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Anonymous blood testing underway

WASHINGTON, DC - Federal health officials, after months of soul-searching on complex ethical questions, have begun testing anonymous blood samples from hospital patients across the nation in an effort to obtain a more accurate picture of the magnitude of AIDS infection.

The Los Angeles Times reported that the study will use blood samples routinely collected from patients admitted to hospitals for non-AIDS-related reasons. The specimens, ordinarily discarded, will be labeled by age, race and sex only, with no identification of individuals. There would be no way of contacting the patients after the results are known.

Officials at the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) said they wrestled with a "philosophical conflict" about whether it was appropriate to test individuals in this manner, without their knowledge and without a way to inform them of test results.

They said they were troubled by the apparent conflict between Public Health Service policy, which is to encourage those at risk to voluntarily undergo the test, and the study, which eliminates any mechanism for telling individuals what those test results are.

"We have no real way of knowing the prevalence of infection without something like this," said Dr. Walter Dowdle, AIDS director at CDC.

Until now, figures cited to describe the extent of acquired immune deficiency syndrome infection in the United States - 1 million to 2 million people - is a projection based on known cases, the number of homosexuals and intravenous drug users (the groups primarily afflicted with the disease) and AIDS infection among those who have been treated at clinics for drug abuse and sexually transmitted diseases.

Because AIDS often takes four or five years to develop after infection, Dr. Timothy Dondero, chief of the surveillance and evaluation branch of the CDC's AIDS program, said, "If you only count AIDS cases, that will only tell you what areas had a problem five years ago. It won't tell you what happens over time. Through this sample method, we can keep track of that. There is an assumption that the amount of infection is increasing over time, but we don't have any confirmation."

Dondero said 300 samples per month from each hospital would be tested, costing about \$30 each, and it is expected to take from six months to a year "before we have any meaningful data."

Hospitals, which must agree to participate and will not be publicly identified, were selected for their location in "representative" geographic areas, Dondero

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So, it was a slow news week!



We know this isn't big news, but it's been a slow news week and this photo surely deserves some attention.

Active Home Video captured the excitement of the "Supermen '87" contest at the Hollywood Palladium where a host of men

competed for more than \$15,000 while being judged on personality, handsomeness and physique.

Pictured (left to right) are contestants Larry Mann, 2nd runner-up; Mark Marion, 1st runner-up; Ray Acosta, Winner; Michael Carr, 4th runner-up; and

Frank Enderle, 3rd runner-up.

"Supermen '87" is available in video stores nationwide. For additional information contact: Active Home Video, 9300 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035 or call toll free 1-800-527-6109.

AIDS education plan under attack

WASHINGTON, DC - Top federal health officials who have advocated comprehensive AIDS sex education as a crucial weapon for curbing the deadly epidemic, are facing a serious challenge from officials in the Department of Education who oppose their proposals as "clinically correct but morally empty," the Los Angeles Times said.

The dispute has become so contentious it has reached the White House's Domestic Policy Council, whose members will ultimately determine the administration's policy on AIDS sex education, sources in both departments said.

"Is the Reagan administration willing to go down in history as the administration that curtailed life-saving information?" one Public Health Service official asked. "We've got to come out and say we're going to protect the children of this country."

But a Department of Education source said any form of AIDS sex education promoted by the federal government "cannot be value-free or value-neutral in its approach (because) most Americans do not expect their 13 or 14-year-olds to be engaging in sexual relations."

Further, he said, "we do not believe such course material should be neutral between

homosexual and heterosexual sex. Most Americans believe that sexuality is most appropriately expressed in a heterosexual context" and that homosexual activity "is, in fact" deviant behavior."

In his report to the public on AIDS released last fall, which was presumed to represent the administration's position, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop called for sex education starting "at the lowest possible grade."

Koop, noting that he too is concerned about the morals of youths, has said repeatedly he would oppose any sex education program that "taught technique without responsibility or morality."

Later the Public Health Service followed with an outline of an AIDS education plan for all segments of the American public, including young people. "Pre-teens and teens need the same information as the public in general, but the information presented should be appropriate for their age," is said. "Youth who are at an age when sexual and intravenous drug experimentation may begin are the next generation at risk."

Sources in both departments, who spoke on condition they not be named, said that the debate about the federal government's role in

AIDS sex education escalated this week during Domestic Policy Council meetings, where Health and Human Services Secretary Otis R. Bowen and Koop argued that the administration should take a strong stand supporting a plan for comprehensive AIDS sex education because it was essential "to save lives".

"It's difficult to provide AIDS education without raising the issue of sex," one Public Health Service official said.

Gary L. Bauer, under-secretary of education who attended the meeting to represent Secretary of Education William J. Bennett, contested the Public Health Service approach. He told Domestic Policy Council members it was "clinically correct but morally empty," an Education Department source said.

Bauer believes "the emphasis of such courses ought to be to teach children that they should not participate in those early years in sex," the source said.

"He doesn't think that most Americans feel that our schools are providing a particularly helpful service when they teach sex education in such a way as to make it sound like sexual activity is acceptable for 13 or 14-year-olds," he added.

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UPDATE

Congratulations, TJ



TJ PUT OUT TO PASTURE

TUCSON - Teacher John, affectionately known to many in the Tucson and Phoenix communities as well as from coast to coast, has retired from his teaching duties as of last week.

TJ (shown at left above) gives a great big retirement smile with his friend and fellow TALL member Lee Ridinger at the Graduate last weekend.

TJ plans to do a lot of fishing, hiking, swimming, playing tennis, and polo during his retirement days. (If you believe that, we've got a big money-making newspaper for sale!)

Congratulations, TJ, now you can really breathe a sigh of relief. How do you spell relief? R-E-T-I-R-E-M-E-N-T!

TUCSON AND PHOENIX BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS IN JOINT MEETING

PHOENIX - The Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association looks at the unserious side of business when, in cooperation with Phoenix's Camelback Business and Professional Association, guest comedian Eddie Brill entertains the two organizations' members and guests at a January 31 dinner banquet in Phoenix's Gateway Park Hotel.

Brill has performed at New York's Improvisation, Catch a Rising Star, Comic Strip, and Bitter End nightclubs. On screen, Brill took first place in "Star Search '87" television program and acted principle roles in "Beach House" and "Stuck On You" films. Additionally, Brill has produced and written for the Paper Moon Comedy Club in New York. Following his Saturday night appearance before the two business and professional associations, Brill begins a one-month engagement at Los Angeles' Comedy Store nightclub.

A no-host bar, beginning at 6:30 p.m., and a brief business agenda precede the dinner and comedian's presentation. A DJ is slated to play contemporary music for dancing after the banquet show.

The Gateway Park Hotel is located at Van Buren Avenue and 44th Street in midtown Phoenix. Admission is \$25 per person. Reservations, with payment are being received by CBPA, P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001-2097. Attendees are urged to specify the Chicken Capri with apple almond dressing, trout stuffed with shrimp and crab, or vegetarian dinner choices. In Tucson, interested persons may telephone 791-9767 for more information about the evening's entertainment and arrangements for overnight lodging, if desired.

Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association President Jim Foley asserts that newcomers are welcome to the association's meetings. First-time visitors are encouraged to call 792-3373 in Tucson for additional information about OPBPA's programs and goals. Foley adds that the group of business and professional people are bonded by social, educational and humanitarian purposes.

