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FINAL COUNTDOWN TO TUCSON PRIDE WEEK JUNE 23 - 30, 1991

TUCSON - Produced by the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance (TLGA) and community volunteers, plans are almost complete and ready to present to the Tucson and Arizona Lesbian/Gay community a Week-long series of events. The Pride theme for this year is "Hand In Hand Together". Kicking off Pride Week will be the 14th Annual Pride Picnic in Himmel Park on Sunday, June 23 followed by seven days of events planned to please everyone. The calendar at presstime appears below.

The Picnic, however, is the big celebration when the community comes alive in Himmel Park at noon and revels in our Pride from noon until dusk. This is the 14th year that the picnic has been held in Himmel, and the attendance has been building every year. Over 7,000 were in attendance last year and it is expected that nearly 10,000 will be at the celebration this year. The entire Northeast corner of the park, including the amphitheater has been reserved for the event.

TLGA has been holding fund raising events and is able to produce this extravaganza - the largest single-day Gay/Lesbian event in Arizona - through the donations of the Tucson business community as well as the hundreds of individuals who donated their money through these fund-raising events.

Mayor Tom Volgy has again issued his mayoral proclamation and it is expected that he will read it this year at the

picnic. Beside Volgy, many other dignitaries from the City Council will be present including Vice Mayor Janet Marcus and Council members Bruce Wheeler, Steve Leal, Molly McKasson and Mike Hagerty have all indicated they will be in attendance, as will ex-council member, George Miller, who resigned to run for Mayor, (to fill the spot that Volgy will leave as he runs for the congressional District 2 post recently vacated by Mo Udall). Virginia Yrun, a recently announced candidate for the Democratic nomination for C.D. 2 will also be in attendance. This portion of the activities is being handled by the Lambda Democratic Caucus.

Besides a Voter Registration booth and a booth to meet and talk to the various politicians and candidates, over thirty businesses and organizations will set up booths at the picnic offering everything from food, games, information, refreshments, and products. One of the features will be a booth featuring a Cut-A-Thon, being hosted by Talk of the Town salon, giving haircuts for \$5.00 with all proceeds going to the Shanti Foundation of Tucson. There will be a Dunking booth, etc. etc. All Tucson organizations, clubs, and businesses have been invited to set up their 'booths'. There is no charge for this, and they are on a first come, best shady spot available.

In a repeat of last year, TLGA has arranged for two water trucks this year. Periodically during the afternoon, these trucks will "make it rain" on the crowd

dancing, playing volleyball or anyone wishing to cool down.

TLGA has announced that there will be available at no charge, some 50 canisters of soft drink mix dispensed by community volunteers, and 60 kegs of draft beer which will be dispensed from a large, refrigerated truck by bartenders from the local Gay bars. The bartender schedule is as follows:

Noon to 1:00 p.m. - Hours
1:00 to 2:00 p.m. - IBF's
2:00 to 3:00 p.m. - Rumorz
3:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Joshua Tree
4:00 to 5:00 p.m. - French Quarter
5:00 to 6:00 p.m. - Graduate
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Colette's

In order to be able to drink beer it is necessary to check in at the TLGA table with proper ID and be stamped. Bartenders will not serve you if you are not properly stamped. TLGA reserves the right to refuse service to anyone who does not have proper identification or who appears intoxicated. Security volunteers will be on the lookout for violators. Because of the huge number of persons at the Picnic, people drinking beer or soft drinks are encouraged to keep their cups and use them for refills if possible. Glass containers are not allowed in the park - plastic or paper only. Beside the paper cups, TLGA will be selling a 17 ounce plastic souvenir cup for one dollar donation. Commorative pin and T-shirts will also be available.

There will be dancing to recorded music in front of the stage area. The volleyball court has been moved a little further east to accommodate a larger area for dancing. 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. will be set aside for the formal ceremonies - the Color Guard made up of members from all clubs and organizations with their colors following the flag bearers to the stage area for the singing of the national anthem. Presentation of the King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo, and runners-up, who were responsible for raising the bulk of the funds to produce Pride Week 1991. A short Pride talk by TLGA Co-Chairs Chris Jones and Jack Stockslager, followed by the reading of the Mayoral Proclamation and introduction of visiting dignitaries and short speeches by some of them.

An exact schedule for the afternoon will be found in the next week's issue of OBSERVER.

Following the Picnic, beginning at 7:30, the French Quarter will host the "After-Picnic Party" this year. There will be a huge complimentary open buffet followed by a "Royal Pride Show" featuring Miss Gay Arizona, Amanda McLanara; Miss Gay Tucson, Tiffany St. Thomas; Mr. Gay Arizona TJ McKay; the King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo, King Mike and Queen Moose; former Miss Gay Tucson USA, Candy Plastique and the show will be hosted by former Miss Gay Tucson, Aviva Diamond. There is no charge for any of the official Pride week events. Stay tuned for more updated information in next week's issue.

TUCSON PRIDE WEEK CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Noon to Dusk - 14th Annual Picnic in Himmel Park. Dancing, volleyball, drag race, booths, food, free beer and soft drinks, The Mayor will read Pride Week Proclamation plus other speakers. Lots of surprises. 10,000 people expected. Largest single-day gay/lesbian event in Arizona. Northeast Corner Himmel Park, Noon until Dusk.

7:30 After the Picnic Party held at the French Quarter this year. Complimentary Open Buffet beginning at 7:30, and a "Royal Pride Show" starting at 8:30ish, hosted by Miss Aviva Diamond and featuring Miss Gay Arizona, Amanda McLanara; Miss Gay Tucson Tiffany St. Thomas; Fiesta de Mayo King Big Mike and Queen Moose; Mr. Gay America, T.J. McKay and Tucson's own Miss Candy Plastique. No charge.

MONDAY, JUNE 24

6 to 8 p.m. Art Attack Opening, 830 Gallery, 1015 E. 6th St. Art exhibit featuring some of our community's finest artists. Exhibit runs through Friday. Food, beverages, music. No Charge. Local artists wishing to exhibit their works should call Patti Bowers 327-1974.

"Coming Out" workshop facilitated by

Elizabeth Beaney. St. Francis in the Foothills. More details next issue.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

6 to 8 p.m. Art Attack Continues.

8:30 p.m. Pride Event at Joshua Tree. Show starring Lucinda Holiday and Friends present "Almost Live" a special Pride show featuring Kristin and Scandalicious. Steak Dinners will be served from 4 to 8 p.m. with special pride price of \$3.50, Beer Bust from open to close.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

6 to 8 p.m. Art Attack Continues.

8:30 p.m. "Reunion Show" at Rumorz featuring many of your favorite performers from the past. Details next issue.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

6 to 8 p.m. Art Attack final night.

7 to 9 p.m. Lesbian and Gay poetry/fiction reading at Antigone Books. Limited seating, bring a pillow. Readers include Enrique Gomez, Robert Kaplan, Aya Loba Neina'jea, Zelima Xochiquetzal. Wheelchair accessible.

9 p.m. IBT's Gay Pride Fun Night. Boots and Buckle Contest, Cowgirl Races, Bare

Chest Contest, Country Dance Contest (cash prize), Country Western music and dancing with DJ Gil Leon and the live vocals of Joe Wallen. No Charge.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

7 to 9 p.m. Political Night at the Tucson Old Pueblo Resort, 4210 N. Saranac Drive, includes Southern Arizona politicians as well as candidates for Mayor and City Council and Congressional District 2. Names next issue.

