As I See It

by Bruce Fowler - Tucson

I've been approached several times lately by people asking me why The Observer has two 'comment' type of articles on a regular basis. They also ask, "Why have Doc's column?"; "What's the purpose of a 'gossip;' column?"; "What's the reason for The Observer to exist other than to promote the 'bar scene'?" Probably the last question is at the root of the real question which I think is, "Is there any real need for a community newspaper?"

I can only speak for myself and this is not the "official" answer from Bob Ellis, but let me give that question a whirl on my turntable.

Anytime more than a few people with a common interest gather, they have need to communicate with each other. They need to express their opinions, they need to have available to them news and information of importance to their lives and they need to have a source available that can be trusted to deliver timely, accurate and complete information.

Like any other group of people, we in the Gay and Lesbian communities need to have a platform from which we can shout out the news of importance to ourselves; we need a place where we can compare ideas, issues and approaches. In Southern Arizona, that platform is The Observer. We have a forum for information sharing and open discussion, a necessary agency of any mature community within a democratic society.

As an aside, but of no less importance, is the fact that any written document has the capacity to become a receptacle as well as a pronouncer of our history. The Observer contains the history of the Gay and Lesbian communities of Southern Arizona during the past decade. It is our story - 1977 to 1987.

As a forum for sharing information and exchanging ideas, any community newspaper will contain articles and stories written by and for the community members involved. Articles are written to give information about community organizations and events. Another article will give news of community interest. Other articles, like this one, will offer opinions and ideas as catalysis for thought and, hopefully, discussion.

Finally, there are articles that are intended to "just entertain" and have fun with. The Observer offers all of the above and depends upon community members to write them for all of us to share.

Christopher Geoffrey McPherson and I both write opinion columns. Although we're both Gay activists, we come from somewhat different backgrounds and approaches. Although I've never met Chris McPherson, from reading his column, I'd say he is in his late twenty's or early thirty's; I'm 51. He lives in Phoenix having come to Arizona from San Francisco a few years ago. I've lived in Tucson for the past 20 years coming from the mid-west (Milwaukee) after a year in north Florida.

Although we come from rather different backgrounds, we each offer the reader a slightly different prospective on the Gay experience as we see it from two slightly different points of view. Both are valid and both are intended to get the reader to think and thus gain new insight to the world in which we all live.

We currently are getting news about the fraternal groups via "Doc's" column. Juicy Lucy has kept us entertained of late and MCC/Tucson has had information columns for many years. Jza Jza La More and J/T's Scoops de Jour have given us new insights into ourselves all done with a laugh. We've had movie, book and TV reviews. Short stories by Arthur Le' Blank are a recent addition. News stories from all over the world that are of interest to us and our community cover much of the space in this newspaper.

Is there a need for The Observer? As I see it, one of the greatest needs our community has, the need to communicate, is served by the forum that The Observer presents. It is a vital element to the life of the Gay and Lesbian communities of Southern Arizona and an important part of the life of all Arizonans.

Yes, there is a need for a community newspaper in Tucson - every community needs such a forum. We are lucky in Southern Arizona to have The Observer.

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San Francisco spurns visit by Pope

by Charles Linebarger

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GCN) - Local Lesbians and Gay men are warning that a visit to this city in September by Pope John Paul II will lead to mass demonstrations. Anti-papal sentiment appears to have reached a new high following the release last October of Vatican guidelines, issued only days before California's vote on the La Rouche AIDS quarantine initiative, condemn Gay people and condone anti-Gay violence. Activists say local protesters may approximate the widespread rioting in Amsterdam in 1985 when John Paul II visited that heavily Gay town.

"There's an assurance that there will be demonstrations if he [the Pope] comes to town," said Rick Pacurer, president of the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club. "There is absolutely no way we can allow him to come to our city after the way he has made more miserable the lives of millions of Gay people around the world. We must protest to make the message clear that we will not allow this to happen."

Pacurer, who described himself as an ex-Roman Catholic, added, "This Pope has been more obsessed with this subject [homosexuality] than any of his predecessors. He has shown very little compassion, especially on the AIDS crisis.

Also making preparations for the Pontiff's visit are the Gay male Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. One sister, Sadie the Rebbi Lady, has already registered with the city as the "Official San Francisco 1987 Papal Welcoming Committee." Apparently, no other Catholic group has requested the role. Another San Franciscan has begun circulating a petition calling on the Pope to stay home.

Members of the clergy have also begun speaking out against the scheduled visit. "The Pope should just stay home," said Robert Cromey, the rector at Trinity Episcopal Church and an outspoken Lesbian/Gay rights advocate. Cromey, who has also begun distributing a petition protesting the upcoming visit, said he foresees "huge demonstrations" should John Paul II come to this city. "I don't think the mayor and police have any idea of the hostility and anger homosexual people have toward the Pope," Cromey added that he considers John Paul II to be "immoral".

In addition, San Francisco's newspapers, both Gay and non-Gay, have featured articles, letters and editorials criticizing the Pope for his censure of non-conformist U.S. clergy and for his stand on homosexuality.

Despite the weight of anti-papal sentiment here, a spokesperson for the Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco, Miles Riley, said he did not forsee an Amsterdam-style reception for the pontiff "at this point." He added, "I'm sure there will be somebody who will not be pleased with the Pope or the Catholic Church. I'm sure there will be protests. This is America."

UA experimental drug slowing AIDS study says

by Carla McClain

TUCSON - An experimental drug given to patients showing the early signs of AIDS appears to be slowing, and perhaps preventing, the development of the fatal disease, a University of Arizona study is showing.

However, because the study is not completed, and because UA is pioneering the first look at the antiviral drug, researchers are not ready to draw firm conclusions for such early-stage patients.

The drug being used in the study is dithiocarbamate, known at DTC.

"So far, the results are promising," said Dr. Eskild A. Petersen, a UA specialist in infectious diseases. "What we are seeing at this point is that fewer patients who are being treated with DTC have gone on to AIDS than those who are not getting the drug. We find that an exciting situation, and it means DTC will go on to full study throughout the country now."

"Simply put, the untreated patients are progressing quickly to AIDS while the DTC patients are not," Petersen said. "Will this hold up? We don't know. Whether we really have something here is the aim of the next phase of this study - to finally pin down once and for all the actual effectiveness of DTC."

Joining the larger study, to be directed by UA and launched this week, are M.D. Anderson [Medical Center in Houston], San Francisco General Hospital, the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of Southern California, the University of Texas and Duke University.

DTC does not attack the AIDS virus, as do most drugs now being tested against the disease, but works instead on the immune-system cells that must fight off the deadly virus, Petersen said.

Although some patients with AIDS also are being given DTC, "we are unable to tell now if it is doing anything at all for them," Petersen said.

Instead, the majority of AIDS victims will be treated with the only drug that so far is known to increase both the length and quality of life for those dying patients - AZT (azidothymidine) - based on studies just completed around the nation, including at UA.

"It does prolong life - not very long, but by a matter of months," Petersen said. "And, patients taking it are more energetic, more functional, and seem to have a more positive mental outlook. "At this point, it would be irresponsible not to treat most AIDS patients with AZT. It is no cure, but it is a big step in the right direction, and gives us some hope."

However, the drug, which is an antiviral agent that slows the

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Observer offering free Valentine messages

TUCSON - Last Valentine's Day, OBSERVER offered the chance for everyone to send a Valentine's greeting at no charge. Nearly 100 took us up on the offer.

This year will be even bigger, we hope. We are offering all of our readers, Phoenix, Tucson, everyone, the opportunity to send a free Valentine ad to your loved one, or anyone for that matter.

The classified ad must be in 20 words or less and must be mailed to reach the OBSERVER no later than noon, Wednesday, Feb. 11. Here is the opportunity to send a printed greeting to your lover, wife, husband, friend, ex, or to anyone you wish to impart some words of love and appreciation. There is no charge but make sure the above rules are followed and the ads are received on time.

UPDATE

Correction: It was Farrah's Kachina Dancers

TUCSON - Last Sunday, Feb. 1, the Kachina Cloggers danced at Rumor Hazzit during their Western Day celebration. It was advertised that the cloggers from Charlie's would be the group performing, when, in fact, it was the very excellent clog dancers from Farrah's Club 4158 in Phoenix - The Kachina Cloggers. This group entertained a full- house with their excellently rehearsed routines. They were applauded with standing ovations.

The group was joined by representatives of the Catalina Mountain Cloggers of Tucson and the Southwest Tradition from Phoenix. OBSERVER apologizes for the error.

BOOKS BROTHERS TO PRESENT VALENTINE TO TAP

TUCSON - Michael and Mitchell of Books Brothers, Ltd, 3242 East Speedway will be donating 10% of their sales on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Feb. 14, 15 and 16 to the Tucson AID Project (TAP).

Our readers are encouraged to stop buy and make a purchase during these three days which will help a vital organization in Tucson to continue to do its fine work. Those who are unable to attend, may send a tax-deductible donation directly to the Tucson AIDS Project, 80 W. Cushing Street, Tucson, AZ 85701.

