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Awareness Project Ads to Appear in 'New Times' in Phoenix Area

PHOENIX - Educational ads produced by the Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project will appear in the New Times, the weekly news and arts journal for the Phoenix area. The Arizona Coordinating Committee for the Awareness Project have just successfully raised over \$1,700 from the Arizona community to fund the series of ads in the New Times.

The first ad entitled "Dan is Gay. So They Crippled Him For Life" features Dan Gilling who was attacked by a pair of Gay-bating young men and consequently paralyzed for life. Other ads feature a Gay teen who committed suicide, a father and his Gay son and a happy Lesbian couple. The entire series of four ads will run in consecutive issues of the New Times from mid-November through early December.

This is the first series of ads that the Awareness Project has run in Arizona. Other ads have appeared in mainstream newspapers in Seattle, Washington, Boulder, Colorado and in California including the Los Angeles Times.

Peter Crozier, Arizona Coordinator for the Awareness Project, says, "I am really pleased with the enthusiastic response we've had from the Arizona community for our first ad campaign. We intend to have these educational ads run in other newspapers within the state".

The Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project is a national, non-profit organization working to reduce fear, prejudice and discrimination towards Lesbians and Gay men through a media-

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Smithsonian Institute Formally Acquires First Gay and Lesbian Memorabilia



Photo: John Zeh

Smithsonian Curators Edith P. Mayo (L) and Dr. Keith E. Melder of NMAH (R) hold a photo by Al Stephenson taken of the Los Angeles Lead-off contingent during the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, the museum's first formal ac-

quisition of such memorabilia. Gay activists Vernon Mitchell (left of center) and Mark Tullai (right of center) presented this and other historical items at a ceremony in Washington, DC, Oct. 24.

Gay Glasnost Comes To Tucson



BY VINCE ALAGORRA/THE CHRONICLE

TUCSON - Roman Kalinin, Soviet Gay activist touring the United States, will spend Thanksgiving with his friends Jay Eckman and Jim Toevs, who he met when they in Moscow last summer.

Kalinin, who is the founder of the Moscow Union of Lesbians and Gays, and Publisher of "Tema", the only Gay newspaper in the Soviet Union, a ten-month old publication with a circulation of 10,000. The paper's name means Theme, which is Soviet slang for Gay.

While in Tucson, Kalinin will spend several days visiting AIDS organizations. On Monday, Nov. 26, Kalinin will speak to the Bi-sexual, Lesbian & Gays United group at 7:00 p.m. in the Economics Building, Room 111, on the University of Arizona campus.

In addition to Kalinin, Robert Bray, of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force will give a legislative report card on the Arizona Congressional Delegation for the recently concluded session of Congress.

Kalinin is visiting the United States under the auspices of the Inter-

national Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. His tour includes New York City, Minneapolis, Seattle, San Francisco, Tucson, Chicago, Boston and Washington, DC.

"Being Gay or Lesbian in the Soviet Union is very difficult," according to Kalinin. "Several hundred people are sent to prison labor camps each year for homosexual activity," he said. Even so, there is an emerging Gay and Lesbian community which hopes to sponsor a conference and film festival in Moscow and Leningrad next summer.

The emerging Soviet Gay rights movement "began largely through the exchange of information with the West" so it's important to continue these contacts," Kalinin, 24, said.

Kalinin, who has a boyfriend back home, said he knew he was Gay "in the crib" and began seeking out Gay friends several years ago. He decided to start the newspaper, he said, "because I don't want the next generation to go through the same unhappiness" that he and his friends have suffered in the repressive Soviet society.

WASHINGTON, DC - The prestigious Smithsonian Institution formally acquired political memorabilia from "the cause of Gay rights political activism" documenting the struggle of Gay men and Lesbians, working together to gain equality.

"The gift represents a significant part of the political history of our time," said Roger G. Kennedy, Director of the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution.

Veteran Gay activist Vernon C. Mitchell of Marina del Rey, California, donated to the museum personal items from his years of activism including a unique banner he designed and produced for the April 9, 1989 March for Women's Equality and Women's Lives, organized by the National Organization for Women (NOW). Mark J. Tullai, also of Marina del Rey, carried the banner in the March. Both Mitchell and Tullai are confrontive activists and members of ACT UP and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), Los Angeles.

"History is our future," said Mitchell, "and unless it's preserved for posterity, the Gay and Lesbian quest for equality is seriously hampered."

Edith P. Mayo, who initiated the new acquisition stated, "This represents an additional aspect of the larger movement of human rights and equality we have tried to represent in the museum since the 1960s civil rights movement". Ms. Mayo is a Curator in the Political History Division of the National Museum of American History (NMAH) where Mitchell's donation will be preserved.

Director Kennedy welcomed Gay, Lesbian and feminist leaders to a private ceremony on Oct. 24 in his conference room. Among those in attendance were representatives from NOW, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation New York Chapter (GLAAD/NY).

"It's very exciting," said Rosemary Dempsey, NOW's Vice President for Action. "When such a widely known and honored museum publicly accepts - and begins to build - what I hope will become an extensive collection that will someday see the light of a public exhibition, we will be here in the Nation's Capitol, proudly viewing our history."

Mitchell agreed, "Knowledge of our history and our heroes are the prerequisites for pride. We have existed in every culture. We are everywhere. This formal acquisition is one more milestone in gaining equality. Our history has found another safe harbor, and we are grateful."

Mitchell's perception was that men were the missing link in the women's rights movement, and he wanted to make a contribution to NOW's "March on Washington for Women's Equality and Women's Lives." The banner was first displayed at a demonstration in Los Angeles at a Right of Choice Clinic Defense action. It was early morning, dark and raining. When the banner was spread open in full view, a woman started to cry. Mitchell explained, "At that moment I realized the impact of

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UPDATE

Team Tucson to Organize Sub-Group

TUCSON - Gay Games III Gold Medalist Deanna Lewis, has announced an organizational and informational meeting of Team Tucson, an umbrella support group for Lesbian and Gay athletes who wish to become involved in Gay and Lesbian sports activities.

According to Lewis, "Last summer at Gay Games III in Vancouver, British Columbia, a few Tucsonans participated with Team Arizona, but the team was made up primarily of people from Phoenix. The Team Arizona Board of Directors realizes that it is unrealistic to attempt to function as a single unit, and therefore is very supportive of the formation of Team Tucson, which will operate as a semi-autonomous sub-group of Team Arizona."

The first meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tucson Old Pueblo Resort, 4210 N. Saranac Drive. The Team Arizona Gay Games III video will be shown, and discussions about the future of Team Tucson will be held.

Anyone interested in participating in or supporting Team Tucson is encouraged to attend. For further information or directions to Tucson Old Pueblo Resort, call 577-6018.

Awareness Project

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oriented, public education program. For more information about the organization write to: The Awareness Project, P.O. Box 60881, Phoenix, AZ 85082-0881 or call (602)827-0819.

Toy Drive for Arizona Children's Home

TUCSON - The annual drive for new toys to be distributed by the Arizona Children's Home is underway. Drop-off places to leave toys include Colette's West, Hours, Rumor 2222, Graduate and IBT's.

Besides toys, items also needed include staples and canned food, new or used clean clothing for boys and girls 3 months to 16 years of age. Your help in making some needy children happy this holiday season is appreciated.

Casa de la Paloma Revival

TUCSON - Casa de la Paloma Apostolic Church will host a three-day revival Nov. 30 through Dec. 2. Guest preachers will be the Rev. Sheri Bayes of Nashville, Tennessee and the Rev. William H. Carey of Schenectady, NY, Presbyter of the National Gay Pentecostal Alliance.

Services will be held each night at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. On Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Carey will hold a workshop, "Homosexuality and the Bible". This workshop uses the Hebrew and Greek scriptures to determine what the Bible does and does not say about homosexuality. Special music and singing is also being planned for all of the services. Everyone is invited.

Casa de la Paloma Apostolic Church is located at 1122 N. Jones Blvd. For more information call Pastor Sandy Lewis at 323-6855.

