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5 Mayoral candidates speak for Gay rights

by Deborah Latish

TUCSON - Tucson's five mayoral candidates are unanimous in their support of homosexual rights and believe that AIDS is not a Gay issue but a community issue.

The candidates' remarks were made last Thursday, Aug. 20, during a debate sponsored by the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association (OPBPA). (OBSERVER, Aug. 19).

All the candidates stood firmly behind a city ordinance prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual preference.

"Your sexual preferences are nobody else's business," Democratic candidate Tom Volgy said.

Volgy added that he thought Gov. Evan Mecham should be recalled in part because of his stand against Gays.

Republican William Gilkinson said the city should spend more money to help care for AIDS patients.

All the candidates except Republican Ed Finkelstein said Tucson was a caring community that would not abandon AIDS victims. Finkelstein said more education is needed before the community can understand the problem.

"I have great sympathy for your problem ... (you) are us," said Republican George Borozan.

"It's a problem for all of us," agreed Democrat John Huerta.

Happy Anniversary T-Squares



TUCSON - Tucson's own square dancing club, the T-Squares, celebrated their second anniversary Saturday, Aug. 22 at IRT's. The afternoon and evening was filled with lots of square dancing with a special live caller from Phoenix plus country dancing and plenty of food and fun for the

Condoms questioned

WASHINGTON, DC - One out of every five batches of condoms tested in a government inspection program over the last four months failed to meet minimum standards for leaks, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration called the failure rate unexpectedly high.

The FDA's testing criteria are based on sampling a certain percentage of a particular batch, or lot. For example, a lot of four grogs - or 576 condoms - would require that 80 be tested. If two or more of that 80 leaked, the whole lot would be tossed out.

At the same time, ongoing laboratory research in both the U.S. and Canada has concluded that lambskin condoms, preferred by many Gay men, allow the leakage of the AIDS, herpes and hepatitis B viruses.

And in a report published last week, a Department of Health and Human Services task force concluded that "there are no clinical (human trial) data supporting the value of condoms "in preventing the spread of a range of diseases, including syphilis, herpes, hepatitis B and human immunodeficiency virus, the precursor of AIDS.

Those developments underscore what is so far a little noticed but broadening concern about premises of the condom mania sweeping the U.S. in response to the AIDS crisis. Reliance on condoms as an AIDS protection has escalated even though the condom was never designed or manufactured to control sexually transmitted disease.

At the University of
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Kromko urges dissident Republicans to go public on recall

TUCSON - Pima County Democratic Party Chairman, John Kromko, told the Democrats of Greater Tucson at their weekly luncheon, "It's time for the Republicans who want Mecham out (of office) to make a statement." "Twelve highly placed Republican officials have told me they like the recall and support it," said Kromko, a state lawmaker from Tucson. "They know that if Mecham stays in office, he will hurt the Republican Party."

Kromko declined to name the Republicans. He said they approached him about the possibility of finding a consensus candidate to run in a recall election if the Mecham Recall Committee is successful in collecting the roughly 217,000 valid signatures needed to force such an election.

"It's time for these boys to come forward," the Democratic chairman said, adding that if Mecham is not recalled, "the Republican Party is dead meat in 1988 and 1990."

"Mr. Mecham is a bad man. He has done terrible damage to the state. He is a vindictive person and mean-spirited. He has lost the trust of the Republican leadership in the state," Kromko said.

Bob Stash, chairman of the Pima County Republican Party, said later in an interview that he doubted Kromko's claim. He asked why Kromko didn't reveal the Republicans' names if Kromko's allegation was true. "I don't know who those 12 would be," Stash said.

Kromko's remarks came during a speech in which he again denied charges by Stash that the Pima County Democratic Party has been aiding the recall movement. "I support the recall, but the Democratic Party has not given any help to the recall," Kromko said.

"We've used Mecham's name to help raise money (for the Democratic Party), but we've kept it for ourselves," he said. "I love the recall. I wish I'd thought of it first."

Stash charged that Republican volunteer worker had picked up a recall petition inside Democratic Party Headquarters in Tucson. Stash said that was proof beyond doubt that the Democrats are behind the recall.

"Despite their denials, the Democratic Party is aiding, abetting and supporting the recall movement," Stash said. "They obviously have not been telling the truth."

Kromko said he has told volunteers working at Democratic headquarters not to bring recall petitions to the office. "There a lot of party regulars and officers carrying recall petitions," Kromko conceded, "but they are doing it on their own. The party is staying out of the recall."

If the Democratic Party were behind the recall, everyone would know it because the party would throw all its resources into the

movement, he said.

"This is just an attempt by Mecham and the Republicans to make something else the issue," he said.

Mecham has helped the Democrats greatly, Kromko said. He added that the Democratic headquarters has received numerous telephone calls from Republicans who want to switch their registrations.



Rep. John Kromko

Kromko said, "When there were 40,000 signatures (gathered by the recall committee) they said it was the homosexuals who were behind the movement. When it reached 100,000 signatures, they said it was the Democrats. And you can bet when there are 200,000 signatures, they will say it's the communists behind the movement."

(The above article was compiled from Tucson Citizen by Mark Thomas Swenson and Arizona Daily Star by writer Walt Nett).

NGLTF retires debt

WASHINGTON, DC - The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has announced the retirement of a large, long-term debt which had totalled approximately \$85,000 in April of 1986. "We are delighted and very proud to put this debt to rest," said Kimberly Webster, Development Director of the Task Force. "With it gone, we will concentrate on increasing the vitality of our already strong organizing and lobbying programs."

The Task Force eliminated the debt through a comprehensive program which expanded fundraising and membership development, while reducing overhead. "We were able to get rid of the debt for three reasons - our members, our Board and our Staff," Webster noted. "Our members responded generously to support the organization. The Board implemented effective fiscal management procedures which insured that we did not spend beyond our means. And credit is due to an extremely dedicated and creative staff, which was able to streamline the operation without compromising the quality of our diverse programs."

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UPDATE

ARCADE OWNERS FILE SUIT

OVER GAMING LAW

PHOENIX (AP) — Amusement arcade owners from the Phoenix and Tucson areas have filed a lawsuit seeking to void an advisory opinion by Attorney General Bob Corbin that places some traditional games under prohibitions of the state's new gambling law.