LGCS BENEFIT FRIDAY FEB 13

PHOENIX - The Lesbian and Gay Community Switchboard (LGCS) will be the recipient of another benefit produced in their behalf at Tommy's on Friday, Feb. 13 and lasting until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Another all-night dance-a-thon. The last one, "Nocturne II" which was held January 16 and 17 at Trax, raised $1,703 for LGCS.

The Feb. 13 and 14 bash will begin at 9:00 p.m. Friday, and continue until 9:00 a.m. Saturday. The bar will re-open at 6:00 a.m. and breakfast will be served. Tickets for the entire evening are on sale for $10 per person.

Music for the evening will be played by six of the Valley's most popular disk jockeys - Edwin Bradley (Connection); Donna Williamson (Incognito); George Hill (Farrah's); Alan Rector (Connection); Clint Myers (Trax); and Hubert Charles from Tommy's.

In addition, recording artist Magda Dioni, who will be remembered for per appearance at the Hotbods "Get Physical" party, will entertain the guests at 3:00 a.m.

SOLO RUNNER PASSES THROUGH TUCSON ON AIDS RUN THURSDAY, FEB. 5

TUCSON - Brent Earle is the founder of the American Run for the End of AIDS (A.R.E.A.) Since his departure in March of 1986 from New York City, he has spread the message across the country that education is still the most effective tool against AIDS.

At 10:00 a.m., Earle and the co-director of the Tucson AIDS Project, Craig Snow, will be available to answer questions on the front lawn of the Sheraton El Conquistador, 10,000 North Oracle Road. Earle will leave at 10:30 a.m., running south, to complete the Tucson leg of his unusual trip.

For more information about A.R.E.A., contact Bill Konkoy at (212) 496-7477, or call the Tucson AIDS Project, 792-3772.

JUDGE BEN C. BIRDSALL RETIRES

TUCSON - Judge Ben C. Birdsall has announced that he will retire from the Arizona Court of Appeals effective March 1. His retirement was attributed to medical disability. Birdsall, 64, underwent surgery for cancer late in 1985, losing part of his lung.

Birdsall drew fire from the Tucson Gay community in 1976 for granting probation to four teen-agers who killed a man outside a Tucson Gay bar.

Lawyers consistently gave Birdsall good marks as a judge. In 1984, the last time he was up for retention as a judge on the appeals court, Birdsall received 96 or a possible 100 point from the Pima County Bar Association.

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TLGA BEGINS PRIDE WEEK PLANNING

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will hold its first pre-Pride Week Planning Meeting at the Joshua Tree on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m.

TLGA is planning a cocktail party in conjunction with this meeting and everyone is invited to attend. You are requested to contact Jack Stocksiager at 293-3515 for an invitation to the cocktail hour prior to the meeting.

'BELL JAR' DEFAMATION SUIT IS SETTLED FOR $150,000

BOSTON, MA (AP) - A psychiatrist last Thursday, Jan. 29, settled her suit that alleged a movie of Sylvia Plath's novel, "The Bell Jar," defamed her by creating Lesbian scenes for a character that she asserted was based on her life and relationship with the author. (OBSERVER, Jan. 28).

Dr. Jane V. Anderson will receive a $150,000 settlement and all parties in the suit, including Ted Hughes, Plath's widower and Great Britain's poet laureate, acknowledged that Anderson was "Unintentionally defamed."

The settlement came as a trial into the suit was scheduled to enter its sixth day.

The defendants also agreed that all future copies of the movie "The Bell Jar" will begin with a disclaimer that all characters and events depicted in the film are fictional.

Hughes' lawyer issued a statement that said Hughes and the Plath estate would not be paying part of the $150,000.

The agreement, under which the defendants waived their right to appeal, stipulated that Anderson was falsely portrayed as a homosexual, as a person who attempted suicide, as someone who had encouraged another person to commit suicide, and as someone who killed herself by hanging.

Named as defendants with Hughes, who sold the movie rights, were 13 companies and individuals involved in the production and distribution of the movie. All were accused of defamation and invasion and privacy.

At issue was the right of an author or screenwriter to use real events and people in fiction vs. an individual's protections against being defamed or unfairly exposed to public scrutiny.

GAY AND LESBIAN STUDENT REGIONAL CONFERENCE AT UC SANTA BARBARA

SANTA BARBARA, CA - "Continued Struggles... Future Triumphs" is the theme for the 5th Annual Western States Lesbian and Gay Students United Conference to be held at UC Santa Barbara February 13-16. Approximately 200 students from California and throughout the western Region are expected to attend.

UCSB's Gay and Lesbian Union, host for the conference has organized workshops and guest speakers with topics including political, social, psychological and educational issues. There will be over 25 workshops and seminars from which guests may choose to attend. Additionally, there will be a dance Saturday night and a brunch Monday.

Contact the Gay and Lesbian Student Union, P.O. Box 15408, Santa Barbara, CA 83107; (805) 961-4578.

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Episcopal Church urged to accept Gay and non-marital sex

by Frank Bajak

NEWARK, NJ (AP) - The Episcopal Church should recognize and bless committed non-marital sexual relationships between homosexuals, young adults, the divorced and widowed, a report from the church's Newark diocese urges.

"I find it difficult to believe that a church that blesses dogs in a Virginia fox hunt can't find a way to bless life-giving, lasting relationships between human beings," John Spong, the bishop of Newark said.

The report was ordered two years ago by the diocese's governing body, which is considering it. Like Roman Catholic doctrine, Episcopal teachings only approve of sex between men and women who are married. In 1979, the U.S. church's governing body voted down a resolution to expand that approval.

"The church's teaching is centered on God, not changing social customs," said an opponent of the recommendations, the Rev. Fleming Rutledge of Grace Episcopal Church in New York City.

Spong, an outspoken advocate of the recommendations, whose 55,000-member diocese is among the nation's most liberal, said his views are a minority position in the church.

The Episcopal Church is one of 28 branches of the world's 70 million-member Anglican Communion.

That communion's mother church, the Church of England, "makes no provision for any other association outside marriage," said the Rev. Hugh Montefiore, Anglican Bishop of Birmingham and chairman of the church's Board for Social Responsibility.

"It has never discussed it and would not as far as I know - it is not likely to do so," he said.

The 15-page report says that because attitudes toward marriage have changed as more women defer it or reject it for careers, the church should accept cohabitation and premarital sex.

And because homosexuals have as much right to worship God as heterosexuals, their rights to church recognition and ministry should not be ignored, the report says.

Opponents of recognizing Gay relationships say the Bible rejects homosexuality.

However, the report says sexual relationships should be recognized if they "manifest marks of the Realm of God: healing, reconciliation, compassion, mutuality, concern for others."

The task force also said the church should not accept relationships based on promiscuousness, self-aggrandizement or any other selfish feelings.

Spong said committed homosexual relationships should be accepted because not doing so would "contribute to promiscuous Gay behavior."

Premarital sex should be acknowledged because changing social mores have separated puberty from marriage by 10 to 15 years, the report says.

Spong is a member of the Commission on Human affairs and Health of the church's national House of Bishops.

He noted that among those who supported him when the House of Bishops defeated the proposal in 1979 was the church's current leader, Presiding Bishop Edmond Lee Browning.

Browning would not comment on the new report because that would interfere with the church's legislative process, spokeswoman Janet Vetter said from National Episcopal Church headquarters in New York City.

Ontario passes rights law

by Don Hill

TORONTO, CANADA (GCN) - Despite the opposition of religious fundamentalists and other right-wing organizers, the Ontario legislature has added sexual orientation to the province's human rights code. Bill 7, a revision of the existing code, includes protection for Gay men and Lesbians against discrimination in employment, accommodations and services.

With the encouragement of Ontario Premier David Peterson and Attorney General Ian Scott - both members of the province's Liberal party - the legislators voted to approve Bill 7 on December 16. The measure was originally designed to bring the Ontario human rights code into compliance with Canada's recently adopted federal constitution. Though that constitution does not guarantee rights to Lesbians and Gay men, the legislators voted on Dec. 2 to include a clause outlawing discrimination on the basis of sexual preference.