TUCSON SHOW RAISES MONEY FOR MISS GAY TUCSON CONTESTANTS

TUCSON - The show held at the Graduate last Sunday, Jan. 18, was a fundraiser for two of the Miss Gay Tucson contestants, Candy Plastique and Jacqueline de Savoi.

The show raised \$188 in tips from the audience. Tucson Arizona Levi Leathermen donated \$100 and the Graduate donated \$100 also. The cost of entering these contests is a bundle and the contestants need as much monetary help as possible. Candy and Jacqueline thank all those who contributed to such a successful fund raising event.

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Further, the source said, Bauer told the Domestic Policy Council that sex education in schools "should be a local decision, arrived at only after consulting with the community - particularly with parents - and the nature of the course ought to be consistent with the values of the community.

But one federal health official insisted that "whatever we do, we'll work with the local communities. We're not going to tell anybody what to do."

AIDS or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, is caused by a virus that destroys the body's immune system, leaving it powerless against certain cancers and otherwise rare infections. It is transmitted through anal and vaginal sexual intercourse, through the sharing of unsterilized hypodermic needles and by mother to child during pregnancy.

HORNER TO SPEAK AT HUMANSPACE

PHOENIX - Rev. Dr. Tom Horner, a non-parochial Episcopal Priest and Biblical scholar, is best known for his book, "Jonathan Loved David: Homosexuality in Biblical Times". In it, Horner examines every biblical reference to homosexuality, the stories of love between men and between women, and Jesus' public pronouncements on the subject (non).

Horner will talk about his research, and sign copies of his book for purchase, this Sunday, Jan. 25 at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and, as always, the event is free. Call 220-4419 for more information.

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said. They must serve all age and economic groups and have a "sufficient patient volume... with things not likely to be related to (AIDS) infection," Dondero said.

In another AIDS development, physicians can use blood tests to identify people infected with the virus who are likely to come down with the disease within months, researchers said in a study released last week.

"The good news is that you can probably be a better prognosticator as a physician," said Dr. B. Frank Polk. "The bad news is, so what? What can the patient do except get his affairs in order?"

Doctors hope the research, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, eventually will show why some people with the infection stay healthy for many years while others get the disease.

Among other things, researchers found that those with only low levels of AIDS antibodies are five times as likely to get the disease as infected people with high levels.



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Television Commentators

As I See It

by Bruce Fowler - Tucson

Americans are flocking to the church doors of new ultra-conservative religious sects. Almost all religions are represented by this movement. Christian, Hebrew and Moslem most notably, but by far the majority are becoming involved in Christian ultra-fundamentalism. Dominated by leaders who exercise almost total control over members' lives, thoughts and all too often, over their pocketbooks, these leaders quickly become demi-gods who feel that only they have a pipeline to God.

The sociological and psychological reasons for this phenomenon will be studied for years to come, but I suspect that many Americans need to be "led"; they need someone else to make their decisions for them. Thus, they "plug" into these sects and turn-off their own brains, allowing their minds to reach a euphoric high of fervor and fanaticism.

Many of us who are members of minorities look with suspicion upon these sects because their stated goals are often the repression and denial of rights for homosexuals, feminists, agnostics, humanists and others who don't follow the 'party line'. This kind of elitism preaches rejection and hatred in the name of God. We minorities often react by rejecting not only the leaders, but the sects, religion as a whole and individual members of religious sects - we are highly critical of religion and we are becoming angry at those who would direct hatred toward us.

We must be careful so as not to confuse membership or belief in religious dogma with affirmation of these ultra-fundamentalist Christian sects. Being Christian

does not mean being ultra-fundamentalist and as far as I'm concerned, being ultra-fundamentalist is not being Christian.

As a practicing Catholic, I am abhorred by all leadership (secular as well as religious) that assumes that only it has "the truth". I'm sickened by leadership that divides and establishes elitism as a goal of honor. I'm disgusted with leaders that exercise authoritarian control over members' lives and try to isolate them from the rest of society. Personally, I'm as concerned by Catholic fundamentalist Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger's leadership in the Roman Curia as I am of fundamentalist Oral Roberts' TV evangelical leadership in Tulsa. Both men have absorbed their leadership into absolute power and are using that power to create abuses that have ramifications far beyond these religions and sects.

In the late 1950's a holy man, Pope John XXIII, said: "Authoritarianism stifles life and leads to a rigid external discipline and complicated, harmful over-organization. It represses legitimate initiatives, is unable to listen, and confuses harshness with firmness, inflexibility with dignity."

This man who set in motion the reforming of authority in the Catholic Church has distinctly outlined the temptations most ultra-fundamentalist leaders have succumbed to. The temptation to be a demi-god is just too great to resist. And yet there is really only one principle all leadership needs to follow - There must always be a primacy of love over law. For where love rules, there is no need for law.

LOOKING BACK by Big Jim T.
or J/T scoops de jour

You might say "WHO CARES!" if I told you I was turning 40 years old this year. Well, I'll tell ya' who cares: All the other 'he, she, it and them's', that are hitting the BIG 40 in 1987! Oh, there wasn't anything special about being born in 1947 except maybe, ME!!! I've always kinda enjoyed myself, and thought I was one of the best friends a guy could have. Not everyone has always shared my high regards in this matter, but the loss has to be theirs.

I followed a lover here in December of 1970 to start growing Moss, as they say rolling stones don't.

Tucson, dare I say "The Old Pueblo", has made much change in low these sixteen, toll-taking, years. To reminisce the town thoroughly, Bob would need a 15 page supplement section and another fund-raiser, so I'll try to be brief, as I really didn't intend on jotting down another "War and Peace" de Tucson....

To start with, in 1971, most chose the bar "Sir James" to make mirth in, with the everlasting "Graduate" as a close second. My ole' friend George R. was the proprietor of the North Oracle, outskirts of town, bar. Upon entering his bar for the first time - quickly recognizing a newcomer - he bought me the first cocktail I had had in my new home town. Nice touch, Georget. Needless to say, I supported that place till it turned into the Riverboat Saloon when they paved a parking lot that had chuck-holes a Land Rover couldn't master.

By then, everyone worth talking to, or should I say, "everyone that would at least listen to me", was frequenting the new Stonewall bar on North First

Avenue. Tom S. co-owned and ran the place for what seemed to him, I'm sure, forever. Tom S. is another one on my "Most Admired" list as he has weathered storms that had never been invented in the Gay bar business.

After, what I called, murder in front of this bar, they changed the name to Joshua Tree and later added on the Back Pocket. The addition, I've always thought should have been named the One LIner, cause those days and nights were like one big talk show, with a potpourri of Talk Show Bartender Hosts trading one-liner yuk-yuks with all who entered. Just to prove I'm forty, I'll say it: "Those were the Days"!!!

The Joshua Tree later changed hands and Bob B. and Vinnie C. joined hands in what I call "One big courageous gamble". It's still packin' em in, and Bette Midler Phil still workin' up a sweat, while quenching endless thirsts, and trying mercilessly to teach young Gay upstarts the art of 'camp'. Don't give up Phil - it's a dying art....

