Observing Tucson And
The Greater Arizona Community

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EDITORIAL

At the last meeting of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) on Saturday, a copy of the Phoenix Resource (PR) was passed around. The particular issue had an editorial by political editor Don Slutes concerning the Phoenix Gay Pride activities, and he compared them with the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride Picnic. Don was at our picnic, gathering names and donations for the Committee for Progress political action committee headquartered in Phoenix.

There were some conclusions that were drawn by Don that need to be addressed in clarification. There are many reasons why the Tucson Pride Week functions run smoothly and are all well attended activities.

The one activity that Slutes attended was the biggest event of the week. It is true that this year marked the 12th year of the annual Picnic in Himmel Park. It is also true that next year will be the 13th year in Himmel. And the next, and the next until Himmel Park just gets too small to handle the number of people attending. It happens to be the one activity that can draw the numbers it does because it permits people to gather in a public place, party and enjoy themselves in a non-threatening atmosphere.

The people of Tucson obviously look forward to that one particular event each year (and I would assume a goodly number of people from the Valley of the Sun. But it is not a big drunken bash as depicted by Slutes.

True enough there is free beer but there also is free Coca Cola and Sprite for anyone who wants it—and several thousand cups were dispensed. There is also free music both live and recorded for dancing and listening. There are games, food and fun booths for diversions (over 20 count 'em 20 this year). These were manned by every club, service organization and support group in Tucson and obviously one or two from Phoenix.

This Picnic is just the beginning of Tucson's Gay Pride Week and has always been a celebration. It is not intended to be a confrontation, a march, a parade nor a militant affair.

The entire eight days of Pride Week are produced by TLGA, a community organization for the community and paid for by funds raised through the community. Over $7,500 raised for Pride Week this year alone! This is a party for the community - there is free beer but a whole lot more. It is not intended as a drunken bash and it was not perceived by anyone, including the TPD or the security force as being one.

As a matter of fact there were several activities during the opening day picnic that had nothing to do with the free beer and "drunks": Our brothers and sisters who were not able to make it to the picnic this year were remembered during the program, our country was saluted by a color guard and the National Anthem (no flag burning here!), and members of our City Council read the mayor's proclamation (which is not the first time he has issued one).

Slutes says that Phoenix is "Simply a more hostile place for a convocation of the Lesbian/Gay community". That may be so, but Tucson has its homophobes too. The difference is that they know that we're here - in numbers. Whenever Jerry Falwell comes to town, it's an event to be remembered. It gives our community a chance to be vocal. Ask the Tucson headquarters of Circle K -that insurance episode drew over 50 people on the spur of the moment. Ask the 300 friends of Anita Bryant who came to her 'show' at the Convention Center when an audience of 2500 was expected but did not show because of the huge demonstration outside. Ask anyone who has been to a Pride Picnic if there is a Tucson Gay community!

Slutes makes the complaint that "the most painful reason Phoenix pride events fail to garner much support is that the local community is too rife with divisiveness and petty sniping for it to come together the way Tucson does." He blames the 'other' community newspaper for 'doing its best to scuttle the event'. If this weren't such a serious accusation, it would be ludicrous.

To say that a paper that is supported by a community would do its level best to ruin an activity so important to all Gay community and to intimate that that is the reason for the events failure is ridiculous.

Whoever was on the Phoenix Pride Media Committee maybe should be investigated. True, we are in Tucson, but we received only one press release from the committee and that was received on Monday, June 12 - just in time to let Tucson readers know that Phoenix Pride events run from June 14-17. Not much advance info!

OBSERVER, on the other hand being active in TLGA, began coverage of the Tucson activities over five weeks prior to the weeks events. The OBSERVER is distributed in 21 locations throughout Phoenix. TLGA Pride Week Posters were prominently displayed is several Phoenix businesses. We welcome celebrants from Phoenix.

So much for our opening day celebration which is produced by and for our community at no expense to any business or organization.

The remaining 7 days of the week were devoted to a varied group of activities -some serious, some fun - from seminars to gambling, to free food to shows and contests- all at no cost to anyone. Two benefits were held during the week and TLGA subsidized them to allow persons wishing but not being able to afford to go, the chance of attending. The community is given a chance to celebrate at no cost.

Yes, Tucson is a proud community. They do enjoy their community. There is no magic formula - but it does take community effort and participation. Most of all activities must be made attractive enough to make people want to attend. Phoenix could easily do the same and do Arizona proud - but will it ever happen?

And if the "drunken queers" bothered Slutes, I would suggest he move his table elsewhere away from the beer lines next year. Tucson loves a party! But we can be serious too!

NOW calls for freedom from discrimination

CINCINNATI, OH (AP) - The National Organization for Women ended its national convention here last Sunday by passing a resolution called a "Bill of Rights for the 21st Century". The resolution called for an expansion to the Bill of Rights to include:

**Freedom from discrimination on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation or age.

**Freedom from governmental interference in abortion or birth control, and the right for women to receive public funds for abortions, birth control and pregnancy services.

**The right to a safe environment, a decent standard of living and freedom from violence.

The convention called for a commission to study forming a political party that would be "dedicated to equality for women" because of "the failure of both major political parties to address women's needs."

Molly Yard, NOW President, said that the proposal reflects NOW members "total disgust" with the Democratic and Republican parties.

"We are 52 percent of the country and we have almost no representation," Yard said. "As

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UPDATE

Rev. Perry Ordained

MCC/Tucson Pastor
Rev. Eduardo Perry

TUCSON - Rev. Eduard E. Perry, pastor of MCC/Tucson, has been ordained as Clergy of the U.F.M.C.C. The ceremony was conducted during the General Conference on July 22, 1989 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Rev. Perry joined MCC/Seattle in 1969 and licensed as Clergy in 1986. Rev. Perry moved to Tucson in 1987 to become pastor of MCC/Tucson.

Rev. Perry was born in Vallejo, California on June 1, 1923. He moved to Ontario, Canada in 1933 and lived there until World War II when he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1941. He was honorably discharged in 1944.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from the State University of New York at Buffalo. In 1952, Rev. Perry was recruited by the U.S. Air Force to work at Cape Canaveral where he was employed until 1966. During this time he worked on the first space flight, Mercury Redstone, which put "Ham", the monkey, in orbit and later the first human to orbit.

Rev. Perry was married in 1948, a union that lasted for 15 years and produced seven children. After leaving Florida, Perry moved to Seattle, Washington, where he was employed for several years in private industry and then with his own business as a consulting engineer, registered and certified as Professional Engineer in Florida, Washington and Alaska. It was in Seattle where he met his life partner, Lee Cain.

COURT FURTHERS RESTRICTS GAY DAD

PHILADELPHIA, PA (GCN) - Clem Pascarella may not visit his children if he is in the "presence or company" of "homosexuals," Family Court Judge Vito P. Canuso recently ruled.