Corbin, whose office lobbied intensely for the law, said he welcomed the challenge and stood by his opinion.

One arcade manager said that the suit was filed a day before the law's effective date, in part to delay prosecution of the companies until the state legislature reconvenes in January and can be asked to modify the statutes.

"We feel that the law has been interpreted incorrectly," said the official, Wells Brimhall of Golf 'N Stuff at MetroCenter here. "We basically don't feel the law applies to these games. They're not considered gambling devices in any other state."

In addition to Corbin, the suit names Maricopa County Attorney Tom Collins, Pima County Attorney Steve Neely, Phoenix City Attorney Rod McDougall and Tucson City Attorney Fred Dean.

"The law needs some work, and the lawsuit will focus attention on that," said Collins.

The suit filed in Maricopa County Superior Court, challenges the applicability of the new gambling laws to coin-operated amusement games that offer players prizes. It seeks a declaratory judgement specifying that the new law excludes coin-operated amusement games.

Brimhall said his company offers prizes after players redeem coupons they collect for high scores in the games. The prizes generally are worth about \$2, he said.

Phoenix and Tucson have licensed the games, which include pinball, Skee-Ball, skill crane machines and video games. The lawsuit says some of the games have been played legally for 80 years.

Some of the games go by such names as Whack-O-Mole and Bowler Boom Ball. Each machine can cost \$2,500 to \$10,000, the suit adds, claiming that the Legislature "did not intend to make criminal and prohibit the use and operation of the coin-operated amusement games."

In addition to Golf 'N Stuff, part of a California company, corporations joining in the suit come from Arizona, Texas and Minnesota.

FALWELL SUPPORTS

ROOP'S RECOMMENDATIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — While repeating his belief that homosexuality is a "moral perversion," the Rev. Jerry Falwell nonetheless reaffirmed his support for U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop's call for safe-sex education and the use of condoms.

According to the Bay Area Reporter, Falwell, in San Francisco Aug. 7 to address a private club, admitted that "if we cannot stop sex outside of marriage, we certainly have got to stop sex that spreads this disease."

Further, Falwell called for "an understanding and a sensitivity and a love for persons with AIDS," although he also asserted that politicians are afraid to declare homosexuality wrong because "they're thinking more about the next election than the next generation."

ARIZONA TAVERN-OWNERS

TO SPONSOR HALLOWEEN BALL

TUCSON — During their regular monthly meeting held in Tucson this month, the Independent Tavern Owners Association (ITA), approved their sponsorship of a Halloween Ball to be held on Sunday, Oct. 25 at the Adams-Hilton hotel in Phoenix. ITA is an association of member Gay bars in Tucson and Phoenix, who are working for the betterment of the Gay communities in the state of Arizona.

Initial plans call for festivities to begin at 7:00 p.m. when the doors will officially open. The evening will include contests and entertainment. The theme of this year's official Halloween Ball will be "Proud To Be An American".

Contest categories and prizes are as follows:

- * Best Overall Male \$300
- * Best Overall Female \$300
- * Most Creative \$100
- * Most Humorous \$100
- * Best Theme \$100
- * Door Prize \$100

There will be no reserved seating. Tickets are \$7.50 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Tickets will be available at all ITA member bars in Phoenix and Tucson.

ITA members include Al E. Gators; Apollo's; Cattlemen's Exchange; Club Farrah's; Flex Complex; Incognito Lounge; Little Jim's 307; The Network and Ramrod in Phoenix. In Tucson, members are Colette's West; The Graduate; IRT's; and Ramrod Hazzit.

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ARIZONA STATE U.

AGREES TO GAY DEMANDS

by Nancy De Luca

TEMPE, AZ (GON) — Administrators at Arizona State University here have decided to meet some of the demands of the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union (LGAU) despite anti-Gay sentiment of the University's Academic Senate.

According to the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund of New York, who has represented the LGAU, the union originally filed suit against the University claiming that the Senate's refusal to provide funding or allow the Union to present educational programs on campus was a violation of the First Amendment right of free speech, as well as the right to equal protection and due process.

The university stood by the Senate's decision, and a federal district court dismissed the suit. But as Lambda and the LGAU were preparing to appeal the dismissal, administrators agreed to several key demands contained in the lawsuit. They agreed to co-sponsor with the LGAU a series of Lesbian and Gay forums, to conduct legal education programs for members of the student government which include discussions about discrimination based on sexual orientation, and to take a more active role in vetoing any attempt to use the student government to deny funds to a student group.

While the LGAU is not guaranteed funding, the administration has pledged to ensure that the funding process will be fair. In addition, university officials are considering instituting a university-wide policy of non-discrimination based on sexual orientation.

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Petition ban in malls to be appealed

PHOENIX (AP) - The Mechem Recall Committee says it will appeal a judge's ruling that shopping malls are private property and have the right to ban people gathering petition signatures.

Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Rudolph Gerber on Monday, Aug. 24, rejected the recall committee's claim that access to shopping malls falls under the First Amendment right to free speech.

Malls are private property, Gerber said, adding, "As such, they cannot be invaded even by proponents of initiative and recall (without) permission from the private property owners."

The judge granted a preliminary injunction, replacing a similar temporary restraining order he had issued Aug. 15. (OBSERVER Aug. 19).

Gerber's ruling said, "Arizona's constitutional provisions regarding free speech and recall in particular are not broad enough to override the right of private property."

Recall committee founder Ed Buck said the decision will be appealed, adding, "It's going to make our lives a little more difficult, needless to say."

Recall committee attorney Alice Bendheim said the appeal probably would be filed as a special action to the State Supreme Court.

The committee reported Aug. 13 that it had gathered 103,379 signatures during its first month of operation. The committee must get 216,746 valid signatures of registered voters by Nov. 3 to force Gov. Evan Mecham to face a recall vote next spring.

The injunction was sought by four Phoenix-area shopping malls. Three others have permitted the committee to gather signatures.

Buck said he is still convinced his group will come up with enough signatures to force a recall election, and that it still will ask mall owners for permission to collect signatures there.

"To say that we can't go in to the malls is unreasonable," Buck said.

