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Reid Park Rock Concert Draws 6000 In Tucson Mecham Recall Kickoff

TUCSON - The 'official' Tucson kick-off in the Mecham recall campaign took place last Sunday, July 12, in the Bandshell area of Reid Park where six 'rock' bands and several solo artists performed for a crowd estimated between 6000 and 7000 persons. Although many of those attending were there for the music only, it is estimated that approximately 75 percent either registered to vote, signed the recall petition or both.

Dawn Harward, chairwoman of the Rockers for Recall, an autonomous subcommittee of the Phoenix-based Mecham Recall Committee, said that she feels confident that "we'll get 120,000 signatures" in Tucson. The recall needs to get about 216,000 in about three months to force an election. Recall officials have estimated 2,500 signatures must be collected per day statewide to reach that goal.

Harward said that the Reid Park event was organized to "motivate through music a group of voters politically stereotyped as apathetic." "We are trying to build-up unity and build up a sense of group cause. There are [young] people feeling angry and frustrated, and we needed to find

a channel for that energy," she said. "By joining together, maybe we can make a difference." Harward drew comparisons to political and social change brought about by youthful activism in the 1960s.

"These 'fringe' groups effected changes in the federal government in the 1960s, and [young people] can do it here on a state-wide level in the '80s," she said.

Petitions arrived in Tucson on Friday and petitioners were out the entire evening gathering signatures. Lines formed wherever tables were set up. By 8:00 p.m., committee organizers had distributed more than 1,000 petitions.

"It's incredible," said David Jones, co-chairman of the Southern Arizona effort. "I hate to say it because what we're doing is trying to recall a man," Jones said. "I feel terrible about what it will do to the individual - the effect it will have on this man. But it's not as terrible as what he's doing to the masses."

Brian Mulford, head of the Southern Arizona Gay Coalition for Recall said that his workers had a very busy weekend gathering signatures and registering voters. All were highly successful in every



Brian Mulford

spot that his petitioners were located. Petitioners, many of whom are also voter registrars, all were highly enthusiastic about the initial response recall petitions. "We've been waiting for this day for a long time now," said one petitioner, "and from the looks of the line of people waiting to sign up, they have been waiting a long time too."

Mecham has claimed that the recall effort is the product of homosexual activists and dissident Democrats. Burt Kruglick, chairman of the state Republican Party called the recall group a "band of homosexual agitators" who "are lying to the public in an effort to make people think they must sign the petition if they want to vote."

That seems to be backslashing on them," said Ed Buck, admitted homosexual and founder of the effort to recall Mecham. "A lot of people are calling in on that comment" saying "this is ridiculous," Buck said. Many recall workers are wearing buttons reading "heterosexual agitators," he said.

Buck said that the Phoenix Recall office has been receiving so many phone calls that the Committee will add three more phone lines.

Gays and Lesbians wishing to join in the recall effort may join the Southern Arizona Gay Coalition of the Mecham Recall Committee and are encouraged to call Tucson coordinator Brian Mulford - 881-8252 in Tucson. Help is needed in many areas of this campaign.

TKO installs new officers



TUCSON - The Tucson Knight Owls elected new officers for the term 1987-88. They were installed in ceremonies held at the Graduate last Saturday, July 11.

Pictured above (l to r) back row: Tommy M. President; Ben C. Corresponding Secretary; Patrick Mc. Treasurer. Front Row: Dennis D. Secretary; Mike D. Vice-President and Doc H. Activities

Captain.

The Tucson Knight Owls is the oldest active men's social club in Tucson. Beside their own social activities, TKO also is involved in a number of charitable pursuits. Persons interested in joining this organization may leave their name and phone number at TKO's home bar, the Graduate.

Gays and feminists will confront Pope in San Francisco visit

by Mark A. Stein

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Gay and feminist leaders have launched a campaign to keep Pope John Paul II out of the city's largely Gay Castro District and to confront him with protests at each of his appearances here later this year.

The campaign started with the mailing of a letter to the Pope blasting his visit to San Francisco as just "an attempt to 'bait' and provoke peaceful Gay, Lesbian and bisexual people."

Activists said they are focusing on the Pope's visit here - the eighth stop on a nine-city U.S. tour in September - because of his conservative attitude toward homosexuality and reproduction rights issues.

"The Pope has his right to his own incorrect views ... but he does not have the right to come into San Francisco, or into the United States, to tell us how to live our lives," said John E. Wahl, chairman of a social justice commission of the San Francisco Council of Churches.

Officials at the San Francisco Roman Catholic Archdiocese downplayed the matter, saying the Pope has no plans to visit the Castro area.

"The Pope is very interested in visiting an AIDS hospice and an AIDS patient - he told the bishops that himself," said archdiocese spokeswoman Mary Burns. "But when that will happen hasn't even been determined yet. It might not even happen here."

She added that despite the protests, she believes there is still significant support in the Castro District for the pontiff's visit. She said that her personal parish, which includes the district, recently took a straw vote on the issue and only 16 of about

300 parishioners opposed the papal tour.

"We're all hoping and praying that when the Pope finally comes, we will see a miracle of healing that will bring together this community rather than divide it further," she said.

The controversy centers on the Vatican's forthright condemnation of homosexual acts as sinful. Gays are particularly upset by a Vatican letter issued in October, which said, in part, "neither the church nor society at large should be surprised when ... violent reactions increase" as the result of Gay-rights legislation. Gays view this as an "implicit condonation" of physical attacks on homosexuals.

A subsequent pastoral letter on AIDS by the California Catholic Conference appeared to soften this view. "There were no conditions placed on Jesus' expression of concern for the outcasts and the wounded of the world," it said in part. "If we are to follow His example, our response to those who are ill should be that of compassion, not judgment."

But a continued "hard line" by the Vatican against homosexuality and the use of contraception - particularly condoms, which are advocated as the one way to check the spread of AIDS - has kept tensions high among Gays and feminists.

Wahl said pickets will demonstrate near St. Mary's Cathedral and Candlestick Park while the Pope speaks and celebrates Mass at those sites. In addition, he said, an all-night candlelight vigil will be held outside the church residence where the Pope will be staying.

UPDATE

GREAT OUTDOORS ANNOUNCES 1987 'LAKE POWELL HOUSEBOAT ADVENTURE'
TUCSON - Reservations are being taken now for space on Great Outdoors' "Lake Powell Houseboat Adventure '87" which is scheduled Oct. 5 through Oct. 10. Space is limited to twelve persons only.

This year's plans call for the outing to leave Hall's Crossing, Utah and head south with a side trip up Escalante Canyon. A runabout with a water skiing package has been reserved for those interested in skiing.

Two meals are planned each day - brunch and dinner. At the pre-trip meeting, two persons draw for one or the other, and that is the only cooking you do.

Last year cocktail brunches were served about midday as coffee time eased into party time.

As evening approaches, a secluded cove or scenic quiet spot was searched out to tie up for the night. Once secure, swimming and water skiing were on the agenda, while evening dinner is prepared.

The evening meals turned into an array of gourmet feasts as each team of two outdid each other.

Classical music and jazz echoing through the canyon as the group enjoys a candlelight dinner, then adjourned to the beach to sit around a campfire to talk. As evening grows late, and the campfire burns down, members singly or in pairs retired to their bed rolls ready for an early start the next morning.

Sound like fun? You bet it is. The cost of the five day trip is only \$210. Those interested in more information call (602) 747-2875 in the evenings for details. Remember, the space is limited to 12 persons - males and females are invited.

HEARING ON SEX BAN SCHEDULED
TUCSON - The Pima County Board of Health will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance designed to combat AIDS by discouraging anonymous sex at "adult amusement establishments."

The board set a hearing for 7:00 p.m. July 29, but the place has not been determined.

Lois Prosser, a health board member who chairs a subcommittee drafting the ordinance, said public input would help the committee refine the ordinance.

The health board is an advisory body. Any ordinance must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The ordinance was drafted after members of the National Federation of Decency called for the closure of Tucson's only bathhouse, The Stables, on East 40th Street.

Federation members said the bathhouse promotes the spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome through anonymous sex.

Although no cases of the fatal disease have been linked to The Stables, health officials have said any measure that discourages businesses from promoting sex with multiple partners will help stop the spread of AIDS.

Instead, the proposed ordinance would ban concealed booths where sex can occur in bathhouses and limit the number of booths in peep shows at adult bookstores. It also calls for at least four unannounced health inspections a year for such establishments.

AIDS NOW TOP KILLER OF YOUNG NEW YORK WOMEN
NEW YORK, NY - Acquired immune deficiency syndrome has replaced cancer as the leading cause of death for women 25 to 34 years old in New York City, according to city Health Commissioner Dr. Stephen C. Joseph. AIDS was the No. 1 killer of men ages 24 to 44 in 1986, as it was the previous year, Joseph said.

CEPA HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS BANQUET
SATURDAY, JULY 25
PHOENIX - The Camelback Business and Professional Association's Annual Human Rights Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, July 25, at the Doubletree Suites (formerly Gateway Park Hotel), 320 North 44th Street in Phoenix. The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. with no-host cocktails, followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Following the awards will be dancing until midnight.

This year's honorees are the Arizona Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and the congregation of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Phoenix.

The featured speaker will be R. Foster Winans, author of "Trading Secrets" and former writer of the Wall Street Journal column, "Heard on the Street". Tickets for the evening are \$30.00. For more information or reservations call Bob, 899-6298 or Duane, 956-3739.

INSURERS WILL TEST FOR AIDS
ARIZONA OFFICIALS PREPARING RULES
PHOENIX (AP) - Arizona insurance officials are preparing guidelines under which insurance companies would be allowed to test health-and-life insurance policy applicants for exposure to AIDS.

Arizona insurance Department Director S. David Childers said concerns include the tests' effectiveness and how companies will keep the test results confidential. It has not been determined yet how the insurers will decide who will be tested. Martha Jones, clinical director for the Arizona Stop AIDS Project, is worried that the ruling might cause more bias against clients who fit certain categories. "How will they pick and choose who will be tested?" she asked.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners' health and accident committee has recommended that each state decide whether to allow testing. Childers heads that committee.

Insurance regulators say they are caught between insurers faced with rising claims and high-risk groups that fear testing will lead to bias. Arizona's rules are due in 60 days.

Author at Humanspace Books



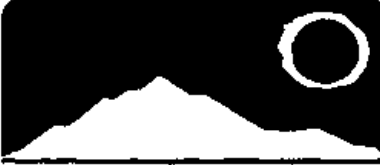
R. Foster Winans
(Photo: Joe McNally/Esquire)

PHOENIX - R. Foster Winans, former "Heard On The Street" columnist for the Wall Street Journal, will be at Humanspace Books on Saturday, July 25 at 3:00 p.m. to chat about his experience and autograph copies of his book, "Trading Secrets: Seduction and Scandal at the Wall Street Journal".

Winans was convicted in 1985 of trading on insider information; he is currently free on appeal. As a result of his conviction, he lost his job and his male lover.

"Trading Secrets" is for sale at Humanspace Books, Inc., 1617 N. 32nd Street, #5. All are invited to come and meet Mr. Winans. For more information call 220-4419.

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A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

GOODBYE MICHAEL BENNETT

On the evening of Thursday, July 2, the lights along Broadway dimmed for a moment's tribute to genius Michael Bennett who had died at 4:50 a.m. that morning, at his home in Tucson. His death was caused by lymphoma, caused by AIDS.