Pascarella has been involved in a series of suits to gain visitation rights with his daughters, now ages seven and four, since he left his wife in March 1984 after telling her that he is Gay. Canuso's previous ruling in July 1985 restricted Pascarella from visiting his daughters in the presence of his lover.

According to the Philadelphia Gay News, after his ex-wife stopped allowing him to see the girls because he "went to see a friend," Pascarella appealed to Family Court. The matter was returned to Canuso, who upheld his previous ruling with the additional restrictions. Canuso's latest order is temporary.

NGRA DISCREDITS
'HOMOSEXUAL PANIC' DEFENSE

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) in San Francisco have filed an "amicus curiae" brief in the California Court of Appeals attacking the use of the "homosexual panic" defense. Frankie Huie was convicted of first degree murder in 1987 after brutally beating and stabbing Stephen Mayeda, a 41-year-old Gay man who lived in San Francisco. Now Huie is appealing his murder conviction, claiming that his violent act resulted from a panic-ridden reaction to alleged sexual advances by Mayeda.

MURDERS CONTINUE IN COLUMBIA

BOGOTA, COLUMBIA - New reports from Columbia say that violence, kidnappings and murders continue to claim homosexual victims in this troubled Latin American nation. Right wing death squads have long included homosexuals on their lists of targets, which has also included human rights activists, trade union leaders and political dissidents.

Columbian Lesbians and Gay men have appealed to the world-wide homosexual movement to write letters of inquiry and protest to Columbian embassies.

JAMIE ANDERSON IN CONCERT AUG. 5

TUCSON - Jamie Anderson will be in concert to celebrate the release of her new album "Closer To Home". The event will be on Saturday, Aug. 5 at 8:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4821 E. 22nd St.

Completing the evening will be comic Slique Callahan who will present her hilarious slide show.

Tickets are $5.00 in advance and are available at Antigone Books, Third Friday Coffeehouse or by mail from P.O. Box 42282, Tucson, AZ 85733. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for $6.50. For more information call 325-7828.

INFECTION RATE OF AIDS
HIGHER THAN BELIEVED

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - A sensitive new test shows that AIDS patients develop a reservoir of at least 1,000 times more diseased blood cells than previously believed, according to researchers at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Steven M. Schnittman, a researcher at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the high rate of infection, a factor that scientists call "virus load", will make it more difficult to find and wipe out every pocket of disease within an AIDS patient.

Schnittman also said the study suggested that a new technique, called polymerase chain reaction, or PCR, may be used to monitor the level of AIDS infection as a patient progresses from a point of showing no symptoms to where the disease becomes life-threatening.

In this way, he said, researchers could measure precisely the effects of drugs being tested to control or kill the AIDS virus.

Schnittman said the study showed that in patients with AIDS, the virus infects up to 1 percent - 1 of every 100 - of a type of blood cell called the T4 lymphocyte.

Previous studies, which made indirect measurements of the rate of infection, had determined that only 1 in every 10,000 to 100,000 of the T4 lymphocytes was infected with the virus in a patient with active AIDS.

"The quantity of the virus (found in the study) was a lot higher than previously expected," Schnittman said in an interview. "There are more cells infected, a greater proportion, than we knew before."

A research report written by Schnittman and eight other scientists has been published in the journal Science.

Schnittman said the study used peripheral blood, such as that sampled for routine blood tests, and then separated out the T4 lymphocyte cells. These immunity cells, which have on their surface a protein molecule called CD4, are thought to be the primary target of the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, that causes AIDS.

Blood studies in the past counted the number of cells infected with the AIDS virus by measuring proteins that are secreted by an HIV particle that is active within an infected cell. Thus, the level of infection was inferred instead of directly measured.

But Schnittman said the PCR technique actually detects the genetic pattern of the AIDS virus while it is within a cell. In this way, he said, the researchers could find infected cells even when the AIDS virus was inactive.

"We are detecting all cells that are chronically or latently infected," Schnittman said.

The PCR survey, which was developed only about a year ago, he said, is an important new tool to help scientists understand the life cycle of the highly complex AIDS virus, and perhaps find a weak point where the killer disease could be attacked with drugs.

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attacks the spirit.

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ONE
is caused by ignorance.

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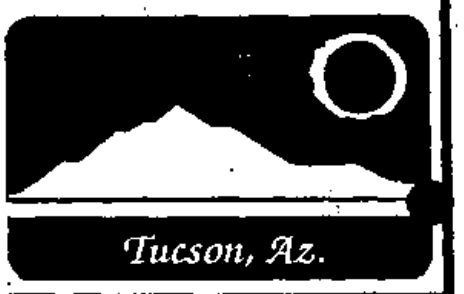

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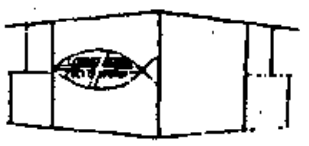

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AIDS workshop informative and productive

TUCSON - Last Saturday, July 22, a seminar/workshop was held that was attended by over 25 members of the Tucson Community, mostly members of organizations who will carry back to their membership some very valuable information, and the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) also received some valuable input from this Tucson meeting.

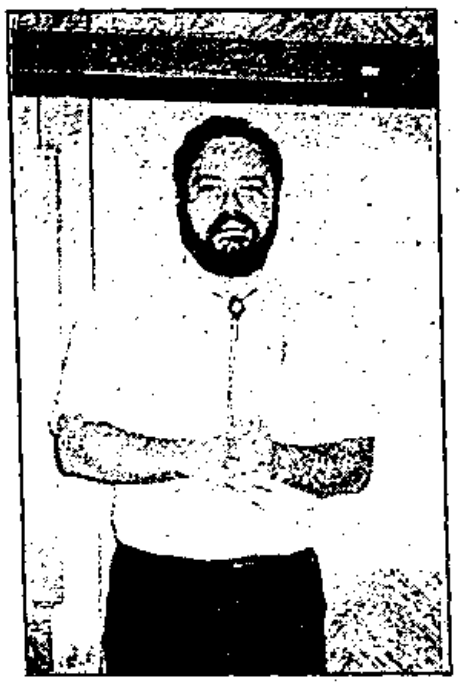
The program was facilitated by Alvin Harper, Health Educator with the Office of Health Promotion and Education in Phoenix. Harper was enthused with the reception in Tucson and plans to have similar workshops held at least quarterly in Tucson.

ADHS writes grants for funding with the Centers for Disease Control each year and will use the information gathered from these meetings for future government funding.

The workshop covered every aspect of the Gay community - bars, social clubs, service and support groups, business and professional and religious organizations, entertainers, musicians, artists and the press.

Regarding Gay youth, Harper said, "Sometimes the Gay community is afraid of reaching out to the Gay youth because of the whole stigma of recruitment, etc. Really, the religious groups and the social groups are the place where kids can get support and connection from people who are not interested in exploiting them." It is incumbent on those social and religious organizations to make sure that those kids have got good information, counseling and access to keep them from getting positive," he said.

