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Mayor Volgy proclaims Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride Week

TUCSON - Mayor Tom Volgy has become the first Mayor in the Southwest to issue a proclamation, which this year will set aside June 19 through June 26 as Tucson's Lesbian and Gay Pride Week. The historic proclamation will be presented to the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance in a ceremony at the Pride Week Picnic in Himmel Park this Sunday, June 19 at approximately 3:00 p.m. City Councilwoman Janet Marcus from Ward 2 will present the proclamation for Mayor Volgy who is unable to attend this year's function.

Other dignitaries and local and state political candidates are expected to attend the 11th annual picnic during the afternoon. Invitations have been extended to many dignitaries. Governor Rose Mofford's office has indicated that the Governor will not be able to attend because of a concussion suffered three weeks ago. It is hoped that someone from the Governor's office will make an appearance.

The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance chose "Remarkably Proud" as this year's Tucson Pride slogan in place of the suggested national slogan "Rightfully Proud". T-shirts and souvenir buttons will be available carrying the Tucson slogan.

This 11th annual Picnic in Himmel Park officially kicks off the Lesbian and Gay Pride Week - an eight-day series of activities and events. The picnic opens at noon on Sunday and will run until dusk.

The reserved picnic area is again the entire northeast corner of Himmel Park with the majority of events taking place in the amphitheater area. Himmel Park is located on 1st Street (one block south of Speedway) between Tucson Boulevard and Treat Avenue.

This opening Pride event has grown throughout the years and now ranks by far as the largest Gay and Lesbian event in Southern Arizona. Last year's attendance hovered around the 3,000 mark during the afternoon and evening, and this year promises to be even bigger.

There will be many, many booths and tables set up in the area east of the amphitheater. Individuals, organizations, and clubs will be manning these offering food, games, arts, crafts, information, etc. There is no charge for these booths, nor are there any reserved locations. Anyone can set up a table or booth on a first come, best space available basis. If you plan on selling merchandise for profit, you must have a permit. If you plan on an information or donation booth, no permit is necessary.

Popular Tucson baritone James Shafer will officially open the festivities at 1:00 p.m. singing the national anthem acappella as he has done for other picnics and events for the Gay community. Recorded music for dancing during the afternoon will be provided by Bobby Bishop Jr. of Joshua Tree. The live dance music of Rare Breed is scheduled for 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

At approximately 3:00 p.m.

there will be a short presentation of the Mayoral proclamation by Councilwoman Janet Marcus to the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance. This will be followed by introductions of other dignitaries, celebrities, political candidates. There will be an area set aside for those wishing to talk to the candidates who are looking for the Lesbian and Gay input.

The party then continues until dusk. Thirty kegs of beer will be dispensed free for those thirsty beer lovers as well as over 50 cases of soft drinks.

Those wishing to drink beer will be required to be stamped at the TLGA table, after showing proper age identification. No one without a stamp will be served. As in the past, professional bartenders from each of the Gay bars in town will be voluntarily drawing the beer. In order of time, they are:

Noon to 1:00 p.m. - Graduate
1:00 to 2:00 p.m. - Rita's
2:00 to 3:00 p.m. - Colette's
3:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Joshua Tree

4:00 to 5:00 p.m. - Rumor Hazzit
5:00 to 6:00 p.m. - IBT's
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Outrageous
7:00 to Dusk - TLGA

The City Parks and Recreation Department rules specify no liquor, no wine, no drugs, and no-glass containers in any of its parks. These rules will be enforced by TLGA security as well as Park Security. Another rule that the Park has been stringent on this year specifies that all dogs must be on a leash.

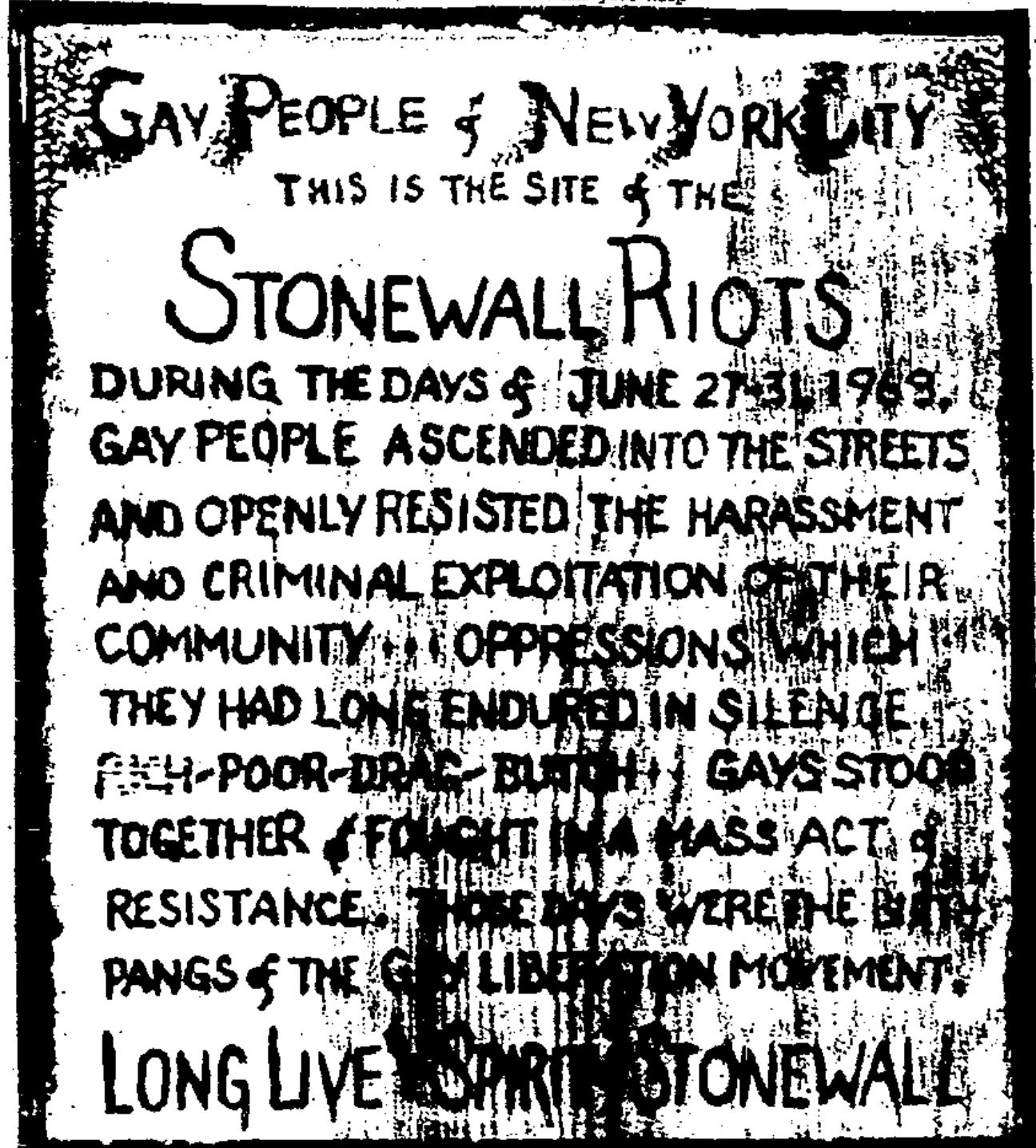
The Tucson Gay community invites lesbians and Gays and their friends from surrounding southern Arizona communities as well as Phoenix to join in the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic '88. A day to become "Remarkably Proud" in the company of all our brothers and sisters.

Persons attending the picnic are asked to observe rules of the park as well as the TLGA security. Your assistance in helping pick up after yourself is also requested. There will be many trash containers scattered throughout the area and your help

in picking up trash would be appreciated. In the past, Lesbians and Gay men have been commended for leaving the park in a clean condition. TLGA is grateful in advance for your cooperation again this year.

