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Mecham: Gay lifestyle not acceptable

PHOENIX - Gov. Evan Mechem took to the airwaves last Thursday, Feb. 12, telling listeners to a radio call-in show that homosexuality is not an acceptable lifestyle and that creationism should be taught alongside evolution if either is taught in schools.

One caller to the show, saying he was a Mormon and a homosexual, objected to Mechem's earlier statement that homosexuals have no place in government. "The church I belong to does not allow homosexuals to participate in any way," replied Mechem who also is a Mormon. "It is not an acceptable lifestyle."

"Estimates that homosexuals represent about ten percent of the population are put out to create a power of fear in officeholders," he added, saying he doubted the callers claim that more than 200,000 homosexuals live in Arizona.

Mechem also used his hour-long show to urge that listeners lobby lawmakers for his

proposed state budget, including his proposed one-cent cut in the state sales tax. He also said letters and phone calls on his decision to rescind a holiday honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. were running at least 5-to-1 in his favor and he saw no great need in Arizona for legislation to designate English as the official language.

The show was aired on stations in Phoenix, Tucson, Flagstaff, Prescott and Winslow, down from the 14 stations that aired Mechem's first call-in show. Operations Director Bob Christopher of host station KTAR in Phoenix attributed the drop to the show airing on a week day unlike the first show which aired on Saturday.

Christopher also said his station would begin offering Democrats a chance for a formal response to at least part of Mechem's twice monthly show, but he said details were still being worked out.

Wasatch: Gay lifestyle very acceptable



TUCSON - Last weekend the Wasatch Leathermen Motorcycle Club from Salt Lake City 'invaded' Tucson and were guests of the Desert Leathermen during their three-day stay. Festivities centered around the Desert Leathermen home bar It's

'Bout Time, but included many activities that brought them in contact with several Tucson establishments. Shown above are members of the merry group of visitors with their hosts as taken from the balcony at IBF's.

Mormon Watch

Evan Mechem's genocidal purge continues... his attempt to create a new Zion is nearing completion. Having dispatched the "uply Blacks", Mr. Mechem is now assailing the homosexual community of Arizona. In a statement of February 12, Evan Mechem dismisses the assertion that there are over 200,000 Gays living in Arizona.

For a man who has

demonstrated considerable difficulty with figures (he's convinced 18% voter approval is a 'mandate'), such rhetoric is not surprising. However, to give credit due, there is indeed one truth in his statement... that there is no such thing as a Gay Mormon. It is an oxymoron, like "Christian Mormon" ... the terms

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Sisters Hijack Papal Welcoming Committee



SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Sister Sadie Sadie, the Rabbi Lady (l) at Papal Welcoming Committee press conference at Mission Dolores.

by David M. Lowe & Stuart Norman
SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Two well-known former Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence have formed a little-known, but highly visible splinter group and obtained all rights to the name "Official San Francisco 1987 Papal Welcoming Committee." The duo's actions have also brought to light what can only be called "The Great Sister Schism."

Last October, when apparently no one - especially the City and the Catholic Church - was paying any attention, the two splintered sisters of Perpetual Indulgence (a point of contention) Sister Sadie Sadie, the Rabbi Lady (aka Gil Block) and Sister Chanel 2001 (aka Gilbert Baker) initiated a successful scheme to gain control of welcoming the Pope to San Francisco.

Sadie and Chanel began by applying for a Fictitious Business Name Statement to transact business under the name "Official San Francisco 1987 Papal Welcoming Committee" last September. Then, as required by law, they published their intentions in four issues of the San Francisco Beacon newspaper.

Then the two wayward sisters who have been referred to as of late as the "Sisters from Hell" (the listing on the fictitious business name statement) and "The Sisters of Perpetual Publicity" stood in front of Mission Dolores and announced, before the whir of television cameras, their preliminary plans to welcome Pope John Paul II to San Francisco.

Sister Sadie said the Welcoming Committee was formed after finding out that the Archdiocese of San Francisco had no official plans to welcome the Pope. "Some one had to pick up the banner," she said. The Block/Baker sisters plan an "official greeting and confrontation of our sibling sisters Pope John Paul II from Rome". The committee will hold a planning conclave at Easter in preparation for the Pope's San Francisco visit scheduled for Sept. 17, 1987.



"Delhi" official mascot of the Papal Welcoming Committee.

moment the Committee's official research and development department is preparing official merchandise.

To finance the efforts of The Official San Francisco-1987 Papal Welcoming Committee, the group will issue a floating Papal Bond Issue. This is a limited edition of one million bonds selling for one dollar each with "interest and dividends to be paid eventually in heaven."

Other Committee offerings include official comprehensive coverage indulgences which insure the bearer against "all forms of guilt". Official holy relics, buttons, pennants, posters and balloons will be adopted at the Easter Conclave.

For official information and registration send a self-addressed stamped envelope to The Official San Francisco-1987 Papal Welcoming

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UPDATE

PRISONS NOT SEETHING WITH AIDS, SURVEY FINDS

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - AIDS is a problem in some prisons and jails, particularly in New York, New Jersey and Florida, but prisons are not the hotbeds of the incurable disease that some have suggested, a researcher says.

Theodore M. Hammett surveyed federal prisons, state correctional departments and most of the largest county and state jail systems.

As of Oct. 1, 1986, there had been 1,232 confirmed cases of AIDS among prisoners since 1981, when the first case was reported in New York State, and 529 deaths.

Seventy percent of the 1,232 cases have been found in just four of the 82 prison systems surveyed: New York City, New York State, New Jersey and Florida.

Hammett said 61 percent of the cases reported since 1981 and 48 percent of the deaths were recorded in the 11 months between Nov. 1, 1985 and last Oct. 1.

That's a significant increase, he said, but still less than the increase among the general population, where AIDS cases jumped by 79 percent during the same period.

The incidence among inmates ranges from 5 to 215 per 100,000, with two-thirds of the systems having rates of less than 25. That compares with rates among the general population in individual states ranging from 0 to 21, he said.

COUNSELING LESBIAN AND GAY CLIENTS SEMINAR AT ASU

PHOENIX - A seminar covering issues in Counseling Lesbian and Gay Clients will be held next Tuesday, Feb. 24 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at Arizona State University in the "Cochise Room" of the Memorial Union.

The seminar will be conducted by Laura Brown, Ph.D., President-elect of the Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian and Gay Issues (a division of the American Psychological Association). Dr. Brown is a nationally known lecturer and writer. She has hosted a radio talk show in Seattle and often serves as an expert witness in battered women cases.

A leader in educating mental health professionals about how to integrate knowledge about the lives of Gays and Lesbians into the curriculum, she has achieved Diplomatic Status by the American Board of Professional Psychology.

Dr. Brown will also give a public lecture, "Healing a dysfunction of the human family: dealing with homophobia," at 8:00 the same evening, Feb. 24, in ASU's Memorial Union.