"If we look at the AIDS cases in Arizona, and look at the ages, we've got AIDS cases among people in their early 20's, who were probably infected five or six years before that. So when we see these growing numbers of 22 and 23-year-old kids, they would have been infected at the age of 15, 16, or 17. Educating everyone over the age of 21 is certainly a great thing to do, but that may be too late," Harper said.



ALVIN HARPER

Regarding the Gay press, it was discussed how important it is but at the same time it is unable to reach the entire Gay community. Efforts to reach the fringe Gay and bisexual community, the closet people and the youth was discussed. "One thing that virtually every Gay paper in the United States has done that I think is absolutely admirable is that they are very, very generous about advertising things, covering things giving people space, and promoting activities to help people raise money to continue their projects."

"There are a whole lot of closet folks out there that get a Gay paper in their hands but never show up at a bar or a function," said Harper, "and that's their only communication with the Gay community but they're too afraid to see it face to face."

Harper said, "You know that AIDS was spreading in San Francisco among Gay men and then it started tailing off. And now they're looking at less than 2% of new infections per year - that's way, way down. People would say that this is a real success story! This is the first time that educational efforts have actually stopped the transmission of a communicable disease in a notable, statistically way. That's what everybody says.

Harper said, "I was talking last September to Bill David of the San Francisco Stop AIDS Resource Center, which now serves all of region nine - the western United States, Hawaii including Arizona. I asked Bill to 'tell me that the reason those numbers are changing is because you guys went out and did educational programs.'"

"Bill said, 'I can't tell you that. I know for sure that people were more careful when they had several friends who were sick and dying.' When everyone in that town knew someone who was sick and dying. Bill said 'when that happens in Phoenix or Tucson it's way too late, if that's what it takes to make people change it's just too late - it's unacceptable.'

To say that the Workshop and seminar was a success would be putting it mildly. If you missed this most stimulating afternoon, be sure to attend the next workshop which is should be in the fall at a date, time and place to be announced.

Ann Landers attacked for not responding to anti-quilt letter

by Allen White

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (BAR) - Ann Landers' office has said that she would not print any kind of response to a letter that ran in newspapers across the country on April 23. The Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights and the Names Project were severely critical, not only of the letter, but also of Landers' response.

Both organizations had hoped to educate readers of the Landers' column through letters of their own. That will not happen, and Names Project spokesperson Dan Sauro said they would ask elected officials to contact Landers regarding the inaccuracies in her column.

A person identified as K.K. wrote the letter and said, "When I saw the quilt commemorating AIDS victims on Ted Koppels' Nightline, I was just infuriated." The writer went on to complain that a brother had died of cancer and "there was no quilt for him". K.K. said, "I realize that people who have AIDS, from whatever source, are gravely ill and need compassion and our sympathy, but skip the quilt, please, and you can forget the drum rolls, too". The writer concluded by saying, "Just remember AIDS is avoidable. Most cancer is not."

Landers responded by saying, "Please don't let your grief blind you to the facts." She gives statistics and states there is no cure, but notes that the cure rate for some types of cancer is about 50 percent. She concludes by saying that AIDS is such an expensive illness that unless a vaccine or a cure is found within the next few

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OPEN LETTER OF THANKS TO TLGA:

On behalf of the WINGSPAN membership, we would like to express our deep appreciation to the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance for its sponsorship of the Second Annual Mothball during Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1989.

In order to help us charge only a small ticket price to our major fundraising event which was held during Lesbian/Gay Pride Week this year, TLGA paid our expenses to hold the dance, commemorating the Supreme Court's Hardwick decision which invades the privacy of our own homes, and to celebrate together twenty years of struggle since Stonewall.

We were also able to coordinate activities with TLGA throughout the week and we participated in the Picnic with a Dunking Booth and a table to give out information.

Thank you for all your work and we look forward to working together with you in the future.

Peace
Rafael A. Muris

EDITOR:

In regards to your Stonewall article (June 14th issue) we all know that action which took place in Greenwich Village 20 years ago certainly did help the Gay Civil Rights Movement. But Stonewall had nothing to do with being at ease with one's homosexuality and living openly homosexual lives as that has been with us throughout history, sometimes quite openly, and feeling content and accepting our sexual preference.

Evidently Chicago and Milwaukee, which I know from expetience, didn't have the fears in the middle Fifties and Sixties that you portrayed in your article of New York. There was a Gay beach between other public beaches in Milwaukee as well as in Chicago at Oak Park, and I never saw anyone hiding their preferences from John Q. Public! In fact, Milwaukee was very openly Gay in the Fifties!

The Gay Bars were not as numerous as they are today but they were all ways crowded and definitely no one thought it "took a lot of guts to go" to our favorite watering and cruising holes! And in Phoenix during the Sixties the Bars were flourishing with many of us living a very open lifestyle among John Q. Public who seem to accept us! All before Stonewall!

Most of my friends, like me, have all ways been perfectly comfortable with being what we are. So give Stonewall the credit due for its input to the Civil Gay and Lesbian Movement but don't imply that the acceptance of our homosexuality and living openly is a manifestation of Stonewall!

Sincerely
Robert B. Miller
Tucson, Arizona

[ED NOTE: Nowhere in that particular article were the Stonewall Riots given full credit for "the acceptance of our homosexuality and living openly". They did, however, give courage and strength to many to see that we, as a group, do have power and that we can have control over our lifestyles.

Being the only Gay bar owner in the fifties and sixties in Austin, Texas, I can assure you that even in that most liberal of all cities in Texas, Gay life was not flourishing and I personally knew of no one who lived an openly Gay lifestyle. The bar was 'visited' frequently by the members of the Texas football team who just 'stood around' in a menacing manner looking at the fags. Also during the school year, regular visits en masse by all the fraternities was assured. And when the University played at home, regular visits by members of the visiting schools to showed up to look at the queers. Mostly it was verbal harassment, but there was physical violence too.

The beginnings of a Gay movement was started in the late sixties in Austin, but it met as a secret underground group, and eventually the most militant of the group graduated from the University of Texas and moved on, causing the group to eventually disband.

There was one wealthy, flamboyant Gay man who was the center of a "secret" county grand jury investigation that made front page headlines for many weeks. And that poor man was eventually 'run out of town'. How many Gay people ran for those closet doors during that black period no one can tell.

What's more, the only two bars I visited in Phoenix during those years were a sleazy mixed bar called Kay's Happy Landing in downtown Phoenix and the 'uptown' Captain's Table. Neither one was hardly a wonderfully Gay atmosphere.

Consider yourself lucky that you did live in the Chicago/Milwaukee area. Wisconsin is still the only state that recognizes homosexuality in its state human rights law. And that only happened a few years ago, and not because of Stonewall, but because of a lot of hard work by "dedicated individuals and organizations who continue the struggle to get full civil and human rights for Gays and Lesbians everywhere."

