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With this issue of OBSERVER, we have reached another milestone. Even though our fourth Anniversary won't be celebrated until July 20th, we stand here today with issue #200 in our hands. That's 200 consecutive weeks of bringing the news and keeping you abreast of all the happenings in our communities.

OBSERVER is one of only a handful of Weekly Gay publications in the country. This is not an easy task and it takes a lot of people to bring this to you each and every week. Our relentless contributing writers assist in the important task of filling these pages with information of interest to the readers. Our talented graphics staff toil long hours making these pages look unique and professional. And our loyal readership continues to grow with each issue.

But the reason for this column, this issue, it to inform everyone of the sole reason that we are able to perform this "bloomin' miracle" each week is because of the income realized from our faithful advertisers.

It is obvious that the Gay bars of Tucson, and to a certain extent, Phoenix, bear the major burden of helping pay the bills here. But a reminder must be made for the other smaller businesses who by their regular advertising do their share in this endeavor.

Besides the bar scene and scoopline advertisers, who are the major advertisers, there are many others who deserve your attention - and your business. All three Tucson churches advertise here. The Shanti Foundation gets its message across weekly here. Your local travel agent, insurance agent, restaurant, catering service, bookstores (both adult and legitimate) counselor, real estate agent, automobile sales, nursery, graphic design, clothing, furniture, electrologist, home and office cleaners, painters, masseurs, plus any number of service organizations who want to help you with problems ranging from alcoholism to AIDS or business organizations to Gay youth groups.

It's all here in these pages each week. Next time you have contact with one of these advertisers, tell 'em you saw the information in the OBSERVER.

It's called Gay networking and it works!

Gays speak to Demos Platform Committee

WASHINGTON, DC - National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs Executive Director Christine R. Riddiough testified before the Democratic Platform Committee last week, calling for the platform to send a strong message to the American people. "Today what is smart and what is right for Democrats is to write a platform that clearly shows what the Democratic party stands for ... It is vital that such a platform state ... that the Democratic party is the party for social justice for all Americans, the party committed to full civil and human rights for all Americans," she said.

Riddiough called for the Democratic party to address key concerns of the Lesbian and Gay community. "Each of the Democratic presidential candidates has stated their support for action to protect the rights of Gay people. Our party's platform in addressing civil and human rights issues must clearly state its support for the rights of all people including Gay men and Lesbians," she stated.

Riddiough also said that it would be criminal for the platform not to discuss AIDS, noting that, "All the candidates have outspokenly criticized the Reagan-Bush administration for their inaction on AIDS - inaction that has led to the loss of many lives.

Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, Vic Basile exhorted the platform committee to reaffirm its commitment to the civil rights of minority groups, including the nation's

Gays and Lesbians. Basile linked the issues of AIDS and Gay and Lesbian civil rights. He said bias and prejudice toward Gays and Lesbians in the Reagan Administration has created a danger to the health and welfare of American society.

The result, testified Basile, has been hundreds of thousands of people needlessly infected with AIDS because of the administration's failure to accept responsibility. "The next administration will be saddled with the consequences of the Reagan Administration's failings" with respect to AIDS, Basile said, adding that "the American people must know that a Democratic administration will be committed to responding to those consequences with courage, compassion and resolve."

Basile singled out discrimination associated with AIDS as particularly offensive to civil rights. "As the effects of AIDS begin to be felt in every corner of our society," said Basile, "more and more people begin to know the consequences of discrimination. People who viewed discrimination as someone else's problem now recognize it as everyone's problem."

Basile also complimented the many Democratic candidates and elected officials for paying the Gay community the "highest possible tribute" during the campaign — that of including us, as opposed to singling us out.

"Gays and Lesbians do not wish to be singled out," he said.

"We simply wish to be included in the vast quilt of American society."

In addition to presenting platform testimony to both parties, The Human Rights Campaign Fund will participate in both nominating conventions this year and will work aggressively with the presidential campaigns of the nominees.

Riddiough discussed the increasing problem of violence against Gay people, stating, "The Democratic party should support efforts to decrease crime and violence against everyone in our society. Such support should include support for efforts to combat violence based on bigotry." She also commented that concerns about family issues must include Gay and Lesbian families. She said, "The Democratic party, in recognizing the need for greater support for the American family, should also acknowledge that the American family today bears little resemblance to the nuclear family of 'Dick and Jane' books. Support for the family must include support for adequate child care, support for seniors and support for Gay and Lesbian families.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund is the country's largest organization representing Lesbians and Gays in the nation's capital. It is a bi-partisan organization founded in 1980. The Campaign Fund has contributed more than \$600,000 to candidates running for the Senate and House of Representatives in the past eight years.