During oral arguments Monday, attorney Terry L. Rakow, representing the malls, said that ordering the malls to admit petition-gatherers could "create a nightmare of sorts" and lead to many other people seeking the same right of access to other private property.

However, Bendheim said the malls had made themselves "quasi-public areas" by advertising themselves as places where "the action is."

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CONDOMS QUESTIONED

California, Dr. Gerald Bernstein, who is working on a government-funded condom evaluation, summed up: "Using condoms is not really what people are talking about when they say 'safe sex'. It may be safer sex, but I think it's a misnomer to say condoms are 'safe' sex."

Experts on sexually transmitted diseases, and AIDS in particular, are reluctant to abandon aggressive promotion of condom use as a means of preventing the spread of a variety of sexual diseases because they believe condoms to be the best available preventive other than abstinence. But, they say, crucial questions remain unanswered.

The FDA began inspecting manufacturing plants and warehouses after urging all U.S. condom suppliers to be "particularly vigilant" in quality assurance in view of the "urgency" posed by the AIDS epidemic and sexually transmitted disease fears.

In testing done between ear-

ly April and Aug. 10, the FDA said, 41 of 204 sample batches of condoms were "violative" of minimum government standards. Eleven of 106 American-made condom batches flunked, along with 30 or 98 imported ones, in a test that consisted of filling a condom with water and examining it for leaks. Almost 51,000 condoms were tested, and a batch failed if four or more condoms in it leaked. The agency could not say how many individual condoms failed, but the inspection design indicated a minimum failure of about one condom out of every 50.

An FDA spokesman in Washington would not characterize the condom inspection results, and no senior FDA official would discuss the ongoing inspection program. Earlier, the FDA had said the failure rates were unexpectedly high. However, the FDA acknowledged that, despite the gravity of the AIDS scare, there still were no mandatory manufacturing quality requirements.

A source familiar with the government's condom investigation said the poor test results shocked both condom makers and federal officials.

Tucson Citizen

Incubation period for AIDS spread by tainted blood 8 years

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - Scientists reported last week that AIDS appears to lie dormant an average of eight years in adults who are infected by tainted blood and eventually develop the disease, and about two years in very young children.

The eight-year estimate, a statistical projection from data on 297 AIDS patients who were infected with the AIDS virus from blood or blood products, compares with previous estimates of 4.5 years and 15 years. AIDS is too new to pinpoint the answer, scientists said in recent interviews.

A new study also suggests that AIDS appears sooner in males than females, but the difference may not be statistically significant, said Graham Medley of the University of London. He wrote the study with university colleagues and Lynne Billard of the University of Georgia in Athens. It appears in the British journal, Nature.

Medley said the study does not necessarily apply to people in-

fectured through means other than blood transfusion or injection of blood products. Nor does it estimate what percentage of infected people will develop AIDS, he said.

Transfusions are blamed for 912 of the nation's 40,532 AIDS cases, and tainted blood products for 395 cases.

The risk of getting acquired immune deficiency syndrome from transfusions was virtually eliminated by blood screening that began in March 1985, health officials say.

The new study used data from AIDS patients who were infected with the virus between April 1978 and February 1986, and diagnosed as having the disease between January 1982 and June 1986.

Results for the oldest patients are probably a statistical quirk, Medley said. Older people are more likely to die of other causes before AIDS appears, artificially lowering the average incubation time, he said.



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Again Tucson proved that there is true brotherhood for all. Last Thursday evening, I and my lover, Keith, were the benefactors of a benefit show at Colette's. Keith had to work that evening, so I accepted the love and generosity of those in attendance. As for myself, who has seen numerous drag shows here in this Old Pueblo, I must say this was one of the most refreshing and well-performed I've seen in a long time. With the new faces in this show, it was well worth the attendance of all of us in the audience. We (Keith and I) wish to express our most heart-warming thank you to each of you:

****Aviva Diamond, Tabitha Scott, Ginger, Grant, Devin Sterling, Fabiana, Jeannette Scott, Joanna Stevens, Freddy, Bruce, David, Gilbert, Ben and Annie, the host for the evening Larry Mann and a special thank you to Colette Barajas and her staff.****

Thank you for your efforts helping raise money to offset unexpected expenses due to the fire at our apartment recently. Words alone can never express the true love I have for this community and generosity it showed at this time.

Unfortunately, even when it came to a benefit show for one of our brothers or sisters in Tucson, childish games were played causing scheduled performers to not be in the show. It is time people take a good serious look at just what happened, during a benefit for someone or something, and face the music as to the long-range effects, which I might add will come back to haunt you. Personal dislikes for one reason or another, should NEVER come into play during a benefit show. All of us have shown support to each of you for many months, never once slighting you for any reason, choosing to help when asked, and attending your shows. Forgetting this show was for myself and Keith, I personally feel each of you who were involved in this fiasco last Thursday evening, no names needed at this time because you know who you are, owe all of Tucson a letter of apology, in this paper. When the next show is announced, let's see more love to fellow performers, the Tucson community will also show our love and support more in return.

Last week's paper, I gave a short report on IRO's trip to the City of Rocks. In my article a couple little lines or names somehow were left out, so to clear that up, here is how they they were supposed to read. First off, Miss Marlin didn't escape from a reservation, she looked as if she just left the opera in Nogales (south of the border). Looking as if she just escaped from the reservation was Miss Elmer. One lady in attendance I did overlook was Miss Bert who, I'm sure, was paid to take that outfit out of Value Village, light blue bedroom slippers and all. The crew that went into Denning was driven by Ben, who for 50 more weeks will be known, and well used, as "Lazy Susan Pledge".

This weekend is Partners tubing trip down the Salt River. For those wanting to go should meet Saturday morning at 6:00 a.m. at Deming's Restaurant on the corner of River Road and Oracle, caty corner from the Fiesta Bowling Lanes. We shall depart there at 7:00 a.m. and convoy to the camp site. For those wishing to join a group of us going on into Phoenix that evening: if you wish motel reservations, contact Kip or Gary ASAP at 790-2558. Run fee for the day, which includes a meal at the camp site after the tubing trip, is \$4.69. You will need to bring your own liquid refreshments and inner tube.