WHITE PATCH ON TONGUE CALLED KEY AIDS SIGN

CHICAGO, IL - People who suspect they may have been exposed to the AIDS virus should keep an eye on their tongues for one of the disease's early symptoms: a small, white, painless patch, says John Greenspan, a University of California professor.

The sore, never seen before the AIDS epidemic, appears to be a sign of an especially virulent case of the disease. Mouth sores have been considered an early symptom of AIDS since the disease first was recognized in 1981.



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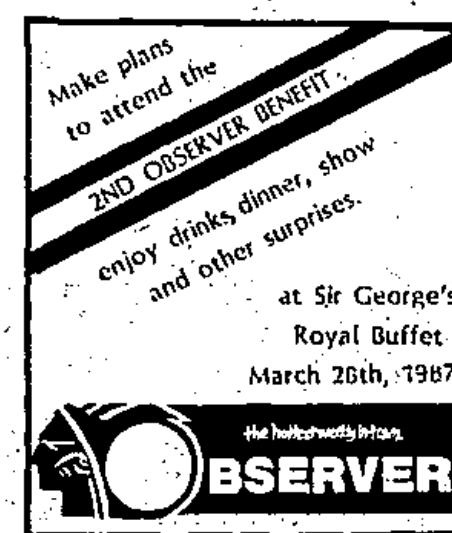
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Pima County to offer free AIDS test

by J. Randall Jue

TUCSON - Pima County will offer free blood tests for exposure to the AIDS virus within the next two months, Pima County Health Director Dr. Patricia Nolan announced.

The tests will include counseling, Nolan said. All testing will be done at the Therese Lee Health Center at 332 S. Freeway. The health center is Pima County's clinic for sexually transmitted diseases.

The test results do not show whether a person has AIDS, but does show whether the person has been exposed to the AIDS virus. A positive test does not necessarily mean a person will develop the disease, officials said.

The test was controversial when it was first developed because of fears that those exposed to AIDS would face discrimination.

"I personally have shifted my opinion of doing antibody testing greatly," Nolan said. "Since its approval last March for use in testing the donated blood supply, we have now come to the point where we have decided to offer screening tests through the health department to people who want them. It's a big step for us."

Nolan said the health department had wanted to start testing Jan. 1, but state funding had been held up in the contracting process. "I wish we could start tomorrow," Nolan said.

Jamie Miller, director of Pima County's sexually transmitted diseases unit, said a \$22,587 state grant has essentially been approved and is being released.

Although anyone can take the tests, Nolan said the county will encourage people in the high risk groups to get tested. "Homosexuals, bisexuals, drug users and sex partners of any of those three groups will be encouraged to get tested," Nolan said.

Testing will be done by appointment only, Miller said. A telephone separate from the health center will be hooked up for the testing service, she said. "We are going to have the tests set up by appointment because we will have only one counselor, and the counseling part usually takes a while," Miller said.

Pima County health officials are anxious to get the testing started because the state grant expires Aug. 31.

Miller said the grant will pay for the counselor and for blood-testing equipment.

The results of the test will be available only to the person who is tested, Nolan said.

"We will keep the results for statistical purposes, but the individual will not be identifiable from our records," Nolan said.

Chicago Gays sue police

by Ben Robbins and
Stephanie Poggi

CHICAGO, IL (CON) - Three patrons of a Gay bar raided in September 1985 have filed a \$15.75 million lawsuit against police. The suit charges the Northeastern Metropolitan Enforcement Group (MEG), a special division of the Illinois Department of State Police with five counts of violation of patrons' constitutional rights - namely unlawful detention, illegal search, invasion of privacy, denial of equal protection, and denial of right to association.

A class action part of the suit seeks "confidential return or destruction of all information and photographs" taken by MEG officers during the three hour raid at Carol's Speakeasy. The three plaintiff's are being represented by the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois (ACLU).

On the night of September 12, 1985, bar patrons of Carol's Speakeasy were forced at gunpoint by 15 plainclothes MEG officers to lie face down on the floor. The officers searched each of the 50 customers and demanded among other personal data, names, addresses, employers, marital status, bank and credit cards. The officers also seized the bar's membership files and photographed each person before he or she could leave.

Patrons allege that they were not told they had the right to have an attorney present during the interrogations, nor that they had the right to remain silent. Some patrons who had lifted their heads off the floor claim they were struck by the officers, and that others were called "queers" and "faggots".

During the raid, uniformed Chicago police officers entered the bar and made no effort to stop the raid, according to the suit. The officers, whose identities are not known, are also named as defendants in the case.

According to Harvey Grossman, legal director of the Illinois ACLU, MEG had an arrest warrant for only one person, the bartender, who was later arrested in his home on a drug charge. None of the other patrons was found to possess drugs.

Apparently, the only departmental action against the MEG officers involved in the raid was a transfer of two supervisory personnel back to their original units. Grossman, who described the reprimand as insufficient, said he hopes the suit "will send a message to local police (to stop) discriminatory practices at Gay bars."

Such harassment in Chicago suburbs has been common for some time, according to Grossman, who said it could "ultimately eliminate places Lesbians and Gay men frequent."

Grossman said a separate federal suit has also been filed against police for harassment through I.D. checks at the now defunct suburban Chicago bar 'Bubbles'. Bubbles "was forced to shut down," said Grossman, because of the police harassment.

The ACLU will begin gathering evidence and depositions in the Carol's Speakeasy case immediately.



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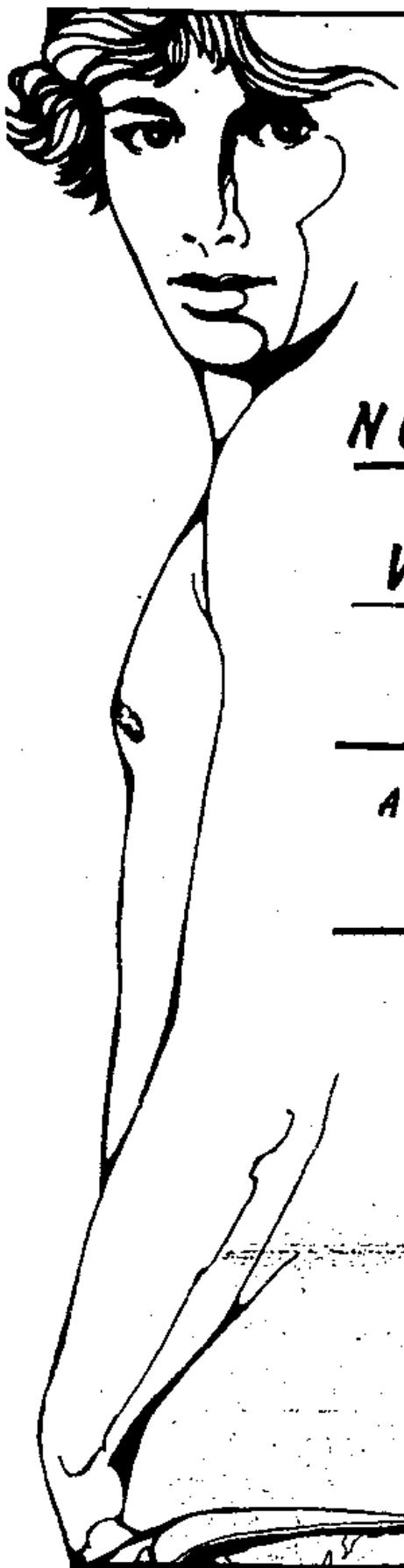
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REVIEW Backstage Players deal Tucson full hand

