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Tucson Pride Week plans firmed up

TUCSON - Lesbian/Gay Pride Week '87 plans in Tucson are firming up. Some last minute rescheduling is taking place but for the most part, finalization of plans continues. Here are the planned events as of press time. A final, complete list of events will be published next week along with flyers and posters which will also announce the Pride Week '87 events.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21
Noon to dusk, the 10th annual Picnic in Himmel Park. 30 kegs of free beer, soft drinks, dancing, live entertainment by Domino Theory, Loren Johnson plus a whole lot more. Thousands attend this annual affair which ranks among the largest gatherings in the state.



LESBIAN/GAY
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8:30 p.m. Showtime at Rumor Hazzit. No Cover. A cast of many of Tucson and Phoenix's finest will present this revue that will close the first day of Pride Week 1987.

MONDAY, JUNE 22
RITA'S will be presenting an evening of specially programmed music for dancing and will be showing videos and slides of past Pride Week events as well as the video of this year's picnic.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23
7:30 to 10:30 p.m. a movie concert and workshop discussion will be held at the MCC Church Building, 560 S. Stone. The movie "Before Stonewall" (1984) is an

archival survey of the social, political and cultural progress of the homosexual community from the 1920's to the 1969 riots at the Stonewall Bar in New York. A riveting documentary and highly recommended to anyone interested in Lesbian/Gay Pride!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23
The movie/fundraiser for the Tucson AIDS Project originally scheduled for this time has been cancelled. Watch for a substitute event in next week's paper.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24
'CASINO NIGHT' and 'CARD SHARKS' will be held at IBT's beginning at 7:00 p.m. Casino night is directed by Sisters of Sonora. A lot of great prizes for those who

Tabitha Scott named Miss Gay Tucson



TUCSON - Shown above is Arizona Pageant owner Rob Thorne (L), and Miss Gay Arizona II Jamie De Sario

TUCSON - Despite a last minute location change, the Arizona Pageant's Miss Gay Tucson contest took place at Rumor Hazzit last Sunday, June 7 without incident and to a packed house.

Three contestants were entered into this year's contest, Candy Plastique, Jacqueleen De Savoi and Tabitha Scott. When the dust had settled at the end of the evening of presentations and entertainment, Tabitha Scott was named Miss Gay Tucson III, with Jacqueleen De Savoi as First Runner-Up and Candy Plastique as Second Runner-Up. Miss Gay Tucson received flowers and a first place prize of \$100 and is now eligible to enter the Miss Gay Arizona Pageant later this year as well as the Miss Gay America Pageant also to be held later this year.

Maark Bouvier and Roger Barger worked furiously for three days prior to this year's Pageant to assure its success, and the outstanding success of this event is due to their efforts. Rob Thorne and Jay Murillo of the Phoenix-based Arizona Pageants have expressed their congratulations to these two Tucsonans for their hard work in planning and execution, as well as all the people, clubs and organizations that they recruited to carry out the event that ran so smoothly.

Miss Gay Tucson II, Miss Aviva Diamond relinquished her reigning crown to Tabitha Scott in an emotional ceremony on stage. Scott had been sponsored by Colette's West, and when she was announced as winner pandemonium broke out.

The large crowd was treated to an evening of great entertainment provided by a cast of performers from both Tucson and Phoenix. They included: Miss Gay

on the right congratulating the newly crowned Miss Gay Tucson III Tabitha Scott. See separate story.

Tucson II Aviva Diamond; the reigning Miss Gay Arizona, Jamie De Sario and Rhianon, the current Miss Gay Phoenix. Others were Bobbi Jo, Nicole Leigh, Penelope Poupe' and Lady Casandra. Co-MC's for the evening were Lady Casandra and Monte-Jon Gilmer.

The three contestants were presented in a variety of gowns and costumes - white formal wear, contemporary fashions, evening wear as well as performing in a talent contest. All three contestants had the audience applauding and screaming for their favorites throughout the evening and the judges' decision was not an easy one. All three presented themselves as professionals and it is unfortunate that there could be only one winner.

Arizona Pageants is to be congratulated for their choice of judges. They were a very diverse group of people from Tucson and Phoenix and they proved to be able to carry the evening's decision of winners off without any animosity from anyone, which unfortunately is the case in many contests of this type. The judges are to be especially congratulated for a job very well done. They include, nationally known entertainer and recording artist Rusty Warren; Gloria Ryan, tax expert and accountant; Mr. Chuck Moore of the Arizona Wedding Guide; Wanda Rock, nationally known sex educator and Connie Hoey, former judge for Patricia Stevens modeling.

All in all, Arizona Pageants is to be congratulated as well as their Tucson representatives for producing a program such as this which lends credibility to titles that is so often viewed as not legitimate or not genuine.

As added icing on the
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Gay Pride

UPDATE

PRESIDENT'S AUCTION

TUCSON - Get out your calendars and mark down Sunday, June 14 as an event you don't want to miss. That's the day the President's of Tucson's clubs will hold an auction at the Graduate beginning at 9:00 p.m. All proceeds from this auction will be donated to the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP). The auction will be conducted by Roger Barger of the Graduate with added assistance from Miss Candy Plastique.

Items to be auctioned off will include posters, framed and unframed art prints along with handmade and miscellaneous articles. There will also be a surprise auction involving Candy Plastique which promises to be very interesting!!!

All items are donations generated through the Presidents of the various clubs in Tucson. The clubs that will be represented include Desert Leathermen, Great Outdoors, Partners, T-Squares, SOS, TALL and TRO along with the Non-Club.

So, make it a point to stop by and check it out. You may find just what you've always been looking for. And all monies are tax deductible. This is the kick-off for the upcoming First Ladies Weekend, to be held June 19, 20 and 21, and is another means of bringing all clubs and the Tucson Gay community together in the name of brotherhood... and that's what it's all about.

COPPERSTATE LEATHERMEN

CHOOSE TRAX AS HOME BAR
PHOENIX - The Copperstate Leathermen's Association will hang their organizational "colors" at Trax, 1724 E. McDowell on Saturday, June 13. The formal ceremony will begin at 8:00 p.m., and will affirm to the community that Trax is "Home of the Copperstate Leathermen".

The formal ceremonies will be concluded in less than an hour. There will be a presentation of colors in which all organizations are invited to participate by displaying their organizational "colors" or banners. Following the ceremonies a party will ensue.

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TABITHA SCOTT

NAMED MISS GAY TUCSON III

cake', Skeets Mathews of AA Vending 'matched' the first prize money of \$100 to be donated to Shanti Foundation of Tucson. Mark Elenz of IBT's quickly donated \$200 to the same cause and Roger Barger, not to be outdone, matched IBT's donation in the name of the Graduate. Shanti Foundation of Tucson is the recipient of \$500 from these three benefactors in less than two minutes of non-scheduled fund-raising.

