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Christina, Miss Gay Tucson

TUCSON - The Third Annual Miss Gay Tucson Pageant was held last Sunday, June 26, at the Americana Hotel. Penelope Poupe' Productions is the official promoter of the Miss Gay Tucson Pageant as well as Miss Gay Arizona Pageant, Miss Gay Phoenix Pageant, Mr. Gay Arizona All-American Contest and the Entertainer of the Year Awards. The production company holds the official franchise of Norma Kristi, Inc., which produces the official Miss Gay America Pageant.

Six Tucsonans vied for the 1988-89 title of Miss Gay Tucson, Christina, Tiffany, Kelly Ryan, Cristine, Varonica Lake and Diana Collins.

After judging of the contestants in contemporary fashion, evening gown, talent competition and on-stage interviews the judges had a difficult time deciding on a winner.

The final winner and Miss Gay Tucson 1988-89 is Christina. First Runner-up was awarded to Cristine who also won Miss Congeniality. Kelly Ryan garnered the 2nd Runner-up spot.

The banquet room at the Americana was nearly full when festivities got underway, and the crowd was treated to a wonderful evening of flawless performances by producer Penelope Poupe', Lady Casondra, Mona Littlemore, Deja Vu and Aviva Diamond as well as all of the contestants performing before the judges.

"In 1985 we had a dream to bring a national contest for female impersonators to Arizona," said Penelope. "With much perseverance, the pageants have continued because of people who truly believed this could work. As many of you know, the history of the pageants throughout Arizona have been tragic, but the shining beacon of the Miss Gay Tucson crown has symbolized our continued existence," she said.

Past Tucson titleholders are: Stephanie Price, 1986; Aviva Diamond, 1987; Tabitha Scott, 1987-88.

Congratulations to Christina and the runners-up and to all of the contestants for a wonderful evening of excellence in presenting female impersonation as a form of art.

Coalitions gear up for national conventions

WASHINGTON, DC - A coalition of Gay and Lesbian political organizations has formed to strengthen Gay power and visibility in the upcoming Democratic and Republican national conventions and help shape the party platforms of both presidential campaigns.

Gay and Lesbian VOICE 88 — Voters Organized In Coalition for the Election — will maximize Gay visibility, generate media attention, educate presidential candidates, influence the selection of vice presidential nominees and lobby for the of Lesbian and Gay civil rights and AIDS issues in 1988 election platforms.

The bi-partisan coalition combines the political expertise and resources of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), and other AIDS and Gay and Lesbian organizations. Gay and Lesbian Democrats of America (GLDA), formerly the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs, will join forces with the coalition for the Democratic Convention.

"By pooling our political power we can galvanize the Gay community and crate a highly visible, effective and influential presence at the conventions," said Christine R. Riddiough, GLDA executive director.

The coalition has already scored and important victory in providing language on AIDS and Gay rights that has been included in the draft of the Democratic party platform. Gay and Lesbian VOICE 88 also is:

* Working with presidential campaigns to advocate inclusion of AIDS and Gay civil rights in convention speeches;

* Advising candidates on the AIDS and Gay civil rights records of potential vice presidential nominees;

* Coordinating efforts with national and local Gay and Lesbian organizations, elected officials, direct action groups and other organizations to help integrate the Gay community's many different approaches to political action.

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Leonard Matlovich dies at 44

by Harriet Chiang

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Gay rights advocate Leonard Matlovich, the Vietnam War hero who garnered nationwide attention when he was kicked out of the Air Force for being Gay, died of complications arising from AIDS, last Wednesday, June 22 at age 44.

Surrounded by his friends and family, Matlovich died at 9:43 p.m. at his home in Los Angeles, where he moved recently after living many years in San Francisco, said Michael Bedwell, a close friend.

Matlovich, a 12-year veteran of the Air Force won a number of

LEONARD MATLOVICH

medals during his three tours of combat duty in Vietnam including a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

He was serving as a technical sergeant at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia in 1975 when he was discharged because he was Gay. Matlovich fought the discharge in court and in 1981, a U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C. ruled in his favor. The Air Force agreed to pay him $160,000 and to award him a retroactive promotion in exchange for his agreement to drop his bid to be reinstated.

Matlovich was born in Savannah, Georgia, and spent his childhood moving from one city to another, following his father, who served in the Air Force.

He joined the Air Force in 1963 shortly after he graduated from high school and had a perfect performance record at the time of his dismissal. His celebrated fight with the military landed him on the cover of Time magazine in 1975.

After he left the Air Force, Matlovich went to Washington, D.C. where he became involved in political Gay rights issues. He moved to San Francisco in 1978 and that year made an unsuccessful bid to succeed slain Gay Supervisor Harvey Milk on the Board of Supervisors.

He discovered he had AIDS in October 1986 during a visit to his doctor for treatment of what he thought was a chest cold. Appearing on ABC's "Good Morning America," last June, Matlovich recalled being "shocked but not surprised" to learn he had the deadly disease. "It's something as a Gay man I had been dealing with for the last five years, wondering when is my turn," he said. "My turn came."

His tombstone, which already has been erected, quotes Matlovich: "When I was in the military they gave me a medal for killing two men, and a discharge for loving one."

[San Francisco Chronicle]

UPDATE

TREASURE ISLAND ADVENTURE PLANNED BY GREAT OUTDOORS

TUCSON - Great Outdoors/Tucson has scheduled this year's "'Treasure Island Hunt' for July 9 and 10. This annual event at Lake Patagonia (near Nogales) attracts members and guests who want to relax away from the Tucson heat.

Water fights, boating, swimming, just plain sunning, are a few of the things people do. Good conversation and plenty of food lets everyone catch their breath.

Campsites and R.V. hookups are available in this well-run state park. Those people unable to spend both days will carpool from Tucson at 8:30 a.m. Sunday. For complete information, call Wayne 325-7607.

COUPLES HOSTS TV GAME SHOW SPOOF

PHOENIX - Ever picture yourself as a contestant on "Wheel of Fortune" or sketching your way through a game of "Win, Lose or Draw?" Better yet, do you and your lover know enough about each other to win the "Newlywed Game?"

On Sunday, July 17, starting at 4:00 p.m., COUPLES of Arizona presents its first "TV Game Show Night" at Attitudes, 921 West Camelback. The entire community is welcome to attend this fun event, which will be hosted by Miss Gay Arizona, Penelope Poupe'.

There is no admission charge but donations will be accepted for the Community AIDS Council, as a part of July's "Sharing Weekend". For further information call Beth or Mary at 831-5920.

GENTLE SHEPHERD MCC MOVES TO NEW HOME

PHOENIX - Gentle Shepherd Metropolitan Community Church has announced its move to a new home, located at 3524 E. Mountain View (South of Shea, off 34th Place) in Phoenix.

The entire community is welcome to worship and celebrate at a special all-day Open House on Sunday, July 3. The day will start with a special morning service at 10:30 a.m., continuing throughout the afternoon with a pool party and potluck and concluding with an evening service at 6:00 p.m.

In the weeks that follow, the new location of Gentle Shepherd MCC will feature weeknight Bible Study groups, sessions for those dependent on alcohol or drugs, and services of its new AIDS ministry, as well as regular Sunday services at both 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. For further information, call 998-2421.

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SHANTI FOUNDATION/TUCSON ANNOUNCES VOLUNTEER TRAINING

TUCSON - The Shanti Foundation/Tucson will be conducting its summer volunteer training session over the weekend of July 29, 30, 31.

Shanti is a non-profit organization which provides emotional support, peer counselors for persons facing a life-threatening illness, their loved ones or anyone grieving the loss of a loved one.

The training is an intensive weekend filled with exercises in visualizations, relaxation techniques, communication skills, alternative therapies for self-healing and medical land clinical issues dealing with AIDS.

For persons interested in learning how to deal effectively with people with AIDS (and other illnesses) in a compassionate, non-judgemental way, the Shanti training is a must.

For a very rewarding experience everyone is encouraged to join the group. To register, please call 622-7107.

Other Shanti upcoming activities include:

"Living Through Death" an 8 week grief support group beginning on Wednesday, June 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Shanti office 602 N. 4th Avenue.

A A Auriel, Inc. and the Brandlen Institute will present "Tahar" and "2" Channeling on AIDS Friday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plaza International Hotel. Admission is $30 per person or $50 per couple. All proceeds go to the Shanti Foundation/Tucson.