Couples takes on AMTRAK Family Plan

LOS ANGELES, CA - Same sex couples and Gay/ Lesbian families are eligible for reduced fares on AMTRAK under the Family Plan according to John Jacobsen, Director of Community Affairs. Apparently not all ticket agents understand the corporate policy.

On May 10, Walter Wheeler, President of Couples, Inc., was not permitted to buy a Family Plan Ticket for himself and Carey Junkin, his partner for over five years. The round-trip ticket from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara normally costs \$34 for adults. Under the Family Plan, the head of the household pays full fare, and the other adult family member pays half-fare, children between 2 and 11 pay 1/4 fare.

"This is just another example of the day to day discrimination that costs our families more money for the same service," said Wheeler. He added, "I believe we just stand up for our rights, even over small issues. Otherwise we will not receive equal treatment and may even lose the rights we already have. We were just not willing to accept the opinion of the ticket clerk in this issue."

In a telephone conversation with Mr. John Jacobsen, Director of Community Affairs for the National Railroad Passenger Corp.

(AMTRAK), the official policy was clarified. AMTRAK issues Family Plan tickets without regard to the sex of the family members. The policy, changed in 1985, is meant to be non-judgmental and no inquiry is to be made of the family's legal status, with no proof being required.

Anyone can obtain a Family Plan ticket by presenting themselves as the Head of the Household and the others as members of their family. The couple must be willing to say they are "married" because the official policy requires that the half-fare adult be a spouse. It does not define "spouse". A Head of Household and children under 12 can qualify in any case. The policy is being rewritten to eliminate family requirements for reduced fares. Couples, Inc. will be following this policy as it is developed.

Oliver Childs, a ticketing supervisor in the national ticket center held to his position that Family Plan tickets are for legally married couples only. On Wheeler's continued insistence, he called Charmaine Freeman, Director of Fares and Tariffs in Washington. She told Childs to issue the reduced fare ticket. Mr. Childs immediately stated it was a one-time instruction because of the trouble caused and he would not

issue such tickets in the future. In another telephone call to Mr. Jacobsen, Wheeler was assured that ticket agents and supervisors who refuse to issue Family Plan tickets to same-sex couples and Gay/ Lesbian families will "be properly educated".

"While it is true that we only saved \$17 on this ticket, it is another example of the extra money we constantly pay because individuals tell us that our families are not recognized," said Wheeler. "I hope our success in this minor case will encourage others to automatically challenge service providers who offer reduced fares or fees for families to extend those benefits to our families."

To obtain Family Plan tickets from AMTRAK: (1) Make reservations well in advance for yourself and your family. Request a Family Plan ticket. Do not allow the ticket agent ask your legal status, tell them you are "married". (2) Take this article with you when you go to buy your tickets.

(3) Purchase your tickets during East Coast business hours. If challenged ask to speak to a supervisor. If they will not issue

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UPDATE

TUCSON WINS HAWAII TRIP



TUCSON - The Independent Tavern-owners of Arizona (I.T.A.) held a "Vacation In Paradise" raffle during the past two months with the winner receiving a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii for eight days and seven nights. The lucky ticket was drawn during the I.T.A.'s May meeting and the lucky winner was Tucsonan Sue Stringer, shown above. Sue purchased her winning ticket at Colette's West in Tucson. Colette Barajas, incidentally, is current president of I.T.A.

The Independent Tavern-owners of Arizona is an organization of Gay bars in Arizona whose motto is "Working for the benefit of all communities". The membership is comprised of Tucson bars, It's 'Bout Time, Colette's West, Graduate, and Phoenix bars Apollo's, Bum Steer, Cattleman's Exchange, 3-0-7, Farrah's, Flex Complex and Incognito.

COPLES OF ARIZONA PLANS 'PROM NIGHT'

PHOENIX - Whether you have fond memories of your high school prom, or if it was not a pleasant experience for you, Couples of Arizona is making it possible to make some new prom memories, when they present "The Prom You Wish You Had Gone To," on Saturday evening, May 28 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight at Augustana Lutheran Church, 14th Street at Virginia.

Couples of Arizona, a social and educational organization for those who are in a relationship, urges all Lesbian and Gay couples to join them for this fun event. Soft drinks and munchies will be provided, and those over 21 are welcome to bring their own alcoholic beverages if they prefer. Music will include 50s rock, 60s psychedelia, 70s disco and current top 40 dance music. If you bring "your song" along on a cassette or record, they'll be glad to play it too. There will be games and surprises, as well as election of a Prom 'King' and 'Queen'.

Although there is no dress code, many are planning to attend in "traditional" prom attire. As an alternative, it is suggested that you dress up like your own high school hero/heroina/"fantasy" (e.g. football player, cheerleader, "Fonzie"-type, hippie, etc.) There will be a prize awarded for most creative outfit.