The traditional after-the-picnic party and show will be held at Joshua Tree/Back Pocket this year. There is no charge and it will be held in the outdoor stage area. The show, "Trust Us, It Won't Be A Total Drag", begins at 8:30 p.m. with a cast that includes live singing by Mr. Monte Jon, Marvin Wagner and Janet who is Queen of Fiesta de Mayo, the principle fundraiser for Pride Week activities, plus Mr. Dani Reid and other special guests.

There will be many activities throughout the week which ends next Sunday, June 26. See schedule elsewhere in this issue of OBSERVER. Most of these events are being produced by the bars and organizations themselves and some are being subsidized the TLGA. Most are at no charge. Enjoy.



UPDATE

SHANTI/TUCSON ANNOUNCES SUPPORT GROUPS

TUCSON - The Shanti Foundation of Tucson announces the second of a series of support groups for individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one. These support groups, entitled "Living Through Death", include confidential sharing, discussion, exercises and meditations.

The current group will begin on Wednesday, June 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. There is no charge for your participation. Ms. Amelia Fungi, M.A. will facilitate. To register for this group, contact the Shanti Foundation at 622-7107. Meetings will be held at the offices of the Shanti Foundation located at 602 North Fourth Avenue.

PARTNERS' COUNTRY FAIR

JULY 17

TUCSON - Partners' Country Fair which will be held at IBT's on July 17 is in the final stage of preparation. All indoor booths have been rented. There are only two outside booths still available. For booth information call Doc at 884-7309 or Annie at 297-1909. For those who have reserved booths, please call Doc or Annie at the above telephone numbers to confirm your reservations. There will be a food booth provided by Partners to help those who need it to reinforce themselves during the event.

The Country Fair will begin at noon on Sunday, July 17, and will continue until 8:00 p.m. This promises to be a fun day for the entire community and a way for clubs and organizations to help raise money for their own groups.

PHOENIX SHANTI GROUP TRAINING
PHOENIX - A training session is scheduled by the Phoenix Shanti Group for People with AIDS, family, friends and significant others, volunteers and health care professionals. The training sessions will take place July 15, 16, 17 and July 22, 23, 24 at Phoenix Indian Medical Center, 16th Street and Indian School.

The training is designed to gain knowledge and insight about AIDS from numerous perspectives, including medical, legal, emotional; to encounter one's own fears and attitudes about death in general and AIDS in particular; and to develop a compassionate sense of understanding for the feelings of loss experienced by people with AIDS.

For more information concerning these training sessions contact the Phoenix Shanti Group by calling 265-3884 in Phoenix.

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COUPLES TO HOLD POOL PARTY/BBQ
PHOENIX - In lieu of its regular membership meeting for July, Couples of Arizona invites its membercouples and interested guests to a Pool Party and Bar-B-Que to be held Saturday, July 2 from 11 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The club will provide all the food plus soft drinks, and you can "BYOB" if you prefer alcohol. There is no charge for membercouples. Guests are requested to pay \$5.00 per couple to cover expenses.

Couples of Arizona is a social and educational organization for those who are in a relationships. A member of the Couples National Network, it holds monthly informational meetings as well as numerous varied social events throughout the year. The summer party is an excellent opportunity for Lesbian and Gay couples to get to learn more about the organization.

For directions and reservations, call Beth & Mary at 831-5920 or Bob and Ken at 841-0583.

DESERT LEATHERMEN 'MYSTERY RUN'
TUCSON - Desert Leathermen will hold their Mystery Run III on the weekend of August 5, 6, 7. In a departure from past runs, this years outing will be an overnight campout in Spencer Canyon near the top of Mt. Lemmon, north of Tucson.

Among the weekend's activities will be a Trivia Contest and Scavenger Hunt. There will also be "Mini-Mysteries" included.

For more information and application write Desert Leathermen, P.O. Box 1586, Tucson, AZ 85702 or contact the group's home bar, IBT's, 616 N. 4th Avenue in Tucson.

INTEGRITY/TUCSON ANNIVERSARY
TUCSON - Integrity/Tucson, the organization of Lesbian and Gay Episcopalians will celebrate its 3rd Anniversary on Saturday, June 25. The group will celebrate with a 3rd Anniversary Mass to be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 545 S. 5th Avenue at 7:00 p.m. There will be a reception following the Mass. Integrity members invite their friends to attend this celebration.

Gay Pride

SECOND ANNUAL FIRST LADIES RUN THIS WEEKEND

TUCSON - Beginning this Friday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m. and running through Sunday, June 19, the First Ladies of Tucson Knight Owls, Great Outdoors, Sisters of Sonora, Tucson Arizona Levi Leathermen, T-Squares, Partners and Desert Leathermen will be presenting the 2nd Annual First Ladies Run. This year's theme is "Fairy Tales".

The Run will be held at Catalina State Park in the "Small Group" camping area. The fee for the entire weekend is \$30.00 and includes all meals, camping fees, parking fees and various club sponsored events. One day fee is \$10.00 plus parking and the Sunday morning awards is \$5.00 for those who wish to attend only these events.

Devised as a means of bringing all clubs and individuals together, this event is open to all those who wish to attend and share in the brotherhood/sisterhood of Tucson. The three-day event includes both club and individual competition in such areas as best theme campsite; theme costume; theme tablesetting; "Pandora's Box"; "The Cow Jumped Over The Moon"; "Humpty Dumpty Had A Great Fall"; and "The Fairyland Obstacle Course".

Saturday night will also see the various clubs presenting their theme skits. Individual and club certificates will be presented on Sunday morning along with the Brotherhood Cup. This cup is awarded annually to the club that has accumulated the most points throughout the weekend. The run will officially close in Tucson at the Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic in Himmel Park.

For application information or any questions, call 327-2486 in Tucson.

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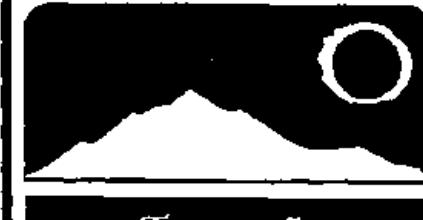
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A REMARKABLE PEOPLE

by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

The June sun was hot as it always is in Phoenix, even that late in the day. There were several thousand people milling around the Phoenix Civic Plaza waiting for the March to begin. It was my first Gay Pride March. I had made the decision only three weeks before to stop suppressing my homosexuality and to learn to live as an openly Gay man. Even though it was a Saturday afternoon, and all of downtown Phoenix had adjourned to the suburbs, I felt I was making a very brave commitment just being seen in public with all those other brave lesbians and Gay men.

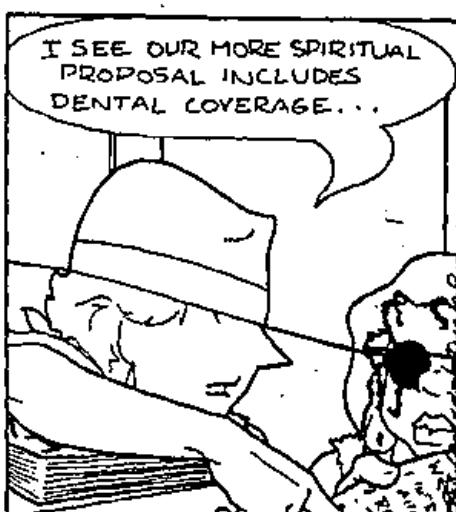
I only knew two or three of the other marchers, and them only slightly, but I didn't feel particularly alone. I felt exhilarated, alive, filled with a hope that had been gone from my life for many years. I had spent the whole previous week agonizing over what to wear, what would be the "proper" attire for a Gay Pride March. I finally settled on a more conservative Hawaiian shirt, 501's and sneakers. I forgot the thing I needed most, I forgot to put a handkerchief (any color, either side, what the hell did I know after three weeks) in my back pocket. I sure could have used it. I was kind of overwhelmed by emotion and cried a good part of the way, tears of healing, tears of surrender, tears of relief.