In Memoriam



R. HARRISON MAC ARTHUR

March 7, 1948 - November 9, 1990
Harrison succumbed to his battle with AIDS in Los Angeles, California on Friday, Nov. 9. During the time Harrison lived in Tucson he founded Mi Casa Su Casa, a haven for persons afflicted with AIDS. His vigor and determination to defeat this disease will certainly be part of his legacy. He is survived by his lover Brian LaPlante.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: We neglected to give credit where credit was due last week. The intrepid person who took all those photos of the Miss Gay Tucson Pageant was none other than the infamous raconteur, bon-vivant, bartender and our free-lance photographer Danny Pagel aka Moose.

Also, our ace graphics artist, Gary Clark, thought that our logo needed spiffing up so, with this issue, you may not have noticed, but the old Indian Chief has been replaced by a newer, snappier Indian Brave who will carry the OBSERVER on through the 90's in good fashion, you can be sure.

And finally, in this issue there is a letter from one of our staff who celebrates his fourth anniversary with the OBSERVER with this issue. We congratulate Lance Penny for the many hours he has volunteered for the cause, and are grateful for the great work he has done to constantly upgrade the 'look' on these pages.

Weather Or Not

by Bart

NOT MUCH CHANCE OF RAIN FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK. PARTLY CLOUDY AND COOLER.

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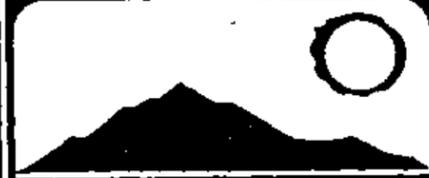
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Gays Celebrate 'Lavender Sweep' In San Francisco Elections

by Marc Sandalow

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - In the Gay community they are calling it the "lavender sweep".

One year after the stunning defeat of its cherished domestic partners legislation, San Francisco's Gay and Lesbian community scored a series of victories in the recent election.

Voters handily approved a new version of the domestic partners law (OBSERVER, Nov. 14), making San Francisco the first major city in the nation to allow Gays and Lesbians the right to register their domestic relationships at City Hall.

In addition, for the first time in the city's history, two Lesbians won seats on the Board of Supervisors and a Gay candidate was the top vote-getter in the school board election.

November 6, "was a historic day for our community," said Ron Braithwaite, co-chair of the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club. "There is no city in America for Gay men and Lesbian women like San Francisco." Braithwaite and other Gay leaders called it the "Lavender sweep," in reference to the color that has become a symbol for homosexuals.

In addition to the election of Carole Migden and Roberta Achtenberg to the board of supervisors and of Tom Amiano to the school board, the strength of the Gay vote apparently helped Supervisor Doris Ward to edge out more conservative incumbent Bill Maher as the top vote getter in the supervisors race, thus giving her the

board presidency. The liberal surge also helped Kevin Shelley win the fifth open board seat.

The board's move to the left is expected to boost causes such as rent control and expanded programs for health, AIDS and the homeless, as well as increase the likelihood of new taxes.

"This was the year of the liberal, Gay-oriented voter," said Mark Poggioli, a spokesman for the losing No on K, the domestic partners measure.

"No longer can the world force us to stay in the closet," said Jean Harris, who ran the domestic partners campaign. "We're on the upswing, and we're not going away."

Some, however, view the Gay triumphs with apprehension. "For churchgoers, for people with traditional values, they feel they don't have any voice in the city," Poggioli said.

The success of Proposition K and the Gay candidates was in part the result of a strong turnout in Gay strongholds such as the Castro where more than 66 percent of the registered voters cast ballots.

But the victory also underscored the growing acceptance of Gay candidates, political analysts said. "The Gay and Lesbian community has arrived politically," said Urvashi Vaid, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task force in Washington, DC, noting that six other openly Gay and Lesbian candidates won on election day.

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Smithsonian Institute Acquires

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its power. The banner said something that few people had ever seen 'Men for Women's Equality and Women's Lives.' To keep it snooth and subtle, and maintain the power of the women, we put a pink triangle behind 'men', which then said, 'Gay men for women's equality'.

"I was very proud," said Mark Tullai, "to share the honor with my friends who joined me that day in bearing this magnificent statement down Constitution Avenue at the 1989 March for Women's Rights." "I will never forget the cheers from the women when we unfurled the banner under the Washington Monument. They started coming toward us, and the cameras never stopped clicking."

The message of the banner caught the eye of Edith Mayo during the March. After 18 months of Mayo/Mitchell perseverance, this historical acquisition became a reality.

"This is a notable honor to our community, to be taking our rightful place with other social changes and dissent movements in this country," said Urvashi Vaid, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. On behalf of the national Gay and Lesbian political movement, I applaud the Division of Political History for their persistence in pushing for this collection, and standing by their principles in going after something that is still hotly contested, namely Gay and Lesbian quality," Vaid said.

The Smithsonian ceremony acknowledged "that the relationship bet-

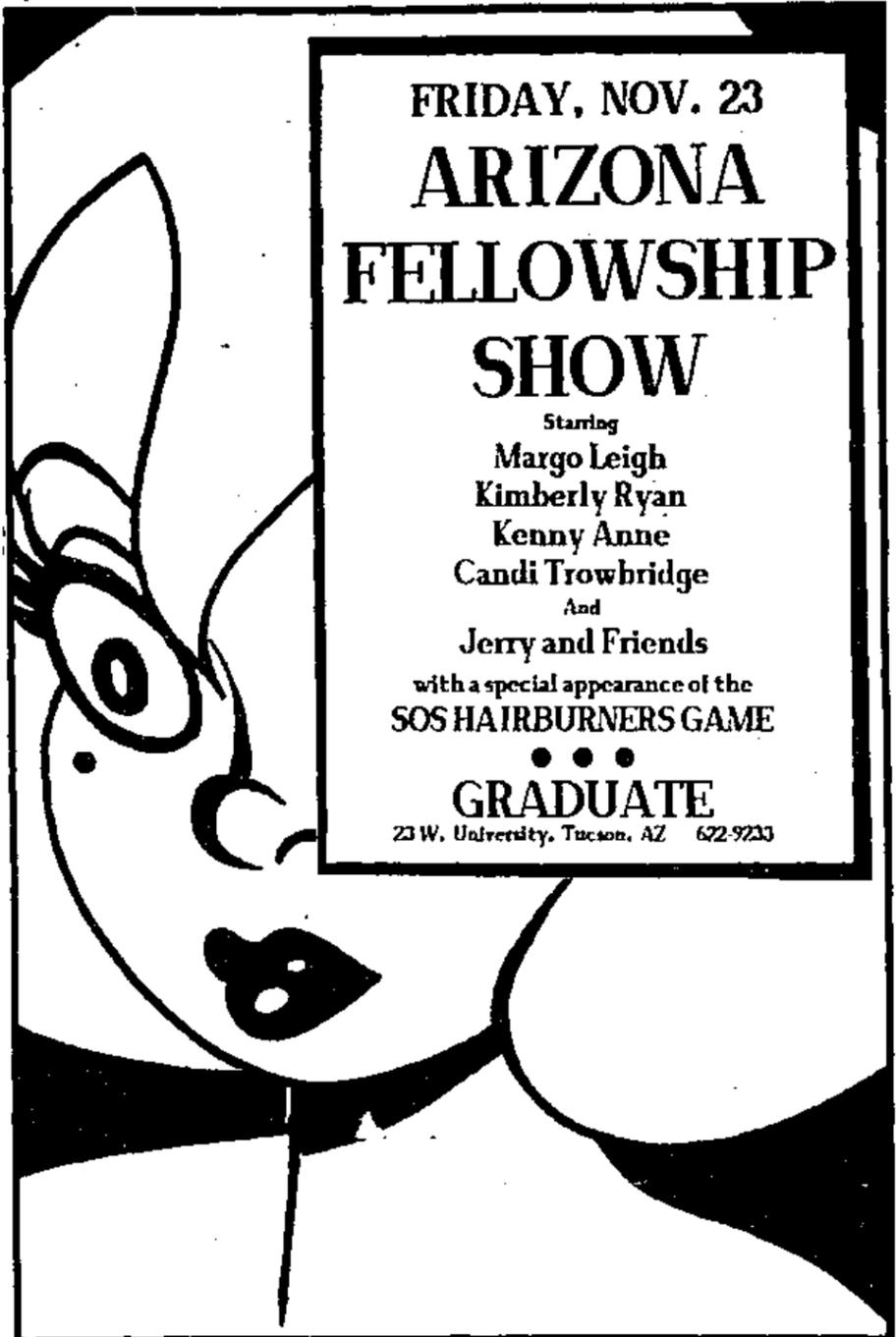
ween the Gay and Lesbian movement and the women's movement is one that is both inextricable and necessary," noted Rosemary Dempsey of NOW.