Every day, one reads of the death of someone from AIDS. This day, however, was the most painful, for Michael Bennett had represented—for me—something more than creative genius.

It was 1975, and my junior year of high school was nearing mid-point, when a friend of mine began playing a cassette tape from a new Broadway show. We were both in theatre in high-school, and often listened to sound tracks. This music was special.

I listened dumb-founded to the entire tape, then asked him what show the music was from. "A Chorus Line", he answered. My life was not the same from that moment on.

For the next several years, I lived, breathed, ate and slept "A Chorus Line"—the show about aspiring young dancers auditioning for a few parts in a Broadway show. But of course, you know that. Since the show's opening off-Broadway on April 16, 1975, and its Broadway debut on October 19, 1975, "A Chorus Line" has been hailed as nothing less than a masterpiece. And on September 29, 1983—after 3,389 performances—"A Chorus Line" became the longest running show in Broadway's history.

It is still playing to packed houses as you read this column.

I was a crazy young kid—back in 1975. I wanted nothing less than to be a dancer on Broadway; to someday dance in "A Chorus Line". The power of that show drove me continuously to that one-day-in-the-future when I would step onto that bare, white-lined stage and dance.

I sang two of the songs during talent showcases at the school and even in a variety show called "What I Did For Love"—named for the show-stopping song about what a dancer does for his love of dancing.

I was known around my high school for that song. In fact, the day of my graduation ceremonies, our high-school principal—with whom I had always been friends—said in his address to the students, "In the words of the song from the great Broadway show, 'Kiss today goodbye, and point me toward tomorrow'....." I remember that moment like it just happened. I remember a smile crossing my face, and the heads of those sitting around me turning to look at me. I also seem to remember a shaft of bright light illuminating me, but that could have been my imagination.

I had seen "A Chorus Line" in 1976. It was a Christmas present from my parents. A gift given to shut me up, I suppose. It did not quiet me; it made me love the show even more, and yearn for that one day...

Since then, I have seen the show four times. The movie at least as often, heard the album so many times small holes are worn on its surface.

Of course, my life has changed from those youthful plans and dreams. But my love for the meaning behind "A Chorus Line" has not diminished.

Michael Bennett did other shows. He choreographed, wrote, and/or directed "Promises", "Coco"—with Katharine Hepburn, "Twigs", "Company", "Follies", "Seesaw", "Ballroom", then "Dreamgirls". In the course of his theatre successes, he won six Tony Awards—the theatre's "Oscar". His shows have won more than 20 Tony Awards, and "A Chorus Line" won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

His success is acknowledged. His awards numerous. His talent, the stuff of legends. And now he is dead.

For the first time in many years, I cried the day he died. Cried for the meaning his life and work had for me; cried for those who also suffered a great loss; cried for those many great ideas of his which—now—will not ever been seen by others. Cried because for so long nothing had been done about AIDS.

Maybe, if so many vital years had not been wasted, a cure would have already been found for AIDS. And Michael would be with us still..... Maybe.

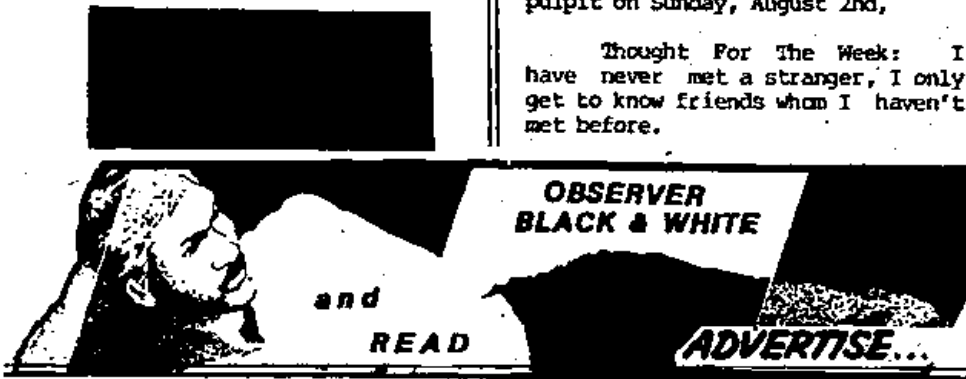
At spes non fracta: see you next week.

News from MCC Tucson

Last Sunday, immediately following the Morning Worship Service, there was a meeting with the congregation and the delegates going to the Miami, Florida General Conference. This was an informal meeting called "Instructions To The Delegates". During this meeting, the several issues that will be before the General Conference were discussed so that the delegates could vote on the issues under the local congregation's consent. It was decided that the delegates would have the authority of the congregation to have the liberty of deciding on the individual issues as they came to vote. The delegates will make a full report on their week at the General Conference.

For the next two Sundays, July 19th and 26th, Pastor Ed Perry will be at the General Conference in Miami. But MCC/Tucson will have services as usual. Sunday morning, July 19th, the Deacons will be in charge of the Morning Worship Service. The Evening Worship Service at 6:30 p.m. is our regular scheduled Deacons' Worship Service since it is the third Sunday of the month. On Sunday, July 26th, at the Morning Worship Service there will be a guest speaker and the service will be conducted by different Lay Persons of the congregation. Pastor Ed Perry will return to the pulpit on Sunday, August 2nd.

Thought For The Week: I have never met a stranger, I only get to know friends whom I haven't met before.



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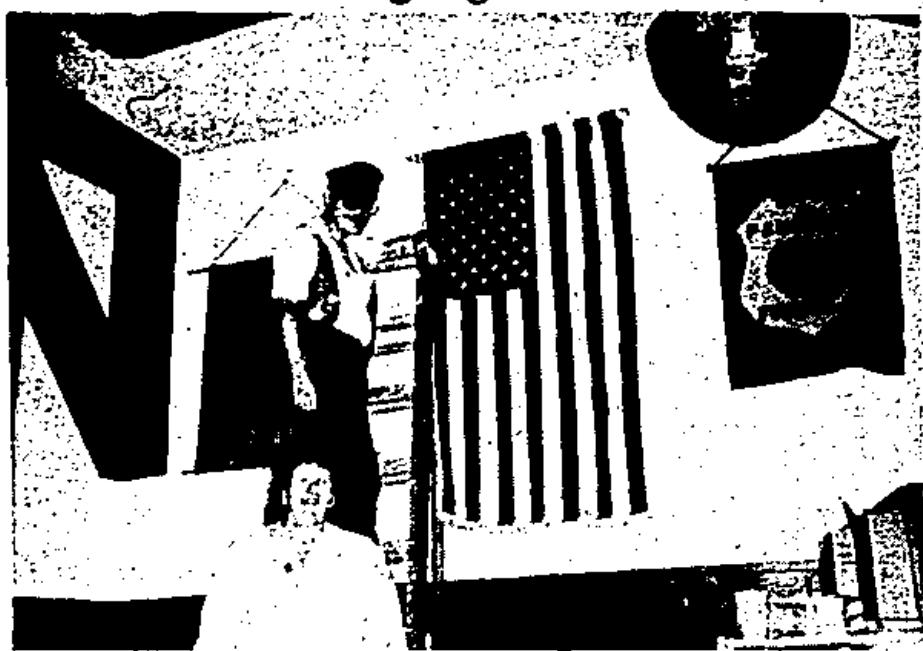
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Color hanging ceremonies



TUCSON - Desert Leathermen and Partners, two of Tucson's social clubs, jointly placed their colors on the walls of IBT's last Sunday, July 12, designating IBT's as their home bar.

Also shown is D.L. member, Candy who gave her usual rousing rendition of "God Bless America" as the colors were hung.

Top photo shows Desert Leathermen Dennis hanging the United States flag in between the

two clubs's colors. The bottom picture is a group photograph of both clubs members taken on the patio at IBT's last Sunday.

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DEAR TUCSON -

First off I would like to remind all of you out there to register to vote and sign the recall petition to oust our illustrious governor, Mr. Evan Mecham. It is because of him that SOS is no longer able to continue to hold Casino Night at the Graduate. Due to the new state law (effective July 14th) spending money to take a chance on winning prizes or gambling for prizes will be prohibited throughout Arizona with the exception of tax-exempt businesses currently operating for five years or more.

It is with much disappointment that SOS cannot continue to present Casino Night. As of its inception back in October of 1986, SOS has raised more than \$2,500 just in receipts from Casino Night alone. As you know, the main function of SOS is to provide continuous support to the community through charitable contributions, volunteer action, and any other means in which to help in the continuous growth of our community.

On behalf of SOS, I would gratefully like to extend our sincere thanks to all who have supported SOS Casino Night. Some great times were had by all, and many organizations and persons have benefitted thanks to your generosity. A special thanks to all our guest dealers: members of TKO, TALL, Partners, T-Squares, Desert Leathermen, MCC, SOS and to all others who just pitched in to help.

The last Casino Night which was held Sunday, July 5th netted the most income ever, just over \$500, most of that coming from donations and an auction. I would like to thank the Centurion Bookstore for their donation of some of our prizes and raffle items, also to Nell Cowhey for donating back his life-size male inflatable doll to be auctioned, to Penny Peters who surprisingly bid heavily for that doll and donated it to SOS as its mascot, to Ben and Annie for being the highest bidders on the cake stand (just what Ben needs). Thanks to Glenn and TALL for his monetary donation along with Al Johnson of Desert Leathermen. Thanks to Michael Bennet for the construction of the black jack tables. Don't worry Michael, we'll find another way to use them again.

I would especially like to thank Mr. Ron Templeton, Mr. Roger Barger and the staff of the Graduate for their time and support of Casino Night as well as all other SOS functions.

Please continue to support SOS. When you do support SOS, you are supporting your community. Keep your eyes glued to the Weekly Observer for upcoming SOS events. You haven't licked us yet, Mr. Governor!!!

Sincerely
Michael Ulloa (Big Mike)
President - Sisters of Sonora (SOS)



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OUT ON THE TOWN

Christi sent a representative to San Francisco for their parade since she could not attend due to previous commitments. Toasted Totie recollects:

Yes, Tucson, there is a tooth fairy. He's alive and well and doing hair in the Castro, San Francisco, that is. And how does Totie know this? Well, let's just say she had her hair done during her recent Gay/Lesbian Freedom Day Parade. This is not to say that Mrs. Miller was unfaithful, merely that Totie had a wonderful time experiencing her own tails of the city. Anyhoo, Cora claims the parade was simply fabulous. Every possible group imaginable was represented. Totie and Teddie are still trying to decide which was more festive, the Gay and Lesbian Librarians Association, or the Gay/Lesbian Hemophiliacs Group. But there's no doubt, there does exist a "Papal Free Zone".

Special thanks go to Ms. Fortrell of Claire Manor for the tres fab accommodations. Too bad Cora couldn't cope with the not-so-silent butler, Ivor, not to mention the visions of Darth Vader in Quadrascope. She spent most of her visit trying to negotiate a treaty 'twixt Dorothy and the Empire doing her best Princess Lay-a-complete with Cinnamon Bun ear muffs. She's ever on the vanguard of fashion. Yes, a fabulous time was had by all.

P.S. Scooter sends sincere and sound salutations to the sensational senocitas of the simply scintillating seaside city of San Francisco. Trap, that means you too, Teddie.

Back to the Old Pueblo, Christina gets more numbers in one week than Ma Bell has in her book.

And she will sell those undies for thirty-five cents since she doesn't really know who they belong to anyway.

