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TUCSON: A Gay History (Part One)

The history of Gay Tucson and Arizona is a fairly easy essay after the year 1977 when a regular weekly newspaper actually kept the 'Gay Diary' from which to cull. Before that date, however, is quite another story. OBSERVER is publishing this history, but it is not intended as entirely accurate before the year 1977. Persons who are familiar with Tucson, Phoenix or Arizona before that time, and who can give information concerning activities, bars, meeting places, clubs, organizations, etc., is encouraged to please come forward so that this 'history' can be made complete and placed in some archive for future generations.

There are some trivial items noted here as well as some very important ones. While attempting to be primarily a History of Tucson, there are some national notes as well since they affect everyone in the country. There are also notes on activities from Phoenix and other Arizona cities as they also reflect our local scene.

OBSERVER hopes that this part one of "Tucson/Arizona: A Gay History" will be of interest and will spark some of the older Gays and Lesbians in our communities to give us additional information so that we can complete our history.

Part two of this history will be forthcoming within the next month. There promises to be at least six parts, plus catching up on the years prior to 1976. Your help is encouraged.

THIS PORTION OF TUCSON HISTORY HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED FROM MEMORIES OF VARIOUS PEOPLE WHO HAVE WRITTEN TO THE NEWSPAPER OR WHO VERBALLY COMMUNICATED SUCH INFORMATION:

Jim's, located at 23 W. University was opened in 1965. Jim O'Malley and George Raderus sold it to Bruce Stratton in 1969 and the place was renamed Kama's and operated as a straight bar when it was sold to Don Nelson on the 19th of January 1970 he renamed it The Graduate.

HISTORY OF TUCSON BEGINS WITH JUNE 1975 ISSUE OF THE POST.

BARS IN AREA INCLUDED:

Graduate, Stonewall and River 'R', 3686 E. Speedway. P.S. Club opened in September 1975 by George Raderus as a private after hours club.

First annual Gay Fair and Carnival at Stonewall over July 4th, 1975. Patio open on March 15, 1976 during a freak snowstorm. Patio was called Stonemock.

Tucson Gay Coalition was founded in April 1976. Founders were Carmine Cardamone and Al DeLabio. It was the first organized Gay political organization in Tucson. The Gay Students Organization (GSO) on the University of Arizona campus and the Metropolitan Community Church were the only other two organizations operating at this time.

On June 6, 1976, 21-year-old Richard Beakin, a visitor from Lincoln, Nebraska was fatally beaten as he was leaving the Stonewall bar. Four young men, who were part of a larger group of high school-aged youths, were subsequently arrested in connection with the death.

FROM VOL. 1 ISSUE 1 (Sept. 29, 1976) OF TUCSON GAY NEWSLETTER:

Bars and clubs in Tucson were:

Graduate (Dale Yount), Stonewall (Tom Seward and John Morgan with Rick Norman DJ), Lucky Pierre's (John Richtars), the P.S. Club (George Raderus), and the Back Door Baths (Lloyd Wilson). Jekyll's and Hyde's opened on Labor Day at 1455 N. Miracle Mile owned by Ed Parsellin. Gay Community Services was in operation with Norman Bloss as Director. Hair Tiz bar (Polly Stadelman and David Pepin) opens where the old Black Door was in the MacArthur Hotel downtown. The Black Door which was owned by Jean and John Gartley, opened in the early 1950's and closed as the Black Door in early 1976.

10/6/1976 - Police liaison begins with Officers Ken Magoch and Mark Thomas making the rounds at all the bars. This in response to Beakin murder at Stonewall, to cool community's anger.

10/13/1976 - Buff Fisher takes over as Pastor of MCC/Tucson.

10/20/1976 - Judge Ben C. Birdsell grants probation to Beakin murderers. Because of the youths ages, they were tried as juvenile offenders. Despite testimony to the

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Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic Sunday



TUCSON - The above photo portrays the first Lesbian/Gay Pride Week picnic in Himmel Park and was printed in the Arizona Daily Star of June 27, 1977, with the following caption:

"A summer day in the park, not politics, was foremost on the minds of members of the Tucson Gay Coalition and their friends yesterday as they gathered in Himmel Park for a picnic marking national Gay Pride Day. About 50 people listened to music provided

by Stephanie Bader, left, and Deb Halstead."

A fitting photograph, especially with Pride Week '87 upon us. In addition, the beginning of part one of "Tucson: A Gay History" in this issue, the above photo is particularly interesting. Although the number attending the picnic each year has grown by about 2000 people, it gives credence to the slogan so often used that "We are not going away!"

TUCSON - The 10th Annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic will be held this Sunday, June 21 from Noon to dusk at Himmel Park in the Northeast corner Bandshell area as in the past. This year's event promises to be the biggest ever.

Last year over 2,000 persons attended the event throughout the afternoon hours enjoying the music and dancing, cruising, food and refreshments. It is expected that the number of those attending will increase sharply because of the number of new arrivals in the Old Pueblo, plus the fact that the Pride Rally was held in Phoenix last Sunday, June 14, with no formal Pride Week activities this weekend. So, come on out and enjoy a wonderful afternoon in Himmel Park with your friends. There is plenty of shade.

Music for the major part of the afternoon will be played by one of Tucson's foremost DJ's Bobbie Bishop, Jr., from Joshua Tree. There will be other guest DJ's throughout the afternoon. Domino Theory, the popular local band will be playing live for listening and dancing. Loren Johnson, from Phoenix, will sing live; Jim Shafer, Tucson's local baritone, will sing, plus other local talent is scheduled throughout the afternoon. Mostly it will be fun and dancing, volleyball and fun, refreshments and fun. There will be some short political and informational

statements from visiting dignitaries. Governor Mechem will not attend.

30 kegs of beer, up six kegs from last year's supply, will be offered no charge to those who show proper age identification. There will also be free soft drinks available. There will be food booths plus informational tables set up around the perimeter by various organizations and clubs. One of the more important will be a voter-registration table where everyone who is not registered, can sign up now in preparation for the Mechem Recall effort which begins in July.

As in the past, bartenders for the dispensing of beer will be supplied by the local Gay bars. In order of time, they are:
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Rita's
2:00 to 3:00 - Colette's Nest
3:00 to 4:00 - Joshua Tree
4:00 to 5:00 - Ramor Hazrit
5:00 to 6:00 - IST's
6:00 to DUSK - TIGA

There is no need to reserve space for booths or tables. Anyone can set up a table and it's on a first come, best space available basis. If you plan on selling merchandise (food, crafts, etc.) you must have a permit to sell. If you plan on an informational or donation booth, there is no permit necessary.

City of Tucson Parks and

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UPDATE

SMALLPOX VACCINE TIED TO AIDS
by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson
The "Times of London" reported last month on the possibility that the AIDS epidemic may have been caused by "the mass vaccination campaign which eradicated smallpox".

In a story written by Times' science writer Pearce Wright, it was reported that the World Health Organization (WHO) is currently studying evidence that immunization with the smallpox vaccine "Vaccinia" may have awakened the "unsuspected, dormant human immune defense virus infection". The article which appeared May 11, 1987, quoted an advisor to the WHO as saying, "I thought it was just coincidence until we studied the latest findings about the reactions which can be caused by Vaccinia. Now I believe the smallpox vaccine theory is the explanation to the explosion of AIDS."

One case which would seem to support this theory was given. It concerned an otherwise healthy, non-high-risk group 19-year-old male who was inoculated during a routine military vaccination. Two and a half weeks later, the young man developed symptoms of AIDS infection, and died a short time later. Due to this and other evidence, many doctors now accept the smallpox theory, and say it answers many questions which otherwise were unanswerable, including how the AIDS organism, previously considered "weak, slow and, vulnerable" began to behave "like a (virus) capable of creating a plague."

The World Health Organization recently dismissed this theory "on grounds of unsatisfactory evidence."

