached for reaction to the group's request. Mittelstadt said the group would ask Attorney General NBronson La Follette to file the suit if Harlowe declined.

"The Park Commission has pandered to the deviant side of human natujre and to the vocal homosexual minority in Madison," Mittelstadt said in a statement at the news conference. "No one can question that the family is the bedrock of our society," he said. "If families deteriorate, the quality of life in our city and nation will deteriorate."

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OUT ON THE TOWN

STUNT MALIBU CHRISTI FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Well, Christi must apologize for Jza Jza's absence, but Jza Jza is now back from her sabbatical or as has been said before, "The lights where on but nobody was home".

She did not retire, but she should have been placed in a retirement home for as much work as she put into the last few weekends, she deserves retirement.

Well, Stunt Malibu Christi did it again. The Ponderosa Le Far West Region was the site of Christi's latest bash. From the Queens Mum to the Debettes, they flocked to get a taste of a Patches look alike. The disaster discovered the next morning was more than enough to get George to move. "The house is dirty, let's buy another." So the next day the Debbie was designated, the spirits acquired, the jewelry sold and the target selected. Off to Phoenix. So Phoenix gets word of the entourage and decides to put a stop to the glowing parade. They remembered Miss Mae hadn't renewed her green card so no Luau for the Tucson crew. This only caused the rest of Phoenix to suffer more. Often terrorizing Trax, they made tracks to traumatize Trixie's terribly translucent terrace, only to find Topaz trashing Trixie's tin tokens.

Helen was making it with two real dogs: Key and Josie were making comotose commentaries of fairies of future passed. Ronda was filing her Jun Juns to match her nails, while Totie maintained close vigil over the entire Labor Day Massacre. Lucky for Totie her eyes were as blind as Helen's.

The victims having been housed, were dutifully soused, soused and re-soused at the Mexican Resources Center. Thank you B.J. for accomodating all these sissies with whatever could be dished out and thank you for taking what the crew could conjure up. What with all those boogs in the boosh and the snakes in the snatch the poor woman on the wall will never be the same. (Scare me!) Will the crew ever make it home? I'm not going and you can't make me! Will it be the Grand Canyon, a Phoenix resort, a well hung horse or Califoncia?

So will Totie still try? Madge may (come back). Ronda will fall. Josie may if she gets the chance. Helen doesn't really know because she can't see so it really doesn't matter whether she rides side saddle or bare back does it.

Key is still in the OH Zone. Mathilda Oz has seen everyone else's home but will she ever see her own? She should click her ruby red pumps and her dreams will come true. It could happen to you (if you bought a new wardrobe!)

Has sister Bootie 'done' her duty? Boxes are boxes, where are the foxes. How is Le Shea's box? Does Vivian still like her new box? How are Tom and Jerry's claws, or was that Jaws?

Forever yours
Jza Jza La More

Fan mails to: Stunt Malibu Christi Fan Club, P.O. Box 2704, Tucson, AZ 85702.

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PHOTO COMIX !!!!!!!!!!!!

Local benefit for AIDS research set

TUCSON - On October 5, an unusual benefit will take place. Funds raised will go to assist those people with AIDS (PWA's) who are accepted into the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center experimental drug program in paying expense of extensive laboratory and blood tests. These expenses are not covered by the program at UA. In addition many PWA's are not accepted into the program due to limited space. Many of these experimental drugs are available through foreign sources (Mexico, etc.), but many PWA's cannot afford the expensive drugs.

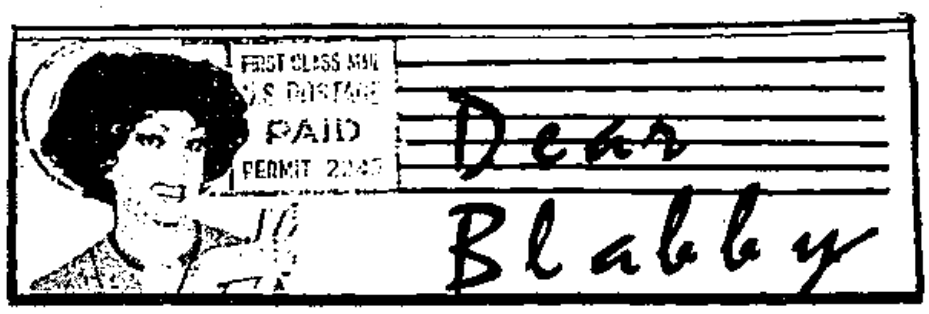
The fund Raising event will take place from 3:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the private residence of Tucson businessman Skeets Mathews, 3342 East Pima. A $20 donation is requested which will admit you to an afternoon of live entertainment, food, fun and some valuable door prizes.

Headlining the live entertainment will be a three-member group featuring Ann Iveson, principal cellist with the Tucson Symphony; Pat Watrous who is assistant principal flutist in the Tucson Symphony Orchestra and a graduate of the Eastman School; and Brad Holland who owns Tunesmythe Productions who also will play flute. Holland has been featured at various resorts around the Tucson area including La Paloma and Ventana. The trio will be playing everything from classical to pop to progressive Jazz from 6 to 8 p.m.

Daniel Steenken will open the festive gathering with his very popular piano playing from 3 to 5 p.m. Steenken has been at the Gaslight Theatre for the past three seasons. His repertoire also runs the gamut from popular Broadway musicals to classical. Daniel was a former musical director for the Flagstaff Festival of the Arts.

