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Arizona plans to celebrate Pride Week

PHOENIX TUCSON

PHOENIX - Final plans have been made for the 1985 Phoenix Gay Pride celebration, "Our Future Is In Our Hands." The Gay Pride Committee has put many hours of work into the event, ensuring that it will be a success. Many of the Lesbian and Gay organizations of Phoenix are represented on the planning committee, thus the celebration will truly show the diversity of the Lesbian and Gay community, as well as its unity.

Patriot's Park, located at Central and Washington Avenues in Phoenix, will burst into celebration on Saturday, June 15. Live entertainment by talented members of the community begins at 4:00 p.m. A parade complete with floats sponsored by several community businesses, will begin at 5:30 p.m. After the parade, everyone will return to Patriot's Park for a street party with food and beverages, at 7:30 p.m. At 8:00 p.m., John Heilman, an openly Gay member of the City Council of West Hollywood, California, will speak briefly on "Our Pride as Lesbians and Gay Men." After Heilman's talk, the street party and live entertainment will continue into the evening, with a candlelight closing ceremony at 9:00 p.m. to commemorate the 16th anniversary of Stonewall. Parking for the gala celebration is available in the city employee parking lots on Washington between 3rd and 5th Avenues.

On Friday night before the



celebration in the park, the Arizona Committee for Progress will host a cocktail party to benefit the National Gay Task Force (NGTF). The party will feature several prominent guests. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. For more information concerning this event call 238-1549 or 957-3018.

A spokesperson for the Committee stated, "This year's theme was chosen to demonstrate to the Gay and non-Gay communities that we, as individuals and as a strong community can take control of our individual and collective destinies and take our place in society. By doing so, we emphasize that we are fully contributing members of society while retaining our own identities. This is especially important to demonstrate this year in Phoenix in light of the growing mobilization among reactionary, homophobic forces to deny Lesbians and Gay men our civil rights. This reaction was vocalized by the strong showing of fundamentalists at a recent Phoenix Human Relations Commission hearing on the proposed - but tabled - ordinance which would have made it illegal to discriminate on the basis of age, marital status, physical handicap, or sexual orientation, in housing and employment.

The Phoenix Gay Pride Committee is a coalition of individuals representing several Valley organizations. These organizations include but are not limited to: Oasis MLC; The Lesbian and Gay Rights Task Force of N3W; Arizona Lesbian and Gay Interfaith Alliance; the Arizona Committee for Progress; the Lesbian and Gay Academic Union; the Lambda Sports Foundation; and Mobilization Against AIDS. For more information about the events call 969-2542, 273-6792, or 218-8114. Most of all, come and celebrate Lesbian and Gay Pride in 1985 next Saturday, June 15 in Phoenix - "Our Future Is In Our Hands."

TUCSON - The Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee has been hard at work making plans for Lesbian and Gay Pride Week 1985. Pride Week '85, whose motto this year is "Alive With Pride In '85" will begin on Sunday June 23 and end on Sunday, June 30. There are events planned for each day of the week-long celebration.

On Sunday, June 23 the Eighth Annual Picnic in Hinnel Park will take place from noon until dusk. Free beer and soda provided by the local Gay bars and dispensed by your favorite bartenders from these same bars, plus food, games, dancing to live and DJ music, organizational booths, fellowship, camaraderie and plenty of fun in the sun. Each year the Picnic has been held in the northeast corner of Hinnel Park and over 1,000 persons have attended this expression of Gay and Lesbian Pride each year for the past several years.

On Monday, June 24, there is a Law and Government Forum at the Fineline from 7 to 9 p.m. Invited guests include members of the Police and Sheriff's department, as well as members of City Council and their staffs. Question and answer period following. A very informative and educational event. Your attendance is encouraged.

On Tuesday, June 25 there will be a Video Dance at Rita's Rendezvous from 9:00 p.m. to closing. This features a twelve foot video screen with all the latest video dance music plus some video surprises.

Wednesday, June 26 will feature the Academy Award winning documentary "The Times Of Harvey Milk" which will be shown at the M.Y. Church building, 540 S. Stone, 8:00 p.m. (No drinking or smoking permitted at this evening's event).

Thursday, June 27 there will be a live presentation of "International Stud", a special encore performance of this popular excerpt from the award-winning "Lorch Song Trilogy" that played to 300 audiences at the Fineline this spring, and featuring the original actors - Monte-Jon Gilmer, Anthony Alvarez and Delyla Pinson. Two performances, 6 and 8 p.m. in the B&B at the Fineline. Donation requested. (6 p.m. show donation to performers. 8 p.m. show donation to AIDS research).

Friday, June 28 there will be the a big Dance Contest to be held at Tramps from 9 p.m. to closing. There is an entry fee but the cash prizes make the small fee worth it. \$50 Grand Prize. \$40 runner-up. \$30-2nd place each category (diseo and traditional) plus \$20-3rd place each category. Entrants must sign up by June 29 and register at the H&C table with entry fee between 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at Tramps.

Saturday, June 29 there will be a "Summer Carnival" at Colette's West and at the Joshua Tree. Outdoors fun with booths, food, games, arts and crafts, information booths, body painting, caricatures, etc., and a real carnival atmosphere. Another showing of "The Times Of Harvey Milk" at the Joshua Tree at 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 30, will wind up Pride Week with a Swap Meet at Tramps at 3 p.m. which is a fundraiser for Tucson's Gay TV show "Arizona Gay". \$5 per space plus one item to "Arizona Gay" table. Then the week's activities end with "Casino Nite" at Graduate at 6 p.m.

All of these activities are free

\$1,613 presented to AAFT from Tucson

TUCSON - The Arizona AIDS Fund Trust found its coffers a little fuller this week because of the presentation of \$1,613 in donations from a Tucson AIDS fundraiser. On April 27, the Sisters of Sonora (SOS) presented a benefit show at the Graduate. It was a great evening of fun entertainment and an even greater outpouring of donations to AAFT which directly benefits Arizona AIDS patients.

SOS has promised another AIDS benefit show sometime in August, and if it is anything like this last show, it is one that should not be missed. Persons, organizations and businesses who donated are listed below.