"Letting Go Of Fear" support group for HIV Positive persons every Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the HIV Wellness Clinic, 151 S. Tucson Boulevard.

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LESBIAN AND GAY COALITION GEARS UP FOR NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

* Staffing an Action Center at the nominating conventions to facilitate press contacts and Gay and Lesbian delegate caucusing. The Action Center also will be an information clearing house and central location for Gay and Lesbian convention activities.

In addition, Gay and Lesbian VOICE 88 is preparing key Gay and AIDS messages to be delivered at the conventions, including civil rights for Gays and Lesbians, responsible AIDS policy, power of the Gay and Lesbian vote and family issues.

For more information, contact the Campaign Fund, (202)628-4160; GLDA (202)543-0298; or NGLTF (202)332-6483.

TUCSON LESBIAN / GAY ALLIANCE

FINANCIAL REPORT

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BEER PERMIT PICNIC	6/14	30.00		- 30.00
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BEER PICNIC	6/18	930.00		-930.00
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BEER CUPS PICNIC	6/19	32.10		- 32.10
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CIGARETTE SALES PICNIC	6/19		89.25	89.25
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BUTTONS PICNIC	6/19		105.00	105.00
MISC. DONATIONS PICNIC	6/19		63.25	63.25
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ACLU wins suit for Gay students at Arkansas U.

FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS - The ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project announced a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the eighth Circuit that the University of Arkansas cannot discriminate against its Gay student organization in awarding student activities funds.

"This was a classic case of suppression of speech because of viewpoint," said Project Director Nan D. Hunter, who argued the case for the students in the Court of Appeals. "Lesbian and Gay students were singled out for infringement of expressive activities because of the content of their speech."

"This decision is an important extension of the rule that government cannot censor speech by selective denial of funding," she said. The case marks the first time that a public university has been ordered to extend student activities funds, in addition to official recognition, on a non-discriminatory basis to a campus Gay rights group, GLSA.

The case grew out of a request by the University's Gay rights group for $165 to present two workshops on prejudice and to show an award-winning documentary film, "Before Stonewall", about the history and development of the Gay rights movement in the United States. The request was voted down by the student senate, and the University administration refused to overturn that decision.

The Court of Appeals found that the evidence in the case "leaves no reasonable doubt that funds were denied because of disagreement with GLSA's speech." The judges noted that the Gay students group met all of the objective criteria for funding and was the only group which met the criteria but did not receive funds. Moreover, some groups which did not meet all the criteria were funded, and there was still money left over in the budget.

"Government may not discriminate against people because it dislikes their ideas," wrote the Court, "not even when the ideas include advocating that certain conduct now criminal be legalized."

The student senate discussion of the funding request, in the fall of 1985, revealed extraordinary prejudice and ignorance about homosexuality. Some students said that giving money to the Gay group would be "against God". Many argued that such funding would support homosexuality, which students believed to be "illegal" because of Arkansas' law prohibiting acts of sodomy." When a representative of the Gay group spoke, senate members expressed surprise at how "normal" she looked. The chair of the finance committee testified that sentiment in the Senate was "totally against" the Gay group "when they came in".

The earlier history of the group's request for funds revealed similar bias. In 1982-83, discussion in the student senate had focused openly on not wanting to issue money to support a homosexual rights group. About the same time, a member of the Arkansas legislature had introduced two resolutions, one urging the University not to assist "in any manner the Gay community on campus," and one urging University officials to take measures "to stem the tide of homosexuality on the campuses of our colleges and universities."

The Arkansas campus because a focal point for tension on this issue. During the 1984-85 school year, the head of the Gay student group received death threats, and other group members were repeatedly harassed. The school's Human Relations Committee proposed a campus program on racism, stereotyping and prejudice which contained a three-minute segment on Gay/Lesbian students. According to evidence in the case, the chancellor refused to proceed with the program and declared that "no state money would go to the workshop if "one word" on Gays and Lesbians was included in the program.

"Forcing universities to accord equal treatment to Lesbian and Gay students has an important impact on the educational environment," said Hunter. "It conveys to all students — Gay and straight -- the importance of diversity and equality before the law."

DOUBLE 'CHANNELING' ON AIDS TO BENEFIT SHANTI JULY 8TH

TUCSON - Ever since Shirley MacLaine hit the airwaves with "out On A Limb", everybody has heard of the phenomenon called 'channeling', but few people have any idea of what it is. Even the media has paid little attention to what has been witnessed by thousands of people. Now the public and the media have a unique opportunity to see two of the most highly respected channels in the country, together for the first time.

A very special evening of double channeling on the topic of AIDS will be held on Friday, July 8, at 7:00 p.m. in Salon D of the Plaza International Hotel to benefit the Shanti Foundation/Tucson. Admission is $30 per person and all proceeds will go to the Shanti Foundation for AIDS education and public service.

The entities known as "Tahar" and "Zoroaster" will be channeled to discuss the metaphysical reasons for the appearance of AIDS, treatment for AIDS and future probabilities. Questions will be taken from the audience.

Vella B. Rouse of Palm Springs channels an entity who has never been embodied on this plane of reality called "Tahar". Tahar is the 'Lord of Purification and Knowingness' and the essence of total Non-Judgemental Love.

Peter Brandlen of the Brandlen Institute in Tucson has been the only channel for the Energy known as "Z" or "Zoroaster" since 1972. The historical figure of Zoroaster was a Persian philosopher/teacher who last walked the earth over 2,700 years ago.

Both energies give forth great wisdom with dry wit and gentle humor. AIDS researchers and care-givers are especially urged to attend.

Sponsored by A A Auriel, Inc., and the Brandlen Institute, Rouse and Brandlen will also channel Tahar and Zoroaster on Saturday, July 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Loew's Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson. For more information call Shanti 622-7107 or the Brandlen Institute 297-1207.

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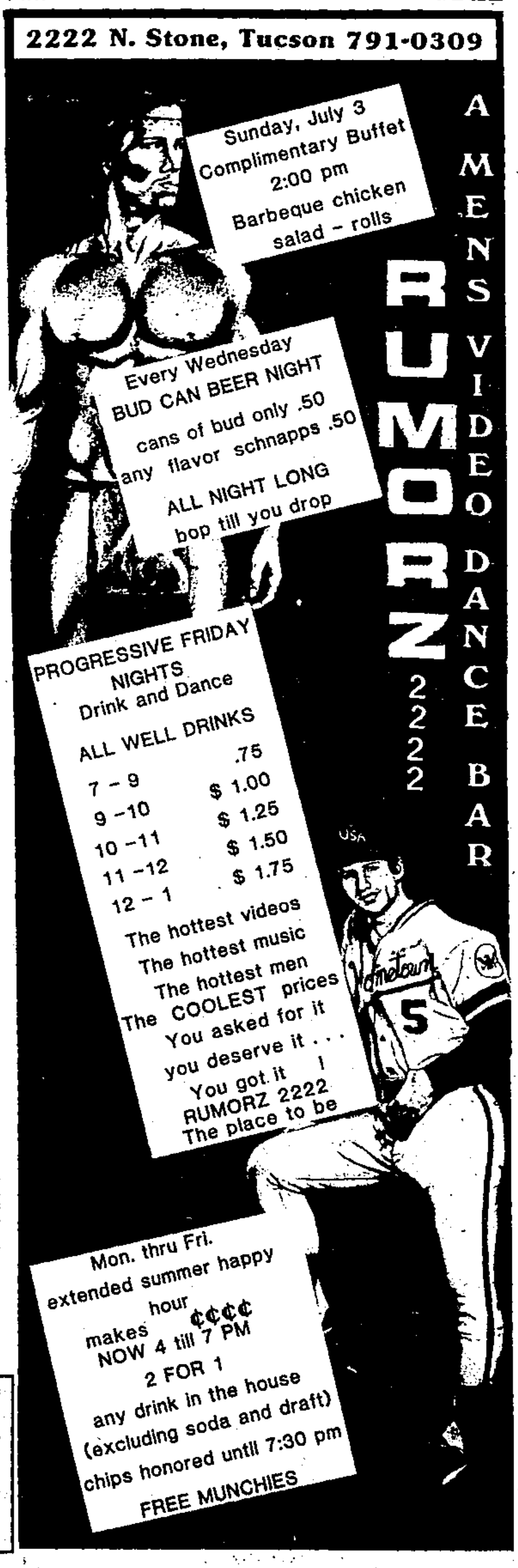

Lights of Tucson

by Michael - Tucson

THE Last Quarter Moon for the Gemini period already past, will occur on July 6th and is in Aries 10 squaring in Sun Cancer 1, creating difficulties for both signs in the area of personality and profession. Cancer is a sign for the home, Aries for the individual, hence a test of the individuals ability to handle business affairs, politics, health care or parental relationships in the home.