9 p.m. Video night and party at Colette's featuring past and present Pride Week videos and a special pride event to be announced. No Charge.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

2 to 5 p.m. Gay Pride Activities by the ShareBears (El Proyecto, PACT, Shanti, TAP). "Family Feud", "Dating Game", "Win, Lose or Draw". Plus a Benefit Show beginning at 8 p.m. for the ShareBears. All at the French Quarter. No Charge. See next week's issue for performers.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

5 to 9 p.m. Casino Night at Hours with some valuable prizes, plus a Country/Western Dance Contest beginning at 8:30 with 1st prize \$50; 2nd \$25 and 3rd \$15. Wind-up of Pride Week 1991. No Charge.

Security Volunteers Sought For Pride Picnic

TUCSON - Volunteer help is needed for security at the Gay/Lesbian Pride Picnic to be held on Sunday, June 23, from 12:00 noon until dusk. As in previous years, security monitors, identified by arm bands, will patrol the picnic area keeping an eye out for problems.

Estimates of this year's attendance ranges all the way up to a 10,000 total. Only a fraction of that number will be there at any one time, but supervision is needed to cope with emergencies arising from such things as too much sun or too much beer.

In the past years the members of the local clubs and organizations have volunteered for security duty. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Lee Ridinger by phone (741-0917) Monday through Friday during the evening hours after six p.m. Ideally about thirty people are needed so that one person would be on duty for an hour or so and then be able to enjoy the picnic too.

The Picnic is only days away. Several people have signed up for this important duty during our Pride Picnic, but the more volunteers there are, the less time each will have to spend on duty.

One-In-Ten Repertory To Perform 'Street Theater' A Gay Pride Production

TUCSON - One In Ten Repertory, Tucson's first and only Gay and Lesbian Theater company will present its second production of the '91 season, "Street Theater" by Doric Wilson.

"Street Theater" is a comedy about the events that took place just prior and during the June 1969 Stonewall riots.

Stonewall was one of the several Gay bars in Greenwich Village, New York, where authorities often performed raids to "clean up" society's "undesirables". Local officials also would charge outlandish "fees" to anyone who wanted to open a Gay bar. The "fees", of course, were way beyond reason, and so some of those who chose to cater to the Gay community often did so without consent. In order to stay in business, Gay bar owners often agreed to "monetary deals" with the authorities. Bribery was also used on Gays and Lesbians themselves if they wanted to stay out of jail. During election time, politicians attacked homosexuals claiming that they would do something about this abhorrent lifestyle if elected, in order to get votes.

"Street Theater" is a factual production based on the events that occurred during that time. The setting for the play is on Christopher Street, one of the streets frequented by homosexuals in Greenwich Village. Doric Wilson uses an ensemble of stereotypical and non-stereotypical Gay and non-Gay characters to comically illustrate how absurdly homosexuals were treated and what provoked them on June 27, 1969, to stand up for the basic human rights.

But "Street Theater" does have its dramatic moments, presenting courageous individuals sacrificing themselves in the

name of human justice. All in all, the play describes how the Stonewall riots was the beginning of the civil rights movement for Gays and Lesbians.

Today, Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals around the country (and perhaps the world) celebrate that historical event every year during Gay Pride Week. The celebration is about how homosexuals have the same rights as any individual to live and express all of who they are. Who would conscientiously choose to live a "lifestyle" that was abusively oppressed by society? Many homosexuals believe their sexual orientation is a natural aspect of themselves and they have every right to openly live as themselves. Gay Pride Week gives many the opportunity to toot their horns about their existence.

Gay Pride Week is also a time of remembrance. Homosexuals can never forget how badly mistreated they were as human beings back in those days. Thank God for the power of the human spirit that rose above oppression and ignorance on June 27, 1969.

One In Ten is excited to present this particular production during the anniversary of Stonewall at the Temple of Music and Art in the Cabaret Theater, 330 S. Scott Avenue. "Street Theater" runs June 13-15 and 19-22 at 7:30 p.m. and there will be a Sunday matinee on June 16 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 and are available at Antigone Books, 403 E. 5th Street, or by calling 884-7601. Reservations are encouraged.

This article was written by Guy Castonguay, a cast member of "Street Theater" and edited by Rhonda Hallquist, the director of "Street Theater".



THURSDAY, JUNE 20 - 7:30 P.M.

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CHURCH DEBATES: Mainline denominations wrestle over how to deal with homosexuality

by Peter Steinfelds
New York Times

No Christian church has escaped the impact of the sexual revolution. Even the most conservative denominations almost always take a markedly different tone toward sex - franker and more positive - than they did before mid-century.

But today some of the major Christian groups are engaged in debates about sexual morality that go far beyond tone, reopening controversies about the basis of Christian teachings, about the interpretation of Scripture and even about the nature of God.

This week the annual General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will meet in Baltimore and take up the most radical of these re-examinations - a report calling for major departures from the Christian teaching that limits sexual relations to heterosexual marriage.

In July, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church will confront two opposing proposals for clarifying the church's stand on homosexuality.

In August, the United Methodist Church's Special Committee to Study Homosexuality will complete work on a report that will be used to make recommendations to the General Convention next May, including whether the church should retain or amend its current judgment that homosexual behavior is "incompatible with

Christian teaching".

Also by next spring, a task force of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America will complete a theological and scriptural study of human sexuality and the first draft of a statement that the 5.2 million-member church will consider at its Churchwide Assembly in 1993.

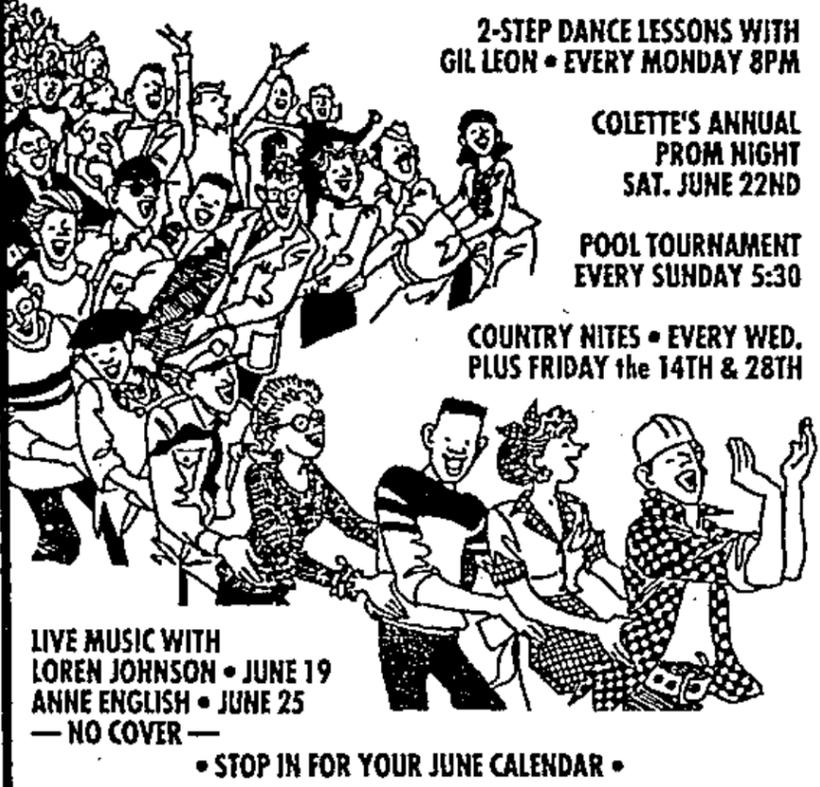
The Presbyterian report states American society is undergoing a "deep-seated crisis of sexuality" caused by a "patriarchal structure of sexual relations" that is mirrored in pornography and responsible for sexual violence, exploitation and exclusion, especially of heterosexual women, unmarried people, Gay men and Lesbians.