The next two years of Marches were better, in that I knew people, had friends to share the experience with and agonized less over proprieties, but the cleansing emotion of my first March was not repeated. I'm not sure if I miss it or not. Sometimes I think that first rush of coming out, coming all the way out, was the best high I ever had in twenty years of drug and alcohol use. Other times I think that twenty years of self denial was not worth doodley-squat.

When I came to Tucson and discovered that here we don't have a March, but rather a picnic followed by a week's worth of activities, I was rather brought down.

Morgan Calabrese'

by N. Leigh Dunlap

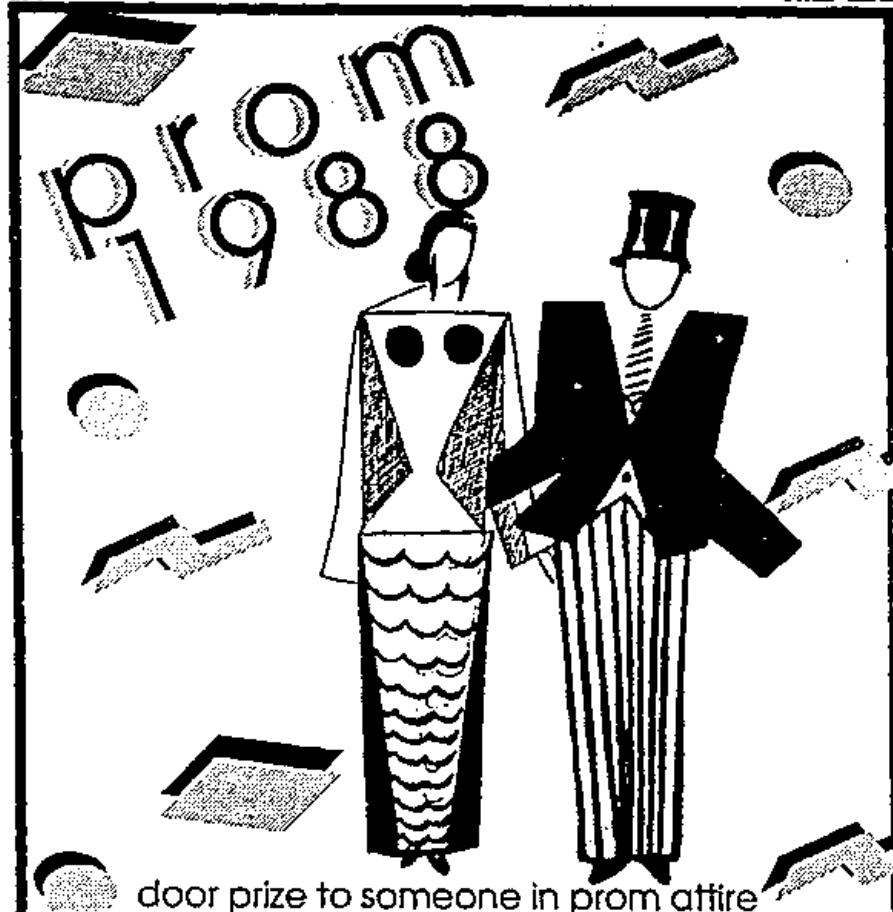


It seemed to me somewhat antithetical to the idea of Gay Pride. I equated marching in the street with pride and activism. Now, looking back on three years of picnics, three years of being unable to participate in all the celebrations going on, I see it somewhat differently.

I am still in favor of the massive mobilizations that are marches, I went into hock for years to go to Washington for the National March, but these picnic and pride week celebrations in the Old Pueblo are perfect celebrations for this city and this time. Tucson is a diverse and wonderful community, much more open than in Phoenix for instance, and these events celebrate our diversity and our openness.

The June sun was hot, as it always is in Tucson. There were several thousand people milling around Himmel Park. I had not agonized at all over what to wear, how to act, or how courageous it was to be openly Gay in a public park with all these other people around me. The music was loud, insistent, rhythmic. My Gay Pride tee shirt from last year's picnic hung from my back pocket like a tassel. I danced, whirled, shook my ass all over the dance area. A good looking young man leaned over to tell me he would like to lick the sweat off my body. I laughed out loud. It was a great day to be out.

There will be a table set up at the picnic for the Names Project. We will have buttons for sale, tee shirts, posters. We are trying to raise enough money for some of our committee, and as many PWAs as possible to go to the National Presentation of the Names Project Quilt in Washington, D.C. in October. The Quilt as presented there will be many times larger than that shown in Phoenix in April. We will also have videos on the Quilt, and on the National March last October, which we will be showing. Drop by our table and say hi.



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Lights of Tucson

by Michael - Tucson

The 1st Quarter Moon of the Cancerian period which was new in Gemini is squaring the 1st degree of Cancer which may put a crimp in Cancerian money supplies. Venus and Mercury are both Retrograde, so everything is on hold with respect to both communications and money. Gemini is still prominent with these two backward moving planets in the 1st House of the Map for this quarter Moon the Ascendant of which is the 1st degree of Gemini. Chances are even if Geminis did let it all hang out, no one would notice.

ARIES

12th House: Not the best time for Aries, rather a time for discretion in all of your dealings. You may be the subject of rumor and gossip. Guard your back against possible disloyal action by a so-called friend.

TAURUS

12th House Intercepted: Not the best time for you people either. Financial reverses are possible with your ruler Venus retrograde. In any event, expect delays from both the intercept and Venus Rx. This is the time when your famous patience can pay off.

GEMINI

1st and 2nd Houses: With your ruler Mercury and Venus Rx, you too will have to put up with delays or indefinite postponement of your personal plans at this time. Anything to do with money will also be delayed. The best thing you can do at this time is to finish up any unfinished business and under no circumstances start any new projects until after the 24th of June.

CANCER

3rd House: Communication between you and close family ties will be difficult now. Mail may be misplaced, phone calls missed and possible need of repair work to get your vehicle going again.

LEO

4th House: A great time to get your home redecorated or repaired if it needs it. Funds will be available, or you may obtain some kind of work you can do at home profitably.

VIRGO

5th House: You can be lucky this week, but entertainment is more likely. Take a night out to go to the theater or a ball game with your kids. Buy some scratch tickets and try the Pick.

LIBRA

6th House: A special ability to see the other side of the coin may help you considerably with your work this week.

SCORPIO

6th House Intercepted: Great rewards, such as a raise or promotion may be due you this week, or you could lose our job or your health altogether. However, because of the delayed interception, you have time to give serious consideration to what you are doing and make changes if necessary.

SAGITTARIUS

7th and 8th House: An opportunity for underhanded financial gain is available in dealing with other peoples money. Although you could get away with it, let your conscience be your guide.

CAPRICORN

9th House: Travel plans may be delayed or put off altogether. You may also encounter legal difficulties in your educational pursuits. Litigation can be successful if you find the hidden facts.

AQUARIUS

10th House: You may come to some public attention through the passing of some important person, such as a parent or elderly relation of great wealth.

PISCES

11th House: New friends may be made suddenly. They will be unusual types and seem by ordinary standards to be somewhat far-out. You may receive assistance from friends or organizations in helping you accomplish something you are unable to do on your own.

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

VIEWPOINT

COME OUT FOR LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE

The current wave of Gay and Lesbian liberation dates from the Stonewall riots of 1969, when Gays - mostly drag queens and street people - fought back for three days against a police raid on the Stonewall Inn in New York City. This event intensified a quieter movement to organize for greater tolerance of homosexuality.

