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Shanti Foundation/Tucson 'graduates' 31 volunteers



TUCSON - 31 new Trainees from Shanti Foundation/ Tucson have just completed volunteer counselor training this past weekend. Two of the 'grads' are not pictured. The photo also includes 5 Shanti Tucson facilitators, and Carol Ellison a Shanti Project trainer from San Francisco and Roy, a San Francisco Shanti Project volunteer.

The group has just finished a 3-day intensive training program and will attend several weekly meetings to complete their required Shanti training.

These Shanti Foundation trainees are caring volunteers trained to provide support to clients who are faced with the varied emotions and needs that accompany any life-threatening illness/disease, or the loss of a loved one.

Volunteers receive the initial weekend training, continuing education and weekly supervision and support for themselves, as they assist people through the fear and emotional pain of the diagnosis of a life-threatening

illness or bereavement.

Shanti believes that only by first listening and sensitively hearing one another can they help in a truly meaningful way. Shanti volunteers are trained in active and non-judgmental listening and in working cooperatively with clients to identify and meet their needs. The volunteers focus is not on trying to 'fix' things, or on advice-giving, but on forming a supportive relationship which honors the client's own process of unfolding emotions.

For clients who seek to regain and maintain wellness, Shanti emotional support volunteers offer support and shares the client's goals, struggles and accomplishments. They are trained to be open to various approaches, including pain control, visualization and relaxation exercises, and are familiar with both traditional and alternative therapies.

For the client who faces impending death from any cause, the volunteer offers a caring presence that may help relieve the stress and loneliness of the dying

be 50 - not 23 - before I'd ponder the mortality of my peers.

It's sort of like mourning a lost generation. I'm too young to remember Vietnam, but I wonder if this is anything like what people of that generation feel when they look at their old college yearbooks. I feel like the boys have gone to war without me. Only this time there won't be any memorials. Nor the cheering crowds awaiting their return.

What difference does it all make anyway? I wasn't so close with these men, but in a way I was. They made a difference in my life. And I didn't expect them to pass out of my life so quickly.

I didn't know any Lesbians in high school. I didn't seriously

process. Shanti volunteers may assist in many concerns of the dying, such as, hospital advocacy, financial and legal matters, arrangement of funerals, etc. All these services are free of charge to the client.

For the person who is grieving, Shanti emotional support volunteers offer ongoing grief counseling for as long as the client feels it is beneficial.

Shanti Foundation has no specific religious affiliation.

Shanti's counseling is based on one-on-one contact between volunteer and client however volunteers may also help facilitate communication between loved ones when requested.

OBSEVER Congratulates these new Shanti Foundation volunteers for their dedication to the entire community of Tucson.

To obtain Shanti Foundation services call 622-4232, Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

consider the possibility. Although I had passing Lesbian desires, I never named them or recognized them as such, just accepted the impossibility of their coming to fruition.

Paul was my first Gay friend, an elegant, poetic, multi-lingual man. He was fairly closeted until the last year of high school, though probably his Gayness was unspoken knowledge before. I saw "Das Ende des Regenbogens", a film about Gay hustlers in Berlin, with him. The end of the rainbow. Then he went off to Harvard, from where I received an occasional letter detailing his latest lover. I lost touch with him several years ago.

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GAYS LOSE FIGHT
TO CALL ATHLETIC EVENT OLYMPICS
by David G. Savage

In a setback for homosexual activists, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled last June 25 (in the middle of Lesbian/Gay Pride Week) that the U.S. Olympic Committee may bar a San Francisco group from using the word "Olympic" in connection with the Gay Games.

By a 5-4 vote, the Justices held that the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) has exclusive commercial use of the word "Olympic" and can enforce that right even if it does so in a way that tends to discriminate against Gays.

"The USOC's choice of how to enforce its exclusive right to use the word 'Olympic' is simply not a government decision," Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. said in writing for the court.

The U.S. Olympic Committee has permitted sponsors of contests for handicapped children, the police and others to call their games 'Olympics'.

The case focused on the Amateur Sports Act of 1978, which gave the USOC the authority to govern the commercial or other use of the Olympics label.

In December 1981, USOC Executive Director F. Donald Miller cited the law in telling the San Francisco Arts and Athletics Inc. that they could not use the word "Olympics" for the sports event it planned. Dr. Tom Waddell who headed the two events which finally were renamed the "Gay Games", succumbed to the AIDS virus on July 11. (See separate story this issue).

Powell, who cast the key vote last June to uphold an anti-sodomy law in Georgia, dismissed as "meritless" the claims put forth by the Gay activists that under the First Amendment, the USOC had no right to claim a word that it said is "generic" and has ancient roots.

The USOC has "carefully cultivated" the image of the modern games and is entitled to the sole use of the words and symbols that go with it", Powell said.

USOC President Robert Helmick said he hoped the ruling would "clarify, once and for all, that we have legal exclusive right to the Olympic trademarks."

"I think the Supreme Court has permanently sullied the meaning of the First Amendment, and it appears that it protects only the powerful," said an attorney representing the Gay Games.

Although the seven justices agreed with Helmick's view, two of them - Harry A. Blackmun and Sandra Day O'Connor - said in separate statements that they would have required the USOC to answer charges that it discriminated against the Gay group in withholding use of the name.

Two others - Justices William J. Brennan Jr. and Thurgood Mar-

Commentary

by Corinne Lightweaver - GCN

It's one of those things that sneaks up on me when I least expect it. I'm staring out the window and a picture of Paul or Chuck or Doug will appear to me. And I wonder which of my friends are still alive.

The Gay and Lesbian student newspaper's edition on "The Gay Cancer," as it was called then, came out during my second year of college in 1982. I, like most others, didn't pay much attention to it. College students have the illusion that they're going to live forever.

I was 19 then, I thought I'd

UPDATE

LESBIAN PARENT FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP IN TUCSON

TUCSON - The Lesbian Parent Family Support Group has officially infiltrated Tucson. Lesbian parents and interested women have been enjoying the monthly gatherings and new faces have been abundant. "There certainly is a need for the LPFG," said one member of the group.

The last potluck was held at Reid Park on Aug. 1. A lot of the children spent time playing at the park and fishing. Later, during the day, some of the families went to the Zoo. The children ranged in age from three months to adulthood with some currently "under construction". The group has brought with it several new friends.

The next potluck will be held Sunday, August 30 beginning at 3:00 p.m. It will include a clothing exchange for those interested. Also the group will be planning their third camping trip. Members of the group have commented how safe they feel during these trips. Children of the group are developing solid relationships among one another. "All have admitted that it is a very nice that they are able to enjoy their sexuality and have the children enjoy these times too", said a spokeswoman.

To learn about the Lesbian Parent Family Support Group call 747-0356 in Tucson.

TUCSON YOUTH GROUP CHANGES

LOCATION AND TIMES OF MEETING
TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Youth Group has not only relocated, but is now sponsored by Matrix Community Services/Amity Incorporated. This change has enabled the group to meet twice a week.

The group now meets at the following locations.

Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 1030 North 4th Avenue (Matrix). 884-7413.

Saturdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at 420 South Main (La Pilita). 792-0204.

For more information call Co-Facilitators Wayne Blankenship at 882-4009 or Renee Berry at 884-7413.