John W.	\$150.00
Roger Burger and Peter Sittig	125.00
Bee	100.00
Vernon Fontecchia	100.00
Tom Novakowski	100.00
Apollo's	100.00
Graduate	100.00
Rita's Rendezvous	100.00
Tucson Arizona Leather/Levi	100.00
Sisters of Sonora	100.00
Tucson Knight Owls	100.00
Sun Country Leather Club	100.00
Sons of Apollo	100.00

Previously, Mr. Arizona Leatherman, Jay Cunningham, had presented AAFT with a check in the amount of \$264.00 which were the proceeds from the Black and White Ball sponsored by the Sun Country Leather Club and held early this Spring.



Shown here on the left is Michael Brimbach, Tucson Arizona AIDS Fund Trust member being presented checks in the amount of \$1,613, representing donations collected during an AIDS benefit show at the Graduate held in April. Presenting the donations is Lee Hidingar who was representing the Sisters of Sonora, sponsors of the show, and all the clubs who participated in the evening of entertainment and outpouring of donations.

ALIVE WITH PRIDE IN '85



PHOTO: Mai Bernstein & Bill Irwin

Your support of TLGPC fundraisers
helps produce Pride Week '85

B R I E F S

ARIZONA GAY TO SHOW AIDS FORUM

TUCSON - "Arizona Gay", the locally produced weekly Gay-themed television show was present at the recent health forum "AIDS: An Update" sponsored by the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee and held at the Bulgarian Universalist Church on May 23. "Arizona Gay" taped the entire forum and will televise the forum on Cox Cable Channel 37.

Dates for the health forum TV show are: Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, June 12, 13 and 15 at 9:00 p.m. and then again on Sunday, June 16 at 8:00 p.m. Anyone who missed this standing room only forum is urged to see one of these telecasts. It is a very informative, up-to-date forum on this most destructive disease. Medical experts from the University of Arizona Medical Center and the Pima County Health Department Epidemiologist are panel members. Highly recommended viewing.

JANUS PRESENTS "STREAMERS"

PHOENIX - Janus Theatre Company will be presenting a limited run of David Hare's dramatic play "Streamers" on Friday and Saturday, June 21 & 22; and 28 & 29 at 8:00 p.m. and a matinee performance on Sunday, June 30 at 2:00 p.m. All performances will take place at the Phoenix Arts Council Building, 382 W. Latham (Third Avenue, two blocks north of Roosevelt).

"Streamers are hapless parachutists who stunk to their deaths because of unopened parachutes. In a barracks room are three very young and different soldiers. Friends, their lives are changed and destroyed with the arrival of Corlyle, an uneducated Black who faces Vietnam and probable death. Desperately needing friends and understanding, his pain drives him beyond control. His emotional and brutal explosion brings destruction to the barracks, as our own inner furies, if unleashed, would destroy the world."

Directed by Clifford White. "Streamers" cast includes Bill Hooker, Brian Briscoe, Bill Dunham, Neil Howard, David Leach, Jay Lyons, Paul Mailoux, Dan Pickens, Steve Schmitt, Mike Skiff and Mike Traylor.

Tickets are \$6.00 general admission, \$5.00 for senior citizens and students with school ID. They may be reserved by calling 256-9777 or be purchased at the door prior to performance.

THREE NEW SHOPS

OPEN IN TRAMPS COMPLEX

TUCSON - The complex just north of Tramps bar on Fourth Avenue has three brand new tenants with more promise. A hair salon, a candy store and a photographer's studio have all opened within the last week or two.

Heatwave Hair Studio is now open and operating in an atmosphere that is very relaxed and pleasant. No high pressure here. Leonard Brown and Carmen Guagliardo are owners/operators of the salon. Both have been professional hair designers for several years in Tucson, mainly in the northwest section of town.

At Heatwave Hair Studio you will find high quality work competitively priced. The studio features Cheveux hair products. All services include conditioner.

Fudge & Such, a unique candy experience, is also located in the same complex, 630 N. Fourth Avenue. Owner, Rachael Fahy, is proud to say that all her candies are homemade, paraffin free, preservative free and are natural color. All chocolate is imported from Belgium and Switzerland.

Joyce, who was quite famous for her "Remember When" candy shop in Tombstone makes all the chocolates. The shop features all kinds of unusual flavors of fudge, and hard candies.

Rachael features the "dip of the week" which could be chocolate covered strawberries, pineapple or whatever, and be sure to ask about her chocolate covered popcorn. Out of this world!

Terry Anderson, who part time spins records at Tramps, is opening his photography studio this week. Terry, a seasoned photographer, will have many of his "ribbon-winning" photographs on display for sale or viewing and will be opening his darkroom shortly for developing of film. Whether it be studio portraits or on-the-job photos of weddings, parties, or any unusual photo work to be done, Terry is ready and willing to oblige. Discretion is his byword.

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to members of the community, except where there is a small charge, the monies go directly to performers or to the organizations whose booths you may attend.

Watch the pages of the Observer for additional information on this fun-packed week of events designed for our community in celebration of Lesbian and Gay Pride Week 1985.

GREAT OUTDOORS

FOSTER AVAILABLE

TUCSON - Celebrating the 1985 Gay Pride Festival, the Tucson chapter of Great Outdoors has announced the release of a colorful poster.

The poster is reproduced on fine quality buff stock in orange and purple inks. Measuring 11 1/4" x 17 1/2", the print, artistically designed by Al Whitehurst, interprets a hiker's foot sealing a rock.

Limited edition copies of the print, signed and numbered by the designer, are available for \$4.00 plus \$2.50 handling and shipping, through Great Outdoors, P.O. Box 42740, Tucson, AZ 85733.

Great Outdoors, with chapters throughout Arizona and California, is a hiking, camping, and adventure club for men and women. Meetings in Tucson are on the first Thursday of each month at Harvill Hall on the University of Arizona campus at 7:30 p.m. Visitors and guests are welcome.

Highlights of upcoming Great Outdoors events include car camps to Oak Creek Canyon, June 14-16; Mount Graham, Safford, on June 29-30. Interested persons should call Wayne, 623-4887 for more information about the outings and membership information.

