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Compound 'Q' newest AIDS hope FDA gives approval for human tests in record time

NEW YORK, NY - According to several newspaper stories and TV news reports, a new substance, Compound Q, imported from China has had startling success in the test-tube stage of research on the AIDS virus. The substance has already received approval for testing on humans infected with the AIDS virus by the Food and Drug Administration.

Compound Q is the only agent ever tested that can kill AIDS infected cells selectively in a test tube, according to NBC news.

The latest experimental drug for AIDS comes from the lush growing fields of China. A normally poisonous extract used in that country to induce abortion is taken from the root of a Chinese cucumber, and as refined by researchers from Hong Kong University and a small private lab in California.

In test tube experiments using human blood cells, some infected with the AIDS virus, compound Q has successfully killed the AIDS infected cells, while leaving healthy, non-infected cells undamaged. That's unique among the many potential AIDS drugs tested so far.

But it has only occurred in a test tube, although follow-up tests on animals did confirm that the drug would not attack any healthy cells. Food and Drug scientists say that they are very impressed with these early results. The FDA has announced it has approve the experimental drug for first tests on people - 15 people - at the San Francisco General Hospital.

Dr. Paul Volberding who will supervise the human tests, urges caution. "It's a long jump between the laboratory and people with AIDS," he said. "Drugs that work in a very simple system in the laboratory, often prove to be too toxic, or prove to be ineffective when we give them to people with the infection."

It took the government only two weeks to review and approve the application for human testing of Compound Q. The FDA has recently accelerated its approval process for potential AIDS drugs.

There have been reports that people have been bringing a substance in from China, and it is not clear where they got it, or how they got it. Fears of a black market in the substance are well founded according to one report, an HIV infected man in Oakland California intends to make a version of Compound Q available to AIDS patients immediately one newscaster stated.

Fiesta de Mayo This Weekend, May 4-5-6-7

Candidates expected to raise record sum for Pride Week

Gabriella and Mayda

Kip and Gary

Shanise and Leo

TUCSON - The Fourth Annual Fiesta de Mayo, a major fund raising effort for Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) will open this Thursday and close Sunday Night. TLGA is the coordinating committee and producer of all the Pride Week activities in Tucson. Pride Week '89 runs from June 25 through July 2.

Fiesta de Mayo '89 is the culmination of over a month of fund raising activities. The three couples vying for the TLGA King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo title, were holding benefits of every sort. The money collected by these three couples is counted as votes. Every dollar collected is counted as one 'vote'. Near the closing of Fiesta on Sunday night, these 'votes' will be counted and the winning couple will be announced and crowned TLGA Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen.

All Fiesta de Mayo activities take place on the patio and outdoor stage area at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket, 2921 N. 1st Avenue. The schedule for Fiesta de Mayo '89 is as follows:

THURSDAY, MAY 4

A pre-opening Fiesta party - "Salsa Nite". Many of the booths will be open beginning at 8:00 p.m. and there will be special drink prices all evening. See the Joshua Tree ad this issue.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

At 7:00 p.m., the live band "Rare Breed" kicks off Cinco de Mayo with some great music both for listening and dancing under the stars. There will be other special live entertainment between band sets. All booths will be open beginning at 8:00 p.m. There will be several food booths, plus some offering 'gambling', some games of skill, some information booths, and others offering items for sale.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

All booths will open beginning at 4:00 p.m. There will be live Mariachi music from 9 until 10 p.m. At 10:00 p.m. there will be a presentation of the three King and Queen candidate couples followed by a short show featuring the candidates and hosted by Miss Gay Arizona, Mona Littlemore. All tips generated by the candidates during the show, go to their individual campaign chests.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Booths will open at 2:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., Rare Breed will begin playing for listening and dancing under the stars. At 9:30 there will be a presentation of the candidates, past TLGA Fiesta de Mayo Kings and Queens as well as special guests of honor. At 11:00 p.m. all 'voting' ceases and the votes are then counted in the presence of the candidates or their official representatives. At approximately 11:30 p.m., the results of the 'voting' is announced and the TLGA King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo '89 is crowned.

All three candidate couples, Shanise and Leo, Gabriella and Mayda, Kip and Gary, have all worked long and hard in their fund raising events, and no matter the outcome, each is to be congratulated for their energy and perseverance during these past weeks.

All the money raised by these couples, goes to TLGA to offset costs of producing Pride Week activities. Since its beginning in 1986, the Fiesta de Mayo candidates have raised between $2,000 and $3,000 each year. Costs of producing Pride week varies each year according to the number of events that are planned.

The annual picnic, which for the past 12 years has traditionally kicked off Pride Week in Tucson, attracts thousands of people to Himmel Park. Last years attendance was nearly 3,500 The picnic alone costs over $1,500 to put on. It features free beer and soft drinks all afternoon, games, booths, dancing, etc.

All costs have been paid for by members of the Tucson community who joined in the Fiesta de Mayo activities and donated monies to the Fiesta candidates. So Fiesta de Mayo is the tool by which Pride Week in Tucson becomes a reality, a joint community activity to be enjoyed by all members of the community and their friends.

Your continued support of Fiesta de Mayo this weekend will assure that TLGA will be able to put on a bigger and better Pride Week this year. Remember the dates, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 4-5-6-7. Be sure to attend this important activity.

Support Fiesta de Mayo Events.

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UPDATE

SHANTI PLANS MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

TUCSON - Shanti Foundation/Tucson and the Tucson AIDS Project is planning a Memorial Day Service on May 29 at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 3809 E. 3rd Street. This service will be similar to the one held last year.

They are interested in contacting persons who have lost someone to AIDS (lover, spouse, son, daughter, close friend) who wish to remember them at this service. In addition, Persons who are dsigning quilts to be incorporated in the NAMES Project national quilt, and wish to display them at this service, are urged to contact Shanti or TAP.

At Shanti, call Bobby Harris, 622-7107. At Tucson AIDS Project, call Beth Carey, 322-6226.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"People who come to this university are mainly from rural areas and small towns. So some are homophobic because they are ignorant of Gay and Lesbian issues. And it takes them awhile to realize we are not just a bunch of fags and dykes who want to take over the world."

— Ivan Vincent, student at the California State University at Fresno, as quoted in the San Jose Mercury News. Vincent's comments came after about 15 people dressed in Ku Klux Klan-style robes drove around the campus in trucks with signs saying "Queers Go Home".

The target of the harassment was a group of 130 Gay and Lesbian students from various schools in the West who had come to Fresno to participate in the annual regional conference of Lesbian and Gay student organizations. The Fresno campus was chosen as the site for the conference in part to respond to homophobic attacks there. Last year vandals burned down the Gay and Lesbian student's information booth.

TRANSSEXUAL PRISONER SETTLES SUIT

DES MOINES, IOWA (GCN) - A transsexual prisoner in the Iowa Penitentiary has settled a lawsuit filed in 1984 charging the Iowa Department of Corrections with being "deliberately indifferent to [her] gender dysphoria (transsexualism)," according to the magazine Tapestry. The prisoner known as Thomas White and Tammy Lynn White, settled the suit after a St. Louis, Mo., appeals court reversed a June 188 decision in White's favor.

According to Tapestry, the tentative settlement provides that "White is a bonafide transsexual; transsexualism is a serious medical condition; and the medical staff at the prison will provide White with care and treatment consistent with the recommendations of the court-appointed expert who diagnosed White.

The article also reported that White said she committed the second-degree robbery that led to her incarceration to get money for medical treatment for her condition.

PASSIONATE KISSES AN AIDS THREAT?

NAPLES, ITALY (AP) - A group of Italian researchers believes it is possible for the AIDS virus to be transmitted through passionate kissing, a claim that contradicts top American AIDS research.

In the Journal of the American Medical Association, six researchers from the Infectious Disease Clinic in Naples claim to have demonstrated that the amount of blood found in saliva is greater after passionate kissing or teeth brushing.

Saliva samples taken from 90 study participants found blood in nearly half of the samples, and the amount of blood increased significantly after extended open-mouthed kissing, the doctors said.

IRAN-CONTRA JUDGE ALSO HANDLED MAJOR GAY RIGHTS CASE

WASHINGTON, DC - Many Gay people noted with special interest when Judge Gerhard Gesell was appointed to preside at the Oliver North trial. Gesell was the judge who, in a landmark 1980 case, told the Air Force to reinstate an openly Gay man at full rank and with back pay.

Judge Gesell first became involved in the case in 1975. Leonard Matlovich, an Air Force sergeant with an impeccable record, had come out in a letter to his commanding officer, thus challenging the military's anti-Gay employment policies. When the Air Force threatened to discharge him, Gesell denied a temporary restraining order which would have allowed Matlovich to stay in uniform. At the same time, however, Gesell ordered a full hearing at the District Court level.