PHOENIX SHANTI GROUP GROWING

PHOENIX - The Phoenix Shanti Group continues to grow as more caring people come forward to offer their love and assistance to persons diagnosed with AIDS and ARC. The group has just completed their July volunteer training and has graduated 35 emotional and practical support volunteers.

The group is now accepting applications and interviewing prospective volunteers for their October training, which will be held on two consecutive weekends, Oct. 2, 3, 4 and Oct. 9, 10, 11 at Maricopa Medical Center. For more information or applications to these training sessions call 265-3884 in Phoenix.

Volunteers are needed in many areas including office and clerical help. The Group also has paid attendant positions available for nurses aides on a part-time basis. Phoenix Shanti Group needs you now. Please call 265-3884.

'I JUST LOVE YOUR ROBES, HONEY'
KANSAS CITY (BAR) - An independent Catholic newspaper, the National Catholic Reporter, has reported that the number of Gay priests has increased so much that possibly one-half of all U.S. priests are now Gay. The report cited two trends: non-Gay priests leaving the church to marry and more homosexuals attracted to the Catholic all-male clerical life.

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members expressed surprise at how "normal" she looked. The chair of the finance committee testified that sentiment in the Senate was "totally against" the Gay group "when they came in." The Gay group was the only one which met all the criteria which the Senate voted not to fund. Among the funded groups was the Air Force ROTC which received money for a disc jockey for a formal dance.

WHAT'S UP DOC?

Some people will do anything to get out of writing his article for the paper, but a fire?

On behalf of Keith and I, we want to express our warmest thank you to all those that helped us in our recent mishap. It's heart-warming to see, first hand, how generous and helpful people in Tucson are. Words alone cannot express our loving feelings towards everyone at this time.

Thanks again gang, we love you.

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I met Chris in high school, too. During the spring of my first year at UCLA, I went out with him for a few uneventful months. A year later, we met again... in the Gay and Lesbian Association office. Although he had effectively hidden it from me, I had known since high school that he was interested in men. Later I heard, he had taken off for the Gay mecca, San Francisco.

I started writing for "TenPercent", UCLA's Gay and Lesbian newspaper, in 1983. I had already written on Lesbian topics for "Together", the feminist Student newspaper of which I was managing editor, but writing for the Gay newspaper was coming out on campus in a whole different way.

Although my reality as a Lesbian differs from that of Gay men, I nevertheless grew to appreciate our differences, and the humor, camp and culture of "TenPercent's" mostly male staff.

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One of my favorite staffers was Sean, a very beautiful man with a great sense of style, who upset the campus entirely by crashing the recruitment parties on Sorority Row in drag one year. Sean and I shared introspective moments, went dancing together, and discussed our futures in journalism.

Wherever those boys are now, our connection is as tenuous as it was then. But because that tenuousness now includes the fragility of life itself, the connection is somehow much more profound.

It's all very strange to me at 23. And the memory of the campiness is tinged with sadness. Whether these men are alive or not, the fragile meeting ground I shared with them has been rift apart by a microscopic menace they didn't tell us about in high school.

In retrospect, "Toto, I have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore," that phrase indelibly scrawled on the "TenPercent" office walls, takes on an ironic twist for me. Like Dorothy, we've entered a strange new dimension. Only this time, Glinda the Good Witch has not arrived in her bubble to wave all harm away.

PRESIDENT'S SON

ACTIVE IN AIDS FIGHT

NEW YORK, NY - Ron Reagan, the president's son, is starring in a documentary on AIDS in which he criticizes the federal government.

He told Newsweek magazine in its current issue that conservatives view acquired immune deficiency syndrome as a punishment for homosexuality, and in a public service announcement made to accompany the documentary decries the lack of government effort to battle AIDS.

"Let somebody in Washington know you don't think enough is being done." Write 'to' your congressman - or two someone higher up," he says with a smile in the piece.

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Gay Olympian Tom Waddell Dies



Dr. Tom Waddell

by Charles Linebarger
SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GCN) - Dr. Thomas Waddell died at his home here on Saturday, July 11. He was 49 years old and a native of New Jersey. Waddell was an Olympic athlete, the founder of the Gay Games and a father.

Almost 20 years ago, in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, Waddell placed sixth in the decathlon. In 1982 he went on to found the Gay Games in San Francisco. Originally called the Gay Olympic Games, the event was forced to change its name following a suit brought by the U.S. Olympic Committee. A decision favoring the U.S.O.C. was delivered last month in a controversial 5-4 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. [See separate story this issue of OBSERVER].

In June 1986, Waddell was diagnosed with AIDS when he came down with pneumocystis carinii pneumonia. Two days after leaving

the hospital he officiated at the opening of Gay Games II in San Francisco. At Gay Games II, Waddell won a gold medal in the javelin event.

According to Sara Lewenstein, a member of the Gay Games Board of Directors and co-parent with Waddell, "Tom touched everyone's heart with a special charisma that few people have. He was a sensitive and wonderful man, and Jessica (their daughter) and I will miss him very much."

A memorial service to honor the Gay Olympian was held under the rotunda of San Francisco City Hall on Saturday, July 18. A huge throng filled the ornate building that afternoon to honor Waddell.

Gay Games attorney Mary Dunlap said that despite Waddell's death the Gay Games will "go on and on no matter what anybody does to stop them, and Tom will always be at those Games in spirit."

OUT ON THE TOWN

Christi did receive a couple of letters this week but due to the length of those letters only the good parts were retained. But then again parts is parts.

The first letter was received from Trixie and her poison pen typed by one of Christi's favorite secretaries, Sister Bootie, who just happens to be on vacation again. That girl, if she's working she takes vacation. If she's not working, she still takes vacation. What a life.

The second letter was written by a recent Texas import that hasn't been shot recently as far as anyone knows.

Christi was chosen by Macho Man to entertain a few guests at the Ponderosa last week. It seems Trixie and Miss J.R. have opposing views on several things. They only seem to agree that it was a festive party and they're both still wondering who makes those 13's for Toasted Totie.

Trixie simply trashed everyone from Miss J.R. to Miss Mae. She did manage however, to introduce the crowd to Cowboy Bob and Camille Let's Trick. Maybe Camille will first have to stop drooling and Cowboy Bob will have to get his fill of sleazy magazines before they can be an item. Maybe Trixie should buy Macho Man a watch and then he wouldn't be disappointed by not even getting the time of day.

Trixie doesn't realize that Miss J.R. is really a street walker, maybe not as good as Christina but she will continue to walk until somebody does pick her up. Of course someone may have already,

but will she tell? Miss J.R. keeps wondering if Trixie is her real name or if that's her occupation.

Rha Jza decided the festivities at the Ponderosa were just overwhelming and she would not be able to rest, so she joined in even though she was on call from her call-girl palace.

So Christi, just how did you get bottled anyway. Weren't you back on the wagon as Trixie thought, or as Miss M.R. says, "There are just so many ways to get a lady in a bottle, or was that off the bottle?"

After the festivities at the Ponderosa, Miss Mae had to help Ronda get her girdle off. Does anyone know how difficult it is to jerk a whale's girdle off? What a mess. Miss Mae almost had a hernia trying.

The Welcome Wagon hostesses never stop, just ask the new Bostonian transplant.

So, Squeaky Sue, everyone will see you when the baby's due. Eastside, Westside, who does more trash?