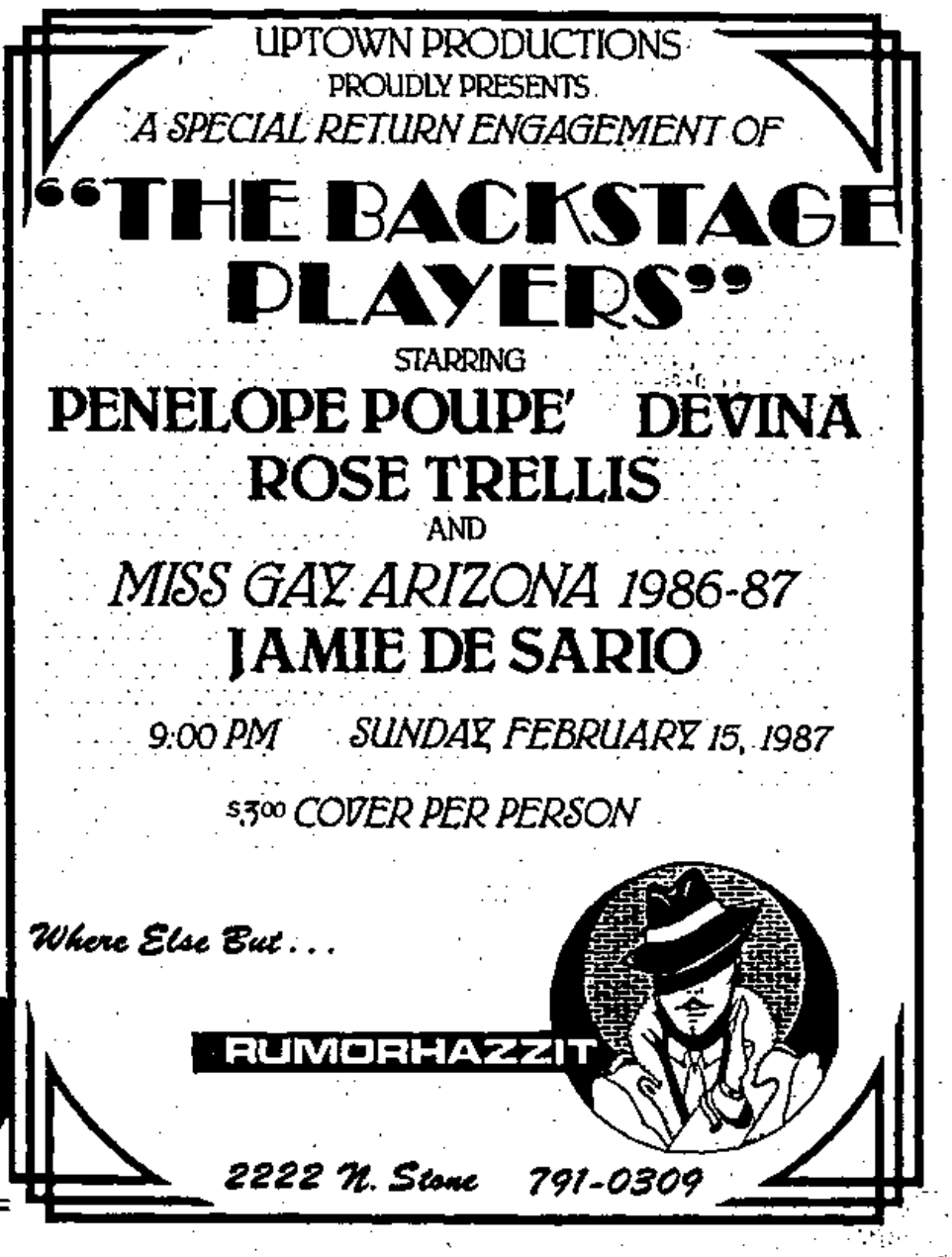
The victory culminated a 14-year effort by Ontario activists, including the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario (CGRO) - an umbrella organization representing groups in 17 Ontario cities - and Toronto's Right to Privacy Committee.

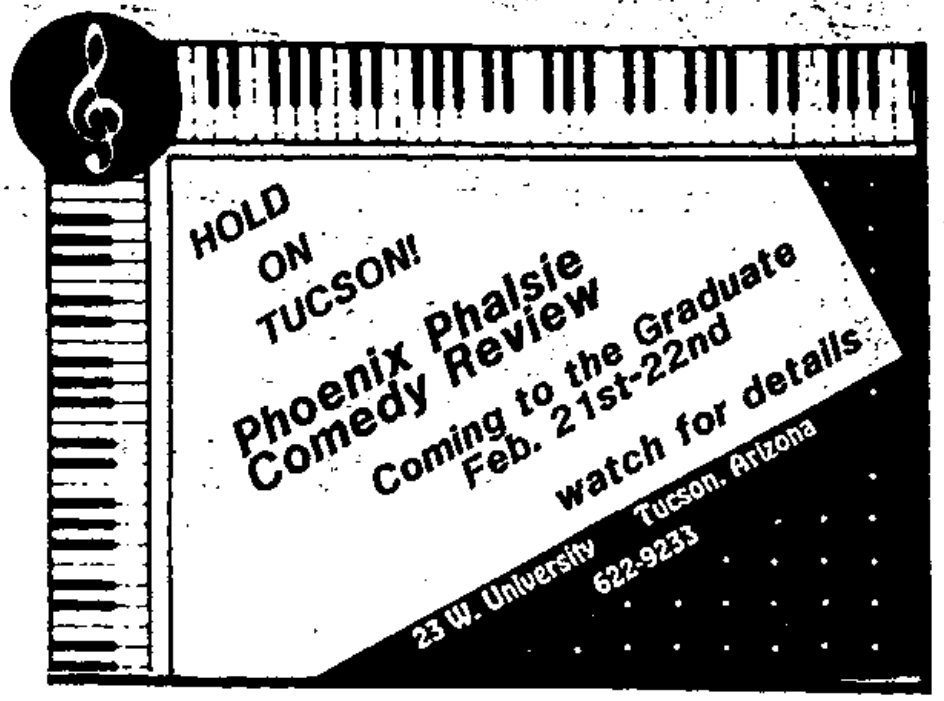
Opposition to the anti-discrimination clause was led by the Coalition for Family Values, a group formed for the fight and composed of the leadership of the Roman Catholic Church, fundamentalist Protestant churches and the National Citizen's Coalition, a conservative think tank.

According to the Body Politic, the Coalition was accused by Conservative Party leader and Bill 7 supporter Larry Grossman of trying to "intimidate legislators into voting against the measure."

The fundamentalists relied heavily on the now familiar conservative warnings against Lesbian/Gay rights - that Gay men and Lesbians threaten children and "traditional" family values, and that the measure was an attempt to create "special" rights for Lesbians and Gay men. Leaders of the Coalition are expected to challenge the new law in court.

Ontario, the most populous of Canada's ten provinces, becomes the second to mandate protection against discrimination for Lesbians and Gay men. The province of Quebec outlawed discrimination in an amendment to its human rights code in 1977. Together, the two provinces account for over 60 percent of Canada's population.





WHAT'S UP DOC?

I would like to say to the T-Squares, Sunday's Western Day was a lot of fun. I also hope we can have more of these in the future.

Through the T-Squares, starting this Sunday, Feb. 8, at 3:00 p.m., a beginners Clogging Class will be forming. I'm sure almost everyone of you have seen, at one time or another, one of the clogging groups out of Phoenix performing here in Tucson. Yes, a lot of time goes into this form of dancing, and the groups in Phoenix have put their time in to put on the shows here in Tucson. With Tucson having the T-Squares, a square-dancing group, I think it's time we have a clogging group. This writer, young at heart and old in body, plans on joining this clogging class this Sunday, so hope to see a large group showing up and join this new venture. Maybe, as good as I'm sure this Tucson group is going to be, will be taking (possible group name) the "Old Pueblo Cloggers" to Phoenix for a show or two this summer or fall. If you need more information on this, either be in attendance this coming Sunday or contact either Gary or Tommy at 323-3527.

Just in case someone out there doesn't know it yet, on Saturday, February 14, at Rumor Hazzit at 1:30 p.m., TKO will be having round one of their Ping Pong Tournament. Entry Fee will be one dollar, to be paid when signing up at Rumors from now until that day, and at least two cans of food that will be donated to the Community Food Bank. TKO requests that you sign up early, pay your dollar, and then bring your canned goods on the 14th.

This tournament will run on Feb. 14 until only four players remain. These four will show up on Saturday, Feb. 21 for the finals. Depending on the total number of contestants showing up on Feb. 14th, either the tournament will be a single or double elimination tournament. All equipment for this event will be supplied by Tucson Knight Owls.

Prizes for the final four will be a trophy each, plus the top-first place winner will receive a bottle of well liquor of their choice furnished by Bruce of Rumor Hazzit. A bottle of Schnapps will be awarded to the first (non-TKO member) person who approaches me Feb. 14 and tells me both the location and the difference in one of the three posters. The three posters are located at IBT's, Graduate and Rumor Hazzit. Stop by these fine locations, have a liquid libation and check the posters to discover the difference.

Also on this weekend, the Desert Leathermen will be hosting the Washache Motorcycle Club from Salt Lake City. Both clubs will be traveling around to the different bars so give them a lasting Tucson memory to take home with them. (I'm not trying to be funny with that comment!)

As a reminder, upcoming in March will be the Miss Gay Tucson Contest; Sisters of Sonora (SOS) will be having their Hoe Down at IBT's; TKO will be holding their Closet Ball at Colette's West, and finally this year's version of the OBSERVER Benefit. I'll be giving more details on each of these as the time draws closer.

To finish this week's column off, I'd like to remind everyone of the jar at the Graduate for each of you to write a comment about myself or that fat-lipped Juicy Lucy. Each comment will cost you one dollar (directed towards myself or Juicy Lucy) and all proceeds going to the OBSERVER. All comments will appear in the program for the Observer Benefit. Juicy Lucy, paid my dollar for a comment about you, where is yours? I'll still raise more (good) comments about me than you ever will.

That's it for this week, so have a good one, whatever, and I'll see you next week.

Anti-AIDS efforts growing: Gays fear backlash

DENVER, CO - The small, unmarked office is tucked away on the third floor of a brick building. It is off-limits to all but two clerks and a handful of senior officials, and is secured with wired doors, motion detectors, silent alarms and infra-red devices.