GAY MEN'S CHORUS

TO FORM IN TUCSON

TUCSON - A Gay men's chorus is about to form in the Old Pueblo. Gay men 19 years of age or older are invited to join. Many cities around the country have choral groups and it is now time for Tucson to join in the movement. Phoenix' chorus, Desert Overture, has made public appearances for some years now.

The Tucson Gay Men's Chorus will hold their first meeting and practice on Friday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the "XX" building located at 560 S. Stone Avenue. The group is not church sponsored but expresses their appreciation for the use of the building.

The format of the Tucson chorus will be "God and Country" (Patriotic/Religious). Anyone who has sang before, whether in a group or solo, or if you would like to sing with the chorus or if you are just curious about such an adventure, you are encouraged to join in this new, exciting group that will represent Tucson in the choral department.

VA HOSPITALS

TO TREAT VETS WITH AIDS

WASHINGTON, DC - The Veteran's Administration has confirmed to John Paine, president of the Gay Veterans Association, that VA hospitals would treat veterans with AIDS. According to law, VA hospitals are required to admit any veteran who receives an honorable discharge from the military and cannot afford private hospitalization. He said VA hospitals had already admitted AIDS patients, most of them in New York and San Francisco.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Having had 'The Act' anywhere from 2,000 to 3,000 times in my life, compared to only about a half dozen times cuddling, I think I liked the tenderness better. I'm willing to try cuddling now 2-3,000 times....."

- One of several hundred responses to a poll by Joe Baker of the Dallas Voice. Sixty-eight percent of the respondents said "yes" to the question (originally asked by Ann Landers), "Would you be content to be held close and treated tenderly, and forget about 'The Act'?"

QUEER HACKERS

NEW YORK, NY (GON) - The Baltimore Gay Paper reports that the Backroom Bulletin Board system of Kew Gardens in Queens now serves as an information source for Lesbians and Gay men around the country who have access to computers.

Interested parties need access to a home computer and to a modem [device which allows a computer to 'talk' to another computer].

Features of the Backroom include the "on-line Magazine" with sections on Gay and Lesbian authors, community events, health, and yes, "Compu-Porn".

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Gay high school opens in New York City

NEW YORK, NY In one room on the ground floor of a church in Greenwich Village, 20 students age 14 to 19 are taught by a single teacher. And though the students are at different education levels, they have one common denominator - all of them are Gay.

It is called the Harvey Milk School, named after the Gay New York native who became a San Francisco Supervisor and was shot to death in 1978. Steve Ashkinazy, director of the Institute for the Protection of Lesbian and Gay Youth, runs the school in conjunction with the Board of Education. He says that most of the 14 boys and six girls have dropped out of regular city high schools where they've been harassed, teased and even beaten up because of their homosexuality.

"They don't want to deal with the hostility from the other youngsters, and some of them even encounter a hostility from their teachers," Ashkinazy said. "I've been told that, in one case a youngster was identified as Gay in his gym class, and he was forced by his gym teacher to attend the girl's gym class. That's outrageous, that's a horrible thing for any youngster to undergo," Ashkinazy added.

One student said of regular high schools, "you have to deal with people pointing at you. You have to deal with people laughing at you. You have to deal with teachers ignoring you."

"For the most part, the males are overtly effeminate, some are transvestites, and the girls are all tough," said Fred Goldhaber the teacher who is also Gay. "All of them would be targets for abuse in regular schools."

All 20 students in the Harvey Milk program are school dropouts or truants who have been receiving counseling at the Institute. Dr. A. Damien Martin, the Institute's executive director said that the organization has no outreach or recruitment program of its own and that the students had come to the Institute on their own initiative.

"We wanted an environment where Gay and Lesbian kids would not be subject to immature teenagers," said Goldhaber, who taught English and

remedial reading for 17 years at Wingate High School in Brooklyn before being chosen to teach at the Harvey Milk School.

One of the aims of the program is to teach the teen-agers, who come from all five boroughs of the city, to be comfortable with their own homosexuality. This is done, Ashkinazy said, through the classroom curriculum as well as in the after-school counseling session that his organization offers the students. While the curriculum does not contain "Gay Studies" material, he said, it does make an effort to integrate material likely to be of interest to homosexual students into the regular subject matter.

How does this school differ from a regular school for these kids? "The main difference is that the kids are protected because all of the other kids are Lesbian or Gay. They can concentrate on the curriculum. They can learn, they can study, they can interact with the other kids, and not come to school in fear of their safety," Ashkinazy said. "One youngster didn't go to school for two years. She is now attending our school every day and she is a star. She is very happy learning. This is something that she wanted to do, but she never was able to motivate herself to deal with all the other hostile people," said Ashkinazy. "These students are here because they didn't feel comfortable where they were before. Therefore, they weren't going to school. Now they are going to school," he added.

The program costs approximately \$45,000 a year, which includes the salary for the teacher, supervisory personnel and curriculum material.

City school Chancellor Nathan Quinones and Board of Education President James Hagen said they've received some angry responses from the public. But said the taxpayer should consider the cost to society if these kids are abandoned by the system and wind up on drugs or in jail.

"This is an attempt to bring the educational services on an off-site

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Homicide Victim



JOHNNY COLLINS

The Pima County Sheriff's Department is seeking information concerning Johnny Collins, a homicide victim, who was last seen on the evening of May 31, 1985. Collins' bludgeoned body was found in the area of La Cholla and Naranja roads in Northwest Tucson in the early evening of June 10.

Collins was 42 years of age, 5'4" tall and weighed 135 pounds. He lived in the Stone and Grant Road area of Tucson.

It is believed that Collins was a bi-sexual/transvestite and was known to have visited Gay bars in the Tucson area on an irregular basis.

Anyone having information about this homicide is asked to contact Detective Leo Duffner, Pima County Sheriff's Homicide Detail at 882-2808 or 88-CRIME. Anonymity will be respected if requested. Persons who may have information and are unable to contact the Sheriff's Department are requested to contact the OBSERVER, 622-7176. Confidentiality assured.



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WHO SAYS TUCSON IS A SMALL TOWN ?



by Loretta von Oystershucker

So, I miss one column and what does the editor do, fills my space with a dart board with my caricature on it. Vicious, vicious. Why, I haven't been so hurt and upset since the time some heartless bartender super-glued my teeth martial to the bar! It is a cruel world out there, really, everyone is out to get the other guy. Just like Huey L., out to get another guy. (Of course everyone else is out to bump the other guy off and Huey just wants to get off.)