ARIES

11th House of friends and associates in clubs or groups. With Mars in Pisces and Jupiter in Taurus, groups will be a heavy financial drain this week and a strain on the emotions.

TAURUS

11th House intercepted, delayed group affairs through postponements due to summer vacations, etc.

GEMINI

12th House: You will be talked about this week, and even if it is true ignore it, but also be a little more discreet with your backstairs romance.

CANCER

1st and 2nd Houses: This will be your week to shine like the Sun in your sign, though you may have some problems on the job, your personal life will be great. It will also be your week to make some money and if you are due a raise or promotion you will get one this week.

LEO

3rd House: Lots of phone calls and mail. Busy, busy all week talking to people about yourself, making a good impression and getting what you want.

VIRGO

4th House: Time to clean out the attic and the basement if you have one. You may find something of great value in a dark corner. Have a yard sale. You may also have to have the services of a repair man.

LIBRA

5th House: You can play the Pick this week, but stick to scratch tickets - you might win more in the long run. You may also encounter a new romantic partner about whom you will have to be very secretive.

SCORPIO

5th House intercepted: You may find the individual with whom you are having a very intense relationship may be being unfaithful, or is leading you on.

SAGITTARIUS

6th House: You may be feeling a heavy drain on your energy at this time with both Saturn and Uranus in the same degree towards the end of your sign. It will pass within a few days.

CAPRICORN

7th and 8th Houses: Your business partner may be deceiving you, or you may be deceiving your business partners, or marital partner, in any case, a little investigation may save the partnership, so be cool and let a little time go by before you leap to conclusions.

AQUARIUS

9th House: Sudden and unexpected breakdowns may occur for you while you are traveling. Check your road maps and be sure your directions are accurate.

PISCES

10th House: Not a time to be overly self-assertive. You can be a winner now if you will keep your ego out of the way and be willing to share your honors with the team.

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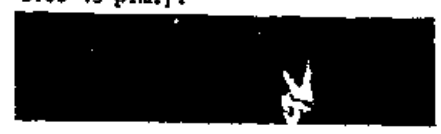
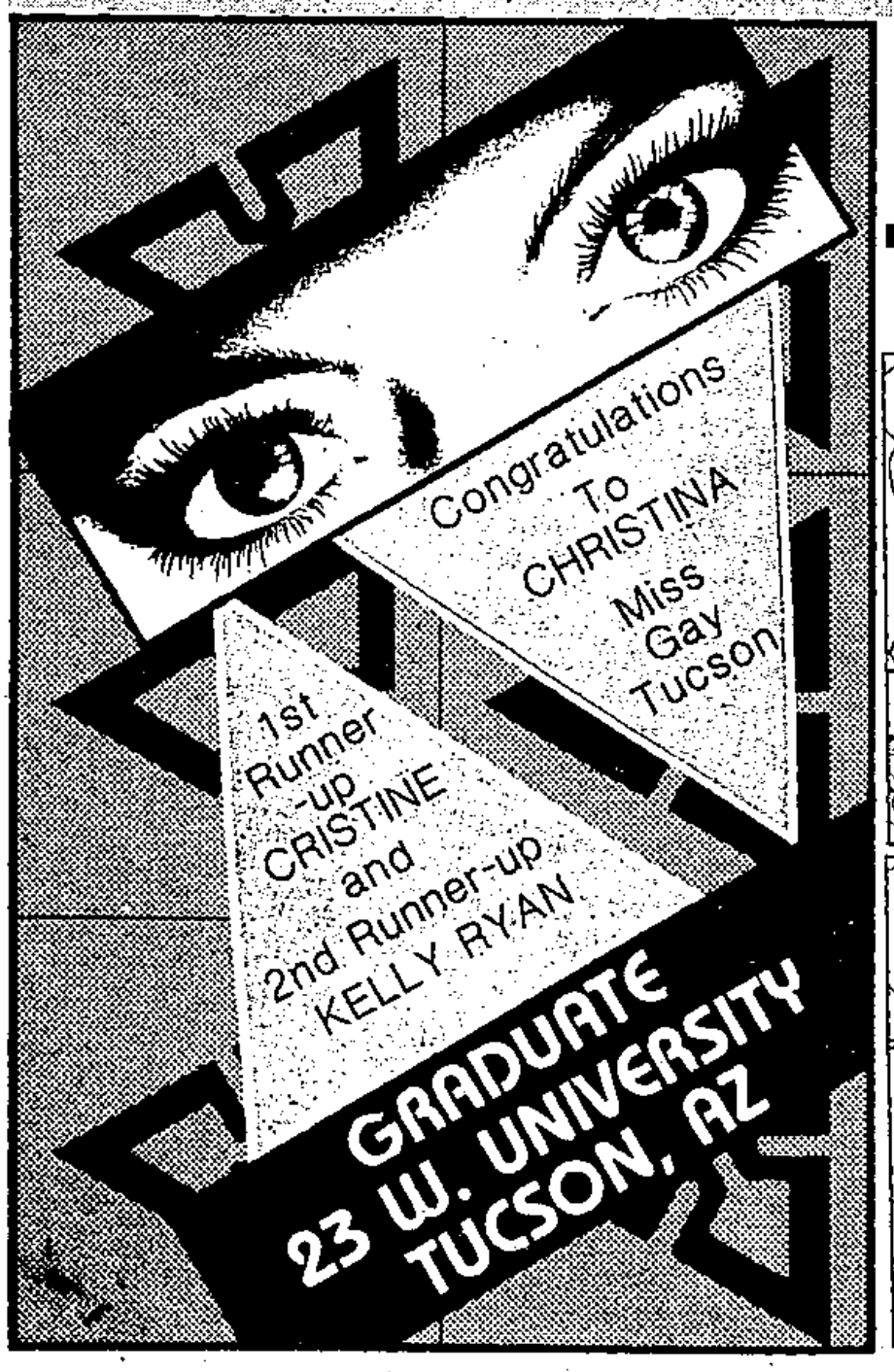
[NOTE: For personal assistance regarding your Horoscope, call Michael at 721-8155 in Tucson. Michael also may be seen on Tucson Channel 37 every Wednesday at 5:30-45 p.m.].





Morgan Calabrese'

by N. Leigh Dunlap

Methodists still divided on Gay issue

by Robert Bockiewicz

DENVER, CO - Liberals and conservatives in the United Methodist Church are at a standoff on homosexuality, according to a Gay clergyman who has been the focus of the issue for seven years.

In a recent interview, the Rev. Julian Rush, part-time associate pastor at St. Paul's United Methodist Church here, said both groups avoided the issue at the recent General Conference in St. Louis.

The denomination officially considers the practice of homosexuality "incompatible with Christian teaching" and bans clergy ordination or appointment of "self-avowed practicing" homosexuals. Mr. Rush has survived two formal challenges within the denomination by refusing to "self-avow" that he is a "practicing" homosexual.

He has been a pastor since 1964, serving on church staffs in Fort Worth, Texas and Colorado Springs and Boulder, Colorado, Ontil he "came out" in 1981. The Meridian, Mississippi native is a graduate of Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

The General Conference, top legislative body of the denomination, meeting April 26 through May 6, affirmed its stance against the practice of homosexuality but authorized a four-year study on the subject. Delegates added language committing the church to "be in ministry for and with all persons" and saying "God's grace is available to all."

Mr. Rush, executive director of the Colorado AIDS Project, said both liberals and conservatives are trying to avoid the issue, fearing a schism in the church.

"It's like the wonderful New Yorker cartoon a few years ago, showing an elephant in a living room where a cocktail party is taking place. Everyone is standing around talking to each other, business as usual, nobody acknowledging that the elephant is there. That's the way the church dealt with this issue at General Conference."

Mr. Rush contends the issue is an economic one. "Both sides are afraid that the church can't support a schism ... that's going to hurt the local churches economically. There's a deep fear about survival."