Congratulations to everyone for a terrific evening and congratulations to Tabitha Scott, Miss Gay Tucson III.

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1ST ANNUAL MR. GAY ARIZONA CONTEST

PHOENIX - The First Annual Mr. Gay Arizona - All America Contest will be held Sunday, June 21 in Phoenix. Application brochures will be available soon for all prospective contestants at all bars in Phoenix and Tucson. If unable to locate one, call the Arizona Pageants office 247-0881 in Phoenix. The application brochures will have all rules and regulations, so all contestants are sure to meet the registration criteria for this contest.

Registration deadline is Sunday, June 21 at noon. The annual event which is scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. will be held at the Network Lounge, 3025 N. 24th Street in Phoenix.

The contest which is open to all men of the United States, will judge contestants in categories of Formal Wear, Swim Wear, Personal Interview, and Talent or Expression, on the national point system.

The \$500 plus in prize money and gifts will be given away that evening and the winner will go on to the National Contest of Mr. Gay All America, which will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas this year.

The pageant is open to the public. General admission tickets are \$5.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the door. For more information contact Rob Thorne at the Arizona Pageant office (602) 247-0881.

TOUCHING AS HEALING

by Marc Haberman, BA, MT

Touching today is more important than ever. With the increasing stress of living in our society, AIDS and other concerns, we need to maintain a nurturing environment. Most of us are not touched enough. Touch actually helps build the immune system, and adds to our self-esteem.

The easiest way to have more of a nurturing touch is to hug, hug, hug. Be assertive. Hugging is a real exchange of energy. It is safer than sex and feels almost as good.

A better form of touch is massage. Massage is great. It is very therapeutic because it improves the circulation, releases toxins from the lymphatic system, stimulates the nervous system and is very relaxing. If you have never had a professional massage, you are missing one of the finer things in life. Massage is not a luxury. It is very healing. It can relieve pain both physically and emotionally. It helps to integrate the person mentally, emotionally and physically through a deep state of relaxation and balancing of ones energy. Massage is very sensual, not sexual. Some people think it is better than sex. You only live once (in this lifetime), so treat yourself to a healing, loving experience.

[Marc Haberman has been a professional masseur and holistic practitioner for six years. He offers workshops in massage and does individual massage/consultations by appointment at 577-5125 or 881-4582. Try a loving experience!]

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News from MCC Tucson

Last Sunday was Pentecost Sunday - and did we have a Birthday Party! The sanctuary was brightly decorated with red balloons with a large group present at our Morning Service. Instead of a regular message from Pastor Perry, there were three speakers from the congregation. Deacon Rhonda told how it is to be a Christian with her lifestyle. James talked about being a young Christian and Ben spoke on how to be a Christian with the community as a whole. After the Sunday Morning Service there was a cookout in the backyard with fun and games for everyone.

The hot summer months are now here and the new ceiling fans going in the sanctuary are keeping the temperatures more comfortable. The 'swamp coolers' are in the process of being repaired and replaced, so you can't use the excuse that 'it is too hot to go to Church this morning,' anymore.

On Saturday, June 20th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., everyone is invited to an All Arizona Church Picnic. This picnic will be held at the Catalina State Park just north of Tucson off U.S. Highway 89 (Oracle Road). This will be a pot-luck picnic, so bring food, soft drinks and games to share. This picnic is being sponsored by The Team and Friends of Excel In The Desert. For more information, call 323-1344 in Tucson.

Also there is a picnic/swim party being planned for June 27th for MCC/Tucson. If you haven't been to MCC/Tucson for a while and are thinking about it, now is the time to rejoin your family and friends and plan on this special day. More details will be coming up...

Thought for The Week: Why think about it, do it.



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White House protest

signals new era in AIDS activism

WASHINGTON, DC ~ The massive White House demonstration held Monday, June 1 (OBSERVER, June 3), to protest President Reagan's lack of leadership on AIDS signals a new era in AIDS activism, according to Vic Basile, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), and a lead organizer of the event.

"The community is frustrated at the failure of the Executive Branch of our government to exhibit leadership in this time of peril," said Basile. "If responsible action is not forthcoming, we can expect to see more events like this in the future."

64 AIDS and Lesbian and Gay civil rights leaders, persons with AIDS, and their supporters were arrested in an act of civil disobedience during the demonstration, which attracted nearly 500 protesters and more than 150 media representatives.

"This community is fed up with the White House's lack of understanding of the real meaning of this crisis," said Jean O'Leary, executive director of the National Gay Rights Advocates, one of the members of the Coalition for Leadership on AIDS. "And the fact that so many reporters came out to hear us tells me that they are in tune with us — they see the Administration's failings almost as clearly as we do."

Monday's protest was timed to coincide with the opening of the Third International Conference on AIDS, which was held in Washington this week. It also occurred the afternoon following Reagan's announcement at an American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) fundraiser that he was instituting a policy of "routine" AIDS testing for federal prisoners, immigrants and other individuals under government jurisdiction. (OBSERVER, June 3).

The event was sponsored by the "Coalition for Leadership on AIDS," a group whose members included leaders and representatives of more than a dozen major national and local AIDS, and Gay and Lesbian civil rights groups.

Spokesperson for the event was Human Rights Campaign Fund and National Gay Rights Advocate board member Dan Bradley, who was President of the Legal Services Corporation during the Carter Administration, and the first presidential appointee ever to publicly declare his homosexuality. Bradley was diagnosed with AIDS last year, and was the driving force behind the White House protest.

The message behind the protest was that a medical "Manhattan Project on AIDS" is needed to give structure to a new national commitment to defeat the epidemic.

Besides Bradley, O'Leary and Basile, other nationally-known Gay leaders and activists who participated in the event included Leonard Matlovich, a FWA who is best known for the fight to protect his right to serve in the military; Steve Schulte, mayor of West Hollywood, California; David Scodras, a Boston City Councilperson; Vivian Shapiro, board member of HRCF; Paul Boneberg, executive director of Mobilization Against AIDS; Duke Comegys, national co-chair of HRCF; Virginia Apuzzo, board member of NGLTF and a New York State official; Tim Sweeney of Gay Mens Health Crisis; Rev. Troy Perry of Metropolitan Community Church; Tim Wolfred of San Francisco AIDS Foundation; Matt Redman of AIDS Project Los Angeles; Lois Galey Reckitt, deputy director of HRCF; Steve Endean, director of The Fairness Fund; Ralph Payne of California Community AIDS Network;

Larry Kramer, Playwright best known for "The Normal Heart"; and several members of ACTUP, a grassroots organization in New York City.

The demonstration received "massive" press coverage, including segments on all three national network news programs, and front-page coverage in dozens of newspapers. "We've started building a new momentum for getting our message through," said Boneberg. "Now we have to keep it building."