Toddette Tolbert says "A man in two dimensions is better than no man at all - especially when those dimensions are thick and long". It must be those pineapples, and we're not talking Princess here.

Has Tondaleo seen her cousin Wanda Gardner lately? Only Debbie knows for sure. Is it Scooter or is it Scooter (2)? Who is Bob Groves anyway. And why does he keep airing his dirty laundry? How did Cora Comatose cope with Aunt Charlotte and the Duchess? Sister Bootle certainly has been busy bouncing from the big box to a not-so-big-box. Whatever happened to Anna Stadla de La O?

Til next time, forever yours
Jza Jza LaMore

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WEEK AT A GLANCE



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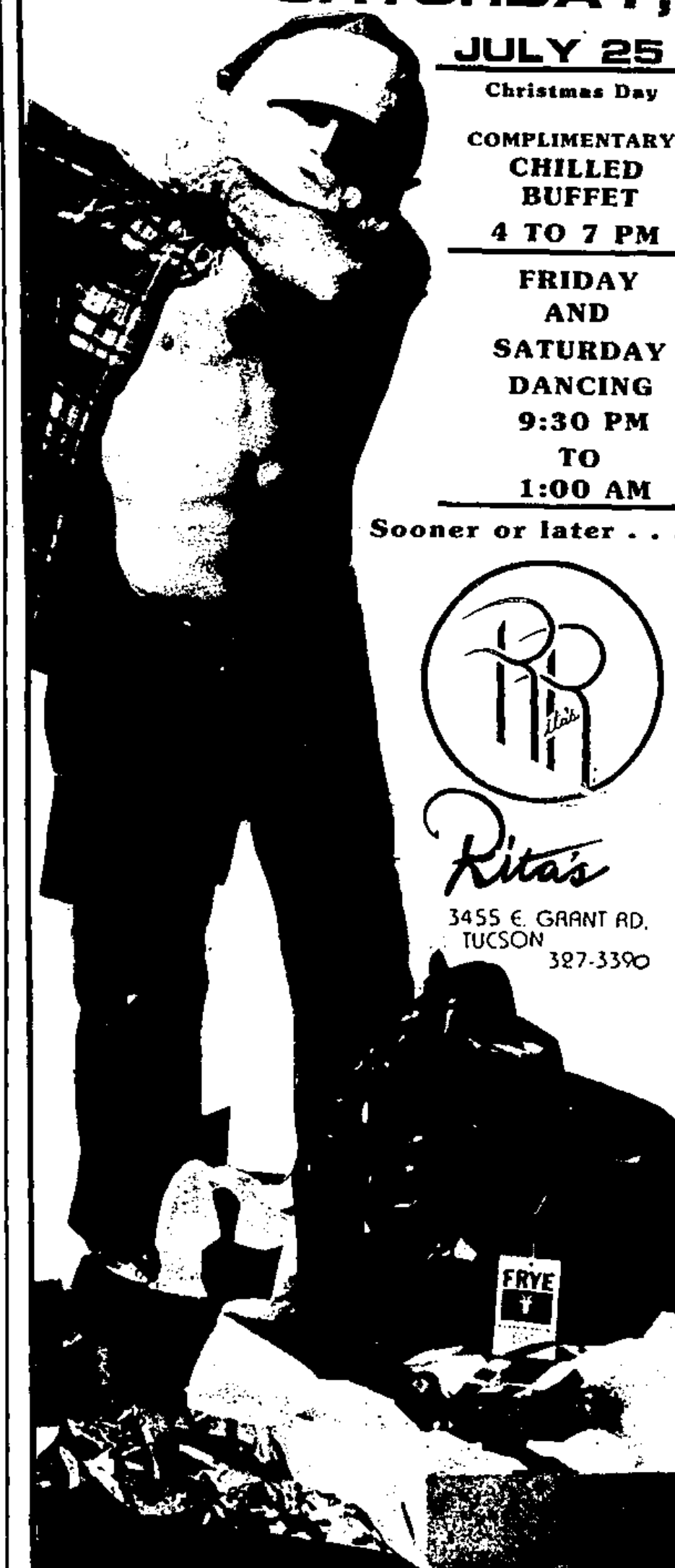
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THE TUCSON CALENDAR

wednesday

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COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Schnapps shots .75 from 8 pm to Midnight.
GRADUATE - Domestic Beer \$1.00 with other specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am Draft Beer .50 and Schnapps .50 shot. Dance 8 - 1 am.
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 - \$1.25 Well Drinks or Long Neck Domestic Beer & Munchies 1-7 pm.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Nite \$1.25 domestic 9 pm to 1 am. Dave Pierson DJ 9 to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Bottle Beer Special from 8 pm to Midnight.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing!
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am 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; All Domestic Beer \$1.00
RUMOR HAZZIT - \$1.25 Well Drinks or Long Neck Domestic Beer & Munchies 1-7 pm. Draft Beer Bust 7 pm to 12 am .25 per glass. Regular disco/video dancing 9 pm to close.

friday

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Party Nite. Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight.
GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon - 5:30 pm Well Drinks \$1 with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am All Well \$1.50 (with juice \$1.75). Dancing 8 to 1.
JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm - 1 am.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-7 All Well Drinks \$1.25; Domestic Beer \$1.00.
RUMOR HAZZIT - \$1.25 Well Drinks and Long Neck Domestic Beer plus Munchies 1-7 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.
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 Fries .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.
GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) \$1 with other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Bloody Marys \$1.00 Noon to 5:30 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness" every hour (7). Dance 8pm-1am
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 1 a.m.
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. Brunch served 12:30 to 3:30 pm. \$3.00 per plate. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys \$1.25 during brunch hours.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Check our daily drink special. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .89 from 8 pm to Midnight. Monday Night Baseball on our big screen.
GRADUATE - All White Well Drinks \$1.50 until 1 am plus other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness".
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-7 All Well Drinks \$1.25; Domestic Beer \$1.00
RUMOR HAZZIT - 4 to 7 pm Well drinks or domestic long neck beer \$1.25, 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. "Sudserize!" .40 draft beer from 8:00 until midnight. Alternative listening and dancing music from 60s - 70s and early 80s from 7 to 11.
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.
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SPECIAL CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 18

COLETTE'S WEST - A really big 'show' coming up from Phoenix starring Lady Casandra, Tish Tanner and Roxanne. Also appearing will be Miss Gay Tucson III, Tabitha Scott. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. \$2.00 Cover.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Begin celebrating the big 2nd Anniversary celebration here with special drink prices \$1.00 Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers, or .50 Schnapps or Draft Beer from noon until 6 p.m. both today and tomorrow.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

RUMOR HAZZIT - Big 2nd Anniversary Party being planned with lots of special drink prices (see above) and Big Show with Tish Tanner (no pun intended), Lady Casandra and Roxanne from Phoenix and they're bringing along one of the hottest male strippers in Phoenix. Showtime 8:30 p.m. No Reservations!! No Cover!! Make plans now!!!!

SATURDAY, JULY 24

RITA'S - Christmas Eve Dinner in celebration of Rita's annual Christmas In July event. Dinner will be served from 3 until 8 p.m. Those of you who have celebrated Xmas in July here before know how good it is. The evening will be in conjunction with the Mechem Recall Committee. \$1 donation at the door gets you a bumper sticker or button and then sign the petition or register to vote so you can! From 9:30 until 1 a.m., dancing to Rita's brand new sound system! A great way to think cool with Christmas in July.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

COLETTE'S WEST - A big, big Variety Benefit show for the Mechem Recall Committee will take place here beginning at 8:30. If you are a comedian, singer, musician, impersonator, whatever, please sign up at the bar and join the cause to assist the governor out of office.

RITA'S - The hottest Xmas you'll remember - Christmas in July. An annual affair and it is good! A great Complimentary Chilled Buffet will be served from 4 until 7 p.m. Dancing to the new sound system from 9:30 until 1 a.m. Merry Xmas!

SUNDAY, JULY 26

IBT's - Another big Benefit Show to help the Mechem Recall Committee do its job. Mr. Eddie Flores promises an all-star cast who will be ready to whoop it up saying goodbye EV!

FRIDAY, JULY 31

COLETTE'S WEST - Hawkins and DeLear making another stop at this favorite watering hole and show-bar. Be sure to make plans to attend and listen and dance to these delightful musicians.

GRADUATE - "SUMMER HEAT" - a really big show starring Deja Vu from Phoenix headlining an all-star cast. Make plans now.

RITA'S - New Year's Eve in July Party! It's becoming a tradition here. More details later.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

IBT's - "SUMMER HEAT" moves here tonight starring Deja Vu and an all-star cast from Phoenix and Tucson. An electrifying performer, Deja Vu will literally "knock your socks off" with her great routines. A must-see.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

RUMOR HAZZIT - Deja Vu and an All-Star show from Phoenix will bring their "Summer Heat" production to Rumors. Reservations might be a good idea if you want a good seat.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

COLETTE'S WEST - Venus - an all women's rock and blues band plays from 9 to 1. \$2.00 Cover.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

COLETTE'S WEST - Mother/Daughter Show also starring Miss Gay Tucson III Tabitha Scott and Lady Casandra and Penelope Poupe' coming on up from Phoenix. More details later.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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A Critics Review.....

Ben Corbin

This past weekend was another busy time in Tucson. There were several club functions for the public. Saturday afternoon, the Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) installed their newly elected officers and sponsored a show during the evening at the Graduate. Then, Sunday, there was a whole day's affair at IBT's with Desert Leathermen and Partners hanging their colors and formally making IBT's their home bar. Then later Sunday evening, at IBT's, there was another show by Lake/Caplin Productions.

Saturday evening, the show was advertised to start at 8:30 p.m. - and would you believe, Tommy, President of TKO got on stage at exactly 8:30 and started the show. To criticize and review each individual performer in that show would be an injustice. Each performer gave a performance that showed that there was work and planning behind it but it would have taken at least three more weeks of practice to create the character that was actually presented. There were two "professional" entertainers included in the line-up and I will comment on them, but for the rest of the cast, they set drag back twenty years. Even the plant by the stage was drooping. As Tommy said more than once, be kind this is not a regular professional show. So I will be kind and just make the following remarks. China Doll - no comment; Patricia Pretty - more - no comment; Stacey - no comment. Rhonda Sue deserves several comments but - no comment.

Candy Plastique started off with a really good parody on "The Joy Of Gay Sex" and then went into a monologue that would have been quite good if she hadn't ridiculed this writer. AND, not once did I hear a "Just Teasing" remark. During the rest of the show, Candy

did a brilliant job of up-staging everyone else, which doesn't really say a whole lot under the circumstances.

Tabitha Scott, Miss Gay Tucson III, gave a surprise guest appearance at the end of the show which was both entertaining and quite good.

Sunday evening at IBT's is another matter. This show starred Varonica Lake and Jessica Caplin with guests, Devin Sterling, Candy Plastique, Tabitha Scott, Jacquleen de Savoi and newcomer, Gizelle. This was a well-paced and well-directed show. The audience was appreciative and appeared to enjoy it. The crowd was large at the beginning and remained so to the end. It was a late show, advertised to start at 9:00 p.m. and was just a little late in actually starting, but not enough to complain.

Varonica Lake started the show with a number that left the audience gasping - her costume kept slipping down. Maybe bigger falsies would have helped correct that problem. However, during the evening, Varonica had few other problems and her numbers were well executed.

Jessica Caplin did several of her routine numbers during the evening which ran from mediocre to outstanding. Her routines were well prepared and delivered with finesse but left something lacking that I couldn't quite pinpoint.