He considers unacceptable the retention of a ban against ordaining homosexuals. "If you said to black people, we're glad for you to come to our churches and be part of our ministry and put money in our collection plates but we don't think you're worthy to be in a ministry -- if you said that to Hispanics, to Asians, to women, or to Native Americans -- none of the groups would consider it acceptable.

"So why should Gays and Lesbians feel that this is anything but throwing them some crumbs to keep them in congregations as paying members, supporting a church and a structure and a ministry that innately rejects who they are because the structure says we are not worthy to serve in ministry?"

In a statement on AIDS adopted at the General Conference, delegates called upon the church at all levels to "minister compassionately to the spiritual, emotional, physical and financial needs" of AIDS victims, "remembering that we are not called to fear but to sacrificial service."

Pointing to the New Testament record of Jesus' ministry with the suffering, the disenfranchised and poor, Mr. Rush said, "If the church had really been on its toes and serious about its mission, it would have been on the front lines when the AIDS epidemic started."

Expressing little optimism about the future of the church's involvement with AIDS, he said: "Some individual churches and individuals within churches will get involved, but not the organized structure. We don't have time to wait. By the time the church decides it is safe enough to become deeply invested, we'll be miles down the road."

Mr. Rush does not believe the General Conference action authorizing a study of homosexuality necessarily contributes to a shift in attitude. "I've seen education work in wonderful ways. I've seen people confronted for the first time with real live Gays and Lesbians illustrate amazing changes. The other side is that many people out there will not avail themselves of the opportunity to study. They have made their minds up."

[ED NOTE: Mr. Bockelwicz is a freelance writer from Denver].

RITZ BENEFIT RAISES OVER $6,000 FOR PHOENIX SHANTI GROUP

by Delores Hanney

PHOENIX - Take one lively, madcap play; add one lavish and lovely champagne reception and what you have equals a benefit to remember. The sure-fire recipe was followed to perfection recently, resulting in an enchanting evening to aid the work of the Phoenix Shanti Group.

The fundraising event began with Phoenix LIttle Theatre's premiere performance of "The Ritz", a zany concoction of high hopes and confused identities flawlessly rendered with campy zeal. It was climaxed by a charming fete in the fountained courtyard, catered with casual elegance by Gregory's of Scottsdale. The good-natured sleaziness of "The Ritz" in juxtaposition to the slick graciousness of the reception added an air of whimsical balance to the affair.

For those unfamiliar with it, The Phoenix Shanti Group is a nonprofit, service organization offering support (both practical and emotional) to people with AIDS and their loved ones, and a greater understanding of the disease to the community at large. In response to the critical need to fill the vacuum that currently exists, much of the Group's effort at this time is being directed toward acquiring and opening a facility for the residential care of people with AIDS. The $6,030 that was raised by this benefit will be helpful in filling the tragic void in Phoenix.

Donations toward the establishment of the residential treatment facility for people with AIDS are gratefully accepted. Pleases make checks payable to the Phoenix Shanti Group, and mail to P.O. Box 17618, Phoenix, AZ 85011. Contributions are, of course, tax deductible.

The Group also has a continuing need for new volunteers to bring friendship and loving assistance to those living with AIDS. In Arizona, within just three months, 113 new cases of AIDS/ARC were reported, according to the state's Department of Health Services. That brings the number of reported cases, as of June 1, 1988 to 710.

For information about becoming a volunteer, telephone the Phoenix Shanti Group's office at 265-3884.

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PERSPECTIVE

by Nina Finley

[ED NOTE: Nina Finley is the mother of Bill Finley, current President of Desert Leathermen. Because of her newspaper experience, we have been encouraging her to write a column from time to time. This is her second effort, and certainly indicates the very colorful life that Nina has led].

It was the turn of the century when I put in my appearance ata farm home in southeastern Nebraska and became the latest member of a family of eight, father, mother, three brothers and two sisters. The brothers and sisters being crowded out by me, went their various ways and I was a lonely brat, being eleven or more years younger than the others.

My father's health was not good, so when they decided to move onto a homestead in eastern Wyoming it meant starting a home from the beginning. Two brothers had homsteaded, so father decided the fresh air of the Wyoming prairie would be beneficial to his health, so he filed on a homestead. We moved to it when I was nine years old. To say it was an education is putting it mildly. I learned what hard work was and by the time I was eighteen, I had learned the hard way. Farming and dairy work had been learned as only participation can teach one.

After eight years on the homestead, the folks built a modern home in the little town of Hillsdale, and lived there the remainder of their lives.

I had one year of high school there. The flu epidemic came along and schools were closed for a year. The folks income was limited, so I went to work as I felt I should be on my own. I clerked in a grocery store during World War I, and I can remember weighing up substitutes for customers who bought wheat flour. For every pound of wheat flour we sold, we had to match the pounds with a 'substitute'. Mainly oats, rice, rye or rice flour, or any grain other than wheat. It was a job to try to please customers, but rules were rules. The War was won and the world got back to normal after celebrating Armistice Day.

Soon after that, I worked in a bank until a new machine took over my job, then I went to care for an old couple in Cheyenne until they passed on. I worked as a cook for a millionaire and his wife for one winter, then cared for more old and feeble who could not care for themselves.

I finally got interested in a country newspaper and worked at it for thirteen years. It was a country newspaper whose subscribers liked to see their name in print, but after setting type by hand for thirteen years, I sold it to become a housewife.

I met my husband when he hired me to care for his invalid mother in a wheel chair. We were married thirty-six years - the highlight of my life, although having to care for his mother for three years until her death and then taking care of my mother for ten years.

In the meantime my son Bill was born and brought a ray of sunshine to us all as he grew to manhood. Bill was ten years old when our daughter Betty was born, so he was a big help in caring for her as my work with mother increased until she was put into a nursing home where she left us after two years there.

All during World War II, my husband was working on construction work for the government. Most of the time the work was at the fort in Cheyenne. Sometimes it was temporary housing, but he was away from home during the week, always trying to get home for weekends. Bill was taking care of our cows! He did the milking and feeding and such other chores that made up the daily routine.

After the War, we moved to a ranch until the estate of my parents was settled. Then we visited a nephew in Tempe and immediately decided to move to Arizona.

It seemed to be a good time to make a change, so shaking loose the bonds that might have held us, we decided to move, to leave the past there and go to a new area. So it was Phoenix. We bought a home on Maryland Avenue (it was in the country then). Later we made the move to Cave Creek, until my husband had a heart attack.

Bill and Betty were both in California, so when he recovered enough to make the move, we went to California. He passed away in 1969 and when Betty and her family moved to Cave Creek in 1973, I came with them. Since then I have spent my time with either Betty or Bill. I enjoy Tucson and Bill's friends.

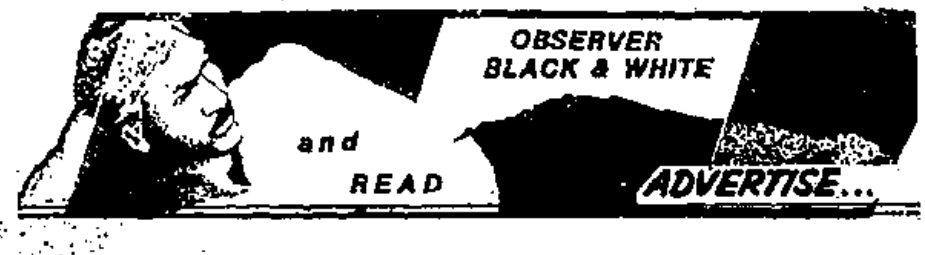
News from MCC Tucson

This Saturday, July 2 and Monday, July 4, MCC/Tucson's Yard Sale will be held on the parking lot at Rita's Rendezvous, Grant Road and Palo Verde. The sale will begin at approximately 7:00 a.m. and will run until the heat runs us out. There will be no sale on Sunday, July 3rd. There are many items that will be for sale and all items will be worthwhile.

Rev. Nita's car and everything in it is still missing. Among the items in the car are the records and ticket stubs for our 50/50 Raffle. There are many suggestions offered on how to handle this situation but no acceptable solution has been made yet. If anyone who bought tickets for this raffle would like a refund, please call the church at 622-4536 for instructions.

Pastor Perry is on vacation this week. Even though there will be no one in the office during the week, if you need to talk to anyone on the Pastoral Staff, the answering machine is in operation and is being checked periodically. Pastor Perry will be back in the office on Wednesday, July 6th. This Sunday, July 3, our worship services will se conducted by Rev. Nita.