The smallpox vaccine was given routinely to all children until 1971, when it was discontinued. In 1967, the WHO began a world-wide eradication plan to wipe out the smallpox infection. In 1970, 17 countries reported cases of smallpox infection; in 1973 only 6 countries. In May 1980, the WHO announced the eradication of smallpox.

The smallpox virus now exists only in labs, and is not known to exist naturally anywhere in the world.

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PRESIDENT'S ART AUCTION NETS \$1320 FOR TAP

TUCSON - Sunday night, June 14, The Graduate was the location of the President's Art Auction. The event was sponsored by The Desert Leathermen, Great Outdoors, NCs, Partners, SOS, T-Squares, TALL and TKO. Just prior to the auction, the audience was treated to Candy T's excellent rendition of "God Bless America". This was followed by some stunning performances by Candy Plastique.

The \$1,320 raised for the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) includes \$100 donation from Michael and a \$100 donation from the Graduate. Quality donations came from individuals, businesses and clubs. Painting, prints, posters, copper etchings, plants, lamp and dinner were examples of the variety of objects auctioned. Many went home with bargains that night and there should be a flood of wall hanging parties in the near future.

Included was the auctioning of the Presidents (TKO, TALL, Partners and Desert Leathermen) for 2-hours duty Saturday morning during the First Ladies Run. We are all wondering what kind of duty that will be! The auctioning of the Presidents was competently accomplished by Gary of TKO.

The excellent auctioneers for the art segment were Roger Barger and Candy Plastique. Their humor and wit was an important ingredient to the success of the auction and they deserve a big thank you for their efforts. And a special thanks to Candy for give ALL the law allows - at the urging of Roger. Praise must be included for the Graduate staff and Bill at the video camera. The auction was a huge success and Tucson has a right to be proud of everyone who was involved in this AIDS Benefit.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE ANNUAL PRIDE PICNIC THIS SUNDAY JUNE 21, HIMMEL PARK AT NOON

Recreation rules specify no liquor, no wine, no drugs, and no glass containers in any of its parks, this means Himmel Park on Sunday also, and these rules will be enforced by TLGA security.

The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) has planned this event for the past four months, and have put a lot of effort into ensuring that everything comes off smoothly. There will be security people, identified by a colorful armband throughout the Bandshell area of the park. If any problem is encountered, contact one of them to resolve the problem. There will be first-aid people at the TLGA tables.

Because of the ultra successful fundraising efforts of TLGA this year, there has been no need to ask for funding from any of the Gay oriented business as has happened in the past. All refreshments, all prize monies, all costs related to the picnic or other TLGA sponsored events throughout the week have been absorbed by TLGA. TLGA is passing the money raised, back to the community as a means for the community, along with their supportive friends, to set this week aside to celebrate their being Lesbian and Gay.

The picnic area, while centered around the bandshell area covers several acres and is in essence the entire northeast corner of Himmel Park, near the Library building located one block south of Speedway Boulevard, between Tucson Boulevard and Treat Avenue. There will be plenty of flags and balloons to identify the area. All people who are supportive of the Lesbian/Gay community of Tucson as well as everyone in the community itself is welcome to come out for this day in the sun and be.

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Tucson AIDS Project awarded \$25,000 by Tucson City Council

TUCSON - In response to a grant request for salaries for staff positions, the Tucson City Council awarded \$25,000 to the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) at its meeting June 15. "Although the amount was less than the \$66,700 we had requested, we are very pleased with the outcome," said TAP board member, Craig Snow. "The grant will allow TAP to hire full time staff in order to manage the increasing workload more effectively than is possible with a totally volunteer organization."

The number of clients being served by the project at one time has grown to 32 compared to 9 one year ago, Snow said. The award is significant because it indicates that the City Council is concerned about AIDS, about the needs of people with AIDS, and about the people who might avoid infection because of exposure to TAP educational programs.

The award also represents a turning point in TAP's development, according to board member, Bob Henry. At a retreat held in January, the TAP Core Group recommended a change in TAP's structure to include paid staff to provide better continuity, coordination and supervision as the demand for services increases. During the next few months, a dynamic fundraising committee was organized who explored numerous possibilities including preparation of the application to the City Council.

Concurrently, TAP developed a board with a broad-base in Tucson in order to enhance its funding potential and to increase community input to decision making.

At its annual meeting held June 11, TAP membership elected

Howard Barron, Marshall Burke PhD, Guillermina Contreras-Arriola, Shannon Davis, Kathleen Erickson, Pam McNair, Eskild Petersen MD, Sue Rusch RN, and Tom Wilson to its board. Henry and Snow, who had served previously as Co-Directors, were also elected to the board. Henry stated that he anticipates one of the first actions of the new board will be to recruit and hire an executive director using the grant money from City Council.

Entertainment Review

by Christopher McPherson

Fresh on the heels of controversy at CBS NEWS, a new insider book comes out. Written by former CBS NEWS President Bill Leonard, "IN THE STORM OF THE EYE: A Lifetime At CBS" tells about the behind-the-scenes formation of one of the big-three networks.

Dotted with anecdotes, and fascinating stories, "IN THE STORM OF THE EYE" is a wonderful read for anyone interested in what goes on in preparation for election night; how Dan Rather really became the anchor of the CBS NIGHTLY NEWS; the formation of one of the most brilliant shows on television, SIXTY MINUTES; the early days of radio talk shows; and all about bobbing for apples at Grand Central Station in New York.

The only obvious fault with this otherwise compelling book is the lack of biting stories about Leonard's contemporaries. Where is the vicious, inconsiderate DAN RATHER we've heard so much about? Not in this book. One senses Leonard's attempts to step lightly around the controversy which crops up so often in the daily newspapers. Otherwise a wonderful book, "IN THE STORM OF THE EYE" is wonderful history.



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A Critics Review.....

Ben Corbin

This past weekend, Tucson was invaded by an electrifying personality from West Hollywood. For those of you who missed the show at either Colette's on Saturday night or at IBT's on Sunday night, you'll have to listen to those who did see the show. I was lucky enough to see the show at IBT's.

The show was scheduled to start at 8:30 p.m. - but true to Tucson's starting times, the show got underway at 9:10 p.m. There must have been some "word of mouth" advertising from Colette's because IBT's was filled to capacity. I even ran into Colette and Bob Ellis who were back for more.

The lead-off number was performed by our own Miss Tucson III, Tabitha Scott. Tabitha is improving with her performances, all of her numbers went smoothly and Tabitha seemed more sure of herself than in previous shows. The only fault with her performances was during her first number when the wig was removed. This has a great effect on the audience, but the 'shock' becomes less shocking when done too early in the number. This bit of theatrics would be more effective if done at the end of the number.

Grace Jonz followed with her initial performance, which was breathtaking with her costume consisting mainly of chains and hand-cuffs. Her bare breasts were, believe me, eye-openers. The lip-sync and staging approached perfection. Her following numbers were equally entertaining but were not quite the sensation of the first rendition.

Felicia is another fine entertainer in her own rights. The first number was well executed and she held the audience captive. After the performance by Grace

Jonz, I was expecting a 'let-down' but Felicia kept the pace and there was no disappointment. The other numbers performed by Felicia were also entertaining. She followed Grace Jonz throughout the show and each number was equally well done.

Jamie De Sario gave an unparalleled performance in her renditions and again gave proof why she is Miss Gay Arizona II. Her renditions were good, her costumes outstanding and her stage appearance was flawless. Her one number, "Nasty Girl" let the audience know how versatile this entertainer is. She let everyone have it right between the eyes, especially those who were 'entertained' individually.

The show, as a whole, was well-paced, evenly balanced and the evening was enjoyable. The lighting and sound, which is very important with lip-sync, was well executed.