AIDS TESTING INFORMATION
TUCSON - 792-3772
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Pride Rally in Phoenix June 14

PHOENIX - Phoenixians will have a chance to celebrate Lesbian/Gay Pride 1987 at a rally to be held Sunday, June 14 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza, 1700 W. Washington, across from the State Capitol.

Speakers for this year's rally include Naomi Harvard, chairperson of the Mechan Recall Committee; Dianne Post, attorney; Nicholas Snow, Executive Director of the Lesbian/Gay Switchboard. The list as of presstime is incomplete, but will include Still Waters, a singing group as part of the entertainment. There will also be a comedian, music and dancing.

As a highlight of the evening, before dark, the Rally will move from the Plaza, across the street to the Capitol. In a symbolic gesture, the supporters

of Gay and Lesbian rights will join hands as they encircle the Capitol. Afterwards the rally will return to the Plaza to hear the remaining speakers. There will be dancing following the speakers.

Trax, 1724 E. McDowell will extend their hours on June 14 to accommodate people from the Rally. So, after the rally, it's on to Trax.

Persons interested in helping with this event, as peace keepers, passing out flyers, selling t-shirts, or donations are requested to contact Bj Bud, 246-8277 (noon - 10:00 p.m.) or mail contributions to Phoenix Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, P.O. Box 16541, Phoenix, AZ 85011.

Peacekeeper training is scheduled for June 13, from 10:00

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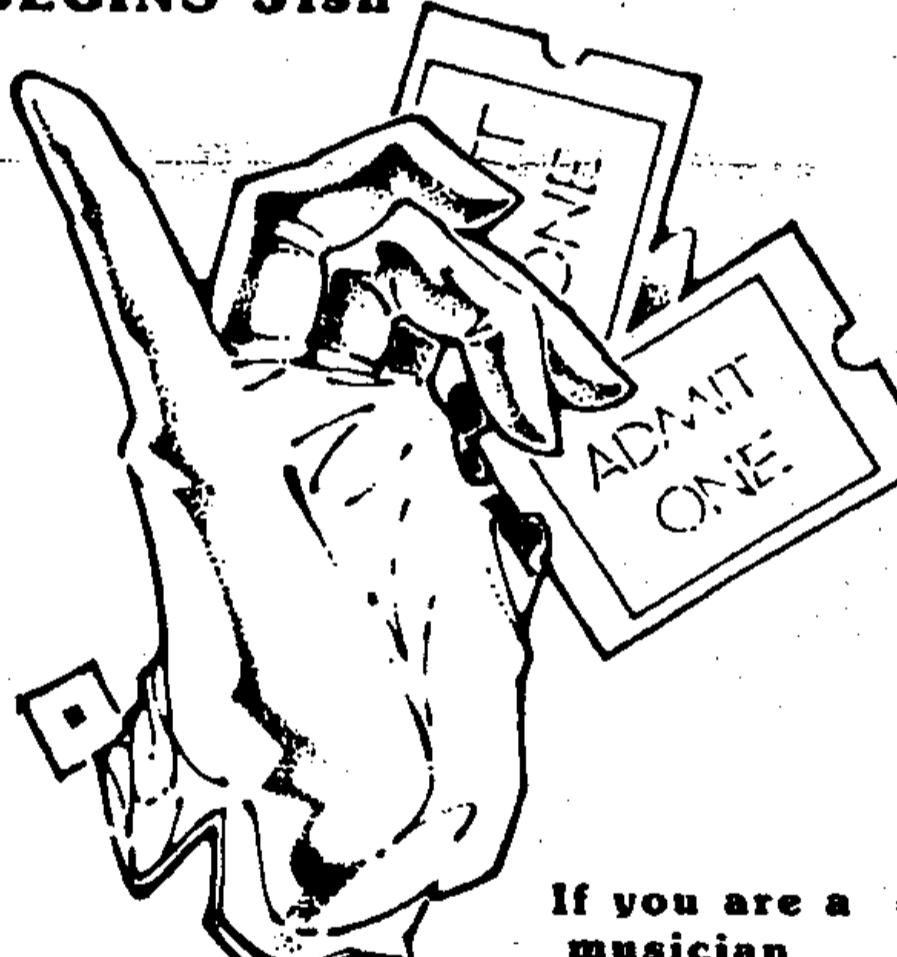
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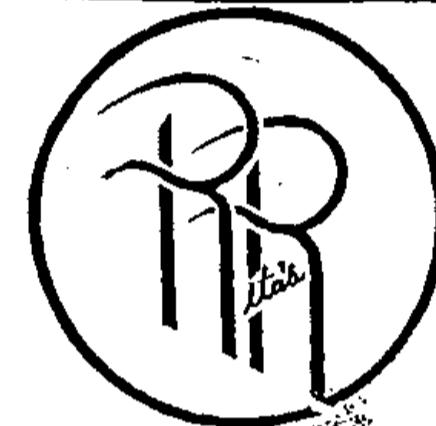
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As I See It

By Bruce Fowler - Tucson

Last weekend I attended the fifteenth anniversary celebration of Dignity/Chicago. I had received a personal invitation earlier in May and since I was in the midwest anyway on family business, I decided to attend.

The celebration started with a dinner-dance at the downtown Marriott Hotel on Michigan Avenue. About 130 persons attended the formal affair in one of the hotel's five ballrooms. Several out-of-town Dignity current and former Board of Directors' members were present, as was the Gay press and several Chicago dignitaries. Mayor Washington sent a letter of appreciation and congratulations; letters and telegrams from all over North America had come in praising the Chicago chapter's 15 years of service to Illinois, the midwest and the nation. It was an impressive celebration.

On Sunday evening, some 400 to 500 people crowded into St. Sebastian's church on the North-side to attend the 15th Anniversary Mass for the chapter. The Mass was concelebrated by 12 priests. The Dignity/Chicago choir sang. That's the understatement of the week - this 40 voice mixed choir of Gays and Lesbians is one of the best choirs I've ever heard. They have several "professional" musicians in the chapter, two of whom graduated from the UofA School of Music and now are composing and performing much of the choir's music. The choir was accompanied by organ, piano, violin, bassoon, flute and two trumpets. I was impressed.

Fifteen years is a long time for any organization to provide service to its members. The national organization of Dignity is 17 years old, with the L.A. chapter being the oldest. Boston and Chicago both celebrate 15 years this year and the rest of the 100 plus chapters fall in line after that. Here in Arizona the Phoenix chapter will celebrate their 12th anniversary this year and the Tucson chapter will celebrate number 10.

Dignity, like MCC and others, has provided many years of service to the Gay and Lesbian communities in North America and Arizona is no exception. These organizations provide a support group in which Gay and Lesbian people can find acceptance and friendships. They provide an educational outreach to the larger community on issues of homosexuality and spirituality. They often work with other Gay and Lesbian groups in the community for the betterment of the community. And they also work for social justice by lobbying for changes in legislation and attitudes among various church and government bodies. To survive for 15 years, as in Chicago, or 10 years, as in Tucson, means that these organizations are doing something right.