Thought for the Week: Our lives are shaped by those who love us - by those who refuse to love us.



WHAT'S UP DOC?

It was so beautiful - a weekend with no scheduled club activity. Of course, looking at my calendar, the weekends are going to get busy again.

The first weekend belongs to TKO. On July 9, the club will be gathering at the Graduate around 12 noon, first for their monthly meeting. Then around 2 it will be their monthly Beer Bust time, from 2 to 6 p.m. Just to fill this day in, TKO will be celebrating their 9th year in Tucson. Also, sometime during the day, the newly elected officers will be sworn in. Yes, it's going to be a full day with special activities going on all day. Stop by and help celebrate their birthday and win a prize or two.

The following weekend, July 17, it's Partners' "Country Fair" and Beer Bust at IBT's. The time for this fun-filled day is noon to 8 p.m. A wide range and mixture of games will be available for you to play, one of which will be a water balloon throw. Partners will have a food booth for you to soak up all that beer you consume during the Beer Bust.

Next, an open weekend for everyone to get your boats or inner tubes patched up. Gather up a ziplock bag and a good sun screen, because on July 30, Partners and guests will be tubing down the Salt River - Partners' annual Panda Run. Something a little different this year will be a few Partners members will be at the Dime Store in Phoenix for a send-off party. Applications for this one-day run will also be on hand for anyone in Phoenix who wishes to join them tubing. For those of you in Tucson wishing to join us on this fun day, contact any Partners member for an application.

Just so you know, the Panda Run is about 3 or 4 hours in length, with a beer boat alongside for refreshments of the liquid type. At the end, a lunch will be served. Then everyone wanting to, loads up and heads to Phoenix - check into a motel and get ready for a bar hopping night in Phoenix. Sometime during the evening in Phoenix, all awards earned on this tubing trip will be presented, including this years "Tacky" Award. Presenting this award will be last year's recipient, Tommy M. Who will be this year's winner?????

Now we are in August. Where in the hell has this year gone? They say "Time flies when you are having a good time." At the Graduate you always hear, "Are we having fun yet?" In Tucson you always have fun - if not, it's your own fault. Just look at the variety of bars in Tucson. Each one offers something a little different, enough difference so at one of them, I'm sure, you can find an interest. Support all of these fine bars because each one tries to give you that little extra to help everyone have fun.

Get the hell off the sales trip. Close this column off for this week. Get yourself a cold beer and kick back. I'll take my own advice and close for now. Have yourselves a hair raising, hell fire week, and I'll see you next week. . . .

A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

COME OUT, COME OUT. . . . .

Hardly a big surprise: it now seems as if Cary Grant — suave, debonair, dashing leading man of yesterday— led a secret, double life. Yet, it appears as if he was Gay too.

He's amongst good company; Rock Hudson only the most recent of Hollywood's leading men-turned-queens. (Sorry).

It hardly comes as a surprise to me —as well as many other people who make Hollywood our beat. (Again, sorry. I've always wanted to say that). Kenneth Anger, of "Hollywood Babylon" fame, said in "Hollywood Babylon II" —in pictures if not actual words— that Grant and Randolph Scott were more than just the "roomies" as they were so advertised. Now, in a new book due out next Spring, the apparent truth comes out.

Grant was married numerous times: five times, including a short-lived marriage to Barbara Hutton, the wealthy-woman turned penniless-spinster.

Anyone who read his biography, "Haunted Idol" or Hutton's "Poor Little Rich Girl" would have realized something was fishy. Suave and debonair, yes. Straight as an arrow, doubtful.

Oh, it might be that I'm coming down hard on Grant; I came down hard on Rock Hudson too. (And, received quite a few angry letters about it, I might add). But I cannot stand people who have the advantages of homosexuality — yes, there are many— yet refuse to accept any of the attendant responsibility for who they are: homosexuals from the word go.

The new book supposedly documents Grant's inner-struggle with his true self, a struggle which he tried to win by marrying and marrying and marrying... (The pictures of Grant and Scott in Anger's book tell of happy domestic bliss. Such a roomie I should have....)

So what if Grant's professional success depended on his lying-low with regards his homosexuality? Would you and I still be fighting for our basic civil rights if someone, in as powerful a position as his was, stood up for his rights years before? Not likely.

Look at the advances in AIDS research when Hudson admitted his homosexuality. Such advances in homosexual civil rights would have been ours if Grant —and the many other Gays in Hollywood and politics hiding behind conventional disguises— would have stood up then.

Grant died November 30, 1986, aged 82. Should his memory be left alone, should he be allowed to rest-in-peace? Perhaps. If he had not lived his life a lie, as he did, then there would be no "hidden truths to disclose posthumously.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

POLITICS '88

by Mark R. Kerr

NEWS OF THE WEEK: The Pima County Democratic Party held a special session this week to elect a new Chair. The former Chair, Rep. John Kromko had resigned earlier. The temporary Chair, Alison Hughes had called for a special election to fill the remaining six months of the term. There were two candidates for the post. From District 10, there was Miguel Rojas, the Chair of Dist. 10 and a longtime party activist. From District 11 there was Bill Minette the favorite of the old-guard/establishment, he has been involved with the Democratic Party for a long time.

Miguel realized that he did not have the votes, so he gracefully bowed out, and set himself up for the December convention when they elect a new Chair for the next two years. Minette was elected by acclamation.

For the post of Vice-Chair, Alison Hughes was re-elected to the post she had before Kromko's resignation. For Recording Secretary, Sharon Berry was elected. Alison and Sharon ran unopposed. This session, said one insider, was the shortest in history - 20 minutes. It was surprising to the delegates, and especially the media. Most of them got there after the delegates had concluded their business.

The most amusing moment came before the meeting began. One of the delegates, an Ed Finklestein supporter, (remember him?), had put up a big sign in the hall. The sign said, "DeConcini is the Republican's Trojan Horse." The other delegates were incensed, and a motion was passed to remove the sign. The gentleman did yank down the DeConcini sign and got into a fracas with several other delegates.

I spoke with several candidates running for office - Judith Belcher who is running for Congress in CD-5, against Jim Kolbe; Patricia Bacalis, who is running for the State House in District 13. John Harman who is running for the House in District 12. Overall it was a real experience going to this special County Convention.

MY OPINION: Well, it is the second column, and thank heavens it is shorter. Like they say, the first time is always the hardest. To answer some questions that I talked about in the first column - about the party system and how to get involved. The first step is to become a Precinct Committeeman, because they elect the County Chair and other posts within the party.

Also, they answer questions the voters in their Precinct have. They are important and there are over 200 slots open in Pima County!

How do you become a Precinct Committeeman? You have to get a petition from the party or the Elections Department at 115 N. Church. You have to get a certain amount of signatures, and they must be registered Democrats. In my precinct, all I needed to get was seven (7) signatures. It varies, some precincts need as little as one signature and some that need 27 signatures.

Another route to becoming a Committeeman is to attend the District meetings where you could get appointed as one. I will inform you when the meetings are and where. I bring up the appointment, because when this issue of OBSERVER goes to press, the filing deadline will have passed for petitions.

But there is the other route. For more information you can call the Democratic Party at 326-3716 or the Elections Department at 792-8408.

Now I know that there will be those who object to the title of Committeeman. One of my goals is to change the title to COMMITTEEPERSON. And if you do not help the cause, it will not happen. So get involved and let's change it. Heck, they may even change the laws on the books now to let women run for public office, wouldn't that be something!

AND SO IT GOES. On your travels around the city doing whatever, you may run into creatures carrying clipboards with petitions for candidates or initiatives to be placed on the ballot; or they may come to your door. They are harmless, all they would like is your consideration and your signature.

Remember, they are trying to change the system. And heaven knows, it needs it. So give them a moment of your time. Who knows, you may run into me with my clipboard. I'm proud to say that I am one of those creatures, and I hope to meet with you. Until next time, I hope your week has gone well for you. Take care.