Inside the office, which is run by the Colorado Health Department, are the medical files of thousands of Coloradans who have had tuberculosis, syphilis and other communicable diseases, including 10,000 people who were tested during the last 18 months for exposure to the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

In terms of jobs, litigation and personal relationships, the damage resulting from a leak in the confidentiality of those people's names could be painful and costly.

To Colorado's homosexual and bisexual groups, the list of names - Colorado does not offer anonymous testing for AIDS - may lead to bias against them.

Legislation is being drafted that would give the state health director far-reaching powers to order mandatory tests for suspected AIDS carriers and to restrict - or quarantine - for up to three months the infected persons who ignored a "cease and desist" order to halt their own sexual activity.

If the statute is enacted, anyone violating it would be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum fine of $3,000 and a year's imprisonment. "The health department is dragging out the old quarantine statutes from the 1930s," said Tom Witte, of the Coalition for Political Responsibility.

Many other state legislatures are grabbling with the questions being raised in Colorado.

How do you protect the well being of the majority while defending the rights of the minority?

How do you deal with AIDS carriers, such as prostitutes, whose continued promiscuity repeatedly threatens the health of others?

Should AIDS - which is a sexually transmitted disease that is most prevalent among homosexual and bisexual men, intravenous drug users and their sexual partners - be dealt with like, say, tuberculosis, and airborne disease that knows no sexual preference?

Last year, more than 200 AIDS-related bills were introduced in 35 states, said officials of the Intergovernmental Health Policy Project at George Washington University. Forty of those bills were passed.

Six states considered making it unlawful to discriminate against AIDS carriers, but only California and Maine adopted such laws.

Of the 160 bills that were withdrawn or defeated, several seemed to reflect the prejudices

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ARTHUR Lé BLANK,

SECOND TIME AROUND

Part Three

EARLIER: Art Blank found his roommate Sarah Lawrence missing and called the police. Bart Starr, attractive detective, responded, and together Bart and Art discovered Sarah buried in the backyard.

NOW: The antiseptic white corridors of the hospital reeked of the cleansers used to kill all the germs that grow here. The glare of whiteness assaulted my eyes and my tired brain.

I sat on one of the uncomfortable (and indestructible) vinyl covered lounges and stared sightlessly at the wall. Bart sat nearby, his chin on his chest, breathing slowly in sleep. My hand almost involuntarily reached out to stroke his soft brown hair. As I sat staring, he suddenly raised his head and his warm eyes met mine. I hurriedly turned away.

"Heard anything yet?" he asked, still looking at me.

I turned back toward him and said, "No, no one has said anything to me in hours, it feels like."

An inhuman scream pierced the quiet of the corridors: A long, high, horrible scream of agony..

Bart grabbed my arm and pulled me up behind him as he tore down the hall toward Sarah's room. Nurses were already converging when we arrived - breathless and frightened.

Sarah sat straight up in bed, her eyes wide in horror, her arms flailing, her skin now ghostly pale.

She screamed again and I felt the hair rise on my arms.

Sarah turned her head, saw me and collapsed in a heap on the bed, crying piteously.

"Oh, Arthur, I'm so frightened. I was buried in my dreams," she moaned as she looked up at me," and rats were chewing me and eating my skin. I was dead and someone had buried me."

I held her and we swayed together.

"You'll be alright. I won't leave you until you feel better. Did you just wake up?"

"Is this the hospital? I was at the kitchen window, thinking about where the garden was going to be." She smiled, and patted my arm. "Lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers. You could just walk outside and harvest a salad."

I squeezed her tight. Feeling a hand on my arm, I turned and Bart winked at me.

"Sarah, this is Bart Starr. He's a detective with the police department. He helped me find you."

"Find me? Find me where? When did I come here?" She looked back and forth between us confusedly. I hung my head.

"M'am, I think it's better you just rest a while and we'll give you the whole lowdown when you feel stronger," Bart spoke up. "Just lie back and see if you can go back to sleep. The nurse'll give you a little pill that'll relax you."

"It is alright, Arthur?" she clutched my hand.

"Go to sleep. I'll watch out for you." Bart nodded at me from the other side of the bed. "Go to sleep."

We left her lying peacefully in the white bed, her lips suffused with blood on her pearlescent skin.

"Want to get something to eat?" Bart asked, looking at his watch, "It's almost 9:30. All the restaurants will close up in half hour and I don't want to get stuck at Carrows!"

"God, no. Fate worse than death." Realizing what I was saying, I choked.

He looked at me and shook his head. "Don't worry, she ain't dead yet. The doctors are sure that all her signs are nearing normal again. They really don't know what happened."

"What do you think happened, Bart?" I hoped his calm would spread to me, warming like a fire on a cold night.

"Let's eat first. You like hell, some food would help you."

With an arm around my shoulder, he steered me out of the hospital and put me into his car. It smelled of leather and some kind of musky cologne; the radio was playing Billie Holiday's "Lover Man, Come Back to Me" as we drove into the darkness.

BODY POLITIC TO FOLD

by Kim Westheimer

TORONTO, CANADA (GCN) - Due to financial problems, a Canadian progressive Lesbian and Gay paper has announced it will cease publication.

At a December 16 meeting, the collective of Pink Triangle Press, decided it had little choice but to suspend publication of the 'Body Politic', which had covered national and international news for fifteen years. The February 1987 issue of the 'Body Politic' is expected to be the last.

"It was an extremely difficult decision to make, of course," wrote Gerald Hannon for the Body Politic collective in a letter explaining the situation. As can be expected, the root of the problem was money. OUr current paid staff was trimmed recently from seven to five, and faced even further shrinking. Even by the paper's historical standards the strain was debilitating. A full account of the problems will appear in the final issue."

But Pink Triangle Press, which in addition to publishing the 'Body Politic' also puts out a local publication, will not suspend activities. The local publication, "Xtra", will not fold and new projects, are being considered.

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ANTI-AIDS EFFORTS GROWING; HOMOSEXUALS FEAR BACKLASH

that homosexuals fear could lead to a backlash as AIDS continues to spread. So far, AIDS has afflicted about 29,000 victims in the United states, more than half of whom have died.

West Virginia legislators heard a proposal to make the transmission of AIDS a first degree murder crime. A Colorado bill would have made the same offense punishable by four years in prison. Hawaii would have made it a felony for people with the deadly disease to donate blood or expose others to AIDS through sexual contact.

Under one proposal, Alabama would have quarantined indefinitely all prisoners with AIDS. Washing- ton state would have isolated AIDS victims in a "suitable building" to be leased or constructed by the health department.

In California, Proposition 64, a referendum that would have required state officials to collect the names of AIDS carriers and patients and remove them from some jobs, was defeated by a 2-1 ratio by voters last November.

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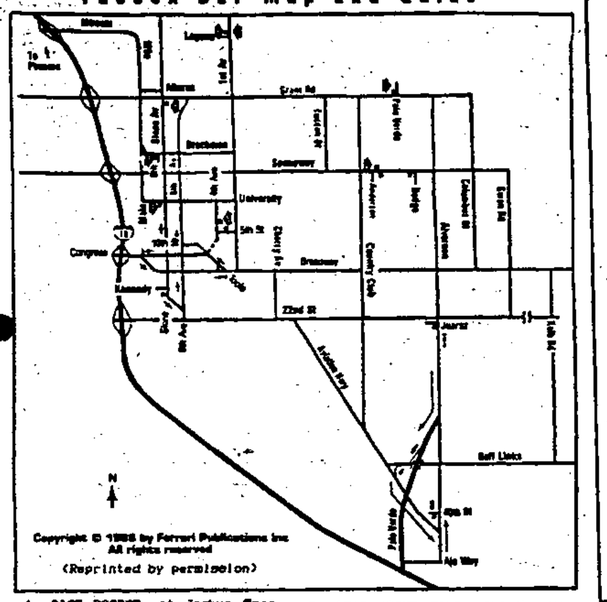
NOTICE:

THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT TAVERN OWNERS ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 17, 1987 AT C.C. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LODGING WILL BE AT THE DESERT PALMS.

CONTACT DONNIE HILL AT ARROW 1 @ 791-7711 IN PHOENIX FOR MORE INFORMATION

NON-MEMBER BAR OWNERS ARE INVITED

Tucson Bar Map and Guide



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A View From Within

A COMMENTARY BY CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

TIME FOR THE LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN!

Well, the time has finally arrived for another letter-writing campaign, this time to those television stations which are avoiding their moral responsibilities by continuously refusing to air advertisements for condoms.

Already, sufficient proof has been gathered which shows that the use of condoms by both men and women, for both Gay and straight sex, can provide protection against the transmission of the AIDS virus --as well as the other sexually transmitted diseases.

By the time of this writing, three local television stations, two national magazines and one large circulation newspaper have agreed to begin --and in some cases have actually begun-- running advertisements for condoms.

It is past time that the national television stations --ABC, NBC and CBS-- begin doing their share to prevent the continued spread of AIDS, and encourage frank, open and honest discussion about safe sexual practices.

As I have pointed out numerous times in this column, there is power in a letter-writing campaign. Alone, we are only one voice, but together we are a loud voice which can echo productively through the halls of the major television networks in New York.