Gesell's actions in the Matlovich case support his reputation for going toe-to-toe with the military. As in the Oliver North trial, Gesell demanded that the military be responsive to the rule of law. In a forthcoming biography of Matlovich, his attorney, David Addlestone, explains that "Gesell put the case on the fast track. He said, 'I want certain information from the Air Force. You had better be prepared to respond to this, that, and the other.'"

Though in July 1976 Gesell ruled in favor of the Air Force, he said, "There is no standard, no preconceived stereotype of a homosexual which, unfortunately, some of the Air Force knee-jerk reaction to these cases would suggest still prevails in the Department."

Gesell's personal feeling about Matlovich and about Gays in the military were evident in his written decision. He listed Matlovich's many accomplishments and said that while he had reached his decision on strict readings of the law he personally felt "it is desirable for the military to re-examine the homosexual problem, to approach it in perhaps a more sensitive and precise way."

Gesell's historic ruling came on Sept. 9, 1980. The U.S. Court of Appeals had returned the the Matlovich case to him with instructions to order the Air Force to clear up a hazy policy of making exceptions to their ban of homosexuals. Gesell ordered Matlovich reinstated since the Air Force failed to develop a clear policy.

Matlovich's case has formed the basis of a number of more recent cases including those of Miriam Ben-Shalom, Perry Watkins, and the most recent case involving Joseph Steffan against the U.S. Naval Academy.

The details of Judge Gesell's ruling are contained in "Matlovich: The Good Soldier," the biography of Leonard Matlovich, which is to be released June 1, 1989 by Alyson Publications of Boston. Leonard Matlovich worked closely with the author, Michael Hippler, until his death from AIDS on June 22, 1988

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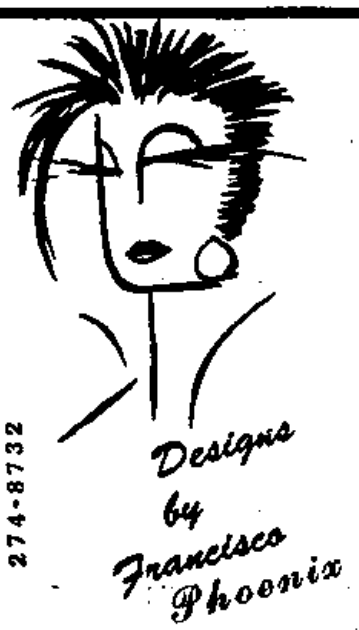

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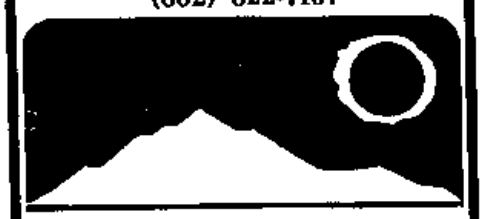

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A REMARKABLE PEOPLE

by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

Our old buddy Brenda Burns is at it again. She recently introduced a bill which has passed the Arizona House and is before the Senate mandating HIV testing for anyone convicted of a sex crime, and anyone foolish enough to spill bodily fluids on a cop. And she has announced her intention to amend the bill after it passes the Senate to make this testing mandatory after arrest rather than conviction. God forbid that there should be anything like due process in Brenda Burns' America.

Or that cops might be the ones spilling infected blood. Ms. Burns sees no reason to "protect" us from the police, either their blood or their willingness to arbitrarily deny others rights as they already have with their secret little computer list of people "supposedly" infected with the AIDS virus. As near as can be told, that list seems to have been composed of information drawn from the county health department, and half from the fertile little minds of Phoenix's finest.

I recently took the training to be a volunteer for the Tucson AIDS Project, which by the way is highly recommended. Part of the training consisted of a talk by Pima County Epidemiologist Bruce Porter who talked about AIDS like a bus that's going through. Everyone gets on with their own agenda. Thus we have such disparate people on the AIDS Express as those favoring and those opposing sex education. I guess I too have my own agenda, a complicated mish mash of Gay rights, anti-poverty, compassion for others, the triumph of science over superstition, and small mystical insights. Trust me, they do all go together.... kind of.

But, what is Ms. Burns' agenda? From what I've seen of her "work", I don't think she has either the mind or the heart to manage so complicated an agenda as mine is. I strongly suspect that she is riding the AIDS Express so that the folks in Glendale will remember who she is next election day. Here we have an issue in which she can seem to be doing something, and that without undermining her ideological bias or revealing her to be the raving Mechamite loony she wants to be.

The last time I wrote about our Ms. Burns, I urged her to get some hands-on experience with AIDS, perhaps read a little by someone with better medical understanding than Jerry Falwell has.

Obviously she hasn't or she'd know that there are zero reported cases of HIV transmission like that a cop might have to worry about. And she would also know that testing the infector is not really going to tell if the infectee has in fact been infected. This mandatory violation of another's body because this person has violated another serves no purpose than to punish the party of the first part. It has almost as much in common with good medical practice as it does with good constitutional law.

One can only hope that our Ms. Burns will soon find another hobby horse to ride, one that does not involve other people's lives and deaths. Perhaps she could champion veteran's benefits for Civil War veterans, north and south. Or amend Newton's laws of motion to solve our traffic problems. Anything, just so she's doing something useful for a change.

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HELLO -

I am working on an oral history of the Stonewall riots which took place in Greenwich Village in 1969. I sent out notices about this project over a year ago and have received responses form all over the country. I want to thank all of you who posted or printed this notice because it is as a result of your support that I have had such an overwhelming response.

I am writing this letter for three specific reasons. First, because this June is the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, people are beginning to focus on them more than ever. Therefore, I am sending out a second notice in the hopes of attracting even more people than have already answered my request. Secondly, I feel very strongly that the book I am working on should represent the events and the people who took part in them as accurately as possible. Therefore I am putting out a special request to women and people of color who witnessed or participated in the Stonewall riots. Finally, I am still looking for photographs of the riots.

I had originally hoped for the book to be out this June. However, because of the unexpected volume of responses to my notice last year and because of the problems I am having getting the records on the riots from the New York City Police Department and the FBI, it will probably be another year before it is published.

For the oral history of the Stonewall riots, I am seeking all participants, witnesses, police officers, Stonewall Inn employees, journalists and other interested and involved people who were present at any of the the nights of rioting in June 1969. I would also like to interview people who were not at the riots but whose lives were directly or dramatically affected by them.

I am presently interested in locating women and people of color who were present at the riots. I am looking for any photographs, whether taken by a professional or amateur, of any of the nights of rioting. Any letters, diary entries, fliers, clippings or other documentary material on or generated by the Stonewall riots are also of great interest.

Any proceeds I receive from the resulting book will be used to create a fund for Gay and Lesbian archives and history.

Because of another project I am involved in and because of the sponsorship of some Gay and Lesbian organizations, I will be traveling to different parts of the country this year. Hopefully, this will allow me to interview in person most, if not all, of those interested.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact me, Michael Scherker, P.O. Box 100391, Brooklyn, NY 11210, Phone: (718) 434-6814.

Thank you very much for your interest and assistance.

Michael Scherker, Brooklyn, NY

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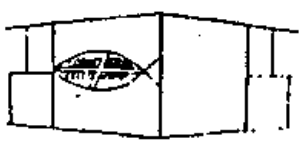

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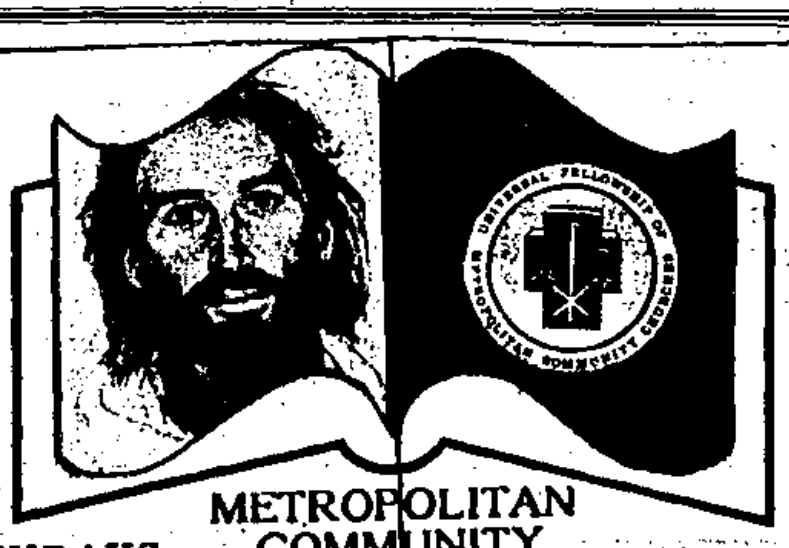

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Lesbian purge by Marines continues

by Chris Bull

CAMP LEJEUNE, NC (GCN) - In the latest episode of the ongoing military crackdown on Lesbians in the Marines, a military Board of Inquiry has recommended that Capt. Judy Meade be given an "other than honorable" discharge for "conduct unbecoming of a military officer," which included "associating with a known Lesbian". The case will now go before a military judiciary panel in Washington DC, which will issue a final ruling on the case shortly.