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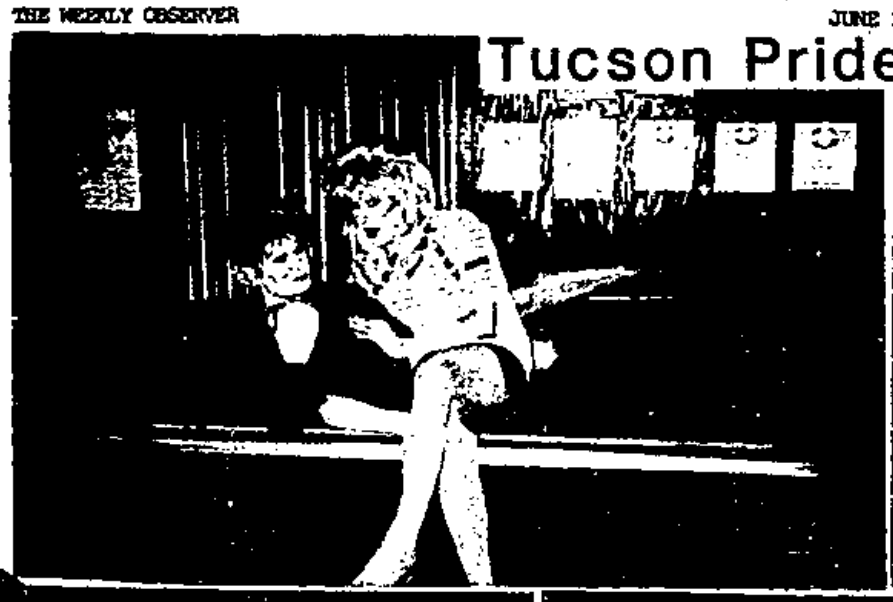
Tucson Pride Week '88



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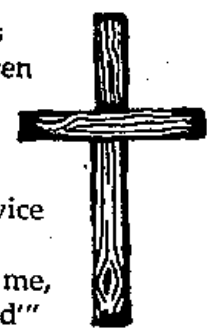

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Juicy Lucy

Well, it is that time again. It was certainly fun being out as much as I was this last week, helping to celebrate the Lesbian/Gay Pride Week. Not that I am, you understand, but I do love to help celebrate. However, there were a few things that the sooner forgotten, the better - but I won't let you. As a certain person told Roger, "Your maturity is exceeded only by your immaturity". It could apply to so-o-o many.

The weekend at the First Ladies Run which helped to start off Pride Week was a story all in itself. I won't go into all the sordid details, but will pass on a few of the more interesting remarks and escapades.

How did it happen that David got run over by the big tree and he had to crawl all the way to his tent? How did it happen that Ed from Great Outdoors who was one of the winners of the Value Village Awards could only cover the front? Ed Wach-a-hole, once you got her into a dress you couldn't get her out of it, even half way. How did it happen that Greg ran out of make-up for Gary aka Little Bo Peep?

Overheard Greg say that there wasn't enough make-up in the world to cover up all those stretch marks. And speaking of stretch marks, I understand that John from Pa. has so much going for him that even his navel has stretch marks. Tug Boat Annie took him home to help square things away. Haven't seen John since. I guess that Torture Chamber does work. Tug Boat Annie was another one of those Value Village Award winners, but even Value Village would sell that outfit. The other two Value Village Award winners were Gary from Partners and Dress Up John from TKO, but we won't go into any detail on those two, it's too embarrassing, even for me.

And can you imagine Bill, President of DL, actually being a "good" fairy? Even with Nina watching? Token Broad #1 was reminiscing about the time she and Roger used to go to Gee's with their purses lined with aluminum foil so that they could eat for a week on the price of one meal. And speaking of Roger, I hear that Peter doesn't pick fruit off the trees anymore, he got Roger years ago.

At the Gay Pride Picnic, there were so many there that they had a unique production of Midsummers Night Dream right in the middle of the afternoon with a cast of thousands. Never could figure out who was playing the part of Pan but I could make a list that could go on forever with the names of those who deserved the part.

They had a booth selling balloon and flowers. Annie decided on a bunch of flowers but almost didn't get any when the guy selling them told her they were all fresh and she asked, "Just like you?" Ben got a big pink balloon but Lee of DL sure burst his bubble in a hurry.

There were two long lines at the picnic, one for the Coors and one for the john. Everyone was out for the afternoon. Some were out of their closets into the bright sunshine for the first time. I'm not sure if all of the red ones were sunburns or just blushing.

I hear that Ernie is now known for his suction and Bert is known for his exhaust. And speaking of Bert, I'm waiting to see if he will ride down the river at Partners' Panda Run.

Jim came into a bar the other night and gave Annie a big hug from behind, he got his hands full and almost turned butch. And speaking of butch, what ever happened to Bill N?

At the Casino Nite with SOS hosting and TLGA dealing, those plants almost got stranded. They had to lower the number of chips to get one, three times. Those dealers, Chris and Jack, didn't know they were supposed to let the players win once in a while. While Chris was dealing to a player and they yelled "Hit Me", she didn't realize that they just wanted another card. And you should have seen Jack when he quit dealing and became a pit boss, they forgot to explain to him just what the job was.

Well, that's about it for this week. Just keep those lips wagging and those hips wiggling, I need the material. Through the grapevine, I hear that there is going to be another award given. I won't go into details as I am not supposed to know about it and you know I don't tell everything.

Stunt Malibu Christi Fan Club Newsletter

Dear Christi,

Just a note to let you know what a marvelous time everyone had last Sunday, June 19, at a true experience of a lifetime. We are speaking of course of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic.

I've never seen so many fruits packed and getting pickled in one place before, and I'm not talking about ambrosia salad either. The Ponderosa girls made their appearance, of course, not to mention their grand entrance by bringing Clarisse, fish tank and all. By the way, never ride in the spa with Miss Clarisse (Miss Flipper). She thinks she's at home in the ocean swimming underwater and tries taking you down with her. And don't take your eyes off her hands or she'll try snatching your family jewels. Miss J.R. was the poor mermaid that Flipper tried to drown until her seaweed sister Miss Tiffany came to her aid and entangled Miss Flipper with her pearls. Miss Clarisse quickly retreated and stumbled into some innocent bystanders temporary box, thereby bending somebody's pole. That just goes to show - never let your fish out of water.

Speaking of which, Christina and Mo Mo were in no mood for water sports that day even though it was 108 degrees. But by late afternoon, she too had a wet side to her by a spiteful wanna-be-drag boy who thought he was a cross between Bob Mackie and Helene Curtis. It was more like Tondaleo and Congolea in bar drag after a bad night.

It was a major turnout for the picnic with the entire spectrum of Gay lifestyle being represented. Miss T.S. was nowhere to be found. Did the broom break down? The volleyball games were great but Jade was like the net - a permanent fixture in every game. Miss Mae kept busy by flitting around visiting with everyone all over the grounds, unlike Flipper who just beached herself for a while hoping for a great catch to muse herself with until she heard the call of the water and went back to the spa to wet her spew hole. All in all, it was a great day.

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Felicia and Ophelia can finally see their floor and it seems Christina better beware of Clarisse since she now has acquired new jewels.

Till next time, for Jza Jza,
Miss J. R.

CALENDAR
of upcoming events

THURSDAY, JUNE 30
OUTRAGEOUS - Special Sneak Preview of Miss Gay U.S.A. 1988 Tommie Ross. No Cover. 25 cent draft beer.

FRIDAY, JULY 1
OUTRAGEOUS - The first Miss Gay Tucson U.S.A. at 8:00 p.m. Tickets $4 in advance, $5 at the door. Guests include Tommie Ross, Aviva Diamond and Jamie de Sario. The show is hosted by Donna Day and Tamara. Dancing starts at the end of show. No Cover. After Hours till 4 a.m. upstairs. $3.00 Cover.

SATURDAY, JULY 2
IBT'S - Desert Leathermen's Monthly Beer Bust from 2 to 6:30 p.m. - 50 Cent Draft Beer!

JOSHUA TREE - Rare Breed playing live on the outdoor stage for listening and dancing 9 p.m. to midnight. No Cover.

OUTRAGEOUS - "Fruit of the Loom Night" promises to be the second Outrageous theme party. Drink special and prizes for the best costumes. Costumes and reverse wear are not required. The fun starts at 9 p.m. No Cover. After Hours upstairs 12:30-4 a.m. $3 Cover.

SUNDAY, JULY 3
JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - The great band Rare Breed plays from 8 until Midnight for dancing and listening plus a special show starring Jacquleen de Savoi and special guests. No Cover.