Last Sunday, Feb. 15, Tucson was treated to a "return performance" of the Backstage Players from Phoenix. Featured in the show were, Penelope Poupe', Devina, Rose Trellis and Jamie DeSario - Miss Gay Arizona 86-87. The show started about twenty minutes late but it was worth the wait.

To say that this show was good would be an understatement. It was obvious that a lot of hard work went into this production, and being in the audience, I was glad to see the outcome. It was a very entertaining evening. Now to the performers.

First we have Penelope. She gets better with age, and that is not meant as an insult, but rather a very high compliment. Penelope put much energy and strength behind all of her numbers. Penelope also did, what seems to be her theme song, "I Am What I Am" without a hitch. It was wonderful.

Devina brought a lot of excitement to the stage with her dancing and good character portrayals of Patti LaBelle, Diana Ross and Janet Jackson. It should also be noted that her costumes looked very good. The only thing that bothered me was the fact that she moved her hands too much. Sometimes it made you feel that

her hands were three miles ahead of the rest of her body. But all in all, Devina was superb.



Rose Trellis

Next on the bill was Rose Trellis. Rose is no stranger to Tucson and from the reaction of the audience, she has a lot of fans here. Once again Rose's

talents as a puppeteer were displayed to the Tucson community. The way that Rose (Barry) can handle and bring to life the puppets is truly amazing. The highlight of the show was when Penelope and Rose's puppet sang the duet "Somewhere Out There" from the movie American Tail. This number received two ovations.



Penelope Poupe'



Miss Gay Arizona 86-87,
Jamie DeSario



Devina

**OTHER
PERSUASIONS**



LETTERS FROM THE ROAD



Bill Konkoy

Bruce Pegg

Brent Nicholson Earle

ED NOTE: As reported last week, Brent Nicholson Earle is running around the perimeter of the United States to call attention to the AIDS crisis. He passed through Tucson and OBSERVER interviewed him. The letter below, from Bill Konkoy, who is accompanying Brent and his mother the entire trip, gives an update of Brent's expedition. Konkoy will continue his update from time to time to keep us informed as to the progress of the trip.

To the many Tucsonans who met Brent and his crew, we know you will be interested in these continuing updates.

BY Bill Konkoy - Director
SHOW LOW, ARIZONA - Feb. 11.

I write from the dinette table of a road-worn Winnebago parked in a dreary RV campground in even drearier Show Low, Arizona. On February 14th, the three of us who are the road crew of the American Run for the End of AIDS (A.R.E.A.) - will dump the dreariness for a double celebration. For us, however, the sentiments of St. Valentine's Day will be eclipsed by the elation of our completing the 5,000th mile of the Run.

Since starting out in New York City on March 1st, 1986, Brent Nicholson Earle, A.R.E.A.'s founder, has run 20 miles daily to promote AIDS education and prevention in more than 70 U.S.

and Canadian cities. Through New England, the Great Lakes, Midwest, Great Plains, Rockies, West Coast and the Deseret Southwest we've seen vast changes in geography and climate, but none so dramatic as the change in climate surrounding the issue of AIDS education and prevention.

Last spring, national leadership waffled and stalled; now it is becoming vocal and committed. Then, funds and venues for education were scarce; now, AIDS information is being introduced into elementary-through-university curricular. Then, network news anchors weren't permitted on-air mention of condoms; now, some are probably using them.

We can rejoice that so many strides have been made in the fight against AIDS. But the infection and the dying continue. So the work of the Run will continue: into Albuquerque in February; El Paso, San Antonio and Austin in March; Houston, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Beaumont and Baton Rouge in April; then six more months on the Gulf and east coasts until A.R.E.A. reaches Washington, DC on Oct. 10 in time for the National Gay Rights March and on to New York City in time for Halloween.

Today, on the brink of our milestone, to all A.R.E.A.'s supporters and to the friends we've made along our first 5,000 miles: thanks to you, the American Run for the End of AIDS is still on the road. To future friends: look for us. We hope Brent's example will impel you to continue making strides to end our collective nightmare.

Minn. Sodomy

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - On January 29, the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union (MCLU) filed suit in Minnesota District Court seeking a declaratory judgment that the Minnesota Sodomy Statute is unconstitutional under the Minnesota Constitution on the grounds that the statute makes private consensual sodomy between adults a crime in violation of an individual's right to privacy and in violation of the establishment clause.

The MCLU, in its direct challenge, also seeks to permanently enjoin the Attorney General be directed to supervise prosecuting attorneys throughout the state to ensure that no attempts are made to enforce it. The suit was filed by MCLU volunteer attorneys William Keppel and James Dorsey.

The MCLUs direct challenge to Minnesota's Sodomy Statute, filed in Minnesota District Court follows a similar suit brought by the MCLU in Federal District Court in 1985, but which was later dismissed by the MCLU because of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in 'Bowers v. Hardwick'. In 'Bowers', the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a Georgia sodomy law, stating that the right to engage in sodomy was not a "fundamental right" under the U.S. Constitution, but that nothing should constrain a state Supreme Court from determining that such a statute violated its state constitution.

The MCLU also filed a motion to appear Amicus in the 'Minnesota v. Gray' case, now on appeal in the Minnesota Supreme Court. The MCLU went Amicus in this case at the District Court level, where Judge Pamela Alexander dismissed the charge against Gray, declaring Minnesota's Sodomy Statute unconstitutional.



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WHAT'S UP DOC?

Did you catch the flight of the falcon that passed over Tucson this past weekend? If you didn't, you were either out of town or stayed home. The Wasatch Leathermen M.C., out of Salt Lake City, arrived Friday afternoon ready for a full weekend of festivities, and a spirit or two.

This writer, along with TKO, met this group at IBT's Friday evening, of course over a Cowboy C/S. Then it was party time for the entire weekend. Sunday found the Wasatch and Desert Leathermen south of the border in Nogales. Then Sunday evening they all went over to the Graduate to pay Bill N. a friendly visit.