According to Camp LeJeune spokesperson Scott Campbell, allegations of "fraternization" - defined by the military as "unduly familiar relations with a lower ranking officer" - and obstruction of justice - including threats against investigators - were dropped. Charges of sodomy against Meade were also dropped by the Naval Investigative Service (NIS).

Meade, who has established what the military admits is an "excellent" record during her 11 years in the service, is charged under the vague law that gives the military broad power to define "unbecoming" conduct. Specifically Meade is accused of having a relationship with a civilian who is a "known Lesbian", Paula Berry, and sleeping in the same bed with her over a 16-month period. "She is not accused of being a Lesbian, only of poor judgment in associating with a known Lesbian, failing to report suspected homosexuality and going to a suspect bar, which Lesbians are known to frequent," Campbell told GCN. Meade has declined interviews and her civilian lawyer, Vaughn Taylor, could not be reached for comment.

Meade's association with Berry was brought to the military's attention by Cpl. Barbara Baum while Baum was being interrogated by the NIS. Baum, who was one of three female Marines court-martialed at the Parris Island Marine Outpost in South Carolina, was granted clemency in return for her cooperation with an NIS investigation into Lesbianism among female Marines according to the Washington Blade.

Jim Woodward, president of San Diego-based Gay Veterans Association, said the Marines' prosecution of Lesbians is a gross infringement of their rights. "Associating with people is constitutionally protected behavior. It's back to the McCarthy era except that the Marines are substituting the word Lesbian for communist," Woodward said. He also blasted the military's policy of forcing women to implicate one another of Lesbianism in exchange for a reduction of charges or clemency.

One woman, Sgt. Christine Hiliniski, was demoted merely for testifying in favor of one of the accused women in military court. Hiliniski is challenging the demotion.

The administrative discharge of Meade, which is considered less serious punishment than a military court-martial - which often involves time in the brig - is part of what military law observers characterize as one of the largest "witch hunts" ever of Lesbians in the Marines. A total of 17 women have been charged with Lesbianism during the last year, according to Campbell. Three women are currently spending between six and 14 months in prison after being convicted of engaging in acts of sodomy with other enlisted women.

(According to Defense Department Statistics, women are ten times more likely to be discharged for homosexuality than men, although men outnumber women in the military by a margin of 20 to one).

Vicki Almquist, director of Women and the Military Project for the Women's Equity Action League (WEAL), told GCN Meade's case is part of a massive effort on the part of the military to get rid of anyone who might be perceived to be Lesbian or Gay. Almquist, who is lobbying Congress on behalf of Meade and other women in the military who are Lesbians or perceived as Lesbians, said women are often targeted for turning down the advances of military men and for challenging stereotypes about women. "Many of these women are strong, assertive, competent women, who don't act feminine, or talk like the men believe they are supposed to. Many men in the military still are not comfortable with women in the military," she commented.

She said that WEAL opposes discrimination against Lesbians that Lesbian-baiting in the military is a form of sexual harassment. "I call it the atom bomb of sexual harassment. It stops women in their tracks, because they know you can't be a Lesbian in the military and it's almost impossible to fight the charge.

The Fast Continues .....

(Photo: Rink)

A fasting, thin Stuart McDonald is rapidly deteriorating in a hunger strike for anti-Gay, anti-AIDS legislation. See story below.

by Dennis McMillan

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (BAR) - Stuart McDonald, a person with AIDS who has been on a hunger strike since Jan. 2, has escalated into a water-only fast. He described his condition as "rapidly deteriorating" as his supporters mounted a telephone campaign aimed at U.S. Senator Pete Wilson (R-CA). Pro-McDonald people want Wilson to join Sen. Alan Cranston (D-CA) in the co-sponsorship of Senate Bill 47, the Lesbian and Gay civil rights bill.

Meanwhile, McDonald painted a bleak picture of his health. "It's rapidly deteriorating," he said, "and the things the doctor warned me about originally are now happening - lightheadedness, faintness, extreme fatigue and pain in the joints."

His fast for enactment of legislation prohibiting anti-Gay and anti-AIDS discrimination has gotten nationwide media attention.

Reaction from the U.S. Senate has been lukewarm. McDonald said he received a letter from Sen. Paul Simon (D-IL). Simon said he and Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) are apparently waiting for a grass roots campaign to be established in San Francisco before taking any action. A letter from Sen. John Glenn (D-OH) rationalized that he only supported anti-discrimination laws based on genetics and religious beliefs.

A letter from Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) thanked McDonald for his point of view, but that was it.

In response, McDonald sent an open letter to Pres. George Bush, California Gov. George Deukmejian, Wilson and all federal and California state legislators. In his letter, he informed them of having completed the 91st day of his hunger strike (as of April 3). He judged their act of action as part of "a systematic extermination -a holocaust- now going on in this country against the homosexual minority."

He accused them of murder and genocide, saying "Your failure to implement adequate planning, funding and programs for AIDS education, prevention, research and treatment is proof of your murderous intent."

McDonald offered any of five different ways to end his fast: Pres. Bush could sign federal legislation adequately prohibiting and redressing both anti-homosexual and AIDS-related forms of discrimination; Deukmejian could sign such legislation on a

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WHAT'S UP DOC?

Fiesta de Mayo is finally upon us and all the candidates for the King and Queen crowns were out this past weekend for that final big push, working for as many votes as possible. This reporter only attended one couples fund raising activities over the weekend.

First, Keith and I went out to Kip and Gary's swim party Saturday afternoon. It turned out to be one of the most relaxing afternoons I've spent in a long time. Plenty of food was on hand to stuff yourself as much as you wanted to. To wash the food down, there was a keg of beer. I tried to put a big dent in it - with help from everyone else, of course. The weather was super - not too hot. As for the water in the pool, after the initial shock from diving in, was quite refreshing.

During the afternoon, those two stars from "Gypsy", Kip and Keith, tried to put on a swimming show together, but the rest of us had other plans for them. They started their swimming from the deep end toward the shallow end, but along the way they were cannonballed by six others. Of course, to add to this performance (?), Kip was wearing one of Annie's one-piece bathing suits. I'll not mention Kip's appearance in that suit. I'll leave it up to your own imagination.

Everything taken into account, the day was a lot of fun and even with the lack of numbers in attendance, it was very relaxing.

The campaign schedule was not anywhere over for these two, because Sunday found them over at Rumors for a Beer Bust, BBQ hamburger and hot dog feast, a show put on by Loren Johnson, counting of those votes for the Sexiest Bartender award, won by Bucky at Rumors, and finally the raffle drawing for the Marilyn Monroe print. I can almost bet that when Kip and Gary got home after this day, they both just sat down and didn't move for hours, just to relax.

Good luck to the two of you this coming weekend at the Fiesta de Mayo at JT/BP. (Check elsewhere in this issue of OBSERVER for a fun time and activities schedule for the weekend).

Just for the record, this short paragraph is only directed to those who, for some reason or other, missed the Sunday morning Arizona Fellowship meeting. It has been re-scheduled for May 14th at noon at the Graduate. Please do not miss this meeting because this committee has a lot to discuss and vote on.

I haven't been able to find out about DL's monthly Beer Bust at IBT's (which is upposed to re-open this weekend). As for the club, they are all going to be up in Las Vegas for the annual Satyricon Run. Have fun guys and gals, but I'll warn you I have a Cub Reporter watching you so that in next weeks column, I'll be able to spill all the beans.

TKO and Partners will be meeting also. Of course with Partners' president running for the Fiesta de Mayo King crown, Partners meeting will be delayed until the following weekend. TKO's will be this Saturday at Tommy and Gary's house.

Looking at my calendar, I see the only thing I'll have to worry about after this weekend will be TKO's annual Spring Fling. This starts May 26 at the Graduate. After that, everyone will be heading out to Catalina State Park, this year's location for all activities for Spring Fling IX.