OUTRAGEOUS - Independence Day Celebration. Meet Mom. Free Hot Dogs and Apple Pie. Firecracker Shots .75. Dancing 9-1. No Cover.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Complimentary Buffet served beginning at 2:00 p.m. BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad and rolls.

MONDAY, JULY 4
COLETTE'S - A big July 4th Bar-B-Que will be held here to celebrate Independence Day. DJ music beginning at 3:30 until 7:30.

JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET - 4th of July "Wet Party" (outside only please), plus Complimentary Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. Party all day....

OUTRAGEOUS - Bar opens at 9 p.m. Independence Day Celebration continues with 75 cent Firecracker Shots and $1.00 Well Drinks.

TUESDAY, JULY 5
COLETTE'S - The acoustic guitar and vocal talents of Anne English will be heard here beginning at 8:30 pm.

SUNDAY, JULY 10
COLETTE'S - Patti McCulla plays and sings from 9 p.m. until midnight. No Cover.

FRIDAY, JULY 15
COLETTE'S - 8:30 p.m. '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. Entry forms are available at all the bars. Cash and other prizes. Get down!

SUNDAY, JULY 17
IBT'S - Partners' present their first annual "Country Fair" from noon until 8 p.m. Beer Bust too! Indoor and outdoor booths, lots of fun and a chance to support the many groups helping our community.

JOSHUA TREE - Show hosted by Christina 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.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20
COLETTE'S - A new feature here. Every third Wednesday of each month will be Country and Western Night. Kicking off this new monthly event will be singer Loren Johnson from Phoenix. It begins at 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 22
COLETTE'S - Singer Lisa Otey sings and plays for the Happy Hour crowd.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2
COLETTE'S - Singer and musician Ann English performs beginning at 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9
COLETTE'S - The monthly Pool Tournament takes place here tonight. Check it out.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14
COLETTE'S - Vocalist Patti McCulla sings and plays for your listening pleasure.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16
COLETTE'S - Singer and musician Ann English performs beginning at 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 18 THROUGH SUNDAY, AUG. 21
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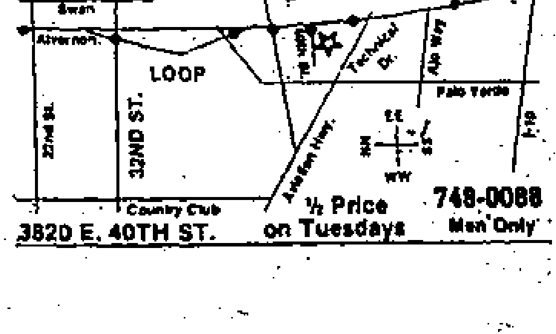

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sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust Noon to 8 pm Bud or Bud lite .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4 pm to ??? $4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's from 9 pm until 1 am. Showtime on outdoor stage at 8 p.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Wine Down Nite" .75 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.

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

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

OUTRAGEOUS - Pool Hall opens at 4 pm with daily drink specials. Dancing in Disco 9-1 with Dave Collins.

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

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. 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. VJ/DJ Dwayne 9 to 1.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Miller bottles or Schnapps .75 - Noon to Midnight. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.

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

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.

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 am "Moose Madness".

OUTRAGEOUS - Happy Hours 4-9 - $1 Domestic Longnecks; .50 Draft; .75 Schnapps. Top 40 dance music in Disco 9-1. $1.00 Well drinks.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 call/well/beer. 1 - 7 pm Well drinks $1.25, munchies.

tuesday

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

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 60s - 70s and early 80s 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 am "Moose Madness".

OUTRAGEOUS - .75 schnapps in both Pool Hall and Disco.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 call/well/beer 4-7 pm. Well drinks $1.25, munchies 1-7 pm. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Dwayne.

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 .75 Schnapps from 8 pm to close! Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Schnapps shots .75 from 8 pm to Midnight. 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 am Draft Beer .50 and Schnapps .50 shot. Dance 8 - 1 am.

OUTRAGEOUS - Long Neck Beer Bust 8-10 just .50; 10-12 .75; after midnight $1 Progressive dance rock & top hits with DJ Randy 9-1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 call/well/beer. $1.25 Well Drinks & Munchies 1-7 pm. Bud Can Beer Nite - .50 per can, plus .50 schnapps any flavor from 7 pm until close. VJ/DJ Ruben.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - B-B-Que Chicken Dinner from 4:00 until ?? $2.50, then $1.25 Nite! All Wine Coolers, All Domestic Bottle Beer $1.25 from 9 pm to 1 am. Dave Pierson, DJ, 9 to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Sudsersize!" .40 draft beer from 8 pm 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 am Long Neck Beer (non-premium) .75 - Dance 8 to 1.

OUTRAGEOUS - Happy Hour 4-9 pm. Meet Magical Bartender. Draft Beer .25 4 pm to close.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 call-well-beer 4-7 p.m. Kegger 8 pm to 12 am .50 per glass. $1.25 Well, munchies 1-7 pm. 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 - 5:30 pm Well Drinks $1 (with juice $1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) $1.50. 5:30 to 1 am All Well $1.50 (with Juice ($1.75). Dancing 8 to 1.

OUTRAGEOUS - Pool Hall opens at 4 pm. Dancing 9-1. Sloan DJs. Various drink specials.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 call/beer/well 4-7 p.m. $1.25 Well drinks plus Munchies 1-7 p.m. Progressive Friday - all well drinks .75 from 7 to 9 and go up a quarter each hour til closing. 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 pm to 1 am All Well $1.50. Dance 8 to 1.

OUTRAGEOUS - Specials start at 4 pm. Dancing at 9. Watch ads for theme nights and afterhours.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Happy Hour Noon to 6 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT - Beer Bust 1 to 6 pm Draft .50/glass. Original Peter Dogs .25 with all the trimmings. .99 Corona Nite 8 pm-12 am. A hot dance nite with VJ/DJ Ruben.

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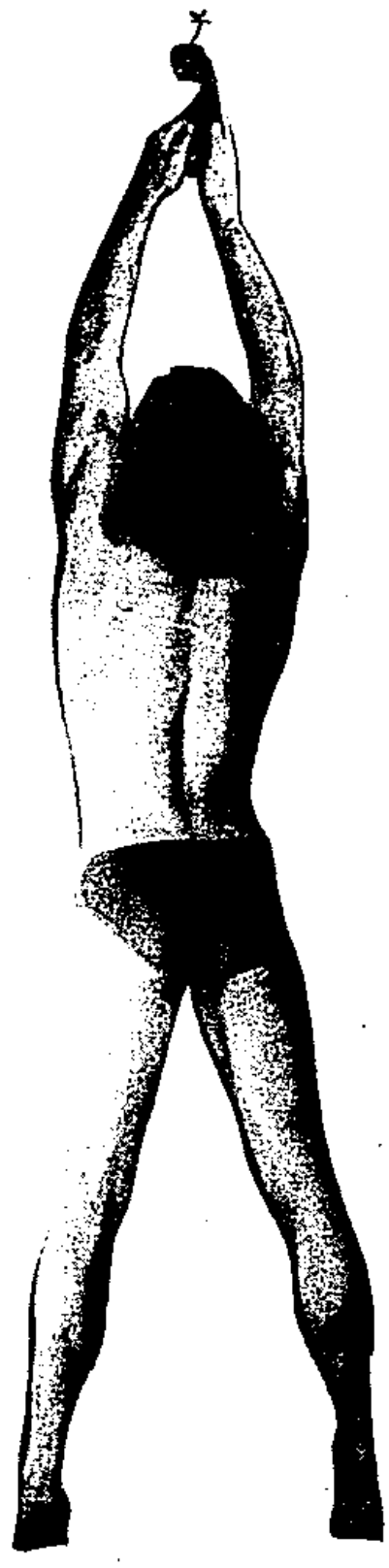

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The Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance would like to thank you, Bob Ellis, Gary Clark and your staff for your time and energy in planning Pride Week activities, and continuous media coverage. Your continued support ensures that each year the Pride Week activities will be a success.

We would also like to thank the following people, businesses, clubs and organizations for donations of both time and money and without whom, the activities could not have occurred:

The owners and bartenders who participated from Colette's, Graduate, IBT's, Joshua Tree/Back Pocket; Outrageous, Rita's and Rumor Hazzit.