This is the time indeed to celebrate. There is much to be upset and angry about in formal religion today, but there is also much to point to with pride. The Catholic Church is far from perfect, but the Catholics of Dignity can take pride in their hot-line outreach and weekly/monthly Mass celebrations. The Metropolitan Community Church may seem strange and distant to those not familiar with evangelism, southern style, but can anyone doubt the hard work and dedication of people like Troy Perry? Someone of whom we can all be proud. The acceptance of Gays and Lesbians on a more open basis in the Episcopal Church is a direct result of the efforts of Integrity as well as the sensitivity to social justice issues by Episcopal clergy and lay alike. Yet in the formative stages, the progress being made within the Methodist, Lutheran, American Baptist and Presbyterian

churches is directly related to both Gay and straight concerns for justice and equality. It's a long way yet to go, but we're at least 15 years or more into it and we can celebrate with pride the steps we've taken.

The Chicago chapter has a hymn they sing called, "We Are God's Family". It was written by one of their members and the opening goes like this:

"We sing of a place and a time
where all creation shall live with
dignity.
We sing of a sharing sublime;
sweetest union amid diversity.
We sing with our heads held high -
a people awaiting the dawn.
We sing with voices of pride
united we celebrate our bond.
We are God's family.
Sons, daughters, brothers, sisters
living with dignity.
Bond together by God's love."

The bond that holds us together is our common union in the people that we are and we are God's Gay and Lesbian children in celebration of our personhood.

WHAT'S UP DOC?

Congratulations to Tabitha Scott, Miss Gay Tucson for 1987-88. We all hope your year will bring you a lot of happiness and many fond memories.

This Sunday will be a full day at the Graduate. Starting at noon, TKO, TALL and SOS will be hanging a trophy case. Afterwards, around 2:00 p.m., it will be time for a free buffet put on by the three clubs. Later on, the presidents of the different clubs of Tucson, who are taking part in the First Ladies Weekend, will be holding an auction of different art items, with the proceeds going to a "needy-local" organization. Then on comes SOS with their ever-popular Casino Night. Finally ending the evening off, we will have Candy Plastique doing a few of her famous numbers, to entertain all of us. Yes, it's going to be a full, fun-filled day at the Graduate, so stop in and join in.

The next weekend, June 19-21, it's the First Ladies Weekend. I'm looking forward to this run because all Tucson clubs are involved, and each club is in some competition with each other for the best campsite, best table setting, and no telling what all. Then there is going to be a show put on by almost everyone. The results will probably set show business back 100 years. There is still room for you to join in on this weekend, so get in touch with one of the different club's First Ladies at either the Graduate or IBT's, or contact Kip or Gary at 790-2558.

The same Sunday that the First Ladies Weekend is over, Sunday, June 21, Gay Pride Week kicks off in Tucson with the big picnic at Himmel Park. More partying! After that week is over, it's the 4th of July weekend, and after that (so far) nothing planned. I'll finally be able to kick back, have a few cold Buds. June is a fun month with something each weekend, and I know that I'll want a rest. Now watch someone come along and screw it up. Maybe Keith and I can slip off to Mount Lemmon and hide out.

Before closing I want to praise Roger and Mark for this year's Miss Gay Tucson Pageant. With the short period of time to work with, they were able to pull others together and present probably the best pageant this state has had. If both would have had the time, I'm sure they could have filled the Little Theatre at the Community Center. Having worked on similar projects, I know

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A Critics Review

The presentation of Miss Gay Tucson Pageant held at Rumor Hazzit proved to be a success as an evening of entertainment. There was standing room only when the presentation began late. How else? The three contestants were, as to be expected, extremely nervous. The atmosphere was festive and the Hors d'Oeuvres provided by the Arizona Pageant and prepared by Bucky were quite tasty. So, the delay in starting didn't really seem too long.

The duo Masters of Ceremonies, Lady Casondra and Mr. Monte-Jon, were entertaining and a bit above the average, especially when they had to ad-lib through the delay while one of the contestants was recovering from the heat. The show began with the introductions of Miss Aviva Diamond as Miss Gay Tucson II, Rhiannon as Miss Gay Phoenix II and Jamie De Sario as Miss Gay Arizona II. The three contestants were next introduced - Miss Jacqueen de Savoi as Contestant I, Tabitha Scott as Contestant II and Candy Plastique as Contestant III. Their introduction in their white gowns was stunning and I am sure was a tough decision for the judges on the points.

The show opened with Miss Aviva Diamond. Her presentation was good, the lip-sync flawless but the number proved to be too long and the audience was getting restless before the song was finished. The following act by Jamie De Sario doing Marilyn Monroe was quite startling. Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend was good, but the second number proved to be even better. I have seen better impersonations of M.M. but Jamie need take no back seat with her impersonation.

The second presentation of the contestants was for "Contemporary Fashions" and the costumes

Ben Corbin
were great. The costume that Tabitha Scott wore was outstanding and the crowd went wild. Or it could have been that I was sitting too close to Colette's table. Anyway, I was duly impressed with the costume.

Rhiannon was the next entertainer, and entertain she did. The costume was stunning but a little garish, all of that gold did dazzle. Her delivery was good and I could find no visible flaws in her performance. Penelope Poupe followed with a beautiful rendition of "Over The Rainbow" (Thank Heavens it wasn't Judy). The red costume was also beautiful and her rendition was good but there was a bit too much mouth movement which made the lip-sync more obvious.

The third presentation of the contestants was "Talent Contest". What I was expecting I didn't get, and what I wasn't expecting I did get. Jacqueen De Savoi's delivery was good, the lip-sync great and she gave the audience what they wanted. Tabitha Scott followed with her rendition of "City Lights". One of the quickest and best changes during a number that I have witnessed. This number actually proved to be one of the highlights of the evening. Candy Plastique had the task of following last but being the trouper that she is, gave a good performance for the judges. The blonde wig worn in this number was distracting. The make-up used was too much for the platinum hair and made the facial features quite harsh.

Bobbi Jo followed the "Talent Contest" with one of her country/western numbers which was a change of pace from the previous numbers and proved to be refreshing. As usual, Bobbi Jo's delivery was good and her stage presence was without a blemish. Nicole Leigh following with two more country/western numbers. These also proved to be entertaining but the production manager should have spaced these two artists doing the same type of material a little further apart. Three country/western numbers, all in a row, were a bit too much and put the performers in a competing position. Lady Casondra next did a live number with the musical background. This performance was a relief from all the lip-sync's and was greatly appreciated.

The final presentation of the contestants was "Evening Gowns". This again was a hard decision for the judges. They were all outstanding, but the gown worn by Candy Plastique, designed by Miss Aviva Diamond was a work of art.