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shall-dissented entirely in the case.

Newly elected Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco) said at a press conference that she would introduce legislation in Congress to revoke the USOC's exclusive right to the Olympic's term. And state Assemblyman Art Agnos (D-San Francisco) accused the court of becoming a "bully instead of a referee in this fight".

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TUCSON, ARIZONA****I.D. REQUIRED****GAMES ROOM DRINK SPECIALS GIFT SHOP****TUCSON/ARIZONA: A Gay History - Part Two**

This is the second installment of "Tucson/Arizona: A Gay History". Part One appeared in OBSERVER on June 17, 1987 and included some recollections of times before newspapers were able to keep an accurate record of happenings in our communities through July 29, 1977. Part two carries on from August 19, 1977 through December 20, 1978.

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

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

OBSERVER hopes that this Part Two of "Tucson/Arizona: A Gay History" will be of interest and will spark some members of our communities will be able to fill in some of the blanks and give us additional information so that we can complete our history.

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

8/19/1977 - Roy and Dave take over management of Joshua Tree.

8/21/1977 - GCS/Tucson sponsors stage performance, "Love Is" a SFREE production from Los Angeles. 134 Tickets sold for show in TCC Little Theater.

9/16/1977 - Camels Hump opens in Phoenix at 24th St. and McDowell.

10/2/1977 - Cindy Diamond and Gregory elected and crowned Empress II and Emperor II in the Court de Tucson. Others running for Emperor included Mitch, Bill Baker and J.R. Others for Empress were Brenda Starr and Lady Isis. The Coronation took place at the Ramada Inn and was attended by thirteen other courts from California, Colorado, Nevada and Arizona. Bomb scare postponed activities for one hour.

10/23/1977 - MCC/Phoenix church was victim of arson fire causing about \$20,000 damage....Ramrod celebrated its sixth anniversary on October 30.

11/2/1977 - Joshua Tree celebrates 5th anniversary. 11/8/1977 - Two members of Tucson City Council, who responded affirmatively to Tucson Gay Coalition questionnaires concerning Gay Rights, were swept into office.

11/19/1977 - First annual Closet Ball held at Hair Tiz. Winner was Roxanne (aka Roger Barger) and runner-up was Coco Chanell (aka Peter Sittig)....Gregory abdicates as Emperor II. Eddie Florez assumes the title.

11/28/1977 - Citizens for Constitutional Rights (CCR) Phoenix, brings Elaine Noble, Massachusetts State Representative to speak in Tucson and Phoenix accompanied by entertainer Rusty Warren.

12/16/1977 - First Gay Community Meeting was held at the Tucson GCS Center. Present were representatives from Tucson Gay Coalition; Gay Community Services; Imperial Court de Tucson; Gay Students Organization; Metropolitan Community Church; Dignity; Integrity; Gay Alcoholics Anonymous; Arizona Gay News; Gay Men's Rap Group; Parents of Gays as well as representatives of various Gay-owned businesses....Gay Community Services moves into new headquarters located at 627 N. 7th Ave.

12/23/1977 - Blue Jeans Lounge opens at 4620 E. McDowell in Phoenix.

1/2/1978 - Joshua Tree/Back Pocket changes hands. Tom Seward and John Morgan sell to Bob Bishop and Vinny Cicalielli.

1/20/1978 - Troy Perry makes first visit to Tucson MCC on Jan. 22, 1978. MCC meets at Truth Chapel.

2/6/1978 - Norman Bloss resigns from position of Director of GCS/Tucson.

2/10/1978 - Gay community get ready for demonstration against appearance by Anita Bryant at Tucson Community Center Arena. 200 persons attend meeting at Himmel Park. Huge carpool being arranged to bring Phoenix Gays to rally.

2/20/1978 - 4,000 people stage protest rally in the plaza area outside the Arena of TCC. Beverly Ginn and Ric Wilson were official organizers of the Rally.

3/1/1978 - Tool Box, private men's club in the MacArthur Hotel changes hands: George Roderus sells to Hotel operators Polly Stadelman, David Pepin and Norman Bloss.

3/24/1978 - All new Casa opens at 4331 N. 16th Street in Phoenix, with Cissy Goldberg, Bette Davis, Diana [Josie] Ross, Judy Garland, Marilyn Monroe, Danny Butler, JoAnne, Ebony, Petronella, Helen and Billy.Jim Tichy named new director of GCS/Tucson....The Information Network is formed in Phoenix to replace the ailing Arizona Gay Community Council.

4/28/1978 - Four year old Gay Rights Ordinance repealed in St. Paul, Minnesota....Three X's bar opens in Phoenix at 5006 N. 51st Ave.

5/7/1978 - Dale's Graduate celebrates 4th anniversary.

5/12/1978 - Gay Rights Ordinance in Wichita, Kansas defeated.

5/19/1978 - Members of Coors Brewing Company meets with representatives of Tucson and Phoenix Gay community to discuss boycott of Coors. More than 50 people in attendance.

5/26/1978 - Eugene, Oregon repealed Gay Rights Ordinance becoming the fourth U.S. community in less than a year to reject such a measure....Sons of Apollo First Annual Grand Canyon Run over Memorial Day. Approximately 75 bikers from clubs around the country partake.

6/2/1978 - John Briggs of California files signatures on petitions to qualify for the November ballot an initiative to remove homosexual employees from public schools.

6/9/1978 - Southern Arizona Business and Professional Guild formed with Bill North spearheading....Gay Mormons form group in Phoenix.

6/25/1978 - Second Annual Gay Pride Picnic in Himmel Park celebrates Gay Pride Week in Tucson. 300 in attendance. Ric Wilson was coordinator....Phoenix celebrates with a week-long series of events.

7/4/1978 - Third annual 4th of July Carnival held in Joshua Tree/Back Pocket parking lot.

7/7/1978 - Jekyll's celebrates first anniversary....Fire damages Branding Iron West formerly known at Three X's in Phoenix. Bar closes....The Vault in Phoenix announces opening soon!

7/21/1978 - Fr. Andre Boulanger, chaplain for Dignity/ Phoenix dismissed as pastor of St. Edwards Parish. Summoned to appear before James S. Rausch, bishop of the Phoenix Roman Catholic Diocese, Fr. Andre was found "Guilty of Heresy" (i.e. holding or teaching doctrine contrary to Church dogma).

8/1/1978 - Two new bars in Phoenix get ready to open. The Band Box, 4516 N. 19th Ave. opens Aug. 10 and The Vault, 5050 E. Van Buren opens on Sept. 1. (After doing extensive remodeling at the Van Buren address, The Vault was unable to get proper zoning changes and never did open)....Blaine Henderson shot and blinded outside 307 bar. Benefits held to pay expenses....Willie Chapman of Ramrod injured in auto crash in Texas.

8/18/1978 - Third annual Reno Gay Rodeo ends with 3000 in attendance.

8/25/1978 - Miss Matty's Attic celebrates its first year anniversary.

9/1/1978 - Opening of the Vault was cancelled. Bill Barr, owner, said that 40 persons had protested the opening of the bar.

9/8/1978 - MCC/Phoenix breaks ground for new church building. Group had been meeting in a store front at 4036 E. McDowell. Troy Perry in attendance.

