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Mecham Recall Committee Gathers Momentum For July Petition Drive

Over 6,000 people have contacted the Mecham Recall Committee to get involved in the Recall Movement. Callers are sent a copy of the newsletter, "The Watchdog", and their names, addresses, and phone numbers are entered on the Committee's computer list of volunteers.

Diana Stuart, Volunteer Coordinator for the Committee, is currently separating the volunteer list into regions of the State, then further into city and zip code groupings. Regional Managers in each major section of the state are now starting to contact a volunteer in each zip code grouping to act as a "Neighborhood Leader", who will keep lines of communication open and organize the volunteers to circulate petitions, starting in July.

Petition signing will take place in a number of ways, and will usually be paired with voter registration tables in shopping center parking lots, and at major events, such as concerts. In some cases, volunteers will walk door-to-door to get petitions signed. All of these methods will take large numbers of volunteers to sustain the effort.

Evan Mecham must be allowed to serve six months in office before the circulation of recall petitions may begin. Then the Recall Committee is allowed 120 days to collect 216,746 valid signatures. A valid signature is one from any registered voter in Arizona, signed in the presence of a qualified petition circulator.

At some point prior to the 120 day deadline, the petitions are turned in to the Secretary of State for verification of number. She has 10 days to do this. The petitions are then forwarded to the county of origin for certification by the county recorders. There is a statutory limit of 60 days for this process.

The Secretary of State will have between 100 and 120 days from that date to call a new election. Assuming Mecham refused to step down, his name will appear on the ballot, along with anyone who was able to meet the requirements for placing their name on the ballot. There will be no party designation on the ballot. The bottom line is that a new election can take place as early as March, 1988.

Naomi Howard is the new chairperson of the Mecham Recall Committee and the Recall Movement. She took charge when former head Ed Buck stepped down amid much furor after admitting that he is a homosexual.

Naomi comes to the position with very valid qualifications. She was born in 1907, and came to Arizona in 1953. No stranger to activism, she is most recently identified as the organizer of the Valley of the Sun Network of the Grey Panthers, serving as its Governor, or Co-Governor from 1978 through 1987. She was the Official Observer for the Grey Panthers at the 1985 United Nations "Decade for Women"

Convention in Nairobi, Kenya.

She holds two Bachelors degrees - History and Political Science, and Divinity, as well as two Masters degrees - Social Service Administration and Religious Education. She received two major research grants for social service studies. From 1955 to 1976, she began as a lecturer, and progressed to a full professor in the Sociology Department of Arizona State University. In 1976, she became a Professor Emeritus at A.S.U. Author of numerous publications and three books, she has also been listed in "Who's Who of Women of the World," "Who's Who of American Women," and "Men of Science."

"My interest in the Recall of Governor Evan Mecham began when I participated with over ten thousand other people in a march from the Phoenix Civic Center to the State Capitol to protest Mecham's rescission of the Martin Luther King Holiday," Howard said. "The interest and enthusiasm of the crowd was heightened by a bumper sticker which read: 'Mecham for Ex-Governor.'"

Howard continued, "When I was asked to become the new Chairperson of the Mecham Recall Committee, I was ready to do anything I could to help. We already have a strong organization that is open to all groups, and we plan to continue strengthening and broadening our base, so that we have a groundswell of community action and determination to win our goal: Recall Mecham! We urge the support of all of you."

Only 40% of all eligible voters are registered to vote in the State of Arizona. The Recall Committee wants to get the other 60% registered so they can sign the Recall Petition tool. The Committee Deputy Registrar Coordinator is Cheryl Creamer. If you are a Deputy Registrar, or would like to become one, call Cheryl for information at 870-4857 in Phoenix. Paul Simonetta is the Southern Arizona Regional Manager and he can be reached at 628-9347 in Tucson.

As a fundraising event, riders from all over Phoenix will be invited to the "Phoenix Benefit Bike-A-Thon" on Sunday, June 7. Several starting locations will be set up, with riders meeting at the State Capitol for a rally. There will be food, refreshments, entertainment and voter registration. For more information on this event contact the Phoenix Committee headquarters at 371-1127.

Also in the works are classes for Petition Circulators, a mass rally and a major benefit concert with a major entertainer. Additionally, the other regions of the state including Tucson and Flagstaff are well along in plans for benefit concerts and dances. Plans will be announced when they are finalized. There will be no lack of things to do for members of the Committee.

On Friday, July 10, Petition
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Pat Bond in Phoenix appearance



PHOENIX - On Saturday, June 13, Pat Bond will return to Kerr Center to perform "Beloved Hick". In this one-person drama, Bond plays the role of Lorena Hickok and focuses on the intense and loving personal relationship between Hickok and Eleanor Roosevelt which began in the 1930s.

Researched, written, and directed by Bond, "Hick" draws in part on the large volume of letters from Eleanor to Lorena (whom she addressed "Beloved Hick") which were opened to the public just a few years ago; the personal relationship between the two is portrayed within the setting of the turbulent politics and history of the period. Lorena, a colorful, cigar-smoking Associated Press reporter covering Washington D.C. events, and Eleanor, the wife of the Democratic presidential candidate, met during the 1932 campaign, and the two powerful intellects quickly responded to

each other. The deep love that the two shared is presented in the context of the great political and social events of the 1930's - Depression, widespread homelessness, hunger, and unrest and attempts to cope with these problems.

Pat Bond has become familiar to national audiences for her one-person portrayal of Gertrude Stein, which toured the country for six years, was shown on PBS television, and which she performed last December at Kerr Center. Other one-person productions she has performed are "Lizzie Borden," "Colette," and "Murder In The W.A.C." She has also appeared in the films "The Word Is Out" and "The House Of God."

Tickets for the June 13 performance are \$10 and are available at Gossage and Dillard's ticket offices.

Miss Gay Tucson Pageant Set June 7

TUCSON - The Miss Gay Tucson Pageant has been set for Sunday, June 7. Application blanks will be available soon for prospective contestants at all Tucson Gay bars. The applications will have all the rules and regulations, so all contestants are sure to meet the registration criteria for this pageant.

The annual event which is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. with a no-host cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres being provided by the Arizona Pageants, is the 2nd annual pageant to take place in Tucson, and will be held at the Pipeline in the Skyline lounge. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the foyer.

In January 1986, Miss Gay Tucson I Pageant was held with the winner being Miss Stephanie Price,

who resigned her title after moving to Phoenix to live. The current reigning Miss Gay Tucson II, is Aviva Diamond.

Registration applications for this year's pageant are due in by Saturday, June 6 at the pageant office in the Mansion Hotel, 106 East Mabel, Tucson.

The Arizona Pageants is also looking for people from Tucson to help put the works of the pageant together. They need people to help get advertising for the program, put tickets out at different bars, put applications at different locations and people who are not in the pageant as contestants, to entertain. For more information, call Rob Thorne at the Arizona Pageants in Phoenix at 247-0881.