The final numbers as presented by Rhiannon and Jamie De Sario were both good delivery but there seemed to be something missing in both numbers. Whether it was the growing excitement of trying to out-judge the judges or the growing heat building up in the crowded, smoke-filled, room or both, the two numbers seemed like a let-down but I couldn't find a reason for it.

As it will be noted in other columns of this issue, Miss Tabitha Scott won the Miss Gay Tucson crown, with Jacqueen De Savoi as first runner-up and Candy Plastique as second runner-up. Congratulations Tabitha Scott, it won't be long before you stop hearing "Who's Tabitha Scott?"

This is a review column and as such should be strictly limited to the review of the performers. But in this case, I have to say we all owe Roger Barger and Bruce Pegg of Rumor Hazzit for the tasks of getting it all together in such a short time and so well.

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WHAT'S NEW PUSSYCAT?

by Doc and Ben

The Miss Gay Tucson Pageant is now history and Tabitha Scott has been crowned to reign for the upcoming year. Competition was very good by each of the three contestants and in my book, all three were winners.

Tucson can be very proud because, with the efforts of Mark and Roger, this pageant was put together in one week's time and was very successful.

Of course, par for the course, the festivities were late getting started. I wonder what would happen if I went to work every day late. When your followers get there early, why can't the show start on time? I also wonder what would happen if the audience got up and all walked out if the show didn't start on time?

What was also very interesting was the fact that souvenir items were available (T-shirts, ball caps - both for only \$5 and key chains for \$1), but unless you happened to have seen them, no one knew they were available.

Of course, Ben C. was swishing through the crowd selling the key chains, but Annie and I both felt the only reason he was doing that was of the 'accidental' feels. Did you also know he has a birthday coming up the end of June? I wonder which one this will be - 88 or 98? I will give him credit, for an aging actress of his age, he does get around.

I looked down the bar at the pageant and what a sight. There parked on their tushies were about ten drag queens, one leg over the other, in a real pretty lady pose. The legs, well I will admit I've seen worse, but that was back in the Hair Tiz days.

Stay calm folks and watch for Ben. He is carrying a tape recorder and getting material for this and other columns. He's writing next week, so be careful.

"I foresee a fine time for all"

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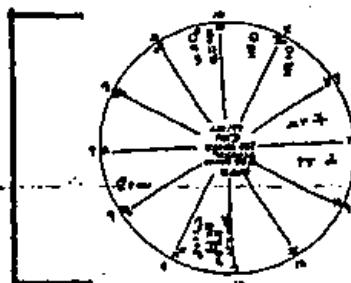
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PISCES

Time for a check-up, pay attention to details at work, this is not the time for day-dreaming if you want to hold your job. Co-workers may be stirring up gossip or working behind your back to your disadvantage. Do not get into it with the boss at this time. Stay out of the direct drafts of air conditioners to avoid summer colds now.

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For personal astrological information call Michael at 327-4243 in Tucson. Michael can be seen on McCaw Cable Channel 37 Tucson every Friday at 5:00 p.m.

DESERET ROSE TO PLAY THIRD FRIDAY COFFEEHOUSE JUNE 19

TUCSON The popular Phoenix-based band "Desert Rose" will be playing at the Third Friday Womyn's Coffeehouse beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19. The band features country and bluegrass material.

The Third Friday Womyn's Coffeehouse is located at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street. The Coffeehouse opens at 8:00 p.m. on the third Friday of each month and features different entertainment each month. All women are welcome.

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WHAT'S UP DOC

the amount of work, the hours of running around, the phone conversations and countless hours of lost sleep they both went through this week. Thanks guys for a hell of a good job. Now kick back and take a week off to relax.

I hope everyone has a loving, safe, fun-filled week and I'll be seeing all of you in the near future.

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PHOENIX TO CELEBRATE PRIDE WEEK WITH RALLY AT STATE CAPITOL
a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at ASU. "If everyone who has peacekeeper experience would volunteer, we would be in great shape," said Bj who is heading up the Rally as Chairperson of the Committee.

AQUARIUS

Your week for a roll in the hay with a new partner, buy a Pick ticket or play the office pool. You may become a parent or grandparent this week. Cupid's arrow might get you when you are least expecting it.

LEO

Teamwork is the name of your game this week. You may be asked to join some group dedicated to humanitarian endeavors, or be elected to club office in an organization you already belong to.

GEMINI

Not the week for you to do any traveling. You may miss receiving important news or documents.

Take care while driving and say nothing in phone conversations that might be misconstrued and held against you at a later time.

CANCER

Military affairs may take center stage now for Cancers. Rewards are due for those new ideas and you may receive a promotion or pay increase. If you are involved in competitive sporting events you will probably win this week.

TAURUS

A week to end old matters and make new beginnings. Collect overdue insurance claims, inherit a legacy, receive a beautiful gift or work of art, or give one to a younger relative.

LIBRA

Not the best week to get caught up in your clandestine affairs, gossip or rumors may hurt you. A good week to take care of a sick friend or visit someone in prison or a hospital.

VIRGO

Not the best week to get caught up in your clandestine affairs, gossip or rumors may hurt you. A good week to take care of a sick friend or visit someone in prison or a hospital.

SCORPIO

Money is the name of your game this week, make it or spend it. A good time to increase your insurance coverage or buy government bonds. Examine your present budget for ways to make savings and improve your income.

SAGITTARIUS

Visit close friends, relatives and neighbors this week, take short trips for educational and entertainment purposes. You will receive news from distant places or information from foreign people.

CAPRICORN

Arguments on the home front may cause you to want to leave home, but this is not the time to do so. Your children may give you problems. Send them off to Summer Camp and ease your problems, which are really routine for you this time of year anyway.

PISCES

Your week for a roll in the hay with a new partner, buy a Pick ticket or play the office pool. You may become a parent or grandparent this week. Cupid's arrow might get you when you are least expecting it.

Getting Wilder

THE CITY THAT WAS,
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SPECIAL CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

COLETTE'S WEST - One of the more sensational new acts to hit the Arizona stage is impressionist Grace Jonz who is coming to town from West Hollywood for a special two-day, two-club engagement. Appearing with Jonz will be Felicia and Miss Gay Arizona Jamie De Sario. 8:00 p.m. \$3.00 Cover. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy this unique talent.

JOSHUA TREE - Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance meets on the patio at 3:30 firming up all the myriad of details in producing Pride Week 1987. All are welcome. Your input and assistance is needed.

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 Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) 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 of Himmel. You can't miss it!

GRADUATE - 'Casino Night' here beginning at 4 and running until 9 p.m. Here's your chance to 'gamble' and pick up some nice prizes if you are one of the lucky winners. A very popular event.