Admission to the Prom is free to members of Couples of Arizona, and tickets for non-members are available for a \$5.00 per couple donation. For reservations and further information call Beth or Mary at 831-5920 or Bob or Ken at 841-0583.



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PHOENIX SHANTI GROUP SAYS 'COME TO THE RITZ' JUNE 8
PHOENIX - Phoenix Little Theatre will stage its premiere performance of "The Ritz" at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8 to benefit the Phoenix Shanti Group. The play is a riotous comedy wherein imaginative thinking, unexpected encounters and madcap chases explode into a hilarious chronicle of cheerful misadventures when a chunky straight man attempts to hide out from the Mafia in a Gay bathhouse. His hopeful illusions are short lived but the screwball situations just keep perking along.

"The Ritz" is directed by Hope Silvestri, a director well known to Valley audiences whose impressive resume includes directing the Valley's first production of "The Boys In The Band". Her last outing with Phoenix Little Theatre was "The Miracle Worker".

Appearing in "The Ritz" will be Steven Fried whom Phoenix Little Theatre fans will remember from "The Man Who Came To Dinner"; Craig Loucks who appeared in "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum" a short time back; Nancy Hepburn, seen in the critically acclaimed production of "Brighton Beach Memoirs"; and Brooke Andrews, on stage most recently in Janus Theatre's "Last Summer At Blue Fish Cove".

The Phoenix Shanti Group is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization that provides support services to people with AIDS and their loved ones. It is also active in the community, providing AIDS education and participating in inservice programs for professional and other groups. The Phoenix Shanti Group's efforts have won the respect of a broad range of professionals and earned for the Group a reputation as hard-working experts on the psychosocial aspects of the syndrome.

The production's premiere is being staged to benefit the Phoenix Shanti Group, according to Tom O'Glendick, Producing Director of Phoenix Little Theatre, because "the nature of the play creates a perfect opportunity to support the important programs the Group has already undertaken and to make a meaningful contribution towards its goal of establishing a residential care facility for people with AIDS."

Tickets for "The Ritz" benefit, which includes a reception with the cast immediately following the performance, are \$25.00 each and are available exclusively from the Phoenix Shanti Group at 265-3884. It promises to be a thoroughly delightful evening - and tax deductible too!

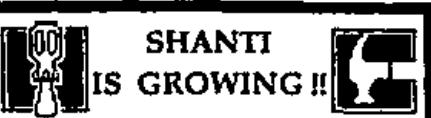


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ATLANTA — Here are the latest statistics on AIDS in the United States, as reported this week by the national Centers for Disease Control:

Number of cases

Total cases reported since June 1981: 61,596.

Cases, year to date: 11,249.

Total deaths: 34,526, or 56 percent of all cases.

Transmission categories

Homosexual or bisexual males: 38,371, or 62 percent.

Intravenous drug abusers: 11,256, or 18 percent.

Homosexual males and drug abusers: 4,489, or 7 percent.

Heterosexual cases: 2,489, or 4 percent.

Transfusion or blood cases: 1,825, or 3 percent.

Hemophilia patients: 652, or 1 percent.

Undetermined transmission cause: 1,967, or 3 percent.

Age and race

Childhood cases (under age 13): 973, or 2 percent.

Cases among whites: 36,196, or 59 percent.

Cases among blacks: 15,955, or 26 percent.

Cases among Hispanics: 8,882, or 14 percent.

Cases among others: 563, or 1 percent.

The Associated Press

A REMARKABLE PEOPLE

by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

Funny, sometimes the routes we take to get to where we are, the decisions we make which become the basis of our value systems. Recently the media has become enamored of Viet Nam. In the last two months I've seen two movies, "Good Morning Viet Nam" and "Full Metal Jacket" - and several episodes of the two TV series about Viet Nam, "Tour of Duty" and "China Beach". They started me thinking about the war and how it affected me and ultimately, how it affected me as a Gay man.

One of the first things (of course) that I noticed about these movies and TV shows was the great number of semi-clad young men. I remembered being eighteen years old, sheltered, just out of high school and terribly aware of my sexuality and my decision, made at age 12, never to act on that sexuality.

And I remembered not knowing much about the ideology of the conflict in Viet Nam or the history of that poor divided country, but knowing what effect living in a barracks full of semi-clad young men, often naked young men, would have on me. I knew I could not allow that to happen, the very least

that would happen would be that everyone would laugh at me for my constant hard on. The most that could happen would be far worse I thought, someone might know I was queer, that the sight of those naked young men turned me on.