UPDATE

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED
TUCSON - Cornerstone Fellowship announced this week that there will be a change in worship times during the summer months. The regularly scheduled 7:00 p.m. evening services on Sundays will be discontinued until the fall.

"Between the heat and the usual sparseness of the congregation due to summer vacations experienced in Tucson churches, we decided it best to streamline our services for the next few months," explained David Cooper, Public Relations Director for Cornerstone. "Our Sunday morning worship will continue to be offered at 10:30 a.m., and the Wednesday evening Bible Study will also remain in effect. We hope to reinstate the evening services once the weather starts to cool off and everyone returns from their summer travels," Cooper added.

For more information about Cornerstone Fellowship's activities and worship services, call 881-3519. Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 1724 N. Alvernon, in Tucson.

OPSPA MEETS THURSDAY, MAY 21
TUCSON - The Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association's regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 21 will present the topic "Citizens Against Crime".

Guest Speaker Doreen Dorame, of the Citizens Against Crime Committee, will offer tips on ways individuals can defend themselves from assaults and secure their homes and businesses against burglary and robbery.

OPSPA is an association of business and professional members who have joined together for educational and humanitarian purposes to promote and strengthen its members' business and professional careers and to help build a better community.

The meeting on Thursday, May 21, will be held at the Arizona Inn, 2200 East Elm, beginning with cocktails at 7:00 p.m. and the business meeting and guest speaker at 8:00 p.m. Newcomers are welcome. For more information, call 792-3373.

FOR \$3, YOU CANNOT GET THE SCOOP
PHOENIX (AP) - In June, Mountain Bell Customers in Arizona will have the option of paying \$3 a month to keep their phones from being used for calls to the phone company's ScoopLine service.

The Corporation Commission has approved a compromise proposal to block out potentially expensive ScoopLine calls, which commissioners said have been the source of numerous complaints.

Mountain Bell sells rights to ScoopLine numbers, which use the 978 and 876 exchanges, to other businesses, which operate a variety of services, such as talk lines, time and weather information and sports scores.

KENNEDY ASKS \$450 MILLION FOR AIDS
WASHINGTON, DC - Senator Edward Kennedy has introduced the first comprehensive AIDS bill in congress last Friday, May 15. He wants to triple federal money for AIDS education and prevention - to \$350 million in 1988, up from the \$120 million the Reagan administration requested. His bills call for \$100 million more for innovative care and treatment programs.

Kennedy is committee chairman for the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee. Some of the provisions of his bill's include:

- * Treatment and counseling of more drug abusers, who are at high risk of AIDS.

- * Funds for TV and radio ads on how to avoid the virus.

- * Making experimental AIDS drugs available through community doctors, not just big research centers.

- * More home and day-care money to keep AIDS patients out of hospitals when possible.

- * Ordering the National Institutes of Health to speed up funding to AIDS researchers.

A second AIDS bill is to be introduced in both the House and Senate this week. It would increase funding for voluntary AIDS antibody testing programs, protect confidentiality of test results - and make it illegal to discriminate against people who test positive.

GAY NEW YORK COPS TO HELP RECRUIT HOMOSEXUALS
NEW YORK, NY - According to a report from the New York Times the New York City Police Department has requested the help of the Gay Officers' Action League (GOAL) in a recruiting drive.

"Obviously, we're sending a message to the Gay community that we're not discriminating against you," said James Bargrove, the assistant police commissioner for community affairs.

The officers' league was founded several years and has about 150 members and includes city, transit and housing police officers, as well as probation and parole officers and members of the district attorney's staffs.

The group has done police recruiting in the past, and the department has provided help when asked, police officials said. But the current drive marks the first time that the department has solicited the group's help, they said.

"It was such a shock and surprised to be asked after all the controversy the last time we did recruiting in 1985, when it caused quite a stir," said James Seal, a probation officer who is GOAL's president. "The department has been most helpful."

On May 30, GOAL will sponsor a recruiting seminar at the Lesbian and Gay Community Center in Greenwich Village when members of the group and representatives from the department's recruiting section will answer questions.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
"I feel sorry for male homosexuals who were dealt more feminine genes than they need, and angry and somewhat repulsed by those who choose homosexuality for kicks."

-- CBS commentator Andy Rooney, responding to a letter from Alan L. Light of Moline, Ill., criticizing Rooney for a column he wrote about the death of Liberate, according to the weekly news of Miami.

EX WIFE OF HOMOSEXUAL WINS ACQUITTAL OF CHILD THEFT CHARGE
SAN DIEGO, CA (AP) - Five years of court battles have ended between a fundamentalist Christian woman and her ex-husband, a homosexual who retains legal custody of their teenage son.

Betty Lou Batey was acquitted by a judge last Monday, May 18, of felony child-stealing charges and Frank Batey approached his ex-wife with his hand outstretched, a gesture she rebuffed.

Betty Batey lost custody of son Brian to his father in 1982 and was distressed that the lifestyle of Frank who lives with his homosexual lover, would affect Brian, who was 11.

Following a scheduled weekend visit with Brian in September 1982, Betty took the boy and left California in violation of a court order. After 19 months on the run, the two surrendered to authorities in Denver in 1984.

Betty Batey was jailed briefly for violating the court's custody ruling. She and Frank then went to court over custody issues and she was found in civil contempt for the custody order.

Superior Court Judge Douglas Woodworth allowed the jury to remain in the court while the defense argued for acquittal, an argument usually made outside the presence of jurors.

Woodworth then threw out the charges, saying he didn't think Betty Batey ever meant to deprive Frank Batey of his custody rights.

AIDS CASES DECLINING?
WASHINGTON, DC - A new study of military recruits, that was released last Thursday, May 14, tends to indicate that the spread of the AIDS virus may be on the decline. The U.S. Health Department officials said that the findings was "encouraging" but warned that it was far too early to know whether a significant decline is in store.

The study which took place from October 1985 to December 1986 with about 790,000 military recruits from induction centers across the country, showed there was no increase in the number of people infected with the virus.

Among white men, there was a slight decline in the number infected. Of the 789,578 screened, 1,186 were infected, with an overall rate of 1.5 per 1,000. Blacks had the highest rate - 4.1 per 1,000, Hispanics 2.3 per 1,000 and whites 0.8 per 1,000.

Dr. Tim Dondero of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta said a growing awareness of the military screening program may have led applicants at high risk of infection not to apply. "For a disease where the worst expectations seems to be realized we have to be encouraged," he said.

Researchers also reported encouraging news regarding the development of an AIDS vaccine. Dr. David Ho of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center said he had found that different strains of the AIDS virus have similar "soft spots" that can be attacked by antibodies and could be the basis of a genetically engineered vaccine.