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DIVERSE GROUPS
COMMIT FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE
NATIONAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON

League joined the March steering committee and pledged to contribute resources to organizing. "The support of non-Gay groups for this March represents an important step in our battle for freedom," observes Bushs, "It is an acknowledgement that we are fighting for civil rights and that we are building the broad-based coalition we need to achieve those rights."

The March is entirely funded by donations from individuals, organizations and business sponsors. Persons interested in holding fundraisers, making or contribution or having their organization become an official March Sponsor are urged to call the national March office at (202) 783-1828 or send a check to March on Washington, P.O. Box 7781, Washington, DC 20044.

LETTERS

DEAR TUCSON:

The President's Auction, held this past Sunday night at the Graduate, exceeded all expectations and became one of the largest one-night fundraisers. By the end of the evening, the Tucson Gay community had raised \$1,320.00 for the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP). This fundraiser was organized by Al, President of Desert Leathermen; Lee, President of TALL, Tommy, President of TKO; Gary, President of Partners and Roger Barger of SOS and Graduate.

The organizers of this fundraiser would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the following businesses, individuals and clubs who donated items that were auctioned off: The Plantman, J. Wilson Framers, Casas Adobes Flowers, Mountain View Restaurant, Michael B., Lee R. of TALL, Maxine S. of T-Squares, Ed. N. of Great Outdoors, Gary & Rip of Partners, Video Mark, Tom F. of T-Squares, TKO, TALL, Partners, T-Squares and Desert Leathermen.

A special thank you is extended to Roger of the Graduate who worked so hard with the Presidents in the organization of this event and whose auctioneering skills were a big factor in the evening's success. Roger's lovely assistant for the auction was Candy Plastique. Thank you, Candy -- especially for giving more of yourself than even you expected. Added thanks go to Michael Y. and the Graduate for their generous donations.

It was a delight having the clubs of Tucson and the Gay community working together yet another time. This is a habit that should never be broken.

Thank you again Tucson.
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HRCF in top twenty PACs

WASHINGTON, DC - A May 19 report from the Federal Elections Commission, overseer of the nation's more than 4,500 political action committees, has formally ranked the Human Rights Campaign Fund as the 16th largest independent PAC in the United States.

The report also listed the Campaign Fund as the 39th largest PAC overall. "Independent" PAC's are those not affiliated with a parent organization.

"I think a lot of people—both inside and out of our community—are going to be surprised at the news," said executive director Vic Basile. "We have clearly become a big league PAC, which means the Gay and Lesbian community has increasing power in American politics."

The campaign Fund achieved its ranking by raising more than \$1.4 million during the 1986 election cycle, enough to put it in the top 1% of PAC fundraisers nationwide. During the same period, the Campaign Fund increased its giving power by an average of 26%, with more than \$250,000 going to 112 campaigns.

"This means we have recognizable clout in the election and in the legislative process of this country," said Basile. "For better or for worse, politics in

this country responds to money, and politicians now know they had better respond to our community."

The tremendous growth in Campaign Fund fundraising is attributed to a broadening level of support from the national Gay and Lesbian community. More than 18,000 people contribute to the Campaign annually, giving it the largest donor base of any Gay organization in the country.

"Inasmuch as our fundraising gives us power, I'm happy to see us ranked this high," said Basile. "But the bottom line for the Campaign Fund is not dollars—it's enacting our legislative agenda on Capitol Hill. Being in the top 1% is a key part of that effort, but it isn't the ultimate goal. But thanks to our supporters, that goal is closer than ever."

The Human Rights Campaign Fund is the nation's only Gay political action committee which contributes to candidates running for the U.S. House and Senate who support increased federal funding for AIDS education and treatment, and Gay and Lesbian civil rights.

The Campaign Fund recently hired three new lobbyists to help increase their lobbying efforts on AIDS. "Lobbyists give this community strong and visible presence on Capitol Hill at times when our involvement is so crucial," said Basile.

Diverse groups contribute to M.O.W.

WASHINGTON, DC - Over \$30,000 has been pledged to the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights by Gay and non-Gay groups. The March will be held on October 11, 1987 in Washington. To date, nearly one-half of the pledged amounts have been donated by over a dozen national Gay, feminist and progressive organizations.

"The support shown for the March by Lesbian and Gay civil rights, religious and AIDS-service organizations has been critical to the National March effort," noted national staff-person, Lee Bush. "We were very excited when the first sizeable contribution of \$500 came in from Black and White Men Together. Then the National Organization for Women gave us an immediate \$2000 followed by \$2000 from National Gay Rights Advocates and pledges for \$2000 from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and Human Rights Campaign Fund, we knew that diverse organizations were making a powerful statement about our need to march for Lesbian and Gay rights."

The budget for the national March planning totals over \$300,000 and includes expenses such as outreach, staging and sound, printing, office rent and phones. Regional and local March organizing committees must also raise substantial amounts of money to subsidize travel and to help promote the March on local levels. The national office is not in debt and plans to hire its second full-time staff person.

Other organizations which have made pledges of or have already given \$2000 include: Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, National AIDS Network, Dignity, Lambda Legal Defense Fund, Gay Men's Health Crisis (NYC). Christopher Street West (LA) has given \$10,000 to the national March committee and several thousand to the Southern California region.

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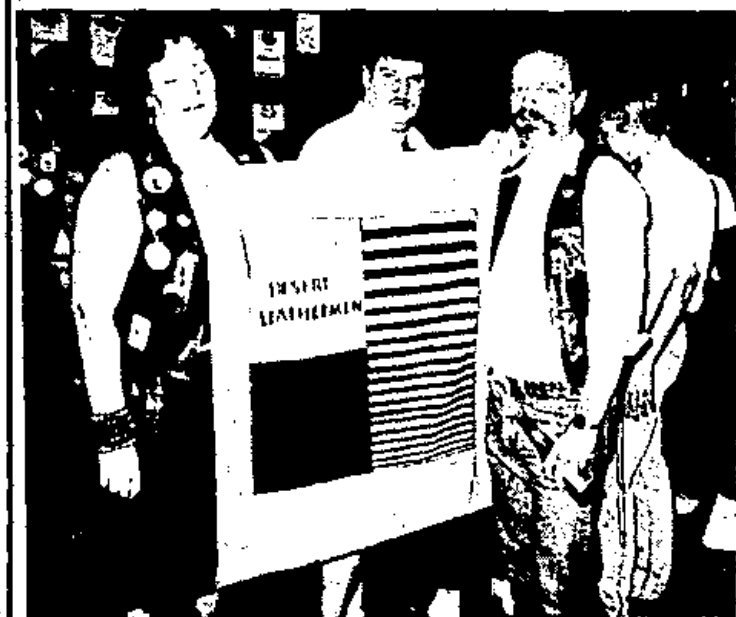
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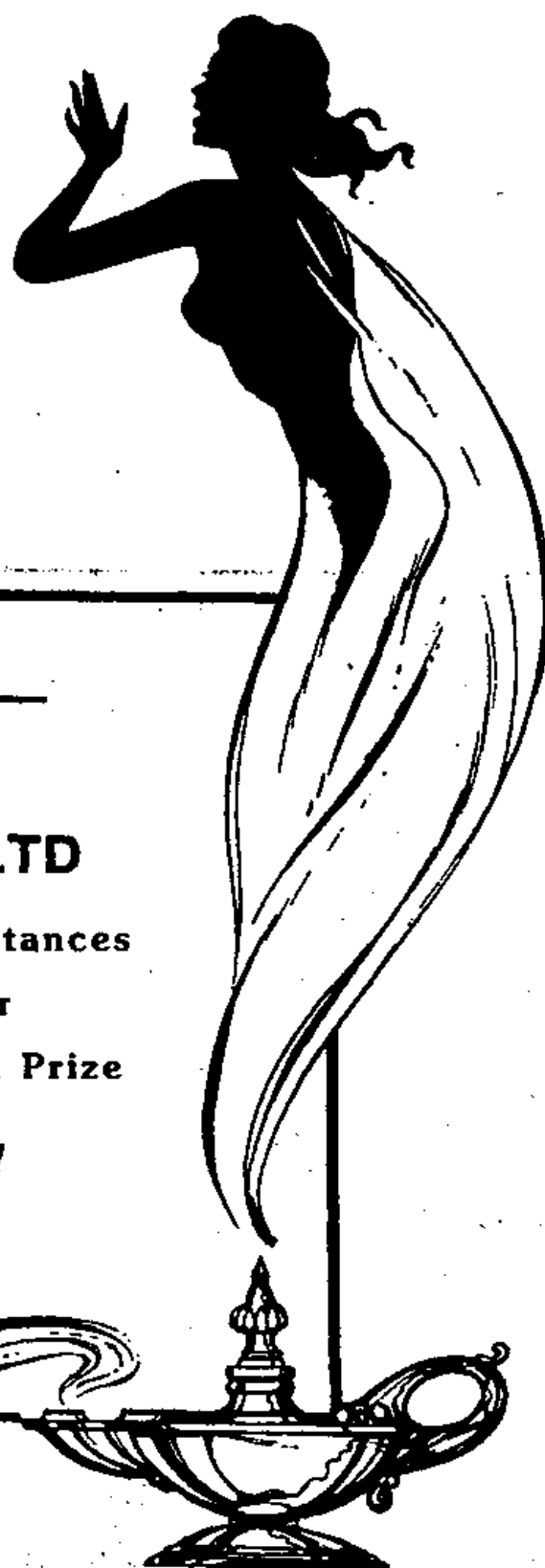
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THE PRIDE CELEBRATION