IBT'S - Direct from West Hollywood popular impressionist Grace Jonz is making her second appearance in Tucson. You have to see this performance to believe it. A very unique act. Remember, you heard it here first. Appearing on the same bill will be Felicia and Miss Gay Arizona herself Jamie De Sario. 8:30 p.m. - No Cover. Mark this on your calendar and keep this date open.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

ITA - Meeting of the Independent Tavern Owners Association. Member owners of Phoenix and Tucson bars meet in Tucson this month.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

COLETTE'S WEST - PROM NIGHT! The First Annual Prom night party takes place here. Be sure to nominate your candidates for King and Queen of the Prom. Nomination Jars are at all the bars. Get ready to 'go back' to the prom and re-live all those glorious moments!!!

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

COLETTE'S WEST - Popular singer Patty McCulla takes the stage and really knows how to entertain a crowd. If you haven't heard her, here's your chance.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

COLETTE'S WEST - "The Dating Game" will be presented here. Sponsored by 676-CLUB. Details later.

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

HIMMEL PARK - Pride Week festivities officially 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 at least a couple thousand party-goers. Join them in this important day in celebration of Lesbian and Gay 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 of performers. Always a big party that winds up the first day of a weeklong series of celebrations. No cover. Y'all come!

MONDAY, JUNE 22

RITA'S - Pride Week continues here with a surprise event that will involve some unusual and entertaining ideas. Full details next week. No cover.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

MOVIE AND WORKSHOP AT MCC CHURCH BUILDING, 560 South Stone. The acclaimed documentary "Before Stonewall" will be shown and discussed. The evening will also include a short musical concert. Free snacks and soft drinks. A very interesting movie.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

The Tucson AIDS Project Benefit Movie Night has been cancelled. Watch for substitute Pride Week event.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

IBT'S - The always popular Casino Night will be held here again this year hosted by Sisters of Sonora (SOS). A 'truckload' of plants as prizes. A fun time with a very easy chance to win some of the prizes. Even if you aren't lucky at cards, try 'em - you'll like 'em!

RITA'S - Christmas In July. An annual affair and it is good. More later.

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. Past winners are eligible. Too! Times and additional information later.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

IBT's - Wind up Pride Week by getting good, and wet! IBT's award-winning 'Wet Party' will be held this evening. Get your water guns and paraphernalia out and ready for this semi-annual fun affair. P.S. Be sure to wear your rubbers!

JUNE 10, 1987

SPORTS



JOSHUA TREE VOLLEYBALL SPRING LEAGUE Final Overall Standings As Of May 31, 1987

TEAM	WON	LOST	GAMES	PCT.
Men At Play	47	20	67	.7014
U-Guys	44	22	66	.6666
PLU AND THE TRAMP	30	33	63	.4761
NIS PITTS	13	46	61	.2131



It was "Awards Afternoon" at the Joshua Tree last Sunday afternoon, June 7. Awards were passed out to the volleyball players who finished league play last week.

Members of the winning team 'Men At Play' received first place medals for their winning the first half of the season and then winning the playoffs in the second half. Congratulations to undisputed volleyball champions 'Men At Play'.

Also winning awards for second place was the team of 'U-Guys' who finished a close second.

Also on hand for the awards party were Scott and Bobby Bishop who dispensed with the libations and food for the teams. Congratulations to all.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

RITA'S - Christmas in July. An annual affair and it is good. More later.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

RITA'S - New Year's Eve In July Party! It's becoming a tradition here. Details later.

THE WEEKLY OBSERVER

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 a.m. .50 per glass! Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm to 1 a.m.

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 a.m. Draft Beer .50 and Schnapps .50 shot. Dance 8 - 1 a.m.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-7 All well drinks \$1.25; Domestic Beer \$1.00

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 a.m. Dave Pierson DJ 9 to 1 a.m.

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 a.m. T-Squares meet at 7 pm. THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE - 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 a.m. Long Neck Beer (non-premium) .75 Dance 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-7 All well drinks \$1.25; Domestic Beer \$1.00.

RUMOR HAZZIT - \$1.00 Well Drinks or Long Neck Domestic Beer & Munchies 4-7 pm. 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 MARKETPLACE Fine food and spirits open for dinner at 5 pm. Afterhours dining till 4 pm.

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 a.m. All Well \$1.50 (With Juice \$1.75). Dancing 8 to 1.

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

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-7 All Well Drinks \$1.25; Domestic Beer \$1.00.

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. Afterhours 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 a.m.

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

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Free donuts and coffee noon to 3 p.m. Hot Dogs and Fixin's .50 from 3 to 7 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 a.m. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 a.m.

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 a.m.

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 pm.

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 a.m. "Moose Madness" every hour (?). Dance 8pm-1am

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

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 a.m.

GRADUATE - All White Well Drinks \$1.50 until 1 a.m. 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 a.m. "Moose Madness".

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-7 All Well Drinks \$1.25; Domestic Beer \$1.00.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 1 pm to 1 a.m. 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. "Sudsacizal" .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 a.m. 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 a.m. "Moose Madness".

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-7 All Well Drinks \$1.25; Domestic Beer \$1.00.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Well drinks or domestic long necks \$1.00, munchies 4-7 pm. Video dancing 9 pm to 1 a.m.

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NOTICE:

The June meeting of ITA will be held on Tuesday, June 16
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CONTACT GEORGE HILL @FARRAH'S, 841-7711 IN PHOENIX FOR MORE INFORMATION