Other researchers reported in the latest Journal of the American Medical Association that a genetically engineered hepatitis B vaccine worked as well as one derived from the blood of carriers of the disease. But a caution was expressed by researchers, who said it will be years, if ever, before there is a cure.

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AIDS LINK: HISTORY OF SEXUAL VIRUS
by Steven Findlay
WASHINGTON, DC - People with a history of sexually transmitted diseases are at higher risk of AIDS, a new study indicates.

The study confirms a widely held theory that the AIDS virus is more likely to strike and cause disease in people who've had viral infections that can suppress the immune system.

In addition, it suggests people infected with the AIDS virus should avoid exposure to sexually transmitted diseases.

"Even after you're infected (with the AIDS virus), if you're constantly being exposed to other infections, you may be putting yourself at risk" for the more deadly stages of the disease, says Dr. Thomas Quinn of Johns Hopkins Hospital.

He and colleagues in Baltimore studied 98 AIDS patients - 100 African male and female heterosexuals, 100 USA heterosexual men and 100 USA homosexual men.

They found that AIDS patients and those infected with the virus had a higher incidence of previous or current infection with hepatitis, syphilis or one of the herpes viruses (Epstein-Barr, cytomegalovirus or herpes simplex) than those who didn't have AIDS or weren't infected with the virus.

Rates of infection with these sexually transmitted viruses were almost 100 percent in African men and above 80 percent for the homosexual men - groups in which AIDS is widely prevalent.

The USA heterosexual men had the lowest rates of the infections and also no evidence of AIDS virus infection.

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As I See It

by Bruce Fowler - Tucson

For the past four or five years, I've been involved in a teaching experience at the University Medical College. The experience is very unique, only one of two or three in the nation. I have been working with a hand-full of Gays, Lesbians and concerned heterosexuals in the teaching of a "short course" for first year medical students. The course is designed to prepare them for some of the realities of working in clinical medicine. This particular teaching unit is entitled, "Caring for Gay & Lesbian People: The Physician's Role."

There are four two-hour sessions, plus a four to six hour "pot luck" social. During the first session, the students are given basic information about the Gay and Lesbian lifestyles. The usual statistical information such as "one out of ten in any given population is Gay/Lesbian", "all Gays don't wear dresses, and all Lesbians don't wear overalls", etc. Another session deals with the specifics of Gay and Lesbian health issues and the need that Gays and Lesbians have for holistic health as much as anyone else.

The session I've been involved with includes a panel of usually two Gay men and two Lesbian women involved in an open and honest discussion with the students, of personal health issues that includes everything from how to find a competent, sensitive and understanding physician to how to deal with same sex lovers during times of medical emergencies. The students have been very appreciative of the fact that the panel has been willing to be open, vulnerable and to share personal knowledge and insights. This session ends with the whole group, Gays, Lesbians and heterosexuals, pairing off and practicing

the development of interviewing skills for these future physicians.

Later that same week, the students and a group of Gay and Lesbian people gather at the home of the instructor of the class, Dr. Kay Bauman, for a social evening of pot-luck dinner and small group discussions. These "small group discussions" deal with any related issue(s) that the group want to talk about.

This is usually the high point of the seminar, because everyone now knows each other from the earlier sessions and within the warmth of the social setting, everyone can share and articulate their concerns, observations, knowledge and fears. Misconceptions can be expressed and explained, moral and ethical issues can be addressed, human feelings can be explored and the people involved in the seminar become very "real" to each other no matter if Gay or Straight.

It has been very revealing to me to talk to these medical students over the years and to hear how they feel personally about Gay and Lesbian people (hate, fear, misunderstanding, apprehension, misconception and, at times, even acceptance and loving). I continue to be surprised however by the number of them that, in this day and age, still say, "You're the first Gay man I've ever met, however, I think this fellow in my fraternity must have been....". No matter what level of awareness that may be when they start this elective seminar, they do not leave it without having given some thought to the issues of Gay/Lesbian rights, health concerns, and yes, even to their own sexuality. They usually end with

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WHAT'S UP DOG?



Boy was this a beautiful weekend. Desert Leathermen were up in Las Vegas for the weekend which helped IBT's to be quiet. Poor Bert, of DL; it seems he picked a flight that ended up over 1 1/2 hour arriving late up there. Then, upon arrival at the bar, he was seen admiring an almost life-size photograph of himself with portions of Nature. I wonder if Bert received another doggy bowl for the weekend. Since DL's Token Broad was unable to make the trip, the Satyricon's had a lifesize rubber doll, dressed in leather. I'll do some snooping this week and see just what other good gossip I can find out about this run of DL's.

Sunday over at the Graduate found the cream pies flying. The occasion was a benefit bake sale for Candy Plastique in her run for the Miss Gay Tucson title. The early crowd wasn't that large, but those of us in attendance had a lot of fun. Roger seemed to be getting his jollies off rolling whipped cream snow balls. For a couple of minutes there, his look towards me had me thinking I was going to receive one via air mail. After the day was completed, over \$100 had been raised for Candy, which wasn't too bad when you take into account the small early crowd. I had to leave early, but I understand Candy later on also received a cream pie in the face. Now that's one way to help your own cause. Was it worth it?

There's only one month to go until Tucson experiences its first "First Ladies Weekend". From everything I've heard around town so far, this run weekend will probably be the first time all the local clubs will be out of town at the same time. I guess the bars

should close shop and join all of us on the run. Don't get me wrong with the other festivities that will be going on that week in preparation of this year's Pride Week, there will still be a lot of people in town.

Speaking of Pride Week, I haven't heard any of the plans as of yet, but I'm sure this paper will have all the details and schedules in it as the time draws near.

The TKO is off on another of their fun-type city projects. This time it's a strip contest. TKO will be holding a strip contest every other month, over at IBT's in conjunction with DL's Bear Bust. Each contest will produce one winner, who later on down the road will compete with other winners for a yearly prize. All prizes will be in the form of cash.

For anyone who has entered but did not win, they can re-enter in the next contest. Winners will not be allowed to enter any more contests until the final yearly contest. Watch for posters and entry forms to start appearing in the bars announcing the first contest and date and time. So, get those "G" strings ready, practice with different songs, and be ready for this fun-filled day at IBT's. An early clue as to how voting will be done, audience response counts heavily.

I'll leave all this for the week. With the holiday coming up this weekend, please don't try to overdo it. Be careful with the driving and drinking. Also, play safe in those other games all of us play in two's, three's or whatever.

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the realization that we all have much more in common that we have that's different from one another.

This one short seminar in the first year of medical school is hardly the complete answer to "sensitizing" the medical profession to Gay and Lesbian concerns, but it is a beginning. And as far as I've been able to discover, there are only one or two other schools in the whole country that devote any part of their curriculum to this issue. Most of tomorrow's physicians are having no real discussion of these issues anywhere within a structured format in their training.

