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Approximately 300 attend Phoenix Gay Pride March/Rally



PHOENIX - On Saturday, June 25, approximately 300 persons braved a recordbreaking June heatwave to observe the twentieth anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion. Stonewall is considered the benchmark from which the modern movement for civil rights for homosexuals moved forward.

The march commenced at Patriot's Park and ended at the rally site, Wesley Bolin Plaza, in front of the Arizona Capital Building. Members of various community organizations and individuals marched with signs and chanted along the way, being sprayed by misters and cooled with refreshments. Keeping the tempo were members of Desert Overture Band.

The rally, at which most took shelter under some nearby trees, consisted of approximately a half-dozen information and merchandise booths sponsored by local businesses and organizations. While left due to the heat, others arrived and approximately 150 were on hand for postmarch activities. Commedian Danny Williams, keynote speaker Karen Thomp son and Desert Valley Squares dancers highlighted a series of appearances which also included comments from local organizations' leaders.

The event ended with a balloon release and a candlelighting ceremony.

Southwest Mr. Drummer Contest — New home in Phoenix

PHOENIX — Few places are hotter than Phoenix during the summer and this year the city's really going to sizzle, ad Didmar Productions joins with the Bum Steer, Phoenix's leather bar, in producing and hosting the Southwest Regional Mr. Drummer Contest and the Mr. Drummer Boy Contest during the weekend of August 11th

Leathermen from around the country will be on hand with a host of dignitaries, including: noted leather columnist and Emcee for the contest, Mr. Marcus; Mr. Southwest Drummer 1988, Wes Decker; Ms. International Leather 1989, Susie Shepherd; Mr. International Lether 1988, Michael Peyerea; Mr. International Leather 1984, Colter Thomas; 2nd Runner-up Mr. Drummer 1988, Mark Klein; erotic artist, Cirby; Drummer Magazine publisher, Tony Deblause; entertainer/film star, Chris Burns; Atlanta Eagle owner, Jay Evans; Master Piercer, Jim Ward; and, more.

The WEEK-END EVENTS PACK-AGE, on sale now and until August 1, includes tickets to a cocktail reception for the Drummer contestants and guests, The Drummer Contest on Saturday and the Drummer Boy Contest on Sunday, tickets for transportation during the weekend,

breakfast, lunch and dinner buffets at participating bars, tickets for cover charges, guest memberships, afterhours at local business, special drink coupons, souvenir programs and other specials for a price of only \$35.00.

The WEEK-END EVENTS PACK-AGE must be purchased through Drummer Week-end Official Travel Company The Travel Registry at 3819 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85012, or by calling (602) 263-7761 by August 1, 1989. A voucher for the week-end package will be furnished for your pickup during registration on Friday afternoon, August 11, between 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Bum Steer.

HOTEL PACKAGES at \$41.80 per person/double occupancy; \$79.20 single-two nights/three days are also available through The Travel Registry and must be prepaid by July 22nd. The hotel is located within four blocks of four of Phoenix's mens bars. The Travel Registry can also arrange for weekend auto and airline reservations.

The Southwest Regional Mr. Drummer Contest is open to anyone over twenty-one years of age. Contestants do not have to be sponsored by a bar or business but it is en-

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Anti-gay Congressman denounce Lesbian/Gay Pride Postmark

by Cliff O'Neill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Both on the floor of the U.S. Senate and in the pages of the conservative Washington Times June 23, anti-gay members of Congress lashed out at the decision by the U.S. Postal Service to offer a commemorative Gay and Lesbian Pride postmark at a postal station in New York's predominantely gay and lesbian Greenwich Village.

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, widely viewed as the birth of the modern gay and lesbian civil rights movement, those going to the corner of West 4th and Christopher Streets in New York City June 24, could request the commemorative postmark which read: "Stonewall Station, 20 years, 1969-1989, Lesbian and Gay Pride."

The commemorative postmark was offered due to a request from the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), speaking on the part of Heritage of Pride, the group which stages New York City's annual Gay and Lesbian Pride cele-

Voicing outrage at the postal service's decision to offer the postmark, Rep. Robert Dornan (R-Garden Grove, Calif.), the loudest and most vocal anti-gay member of the U.S. House, penned an op-ed piece in the June 23 Washington Times charging that the postmark violated the department's own policy not to issue postmarks with — among "political" other things - religious' themes

Dornan railed at the commemoration

of what started as "street riots" and at the postmaster general's defense that the postmark reflected the "interests and attitudes of those in the area."

'This criterion would make for other interesting pictorial cancellations," Dornan wrote, "including perhaps one for drug infested areas featuring a syringe and the slogan '20 Years of Getting High."

'Interests and attitudes?" he continued. "In this case the interest is sodomy and the atttude is that sodomy is OK. I hope that the Postal Service realizes that sodomy is still illegal in most states (indeed, the Supreme Court has ruled that state laws against sodomy are perfectly constitution-

In expressing his disapproval, Dornan directly threatened to introduce legislation into the U.S. House to ban future gay and lesbian commemorations by the Postal Service.

Dornan also incorrectly identified the Keith Herring Gay and Lesbian Pride logo. as the logo of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, in arguing that the symbol represents the "ideals" of what he called a "public-interest or special-interest" group. The logo is actually that of Heritage of Pride whose sole purpose is to put on the city's annual Pride celebrations.

"We don't even have a logo," quipped Craig Davidson, GLAAD executive direc-"We're an educational organization

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Palm Desert Cities' Gay Pride Weekend plans announced

Eartha Kitt to perform/eight mayors issue proclamations

ident of the Desert Business Association (DBA), sponsors of Gay Pride Weekend for which has mother past four years has announced the video charts. schedule for 1989's festivities, July 28-30.