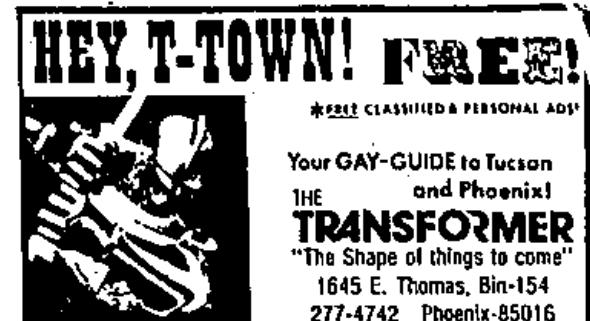
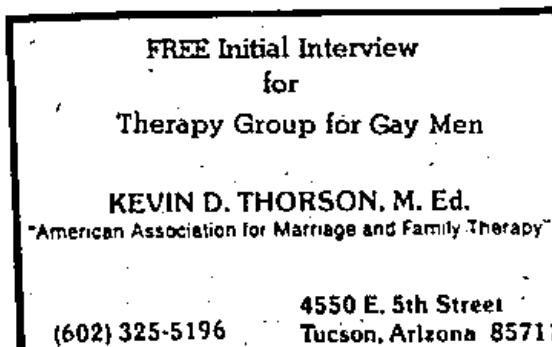
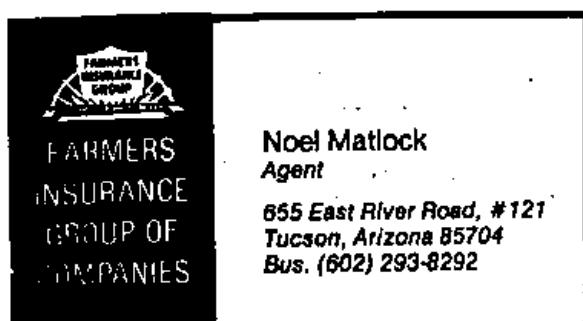
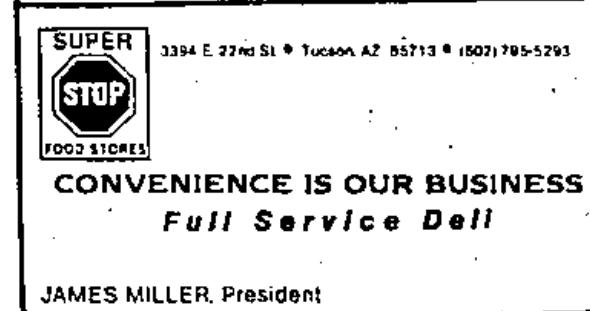
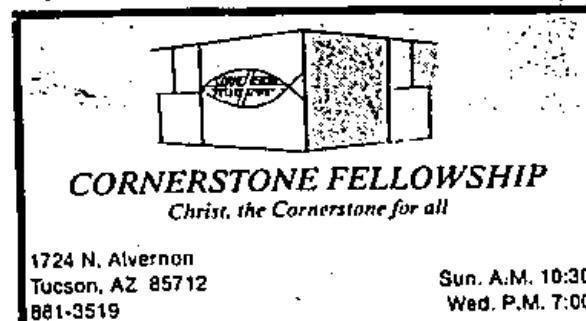
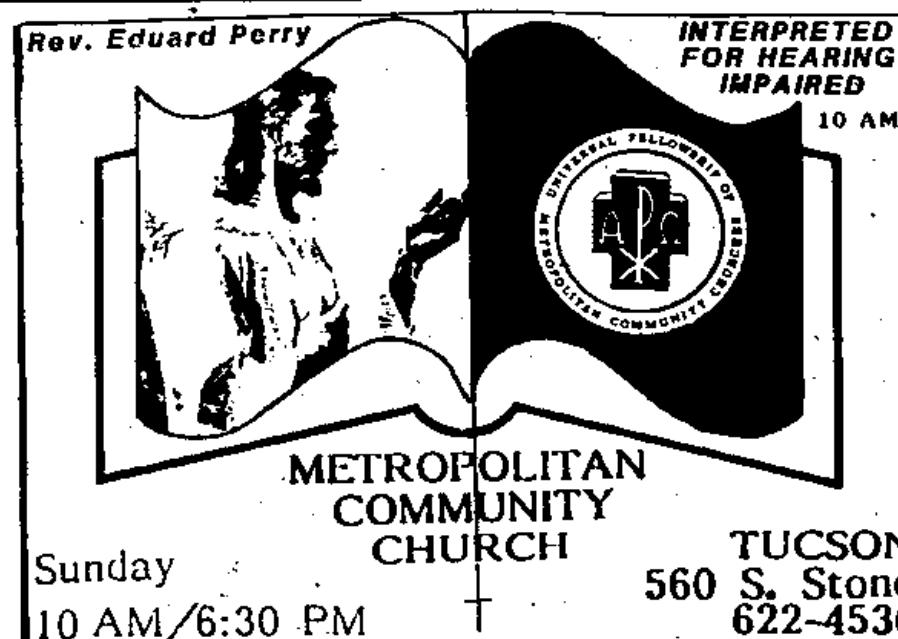
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A View From Within



A COMMENTARY BY
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

"THE BIGOTS ARE LOSING THIS FIGHT"

Representative Barney Frank, a Massachusetts Democrat, recently announced his homosexuality in the Boston Globe, with a statement that will probably live forever. "If you ask the direct question, 'Are you Gay?' the answer is yes. So what?"

Right on the heels of the recent death from AIDS of Representative Stewart McKinney—amidst allegations that he got AIDS from homosexual encounters—and exposure of Presidential candidate Gary Hart's possible extra-marital affairs, Frank's admission is a welcomed change from the routine. In most cases, persons have had to deny rumors, or defend them. In this case, one politician had the foresight to nip any confrontation in the bud by publicly announcing his sexual orientation.

Not that any person's sexual orientation should matter. Frank himself was quoted in the Globe article as saying, "I don't think my sex life is relevant to my job... but on the other hand, I don't want to leave the impression that I'm embarrassed about my life."

Graduated from Harvard College in 1962, this 4-term representative from Massachusetts has the support of his constituents, as well as other political leaders. In a conversation I had with Representative Frank the afternoon of June 1, he told me he had been in an AIDS march with Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn. He told me Flynn "was very supportive".

Some daily newspapers covering the story this past weekend said Frank's constituents are not likely to change their votes in the future due to his acknowledging his homosexuality.

I asked him if his homosexuality was well-known on Capitol Hill, and he told me it was.

I then asked him if he had any words of encouragement to pass on to my readers regarding the difficult decision to "come out of the closet": "I can't say that I can encourage other people to do it. I'm in a somewhat more favorable position to be able to do it, and for other people it's a difficult decision. If my acknowledging that I'm Gay helps deal with that silly prejudice, if it makes it easier for other people, then I'm glad to do it."

"I really believe we'll be in a situation 20 years from now where we will have beaten the prejudice. Right now people have to proceed at their own pace. If we make as much progress in the next 20 years as we have in the last 20 years on this issue, then it will be over."

"One of the state legislators in my district... said about me, 'Hey, this [announcement] isn't going to make any difference. We like him and we like his work, and we'll support him.' 10 years ago this [announcement of being Gay] would have been the kiss of death. Yes, there is a prejudice out there, and like all prejudices, it's unjustified. But it's diminishing. The bigots are losing this fight."

I believe Representative Frank has paved the road a little wider for acceptance of homosexuality, and deserves a big round of applause for his actions. If you would like to write a note of thanks, his address is: 1030 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515.

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

LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR:

Well, another successful event has taken place here in Tucson. The Miss Gay Tucson Pageant was held at Rumor Hazzit and went off successfully.

The Pageant started out to be a fiasco due to last minute changes in location. But, Tucson pulled together and with the help of all the Tucson clubs, we got it together in three days. It was great to see all of us working together towards one goal. This is just another example of what we all can do if we stay united.

I want to express my personal thanks to all persons involved. The following is a list of Tucson people and organizations involved in organizing, setup and working the night of the Pageant. I just can't express my appreciation enough to all of you for supporting me in getting this off the ground.

Gordon	Rumors	Bartender
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Gene J. TKO	Partners	Tables
David O.	SOS	Door Person
Penny P.	SOS	Dresser/Hair
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Tucson, you should be proud of your clubs and support them also. These people worked really hard for all of us.

Another highlight of the evening was made by Skeeter of AA Vending. He matched the prize money of \$100 to be donated to Shanti Foundation of Tucson. Quickly following, IET's donated \$200 then the Graduate matched that. A total of \$500 goes to Shanti.