But it also catalyzed Gay men and Lesbians who were working hard in other political movements for black, civil rights, women's liberation, and to end the Vietnam War. From the Stonewall experience, which was personal for many New York Gays, and symbolic for others across the nation, there grew a radical Lesbian and Gay movement that was influenced by and in time would exert its own influence on feminist, racial, anti-war and leftist politics.

This public movement for Gay and Lesbian liberation included a broad critique of compulsory heterosexuality in the church, the family, government, educational, and legal systems. It spoke of cultural and personal change as well as Gay rights. Our anger turned outward and we marched, protested, wrote letters, and made public displays of our homosexuality. The slogan, "Out of the closets and into the streets" articulated a concept of Gay liberation that extended beyond the bedroom and beyond even the ballot box.

Coming out - publicly declaring one's Gayness - was and still is an important political statement in a society that denies us by making us invisible. But to come out is more than a body count it is an act of personal liberation for each of us finally to say who we are. Every individual who comes out strengthens our community and makes it progressively easier for others to come out.

We commemorate our public stand, our protests at the Stonewall riots, by celebrating Lesbian and Gay Pride. At first limited to small and angry demonstrations in the major Gay ghettos, Gay pride celebrations now make

statements in new cities and towns each year.

Much has changed since 1969, and it is now easier for some of us to be Gay. But Lesbian and Gay Pride is an important time to remember our coming out, and to remember that there are still overwhelming numbers of Lesbians and Gay men who cannot make this public statement, who cannot risk being anywhere near these marches.

At a time when society would prefer us to step back into our closets and disappear from public view, at a time when much of our own movement has limited its vision to civil rights and the right to privacy in our own bedroom, at a time when we have tired of fighting and count precious few victories, we need to take to the streets in a strong and visible expression of Lesbian and Gay Pride - and liberation.

This year, the Gay community still faces a medical crisis that may increase homophobia as it threatens our lives. Coming out for Lesbian and Gay Pride this year is an opportunity to demand that the government address the AIDS crisis, and gives us the chance to reach out to each other as AIDS affects each of us on a personal level.

Lesbian and Gay Pride celebrations capture the diversity of our community: We are women, men, black, Asian, Latin, white, young, old, rich, poor, butch, femme, mainstream, and fringe. Some of us are "respectable" and some of us are not. As the country swings politically to the right, we must remember that this Gay movement couldn't have been built without the help of drag queens, street people, and butch dykes. Our strength lies in our diversity and our ability, in our best moments, to transcend our differences and work together.

[Reprinted from Gay Community News, Boston].

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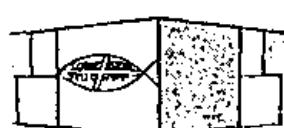


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Wingspan takes flight

by Amy Funghi

TUCSON - In February of this year, the first formal community meeting was held to begin planning for what has now become Wingspan, a Lesbian and Gay Community Center. A lot of things happened at that first meeting. Participants expressed their ideas of what a community center could provide for Tucson. Groundwork committees such as fundraising, public relations, community liaison and housing were formed. Most importantly, it became clear that not only the need for a community center exists, but also the energy and enthusiasm necessary to make it happen.

Although Wingspan does not yet have its own office, it is already performing several important functions of a community center. One of these is publishing a monthly newsletter. "Upfront" is intended to provide needed communication and information to lesbians and gay men in Tucson. A list of Lesbian and Gay resources will also be available soon. These include religious groups, support groups, social organizations, along with medical, psychological and legal resources.

One of Wingspan's earliest endeavors has been to establish a speakers bureau. Consisting to date of over 20 men and women trained for this purpose, the speakers bureau has addressed groups such as UofA psychology and medical school classes, juvenile court probation officers, and the staffs of Information and Referral and ASUA Switchboard Hotline.

In an effort to form a more large scale community, Wingspan's coordinating team has done networking on the national and international levels. Coordinators have held meetings with organizers of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force seeking both guidance and support. In May, two coordinating team members represented Wingspan at the Desert and Mountain States Lesbian and Gay Conference in Denver, Colorado. Later this summer, Wingspan will be represented by two members of the Lesbian and Gay Youth Support Group at the International Lesbian and Gay Youth Conference in Berlin, West Germany.

A primary focus of Wingspan is establishing and maintaining a membership. In addition to providing financial support necessary to the center, membership is a means of offering everyone the opportunity to feel a part of a united effort and united community. By becoming a member, individuals will receive the monthly newsletter "Upfront", a Wingspan bumper sticker and pin, a membership card, and discounts on Wingspan events. Membership forms can be obtained by calling 628-8912, or at Wingspan's membership drive celebration this Friday, June 17.

Because Wingspan does not yet have an office, some of its services are still in the planning stages. Such services include a helpline, information and referral service, counseling, legal service, meeting space for existing community groups, support groups, and a library.

An important part of building community is providing the opportunity for lesbians and gay men to meet one another and play together. On Friday, June 17th, as part of Tucson's recognition of Gay Pride Week, Wingspan will be sponsoring the "Moth Ball - airing out the closets". Included in the evenings festivities will be live music provided by Out To Lunch, a British band new to Tucson, DJ, drawings, munchies, and lots of dancing. A cash bar will be available. Dress is informal and all ages are welcome. The Moth Ball will be held from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at Del Rio Ballroom, 718 West Speedway. Admission is \$3.00 for Wingspan members and

\$5.00 for non-members. Wingspan memberships will be sold all evening.

Wingspan Community Center is based on a vision. A vision of a world that no longer denies Lesbian and Gay existence and basic human rights, but of a world that embraces us as the strong and loving people that we are. It is based on pride in ourselves as individuals and as a community. And it is based on hope and commitment to a future that holds the freedom we all deserve.

Wingspan is for all of us and will come from all of us. It needs your help to grow and prosper. If you are interested in working on existing committees or offering new ideas call 628-8912. Working together, we will make the dream a reality.

News from MCC Tucson

This next week, June 19 through June 26, Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Week will be celebrated. MCC/Tucson is looking forward to participating in the many activities planned during this week. Sunday afternoon, at Himmel Park, the Educational and Evangelism Committee of MCC/Tucson will have an information booth open. Anyone wishing information on MCC/Tucson or the U.F.M.C.C. should pay a visit to the booth.

On Monday evening, June 20, at the Grace Episcopal Church, there will be a short service called "Inspiration Night". This will be a service with all of the religious groups of the Tucson Gay Community taking part. Exact time and details will be announced.

On Sunday, June 26th, 2:00 p.m., at the Graduate, MCC/Tucson will have the drawing for their 50/50 Raffle. These tickets have been selling in the community for some time with the drawing to be held after 1,000 tickets have been sold. There are still a few tickets left for the sale, at \$2.00 each of six tickets for \$10.00. If you have bought tickets, get them out and have them ready, you need not be present at the drawing to win, but you must have your winning ticket for verification to receive your winnings. There will be three drawings with \$500, \$300 and \$200 cash to the winning numbers. There will also be thirty-two (32) consolation prizes given for free food items from Jack In The Box.

MCC/Tucson will be having a yard sale on July 2, 3 and 4 on the parking lot at Rita's, 3455 East Grant. This sale will open approximately at 7:00 a.m. and will run until the early part of the afternoon, unless the heat of the day comes earlier. More details on this yard sale will be announced as the details are finalized.

Pastor Ed and Lee will not be at our Morning Worship Service this coming Sunday. Rev. Nita will be officiating at this service. Pastor Ed and Lee have been invited to be judges at the First Ladies Run in Catalina State Park which will be running from Friday, June 17 until Sunday, June 19.

To those of you who receive our monthly newsletter, The Beacon, your issue will be mailed this week. Our June publication is late this month due to "technical difficulties" with our electronic copying machine. The Editorial Staff at MCC/Tucson apologizes for this issue being late.

Thought for the Week: What is the difference between skeptics who do not believe the Bible and negligent Christians who never read it?