In addition to the banner carried at the 1989 March for Women's rights, the museum also accepted many other items all donated by Mitchell including a 3' X 5' enlargement of a photo by Al Stephenson of the Los Angeles lead-off contingent in the 1987 National March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights and numerous other posters, placards, banners, buttons, brochures, pamphlets and programs.

"These items will be stored in a non-public area, and sometime in the future we hope to have a display on social protest," said Dr. Keith Melder, "although at present nothing is being planned. The NMAH is obligated to balance its responsibilities for collections' care and research with their use for public exhibition and loan.

"The Smithsonian has formally opened their doors to us," said Mitchell. "Hopefully, they will continue to create space and acquire memorabilia that reflects the Gay and Lesbian Rights movement as well as other aspects of our history."

Others representing National Gay and Lesbian organizations attending the ceremony were Nancy Buermyer, Lesbian Rights Program Director for NOW, Robert Bray, Public Information Director of NGLTF and Jillian Mackin and Donald O'Higgins, HRCF.



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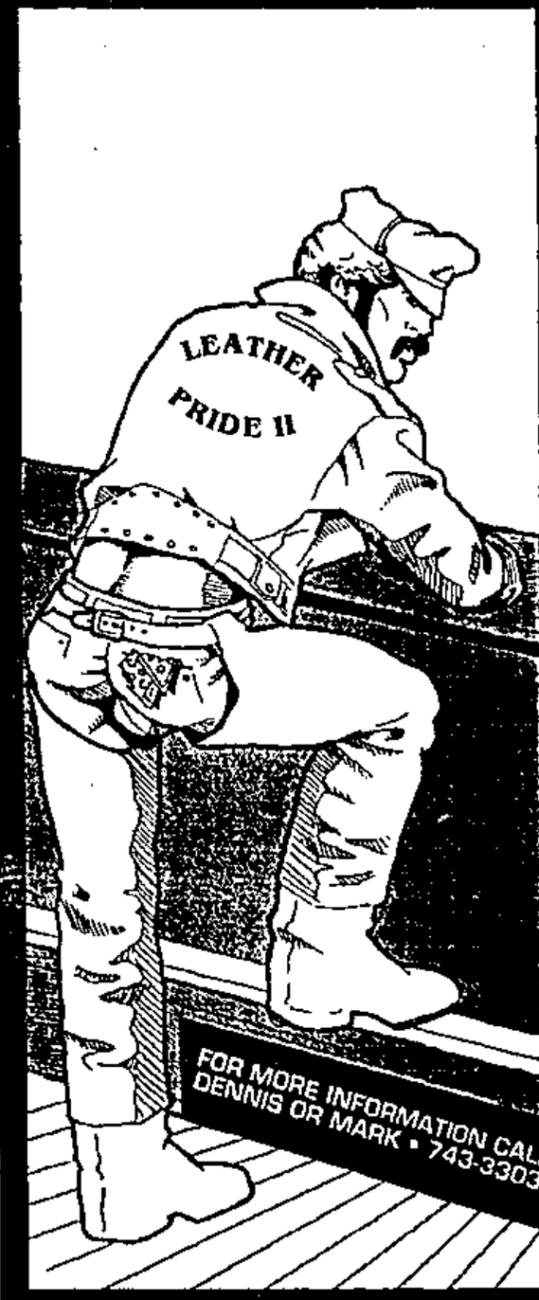
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POLITICS '90 by MARK R. KERR

CAMPAIGN '90: THE RUNOFF
Last week, Gov. Rose Mofford called together prominent members of the State House and Senate to lay the groundwork for an agreement for the rules for the runoff election between the gubernatorial candidates: Democrat Terry Goddard and Republican J. Fife Symington III. After the series of meetings last week, the Goddard campaign scored points on the proposals agreed upon regarding the runoff. As of presstime this is the proposed draft of the legislation:

The election will be held on Feb. 26 (what the Goddard campaign wanted), instead of Jan. 29 (proposed by the Symington campaign).

The voter registration rolls will not be purged until after the runoff election.

People will be allowed to register to vote for the runoff election (another Goddard victory). The deadline will be 29 days prior to the election.

A new time period for campaign fund raising will be allowed. (Goddard win).

Now you are probably wondering why a date of Feb. 26 for the gubernatorial runoff. Several reasons: (1) The Justice Department must give the okay for the runoff proposals, due to the fact that Arizona is one of the states affected by the Voting Rights Act (due to the state's treatment of Native American Indians). This could take up to 4 to 6 weeks. (2) The weather in January is the worst time to hold an election, due to the heavy snowfall in the outlying counties, thus impeding the process for citizens. (3) Since the voter rolls will not be purged, and people will have the opportunity to register, time is needed to re-do the precinct voter rolls.

WHERE DOES J. FIFE SYMINGTON III STAND ON THE ISSUES?

This is a good question that will be addressed, but possibly not answered. Why, you might ask? The rest of this column will show you why. On the subject of reproductive choice:

Symington in the primary campaign, flatly stated that he firmly believes in a woman's right to choose. In the general election campaign, he stated that 'certain restrictions' should apply to a woman's right to reproductive choice.

On the subject of Lesbian and Gay rights, in the primary campaign, Symington stated that legislation must be enacted ending discrimination based on sexual orientation. In the general election campaign, at a stop in Phoenix, he is asked, "What is the difference between you and your opponent, Terry Goddard?" Symington responded by saying that at the age of 43, Goddard was 'still single', and that Symington, at the age of 45, was married and had five children. He was, in other words, accusing Terry Goddard of being a homosexual, and that he should not be Governor of the State of Arizona because of this. This accusation came from a man who had supported Terry Goddard in his bid to become Mayor of Phoenix, and his TWO re-election campaigns.

J. Fife Symington III states that he has the answers to the state's economic problems, yet he has managed his business into a \$200 million deficit! Symington is your typical opportunistic Republican, he does not care about the vital right of a woman's choice, he does not give a tinker's damn about Lesbian and Gay rights, and the record shows it. He does not know how to run a business, and his financial statement from his real estate development firm shows it.

What kind of governor would J. Fife Symington III make? Your typical Republican governor: anti-choice, anti-Gay, anti-Lesbian, anti-lower & middle class, pro-rampant development, pro-fat cat. To the Lesbian and Gay community across the Grand Canyon State, I ask you this, "When has the Arizona Republican Party been in favor of Lesbian and Gay rights? If you know the answer, you will know who to vote FOR and who NOT to vote for."

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Roaming Around With Chuck

Some figures put out by the Pima County Health Department that you may have missed and I think are of interest to us all in the community: As of Oct. 1, 1990

Total cases of AIDS in Arizona - 1262, Pima County - 247

Children under 13 in Arizona - 7, Pima County - 2

Total cases in USA - 146,746

Children under 13 in USA - 2,525

Male in Arizona - 1190 (94%), Pima County - 231 (94%)

Females in Arizona - 65 (05%), Pima County - 16 (06%)

AGE GROUPS	ARIZONA	PIMA COUNTY
13 - 19	7 (01%)	1 (01%)
20 - 29	306 (24%)	68 (28%)
30 - 39	561 (45%)	98 (40%)
40 - 49	257 (20%)	47 (18%)
OVER 49	124 (10%)	31 (12%)

Arizona ranks #22 in the USA with the most cases, and we're among the smaller populated states!! The highest number of cases in order by state (Top 5): (1) New York; (2) California; (3) Florida; (4) Texas; (5) New Jersey.

The four lowest states with under 50 cases are: Montana (48); Wyoming (33); North Dakota (20) and South Dakota (18). Transmission categories in Pima County still show the most cases are among homosexual/bisexual men - 171 (70%).

Another thing that seems to be happening more lately is that guys seem to want only the Monoxynol-9 lubricant, but don't want the condoms. Hey guys, Monoxynol-9 is not the answer for Safer Sex anally or even orally. I mentioned several weeks ago that guys in San Francisco are using Monoxynol-9 lubricant in their mouths so they don't have to use condoms for oral sex... this is still risky as Monoxynol-9 may not be enough to protect you if you have bleeding gums, sores or cuts in your mouth. Don't try to find short cuts to Safer Sex.