To Mayor Tom Volgy; Sisters of Sonora; Bill Finley and Gary L'Abbe (video); Janet and Shelly, Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen; The Fiesta de Mayo court; Bob Bishop, Jr.; Rare Breed; James Shafer; Monte-Jon Gilmer; Frank Perez; Jaime and Rusty (medical support); Anne Schmitt; Diane, Linzee, Brandee and all security; Affirmation; Grace Episcopal Church; Metropolitan Church; New Jewish Agenda; Mark Kerr; Coors; Wayne Steele; Vicki; all clubs, organizations and individuals with booths; AA Vending; Midnight Rose.

Sincerely
TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE

Chris Jones, Co-Chair
Jack Stockslager, Co-Chair

DEAR EDITOR,

This letter has a two-fold purpose. The first, to thank all those involved in commemorating the pride that makes us a community of strength, even during adversity. We have taken on the roles of educators, community organizers, petitioners to name only a few.

When we are given support and validity from without, as represented by Mayor Volgy's proclamation of freedom and equality, we have an opportunity to be heard by the rest of Tucson.

I called the Mayor's office to say thanks, and the secretary sighed in relief, saying she was glad my call wasn't one of those "other" calls. The vocal bigots have been giving Mayor Volgy the majority of calls.

We can turn that around by each of us calling the Mayor and thanking him for his support. Help those who help us. Call 791-4201 and say thanks for the Mayor's proclamation.

Pride is forever.
Bill Richards
Tucson

[ED NOTE: As requested in last weeks Editorial, please call the Mayors office, 791-4201 and thank him for his proclamation. It only takes a minute and it means so much to our image as a community as well as bolstering the Mayor's opinion of us. He stuck his neck out, make sure we thank him for it. If each of the some 3,500 people who attended the picnic would call 791-4201 - think of the impression it would have on city hall].

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Notices

GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM? Call A.A. 624-4183. 24-Hour Hotline. Call for information on Gay and Lesbian meetings in Tucson.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326 AIDS. Hours: M-F, 10 a.m. to Midnight. Information, Counseling, HIV-Related Services.

TUCSON FRONT RUNNERS now meet for their weekly run at 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays in front of Himmel Park Library. For more information call Mitch at 325-3332.

WOMYN'S 3RD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. $1 at door (more if you can, less if you can't).

"CREATING HEALTH" and "RETURN OF THE RISHI" by Deepak Chopra, MD, President, American Association for Ayurvedic Medicine (AAAM). "We only wish that he lived close enough to make house calls..." —New York Times available at Books Brothers, 3242 E. Speedway, Tucson, AZ 85716 204

AFFIRMATION, Gay and Lesbian Mormons meet monthly in Phoenix for fellowship and positive support. AFFIRMATION, P.O. Box 315, Mesa, AZ 85201 or (602) 921-4025.

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

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

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION For meeting dates and locations or membership information call 296-4642 or write OPBPA, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, AZ 85733.

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.

ARIZONA AIDS PROJECT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS. 277-1929 OR WRITE 736 E. FLYNN, PHOENIX, AZ 85014. 190

TRANSSEXUAL AND LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. Games, Ping Pong, Potluck, Conversation and Friendship. Ask for Laura or Joan - 888-4775 Tucson. 186

YOUNG AND GAY?
Lesbians and Gay youths under 23 meet weekly in Tucson for sharing, support and information. You are not alone. Call Renee 884-7413 (days) or Wayne at 882-4009 (evenings)

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Boulevard, Suite 252 (The Broadmoor). Services for people with AIDS/ARC or HIV+; Community education. Montly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Botline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

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 Berb at 327-8519 or Sean, P.O. Box 26394, Tucson, AZ 85726. All information is strictly confidential.

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GAY AND LESBIAN ADULT DISCOURSES are informal rap group meetings provided by and for our Gay community in the Tucson area. All discussion is Gay-related. Compassion and confidentiality emphasized. Meetings are free and facilitated. Occasional guest speakers, films and social outings. For "G.L.A.D." contact information call Information & Referral at 881-1794 M-F 8-5.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. is seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish speakers in both Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. For further infmation, please all Enrique at 741-1965 in Tucson.

COME RUN WITH US
TUCSON FRONT RUNNERS meets at 6:00 p.m. every Tuesday in front of Himmel 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.

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Personals

Son #2 - Thank you for the birthday breakfast, Dad

TO THE GREEN-EYED WOMAN DRESSED IN BLACK (Friday, 6/24 at Outrageous): Though I admired you for hours, I hadn't the courage to meet your glance. Next time (August?) I promise not to be so shy.
A visitor from Las Cruces

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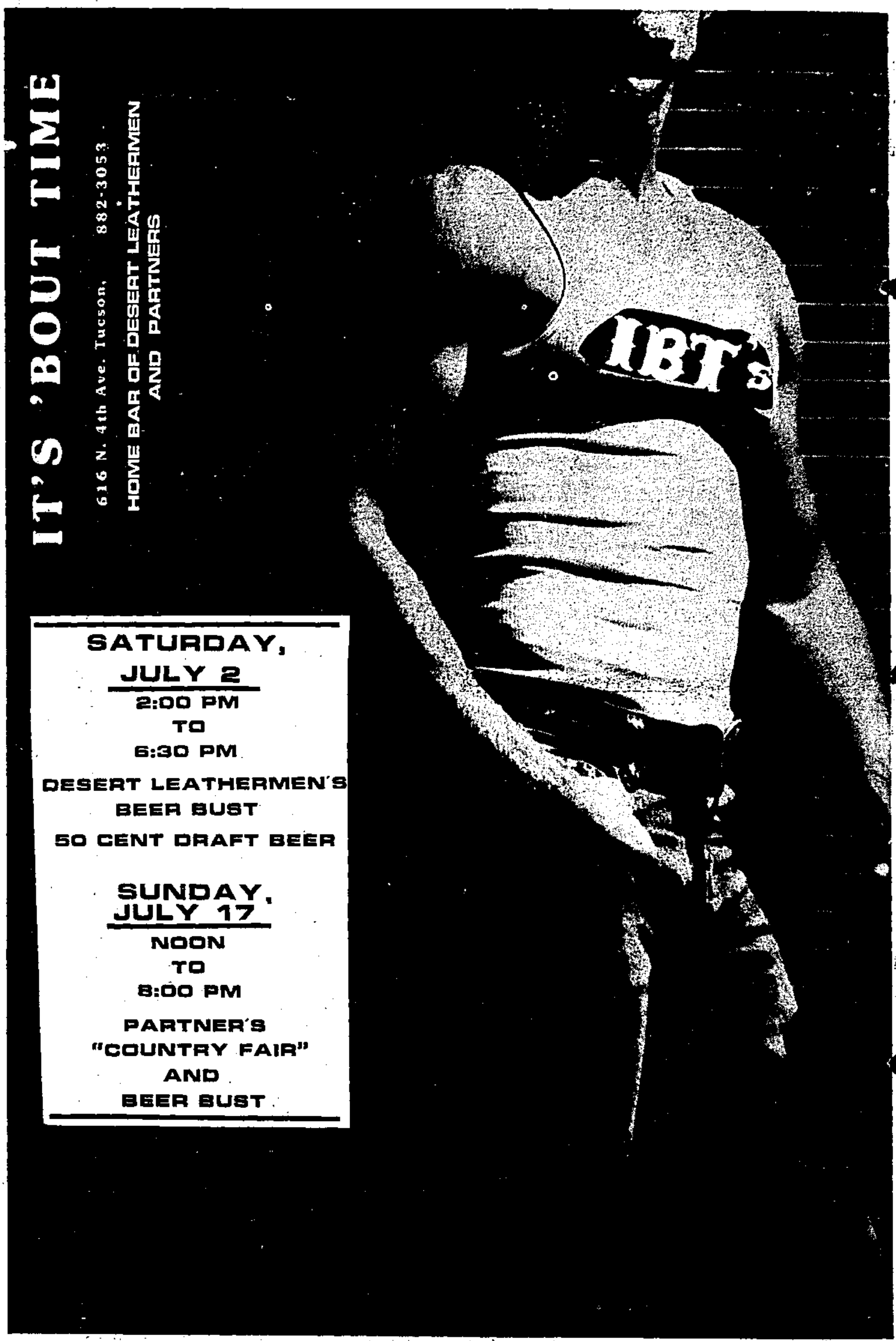

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