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PERSPECTIVE

by Mel Horne

20 YEARS OF CHANGING CLOTHES

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I came out ten years before Stonewall. I was 17, it was May, high-school graduation was a week away, and in the summer-college. After years of wondering, it was time to test out a certain definition in Webster's dictionary. I wanted to grow up.

For the occasion I wore chino pants tight across the hips, a blue oxford buttoned-down shirt, white wool socks (gym socks we called them) and battered white tennis sneakers. I carried a reversible jacket (tan on one side, red and black tattersall plaid on the other) tan side out. I headed for the Green, historic center of the city, where everyone knew the queers hung out at night. I picked up a man, walked around the block with him for a couple of hours, and then went to his room and did it. He said it was the first time he had ever done it with a college kid.

FIRE ISLAND, PINES. JUNE, 1969

I was 27 when Stonewall happened. It was June. I had, the year before, finally made it out of college with the lowest average on record. I was being kept by a man as old as my father. The house in the pines was in my name; the will was relative-proof.

I walked along the boardwalk toward the Bay side of the island to see how some friends were taking the death of Judy Garland. For the occasion I wore garage mechanics overalls spattered with green house paint. I was barefooted. My friends were hung over and stumbled around the kitchen making remedies. Nobody seemed upset about Judy. No histrionics, no farewell imitations. No one mentioned Stonewall. I left and went down to the Botel for a couple of drinks. I didn't see anybody I knew - even the bartender was strange. I headed for home.

The next day on the beach, somebody at the far end of the blanket says he heard there was a humpy mechanic hanging around at the tea-dance yesterday. Everybody takes turns doing their humpy straight man suck stories. Construction workers, Firemen, Cop, Doorman... I tightened the string of my maroon swimmer's racing trunks and head for the Atlantic.

BOSTON, MA. JUNE, 1979

I am 37. I sit on the bleachers in my favorite bar with my fifth mug of beer. I have agreed to do a fashion piece for the Stonewall Special. After all, hadn't I seen 20 years of it. 20 years of what? I try to get philosophical. I think about an incident that happened a couple of years ago when I was in New Haven visiting my parents. My older brother, a roofer, came home from work. He was wearing construction boots, levis, and a sweatshirt with cut-off sleeves - everything on him was damp with sweat and spattered with tar.

When he came out of the bathroom after his shower he was dressed to go out - polyester double-knit black pants and a silky flower splashed shirt. I took my turn in the bathroom. I emerged wearing construction boots, faded, torn levis, and a sweatshirt cut-off at the elbows over a football jersey. Ma did a variant on her 'What Will The Neighbors Think' speech, while my brother (ex boxer, ex-con, roofer and candidate for a degree in social work) yells about the usefulness of upper-middle white women as social work-

ers. Doctor's wives! he yells. I keep my mouth shut. Once again, Dad asks me if I've had a fight with my barber. I head for the Green.

Beer 6 and 7 have come and gone. My lover comes in to the bar and blesses me with an eighth and in return I unburden myself of 20 years of fashions. I tell him of puffy pastel sweaters, tight black pants, pointed shiny black shoes. I reveal the meaning of a loosened buckle on the back of polished cotton pants.

I reconstruct the historical setting in which bell-bottoms and work-shirts emerge. I lovingly remember my pea-coat. I say things like, "the essence of Gay male fashion is displacement: The removal of an object of clothing from its usual nexus of meaning to another."

My lover tells me to go easy. A lumberjack, two cowboys, a construction worker and two joggers walk by. A young kid walks in wearing chino pants tight across the hips, a blue oxford buttoned-down shirt, white wool socks and battered white tennis sneakers. Hung over his shoulder is a reversible jacket, tan on one side, red and black tattersall plaid on the other. I suddenly feel old and foolish. I head for home alone.

Sitting on my transitional period sofa (after Empire, before Victorian) I try to think of what 20 years of changing clothes means. I feel dumb. I rage over phoney construction workers, while tugging off my construction boots. I throw my Muscle Builder magazines across the floor. Who needs cannonball deltoids anyway. Desperate for answers I get out Carlyle's Sartor Resartus. I flip through the pages looking for ammunition, explanations, meaning. I invent an interview with Teufelsdröckh, the philosopher of clothes.

ME: "Herr Teufelsdröckh, is there not something to be learned from 20 years of changing clothes, or, as you put it in your great work on the philosophy of clothes, thatching ourselves "... over with the dead fleece of sheep, the bark of vegetables, the entrails of worms, the hides of oxen or seals, the felt of furred beasts....?"

TEUFELSDRÖCKH: "For my own part, these considerations, of our Clothes-thatch, and how reaching inward even to our heart of hearts it tailorizes and demoralizes us, fill me with a certain horror at myself and mankind; ... Nevertheless there is something great in the moment when a man first strips himself of adventitious wrappings; and sees indeed that he is naked, and, as Swift has it, 'a forked straddling animal with bandy legs,' yet also a Spirit, and unutterable Mystery of Mysteries."

Chastened and saddened, I pick up my Muscle Builder magazines. I forgive all Gay male lumberjacks, cowboys, construction workers, and joggers. I wish the kid wearing my coming out clothes a good life. I open a can of beer and wonder if I can justify buying a pair of Buns. Eleven bucks for underpants? I finish by beer and flop down on my mattress with my good-night cigarette.

I forgive myself.
(Reprinted from Gay Community News, Boston)

As I See It

by Bruce Fowler

Well, I see this year's Gay Pride Week T-shirt is out. Gary Clark did his usual great job of design and the shirt is a beautiful tribute to our pride in being Gay/lesbian. The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance has done a great job of creating a fund-raising memento for this year's Gay Pride Week celebration.

Showing three views of an emerging pink triangle with the Statue of Liberty in the center, the design suggests our emergence as free American Gay and Lesbian people through Gay Pride. The T-shirt has the wording: "Remarkably Proud" and is followed by "Pride Week Tucson, '88".

How interesting...., but wait a minute, nowhere does the word GAY or LESBIAN appear. Just "Pride Week"? Not Gay Pride Week! Not Gay and Lesbian Pride Week! Just "Pride Week, '88". Did I miss something? Isn't this GAY Pride Week? Did the word "Gay" fall off the design? Did the silkscreen people think the word "Gay" was too provocative and let it slip from the original design? What happened?

As I understand it, the Committee was looking for some sort of fund raising memento to sell so they could pay their bills for putting the Gay Pride Week activities on. A couple of years ago when the word "GAY" appeared on a Gay Pride T-shirt, sales fell off rather substantially because, supposedly, no one wanted to buy the shirt and been seen with the word "Gay" on their chest. This year's Committee decided that it would remove the word "Gay" and take no chance of undermining the fund raiser.

My first reaction was one of outrage. "Are we so closeted that we water down the whole issue of Gay Pride by removing the off-

sive word, GAY, from our Pride celebration? Have we lost our minds? What is the Committee thinking anyway?"

After thinking about it more, I see the problem doesn't rest with the Committee, who have worked their collective butts off for us this year. Rather the problem rests with ALL OF US. We have been afraid in the past to be seen in public with the words "Gay and Lesbian" displayed on our person; good heavens, we've spent our whole lives trying to avoid being identified as "Gay" or "lesbian".

We probably wouldn't buy nor wear any T-shirts, large buttons, hats or anything that included those self incriminating words - "Gay" - "Lesbian". After all, it's one thing to shell out \$8.00 for a T-Shirt and to be seen at the bar or at Himmel Park on Gay Pride Day bearing the words "Gay" on our chests. But it's something else again to be seen in public, away from our support system, with that same \$8.00 shirt. The Committee probably was right in removing the words; right that is if they intended to avoid being stuck with a lot of unsold, left-over T-shirts after the event. What choice did they have but to leave off the words?