People just don't seem to care anymore for their fellow man. They just do what they please, say what they please, and sleep where they please. Why, did you know that Scotch and Soda Bill is now sleeping in Tommy S's bed! That Bill Mt. is now sleeping in Rita and Vinny C's bed and his roommate Ron (who used to share a bed with Bill) is now sleeping in Isidro C's bed because Isidro found out about Bill in Tommy's bed. To make matters worse, Richard W. is also sleeping in Isidro's bed, and Don P. is sleeping in Jim T's bed, while Jim is sleeping behind several local fast-food places. Yet, the worst is Norma Jean (aka Charles N.) who tried to sleep in Rita and Vinny C's bed while they were in it!!! What is happening in this world?

Now take Denny W. and Loyd H. for example. They have a party for Loyd's birthday (I won't say how old he is, I promised him fifty lines I wouldn't). The guests show up and they are still down at Rita's drinking. Finally they arrive at their own party just in time to throw out some food and start up the hot tub. Luckily for them a friend visiting from LA, Don B., had a friend from Tucson, Gary, stay over the night before and so these two acted as hosts. Of course Gary was seen later heading off to a bedroom with Denny after Victor A. said "no". Once realizing his responsibilities as a host, Loyd took charge in the hot tub with Handle Bar Moustache Tony, Crazy Eddie, Rick B., Wayne P. and several more. Victor A. said "No". Once the party slowed down, Rick and Ron and Wayne and Michael slept over. I wonder where Victor A. said "no". Even the next morning the pool did not need a surf machine with all the white caps at seven in the morning. This time Victor returned and said "yes".

Now some people may pretend to be a "normal family type", like Rob and Jay. They have a "normal family type" party one night and the next morning when a real estate agent shows up with a family looking for a cozy four-bedroom normal family type home, they find Rob, Jay and Lundy all in the same bed. Now that's cozy!

Over at Home Heights, they don't always use beds, but sometimes as the sauna for sleeping arrangements. Why not long ago Louis from J.L.'s was seen having a slumber party with several friends in the sauna. Well, Louis, that is better than running around downtown naked in the middle of the day with Todd running behind you holding your clothes, but where did you sleep last Monday night when you were with Gary H.? Back to the sauna, I hear Louis was interrupted when a certain Kevin was holding (no pun intended) his own party, but not with Michael W. There hasn't been this much group action since Del S. and Waisey H. and J.D. held International Night in Del's bed.

Now, some people take to a bed for other reasons than just sex. For example, Miss Ellie has taken to her bed for a little nip and tuck. Yes, Miss Ellie has decided to shed her old image as Matriarch of the family and plans to return soon as Alexis and be the bitch she has always wanted to be. Perhaps some competition for Tom S. now. Tucky, tucky...

Big D. Rick went all the way to Denver to find someone to share his bed on a permanent basis and will soon be leaving us for Denver. Someone should tell him you go on a vacation, have a ball or twelve and then come home to your lover. Not go on a vacation, find a lover and then leave your home. Look how frustrated P.J.'s life has become after he vacationed in Denver and found a lover. Perhaps it is Denver. How watch all the single girls flock to Denver looking for husbands. Lee B. better stick to Montana. I'm sure they haven't heard about him there.

Well, I shall retire to my bed now and await my just desserts, which are not, I'm sure, as fun as the desserts Dick and Liz (you know who) have in Dick's bed in the afternoon.

GAY SEX POLICY IN NEW SOUTH WALES JAILS

NEW SOUTH WALES (CN) - 'Inside Out', a gay prisoners' newsletter from Australia, reports that the Minister for Corrective Services here has stated that no disciplinary action will be taken against prisoners who engage in consensual homosexual acts. Prisoners will only face disciplinary action if they breach prison regulations in the course of having sex, e.g. entering another prisoner's cell without permission.

'Inside Out' reports it will be collecting further information from prisoners as to interpretation of this new policy at individual prisons, especially in view of the current furor over AIDS and the limited amount of official, reliable educational material being distributed about the disease.

DANCING THE MINNESODOM BLUES

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (CN) - According to Chicago Gay Life, Art Owens, president of Sports and Health Club, Inc., has pledged to close the downtown Minneapolis branch after being ordered by the Minneapolis Civil Rights Commission to pay \$18,000 to Philip Blauding, a Gay man whose club membership was revoked.

Owens wrote to club members explaining the club's philosophy was based on "God's value system," and referred to Minnesota as "Minnesodom". "Our defense was we did not discriminate against his mind-set but only when he decided to 'act it out' did we say 'Work out or get out!'"

Blauding explained his "violation" as "A four or five second dance step known as the Schottische."

TLGPC Report

This weekend, Saturday June 15 and Sunday, June 16, features the last two fundraisers before Lesbian and Gay Pride Week '85.

This Saturday, is the third annual Mud Wrestling fundraiser at the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket. There are currently six scheduled matches featuring the tag team "World War III" as a headliner. General Disaster and Colonel Crank of WWII courageously challenge any other tag team to take them on in the mud. It is also rumored that the Green Giant will be taking on a worthy opponent. This event starts at 4:00 p.m. in the volleyball court. There is a \$2.00 donation requested which will go to pay for the eight days of Pride Week '85.

On Sunday, June 16 at 12 noon in Himmel Park, Field #2, there is a softball fundraiser. This will be a double header. The first game is Colette's West Bulldogs against Saddle Tramps. The winner of that game then faces the undefeated Joshua Tree Pussycats. Draft Beer is available for a donation. There will also be hot dogs and soda for sale.

Remember, for those of you who have not yet purchased your Pride Week T-Shirts, they will be on sale at these two events plus during Pride Week itself. We need your donations. This is the biggest Pride week we have ever put on with eight days of activities. All of this is costing a big bundle so please support these fundraisers for your Lesbian and Gay Pride Week '85.