9/25/1978 - Sterling Gruver resigns as director of Citizens for Constitutional Rights (CCR) in Phoenix. John Morris assumes post.

9/22/1978 - Jim Smith elected director of Gay Community Services Tucson.

9/29/1978 - Roger Barger and Peter Sittig celebrate first anniversary of wedded bliss.

10/6/1978 - Ray Birmingham, past treasurer and co-founder of Dignity/Tucson elected Director of Region VIII of Dignity.

10/20/1978 - AGN Celebrates 2nd anniversary....Bruce Voeller resigns as co-executive director of AGN after 5 years.

11/10/1978 - Graduate owner Dale Yount hospitalized with heart attack....Prop. 6 [Briggs Initiative] defeated in California....Florida Citrus Commission drops Anita Bryant as spokesperson.

11/23/1978 - Steve Endean appointed Executive Director of Gay Rights National Lobby....Incognito Bar opens in Phoenix with hostesses Lisa and Toni....City of Tucson buys Tucson House property and is surprised to learn that it includes building housing Jekyll's Last Culture, a prominent Gay bar for some time.

11/27/1978 - Harvey Milk, openly Gay San Francisco Supervisor and Mayor George Moscone killed in San Francisco City Hall by Dan White.

The Arts

NOW PLAYING THRU JULY 7

The Center for creative Photography (CCP) at the University of Arizona will present The Ansel Adams Centennial, a pair of exhibitions. Together they celebrate the 100th birthday of American photography's most recognized and beloved figure through his legendary images and fascinating life. The Ansel Adams Centennial is drawn from the Ansel Adams Archive at CCP, the largest repository of his work in the world.

NOW PLAYING THRU - JUNE 16

Live Theatre Workshop's "Dearly Departed" is set somewhere below the Mason-Dixon Line" the show centers around the dysfunctional Turpin family, facing the death of father Bud. Bud's relatives are trying to do right by him, and send him out with an appropriate bang, but their quirky southern ways just keep on getting in the way. Showtimes are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday matinee at 3:00 and early evening show at 7:00 p.m. Call 327-4242 for ticket reservations or come by the theatre at 5317 E. Speedway during box office hours, Tuesday thru Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. for advance ticket sales.

NOW SHOWING THRU AUGUST 31

Gallery Four Ten will open it's summer season with a group show featuring artists Craig Clements, Lydia D'Amico, Vincent Green, Maurice Grossman, Jim Ru, Darin Schoeny, Jorge Vergeli and gallery director Richard Zelens.. The Gallery will be open Fridays and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 or by appointment. 410 E. Ft. Lowell Road, Tucson., AZ (520) 740-1947

JUNE 12 & 13

Sam Bush and his band with a very special guest appearance by Linda Ronstadt will be in concert at the Berger Performing Arts Center. Both shows begin at 7:30 p.m. and all seats are reserved. \$32 and are available at CD City, Antigone Books or call 327-4809

JUNE 15

At the amphitheater at Casino Del Sol, The Commodores in concert 7:00 p.m. Gates open at 5:30. Ticketmaster 321-1000 or at Casino Del Sol.

JUNE 19

The Count Basic Orchestra will be in concert at Desert Diamond Casino. Tickets and more information at the Desert Diamond ticket office 393-2799 from 10a.m. until 10p.m.

JUNE 20 - JULY 28

Live Theatre Workshop presents "The Star Spangled Girl" by Neil Simon. Absolutely delightful, Sophie Rauschmeyer, an ever-so-patriotic Olympic swimmer, makes waves when she dives into the lives of Norman Cornell and Andrew Hobart, two politically minded subversive journal publishers. They all live in close quarters in a San Francisco apartment building in the swinging sixties. The three become embroiled in a love triangle, and if you count Sophie's Marine fiancé...it's a quadrangle! The whole thing is just buckets of fun, and not to be missed. Showtimes are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday Matinee at 3:00 p.m. and early evening show at 7:00 p.m. Tickets range from \$10 to \$14. Call 327-4242 for ticket reservations or come by the theatre at 5317 E. Speedway during box office hours, Tuesday-Saturday 3:00-5:00 p.m. for advance ticket sales.

JUNE 22

Barry Manilow in concert at Casino Del Sol amphitheatre 8:00 p.m. Gates open at 6:30. Tickets at the Casino or Ticketmaster 321-1000

JUNE 21

Williams & Ree and the Oak Ridge Boys in concert at Desert Diamond Casino. Tickets and information call 393-2700.

JUNE 29

Chubby Checker appearing at Desert Diamond Casino. Tickets and info at 323-2799.

JUNE 30

Righteous Brothers in concert at Desert Diamond Casino. For tickets or info call 393-2799

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Melissa Etheridge will perform at the Mesa Amphitheater in Mesa Arizona with hers 'Live Summer Tour 2002.' Special guest Meredith Brooks. 7:00 p.m. Tickets and info from Ticketmaster 321-1000.

A COMMENTARY BY



CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

THE FIGHT FOR "SAFE SEX"

A conversation recently overheard at a club in Phoenix:

"So, my lover and I had a big fight tonight."

"About what?"

"Sex."

"How can you have a fight about sex?"

"He wants to move into unsafe territory."

Anybody who has not yet heard the benefits of "safe sex" is obviously trying very hard to avoid hearing about it. And anyone who is not actively practicing safe sex is either very happily involved in a long-term relationship, or very stupid.

What's even harder to understand is how someone who supposedly loves his boyfriend can insist he engage in unsafe sexual practices. Love is based on many things, respect being only one of them.

Respect means understanding and appreciating another's wishes, and not selfishly demanding he do something he obviously feels strongly he should not do.

"No" means nothing other than "no". You can ask, but if the answer is "no", nothing is left but a rational discussion of the options. If the answer is

still "no", that's it.

I think a lot of problems between Gay men is lack of this basic component. And not only between lovers.

Even more is the lack of respect many people have for themselves. You need only walk into a bar and see the many people — men and women — who are drunk beyond the point of coherence; men and women who are so drugged-up they don't know which day it is. These self-destructive habits, and many others, are symptoms of a lack of self-respect. Afterall, you have to love yourself before you can ever hope to love someone else.

But back to safe sex.

Aside from the unfortunate situation at the beginning of this column, I must admit how pleased I am to see young men concerned about safe sexual habits. Many young, newly out Gay men have said, in conversations to me and others, how they engage only in safe sexual practices. They talk about their use of condoms, and their concern for their health and the health of their partners.

If nothing else, this is instilling good health habits in these young men — and the rest of us.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!

A Critics Review

Ben Corbin

Last Sunday night there were shows all over town. At the Graduate was the AGRA "Old Opry Night" finishing up the day of casino as a fundraiser for the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association. At Rumor Hazzit, it was advertised as "A Real Royal Show" starting at 8:30 p.m. I spent the afternoon at the Graduate losing my 'money' at the casino tables and then went over to Rumors for the show. It was one of those nights when I wished I could divide myself and be at two places at the same time. But, by flipping the old coin, I went to Rumor Hazzit.