Well, I for on an PROUD OF BEING GAY and I intend to buy one of the \$8.00 T-shirts from the Committee, because they deserve my support. At the same time, I also intend to add the word GAY to the shirt and thereby return Gay to "Gay Pride Week, '88". I urge you to do the same. Buy a shirt, but before you wear it, add the word GAY - show the Committee, the community and the world that we ARE proud of being GAY. And that week near the end of June we celebrate each year is GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE WEEK and we want the world to know it.

A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

"LOGAN" AIRPORT NO LONGER IN BOSTON

Chicago - The last time I was in Chicago is hard to determine; as a child, my parents and I would travel the country by car and see all the things which, as a child, were impressive and new. I returned to Chicago, on a business trip for the new magazine at which I now work, the first weekend of June.

The weather was warm; a warm spell had kept the city in the eighties and nineties - weather-wise. In fact, it also kept the city very dry; not since 1971 had so little rain fallen in the Chicago area, prompting fears of a drought. The people were downright kind to me. Bus drivers assisted with directions, the cabie Saturday night told me all about architecture in the city, and the counter-person at McDonalds (the biggest volume store in the chain, all dressed up like the 1950s) was even polite.

The city wasn't windy, but the people were fun.

Sunday night, I watched the Tony Awards on CBS. Fun watching Madonna being punished for "missing rehearsals". She's a card, really. The tribute to Michael Bennett was too much. Seeing Donna McKechnie dancing "A Chorus Line" again and the three original "Dreamgirls" was tough. The awards were suspenseful, the acceptance speeches sincere.

The next morning, part of Roosevelt at State Street had fallen-in leaving a huge hole which swallowed up a police car and the policeman inside. Welcome to Chicago.

The cab ride to O'Hare was

grand with a Polish cabbie discussing the Russians and Communism and its effect on his homeland. Fascinating man, truly.

Then, O'Hare International Airport. I flew home on United Airlines -- a mistake from the word go, if you know what I mean. Lucky for me, I got to walk through the new terminal that's designed by a German architect and looks like the Crystal Palace from the Great Exposition in London in 1851.

The best part -- and one which many travellers missed -- was the moving sidewalk through what looked like a set from the science fiction movie "Logan's Run". Neon lights moving along the ceiling, space-age music emanating from the walls, and the walls which softly changed color from yellows and reds to blues and greens. A nice pause in a busy travel schedule.

Many travellers just walked briskly along the length of moving sidewalk, while I stood calmly, leaning against the rail, listening to the soft music, watching the walls change color as the neon lights pulsed around me.

I guess in the big scheme of things, this column doesn't mean much to the course of Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights. It does, however, point out -- to me, at least -- that we still have a lot to be thankful for in this country; for even the most beautiful rose might still have thorns which, nevertheless, do not detract from its overall magnificence.

At Spes Non Fracta. See you next week!

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MONDAY, JUNE 20

INSPIRATIONAL NIGHT - AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE TO BE HELD AT GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH. ALL DENOMINATIONS WILL BE REPRESENTED. NOT A RELIGIOUS SERVICE BUT ONE OF INSPIRATION AND REFLECTION. WATCH FOR TIME AND MORE INFO.

AFTER BLAST PARTY AT OUTRAGEOUS. 9:00 P.M. DRINK SPECIALS AND GAMES. ALSO A RAFFLE FOR SEVERAL ELECTRIC BEER SIGNS! NO CHARGE.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

6:00 P.M. BIG PRIDE WEEK SHOW AT IBT'S STARRING ERIKA, TIFFANY, CRISTINA AND MR. DANI REID. PLUS THERE WILL BE A ROSE MOFFORD LOOK-A-LIKE CONTEST WITH A WINNING PRIZE OF \$50.00! NO CHARGE.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

VIDEO NITE AT RUMOR HAZZIT AT 7:30 P.M. SLIDES AND VIDEOS OF PAST AND PRESENT PRIDE WEEK ACTIVITIES. COME AND SEE YOURSELF AS YOU LOOKED AT THIS YEAR'S PICNIC. SPECIAL DRINK PRICES. DANCING LATER. NO CHARGE.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

CASINO NITE AT THE GRADUATE. NO CHARGE TO PLAY. WINNERS RECEIVE SOME GREAT PRIZES. DEALERS FROM SOS AND TLGA. NO CHARGE.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

DANCE CONTEST AT COLETTE'S WITH CASH PRIZES OF \$60, \$50, \$40 FOR THE WINNERS. 8:30 P.M. SIGN UP PRIOR TO 8:30 P.M. NO CHARGE.

PRIDE WEEK SHOW AT RUMOR HAZZIT, 9:00 P.M. FEATURING MISS GAY ARIZONA, PENELOPE POUPE' AND SOME SPECIAL GUESTS FROM PHOENIX AND TUCSON. NO CHARGE.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

PRE-CROWNING MISS GAY TUCSON REVUE AT GRADUATE. 8:30 P.M. FEATURES PENELOPE POUPE' AND ALL THE CONTESTANTS. NO CHARGE.

"PRIDE FRIENDSHIP NITE" AT RITA'S. SHOW FEATURING IBT'S REGULAR CAST PLUS SOME EXTRA SPECIAL GUESTS AND HOSTED BY CANDY PLASTIQUE. BARTENDERS FROM BOTH RITA'S AND IBT'S WILL BE SERVING. ALL TIPS GO TO TLGA FOR NEXT YEARS PRIDE WEEK. NO CHARGE.

3RD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR INTEGRITY/TUCSON MASS AT 7:00 P.M. AT ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WITH RECEPTION FOLLOWING. ALL INTEGRITY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME IN A SPIRIT OF PRIDE.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

"OUR LIVES ARE HAPPY AND GAY" SERVICE AT 10:30 A.M. AT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH. THE SERVICE IS A CHANCE TO SHARE THE THOUGHTS, HOPES, DREAMS, AND RIGHTS OF THOSE WHOSE HISTORY AND CULTURE HAS LONG BEEN CLOSETED. FACILITATED BY FRAN WESTRA. NO CHARGE.

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WHAT'S UP DOC?



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AIDS INFECTION RATE RISING RESEARCH SHOWS

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN (AP) - The one million or more Americans infected with the AIDS virus are becoming more infectious, and the risk to uninfected people is growing, researchers said here.

"Non-monogamous sexual contact is becoming more dangerous," said James Goedert of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland. He presented his findings at the Fourth International Conference on AIDS in Stockholm.

In a study of hemophiliacs, Goedert found that condoms don't protect against AIDS unless they are always used during sexual relations. "Irregular condom use is no better than no condom at all," he said.

Dr. James Curran of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta reported that new AIDS cases are reported in the United States at the rate of one every 14 minutes.

He estimated 365,000 cases will have been reported in the United States by 1992, but said the figure could range between 205,000 and 400,000.

The AIDS conference here is the largest meeting ever held on the subject of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, with more than 7,000 participants.

Curran said it is difficult to tell if the AIDS epidemic is beginning to level off, but said he didn't consider that an important question.

"We had a thousand cases reported in the United States last week," he said. "Does it matter whether it's going up or not? It might level off like lung cancer or heart disease - and that's not good."

A 1986 estimate that 1 million to 1.5 million Americans were infected with the AIDS virus was probably too high then, Curran said. "We believe an estimate of 1 million to 1.5 million is accurate now," he said.

Goedert's conclusions about the growing infectiousness of people carrying the AIDS virus came from a study of the rate at which infected hemophiliacs transmitted the AIDS virus to their wives or steady female partners.

In the first year of the hemophiliacs' infection, only 1 percent of the partners became infected. By the fourth year, the rate of transmission began to increase and by the fifth year, 10 to 20 percent of the women were becoming infected each year, Goedert said.

At the conference, Jean-Baptiste Brunet of Claude Bernard Hospital in Paris said the number of AIDS cases reported in Europe has reached 12,221 and is doubling every 11 months.