Advertisement for Mud Wrestling event. Includes text: 'IT'S MUD Wrestling TIME AGAIN AT JOSHUA TREE/BACK POCKET SATURDAY, JUNE 15 IN OUR VOLLEYBALL COURT & FEATURING OUR FAMOUS PENA' COLADA OR STRAWBERRY SLUSHES \$1.00 AT OUR PATIO BAR'. Also features a drawing of a muscular man wrestling and the text 'A FUNDRAISER FOR TLGPC'.

"Summer Carnival" booths still available for free

TUCSON - One of the most exciting events during Pride Week '85 in Tucson will be the "Summer Carnival" which will take place on the next to last day of a week-long series of special events - Saturday, June 29. The carnival will be held in the parking lot of Colette's West on North First Avenue and in the Joshua Tree Parking lot. Both locations are within one half block of each other.

the carnival is a good time for everyone.

Persons occupying any booth space is responsible for 'construction' of his/hers/their own 'booth'. A card table and chair are sufficient - or you can get as elaborate as you wish. Just remember it going to be a fun day and TLGPC wants you to join in the festivities.

The carnival is on Saturday, June 29 from 2:00 p.m. until dusk or whenever. Let's make this a real big celebration as the curtain begins to close on Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1985 - Alive With Pride in '85!

CTA SAYS NO TO PFLAG

CHICAGO, IL - The Chicago Transit Authority has refused to allow an advertisement from Parents and Friends of Gays (PFLAG) to be placed on city buses. The proposed ad read, "If someone you love is Gay or Lesbian, you can talk to us."

According to Gay Life, the final outcome on the PFLAG ad will hinge on a decision of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals decision in the case of a Planned Parenthood advertisement.

Several reservations have already been received for this fun-filled event. They include food booths, arts and crafts, information booths, game booths, and even a dunking booth. GIBSERVID will have a booth with staffer Gary Clark drawing his famous caricatures. There will be clowns and other forms of entertainment. Don't fret, there are still several booth spaces available, but TLGPC members encourage you to make your reservations as soon as possible. All you have to do is use your imagination and "come on down" and have some fun. For space reservations please call Jack Stockfeger, 293-3515.

There is no charge for the booth space. Any money can be kept by the booth occupant or given to any charity he/she/they wish. The carnival can be used as a fundraiser for any organization or business. The main idea for

Advertisement for JR'S GOURMET DELI. Includes text: 'JR'S GOURMET DELI NEW OWNERS NEW IDEAS GRAND RE-OPENING SALE The Perfect Answer To Summer Heat COLD CUTS & CHEESE Low Regular Price TIVOLI HAM \$3.49LB GALLO SALAMI \$3.49LB BRIE DENEUX \$2.99LB REGISTER FOR FREE LUNCH DRAWING 3550 N FIRST 888-8585 JUST OFF PRINCE BY DUNKIN DONUTS'.





Leatherspace

by Jay Cunningham

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

On May 27, 1985, 1,000 to 1,200 leathermen from all over the world gathered in Chicago's Park West for the International Mr. Leather contest. There were 31 contestants registered, with 27 making it through the preliminary judging and 20 making it to the final. They represented 13 states, Canada and Sweden.

The winners were: Second runner-up, Richard Hennigh of Seattle, Washington; First runner-up, Joe Arleggio of La Habra, California; International Mr. Leather 1985, Patrick Toner of San Francisco, California. Judges were: Don Orjados [Artist, Etienne], Ron Moore [International Mr. Leather 1981]; Mr. Marcus Hernandez [Columist Bay Area Reporter]; Rod Scheel [Owner, Rods, Madison, Wisconsin]; F. Glen Olfeld [Advocate MEN]; Jim Hodges [Falcon Studio]; Coulter 'Colt' Thomas [International Mr. Leather 1983]. Master of Ceremonies was Jim Flint, owner of the Redoubt leather bar and host of show lounge, and producer of the Miss USA Pageant. Entertainment was provided by comedian Judy Tennin, tap and square dancing by the Buffalo Chips, and juggler Robert Grunderg, who juggled a live chain saw.

THE CONTEST

We are talking big time here. Everything was well organized and on time. The event was professionally handled. Anyone who has seen a Miss USA Pageant may even have noticed a little similarity.

THE CONTESTANTS

The 20 finalists were all obviously weight lifters, three [including the winner] are professional models, and three [including the first runner-up] had been in the International contest more than once. Nearly all the contestants are active in the Gay political scene and very active in helping to raise monies for AIDS foundations within their states. Most of them are working with the Gay community to promote a positive attitude toward leather and leathermen. There seems to be a new generation of leathermen emerging. Men who are not interested in sleaze and backroom sex. "Leather is an expression of masculinity and pride. It has little to do with sexual behavior," was a comment I kept hearing. Those were the attitudes expressed in the speeches.

THE LEATHER

Innovative, interesting, exciting are a few adjectives that could describe what was worn during the contest. Traditional leather was worn but accessories of flash and glitter from silver and chrome inserts and overlays predominated. The leather was anything but conservative. Again, an expression of the new generation of leathermen. Leather, like any other form of dress, is worn to express one's own feelings at the time and to suit the occasion.

THE WINNER

Patrick will make a very good representative of the "new" leatherman. He is young, intelligent and an all-round pleasant person. I wish him the best of luck and hope to see him at next year's Sweet and Muscled Party in Phoenix.

COMMENTS

The speeches I heard were very political and the leather very innovative, an expression of the new leather image and attitude. I was made very aware that there is a new political and social awareness on the part of those men who choose to be identified with leather today. One very important thing I came away with is that leather attitude and image are an individual expression of pride, dignity and masculinity. For those of you who may have an interest in leather but have shied away from pursuing that interest because of leather's old, rather tarnished image, there is a CHANGING OF THE GUARD underway and it's best spokesmen were heard in Chicago at the 1985 International Mr. Leather Contest.

Maricopa AIDS testing planned this week

AAFT RECOMMENDS AGAINST IT

PHOENIX (AP) - After weeks of delays, a program to provide blood tests for acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) will begin operating in Maricopa County this week, state and county health officials say.

A specific date has not been announced, but the 90-day project is to begin operating at the County's Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic before the end of this week, said Sherri Raymond, a spokeswoman for the Arizona Department of Health Services.

The program will involve testing for antibodies that fight the virus believed to cause AIDS. Dr. Robert Harmon, county public health director, said. The tests are now provided only at blood banks, Harmon continued. Having an independent location for AIDS testing will help remove the threat of contaminated donated blood, he added.