How interesting that here in Arizona, medical students have at least an elective they can take that does address issues of concern to a large minority within our society. As I said, it's a beginning.

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MECHAN RECALL

Kick-Off Cocktail Parties will be held statewide. At each location, the Committee will raffle off the privilege to be the first signer on that area's petition.

On Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12, the Committee will start circulating petitions in earnest. At shopping centers, at public places and in neighborhoods all over the states. This will be the time to shine for those who have volunteered to help circulate Recall Petitions.

The Mechan Recall Committee can be reached by mail at 1309 E. Northern Avenue, Box 911, Phoenix, Arizona 85020.

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Fort Detrick used for AIDS research

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

Since the days of World War II, Fort Detrick, an Army base in Maryland, has been connected with biological warfare. Until 1969, the connection was with research and development of defense systems based on biological warfare. Now, with the flurry of allegations encouraged most notably by the Soviet press, Fort Detrick is once again being linked to this kind of now-illegal warfare.

First carried in the Soviet "Literaturnaya Gazeta" and most recently in the Soviet military publication "Novosti Military Bulletin", allegations have been floating around that the AIDS virus—which has infected 35,518 persons as of May 11, 1987—was created by, and accidentally released through Fort Detrick. Previous reports—including a front page story in the "London Sunday Express" of Oct. 25, 1986—allege that the AIDS virus is man-made (and) was artificially created by American scientists during laboratory experiments which went disastrously wrong. The United States Defense Department has stated very firmly that there was no truth to the allegations.

Charles Dasey, spokesperson for the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command at Fort Detrick said that research and development for biological warfare was terminated at the base in 1969.

Other less widespread allegations connect the AIDS virus to reports that American military personnel released a man-made virus—called the African Swine Virus—into the pig population in Cuba in an attempt to kill Fidel Castro who established himself as President of Cuba after a successful overthrow of that government in 1959.

Reports of the number of AIDS cases in Cuba have not been made available at this time.

At least one medical source has stated that the African Swine Virus and the human AIDS virus are very similar in genetic structure.

Fort Detrick is now the site of research being done by the National Cancer Institute. Some of that research concerns testing drugs and treatment for AIDS, and the development of an AIDS vaccine.

Mecham aide defends bumper sticker

PHOENIX (AP) — A bumper sticker reading "Queer Ed Buck's Recall" means "foil the recall" drive against Gov. Evan Mecham and is "a cute play on words," a Mecham aide says.

Donna Carlson, Mecham's legislative liaison, acknowledged Monday, May 18, that she had distributed the bumper stickers, which a GOP precinct committeeman, Bob Croft said he made independent of the Mecham administration.

"People asked for them, I handed them one," Carlson said. Croft said the stickers weren't meant to be offensive.

Buck had been a major spokesman for the movement to recall Mecham but stepped down shortly after acknowledging his homosexuality in response to comments at a news conference called by Mecham supporters. (OBSERVER, April 8).

Bob Hegyi, director of the Lesbian and Gay Community Switchboard, said he felt the bumper sticker "shows a great deal of insensitivity."



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A Critics Review.....

Ben Corbin

A Phoenix group came to Tucson this past weekend to entertain. First on the run, they were at Colette's on Friday night, then the Graduate on Saturday night and finally at 187's on Monday night. I caught the show at the Graduate. The opening number by Moosala and Pussy Le Hoot was sloppy. Not only was the lip-synchronization out of synchronization, those two couldn't even remember who was doing what voice when. The comedy skit following the opening number was humorous at times, but it appeared to be more ad-libbing than a prepared performance.

There were some good numbers by Moosala and Pussy Le Hoot, but their evening was inconsistent. The real highlight of the evening was Gaylia with her live voice renditions. Two local talents were also present at the Graduate, Tabatha Scott did a serious number which was entertaining and was in contrast to the more humorous acts. The most memorable act was Candy Plastique doing her number of Tammy Bakker - the make-up with the mascara running down her face and on her costume was too much. The really best part of the whole show was when Pussy Le Hoot tried to sit on that three inch tall and fell off three times, the last time losing her wig and crawling off the stage. It was too perfect to have been rehearsed.

The Miss Gay Tucson Contest is coming up fast and I wanted to have interviews with all of the contestants. This week I had my interview with Scott Cole aka Tabatha Scott. You know, the more I get into these interviews, the more I find out that I am really liking these people. I hope that by giving some background on each one, that the public will accept them not as a costumed figure on a stage, but as real individuals doing what they can to entertain and hoping that the public will be pleased with their endeavors.

Scott was born in Yuma, Arizona on August 31st. He lived a totally different life growing up in Yuma that he does now. Scott lived in Yuma, but everything was more rural than urban, he was a real "outdoorsey" type. He is one of three children in his family, he has a younger sister and one older brother who is now deceased. Scott's parents divorced when he was eleven years old. His mother now lives in Phoenix and has accepted Scott as he is. "My mother has helped me morally and emotionally", says Scott, "but my father and step-mother has not accepted my life-style even though they have accepted me as their son."

Scott Cole/Tabatha Scott says that his most rewarding moment on stage was when his mother was at the performance when he did a rendition of "I Am Your Lady". His mother broke out in tears as the words to the song seemed to relate to their life together and it touched her deeply.

Scott began doing female impersonations in Phoenix about two years ago. His greatest backer was Penelope Poupe' who encouraged him and taught him a lot. The costumes Scott wears now are still a reflection of Penelope's tastes. Scott has had

no professional training for the stage, but he did study with a modeling school in Phoenix which helps with his stage appearance. His costumes he buys at local stores on the "lay away" plan but for his comedy numbers he usually buys at thrift stores.

"Being Miss Gay Tucson is important to me", says Scott. "Not necessarily for the title but for my involvement with the community. I want to be a part of the community. Two of my closest friends are also running and my greatest fear is that the pageant might pull us apart. If I am not the winner, then I will give my full support to who does one."

Good luck to you Scott Cole/Tabatha Scott. We will be looking for you up in the front row.

Stunt Malibu Christi Fan Club Newsletter

What did Miss Mae do to that poor chicken to make him flee the country. To pluck, or not to pluck, is that the question? Has Sammy Jo Carrington finally come out of the woodwork? Camille Devoun, the w— of the hills decided the west coast was too dead for her, so off to the hills to stir up some action.

Seems Christina, Mae, Jade and Marlana the Munchkin Maker discovered the outrageous life-style of plush Fairy Hills Estate. Christina may be a street girl but will she ever become a mountain girl like Mysterious Mountain Magda, the Fairy Hills resident of Cave #38? Esther Williams may now have some real competition since the water ballet team from Fairy Hills Estates came into town.

Does Danny Wonder always go for the big bad bulls in the mountains? Mae only got one date, while Danny managed two.

Puchi finally saw the street life she wanted but decided she really didn't like it. Once a Debbie, always a Debbie.