I arrived at 8:30 p.m. in plenty of time to have a cocktail before the rousing overture which started at 8:50 p.m. Tabitha Scott hosted the show with Phoenix personalities; Tabitha was the only one in the show not from Phoenix. The advertisement said that Miss Gay Arizona, Jamie de Sario was in the cast, but she was sadly conspicuous by her absence. The show, as a whole, was fast-paced and entertaining. The lighting by Jeff (aka Jessica Kaplin) was effectively done. The only real flaw in the show was the sound. At times it seemed so loud it was deafening and a few of the acts suffered because the words were indistinguishable. However, the audience seemed to enjoy the evening and Rumor Hazzit had a good crowd for the Sunday performance. Now for the nit-picking. I won't mention the lost wigs, the zippers being un-zipped, the make-up running or anything like that.

The opening number with Lady Casondra and Penelope Poupe' got the show off to a good start. These two versatile entertainers did a second number together that was hilarious, even the sound track had no faults.

Lady Casondra did several solo numbers during the show with the most outstanding being, "You Came A Long Way From St. Louis". Believe me, she came a long way —

from the stage to the covered pool table to the bar with the swinging lights.

Penelope Poupe' also did several solo numbers with her best being the number from "Le Cage Aux Folles", "I am What I am". The delivery was good, the stage action interesting and the costuming excellent.

Tabitha Scott did several new numbers which were good presentations. Tabitha's best of the evening were her two numbers — "Nobody Does it Like Me", followed by "New York, New York". Even though Tabitha had a little difficulty at times with the lip-sync, the numbers were effective and the audience was pleased.

Mitzi Monet, who has come out of a fifteen-year retirement, made her second Tucson appearance in the last month. This was my introduction to Mitzi and not only were her numbers acceptable, but she is one of the most believable female impersonators that I have seen in a long time. Of course, the upper part of her torso has a lot to do with it.

A performer in the show who was not advertised, was Natalie Raye. Even though this was possibly an omission by the programmer, her presentations were entertaining. Her deliveries were effective and acceptable but not outstanding.

The best performance of the week by a non-performer: Terry, of Rumor Hazzit, with his bending, stooping, sliding, crawling while serving tables during the show.

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To Russia with us

By Bob Woolhouse

ED NOTE: The following article is a diary of a trip to the Soviet Union taken recently by members of the Fraternal Order of Gays (FOG), a San Francisco-based club. For those of you who might be interested in Gay life behind the Iron Curtain, here is an up-to-date view of Russia as viewed by a group of Gay men.

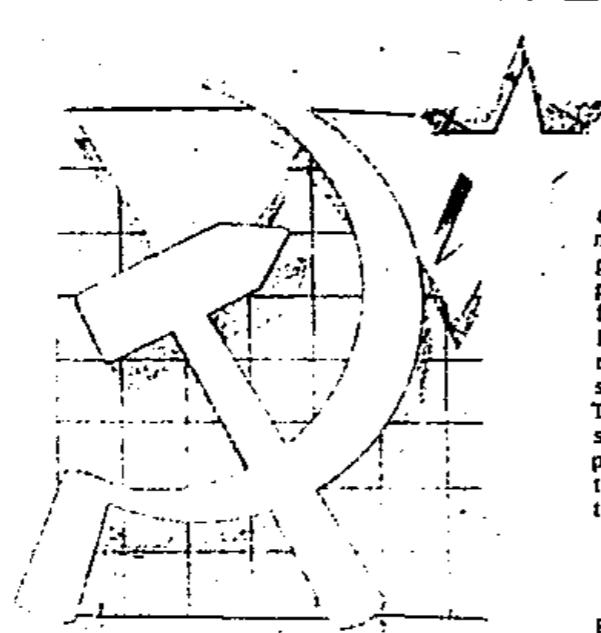
The first Russian men we met appeared to be Gay. It was on board the Soviet cruise ship 'Ilyich' sailing across the Baltic from Stockholm to Leningrad. The men were waiters who doubled as entertainers in the nightclub floor show.

There was energetic Sasha, the M.C. who resembled Joel Grey in 'Cabaret'. There was fey Yevgeny, a lyric tenor fond of sentimental love ballads. And there was handsome, hunky, Vassily, the best dancer in the line-up.

We spotted them immediately; whether they spotted us remained unknown, like so much in the Soviet Union. Not a word was spoken by the trio, not a glance directed our way. Gay shipboard romances apparently aren't a part of Russian nautical tradition. Out of the closet isn't either.

The scoreless first inning did not set the pattern for the rest of the game however. Contact, communication, and conquest became easier as we saw how Gay life operates in the U.S.S.R.

Our group consisted of 16 Bay Area men touring Scandinavia and the Soviet Union through the Fraternal Order of Gays. Our leader was the Russian-speaking Nick Sempel, High Commissar of F.O.G. Possibly we were the first acknowledged, obviously Gay group



to enter the communist world. The state-run travel bureau, Intourist, elected to designate us officially as "San Francisco Executives".

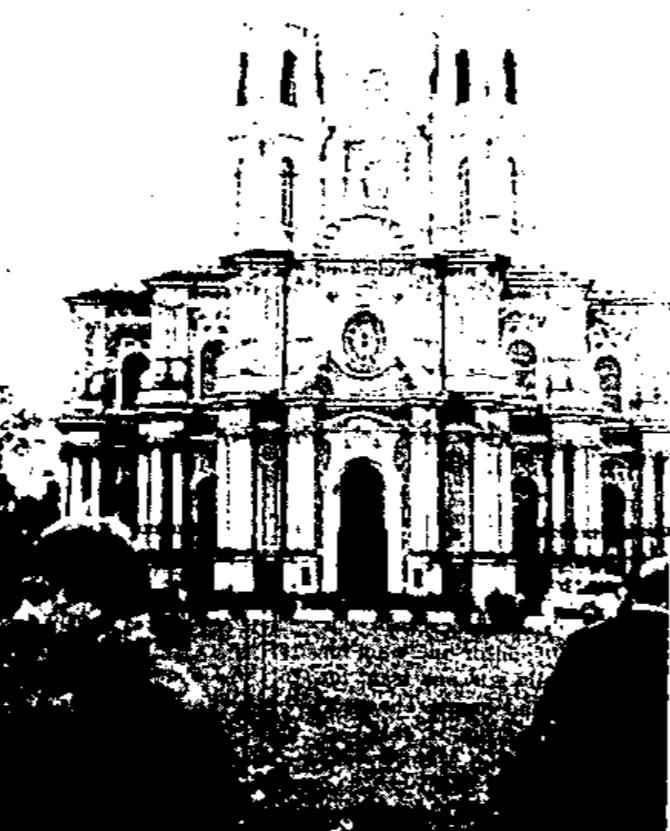
Arriving in Leningrad, we encountered very little communist hassle, but lots of capitalistic hustle. Customs inspectors asked perfunctory questions and glanced through our reading material, allowing everything to pass, including the latest issue of the right-oriented Time magazine.

THE HUSTLE

Creeping capitalism, however, cropped up wherever we went. Outside of the Pulkovskaya, our Intourist hotel, or anywhere in the streets, men approached us wanting to change money at a rate three times better than the official one. In front of the Intourist guide-keeper, they wanted to sell Russian Army overcoats or communist red flags with the gold hammer and sickle emblem. A few other young men seemed interested in peddling more personal services.

Then there were the entrepreneurs who tried to buy the clothes off our backs. Once you saw the quality of virtually all Russian-made garments or products, you understood why. Our leader received offers for his ski parka, Levis, boots, and Russian-style mink hat, which he had just bought in Helsinki, all within five minutes standing by the hotel lobby. To his credit, Nicholai did manage to keep his clothes on this time. It was cold out there.