It was a really good weekend for all and the visit by the Wasatch group really added to it. Hurry back to Tucson soon all you from the Wasatch LMC, and thanks for the fond memories.

TKO's Ping Pong Tournament had to be cancelled because of lack of interest at this time. Maybe one of these days it will be tried again. Now coming up for TKO is their Annual Closet Ball at Colette's on March 14. Applications are being printed up at this time and both the posters and applications will be posted in the

bars soon. I'll also be putting an application in the paper next week for those of you who are going to enter this year's Closet Ball. Do not forget, all applications must be received by TKO no later than March 8. Also, no applications will be accepted for entry the night of this year's Closet Ball.

The First Lady's of Tucson's different clubs held their initial meeting this past Sunday. Their first order of business was planning the "First Lady's Weekend Campout". At this time they are not saying just what plans they have made, but I'm sure I'll find out sooner or later. They, as a collective group are working on a calendar for this paper that will show the dates of the different club activities coming up, the T-Squares and now forming a clogging group, this monthly schedule will be a big help to not only these organizations but should help the different bars around town when it comes time for them to plan activities.

I guess I'll wrap this column up for this week. It's been a beautiful, fun-filled and loving weekend, and I hope everyone out there also had a beautiful weekend.

Readers' Input

Death On Call

by Tracie Marie Stropes - Tucson

Just what is Death on Call?

Well, some might call it voices in the night. Even others might call it voices in one's head! Or even sounds from other worlds or places.

But Death on Call is a transsexual's way out of this living hell, we all go through at one time or another. And some more than others.

Like myself, I live day by day not knowing whether I'm going to take my own life or not; because I've tried! Fourteen different times in ten different states in the past forty-two years I now have behind me.

You might say I was sick. And you would be right! I'm very sick of living half man and half woman. I'm very sick of not being accepted; either by straight or Gay or Lesbian people.

Yes, I'm sick. Sick of being nature's freak or a freak of nature. I'm very sick of playing a male role, when all the time I feel every bit a woman.

I'm sick of people judging people, just on an outward appearance! I hear people judging transients just because they're transients, not because they're people, like yourself, who are just out of work. They are kicked in the teeth in city after city because no one cares enough to reach out and help.

Like the transients, where no one reaches out to help, are the transsexuals, who are in need of friendship, love, understanding - just someone who cares. We are all in need of medical, financial, social caring.

Death on Call is a wish, a prayer or just a need to end all this pain of not being accepted; and like yourself, you have a need of someone or something that cares about you. I've always had Death on Call, when I would have rather had a friend on call.

Most people have friends on call, or some call on friends, but a transsexual has neither a friend on call, nor can they call a friend who is never there.

Even in the medical field, they're improving the sex-reassignment surgery, but they can't even do this to help someone in need unless they have the price.

But, I ask, what is the price of life or death, or what is just the price of death these days?

Isn't it cheaper to give someone life and not think about death, I ask you? Do you care? I do!

"Write to me and be a friend."
Tracie Marie Stropes
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WORKING GROUP ON LESBIAN BATTERING ANNOUNCES STUDY

PHILADELPHIA, PA - The Working Group on Lesbian Battering announces a research project on Violence in Lesbian Relationships. This study, conducted by a Philadelphia sociologist, Claire Renzetti, has been endorsed by the Working Group, which has served as an advisory board to the study since its inception. Victims and survivors of Lesbian abuse are asked to complete a questionnaire on the violence in their relationships. The group needs help to fulfill its goals of raising the community's consciousness about this problem and developing services for victims. To receive a copy of the questionnaire, send your name (or a pseudonym) and address to: Dr. Claire Renzetti, 5600 City Line Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19131.

The Working Group itself has been meeting since September 1984 and has been involved in community education, improving resources for victims and survivors, and offering a support group for battered Lesbians. They sponsored a community forum on violence in Lesbian relationships in April 1985. The group advocates with the community to provide safe space for battered Lesbians.

For further information, contact Shawn Towey at Women Against Abuse (215) 686-7082 or the Battered Lesbian Support Group, (215) 592-4583.

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MORMON WATCH
are in conflict.

If a shark can be described as an eating machine, a Mormon can be described as a procreating machine (the Mormon birthrate runs 28.1/1000 in contrast to the non-Mormon United States average of 15.9/1000). The Gay community does not need to be offended by a church that ostracizes Blacks, Indians, other minorities and, non-married male and female... A church that relegates all these groups to a subservient role in their hierarchy.

Mr. Mecham, through his LDS advocacy, must embrace the historically documented deviant lifestyle of one Joseph Smith, Jr. Smith was engaged in continuous extramarital affairs with over 85 women in his short lifetime. When confronted by Church Elders, he at first denied it, then unconvincedly revealed it was "God's Plan". Smith's carnal obsession knew no limits: mothers, daughters, wives of Church Elders, everyone was fair game. Joseph promised all his wives eternal bliss in a celestial marriage—despite the fact that, in Christianity, Jesus Christ states that there is no eternal marriage.

As coercion to join his growing stable, Smith condemned any woman refusing him to the "fires of hell as a sinner." His original wife (Emma, #1 out of the 85) rejected his adulterous lifestyle, condemned him, left the church and outlived him by 36 years.

Promiscuity, adultery, lies and deceit were all a part of Smith's life... This was Joseph Smith, Jr., the head prophet and founder of the Mormon Church; the cornerstone on which all Mormonism stands. Smith spawned the un-Christian and decidedly deviate morality which

is carefully hidden from public view today... and which Governor Evan Mecham and every other Mormon knowingly or unknowingly endorses.

Evan... whose lifestyle is unacceptable?

MORMON WATCH #5
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California state quarantine plan

by Brian Jones

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (BAR) - The California Conference of Local Health Officers on Feb. 5 considered a plan to recommend quarantine of persons "suspected to be willingly spreading" AIDS. The target group includes healthy individuals who are antibody positive for the AIDS virus. The plan recommends that the state immediately begin planning a "strict isolation facility".

The quarantine plan calls on private doctors and public health officials to circumvent the AIDS testing confidentiality law. It urges doctors to report to local health authorities on individuals who are antibody positive. "Persons with asymptomatic infection could be reported as long as the results of an antibody test are not a part of the report," the plan states.

The San Francisco Department of Public Health opposes the plan. Said Associate Health Director Dr. Tom Peters, "This raises the spectre of many of the things we were fighting against in the LaRouche Initiative. We have serious concerns about the wording. It talks about people who are 'suspected' of engaging in high risk behavior.

"Well, who is doing the

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NOTES FROM NANCY

by Nancy F. Newman

Most people even report a feeling of euphoria after having a treatment. Believe me, it's a piece of cake compared to the hammering your body takes from drugs and alcohol.