It is for your benefit that you must write a letter of protest. If for no other reason, think about the strain on our federal budget with more and more money being spent on treating and caring for AIDS patients. Think of those people who are acting without complete knowledge about the need for safe sex, and the availability of this method of protection. Advertisements for condoms will encourage open discussion of sexual education, and the more people who know about sex education, the more who will understand the gravity of practicing un-safe sexual encounters.

Your voice can go a long way to improving the education situation with regard AIDS. Write a letter to one --or all- of the three major television networks. Politely ask that they reconsider their positions of refusing to run advertisements for condoms.

Addresses for the three major television stations are:

ABC: 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019.

CBS: 51 West 52nd Street, New York, NY 10019.

NBC: 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112.

Other ideas: Get your friends to write letters. Write letters to the editors of newspapers, pointing out how important these ads will be to public safety. Your single letter --when added to thousands of other single letters-- will make a difference.

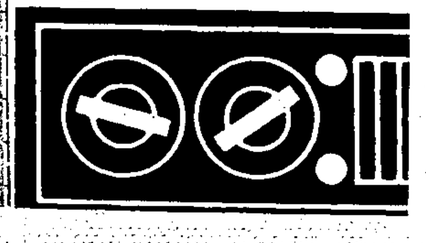
That's the view for now; See you next week!

N-viting!

For those two people who don't know, Rita's Rendezvous has been closed for the past week or so to permit some major remodeling. Observer was able to sneak a camera inside one day this week and 'snuck' a few pictures. Yes, there is a lot of major work being done. It promises to be a real eye-opener when it is completed.

The next question - "When is it going to be completed?" At presstime the best guess was that it will definitely be open this weekend! At least half of the remodeling will be done and on view for all Rita's fans.

Expedition



THE TUCSON CALENDAR

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Wednesday Madness" - From 2-8 pm Drink Special: 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 7 pm. to 1 am. upstairs with full serve alcohol bar. Open 8 pm to 3 am downstairs non-alcohol with after-hours.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Bourbon $1.00. 5:30 - 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well. 8-12 .50 draft and .50 Schnapps. Dance 8 to 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 am - 1 am.

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 7 pm. to 1 am upstairs with full service alcohol bar. Open 8 pm to 3 am downstairs non-alcohol with after hours.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing!

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Rum $1. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to 1 am .75 Long Neck Beer (non-premium). Dance 8 to 1.

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

RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm. Square Dancing by T-Squares 7-9 pm. 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/SKYLINE - Party 7 pm to 1 a.m. upstairs with full service alcohol bar. Downstairs (non-alcohol) open 8 pm to 4 am with after hours.

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon - 5:30 pm Well Gin $1.00. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well; 8 pm - 1 am $1.50 Well plus dancing from 8 to 1.

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

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

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

saturday

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

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

FINELINE/SKYLINE - Party 7 pm to 1 a.m. upstairs in full service alcohol bar. Downstairs (non-alcohol) open at 8 pm until 4 am with after hours.

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

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 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 a.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 ??, $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 - Upstairs opens at 7 pm.

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) $1 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- 1am

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 Vodka $1.00; 5:30 to 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well, 8 pm to 1 am: Well $1.50

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.

tuesday

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

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

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

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

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm: Well Scotch $1.00; 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well; 8 pm to close: Well $1.50

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

RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 hot dogs 4-7 pm. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

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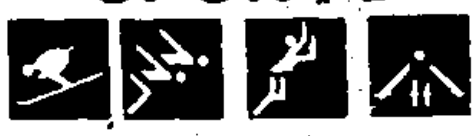

JOSHUA TREE VOLLEYBALL
SPRING LEAGUE, 1987

Sunday, Feb. 8 at 1:00 p.m. marks the beginning of the eighth year of volleyball at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket. On this date teams will be formed and officially registered. Followed by an explanation of the league rules, voting on rule changes and demonstrations of some basic techniques including legal and illegal hits. There will then be practice matches allowing the newly formed teams to get used to playing together and for new players to get a feel for the game.

The Spring League will consist of 12 weeks of league match play followed by a playoff and tournament day. League play is divided in half with the winners of each half laying off for the championship at the end of the seasons. On each Sunday, teams will play at least two matches consisting of the best out of three games. A team roster can consist of up to 8 players with two alternates. Six players, at the most, are on the court at any one time with the additional team members rotating in. The team members select a captain wh determines the lineup,. calls the coin toss, and maintains sportsperson-like attitude among the team. Team captains also vote on issues that come up during the season that are not specifically covered in the rules.

Everyone is welcome to join the Volleyball League. You can join as an individual or form your own team. This is a league where all team members play regardless of skill level. Joining a team does require that the individual make a commitment of 12 weeks to show up as the rest of the team is counting on you. A member can be dropped from the team for missing scheduled league play or for unsportsperson-like conduct. See you Sunday, Feb. 8.

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SPECIAL CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

GRADUATE - VALENTINE'S DAY SHOW hosted by Miss Aviva Diamond with Deja Vu, direct from Phoenix and Tucsons own Jacquisen de' Savoi. 9:30 p.m. No cover.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Tucson Knight Owls present their 1st annual 'Ping Pong Tournament' preliminaries beginning at 1 p.m. $1 plus 2 cans of food for Community Food Bank is the entry fee and you will play for trophies. Finals on Feb. 21.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

RUMOR HAZZIT - Direct from The Network (formerly Shamoo's) in Phoenix, a big Gala Show starring the Backstage Players - Penelope Poupe', Devina, Rose Trellis and Miss Gay Arizona 1986-87 Jamie de Sario. An Uptown / Bombshell Production. 9:00 p.m. $3.00 cover per person.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

GRADUATE - "Phoenix Phalsie Comedy Revue" will take the stage here tonight and tomorow. Watch for more details in next weeks paper!

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!

RUMOR HAZZIT - Finals in the TKO 'Ping Pong Tournament'. The four finalists from last week will play for trophies beginning at 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

GRADUATE - The "Phoenix Phalsie Comedy Revue" plays here again tonight. Featuring some of Phoenix's best performers. Watch for Graduate ad next week.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

COLETTE'S WEST - "Sweet and Sour" - some really great country and western sounds by this live group. They will be playing from 9:00 p.m. until closing and there is a small $2.00 cover to hear this great group. Don't miss them!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

GRADUATE - Sisters of Sonora (SOS) present a 'Rodeo Show' Details later.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Sisters of Sonora 'Hoe Down'. More later.

MISS GAY TUCSON CONTEST - Location and times, etc. to be announced. Keep this date open.

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!

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

RUMOR HAZZIT - 'VARIETY II' a really big 'shew' with a cast of thousands. Some live, some not, but all guaranteed great. Watch for more details.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

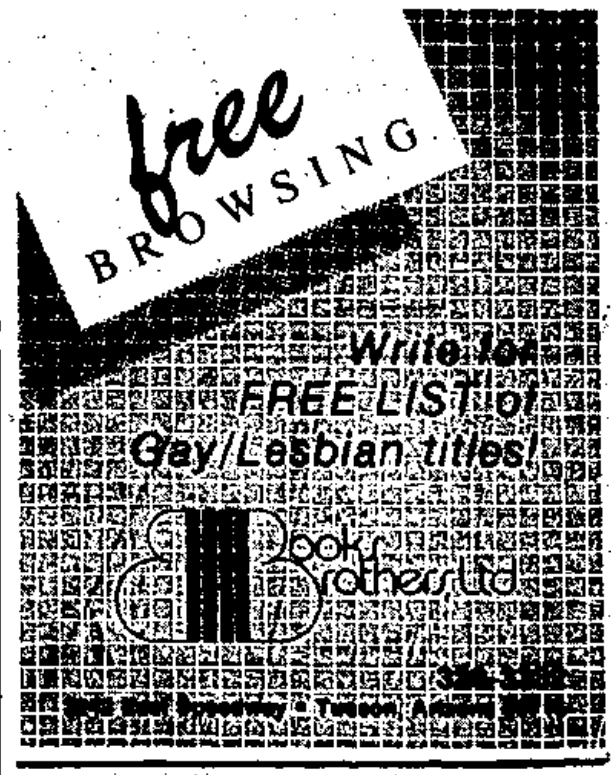
GRADUATE - St. Patrick's Day 'Dinner and Show'. Watch for the Gradfuate ad.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

RUMOR HAZZIT - 'VARIETY II' replays a return engagement for those who missed it on the 15th or for those who just can't get enough of a good thing.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

SIR GEORGE'S ROYAL BUFFET - Second Annual OBSERVER 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.



LETTERS

ASSASSINATION BY RUMOR

I had a chilling telephone call last weekend from a friend who said, "I have a serious and personal question to ask you. Do you have AIDS?" I replied in a stunned voice, "Of course not! Where did you hear this?" He said, "Friends I am staying with are spreading that rumor." The conversation ended with an agreement to visit me the next morning to discuss this further.

My friend and his new acquaintance arrived in the early Sunday afternoon to try to straighten this out. It seems that the "new acquaintance" was breaking up with a previous lover,m and this lover was the source of the rumor.

Later that afternoon, I was confronted with this soon-to-be ex-lover, a person I have never met before. He said, "I am considering breaking up with my lover and this is a concern I have in making this decision. "Did I or did I not overhear you say that you tested positive on an AIDS test?" I replied, "No you were mistaken, the results were negative." That ended the conversation with him, because anger was building to a violent stage.