Tabitha Scott, Miss Gay Tucson III, gave good performances during the evening. Her "City Lights", which was her entry at the Miss Gay Tucson Pageant, was well executed.

Devin Sterling gave a good presentation during the evening

with only a few minor mishaps. This is another entertainer with exceptional legs. Devin has the possibilities of developing into a really good performer.

Candy Plastique was with us again and just as vibrant as ever. Her deliveries were good and well received even though her routines were not her usual fare. Candy's second number again proved what a versatile entertainer she is.

Jacquleen de Savoi arrived late in the show. Jacquleen had been in Phoenix and had been delayed at the airport. But, even

though her performance was toward the end of the show, it proved to be one of the really "go-getters" of the evening.

Gizelle made her entrance in a production number with Jessica Caplin and Varonica Lake. This was a rousing routine which was well done by all three entertainers and Gizelle took no back seat during the act.

THE BEST PERFORMANCE FOR THE WEEK BY A NON-PERFORMER: Roger of the Graduate who collected hundreds of signatures for the Recall of Governor Evan Mecham Petition.

WHAT'S UP DOC?

This past weekend was a special one for the Tucson Knight Owls, Desert Leathermen and Partners. For TKO it was their installation of officers at their home bar, Graduate on Saturday. Afterward, China Doll put people together for a show. I'll leave the reporting of that show to Ben.

Sunday at IBT's found D.L. and Partners having a club colors hanging ceremony, proclaiming IBT's their home bar. Following the hanging of club colors, a free buffet was served for all those in attendance. Then later on, Sunday evening it was showtime. Again, I'll leave the report (or whatever) on the show to Ben.

Partners has decided to cancel their tubing trip originally scheduled July 24, until sometime in August or September because of the weather. Watch this column for the confirmed dates of this fun-filled wet day.

Just in case you might have been out of the state and have not noticed, heard, read or seen: the recall petitions are now being circulated. Make sure you get your signature on one of them so we can get this governor out of office. In more than one case, the person

circulating this petition is also a Deputy Registrar and will be happy to register you for voting. If you are not sure if you are still registered or not, check with them also. If you have been around the bars lately, you can see the opponents of the recall are at work.

Short column this week. Have yourselves a safe and beautiful week. One final word goes out to Tabitha, Miss Gay Tucson III, welcome to the Graduate - we will support and love you.

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Lights of Tucson

by Michael - Tucson

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ARIES

Again Arians will be involved in lots of communication this week, phone calls, letters and short trips to visit relatives and close friends or neighbors.

Taurus

Home environment changes, possible change of residence, job or the need to take care of a parent or close relative in the home. You may redecorate your present residence.

GEMINI

New romances could be on your agenda, possibly with an older person, you may be involved with children, or become a parent or grandparent this week. A good time to play the Pick or Bingo.

CANCER

Work and health will be your concerns for this week. Time for a check up. You may receive a lovely gift as a reward for past services, or your boss may give you a raise.

LEO

You may get into marital or business partners arguments this week, but if you are calm and tolerant, things will blow over.

VIRGO

Time to collect that money owed you, insurance claims, legacies, inheritances. You may have to take care of an older relative or parent, or straighten out their business affairs.

LIBRA

You may travel to foreign places or have contact with foreigners or people with a different background than you. Travel is mainly the center, but higher education, religion or philosophical pursuits seem to be in the works.

SCORPIO

Some public attention may come your way this week. A new and better job, or an increase in your present salary or income. Avoid involvement with underworld types as you could be hurt.

SAGITTARIUS

You may be asked to join an organization made up of older people for some worthy cause like the Mecham Recall Committee.

CAPRICORN

This will be a time to deal with secret matters. There is a danger of disillusionment and even failure unless care is taken not to become involved with illegal activities.

AQUARIUS

Finally a chance to express the real you. This will be a week of unlimited freedom for Aquarians - use it wisely.

PISCES

This is the week for Pisces to make a killing in the bond market.

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NEW AGE CONCERT IN PHOENIX SATURDAY, JULY 25

PHOENIX - Rita Buglass and Mary Petrich will perform original New Age and Light Jazz compositions as well as Mannheim Steamroller, Pachelbel, and Margie Adam tunes at the Augustana Lutheran Church, 14th Street and Virginia, beginning at 8:00 p.m. this Saturday, July 25.

For the uninitiated, New Age music is a sensitive, sensual, laid-back, yet intellectually stimulating kind of music. As soon as it has lulled you into a state of somnolent joy, it tickles your brain into active appreciation. It is a great emotional exercise recommended for your psychic health.

Rita is well known in Phoenix for her exceptional compositions for the synthesizer and her renditions of others' music on the piano. Mary Petrich is an amazingly talented saxophonist and flautist who adds new dimensions to the music she plays, whether classic, New Age or jazz.

Everyone is welcome to join in the evening of song and celebration. The show begins at 8:00 p.m. and will cost \$5.00 (no one will be turned away for lack of funds). The show is produced by Firebird Productions.

NOW CALLS FOR OUSTER OF REAGAN
PHILADELPHIA, PA (AP) - The National Organization for Women closed its annual convention calling for President Reagan's impeachment over the Iran-Contra affair and vowed to block Robert Bork's nomination to the Supreme Court.

Molly Yard, the new president of the nation's largest women's group, also said the organization would help put a woman in the White House.

Yard, who succeeded Eleanor Smeal, said the 150,000-member group will work to elect women legislators at the national and state levels and protest the Catholic Church's ban on abortion and birth control.

In an overwhelming voice vote on the last day of the three-day meeting, the 2,400 delegates approved a resolution calling for Reagan's impeachment, said NOW spokeswoman Jeanne Clark.

The resolution accused Reagan of failing to respect the constitutional separation of powers that reserves to Congress the authority to raise armies and declare war. It also accused him of attempting to impede the investigations of illegal activities of supporters of the Nicaraguan Contras.

Another resolution approved by the delegates opposing Bork's elevation to the Supreme Court is a priority, Yard said. "He is a Neanderthal. I don't quite know why he is still around."

"For the women of America we are not going to take someone on the Court who is going to reverse (the legalization of abortion). It's our lives. We are going to fight every inch of the way to keep him from being confirmed."

The delegates to NOW's 21st Convention gave Yard, who had been the group's political director, an enthusiastic, emotional greetings after her election last Saturday night.

THE LATEST FAIR PAS

PHOENIX - Several Arizona women's groups are accusing Gov. Evan Mecham of making insensitive remarks after he said he hired a television weather reporter as his Hispanic liaison, because "I was so dazzled by her beauty."

It was really a shame that Mecham had to concentrate on what she looked like, rather than her other qualifications," said Carol Zimmerman, chairwoman of the Arizona Women's Political Caucus.

Mecham was commenting at a press conference last Friday on the hiring of Zoe Soto to serve as his liaison to the state's Hispanics, said, "I was so dazzled by her beauty, I just hired her on the spot." Soto is the weather reporter for Phoenix Spanish-Language television station KTVN.

Ron Bellus, the governor's press secretary, said Mecham's remark was made in jest and was not meant to be insensitive.

GAY AND LESBIAN

LITERARY AND VISUAL ART SOUGHT
MINNEAPOLIS, MN - The 'Evergreen Chronicles', a quarterly journal of Gay and Lesbian writers, is seeking the best of Lesbian and Gay literary and visual art. For the past two years, 'Evergreen Chronicles' has been a regional quarterly, drawing on the work of Midwestern writers and artists.

A spokesperson said, "As we enter our third year, we have decided to expand. We want to broaden our readership and encourage submissions from Gay and Lesbian writers and artists from all over the United States."

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GAY DOCTOR APPOINTED TO AIDS PANEL
WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - President Reagan has named a New York geneticist, Dr. Frank Lilly, to a panel on AIDS according to administration sources. Members of the commission are to be announced tomorrow, Thursday, July 23, and White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater declined to discuss panel membership.

From 1984 until late last year, Lilly served as a member of the board of directors of Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC). Gay Rights advocates have urged that at least one homosexual be appointed to the AIDS panel, which was increased in size from 11 to 13 by an executive order last week.

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ATLANTA, GA - The 8th Annual World Conference for Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International was held in June in Atlanta, Georgia. Over 200 parents from the United States, Canada, Mexico and Australia attended the three-day conference of workshops and speeches focusing on the issues of Gay and Lesbian parenting. The theme was "Proud Parents Proud People... Learning from Each Other".

The GLPCI which has support groups throughout the world has over 2,000 members and was founded in Washington, DC in 1979.

Keynote speaker and recipient of the "Image in Media" Award was Carol Lynn Pearson, mother of four, poet and author of the best selling "Goodbye, I Love You", about life with her husband Gerald and his struggle with homosexuality and later with AIDS.

Past recipients of the GLPCI Award include Phil Donahue, Abigail Van Buren, Harvey Fierstein, Joy Schulenburg and Phyllis Levy.

Also speaking was Karen Thompson, Assistant Professor at St. Cloud State University, who has spent over four years battling the judicial institution to regain visitation privileges with her partner in life, Sharon Kowalski, severely disabled in a car accident and whose parents refuse Karen to visit.

Honored was Charlie Brown, a well-known female impersonator and entertainer who has devoted much time and energy in collecting over \$80,000 in donations during the past seven months to benefit people with AIDS in Atlanta.

SCHULZ WON'T JOIN MECHAM TEAM

PHOENIX (AP) - Bill Schulz, who ran against Gov. Evan Mecham in the November election, said last Sunday he will not join the Mecham administration.

On Friday, Mecham said he and Schulz had exchanged ideas and discussed a voluntary post in his administration. Schulz confirmed the meeting and said the two talked about reducing unemployment in rural Arizona. But Schulz said he would stick to his post-election vow and stay out of politics.

"He's the only governor we've got and we ought to give him all the help we can," Schulz said. "That doesn't mean I want to join his administration. Schulz said he would pursue his efforts as a private citizen, noting, "You can get more done as a private citizen."

Schulz, a Republican-turned Democrat who ran as an independent against Mecham, jumped into the race after the primaries and, according to some analysts, attracted votes that would have gone to the Democratic nominee, Carolyn Warner. Schulz finished third behind Mecham and Warner.

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Cornerstone to move

TUCSON - Progress goes on, and so another shopping center will soon be constructed in Tucson. This one will be different, however, since it is being built on the site where Cornerstone Fellowship currently rents its church facilities. Because of this factor, Cornerstone has made arrangements to rent another building, which it plans to occupy in August.

The new facilities, located at 3333 E. Grant Road, will offer the church much-needed growth potential, as well as a prime location in the heart of Tucson.

"We are all very excited about this move," explained David Cooper, Public Relations Director for the church. "It has room to expand in, which has become a non-existent commodity in our current situation. There are no walls left to knock out where we are now, except the exteriors, and the landlord's planning to do those! We have to move one way or another." The new church building will feature a much larger sanctuary, a fellowship area with a complete kitchen and dining area, two large offices and ample classroom space. Because much remodeling is required, a projected move-in date has not yet been announced.

Cooper added, "We should be in by the middle of August, but we will make a formal announcement to that effect later on. I do know it will be soon... the landlord all but has his bulldozer at our front steps!"

For more information on Cornerstone's move, or any of their regularly scheduled worship services and activities, call 881-3519. Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 1724 N. Alvernon, until further notice.