When I knew I had to get out of my military obligation, I also knew that I wanted to do it honorably, not by lying, not by running to Canada, and of course, not by telling them I was homosexual. I began checking into the political and religious objections to the war. I quickly discovered Mahatma Gandhi and the principle of "satyagraha" (truth force) which is still an important part of my life.

I read everything I could get my hands on about non-violence - Dave Dillon, Daniel Berrigan, Martin Luther King. I spent long hours discussing the principles these men preached with everyone who would talk to me. Eventually my personal code of values became established around non-violence and activism, all very much out of my fear about my own sexual orientation. I have never told this story before.

Now, twenty years later,

after bouts with alcoholism and addiction, fear and depression, poverty and prosperity, these principles still guide my life, my commitment to the world in which I live. Now, in another era of historical transition, when homosexuality has become on the surface at least, more accepted, but when AIDS threatens that acceptance as well as our very lives, I wonder what decisions eighteen-year-old, sheltered young men right out of high school will make.

I hope they have an easier time accepting their homosexuality than I did. And I hope they become infused with pride in our community and in its response to the crisis we face. If they must look to others as I had to to codify their beliefs I hope they find some of our Gay thinkers and leaders - Whitman, Apuzzo, Milk. And finally, I hope these young men and women are not led into lives of fear by this damned plague, but come to love themselves, their community, and their heritage as homosexual people.

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Lights of Tucson

by Michael - Tucson

The 1st Quarter Moon in the Gemini Period takes place on the 23rd of May in the 2nd degree of Virgo squaring the Sun in Gemini giving a Leo Rising for Tucson. Hopefully none of the bad things Nostradamus or other astrologers predicted have happened in California, though if they did, they would have happened on Tuesday the 17th and I have turned this column in before then.

ARIES

10th House: If they were not traveling at the time or busy with school or religion or philosophy, Arians will get some good publicity this week and possibly some honor or promotion in their occupations.

TAURUS

Intercepted 10th House: Though it may be delayed for a week or so, Taurians will also gain rewards during this period and even Gemini's will come to some public attention.

GEMINI

11th House: Clubs, groups and organizations of a fraternal type will be important to Gemini's this week and an active role will be available by election or appointment for socially conscious Gemini.

CANCER

12th House: Not the best time for forthright, honest dealings for Cancer this week. Scandal and gossip may attend you and your secret affairs may become a focus of attention. So be cool there Cancer and pay a visit to any friends in hospitals or prisons.

LEO

1st House: Good things will happen for you this week, Leo, but if all hang out. It is your time for success and public attention. You will probably get a promotion or a raise in salary if employed and could get your picture on TV or name on the radio.

VIRGO

2nd and 3rd Houses: Your week to make a big buck (however you want to interpret that). You will do well in liquids, even water this week, so put some heart in it and do not leave anything to fate. You may have lots of phone calls and have to answer some letters this week also.

LIBRA

4th House: Some upheaval in your home life is possible with possible separations from Scorpio kin or close friends. You will receive communications of a sorrowful nature.

SCORPIO

Intercepted 4th House: You may either leave home, or your home may

leave you. You will have some final endings during this week, but there is also the possibility of a legacy.

SAGITTARIUS

5th House: Lucky Sagittarians - this is your week to play the Pick, or buy scratch tickets. Have a new romance with parent of a child.

CAPRICORN

6th House: You may have to call a repair man, take your pet to the vet or have a check-up yourself. Since you guys live forever, this will be a good week to take care of old business matters and do not start anything new just now. If you do work for wages, be sure that you pay attention to details on the job.

AQUARIUS

7th House: New business partner in a new kind of business for you, may be something to do with water or health. You could of course get married now, but I doubt it.

PISCES

8TH AND 9TH HOUSES: Ends of old matters, beginning of new ones, possible foreign contracts or long distance travel. Careful how you handle other people's money.

[NOTE: For personal assistance regarding your Horoscope, call Michael at 327-4243 or 721-8155 in Tucson. Michael also may be seen on Tucson TV Channel 37 every Wednesday at 5:30-45 p.m.]