I hope everyone is having themselves a really special beautiful week. So, without further BS on my part, I'll close. I love everyone in this Tucson town and a special love to my Teddy Bear.

News from MCC Tucson

This coming weekend is the celebration of Fiesta de Mayo. The weekend of activities is to be held at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket and will be open to the Tucson community. MCC/Tucson will be having a booth with a game for all to enjoy during this celebration. Join us as we wish all of the contestants for King and Queen the best of wishes. A special thanks goes to TLGA for making this past month a very positive time for the entire community.

It was announced previously that MCC/Tucson is looking for new facilities. Negotiations are now being made for a new location. As soon as the negotiations are finalized, we will be able to announce our new address.

This last Sunday, being the fifth Sunday of the month, we had a special Morning Worship Service in that none of the Clergy took part in the service. The Lay congregation conducted the service with Deacon Stephen delivering the message, and Dennis, clerk of the Administrative Council, being the Eucharist. Remember, Pentecost Sunday is just two weeks away. Details of this very special service will be in next week's column.

Thought for the Week: I have noticed that folks are generally about as happy as they have made up their minds to be.
-- Abe Lincoln.

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A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

NOTHING IS WRITTEN: THE RETURN OF "LAWRENCE OF ARABIA"

What can I say about this film that has not been said about other "perfect" films? Films which, when held up to the reflected light of "Lawrence of Arabia", sadly pale; sophomoric in their attempts to tell a story.

Based on the autobiography "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" (1935) by Thomas Edward Lawrence (1888-1935), this 1962 film directed by David Lean captures the strength, complexity and confidence of the man who, during World War One, helped the British defeat the Turkish army and unite feuding Arab factions. A feat done, surprisingly, by a single man assigned to the mission by an army that thought the mission impossible —and the man expendable.

The film won 7 Academy Awards: Best picture, Director, Cinematography (Fred A. Young), Music (Maurice Jarre), Art Direction, Sound and Editing.

The stars of the film include then-unknowns 28-year-old Peter O'Toole and Omar Sharif (both nominated for Academy Awards for their brilliant performances in this film), Alec Guiness, Anthony Quinn and a supporting cast of thousands. It was filmed in the blazing desert heat of Jordan, Spain, Morocco and Seville.

After its premiere in 1962, the film was edited from its original length of 221 minutes —to allow exhibitors three daily showings instead of two. Further editing practically destroyed Lean's $12 million vision A couple years ago, restoration of the film began. Several hundred laborious hours and $700,000 later, the new 216-minute "Lawrence of Arabia" was set for its premiere. It opened April 21 in Phoenix and is currently showing at the Harkins' Cine Capri.

Lean's vision captures the desperate struggle of the first Great War and the men who fought it, going back to the sands of Cairo, Damascus and Jerusalem; but mere words cannot describe the majestic scenes in the film.

It is likewise difficult to describe the character portrayed in the film. Lawrence, a bastard whose mother was so strict in her discipline it would be called child abuse today, was homosexual. Neither his sexual proclivities — which extended to being whipped with a Birch rod— nor his years-long love affair with a young Arab boy are dealt with in the film: being, perhaps, too sensational for the audiences of 1962. (His reaction to the deaths of his two young companions, Dahoud and then Farraj, are perhaps the closest the film comes to dealing with Lawrence's sexuality).

The film instead centers on his nearly compulsive mission to reconcile feuding Arab factions, to conquer Aquaba, to be almost a god to his followers. Was Lawrence mad, or was he merely a genius who could not be understood by the men around him? Neither history nor the film makes this point clear. Also unclear is his death in a motorcycle accident — the sequence which begins this film. Rumors still persist he was murdered, the accident faked. If so, by whom and why?

The film's most powerful sequence comes with Lawrence's rescue of a fallen man as the journey across the sun's anvil nears its end. The others insist the man be left for dead, but Lawrence — attesting to his hatred of violence or cruel insists on returning to save the man. As the others continue forward, he heads back into no-man's land.

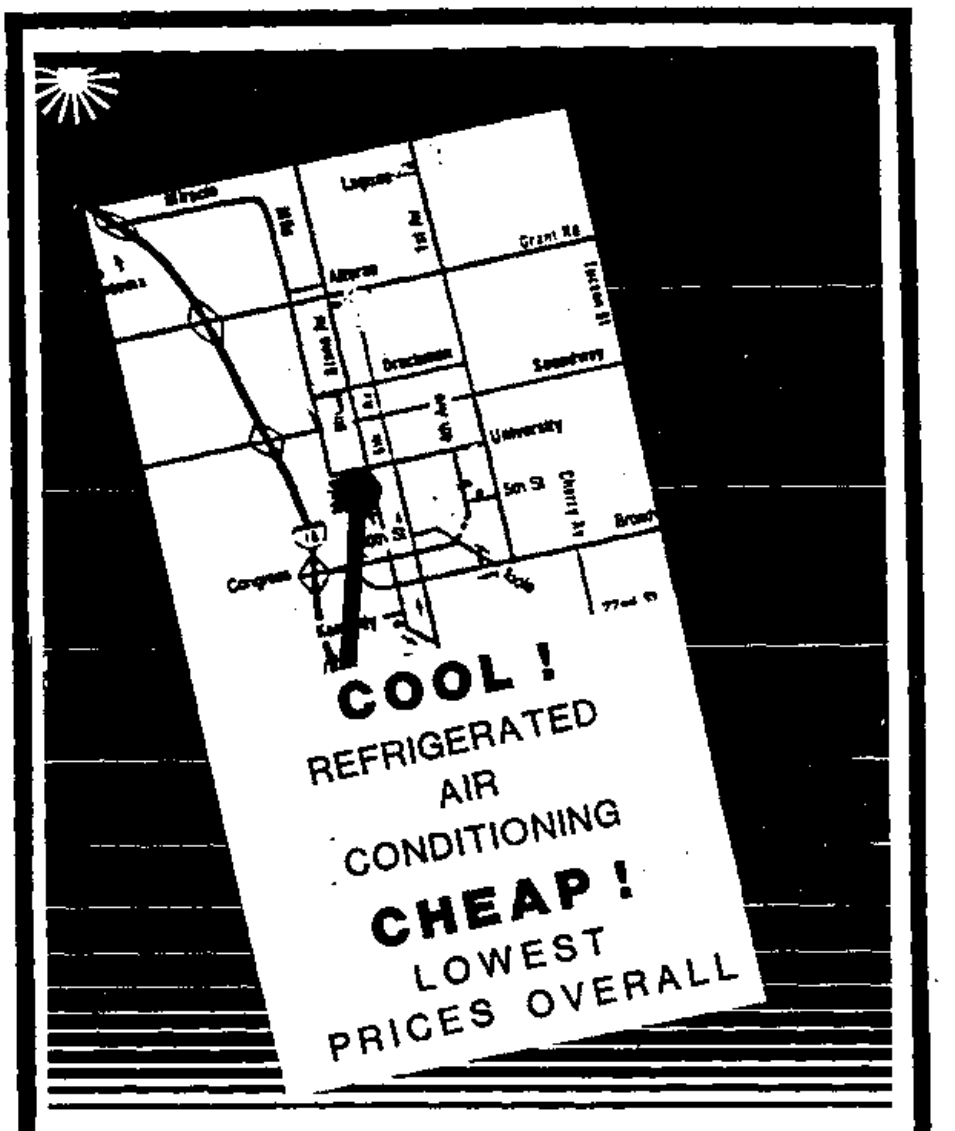
The journey is long, arduous, torturing; Lawrence remains singleminded while Dahoud stands vigil on the desert's edge. The fallen man crosses the burning desert by foot, exhausted, attempting to catch up to his group while the sun beats mercilessly down on him, Lawrence and Dahoud.

Then, in the distance, Dahoud sees a speck of movement. When he realizes it is Lawrence, he spurs his camel on and begins a charge across the desert, his wailing call signalling Lawrence. As the two approach, it is clear Lawrence was successful in saving the man. Lawrence's subsequent return to camp —and the stunned adoration of his men— completes what might well be the finest moment in cinematic history.

But, is "Lawrence of Arabia" perfect. No. Lean seems to have been daunted by the immensity of the desert and the life of the film's subject; forsaking for the epic sense of man's smallness the pace of storytelling which is necessary in any film —especially one of 3 1/3 hours in length. It is, however, as close to film perfection as has been attained in generations of filmmaking. It remains the best adventure film ever made; maybe the best film ever.

Exclusive to the Cine Capri, Phoenix. For information call 956-1901.

At Spes Non Practa: See you next week!