Topping off the afternoon and evening will be Tish Tanner who will be entertaining from 5 to 6 p.m. Tish will be at the fundraiser off and on for the entire event. Tanner was voted Male Entertainer of the Year for three years in a row in Phoenix. Her comedic talents are well known in the Tucson area. Voted as Miss National Gay Rodeo, Tanner has appeard in some Janus Theatre Productions in Phoenix and is currently appearing at Parrah's. Tish is seriously thinking of running for president on a ticket that she can cut costs by being his own first lady!

The food is being catered and will consist of various pate's, salads as well as hot and cold entrees. The public is invited to come early and stay late while supporting a very worthy benefit.



DEAR BLABBY MEETS TRAGIC END

TUCSON - Well-known columnist "Dear Blabby" was found dead (most assuredly dead) this past weekend. According to sources at presstime, the celebrated journalist was found by her semi-well-known sister "Anne Furthermore", hanging from one of the Joshua Trees outside the Fineline.

In what seems to be an apparent suicide, Blabby was discovered hanging by the neck outside the local pub by a hand-made noose of typewriter ribbon. Rumor Hazzit, clutched in ther hands were past issues of "TV Guide"; "What's Up Doc?" and "Juicy Lucy", along with a farewell note.

At a press conference, a bereaved Miss Furthermore read Blabby's last words put to paper.....

"To my readers & friends. (if any), It has come to my attention that I no longer have what it takes to sling the mud and venom that other local columnists seem to find necessary. It's 'Bout Time to end it all and Graduate to my "Rendezvous with destiny.

No Regrets
No Deposit/No Return
All My Love
Blabby"

This reporter can only say "One small jump for Blabby, one giant step for journalism." She's dead but not forgotten.

ED NOTE: We in the Observer offices, from high in the Executive penthouse to the basement press room, are all in a state of shock! We are sure that all of you are also - well maybe some of you - or perhaps not. First Loretta and now this. What is happening? Why bother?

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE TUCSON GAY COMMUNITY:

There is something happening in the community that needs immediate attention.

As most of you know, Miss Stephanie Price has relinquished her crown as Miss Gay Tucson. That means that the first-runner up takes over as the new Miss Gay Tucson, Miss Aviva Diamond.

The new owners of the Arizona Pageants will be in Tucson at the Graduate September 28th at 8:00 p.m. to crown Aviva as the new Miss Gay Tucson.

I would like to invite and unite the Tucson Gay comunity to come to the Graduate that night to welcome Aviva as Miss Gay Tucson '86.

There will be a short show at 9:00 p.m. to raise the necessary funds to send "OUR GIRL" to the Nationale in Dallas, Texas on October 6th.

I hope Tucson can rally around Aviva to show the U.S. what Tucson can produce.

Love, Christi Lunden

PORN PRODUCERS URGED TO PROMOTE SAFE SEX PRACTICES

WASHINGTON, DC (BAR) - Thirty-six American and International AIDS organizations urged the erotica industry to join the fight against AIDS. A statement, signed by the AIDS-service organizations at the National Aids Forum here encouraged porn producers to include safe sex practices, especially the use of condoms, in their productions.

According to Raymond Jacobs, Coordinator of AIDS prevention of the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York, the department has sent 67 letters to companies that provide some sort of erotica to the public, through films, magazines or other means, asking them to read the general literature about AIDS and AIDS prevention, as well as information about GMHC.

TUCSON YOUR HELP IS NEEDED
LET'S ALL RALLY BEHIND AVIVA TO GET HER TO DALLAS FOR THE MISS GAY U.S.A. PAGEANT
SUNDAY SEPT.28
8:00p.m.
THE CROWNING OF
AVIVA DIAMOND as MISS GAY TUCSON
By The Pageant Officials
9:00p.m.
A SHOW WITH SOME OF PHOENIX'S & TUCSON'S BEST
TAMARA- MISS GAY ARIZONA
AVIVA- MISS GAY TUCSON II
BOBBI JO- TUCSON'S NEW COUNTRY SENSATION
A SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY
CISSY GOLDBERG
HOSTED BY
CHRISTI LUNDEN
CLUBS, BARS, ORGANIZATIONS: LET'S SHOW OUR SUPPORT. AVIVA HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE TO HELP ALL OF US RAISE FUNDS, NOW IT'S HER TURN!

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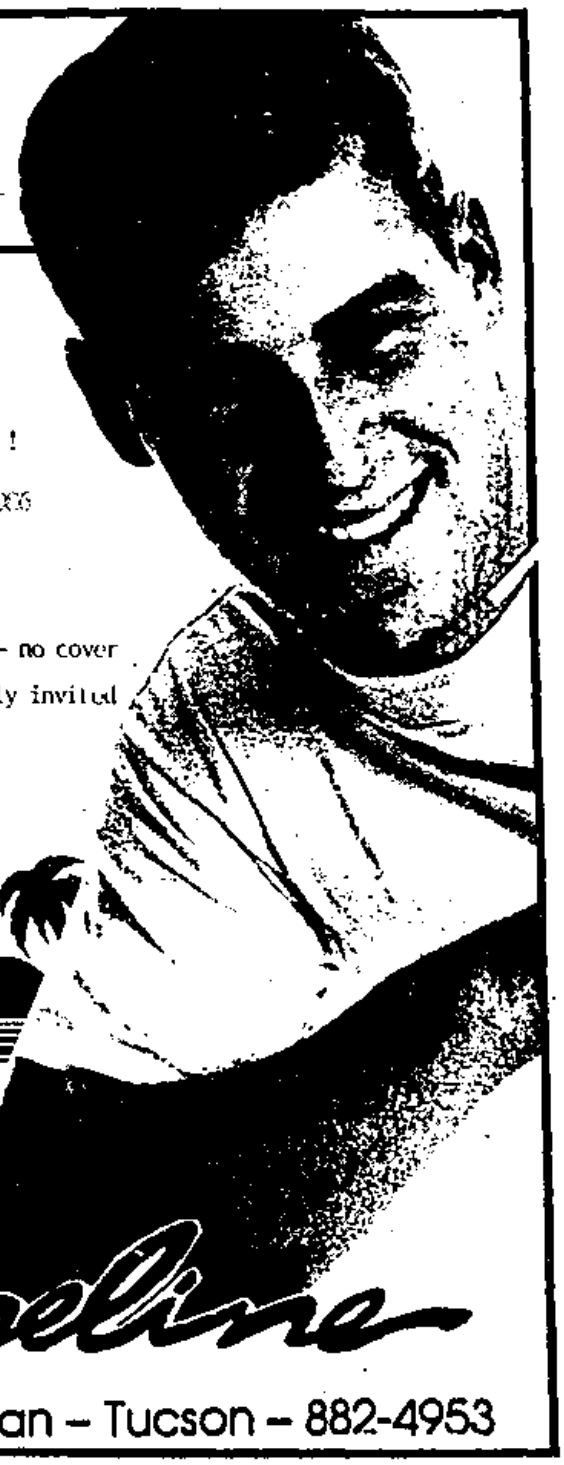