As I said earlier, the Chinese have used acupuncture for centuries as a means of reducing pain/inducing anesthesia. Their theory is that there are energy pathways, or meridians, throughout the body, and when one of these gets out of balance, illness results. There is probably no energy source quite like drugs and alcohol for getting these systems out of whack. Consequently, when you come off booze or drugs, that's just the beginning as far as restoring your body goes. You can sit it out for a few years and hope your body repairs itself on its own, or you can take a trip to your local acupuncturist and hasten the process.

In short, it's a real help for a difficult problem. And I do speak from experience. Acupuncture is also helpful for reducing those nasty little drug 'cravings' you experience when you quit.

A word or two more about Dr. Patrick. There seems to be no end to what this woman can do with Naturopathy. Her patient list at any given time might include one or two heroin and methadone detox clients, a coke detox, a smoking detox, an arthritis case, a RMS client, a food allergy patient, a chronic back pain case, a Meniere's Disease victim, and ARC (AIDS Related Complex) client and an AIDS patient.

Dr. Patrick utilizes acupuncture, homeopathic medicines, hypnosis, botanical medicines and nutritional counseling. She also uses electro-acupuncture, which is another article altogether, but suffice it to say it's really effective, especially for detox clients. And, Dr. Patrick is going to offer a day-long monthly woman's clinic for gynecological check-ups.

I would have to say this woman is a real asset to not only the Gay community, but to her profession as well. I can't honestly say I don't miss my drugs, to get back to the original subject, but I can honestly say that Dr. Patrick made it one whale of a lot easier to part with them.

Dr. Patrick can be reached at her Medical Alternative Clinic at 792-8152.

As I See It

by Bruce Fowler - Tucson

Just prior to the beginning of 1987, *Parade* magazine printed a series of New Year's resolutions on their cover. Written by Lloyd Shearer, they were not unlike many resolutions for the new year, the usual: "resolve to take better care of my health", etc. Nonetheless, this particular group of resolutions hit my fancy and I dutifully cut them out and adopted them for my 1987 resolutions.

Two of the nine items come to mine, as I review my resolutions 6 weeks into 1987. "Avoid zealots." They are generally humorless." That was resolution #5 and speaks to me of the Fundamentalist "new right". They surely are without humor in their zeal for power and control.

The second resolution speaks to Gays and Lesbians and to those who persecute us. "Avoid angry, abrasive persons. They are generally vengeful."

How often have we known an angry Gay person who directed the brunt of their anger at other Gays, often at their only friends. I used to take such attacks personally and languish over the 'loss' of a friendship. But lately I see that these people are really angry at themselves. They

hate being Gay (personal homophobia at its worst) and they are unhappy with the fact that they have not attained certain goals they set for themselves when they were 20. We have all witnessed the revenge taken by an angry Gay or Lesbian. Perhaps we've even been on the receiving end of their anger; perhaps we've been the vengeful person ourselves.

Our own homophobia often creates an anger in us that is beyond reason. We say we're "out" and "fully accepting" of ourself, but the reality is that we secretly wish that we were straight. That unfulfilled passion to be straight reveals an inner-conflict of such magnitude that a raging anger is the result and revenge is the major motivation of what we do beyond that point.

Avoiding angry, abrasive persons for they are generally vengeful is sound advice and makes for a good New Year's resolution. On the other hand, perhaps I'll take a look at myself too and see just how much personal homophobia I'm still harboring. Am I the kind of person I want to be or am I an angry, abrasive person? I may have to give some thought for I have better things in mind for 1987 and for myself this year.

THE TUCSON CALENDAR

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Wednesday Madness" - From 2-8 pm Drink Specials: Check the chalkboard. Draft Beer Bust 9 pm to 1 am .50 per glass! Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Schnapps shots .75 from 8 pm to midnight.

GRADUATE - Bottle Domestic Beer \$1.00 with other drink specials.

FINELINE - Open 5 to 7 pm with drink specials and free appetizers. Full service bar 5 pm to 1 am. Michael's International Market Place open 5 pm to 1 am for food and spirits. Downstairs opens 8 pm for non-alcoholic beverages and dancing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks \$1. (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am Draft Beer .50 and Schnapps .50 shot. Dance 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 am - 1 pm.

RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm. "Dynasty" on life-size screen 8:00 p.m.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Nite \$1.25 domestic 9 pm to 1 am. Dave Pierson DJ 9 to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Bottle Beer Special from 8 pm to midnight.

FINELINE - Open 5 to 7 pm with drink specials and free appetizers. Full service bar 5 pm to 1 am. Michael's International Market Place open 5 pm to 1 am for fine food and spirits. Downstairs open 8 pm for non-alcoholic beverages and dancing.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am Long Neck Beer (non-premium) .75 Dance 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm. Coors Draft Beer Bust 7 to 10 pm .25 per glass. Regular disco/video dancing 9 pm to close.

friday

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Party Nite. Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to midnight.

FINELINE - Open 5 to 7 pm with drink specials and free appetizers. Full service bar 5 pm to 1 am. Michael's International Market Place open 5 pm to 1 am for fine food and spirits. Downstairs opens at 8 pm for non-alcoholic beverages and dancing. Afterhours till 4 am.

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon - 5:30 pm Well Drinks \$1 with juice \$1.25. Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am All Well \$1.50. (with juice \$1.75). Plus dancing from 8 to 1.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm - 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm. Video dancing 9 pm to close.

saturday

COLETTE'S WEST - Party Nite. Hourly Drink Specials 8 to midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

FINELINE - open 5-7 pm with full service bar. Michael's International Market Place open 5 pm to 1 am for fine food and spirits. Downstairs open 8 pm for non-alcoholic beverages and dancing. Afterhours till 4 am.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5 pm Bloody Marys \$1.00. 6 pm to 1 am All Well \$1.50. Dance 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. \$1.25 Well noon to 6 p.m. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beer Bust 4 to 7 pm .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 5 pm to 7, \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's from 9 pm until 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Football on our big screen plus "Wine Down Nite" .75 Wine 8 pm to midnight. Movie Nite begins at 7 pm.

FINELINE - Open 3 pm to 1 am with full service bar. Michael's International Market Place open 5 pm for fine food and spirits.

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) \$1 with other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Bloody Marys \$1.00 Noon to 5:30. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness" every hour (?). Dance 8-1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 1 a.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. T-Squares Beginner's Class every Sunday afternoon. \$1.25 Well drinks noon to 6 p.m. Video dancing 9 pm to closing.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowler's Special: .75 Well Drinks for J/T Bowlers. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .89 from 8 pm to midnight.

FINELINE - Upstairs opens at 7 pm with full service alcohol bar.

GRADUATE - All White Well Drinks \$1.50 until 1 am plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30: Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness".

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 1 pm to 1 am. .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7. Video dancing begins at 9 pm.