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ZODIAC CHARACTERISTICS AND COMPATIBILITY

AIRES

Aries people are of the fire element and therefore can be very aggressive pursuing their goals. Aries are straightforward and honest. If they perceive that someone is either angry or disappointed with them it truly bothers them as they prefer to be friendly with everyone. Sex is extremely important to Aries as it gives an acceptable vent for their aggressiveness. Sexually, Aries prefer to do the penetrating. To seduce an Aries, it is wise to start by running your fingers through their hair.

TAURUS

Taurus people are of the earth element and therefore can be very stable and somewhat possessive lovers. Taurus are friendly but should not be taken too seriously as they may exaggerate the facts when talking to others. Taurus people are not safe when they lose their temper so don't push them too far. Sexually, Taurus people are very sensual and like to touch as much as possible. The back of the neck is one of the most sensitive parts of the Taurus body.

GEMINI

Gemini people are of the air element. Geminis are fascinated by listening to the ideas of others. Gemini is a sign of extremely high intelligence so therefore they may find themselves easily bored. Geminis give some of their best massages of the Zodiac as Gemini rules the hands. To have a successful relationship with a Gemini, you must be capable of stimulating their mind and also of keeping up with their busy social schedule.

CANCER

Cancer people are of the water element and therefore extremely emotional though they might not always show it. Cancer people are capable of caring deeply for the ones they love sometimes to the point of caring too much. It is important to Cancer to have a secure home life and plenty of food in the refrigerator. The best way to a Cancer's heart is through their stomach. If you want to be smothered in love, have a relationship with a Cancer.

LEO

Leo people are of the element of fire. Leos are some of the best romantics of the Zodiac. Having a fierce sense of personal dignity, Leos are very concerned with satisfying their sexual partner. Never damage a Leo's pride and they are quite capable of treating you like royalty. Having refined tastes, Leos enjoy wining and dining their lovers. To win a Leo's heart, send them flowers and make them feel like an important part of your life.

VIRGO

Virgo people are of the earth element and can be as steadfast as the mountains. Practicality is very important to Virgos, yet they seem to be attracted to people who are less practical and slightly dependent on others. Although they seek perfection in the one they love, they are aware that this is unattainable. Never criticize a Virgo and be willing to listen to the advice they give.

LIBRA

Libra people are of the air element and therefore inclined to want much social contact. Somewhat passive, Libras are attracted to more aggressive people yet they dislike social crudeness. Libras are very fond of art and have a deep appreciation of beauty. I have found many Libras to be some of the most beautiful people in the Zodiac. Libras enjoy observing the behavior of others and need a lover who can enjoy having an active social live.

SCORPIO

Scorpio people are of the water element and therefore have very intense emotions. Scorpios are capable of some of the best sex in the Zodiac because Scorpio rules the sexual organs. Scorpios are usually possessive and can easily feel jealous. Knowing exactly what to say to hurt someone the most, Scorpio is not a sign you want to make angry. Scorpios are capable of lasting affection if their lover has the stamina to keep up with the intensity of their sex drive.

SAGITTARIUS

Sagittarius people are of the element of fire and tend to view life as a game they play to win. Optimistic and extremely jovial Sagittarius is one of the funnest signs to party with. Being somewhat egocentric and extremely independent, Sagittarians have a difficult time with possessive lovers. They usually remain single while they are young, because they enjoy freedom. Later in life, Sagittarius can make a very caring and sharing lover.

CAPRICORN

Capricorn people are of the element of earth and tend to place much emphasis on being respected by others. Somewhat dominating in the home, Capricorns usually prefer younger lovers. Capricorns are natural organizers professionally, yet at home they prefer their lovers to do the cleaning. Somewhat possessive, they do not like to allow their mates too much freedom. Capricorns are very loyal and tend to hide the degree of understanding they care capable of. Capricorns are attracted to mysterious people.

AQUARIUS

Aquarius people are of the element of air and are some of the most intelligent people you will ever meet. Being humanitarians at heart, Aquarians are often champions of the underdog. Capable of profound objectivity, Aquarians can often decide what will be the best for groups as a whole without undue emotional involvement. A very independent sign, yet socially involved with many people, Aquarians have a strong need to be around large groups. Sometimes Aquarians are more interested in groups as a whole rather than individual partners, yet when they are involved with a lover, they tend to be kinky and experimental.

PISCES

Pisces people are of the element of water and tend to be overly emotional at times. Always the romantic at heart, Piceans want very badly to find true love. Being the most sensitive and compassionate of the signs, Pisceans often feel life does not treat them fairly. Being somewhat possessive, Pisceans need a lot of attention from the one they love. Being moody people, Pisces is not the easiest sign to understand. Being somewhat psychic, Pisces can frighten lovers with the degree of their insight. If you are involved with Pisces, it is important to understand that there is more to Pisces than meets the eye. Pisceans are known for passion.

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Supreme Court Hears Abortion Issue

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) – The future of abortion in America was on the Supreme Court's discussion agenda when its nine members gathered for a closet-door conference on April 28.

First item: Must the court, in resolving an abortion regulation controversy from Missouri, plunge into its landmark 1973 decision that women have a constitutional right to end their pregnancies?

Although Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist may conduct an initial vote and begin the opinion-writing process, the court's final decision likely will not be announced until late June or early July.

Missouri officials and the Bush administration are urging the court to overturn or curtail the 16-year-old ruling in Roe vs. Wade. And while speculating about the Supreme Court's direction is always tricky business, questions from the bench when they heard the oral arguments, indicated three key justices may be willing to undertake a broad review of abortion rights.

Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia and Anthony M. Kennedy — all appointees of former President Reagan – pointedly asked lawyers for both sides about the dimensions of abortion rights.

"Do you say there is no fundamental right to decide whether to have a child or not" A right to procreate?" O'Connor asked the administration's lawyer. "Do you deny that the Constitution protects that right?"

Scalia asked the lawyer representing opponents of the Missouri law, "How can you derive (a fundamental right) without making a determination as to whether the fetus is a human life or not?"

The justice added, "It is hard to say it just as a matter of basic principle that it must be a fundamental right unless you make the determination that the organism that is destroyed is not a human life."

Kennedy asked the administration's lawyer about a 1965 Supreme Court decision striking down a state law that barred use of contraceptives – the high court's first enunciation of the constitutional "privacy" right which served as the basis for Roe vs. Wade.

"Does the [1965] case stand for the proposition that there is a right to determine whether to procreate?" asked Kennedy.

Of the justices considered strong supporters of abortion rights – Harry A. Blackmun, William J. Brennan, Thurgood Marshall and John Paul Stevens – only Stevens participated fully in the session. Brennan asked one question, Blackmun and Marshall none.

Their questions could have zeroed in on the particulars of the Missouri law's regulations. Many of them did not.

The court, however, still could resolve the Missouri case without reconsidering Roe vs. Wade.

Such a decision still would be read as a barometer of the justices' commitment to the 1973 ruling, but might not affect many women outside Missouri. Higher stakes would be left for a future case.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

COLETTE'S - A Benefit Show for Fiesta De Mayo King and Queen candidates Mayda Bravo and Gabriella La Vanity plus a slave auction. Be sure to attend this last fundraiser for these two candidates and support your Pride Week functions.

FIESTA DE MAYO - MAY 4-5-6-7

JOSHUA TREE - The annual Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride Week fundraising event - Fiesta de Mayo - takes place here. Lots of booths featuring food, games, arts and crafts, live bands on the outdoor stage. Entertainment, and lots of people on all three days of this big event. King and Queen candidates will be present and will host fund raising shows during the weekend too. A great chance for the entire community to enjoy as well as help defray costs of putting on the annual Pride Week activities this year. Crowning of the King and Queen Sunday evening. See daily listing

THURSDAY, MAY 4

JOSHUA TREE - Pre-Fiesta de Mayo Party. Some booths will be open at 8 p.m. "Salsa Nite" plus Tequila specials and door prizes.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

IBT'S - Re-opens today at 5:00 p.m. Check out the action once again.

JOSHUA TREE - FIESTA DE MAYO DAY II: At 7 p.m. the live sounds of Rare Breed playing in the outdoor stage area for dancing and listening plus special live entertainment in between dance sets with Becky, Monte-Jon and Earvin singing. All booths will be open by 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

JOSHUA TREE - FIESTA DE MAYO DAY III: All booths open at 4:00 p.m. Live Mariachi music from 9 to 10 p.m. 10:00 p.m. presentation of King and Queen of Fiesta De Mayo who will present a show hosted by Miss Gay Arizona Mona Littlemore. All tips go to candidates campaign chests.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

COLETTE'S - "One Track Mind", a very talented women's band from Phoenix. The band includes Sandy Naatz, Michelle Marquand, Donna Hawxhurst, Cyd Manning and Beth Johnson. They will play here from 5 to 7 p.m. $3 cover.