This person had eavesdropped on a private conversation, misinterpreted the content and proceeded to spread rumors based upon something which is still none of his business.

We all have yet to understand how damaging rumors on this subject can be. I hope this will serve as a lesson to all of us in the Gay community to substantiate facts before condemning people to a life of isolation and rejection in a difficult time in our history.

I think we all have a responsibility to make an effort to be tested, especially if we are sexually active.

Dennis Wasser - Tucson

ED NOTE: Taking the HIV (formerly HTLV-III) blood test to determine if you are infected with AIDS antibodies, is a very personal one and one that could have very damaging ramifications. Any person who is interested in taking the test to determine if he/she has the AIDS antibody is encouraged to counsel with the Tucson AIDS Project at 792-3772 before taking the test.

DEAR EDITOR:

To everyone involved with the benefit show held at the Graduate on Sunday, Jan. 18, I would like to thank each and every one of you.

First of all, the performers who donated all of their salary and tips. Next to the people who did sound and lights. To all of the people who attended the show, and a special thanks to T.A.L.L. for their donation of $100 sand to Ron Templeton and the Graduate for their donation of $250.

In all, $388 was raised. The total was divided between Jacquleene de' Savoi and myself. All proceeds will go toward the costs of the Miss Gay Tucson pageant. Again, a very big hug and kiss. Many thanks to all.

Teno Menchaca aka
Candy Plastique

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is really for the entire Tucson Gay community.

When my dear <u>older</u> sister Blabby, was found swinging in the breeze of her dingy study apartment, it was obviously a great shock to all of you. She was well-liked by everyone in Tucson, thanks to a bubbling personality and numerous bribes.

Suffice to say that as soon as I was contacted by her lawyer, that my presence was requested at the reading of her will, I rushed right back to the States. At the time, I was in the Australian Outback, becoming familiar with the strange sexual habit of kangaroos and Aborigines (not together, naturally).

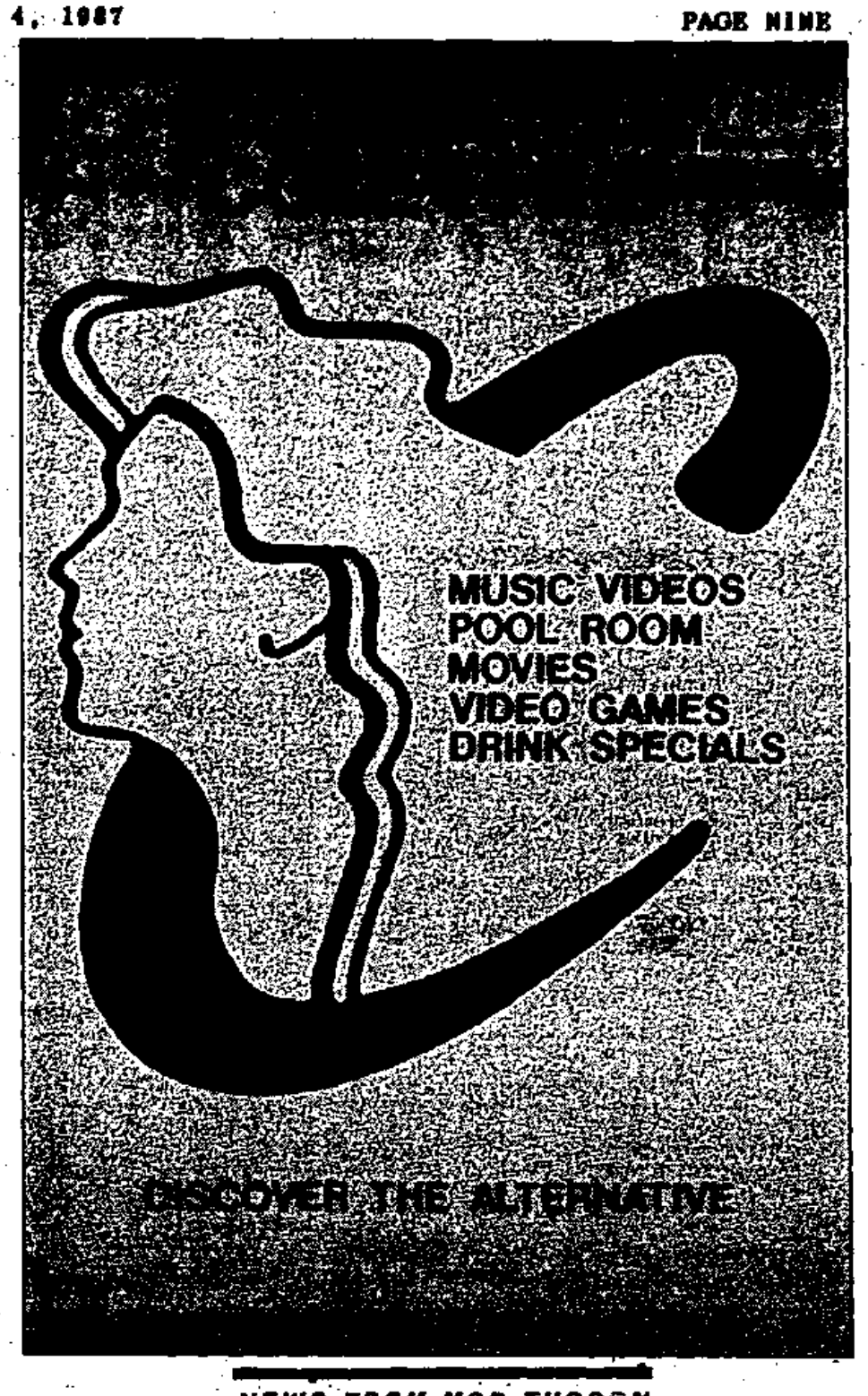
The main reason for my writing this letter to you is this" A clause in the will, which makes me sole heir to Blabby's column in your local paper. I talked with the editor, Mr. Ellis, and all he could say was, "I knew that bitch had something up her sleeve."

And so, here I am, living in Tucson, getting to know many of the community members intimately, and preparing to resurrect a local advice column. But I do want to know that I will be as well received as my sister was. I may not be seen publicly very often, but there are certain boys in town who I've grown very, very close to.

So, if there is some subject you'd like me to touch on, please talk to Mr. Ellis (between bottles of Coors), or stop by a nice, very festive bar called It's 'Bout Time and talk to a cute, young bartender named Ernie. However, if you do talk to Ernie, make sure his lover Bert isn't around. He's very possessive, and a mean drunk.

I do look forward to knowing how Tucson feels about <u>another</u> columnist, not that I feel any <u>real</u> threat from those other queens. Until later

Ann Slanders

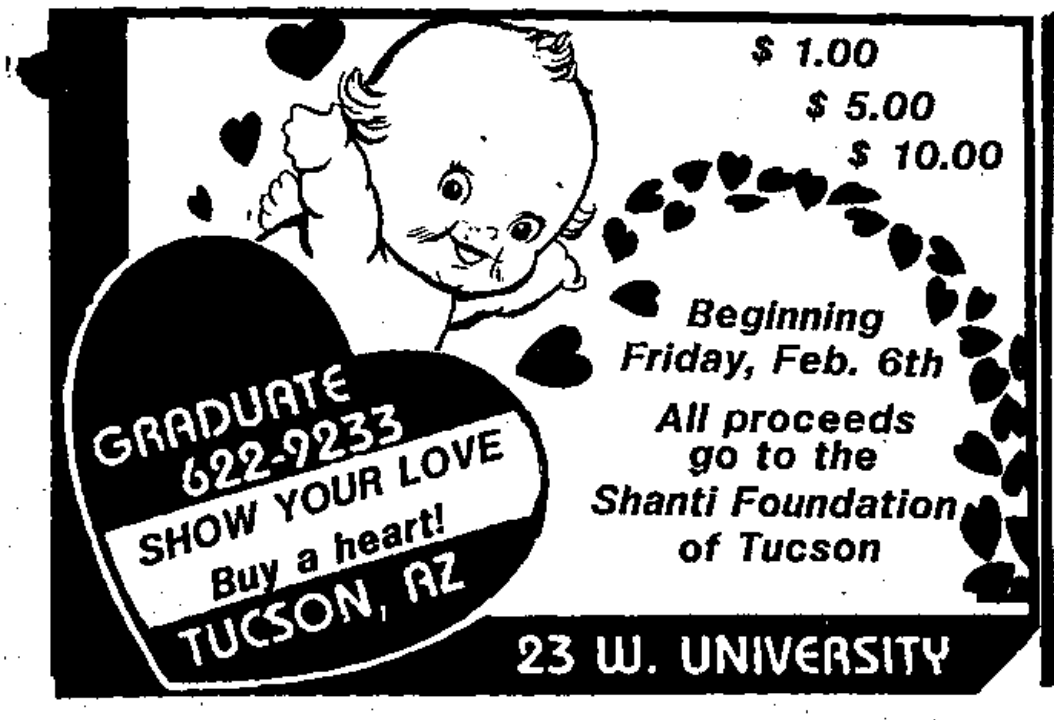


NEWS FROM MCC TUCSON

Our last Sunday morning service was officiated by Rev. Bernardo David. During the month of February, Rev. Bern will be officiating at our Sunday morning services until our newly elected pastor, Rev. Eduardo Perry takes the position on March 1st. Rev. Bern is our Associate Pastor and has been a leader in this church for many years. During the service, Dennis Bell, Clerk of the Board of Directors, gave a challenge to the congregation to triple our attendance in preparation for our new pastor.