The report holds sexual intimacy to be a human need and right that should not be restricted by "formal criteria" like marital status or sexual orientation or by "so-called respectability". And the report asks that the "patriarchal ethic of gender oppression" (which includes much of the church's inherited teaching) be replaced by "an ethic of gender justice" and respect for sexual diversity.

What counts is not "who sleeps with whom," the report says, or whether sexual activity is premarital or marital, heterosexual or homosexual, but whether it

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Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

11 days to the Gay Pride Picnic. Are you ready for the biggest demonstration of Gay Pride in Tucson history? There are Pride T-Shirts available everywhere for only \$8.00 or at the picnic itself. This is going to be terrific. I attended the TLGA meeting last Sunday, and they are ready and excited. It was nice to see Phoenix so hyped up about Gay Pride finally. All they had to do was look South to Tucson for an example of what to do. But of course, better late than never! Congrats Phoenix.

I have been accused before of tending to gossip. Well, with the permission of the person involved, I have a question for you: "Who went to San Francisco and met/did a Prince, Prince Albert no less (P.A.)? He's very proud of it too. If you don't understand, ask a leatherman about a P.A. It's not what many would expect. We'll discuss the Prince in detail in the future.

The following is a UCLA condom effectiveness study. Many of you may find it of some interest. Where does your's rank?

CONDOM EFFECTIVENESS STUDY

by Drew DiGiovanni, M.P.H.
Not all condoms are alike. The UCLA School of Public Health has finally released the results of their study ranking the effectiveness of various condom brands. Rankings are based on water leakage, air pressure resistance and package effectiveness, among other criteria.

Many public health officials are concerned with the ranking of condoms, fearing the public will assume that since condoms don't work, they won't bother to use them. For this reason, it may be important to stress the use and effectiveness of spermicides and lubricants containing ingredients such as Nonoxonyl-9. These may be an effective barrier against HIV if the condom should rupture. All of the condoms below are made of latex. An additional study was done on 20 Fourer brand Lamb membrane condoms. Although no HIV leakage was detected, natural condoms are permeable to other STD's such as Hepatitis B and therefore should not be promoted for prophylactic purposes.

CONDOM EFFECTIVENESS

Preliminary results on a scale of 0 to 100, based on safety and effectiveness:

SCORE	BRAND	SCORE	BRAND
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91.3	RAMSES NON-LUBE	71.1	TROJAN-EXE LUBED
91.3	RAMSES SENSITOL	69.9	TROJAN PLUS
85.2	GOLD CIRCLE COIN	68.1	PRINCE
81.7	GOLD CIRCLE	66.9	LIFESTYLE NUDA+
81.7	SHEIK ELITE	64.1	AROUSE
81.7	DUKEX NUPORN	62.7	TAHITI
80.2	PLEASER	60.9	LIFESTYLES COUTURE
78.7	RAMSES EXTRA	60.6	LIFESTYLES NUDA
77.3	EMERACE HER	57.7	TROJAN RIBBED NATURAL
76.6	LIFESTYLES STIMULA	50.9	TROJAN RIBBED
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Looking at a consumer report released by the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, the "Gold Circle" brand was rated highest, having no taste or smell and being particularly sensitive.

Always note the expiration date on condoms as their shelf-life is expendable. As the Gold Coin brand of condoms are not sealed air-tight, they are particularly sensitive to pollutants in the air and will deteriorate faster than condoms with sealed packaging.

It's important to remember several points: (1) put a condom on properly (no air at the tip), (2) use non-oil/petroleum base lubes and (3) check it before use. Enjoy!

Till next week: Sean 628-7816.

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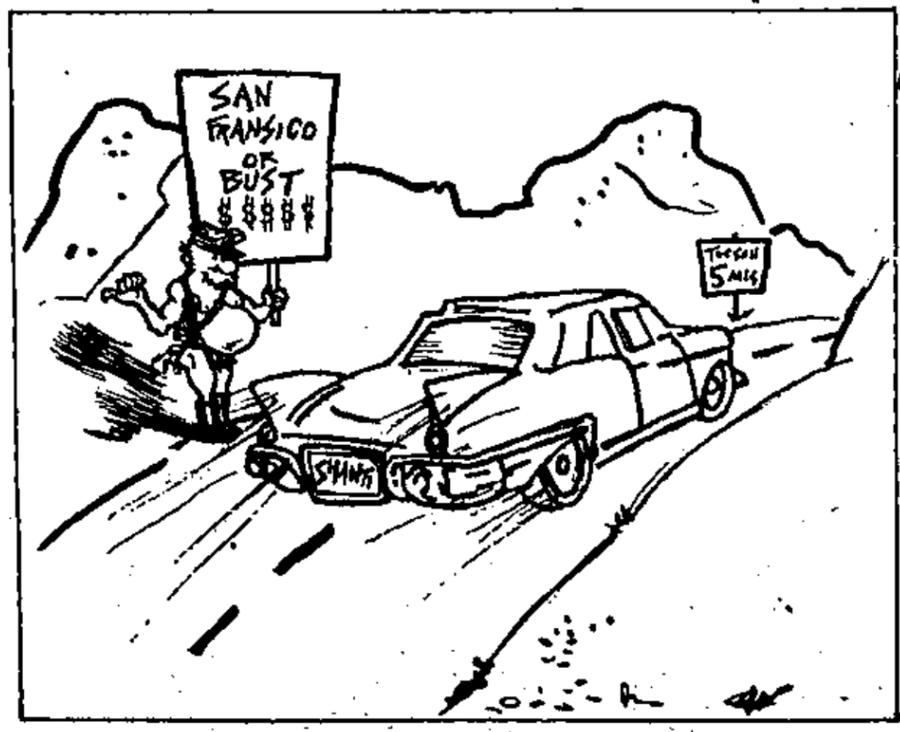
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POLITICS '91 by Mark Kerr

C.D. 2 RACE

A public opinion poll, taken by the Rocky Mountain News, released last week, shows that Tucson Mayor, Tom Volgy has gained the status of front runner for the Democratic nomination to replace Mo Udall. Here are the results of the poll.

TOM VOLGY	22%
ED PASTORE	12%
UNDECIDED	66%

This Thursday, the Director of the Planned Parenthood Clinic for Southern Arizona, Virginia Yrun, will make the announcement of her candidacy for the Democratic nomination in Congressional District 2.

On the Republican side, KPHX-TV weatherman John Kaites announced his intentions to run for the Republican nomination in C.D. 2 last week, in a speech at the Maricopa Republican Club. Kaites stated he will run a vigorous campaign and his main goal, if elected, will be to cut taxes.

S.B. 1183

This is a call to action! A version of the "Hate Crimes" bill will be brought up again before this session ends, (which means shortly!). This version will be without the penalties and would be an information collection bill. We must show our support. Please call the following Southern Arizona Legislators at 1-800-352-8404 and encourage them to get the bill passed and defeat the fanatics who are against it. Here is the list to call:

DISTRICT 7

Reps. Richard Pacheco and Art Celaya; Sen. Peter Rios.