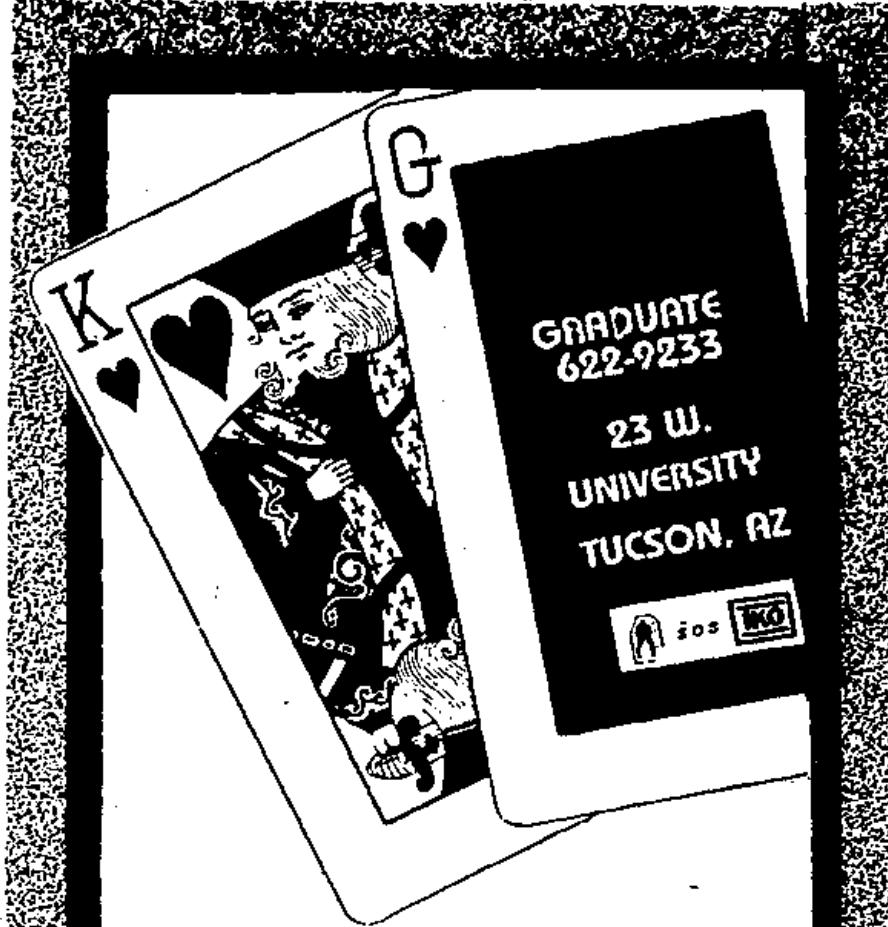
DIGNITY/TUCSON YARD SALE

TUCSON, Dignity/Tucson, affiliated with the national organization of Gay and Lesbian Catholics and their friends, has a couple of fund raising activities in the works.

On June 4th, a yard sale has been planned in the northwest corner of the parking lot at Rita's, 3455 E. Grant Road. The yard sale will operate from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Donations of items to be sold are needed. Call 326-1287 after 4:00 p.m. or leave message.

In addition, Dignity/Tucson has received a donation of a very valuable Fox Fur Jacket from Foley's Department Store. Raffle tickets are now on sale. Tickets are \$2.00 each and are available from any Dignity member, any SOS member and at IBT's in addition to some of IBT's performers. The drawing will be held on July 31.



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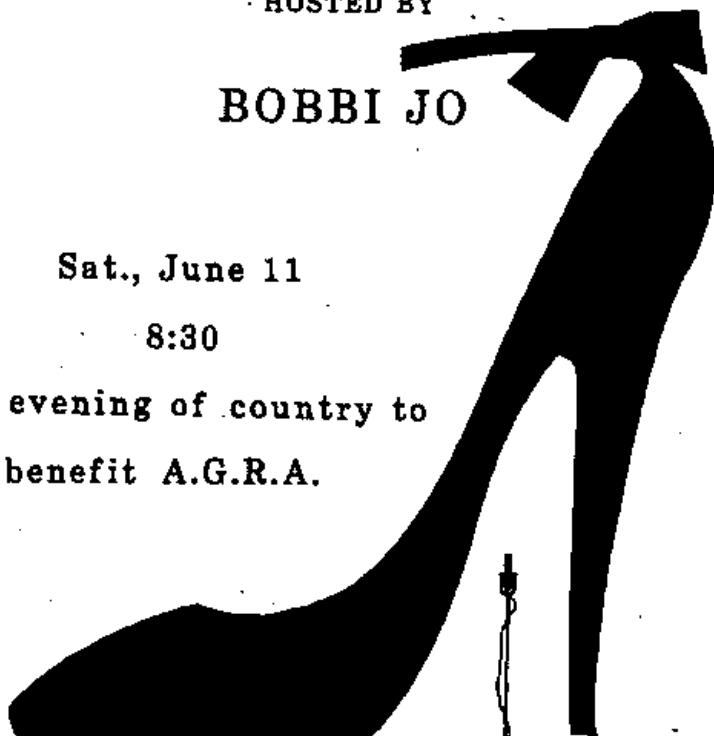
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CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

THE ADVANTAGES OF MISTAKES AND FAILURE

There was a story on CNN recently about a farmer and his wife who had lost their farm. A common story, as was the added fact that when farmers lose their farms, the cities around those farms also suffer.

sands and thousands of materials as filaments before discovering carbon (a burnt piece of thread). Each attempt—and each failure—taught him more and more—until finally, success was the result.