Currency in the Soviet Union is like sex throughout the world; everyone wants the hard stuff, nobody the soft. Hard currency includes that of the United States and Western Europe, among others. Soft money is that of the communist world and some underdeveloped nations. Actually, the Ruble is rubble.



Soviet moneychanger (l.) in front of Catherine the Great's convent school in Leningrad

Baltic weather.

Most of all Leningrad is the grandeur of the Hermitage, the Summer and Winter Palaces, their gardens, and the ornate churches of St. Isaac, St. Peter and St. Paul. So rich are they in design, art, adornment and architectural detail one is unable to absorb their impact in just a brief stay. It would take years of revisiting the Czarist monuments to appreciate and understand their cultural achievements.

From Leningrad it was only an hour to Moscow by Aeroflot, Russia's flying boxcar airline. Shortly thereafter, we were standing in Red Square, gazing up at the Kremlin, the focal point of the city, the country, and the Eastern world. This, the second most important political-military entity on earth, looked utterly spectacular.

Dominating the Square is St. Basil's Cathedral, something right out of Arabian Nights. It sprouts nine gigantic domed towers, each different from the other, in the forms of onions, bulbs, and pineapples painted in rainbow colors with serrated or twisted spirals.



The FOG Group with Intourist guide Svetlana

THEY'LL NEVER FORGET IT, AND THEY'LL NEVER RETURN

Russia — a country in which what cannot possibly happen — happens. —Peter the Great

Aside from being grounds for a trip to the slammer, black marketeering is not all that profitable to Americans. Hustlers pay only in Rubles, which foreigners have trouble spending. Intourist hotels, bars, restaurants and Beriozka (gift) shops accept only hard currency. The things Rubles buy in the local stores we didn't want in the first place, even if we had been willing to queue up 45 minutes to get them.

PASTEL CITY

The magnificent Leningrad, Peter the Great's Window on the West, turned out to be a pastel city. Palaces, churches and government buildings often are finished in azure blue, deep red, rose, yellow or mint green, offset by white columns and decorative moldings. This color scheme, along with the picturesque canals and bridges of the city provides a great relief from the drabness of everyday life and the overcast

Nearby is the incredible Lenin Mausoleum, a massive truncated pyramid of great blocks of red granite. After getting past Red Army guards with their clenched fists and bayoneted rifles, we proceeded down into a dark crypt. More guards, their eyes glaring in the gloom, prodded viewers into line, poked them to take their hands out of their pockets, and scrutinized them for any sign of cameras, weapons or "dissident movements".

There, bathed in eerie pink light, lay the body of an Oriental-looking Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, father of the Bolshevik revolution, who died in 1924. Supposedly he is preserved by chemicals constantly pumped through the corpse from inside the altar on which he lies. Both threatening and ludicrous, it made think of a vignette from the wax works museum, surrounded by snarling tigers.

But it is the Kremlin, or fortress, that overpowers all else. Surrounded by brick walls of medieval design, with bell towers and turrets and bridges to the city beyond, it includes parks, esplanades, several historical churches, grandiose monuments, the Palace of the Congresses (magnificent new home of the Bolshoi), and graceful government buildings of Russian Renaissance design. Illuminated by night, the Kremlin is nothing short of dazzling and brilliant, rather than dark and foreboding, as long as you accept the scene at face value.

Not by all the glittering facades is a massive, darkened building that does not appear on any maps. No innocuous, manipulated guided tours approach this unidentified structure. It is the headquarters of K.G.B., the Russian secret police.

We laughed about the super secret spy agency, especially since we had entered the country shortly after the Daniloff case. Would we be spooked? Our steps dogged when we wandered away from the prescribed routes? What about the Gulag Archipelago? This kind of idle speculation is referred to by sardonic Russians as the Salt Mine Factor.

It was later apparent that some of the group members were bugged more by the Russian toilet paper than the Russian secret police. Meanwhile, our money changing, public cruising, and hotel room escapades, went unnoticed, at least by the K.G.B. Still it was acknowledged that all phone calls were monitored, all mail, including post cards, censored.

Just beyond the Kremlin walls and not far from the K.G.B. is Bolshoi square, the premier Gay cruising ground of the U.S.S.R. There, in full view of Moscow police, Gay men ambled around, waited on park benches, and met fellow comrades and foreign tourists. Because there was no overt action, the discreet cruising could continue unabated. In Russia, if there is no scandal, it doesn't exist.

THE GAY CAFE

On the other hand, a Russian Gay bar is almost a contradiction in terms. A comrade from the park took us to a cafe, where we waited outside in line (the Russian national pastime) until seating became available. Dreary and shabby, the room contained a service bar and a dozen tables grouped together in one area. The other part of the room remained

vacant and unused as if reserved for disco dancing that would never take place.

There was no table-hopping or standing at the bar, much less following someone to the men's room. It was a place for furtive glances and little else — not so much a Gay bar as a closet that served drinks.

The next cafe, supposedly the big Gay one in Moscow, was dark and empty. After we banged on the door several times, someone appeared and said the place would not open that night for lack of business. Meanwhile, potential customers piled up behind us, also hoping to get in, but it made no difference as the door banged shut and locked. Thus ended our festive tour of Moscow Gay bars.

For Soviet Gays, it is difficult to find a place to get together. Unmarried people, singly or in pairs, do not qualify for an apartment in this over-crowded capital of 8 million. They live with their parents until married (the final solution) unless they are part of the cultural elite. Sometimes the bushes of Gorki Park are the answer, at least for a start.

Meeting Gay Westerners can be a grand escapade: a private hotel room, a few drinks of vodka, and perhaps a gift of clothing at the end of the brief encounter.

GETTING IN

At the entrance to Intourist hotels, doormen-bouncers scrutinized everyone. They barred unauthorized Russians and people who did not have room registration cards. These cards serve in place of passports, which are confiscated at check-in and given back only moments before departure.

It was easy to take in tricks simply by lending them the hotel cards and using our room keys as personal identification. Also, the more experienced boys had phony American Express cards, which fooled none of the doormen, but worked every time.

Most of the Gays were well-meaning non-professionals, primarily interested in fun and games and Levis. They were no security problem except for hot, hot Igor, who had been passed from room to room after a farewell champagne party. He departed the last stop, ripping off clothes, jewelry and cash. For the victim, the resulting confrontation with the Moscow police was a harrowing experience — all the bloody details explored, but eventually nothing came of the inquisition.

HOOKERS

It was interesting that when tourists were not in evidence doormen admitted glitzy ladies of the evening, who would hang out in the American dollar bars. "Are you American?" "Do you want to have fun?" they would ask, sounding like Slavic dancehall hostesses doing the "Big Spender" number from Sweet Charity.

I wondered if these women, and the black marketeers in the streets, were not state controlled too, bringing in hard currency by whatever means possible. Perhaps so, since the black market, extensively patronized by foreigners and Russians alike, is estimated to be 10 percent of the Soviet gross national product. And that 10 percent must be vital in such a backward economy, where the abacus, rather than the computer, pocket calculator, or even the cash register is the method of daily computations.