Immediately following our Sunday morning service, the Board of Directors met to elect the officers of the Board. Dennis was elected to retain his office as Clerk of the Board. Ann was re-elected Treasurer, James was elected Vice Moderator, Wes was elected Assistant Treasurer and Mary Jo was elected as Board of Director at-large. We feel that MCC/Tucson has a Board of Directors that will lead us through 1987 and succeed in meeting the goals that we set for ourselves at our Annual Congregational Meeting held last week.

Nita Terlisner-Willey is our Student Clergy who is Worship Coordinator in Sierra Vista. Nita is up for her evaluation for initial licensing as U.F.M.C.C. clergy. We are proud of Nita and glad to have her in our fellowship. Nita will be officiating at next Sunday evening service, Feb. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Plan now to attend this service and hear her deliver the message.



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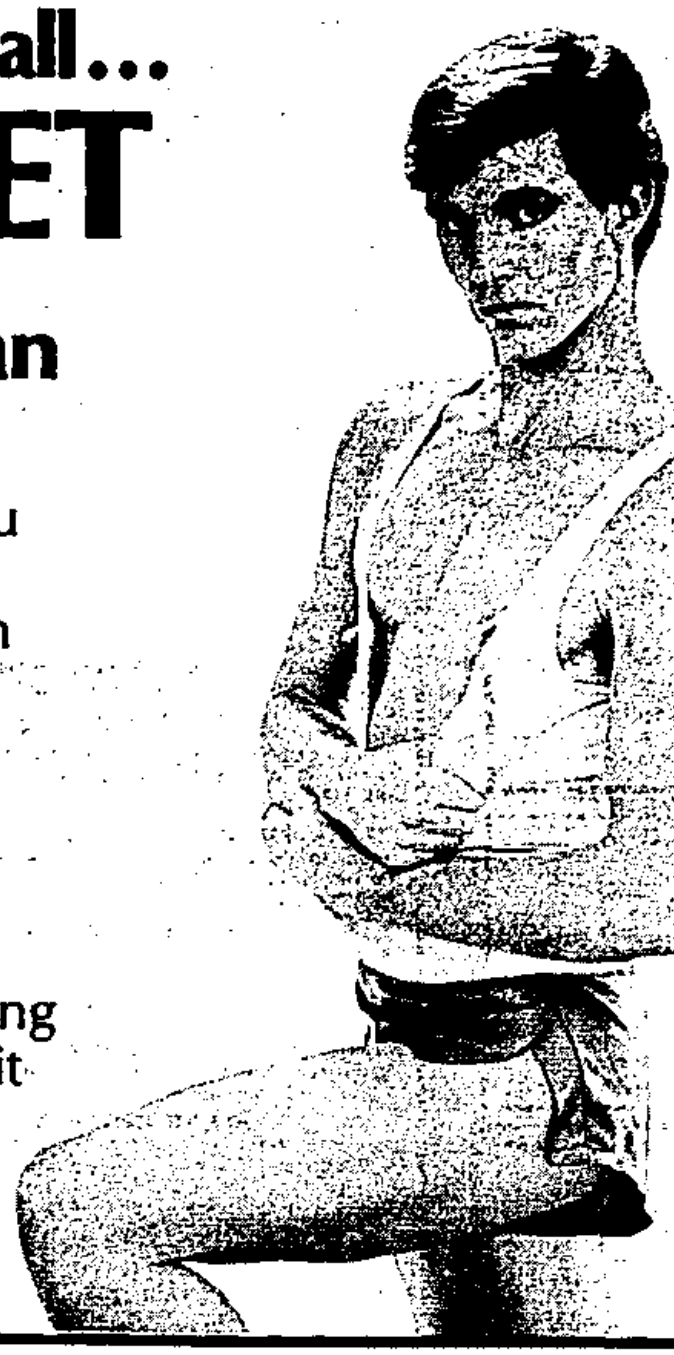

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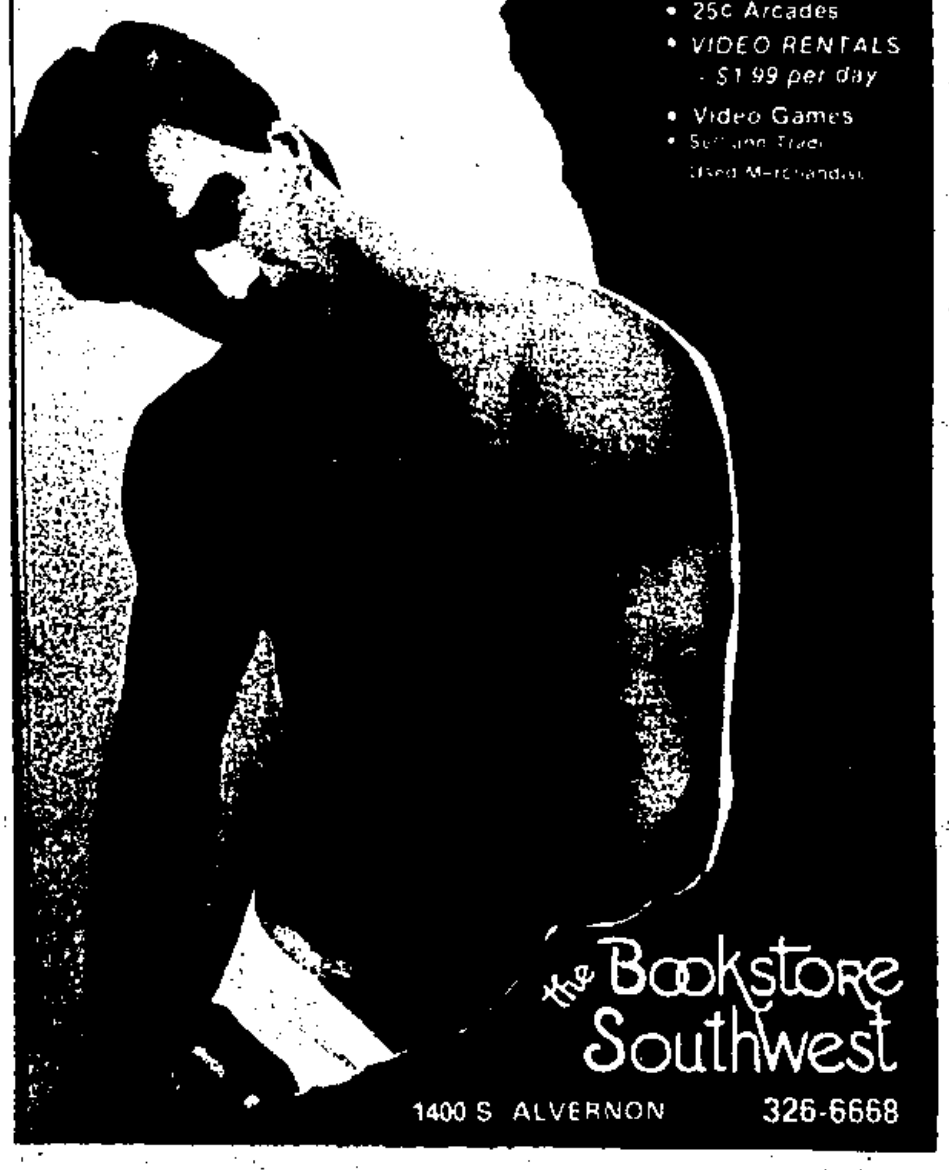

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Juicy Lucy

It seems that not everyone is still resting up from the previous weekend preceeding this last weekend. Since that "Ron" hasn't been seen around (you know the one, the big deal of a birthday party for The Graduate) I guess that he is still trying to figure out just how much he could have made if he hadn't given so much away. And speaking of giving things away, Roxanne sure gave away her age! I still don't know whether to believe her or not, I just don't see how she could get THAT many wrinkles in just forty years!

I still get a chuckle when I think of that one Show? Girl? that was in the show. Wow, did she have it to show - it's a good thing that there weren't two of them trying to do a number together, just no room. I have to thank Aviva Rhinestone for the relief of not having to listen to the M.C. keep yelling, "Are we having fun?" After all, a show should make everyone have fun and the audience doesn't need someone to convince them that they are. Personally I was having a lot of fun. I spotted a beautiful hunk and thought that he was making eyes at me - then toward the end of the evening I found out that he was making passes at the one next to me. I was told that he loves his wine and cheese well aged, but he thought that I was past the prime of even aged beef for a filet. Well!

Spotted our wandering boy, Gizzie, in town last week, he and Richard were trying to round up a twenty-way party. Glenn wanted to join them, so with Glenn in the group they only needed ten more.