Yes, failure is hard to accept; so, too, are mistakes. I have been a professional writer for over 12 years and have failed many times. Each failure makes me try that much harder the next time out. For these failures I am better at my craft, and more determined than ever to maintain success.

And what about perfection? The desire to achieve perfection is perhaps the single most important tool humans have; for it is that single goal which has made us try. If you are like me, you believe the thrill of the chase is far more gratifying than the actual capture; the challenge of trying to achieve a goal more satisfying than the actual achievement.

No, perfection will never be attained; mistakes and failures are but the by-product of the attempt and should be seen as no more than that.

And what is so wrong with failure anyway? Is this woman so blind to the fact that life is nothing more than a string of failures and successes? (Unless she is one of those rarities whose life has been exactly perfect. I believe not).

Mistakes and failures are two of the most valuable tools humans have—as well as many other animals. Our brain has evolved to readily learn from, and adapt to, errors which it makes.

Think about it. People tell you fire is hot and will burn, but hold a lit match to your hand once and your are not likely to do that again. A mistake in judgement ("The fire will not burn me.") has taught the human animal that fire is dangerous. Mistakes are a tool by which we learn and advance. Edison did not discover the filament for the light bulb first time out. In fact, he tried thou-

A mistake is only wrong if you do not admit it and if you make the same mistake more than once; in either situation it has not served its purpose—for you have not allowed it to—if you do not learn from it. Likewise, failure is wrong if it is the end-product of a less-than-whole-hearted attempt. If you try to do the best you can and fail, it is not a failure, but a chance to do better next time.

Be not afraid of making a mistake, or trying and failing; be afraid, however, of never making a mistake or never failing for that means only one thing: You have wasted your life by never trying.

At Spes Non Practa: See you next week!

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance as of 4/88	\$ 710.88
Expenses	- 678.23
	≈ 22.25
Income	+ \$1996.81
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SPECIAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 19

COLETTE'S - It's Colette's dad, Sam's birthday. Stop on by and wish him many more. Happy birthday, Sam.

IBT'S - Phoenix entertainer Doug Cooper will be here playing his piano and singing his songs and entertaining with his own brand of comedy. Don't miss Doug, he's a real winner. 6 to 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

IBT'S - Partners' Beer Bust is being held from 2 until 6:30 p.m. and features 50 cent draft beer! Come on down!!

JOSHUA TREE - Live dance music by Rare Breed in the outdoor entertainment area from 9 to midnight.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

COLETTE'S - Movie at 7:00 p.m. today is "No Way Out", a powerful tale of intrigue set in the political whirl of Washington and the inner corridors of the Pentagon. Charged with high voltage tension and suspense. An electrifying thriller.

GRADUATE - "Casino Nite" sponsored by Sisters of Sonora (SOS) from 4 to 9. Some terrific prizes. Help SOS help your community.

IBT'S - Second meeting for Miss Gay Tucson Contest coming up June 26th at the Americana Hotel. Anyone interested in becoming a candidate or becoming involved behind the scenes for this annual pageant please attend. It begins at 6:00 p.m.

JOSHUA TREE - A Benefit for "Voices For Animals" begins a 3 p.m. with the live music of Rare Breed playing until 7 p.m. followed by an all-star show. Steak dinners from 4 p.m. until ?? as usual.

MONDAY, MAY 23

COLETTE'S - "Victoria Day", a Canadian party day so let's celebrate anyway. Drink specials and fun...

SUNDAY, MAY 29

COLETTE'S - Movie tonight is "Jagged Edge". Jeff Bridges, Glenn Close. A woman lawyer defends and falls in love with a San Francisco publisher accused of killing his heiress wife (R). Following the movie singer Patty McCullum performs.

GRADUATE - An Evening Of Variety - hosted by Miss Bobbi Jo. Begins 8:30-ish. Never a Cover.

MONDAY, MAY 30 (MEMORIAL DAY)

COLETTE'S - A big Memorial Day Bar-B-Que planned so stand by. More details later.

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Gilligan's Island Luau 1st Annual Luau with Bar-B-Que Beef on the spit. Special drink prices plus "Tan Line" Contest and other contests and games. Watch out for this Party in the Sun.