When Rita decided to put her name in lights, another era began on the East side of town, and Tucson got its first Gay Gas Station. Although it was converted as a not-too-successful dinner house, disco, Jazz Lounge etc... I really don't need to give too much history here as it could be lip-synched by all who have besmirched those hallowed walls. Peter S. is about the only one who really knows if Vinnie and Rita did well when they sold out and retreated to Betty Ford's Ranch in California.

Ask Michael Y. if a Gay bar won't shoot your nerves full of holes, not to mention several bank

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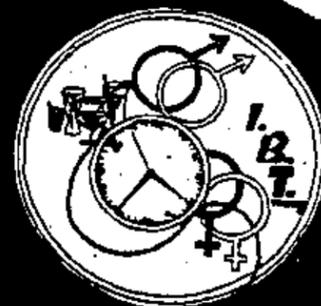
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GAY HEALTH

Rubbertalk

By Bill Richards

Here we are Tucson. 1987! A new time for all of us. And something new at our favorite bars. They are called Gold Coins.

We've heard over and over again about "high risk" this and "high risk" that, usually referring to folks such as ourselves. Well, the fact of the matter is; people are not "high risk", but certain activities are. It is for those activities that Gold Coins are meant. We're talking rubbers. The best way to enjoy those activities without the worry. OK. Let's talk rubbers. Most of us have associated the use of rubbers with pregnancy. Or I should say lack of pregnancy. As good as they may be for that purpose, they are better for the prevention of certain diseases. This current health crisis is fulfilling all the predictions, and the use of rubbers offers the best way to curtail the mounting statistics.

When the first condoms were made in 16th Century England, it was hoped they would stop the huge numbers of people getting syphilis and stop the spread of the then incurable disease. Unfortunately, those first condoms were made of cloth, and did little good. So they tried using animal gut, sewn up at one end. Those weren't so hot either. It wasn't until the 1840s that they started making rubbers out of, well, rubber. It was vulcanized rubber, kinda like car tires. Tough to be accepted by those who needed them. There is a story of a man named Mr. Condom who created a rubber for King Charles II of England, thus giving them their polite name of, you guessed it, condoms. It was in the 1930s that latex became the material of choice. Latex is what most rubbers are made of now, including Gold Coins.

In 1985 at the University of California at San Francisco, researchers filled 3 latex, a natural sheep skin, and a synthetic skin condom with a high concentration of virus. They put the filled condoms in a fluid the virus is attracted to. After three weeks, none of the virus was able to penetrate any of the condoms. None! It's good somebody finally tested the true effectiveness of rubbers.

The number one reason that rubbers lose their effectiveness is because of irregular use. To be effective, they need to be used regularly.

Now for some hard details. A water-based lubricant is a must. Oil-based products can dissolve latex, and a dissolved rubber is a mess, not to mention that it is ineffective. Most places that

sell condoms also sell water-based lubricants. K.Y. is one type of water-based lube. With the use of rubbers on the rise, other types of water-based lubes are now available. The lubricants can usually be found close to the rubbers, and most places that sell them have them located where you can pick them up without having to ask the pharmacist. Some of the local bookstores, and I mean the token-video type, have an excellent variety of water-based lubes. If you find the lube loses a bit of its slickness during use, just add a few drops of water to rejuvenate it.

When you go shopping for condoms, you'll see there are lots of different types. Colors of the rainbow, colors of the sunset or sunrise, or tropical colors. Some have jillions of tiny pleasure bumps!! Be wary of the colors, some of them may be soluble and cause quite a colorful mess. Rubbers also come in many sizes. Sheik sells a so-called Featherlite Snug-Fit for those that find their rubbers a bit on the baggy side. Other types by other companies go by names such as "The Hugger", "Slims", or the Protex "Skin Tight". Sheik sells one called the "Elite" which is said to be a bit longer and wider than most. These are only a few examples of the incredible variety available. Many rubber companies will sell by mail. The best bet is to shop around and find the perfect rubber for you. Start by asking your bartender for a couple of Gold Coins.

For most of us, this rubber play is new. It may be best to get comfortable with your friend the condom before you put it to the actual test. Get to know it, intimately. Stretch it. Play with it. Unroll it. There are many ways to put a rubber on. Once you get to know your rubbers, when your friend you need them for the real thing, you'll perform like a pro.

The Tucson bar owners are helping us all by making Gold Coin condoms available. Just ask the bartender for a couple of Gold Coins. They are sold at two for twenty five cents (2 for .25) - a deal to be sure! The money from the sales of Gold Coins will go to keep the bars supplied with these little lifesavers, and to support community educational services and buy materials such as informational pamphlets. Care and Condoms means Love and Health. Ask for Gold Coins and foil the statistics.

Any questions, comments or condom company inquiries can be made to Bill Richards, Jr., P.O. Box 41461, Tucson, AZ 85717.

Juicy Lucy

Well, it seems that there isn't much going on right now - or at least it wasn't much going on last weekend. With all that white stuff falling everywhere, messing up the traffic and with the temperatures dropping like mad, everyone seemed to be staying at home or at least somewhere in a nice dry, warm place. I was out for a little while but went home early before I had too many long necks. There were a few out braving the storm but they were mostly the really serious drinkers.

I was out long enough to find out that a few New Year's resolutions are being broken already. But, I did find one resolution that was kept, Roger did let Fern teach him how to walk in high heels. Roxanne is supposed to be in a show this coming weekend. Sure hope that Fern is a good teacher. However, there are some resolutions that have been broken that are worth mentioning and I will, I will.

Tommy (through the grapevine) has told me where I can put that triangle that got mixed up in his squares and circles. (And it's going to be a cold day WHERE? when he buys me a long neck.) Doc was supposed to love me even more this year, but I understand that he is bad-mouthing me and I haven't even done anything yet. Bill N. has really disappoint me, he hasn't slept at home yet this year!

The only good news I got this week was something about Ron giving Ben only five days to live if I wrote about something which I never did find out what it was that I was supposed to write about. (If this sounds confusing to you - how do you think I feel? That's what happens when you listen to gossip and don't get it (first hand). Anyway, as I said, this was a very quiet weekend and not a whole lot was going on or being said to write about. So until next week, keep those tongues wagging and those antics in motion, I love it.

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**Somewhere Over The Rainbow:
a banner year for S.F.'s Gay flag**

By Bill Mandel
SAN FRANCISCO, CA - You've probably seen them - bright rainbow banners fluttering from storefronts in the Castro, rooftops in the Mission, fire escapes in Pacific Heights. Maybe you've seen one flying from a home in Fairfax or Walnut Creek. The colorful pennants look Gay, and they are - in both definitions of the word. That happy spectrum is the Gay flag, a symbol that was designed in San Francisco less than 10 years ago and has since spread around the world. (ED NOTE: It's 'Bout Time In Tucson proudly displays one of the first Rainbow Flags to fly in San Francisco. It was donated by the Ambush bar in San Francisco for a Shanti Foundation/Tucson benefit last year and which 1BT won as high bidder).

When international vexillologists - flag scholars - gather in San Francisco in October, they're expected to accept the rainbow banner as the official flag of the Gay movement. In the slow, measured world of vexillology, where centuries are mere ticks of the clock, such quick acceptance of a new flag is nearly unprecedented.

The use of rainbows in banners and flags goes back to the Egyptians, but it was to rock 'n' rolling hippies that designer Gilbert Baker harked in seeking inspiration for a Gay flag.