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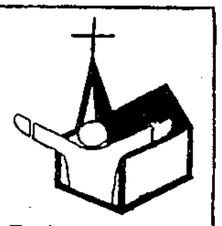
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Juicy Lucy

Call out the local ridge runners, constable and anyone else who can stop this person who is blackmailing me. My pretty face has been discovered and if I don't put a snapshot of myself in this paper, he is going to tell everyone in this fine community who I am. When you travel the rails, there isn't much room for all your worldly possessions, so the only pics I have of myself I've given to Mr. Ellis to plaster into this paper. Now you sweet thing, I pray these photos will please you and we can become friends. It would be peachy keen if you would help me and bring notes from the other watering holes.

Well, bless my pea-pickin' heart, what is the grain of this town made of? It seems some of my writings have ruffled a few feathers. Now let me tell each of you, I'm just writing as I see things. There isn't anything worse than reading what someone else sees about yourself, so relax.

This past week I traveled around hitting IBT's, Congress Tap Room, Graduate, Joshua Tree, Rita's and even watched some ballers (oops) bowlers. This town has a lot of fun-loving nuts and I'm just tickled pink that I'm here. Of course me being the topic of conversation just pleases me no end. Keep up the good work and maybe Mr. Ellis will give me a pay check.

In my roaming around I've watched a protector of the skys in his bright red skate board, cruising almost anything and everything that strolls into the watering hole. I've heard about Mr. Macho going fishing with, would you believe, 3 women. I've seen this one drag queen on stage and then read about her receiving some kind of an award. I walked into one watering hole and I was the only one there. I've witnessed this one wearing a flashing hat. I've seen studs (and I use the term very loosely) wearing black cow hide in 95 degree weather, they must really be cold blooded.

I've watched a bunch of women trying to act like men. I've watched this one bartender really getting into "Does my outfit look really spiffy?" Now I ask you, is this a friendly, fun-loving town? Why worry, you know who I am so take time what I spill on paper about yhou and have a good laugh. If you want to, tell Mr. Ellis what you think about me and we can go from there.

I overheard about another bra this old queen lost. What is the story on her. Some people will go to any lengths for attention.

Big Ben on the blue tower says it is time I move on. I'm headed over to IBT's to have that cold long neck and cruise Danny!

COMING NEXT WEEK'S OBSERVER

EXCLUSIVE PHOTO'S OF JUCY LUCY

ARTHUR Lé BlanK,

PULLOVER

I was going to tell about the time John and I were both tossed into jail for the night, but I'll hold off on that for now. That story, by the way, started off "Pull over!".

The fall season is upon us and it is time we begin thinking of our new fall wardrobes, clothes more suitable for the breezy sunstruck days and cool nights of desert autumn. I started this process by going to get my colors done. You've heard about this process, whereby color chips are held up to your face and various mystical incantations recited before your particular color "season" is divined. I must not have paid enough or gone to the wrong person or something (I should have been suspicious when I learned the name of this particular service: "Color Me Gullible"), but I didn't turn out to be one of the four accepted seasons. The color consultant ("Make the check out to Ms. S. Cam, and don't date it, if you don't mind.") told me I was a "dog day of summer". I asked her what that meant. She said I had a yellow skin tone with dingy overtones, best complemented by "earth colors": mottled browns, rat brown, mud brown, tawny yellows (which sounded nice 'till I found out it meant brown-yellow), dried blood, and gray-black. She recommended I learn to sew, with black string, and I could make clothes out of old grocery bags, their color being nearly ideal for me. Needless to say, I was cast into a brown study and left her office in a gray-black mood. I was glad I'd given her a bad check.

I had heard that "bulk" was going to be in for fall this year and had been pigging out on hashbrowns, baked potatoes, ice cream and what-not in an effort to get really bulky. Imagine my surprise when I discovered this meant bulky clothes, worn over rail-thin, emaciated bodies. I was devastated and launched on an immediate trimming program. I joined All-American Nautilus and reported the first day for my "guaranteed guided workout" under the guidance of an "accredited athletic consultant". I think the guy went to the same school as my color consultant. He was good looking and wore silky gym clothes which snugly enclosed his tight little body; unfortunately they must have been cutting off the air to his brain. He said "God, you don't need a consultant, you need a surgeon!" and crudely guffawed. I replied "Just hike up your panties, honey and let's pump iron." He got a disgusted look on his face and stomped off. Soon a large woman, with a bust that must have approached 40, dressed in a pink danskin, trooped up: "Down on that machine, scum, or out on your ass!" she screamed. I dropped onto the cold metal of the machine and looked up, quivering, as her breasts bobbed above me imperiously. "Give me 15 and give 'em to me hard, worm!" I didn't know what she meant and began to say as such. Her face hardened into a mask of fury and she struck me a resounding blow to the side of the head.