JUNE 21 THROUGH JUNE 27

Sunday, June 21

Noon to dusk, the 10th Annual Picnic in Himmel Park. 30 kegs of free beer, soft drinks, food and information booths, volleyball, dancing to Disk Jockey plus live entertainment by Domino Theory, Loren Johnson and others. Be among the hundreds and hundreds of people who attend this outdoor affair to express their pride in being Lesbian and Gay with their friends. Bandshell area in northeast corner of Himmel Park.

8:30 p.m. Showtime at Pecos Hermit, 2222 N. Stone. No Cover. A cast of many Tucson and Phoenix artists in a Pride Review to member.

Monday, June 22

8 p.m. at Rita's, 3455 E. Grant Road. An evening of specially programmed music for listening and dancing (Disco to Jazz, Broadway to Country to Western). Complimentary Buffet. Includes showing of three slides and large screen videos of this year's picnic plus past years activities.

Tuesday, June 23

3:15 to 10:30 p.m. A movie, concert and workshop discussion to be held at the MCC Church Building, 560 S. Stone. Live entertainment by several talented local artists. The movie "Before Stonewall" is an archival survey of the social, political and cultural progress of the homosexual community from the 1920's to the 1969 Stonewall riots in New York. A riveting documentary and highly recommended to anyone interested in Lesbian/Gay life. Discussion follows the movie.

Thursday, June 25

4:00 to 8:00 p.m. "Thanksgiving in June" is celebrated at Rita's, 3455 E. Grant Road. A real old-fashioned dinner and all the trimmings - Turkey, dressing, ham, jams, smashed potatoes, corn on the cob, cranberry rolls, cranberry salad, pumpkin and apple pie. \$2.50 to cover some the cost.

7:00 p.m. "Casino Night" and "Card Sharks" game at IBT's, 616 N. 4th Avenue. Casino Night directed by Sisters of Sonora. Lots of prizes. No cover. A real fun evening during this annual event. Free tickets get you to the gambling tables. Be there.

Friday, June 26

8:30 p.m. Dance Contest at Colette's West, 7143 E. Speedway. Couples, singles, everyone welcome to enter. No charge. Prizes: \$60 first place; \$50 second place; \$40 third place. Come out and boogie for fun and prizes at this annual fun affair.

Saturday, June 27

6:00 p.m. An Ecumenical service sponsored by Unity/Tucson at Grace Episcopal Church, 2331 Adams Street. Unity/Tucson, MCC/Tucson and Cornerstone Fellowship/Tucson also participating. The format of the service will be Evensong, traditional Episcopal evening prayer service. A litany for people with AIDS will be read and the evening's offering will be given to the Tucson AIDS Project. A potluck supper will follow.

9:00 p.m. The award-winning "Wet Party" winds up Pride Week '87 at IBT's, 616 N. 4th Avenue. Bring your water guns and have a blast, dancing and getting good and wet.

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TUCSON/ARIZONA: A GAY HISTORY..... (Part One)

contrary, even from the quartet's other companions, Birdaall ruled that he could find no evidence of malice or premeditation, and therefore reduced the charges from first degree murder to involuntary manslaughter. First 'Hair Contest' at Hair Tiz.

10/30/1976 - Imperial Court of Tucson is inaugurated as Empress I Cicely is crowned at Jekyll's before a crowd estimated at 600 persons. Emperor Contest to be held in January with the simultaneous investiture of the Court de Tucson.

11/17/1976 - Stonewall celebrates 4th anniversary Glenn Thomas chosen Mr. Tucson at Stonewall. Bud Sherrick is operations managers at Jekyll's.

11/24/1976 - Mike Heimbuch and Mitchell Bunting open Bookland at 3244 E. Speedway.

12/1/1976 - Adrian, Empress I de Arizona honored for 30 years as female impersonator at Graduate. Big George hired as bouncer at Jekyll's. Lucky Pierre's Cocktail Hour Prices were .40 well, .25 draft and .40 bottle beer.

12/15/1976 - 2nd annual Hayride to Winterhaven from Stonewall. H&L Bar opens (Bill and Barbara), 1906 S. Craycroft. GCS moves to a building at 627 N. 7th Ave.

1/5/1977 - Due to falling business because of Heakin murder, Stonewall bar closes, Back Pocket bar remains open. Lucky Pierre's changes hands. Roger Barger begins bartending at Graduate.

1/19/1977 - Grand Opening of Hair Tiz

2/4/1977 - First issue of Arizona Gay News in tabloid form. Fernando Ochoa crowned Emperor I of the Empire of Tucson. First Court included Fernando, Empress - I Cicely, Grand Duchess I Mahogany, Lord Prime Minister Bud Sherrick. Coronation ceremonies were held at Jekyll's and Hyde's.

2/11/1977 - With the Tucson Gay Coalition spearheading the drive, the Tucson City Council passed by unanimous vote, an amendment banning discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations based on sexual or affectional preference and/or marital status. The amendment is part of the Human Right Ordinance passed previously.

2/18/1977 - Lucky Pierre's closed and the club put up for sale. Ray Elledge, owner of Kaye's Happy Landing in Phoenix died of cancer. The Landing was under Kaye's ownership for some 25 years and was one of the first Gay bars in the state of Arizona.

3/11/1977 - Old Stonewall changes name to Joshua Tree and opened on March 9, with some major decor changes at same address. Polly Stadelman, Dave Peppin and Norman Bloos announced that they had purchased the MacArthur Hotel which houses the Hair Tiz bar. The hotel was built in 1909 as the Heidel Hotel and changed to MacArthur during WWI.

3/24/1977 - First VD clinic opens at GCS community center on March 28, in conjunction with Pima County Health Department.

3/31/1977 - Large contingent of Gay Tucsonans ride bus furnished by Jekyll's to go to State Capitol Senate hearing on revised criminal code. Over 600 in total attendance.

4/7/1977 - Gay Film Forum sponsored by the Tucson Public Library and funded by the Arizona Council on the Humanities was held at Rincon High School April 14.

4/21/1977 - Steve Rau was voted Royal Baby at the Graduate. P.S. Club moving from Ft. Lowell address to the MacArthur Hotel downtown.