I also found out that there is a little side-raising fund for the OBSERVER being flaunted around. For just one dollar, anyone can make a comment about either me or Doc with his TBB's in "What's Up Doc". The dollar will go to the benefit and the comment will be read at the benefit dinner. Doc was so happy that he had ten comments as of last week. Well, Doc deserves all he gets. As for me, I think the idea is great, but the first person I see putting in a comment about me, I'll break their silly wrist off at the elbow. And if Bert thinks he is going to stand up in front of everyone and try to degrade me in any way - I'll personally rip every feather out of his molting boa, feather by feather.

Speaking of Bert, I heard him tell Dirty Dolly that she was weird - Dirty Dolly told Bert to just look at who is calling who weird. The conversation got going pretty good but I was just to embarrassed to listen any more.

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UofA EXPERIMENTAL DRUG SLOWING AIDS, STUDY SAYS

reproduction of he AIDS virus, is highly toxic, causing serious anemia and apparent long-term cell-damage, Petersen said.

"It is not a benign drug," he said. "There is a high incidence of major side effects with it, and some patients have to be taken off it. But for most, it does have an effect, keeping them alive longer.

Of the nine AIDS patients recently treated with AZT and followed from five to 12 weeks, one died, one developed pneumocystis pneumonia and one had to stop treatment, because of toxicity. But the rest "are subjectively doing well, Petersen said, adding that "they look and feel better."

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SEMINAR
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. Epistein Barr Virus. DATE: Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7:00 p.m. PLACE: Desert Institute, 630 N. 6th Avenue. FEE: Free (donations accepted). To make reservations please call 323-7828. 134

GAY & LESBIAN ADULT DISCOURSES (GLAD) provides weekly group discussions on various topics for Tucson's Gay community. Especially open to persons just "coming out" and over 21. Confide in us. Learn about yourself through discussion. For contact information, call 'Information and Referral' at 881-1794 Tucson.

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ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING FORM A SUPPORT GROUP for Parents and Friends of Gays please contact Sean, P.O. Box 27929, Tucson, AZ 85726 or the Confidential Hot Line for Parents of Gays, call Herb, 742-1689 (after 7 p.m.) in Tucson.

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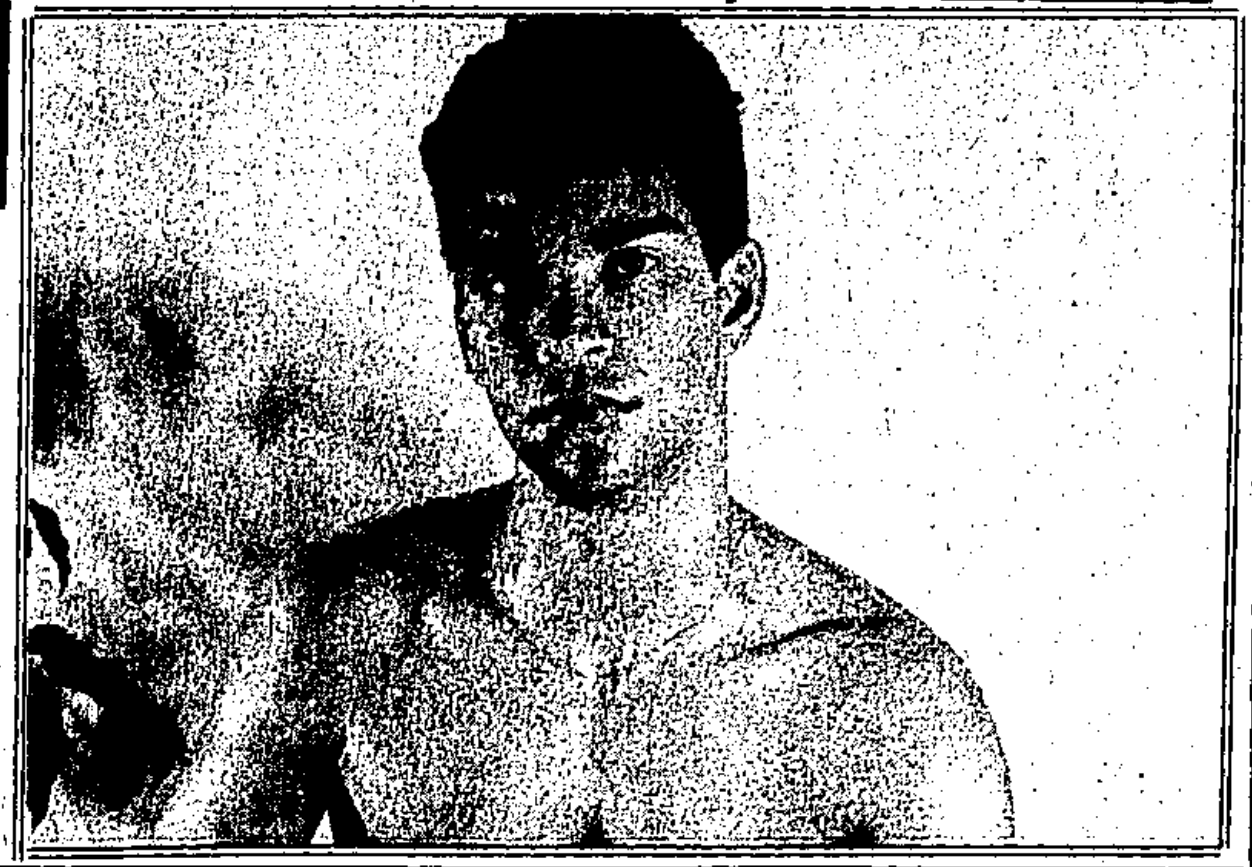

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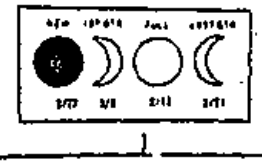

Tucson Calendar Man for February is JOHN JACKSON. BORN: June 5. He is 5'8" tall with black hair and dark brown eyes. Orignally from Boston, Mass. John has lived in Mexico. He is a formal-wear dealer. INTERESTS: Art, music, traveling, exercise, movies and tennis. GOALS: To be a travel agent and a good lover. To eventually own a travel agency. HOBBIES: Hiking, cooking and getting together with friends.

1940s

First 'Gay' (mixed) bar open in Tucson: "Town House Bar" located in downtown area (Congress Street at 5th and Scott and Broadway).

1950s OVERVIEW

The only public meeting place for Gays in this era was the Gay bar scene. This period of history of the Tucson Gay Bar Scene was interesting. One person reported that between '52 and '55 "The Town House continually increased in popularity until one fateful day when the owner received a 'friendly suggestion' from the police chief that 'due to increasing complaints' that the 'complexion of the clientele' be corrected. The following Saturday night many, but not all, Gays were refused service. The Tap Room in the Congress Hotel filled the gap for the Town House closing. It became "the focus and fulcrum of Gay Tucson." The infamous "Zebra Room" an after-hours bar across from the police station and the R&B Bar in the 'new' Greyhound Bus Station on Broadway were Gay hangouts for a while.

Then came the Little Brown Jug" 425 E. Grant (now Luna Radiator) where most of the action moved because it had a ful liquor license and the Congress was beer only. As the LBJ waned many moved to the Corner Bar (Now La Fuente 1749 N. Oracle Road). The Congress rebounded and was joined by the Club Esquire, another downtown bar that "drew 'em all!" Although never a Gay bar, the Esquire had the reputation of drawing the "Air Force, Army, the Bloom Brothers, transients, alcoholics, missile workers, pool hustlers, bowling machine freaks, Gays, Bi's, hoards of horny straights - all gathered. With a super and simpatico owner, the Esquire was a colossal cruise and maxintum make-out bar. Then came 'Jim's', and that begins a story for others to tell."

1958

First Gay men's social club formed 'Gay Ladies of the Southwest', later changing its name to. 'Gay Ladies of the Arizona Desert' (GLAD).

1965

"Jim's", A Gay bar located at 23 W. University opens. Jim O'Malley and George Rederus sold it to Bruce Stratton in 1969 and the business was renamed "Kamu's" and was operated as a straight bar until it was sold to Don Nelson.

January 19, 1970

Graduate Bar" opens at 23 West University under owner Don Nelson. (The bar closed June 6, 1999 under new owners)

June 1970

"Metropolitan Community Church" (MCC) holds its first service in Tucson at the Ramada Inn on St. Mary's Road.

1972

Stonewall bar opens at 2921 N. First Avenue.

Fall, 1973

"The Nurturing Place" founded south of Tucson (Old Nogales Highway) for Feminist and Lesbian women. First time women have their own 'space'.

1975 OVERVIEW

Gay bars in the area included Graduate, Stonewall and River 'R' (3686 E. Speedway). P.S. Club opened in September by George Rederus as the first Private Men's Club in town. First annual Gay Fair and Carnival aat Stonewall over July 4th weekend.

1976 OVERVIEW

Bars and Clubs in Tucson were Graduate (Dale Yount); Stonewall (Tom Seward & John Morgan with Rick Norman DJ; Lucky Pierre's (John Richtars; P.S. Club (George Rederus); Back Door Baths (Lloyd Wilson); Jekyll and Hyde's opened on Labor Day (Ed Persillin); Hair Tiz bar opens in the MacArthur Hotel downtown. Adrian, Empress I de Arizona honored for 30 years of female impersonation in ceremony at the Graduate. * Mike Heimbuch and Mitch Bunting open Bookland at 3244 E. Spweedway.