REMEMBER YOUR FIRST KISS .....

Gay and Lesbian Democratic Cacus off and running in Pima County

Constitution adopted and officers elected

by Mark Kerr

TUCSON - The first meeting of the Gay and Lesbian Democratic Caucus (GLDC) of Pima County took place last Thursday, July 20. nearly 40 people attended the first organizational meeting of the group which is "destined to change the Arizona political scene."

The meeting was opened by Kathi Mayer who eloquently talked about the purpose and the goals of the group. The second item was ratification of the proposed Constitution. Kathi Mayer explained and answered questions about it. The Constitution was adopted by a 38-0 vote.

The next item on the agenda was the election of the GLDC Executive Committee. This part of the meeting was headed by Mark Von Destinon. The group elected: Co-chairs, Kathi Mayer and Bert Hoop; Vice-Chair, Abby Snowhite; Recording Secretary, Dennis Russell; Corresponding Secretary, Kelly Morris; Pima County Democratic Party Executive Committee Representative, Mark Kerr.

Election to the post of Treasurer was delayed until the August meeting. Those elected were elected by acclamation.

Pima County Democratic Chair, Bill Minette

Next on the meeting agenda were the guest speakers. First was Pima County Democratic Chair Bill Minette. In his speech, Minette stated that the Gay and Lesbian community should be involved in the process to help protect the civil rights of all people regardless of sexual preference. Through organization and hard work we will succeed as a group.

Pima County Democratic Party Democratic Executive Director Lyn Mandelberg

The next speaker was Pima County Democratic Party Executive Director Lyn Mandelberg. Lyn talked about the technical aspects of getting involved in the process and the framework of the Democratic Party. Her discussion ranged from how to become a Precinct Committeeperson to the statewide voter registration drive that is going on.

Mandelberg's talk sparked interest in registering voters and the GLDC got 15 people to sign up to take the class in becoming a Deputy Registrar. The class will be held sometime during the regular GLDC August meeting.

The newly elected co-chairs ended the meeting with comments about GLDC and its future.

THE PIMA COUNTY GAY AND LESBIAN DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

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Newly elected officers of the Gay and Lesbian Democratic Caucus of Pima County. (l to r) Male Co-chair Bert Hoop; Recording Secretary, Dennis Russell; Vice-chair Abby Snowhite; Female Co-chair Kathi Mayer; Corresponding Secretary, Kelly Morris and Pima County Democratic Party Executive Committee Representative, Mark Kerr.

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WHAT'S UP DOC?

This is your final call for anyone interested in going on Partners' Panda Run. For those going up to Phoenix Friday night for this run, contact Gary at 882-6498 to set up times and place to either meet here in Tucson or in Phoenix. For those here in Tucson just going up for the day, July 29, this Saturday, we will be meeting at 6:00 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant on the corner of Oracle and River Road. This will be for some breakfast or just coffee, as I will also need some. Departure from there will be at about 7:00 a.m. As much as possible, let's try to car pool from there.

For anyone wishing to drive to the campsite for this run, take Oracle Road North, U.S. Rt's 89 & 60 to Apache Trail. Follow Apache Trail toward Phoenix until you get to Bush Highway. Turn North and follow until you see the campsite. This campsite is the first one on the left.

Even though Partners will be supplying some of the beer, it suggested you also bring some because past trips down the Salt River has found the absence of beer at the end of the wet ride. Also, don't forget that special word "Rocks" - or any variation thereof - when spoken, will cost you 25 cents. Again, I recommend a good sun screen for those tubing, also old clothes with shoes. See you on the river and let's all go and have a lot of fun.

This year's Arizona Fellowship Run will be coming up over the Thanksgiving Day Weekend again and the committee has just about finalized all plans for this year's version. From the meetings I've attended so far, I can tell you that this year the run will be a lot more festive, with a wide variety of games being played all over Tucson. True, it's a long way off yet, so you do not have to be marking calendars at this time, but be watching for announcements as the date draws closer.

If I am not totally waterlogged after this Saturday, I'll bring some news from the river. Before closing for today, I want to pass one little item on to you. While sitting in the Graduate last Friday afternoon, I feel more comfortable and safe at this time. I heard about the flag burnings, Star Wars, space exploration and on and on for hours. Now when I crawl in bed with by better half, I know I'm safe.

Keep a stiff upper lip, enjoy your friends and I'll see a lot of you this Saturday tubing down the old Salt River.

A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

Do You Like Quality Television? Read On

It all began in 1983 when a substitute teacher learned of CBS' plans to cancel "Cagney and Lacey" the women-cop show. Fed up with the ideas of losing another quality show because of low ratings, she headed a letter-writing campaign aimed at letting the network know there were still many fans for the show. Eventually, CBS took the hint, ordering a new season of the show which would go on for another five years garnering a handful of Emmys.

With her letter-writing campaign, Dorothy Swanson, the now ex-teacher who heads the 5000-plus member "Viewers for Quality Television", began a trend which has directly led to the improving quality in television programming in the last half-decade.

A brash statement? Perhaps. But with shows like "China Beach," "Kate and Allie," "L.A. Law," the recently cancelled "Frank's Place," "Murphy Brown," (the only new show of last season to be included) and the current cause celebre', "Beauty and the Beast," on its support list, VQT has boldly gone where few have gone before: to the doorsteps of the networks with proof that there ARE intelligent people in TV's wasteland. VQT is virtually the only port in a storm for those of us tired of the sitcom tripe which the networks turn out like so many doughnuts.

VQT does not compile ratings like the Nielson's —generated by the viewing habits of 4000 randomly selected, geographically diverse households; instead, it tallies the input from an unscientifically organized group of 5000 men and women who are drawn together by nothing more than writing which excels, characters who are more than paper cutouts and storylines that actually have a point.

Yes, people just like you and me.

It is easy to grow tired of people like Terry Rakolta —the housewife who, with nothing else to do in her life, "singlehandedly" forced advertisers to pull out of FOX's "Married...With Children" over an allusion to a vibrator—who insist on bemoaning the state of television by demanding shows be censored. I prefer the approach taken by VQT: to support, nurture and make viewer's feelings about programs known to the networks.

A show can be cancelled because it is not generating high enough ratings numbers: "Poor" ratings which indicate "only" 18 million people watch, for example. In my mind, 18 million of ANYTHING is a lot —regardless of what Nielson says. VQT attempts to rectify this unbalanced situation.

Membership in VQT is available for $15 annually and includes the group's bi-monthly publication which contains an eclectic mix of news-bits, factoids, interviews with shows' stars and updates on VQT's favorite shows. For more info send a SASE to:

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CAPSULE COLUMN: Speaking of good television: Fans of FOX's cinema verite' police show "Cops" got a real treat when the show's producers went to Russia. The episode which aired July 15, showed crime in the world's OTHER power. I've liked "Cops" since its debut last fall, but this episode was more than just good television: this was education. Television once again shows it can rise above the banal to enlighten, inform and stir. Congratulations for an innovative and unique use of the medium.