TUESDAY, MAY 31

COLETTE'S - A Blue Moon Party celebrating the second appearance of a full moon in one month. Special Moon-type drink prices and guitarist, singer, songwriter Anne English will perform beginning at 8:30 p.m. A real talent.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

GRADUATE - An Evening Of Country to benefit the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (A.G.R.A.) Hosted by Bobbi Jo. 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

COLETTE'S - 2nd Annual Prom Night. If you remember last year's fun, you won't want to miss this year's party. Sign up now to enter the Prom King and Queen Contest. Watch for more details and get ready all you prom-niters.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

PRIDE WEEK PICNIC IN HINNEMAN PARK - Pride week 1988 begins on the 19th and will run through next Sunday, June 26. The Pride Picnic is the kick-off of a week-long series of events throughout the Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community celebrating their pride in being Gay. More details for this annual week of events are in the planning stage. Watch for location and meeting dates of Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance who spearhead this week-long celebration. Join in the planning and helping in the production. Celebrate your Pride!

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

GRADUATE - Pride Week '88 winds down with a Pre-Crowning Pageant Revue hosted by Miss Gay Arizona Penelope Poupe and performers include all past crown holders from Phoenix and Tucson. Watch for this lineup. It begins at 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

AMERICANA HOTEL - Annual Miss Gay Tucson Pageant takes place here this evening. Watch for further details. A great ending to Tucson's Pride Week '88.

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WHAT'S UP DOC?

I must have missed something these last 3 or 4 years. I know I'm an easy going type and usually take more than I should, but not this time.

I am speaking for myself, but I'm sure a lot of other locals could add a lot more to the following, if given a chance.

Now that school is out, I read advertisements for a new (?) business opening. Support is going to be asked for to help make the place go. Having done business before, over 3 or 4 years, I'm not sure I'm just ready to roll over and play dead - forget the past. It bugs me in my chosen lifestyle to be told I'm no longer welcomed. How long will it stay open to all of us this time?

Well, Gypsy is now history for Partners. After Friday evening, the make-up kits, dresses, boas and yes, my horn went into storage. I put Miss Mezeppa on an airplane to search out the "First Nurse", and "Nelly Fur-Bush". With luck, I'll never see any of them in town again.

The show at the Body Shop in Las Vegas was by far the best of any we of Partners staged. I guess all of us knew that "this was it - give it our all". It has really been a lot of fun doing the show in Tucson, Phoenix and finally Las Vegas, and worth all the work put into it. We/Partners met a lot of really great and fun people along this one-time-shot anniversary show trail.

On behalf of Partners, I wish to thank everyone for your support. A very BIG thank you goes out to Neil C. for his driving force, keeping each of us on our toes, making sure we staged "Gypsy" in the best possible way and still have fun doing it. Another very special thank you goes out to Roger B. and Mark E. whose generous support enabled all of us to take the show to Las Vegas. The list is long of all those along the happy road that helped us, supported us, and were there when needed, so thank you to each and all. This includes the staff and management at IBT's, the Graduate, Rumor Hazzit, the Dime

Store, Stixx and finally the Body Shop. Without each of you, we would not have had the fun doing this show we all enjoyed so much.

I could go on and on with that, could go into the drive up and the flight back, give a good report on this complete run, but I'll save that for next week. I've put some film in for, I hope, some good pictures to run next week along with those juicy details. And yes, Juicy Lucy has a few notes I'm sure you'll be looking forward to reading, so be sure to get next week's OBSERVER.

TKO will be holding their nomination meeting this Saturday over at Tammy's house, so all you TKO members that we do not see that often, please make it a point to be at this meeting. TKO can only continue on a strong positive note with proper leadership. This can only be accomplished by your presence at this meeting, and future meetings.

TALL will be making their trip to Phoenix for the hanging of their (out-of-town) colors at the Bum Steer. Check with a TALL member if you want to join them on this special occasion.

The CAT Committee will be holding a meeting on May 18 at Colette's, but details from this meeting will not be available for a couple weeks. I'll pass on the main items to you for your info at that time.

Don't forget, Partners' Beer Bust this Saturday at IBT's and also they will be holding their "Country Fair" on Sunday, July 17 at IBT's. Reservations for spaces, booths, have already been coming in, so if you want space, contact either myself or Annie C.

TBBS: Word is that now that Gypsy is over, Partners is looking for another show starring Martha Rae to be played by big Poly-Grip mouth Ben.

That's about all for this time. I'm glad to be back in Tucson but give me another chance to go to Las Vegas and I'll start writing long distance.

News From MCC / TUCSON

This coming Sunday, May 22, we will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday. It will be known as "Fiesta de la Pentecosta". Beginning at 10:45 a.m. at our Morning Worship Service, we will have three guest speakers from the community instead of Rev. Perry giving a sermon. Our speakers will be Colette Barajas of Colette's West, Roger Barger of the Graduate, and Dennis Bell of Desert Leathermen and of the Administrative Council of Metropolitan Community Church of Tucson. Following our Worship Service, there will be a luncheon with several activities planned during the afternoon. Everyone is invited to join us for a spiritual renewal, fun and fellowship.