DISTRICT 9

Rep. Marion Pickens, Sen. John Dougherty

DISTRICT 10

Reps. Carmen Cajero and Phil Hubbard; Sen. Victor Soltero.

DISTRICT 11

Reps. John Kronko and Peter Goudinoff; Se. Jaime Gutierrez.

DISTRICT 12

Reps. Jack Jewett and Ruth Eskeson; Sen. Ann Day.

DISTRICT 13

Reps. Patti Noland and Eleanor Schorr; Sen. David Bartlett.

DISTRICT 14

Reps. Herschella Horton and Ruth Solomon; Sen. Cindy Resnick.

TUCSON NEWS

An attempt to get a "Hate Crimes" bill on the City of Tucson books began this past Monday. When approached with the idea, Tucson Mayor, Tom Volgy, was very supportive and plans to bring it before the City Council. The City Attorney, using S.B. 1183 as a reference, is drawing up the legislation. Within the month, it is expected that the Council will take this up. An informal poll taken of the Council members shows huge support. So it looks like, once again, Tucson will have the lead and the rest of the state will follow. Thank heavens we have an open-minded council. Pity Phoenix and the other cities in the state that do not.

PRIDE PICNIC NEWS

Here are the names of the candidates and elected officials who will be in attendance at the Pride Picnic in Himmel Park on Sunday, June 23:

- MAYOR THOMAS VOLGY
- VICE-MAYOR JANET MARCUS*
- COUNCIL MEMBERS: BRUCE WHEELER**
- MIKE HAGERTY
- STEVE LEAL
- HOLLY MC KASSON

Ex-City Council member, George Miller, running for Mayor of Tucson will be in attendance as will Virginia Yrun, candidate for Congressional District 2 as well as Tom Volgy who is frontrunner for this post recently vacated by Mo Udall.

* Janet Marcus, council member of Ward 2 and Vice-Mayor is running for re-election this year.

** Bruce Wheeler, Council member of Ward 1, is running for re-election this year.

As of presstime, Ward 4 City Council member Roger Sedlmayr had not stated whether he would be attending.

Until next time, take care.

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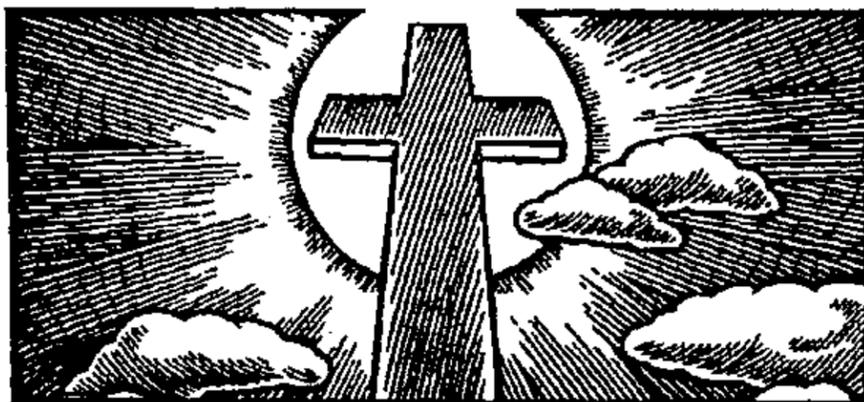


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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Cochran

The second drawing for the Maple Syrup Raffle was made last Sunday, the winner of this week's drawing was Rev. Ed Perry. New tickets are now on sale for our third drawing which will be on June 23rd. Tickets are now on sale for \$1.00 for three tickets, if you are still holding any tickets for the previous drawings, throw them in the trash as they are no longer any good. New tickets must be purchased for each drawing. Our fourth and final drawing will be on July 7th during our Anniversary/Dedication weekend when Rev. Elder Dr. Troy Perry will be here.

This coming Saturday, June 15th, MCC/Tucson will be at the church, 3269 North Mountain Ave. which will leave for Phoenix at 8:00 a.m. Maps will be available for those who will be driving. The picnic will a Pot-Luck meal, so if you would like to fellowship with all of the churches of Arizona, bring a dish to share and meet us at the church.

Big plans are being made for our Anniversary/Dedication weekend of July 5th, 6th and 7th. A complete schedule was printed in the last week's edition of the Observer, but if you have misplaced your

copy, you can call the church at 292-9151 for all the events scheduled for this big weekend.

Our delegates are preparing for the General Conference to be held in Phoenix from July 14th through July 21st. There will be a Special Congregational Meeting at the church, 3269 North Mountain Ave., on June 30th, starting at 1:00 p.m. This meeting will be for the purpose of the congregation instructing the Lay and Alternate Lay delegates on their voting during the General Conference for the Binding Resolutions, By-Law changes and the election of the church Elders. Every member of MCC/Tucson is urged to attend this meeting and this meeting will be an open meeting for anyone who wishes to attend.

The Bake Sales held at the Graduate last Saturday during T.K.O.'s Beer Bust was another success. Our deepest thanks goes to the gang of T.K.O. and to Roger and the staff at The Graduate for making it possible.

Thought for the week: Make other people like themselves a little better and you can rest assured that they'll like you very much.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Summertime in Tucson...The temperature soars and people try to stay indoors, except to sunbathe. It is also the time when we begin to plan the annual Gay Pride Picnic. If you've been out very long, you might have a drawer full of commemorative Gay Pride tee-shirts. The current year's there is always emblazoned across it. My shirts not only vary in color and themes, they vary in size! Oh well.

Besides the tee-shirts, there are memories of the Gay Pride marches. The march in San Francisco draws hundreds of thousands and makes national news. Our Arizona march isn't as outrageous. I do recall one march I participated in, in Phoenix. Before the march, a whole bus load of us wandered into a Jack-in-the-Box in the downtown area. They were just about to close, but the girl behind the counter saw our "WE ARE FAMILY" shirts. She said she'd stay open for us! We smiled to ourselves thinking, she was family. Then I heard her say to another employee, "They're part of the JayCees Convention that's in town." By the time we left, I'm sure they knew who we really were representing!

Our Tucson picnic is an opportunity to come out of the air-conditioned closet and see what our community has to offer. What do we have to be proud of?

A lot of us have been personally told that we've nothing to be proud of. The chiefest offender is the Christian church. They take bits and pieces of the Bible and misinterpretations, and use it to tear us down. But, did you know that God says in the Bible that He knew us when we were in our mother's womb? If He knew us then, why didn't He make us all straight? He could see the future we were facing and the rejection society was going to give us. Yet, He never changed us. We have to realize He knew what He was doing.

We need to be proud of who we are. What we are is a gay man or a lesbian woman. Who we are is what we have become, what we have done with our lives. How do we develop this pride? It comes from God; from forgiving ourselves and forgiving others. Gay people have an extremely high rate of alcohol and drug abuse, obesity, mental illness and stress-related illnesses. We're trying to become someone to be proud of, yet it is very simple. All we need to do is get to know God. From reading the Bible and studying about Jesus, you can be given a whole new outlook on life and on yourself. You can be given a whole new outlook on life and on yourself. You can become someone with a purpose, with a life worth being proud of.

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Tucson Pride T-Shirts Sell Out New Supply On The Way



TUCSON - As quickly as the first shipment of the Tucson Lesbian Gay Pride T-Shirts arrived, they sold out immediately. A second order is scheduled to arrive this week and should be on sale in all the bars this weekend. Shirts will also be on sale at the Pride Picnic in Hixbel Park on Sunday, June 23.