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Using your charming persuasiveness on a difficult romantic partner could help solve what seems to be an unsolvable problem. If you act innocent when you are aware of guilt, you will gain great insight into the motivations of others.

GEMINI
Revealing confidential information at the appropriate time is sometimes what Geminis do best. Be aware that sometimes this can backfire especially if this information pertains to a co-worker.

CANCER
Music offers an excellent form of communication. Selective programming while you entertain someone special will make your night a highlight for the future. Express your excellence.

LEO
Activity in your home is of importance. Subtle perceptions about a friend could surprise you with deep feelings. Helping others solve a problem will make you feel useful and needed. Control impulsiveness yet go with the flow.

VIRGO
Be honest about what you are feeling. Expressing yourself privately with a special friend can help you achieve something as beautiful as perfection. Future priorities could undergo subtle changes.

LIBRA
A friend could reveal a secret that helps you avoid a crisis. Focus your artistic energies in your home. Your tastes reflect your character. Express your love of beauty.

SCORPIO
You are aware of secrets that could be powerful weapons or tools depending on how you use information about others. A trusted female helps you decide the best course for future advancement.

CENTAUR
Confidential information helps you make important decisions. A woman involved with your career is directly linked to your increased financial good fortune. Be aware of unfriendly co-workers who may offer future interference.

CAPRICORN
A friend you respect will clue you in on something you didn't know. You may decide you had rather not know but mystery appeals to you. Adventure and intrigue attract your curiosity.

AQUARIUS
Partnerships and legal affairs are lucrative. Your status and importance is on the move toward the top. The age of Aquarius favors the humanitarian. Accept responsibility and perform unbiased.

PISCES
Secret information about long-range plans should only be revealed to the trusted. There is always opposition within the Piscean psyche. Polarity creates balance and balance creates harmony. Project these vibes and the number of your friends will increase.

NOTE: This astrologer has found that those who are the most critical of astrology either have limited knowledge of cosmology or a misconception of astrology. A scientific understanding of the true nature of the universe is necessary to unite the science of cosmology and the philosophy of astrology.

The physical universe operates according to time and space. In the vacuum of space we find nuclear furnaces we call stars and around these stars we find planets. We scientifically define the limits of our universe in terms of temperature and speed. Kelvin represents motionless time and E=mc2 represents timeless motion.

All that we know to exist exists between these two extremes. By the motion of circles we calculate our time and while we orbit in these circles, we become aware of the order found within the universe and the chaos man creates upon the earth. We all exist in this present point in time. We are all riding this earth through the infinity of heaven as our solar system spirals through the universe.

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News From MCC Tucson

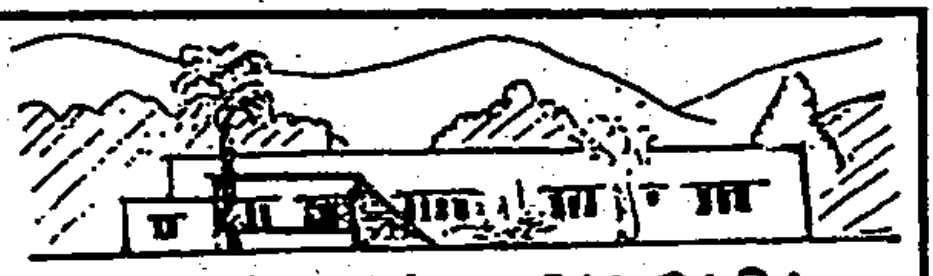
The 14th General Conference of the U.F.M.C.C. held in St. Paul, Minnesota is now history. The General Conference resulted in not only attending to business of the U.F.M.C.C. but in a spiritual renewal for the approximately 4,000 in attendance. The theme of the Conference was "Good News For All People". Those attending the Conference are now back home except for Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willey who extended her vacation to visit with family and friends in Maine.

During the Conference, Rev. Ed Perry was ordained as clergy of the U.F.M.C.C. and Rev. Nita was re-licensed as clergy. There will be special reports on the General Conference this Sunday at our Worship Services.

Speakers from all over the world and from diversified backgrounds were presented during the week. All of the services were recorded and MCC/Tucson will be presenting some of these tapes at different services in the near future. The delegates were instructed on many facets of the administration of the local churches and MCC/Tucson will be implementing some of these changes immediately.

This Saturday evening, July 29, starting at 6:30 p.m., MCC/Tucson will have their monthly Bingo games. Cash prizes will be given for each game. Bingo cards are printed with three cards to a sheet, each sheet is sold for 50 cents. This month will include an Ice Cream Social and ice cream will be sold during the evening.

Thought for the Week: Middle age is when you have a choice of two temptations and choose the one that will get you home earlier.



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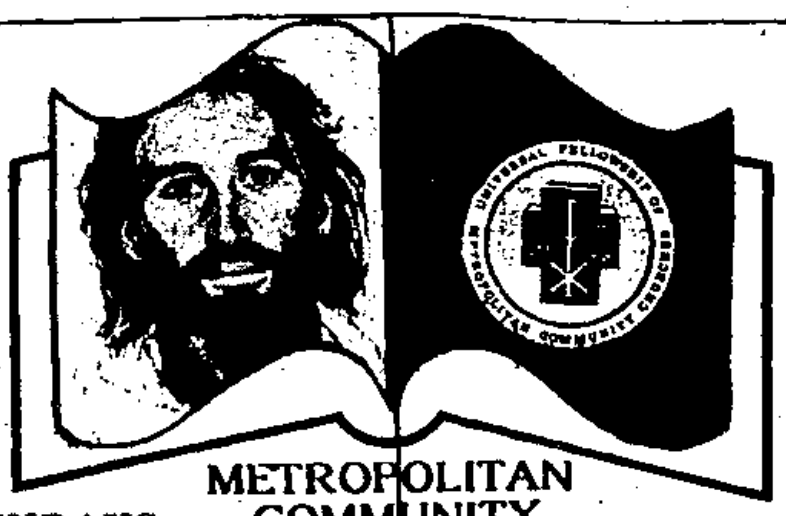

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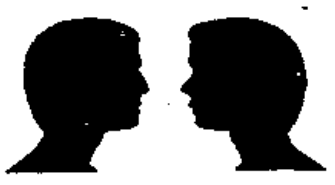

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POLITICS '89

by Mark R. Kerr

WORLD NEWS: JAPAN - The ruling conservative Liberal Democratic Party lost control of the Upper House in the Japanese Diet, the House of Councilors. 126 seats were up for election. The LDP only picked up 32 seats, bringing them to just 105. The Socialist Party led by the popular Takado Doi picked up 42 seats to bring their total to 62. The other opposition parties, the Komeito (Clean Government Party), the Democratic Socialist Party, and the Socialist Democratic Federation picked up seats at the Liberal Democratic Party's expense.