"Alternate sites are considered necessary to prevent high-risk individuals from donating blood just to get a test," Harmon said. "We will also provide health education counseling to these high-risk groups."

The health department is funding the program with money received from the National Centers for Disease Control, and will provide \$30,000 to operate the program and pay personnel.

Of the 47 AIDS cases reported in Arizona since 1981, 31 have been in Maricopa County, Harmon said.

Both Bob Hegyi, executive director of the Arizona Aids Fund Trust (AAFT) and Dr. Bob Henry of the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) both recommend that Gay people not donate blood and not take the HPLV-III blood test. "There are many people who are very interested in the results," Hegyi said, "the need for and insurance companies in particular. And no matter how many times we are assured that the results will be confidential, we just can't count on it." "There are ways to break computer codes and gain access to things that are supposed to be confidential, so our advice remains, don't give blood and don't take the test," Hegyi concluded.

Dr. Bob Henry of TAP said, "One of the things that has to come, if they are going to offer the blood test outside of the blood bank, is a tremendous amount of counseling, both pre and post taking of the test to help the person deal with the meaning of the test. This is part of the problem, since physicians and scientists really aren't sure what to tell people what the negative test means or what the positive test means."

Dr. Monte Hatland, of the University of Arizona Medical Center stated, "You're better off not knowing, than either having a false sense of security or being paranoid about something that you may not have or have not been exposed to. Don't take the test."

MIAMI BANS GAY NEWSPAPERS

MIAMI, FL - The City Of Miami has required Lambda Passages Bookstore to cease the sale of some of its materials, including Gay Community News (GCN) of Boston, and The Weekly News (TWN) of Miami, two Gay newspapers, because the materials are "adult" literature. The store is located in an area zoned for "general" literature.

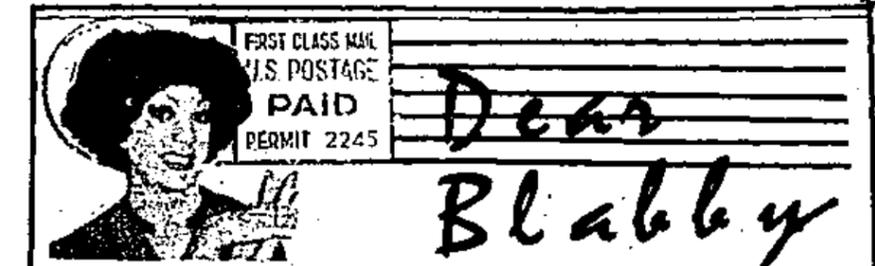
Store owner Jerry Sprouse disputed the city's definition of "adult" literature. "This is a Gay and Lesbian bookstore along the lines of Oscar Wilde's; Giovanni's Room; A Different Light and Lambda Rising," he told GCN. "The books we carry are from Simon and Schuster, Random House and the Gay Sunshine Press."

The city's action came the day after the Miami News reported a community "safe sex discussion" that had taken place at the store. Joseph Genuardi, Miami's acting zoning administrator, denied any connection between the report and the zoning action. But Sprouse told GCN he thought that the coincidence was too great. He has asked for the assistance of the local American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). In the meantime, the store remains open without the "offending" materials.

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DEAR HANNY:
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signed, In Search of Lost Love

Dear In -
Suffice to say, that affair is out the window.
Blabby

DEAR HANNY:
Is it true you can stay in a sauna too long? Can it really cause any bodily harm? What's the limit?
signed, Too Darned Hot

Dear Hot -
You must have been at the Heights too. Yes, you can stay in a sauna too long. Especially if the wrong people are in there at the same time. If that is the case, you may end up with a sore rear end or a stiff neck. As for the limit, you could ask Louie at the Back Pocket, he would know better than I.
Blabby

DEAR HANNY:
I think your column is a joke. No one in their right mind would ask advice from you. You never give anyone a straight answer and most of the letters you get have got to be a farce. To begin with, if someone were to write you a real letter, with a real question, I bet you wouldn't know what to do. I just bet you couldn't answer a real letter to save your life. I bet...I just bet.
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David will be remembered in my heart and missed very much. My thanks go to Jack, Skeets, Natalie and Tramps for their help and support that carried me through the toughest time in my life.

With love
Little Sister
Fin

SPORTS



SOFTBALL DOUBLE HEADER SUNDAY, JUNE 16 AT HIMMEL PARK

This 'Father's Day' Sunday, June 16 there will be a double header softball game beginning at noon held in Himmel Park, Field 42. This is a fundraiser for the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee to help raise funds for this year's Lesbian/Gay Pride Week activities.

The first game will be between Colette's West 'Bulldogs' versus 'Saddle' Franks. The winner of this first game will then play the undefeated Joshua Tree 'Pussycats'.

Draft Beer is available as well as hot dogs and sodas. Come on out and cheer your team on to victory. A fun afternoon in the pool shade, sipping a cool brew, watching the national pastime on a Father's Day would make any dad proud! And remember it all goes to your Gay Pride week.

SPECIAL CALENDAR

- FRIDAY, JUNE 14
FINELINE - 'IF' in the BFR upstairs. Live music presented by 'R' Productions.
SATURDAY, JUNE 15
BACK POCKET - TGFC MID WRESTLING FUNDRAISER 2:00 P.M. PATRIOT'S PARK, PINOCHIX - 1985 LESBIAN & GAY PRIDE CELEBRATION. PARADE AND FESTIVAL. Floats, music, crafts, entertainment. Festival and entertainment begins at 4:00 p.m. 5:30 parade, 7:30 rally.
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SUNDAY, JUNE 16 [GAY PRIDE WEEK IN TUCSON]
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MONDAY, JUNE 24
PRIDE WEEK - LAW AND GOVERNMENT FORUM 7 to 9 p.m. Fineline, BFR.
TUESDAY, JUNE 25
PRIDE WEEK - VIDEO DANCE. Rita's Rendezvous 9 p.m. to closing.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26
PRIDE WEEK - Award winning movie 'The Times Of Harvey Milk' 8 p.m. MCC Church building, 560 S. Stone.
THURSDAY, JUNE 27
PRIDE WEEK - Live 'The International Stud' 2 performances 6 and 8 p.m. Fineline BFR. Donation requested for performers. [8 p.m. show donations go to AIDS research].
FRIDAY, JUNE 28
PRIDE WEEK - Dance Contest at Tramps. 9 p.m. to close \$5 entry fee. Cash prizes.
SATURDAY, JUNE 29
PRIDE WEEK - Summer Carnival 2 p.m. until dusk at Colette's West and Back Pocket. 'The Times of Harvey Milk' will be shown at 4 p.m. in the Joshua Tree.
SUNDAY, JUNE 30
PRIDE WEEK - 'Swap Meet' at Tramps 3:00 p.m. 'Casino Nite' at 8 p.m. at Graduate.