Was that a new dance step Miss Jade learned? It only took a small mud puddle for those pumps to fly.

Is Candi Plastique still looking over her shoulder - mud in who's eye? Just ask Pussy Le Hoot, how is her balance these days? But it's good to know someone can still do the splits.

How are Ronda's bruises. Is Helen really the homebody she claims to be? Has Cave #38 really been sub-let? Is Ann Slanders really down under? And is the Butch Marshmallow an easy pickup?

Till next time, forever yours
Jza Jza LaMore

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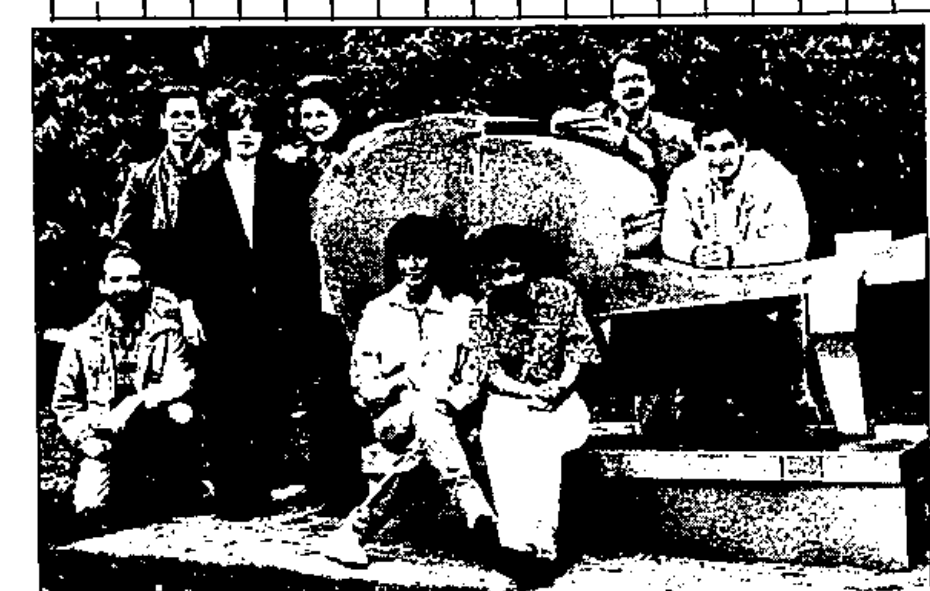
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wednesday

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 - Domestic Beer \$1.00 with other specials.
FINELINE - Full service bar open 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. T-Squares meet at 7 pm. THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET PLACE - Fine food and spirits open for dinner 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.
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 - 1 am.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open Noon to 1 a.m.
RUMOR HAZZIT - \$1.00 Well Drinks or Long Neck Domestic Beer & Munchies 4-7 pm.

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 - Full service bar open 5 pm to 1 am. T-Squares meet at 7 pm. THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET PLACE - Fine food and spirits. Dinner 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.
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 - Open Noon to 1 am
RUMOR HAZZIT - \$1.00 Well Drinks or Long Neck Domestic Beer & Munchies 4-7 pm. Draft Beer Bust 7 pm to 12 am .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 - Full service bar opens at 5 pm. Downstairs opens at 8 pm for non-alcoholic drinking and dancing. Afterhours till 4 am. THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET PLACE Fine food and spirits open for dinner at 5 pm. Afterhours dining 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). Dancing 8 to 1.
JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm - 1 am.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open Noon to 1 am
RUMOR HAZZIT - \$1.00 Well Drinks and Long Neck Domestic Beer plus Munchies 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 - Full service bar opens at 5 pm. Downstairs opens at 8 pm for non-alcoholic drinking and dancing. After-hours till 4 am. THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE. Fine food and spirits. Dinner at 5 pm. Afterhours till 4 am.
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 - Open Noon to 1 am
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 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 pm \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's from 9 pm until 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - "Wine Down Nite" .75 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite at 7 pm.
FINELINE - Full service bar opens at noon. T-Squares meet at 1 pm. THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE Fine food and spirits. Sunday Brunch noon to 3 pm. Sandwiches and light fare until 9:00 p.m.
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 "Wine Madness" every hour (?). Dance 8pm-1am
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open Noon to 1 am.
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. Brunch served 12:30 to 3:30 pm. \$3.00 per plate. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys \$1.25 during brunch hours.

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 - Full service bar open 5 pm to 1 am.
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 "Wine Madness".
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open Noon to 1 am
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 1 pm to 1 am. 4 to 7 pm Well drinks or domestic long neck beer \$1.00, munchies. Video dancing begins at 9 pm.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Dave Pierson DJ's in J/T beginning at 9 pm.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. "Sudsercize!" .40 draft Beer from 8:00 until midnight. Alternative listening and dancing music from 60s - 70s and early 80s from 7 to 11.
FINELINE - Full service bar open 5 pm to 1 am. THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE. Fine food and spirits open for dinner at 5 pm.
GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks \$1.50 till closing plus other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm: Well Drinks \$1.00, Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am "Wine Madness".
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open Noon to 1 am
RUMOR HAZZIT - Well drinks or domestic long necks \$1.00, munchies 4-7 pm. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

MAY 20, 1987

SPORTS

JOSHUA TREE VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
SPRING LEAGUE
Final Second Half Standings
As of May 17, 1987

TEAM	WON	LOST	GAMES	PCT.
U-GUYS	26	9	35	.743
MEN AT PLAY	24	12	36	.667
FLU & THE TRAMP	13	21	34	.382
MIS PITS	10	24	34	.294

Going 6-0 for the final day of the second half play, the team "U-Guys" came from second place, 2 games behind "Men At Play", to first place. This excellent play has earned the team the right to partake in the playoffs for the championship of the Spring League.

The playoffs will consist of a match of seven games with the first team to win 4 games taking first place. Simultaneously, all the league teams will play in a tournament of double elimination. Based on the high quality of play these past couple of weeks, all the teams have a good chance of doing well.

The Playoffs and Tournament will take place a week from this Sunday, on May 31, at 1:00 p.m. at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket. This will be the final volleyball league play on Sundays at the Joshua Tree until the Fall League starts up this next September.

The Joshua Tree Volleyball League asks you to join us in wishing the best of luck to the guys from the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Volleyball Association who will be playing in a regional tournament in the Gay International Volleyball Association finals this coming Memorial Day weekend in Los Angeles.

JOSHUA TREE MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE
FINAL STANDINGS
PLUS TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL WINNERS
MONDAY, MAY 18, 1987

1ST - PENETRATING FORCE = Alan S; Floyd M; Brian D.
 2ND - SHOTS PLEZZ = Tom S; Michael P; Eddie W.
 3RD - KASSIE'S KLAN = Debbie E; Mike M; Jim G. Jr.