FEBRUARY 18, 1987

SPORTS



JOSHUA TREE VOLLEYBALL SPRING LEAGUE

Standings as of February 15, 1987

TEAM	WINS	LOSES	GAMES	PCT.
ONE MORE TIME	4	0	4	1.000
SUN SPIKERS	4	1	5	.800
MEN AT PLAY	4	1	5	.800
U-GUYS	2	4	6	.333
PLU & THAMP	0	4	4	0.000
MISS PHITTS	0	4	4	0.000

This last Sunday was the first day for official match play for the Spring Volleyball League. We started with seven teams but by the end of the day for some reason we lost one team, maybe the competition was too stiff.

Speaking of the competition, there is clearly an improvement of the quality of play for each team. That shows up in the standings with a team, now in first place, that has never been that high in the standings before. Let's see how long the members of the team, "One More Time", can keep this newly-found confidence.

Two teams of exceptional abilities are now tied for second having each lost one game to another experienced team, "U-Guys". As usual for "U-Guys", they started out as if they were going to easily capture first place by the end of the day. But by their second or third game of each match they seemed to lose their coordination and fell behind, to the teams "Men at Play" and "Sun Spikers". Better luck next week.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

WEEK OF FEB. 22, 1987

MISS PHITTS vs. PLU & THE THAMP
SUN SPIKERS vs. MEN AT PLAY
U-GUYS vs. MISS PHITTS
MEN AT PLAY vs. ONE MORE TIME
-PLU & THE THAMP vs. U-GUYS
ONE MORE TIME vs. SUN SPIKERS
U-GUYS vs. ONE MORE TIME
MEN AT PLAY vs. PLU & THE THAMP
SUN SPIKERS vs. MISS PHITTS

JOSHUA TREE MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

Standings Week Of February 9, 1987

TEAM	WON	LOST	PINS
1. PENETRATING FORCE	15	5	8852
2. FLYNSTONES	14	6	8846
3. JOSHUA TREE	14	6	8605
4. KASSIE'S KLAN	13	7	8722
5. MEN AT WORK	12	8	8564
6. 3 J's	11.5	8.5	8398
7. HEAD CANES	11	9	8597
8. BACK POCKET	11	9	8544
9. THE MISFITS	10	10	8383
10. SHOTS PLEEZ	9.5	11.5	8197
11. RITA'S GIRLS	8	12	8359
12. THAT'S THE TICKET	7	13	8163
13. THE THUMPERS	4	16	8205
14. THREE MINUS ONE	1	19	8222

HIGH SERIES - TEAM: KASSIE'S KLAN 1546 / MEN: MARK K. 639 / WOMEN: MARY B. 502.

HIGH GAME - TEAM: THE MISFITS 589 / MEN: RICK H. 267 / WOMEN: DEBBIE E. 200.



tuesday

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

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. "Sudserzelz!" .40 draft beer from 8:00 until midnight.

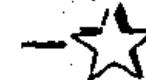
FINELINE - Upstairs open at 7 pm with full-service alcohol bar.

GRADUATE - Draft Well Drinks \$1.50 till closing plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm: Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness".

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 1 pm to 1 am. .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7. Video dancing begins at 9 pm.



THE WEEKLY OBSERVER

SPECIAL CALENDAR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20
COLETTE'S WEST - "February Follies" with an all-star cast and featuring Lady Casandra. It all begins at 9:30 p.m. \$2.00 Cover. D.J. music follows for dancing.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

COLETTE'S WEST - The fabulous musical duo Hawkins and Delear are back by popular demand. This great group will be playing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Prior to the 9:00 show, an extra special treat - Dazzling Feb and the Dyketones will make another of their unique appearances. If you haven't caught either of these please don't miss this opportunity!

GRADUATE - "Phoenix Phalsie Comedy and Trash Revue" will take the stage here tonight and tomorrow. Starring Lady Casandra, Tish Tanner and Penelope Poupe. 8:30 p.m. No Cover.

JOSHUA TREE - Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance holds it's first "Pre-Pride Week" planning meeting from 3 to 5 p.m. Cocktails will be served. Contact Jack Stockslager, 293-3515 for more information and invitation. Everyone invited. Help plan the activities for Pride Week '87 in Tucson. Get involved!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

HIMMEL PARK - A "Battle of the Bars" benefit for Tucson's Shanti Foundation. An afternoon of softball with several bars fielding teams. Keg Beer - Hot Dogs - T-Shirts available all afternoon. It begins at noon on Field #5. Come watch or play and support your favorite bar in the fight against AIDS.

GRADUATE - "Phoenix Phalsie Comedy and Trash Revue" winds up their two-day stay here. A great evening of unusual entertainment performed by some of the finest from Phoenix. No cover.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

GRADUATE - Big Rodeo Weekend Kick-Off Show hosted by Aviva Diamond, Miss Gay Tucson and a great cast. It all begins at 8:30 p.m. See their ad next week.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

FINELINE - Michael's International Market Place opens at noon for the first of their regular Sunday Brunches. Noon to 3 p.m. Then from 5 to 9 p.m., Michael begins a regular Sunday Bar-B-Que dinner. All you can eat for \$3.95.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Sisters of Sorors (SOS) present a "Rodeo Week Kick-Off Show" at 8:30 p.m. More later.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

COLETTE'S WEST - Tucson Knight Owls will present their annual "Closet Ball" here. Watch for more details about entering the contest or just plain watching it. It's a gas!

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

GRADUATE - St. Patrick's Day - Dinner and Show. Watch for more details.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

SIR GEORGE'S ROYAL BUFFET - Second Annual CESEVER BENEFIT will be held with drinks, dinner, show and roast plus some other surprises. One of the bigger social events of the year held at a neutral site for those who prefer alternatives. More later.

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New Restaurant For Tucson Community Opens



TUCSON - Staff of the newly opened Michael's International Market Place are shown above. (l to r) Bobby, chef Michael, Andre, Sam

TUCSON - "Michael's International Market Place," a new restaurant facility, has opened and is catering to the Gay and Lesbian community of Tucson. The restaurant is located upstairs at the Fineline and is offering some excellent food in a 'class' surrounding.

Proprietor Michael Paschal came to Tucson some time ago after being trained at the Hilton Hotel in Indianapolis under the man who was head chef on the Queen Mary.

Michael's menu runs the international gamut in very tasty appetizers from French Bread Pizza

and Bari. The restaurant is closed Mondays and Tuesdays but is open the other five days. See related story this issue.

to nachos, quesadilla or hot dog and chips. There is a 'Soup of the Day' and some very unusual salads being offered in portions you will be pleased with.

Sandwiches include Turkey Sub, Ham Sub or Roast Beef Sub as well as a Chicken Salad sandwich. All sandwiches are served with macaroni or potato salad, tossed salad or soup. And the sandwiches are priced at only \$3.95.