I have been chided for not including every hanky code on the lists in some stores or areas. I know there are about 30 or depending on how many colors of hankies there are. I think some are just worded differently for the same color. For instance Olive Drab can be for uniforms too. I may have missed Purple which seems very popular of late in Tucson: In the left pocket it means Piercer/Genitorture and in the right pocket Piercee, etc. And in the left pocket white means jack me off and in the right pocket it means I'll do us both. Now enough of the hankie codes for this year. They can be a great idea for stocking stuffers at Christmas or a birthday.

Prisoners with AIDS, ARC or HIV-positive need people on the outside to communicate with... if you are interested then drop a line to Carol Smyth, PWAC, 31 West 26th Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10010 and let them know how many pen friends you would like.

Don't forget the Thanksgiving Day Dinner at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Nov. 22 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Book a reservation (first name only is okay) and let them know how many are in your party, if you are living with HIV/AIDS you can take your family, close friend or significant other. Call your reservation by Monday, Nov. 19 to Jim Shafer at 795-4921 or Chuck at the Shanti office 622-7107.

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by Clark

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Marilyn Remembered



She was, of course, the premier sex symbol of her day - blonde, sweet, sexy, vulnerable, pretty - Marilyn Monroe.

She, however was not too keen on the idea. She graciously complied, but after a short while she chose to leave the warm confines of the quonset hut to go outside in the freezing Korean winter, and for two hours sat and chatted with the enlisted men, much to the consternation of the General and his staff.

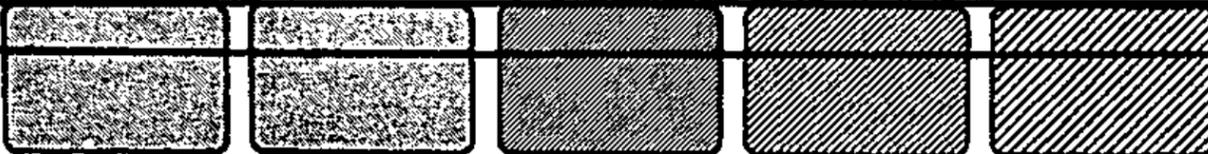
These photographs were among some taken nearly 36 years ago by a member of our community, and previously viewed by close relatives only. On February 14, 1954, he was assigned to be Marilyn's bodyguard for four days during the Korean conflict.

But perhaps Marilyn said it best when she noted, "It wasn't the studio brass that made me a star, it was the people". I was told that it was her smile that melted the bitter cold that year. Gone now for nearly 29 years, these photos attest that she is still one of the legends of the silver screen.

Marilyn was on her honeymoon with Joe DiMaggio in Japan, when she was asked to do a USO tour in Korea for the troops there. Our friend remembers, with a wry smile, that she was quite the rebel there three decades ago. At one point during the tour, the General and his staff decided to honor the star by having an elegant luncheon for her.

There are a few more photos which we will include in next weeks edition for you Marilyn fans.





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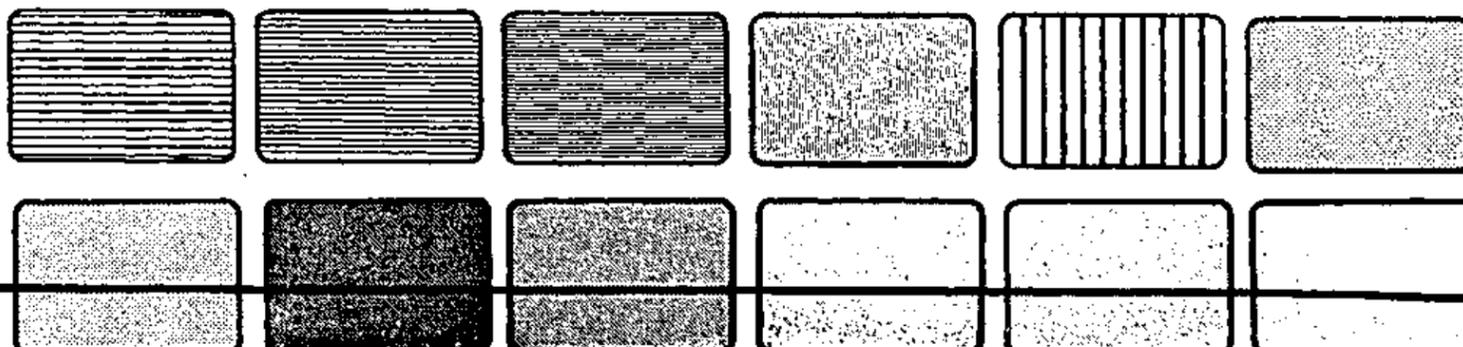
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What's Up Doc ???



This year's version of the Arizona Fellowship starts tomorrow (Thursday, Nov. 22) with registration at both IBT's and the Graduate, at 3 pm to 5 pm, then head for the MCC Church. After, it will be time for the traditional Thanksgiving Day meal served at the MCC Church.

In going over this year's activities and game schedule, this year may prove to be the most active and fun of all previous. Each club, the sponsoring clubs for this annual event, have their own special game or activity planned for everyone's entertainment. And, this year for the first time, the Arizona fellowship Committee themselves have a game. Also, for the first time, SOS will be having a game this year, "The Hairburner's Special". Their game will be played during the intermission of the Arizona fellowship Show, to be held Friday evening at the Graduate.

On Friday, part of this year's activity schedule will be a bar run, with all on this year's run stopping at Colette's, HOURS, Joshua Tree/Back Pocket, and ending at the Graduate for the show. Check the Graduate ad elsewhere in this issue of the OBSERVER for the names of those in this special show. On Saturday, it will be another bar run with stops at Rumor, French Quarter, the Fineline, and ending at IBT's for Leather Night II. For those not wishing to go on the bar hopping tour, there will be bingo at the MCC church that evening. At all the stops, people will be playing the different games on this year's activity schedule.

As I have mentioned before, the run fee for this entire run is only \$20. This will enter you in all games and you will be served six different meals. Stop at either the Graduate or IBT's Thursday and sign up for this year's Arizona Fellowship Run IV. Your run packets, received upon registration, will have all the different games explained with game sheets where necessary. There will also be a drink booklet, which will entitle you to a one penny drink at each bar on the day of the bar run.

As of this writing, the group out of Las Vegas will be on this run,

so things should be interesting for all. As much as possible, members of the Arizona Fellowship Committee will be doing the driving for the bar runs, that is so you can enjoy yourselves and not have to worry.

It was interesting to me on Sunday, when I picked up a copy of the latest issue of the Western Express and there was not one word mentioning this year's Miss Gay Arizona was also Miss Gay Phoenix. In fact, the pageant itself was not mentioned at all. Congratulations to our own OBSERVER for a full spread, pictures and a write-up.

Dates for registration for this year's CAT Awards have been set up for your convenience. The first will be over at HOURS on Dec. 2, from noon to 4 p.m. More dates are also on schedule, at different locations, and I'll be passing on this information as soon as each draws closer. Remember, you have to be registered to vote, so take time and fill out the registration form. It only requires your signature. Voting will be in January, dates to be announced. This year's voting will run from Saturday and ending the following Sunday. The full schedule will be both published in the OBSERVER and posted in all the bars.

Don't forget to drop off those items for the ITA Christmas box drive. Items needed can include tooth brushes, hair brushes, bars of soap, even laundry soap, and personal items needed by those receiving. Again this year, Shanti will be distributing these boxes sometime around Christmas, here in Tucson. Items can be dropped off at the French Quarter, Rumor, Colette's and Graduate. Let's all try to find a couple of items that can be used and drop them off.

At this time of year, a gift such as this is in the true spirit of giving thanks. We all do have many things to be thankful for so share with those in need.

Have a beautiful Thanksgiving and I'll see all of you sometime during this run. Drive carefully and play safely.

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

Thanksgiving! A national holiday for giving thanks for everything that is dear to us. Of course, there are a lot of things going on right now that we could do without and certainly not to be thankful for but there are too many things to give thanks to be pessimistic. Isn't it better to think of the thorny bush that produces the beautiful rose than to complain about all of the thorns on the rose bush?