HIGH TEAM GAME SCRATCH = KASSIE'S KLAN = 701
 HIGH TEAM GAME HANDICAP = SHOTS PLEZZ = 706

HIGH TEAM SERIES SCRATCH - THAT'S THE TICKET = 1616 - David N; Mark K; Gordon Mc.
 HIGH TEAM SERIES HANDICAP - THE THUMPERS = 1960 - Brandye M; Lisa L; Kathy Mc.

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 HIGH AVERAGE FEMALE = MARY B. = 144

HIGH GAME SCRATCH MEN = JACK S. = 254
 HIGH GAME SCRATCH FEMALE = LISA L. = 205

HIGH GAME HANDICAP MEN = ED P. = 283
 HIGH GAME HANDICAP FEMALE = MARY B. = 232

HIGH SERIES SCRATCH MEN = MARK K. = 639
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SPECIAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 24

COLETTE'S WEST - Memorial Day Celebration takes place here today with a big Bar-B-Que and Pot Luck meal. DJ dancing will begin at 7:00 p.m. Come on out and boogie!

CONNECTION - 10th Annual Hawaiian Luau in Phoenix takes place here from Noon to 1 a.m. Polynesian dancers, fire eaters, 12 roasted pigs, Mai Tails \$1.50, huge fruit and vegetable Buffet and Special Guests Pamela Stanley and Claudia Barry in concert. The whole nine yards and only \$5.00 Cover for a memorable afternoon. Those who have been to the Luau before know to get there early and stay late. In addition, the first 100 in attendance will receive FREE "Special Editor T-Shirts". See you there.

MONDAY, MAY 25

JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - First Annual Memorial Day Picnic begins at noon with all Midori drinks only \$1.00 from opening to closing. Then at 4ish, the beef on the spit in the B-B-Que pit should be ready to serve. It's complimentary but the chef would like a dollar donation to help defray some of the costs. Such a Deal!

TUESDAY, MAY 26

COLETTE'S WEST - Popular singer Patty McCulla makes a return appearance here at 9 p.m. If you haven't heard Patty, here is your opportunity. She's just great.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

JOSHUA TREE - The next scheduled meeting of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance finalizing plans for the 1987 Lesbian and Gay Pride Week celebrations. More activities are in the planning stages than are shown in this calendar. Be there and give your input. It's feels great to be an active member of your community. Try it!

SUNDAY, MAY 31

FINELINE - "Show of Shows: Give My Regards To Drag Street" will take place here as a fund-raiser for the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance and will help defray costs of producing Pride Week activities as well as other events throughout the year. A strong cast of performers will be giving their all for a very worthy cause. Will you help?

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

FINELINE - Miss Gay Tucson Pageant takes place here with a Cocktail Social at 6:00 p.m. and Pageant starting at 7:00 p.m. Advance tickets \$8, at the door \$10. Applications are available at all bars.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

HIMMEL PARK - A Softball game, Bar-B-Que Dinner, and fun in the park with Minerva, Queen of Fiesta de Mayo as hostess for the dinner. Besides the Bar-B-Que beef there will be potato salad, beans, green salad, salsa and tortillas and beer. There will be a \$5.00 per person charge for the entire meal with all proceeds going to help defray costs of Pride week activities. The day-long action starts at noon and runs until dusk. Fun in the sun at the softball field area. You can't miss it!

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 THRU SATURDAY, JUNE 27
LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE WEEK CELEBRATION IN TUCSON

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

HIMMEL PARK - The festivities open here at noon and go until dusk with the 10th annual picnic in Himmel Park on Sunday in the Northeast corner bandshell area. Free beer, soft drinks, dancing to live bands and records, food and information booths. Music, party, camaraderie and love are the bywords of this traditional event. Be there and see for yourself. Always attended by a couple thousand party-goers. Join them in this important day in celebration of Pride.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Big show extravaganza after the picnic in conjunction with Lesbian/Gay Pride Week celebration. A big cast of some of the finest in Tucson will be on the schedule. Always a big party that winds up the first day of a weeklong series of celebrations. Y'all come!

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

MOVIE AND WORKSHOP AT MCC CHURCH BUILDING, 560 South Stone. The acclaimed documentary "Before Stonewall" will be shown and discussed. Free snacks and soft drinks. A very interesting movie. Don't miss it.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

SHOWCASE CINEMA - A special major movie with a Gay theme is scheduled to be shown as a fund raiser for the Tucson AIDS Project in conjunction with Pride Week functions. As soon as negotiations are complete, the title and times will be announced.

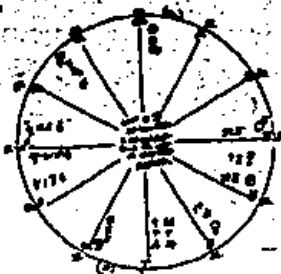
THURSDAY, JUNE 25

IBT's - The always popular Casino Night will held here again this year. Over 300 plants as prizes. A fun time with a very easy chance to win some prizes. Even if you aren't lucky at cards, try 'em - you'll like 'em!

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

COLETTE'S WEST - The Annual Dance Contest will take place here this year. \$150 in prize money for the best of the lot. Times and additional information later.

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Lights of Tucson

by Michael - Tucson

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ARIES

Will be cleaning up the home front, redecorating or expanding their homes. Some will move to other residences, or change their occupations.

TAURUS

Will fall in love, or out of it, start a new affair, become fathers, mothers or grandparents. A good time for some speculation. Play the Pick or the office pool. Take the kids on a vacation trip.

GEMINI

Mosts Gemini's and a few late Taurians will have to watch their health, get a job or work harder at the one they have. New ideas in work or health related areas will bring financial rewards or promotions. A few will hear wedding bells or form new business partnerships.

CANCER

A good time to form new alliances in business or by marriage. For a few it is time to throw those old photos away and begin to look at a different future. Collect any insurance claims or tax refunds now. You may inherit a legacy.

LEO

Old matters come to an end now. Get what you have coming to you and take a trip to distant places. Some extra money may be available from friends or relatives. You could even receive or win a paid vacation.

VIRGO

You guys have all the luck this week. Travel is definitely on your agenda though it may involve

work or health. If you are a college student it may be that summer job you wanted. If a graduate, you may be off to start on your own.

LIBRA

Your week to shine, get your picture in the paper, be interviewed on TV. A trip may be in store for you too. Some public attention or recognition will be yours now. Some honor or award. Maybe that promotion at work you have waited so long for.

SCORPIO

A parting from friends, leaving the group or club. Also a good time to join a club or group, you will receive invitations. Go ahead and join, you can always quit later if you do not find what you are seeking.

SAGITTARIUS

Time to get your secret life in order or face possible exile. Sudden and unexpected events may and will occur that may seem upsetting now, but will be worth the changes they bring.