Limited car pooling will be available.

Congratulations goes to the newly elected and sworn-in officers of the T-Squares. The group held their annual Roedown at IRT's this past Saturday with lots of square dancing, and enough good food to feed a small army. A guest caller from Phoenix was also on hand and everyone had a great time.

Applications are now available either at the Graduate or thru a T.A.L.L. member for this year's Old Pueblo Run to be held over the Labor Day weekend. This will be an in-town run with a trip out to Old Tucson for dinner. Get your applications in early and I guarantee a good time on this run.

TBRS in Phoenix. I understand that Rodney Ann, the infamous bartender at Apollo's, member of S.O.A. and "Cheers" of the Western Express, has carpet burns which are healing very well. The burns, I understand, were gotten in an unfurnished apartment, somewhere in Maricopa County.

On Sept. 4, there is a very special benefit show over at Colette's. This time it's one to help defray expenses for the current Miss Gay Tucson - Tabitha Scott - for her trip to the Miss Gay America Pageant. Come on, Tucson, let's see the true love and brotherhood (between all of us) and give our total support for this one.

That's it for this week. Watch for my short notes from this upcoming weekend tubing trip with Partners.

TO THE COMMUNITY:

As host for the show, I would like to take this time to give a very special thank you for the help in Thursday's Benefit Show - "A Night On The Town with Doc and Keith".

Without the help of these people, this benefit would not have been the success it was.

Thank you Colette for graciously offering your facility. Thank you Ben and Annie, Bruce, Gilbert, Freddie and David.

Thank you to all the performers for caring and jumping in and performing: Tabitha Scott, Aviva Diamond, Jeannette Scott, Miss Devin, Fabianna, Joanna, Ginger.

Thank you Tucson for caring and being there when someone needed your help.

With Love
Larry Mann

FEDS TO MARCH ON WASHINGTON

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Federal Lesbians and Gays (FLAG), a San Francisco-based advocacy group offering support, advice and activities for federal employees plans to march with their banner in the March on Washington scheduled for Oct. 11.

Among the demands being made by March organizers are a number of specifically related to the rights of federally-employed Lesbians and Gays from all over the country are invited to join them in the March. M. Janet Allen, President of FLAG, said, "We'd like to show all three branches of the government that we do exist and exist in significant numbers."

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TUCSON/ARIZONA: A Gay History - Part Three

This is the third 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 appeared in the August 12th issue of OBSERVER and carried on from August 19, 1977 through December 20, 1978. Part Three begins with the last week of 1978 and runs through December 1979.

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 Three of the series "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 four 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.

12/20/1978 - Graduate owner Dale Yount undergoes quadruple open heart bypass surgery.

1979

2/2/1979 - Bob and Mary Bishop of Joshua Tree/Back Pocket celebrate 25 wedding anniversary....Tucson attorney Beverly Ginn barred from employment as juvenile court referee in Mohave County because of "Gay activism"....Roommate Referral begins as free service to Tucsonans by Gay Community Services headed by Bill "Wilma" James.

2/23/1979 - Murray Lorenzen appointed bar manager of Graduate.

3/2/1979 - Tucson Gay Coalition dissolved....72-year-old MacArthur Hotel arsoned. No one injured. Hotel housed many Gay residents, and several Gay businesses including the Hair Tix bar, Toole Box

private club the Arizona Gay News, Gay Community Services and Fun Tm Bookstore.

3/9/1979 - Rev. Bern David accepted as assistant pastor to Truth Chapel/MCC-Tucson.... Plans for an Alternative Relations Center, a Phoenix Gay Community services center announced.... GCS/Tucson producing a weekly Gay radio show on radio station KTKT. GCS Chair Jim Smith directing.... Gay Student Organization (GSO) on UofA campus offering Peer Counseling Program....

3/30/1979 - Dignity/Tucson granted tax exempt status as non-profit organization by IRS.... Citizens for Constitutional Rights (CCR) and its Lobbying Chair Roland Atkins in forefront in defeating two anti-Gay bills in state legislature....

4/6/1979 - His Co. Disco singled out as 'Best Gay Bar' in Phoenix by the New Times.... Gay Academic Union (GAU) certified as a campus organization replacing Gay Campus Community (GCC) at Arizona State University....

4/20/1979 - Holy Trinity Church organizes in Tucson. Rev. Henry Warner, Pastor.... Talk of the Town in Phoenix sold to new owners....

5/4/1979 - T&J Salon Grand Opening in Phoenix on May 5th. Located at 702 N. Central; hosts Tony, Jim Bob and Ernie.... Tucson Bar Owners Guild forms includes Bob Bishop of JT/BB, Dale Yount of Graduate, Max Yampolsky of Jekyll's and Dave Pepin of Hair Tix.... Phoenix's Alternative Relations Center being readied for formal opening at 1836 Grand Ave.... Advocate paper prints controversial article about Phoenix and its Gay leadership, etc....

5/11/1979 - Cheryl and the Full Moon celebrate first anniversary in Phoenix.... "Side Pocket" patio opens at Joshua Tree/Back Pocket....

5/25/1979 - 5,000 persons descend on San Francisco City Hall to protest manslaughter verdict for Milk/Moscone killer Dan White....

6/1/1979 - Phoenix's premier 'People and person's Bowling League of 128 strong, ends league play with banquet at Mr. Fat Fingers with Ron Farrah as MC.... 3rd Annual Country Fair held at Connection.... Phoenix announces 3rd Annual Gay Pride Celebration for 1979 will begin on June 28 and end July 2.... Sons of Apollo hold first Memorial Day run as a Phoenix run with Cycle Men South from San Diego and Hijos del Sol from Albuquerque.... MCC Phoenix building new church building at 1029 E. Turney.... 70 persons attend first meeting at new Alternative Relations Center (ARC); Ad. Hoc directors, Draffin McBride, Cherie Wescott and Bob Hegyl.

6/15/1979 - 3rd Annual Picnic at South Mountain Park presented by Dale Williams and the Connection.... Bullwinkle, a disco, opens at 1724 E. McDowell Road with former Forum DJ George Hill managing.... March on Washington, October 14, plans finalized.