Thank you all for making this a memorable evening.

Roger Barger

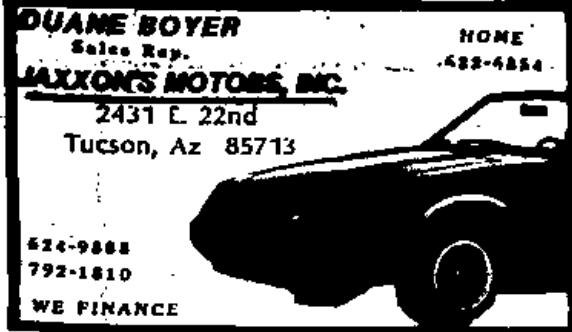
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION CLAIMED TO HAVE ORDERED AIDS PROTECTION

by Christopher McPherson
LOS ANGELES, CA — Dr. Robert B. Strecker at the University of Southern California County Hospital's Department of Gastroenterology, firmly asserted in an interview on June 1 that the AIDS virus was made by man at the request of the World Health Organization (WHO).

Strecker claims that, in 1972, WHO requested the production of a virus which would selectively attack the T-Cell system of man. Strecker was unclear to whom the request was issued. He says the intent was to "make cancer". When asked if WHO merely wanted to use this virus in research to develop a cure for cancer, Strecker replied, "I suppose that's what they would say."

Strecker added that WHO intended to inoculate volunteers in Africa with the virus in order to determine if the created virus could perform in ways WHO wanted. What ways, exactly, Strecker did not make clear. He adds that further support for his claims comes from the fact that WHO "Put on a map where they would put (the virus), and it appears exactly where their map (said it would)."

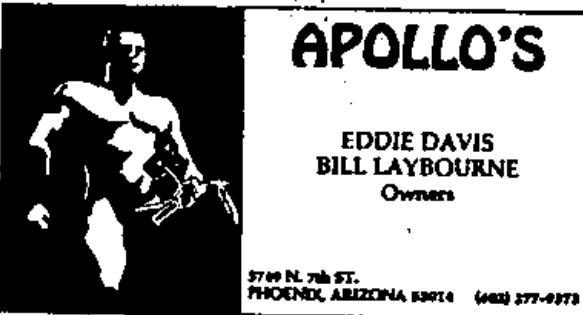
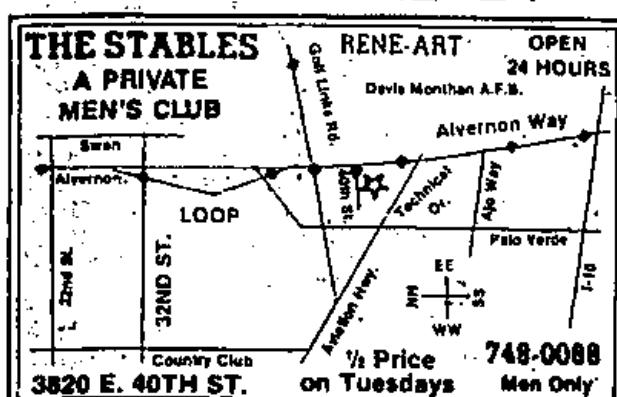
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ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you? Call Information and Referral about Gay Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson.

TUCSON ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES FOR AIDS/ARC (TATA) presents "AIDS: An Alternative Approach" from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Desert Institute, 639 N. 6th Avenue on Saturday, May 30; Friday, June 19; Saturday, July 25 and Saturday, August 22. For more information call 884-8320 or 792-9152.

COPPERSTONE FELLOWSHIP is a loving Christian church where YOU are welcome. Sunday worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study is at 7:00 p.m. Our caring staff is on duty Tuesday through Friday 7-9 p.m. and at other times by appointment. Call 881-3519 or stop by 1724 N. Alvernon, just north of Pima.

LEARN ABOUT GAY LIFE OVERSEAS, AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS. Be an armchair traveler. For information, SASE to Worldwide Penfriends Service, P.O. Box 602, Pittsburgh, PA 15230-0602 148

SUPPORT AND PERSONAL GROWTH GROUP for Gay men meeting weekly. Group led by experienced humanistic male therapist. AMERICAN WELLNESS CENTER, Phone 744-4020 in Tucson. 148

TRANSEVESTITE RAP GROUP. Contact Art, 296-0733 Tucson.

GAY INFORMATION AND REFERRAL IN TUCSON
Call Information and Referral 881-1794

TUCSON YOUTH GROUP meets every Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. at 560 S. Stone. All Lesbians and Gays under 22 invited. 792-3772.

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

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SOURCES UNLIMITED is a non-profit information and referral service for the Lesbian and Gay community. Businesses and individual listings are free. Call 884-1606 in Tucson for information.

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

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

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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP) meets the second Thursday of each month at the University of Arizona Medical Center in Dining Room "C" (second floor) at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome and urged to attend. Get involved! For more information call 792-3772.

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WOULD BOB, THE BLONDE CARPENTER who called and came over several weeks ago, please call 881-4582. You left something behind. 150

TOTAL BODY MASSAGE BY APPOINTMENT. Call BILL after 5:00 p.m. at 322-9748 in Tucson. 145

What or Who is in your Horoscope or Tarot Spread TODAY? Compatibility by the Stars. Call Michael 327-4243 Tucson.

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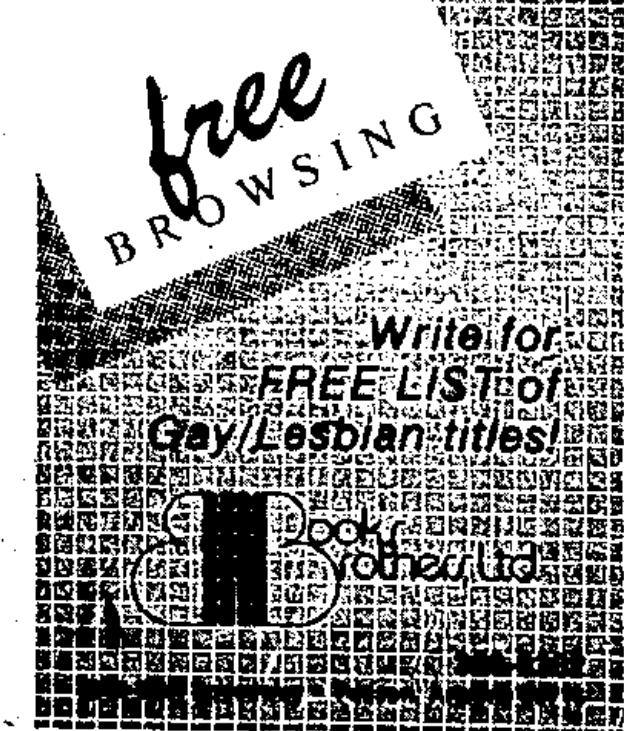
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