JOSHUA TREE - FIESTA DE MAYO DAY IV: All booths will be open at 2:00 p.m. 'Rare Breed' plays for listening and dancing beginning at 7 p.m. at 9:30 presentation of this years candidates for Fiesta de Mayo King and Queen, as well as former winning couples, and introductions of special guests of honor. 11 p.m. all 'voting' ends and the votes are then counted in the presence of the candidates or their official representatives. At approximatley 11:30 p.m., the results of the voting is announced and the TLGA King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo '89 are crowned.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

COLETTE'S - A Benefit show for Miss Gay Tucson candidate Christi Lunden. This show stars Christi Lunden, Dani Reid, Christina de Alexis, Jerry & Friends.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

COLETTE'S - Singer-songwriter Anne English appearing here with her acoustic guitar singing some old standards, some swing, some light blues, some originals. You name it, she can perform it all.

FRIDAY, MAY 19 - Pre-Miss Gay Tucson show starring Penelope Poupe', Mona Littlemore and Lady Casondra. 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Miss Gay Tucson Pageant takes place. Watch for more information next week.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

COLETTE'S - Anne English, that magnetic vocalist performs again with a great variety of music. A nice evening of song.

MONDAY, MAY 29

COLETTE'S - PCI Benefit Show for Scott Street Fair starring Shirlette Baker 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The theme is "Cotton Club". $5.00 donation at the door.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

COLETTE'S - The vocal talents of Lisa Otey will be on display here from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No cover. Don't miss this act.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JUNE 9 AND 10

JOSHUA TREE - The extraordinary talents of Nakoma Shane return to JT. This Dallas artist is very entertaining and the many fans she gathered on her last trip here want to be sure to see her again.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

COLETTE'S - The annual "Prom Night" is scheduled here again. It's time to begin thinking about running for King and Queen of the Prom! More later.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 - Boomers Cafe Espresso regular movie night. Call 798-3403 for title. No charge to see these "oldies but goodies".

THURSDAY, MAY 4 - Boomer's Ball Club winds up the first half of t he softball season with a game at 7:05 p.m. at Lincoln Park, south of 22nd on Pantano between Escalante and Irvington. Everyone is invited to come out and watch this winning team.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY - MAY 4-5-6-7
FIESTA DE MAYO celebration at Joshua Tree/Back Pocket. This is the annual fund raiser for the Lesbian and Gay Pride Week activities in Tucson. Booths, food, games, information. Check the Special Calendar. Fun!

FRIDAY, MAY 5 - Eb Eberlein will be performing on his dobro guitar and harmonica at Boomers Cafe Espresso from 9 p.m. until midnight. Enjoy an evening of entertainment under the stars, there is no cover charge at Boomers.

SATURDAY, MAY 6 - Boomers Cafe Espresso will present Cynthia Stacy from 9 p.m. until midnight. Always a fun evening at Boomers in the open air.

SUNDAY, MAY 7 - General Men's Massage Group meets from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Facilities limit this meeting to 12 people. Call 881-4582 for information and reservations. This is a meeting is a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for men to relate to each other through touch. There is a minimal fee.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 - Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) Committee meeting at Joshua Tree at 7 p.m. A very important decision was made for all CAT Committee at the last meeting. If you are a member of this committee, do not miss this meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Boomers Cafe Espresso will have their weekly Wednesday Night Movies starting at 8 p.m. Call 798-3403 for title. No charge for the "Oldies".

FRIDAY, MAY 12 - Boomers will present Ali Adelman on her keyboard from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. This is Ms. Adelman's first appearance at Boomers, so join in.

SATURDAY, MAY 13 - Barbara Dryja will have herfirst performance at Boomers. Ms. Dryja will be performing on her electric guitar form 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 14 - Sunday Softball Game to benefit Shanti Foundation/Tucson at Himmel Park, field #1 will start at 1 p.m. There will be hot dogs, soda and beer for sale during the afternoon. Enjoy the game, work on your suntan and have fun while supporting Shanti.

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Arizona Fellowship Committee will meet at the Graduate at noon. This committee is composed of members from the different clubs in Tucson to plan and arrange for the Arizona Fellowship LRun in Tucosn on the Thanksgiving Weekend.

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The Tucson Lesibian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will meet at 5:00 p.m. at the Back Pocket. This meeting will focus on Gay Pride Week activitiesd from June 25 through July 2. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

SPORTS

BOOMERS BALL CLUB
by Ben Corbin

TUCSON - Boomers Cafe Espresso has been sponsoring a ball club in the Women's Slopitch Softball League since last year. This group has had little publicity but has been thriving as a social club with serious ball games and fun for the members. Last year the team played in the Sports Park League and won a trophy in the 1988 Fall League Tournament for First Place in the Women's "D" League.

Because of their success in last years games, Boomers Ball Club is now in the "C" League. There will be ten games played during the first round of 1989. Of the 9 games already played, Boomers Ball Club has lost only one game. The second round of the Women's Slopitch Softball games has not yet been announced. The location may be changaed, and this team is due to be promoted to the "B" League after their successful first round.

Meredith, of Boomers, has been the sponsor and Mars has been manager with two coaches under her. There are approximatley 17 members on the team. The games have been played at Lincoln Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays. After the games, the group has been socializing at Boomer's on Tuesdays and at Colette's on Thursdays.

There are no openings for members on this team at the rpesent time. Meredith has announced that there may be new openings after the Fall League Tournament when new members may start their training for 1990. Congratulations to Boomers Ball Club, we will be interested to know just how many trophies you will bring home with you this year.

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sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys $1.25. Steak Dinner 4 pm to ??? $4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am, Linda Fizdale.

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 - Sunday Lunch 1 to 4 p.m. Noon to 8:00 p.m. check the light board for Sunday specials. 8 pm to midnight Bud and Bud Light $1.25 - Dance 8 pm.

OUTRAGEOUS - Upstairs Lounge open 4 pm. Happy Hour 4-8:30 $1 Well and Domestic Longnecks. Nightly Specials.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open at noon. Buffet 3 to 6 with DJ.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys $1.25 plus Schnapps .50 a shot and Peter Dogs with all the trimmings for .25 each. VJ/DJ Dwayne 9 to 1.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 1 am Miller bottle or Schnapps .75 5-8 pm non-Premium Beer $1.25, Well Drinks $1.50 + Monday Bowler's Specials. DJ 9 to 1 Dave Pierson.

COLETTE'S WEST - 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 4 pm, Well drinks $1 (w/juice $1.25), Longnecks $1.50, Draft .75; 4 to 8 pm all Well .75 (w/juice $1), Long Necks $1.25; 8 pm to close: Miller and Miller Lite $1.25

OUTRAGEOUS - Upstairs Lounge open 4 pm. Happy Hour 4-8:30 $1 Well and Domestic Longnecks. Nightly Specials.

RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8pm: Two for 1 drinks. "Bowler's Special 1/2 price for bowlers

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tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. Corona Beer or Well Tequila $1.00 from 8 pm to 1 am, + 'Stop Light' specials. Bobby Jr. DJ's at 9.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Longneck Bottle Beer Special: $1.00 from 8:00 until midnight. DJ from 8 to midnight.

GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks $1.50 till closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm Well drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25), Longnecks $1.50, .75 draft; 4 to 8 pm all well .75 (w/juice $1) Long Necks $1.25; 8 pm to midnight Schnapps .50 per shot.

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wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. Draft Beer Bust .50 per glass plus $1.00 Schnapps from 8 pm to close! DJ Bobby Jr. 9pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Schnapps .75 8 pm to Midnight. Pool Tournament 8:00 p.m.

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

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 p.m. Well drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25) Longnecks $1.50 & .75 draft. 4 to 8 pm All Well .75 (w/juice $1), Longnecks $1.25. 8 pm to midnight Beer Bust .50/glass - Schnapps .50/shot.

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thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50, 8 to close Well Drinks $1.50, DJ 9 to 1 Dave Pierson.

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 4 pm Well Drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25). Longnecks $1.50. Draft .75, 4 - 8 pm all Well .75 (w/juice $1.25), Long Necks $1.25; 8 pm to midnight, Well Drinks .75 (w/juice $1.00). DJ 9 to 1.

OUTRAGEOUS - Upstairs Lounge open 4 pm. Happy Hour 4-8:30 $1 Well and Domestic Longnecks. Nightly Specials.

RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm: Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well / beer 4-7 p.m. Kegger 8 pm to 12 am .50 per glass, munchies. Video/disco dancing with Ruben 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. DJ 9 pm to 1 am, Bobby Jr.

COLETTE'S WEST - International Happy Hour plus Party Nite - Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well Drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25), Longnecks $1.50, draft beer .75; 4 to 8 pm, All well .75 (w/juice $1), Long Necks $1.25; 8 pm to Close: Just Be Here!

OUTRAGEOUS - Upstairs Lounge open 4 pm. Happy Hour 4-8:30 $1 Well and Domestic Longnecks. Nightly Specials.

RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm: Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 beer/well 4-7 p.m., Munchies. 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 - Happy Hour 5-8 pm $1.25. non-Premium Beer and $1.50 Well Drinks. DJ 9-1 Bobby Jr.

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

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well Drinks $1.00 (w/juice $1.25), Longnecks $1.50. Draft Beer $75; 4 to 8 pm Well .75 (w/juice $1), Long Necks $1.25; 8 pm to Close: Just Be Here! Dance 8 to 1.

OUTRAGEOUS - Upstairs Lounge open 4 pm. Happy Hour 4-8:30 $1 Well and Domestic Longnecks. Nightly Specials.

RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) - Open Noon to 1 am.

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. .99 Corona Nite 8 pm-12 am. A hot dance nite with VJ/DJ Dwayne.

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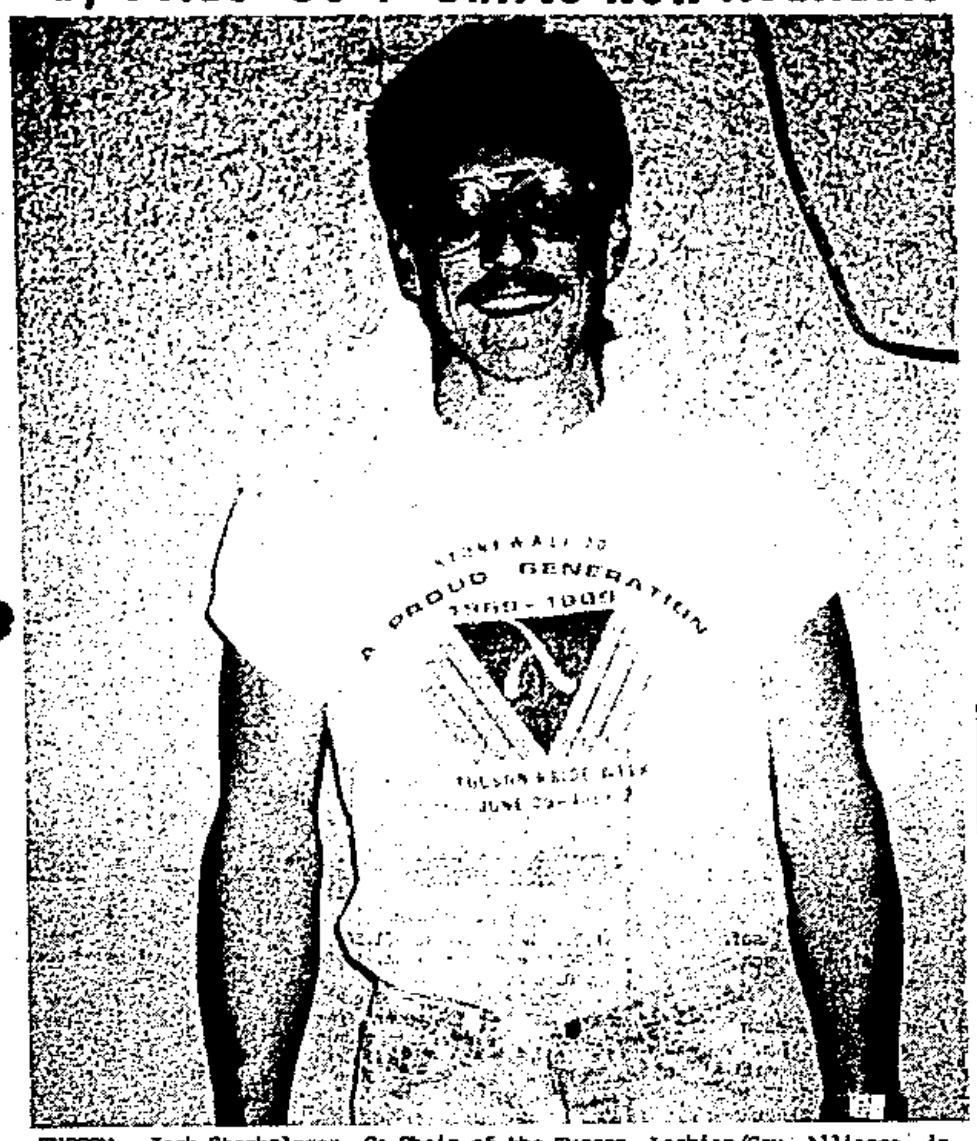

TUCSON - Jack Stockslager, Co-Chair of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance is shown here wearing the official Tucson Gay Pride Week T-Shirts which are now available and will be on sale during Fiesta de Mayo and at the Gay Pride Picnic on June 25 as well as various events in between.

The shirts are white with black lettering and pink triangles extending from the center Lambda design. The shirts are on sale for $8.00 with proceeds going to TLGA who are the official producers of Pride Week activities. Pride Week this year will be celebrated in Tucson beginning with the Picnic in Himmel Park on June 25 and run through the following Sunday, July 2.

Gays viewed harshly by Southern Baptists

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (AP) - Southern Baptists charged modern society with an "erosion of moral sanity" and condemned homosexuality as "an abomination in the eyes of God."

"This deviant behavior has wrought havoc in the lives of millions," said assembled "messengers" of the 14.7 million-member denomination.

On the last day of the convention, it adopted one of the most unqualified denunciations of homosexuality in recent major church annals.

"The Bible is very clear in its teaching that homosexuality is a manifestation of a depraved nature," the convention said.

The resolution said, "Homosexuals are justified and even glorified in our secular media."

With fundamentalists prevailing over moderates in this factionally divided gathering of 35,600 people, the meeting also whipped through a score of other resolutions. Among them, the convention:

**Voiced outrage over the firing of a competent, highly professional Christian," Dennis Shere, as publisher of the Dayton (Ohio) Daily News by Cox Newspapers for refusing to carry Gay and Lesbian advertising.

**Rejected an amendment that would have pledged the denominations institutions not to fire or replace anyone for disagreeing with its policies, such as those recently demanding biblical literalism.

**Condemned provision of birth control information and devices at public school clinics, saying it undermined parental authority, fomented promiscuity and abdicated moral responsibility of schools.

**Declared family and biblical values "under constant attack from materialist, secular humanism, substance abuse and rebellion against authority.

**Questioned aspects of the Civil Rights Restoration Act, saying it should be modified to protect religious liberty, assuring exemption of institutions indirectly controlled by religion, as well as those directly religious.

Brad Corrigan, a Dallas layman, urged the resolution criticizing the Cox newspaper publisher's firing, and for consistency also pushed for adoption of a policy allowing dissent by the denomination's employees.

Instead, he said, he had been "out-voted, outhustled and outfoxed" by fundamentalists and likened to a "polecat" with other moderates at a convention that declared laymen couldn't disagree with elected leaders.

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state level; enough federal legislators could commit themselves to vote for and override any presidential vetoes of such legislation; or state legislators could do so for gubernatorial vetoes; Wilson could support and sign such legislation, and co-sponsor the Civil Rights Amendment Act of 1989.

McDonald said that aides for San Francisco president of Supervisors Harry Britt have responded with hostility toward the barrage of phone calls inquiring why Britt has not sponsored McDonald's resolutions to supervisors urging state and federal governments to enact anti-discrimination laws.

In a letter to Britt, McDonald accused him of inaction causing "a serious retreat by the city government as a whole to equal and humane treatment for Gay people.

Britt told Bay Area Reporter (BAR) "I don't want Stuart to die. I want him to regain his health and play a much needed role in the leadership of our community as we work together to achieve the same goals."

One of Britt's aides, Ric Ruvolo, added, "We wish he would eat and be healthy to become an important part of the struggle we have been making for a long time."

Members of the People with Immune Disorders caucus of ACT-UP/San Francisco made an acknowledgement of the fast: "We feel that we have no right to pass moral judgment on the acceptability of Stuart's choice of civil disobedience. We believe each person must engage the battle as they see fit. What is important is for each persons to join the fight instead of sitting on the sides ignoring the issues or passing judgment on those who are fighting. We challenge the community to support Stuart and his demands."