6/22/1979 - 700 persons attend Tucson's 3rd Annual Gay Pride Week Picnic in Hixson Park on June 24.... 5th edition of the Follies Brassiere - "Hello Broadway

Hello", with Candace, Mark Sanchez, Hedy, Big John, Peter Whitman, Phil Clark, Michael Jenkins and special guest star Monte-Jon held at Joshua Tree.

7/6/1979 - Brad Normandin wins regional Blueboy Magazine 'Man of the Year' award held at His Co. Disco in Phoenix.... 2 year old Phoenix service organization, Sunday's Child disbands.

7/13/1979 - Incognito 'grand opens' its new patio.... Unlimited celebrates 3rd anniversary, both in Phoenix.... Tucson Knight Owls (TRO) hold charter meeting July 14. Elected officers are Dale McKissack, President; Murray Lorenzen, Vice-President; George M., Secretary and Bill James, Treasurer and 31 members. Phoenix Levi/Leather Club (PL&L) observes inauguration.... San Francisco murder Dan White, sentenced to seven years and 8 months.... S.D.A. Kinship forms in Phoenix.... Lucia Valeska named co-executive director of the National Gay Task Force with Charles Brydon.

7/20/1979 - Talk of the Town re-named Tango II by owners Paul and Ila, and opens at 37 W. McDowell.... Pier 7 opens at 18th Avenue and Van Buren.

7/27/1979 - 1st Annual 'Entertainer of the Year Award' held at Club Phoenix Supper Club won by Moosala.... San Francisco Tavern Guild votes to end boycott of Coors beer.... NYC Gays rally against production crew of movie "Cruising" starring Al Pacino.

8/10/1979 - Our House tavern opens as Gay bar in Phoenix located at 1418 E. McDowell Road.... Club Phoenix begins construction of outdoor swimming pool and jacuzzi. Joe Mattheisen is manager of the baths.... Gay Rodeo in Reno concludes 4th annual Gay rodeo.

8/17/1979 - Bullwinkle grand opening Aug. 9 with hosts George, Don, Charles and Dave.

8/24/1979 - GCS VD Clinic celebrates first anniversary serving 330 clients in first year.

8/31/1979 - Annual Labor Day Hawaiian Luau set for Sept. 2 at Connection with 235 tons of sand, roast pig and all the fresh fruit you can eat.

9/7/1979 - Taylor's "A Gentlemen's Cocktail Lounge" opens in Phoenix just north of the Connection by owner Dale Williams.... Inability to negotiate a lease, according to manager Bob Rabe, caused His Co. Disco to suddenly close. Brad Normandin, Mr. Blueboy is sponsored to national pageant by Arizona Gay News and Phil Santhorn.

9/14/1979 - Rev. Bern David receives new assignment with MCC's Hispanic American District.... Theatre For Gays (TFG), forerunner of Janus Theatre opens in Phoenix with cast members Bud Gullies, Jon Pady, Steve Schenkel, Michael Simpson and Patrick Williams.... Dale McKissack elected new director of GCS/Tucson. Joe Califf, secretary and Michael Reid, Treasurer, Board of Directors, Russel Cerf, Rev. Bern David, Al Obermaier and David Pepin.

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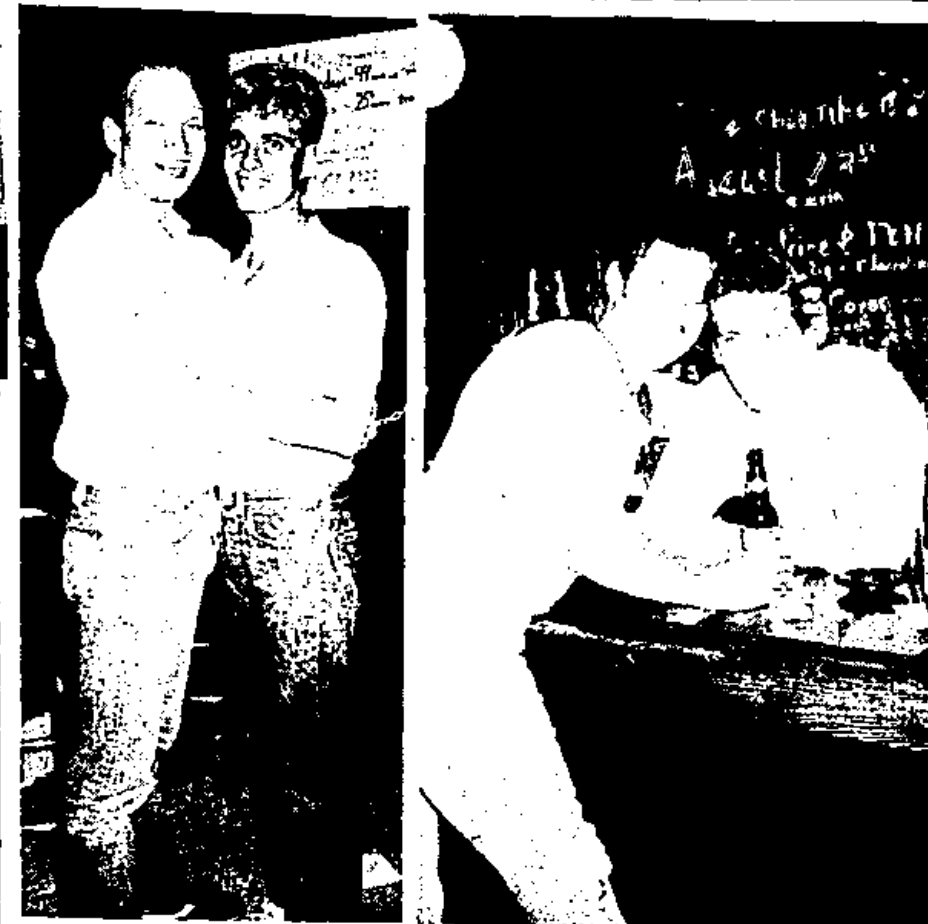
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COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Schnapps shots .75 from 8 pm to midnight.

GRADUATE - Domestic Beer \$1.00 with other specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 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 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.

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 - Earvin 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 \$1.00. Hot Dogs and Fritas \$1.50 from 3 to 7 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. .99 Corona Beer Special 8 pm to midnight. 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 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. 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. \$3.00 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. .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 - 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. "Sudserciser" .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.