I awoke, confused, in a hospital bed, surrounded by men clothed in white. John took my hand and smiled at me. Gesturing around, he said "This is your doctor, Dr Smock; your lawyer, Dr. Brill; and the owner of the health club, Mr. A.A. Nautilus." Mr. Nautilus spoke, "We don't know what happened Mr. Blank, but you'll be happy to know that Brunhilde has been fired and will never work for a health club again." Dr. Brill spoke, "The Nautilus has agreed to a settlement of $500,000.00 if you will not pursue this matter further." Dr. Smock spoke, "You have suffered a nasty concussion, but will recover completely in no time." I smiled at John and he smiled back at me.

I write this on the front porch of my new winter home in Key West. The weather is lovely, with a cooling breeze off the ocean. I am slightly tired from a big night at the Copa, but am enjoying just sitting, writing, sipping my gin and tonic. I have put off buying fall clothes, as it is so warm here, and I may not come back to Tucson until spring. I did buy myself a very fashionable cotton pullover, sort of bulky and a golden yellow color. I really don't care what that silly color woman says, I am a summer person and will always be one.

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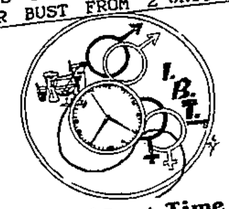

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THE TUCSON CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Wednesday Madness" - From 2 - 8 pm Drink Specials Check the Chalkboard! Volleyball 7:00 pm. Draft Beer Bust 9 pm to 1 am. .50 per glass. Bobbie Jr. DJ 9 to 1.
GRADUATE - Bottle Domestic Beer $1.00 with other drink specials.
FINELINE - Open 7 pm - 1 am. Draft Beer Bust: .25
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Bourbon $1.00. 5:30 to 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well. 8-12: .50 Draft and .50 schnapps. Dance 8 to 1.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Well Scotch $1; Schnapps .75 noon to 7 pm. DINNER BUFFET NIGHT 6 to 9 pm. $2.75.
RUMOR HAZZIT - Domestic Beer Bust 8 pm to 1 am. $1 "Brothers" on life-size screen 8 pm. Drink Specials noon to 1 am. Schnapps .75

THURSDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Nite $1.25 domestic 9 pm - 1 am. Dave Pierson DJ.
FINELINE - Open 7 pm to 1 am in new room at lobby level.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Rum $1. 5:30 8 pm 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to 1 am .75 Long Neck Beer. Dance 8 to 1.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 pm Well Bourbon $1; Schnapps .75
RUMOR HAZZIT - Daily Drink Specials noon to 8 pm Square Dancing by T-Squares from 7 to 9 pm Regular disco/video dancing 9 pm to close. All White Well Drinks $1.25.

FRIDAY

FINELINE/SKYLINE - Fineline open 7 pm to 1 am in new room off lobby with alcoholic beverages. Skyline open from 8 pm to 1 am upstairs with non-alcoholic disco. Skyline admission $3. After Hours upstairs
GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon - 5:30 pm Well Gin $1.00; 5:30 - 8 pm 2 For 1 Well: 8 pm - 1 am $1.50 Well plus dancing from 8 to 1.
JOSHUA TREE - Bobbie Jr., DJ 9:00 pm to 1 am.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 pm Well Rum or Tequila $1.00; Schnapps .75
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 1 pm - 1 am. Drink Special 2 to 8 pm daily. Video dancing 9 pm to close.

SATURDAY

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.
FINELINE/SKYLINE - Lobby Level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Drink Special. Upstairs non-alcoholic disco opens 8 pm. Admission $3. After Hours upstairs.
JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 pm Bloody Marys $1.00. All Well 6 pm to 1 am $1.50. Dance 8 to 1.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Domestic Beer Special (Non-Premium) $1. 11 am. to 7 pm.
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm to 1 am. Daily Drink Special. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

SUNDAY

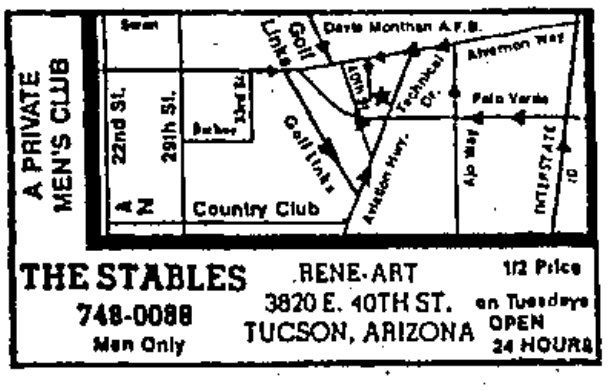
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beer Bust 4 to 7 pm. .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 5 to 7:30 pm $4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.
FINELINE - Lobby level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Drink Specials.
GRADUATE - Bottle Beer $1 Domestic with other Drink Specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Bloody Marys $1.00 noon to 6:30., 6:30 to 1 am: Danny's Choice every hour (?). Dance 8 to 1.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Brunch 12:30 to 3:00 pm. Bloody Marys or Screwdriver $1.25 noon to 7:00 pm.
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm to 1 am. Video Dancing 9 pm to closing.

MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowler's Special: .75 Well Drinks for J/T bowlers. Dave Pierson DJ
FINELINE - New lobby level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Drink Specials.
GRADUATE - All White Well Drinks $1.50 till 1 am. plus other specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30: Well Vodka $1.00; 5:30 to 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to 1 am Well $1.50.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 pm: Well Vodka $1 and Schnapps .75
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm to 1 am. Daily Drink Special to 8 pm. Video Dancing 9 pm to close

TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 12 oz. cans Millers or Millers Lite $1.00! Bobbie Jr. DJ's in J/T
FINELINE - New lobby level Fineline open at 7 pm Drink Specials.
GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks $1.50 till closing: Plus other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon - 5:30 pm: Scotch $1.00. 5:30 to 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to close: Well $1.50.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 7 pm Well Gin $1; Schnapps .75
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm to 1 am. Daily Drink Specials. Video Dancing 9 pm - 1 am.



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JOSHUA TREE VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
FALL LEAGUE
Standings as of 9/21/86

TEAM	WINS	LOSES	GAMES	PCT.
MEN AT PLAY	8	2	10	.800
MADOLFOS	6	3	9	.667
U-GUYS	4	5	9	.444
TNT	3	4	7	.429
INVISIBLES	2	4	6	.333
DOUBLE TROUBLE	2	7	9	.222

We are now in our second week of league play. This is the seventh year of the Joshua Tree Volleyball League. We play every Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until approximatley 6:00 p.m.

Schedule of Play
9/28/86

Invisibles vs Double Trouble
U-Guys vs Madolfos
Men at Play vs TNT
Double Trouble vs Madolfos
U-Guys vs Men at play
TNT vs Invisibles

JOSHUA TREE MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE
STANDINGS AS OF SEPT. 15, 1986

TEAM	WON	LOST	TOTAL PINS
#8 HEAD GAMES	5	3	3469
#12	5	3	3364
#3	5	3	3329
#1 RITA'S GIRLS	5	3	3304
#10	4	4	3467
#4 PENETRATING FORCE	4	4	3460
#2 THE TRUMPERS	4	4	3452
#9	4	4	3365
#11 SHOTS PLEEZ	4	4	3316
#5 JOSHUA TREE	4	4	3266
#13	4	4	3039
#7	3	5	3438
#14	3	5	3001
#6	2	6	3310

HIGH GAME - MEN: DAVID C. 221 / JOE H. 212 / SCOTT.B. 210
HIGH GAME - WOMEN: LISA L. 199 / MARY B. 175 / ANNE G. 172
HIGH SERIES - MEN: DAVID C. 554 / BILL R. 526 / BRUCE R. 499
HIGH SERIES - WOMEN: LISA L. 498 / MARY B. 457 / MARIE P. 425

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SPECIAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
GRADUATE - Live singer Denver Wayne will perform two shows - 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. Here's a singer with variety. No cover, come and enjoy.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
THE FINELINE - "Black and White Extravaganza" - Grand Re-opening Party of the Fineline disco lasts from 10:00 p.m. until Dawn! Buffet. After Hours in Skyline. No Cover. By invitation only. Pick up your invitation at Fineline prior to Saturday. I.D. Required. 21 and over please.

THE PHOENIX TRAVELING SHOW featuring cloggers, singers, square dancers, comedy, etc will be performing in all the Tucson bars this evening. Every bar will have a show beginning at 7:00 p.m. The acts will rotate to each bar so there will be no delay between acts and so that each patron can view and enjoy the show in the comfort of their favorite bar. No need to travel around - the show comes to you in this unique concept. Thanks to the Phoenix entertainers who are giving their time to entertain Tucson on what is hoped will be at least an annual goodwill event.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
GRADUATE - A busy Sunday here. Tucson Knight Owl's "Mini-Tacky Ball" begins at 3 p.m. (Drag Queen Time) and Judging for prizes will be approximately 5 p.m. Come early enough so you can locate your outfits, but please do not remove any of the props hanging around the bar until the contest begins.
At 8:00 p.m. the Crowning by pageant officials of Aviva Diamond as Miss Gay Tucson II takes place followed by an all-star variety show featuring Tamara, Miss Gay Arizona; Aviva Diamond, Miss Gay Tucson II and Tucson's new country sensation - Bobbi Jo, with an extra special appearance of the 'Queen of Comedy' Cissy Goldberg and the evening will be hosted by Christi Lunden. A BUSY day indeed.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3
COLETTE'S WEST - Official opening of Colette's West in new location on Speedway just East of Country Club. "A Women's Bar Where Everyone Is Welcome." Come by and see the latest addition to the Tucson night scene. Grand Opening set for October.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
DINNER BENEFIT FOR AIDS RESEARCH FUND. At the personal residence of Skeeter Mathew, 3342 East Pima. $20 donation. Good food, live entertainment, fun and some very nice door prizes. 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. Plan to attend and support a very worthy cause.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Copperstate Leathermen present a "Bubble Butt" Production: "An In-Town Show" featuring these leathermen in a repeat of the show they presented at the Ft. Waldorf Run earlier this month. This is live and will be a hoot to watch these leathermen on stage. The CSL will also have a beer bust from 2 until 6 p.m.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Penguin Production starring Hostess Christi Lunden with Guests Bobbi Jo and Jessica Caplan and Male Stripper Michael. ALSO direct from Phoenix the ever popular Ebony will be special guest star. If you want a reserved seat call in now. Advance reserved seats are $2. No cover for non- reserved and it all starts at 8:30 sharp!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
RUMOR HAZZIT - Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) Movie Benefit from 6 to 8 p.m. Free popcorn and $1.25 beer. $2.00 cover.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20
RUMOR HAZZIT - A triumphant return to Tucson of the sensational satire singing team of Romanovski and Phillips direct from San Francisco. Lyn Lavner rounds out this important live revue. Make reservations early.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Penguin Production's November Show featuring Christi Lunden, Cissy Goldberg, Aviva Diamond and male stripper Michael.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Penguin Production's December Show starring Christi Lunden, Candi Plastique and Jacqueleen de' Savoi plus some hot special holiday surprises.