CAPRICORN

Look out for errors in your calculations. If you have been building something, double check your foundations. Some big bucks can be made now if you play your cards right. Be sure to read the fine print in any contract you sign.

AQUARIUS

Travel even if it is only short trips to visit friends or relatives is on your agenda this week, so are lots of calls, letters and other communications. Friends from the past, old school chums or members of a group you belonged to in the past may show up.

PISCES

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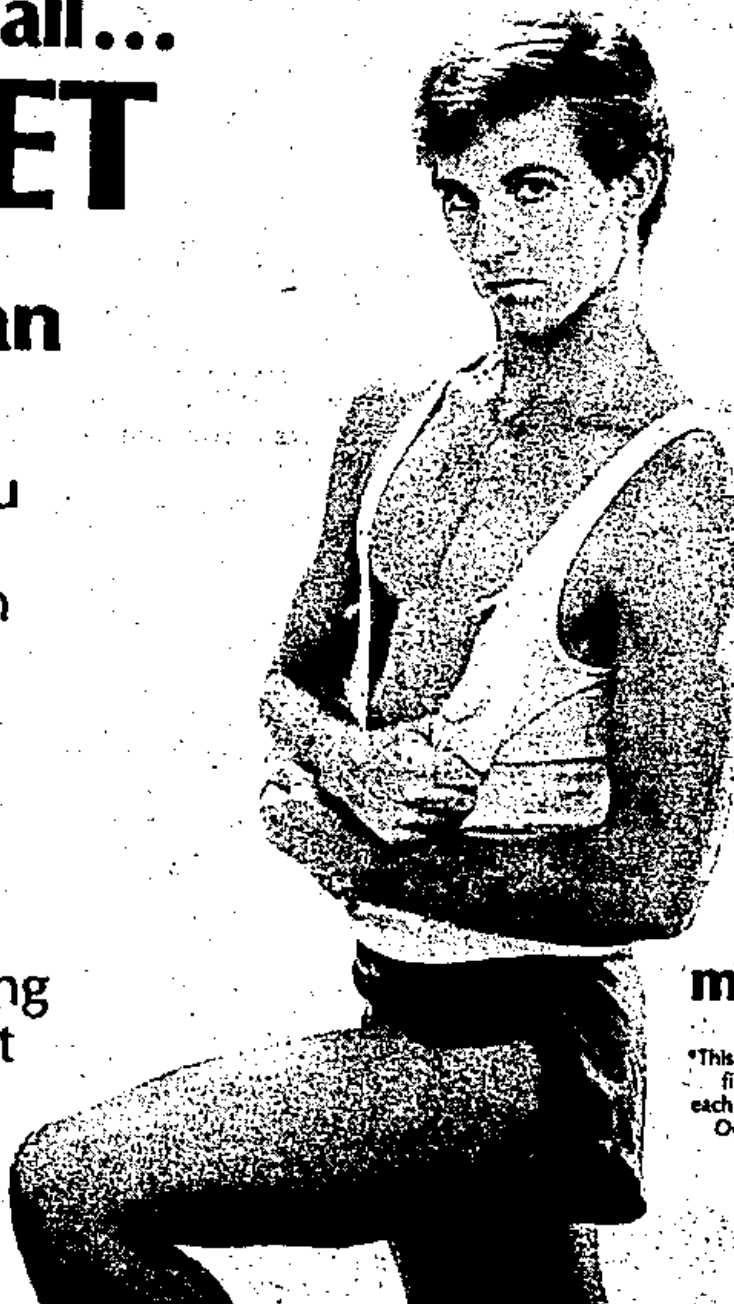
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WHAT'S NEW PUSSYCAT?

by Doc and Ben

I see that my co-writer of this column is already starting to "bad mouth" me when it is his time to write. From his article in last week's paper you would think it was me who did all the dirty work. But let me tell you that it was Doc who took me into this column. I have done everything I can to keep this from becoming just another "gossip" article and it is Doc who dishes the dirt. After all, he has had much more experience at it.

I have to admit that I just don't have a whole lot to report this week, Annie was in Las Vegas and I was trying to behave myself while she was gone by not running around too much. Anything that gets back to Annie about me this past weekend, she will know that it is just a bunch of vicious rumors and she won't believe it. She already knows that it was our new son I was showing around.

Had a really great time at the Graduate Saturday night but the show by Pussy Cat Root Sunday afternoon was much better. I'll say no more about that.... Those really "butch" guys doing the car wash was the best show in town. Roger, Teno and Andrew got rid of a lot of dirt, but not necessarily off their reputations though.

Annie had a few bits of news from Las Vegas and from the sound of things it was a fun weekend in Las Vegas. Understand that Gary woke up at five a.m. in the bathtub - no one knows how or when he got there, including Gary. Candy T. didn't make it as planned but understand that her stand-in really made a big hit at The Buffalo.

As I said, I was being good this weekend entertaining my new son so didn't get too "nose around" too much - but look out because Doc is on the loose this weekend and that "thing" can find out just about anything.

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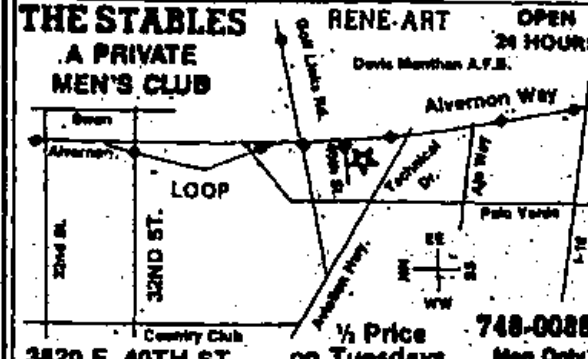
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A View From Within



A COMMENTARY BY
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

CARIBOU

The title of this column actually has nothing to do with the column itself. It just happens that I really enjoy the sound of the word...

Things are a bit slow this past week, so I thought I would review a few facts and bits of stuff with you. Okay?

A couple of weeks ago I reviewed the new film PRICK UP YOUR EARS, by director Stephen Frears. The film opens in Scottsdale this Friday, May 22. I hope you make plans to see it. The day I saw the film in Los Angeles, THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER came out with its weekly look at box office grosses, and PRICK UP YOUR EARS was number 31, up from number 40, the week before. As of May 5, the film had been in release for only two weeks, and had grossed \$201,313 on only 5 screens nationwide. The manager of the Westside Pavilion cinemas in Los Angeles, Greg Truman, told me that the film had been very popular over the previous weekend—and they were showing the film on two screens.

Way back on November 5, 1986 I told you about a new Gay-themed film, THE FRONT RUNNER, based on the novel by PATRICIA WARREN. It's about a college track coach who becomes attracted to his star runner. Olympian GREG LOUGANIS is part of the cast, as is GRANT SNOW and MATT LATANZI. However, the lead of the film has still to be cast. Apparently the big name stars who have been asked to play the lead are squeamish about playing a homosexual. The paperback book rights to the novel have just been purchased by the New American Library, planning a tie-

in when the film (if the film) is eventually released. The 1975 novel was a big seller going into 17 printings, and 5 million copies.