This Thanksgiving Day, there will be a special worship service at MCC/Tucson starting at 11:00 a.m. and then following the worship service starting at 1:00 p.m. a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be given to anyone wishing to share with us. It is not necessary to attend the worship service to have dinner with us.

Following the MCC/Tucson Thanksgiving Dinner, the church facilities will be given to the Arizona Fellowship Committee for their meals and other

activities through Saturday evening. This is the fourth year that the Arizona Fellowship Run has used the church facilities for their activities and the congregation is pleased to have the facilities available. MCC/Tucson is here for the community and is a part of the Tucson community to have and to share.

Next Sunday our Morning Worship Service starting at 10:45 a.m. will be Lay Sunday. Members of the congregation will be participating in the service. Our newly appointed Deacon, Ernie Hoop, will be bringing the message during the service. It was with pride that the Administration Council approved the appointment of Ernie Hoop as our new Deacon and the reappointment of Deacon Danny Swift.

Thought for the Week: Stand up to be seen; speak up to be heard; shut up to be appreciated.

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Gays Celebrate 'Lavender Sweep' - Continued from Page One

Neither Amiano, Migden or Achtenberg made Gay issues the central theme of their campaigns. "I don't think Tom, Carole or Roberta won because they are Gay," said pollster David Binder, attributing their victories to their politics of "progressive activism."

A big change in attitude by black voters may well have been the difference in the success of the domestic partners vote. For example, voters in three key precincts in Bayview-Bunters Point, who had voted by 3-to-2 ratios against the 1989 domestic partners measure, this year voted by solid majorities in favor of it.

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Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

Well Tucson, Southern Hospitality has a new President, Mr. Kenny Davis. I wish him the best and promise him I'll help if needed. I know we'll see great things. Speaking of which, this last Saturday night, Southern Hospitality presented a benefit show for PACT for Life at Hours. It was a true smorgie of talent. We had our Miss Gay Tucson, Raven dazzling us with her talent and gowns. Miss Kimberly Ryan, Fiesta de Mayo Queen making it look so easy, yet we all know how hard she works and how much she cares. Thanks to Ms. Tiffany St. Thomas a constant sail of talent; Miss Gina, we appreciate your help and your stimulating performance; JJ's Bad Intentions: Thank girls; and a special thank to a very busy girl Miss Margo Leigh. It's been a while since I've been wowed, but Miss Mary Murphy did just that. A very real woman with a very real vocal talent.



Sean Thomas (R) outgoing president of Southern Hospitality congratulating the new President, Ken Davis, who is also Mr. Gay Tucson, USI.

Thanks to Dick Plowman for the use of the spotlight. Thank to Art Mauck on sound and Steve on lights, Tom on the bar and all the love and support of the beautiful Lee and Betty. And, finally, thanks to the man responsible for putting it all together, our new President, Mr. Ken Davis, thank hon. I loved putting the county stud and sexy board member of PACT on the spot - who else but Mr. Chris Brown. It was great seeing the lovely ladies of Theresa Lee Clinic too. And thank to all who attended. Thank you Tucson.

I hope everyone is ready for Turkey Day. There will be a Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Thursday between 2-5 for HIV/AIDS community, please call PACT, Shanti, TAP or St. Andrews for assistance.

This last Monday we called a meeting of the three AIDS agencies present-

ly involved in the Sharing Weekend. We will be reviewing everything, so your input is appreciated. All three wish to thank the bar owners/managers for the Sharing Weekend. PACT, Shanti and TAP have formed a committee to jointly coordinate the Sharing Weekend. If you wish to volunteer or have any questions, please call Tin Janes at TAP, 322-6226; PACT at 323-9808 or Shanti at 622-7107.

It was great to see Michelle Kristie aka Kip and Gary on Saturday. We miss ya.

As we enter into the holidays, let's remember to practice the spirit of the season. It's more than gifts. It's caring, giving and loving. Believe me, you'll feel great about yourself.

And don't forget to read the new column, "You Are Not Alone". Till next week: Sean 323-3780.

"You Are Not Alone"

by Chuck Mayer, PACT for Life

Self Empowerment In The Age Of AIDS

Self Empowerment is a phenomenon seen throughout history whenever the individual is faced with a situation they can no longer endure. The empowerment of the individual takes on many forms from the individual to the collective, in direct response to the situation being confronted.

In the age of AIDS self empowerment is people with AIDS and HIV standing up for themselves. Self empowerment has meant refusing to use the word "victim" or seeing ourselves as victims, instead always remembering we are PEOPLE - PEOPLE with AIDS and HIV.

People with AIDS began "Buyers Club" for treatments when AIDS was not considered treatable. People with AIDS published "Living With AIDS" newsletters when only death was associated with AIDS. And People with AIDS began helping each other when our friends could not do it all.

People with AIDS and HIV formed caucuses and created organizations, set their own agendas bringing research and treatment to the forefront. People with AIDS and HIV demanded a place at every table where decisions were made affecting their lives. And, People with AIDS/HIV have banged the drum and carried the banner for early intervention and HIV manageability.

Perhaps most of all, People with AIDS/HIV have lived with pride and died with dignity and respect.

The results of self-empowerment are self evident. We have a long way to go until no one dies of this disease, but we are one step closer everytime someone with AIDS stands up and says, "I am not a victim, I am a person, I am a person living with AIDS".

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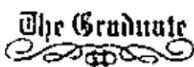


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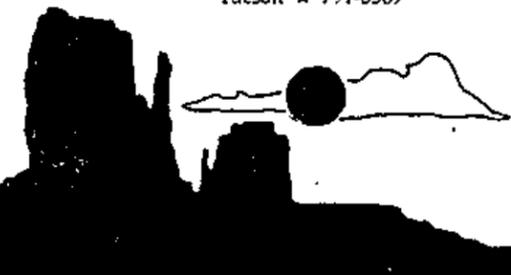
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CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
COLETTE'S - It's Country/Western Night here again and your favorite host Loren Johnson will be singing and dancing for your enjoyment.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22
COLETTE'S - In observance of Thanksgiving Day, Colette will open at 6:00 p.m. to allow her employees to enjoy the day with their families or significant others. Happy Turkey!

FINELINE - Will open at 7 p.m. in order to let their employees spend the day with family and friends.

FRENCH QUARTER - In observance of Thanksgiving Day, FQ will open at 7:00 p.m.

RUMORS - To allow employees to spend the day with family and friends Rumors will open at 7:00 p.m. today only.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23
GRADUATE - Arizona Fellowship Show here starring Margo Leigh, Kimberly Ryan, Kenny Aene, Cami Trowbridge and Jerry and Friends with a special appearance by the "SOS Hair-burners Game". It all begins as usual at 8:30ish! Y'all come.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24
TBT'S - Since the success of Leather Night I during Pride Week last year, Leather Pride II will be held here from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. The event will be covered by the editor of Leather Journal for inclusion in next month's magazine. All of leather persuasion and admirers are urged to be in attendance.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25
JOSHUA TREE - It's showtime here with the extraordinary talents of Jacquelyn de Saroi and friends direct from Phoenix. It begins at 10:30 and you won't want to miss this exciting show.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18
COLETTE'S - It's time for the Annual Kids Christmas Party and all the kids are invited. Santa will arrive between 8 and 9 p.m. More details later!



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3. MAYBE THIS TIME	40	40	.500	22	892	23964
4. STOP THAT SHIT & BOWL!	40	40	.500	22	868	23872
5. "FOUR SNAPS UP"	38	42	.475	24	854	23903
6. ONE POP AND THREE GO	38	42	.475	24	856	23826
7. SIX BALLS AND A SPLIT	36	44	.450	26	861	24015
8. SCOWIE OR LATER	36	44	.450	26	857	21611
9. SMOKESHOP BOYS	34	46	.425	28	908	24001
10. THE 69ers	32	48	.400	30	939	23556

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 HIGH AVERAGE: MAYBE THIS TIME 584 / MARK K. 169 / ARLENE P. 146
 HONORS: SIX BALLS AND A SPLIT 2476 / MARK K. 511 / ARLENE P. 426



Pictured above are winners of the Old Pueblo Invitational Tournament first place winners in Team Event, Tom Keyser, Mark Rosenbaum and Gary Kilcran and Terry Hill (kneeling). They came in with a team total of 2505.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, NOV. 22-23-24-25
Arizona Fellowship Run IV. Registration at the Graduate 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday afternoon. A complete itinerary for the weekend will be given to each person as they register. The fee for the weekend will be \$20 which will include 6 meals, cocktails, games and prizes. For those who cannot attend the full weekend schedule, the charge will be \$5.00 for each meal after Friday. For more information call Lee at 741-0917; Ben at 297-1909 or Tony at 623-0993.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - THANKSGIVING DAY
 A Thanksgiving Day Dinner for people who have been tested positive for HIV, ARC or AIDS and their families and friends will be held between 2 and 4 p.m. at St. Andrews Church, 545 S. 6th Ave. For more information call Jim Shafer at 795-4921.