5/12/1985 - Front Runner opens May 16, where old Lucky Pierre's was on Stone Avenue (Currently Rumor Bazzit). David Sperry and Larry Altherr managers. P.S. Club reopens as Toole Box in MacArthur Hotel May 13, George Rederus operator. First Annual Mother's Weekend sponsored by Mother Johnny Lorton.

5-19-1977 - First Fundraiser for Anti-Anita Bryant forces held May 10. Ed Persellin sold Jekyll's and Hyde's to Joel Maisano and Bernie Busfield. Club to change name to Jekyll's Last Culture. AGN moved into MacArthur Hotel office.

5/26/1977 - Gay volleyball league forms in Tucson. Court de Tucson returns from San Diego Coronation of Emperor and Empress VI.

6/2/1977 - Anita Bryant Roast at Joshua Tree nets \$565.85. Front Runner Grand Opening, show had Moosala, Woo-Woo, Casandra, Dani Reid and Moose.

6/9/1977 - Dade County Ordinance repealed by Anita Bryant Forces.

6/16/1977 - Mr. Fatfingers and Forum Boardwalk open in Phoenix. First Christian Church of Tucson barred MCC/Tucson the use of their facility. MCC continues to meet at Truth Chapel, 920 N. 1st Ave. Police arrests in Himmel Park in increase.

6/24/1977 - First Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic in Himmel Park. 50 persons in attendance. President Carter makes statement on Homosexuality. Monte Jon Gilmer moved into his own home.

7/1/1977 - Last Culture opens. Mother Johnny anointed Grand Czarina de Arizona and Queen Mother of Tucson of the Imperial Court de Arizona. Emperor II Joseph and Empress II Joanne were crowned at the Westward Ho in Phoenix.

7/22/1977 - Morning Star Cafe opens at 1930 N. Miracle Mile. Owner Thom Swanson. Shelly and Ryan voted as Goddess and God of Tucson at Hair Tiz, sponsored by Brenda Starr and J.R.

7/29/1977 - Formation meeting of Tucson chapter of Dignity to be held August 14.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 25
GAY PRIDE WEEK
CASINO NIGHT

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
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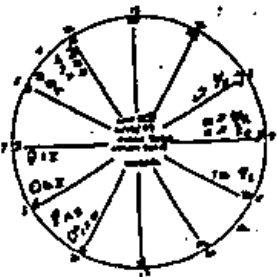
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Lights of Tucson

by Michael - Tucson

The last quarter moon for the Gemini period falls in Pisces giving Gemini's a really super week for romantic, affectionate self-expression.

ARIES

Your week for being involved in group activities, clubs, groups and organizations will look to you for leadership. You may get more responsibility that you really want.

TAURUS

Your week for being the backstairs gossip subject. Secret love affairs may not remain a secret, nor will other behind-the-scenes activities if you are not very careful. Visit friends in hospitals or prisons, or do some charitable volunteer work.

GEMINI

This is really your week to have as many affairs as you can handle. You will find yourself the center of attention, attracting friends and lovers from all directions. Have fun.

CANCER

Your horse trading instincts will be at a peak this week with all kinds of profitable deals. Time to add to your book collection. A word of caution however, read the fine print in contracts and sales agreements, you may be too optimistic for your own good.

LEO

A week to tend the fires on your home front. Do some redecorating or improvement. You could find a new place that is more attractive, or a new job this week, but do not count on it or stir up trouble with your living mates or co-workers.

VIRGO

You too will have more going on at home than elsewhere, but romance, parenthood, or grandparenthood can be in your picture. Play the Pick or your office pool this week you could be unusually fortunate and might win a trip to somewhere.

LIBRA

Pretty much the same as Virgo, but it will be party time. Take in a show, go dancing. You too may deal with children this week. Take them on a trip or a picnic. Play the Pick, you might win the big one. Investments are favored.

SCORPIO

You may feel mentally or emotionally disturbed this week, especially about financial matters involving mutual funds or property owned jointly by you and close kin. Avoid getting into arguments and use your ability to see beneath the surface and take corrective measures quietly.

SAGITTARIUS

Your week for marriage or divorce, forming new business partnerships or ending old ones. Whichever it will be sudden and somewhat unexpected. You may feel very restricted and want to break out of a situation, but you could lose much in the process. Step back and give the dust a chance to settle before you act.

CAPRICORN

Not a good week for dealing with important financial matters. There could be too much confusion. Important documents may be misplaced or not arrive on time. Too much misunderstanding could create problems with tax or insurance matters. A good week to do nothing until the air clears. In fact, this would be a good week to take that vacation you need.

AQUARIUS

A great week for taking a trip to foreign places or meeting foreign people. Study some higher education subject or a foreign language. Do some legal research. If you have a lawsuit pending you will win this week. You could get your picture in the paper or attract some public attention or honor.

PISCES

A good week for professional matters. Group efforts are favored and will be successful. Invitations to join new groups and take part in festive activities are on your agenda this week.

Michael fell asleep on his Gemini TV show, but can be seen at the Tucson Astrologers Guild "Psychic Fair" on June 21st at Cliff Manor Inn, 5900 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson.

WHAT'S NEW PUSSYCAT ?

by Doc and Ben

This past weekend was a busy one. On Saturday, there was a 'blessing' on the relationship of a couple. The ceremony was well attended and witnessed. The 'couple' ended up at the Graduate and went home early. Well, what else when you're plastered? Congratulations Gene and Tim.

Sunday was a busy one at the Graduate. First, it was the hanging of the trophy cabinet by TALL, TKO and SOS. However, due to a meeting at Rumor Hazzit by SOS, there was no one from that club to help with the hanging. Doc and Gary sure did a lot of screwing but finally got it intact on the wall. Everyone had their own ideas on how to put in the glass shelves and doors. After the glass had been cleaned and polished, it had to be done all over again after it was put in the cabinet. Oh well, one shelf of trophies was placed by TALL and TKO. After the 'hanging' there was a free buffet offered by the clubs to all who were there.

Then SOS had their monthly Casino Night with members from SOS doing the dealing. Following the 'gambling', there was an auction by the President's Club, this was by the Presidents of all the clubs in Tucson. Candy Plastique made like Vanna White during the auction until Roger auctioned off all of her clothes except for a very few choice items which she refused to give up. The services of the different Presidents were also auctioned, and you just wouldn't believe who bid for whom. Maybe at the First Ladies Run coming this weekend, we'll find out. Annie outbid everyone for the services of Tommy from TKO - I sure hope that everyone gets to watch during those two hours.

One last word to that co-author of mine. It is not the age that matters, Doc, it's what you have done to that poor body during all of those years. If Doc had known how long that body of his was going to last, he would have taken better care of it.

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WHAT'S UP DOC?



There are times when things happen that give a person the thought - they were made for each other. Saturday, members of TKO hung their trophy case on the wall of their new home bar, Graduate. Standing back and looking at the finished results, this 1983-built trophy case was made to be hanging at the Graduate. The trophy case will display different trophies and awards members of the Tucson Knight Owls have received on different runs, and also will include awards won by TALL and SOS.

Well, the long-awaited

Presidents Auction is behind us and from all I've heard, it was a roaring success. Over \$1300 was raised for TAP, from both the Presidents being auctioned off, and numerous different items donated for the auction. This event was the kick-off for the First Ladies Weekend Run this coming weekend.

The full price for the complete weekend run remains at only \$30. For this small fee you receive your food, lodging (as club members with cabins) and I'm sure more liquid refreshments you

could possible consume through the different cocktail parties that will be held. If by chance you still want more to drink, there is a bar at the camp grounds where you will be able to purchase more. Also, this small fee will get you into seeing 1987's top show, with guest performers from the different clubs sponsoring this extraordinary weekend. A lot of hours of preparations, planning, etc. have been put in by a lot of different people over these past 6 months to ensure everyone in attendance will never forget this event. For the final time, if you want to go on this run, contact any member of Partners, TKO, TALL, SOS or DL. They should be able to

get you the needed info or steer you in the right direction. If you miss this run, you will just have to read next weeks paper. I'm sure a line or two will be printed about it.