The restaurant features 'light meals' in addition to all the above. These dinners change every week. During the opening week, Michael featured Lemon

Chicken in Artichoke Sauce; Soft Shelled Tacos; Italian Lasagna; Quiche; Chicken Coq-Suey or a daily special. The day we were there it was a shrimp special. Again a truly 'international' selection.

The real topper to any meal is the dessert, and Michael has some yummy choices, but if you have to watch your weight, skip this page of the menu; but eat your heart out over the Oreo Cookie Cheese Cake; Chocolate Mousse Pie or Michael's heavenly White Cake filled with fresh strawberries and rich chocolate chips and topped with a special cream cheese icing.

The menu is probably the most reasonably priced in town especially one with such a variety. The highest priced food on the entire menu are the dinners and they range from \$4.25 to \$5.25.

The room itself, to the south of the upstairs 'Skyline Bar' is far enough away from the bustle of the bar to be a quiet retreat and a very enjoyable place to converse, have a cocktail and have an excellent meal at very reasonable prices served by experienced dinner waiters under the watchful eye of Michael who insists that things run smoothly.

Beginning March 1st, Michael will begin serving Sunday Brunches from noon until 3 p.m.; then from 3 to 9 p.m., Michael will be serving Bar-B-Que - All You Can Eat - for \$3.95.

Michael's International Market Place is definitely a place to put on your agenda to enjoy the food, drink and atmosphere.

News from MCC Tucson

Last Sunday, we celebrated our World Church Extension Sunday with Rev. Bernardo David officiating at our morning service. Our Sunday evening service was our regularly scheduled Deacon's Service with Deacon Gregg officiating. Next Sunday will be our last Sunday morning service which Rev. Bern David will be leading. Also, next Sunday at our evening service, Miss Terlinser-Willey will be officiating.

Sunday, March 1st, our new Pastor, Rev. Eduard Perry will be officiating his first services as our pastor. Rev. Perry is planning to arrive in Tucson the latter part of February to get as settled as possible before he takes over his full duties as pastor of MCC/Tucson.

Uncle Ray is back with us again after an absence. Uncle Ray is still recovering from his illness but is on the mend again, he will be coming into the church office to help answer the telephone and do the many miscellaneous jobs that he is so qualified to do. Last Sunday we also had Don back with us after spending quite a lengthy time in the hospital. We had a new visitor with us last Sunday from Albuquerque MCC who has moved to Tucson and is planning to join MCC/Tucson. Welcome to Tucson, Nancy.

Thought for the Week: There are three ways in which we may study the Bible: As a revelation, as a document and as literature.



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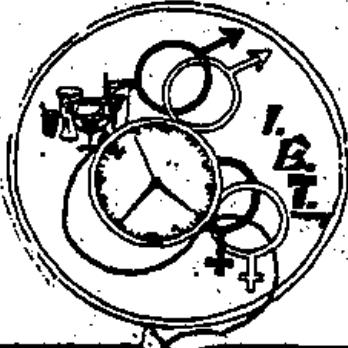
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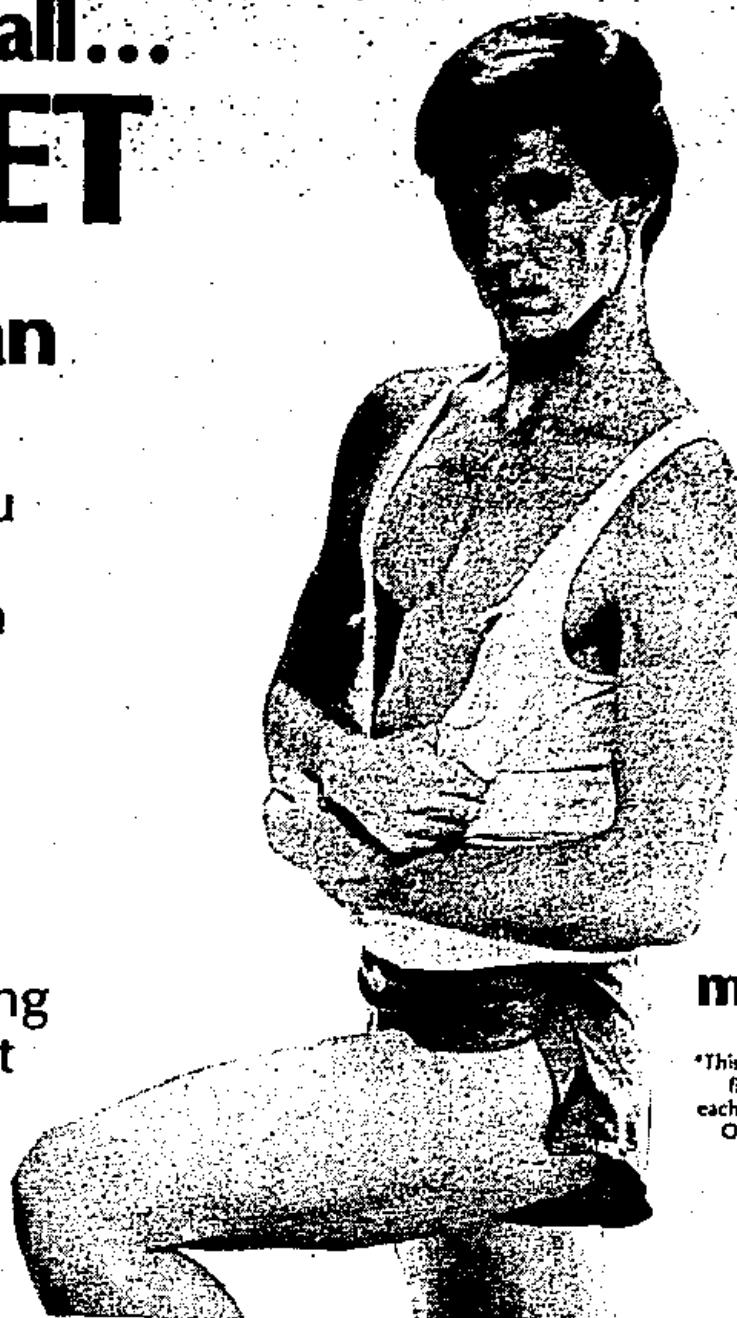
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Juicy Lucy

Now that I have my "in-law" problem solved (I hope), it is back to the basics. That is, the basics, it is time to start checking up on some of the bits and pieces that I have missed out on the past week or so.

Went by Rita's the other night and what a difference! You can see what has been done - but I must say, you can certainly see what needs to be finished!

I understand that Dirty Dolly left town and has gone back to Georgia. Not a minute too soon - I had some good news to report on her but I'm not the type of person who talks behind someone's back - when I have something to say, I want everyone to hear it, especially the one who I am talking about.