The Liberal Democratic Party has been wracked by the recruit scandal, which forced the former prime Minister Takeshita to resign. And the recent sexual allegations regarding Prime Minister Sousuke Uno. The Prime Minister us expected to resign on Monday and call for new elections for the lower house.

HUNGARY - For the first time in four decades, opposition party candidates were allowed to campaign for seats in the National Assembly. There were four seats up for grabs. Opposition candidates trounced the candidates put up by the Hungarian Communist Party. Hungary is taking the first steps from a Stalinist state to a multi-party democracy.

NATIONAL NEWS: NOW - The National Organization for Women held their annual convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. The convention was attended by more than 1,000 delegates. The delegates at the NOW convention discussed various issues from women to civil rights. But the issue that took center stage was abortion.

NOW President Molly Yard stated that the organization is developing legislation to prevent states from restricting the rights of women to have abortions. She also stated that "freedom caravans" are being set up to go to various state capitals and that a rally to show support for legalized abortion will take place on Nov. 12 in Washington, DC.

The National Organization for Women stated that membership has grown to 200,000 from 150,000 just since the July 3rd decision. Officials of the organization have pledged defeat for candidates who are not pro-choice. The culminating event was the march that took place on Saturday. 3,000 marched through the downtown streets vowing to put pressure on lawmakers to support a woman's right to choose. The marchers exchanged words with about 300 right-to-lifers.

LUCAS' FOLLIES: William Lucas, the Bush Administration's nominee for Chief Civil Rights enforcer sent his confirmation deeper into doubt with his views on the recent Supreme Court rulings. "I am new to the law," was his response when asked to give his opinions on the court rulings. Soon after this, Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich) withdrew his support, and two senators who had been leading towards confirming Lucas have become cool towards him.

William Lucas, 61, is a former sheriff, who in 1986 left the Democratic Party to run an unsuccessful race for governor of Mich- igan as a Republican. He was trounced by incumbent Ray Blanchard. Lucas' performance at the confirmation hearings gives even more ammunition to his opponents who have stated that Lucas is very unqualified to head the Civil Rights division of the Justice Department. They also have brought up the point that Lucas has never taken a part in a trial, filed a brief or handled an appeal.

Senator Dennis DeConcini stated that Lucas could have helped his cause if he had "couched it a little better," when defending the Bush administration position regarding the court rulings. "When I started out these hearings, I was in favor of Lucas, and I am still, but I am going to review the record in full before I make a decision."

ARIZONA NEWS: Here is how the Arizona Congressional Delegation voted on bills that came up for a vote last week in the House of Representatives. 3 bills came up for votes. The first bill concerned the National Park Service. The bill in question would not let the Park Service to become independent of the Interior Department. The bill was defeated by a 251 to 148 vote. Rep. Mo Udall voted no. Congressmen Rhodes, Stump, Kyl and Kolbe voted in favor.

The second bill concerned hazardous waste. The bill could have limited the power of states to combat hazardous waste at federal facilities. The bill was defeated by a 322-98 margin. Voting in favor was Congressmen Rhodes, Stump and Kyl. Voting against were Kolbe and Udall.

The last bill was regarding space station funding. The proposed bill would have taken $714 million from the proposed space station and apply the money to domestic programs. The bill was rejected by a 291 to 125 margin. Congressman Udall voted in favor. Rhodes, Stump, Kyl and Kolbe voted no.

In the Senate, three bills were voted on. The first, which passed 57-42, makes it a crime for a member of the Executive Branch to solicit money to carry out a foreign policy for which Congress has denied funding. Sen. Deconcini voted yes, Sen John McCain voted no.

The second bills concerned the talks with the P.L.O. The proposed bill would have ended or side tracked talks with the P.L.O. The measure was tabled by a 75-23 vote. Both Deconcini and McCain voted to table the amendment.

The last bill concerned the selection of diplomats. They rejected by a 79 to 20 margin a bill that would limit the president to 15% in appointees for Ambassador positions. Sens. DeConcini and McCain voted this down.

PIMA COUNTY NEWS: The first meeting of the Gay and Lesbian Democratic Caucus of Pima County took place last week. See separate story in this issue of OBSERVER.

TUCSON NEWS: Waste! Waste! Waste! Ward 5 City Councilmember Roy Laos has moved into his new palatial office. The office is 2,200 square feet. It is bigger than the City Manager's office; it is bigger than the Mayor's office; it is bigger than the Governor's office. It is bigger than most houses!

The city spent close to $27,000 on furniture and office material. Roy Laos' aide Boris Baird tired to justify the expense by stating that a lot of important dignitaries will come through the office. Right! President Bush, if he stops here, will see Roy, not the Mayor.

Steve Leal, the next City Council member from Ward 5 stated that Palace of Versailles parties should be thrown in the office. Thank heavens Leal is running because he would not waste such sums of money on petty extravagance. He is concerned about the people of Tucson, the City of Tucson and the future.

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ANN LANDERS ATTACKED FOR NOT RESPONDING TO ANTI-QUILT LETTER

years, it could bankrupt the health-care system in this country.

In her reply, Landers never mentions the quilt.

The Bay Area Physicians said that they were "dismayed and saddened by the contents of the letter in your column" and that they were also "particularly surprised and disappointed by your response to it."

BAPHR's response said, "Although anyone's initial reaction may be to support and protect K.K. in her/his personal loss, grief and anger, there is not reason to accept without challenge the erroneous conclusions reached by this anguished individual."

The letter continues to suggest that Landers use this type of letter to educate people about AIDS.

"The Quilt is an inspiration creation of love in response to loss, and should not be interpreted by anyone as diminishing their own loss from other diseases," the physicians said.

The physicians then provides several points relating to the transmission of AIDS and the need for education.

At the same time, the Names Project, also responded to Landers' letter. Dan Sauro, the media coordinator for the quilt, said, "The Quilt does not exist to 'make heroes.' It is for remembering; it is an example of love and compassion in the face of terrifying reality." He said more than 9,000 individuals and groups from all 50 states and several foreign countries had responded by creating panels.

Sauro said that K.K. is from Rochester, New York. The quilt, now on a national tour, was on display recently in Rochester.

"I would hope," Sauro says, "that instead of 'skipping the quilt,' he or she will see the quilt first hand, and feel the power and love that a community has created from grief and pain."

"Finally, let us not pit one horror against another," Sauro said. "AIDS and cancer are both tragedies. Both desperately need continuing funding for direct care services, education and research. Those directly affected need our understanding and our compassion. Every human life is sacred; and each one lost too soon, to disease, is tragic. That is the true message of the quilt."

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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN CALLS FOR FREEDOM OF DISCRIMINATION

a whole, the majority is voting against women all the time. We're sick of it."