"It was 1978, and the Gay power movement was just peaking with energy," the 35-year-old Baker recalled in a recent interview. "Harvey Milk had been elected supervisor. The community was organizing to defeat Proposition 6 (which would have barred homosexuals from teaching in California public schools). We decided we needed a special symbol to use in that spring's Gay Freedom Day Parade. Something visual. Not a slogan, but something with real emotional impact.

One weekend, Baker and others involved with planning that year's parade went to concerts starring among other, Bruce Springstein and Patti Smith.

"There was just this outpouring of wild energy and the shows," Baker recalled. "I listened to the music and watched the dancing, and it suddenly came clear that we needed something that looked like music sounds, a very San Francisco statement. A rainbow.

Baker and his friends wangled a \$1,000 donation grant from the parade organizing committee and ordered 1,000 yards of white cotton from China. When it arrived, a group of 30 worked night and day hand-dyeing and hand-stitching two enormous rainbow flags that measured 40 feet by 70 feet.

A few days later, the flags were carried in the 1978 Gay Freedom Day Parade.

"It was quite an experience," Baker said. "I was watching the flags go by, and people along the parade route were breaking into tears. It was exactly what I had hoped would happen. People really connected with the flags emotionally. They didn't have to use words. They just took one look and they knew."

Baker's original flags used the seven colors of the spectrum - red, orange, yellow, green, blue,

indigo and violet - and added pink to make eight stripes. They represented sex, life, healing, sun, nature, art, harmony and spirit. Since then as the Gay flag evolved the pink and violet stripes have been removed.

The Gay flag became an instant hit. So many people asked Baker to make them smaller replicas that he approached the Paramount Flag Co. to see if the firm would be interested in mass-producing them. Paramount was.

"We sell them all over the world," said Jim Ferrigan, Paramount's resident vexillologist, in a recent Bay Area Reporter interview. "Gay organizations throughout the country and overseas have discovered the rainbow flag. What we've witnessed in the last nine years is the creation of a new international flag."

Some of Paramount's biggest orders for the Gay flag arrived around the time of last August's Gay Games II, which brought thousands of athletes and spectators to San Francisco and refreshed Gay Pride at time when AIDS threatened to shut out all joy from the Gay community. Anyone who moved around San Francisco last August had to be touched by the profusion of spectral banners displayed in the Castro and other sections of the City.

The fluttering rainbows reminded us that Gay San Franciscans are much more than the sum of their mortality figures. The flags flew in eloquent agreement with Gay Games founder Tom Waddell, a former Olympic decathlete, who told 15,000 people at the Aug. 9 opening ceremonies "We see ourselves here as we really are - active, productive, creative and healthy."

The spirit of the Gay Games inspired many San Franciscans. Gay and Straight. It's a negation of that special spirit to see civil leaders crawling on their bellies in front of the United States Olympic Committee in hopes of attracting the 1996 summer Olympics to the Bay Area while the USOC engages in a blatant discriminatory attack against the Gay Games.

In a legal dispute reaching back to 1982's Gay Games I, which were originally called the Gay Olympics, the USOC continues to deny the games use of the word "olympics," which by law belongs to the committee. Pointing out that the USOC remains unflustered by the Dog Olympics, Police Olympics, Armenian Olympics and Crag Cooking Olympics, among other events, the Gay Games have appealed successively higher court decision in favor of the USOC. Last October, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear the case.

(As if to underscore its personal animus toward San Francisco's Gays, the USOC which realized a profit of \$250 million from the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, has placed a lien on the Mission District home of Gay Games founder Waddell).

The City was justifiably proud of the Gay Games. We'll be proud of our political and business leaders, too, when they bring the 1996 Olympics here... after persuading the USOC to stop persecuting a large and important stripe in San Francisco's human rainbow.

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"MARRIAGE" - Is the word appropriate for Gays? : a rebuttal

By Martin Scheeler - Tucson
 I'd like to take some time to respond to Christopher McPherson's article in the November 26th issue of the OBSERVER about the inappropriateness of the phrase "Gay marriage." It seems to me that Chris's basic argument goes like this: marriage is an institution associated with the heterosexual world, something that we must discard along with other heterosexual mores and standards, in order to establish our homosexual identities.

While I agree that it is crucial for Gay men and Lesbian women to solidify their identity, I don't think that Chris' solution would be of help in the fight for Gay rights. Obviously, two people need not be man and woman in order to pledge a life-long commitment to each other. The question is, does the term "marriage" apply when the people in question are of the same sex? No one is better aware of the hazards of language than a homosexual, not in this age of "Gay disease" and "freedom from homosexuality." Words control our thinking, so we must not neglect our thinking about words. It will be to our ultimate advantage to embrace the word "marriage" as it applies to homosexuals.

The most valuable question that Chris raises is: how can we talk about the privileges of marriage if we don't even have yet full rights as citizens? Attitudes change slowly, and it wasn't that long ago that simply being homosexual was a crime. We can't expect sudden enlightenment. Certainly we will go nowhere if people don't begin speaking out and making their presence known. Pushing for legalization of Gay marriage is one way to open the door for a larger vocal forum. Rights are not granted suddenly, completely, and unequivocally -- not by a burning bush on a mountaintop, and not by the U.S. Supreme Court. If the "straight" world finds it acceptable for two women or two men in love to get married, who knows where it may lead... Perhaps they would find it acceptable for homosexuals to "court" each other. Perhaps they would find it acceptable for them to go out on dates. Then what? Perhaps it would be acceptable for them to make love. To dance together. Adopt children. Show affection in public. Who knows -- perhaps

homosexuality would become acceptable.

There are many issues involved here, around this use of the term "marriage." If both Gays and straights can enter into a legal marriage, then this might provide an opportunity to allow AIDS testing for everyone (who marries), in a non-threatening way. Or it might not. It might promote the idea that homosexual love is just as moral as heterosexual love. Or it might not. It might give homosexuals more legal rights in general. Or it might not. We could argue around these issues for hours -- only time will give us the answers. But there's an argument that Chris misses, the argument of human dignity, and this is what is at the heart of the Gay movement. The word "marriage" must be used if we are to be accepted as fully human.

Does using the word "marriage" mean we're reshaping ourselves to fit into the straight world? Chris' key point is that we should face up to the fact that we're different. Of course -- this is the task of every homosexual. We are different. But there are many differences between kinds of people, and that doesn't necessarily imply that we need different words for concepts we all have in common. Should Blacks have a different word for "marriage," simply because they're Black? Should there be one term used for Southerners and another for Northerners? Perhaps we should say that Southerners get "barn-yarded" while Northerners enter into a "merger".

But of course this is a silly idea, because it's easy to see how such words would perpetuate stereotypes -- of the Southerner as a hick, of the Northerner as cold and materialistic. Not only that, the words are nonsense, because we know that what we really mean is "marriage". Can we honestly say that there's no discrimination in calling some people "married", while referring to others as "merged" or "partners". Such terms, if made official, would only further divide two groups that are already at odds. They would only stand in the way of a mutual understanding of two "different" cultures.