The theme of this years Pride Week is "Hand In Hand Together." The winner of the logo contest this year was Diane Uhlman. Uhlman will be introduced at the Pride Picnic and presented with a check for \$50 as her prize. Uhlman's design is a Southwestern-theme, with the inverted triangle filled with smaller triangles in

an Indian pottery motif. The main triangle is framed with several petroglyph hands taken from a photo of ancient rock drawings found in "Newspaper Rock" in Utah.

Shown above are Jack Stockslager (1), Co-Chair of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) producers of the Pride Week Activities, and OBSERVER staffer, Rodney Shanks modeling the shirts. The shirts are available in white only, pre-shrunk cotton in a tank top or regular T-Shirt versions. Shirts are \$8.00 each and are available at all local Gay bars or through a TLGA member.

What's Up Doc ???



If a trash award could be given out for T.K.O.'s beer bust games, Pam (DL) would have won it hands down this past Saturday. During the hula contest, which she entered, to sway the audience and judge, she removed her shirt, showing her black laced bra, then proceeded to dance. I'm going to start keeping track of the number of times Pam has either won a trash award, or done something deserving of winning one, she will probably have accumulated enough points of times to be deserving of a yearly "Trash Person of the Year" award, if one existed. Yes, she did win the hula contest.

Of course along with her, even T.K.O. members could of been running for the trash award. You should of seen the present President and the incoming elected President doing the hula together. What makes it even more interesting is, the two of them will be switching roles on 1 July. The present President will become the new First Lady and the present First Lady will become the new President. That's what I call keeping it in the family, or those who play together, stay together.

It seems there is a small lack of communication between members of S.O.S. Poor Roger, thinking S.O.S. was going to have their Casino night this past Sunday, advertised it in the paper, only to later find out, it was not on S.O.S.'s agenda for that day. Instead S.O.S. will be having their Casino night over at Hours on June 30th, with a country dance contest, a pride week event.

Well the Schedule for this years Gay Pride week has been published and by the

likes of it, this years celebration will be the largest and best yet here in Tucson. This years Gay Pride picnic, per Bob E. prediction, should pull around 10,000 people in attendance. I'll be sure to stand next to the beer truck because with that many people on hand, the lines getting the beer will be extra long. Of course I know not everyone will be drinking beer but those of us that do, will welcome it, especially since it is free.

Don't forget, during the Gay Pride picnic, the CAT Committee will have a table set up for registering you to vote in this years CAT Awards. Be sure to take a minute and stop by to register.

If you have not been to the Graduate this past week you are in for a surprise. Ron T. arrived in town and is putting some changes to the bar, improving Tucson's number 1 watering hole. For one thing, it can no longer be called the bar with the blue door, now it's the blue door with numbers. Also, after a couple years, the name now appears above the door. Then there is new paneling on the back wall, thanks to TALL. Coming in the near future, TALL will be installing their own trophy case on this new wall, T.K.O. will be moving their trophy case back there on the opposite wall, all club colors will be hanging back there also. I just wonder what will be next. Speaking of Ron T., he calls his other half--Stud Muffin.

That will be all for this week. Keep a smile on your face and make people think you have been up to something good. I'll be taking a few notes during the day so be careful.

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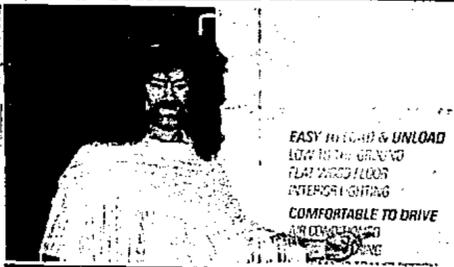
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TLGA meetings take place every Sunday at 3:00 p. m. patio at the Joshua Tree. Everyone is invited to attend and present their ideas.

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L. A. Doctor's Report 10 Years Ago Was First To Alert Country To New Disease: AIDS

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA (AP) - Dr. Michael Gottlieb made history ten years ago with a report published by the Centers for Disease Control on the discovery of a mysterious new malady he observed in five homosexual men.

The disease was AIDS, although it hadn't been named when Gottlieb's brief technical paper was printed in a newsletter June 5, 1981.

Since then Gottlieb treated dying actor Rock Hudson and many other AIDS patients, co-founded an AIDS research group with Elizabeth Taylor and got into trouble prescribing narcotics for the actress.

patients were brought to Gottlieb's attention. All were previously healthy homosexual men who developed ongoing fevers and severe weight loss. They suffered various infections, including an unusual form of pneumonia. Blood tests showed their disease-fighting immune systems were crippled.

In May 1981, Gottlieb and Wayne Shandera, a CDC investigator in Los Angeles, wrote the report describing the new disease. Other researchers discovered the virus that caused it two years later.

As soon as the report hit print "the telephones rang off the hook from doctors around the country," Gottlieb said. "They were seeing the same.

The World Health Organization estimates AIDS will infect up to 40 million people by the year 2000. Nearly 110,000 Americans have already died.

Gottlieb spent the 1980s treating AIDS patients and writing 70 AIDS research papers.

Hudson was among his famous patients. After early reports that Hudson had AIDS, Gottlieb urged the hospitalized actor to confirm it publicly.

"He said, 'OK, Dr. Gottlieb, you can tell them. Maybe it will do some good,'" Gottlieb recalled.



The Associated Press

Dr. Michael Gottlieb

After a decade of death and despair, society still refuses to do enough to combat the AIDS epidemic, Gottlieb said during a recent interview.

Many people view AIDS "as one of those insoluble social problems, right there with homelessness, hunger and drug abuse," the 43-year-old physician said. "But it was and is eminently solvable. There are still opportunities being overlooked to curb the spread of this virus.

Teenagers, minorities and others must get more education about safe sex and intravenous drug abusers should be treated for addiction and given clean needles, Gottlieb said.

Gottlieb, a native of New Brunswick, NJ, was fresh from immunology training and working as an assistant professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, in late 1980 when he asked colleagues to alert him to unusual ailments.

Between October 1980 and May 1981, five

Gottlieb made the announcement in July 1985. Hudson going public is credited with spurring increased funding for AIDS research and putting a recognizable face on the disease.

"He was the closest thing to a family member with AIDS," Gottlieb said. "In that way, it did enormous good."

Two years later, Gottlieb resigned from UCLA to enter private practice, saying he was unable to gain tenure. He believes he antagonized colleagues for emphasizing AIDS treatment over basic research, bypassing administrators to seek AIDS research funds from lawmakers and appearing frequently in the limelight.

Gottlieb and two other doctors face unprofessional conduct charges of unnecessarily writing about 120 prescriptions for pain killers and sleeping pills for Taylor who has a long history of addictions and back pain.

A state medical board disciplinary hearing is expected next year, said William Marcus, a deputy state attorney general.

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Just working in the Shanti offices I see our calls more than doubling for the first of this year over the first half of 1990. It is a time when more help and donations of time and money are needed even more. So I hope many of you out there in the Gay and Lesbian community, who have not given of your time or money as yet will do so now and in the near future. There are so many ways you can be of help in fighting this disease and helping those, many of whom are your friends, in fighting it. Call any of the AIDS agencies and find out what you can do. Or send in a check of any amount you can afford to help us all fight this and make a better quality of life for those who are suffering from HIV/AIDS.