NOW delegates also passed a resolution for a national effort to lobby for abortion rights on federal and state levels. Part of the plans include targeting states for ballot initiatives on abortion rights, and to introduce legislation to stop anti-abortion legislation in states.

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POLITICS '89

END NOTES: I just recently had a conversation with City Council candidate Steve Leal. He stated that since he does not have an opponent in the primary elections that contributions have not increased. My jaw dropped. Why are we not helping him? Don't we want to get rid of Roy Laos? Wishing will not do it. Financial support will. I am giving $10 to the campaign, how about you. You can give $10 all the way up to $220. He needs help, so please send contributions to Tucsonans for Leal, P.O. Box 40760, Tucson, AZ 85717-0760. He can help us, but wishes can't help him - contributions can and will, so give him some help.

Until next time, take care.

LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE FOR LESBIAN SLAYER

PHILADELPHIA, PA - Roy Carr, 29, who killed one woman and severely injured another, was sentenced to life in prison without parole. In its defense, the prosecution said Carr (whose mother was involved in a Lesbian relationship) was incensed because the women teased him by having sexual activity in front of him as he was hiking along a deserted woods trail. The two Lesbians were on a four-day camping holiday in the woods.

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

SATURDAY, JULY 29

RAINBOW ROOM - A really big show featuring Tiffany and the New Babies. Showtime 10 p.m. Tiffany presents some new talent destined to "take Tucson by storm!".

SUNDAY, JULY 30

JOSHUA TREE - "3's A Crowd" show here hosted by Bobby Holliday anbd starring Jantarra from the BoyGere Revue plus some fantastic fan dancing performed by Linda Fizdale. It begins at 10 p.m. and promises to be a fun evening.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

COLETTE'S - Live music by the great women's band Razz Ma Tazz. 5 to 7 p.m. $2 Cover. Don't miss them!

JOSHUA TREE - Desert Leathermen will present "Casino Night" here during the evening. A fun time is assured for all if you 'gamble' or not.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

COLETTE'S - The wonderful music stylings of Anne English from 9 to midnight. No Cover.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

COLETTE'S - It's 3rd Tuesday and time for Womyn's music, a monthly event here. Check it out.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

COLETTE'S - It's 3rd Wednesday and time for Country Music night, a monthly event and hosted by popular singer Loren Johnson.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

JOSHUA TREE - See some of your favorite stars perform in this benefit show for Tucson AIDS Project and El Proyector Arizona-Sonora. The show is called "Latex, Sex and Drag" and begins at 9:00 p.m. A good show is promised with names still being contacted and a list will be announced. Mark your calendars now.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

COLETTE'S - Lisa Otey plays and sings from 9 to midnight. No Cover. A talented artist whose performance should not be missed.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

COLETTE'S - Anne English plays her acoustic guitar and sings her heart out for you. A very pleasant evening of music for everyone.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

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TUESDAY, JULY 25

HIV/AIDS Emotional Support Group, 7:30-9 p.m. every Tuesday, TAP office, 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #252. call 322-6226 for more info.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

Positive Approach to Living with HIV, at P.A.C.T. office every Wed. 7 P.M. You do have choices, come and learn. 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #282.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

MCC/TUCSON will have their monthly Bingo Games starting at 6:30 p.m. This month's games will include an Ice Cream Social with ice cream being sold during the evening. Call 622-4536 for information.

HIV Wellness Clinic for HIV+, ARC/AIDS. Balancing the mind, body and spirit in a supportive and confidential atmosphere. Yoga, nutrition and treatment options. Every Saturday, 1-4 p.m., 151 S. Tucson Blvd. TAP and P.A.C.T. offices.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 29 & 30

Partners of Tucson will have their annual Panda Run on the Salt River. Run fee is $6.69 which includes a meal at the end of tubing and goes towards some of the beer consumed while tubing. Tube rental of $5 is extra and at each tubers own expense. Run applications are at IBT's or the Graduate or call 882-6498 for details.

MONDAY, JULY 31

Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus meets at 7 p.m. at 560 S. Stone (MCC/Tucson building) for practice. There will be auditions for new members during this rehearsal.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

Mi Casa Su Casa will have their first Taco Tuesday from 6 to 9 p.m. This will bve held by the poolside so bring your swimwear. There will be an all-you-can-eat buffet with $4.00 as the suggested donatino. Call 885-0115 for details.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

Gay and Lesbian Democratic Caucus will have an executive Meeting at 7 p.m. This meeting will be held at the home of Kelly Morris, 2520 North Fair Oaks. Everyone is invited to attend. Call Kelly at 795-1550 or Mark at 620-1740 for details.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Jamie Anderson celebrating the release of her new album "Closer To Home" with special guest comic Slique Callahan, 8:00 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 4821 E. 22nd St. $6.50 at the door or $5 in advance from Antigone Books, 3rd Friday Coffeehouse or by mail. For more information call 325-7828.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

TMC Chorus meets at 7 p.m. at 560 S. Stone for practice. There will be auditions for new members during this rehearsal. Auditions will conclude at the August 14 rehearsals.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Arizona Fellowship Committee will meet at the Graduate at 12:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend, everyone is welcome.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association monthly meeting. Hotel Park Tucson. Ron Asta, former county planner and member of the Board of Supervisors talks about the status of construction and real estate today. 7:30 p.m., no-host beverages; 8 p.m., general meeting. Free to OP members and first-time guests. $10 for repeat guests at the door. Information: 296-4642.

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BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys $1.25. Steak Dinner 5 pm to ??? $4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am, Linda Fizdale.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Wine Down Nite" $1.00 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 - Noon to 8 p.m. check the light board for Sunday specials. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Buffet 5:30 to 7? Clint DJ's.

RUMOHAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys $1.25 + Schnapps .50/shot. DJ Dwayne 9 to 1.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 1 am Miller bottle or Schnappe .75 5-8 pm non-Premium Beer $1.25, Well Drinks $1.50. DJ 9 to 1 Dave Pierson.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. All White Well $1.00 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 Two for One. 8-1 Miller Products $1.25. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm; Two for 1 drinks.

RUMOHAZZIT 2222 - Open noon to 1 am. 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer + nachos and melted cheese.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. Corona Beer $1.00 or Well Tequila $1.50 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: $1.25 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 Two for 1. 8-1 Bud Products $1.25. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m.: Two for One drinks.

RUMOHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well/ beer 4-7 pm + nachos and melted cheese. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Dwayne.

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 Schnappe from 8 pm to close! DJ Linda 9pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Schnapps $1.00 from 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 Two for One. 8-1 Well Nite, all Well .75, Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm: Two for One drinks.

RUMOHAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer + nachos and melted cheese. Bud Can Beer Nite - .50 per can, plus .50 schnappe from 7 pm until close. VJ/DJ Ruben.

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!" .75 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 Two for One. 8-1 Beer Bust, all can beer .50/can. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm: Two for One drinks. Clint DJs.