Tucson Recall Update

TUCSON - The Tucson Gay Coalition for the Mecham Recall Committee has announced that they will meet this Thursday, July 23 at 7:30 p.m. Those interested in attending should call 881-8252 for location. There will be notary public at this meeting to notarize completed petition forms.

Brian Mulford, who heads up the Gay Coalition, states that there will be petitioners and registrars at the three functions coming up this weekend at local establishments.

On Friday, July 24, at the 'Christmas In July' event at Rita's, 3455 E. Grant Road, the Coalition will be at the door collecting donations of \$1.00 which will get the donor a bumper sticker or a Recall Mecham button. An interesting evening of dining and dancing and financially helping in the Recall effort.

Saturday, July 25, a Recall Mecham Variety Show Benefit will be held at Colette's West, 3143 E. Speedway. Over 15 specialty acts, comedians, musicians, vocalists, impersonators, etc. will perform beginning at 8:00 p.m. The \$2.00 donation at the door goes to the Mecham Recall Committee.

Sunday, July 26 at 180's, 616 N. 4th Avenue another big Recall Mecham Benefit show will be held featuring Miss Aviva Diamond, Mr. Eddie Florez, Mr. Rick Dillon, Mr. Monte-Jon, Mr. David Ross and Sasha, with guest stars Mr. Scott Hawkins and Miss Gay Tucson, Miss Tabitha Scott. The net proceeds of the \$5.00 donation at the door goes to the Mecham Recall Committee. This show begins promptly at 9:00 p.m.

Mulford also said that there

will be Mecham Recall Committee volunteer petitioners and registrars at the Tanager Verde Swap Meet from 4 to 11 p.m. every Friday and Saturday until further notice. In addition there will be petitioners and registrars every Sunday at Reid Park from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Ramada #17. Also there will be notaries at Reid Park who will be accepting completed petitions for notarization.

Mulford said that the momentum in the campaign is building each day, and he wants everyone to "keep full steam ahead and get every available registered voter's signature on the petitions to show what united strength the Gay community actually has."

Swedes and Dutch split on AIDS plan

by Martin Heggstad

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN (GON) - Sweden and the Netherlands have developed sharply contrasting approaches to the problem of AIDS. The Swedish tack, which emphasizes compulsory testing and allows for surveillance, appears to have had less success at stopping the spread of the illness than the education-oriented program of the Dutch.

According to a report in the West German newspaper Der Spiegel, Sweden has become the only Western European country besides Iceland to require health workers to report the names of all people who test positive for the HIV antibody. As of Sept. 1985, Swedish doctors are legally compelled to test patients upon the mere "suspicion" of an HIV infection. To date, 1323 antibody positive residents of Sweden have been identified. These people are legally forbidden to donate blood, organs, or sperm. Prostitutes who test positive must give up their profession.

In addition, doctors are permitted to "forbid" certain sexual practices to health-care clients with positive antibody tests. If the client does not appear to comply, the doctor can turn his or her personal data over to public health authorities, who may at their discretion use such means as official warnings, police surveillance, and confinement to a hospital. This last measure has been used only once, in the case of an IV-drug user.

According to some observers, Der Spiegel reports, these measures have been counter-productive, leading to an atmosphere of fear and distrust towards public health officials.

The Dutch, on the other hand, are conducting one of Europe's most comprehensive AIDS education campaigns, working to promote safer sex and drug use practices. They have avoided scare tactics, claiming that while sensational advertising may attract attention, it has poor results in changing behavior. Jan van Wijngaarden, coordinator of AIDS policy in the Netherlands, told Der Spiegel "We are afraid of fear."

The Dutch program focuses on intensive counseling, preferably in small groups. According to psychologist David Stein, "To change sexual behavior is a very difficult process. We can only proceed one step at a time."

Although it is too early to tell for sure, it seems that the Dutch may be having greater success than their more heavy-handed neighbors. Der Spiegel reports that the use of condoms is long since widespread in the Gay mecca of Amsterdam. In addition, educational efforts and the dispensing of disposable syringes have led to a low rate of HIV infection among IV-drug users.

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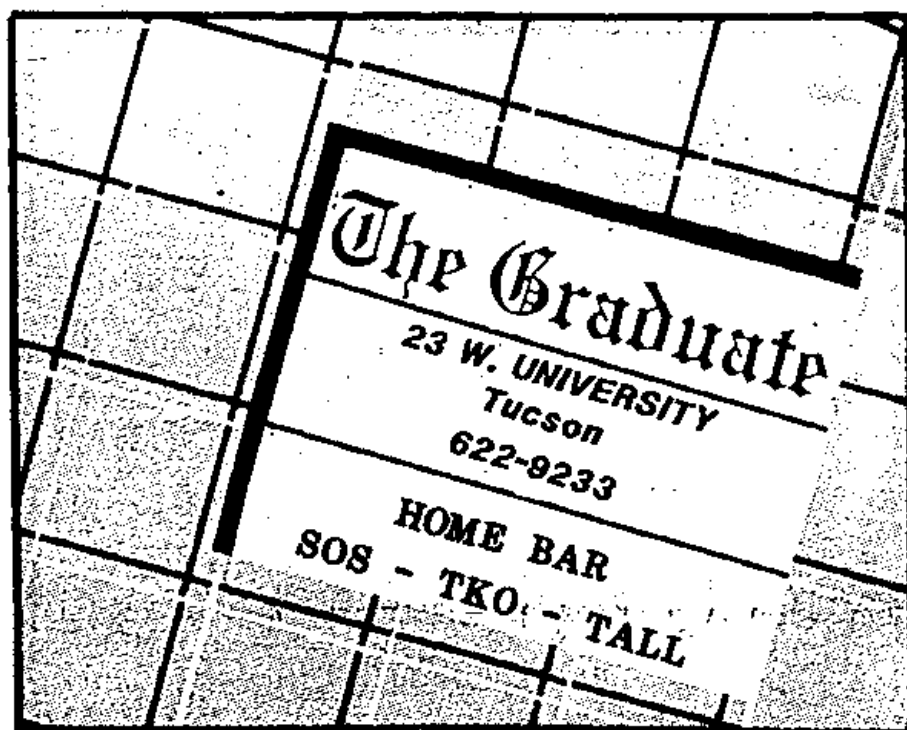
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Sen. Lunn urges distance between Mechem and Republicans

PHOENIX - State Republican Senator Greg Lunn attacked Republican Governor Evan Mechem last Monday in a speech on the opening day of the Legislature's special session. Lunn urged Arizona Republicans to "distance themselves" from Governor Evan Mechem and said that Mechem is hurting the GOP and is giving the impression that the GOP is holding "a lock on the bigot vote, the anti-intellectual vote and the homophobic vote."

"Loyalty to the party structure should not be to a man," Lunn said. "It should be to the party membership and its principles, and I don't think at this time that Evan Mechem represents either."

"If this party allows itself to be distanced from the identity created by the likes of Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt and embraces the ideas of the John Birch Society and Cleon Skousen, it should not happen in my estimation without a public debate. I for one am not prepared to sit idly by while this transformation takes place," Lunn said.

Mechem addressed a convention of the ultraconservative John Birch Society in Seattle in June. Earlier, the governor defended the use of the word "pickaninies," in a book by Skousen, as an acceptable phrase to describe black children. Skousen is president of the Freeman Institute, which does

constitutional studies, and is the author of books that embrace conservative causes.

Lunn, who was endorsed for re-election in last November's election by OBSERVER and the State Committee for Progress, said, "...I have arrived at a very reluctant conclusion, and that is that Evan Mechem is not the titular head of the Republican Party that I am a member of. Loyalty to this party in the near term may require a distancing from this governor."

Lunn said that he decided to deliver the speech after talking to neighbors in his central north-west District 13, where people who were never known to be politically active are signing recall petitions.

In response to Lunn's speech, Mechem said, "That isn't anything new from Mr. Lunn. This one isn't worthy of a response." "I'm the best thing that's ever happened to the Republican party," he said.

Burt Kruglick, chairman of the Arizona Republican Party, said Lunn "is certainly entitled to his opinion.... I'm not distancing myself from any elected official. I think we should sit down and see what the problems are and try to work things out."

Protesters invade Constitution's birthday celebration

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Dense security and modern-day protests surrounded 200 members of Congress who journeyed to Philadelphia's Independence Hall last Thursday, July 16, to celebrate the government's origins in the musty chambers where the Constitution was drafted in 1787.

Twenty-five senators and 181 representatives marked the day 200 years ago when a Constitutional Convention chaired by George Washington narrowly passed the compromise between the large and small states' interests that spawned the two-chamber legislation.

Hundreds of National Park Service rangers, Philadelphia police and U.S. Capitol Police set up barricades and required visitors to the building grounds to pass through metal detectors. A close watch was kept on demonstrators protesting issues ranging from U.S. policy in Central America to alleged shortcomings in AIDS research.

More than 700 people gathered a block from Independence Hall in support of a "Lesbian and

Gay Bill of Rights" calling for repeal of all sodomy laws, more spending to combat AIDS and passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

About 400 demonstrators marched to nearby Washington Square Park, where slaves once were auctioned, in support of an end to apartheid in South Africa and to U.S. intervention in Central America.

And Eleanor Smeal, past-President of the National Organization for Women, (See separate story this issue), said at a noon rally across the street from the Liberty Bell that "the dream of equality for women - the mistake of the Constitution - still has not been corrected."

Law enforcement officials were enforcing a federal judge's ruling last week that demonstrators did not have the right to march within the sight of the lawmakers. However, the judge also ruled that people could wear buttons, insignia or signs to the opening ceremonies in front of Independence Hall.

To sign the Mechem Recall Petition

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A Critics Review.....

Ben Corbin

In a recent interview with our Miss Gay Tucson III, Tabitha Scott, I found that the first month of wearing this crown has not been easy. There are rumors going around that Tabitha Scott is not deserving of this honor. These rumors have come back to Tabitha Scott and have hurt. This column will be based on this interview and how Tabitha Scott feels about these rumors.

Miss Gay Tucson III is Tabitha Scott. She met all of the criteria that was necessary to enter the contest. She was awarded points by the judges, and those points exceeded those awarded to the other contestants which made her the winner of the Pageant. One of the requirements to enter the contest was that the individual had to be a resident of Tucson for three months prior to the contest. The reigning crown cannot leave and be out of Tucson for more than 30 days at a time while holding the title. Tabitha Scott moved to Tucson and has lived here since the middle of February of this year. Tabitha Scott now has a career in Tucson and is a permanent resident. "This is my home", said Tabitha, "and I'm going to be around Tucson for a long time."

Winning the crown and title of Miss Gay Tucson does not make that person the best performer or even the best female impersonator. The judges, in their opinion, did find the reigning crown the best representative of those being

judged. There are several reasons for holding this title, but one of the most important reasons is that the title holder would be representative of Tucson in any Gay pageant that the title holder could qualify for.

The second, and most important reason for holding this title, would be to represent Tucson as a whole community. Tabitha says that she is here to help where and when she can. If any club or organization wants to have a show or benefit, then Tabitha is there to offer assistance in any way she can.

"All I want is just to be asked. I'm not here to take the limelight from anyone. Miss Gay Tucson is here to do what she can", Tabitha said. "Being an entertainer is not my profession. My help is free and for the asking to the clubs and organizations of Tucson. My daytime job is my income, not what I make from the shows. Of course, what I do make helps in replacing broken fingernails, broken shoe heels and torn pantyhose," said Tabitha.