I hear that one of my Christmas presents is working out quite well. I gave Ben a new pair of knee pads to help with his bowling, and from what I hear he is using them regularly. He is using them so regularly, in fact, that several others in the bowling league called "Sam's Place" are trying to improve their game by dropping to their knees when they send that ball down the alley. When Glenn went down on his knees, he shook the place so much that he got a strike with a gutter ball. I did get that right, didn't I, Glenn?

I just loved some of those Valentine's printed last week.

Didn't you? However, I have a feeling that a lot of them were just for the public. I won't mention any one in particular, especially the one to Bert from Ernie. I would just love to know who sent the one to me. I want so much to show them my appreciation with an uppercut below the belt. And speaking of Valentine's, I'm sure that there would have been more printed if more of you out there hadn't kept putting it off and getting it in to Bob before the cutoff time. So, for all of you who didn't get a Valentine but would have liked one and are so disappointed, here is one to all of you from Juicy Lucy.

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Don't you just wish
Who I am, you knew?

This past week-end was a fun week-end for the Wasatch Leathermen, M.C. from Salt Lake City. I made sure I got to meet a few of them and believe me some of them really turned me on. I must get to Salt Lake City soon! I did get a look at the pig in the cooler at I.B.T.'s and it was a huge thing (no pun intended, Mark) and I understand that instead of roasting it whole (the way it is supposed to be done) the Desert Leathermen had to cut it up and cook the poor thing in a Microwave. How quaint, how original! I hope that the Wasatch Leathermen enjoyed their Arizona Roast Pig done New Jersey style.



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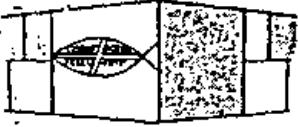
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TUCSON LESBIAN/CAY ALLIANCE (TLCA) meets the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Pineline, 101 W. Drachman. Everyone welcome.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING A SUPPORT GROUP for Parents and Friends of Gays please contact me, Sean, at 792-0893 or P.O. Box 27929, Tucson, AZ 85726. All information is strictly confidential.

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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.

The Tucson Alternative Therapies for AIDS/ARC (T.A.T.A.) is holding an introductory seminar on a national research program for AIDS/ARC and chronic diseases i.e. Epstein Barr Virus. DATE: Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7:00 p.m. PLACE: Desert Institute, 639 N. 8th Avenue. FEE: Free (Donations Accepted). To make reservations please call 795-8731. 136

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A View From Within

A COMMENTARY BY
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

UNLIKE PAM EWING, THIS WAS NOT A DREAM

Had circumstances been a little bit different, had I not turned on the television when I went downstairs to grab a bite during the commercial during KATE AND ALLIE, had any one of a thousand other incidents happened during that commercial break, I would have missed it.

While sneaking a handful of oatmeal and raisin cookies --you know, those really soft kind-- I glanced up from the formica counter, seeing the blackness which comes on the screen of the television only between commercials. I stood riveted for those hundredths-of-a-second hoping the second act of KATE AND ALLIE was returning, wondering whether Emma would choose to attend UCLA, or choose instead to stay in New York and attend Columbia.

And then, almost as if I were seeing Bobby hit by that car again, an image came onto the television screen. No, not Emma. Instead, I saw those four letters we have all come to dread: A-I-D-S. I stopped, cookie poised halfway between my mouth and the counter. "What is this?" I asked myself as I am often known to do. Then, those fateful words. Something like "Anyone can get AIDS. Find out more about it." And then a number flashed on the bottom of the screen.

Stunned, I watched as the image faded from the screen to be replaced by that odd sort of blackness, then the return of the KATE AND ALLIE episode.

A minute passed.

Another minute passed, the

image of that public service spot burned deeply, permanently into my mind. Then, with a swift motion, the cookie dropped from my hand. Applause filled the room, cheers emanated from somewhere, bringing the joy, cheer, and promise of the Twenty-First Century to an otherwise despondent world.

Yes, it had happened. A public service spot had aired on a major television network. Yes, CBS, on the evening of February 7 during prime time devoted ten whole seconds attempting to educate the public about AIDS.

I stopped as I realized the applause and cheers were coming from me.

Is this the first day of competence and intelligence reigning at the networks? Will --a hundred years from now-- we look back at this moment and say, "Yes, that was the very moment when AIDS truly became more than a "Gay disease"; When mainstream Americana realized everything we in the Gay community had been saying was true; When someone would actually pick up the phone, dial the toll-free "800" number and get information which would save a life?

Yes.

If you missed that propitious moment; fear not: I have a feeling you will be seeing more public service spots and related advertisements on the networks as this year moves on.

That's the view for now: see you next week!

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SISTERS HIJACK PAPAL WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Committee, Suite 69, 4646 18th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114.

THE GREAT SISTER SCHISM

The actions of the new group of Sisters is being protested by the original Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence (SPI) led by Director Sister Vish. The original SPI has threatened a restraining order against the new group for use of their name. Sister Vish says that Sister Sadie Sadie and Sister Chanel 2001 are not members of SPI, claiming both resigned over a year ago.

During the press conference, SPI carried signs proclaiming "We protest the unlawful use of our name" and "Pope Stay Home".

Apparently the Great Sister Schism began last year when Sister Chanel 2001 threw a pie in the face of former leader Sister Boom Boom at a fundraiser basketball game being held by SPI's. Things have not been the same since.

After stopping a tour bus passing by the gathering of Sisters in front of Mission Dolores and making her spell to surprised passengers, Sister Sadie tried to smooth over the conflict by saying, "We're all sisters. The city is filled with sisters and we're glad to see all of them. There are many messages here today and we want to make sure we're all heard."

Making sure their position was also heard, SPI announced it is against welcoming the Pope to San Francisco. They believe he should not come, but if he does they plan to hold a High Mass at Union Square led by Sister Boom Boom.

Undoubtedly, events planned

by both groups of sisters will draw lots of publicity, but the community might be treated to yet another spectacle if the fight over the name "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence" makes its way to court.

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CALIFORNIA STATE QUARANTINE PLAN PROPOSED

suspecting? What does that mean?" Peters asked.

Despite opposition from health authorities in San Francisco and Los Angeles counties, which have more than two-thirds of the state's AIDS cases, the plan is expected to pass.

"It sounds to me like there is a great deal of enthusiasm in the rest of the state for adoption of such a policy," Peters said.

The plan would encourage local health officers to use "orders of isolation" in some cases. But the plan is not binding upon local health authorities. Peters said the San Francisco Health Department does not intend to follow the quarantine guidelines.

"This plan is purely advisory, and Dr. Werdegard - the San Francisco director of public health - will not be pushed off his current course, which does not include this kind of strategy," Peters said.

The plan was written by Alameda County Health Officer Carl Smith. Alameda County has been in the forefront of pushing for use of quarantine powers for three years.

Even though the plan would be advisory at the statewide level, the fact that it is being promoted by Alameda County officials indicates that Alameda County is moving toward actual use of quarantine powers.

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