An estimated 300,000 to 800,000 people in 30 European countries are infected with the AIDS virus, Brunet said.

Australian researchers described six cases in which mothers who became infected after giving birth passed the virus to their infants through breast milk.

Both is on your shoulders.
We are all adults. Let's work together to keep the bars in Tucson clean and help each other when it comes to trying to drive when

PRIDE NIGHT

TUCSON - Last Saturday, June 11 was set aside as Pride Nite. It was designed to raise money to pay for the Pride Week activities. The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) who organizes the week-long series of events fell short of its budget and was forced to raise some extra money to meet expenses.

Members of TLGA were stationed at each of the seven Gay bars from 8:30 until Midnight asking for a dollar donation of each who entered during those hours. Persons were stamped and therefore had to only pay once if they were bar-hopping.

A total of \$783.61 was collected during the evening. Along

with sales of T-shirts, the TLGA has now raised barely enough to produce the weeks events.

TLGA would like to thank all who contributed and especially the owners and staff of: Colette's; Graduate; IBT's; Joshua Tree; Outrageous; Rita's and Rumor Hazzit for their cooperation in helping raising this needed money on such short notice.

TLGA has this year's Gay and Lesbian Pride T-shirts for sale which will help build the treasury for next year's Pride Week '89. As usual, a complete financial statement from TLGA will be published following Pride Week 1988 activities.



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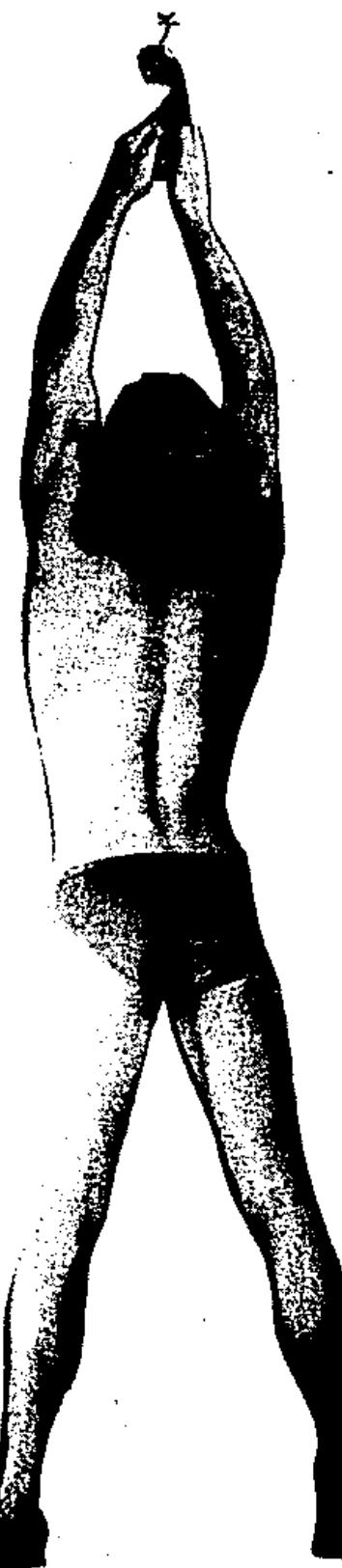
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Juicy Lucy

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Attended the AGRA show at the Graduate last weekend. From watching RT, it look as if he just got off a buckin' steer.

If Wayne keeps wearing Wranglers that tight, he is going to be leaving a lot of ex's in Phoenix.

That golden dress had enough material to wake and three others a dress.

I've seen advertisements saying Band Aids would hold to anything, but holding a dress on??

At TKO's recent Beer Bust, one of the servers of the draft beer was in his most recent costume. Those black and white stripes sure did show up nicely, but the blue outfit worn later by Dress Up John, topped the cake. For the blue dress he was working the other side of the bar.

Overheard Tyrone and Bert discussing Bert's clothes pin. Bert told Tyrone that he could play with anything that Bert had but his clothes pin. What's so precious about that cheap wooden thing? For one thing, it's the only thing that Bert has that snaps!

The Arizona Fellowship Committee had their meeting just recently. Wayne, of Great Outdoors, is now their new Chair-

person. Understand that they elected their new treasurer and secretary who are both non-voting members on this committee. That's supposed to tell us something, but I'm not sure what.

I promised George I wouldn't say anything about his this week, so I won't

Hear tell that Roger is still on the wagon. It's been so long since he has had a Bacardi that when a shot was slipped into his "straight" coke he went berserk. You know that isn't nice, fellows, he only sniffs the stuff now.

Understand that Annie has gone on so many club runs without her bra that she hates to wear one at anytime now.

What's this I hear about Rita's and IBT's having a joint evening together. This should prove to be positively interesting.

Bert and Ernie recently spent the night at Ben and Annie's so they could bomb the Bordello. Believe me, that place needs bombing.

What's this I hear about Tug Boat Annie moving into a place by himself? Now that he will have two bedrooms, one will be called the playroom and the other will be the torture chamber, always thought that any bedroom Tug Boat Annie had was a torture chamber.

Pastor Ed of MCC/Tucson is Desert Leathermen's chaplain and I understand he is running out of Holy Water for that bunch.

Well, I guess I'll just move along for this week. I've got to gather up my pens and tablets for next weekend. Keep those tools cool and I'll catch you all on the back swing.

Colette's Prom Candidates

TUCSON - The 2nd annual Prom Nite at Colette's has rolled around again and will be presented this Saturday, June 18 as an intro to Pride Week '88.

Everyone is encouraged to get decked out in your best prom attire and enjoy the activities. There will be a door prize and of course the selection of Prom King and Queen 1988.

There are four couples running for this year's Prom King and Queen and they are pictured below. Good luck to all.



K.J. and John



Beth and Margo



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SPECIAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

JOSHUA TREE - Live dance music by Rare Breed in the Court Yard under the stars. 9 to midnight. No cover

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. Drawings for door prizes for people dressed in prom attire. Get ready all you prom-niters.

JOSHUA TREE - Rare Breed plays dance music under the stars in the Court Yard from 9 to midnight. No cover

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

11TH ANNUAL 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. The picnic begins at Noon and continues until dusk. This spectacle is attended by over 3,000 persons and includes live and recorded music for dancing, volleyball, free beer and soft drinks, lots of booths selling food and other merchandise plus informational booths. There will be introductions of local and state politicians and so much other "stuff" planned it won't fit on this page. Come on out and enjoy and see for yourself. Celebrate and show that you're "Remarkably Proud".

JOSHUA TREE - The rotating, traditional after-the-picnic show moves here this year with a production "Trust Us, It Won't Be A Total Drag!" beginning at 8:30 p.m. on the outdoor stage. Wind down a day of fun in the sun here. Performers include Monte-Jon, Marvin Wagner, and Miss Fiesta de Mayo Queen Janet and performing live, plus Mr. Dani Reid and guests. No charge.

MONDAY, JUNE 20

INSPIRATIONAL NIGHT - A night set aside to remember and reflect. The short ceremony is correctly titled "inspirational". Not a religious ceremony but it is celebrated by all the churches and denominations. Location and time to be announced.

OUTRAGEOUS - "After Blast Party" with games and drink specials. Raffle for several electric beer signs too! No charge.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

COLETTE'S - Singer-guitarist Anne English takes the stage here beginning at 8:30 pm.

IBT'S - Pride Week continues here with a big show and "Rose Mofford Look-A-Like Contest". IBT's cast is getting ready for a real Pride performance. \$50 prize for the best "Rose". No charge.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

RUMOR HAZZIT - Pride Week activities move here for a video and slide presentation of past pride week activities as well as up-to-the-minute video of this year's picnic. Come and see yourself. No charge. Dancing later.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

GRADUATE - Celebrate Pride Week '88 at the Graduate with an evening of cards as SOS and TLGA present "Casino Nite" with a lot of great prizes for the winners. No charge.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

COLETTE'S WEST - The annual "Pride Week Dance Contest" takes place here this year. Prizes of \$60 - \$50 and \$40 to the winners. Contestants sign up by 8:00 for the contest which begins at 9:30. No charge.