It's harder to see how this

works in the homosexual world, because, as homosexuals, we're so close to it. But think back to your closeted days -- what scared you the most about your sexual identity, or scared your parents? Was it that being homosexual would exclude you from the touted pleasures of life, one of those pleasures, like it or not, coming under the word "marriage?" If we have a separate word for homosexual marriage, how can we ever think of two women as being "married"? How can two men ever explain that their "union" involves the same qualities of love, commitment and devotion as heterosexual marriage? How can we convince the straight world that we aren't inferior, if we're restricted to the use of inferior words to describe identical concepts?

Let's be realistic -- any word other than "marriage" used to describe a life-long, homosexual commitment will immediately take on all the same negative connotations that the word "homosexual" itself has had for so long. Think of some other argot -- "trick", "butch", "flame", "closet-case". These words have different meanings for us than they do for the straight world. Separate languages foster separate communities. The only way to convince the straight world that we're equal is to force them to think of us as equals -- by talking in their language, not ours.

We are different. But the only difference is in our sexual orientation. The fear associated with being Gay is that we might be different in all other sorts of ways as well: mentally ill, deficient in love, unstable, lustful, sinful, deviant. These are the myths we are fighting against. We need words like "marriage" as weapons in that fight. If there's no difference in a homosexual's capacity for love and commitment, then there should be no difference in the word used to describe that commitment.

This business of language is the real issue in Gay rights -- in any movement for rights. Women talk about the sexism inherent in the English language, and they're right; as long as we prefer "male" pronouns over "female" in our language, we will prefer men over

women in our society. As long as we prefer to talk about a man and a woman "getting married," and a Lesbian woman as having a "significant other," we will prefer "marriage" to "other-ness." There's no escaping it: language is the basis of stereotyping.

Clear thinking on the subject needs to go even further than the word "marriage". Already it's apparent how the choice of the terms "sexual orientation," "Sexual identity," or "sexual preference" reflects a person's thinking about the nature of homosexuality. It's clear how a phrase such as "no exchange of fluids" tells us nothing about safe sex. Even "safe sex" is an ambiguous terminology, when no one knows for sure what's safe.

"Homophobia" is a breakthrough word: with it, we can say that it's a homophobic person who needs help, not a "homosexual". Such an idea was unthinkable ten years ago, because there wasn't a word to think it with! Using a phrase such as "Gay lifestyle" equates being Gay with a two-week vacation in Bermuda, or living in a twenty-eight room mansion in Burbank -- or some other such "lifestyle" of the rich, famous, and deviant. Words exclude as well as include, and the word "lifestyle" excludes the pain and struggle for identity that is the focus of a homosexual's life, from beginning to end. The word "marriage" includes things about a relationship that no other word can.

All this isn't to say that we need to wear our hearts on our sleeves or ignore the advantages of being Gay. As Lesbian women and Gay men, we have insights into life that allow us perhaps greater freedom, greater understanding, and greater responsibility than our straight brothers and sisters. But this hasn't come without cost.

One of our responsibilities is to be watchdogs of the language -- how our language can be misused, and used against us. The word "marriage" is the only word that applies in this case, and we must see to it that all the trimmings that come with it for heterosexuals -- including legality -- come with it for us. If we shirk the responsibilities that have fallen to us by right, we may very well be slitting our own throats.

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NEWS FROM MCC TUCSON

This past Sunday, Jan. 18th, our pastoral candidate, Rev. Eduard Perry delivered the sermons at both the morning and evening services. There was a larger than usual congregation at both of the services. Rev. Perry and Mr. Lee Cain will be here in Tucson until next Sunday, January 25th. I'm afraid that Rev. Perry and Mr. Cain are a bit disappointed in the sunny Tucson weather, but then who isn't disappointed in the weather right now? We hope their stay here is enjoyable and that they are impressed with Tucson. It will be decided at our Annual Congregational Meeting on January 24th if the congregation approves of Rev. Perry as our new pastor.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held this coming Saturday at the church, 560 South Stone. Every member of the MCC/Tucson congregation is encouraged to attend this very important meeting. There will be an election of three new members to the Board of Directors and Lay Delegate and an Alternative Lay Delegate. Visitors are welcome to attend this meeting to see how MCC/Tucson governs itself.

Thought for the Week: Don't you wish you could think of those clever remarks WHILE the discussion is going on?

ARTHUR LE BLANK

SECOND TIME AROUND

PART TWO

He put a bloody finger to his nose, looked up at me, and asked, "She having her period, you think?"

My eyes popped out. I spluttered "I wouldn't know. I mean, we don't, us, I'm not..."

"You're not", raising his eyebrows at me, "friends?"

"Yes, just friends! Who are you anyway? You never did tell me or show me your badge!" I pushed out my lips and put my hands on my hips in my standard imitation of authority.

He stood, pushed his coat back and slowly pulled his wallet from his backpocket, all the while sternly eyeing me. Flipping his wallet open to reveal a shining badge, he said "Bart Starr, City of Tucson Police Department, Detective."

"Well, I guess that's all right. Let's go talk in the livingroom."

We had coffee and went over my day and what I supposed Sarah's to be, forever. His eyes wandered endlessly over the room as if looking for clues among the paintings and knickknacks. He asked me very little about anything that didn't involve Sarah, so I never found out much about him. Bart was wearing a tight, well-tailored Armani suit; cops must get better pay than I've heard.

"Let me take the cups back," and he took them to the kitchen where I heard him rattling things in the sink. I imagined his round, tight tail in place of Sarah's at the sink. She wouldn't have just left; she was stable, comfortable. We were happy.

"Hey, Art," Bart shouted from the kitchen, "was Sarah planting a garden out back?"

I walked in and looked over his shoulder out of the window above the sink. An obviously disturbed portion of earth lay toward the far end of our small, unkempt backyard.

"She hates yard work. The place would even be more of a shambles if I didn't..."

Bart was paying no attention, but

pushed past me and went over to the phone and dialed furiously.

"Send a car with 2 guys, a shovel or two and an ambulance. 2842 North Alvernon. Immediate!"

He slammed the phone down, grabbed me by the arm and started pushing me toward the back door. There was a breathless, excited look to his hard face - almost happiness.

"Got a shovel? Fetch it quick and let's hit the dirt!"

He threw off his jacket and hurriedly rolled his shirt sleeves; veins pulsed on his brown arms.

"Quit gawking and get the shovel."

Bart grabbed it from me, ran down the steps into the yard, and began digging where the dirt was fresh. I heard the hollow whine of approaching sirens in the distance. Soon a shoe showed itself in the hole and Bart dropped the shovel; we got down on our knees and dug feverishly with our hands. I struck one of her legs first; we carefully pulled it out of the dirt and found ourselves face to face with Sarah Lawrence.

Two ambulance men ran up with a stretcher as I stepped back in shock. Bart brought a wet cloth from the house and carefully wiped Sarah's face. Her copper hair was full of dirt, but her cheeks were rosy and her lips impossibly full and red; there was none of the pallor about her associated with death. I grasped her hand - warm as a baby's breath.

"She looks like she's sleeping. She isn't dead, is she?" I asked Bart, tears starting in my eyes.

"The guys say there's no heartbeat, but she's warm and looks good. They're not too sure what's going on." He steadied me with a strong grip on my shoulder.

Just then Sarah's head, in response to a knock on the stretcher, lolled over and her mouth fell open.

I excitedly bent over her and only then noticed the two small, bloody wounds on her thigh throat.