TUCSON/ARIZONA:
A Gay History

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9/28/1979 - California Governor Jerry Brown appoints first openly Gay man to Los Angeles Superior Court...

10/5/1979 - Oct. 7, almost 2 years after being burned out of their original church, MCC/Phoenix dedicates new Casa de Cristo church building....Also on Oct. 7, Oasis/MCC held their first worship service in Danforth Chapel on the ASU campus. Dignity holds second anniversary party. Bruce Fowler, President indicated that Dignity/Tucson had 70 active members. Another new bar, The Harem, opens in Phoenix at 4029 E. Washington Street.

10/19/1987 - Tens of thousands of Lesbians and Gay men participated in the first March on Washington Oct. 14....MCC/Tucson celebrates Rev. "Buff" Fisher's 3rd anniversary with the Tucson congregation.... Rev. Henry Warner resigns from Holy Trinity Community Church....Phoenix's Only Westside Bar, the Bum Steer, opens at 4620 N. 7th Ave.

11/2/1979 - Bum Steer reverts to straight bar status while The Harem suddenly closes....Ramrod celebrates 8th Anniversary.

11/9/1979 - Arizona Gay News celebrates third anniversary....Group of concerned people form the Northern Arizona Gay Community in Flagstaff. Ed Jones organizer.

11/16/1979 - 3rd Annual Closet Ball held at Hair TizCasa closes at its 16th street address in Phoenix 11/30/1979 - The Stables, Tucson's private men's club opens with owners Rene and Art.... Newly remodeled Club Phoenix Baths holds open house.... First Arizona Brotherhood Run held in Tucson with Sons of Apollo and Phoenix Levi Leather Club joining Tucson Knight Owls in a weekend of fun and games in conjunction with Teacher John's birthday.

12/7/1979 - Diamond Lil's robbed by trio in daring mid-evening holdup....Connection presents its second annual Ice Show directed and choreographed by John Wertz.

12/14/1979 - 4th Annual Christmas Charity Show for Underprivileged Children with Cindi Diamond, Phil Clark, Mark Carver, Candace, Monte-Jon and Dani Reid and the Diamond Dancers at JT/BP. The original name for the show - Toys for Tots - had to be changed due to Marines Corps. statement that they could not accept toys from homosexuals.

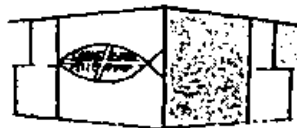
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

IBT's - Jamie de Sario coming in for a big show with several special guest stars. A real fun evening with Miss Gay Arizona II and her friends.

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

JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - Labor Day Show hosted by Christina and co-hosted by Deja Vu from Phoenix will celebrate the big holiday and 'Christen' the new stage and dance floor all under the stars at JT/BP. Cocktails begin at 8:00 p.m. Show starts promptly at 8:30 p.m. Other guest performers plus and all-male strip revue with Jessie, Scott and Michael. See you there.

RUMOR HAZZIT - "Drag Queen Wars" - A 'Mad' Wrestling Contest. 8:30 p.m. A big, big fundraiser for Shanti Foundation/Tucson. Watch for details.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

GRADUATE - "Labor Day Pajama Party", wear your own or borrow a pair at the Grad. At 2:00 p.m., a complimentary send-off brunch as the wind-up for the Old Pueblo Run.

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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

COLETTE'S WEST - Celebrate the Mexican Independence Day here with the popular band 'Rare Breed' plus a Pot Luck. Leave your name at the bar if you are going to bring food. Ole!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

IBT's - A big fundraiser for Shanti Foundation/Tucson featuring Domino Theory and lots of others. It begins at 9:00 p.m. Keep this date open.

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.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

GRADUATE - The Annual Turnabout Show takes place here, funnier than ever. Make plans now.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

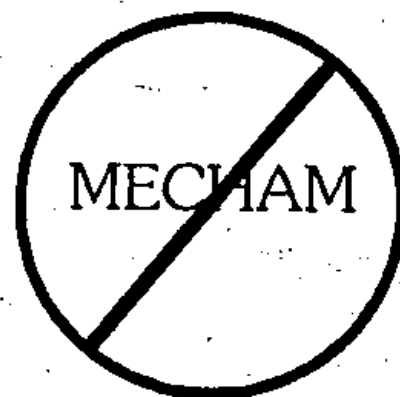
IBT's - Sister's of Sonora (SOS) big Hoedown. More later!

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TO THE EDITOR:

Several months ago I read an interview with a contestant for a title in the Tucson Gay community. The contestant wanted to help the community, not just win a title.

Now I find out that this person is helping underage friends to enter local Gay bars by allowing them to use his driver's license.

Putting a business license in jeopardy is not helping out the community. He could lose a place to perform and the employee's could lose their jobs.

Please help set a better example and keep those under 21 out of the bars. We want to still be around when they are old enough to be served.

Sincerely
James J.

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY -

This past Thursday night, a benefit show was held at Colette's for Doc and Keith to help defray the cost of the fire and their apartment building.

The show was a success despite the politics played by some of Tucson's drag queens.

Everyone has differences of opinions at times, and this is a part of life.

Someday, maybe the so-called entertainers will put their egos in the back of their mind and remember that we are a Gay community committed to Unity, and

if this problem continues you will be hurting nobody but yourselves, because eventually the community will not even back you as some of you have done recently (and you know who you are).

I think the guilty ones owe an apology to not only the organizers of this benefit, but to the community-at-large.

Thank you
Larry Mann

EDITOR:

I got a "personalized" letter from the Democrats in the mail today. Perhaps you did too.

It expressed how important it was to support the 1988 Democratic ticket (whomever it might be). And of course they asked for money. They even sent a pre-paid business reply envelope. And I replied as every good Democrat should.

I dashed off a note that said simply, as long as the party was holding its 1988 convention in homophobic Atlanta (the home of the Hardwick v. Bowers sodomy case) they wouldn't see any money from me.

If every good Democrat were to do the same, maybe our voices would be heard. Let's make them listen.

And pay the postage to boot.