RUMOR HAZZIT - A Pride Week show starring Miss Gay Arizona, Penelope Poupe, and some special guests from Phoenix and Tucson. 9:00 p.m. No charge.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

GRADUATE - Pre-Crowning Pageant Revue hosted by Miss Gay Arizona Penelope Poupe and performers include all past crown holders from Phoenix and Tucson plus some of the candidates for this year's Pageant. It begins at 8:30 p.m. No charge.

INTEGRITY/TUCSON celebrates its 3rd anniversary with a mass at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, 545 S. 5th Ave. with a reception following. All Integrity members as well as friends and interested persons are encouraged to attend this important event.

RITA'S - Rita's and IBT's will jointly celebrate "Pride Friendship Nite" at Rita's. There will be a show with the regular IBT cast and hosted by Candy Plastique. Rita's and IBT's bartenders will be serving the libations. A unique idea and in the true spirit of Gay/ Lesbian Pride! No charge. All tips go to TLGA for next year's Pride Week.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

AMERICANA HOTEL - Annual Miss Gay Tucson Pageant. Come see Miss Gay Tucson 1988-89 crowned. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. A great ending to Tucson's Pride Week '88.

RITA'S - There is a buffet served here every Sunday afternoon but to wind up Pride Week '88, Rita's staff will be serving a special and super good "Gay Pride Complimentary Buffet" from 4 until 9 p.m. Join them. No charge.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH - 10:30 a.m. service conducted by Fran Westra beginning at 10:30 a.m. The theme is appropriately "Our Lives Are Happy And Gay".

WORKSHOP: "Eliminating Homophobia & Anti-Semitism" presented by the New Jewish Agenda at Randolph Recreation Center, 200 S. Alvernon. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$2 donation requested. Refreshments.

FRIDAY, JULY 1
COLETTE'S - Singer Lisa Otey entertains for Happy Hour.SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, JULY 2 - 3 - 4
JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - The "Uncle Sammy's Whammy Party" all three days. A total 4th of July blowout. "Midnight Madness" show on Sunday with guests from Phoenix. Special July 4th Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, beans and salad, etc. etc. etc.MONDAY, JULY 4
COLETTE'S - A big July 4th Bar-B-Que will be held here beginning at 3:00 p.m. and running until 7:00 p.m.TUESDAY, JULY 5
COLETTE'S - The acoustic guitar and vocal talents of Anne English will be heard here beginning at 8:30 p.m.FRIDAY, JULY 15
COLETTE'S - Lisa Otey sings and plays during Happy Hour. Then there will be a "Dirty Dance Contest" as a benefit for Colette. It seems they want to install new stage lighting. A worthy cause for an excellent entertainment source. Get down!SUNDAY, JULY 17
JOSHUA TREE - Show hosted by Cristina and a host of guests. Watch for details.TUESDAY, JULY 19
COLETTE'S - Vocalist, musician Anne English sings and plays beginning at 8:30 p.m.FRIDAY, JULY 29
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THE TUCSON CALENDAR

Sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust Noon to 8 p.m. Bud or Bud Lite .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4 p.m. to 7:00 \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Showtime on outdoor stage at 8 p.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Wine Down Nite" .75 Wine 8 p.m. to

Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 p.m.

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) \$1.25 plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - "Sip and Dip" by "poolside". Bloody Marys \$1.00 Noon to 6:30. 6:30 to 1 a.m. "Moose Madness" every hour (7). Dance 8pm-1am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Happy Hour Noon to 6 p.m. Complimentary buffet from 2 to 6 p.m.

RUMORHAZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 p.m. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys \$1.25 or Fresh Fruit Daiquiris \$1.50 plus any flavor schnapps .50 a shot plus Peter Dogs with all the trimmings for .25 each. W/DJ Dwayne 9 to 1.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Miller bottles or Schnapps .75 - Noon to Midnight. Dave Pierson DJ's from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .89 from 8 p.m. to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm. Well Drinks \$1. (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.50. 5:30 to 1 a.m. "Moose Madness".

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Happy Hour Noon to 6 p.m.

RUMORHAZIT 2222 - 4-6 p.m. 2 for 1 call/well/beer. "White Wednesday" 8 p.m. to midnight .99 White Well (with juice .25 extra). \$1.25 Well Drinks & Munchies 1-7 p.m. W/DJ Ruben.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Corona Beer or Well Tequila \$1.00 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Bobby Jr. DJ's at 9 p.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Longneck Bottle Beer Special: \$1.00 from 8:00 until midnight. Alternative listening and dancing to music from 6:00 - 7:00 and early 8:00 from 7 to 11.

GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks \$1.50 till closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm. Well Drinks \$1.00, Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.50. "Trashy Tuesday" show begins at 6 p.m. 5:30 to 1 a.m. "Moose Madness".

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Happy Hour Noon to 6 p.m.

RUMORHAZIT 2222 - 4-6 p.m. 2 for 1 call/well/beer. "White Wednesday" 8 p.m. to midnight .99 White Well (with juice .25 extra). \$1.25 Well Drinks & Munchies 1-7 p.m. W/DJ Ruben.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Wednesday Madness" - From 2-8 pm Drink Special: Check the chalkboard. Draft Beer Bust Bud or Bud Lite .25 per glass plus Schnapps .75 from 8 p.m. to close! Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Schnapps shots .75 from 8 p.m. to Midnight. Raffle drawings at 10:30 p.m. for prizes.

GRADUATE - .50 draft or .75 schnapps open to close plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks \$1. (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.50. 5:30 to 1 a.m. Draft Beer .50 and Schnapps .50 shot. Dance 8 - 1 a.m.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Happy Hour Noon to 6 p.m.

RUMORHAZIT 2222 - 4-6 p.m. 2 for 1 call/well/beer. "White Wednesday" 8 p.m. to midnight .99 White Well (with juice .25 extra). \$1.25 Well Drinks & Munchies 1-7 p.m. W/DJ Ruben.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - B-B-Que Chicken Dinner from 4:00 until 7:00 \$2.50, then \$1.25 Nite. All Wine Coolers, All Domestic Bottle Beer \$1.25 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dave Pierson DJ, 9 to 1 a.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Sudsersize" .40 draft beer from 8 p.m. to Midnight.

GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.50 open to close.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks \$1. (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.50. 5:30 to 1 a.m. Long Neck Beer (non-premium) .75 - Dance 8 to 1 a.m.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Happy Hour Noon to 6 p.m.

RUMORHAZIT 2222 - 4-6 p.m. 2 for 1 call/well/beer. "White Wednesday" 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. .50 per glass. \$1.25 Well, Munchies 1-7 p.m. Video/disco dancing with Ruben 9-1.

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) \$1.50. 5:30 to 1 a.m. All Well \$1.50 (with juice \$1.75). Dancing 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Happy Hour Noon to 6 p.m.

RUMORHAZIT 2222 - 4-6 p.m. 2 for 1 call/beer/well. \$1.25 Well drinks plus Munchies 1-7 p.m. DJ/VJ Ruben 9 to 1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Drink Specials. Bobby Jr. DJ.

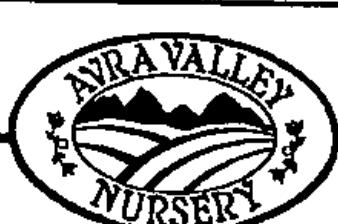
COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Drink Specials 8 to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm Bloody Marys \$1.00. 5:30 to 1 a.m. All Well \$1.50. Dance 8 to 1.

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