FOG leader Nick in front of Tchaikovsky's tomb

The three American dollar bars in our hotel operated in typically Russian fashion. In the lower bar, when you put down \$2 for a \$1.50 drink, the bartender would give change in useless odd coins from almost any country. The next bar always kept the two dollars because, "have no change." The last bar would give change in chewing gum at the rate of one pack equals 25 cents. When you tried to give the gum back in partial payment for the next drink, it would not be accepted. All of these gimmicks were used in the same Intourist hotel at the same time.

GETTING OUT

When it came time to leave Russia, we boarded the Moscow-Helsinki Express, appropriately on a dark and stormy night with snow covering the ground. After drinks in the dining car and a night's sleep in the four-man compartments, we stopped just inside the Soviet border for passport and customs inspection.

A uniformed storm trooper barged into our compartment and began interrogating us about money, valuables, and gifts in our possession. His retorts were confined to "nyet," "very strange," and "izz wrong."

I was the lucky one selected for full field inspection of luggage, pockets, and all body parts. When three separate assaults on my crotch provided no hidden money, he began working on my ass. I wondered about the necessity for state-sponsored fisting and whether he hoped to find a smuggled icon or silver samovar back there.

Detecting nothing and obviously frustrated, he stormed off to the next compartment muttering, "izz too laatae." Others of our group selected for his anatomical inspection had actively participated in the black market street games. I wondered if our Intourist guide, always efficient and observant, had not been an informer.

After a final search under our berths by Red Army guards looking for stowaways trying to escape Mother Russia, the train inched slowly toward the border. Like any other prison, the U.S.S.R. is much easier to get into than out of.

Soon afterwards we were relieved to see the blue and white flag of Finland waving over beautiful little towns, well-kept houses, fertile fields, and even railroad stations with names actually written on them — a whole

other world of individualism, prosperity, and freedom — just one mile but a thousand years away from the Soviet Union.

A Russian joke, told by a vodka-inspired man in a Moscow cafe, came to mind. "You know what K.G.B. means, don't you? Kiss Good Bye."

And kiss goodbye we did to the U.S.S.R., "a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma," as Churchill put it. Most of us agreed the trip through the Soviet Union had been entirely fascinating. We agreed we would never forget it. We also agreed we would never return.

[Bay Area Reporter]



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wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Wednesday Madness" - From 2-8 pm Drink Specials: 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 - Happy Hour 11 am to 6 pm - All well drinks \$1.25; Domestic Beer \$1.00.

RUMOR HAZZIT - "White Wednesday" 8 pm to midnight .99 White Well (with juice .25 extra). \$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, and during August, Fresh Strawberry Daiquiris \$1.25 from 9 to 1. 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 - Happy Hour 11 am to 6 pm - all Well Drinks \$1.25; All Domestic Beer \$1.00.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Kegger 8 pm to 12 am .25 per glass. \$1.25 Well Drinks or Long Neck Domestic Beer & Munchies 1-7 pm. Regular disco/video dancing 9 pm to close.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shots of Schnapps \$1.00 each from open to closing. Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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 \$1.50). Dancing 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Happy Hour 11 am to 6 pm - 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

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Marvin and Becky entertain at the piano in the B/P during the afternoon. Special drink prices. Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T 9 pm to 1 am.

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

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

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 - Happy Hour 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. all Well Drinks \$1.25, Domestic Beer \$1. Hot Dogs and Fixin'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 - Draft Beer Bust Noon to 7 pm .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 5 pm to 7, \$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 (2). Dance 8pm-1am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 1 a.m. Happy Hour Noon to 6 p.m. All Well Drinks \$1.25, Domestic Beer \$1.00.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. Brunch served 12:30 to 3:30 pm. \$1.00 per plate. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys \$1.25 during brunch hours.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - During August Shots of Schnapps .50 from opening to closing. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. 150 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 - Happy Hour 11 am to 6 pm - 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 - Videos with Ray in the Back Pocket with \$1.50 well drinks from 9 pm to 1 am Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T beginning at 9 pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. "Sudacizeit" .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 - Happy Hour 11 am to 6 pm - all Well Drinks \$1.25; Domestic Beer \$1.00.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Well drinks or domestic long necks \$1.25, munchies 1-7 pm. Video dancing 9 pm to 1 am.



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

COLETTE'S WEST - Hawkins and Delear making a return visit. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$2.00 Cover. Live music at its best.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

GRADUATE - A big 13th Anniversary Show here for performer, Bobbi Jo. Dani Reid is also on the bill of fare along with Jacqueline de Savoi and Candy Plastique. Make plans to attend and help Bobbi Jo celebrate 13 years in show biz. No Cover.

IBT'S - Beer Bust sponsored by 'PARTNERS' from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. Join Partners in their first monthly Beer Bust.

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!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

COLETTE'S WEST - Vocalist Patti McCulla hold forth for some great entertainment. No Cover.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

COLETTE'S WEST - Funk Rock by the "Oreo Band" playing here from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$2 Cover. A great band. Come and see for yourself.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

COLETTE'S WEST - A special fundraiser "A Night On The Town" with Doc and Keith with guest hosts Larry Mann and Jeanette Scott. 8:00 p.m. \$2.00 cover.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

GRADUATE - A big show from Phoenix planned here that will feature Goya and Bonnie Bitch. More later.

RUMOR HAZZIT - A big Garland Production show is planned here. Show stars Jacqueline de Savoi, Candy Plastique and Miss Gay Tucson I, Stephanie Price. Showtime 8:45 p.m. No Cover.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

COLETTE'S WEST - For an evening of women's music there can be none better than an evening with Ann English playing and singing here from 9 p.m. to Midnight. No Cover.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

COLETTE'S WEST - The popular musical duo Hawkins and Delear reappear here for a great evening of fun and entertainment. They play from 9 to 1 and there is a \$2.00 Cover, but well worth it.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

COLETTE'S WEST - Popular Patti McCulla singing your favorites here from 9 to 1. No Cover.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

COLETTE'S WEST - A big fundraising show, at her sponsoring bar, to gather funds to assist Miss Gay Tucson III, Tabitha Scott, to enter the Miss Gay America Contest. More later.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

LABOR DAY SHOW hosted by Christina will celebrate the big holiday. Make plans to keep this date open. Location, time and details later.

RUMOR HAZZIT - "DRAG QUEEN WARS" - A Wrestling Contest. 8:30 p.m. Watch for details.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

COLETTE'S WEST - The popular band 'Brain Damage' will be playing here from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$2.00 Cover.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

COLETTE'S WEST - A really big FIRST ANNIVERSARY SHOW is shaping up here. Already scheduled to appear are Grace Jonz from Los Angeles and the popular "Village People" you'll remember from their last variety show. Plus plenty more in the works. Keep your eyes on this calendar, and make plans to attend.

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Lights of Tucson

by Michael - Tucson

The Full Moon is in Aquarius opposing the Sun in Leo at 3:18 a.m., Tucson Time, on Sunday, the 9th which will be past when you read this column. It deals with money (other peoples) and ending or new beginnings (putting it in its least ominous terms). It could portend the success of the recall petition since Cancer dealing with politics, home and secrets is on the Ascendant and the next New Moon is an Eclipse.

ARIES

Front and center stage in the public eye for Arians responding to this Full Moon, whatever your profession you will gain from it in honors and benefits during this period. A very positive period for freedom of the people.