TO BE CONTINUED

ENTERTAINMENT REVIEW

Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

ART - THEATRE - CINEMA - BOOKS - TELEVISION

JANUS THEATRE'S PRODUCTION OF "BUS STOP"

I am pleased to be able to write this review of Janus Theatre's newest production, BUS STOP. If you want a summation of this review, it is simply this: yes, this production has its flaws, but yes, it is well worth the \$7.00 ticket price.

I am happy to see each subsequent Janus production get better and better. The cast here is generally well presented, with stand-out performances by Della M. Booth and Dolores West as waitresses at Grace's Diner, the setting of this rustic slice-of-life play by William Inge. Simply put, this three-act play is about a small group of people who are stranded during a raging winter storm at the diner, a regular stop on the bus's route.

Cindy Winn, as the tad-bit misplaced Cheri, does well with the role, presenting a confused, shy, worldly night-club singer. She has touches of perfection in the role. Her beau, Bo, played with rampant hyperactivity by Jim Cody Williams, could be a touching, tragic figure. Williams

portrayal of Bo takes the character out of reality and into the farcical. He, too, has touches of perfection in the role. His performance would be without flaw if he could expand on those endearing, tragic qualities of the character, and stop jumping around with over-exaggerated giant motions.

The new home for Janus Theatre, at the Lecture Hall Theatre of Metro Tech, located at 19th Avenue and Thomas Road, is a nice house, with good sound quality. I am sorry to see the limitations with the lighting system, which presented one of my major complaints about the set: The lighting was much too bright for this dingy, run-down diner, and too evenly diffused. The set design is very good, and the execution is also deserving of applause.

BUS STOP is a worthwhile evening, and one I am sure you'll enjoy. Performances are this weekend, January 22, 23 and 24, and next weekend January 29, 30 and 31. For more information call 258-9773.

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COLETTE'S WEST - Schnapps shots .75 from 8 pm to Midnight.
GRADUATE - Bottle Domestic Beer \$1.00 with other drink specials.
FINELINE - Open 7 pm. to 1 am. upstairs with full serve alcohol bar. Open 8 pm to 3 am downstairs non-alcohol with after-hours.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Bourbon \$1.00. 5:30 - 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well. 8-12 .50 draft and .50 Schnapps. Dance 8 to 1 am.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 am - 1 am.
RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Nite \$1.25 domestic 9 pm to 1 am. Dave Pierson DJ 9 to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - Bottle Beer Special from 8 pm to Midnight.
FINELINE - Open 7 pm. to 1 am upstairs with full service alcohol bar. Open 8 pm to 3 am downstairs non-alcohol with after hours.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing!
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Rum \$1. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to 1 am .75 Long Neck Beer (non-premium). Dance 8 to 1.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.
RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm. Square Dancing by T-Squares 7-9 pm. Regular disco/video dancing 9 pm to close.

friday

COLETTE'S WEST - Party Nite. Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight. Michelle DJ's.
FINELINE/SKYLINE - Party 7 pm to 1 a.m. upstairs with full service alcohol bar. Downstairs (non-alcohol) open 8 pm to 4 am with after hours.
GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon - 5:30 pm Well Gin \$1.00. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well; 8 pm - 1 am \$1.50 Well plus dancing from 8 to 1.
JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm - 1 am.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.
RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 p.m. Video dancing 9 pm to close.

saturday

COLETTE'S WEST - Party Nite Hourly Drink Specials 8 to Midnight.
GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.
FINELINE/SKYLINE - Party 7 pm to 1 a.m. upstairs in full service alcohol bar. Downstairs (non-alcohol) open at 8 pm until 4 am with after hours.
JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 pm Bloody Marys \$1.00 6 pm to 1 am All Well \$1.50. Dance 8 to 1.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. \$1.25 Well noon to 6 p.m. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beer Bust 4 to 7 pm .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 5 pm to ??, \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's from 9 pm until 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - Football on our big screen plus "Wine Down Nite" .75 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite begins at 7 pm. Michelle DJ's from 9 to 1.
FINELINE - Upstairs opens at 7 pm.
GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) \$1 with other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Bloody Marys \$1.00 Noon to 6:30 . 6:30 to 1 am "Danny's Choice" every hour (?). Dance 8- 1am
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Noon to 1 a.m.
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. T-Squares Beginner's Class every Sunday afternoon. \$1.25 Well drinks noon to 6 p.m. Video dancing 9 pm to closing.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowler's Special: .75 Well Drinks for J/T Bowlers. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .89 from 8 pm to Midnight.
FINELINE - Upstairs opens at 7 pm with full service alcohol bar.
GRADUATE - All White Well Drinks \$1.50 until 1 am plus other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30: Well Vodka \$1.00; 5:30 to 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to 1 am: Well \$1.50
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 1 pm to 1 am. .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7. Video dancing begins at 9 pm.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 12 oz. cans Millers or Millers Lite \$1.00! Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T 9 pm.
COLETTE'S WEST - "Sudserize!" .40 draft beer from 8:00 until midnight.
FINELINE - Upstairs opens at 7 pm with full-service alcohol bar.
GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks \$1.50 till closing plus other drink specials.
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 24
COLETTE'S WEST - "Grand Illusions", a really BIG show with an all-star cast begins at 8:00 p.m. Show features Jacqueline De' Savoi, Candy Plastique, Bobbie Jo and Don Henkle. \$2.00 Cover. DJ dancing following the show.

GRADUATE - The second day of an all-weekend anniversary celebration. At 8:30 (ish) an extra special show starring the vivacious Cissy Goldberg direct from Eloy! Aviva Diamond will act as M.C. Special drink prices Friday thru Sunday. Don't miss this one. No Cover.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - For a return engagement. LIVE Domino Theory. Live dance music at its best. Check for starting time and come on out and enjoy. \$2.00 Cover at the door.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25
COLETTE'S WEST - SUPER BOWL SUNDAY on the life-size screen. Potluck plus drink specials. Open at noon today! Celebrate from noon to 1 a.m.

GRADUATE - The 6th Anniversary weekend winds up today with a big celebration in conjunction with the football game. The Super Bowl and Super Prices. See their ad this issue for some extra, extra special prices that have been rolled back to their first anniversary level!

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Last chance to catch Domino Theory for this two-day engagement. Some of Tucson's finest live dance music. Get out and boogie! \$2.00 Cover.

RUMOR HAZZIT - SUPER BOWL XXI. Watch it with ease on the giant life-size screen. Special drink prices and munchies. Come early - stay late.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1
COLETTE'S WEST - The excellent movie "Desert Hearts" will be shown on the giant screen here and Barbara Bird, Tucson's own Blues Mama will be playing live throughout the evening.

RUMOR HAZZIT - "Country-Western Night". Brunch, Live Entertainment, etc. From noon until 8:00 p.m. Watch for additional details.....

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COLETTE'S WEST - One of Tucson's hottest bands "Domino Theory" holds forth beginning at 8:00 p.m. Catch this band that is fast-rising on the national scene!

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
COLETTE'S WEST - Tucson Knight Owls will present their annual "Closet Ball" here. Watch for more details about entering the contest or just plain watching it. It's a gas!

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
RUMOR HAZZIT - "VARIETY II" a really big 'shew' with a cast of thousands. Some live, some not, but all guaranteed great.