The first Pentecost occurred in A.D. 30, and is known as the Birthday of the Church. This was on the fiftieth day after Jesus' resurrection and the tenth day after His ascension to Heaven; this particular Pentecost was on a Sunday, it was the beginning of the Gospel era. Pentecost in the Old Testament was known as the Feast of First-Fruits and the Feast of the Harvest and was kept on the fiftieth day after Passover. How fitting then to have had this day chosen as the day for First-Fruits of the New Gospel.

Harvest.

Pentecost Sunday is now celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter. Since Easter has no fixed date, Pentecost is a fluctuating date each year, also. This year Pentecost will be celebrated on May 22nd by all churches.

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EASTERN EROTIC MASSAGE WORKSHOP, Sunday, May 22, 10:30 - 3:30. Most conventional male sexuality focuses on discharging energy from the body. Taoism heals by circulating erotic energy through the body. In this pleasurable class, you will learn both to give and receive an hour erotic massage. Sexual activity is not part of the class. ECSTATIC/HEALTHY SEX SEMINAR, May 29, 10:30 - 2:30. Have better and safer sex. The focus of this seminar is how to create a high erotic state using masturbation, breathing, and other exercises to wake up the body. Pre-registration in advance. Cost is \$25 each. Call Marc 881-4582 in Tucson. 199

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

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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.

TUCSON LESBIAN CO-OP - WOMEN'S COMMUNITY POTLUCK. Open to all women. 2nd Sundays at 6:00 p.m. Various locations. Call Claire at 622-0191 for more information.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING A SUPPORT GROUP for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays please contact Herb at 327-8519 or Sean, P.O. Box 26394, Tucson, AZ 85726. All information is strictly confidential.

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COME RUN WITH US TUCSON FRONT RUNNERS meets at 6:00 p.m. every Tuesday in front of Simmel Park Library for a fun run. And now every Saturday at 9:00 a.m., we meet at Rillito Park, at Campbell and the north bank of the Rillito river for a river run. Call Mitch for more info at 326-3332.

CT'NT Psychic Fair Airport Travelodge, 2803 E. Valencia (between Tucson Blvd. and Country Club), May 28-29, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tarot Cards, Palmists and others. 201

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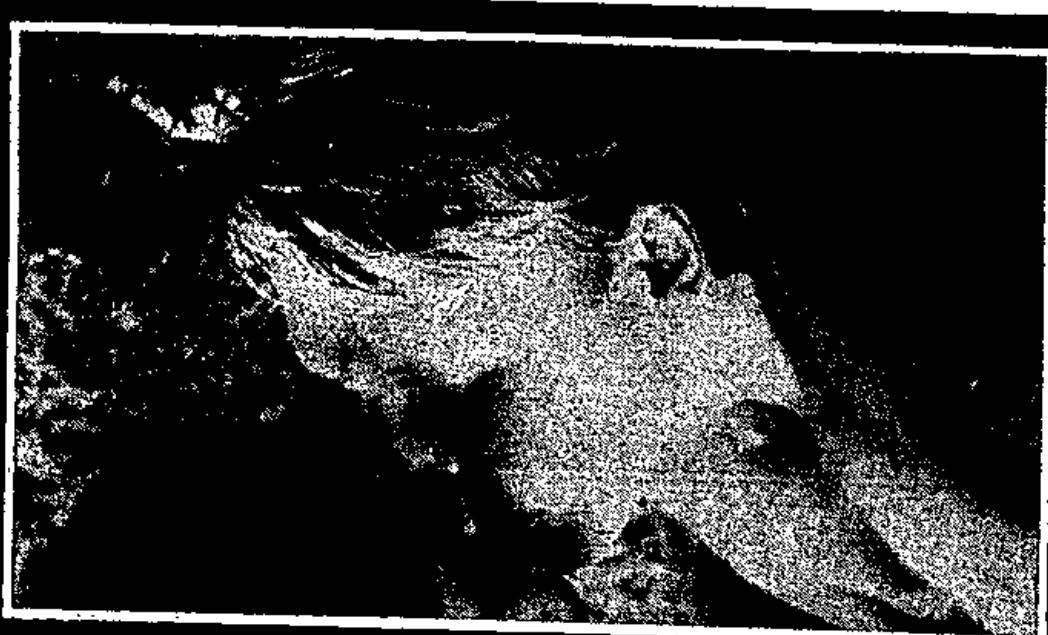
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