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COLETTE'S WEST - Well Liquor \$1.00 - 9 to Midnight.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 3 p.m. Tall Neck Bottle Beer Night .75 from 7 p.m. - Hourly drink specials.
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.
RITA'S - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
TRAMPS - Top 40 Nite..Terry is DJing. Draft Beer .25
THURSDAY
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Night \$1.00 domestic 9:00 - 1:00 a.m. Dave Pierson, DJ in J/T 9 to 1
COLETTE'S WEST - Draft Beer Bust 9 p.m. - Midnight \$2.50.
FINELINE - 12 oz. canned beer .75 from 7 p.m. to closing. Hourly drink specials daily.
GRADUATE - Country & Western music from 9 to closing.
RITA'S - 'Party Nite' - Well Shots and Domestic Beer \$1.00, Well Drinks \$1.25 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
TRAMPS - Leather Night. 1/2 price well and .30 draft if dressed in leather. Sleaze & cruise music by Linda.
FRIDAY
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 3 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m.
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.
JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. disc jockey 9 to 1
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
TRAMPS - Disco music by Curtis 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.
SATURDAY
COLETTE'S WEST - Free Pool from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 3 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m.
JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. disc jockey from 9 to 1
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
TRAMPS - Disco music by Linda 8 p.m. 1 a.m.
SUNDAY
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beer Bust 4 to 6 p.m. .40 per glass. 6 to 9 p.m. Beer, wine and well \$1.00. Steak Dinner 3:30 to 7:30 \$1.50. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 to 1
COLETTE'S WEST - Sunday Sick Call - All Juice Drinks \$1.35 Happy Hour Prices 4 - 9 p.m.
FINELINE - Long Island Ice Tea .25 from 7 p.m. to close. Hourly drink specials daily.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open Noon to 9:00 p.m. Brunch till 3:30; Special Bar-B-Que Dinner 5:30 to 9 p.m.
TRAMPS - Sunday Beer Bust Noon to 7:00 PM, .30 per glass of draft. Tea Dance with DJ Linda 3-8 p.m. Disco 8-1 with Terry.
MONDAY
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowlers Special Night. 1/2 price drinks to Monday night bowlers. Schnapps .75. Dave Pierson DJ's in J/T 9 to 1.
COLETTE'S WEST - Monday Night Madness - \$1.35 Margaritas 9:00 to Midnight.
FINELINE - Dick's choice Well \$1.00 from 7 p.m. Hourly drink specials daily.
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. to Midnight.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.
TUESDAY
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 12 oz. cans of Miller or Miller Lite 75 cents! Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T 9 to 1
COLETTE'S WEST - Pool Tournament from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight on second Tuesday of the month, \$25 first prize. Long Neck Beer Bust \$1.00 begins at 9:00 p.m.
FINELINE - Kemikaze's .75 from 7pm. Hourly Drink Specials.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
TRAMPS - 'PROMOTION NIGHT' check for special schedule each week. Spin-off dance night with Linda and Curtis.

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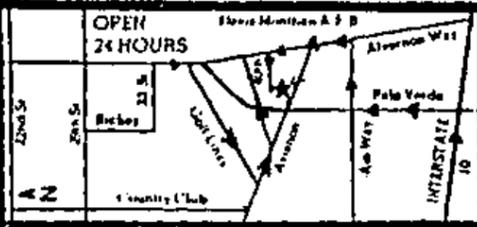
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Some People Can't Seem To Love

You've run into people that hop from person to person. They are always looking for love, never finding. In reality love is not a part of their experience, vocabulary or capabilities. "Why? Could that be me? Can it change?"

Try this process and see if all those questions can't be answered; begin by thinking back to your childhood. Investigate in your mind the kinds of relationships you had. Were you in an atmosphere where it was okay to make mistakes? It's nice to always be able to be yourself and not worry about being made fun of. The alliter here is whether or not you felt better about yourself for being in those relationships. What kinds of attitudes do you carry with you now because of those childhood relationships way back then? Are the memories good ones or are they painful?

Some people are easily involved in relationships. In fact they enter into and out of so quickly one really wonders, "Do they really know what love is? What are they after anyway?" A lot of people are trying the best they know how and it's not productive. They really do want love and/or relationships but it eludes them.

There are also those people who shy away from any kind of "love relationship." These people either knowingly or unknowingly avoid relationships because the only thing they know is pain. We all like to avoid pain. They find themselves frightened by the prospect of being involved. What about you? Does the thought of being involved with another person frighten you?

Now is the time to ask yourself the question: "Are there any correlations between my life back then and now?" Chances are the answer is, "yes." If the past has not been a good experience for you and it has shaped your now-life patterns the question is, "Can things change?"

The answer to that is, "Yes." There are a lot of factors that come together to affect change in a person's life. Desire is the main ingredient. It will take some work, but loving and being involved with people can be a big part of your life.

One thing that needs to be done is to challenge the past. Confront that which is old and not true. You are a unique person. You have something to offer. Just because you are attracted to the same sex doesn't mean that you aren't capable of love. The past is a respecter of any person whether Gay or non-Gay and may block our capability to love. Remember it's alright to be yourself.

Breaking down the past that is holding you back can take some time. Repeat the process anytime you feel the past trying to gang up and get to you. As you begin to win you will begin to risk yourself again with others. You'll get started making some friends getting yourself on solid footing. Caring about yourself and others will grow and yes, you'll find that your capacity to love is there too.