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WHAT'S UP DOC?



It has been another quiet week. What with all the snow and this cold spell, even I've stayed home. To make matters worse, I was just sitting here Tuesday morning and realized I'd not written my column for this week.

I did spend some time over at the Graduate last Sunday, watching Candy Plastique, and crew, with their show. It was a good performance and David was really show stealer this time. After watching him change outfits that fast on stage, I was wondering if he gets out of his clothes that fast when he takes a friend home? Then, between Candy and Jacqueline, I could feel the under tow, what with the Miss Gay Tucson contest coming up. As I see it, either one will make a good Miss Gay Tucson, so let's put the contest behind us and start living and have some fun.

One of the biggest events happened last week to one of Tucson's old fixtures. In a way, maybe I shouldn't say fixture because normally fixtures do not move, but this one, beside not being normal, does move around a lot. This one also has a mouth that isn't afraid to speak its piece, regardless how you may feel about the subject. A lot that has happened both in Tucson and in Phoenix, can be traced back to this long-time Tucsonan. Now with the retirement of TJ last week, we are all in trouble because he will be able to get around in the evening hours to watch and hear all of us. I've got some 'TEBS' stacked up here at home on him and you can bet he'll be reading about himself more. For this week, all I'll say is congratulations to one of my personal close friends, and I hope these freedom days gives you all the happiness and pleasure you can handle.

another of our Tucson large fixtures has left us for awhile. Wayne has headed up to Denver to go to florist school. Just what we really needed in Tucson: a large flower child! Good luck Wayne, and hurry back.

Well, this weekend, The Graduate begins a three day party in celebration of their 6th Anniversary. On Friday, there will be a birthday show with drink specials and a show, Saturday will see Cissy Goldberg entertaining here and on Sunday you can watch the Super Bowl Game with some really super-low priced drinks. This Friday, coming out of ankle retirement, if Steve finishes her dresses in time, will be Roxanne. I understand she is putting training wheels on her high heels in hopes of staying up on them for a change. With all the money some of us have spent at the Graduate over the past year, Roxanne should not only stay off her posterior, helping to keep insurance rates down, but let each of us drink free all day. (Just kidding Ron T.!!)

Speaking of Ron T., I wonder if he will be in town? After all we in Tucson do for you: the car and vacations, maybe you should give us a birthday present. Just check with me, I'll have a long list of suggested gifts waiting.

I'll close for now with a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY GRADUATE and we all look forward to many more fun-filled years.



Also, this past weekend,

Tucson Bar Soaps

THE OTHER WORLD
One would think that Ada had enough to do. What with a busy pub to begin with, shows booked ahead for the next two months and all sorts of people walking in wondering what kind of bar this is? But no... she's got the Fire Department giving her grief to boot. They had best remember just who they are dealing with if they know what's good for them!

THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNGER
One face lift is not enough for Catherine Chancellor. Now that Esther is back home, Catherine is sure she'll have plenty of help around the mansion during the "change".

Paul and Loren Williams must be hiding out in the "Colonade Room" all the time because they haven't been seen anywhere else in Genoa City.

ALL MY KIDS
Phoebe fails to show for the "Ladies of Pine Valley" luncheon. Poor Ted Martin has to fill in for her (with no idea of just what goes on at a ladies luncheon). Fortunately, Enid Nelson comes to his rescue and saves the day.

Erica makes plans to travel to the west coast or possibly Europe. For Erica, this will be strictly a business trip, no fun whatsoever.

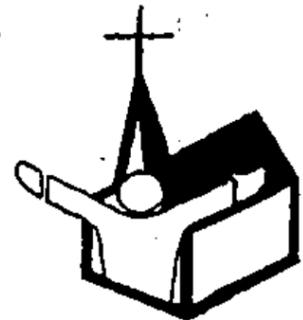
SANTA PANCHEA
Masson has to get Kelly away from her knitting and into her tap shoes if they expect to get the local talent show to ever get on the boards.

C.C. is very pleased at how the place is consistently so clean, but there is a part of him that really misses the way it looked trashed out.

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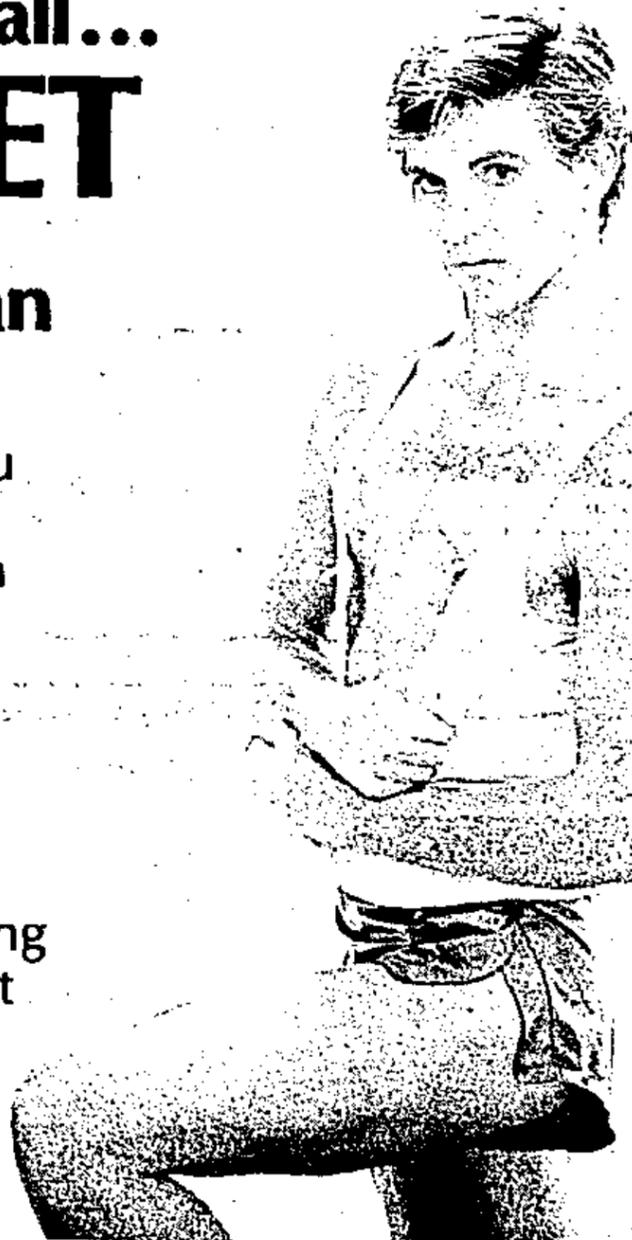
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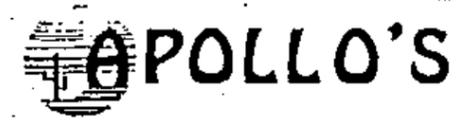
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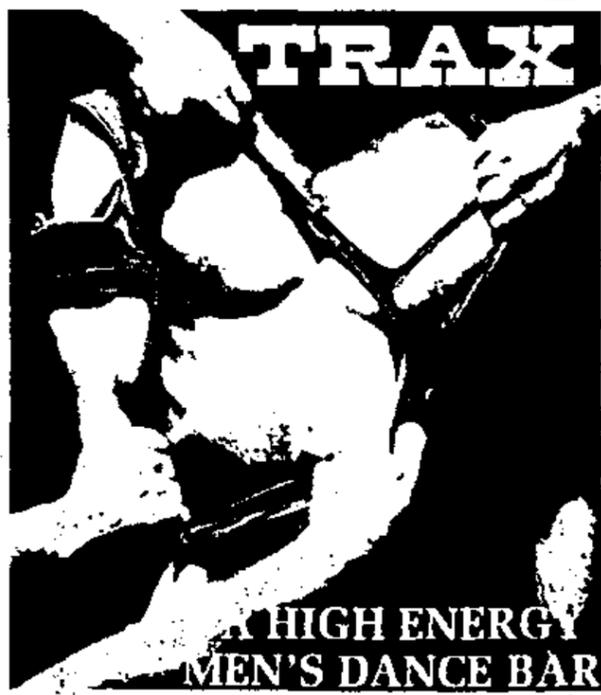
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ROCK HUDSON: HIS STORY - A REVIEW