Supporters for McDonald are now urging immediate response from the Gay community in the form of a phone call campaign. They are asking concerned people to call Senator Pete Wilson in Washington, DC at (202)224-3841. They want people to demand that Wilson act immediately as a co-sponsor of the anti-Gay and anti-AIDS discrimination legislation - Senate Bill 47.

DRUG COMPANY SEEKS FDA ACTION

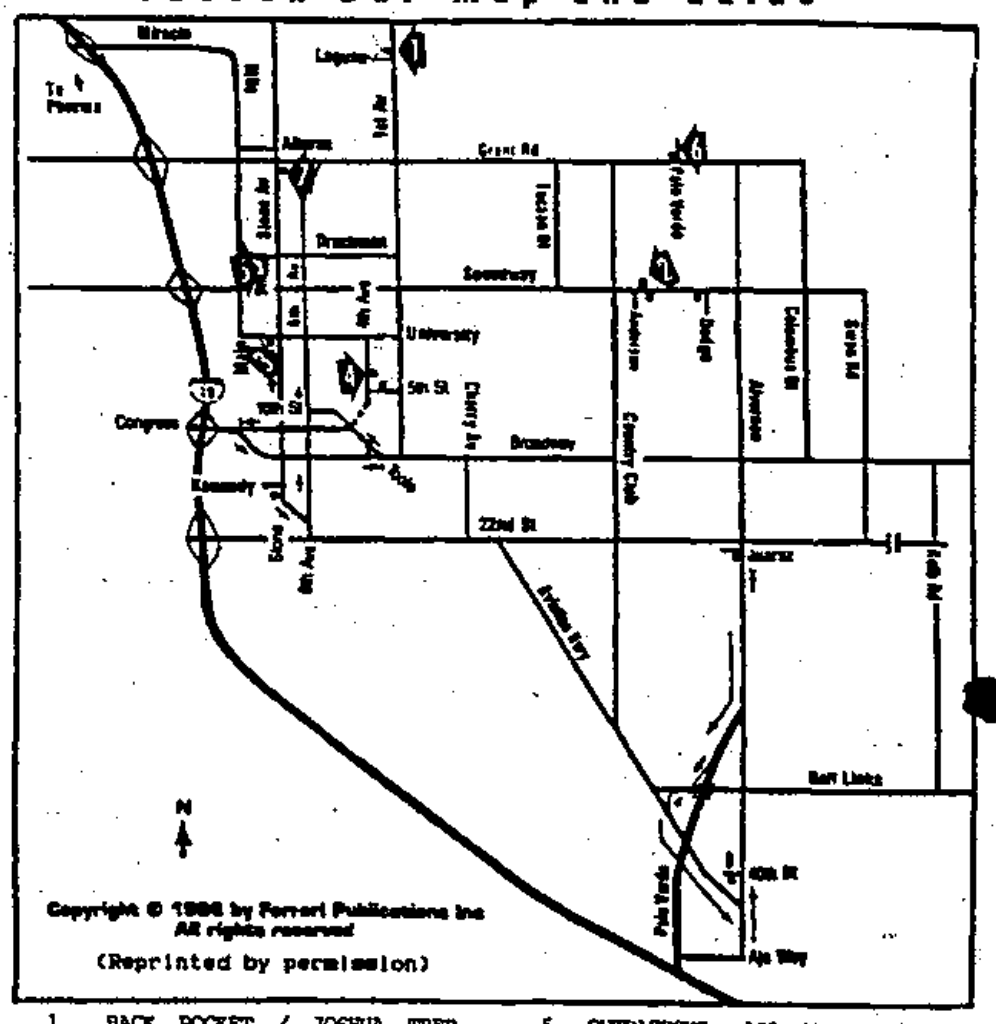
ROCKVILLE, MD (GCN) - Pfizer Pharmaceuticals has filed a new drug application with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for fluconazole, according to a Pfizer spokesperson. The drug is an anti-fungal thought to be effective in fighting cryptococcal meningitis - a brain infection that strikes many people with AIDS. The application is a request from the drug company for a review of its clinical trials on the drug and a ruling on its safety and effectiveness. If approved, fluconazole would become widely available for prescription by doctors in the U.S.

The announcement came just two days after the People With AIDS Health Group (PWAHG) in New York made public its decision to facilitate access by PWAs to the drug, which is available by prescription in other countries. (OBSERVER April 5). A spokesperson for Pfizer said that the timing was coincidental.

"We're very pleased," Derek Hodel, executive director of PWAHG told GCN. "We're anxious for fluconazole to be approved for use in this country, and this is the next step in that approval process." Hodel said that PWAHG would stop importing fluconazole once it was approved for sale by the FDA.

A Pfizer spokesperson said the FDA has advised them that fluconazole would receive "a priority review." An FDA spokesperson confirmed that all AIDS-related drugs are given priority review status, noting that AZT was approved for use in only three months.

Tucson Bar Map and Guide



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TUCSON FRONT RUNNERS meet for fun runs at 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays in front of the Himmel Park library and at 9:00 a.m. every Saturday at the Rillito River Park at Campbell. For more information call Mitch 326-3332.

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).

COUPLES OF TUCSON, a social and support group for Gay and Lesbian couples. For more information write P.O. Box 56613, Tucson, AZ 85703-6613, or call Bev and Bobbie at 888-8694 or Don and Harlan at 888-9236.

THE LOVING MEN MASSAGE GROUP will now be every Sunday at 6 p.m. For a $7 donation you can share a massage in the nude with someone else. Call for reservations and information. Marc 881-4582.

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ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING A SUPPORT GROUP for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays in Tucson please contact Herb at 327-8519, Joan at 790-7526 or Sean, P.O. Box 26394, Tucson, AZ 85726. All information is strictly confidential.

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 (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

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GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?
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AIDS HOTLINE - 326 AIDS. Hours: M-F, 10 a.m. to Midnight. Information, Counseling, HIV-Related Services.

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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP)
TAP is seeking caring, compassionate people to work with people with AIDS. Training is provided. For an application and more information, call 322-6226 or the AIDS Hotline, 326-AIDS.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED/TUCSON is a fellowship and support gorup for Lesbian and Gay Lutherans. We meet monthly and all are welcome. For more information call Greg at 322-6334 or write to Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40252, Tucson, AZ 85717.

A 12 step program for people worried about AIDS and their friends meets every Wednesday at the Church of Religious Science (rear building), 3269 N. Moutain, Tucson. For more information, call 792-3775 and leave a message.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP
LESBIANS AND GAY MEN MEET WEEKLY for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings rotate Wednesdays and Thursdayus from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Roads. Call the church at 299-9063 or Paul at 81-5651 for information.

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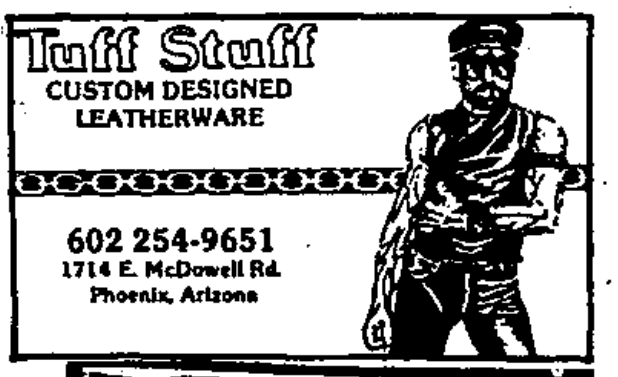

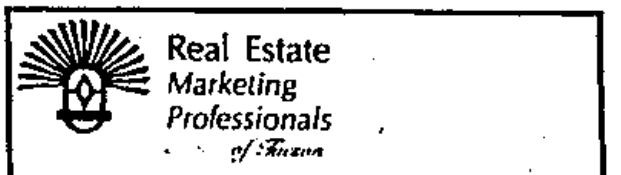

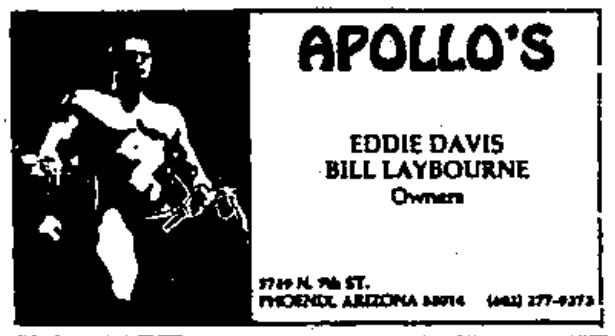

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