RUMOHAZZIT - 2 for 1 well/beer 4-7 p.m. + nachos and melted cheese. 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 .75; 4 to 8 Two for One; 8-1 Well drinks $1.50 (w/juice $1.75); Dance 9-1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm: Two for One drinks. Clint DJs.

RUMOHAZZIT - 2 for 1 beer/well 4-7 p.m.+ nachos & melted cheese. Progressive Friday: Well drinks .75 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour til 1 am. DJ Ruben 9-1.

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 .75; 4 to 8 Two for One. 8-1 Well drinks $1.75 (w/juice $1.75); Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Clint DJs.

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

Directions
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P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is a support group available to anhyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. In Tucson, anyone is invited to contact Joan 790-7526 or Jan 885-7118 or write P.O. Box 26394, Tucson, AZ 85726. All replies confidential.

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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).

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).

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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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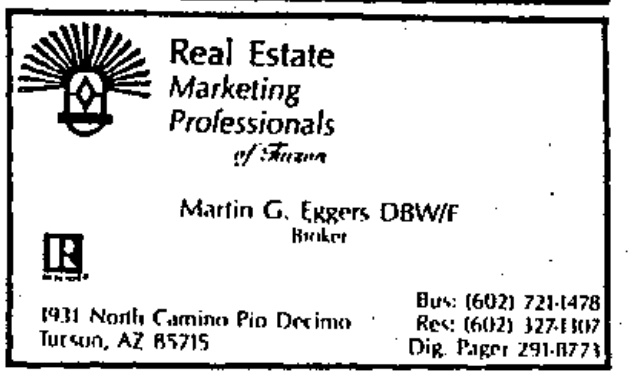

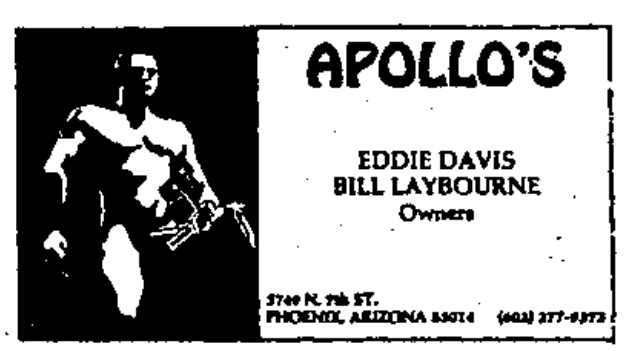

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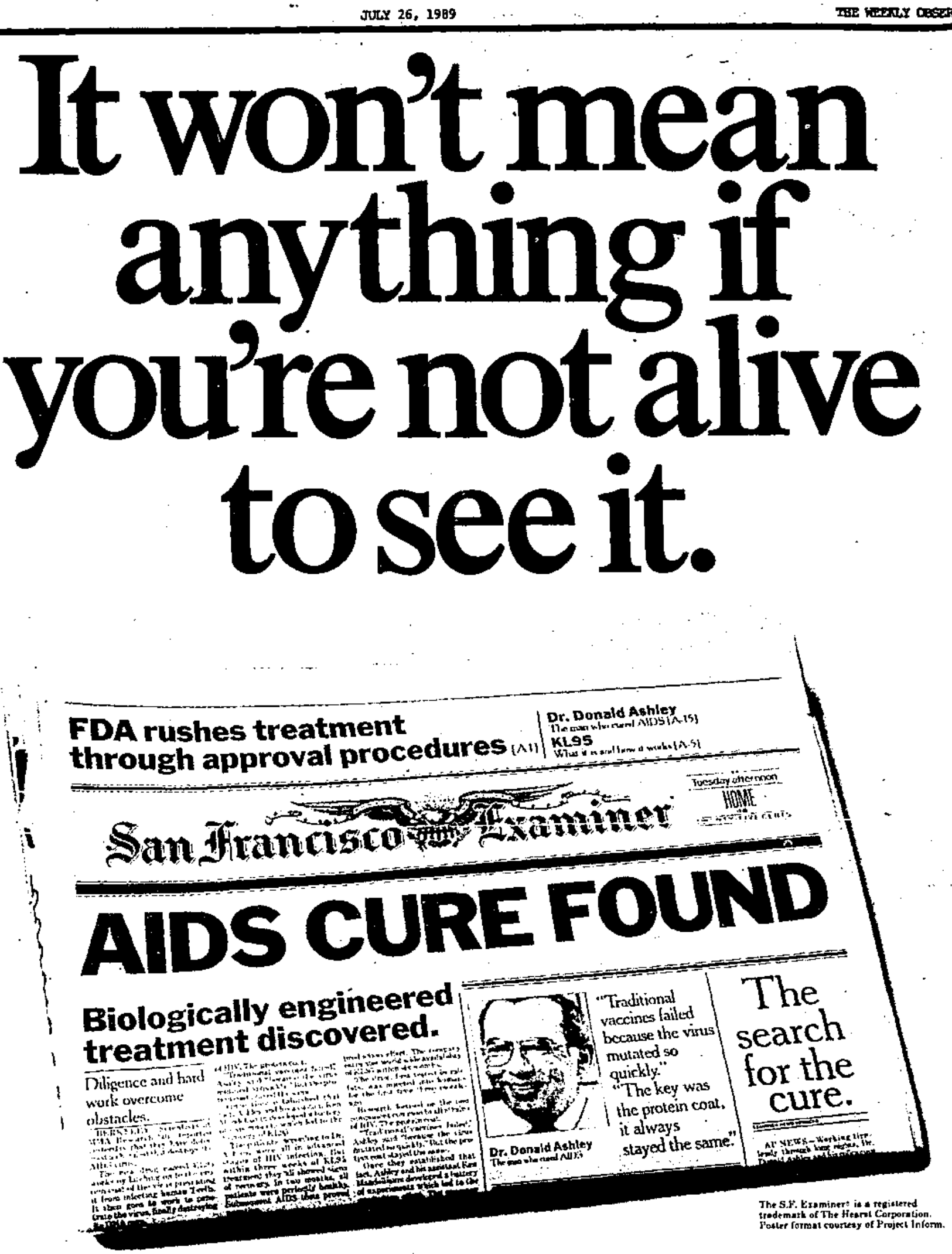
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Biologically engineered treatment discovered.

Diligence and hard work overcome obstacles.

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The search for the cure.

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In the past eight years, fifty thousand people who were desperately hoping for an AIDS cure, died waiting.

Many of them did nothing because, at the time, nothing could be done.

But, today, something can be done. Recent research shows that early detection of the AIDS virus, followed by immune system monitoring and treatment, can slow the progression to AIDS.

Or possibly prevent it.

The first step is knowing your HIV status.

If you have not taken the test, consider taking it.

Only take the test after you have received counselling and only at an **anonymous** testing site.

Find out more about HIV treatment and **anonymous** testing by calling the number in your area.

There are effective treatments for the AIDS virus.

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