NEWS FROM MCC/TUCSON

Well here it is, the first week of autumn. Here on the desert it is difficult to really try to distinguish between the different seasons, but there just seems to be something different when autumn comes around. Back in the midwest where I come from, the leaves on the trees are starting to turn. The oaks from the green to brilliant reds and purples and the maples to their bright yellows and oranges. But here in Tucson, we know it is fall by the increase in out-of-state license plates and we have to drive up to Mr. Lemmon to see any leaves change color.

At MCC/Tucson our fall activities are beginning to be just that - active. During the month of October we have many social and spiritual offerings being planned. On the weekend of October 4 and 5, the Rev. Judy Dahl, our District Coordinator of The Southwest District of U.F.M.C.C. will be here. Then on Saturday, October 11, MCC/Tucson will be hosting a spaghetti supper and a show. Then our annual revival weekend called The Three Days of October on October 17, 18 and 19 will be with the Reverend Elder Jeri Ann Harvey of Los Angeles. Watch this column for more details as the time approaches for these special weekends at MCC/Tucson.

Thought for the Week: If a Christian couldn't be tempted, he would be a robot.

Homosexuality: A dad's worry

ARLINGTON, VA (GCN) - In a USA Today poll published in June, fathers nationwide ranked fear that their children would turn out Gay or Lesbian among their top ten concerns, according to the Washington Blade. Homosexuality came in eighth on the list of 707 fathers surveyed.

When asked to rate potential homosexuality of their sons and daughters on a "worry scale" of one to ten, the fathers gave an average of 5.5 worry for their sons and a 5.4 for their daughters. Rating higher on the "worry scale" than homosexuality were car accidents for boys 7.9 and rape or physical assault for girls (8.4).

Among the other worry warts mentioned by fathers were bad grades, drug abuse, early sexual activity, suicide and poor quality of friends.

Louganis gives gold medal to PWA

KOKOMO, IN (PGN) - Olympic diving champion Greg Louganis gave the gold medal he recently received for winning his 38th national title to Ryan White, the 14-year-old resident of Kokomo who has been in the news because of the events surrounding the revelation that he has AIDSs.

Louganis won his latest title in an Indianapolis meet in which he dived in spite of pain caused by warts he'd had removed only days earlier. "My injuries are superficial," said Louganis, "and they'll heal. I wish that were the case with Ryan."

White contracted AIDS while being treated for hemophilia and was kept from attending school by the courts after parents of other students filed lawsuits. He was recently allowed to return to class.

"I had a little bit of motivation," said Louganis, who invited White to the competition. Louganis said he decided to compete for Ryan, despite the "excruciating pain" he felt when he hit the water because of the warts.

Surviving lover wins lease

NEW YORK, NY - A state judge in New York has ruled that a landlord must offer a lease to a surviving lover in a Gay relationship.

Landlord Bruce Kafenbaum had started eviction proceedings against Michael Brown, whose lover, Robert Hayes, died of AIDS. Brown's name was not on the lease for the Manhattan apartment where he and Hayes had lived together for eight years.

Acting Supreme Court Justice Helen Freedman had ruled in Kafenbaum's favor when the case first came before her in December. Brown's attorney, Russell Pearce, appealed the decision under a State Revision of Housing and Community Renewal emergency order protecting spouses and family members of deceased tenants from eviction.

Judge Freedman ruled that Brown must be treated the same as a close family member. Kafenbaum is also obliged to offer Brown a vacancy lease and is allowed to increase his rent by no more than seven and a half percent.

Inmates 'spike' guards coffee

LAKE BUTLER, FL (AP) - Inmates seeking revenge for a foiled escape plot laced a prison guard's coffee with blood serum from an AIDS patient, according to a published report. Sources told the Gainesville Sun the prisoners suspected in the incident have been placed in segregated cells.

The prisoner whose blood serum was used in the revenge effort now jokes that he and the officer are blood brothers, said the officer. "I try to keep light about it, but it's really not funny," said the officer who drank the tainted coffee.

Prison officials learned of the June 17 incident through an informer. "I more or less went into shock," the officer said.

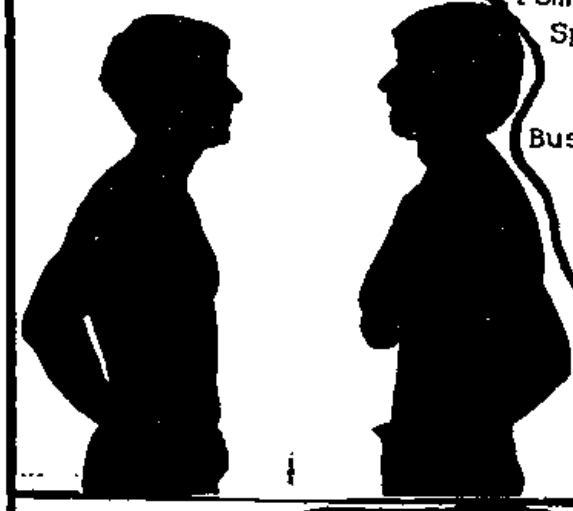
The chief doctor at the Reception Medical Center in this North Florida town told the officer that the chances of contracting the deadly acquired immune deficiency syndrome were slight, the newspaper reported.