This is my second interview with Scott and I have found him to be a candid and a serious person. This weeks column is not intended to be political or biased, but hopefully through a better understanding with the community and Miss Gay Tucson III, we can work together to make Tucson and example and the envy of other communities.

News from MCC Tucson

The writer of this article is out of town this week attending the General Conference of U.P.M.C.C. in Miami. So, this will not be the usual news column. Instead, this week we will look back at some of the highlights of our history here in Tucson.

MCC/Tucson began with a small group at a special meeting at the Ramada Inn in June, 1970. The group began as a Study Group in December 1970 and this was the actual beginning. This small group included Russ Cerf who is now the only Charter Member of MCC Tucson who is still a current member. On June 9, 1981, MCC Tucson was made a Chartered Church within the U.P.M.C.C.

Those who have been our Worship Coordinators and Pastors include Rev. Chris Dodds, Rev. Michael Nordstrom, Rev. Al De Labio, "Buff" Fisher, Rev. Randy Hill and Rev. David Gunton. Our present pastor is Rev. Edward Perry.

MCC/Tucson has been looking for a permanent home since the beginning. The following is a partial list of the different places that MCC/Tucson has held services: Women's Club, Chapel of All Nations, Unitarian Universalist Church, Truth Chapel, First Christian Church, Pima Friends, Casa Muestra and a business front on South 10th Avenue. We are now worshipping at the Temple Emanuel at 560 South Stone.

In 1984, the Southwest District Conference was held in Tucson. In June 1985, Rev. Troy Perry came to Tucson to help us celebrate our 15th Birthday. Dur-

ing the years we have had many speakers from the Mother Church in Los Angeles. To name a few: Rev. Paul Van Hecke, Rev. A. Austin Amarine, Rev. Willie Smith, Rev. Jeri Ann Harvey and of course, Rev. Troy Perry.

Thought for the Week: If everyone were created equal, we would all be beautiful, intelligent and have a great sense of humor.

REVIEW OF AN EVENING WITH
JASON SERINUS
PSYCHOIMMUNITY AND THE HEALING
PROCESS
ONE JUNE 1 AT THE LITTLE THEATRE
by Marc Baberman

TUCSON - The event was a presentation concerning the role of psychoimmunity and holistic health alternatives for AIDS, from proper mental attitude, massage, nutrition and loving ourselves. The main theme was that AIDS can be healed by ourselves.

Over 250 people from both Phoenix and Tucson filled the Little Theatre auditorium which began with Jason Serinus performing as a professional whistler. The event was open to questions from the audience. The evening concluded with a guided visualization led by Jason. It was a tremendous success for all who participated. Over 20 businesses and individuals sponsored the event.

For further information on PSYCHOIMMUNITY AND THE HEALING PROCESS, the book is available at Books Brothers, or contact Marc Baberman, Holistic Health Practitioner at 577-5125 in Tucson.

Our Big Christmas in July



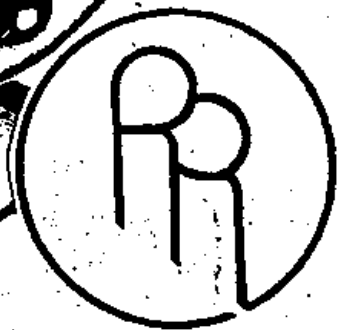
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Results of 2nd Annual Demographic Survey

The surveys are in, and the results compiled. But first, a few words.

For the second year in a row, the OBSERVER newspaper has conducted a demographic survey of the Gay and Lesbian community in Arizona. The questions have been streamlined, and rewritten to more easily zero-in on our community. A lot has changed since last year's results were published — some good, some bad.

First, I must say how disappointed I am that such a small number of women responded to this year's survey. With only 10% of the respondents women (compared with 25% last year) we get a somewhat distorted view of our community. I can only hope this situation changes in 1988.

But now, for the fun stuff! (1986 percentages are in brackets)

Again, the majority of respondents are white, 95% (compared to 90% last year). Black, Hispanic and Native American Indian each contributed 1.6%. 78.3% have had at least some college (75%).

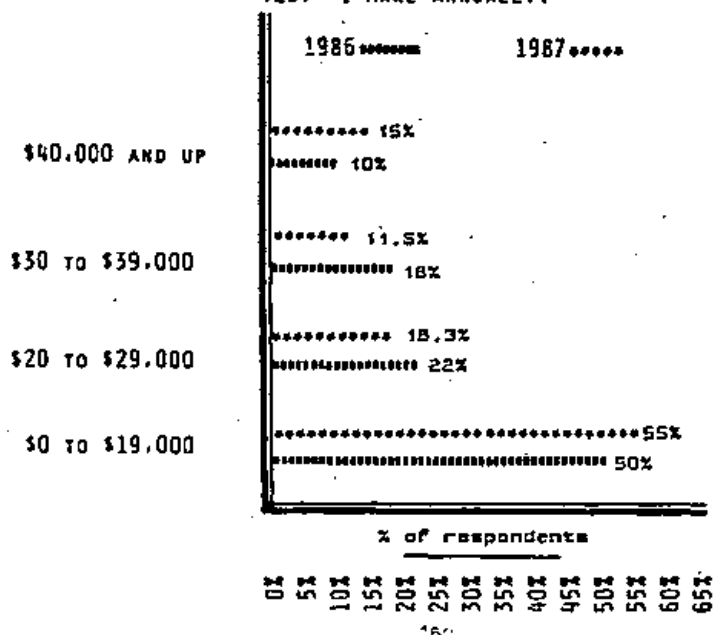
45% responding are presently in a relationship (36%). 65% of us are "out" to our parents (56%); 85% are "out" to friends (91%); and 58.3% are "out" to co-workers (50%).

In an interesting result, drug and alcohol use is up since last year, while cigarette use is down. Drugs are used by 21.6% (20%); alcohol 60% (56%); cigarettes 35% (45%).

63.3% responded that they had no anonymous sexual partners each month (62.5%), yet 18.3% indicate they have one anonymous sexual partner per month, which is more than double the 9% indicated in 1986. 40% said they had no regular sexual partners per month, which is up significantly from 25% in 1986. And those with one regular sexual partner per month dropped from 55% in 1986 to 46.6% this year.

Mirroring a Maricopa County increase in Hepatitis B cases, the 1987 survey indicates a tripling of cases, 33.3%, over the 10% reported last year.

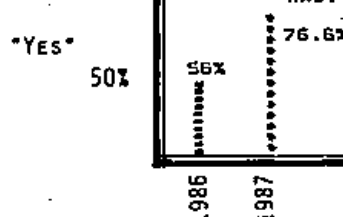
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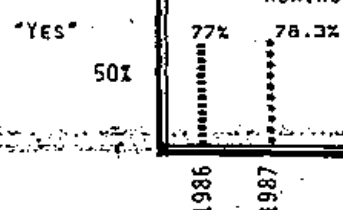
78.3% indicated they are aware Phoenix does not have a law which prohibits discrimination due to sexual orientation (77%). Physical/verbal abuse has risen with 65% saying they had suffered such abuse because of sexual orientation (54%), while physical injury has increased only very slightly 11.6%, compared to 11% in 1986.

16.6% responding are parents (10%); 30% have been or presently are in the military (28%). Interestingly enough, almost every person responding, 96.6% indicated they were registered to vote — compared to 81% in 1986. (The 1986 survey was also taken in June. Many people may have registered for the state elections after that time). 85% actually did vote in last year's state elections — an amount significantly higher than the state level, and most other minorities.

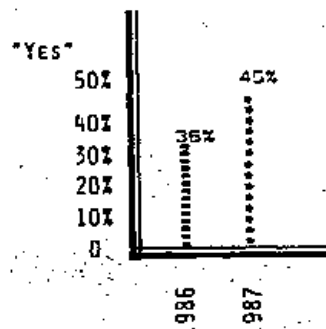
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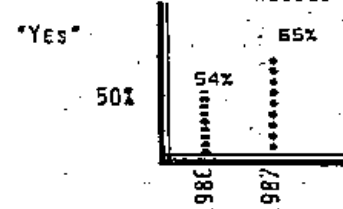
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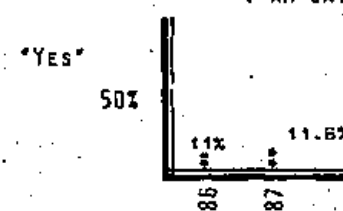
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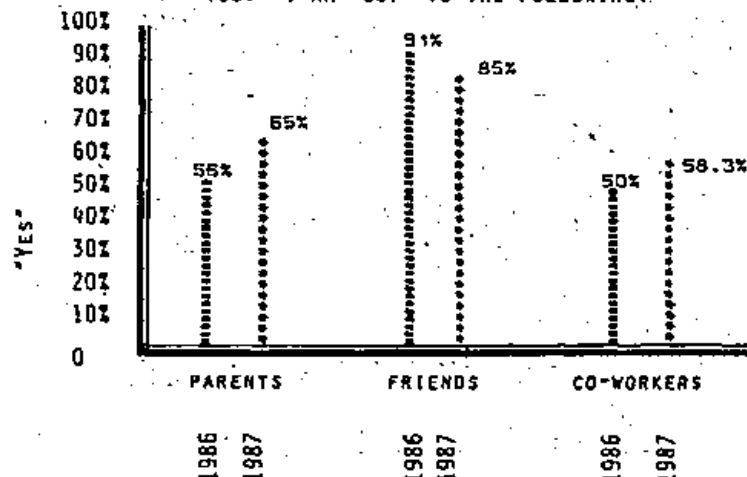
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(10) I AM "OUT" TO THE FOLLOWING:



Annual income has shifted since last year. (See graph).

The local newspaper has become a bigger source of news for those responding, with 33.3% saying they got more than 50% of their news from a local newspaper, (22%). The loss was suffered by network television which registered only 23.3% (33%), tying it with local television 23.3%, (22%). Radio remained almost the same with 10% (11%).

76.6% responding said they had changed their sexual habits because of AIDS (56%). This could be because over 88.3% responding said they had either seen on TV or heard on radio a public service announcement about the disease. Another factor could be that 61.6% indicated they personally knew a person who died from AIDS within the last 12 months. It is difficult to determine exactly how important is the result of 33.3% having had the blood test for AIDS.

Real trends and changes will come with the results of next year's survey which also will be held in June. If you have suggestions as to how we can improve our survey, or how we can get a higher number of women to participate, please send your comments to me in care of the OBSERVER newspaper.

I wish to thank those of you who did take the time to complete our survey, and hope you will do so again next year, and tell a friend about the survey.

At spes non fracta: see you next week!

Even with an increased knowledge of AIDS, 61.6% responded that they regularly engaged in anal sex 58%. It should be noted that 41.6% did use a condom during their last sexual encounter (no percentage for 1986 available). This use of condoms by the male homosexual population is nearly 4 times the estimated use of condoms by the non-Gay population, which has been placed at approximately 10%. Mutual masturbation has gained increased regularity at 88.3% (82%), while oral sex is down slightly to 88.3% (89%).

As I See It

By Bruce Fowler

A new group in Albuquerque has formed to promote education and understanding of Gays and Lesbians. The group has created a well informed and articulate Speakers' Bureau which is available to community organizations to talk about Gay and Lesbian issues. The Bureau also conducts periodic workshops to encourage better understanding of the need for Gay and Lesbian rights. The effort is conducted to dispel the myths society often has about Gays and Lesbians. The Gay and Lesbian communities of Albuquerque have taken upon themselves the important task of educating in order to promote a better understanding and they often have done so within a hostile environment.