RCC/Tucson will have their annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the community starting at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. There will be a special service preceding the dinner beginning at 11 a.m.

A complimentary Thanksgiving Dinner is being served from noon until 4 p.m. at Casa de la Paloma Apostolic Church, 1122 N. Jones Boulevard (north off of Speedway). All are welcome! For more information call 323-6455.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 1 & 2
 A Revival Service at Casa de la Paloma Apostolic Church, 1122 N. Jones Blvd. Friday Service at 7 p.m.; Saturday Workshops 10 a.m. and Service at 7 p.m.; Sunday Services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. All are welcome. Call 323-6455 for more information.

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Sunday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Drink Specials. Steak Dinner 5-9 pm \$4.00. DJ Bobby Jr. 9-1.
COLETTE'S WEST - Open 10 am. NFL Football on our big screen. Special drink and food prices. Pool Tournament 5:30 pm. \$1.00 entry. Brunch till 3. "Time Down Nite" \$1.00 wine & ps to midnight. Movies on the big screen begin at 7 pm.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-4 with Harley Bess entertaining at the piano. Bloody Marys - Screwdrivers - Kinross \$1.50, Margarita \$2. .50 Draft Beer 7 p.m. to closing.
FINELINE - Opens at 1 p.m. .75 draft. Country/Western music.
GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.25 daytime and \$1.50 nighttime.
BOYS - Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.00 till 7 pm. House Ladies Specials 7-1.
TBT'S - Great sandwiches from DB Cafe noon to 4. Copper City Squares 2 to 7?? C/W music and dancing lessons with Cowboy DJ/Instructor Gil Leon.
RUMORS - Noon to 6 pm Beer Bust .50 draft + Screw and Marys \$1.25 + Schnapps .50/shot. + Hot Dogs + Dewey Dls 9-1

Monday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Daily Drink Specials plus Bowlers Special Bobby Jr. 9-1.
COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. 2 for 1 drinks 5-8. All White Well \$1.00. Monday Night Football!!! .50 Draft and .75 Beer Dogs during the game.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 1 to 7 all Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25. "Live" "Wheel of Fortune" game between competing local bars begins at 9 pm.
FINELINE - Open at 1 with Big Mike. .50 hot dogs all day. 5-7 \$1 Well, \$2.50 Pitchers.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices open to close.
BOYS - Open Noon. Happy Hours 1 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25, 6:30 to 1:30 Bowly Clappers.
LET'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-Premium Beer.
RUMORS - Noon-7 pm Domestic Beer or Well drinks \$1.25 plus all White Well \$1.25 & to close. Dewey Dls at 9.

Tuesday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Daily Drink Specials. Ladies Night: Strippers. Bobby Jr. Dls 9 p.m.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. 2 for 1 from 5-8. Inospect Bottle Beer \$1.25 from 8 to midnight. DJ 4 to midnight.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 1 to 7 pm all Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 7 pm to close all Well drinks \$1.25.
FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm. .50 hot dogs. 5-7 \$1 Well, \$2.50 Pitchers. \$1 drink specials all night.
GRADUATE - .50 draft open to close.
BOYS - Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25.
LET'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Nite with .50 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 8 pm to close. Gilbert Dls.
RUMORS - \$1.25 domestic beer or well drinks noon-7 pm. All White Well \$1.25 & to close. TJDJ 9-1 with Dewey.

wednesday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Strip Shows every Wednesday. Dave Dls 9pm
COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. Two for One 5-8. 1-Square dance and give free square dance lessons at 6:30. Schnapps \$1 from 8 to 12 am. DJ 9-1.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 1 to 7 pm all Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 7 to close all Domestic Beer \$1.25, All Schnapps .75 Mexican Dinner served 6 to 9.
FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm .50 hot dogs. 5-7 \$1 Well, \$2.50 Pitchers. \$1 drink specials all night.
GRADUATE - Domestic Beer \$1.25/days - \$1.50 sates.
BOYS - Draft Beer .50 Noon to close. Happy Hours 1 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schnapps .50 7pm to close. Black & White Service Industries Night Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price.
LET'S - 4-8 Two for One. 4 to close, White Well Nite .75 (w/juice \$1.00). Hot dance music with Linda Fisdale 9 to 1.
RUMORS - Noon-7 pm Domestic Beer or Well drinks \$1.25 Domestic Bottle Beer \$1.25 + .75 Schnapps & to close. TJDJ Clint at 9pm.

thursday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Jeffy Dls 9-1
COLETTE'S WEST - Two for One 5-8. "Subversive!" .75 draft from 8 to midnight. DJ from 9 to 1.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 1 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Italian Dinner served 6 to 9. Utah Appreciation Nite - Corona Beer \$1.25 7 pm to closing.
FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm .50 hot dogs. 5-7 pm \$1 Well, \$2.50 Pitchers. \$1 drink specials all night.
GRADUATE - All Dark Well \$1.25 days / \$1.50 sates.
BOYS - Draft Beer .50 Noon to Close. Happy Hours 1 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heisekes or Corona \$1.00 from 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western Nite, dance lessons 8:30 - 9:30, C/W Dancing 9:30 to 1 DJ Art Krack.
LET'S - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Bad and Bad Like \$1.25 8-1.
RUMORS - \$1.25 Domestic Beer or Well Drinks 12-7pm. Kepper 8pm to midnight .50/draft. .75 Schnapps, munchies. Video/Disco dancing with Clint 9-1.

friday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Bobby Jr. Dls beginning at 9pm.
COLETTE'S WEST - Two for One 5-8. Party Nite Bowly Drink Specials 8 to midnight. DJ 9-1.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 1 to 7 pm all Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dinner served 6 to 9 with Harley Bess at the piano. Patio bar open 9-1 with .50 draft.
FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm .50 hot dogs. 5-7 \$1 Well and \$2.50 pitchers. \$1 drink specials all night. New Pineline opens 8:30 "Share Nite" 17 & older with dancing/beer light show. Bar open for 21 and over with proper ID.
GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.
BOYS - Happy Hours 1 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25
LET'S - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Music 9 to close with Linda Fisdale.
RUMORS - \$1.25 Domestic Beer or Well 12-7pm. Free Bors d'Ouves 5:30. Progressive Friday: Well drinks \$1.25 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour until 1 am. TJDJ Clint 9-1.

saturday
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. DJ Bobby Jr. 9 to 1.
COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Specials 8-midnight: DJ from 9 to 1.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon Check the special calendar. Dinner served 6 to 9 p.m. with Harley Bess at the piano. Patio bar open 9 to 1.
FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm. Sports Saturday - .50 Free hot dogs, drink specials all day long. The New Pineline opens at 9 pm for 21 and over with neon light show and hot dancing.
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places and I would like to take this time to say thanks to you for being there when I needed a place to go near the University when I first came to Tucson.

During September of 1986, I became a bartender at the FINELINE and began to work in a Gay community again. I am still proud to have worked at this bar. Shortly thereafter, some force pulled me towards the Metropolitan Community Church in early October of '86 for church service. I was immediately at ease with these people. The pastor mailed me a letter inviting me to attend, at every chance I had free. I quickly fell in love with the church. By Halloween I was invited into the home of Ben and Annie Corbin for a treat that I will never forget - one hell of a party! It was there where I met Bob and Gary from the OBSERVER. Shortly thereafter I found myself contributing to the OBSERVER twice a week and then putting time into a publication at MCC called the BEACON.