An article in the newspapers on May 9 carried a bit about Denmark banning discrimination against homosexuals saying the move is needed to, "protect Gays at a time of increased concern about the deadly disease AIDS". The Swedish Parliament will consider, later this month, a similar law which would also grant homosexual couples all the privileges of a common-law marriage. Way to go!

And what about recently deceased nine-term Congressman Stewart McKinney who died from AIDS. The official first-word said he contracted the disease from surgery, but the next day, the story was that he had "homosexual encounters". It was reported that his wife "didn't deny" the reports. Apparently, Congressman McKinney had said he wanted the cause of his death to be known to help draw attention to AIDS. A bit odd that he didn't want his "homosexual encounters" known, too. It could have been a great boost to the cause of Gay Civil Rights.

Lastly, I picked up two great books when in Los Angeles recently—I got them because they are strangely not anywhere to be found in my neck of the woods... They are GAY AMERICAN HISTORY, by Jonathan Katz. The 1976 book, published by Harper and Row, is an extensive look at the history of Lesbians and Gay men in the USA. Filled with documented information, the book is a must for all

personal libraries.

Then, there is THE GAY BOOK OF DAYS, by Martin Greif. Published by Lyle Stuart, Inc. This book is a factual/gossipy look at famous birthdays and dates of important events involving those who "May have been, probably was, and almost certainly seems to have been Gay". (I know the tense is a bit off in that last quote, but bear with me, okay?)

That's the view from here. See you next week!



LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR:

We want to take this opportunity to thank the following organizations and businesses who helped us meet our goal and go to the National Gay Volleyball Association tournament in West Hollywood this coming Memorial Day Weekend.

We thank these organizations and all other individuals who helped us in this endeavor: Joshua Tree/Back Pocket; Ramon Bazzit; IBT's; Graduate; Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance; Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association and the Tucson Knight Owls.

We hope to bring a trophy back with us. Thanks again to all.

Tucson Gay/Lesbian Volleyball Association

TO THE EDITOR:

Having attended several drag shows in Tucson, I have the need to comment on many racist statements, (statements, not jokes—jokes are for the enjoyment of all in attendance) made by performers towards hispanics and blacks. The latest incident occurred at the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta at the Joshua Tree when Aviva Diamond referred to the "Mexicans" as "Tacos". This being an important day in my

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culture, I especially found it quite tasteless and disturbing. Disturbing because of the frequency of these statements.

In closing, as a Gay Chicano, I have had to fight twice as hard to stop prejudice and ignorance from infiltrating my life. What makes me quite sad is that the one community that I am a part of, and has no color boundaries, is the one I need to be most concerned about.

Enrique Gomez - Tucson

TO ALL CONCERNED:

We would like to give our thanks to everyone who helped us in our candidate campaigning for Fiesta de Mayo.

Very truly yours

Committee for Minerva & Juan
Fiesta de Mayo, 1987

News from MCC Tucson

This coming weekend is Memorial Day Weekend when our big Yard Sale takes place. It will be going every day, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be many items for sale and there will be a food concession stand so you can snack while you are looking around. This Yard Sale will be held at the church, 560 South Stone. Come on out and see what you can find that you can't live without.

Sunday, June 7th will be another big day for MCC/Tucson. We will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday with a big "birthday party" for the church. As explained in an earlier article, this is the day that the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles as told in the second chapter of Acts. Watch for more details on this big day in the life of MCC/Tucson.

Thought for the Week: Forget our yesterday mistakes, don't worry about tomorrow mistakes, keep today's mistakes at a minimum.

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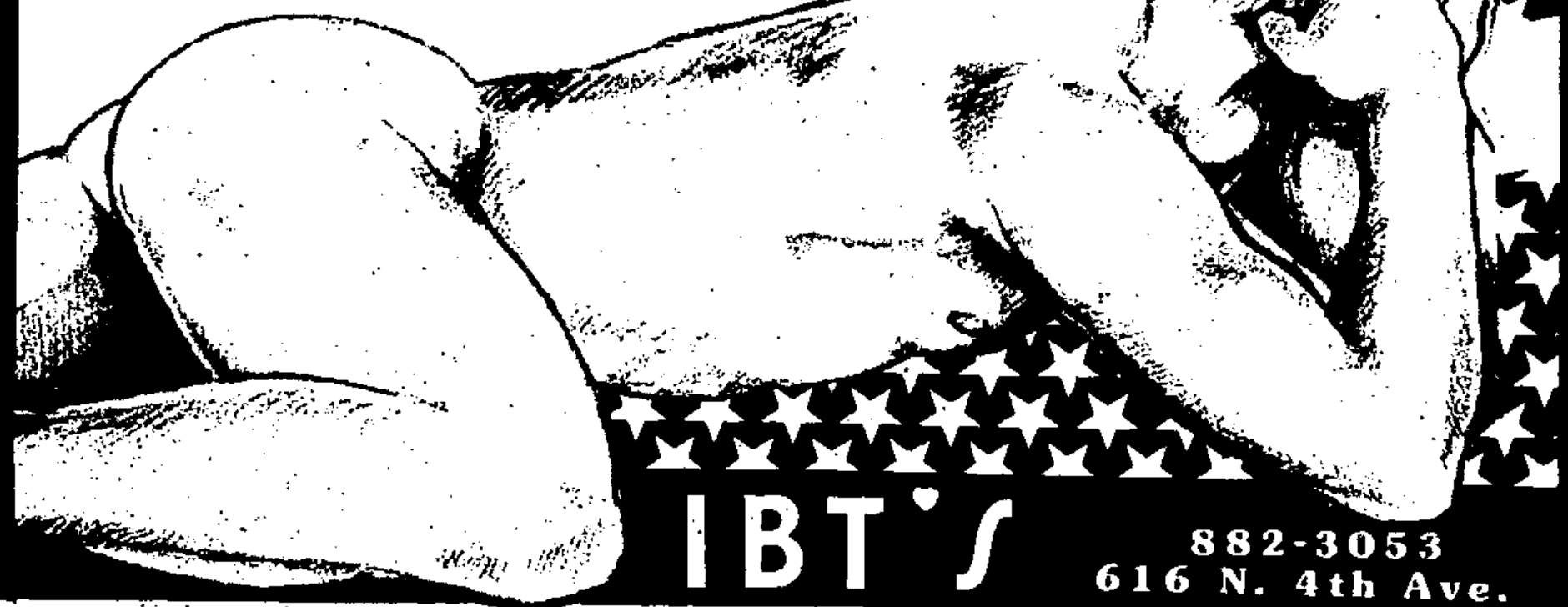
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