Tucson has never developed a workable speakers' bureau. To the best of my knowledge, neither has Phoenix nor any other community in Arizona.

This new group in Albuquerque also has started a major public relations campaign to enlighten the average citizen about the Gay and Lesbian cultures. They are producing radio and television public service announcements which point out important and often unknown contributions of Lesbian and Gays, past and present. They also have plans to place ads in local newspapers and magazines as well as develop appropriate materials for billboards.

When was the last time you saw a billboard promoting better understanding of Gays and Lesbians in Arizona?

All around the country, Gays and Lesbians are working together to develop educational materials

and promote a better understanding of Gay and Lesbian issues. Not much is happening in Tucson, Phoenix, Flagstaff, Yuma or elsewhere in Arizona though. AWARENESS has become a major theme of Gay/Lesbian efforts elsewhere. In Arizona I sometimes think the theme is apathy.

Arizona still has a "sodomy" law on the books. We are one of a handful of states with such a law still left intact. Has there been any organized effort by the Gay and Lesbian communities to get that law repealed? No! The only organized attack on that law has been by the National Organization for Women. Nothing so far from Gays and Lesbians.

Maybe it's just too hot. Maybe we're all just too complacent. Maybe no one really gives a damn.

And maybe one day, we'll wake up and find other freedoms gone too. Maybe one day we'll wake up and be ready to fight for our rights only to discover that the battle is over and we lost.

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE KGUN-TV TO BROADCAST AN ALL-NIGHT DIALOGUE

each hour to provide local information and detail on national subjects. Also at KGUN studios, phone counselors from Pima County Health Department of Health and Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) will be on hand to answer calls. There will also be a 1-800 number for informal polling on AIDS-related issues.

This will be a frank and sometimes graphic program that will explore all different sexual attitudes of the age group most vulnerable to this deadly disease.

WHAT'S UP DOG?



I've taken a lot of time off when it comes to putting this column together with news you might be interested in. Part of it came from some personal time I needed to fight off one of Mother Nature's little hinderances. That's over now, so I'd better get off my moneymaker (just kidding) and get back to work.

This is the 3rd Anniversary for the OBSERVER. Over the years, yes, it's been that long, I've been writing this column, I've had a lot of fun putting on paper what you wanted to read. If someone told me back in the Hair Tiz and TGN days, I'd be writing a weekly column for what later became the OBSERVER, I'd have told them they were crazy. Back in those days also, TJ was not only helping me slip through all those courses at Pima Community College, but also sitting around with a red magic marker helping Bob put the paper together.

Then as time moved on, Ben and I got together to write Juicy Lucy. To say we had fun with that one is an understatement. Then I was tied up every other week writing two columns. Some of us just seem to go out of our way to make life difficult.

Prior to Juicy Lucy, I started TBBS. Many a day I'd walk in the bar and everyone would shut up. Traveling around Tucson, the one thing people have been asking me is when I am going to start the TBBS up again. Well, it's that time and TBBS is coming back.

That means Ben is going to have to start watching himself again; Annie also and what she says; Bill N. is going to have to

be a little more careful behind the bar, as if he could ever change. People who haven't seen their name in print lately and those who never have, can start checking this column out, it's time to catch all of you at it again, and being a good reporter, I shall report it!

Just remember, a year ago at this time, I was talking about "TIT" Trucker Teasing Tushie; Roxanne in her walker, wearing high heels; Candy T. was telling H/T Tom the first thing she should do is blow that thing out, and finally Candy P. was introducing herself to Ron T. by asking, "Is he someone important?" Walking into the Graduate today, things are just about the same. The only change is a new barmaid, Ken.

With that, I think this is a good time to put this weeks column to rest. TRO is going on a campout this weekend so I'll get TBBS started for next week from there, plus go checking in on Ernestine (aka Ernie), check to see how Peter's Dogs are moving, Bill N. etc. etc. Have a good week and watch out, I'm taking notes.



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VIEWPOINT

(ED NOTE: The following "Viewpoint" is from press release #15, from MormonWatch in Phoenix)

ADDRESSING THE ISSUE:

THE RECALL OF GOVERNOR EVAN MECHAM
Governor Evan Mecham has been in office for six months. Recall petitions are being circulated in a unprecedented attempt to remove him from office. Many reasons have been advanced by the Mecham Recall Committee as to why the Governor should be ousted. MormonWatch believes that there are additional issues not addressed by the Recall Committee. Specifically, these issues concern Mecham's fusion of Mormonism into State government. Our organization is prepared to present at least seven areas of Mecham's administration that should be of great concern to any believer of religious pluralism in this country.

1. RACIAL BIAS.

The Mormon Church has an outstanding record of racial discrimination against the Black American—supposedly corrected by a 1978 "revelation". The fact remains that LDS history is replete with racism. While nationwide membership is waning, the Ku Klux Klan is currently flourishing in Utah. To avoid being labelled a bigot, Mr. Mecham must deny this religion and its convoluted teachings.

2. HOMOSEXUAL INTOLERANCE.

Elected on a campaign promise to represent "all the people", Mecham has made public his opinions on the Gay community. Coincidentally, the LDS Church excommunicates homosexuals; Brigham Young University routinely expels homosexuals; and the BYU Administration, until lately, administered electroshock therapy to cure the "Gay affliction".

3. POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS.

While LDS affiliation is not a prerequisite, it certainly seems to help. "We have a lot of good LDS helpers... but we try not to call that to people's attention." (Evan Mecham: Arizona Republic, 03/11/87). From the first days of Mecham's administration, there has been an influx of Mormons into state government. Is quality being sacrificed for ideology?

4. STATUS OF WOMEN

"Working women increase divorce." Thus spoke Evan Mecham, echoing the exact words of LDS President Ezra Taft Benson at the 152nd Semi-Annual Mormon General Conference. If any doubt exists about Mecham's opinion of a woman's role in society, it was completely erased by the appointment of Ada Thomas to the Board of Education. Ms. Thomas, a prolific procreating machine, endorses to Cro-Magnon principals of Phyllis Schlafly's "Eagle Forum". Coincidentally, the Mormon Church was a key antagonist to the Equal Rights Amendment. Through its member's time and money, the LDS ensured its defeat in Florida and Nevada.

5. PRAYER IN SCHOOL.

Governor Mecham is courting the Fundamentalist Christian camp in a desire to reintroduce prayer into school. Given the doctrinal

differences, one cannot help but wonder to whose God these prayers will be offered. Will it be the Spiritual Holy Trinity as espoused by Christianity, or one of the many Mormon Gods which in reality are nothing but exalted men?

6. DIVINE INSPIRATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

Governor Mecham believes that the United States came into being because, "God in Heaven... raised up a special group of people that he sent to the Earth." These people then prayed and, according to Mecham, received the inspiration for the Constitution. This is nothing but a common Mormon belief based on LDS Doctrine and Scriptures; not on known facts. The Constitutional Convention convened in 1787 and our constitution was ratified in 1788. Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon Church, was born December 23, 1805. Apparently the LDS Historical Revisionists have not yet changed their figures to agree with the facts.

7. EVAN MECHAM THE CONSERVATIVE.

Evan Mecham ran as a conservative. Barry Goldwater or Ronald Reagan can be described as "conservatives". Mecham, with his advocacy of Cleon Skousen's Mormon-founded National Center for Constitutional Studies and John Birch affiliation, goes beyond conventional conservatism. Ezra Taft Benson, an NCCS/Birch affiliate, declared that the "civil rights movement... is used as a communist program for revolution in America." Skousen, under the label of a "strict constitutionalist", believes that the Bill of Rights should be tossed; religion should be taught in school; slavery is not a racial problem; and that Congress and the Courts have "ravaged" the Constitution. Mecham falls right in step with these reactionary zealots... in fact, he had Ezra Taft Benson as a guest at his inauguration.

Governor Mecham is touted by his proponents as a fair, ethical, and moral person. The facts beg to differ. In reality, he has shown indifference to the sensitivities of the community and a disregard for efficient state government while intruding his Church theology at every opportunity. Is this a progressive administration or a petty demagoguery? Are these actions conducive to growth or stagnation?

Mr. Mecham demonstrates an intention to rule, rather than govern, the populace. For the good of Arizona.... for the protection of religious pluralism.... it is essential to support the actions of the Mecham Recall Committee.

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Lights of Tucson

by Michael - Tucson

The New Moon for the Leo period occurs at 1:38 p.m. MST (Tucson Time) on July 25th bringing with it a rather difficult period of Tucsonians. Major changes in the environment could take place in August. It looks like a lot of people want to get out of town.

ARIES

Work possibly involving travel with a potential for accidents is the general picture for Aries. Have a medical check-up and drive carefully.

TAURUS

Relationships with business partners or spouse, or mate will be the highlight of the week. A possible trip with a loved one to some foreign place could be in the works.

GEMINI

A sudden unexpected end to old matters may find you richer or stuck with more responsibility. A legacy or other inheritance is possible now, call in old debts, get your refunds now.

CANCER

Travel seems to be on your agenda, or starting some higher education project. Contact with foreign people or at least those of a different background from your own will probably happen during this period.

LEO

Well, it is your time to shine now. You lions will be in the limelight of public attention and may gain honor and enhanced reputations during this period. That can include a raise, a better job or a move to better quarters.

VIRGO

This is your time to join new clubs, or organizations where your dedication to the service of others will win many new friends for you.

LIBRA

Secrets will be out during this period. You could be slandered or maligned by jealous co-workers. Best to keep all your business to yourself, and not push too much with your clandestine affairs.

SCORPIO

Your time to really express the real you, whatever that may mean, and for Scorpio it can mean angel or devil. But it is a time to let it all hang out and live it to the hilt. Experience is the greatest teacher and seeing others react to the real you can be a great experience.

SAGITTARIUS

Sudden unexpected gains or losses in the field of money and possessions now. Things you do not really care about, but if lost, can make you uncomfortable. However, opportunity is knocking so take advantage.

CAPRICORN

Communication about business interests will take up much of your time with phone calls and some travel. Caution is advised if you are driving a lot. Mostly short trips which will involve relatives, neighbors or close friends.

AQUARIUS

Major changes in your home life could occur during this period and they will be very expensive. You may have to take care of a parent or elderly relative. You may move to a new residence.

PISCES

Romance, speculation, children and pleasure are for you this period. You could even win the Pick or at least make a few bucks on the scratch tickets. A new romance may enter your life now.

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Gender-bending Comes in All Kinds of Drag

This past Sunday, July 19, Rumor Hazit celebrated its Second Anniversary, without the owner Bruce Pegg, but with a damn good "Drag Show", namely the "Phoenix Phalises Revue".

The cast included Lady Casandra, Tish Tanner, Mitzi Monet, Natalie Rae, Wayne and Roxanne, with cameo performances by Miss Gay Tucson Tabitha Scott and Jacquileen De Savoi.

The show started late, so what? This is the first time that I've waited for a show and was rewarded for the wait.

This show is tight, fun and entertaining but most of all it is well paced, always moving, never bogging down in cattiness or local politics. The order of numbers, the choice of ensemble and duet comedy material and the calibre of the entertainers all combined to give the audience an excellent evenings entertainment at Rumors.

The opening ensemble number was familiar to all who've attended these shows, except the sound

was several cuts above the usual distorted and scratchy sound you get used to here in Tucson.