Also, in full swing this week is our Gay Pride Week. Check both last weeks issue and this issue of the OBSERVER for a full schedule of events for the complete week. Let's show up Sunday at Himmel Park and show unity in this community.

I'll close this column for now with a big thank you Tucson for all the love, unity and brotherhood we have.

Second Annual Lesbian and Gay Survey for 1987. Fill in answer portion and return.

Note to those persons taking this survey: The intent of this survey is to - in general terms - determine demographic information about the Gay and Lesbian Community in the state of Arizona and in the major cities of Phoenix and Tucson. You will note that no information is requested that could serve to identify you to anyone - therefore, we ask that you answer all questions completely and honestly. We appreciate your assistance in this survey. Thank you.

If you took this survey last year, you will notice a few changes in the format. This will, we hope, streamline the answering of questions and the compiling of them. Also, we have endeavored to eliminate superfluous data in order to target those areas of specific interest to our, and other, communities.

YOUR BACKGROUND:

(1) Age: (2) Sex: (3) Race: (4) Education completed:

(5) Are you presently in a "relationship"?:

(6) If "yes", how long have you been with your mate?:

(7) If "no", have you ever been in a relationship?:

(8) If you answered "yes" to question 7, how long since the relationship ended?

(9) For which reason did it end?

(10) I am 'out' to: (Please indicate below yes and no on the answer portion).

(11) I use the following regularly: (Indicate below yes and no).

SEXUAL ACTIVITIES: (Please indicate yes or no to choices below).

(12) "I usually partake in the following sexual acts":

(13) "Although not usual, I have tried the following sex acts":

(14) "I average this many anonymous partners per month":

(15) "I average this many regular partners per month":

HEALTH:

(16) "I have had the following": (Indicate below yes or no).

GENERAL:

"I own the following":

(17) Television (how many?) (18) Video Recorder (how many?)

(19) Remote Telephone (20) House

(21) Other Real Estate (22) Art (as investment).

(23) Precious metals (24) Bonds (25) Stocks

(26) I make annually: (27) My profession is:

(28) I rent / own (29) my home / apartment

(30) I have this many credit cards:

(31) My expendable income (what I can spend on non-obligatory items; other than rent, or car payment, etc.) per week is:

(32) My favorite: (See choices in answer portion below)

(33) If I could be in any profession, I would choose:

(34) I get 50% or more of my news from: (Choose one, answer below).

Local television news Network Television news

Local newspaper Other newspaper

Radio Other (please indicate)

(Please indicate yes or no for the following)

(35) The last time I engaged in sexual intercourse, either my partner or I used a condom:

(36) I have changed my sexual habits because of AIDS:

(37) I have seen on television, or heard on radio, a public service message about AIDS within the last thirty days:

(38) I have taken the blood test for AIDS:

(39) I am aware that no current law in Phoenix, Arizona guarantees me protection against discrimination in housing, or employment due to my sexual orientation:

(39A) I am aware that Tucson has a non-discrimination ordinance that guarantees me protection in housing and employment:

(40) I personally know either a man or woman who died from AIDS within the last twelve months:

Your input on the last survey helped your community a great deal. Please feel free to include suggestions for improving this survey for next year.

Why we are doing this survey: We feel that community-generated information is of great value in countering myths and stereotypes. We also believe that self-definition serves to dispel these myths and stereotypes.

Instructions: The way you will answer questions is a bit easier this time around. On the bottom of this questionnaire you will find spaces numbering 1 through 50. Read the survey question and put your answer in the corresponding space on the bottom of this form. Thank you.

(41) I have been verbally or physically abused because I am Gay/Lesbian:

(42) I have been physically injured (requiring medical attention) because I am Gay/Lesbian:

(43) I know that there is a community switchboard to assist members of the Gay/Lesbian Community in Phoenix and Tucson:

(44) I give financial support to the Gay/Lesbian organizations in Phoenix and/or Tucson:

(45) I read the following Gay newspaper(s) on a regular basis:

(46) Are you a parent?

(47) How many children? :

(48) Have you ever been in the armed services? (name branch of service)

(49) Are you a registered voter?

(50) Did you exercise your right to vote in the recent 1986 elections?

SURVEY ANSWERS: (please mark your answer next to the number corresponding to survey question).

1 _____ 5 _____ 10) parents _____ 11) drugs _____

2 _____ 6 _____ co-workers _____ cigarettes _____

3 _____ 7 _____ friends _____ alcohol _____

4 _____ 8 _____

9 _____

12) Anal Intercourse _____ Mutual Masturbation _____ Oral Sex _____

Oral/Anal Sex ("rimming") _____ Fisting _____ S&M _____

Bondage _____ Multiple Partners _____ (How Many?) _____

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Oral/Anal Sex _____ Fisting _____ S&M _____

Bondage _____ Multiple Partners _____ (How Many?) _____

14 _____ 15 _____

16) Hepatitis A _____ Hepatitis B _____ Hepatitis non-A or B _____

Syphilis _____ Gonorrrhea _____ Prostate Problems _____

Body Lice (crabs) _____

17 _____ 20 _____ 23 _____ 26 _____ 29 _____

18 _____ 21 _____ 24 _____ 27 _____ 30 _____

19 _____ 22 _____ 25 _____ 28 _____ 31 _____

32) Television show _____ Magazine _____

TV News Show _____ Author _____

33 _____ 37 _____ 41 _____

34 _____ 38 _____ 42 _____

35 _____ 39 _____ 43 _____

36 _____ 40 _____ 44 _____

45) Observer _____ Western Express _____ Previews/Reviews (P&R) _____

46 _____ 47 _____ 48 _____ 49 _____ 50 _____

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The editor of the OBSERVER newspaper would like to thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Watch our future issues for the results which will appear in the A VIEW FROM WITHIN column.

Please mail the BOTTOM HALF only of this completed survey to:

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SPECIAL CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

COLETTE'S WEST - FROM NIGHT! 8:00 p.m. The First Annual From night party takes place here. Be sure to vote for your candidates for King and Queen of the From. Pictures of candidates are posted at Colette's. Get ready to 'go back' to the prom and re-live all those glorious moments!!!

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 handshell 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! A TLGA sponsored event.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Big show extravaganza after the picnic in conjunction with Lesbian/Gay Pride Week Celebration. Cast includes Candy Plastique, Bobbi Jo, Alivia Diamond, Jacqueline De Savoi, Kelley Ryan with host Big Mike. 8:30 p.m. Always a big party that winds up the first day of a weeklong series of celebrations. No cover. A TLGA sponsored event.

MONDAY, JUNE 22

RITA'S - Pride Week continues here with an evening of specially programmed music for listening and dancing (Disco to Jazz, Broadway to Country & Western - it's listener's choice). Complimentary Buffet. Continuous showing of Pride slides and large screen videos of this year's picnic plus last year's activities. A TLGA sponsored event.

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. A TLGA sponsored event.

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, the women's telephone line. The announced prize was to have been dinner for two at the Fineline, however their restaurant is closed for the summer so the prize, and a very, very nice one too, will remain a mystery as of prentime. Make plans to attend this evening as a Lesbian Pride event. No Cover and it will be a fun evening - we guarantee.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

IST'S - 7:00 p.m. 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! No charge to play! TLGA sponsored.

RITA'S - 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. "Thanksgiving In June" is celebrated in conjunction with Pride Week activities. A real old-fashioned dinner and all the trimmings - Turkey, dressing, ham, yams, smashed potatoes and gravy, corn on the cob, cauliflower, cranberries, rolls, salad, pumpkin and apple pies. \$2.50 to cover some of the cost. Happy Thanksgiving!