OUR DAILY MENU

SUNDAY
Beer Bust 4 to 7 p.m. .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 5 to 7:30 p.m. $4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

MONDAY
Bowler's Special
.75 Well Drinks for Joshua Tree League Bowlers.
Dave Pierson DJ's 9 to 1

TUESDAY
12 oz. cans of Millers or Millers Lite $1.00.
Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T 9 to 1



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THURSDAY
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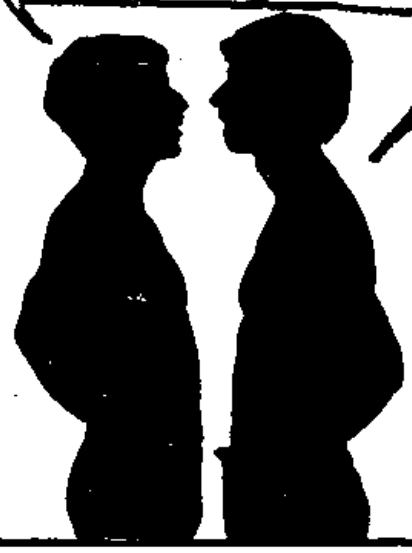
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
Bobby Jr. DJ's in the Joshua Tree 9 to 1



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WHAT'S UP DOC?

The biggest news for this week comes from the freeway in Phoenix. This past Saturday found representatives from the Sons of Apollo MC; Arizona Rangers MC; Copperstate Leathermen's Association; Tucson Arizona Levi Leathermen and the Tucson Knight Owls all sitting around making plans for this year's Arizona Brotherhood Run. This run will be held in Phoenix from Nov. 27 thru Nov. 30. Run fees for non-club members will be only $20. For this small fee you will receive meals starting with the traditional Thanksgiving meal Thursday, brunches and dinners Friday and Saturday and finally a send-off brunch on Sunday. Also included in this run fee will be your housing for the complete weekend.

Each of the different clubs will be having a variety of games to be played by all throughout the run, with awards being passed out at the Saturday evening meal.

The Arizona Brotherhood Run is the only statewide sponsored run around the country, so you see why each sponsoring organization devotes so much time to it. Everyone in attendance in the past three years has always had a lot of fun and I'm sure this year's version will be on the same level if not higher.

Get hold of me at 884-7309 or at the Graduate if you want either more information on this run or want an application to send in for it. Cut-off date for early registration is Oct. 18. The reason for the early date is so this year's hosting club, SOA, have some up-front operating capital for the different expenses to promote and put on this four-day run.

Back in Tucson, we have three different events coming up in the near future. First off will be TKO's Mini-Tacky Ball II at the Graduate on Sunday, Sept. 28 starting at (Drag Queen Time) 3 p.m. Judging for prizes will be approximately 5 p.m. Make sure you arrive early enough so you can locate your outfits, but please (repeat PLEASE) do not remove any of the props hanging around the bar until I give the word to start the contest.

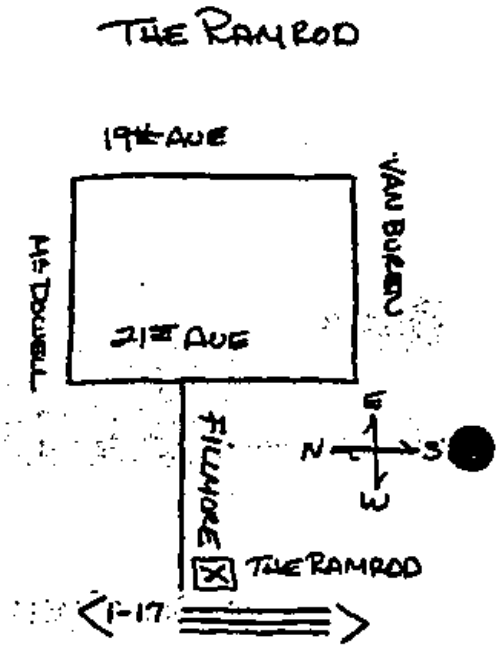
Next, the following Sunday, Oct. 5, the Copperstate Leathermen/Tucson will be hosting a show "In Town Show" at IBT's starting at 5 p.m. This will be a live performance of the same show that CSL put on at their Ft. Waldorf Run a few weeks ago. It will be an eye-opener to many. A real funny show. Be sure to attend.

Finally, on Oct. 11 the MCC is holding a spaghetti feed and show. The location and times have not been given to me as of yet, but as soon as I find out I'll pass it on to you.

Before I move over to TBBS, Glenn from TALL asked me to put the following in: "We would like to mourn the death of Blue. GBS has taken her everywhere. Hopefully she can find one as good as she was." Blue was Glenn's chariot that I've seen in the middle of at least twelve 18-wheelers, peddling hard and still able to keep from getting run over by them.

TBBS: David was saying that Bill N. has been going fishing so often with Suzie, Nancy and Lindsay that he must be turning into a Lesbanese himself.... Poor Annie, even with five hooks on her bra she lost it again. Now I understand she carries a spare in her purse.... I hear Juicy Lucy had to buy a 50 gallon drum of PolyGrip just for her ass.... Up in Phoenix, Ron went home early Saturday evening to, as he put it, "clean house". Upon arriving at his house, I see the house wasn't the only thing he was cleaning up.... Poor Art said he didn't want to work anymore Saturday evenings because he missed out on helping to clean the house.... Wonders never cease. Eddie at Apollo's was in town but Bill was out. I wonder if the two of them ever meet at different airports each heading in opposite directions?