The Tuesday Luncheons for HIV friends put on each week by GLIA had its largest crowd last Tuesday... a total of 28 people were served a nice lunch and enjoyed socializing. Anyone with HIV and their friend are welcome. If you need a ride, just call Chuck or Ed at Shanti or the Cornerstone Fellowship/GLIA at 622-4626 the day before the luncheon or on the morning of the luncheon call the Shanti office or the Social Hall at the church at 622-8860 around 11:30 a.m.

With the Gay Pride Picnic coming up on Sunday, June 23rd... stop by the CUT-A-TION BOOTH run by the Talk of the Town Salon... they will be doing hair cuts for \$5.00 donations to Shanti.

The 1992 Shanti Penny Campaign seems to be in full swing as pennies arrive weekly now at the office. Some people are having their penny donations given in someone else's name, like a friend with HIV or someone else in the community that

they feel has been working hard for the community. So far in the individual category, Robb T. is leading with Pam Y. a close second. In the business/organization category, French Quarter is leading with Joshua Tree and Colette's following in a close 2nd and 3rd.

Anyone into Psychic Fairs with readings??? Coming to Scottsdale, Ranada Inn, Valley Ho, 6850 Main Street (68th and Indian School), Scottsdale, Arizona, (602)945-6321, is Bandwagon Promotion's Psychic Fair Extravaganza '91. The Midwest's finest E.S.P., New Age Holistic and Metaphysical Festival. Scheduled for June 29 & 30... 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Only \$5.00 admission! There will be lectures, top speakers, door prizes and drawings for free readings!! If you have never been to one, they can be lots of fun! For information call (602) 493-0560 or 996-0261.

Those of you in the Phoenix area may be interested in "Mystic Moments" hosted by Louis Anthony Russo, KFYI Talk Radio, 910 AM, Saturday nights from 7 to 11 p.m. If interested in a personal reading with Louis, he charges \$60.00 and may be reached at (602)274-6888. A top psychic whose clients have included many film stars and business leaders.

Do you need to get out of town with someone special or even alone??? Then think about spending a weekend in the Sedona, Prescott & Jerome area. It can be a wonderfully relaxing, and give one a chance to enjoy being with a very special person or just being away from it all on your own in a nice pleasant setting. There are lots of things to do and see in the area, some good restaurants and some lovely scenery to just enjoy. It is only a few hours away and can really make one feel great for that short change of scenery.

Remember for those with HIV, the Positively Well Workshops are held every Saturday starting at 1:00 p.m. Call PACT for Life for the location and groups, or TAP, Shanti, El Proyecto or the Pina County Health Department can tell you what is available each Saturday.

You won't want to miss the One-In-Ten Theatre production of "Street Theatre" now going on at the Temple of Music and Art Cabaret Theatre, 330 S. Scott Ave. June 13-14-15; 19-20-21-22 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is only \$8.00 and tickets are available at Antigone Books or call 884-7601 for reservations. A delightful show put on by our own community theatre group.

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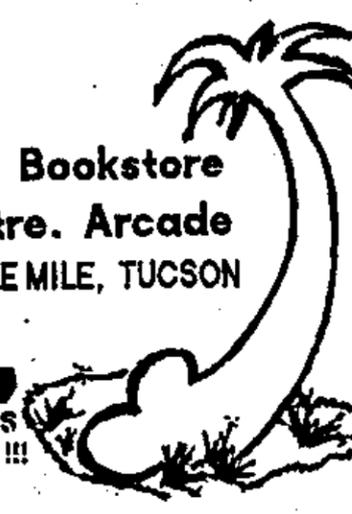
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COLETTE'S - It's Country And Western Friday here with all the cowgirls and cowboys two-steppin' all over the place. Tee Haw!

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

COLETTE'S - It's Father's Day and Colette is planning something special for her dad; Sas. Join in the fun. Bring your dad out!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

COLETTE'S - Country/Western night here with Mr. Loren Johnson holding forth with his great musical abilities.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

FRENCH QUARTER - The long-awaited Dart Tournament will take place here at 7:30 p.m. \$100 first prize, second place wins the entry pot and third prize is a new set of darts. Entry fee is \$3.00. Come by the FQ to enter and practice.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

COLETTE'S - "Soul Night" with your favorite soul music to listen and dance to. A popular night here.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

COLETTE'S - Prox Night!! You remember it from past years events and this one's going to be even bigger. Check it out!

IT'S - A pre-Pride Week event - "Leather Pride Tucson" will bring all the hot leathermen together from all over for an evening of fellowship, camaraderie, dancing and fun. Clint Meyers from Trax in Phoenix will be playing the hot/hot/hot music.

LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE WEEK IN TUCSON

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

TUCSON'S 14TH ANNUAL LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE WEEK KICKS OFF TODAY WITH THE PICNIC IN HINDEL PARK FROM NOON TO DUSK, FOLLOWED BY A COMPLIMENTARY BUFFET AND SHOW AT THE FRENCH QUARTER. CHECK THE COMPLETE SCHEDULE IN THIS ISSUE AND ON POSTERS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENTIRE 8-DAY SERIES OF EVENTS.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

COLETTE'S - Country and Western fans will be here tonight enjoying the two-steppin' - line dancing craze that is in the air. Come and join in the fun.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

FRENCH QUARTER - A Broostlick Pool Tournament will take place here beginning at 5:30 p.m. \$2.00 entry fee and you might win the \$200 first prize or the entry fee pot for second prize, and, don't worry, there will be a third prize. Come on by and enter and practice so you'll be ready for the tournament.



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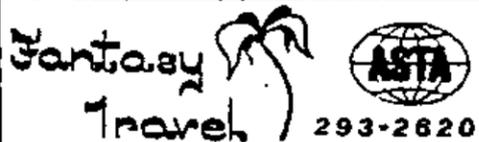
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Non-Bar CALENDAR

(NOTE: If you have an event or special happening that you feel should be included in this non-bar activities calendar please contact Ben Corbin prior to Monday of that Wednesday paper for inclusion in that weeks issue. After the first notice has appeared, it will appear weekly until the event has taken place. Mr. Corbin may be reached at 627-4536).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

C.A.T. Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. at ROC Church, 3269 N. Mountain Ave. All members are urged to attend this meeting as those members who have missed three meetings since January will be deleted as voting members of this year's Committee.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

3:00 p.m. FINAL MEETING BEFORE PRIDE WEEK. Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) meets to finalize plans for Lesbian/Gay Pride Week 1991 on the patio at the Joshua Tree. Everyone is welcome to attend and volunteers are needed to help run the various events being planned for Pride Week '91 which runs from Sunday, June 23 with the Picnic in Himmel Park through the following Sunday, June 30.

The Tucson Men's Massage Group is meeting at 7 p.m. If you haven't been or it has been awhile, this is a good opportunity to meet other men on a social, physically sensual experience. It is safe and fun. Carl Karco at 881-4542 by Friday.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Old Pueblo Business and Professional meeting at Hotel Park Tucson. 7:30 p.m. "Gays, Lesbians & Our Families" will be the topic of a thoughtful and stimulating panel discussion celebrating Gay Family Pride! Speakers from Parents, Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) share insight in coming out to family members and being raised by homosexual parents. Free to OP members and newcomers.

LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE WEEK 1991

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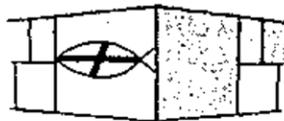
MONDAY, JUNE 24

UofA Committee for Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Faculty/Staff Concerns monthly meeting and brown bag lunch. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Student Union room 285.