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

COLETTE'S WEST - The Annual Dance Contest will take place here this year. \$150 in prize money for the top three dancers. Past winners are eligible too! No Charge. 8:30 p.m. Come out and boogie and win some money. A TLGA sponsored event.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

6:30 p.m. An Ecumenical Service sponsored by Integrity/Tucson at Grace Episcopal Church, 2331 E. Adams Street. Dignity/Tucson, MCC/Tucson and Cornerstone Fellowship/Tucson also participating. The format of the service will be Evensong, a traditional Episcopal evening prayer service. A litany for people with AIDS will be read and the evening's offerings will be given to the Tucson AIDS Project. A potluck supper will follow.

IST'S - 9:00 p.m. Wind up Pride Week by getting good and wet! IST's award-winning 'Wet Party' will be held this evening. It's dancing and party time so get your water guns and paraphernalia out and ready for this semi-annual fun affair. P.S. Be sure to wear your rubbers!

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.



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SOFTBALL - SOFTBALL

TUCSON - A pre-Pride Week Picnic was held this past Sunday at Himmel Park. Approximately 55 people attended and were treated to a very excellent barbeque lunch prepared by this year's Fiesta de Mayo Queen, Minerva and friends.

The Joshua Tree/Back Pocket and Colette's challenged each other to a very close softball game of seven innings. The day was very hot and rain threatened but the teams patiently waited preparing for the game wetting their whistles with keg beer.

The game finally started at 1:00 p.m. with the teams lined up on each base line with hand over hearts respectfully listening to the National Anthem sung by James Shafer. After the applause from throughout the park, as Jim's voice does carry, Colette's took to the field and Joshua Tree grabbed the bats.

The Joshua Tree players quickly took the lead with a home run by Theo, making the score 2 to 0. Unfortunately the next two batters were put out quickly and Colette's came to the plate. Much to the surprise of the Joshua Tree team, Colette's went through their batting order two and one half times before being put out, and managed to score 13 runs, making the score 13 to 2 at the end of the first inning.

The Joshua Tree players did not score in the second inning, but of course Colette's did score one run. The third inning began to show a change for the better in the playing ability of the Joshua Tree players who scored 4 runs to 0 by Colettes, making the score 14 to 6.

With still a wide margin in the score, the Joshua Tree captain began to worry that in three years of summer softball, a tradition was about to be broken as Colette's had yet to beat a Joshua Tree team.

With determination, the Joshua Tree team took the field and from then on out took command of the game. By the end of the sixth inning, the score was 16 to 14 in favor of Colette's and JT's had one at bat left in the game.

In the top of the seventh, JT's scored 6 runs taking the lead by 4. Colette's team came to bat. There was one quick out and then two runners on base. A ground ball was hit to the shortstop, Chris, who made an excellent throw to first putting out the batter, but a run scored. The next batter got a hit and another run scored. Tension mounted as the next batter hit a pop-up for the second out. The next batter made the third out and JT's won the game coming from behind 20 to 18.

Thanks to both teams for a very entertaining and fun game and a special thanks to Minerva for the wonderful, tasty food.

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THE TUCSON CALENDAR

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Wednesday Madness" - From 2-8 pm Drink Special: Check the chalkboard. Draft Beer Bust 9 pm to 1 am .50 per glass! Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Schnapps shots .75 from 8 pm to Midnight.
GRADUATE - 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.
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thursday

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GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing!
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friday

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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.
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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.
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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 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Free donuts and coffee noon to 3 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pixie's .50 from 3 to 7 p.m.
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.
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monday

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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 am plus other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30: Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness".
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 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 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. "Suds & Cakes" .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 am "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 am.

A View From Within

A COMMENTARY BY
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

WHAT GOOD ARE TESTS?

On June 8, the Phoenix Gazette newspaper released results of a telephone poll conducted between May 12 - 18, 1987. The survey asked 1,001 Arizonans their opinions regarding testing for AIDS. The results show the lack of good information about the disease, and files in the face of all the medical experts tell us.

To the question, "Should a blood test to detect the AIDS virus be a requirement of obtaining a marriage license?" an extremely surprisingly large amount answered "yes": 82%. This result shows that education about AIDS is desperately needed, and obviously not reaching those who need it.

I am still puzzled as to exactly what good a pre-marital test for AIDS would do. Consider these points: No current blood test is perfect. In fact, many companies using results from tests have been criticized for not double-testing every positive result. Costly, yes, but current estimates say up to 5-7% of all positive results are false-positive, meaning a blood sample with no AIDS antibodies present is tested positive — an error.

Let's assume, then, that our pre-marital couple have been tested, and the results come back negative for each. (Remember that if a sample can falsely test positive, it can also falsely test negative: a situation which has indeed occurred in more than a few instances). Our happy Dick and Jane marry, then topple into bed to consummate their union. Six months later Jane begins having night sweats, fever and vomiting. She's taken to the hospital where she dies 72 hours later. Well, at least she took the pre-marital blood test....

(Remember also that it can take anywhere up to four months, it is estimated, for the presence of AIDS antibodies to show up after a person has been infected).

Then of course, we have the obvious: if you want to avoid testing, avoid getting married — or at least avoid marriage in Arizona. Las Vegas is geographically right-around-the-corner, as is Los Angeles, and New Mexico. Some big deterrent pre-marital testing is to the spread of AIDS.

Also, we hear the argument: Well, pre-marrieds were tested for syphilis for years, why is AIDS any different? Aside from the many differences, this is the 1980s, not the dark ages. Once, Ingrid Bergman was virtually forced to leave the country when she was discovered to be having an affair with someone other than her husband. Today, people left and right are having each other's children with nothing more than an understanding keeping them together.

In other words, people will

happily live together thereby bypassing the AIDS test altogether. (Just for the sake of argument, we will overlook the fact that "cohabitation" is still illegal in Arizona... Just thought you'd be interested in that little fact).

Going back to the Gazette survey. It is surprising that 71% classified themselves as either Protestant or Roman Catholic. Not to be too rude, the church is not what I would call very intelligent on this whole AIDS matter. Let us not forget that for quite a long while, AIDS was a "Plague visited upon homosexuals from God." Remember? That dirty little lie was not begun by a group of atheists, I'll tell you that for sure. The church's stand is to ignore the truth and allow their congregations to blissfully walk through life, then wonder why — after they get AIDS — God was punishing them.

But, back to the survey: 24% also said it was a good idea to test for AIDS as part of getting a driver's license. Another brilliant idea. Then, too, 22% said names of those who test positive for AIDS should be publicly disclosed. I would love to be there when one of them got a positive result for AIDS — just to see their face light up as the press gleefully ran to the payphone to phone their names into the newspaper for inclusion in the next edition. Yes, what I would give to be a fly on that wall.

Alright, I'm through with my complaining for now. But before we part this week, let me offer a few solutions. (I cannot abide people who complain about something without offering some suggestion as a counter-idea).

Instead of wasting money testing, spend that money on education. Education in the Gay community has already proven helpful. Evidence in San Francisco has shown the number of new cases among Gay men to be dropping off. More new cases come from intravenous drug users than any other high-risk group.

Then the rest of the money should be spent on making new drugs available to persons afflicted with AIDS. Stop wasting all this time on useless testing of the new drugs. I am sick of this line about "well, we don't know about the possible side-effects..." Big deal! If I was dying of AIDS — which is so far sporting a 100% mortality rate — I would suffer through some inconvenient side-effects if there was even the slightest chance this new drug would help me.

We should stop all this talk about blood tests, and get to the heart of the matter: education of everybody, and research for treatment and cures.