Well, that's it for this week. A great big thank you goes out to Larry at the Ramrod for letting TJ and I in early Saturday. Also, a map for getting to the Ramrod during all the construction is printed below.



The Wednesday night bowling league at the Fiesta Lanes still needs a few more bowlers. You do not need a high average because we are there bowling just to have fun. Watch this column for details on the up-coming "Bowling With The Kilts" night. Come on Partners, SOS and Copperstate Leathermen, get a team together.

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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.

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

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

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

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AFFIRMATION, Gay and Lesbian Mormons, meet monthly in Phoenix for fellowship and positive support. AFFIRMATION, P.O. Box 315, Mesa, AZ 85201 or (602) 981-0121.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fineline, 101 W. Drachman. Everyone welcome.

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

SENIOR GAYS (OVER 40). If you are interested in joining call Russ at 323-3068 in Tucson or write P.O. Box 773, Tucson, AZ 85702-0773.

TRANSVESTITE RAP GROUP FORMING. Contact Art, 296-0733 Tucson. 106

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A View From Within

A COMMENTARY BY CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

FINALLY A FIRST CLASS PUBLICATION FOR THE GAY COMMUNITY

The first page that fell out of the large envelope had these words emblazoned across the top. It is part of the press package for a new magazine targeted specifically to the "upscale, career-minded, professional" Gay and Lesbian community in Southern California. The name: ANGELENO

It is --to say the very least-- an ambitious attempt to address a usually neglected market: the higher-income, more mobile community to which we all belong.

Of course, one cannot properly comment on a magazine strictly judging from the press package. The first issue of ANGELENO is due on the stands at the end of this month, yet one can easily see the possibilities in such an endeavor.

Definitely high-class from the word go, ANGELENO is aiming to be the best looking publication of its kind. But, perhaps that is not a fair comment since there is no other publication of its kind available in any market at this time --I think.

For those of you who are familiar with the publications L.A. STYLE or INTERVIEW, you will readily visualize what ANGELENO looks like. It will be produced on 11" x 17" stock, good quality, matte finished paper. This printing style provides for very crisp black and white art-work, and quality reproduction. This is already a good point for the magazine.

The advertising rates are very reasonable for a publication of this size (11" x 17"). And the available market is certainly large --to say the least. Some national statistics show Gay and Lesbian households enjoy a large 75% disposable income, compared to usually less than 25% with traditional households; we (collectively speaking) average four vacations per year of four days or more; 42% own income property; 64% graduated college; 28% earn over $40,000, and 71% earn over $20,000.

Locally speaking, 55% have an income of $15,000 or higher; 47% graduated from college; 19% own real-estate as an investment. (--source for local statistics: June 1986 Arizona Gay/Lesbian Demographic Survey conducted by this newspaper).

Generally speaking, we can easily afford the $2.00 per issue cover price of ANGELENO.

Here is where the possible negative points enter in. The Southern California market is literally flooded with free publications targeted to and created expressly by the Gay and Lesbian community. There are about 7 or 8 to my immediate knowledge. There rises the question whether a consumer would invest $2.00 in a magazine when he or she could probably receive the same or similair information from one of the free publications?

This is a very important question with regard the success of ANGELENO, and one which I am sure the publishers have deeply considered. ANGELENO looks to be a very good publication, but the content of the magazine must go beyond that of other publications in order for it to provide a service not addressed by these other publications.

Already the publication is attempting to be different. ANGELENO will not accept "976 advertising, sex-oriented advertising and sex-oriented classified advertising." (ADWEEK Sept.-8, 1986). Just pick up a copy of practically any Gay publication anywhere in the country and count the number of 976 ads, or sex-oriented classifieds. These ads, unfortunately, are what pays for the publication --pretty much. Yes, ANGELENO is going to be different alright.

Subscriptions are available to ANGELENO for $24 per year. More information can be obtained by calling (213) 461-1142, or writing to ANGELENO, 7985 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 109, West Hollywood, California, 90046.

DIVINATION by DEYMONN

FOR WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 24

ARIES
You may feel an urge to travel but responsibilities in your relationships may prevent this. If you do run away your reputation could suffer.

TAURUS
You are feeling healthy and ready for your work responsibilities. A hunch you have today is wrong. You need to be very careful how much money you spend.

GEMINI
Your loved one might have you considering a financial move with joint resources. Don't fool yourself, wait until later to invest.

CANCER
Unvented frustrations can affect your health. Your relations with a Pisces is under some stress. A secret having to do with your home may be revealed.

LEO
Communicating with a friend you work with may be the solution to your problems. Don't be angry if this person is not to be found.

VIRGO
Emotional conflicts you have at home may affect your career. A superior will understand if you explain the trouble you are having.

LIBRA
An emotional need for new experiences may have you planning a trip. Do not go swimming or travel by water on drugs.

SCORPIO
A partnership investment could yield results if you know all of the facts. You do not, so be sure to ask the appropriate questions.

SAGITTARIUS
Personal responsibilities can have you feeling emotionally bent out of shape. Seek your friends and social activities to help you escape from the stress.

CAPRICORN
Deceit in your career can carry karmic repercussion. Be honest with yourself and your associates or you will be the one to suffer.

AQUARIUS
Your intuition is still not to be trusted. Your friends need to be leveled with. Financial loss is possible but only temporary.

PISCES
Be sure you are honest with your friends. Your home could undergo changes that could also change your good fortune. Take care of business and control your emotional nature.

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