David Reid
Los Angeles, CA

OUT ON THE TOWN

The following is a letter Christi received a few days ago. Sister Bootie is apparently back from her latest vacation, alive and doing well, safely on the ground.

"Hello Christi and Friends:

Girl, where have you been keeping yourself? Get your Malibu bronzed butt out of that bottle, and let's take a road trip! Ramour has it that Macho Man may entertain once again before leaving on his plane, or was that a train? We may refrain from going down the drain without a brain on the mighty Salt if we get carried out on a crane. Where is Teresa Brewery when you really want to get thrown into jail on the way home from Phoenix? All those gorgeous inmates in need of a new mate. Teresa, honey, Mardi Gras is over, so get your large butt home and get us tickets to the Florence jail like you promised. We wait impatiently, but not solitarily.

And what about Miss Nogales/ Fiesta Princess/Miracle Mile Queen Mill in the blank, Christina Louise. The next time I get invited for Chinese, I don't want to end up with Italian at Miss Mae's. Even though the Italian is better hung. I have gained a new taste for sausage - fresh too.

Speaking of Miss Mae, that girl needs a vacation! Maybe I should let her have one of mine, but on second thought, maybe not. I could never carry that huge purse of hers all over town while she was gone, enjoying the mountain air and ocean breezes reserved for me! Besides, her life would not be complete without hearing how beautiful I was and what I wore during my far west/south/east/north escapades.

And the gracious Ronda Jons, willing to flop out of water in time to hostess a party. Ronda girl, I'm taking up a collection to get you a life-support tank so

you can come out of the water more often and play with us. Why do you think they call the bars "watering holes" anyway? Come out, and I promise you will be right at home. Too much studying at the library or swimming in Shamu Stadium can wear on a girl.

So the lovely Miss Jade has gotten her hours switched so she can play weekends. I wonder who she had to suck up to in order to work the change, or did she just loan that stunning gold lame gown to her boss? Aren't we supposed to lunch some day soon? Call me, but leave your Lee Press-Ons at home.

My wicked stepsisters Tina and Puchie just had to take vacations when I did, or was it that the wicked Sister Bootie took one just because they did? Whatever, the Debs are back in force, and just in time for rush week. We better get busy recruiting fresh meat for our upcoming festive fall season. Any prospective Debutantes (Debs) can write to Stunt Malibu Christi, Attention Sr. Bootie, Secretary/ Past President/Recruitment Chairman... Only those with perfectly tarnished reputations need apply.

And finally to my dearest Trixie. Thank you for the welcome home party. Sorry I couldn't make it. It would have been fun. I am still eagerly awaiting payment for the secretarial services I rendered to you a few weeks back. Why don't you come up with an original payment plan?

Hope to see you all soon,
Sister Bootie the Beauty.

P.S. Anyone wishing to claw my eyes out for what I said or didn't say can do so over lunch - your treat, of course. Kiss. Kiss.

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Lights of Tucson

by Michael - Tucson

THE NEW MOON IN VIRGO is coincidental to the Solar Ingress into the Sign and this will be the year of two Moons in Virgo. In so far as Tucson is concerned, it is basically a family time, care of the elderly will be on the agenda and refurbishing the city for the annual influx of out-of-state students for UA and the early Snow Birds is paramount.

ARIES

Travel, contact with people of different background than your own and legal matters will be high on Aries agenda during this period. There may be some separations and old matters may come to an end.

TAURUS

Your month to shine in the public eye, success and honor are yours this month, promotions on your job or a new job at a higher position or pay rate can be yours. Go for it Taurus.

GEMINI

You will love this one, all kinds of new contacts for you to learn interesting things from, or about. Clubs and organizations dedicated to humanitarian purpose will be a good thing for you to get involved with.

CANCER

Your time to visit friends who are sick or imprisoned. If you have secrets better protect them now, you will be talked about whether what is said is true or not. Let up on the backstairs romance this month or you may get caught.

LEO

This would be your time to let it all hang out, but it is crowded in the personality area right now, and you either may not be noticed, or find yourself hampered in doing your thing by too many others doing theirs.

VIRGO

You ought to be able to turn a profit this month if for no other reason than the fact that the opportunities will be there. Grab them while you can.

LIBRA

Communication will be the big thing for you now. Lots of phone calls, short trips, visiting with friends, relatives and neighbors, constantly on the go. Probably a lot of parties too.

SCORPIO

This can be a difficult month at home. Talk a walk, or go to a show, anything to avoid arguments with superiors, living companions or parents. Clean out the basement, or garage or attic, have a yard sale. You may find hidden treasure right in your own back yard.

SAGITTARIUS

The new unexpected romance may happen this month. Or play the Pick, you ought to win something at this time even if it is only a buck or two on the scratch tickets. Party-time is now. Go to the theater or a disco and have a ball.

CAPRICORN

Pay attention to your health this month. Hard work will be required but, if you do it well, and you can do it very well when you choose to Capricorn, there may be a bigger reward than you expect. The boss is watching you.

AQUARIUS

Relationships are all important to your future business or marital plans now. If you have a new kind of business in mind, you may find the right partner to work with you on it. There is a lot of good help ready to share with you now.

PISCES

Endings will be prominent for you this month. Separations are possible and so is some responsibility for the estates of others, or the care of the elderly parent may now become your burden.

(NOTE: Michael is cancelling his weekly television show to give more time to personal counseling. For personal assistance regarding your Horoscope, call 327-4243 in Tucson.

VIEWPOINT

THE CELEBRITY IS YOU
Remember coming out? It wasn't easy. Gay and Lesbian people occasionally used history to ease their parents through the pain of self-revelation.

Today some Gay people still assume that the respectability earned by an historical Gay or Lesbian somehow validates their own lives to others. The assumption is erroneous. A contemporary version of this process employs movie stars' or rock stars' names in place of historical ones. The problem, however, remains the same: an underlying lack of self-esteem.

Now we want a March on Washington. Again, it's not easy. Organizers are soliciting endorsements from every corner of society, starting with our own community. We are enlisting a small army of volunteers to work with travel agents, the press, community organizations and anyone who will listen and help. We are fund-raising, publicizing, organizing and planning.