Tish Tanner was introduced as our hostess for the evening. Not introduced was behind-the-scene announcer Dan Dold.

Ms. Tanner addressed the audience with a few appropriate remarks, i.e. "I'm gonna move to Tucson and your next Miss Gay Tucson will be tall and fat," (just a sample). She then proceeded into her first number, becoming so excited at one point she lost her shoe.

Next came "The Latin Lovely" Roxanne. Cool and demure as she always is and has been since I first saw her at a club called Sparrows in Chicago. Her style is almost always ballads, a type of music that most female impersonators have ignored for high-energy hits with flashy dancing. This girl knows how to lip-sync a song and then with her own gestures and body language puts it across to the audience as her own.

The Lady Casandra was next with just the opposite, a high energy number. Here is someone whose dancing is excellent. She moves using every inch of the stage and runways and was nothing short of dynamic. Her striptease later in the show was fabulous. One thing, if you are going to wear a slit-to-the-waist skirt AND do kicks, I feel that wearing a dance belt or at least shaving would be more visually attractive.

Coming out of a fifteen year retirement, Mitzi Monet delivered a riveting performance. I say riveting because all eyes in the audience were riveted to her bosoms, which seemed to have taken on a life of their own. She was, to say the least, a hit with the audience at Rumors and obviously a hit at Colette's the evening before. The front bumper of a '56 Cadillac immediately comes to mind.

Wayne was the male dancer/stripes who basically did the same dancing in all his turns on stage. I don't think his dancing was the point however.

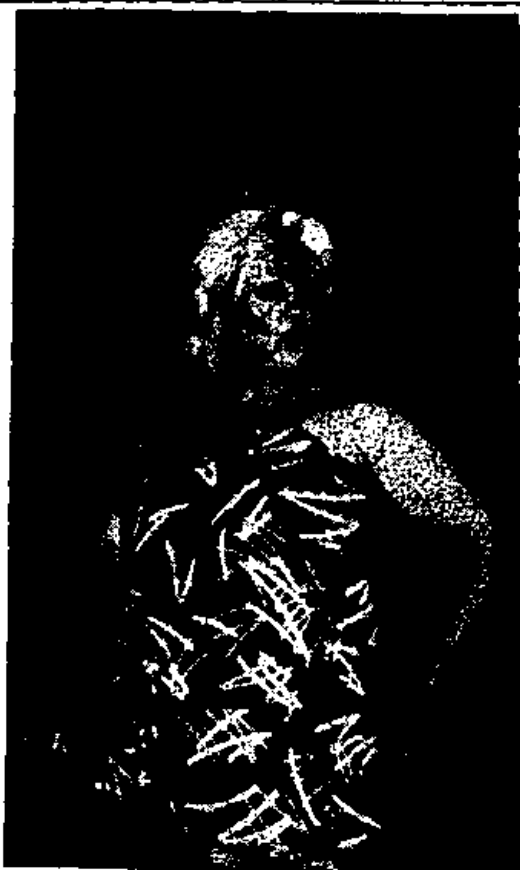
Without a doubt, the Diana Ross medley by Natalie Rae was the comedic high point of the show. Imagine Ms. Ross with 10-foot arms literally reaching out to touch somebody....in the third row. The crowd went wild and I personally laughed so hard I thought my pants would never dry.

I would like to thank my host Bob Ellis and a special thanks to Terry Little our waiter and Gordon our bartender for excellent service.

One other item. If you are interested in recalling Gov. Evan Mecham, and are not a registered voter, please do so at once. It is possible that if you don't, there won't be shows like this for us to see anymore.

See you at Rita's on Friday, July 24 for the Recall fundraiser, then at Colette's on Saturday, July 25 and at 1BT's on Sunday, July 26 for the Recall shows.

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wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Wednesday Madness" - From 2-8 pm Drink Special: Check the chalkboard. Draft Beer Bust 9 pm to 1 am .50 per glass! Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Schnapps shots .75 from 8 pm to Midnight.
GRADUATE - Domestic Beer \$1.00 with other specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am Draft Beer .50 and Schnapps .50 shot. Dance 8 - 1 am.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-7 All well drinks \$1.25; Domestic Beer \$1.00.
RUMOR HAZZIT - \$1.25 Well Drinks or Long Neck Domestic Beer & Munchies 1-7 pm. "White Wednesday" 8 pm to midnight .99 White Well (with juice .25 extra).

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Nite \$1.25 domestic 9 pm to 1 am. Dave Pierson DJ 9 to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Bottle Beer Special from 8 pm to Midnight.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing!
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am Long Neck Beer (non-premium) .75 Dance 8 to 1.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-7 All Well Drinks \$1.25; All Domestic Beer \$1.00.
RUMOR HAZZIT - \$1.25 Well Drinks or Long Neck Domestic Beer & Munchies 1-7 pm. Kegger 7 pm to 12 am .25 per glass. Regular disco/video dancing 9 pm to close.

friday

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Party Nite. Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight.
GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm Well Drinks \$1 with juice \$1.25, Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am All Well \$1.50 (with Juice \$1.75). Dancing 8 to 1.
JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm - 1 am.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-7 All Well Drinks \$1.25; Domestic Beer \$1.00.
RUMOR HAZZIT - \$1.25 Well drinks and Long Neck Domestic Beer plus Munchies 1-7 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.
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 Fakin'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.
GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) \$1 with other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Bloody Marys \$1.00 Noon to 5:30 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness" every hour (?) Dance 8pm-1am
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 1 a.m.
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. Brunch served 12:30 to 3:30 pm. \$3.00 per plate. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys \$1.25 during brunch hours.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Check our daily drink special. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .89 from 8 pm to Midnight. Monday Night Baseball on our big screen.
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 - 4 to 7 pm Well drinks or domestic long neck beer \$1.25, munchies. Video dancing begins at 9 pm.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T beginning at 9 pm.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. "Sodaerisel" .40 draft beer from 8:00 until midnight. Alternative listening and dancing music from 60s - 70s and early 80s from 7 to 11.
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.
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SPECIAL CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, JULY 25

COLETTE'S WEST - A big, big Variety Benefit show for the Mecham Recall Committee will take place here beginning at 8:00. The \$2 Cover goes to the Mecham Recall Committee. Over 15 acts have already signed up. If you are a comedian, singer, musician, impersonator, whatever, please sign up at the bar and join the cause to assist the governor out of office.

RITA'S - The hottest Xmas you'll remember - Christmas in July. An annual affair and it is good! A great Complimentary Chilled Buffet will be served from 4 until 7 p.m. Dancing to the new sound system from 9:30 until 1 a.m. Merry Xmas!

SUNDAY, JULY 26

COLETTE'S WEST - Movie nite here begins at 7:00 p.m. every Sunday. This week's movie is "Crash of the Heart" shown on the big screen.

IBT'S - Another big Benefit Show to help the Mecham Recall Committee do its job. Mr. Eddie Flores is producing the gala event which also stars Miss Aviva Diamond, Mr. Rick Dillon, Mr. Monte-Jon, Mr. David Ross and Sasha with guest stars Mr. Scott Hawkins and Miss Gay Tucson Tabitha Scott. Be sure make plans to attend. The net proceeds of the \$5 Cover goes to The Mecham Recall Committee. Plan now to attend and help us all by whooping it up and say goodbye Ev!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

RUMOR HAZZIT - Beginning today and every Wednesday is designated "White Wednesday". White Well drinks are .99 each from 8 until Midnight. If you want juice in those drinks it'll cost an extra .24 - Such a deal!

FRIDAY, JULY 31

COLETTE'S WEST - Hawkins and Delear making another stop at this favorite watering hole and show-bar. Be sure to make plans to attend and listen and dance to these delightful musicians.

GRADUATE - "SUMMER HEAT" - a really big show starring Deja Vu from Phoenix headlining an all-star cast. Make plans now.

RITA'S - New Year's Eve in July Party! It's becoming a tradition here. More details later.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

IBT'S - "SUMMER HEAT" moves here tonight starring Deja Vu and an all-star cast from Phoenix and Tucson. An electrifying performer, Deja Vu will literally "knock your socks off" with her great routines. A must-see.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

RUMOR HAZZIT - Deja Vu and an All-Star show from Phoenix will bring their "Summer Heat" production to Ramors. Reservations might be a good idea if you want a good seat.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

COLETTE'S WEST - "Venus", an all women's rock and blues band plays from 9 to 1. \$2.00 Cover.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

COLETTE'S WEST - Mother/Daughter Show also starring Miss Gay Tucson III Tabitha Scott and Lady Casandra and Penelope Poupe' coming on up from Phoenix. More details later.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

GRADUATE - A big 13th Anniversary Show here for performer, Bobbi Jo. Dani Reid is also on the bill of fare plus some more of your favorites. Make plans to attend and help Bobbi Jo celebrate 13 years in show biz.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

IBT'S - Bobbi Jo is bringing her 13th Anniversary Show over to IBT's tonight to continue her celebration of 13 years in show business. Dani Reid will share the bill as will several other well known acts. Makes plans now!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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A little bit of humor

by T. Grayson

The bar scene reflects the confusion of the seasons. Some not wanting to let go of summer with their tank tops and shorts blazing showing the results of the hot summer and the tan they accomplished. Others showing up multi-layered with the latest in sweater designs. Darker, heavier clothes clashing with the bright shorts and white painters pants. It's hard to know how to dress for this time of year. The same ritual that goes on in the Spring in the reverse. There are always those who are ahead or behind. And some of us just seem to never get it right. We're always out of season.

It's hard to look cool and collected if we find we have rushed the season by breaking out the sweater before a proper change in the climate. Hard to look 'in', right? Or, if you under-dressed, it's difficult to cruise if all you can think about is trying to stay warm. You have to be constantly on the move and stay away from drafty vantage points so your blood doesn't freeze. You wind up with too much anti-freeze (rum's my favorite) and don't have enough of your senses about you to put up the good cruise.

And the fashion trends for the summer really took off on some wild contradictions. During this time in our community where slim is apparently no longer in vogue, the thin guys were bulking and ballooning with their shirts and we saw the disappearance of the skin tight jeans and shorts. Matter of fact, shorts disappeared from the wardrobe of the many who would not want to show their jay-bird legs. (Oh, come on! Didn't everyone have an aunt, when growing up, who would ask you

everytime she saw you in a pair of shorts, "Can you sing?" "No Aunt Dora, I can't."; "Well you should, you've got jay-bird legs!" Ha! Ha! Ha!)

Who wore shorts and colors? The healthy guys! Overweight would be the polite way of saying it and still not be too cruel. But I've seen a couple with the print that would go well as a covering for a sleeper sofa. Big, healthy guys, right? Certainly an interesting turn of fashion for those who normally dressed down to disguise their 'healthy' appearance. Big and colorful was in for the summer..

Ever see so many tank tops? I'd say most failed in their attempt to flaunt their flesh. Watch the chic at the corner of any local bar. One, two, maybe three really have something to show, the rest are just crowd followers trying to break into the group. Too bad, while showing arms and shoulders the tank also accents the bulge around the waist. But only they know if it works for them. After all, clothes do make the man, sure?

But the cooler weather is a welcomed change for most of us who are just average in appearance. We can cover up and reshape all our shortcomings in the physical area. Maybe ski masks should be added to some of our dressing programs. We hope the sweater or sports jacket adds the right touch and the needed bulk in the right places to arouse the interest of that someone special. What we all have to remember is to dress right and not go out wearing our stupidity for all to see.

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