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

First Ladies Brotherhood Weekend

TUCSON — Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 19, 20 and 21 marks a giant step for the Tucson Gay community. For the first time in Arizona, every club in one city is organizing an event to involve not only all clubs but the entire Gay community as well. In the name of brotherhood, the First Ladies of Desert Leathermen, Great Outdoors, Partners, SOS, T-Squares, TALL, TKO and the Non-Club are holding the First Annual First Ladies Brotherhood Weekend 1987.

A fee of \$30 will cover the entire weekend. This fee will include dinner on Friday night, breakfast, lunch dinner and show

on Saturday; breakfast and the awards ceremony on Sunday along with all camping fees and participation in all events.

Applications may be picked up at the Graduate, IBT's and Ramor Hazzit or by calling Kip at 790-2558 or Bill at 889-4374.

This event is being held as a means of bringing all clubs and the Tucson Gay community together in the name of brotherhood. With the entire community working together now and in the future, think how much more we can get accomplished. Despite all the difference, we are ONE!!!

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VIEWPOINT

FRIENDS:

On behalf of the 5,000 members of the Lesbian and Gay Caucus of the New Alliance Party nationally, I am writing to protest the exclusion of the New Alliance Party (NAP) from a delegate seat at the recent meeting held in Los Angeles of the National Steering Committee of the March on Washington. Not only was the New Alliance Party the only organization denied access in this way, but our exclusion was accompanied by an unprincipled attack on the integrity of the Caucus by members of the National Steering Committee.

As a member of the steering committee or as a Lesbian or Gay activist involved with the March, you no doubt agree that this unfortunate episode calls into question your commitment to the inclusion of all Lesbians and Gay men, especially Lesbians and Gay men of color, a commitment made at the initial March meeting in New York, a meeting I was proud to attend as a representative of the Lesbian and Gay Caucus.

During the fight over whether NAP should be seated as a legitimate, national organization, one national Lesbian leader was heard saying that NAP's understanding of homosexuality as a political choice (a lifestyle decision that is the right of all Americans) was "antithetical to the beliefs of the people represented in the room". I can only presume she was referring to the National Steering Committee. I am deeply alarmed that her statement has gone unchallenged by other members of the Steering Committee. However, since the Committee is diverse and made up of many different political organizations, I hope you will take this opportunity to publicly clarify whether you in fact agree with her statement, a statement

which argues that a progressive and political definition of homosexuality has no place in our movement.

All this said, we are not writing you simply because NAP has been excluded but because this exclusion represents a continuation of a fight that has been brewing in National March discussions for many months now. In talking with leaders of the Black and progressive communities about the Los Angeles meeting, there is a shared perception that the exclusion of NAP is just one more attempt to undermine the New York mandate to make this March a multi-issue event, fully representative of the needs and demands of all oppressed peoples, including the broad spectrum of people within the Gay movement. For to capitulate for even a moment to the call by some for a return to a single-issue March, that is, a march that is representative of Gay rights in the most narrow sense of those words, is to ignore the long history of politics in this country where a single issue orientation has been used as little more than a racist attack on the Black community, whose organizations and demands have historically been multi-issue, concerned with the liberation of all human beings oppressed in this most racist of countries.

This is the actual history of single issue vs. multi-issue organizing and I strongly urge you, both personally and as a representative of the National March, to step forward and guarantee that this March does everything it must do to give voice to a broad range of concerns and project in strong and militant fashion the diversity and progressivism of the national Gay community.

We would be the first to agree that there are many disagreements on how to empower Lesbians and Gay men, but we would

all surely agree that the solution to these disagreements cannot be the sectarian exclusion of progressive Lesbian and Gay organizations, organizations which represent Lesbians and Gay men of color, or Gay organizations who for whatever reason have gained notoriety because of their commitment to fighting for Gay rights. If this is our position it is a sad statement of how little our movement has to be proud of at a time when the Right Wing in this country is waiting in the wings to prey on those we leave behind because we failed to achieve progressive unity.

I have enclosed a copy of the National Alliance, a national independent newspaper, which contains a reprint of two talks, one by Barbara Smith, the nationally known Black Lesbian activist and the other by Dr. Lenora Fulani, National Coordinator of the Women of Color Caucus of NAP, which were presented at the 3rd Annual Blacks and Gays Conference held in New York recently. I think you'll find Dr. Fulani's talk particularly enlightening. Also included in this issue is a personal response to the fight in Los Angeles by Alvaader Frazier, a prominent Black Lesbian attorney and long-time activist in the Gay community. I'm eager to hear your response to both, and urge you to use these articles to open up this very important dialogue among your organizations, friends and colleagues.

Thank you for your support in this matter. Sincerely,
Mary Fridley
National Coordinator
Lesbian and Gay Caucus
New Alliance Party.

[ED NOTE: The New Alliance Party has been active in Arizona gathering signatures on petitions that will allow it to field a presidential candidate in the 1988 elections. In addition, members have been distributing their newspaper "The New Alliance" in

local Gay bars in the past few weeks. Those interested in replying to Ms. Fridley's letter above may do so by mailing a copy to the OBSERVER for inclusion in a future issue.]

News from MCC Tucson

This coming week will begin the celebration of Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. MCC/Tucson is planning to take part in these festivities. On Tuesday, June 23rd beginning at 7:30 p.m., there will be a 40 minute musical concert featuring Mr. Tim Armstrong, baritone; Mr. Lance Penny, classical pianist; Miss Terry Sheridan, soprano and Mr. Earvin Wagner, "a touch of soul".

After a ten minute intermission, the movie "Before Stonewall" will be shown. This is a documentary on the social, political and cultural progress of the homosexual community prior to the 1969 riots at the Stonewall Bar in New York. This exciting and very interesting film is 90 minutes long.

Following another ten minute intermission there will be a short "Before Stonewall" discussion, followed by the presentation of the 20 minute documentary "God, Gays and the Gospel" this is a short history of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community churches. Both of these fine films are recommended to everyone in the Lesbian/Gay community.

The heat is with us and it was fully felt at last Sunday's services. The ceiling fans did give some relief but hopefully the coolers will be operating very soon. Just remember, the church may be warm during these summer months, but I can name a place that is much warmer.

Thought for the Week: In the light of the grace, I have received, I want to urge each one among you not to exaggerate his real importance. Romans 12: 3.

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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.

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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 8 p.m. to Midnight. Transmission, sympathy, testing for AIDS, medical and counseling.

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RE: *Between Two Deserts* by Germaine Shames

Pub. date: August 9, 2002 + Fiction + Cloth + \$24.00 + ISBN 1-931561-13-3

Dear Mark,

Enclosed please find an advanced reading copy of *Between Two Deserts*, a first novel by Germaine Shames. Please consider this novel for review. Ms. Shames is also available for interviews.

Between two Deserts is a window on a troubled land in troubled times, a chronicle told from the points-of-view of all parties to the conflict— Muslims, Christians and Jews.

The interwoven characters in *Between Two Deserts* share a common backdrop— Jerusalem— and the complex moral climate engendered by lives colliding at the seam of a divided city. An American Jew goes to Israel to find her roots but instead loses her head over a mysterious Palestinian suitor. An Israeli mother confronts brutal truths when her soldier son refuses to serve in the West Bank. A Palestinian widow spins fantasies about the hunted freedom fighter she harbors in her basement. A former Partisan wages peace only to fall victim to an Islamic zealot.

This brave new world casts a worldly eye upon the people trying to live ordinary lives in an extraordinary time.

GERMAINE SHAMES has written from six continents on topics ranging from the Middle East crisis to Aboriginal land rights, from the struggle to save the Amazon to the plight of street children. Her articles have appeared in *National Geographic Traveler*, *Hemispheres*, *Troika*, *Blue*, *Rotarian*, *Byline*, and others. Her essays and short stories have been widely anthologized. *Between Two Deserts* is her first novel. She resides in Arizona.

If you would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact me at 800-774-3777 or via email at amy@macadamcage.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Amy Long
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