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Sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Room. Drink Specials. \$4.00 steaks, Dave cooks 4-8. Variety Show 10:30 p.m. Food served 9-12. Drive Dis.
COLETTE'S WEST - Pool Tournament 5:30 pm. \$3.00 entry. Brunch til 3. "Wise Doves Site" \$1.00 wine 8 pm to midnight. Movies on the big screen begins at 7 pm.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Room. Brunch served 12-3. Drink specials. 5 p.m. Pool Tournament. Double elimination, \$2 entry, 60/60 split 1st & 2nd.
GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.25 daytime and \$1.50 nighttime.
HONEY - Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country Dance Music 7-1 and Room Business Specials 7-1.
IT'S - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. on well and non-premium beer. 9 to 1 fresh Disco Night. Not music from the 70s & 80s. Well drinks \$1.50.
OUTRAGEOUS - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.
RUMBLE - Open at noon. Drink specials.

Monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Room. \$1.50 Domestic Beer 12-7. \$1.50 Draft and schmaps 7 to close. Dave DJ 9-11. Classic rock & Ball. Food served 9-12.
COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. Happy Hour 4-7: All White Well, schmaps or wine \$1, Domestic Bottle Beer \$1.25, Draft .75
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices open to close.
HONEY - Open Room. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25, IT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-Premium Beer. Easy listening music. Bring your own tape for a drink special 9 pm to 1 am.
OUTRAGEOUS - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.
RUMBLE - Open noon. Daily drinks specials. Todd dj's at 9.

Tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Room. \$1.50 well 12-7. \$1.50 Corona/.75 Karaokee shots all day. Bobby Jr. Djs 9-11. Food served 9-12
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schmaps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, Draft .75. Lumpsum Bottle Beer \$1.25 from 8 to midnight. DJ 8 to midnight.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m. It's Movie Site and the Big Screen too!
GRADUATE - .50 Draft open to close.
HONEY - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25.
IT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Site with .75 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 8 pm to close. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon 9-1.
OUTRAGEOUS - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.
RUMBLE - Open noon. Daily drink specials. W/DJ 9-1 with Clint.

Wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Room. \$1.50 white well 12-7. Male and Female Strippers 10:30p.m. Dave Djs 9pm. Food served 9-12.
COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schmaps or wine \$1, domestic bottle beer \$1.25, Draft .75. 7-Squares dance and give free lessons at 6:30. 2-Step Country/Western follows. Schmaps \$1 from 9-12 ax. DJ 9-1
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9 p.m.
GRADUATE - Domestic Beer \$1.25/days - \$1.50 sates.
HONEY - Draft Beer .50 Noon to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Black & White Service Industries Night Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price.
IT'S - 4-8 Two for One. 8 to Close, 50 cents off Call Liquor, Linda dj's 9-1.
OUTRAGEOUS - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.
RUMBLE - Open noon. Daily drink specials. W/DJ Clint at 9pm.

Thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Room. \$1.50 white well 12-7. \$2.75 pitchers Bud/Red Lite all day and night. Dave Djs 9-11. Food served 9-12.
COLETTE'S WEST - Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schmaps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, Draft .75 / "Stobersirel" .50 draft from 8-12. DJ from 9 to 1.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9. 7 p.m. Dart Tournament \$2 entry 60/60 split.
GRADUATE - All Dark Well \$1.25 days / \$1.50 nites.
HONEY - Draft Beer .50 Noon to Close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$1.25 from 9 pm to 1 ax. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1 DJ Jason.
IT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Free dance lessons 8 p.m. Bud and Red Lite \$1.50 from 4-1.
OUTRAGEOUS - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.
RUMBLE - Daily drink specials. Video/Bisco dancing with Clint 9-1.

Friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Room. \$1.50 domestic beer 12-7. Bobby Jr. Djs at 9pm. Food served 9-12.
COLETTE'S WEST - Happy Hour 4-7: White Well, schmaps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, Draft .75 / Party White Hourly Drink Specials 4-12. DJ 9-1.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches, chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9.
GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.
HONEY - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Jason Djs 9 pm - 1 ax
IT'S - 4-8 Two for One / Not Music 9 to close with Jay.
OUTRAGEOUS - Open daily 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.
RUMBLE - Daily drink specials. Freee Horn 4'o'correa 5:30. W/DJ Clint 9-1.

Saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Room. \$4.00 steaks Jay cooks 4-8. Drink specials. DJ Bobby Jr 9 to 1. Food served 9-12.
COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Specials 4-Kidnight; DJ from 9 to 1.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Room. Daily drink specials. Burgers, sandwiches or chicken-in-a-basket \$2.50 from 6 to 9.
GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.
HONEY - Open Room. 7 pm to 1 ax. DJ Jason plays for your dancing & listening. Last Saturday of each month is Country and Western dance music.
IT'S - 4 to 8. Not music 9 to close with Linda Firdale.
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by BARTMAN

ARIES

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TAURUS

Still pretending you're a midnight cowgirl? Boots do not look good with cutoffs. Don't get in over your head this week with commitments.

GEMINI

New moon brings romantic encounters. Looks aren't important, it's what's up front that counts - right? Keep a grip on your cash this week. Bright idea pays off on Sunday.

CANCER

Rumors fly this weekend - too bad you didn't earn your reputation. Go on a shopping spree - stick with target on your budget. New outfit and new hairdo - equal a new woman.

LEO

Stop letting your friends put little bugs in your ears - your feelings for that certain person are all one-sided. Your a wanna be party dude as usual. Good news on the 15th - your jock itch clears up.

VIRGO

Friday is highly social - bar hopping again? Keep hitting enough bars and you might find that hot cop you've been dreaming about. A short trip is seen this week.

LIBRA

Your motto: If it feels good - do it! I couldn't agree more. You'll be feeling very good by Sunday - a little bowlegged, but who cares. Business matters improve on Monday.

SCORPIO

Your time in the limelight all weekend - it's about time. You'll meet a short, fat stranger - don't resist his advances. He will be very useful career wise.

SAGITTARIUS

Getting bored again? How about a weekend getaway to Flagstaff? Lots of cowboys and Indians - same as here, but at least it's cool. Buy a "Lucky 7" ticket!

CAPRICORN

The Ken and Barbie dinnerware set you ordered is ready. Getting tired of your Lucy plates? A promotion/raise could occur this week. Mate is difficult on the 13th.

AQUARIUS

Amorous adventures this weekend, and you don't even have to drive to FlexPlex in Phoenix! The dark man you've been bumming around with has an ulterior motive - be on your toes.

PISCES

Try not to travel on the 14th. You purchase a rather fascinating item this weekend at the swap meet. But I doubt you can use it for what you had in mind. Arguments with friends occur on the 15th.

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Mainline Churches (Continued from page three)

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The Presbyterian report proposals include opening ordination to sexually active Gay and Lesbian members, developing ways for the church to give formal recognition to "committed same-sex relationships," extending to Gay and Lesbian couples the medical and pension benefits now available to married church employees, and incorporating sections of the report into the church's sex-education program for young people.

The report has caused a furor among the 2.9 million members of the Presbyterian church. Hundreds of people have applied to speak when a General Assembly committee discusses the document this Thursday (June 6). But even if the report is dropped, the subject won't be: a number of alternative statements are waiting in the wings.