But please don't assume that these endorsements and organizational activities constitute the march. You, the readers, are the celebrities. You are the ones who build the March. Your bodies in October will literally make this event. You are the march.

If, on Oct. 11, 2,000 Gay leaders materialize in the capital, that will not be a March but a flop.

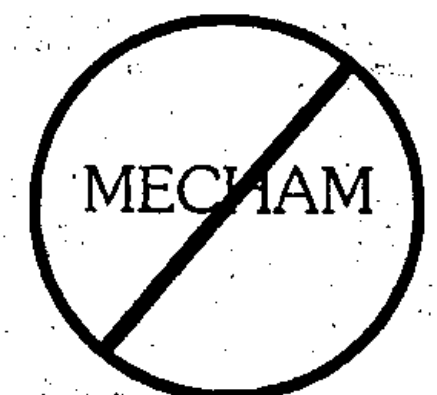
If 20,000 Gay leaders and their friends show up, that will be respectable but not a statement.

But if on that date we all invest in our lives and our futures by acknowledging ourselves in the capital of our country, then we become a part of history. We, ourselves, create a moment which endorses us.

We can use this March to ease our nation through the process of our coming out as a part of America. There is no wrong assumption behind that process.

Join us and be heard.

(From "Collage" published by the Los Angeles March on Washington Committee).





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AIDS AND THE AIRLINES

NORTHWEST AIRLINES made the news twice Sunday, Aug. 16. The airlines' rescission of their policy to not allow persons with "contagious diseases" to fly on their planes was overshadowed that evening by the tragic loss of 155 lives in the second worst aviation accident in U.S. history.

Lost in the hours of news coverage of the tragedy of flight #255, the end of a discriminatory policy regarding AIDS patients was nonetheless worth noting.

The NORTHWEST policy to not allow AIDS patients on their planes became national news when Brent Anderson, while traveling in China, fell ill due to complications of AIDS. The airline, along with DELTA and UNITED, refused the sick man passage and it was not until a United States Air Force plane agreed to fly the man home that he was able to return to the United States. He died shortly after.

The new NORTHWEST policy took effect on Aug. 14, ending the ban regarding AIDS patients which began last month. Apparently, the airline had been advised that "AIDS is a contagious disease". The airline had issued a memo on Aug. 5, which said they would not "transport a passenger who is known to have a contagious disease."

Unless it is a common practice for airline passengers to engage in intimate sexual acts while in-flight, it is hard for me to understand how NORTHWEST could have been so "ill-advised" about the nature of the infection by AIDS. As of the writing of this

column, no case of AIDS has ever been directly tied to any casual types of contact which includes kissing, hand holding, or other types of touching. It would be very easy to conclude that NORTHWEST was attempting to exclude AIDS patients from their flights, and relying on a policy regarding contagious diseases for their way out.

The basic reasoning behind this policy is very easy to understand. Airplanes — while in flight — are like islands unto themselves. Tales have been told of babies being born, and heart attacks occurring while in the air. In-flight personnel know the basics of primary medical aid, but they are not doctors. Were a person who was ill to become sick, where a doctor's care was immediately needed, what could the in-flight personnel do? Airlines would be crazy to allow gravely ill people on their flights.

The new NORTHWEST policy requires a letter from a doctor certifying a person's fitness to fly for "anyone whose physical condition might be a problem in their having a safe and comfortable flight." This is fair. In a society as litigious as ours, only a fool would invite a situation where one's actions or lack thereof could be connected to the health or safety of another. NORTHWEST is merely looking to absolve itself from guilt if — as it relates here — an AIDS patient were to take a turn for the worse during a flight.

As NORTHWEST tries to cope with the recent tragedy, it should be applauded for its actions regarding this previously foolish

policy. However, more credit should be given to those many men and women who protested the airline for its actions regarding Mr. Anderson. It takes a vigilant stance to prevent societal discriminations against any minority, whether these discriminations are major or, as in this case, relatively minor.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!

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NGLTF RETIRES LONG-TERM DEBT

The 14-year old Task Force is the only national Gay rights organization in the country with a broad-based program to achieve Gay and Lesbian freedom, which includes lobbying, community organizing, public education and technical assistance for Gay activists. NGLTF has an eight-member staff and a 24-member national Board of Directors which is elected by the membership.

The Task Force lobbies both Congress and the Executive Branch on issues such as AIDS, Gay civil rights, immigration, anti-Gay violence, among others. The Task Force houses two organizing projects: The Privacy Project, which works to repeal sodomy laws, and the Anti-Violence Project, which seeks to end violence through education, community organizing and government action. NGLTF serves as the national resource center for Gay and Lesbian activists working on a wide-range of local issues.

Its Public Education Program strives to educate the public at large about the reality of Gay and Lesbian lives and the importance of full equal rights for all Gay people. Finally, the Task Force houses a full-time Media Education program which does public education on a range of public policy issues raised by the AIDS health crisis, and which seeks fair and accurate coverage of Gay Lesbian issues in the mainstream press.

News from MCC Tucson

Well, well, well! Here it is, the end of another month and August is one of those months we would rather not talk about, especially here on the desert. Everyone is either on vacation, spending the weekends in the mountains or just staying home trying to keep cool. Summer doesn't actually end until September 21st but for many of us, summer ends on Labor Day weekend.

The summer season has already ended at MCC/Tucson. Last Sunday, Rev. Bernardo David started his Hispanic Services. This will be a permanent program of MCC/Tucson. Hispanic Services will be principally in English but portions of the services will be in both Spanish and English. These Hispanic Services will begin at 3:00 p.m. each Sunday afternoon at 560 South Stone.

Coming up on Sunday, Sept. 13, will be "Rally Sunday". This will be a day of worship and fellowship. A special invitation is being sent to our worshipers who haven't been with us for awhile. And a very special invitation is extended to everyone in the community to join us, it may be that you will find just what you have been looking for — a family who cares. There will be a worship service at 10:00 a.m. with an afternoon of fellowship highlighted with a pot-luck picnic. Complete details for this "Rally Sunday" will be in next week's column.

Also, planned for Sept. 27 will be a concert at the church. More details on this event will be made as the plans are finalized.

Thought for the Week: God knew what God was doing when he made me, regardless of what anyone else may think.

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