Spending so much time with Bob and Gary delivering papers the first couple of years before we had to change printers, it was a treat to be out-on-the-town every Wednesday night at each and every bar. What a grand situation, I was becoming involved within the community as a guest and integral part of what unites us ... the communication through people and our home town OBSERVER.

I fell in love with all the bars and am still proud to be a part of this community. Throughout the years I have been able to produce ads for each bar in town. Recently I was honored to see some of my work framed and under glass at the French Quarter, hanging next to one of Gary Clark's pieces.

After working at the Ramada Inn Downtown for 2 1/2 years doing everything from waiting tables, managing the lounge and the dinner shift of the restaurant, I was fortunate to be able to come back to work in the Gay community by tending bar at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket. I am very lucky to have become one of the Joshua Tree family. I have worked in family-owned restaurants before, but a Gay bar? ... I don't think so. One of the uncomfortable problems of being Gay is the conflicts with straight relatives. The Bishops and the customers of the Joshua Tree are realistic. There are plenty of Gay men and Gay women, there are a few very friendly straight men and women, not every one is of the same race, and the age range is from 21 to 81. Yes, I am very fortunate to be a part of this group which seems to be the best cross sample of human culture that I have ever seen. This environ-

ment is making me more comfortable with the world at large and I am grateful and thankful.

Thanks. Well, that's what this letter is about. Thank you Bob and Gary for helping me fit in Tucson at the weekly OBSERVER, I am very proud of the last four years with the paper. Thank you MCC/Tucson, and Ben and Annie Corbin, while I'm not an active member of the church right now... my heart is still in the right place.

I would like to take this opportunity while I celebrate four wonderful years in this community, to say HAPPY HOLIDAYS and may GOD BLESS YOU with happiness and pride for our city and community.

Lance Gordon Penny
Thanksgiving 1990

EDITOR:

I wish to express my special thanks to my sponsors in the Miss Gay Arizona Pageant held here in Tucson last weekend: Ed Nolech; Colette of Colette's West; Broadway Southwest; Tim Merrick of the Plantsman; and the performers who helped with my benefit shows: Christie Lunden; Felicia Fahr from Phoenix; Shanise; Christina de Alexis; Loren Johnson from Phoenix; Jesse; Patricia Pretty More; and to the bars for providing space for the shows: Colette's West and Fineline.

My appreciation goes out to those who purchased raffle tickets from me or Ed, and to the various bars for letting us sell tickets, put up posters and jars: Colette's; French Quarter; Graduate; Hours; IBT's; Rumor; the New Fineline and the Joshua Tree. Also a big thanks to Colette and her staff and to Dick and his staff for all the help they gave me.

Thanks to Bob Ellis and the OBSERVER for your support and of course a huge thank you to the community that supported me in my endeavor, and to anyone that I may have missed. So many people helped me in my attempt to become Miss Gay Arizona 1990-91.

Congratulations to the winners who won in the raffle: 1st Prize to Denver of the Graduate; 2nd prize to Sandy from IBT's and 3rd prize won by Steve of SOS.

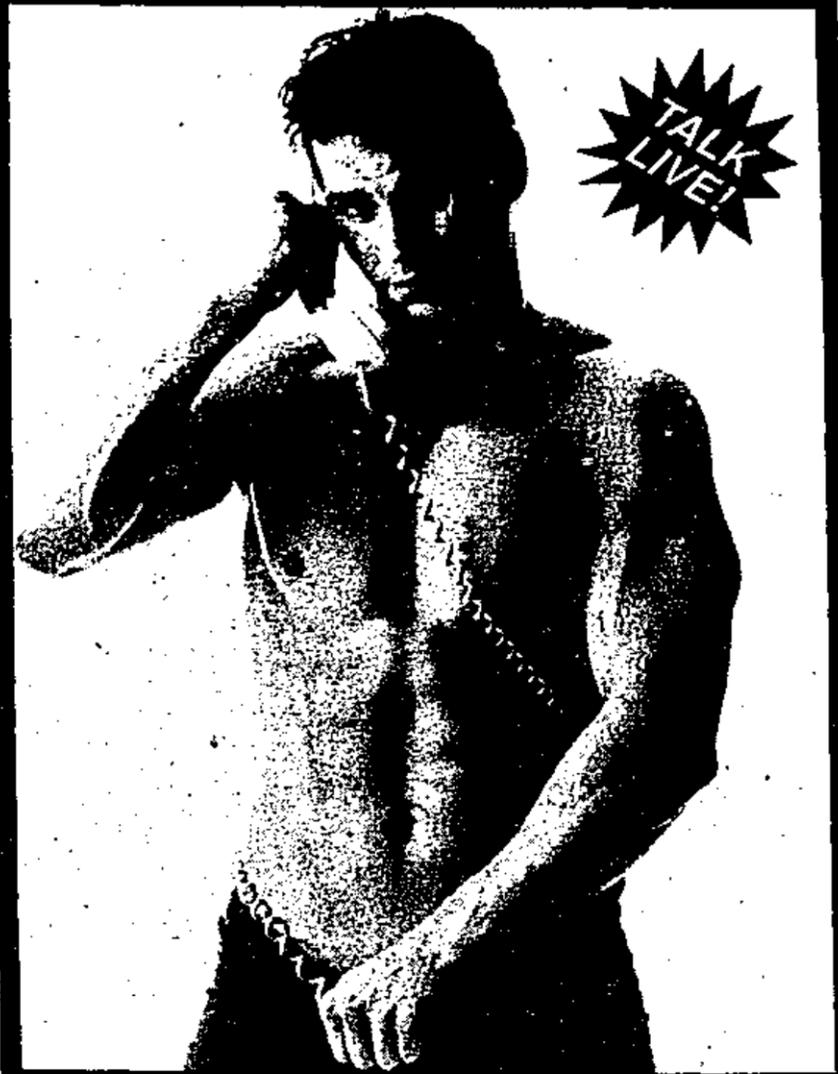
I also would like to wish Ananda with her new title of Miss Gay Arizona, the best of luck during her reign. My heart is with you. Best wishes to Pussy Le Hoot, Raven and Brittany O'Brien with their new honors. And good luck to all the other contestants during the coming year.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the contestants for their advice and help during the pageant. I also send my love to Penelope Poupe' who was unable to be with us during this pageant. We're sorry you are ill, and we all miss you. But, our hearts are with you. Get well soon. Looking forward to seeing you. Yours truly

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A Commentary By

Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

Other People's Money

The Supreme Court is currently considering a case where abortion counseling is being funded by tax-payer's dollars. Details of the case are not important. What is important is the outcries against funding such counseling.

stand the theory of a Republic? Do they fail to comprehend that our elected officials are chosen to determine such expenditures?

Once again, the extreme right is coming out with the lame excuse that they should be able to determine how their tax dollars are spent. They insist they find it repulsive their money should encourage a practice they find unacceptable.

And how do they propose to implement such a system whereby every dollar spent is first approved by the voting masses (or, to be more accurate, the voting minority)?

Sound familiar? These same narrow-minded geniuses wanted to ban federal funding of artistic projects by the National Endowment for the Arts saying they didn't want their tax dollars funding obscene art.

This hypocritical argument is so filled with holes it is almost painful to illustrate its speciousness. Sure, there are things for which I do not want my tax dollars spent; but our system of government is like that. If our tax dollars are not spent correctly, we replace the Senator or Representative who made the wrong decision--not insist funding be dropped completely.

Well, boys and girls, let's examine this argument. The right-wingers don't mind if our tax dollars pay for napalm to bomb and burn villages and all the people in them; or to pay for \$750 hammers; or to pay farmers for NOT growing wheat on their farmland thereby keeping the price of bread artificially high and denying food to many poor people.

The attention of these right-wing extremists would be better spent on improving their representation in the houses of Congress than in denying the spending of a few pennies on abortion counseling.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!