TAURUS

Your time to achieve your most cherished wishes and dreams with the help of friends. People in the clubs, groups and organizations you belong to will come to your support at this time.

GEMINI

Not the best time to be fooling around with secret relationships or underhanded dealings. Gossip and rumors about you will be circulated by your co-workers. If you want to make the most positive use of this time, visit friends in hospitals and prisons, it may save you from being visited in those places.

CANCER

Close family ties and home will be important to you at this time. You can be successful politically, but you will be rather secretive about some matters that are important to you personally.

LEO

Trouble over money could be serious for you at this time. You would do well to pay your debts and not spend anything that is not an absolute necessity.

VIRGO

Your time to communicate, visit close family members, friends or neighbors. Write letters and receive them. Lots of phone calls and short trips. A very busy time for Virgo in general.

LIBRA

Changes in your home environment or occupation are a distinct possibility at this time. Redecorate, renovate or move to a new residence may be in order, or major repairs may have to be made to the building structure in your home.

SCORPIO

There is a need to establish new channels of communication in the 5th House of this chart indicating that a new romance will begin for Scorpios, or a new speculative venture. You may introduce a new form of entertainment, open a night club or a game arcade.

SAGITTARIUS

Health is of primary importance, especially nervous difficulties such as hypertension could lead to a breakdown if you do not slow down. Get a check up NOW. Work is also important, but it may involve travel to foreign places, or contacts with people of a different background than your own.

CAPRICORN

Relationships and business partners are in the forefront for Capricorn at this time. It should be a period of great mental stimulation, leading to new ways of doing things.

AQUARIUS

New beginnings are possible for Aquarians. New jobs, new friends and new ways of doing things. There can also be sudden and unexpected losses of friends or even close relatives and you may have to deal with estates, inheritances of legacies. Now is the time for the insurance claim to be paid.

PISCES
Travel and dealing with higher educational matters is on the agenda for Pisceans. Possible contact with foreign people. Religion could be involved and philosophy certainly will.

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

News from MCC Tucson

Starting Sunday, August 23rd at approximately 2:00 p.m., Rev. Bern David will have an Hispanic Ministry here at MCC/Tucson. These services will be in Spanish with no English translations. This will be a continuing weekly service. Rev. Bern David was recently ordained in the U.F.M.C.C. and is a most capable speaker. If anyone would feel more comfortable or prefer attending these services, all are welcome. Call the Church at 622-4536 for more details.

Coming up on Sunday, Sept. 27, MCC/Tucson will present a free concert at the church building, 560 S. Stone. This concert is still in the planning stages and more details will be announced as they are finalized.

Last Sunday, Rev. Perry gave a short talk, preceding his sermon, entitled "Peace Moment - Hiroshima". It was forty-two years ago that the first atomic bomb was dropped on that city in Japan bringing World War II to an end. The world has not been the same since that historical event. It was a terrible, devastating act, but it was believed by the leaders of our country, that it was necessary to save untold loss of lives to our American servicemen. There have been arguments for and against this act ever since. But, whether it was right or wrong, let us all pray that it never happens again.

Thought for the Week: The right to do something does not mean that doing it is right.
-William Safire,
New York Times Special Features.

MASSAGE CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

by Marc Haberman
Licensed Muscular Therapist

Remember how good you feel after a good nap or good sex? Well you feel even better after a good, professional massage. Massage is a purely sensual experience, better than sexual. Professional massage is many times misunderstood as a form of sexual foreplay. There are some who advertise doing massage, and they are usually only trying to make a quick buck. When calling someone who advertises as a masseur, ask them if they went to school for it, if they are licensed, and how many years they have been doing massage professionally.

Professional therapeutic massage is a very nurturing experience. Almost like returning to the womb, or sleeping with someone that you are very comfortable with. In a one-hour massage, one receives the equivalent benefits of 3 to 5 hours of deep sleep, and then some. Massage is a form of passive exercise, being more inclusive that a good warm-up and some forms of exercise. If you are concerned about maintaining or improving your health, massage is one of the best things you can do for yourself. The recommended frequency at the beginning is weekly to several times a month, to notice a real difference. Also, massage is very integrating. It works with the emotions, mind and body. Massage can bring you to a state of natural balance and raise your self-esteem. You will feel better about everything around you also.

If you have any questions about massage, call Marc Haberman at 577-5125. This fall there will be a Men's Massage Workshop series. Call to register.

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NOTICES

CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP is a loving Christian church where YOU are welcome. Sunday worship services are at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study is at 7:00 p.m. Our caring staff is on duty Tuesday through Friday 7-9 p.m. and at other times by appointment. Call 881-3519 or stop by at 3333 E. Grant Road, Next to O'Reilly Leasing.

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

COOKING CLASS IMMUNE-SUPPORTIVE CUISINE Tuesday, August 18 - 7 to 9 p.m. \$5.00 fee. R.S.V.P. 577-2703 in Tucson. Co-sponsored by Fred Stahl and T.A.T.A. 160

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets the second Saturday of every month at 7:00 p.m. on the Joshua Tree Patio, 2921 N. 1st Ave. Everyone welcome.

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

ROOMMATE REFERRAL OF TUCSON Men and women both welcome. NO FEE. Call Bill James 622-3808 in Tucson.

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

J.D. PRODUCTIONS, in cooperation with Colette's West and the Boston Dance Education Centre, will be holding auditions for a very special Halloween show, Aug. 23rd, 3:00 p.m. at 5333 S. 12th Ave. Tucson. 161

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

GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM? Call A.A. 624-4181. 24-Hour Hotline. Call for information on Gay and Lesbian meetings in Tucson.

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

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

COME RUN WITH US TUCSON FRONT RUNNERS has changed to the summer schedule. The group will meet at 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday in front of Himmel Park Library for a fun run. Everyone is encouraged to get healthy. For more information call Mitch, 326-3332.

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

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

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

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SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at 602 N. Fourth Ave. Potential Shanti volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. only. Phone 622-7107.

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TUCSON LESBIAN CO-OP - WOMEN'S COMMUNITY POTLUCK. Open to all women. 2nd Sundays at 6:00 p.m. Various locations. Call Claire at 795-1006 for more information.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY YOUTH GROUP is now sponsored by Matrix Community Services/Amity Incorporated and meets at the following locations: Wednesdays 6 to 9 p.m. at 1030 N. 4th Ave. 884-7413 (Matrix) and on Saturdays 3 to 5 p.m. at 420 S. Main, 792-0204 (La Pilita). For more information call Wayne Blankenship at 882-4009.

Lesbian Parent Family Support Group (LPPSG) meets monthly for potlucks. The 6th monthly potluck will be Sunday, August 30th from 3:00 p.m. to ???. Call 747-0356 in Tucson for further information. 162

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PERSONALS

Colette - Thank you very much for sharing my birthday with me and my friends, especially my friend that I haven't seen for years, Alan. Thanks, of course, also to Bev, Sandy, Wendy, Patti and all the rest of Colette's wonderful staff. Thanks for a wonderful birthday. Gilbert 160

WANTED: Well defined young men who would enjoy legitimate photography modeling. Some compensation and a set of photos. Call Marc at 881-4582 between 9 am and 8 pm in Tucson. 160

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HELP WANTED

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