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MILITARY APPEALS JUDGE CONVICTED

ALEXANDRIA, VA - U.S. Military Court of Appeals Judge Albert B. Fletcher has been convicted on a charge of solicitation for sodomy by a Fairfax County Circuit Court jury. The charge stemmed from a vice operation which netted 16 other men on charges of "homosexual" solicitation at the Belle Haven Marina south of Washington, DC, on Oct. 26, 1984.

Although the jury recommended that punishment be limited to a \$500 fine, the violation is a felony under Virginia law and could jeopardize Fletcher's ability to remain on the federal bench.

Fletcher, who lives near the marina with his wife, denied the charge against him, insisting that he had wanted only to discuss homosexuality with a Gay man (who turned out to be a vice officer) as background to assist him with a case involving a Gay soldier which he was considering.

According to the Washington Blade, local Gay activists are urging Fletcher to fight the conviction and any attempt to remove him from the bench. The Blade quoted activist Frank Kameny as saying, "I hope Judge Fletcher will dig in his heels, will appeal the conviction, and above all, will neither resign nor accept (action against him) without a fight."

Judge Fletcher generally is considered to be a moderating influence on the otherwise conservative three-judge Court of Military Appeals, which is the highest court in the military judicial system.

LESBIAN MAY BE CUSTODIED YET

ORONO, ME - Diane Mathews, who won the right to remain in the Army ROTC program at the University of Maine as a self-professed Lesbian in a landmark court case last year, may not be allowed to remain in the Army after all, according to the Boston Globe.

In April 1984, Judge D. Brock Hornby of the Federal District Court ruled that Mathews' discharge, based on her statement to her commanding officer that she was homosexually oriented, violated her right to free speech. Since there was no evidence she had engaged in homosexual activity, she could not be discharged. However, since that ruling, Mathews has stated in an Army re-enlistment application that she had engaged in homosexual acts "numerous times." The Court of Appeals has sent the case back to the District Court to consider the new evidence. In the meantime, Mathews will remain in the ROTC program.

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GAY HIGH SCHOOL OPENS IN NEW YORK: basis to these young people so that they will have a chance in life to secure a high school diploma, to maybe make an economic contribution themselves," said Quinones.

Mayor Ed Koch, when he learned of the program, said although he is not in favor of segregating people according to race or sexual preference, in this case it appears to be the best solution. "It is far better to have these students in a class than wandering the streets of the city of New York."

Next fall the school plans to move from its temporary headquarters to a permanent site with more classrooms and more teachers. As of now there are 40 students on the waiting list.

A View From Within

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

AN APOLOGY

There have been two mistakes which have guided my life since I was a child: "Everyone deserves the opportunity to apologize for a mistake, and be given a second chance", and "It is bad enough to make a mistake, but even worse not to admit it". With these in mind, I submit the following:

I made a mistake: a very big mistake. When I wrote my column of 24 April 1985, (Lesbians Against Gays: It's All Out War Now...) I was writing out of anger. This anger was, in hindsight, not only unwarranted, unjustified and mis-guided, it was also childish, spite and not befitting the responsibility and moral exactitude required of all persons involved in the written media. I am not a journalist, nor am I a reporter; I am a columnist. I comment on events as I see them; I do not report facts. In my columns of the past, I have tried to comment while, at the same time, being fair to both sides of the issue. I am afraid I was not only unfair to one side of the issue, but I was also grossly biased as to the situation as it occurred.

Of course, none of this changes the fact that I wrote a very damaging column, and that damage cannot be repaired, or even forgiven with a simple apology. I have mis-used my privilege here as a writer to attack a group of very hard working women who I have personally stood shoulder-to-shoulder with on many issues. I cannot tell you what came over me, for I cannot explain it to myself. If I had the whole event to live over again, I would do so many things differently. I have lost the support and respect of many people, and the friendship of many others.

I have followed the letters-to-the-editor in this and other publications, and I must admit that what was said was correct: I suffered a very bad case of ego, and desire for personal achievement.

To say that I am sorry can change nothing. I cannot ask for forgiveness from those who I hurt because that would be asking too much. I can only ask for an understanding that I fell, and that I will make every attempt to live up to the respect that I had earned before I fell.

If it can be said that any good has come from this whole episode, it would be that my eyes have been opened to the situation my Lesbian sisters face: a situation that I should have seen earlier, but, apparently, I just did not see, or did not think important. I shall, therefore, make an attempt to enlighten myself as to the issues which they face, and how we all might help them, as they have helped us. I hope that someday it will be

understood that I made a mistake, and am truly sorry.

A CLARIFICATION

In my column of 8 May 1985 (Thank You, Farrah's), I did not intend to malign, or lessen the great contributions that other bars have given to support the AIDS situation here in Arizona.

It is usually customary to advertise for special events held at any of the bars. This advertising is usually widespread, and widely read. The AGBA, and the member bars, have held many successful events and raised thousands of dollars to assist AIDS patients. At the time I had written a column, I had seen little or no advertising of the fact that FAJULMI's was continuing its Saturday Dollar Donation; a unique situation which I felt needed to be mentioned, and applauded. I was not then, nor am I now, aware of any other bar whose entire evening door charges are directly donated to the AIDS crisis.

It is with this intent that I wrote this column. No intention to ignore other accomplishments was intended, and if any offense was taken, I am sorry.

AFTERWORD

I am a commentator. I comment on things in my life that affect me, and how they might affect others. With the exception of the situation as explained at the beginning of this column, I have never purposefully intended to hurt anyone. I am basically a gentle soul who is, like all of us, only human. I learn from all of the situations about which I have written a column. My wish has always been to share my learning experience with you. Whether the subject be how far television has come with Dynasty, how far AIDS research has come with Isoprinosine, or how far we still must go to end wife/spousal abuse, they are topics of great interest to me, and hopefully of least marginal interest to my readers.

I appreciate, and thank all of you who took the time out to write to me, and those who have supported me, and even those who were angry with me because I learn from all of you. I want to help, and be a contributor to this great period of time we all are living through.

As the Gay Freedom Day Parade approaches, I am possessed of a feeling that we will achieve fairness and parity, hopefully in our lifetimes. We must all be proud of our homosexuality, for if we are not, no one else will be.



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