I don't think there has been another person for whom my attitude has changed more often in less time than Rock Hudson. Pre-1985, he was an actor who starred with Doris Day in one of my favorite musical-comedies, *PILLOW TALK*. 1985-1986, he was an actor, a star, whose homosexuality had finally come into the light of the American public, thanks -totally- to the fact that he had AIDS, was dying, was being shuttled back and forth to Paris for treatments, and was expected to die soon.

At the tag-end of 1986, --after I saw him on an old *I LOVE LUCY* episode-- he became a stunning god, a quintessential love idol: the perfect Gay man.

Boy, how things change.

I got his semi-auto/semi-biographical book as a gift for the holidays. I had to finish the book in which I was immersed at the time before I could begin this intriguing book. I finished the other book, began this book by SARA DAVIDSON, finished it. My opinion of the man will never be the same.

This man --Rock Hudson-- whom I only recently had forgiven for hiding his homosexuality for so long, now gets no sympathy from me. This book reads less like a biography, and more like "Rock's Little Black Book".

It's all in here: the forays into the furtive Gay community that was Hollywood and Southern California in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s. The impression one gets of Hudson, is that he would go to bed with anything that "[waved] his dick at me until I finally noticed". If the man was young, blonde, well-built, and "straight-acting", he would be in bed with Rock before you could spell h-o-m-o-s-e-x-u-a-l.

He dumped his lovers, one after another. His moodiness, his "star complex", and his inflated feeling of his own self worth all

contributed to his eventual death from AIDS in October 1985.

No, I don't have sympathy for the man. But his sexual proclivities, and his bedroom olympics have little bearing on my lack of compassion. When he was first diagnosed as having AIDS, [he ignored the obvious outward symptoms for over a year before finally seeking medical aid] he learned of the then-new treatment HPA 23. He went to Paris for treatments, enjoyed a temporary improvement, then trotted to the states to do *DYNASTY* for nine episodes, flagrantly ignoring his doctor's specific orders which, if ignored, would kill him: No questions.

Granted few of us knew the facts about AIDS when Rock was first diagnosed, but only a total fool would ignore a large red spot on his neck, which had not gone away for over a year. [This was eventually biopsied as being Kaposi's Sarcoma, one of the opportunistic diseases which can prove fatal to AIDS patients.] Only a total fool would fail to question a sudden, and tremendous weight loss. He suffered night sweats, and all the other now-obvious symptoms of AIDS. Not only did he do nothing about it --he continued smoking and drinking heavily which his doctor had specifically ordered him to stop-- but in the face of positive and successful treatment with HPA 23 in Paris, he refused to return for further treatment.

Yes, he suffered. Greatly, in fact, toward the end. But his pain and suffering was brought upon himself, by himself.

There is more in the book, but unless you want to revel in the disgusting and stupid facts which were Rock Hudson's life, then it is a book best passed on. After reading the work, I am no longer surprised at its inability to sell.

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 That's the view for now: see you next week!

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accounts. Michael's was so far east you drove past rice paddy's on the way, or if you ran out of gas you could catch a rickshaw. The nicest Gay bar Tucson has had, and so far east. Who says location doesn't matter. This bar was so far east I saw a sign saying, "Yankee Go Home". Nice try Michael, we love ya'. And just to measure your success on the east side, I still remember going to a southside grand opening and closing party of the Gay bar next to the Palo Verde overpass. One night to remember????!! Certainly a Gay bar record for Tucson.

The Graduate has more roots than Alex Haley's book, and just as many owners, managers, employees, and of course customers. More skeletons in the closet than Southlawn Cemetery. Some of the older Gay historians tell me that it turned Gay on the

afternoon that Grant took Richmond, and they say Richmond loved it! Anyhow, it's had a longer run than the Tonight Show and will be in business until you can no longer give blood for bucks.

Oh well, pushing forty isn't so bad when you've had at least forty pushing back, no names please! Would you deny an old woman her pleasures of the flesh? Reminisce if you dare, I have to look ahead - I'm no longer ready for that close-up Mr. DeMill.

Bob, you must promise me that they won't tar and feather; And as they said in the Boys in The Band: "Everyone's turning on and I'm just turning!" But there's a bunch more turning with me and next year there will be even more. So, Happy Birthday all you Old Things!!!!!!!

OUT ON THE TOWN
 STUNT MALIBU CHRISTI FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Christi's cousin flew in from the east coast for a visit last week. Poor girl certainly needs some color. Before long, she'll be looking as healthy as Christi. Good luck Babette!

Mother Divine decided she wanted a smaller box. Mathilda Mackowitz and Dash are trashing the old box since their search for a bigger and better box seems to have ended. Miss Mae's box doesn't need trashing. Seems she's seen the city lights and likes them so much the Ponderosa may finally be up for grabs. The facelift is almost complete. If Ronda Jons stays on, it will come with a complete home entertainment system, pumps and all.

The Butch Marshmallow may have tainted its image after last weekend's fruit-run. Just how many fruits can three fruits pick up and drop in one day?

Is Tom Slanders still the same old slut she said she was and when will we read and wonder what went on with that wretched working woman? At least she doesn't walk the streets like Miss Mae does.

Little Miss Muffet may have to rough it if she gets off her tuffet and tells the boss to stuff it.

It snowed and Teresa missed the opportunity of the season. However, she is still planning a splash landing at the Mardi Gras. What is that get out of town party planning for her anyway? Maybe, unlike Magic Fingers Madge, one party will suffice.

Toasted Tottie is being seen less of lately since she stated seeing that fun fuzzy. We're seeing less of Vivian too. She and Mr. U are planning for that big day not so far away.

Ronda Jons climbed back on that old wagon again. Maybe this time she should use her seat belt.

Miss Latina is still trying to decide whether she want that stroll down the aisle on the romp in the hay.

Arrabella Dunny won't have to worry about getting to the rest of the Air Force. Seems Miss Pittman's concentrating on a special man in blue.

What happened to Myrna? What does it take to bring out the best in her. Gurn Blankstone will not be forgotten. Is she still married or just window shopping?

Is Miss Jade letting her hair down too soon or will she maintain long enough to reap?

No thanks to Nancy Drew, Miss Mae did add an item to her wardrobe last week, and we thought red was her color, or was that black? So, was Sally really a good old girl and where is she now?

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