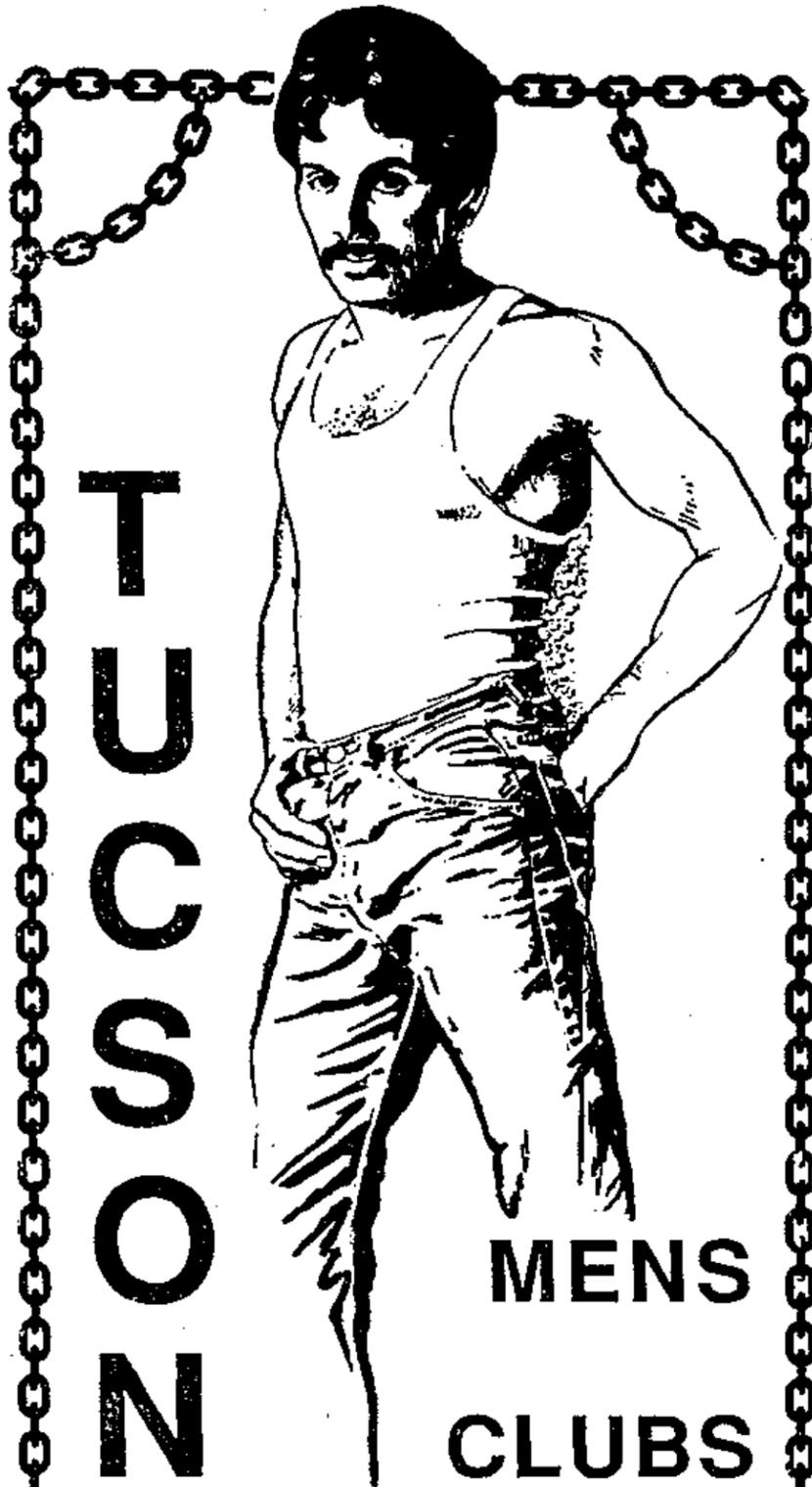
Of course, these things are all acceptable. But woe to those who want to tell a woman that abortion is a viable alternative for an unwanted pregnancy. The superior horror of such counseling over burning alive men and women is clear.

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SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON

Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 pm at 602 N. 4th Ave. Potential Shanti Volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 8:00 pm only. Phone 622-7107.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Contact Joan, 790-7526 or Jan 825-7118 or write P.O. Box 17747, Tucson, AZ 85731-7747. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU IN A COUPLE RELATIONSHIP and interested in meeting others for social activities in a supportive atmosphere? Call Judith and Joanne 624-5247 or Don and Barian 888-9236 in Tucson.

Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 1122 E. Jones Blvd., Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. If you are looking for a loving and caring church family who has a strong desire to share the love of God with others, look no further! Call Pastor S. Lewis for info 321-6855.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 790-8922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP: The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. Contact Michael Hutchins, Ph.D. 327-4024 Tucson.

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (OP)

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GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Certified psychologist facilitator. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 10 am to Midnight. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

WINGSPIRIT - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Hotline M-W-F 2-5 & 6-8 p.m. Men's Night on Mondays 7:30 pm. Women's Night on Wednesdays 7 pm. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 Tucson.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED/TUCSON - A fellowship and support group for Lesbian and Gay Lutherans. We meet monthly and all are welcome. For more information call Ray at 575-0047 or write to Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40252, Tucson, AZ 85717.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 or Paul at 881-5651 for information.

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UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA LESBIAN/BISexuals/GAYS UNITED

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EVERY TUESDAY

HIV Long Termers Self Empowerment Group, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.. PACT office, 3833 E. 2nd St. 322-9808.

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

Drop-in Support Group for family, friends and significant others 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Shanti office, 602 N. 4th Ave. Open to anyone wanting emotional support in dealing with a person who is HIV+, AIDS or facing any life-threatening disease.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Positive Approach to Living with HIV. P.A.C.T. office, 3833 E. 2nd St. 7 p.m.

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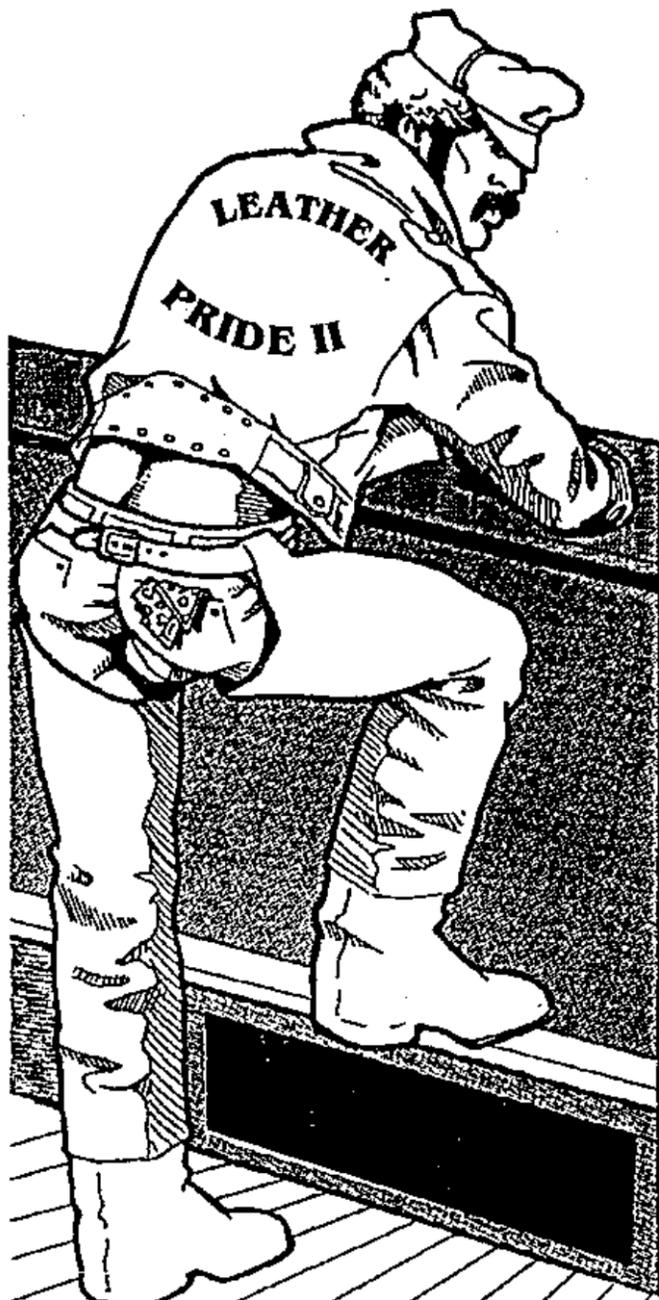
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