The proposals before the Episcopal Church's General Convention, a governing body that meets every three years, are less sweeping. The church's Standing Commission on Human Affairs argues that "if it is granted that a homosexual orientation is involuntary and for most persons unchangeable, it is unjust" to exclude homosexuals from the priesthood or to require them to be celibate, which is not required of heterosexual priests.

The commission also recommended the church support and bless with some kind of ritual, short of marriage, "persons of the same sex who are in faithful committed relationships."

A contrasting proposal has been offered by Bishop William C. Frey, who now heads Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pa., after serving as bishop of Colorado.

Frey would simply write into the church's canon law the obligation that clergy "abstain from sexual relations outside of holy matrimony". He calls the other proposal "inadvertently dishonest", a way to achieve "an invisible agenda" without "looking squarely at the issue of sexual behavior."

In a straw vote taken last winter, 17 of 21 members of the United Methodist Committee agreed their church should drop its condemnation of homosexual behavior, acknowledging "the present state of knowledge in the relevant disciplines does not provide a satisfactory basis" for "a specific prohibition of homosexual practice". But committee members and church officials quickly indicated this informal vote would not necessarily be reflected in the study now being drafted.

The Methodists, like the Presbyterians and Episcopalians, held hearings that left committee members with a strong sense of the pain felt by homosexuals and others who ran afoul of traditional Christian teachings. Pleas for change from such witnesses were countered, however, by church polls and correspondence that generally showed support for either the status quo or even stricter attitudes.

Although none of these denominations insist on a literal reading of the bible, differences over interpreting Scripture are central to the debates.

Do the biblical passages traditionally cited to condemn homosexuality actually refer only to certain forms of violent, humiliating or depraved forms of

behavior, as some committee experts maintain? Should these passages be adjusted for differences between modern understanding and the assumptions of the biblical age? How should apparent tensions be resolved between particular passages and an overarching Gospel message of love and acceptance?

Some participants in these discussions insist that what is at stake are contrasting views of God.

The Rev. Charles A. Hammond, who heads the Philadelphia Presbytery, complained that in its celebration of sexual intimacy, the Presbyterian report confuses eros and spirituality in a way reminiscent of the fertility cults condemned throughout the Bible. This view, he said, dangerously identifies the divinity of the creator with his creation.

But the Rev. Pat de Jong, a defender of the report quoted in the journal Christianity and Crisis, put a more favorable twist on the same underlying distinction: "Do we see God as someone who is disconnected from us, and waiting for us to do something wrong? Or are we living with a God who is incarnate, embodied, a friend with us in the world." (New York Times)

Men and Masculinity Conference:

An Opportunity For Hope

by Marco Haberman

TUCSON - My awareness of how I view men has changed forever. Can you imagine spending three days with over 400 men from all walks of life and sharing intimate experiences and experiencing what it is like to be real men with straight, bi and Gay men all together? This is what happened at the Men and Masculinity Conference held in Tucson this past weekend.

The National Organization for Men Against Sexism has been organizing these conferences for the past 16 years all over the country. Their goal is to reduce the sexism, violence, and lack of feeling that exists in society by creating experiences where all men can feel good about themselves and know that it is OK to be sensitive and caring toward other men and women. We do not have to live up to society's negative conditioning of what a man is supposed to be. There is hope in our society if we can put more sensitive men in government that believe in fairness and equality.

Some of the workshops held during the conference included: Brother Spirit; Modern Man on a Sacred Quest; Intimate Bonding; Loving and Accepting yourself; My Father, Myself; and Lessening the Pain.

If you would like to know more about what is being done on a local level to make changes or more about the next conference, call Tom Wentzel, with the Tucson Men's Cooperative at 326-7354. There will be a follow up M & M party on June 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Call for location. Hope to see you there. You can make a difference.

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LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan. Call 884-7195 for more info.

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LESBIANS WITHOUT PARTNERS (LWP) - A new group forming. Do you want to meet other LWPs call me 322-5655.

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A Commentary By**Christopher Geoffrey McPherson****Here's A Surprise**

One thing amazes me: why it takes researchers and "officials" an inordinately long time to come to the same conclusion most ordinary people made years before.

One of these late-in-coming conclusions is the "second wave" of AIDS cases --this time, with white women and children showing the highest number of new cases as groups-- which I predicted in this column four years ago (Feb. 25, 1987). New studies out last month confirm this trend.

Another "surprising" conclusion is that teenaged Gay males are far more likely to attempt or commit suicide than their straight peers.

The results of the new study were released this month in the journal "Pediatrics". In the 1989 study of 137 Gay or bisexual boys between the ages of 14 and 21, it was discovered 41 (or about 30%) of the boys had tried to kill themselves.

Well, I don't know where these researchers have been, but I could have told them that --years ago!

Simple logic is really all that's needed to figure out high rates of suicides among Gay teenaged boys. First of all, if 10% of the population is Gay or

lesbian, then at least 10% of all suicides must be Gay or lesbian.

Add to that the additional stress of being "different", outcast, ostracized, estranged from their families and generally discriminated against all of their pre-adult lives and you get at least 30% suicide rate.

But what I cannot explain is why I never felt the desire to kill myself when a teen. One thing is certain, I was a little slow during those formative years. I was always one step behind my peers as far as socialization was concerned.

BUT, I always had a desire to achieve something with my life, giving me reason to walk on and when my peers taunted me, to ignore their painful words, and keep going because I knew things had to get better than this --they couldn't get much worse!

Perhaps this is something we ALL should endeavor to do: give our teens a reason to live, a reason to ignore the ignorant masses and look toward the life that lay ahead. Because NOTHING can be so bad as to EVER leave suicide the only viable alternative. Even the darkest night will end, and the sun WILL rise.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!

Judge Rules Boy Scouts May Bar Gay Man From Becoming A Scoutmaster

LOS ANGELES, CA - The Constitution gives the Boy Scouts of America the right to bar an openly Gay man from becoming a scoutmaster, a judge ruled.

Superior Court Judge Sally G. Disco said that allowing Timothy Curran to be a scoutmaster would interfere with the Boy Scouts freedom as a private organization to tell its members that homosexuality is wrong.

The Irving, Texas, organization's national policy calls Gay people poor role models.

Gay groups expressed outrage at the decision.

"It sends a horrifying message to kids that it's OK to hate Gays and Lesbians," said Torie Osborne, executive director of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center.

The American Civil Liberties Union and Curran, a Los Angeles TV videotape editor and former Eagle Scout, said they would appeal.

"I am disappointed, but I will not give up my fight to have the same kind of opportunities as everyone else in this country and not to be judged differently because of whom I love," Curran said.

The ACLU said the decision was "wrong, both legally and morally."

"If the Boy Scouts claimed to espouse anti-Semitism, would that excuse exclusion of all Jewish scoutmasters?" asked Jon Davidson, senior ACLU staff counsel.

George Davidson, the Boy Scout's

attorney, said he was confident the ruling would be upheld.

Disco wrote that "the issue, of course, is not whether the defendant's view is correct, or enlightened, or even best calculated to achieve the organization's broader goals.

"The Supreme Court has long recognized a right to 'engage in association for the advancement of beliefs and ideas'," she wrote. "The converse, a right not to associate, or the right of the group to exclude unwanted members, is also recognized."

Curran, 29, was asked to leave the Scouts in 1980 when he took a young man to his senior prom.

In November, Disco ruled that the Boy Scouts were a business and thus subject to state civil rights law, which bans discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, race, religion and other factors.

In this latest ruling, however, Disco said the Constitution took precedence over state law.

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