Opening the three days of festivities, on day, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. be a celebrity cocktail party, open to the public, held at the Desert Fashion Plaza in Palm Springs. Mayors of Palm Desert Cities, as well as current and former elected officials from other Southern California cities, local elected officials, and business owners will be on hand to meet and welcome hundreds of visitors coming to the desert for the weekend and to exhibit support of the gay and lesbian community.

The following evening, Saturday, will feature a concert by the legendary Eartha Kitt at the Palm Springs Raddison Hotel's Grand Ballroom. Opening for Miss Kitt will be the popular duo Romanovsky and Phil-

Miss Kitt will be arriving direct from her one-woman smash hit show in London. Best known for her hits, "Where Is My Man" and "I'm Still Here", she also played the immortal "Catwoman" in the original

PALM SPRINGS — Bob Hoven, Prest 1960's series, "Batman". She has just released her new album *Cha Cha Heels*, which has moved quickly up the record and

> Rounding out the weekend celebration, annually attended by people from throughout the West and Southwest, will be an oldfashioned family style Country Fair and Picnic, jointly sponsored by the Desert Women's Association and the DBA. Featured will be a dunking booth, game booths. food, swimming and entertainment.

DBA is proud to announce that eight cities in the Coachella Valley had issued official proclamations declaring Gay Pride Weekend for July 28-30. Mayor Darwin Oakley of Indio said in his statement that, "...the gay community has shown tremendous reserves of caring and compassion as well as leadership in prevention and education regarding AIDS." Sonny Bono, Mayor of Palm Springs added that, "...through the years, gays and lesbians have played an active role in encouraging the vitality and diversity of our communities."

Mayor George Hardie of Cathedral Ci-

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educating Americans about the decency and pride of gay and lesbian people. Period.'

Taking the floor of the Senate in midafternoon, during a recess in the debate on the Act for Better Child Care, Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) chimed in with Dornan's dismissal of the postmark.

"I find this highly objectionable," stated Helms. "I am appalled at the judgement of the U.S. Postal Service."

'Helms also charged that the post office ignored its own regulations in allowing the postmark "in order to pander to the whims of the militant homosexual lobby' and also took umbrage with the commemoraton of what started as "rioting".

"Bosh and nausea," Helms exclaimed, "and a pox on whoever in the Postal Service made this irrational decision."

Helms also denounced the recent decision by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to legally recognize gay and lesbian relationships as the "final step towards recognizing homosexual marriages.'

'In the meantime," Helms added, "thousands more continue to die from AIDS while the homosexuals continue to proclaim the virtues of their perverse prac-

'I think the nastiness of Helms' response suggests — or reveals — the desperation of a man who knows that he is losing his battle to deny to Americans the truth that gay people are decent, loving and proud," retorted Davidson. "It is particularly irome that he should mention AIDS, since Senator Helms has worked diligently to prevent the sort of education that would stem the spread of this unfortunate disease.

'By Senator Helms' own admission,' he added, "the post office, in the normal course of business, uses special stamp cancellations to celebrate the cultural diversity of America, and lesbians and gay people are part of that diversit?"

Creator of gay travel guide passes away

SAN FRANCISCO — Bob Damron, creator of the original gay travel guide bearing his name, passed away June 20, 1989. Although famous for the creation of Bob Damron's Address Book, his primary occupation was owning some of the most popular bars in the sixties and seventies.

Bob Damron started with the Red Raven in the late fifties in Los Angeles before relocating to San Francisco where he opened The Hideaway. He went on to create The Rendezvous, Febe's, Alley Cat, P.S., The Church Street Station, Casa de Cristal, Jackson's and Alfies. The last bar that Damron opened was The San Francisco Eagle, which remains an institution in San Francisco.

After selling his gay guide business in 1987, he retired to Los Angeles and settled back in the family home with his brother Norrie Damron, where he died of complications from AIDS.



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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

During the past few months, I have had the opportunity to work with the Community AIDS Council (CAC) by participating in Sharing Weekends. During these opporremarks by the members of our communishing such as, "Are you guys here again?", tional people.

"I gave last time,", or on a Saturday, "I gave last night" and "I have a friend you guys helping people with AIDS and we as constant it is a such as the same and the same about documents and the same additional people.

community, I would like to share some insight and opinions in regards to the Community AIDS Council. The sharing weekends are done one weekend a month (the weekend. 85% of all monies collected during sharing weekend goes directly to people with AIDS. This means that of every

dollar we collect, 85 cents goes to someone who needs medical help, rent paid or medicine.

The CAC is currently able to help one out of every three people who solicit them for funds. This means that if every one of tunities, I have heard many disparaging us would donate \$3.00 instead of our usual

cerned citizens should do all that we can to As I am a concerned citizen of our make their job easier. Volunteer to work a munity, I would like to share some incounts! So the next weekend you see "those people with the jars", don't make it a point to avoid them, drop whatever you can in the third Friday and Saturday) and only one jar and tell the volunteer working "Thanks".

> Sincerely, Mike Killebrew

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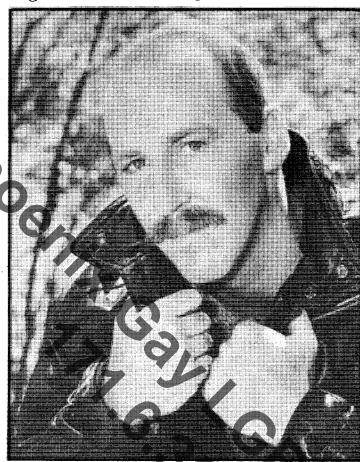
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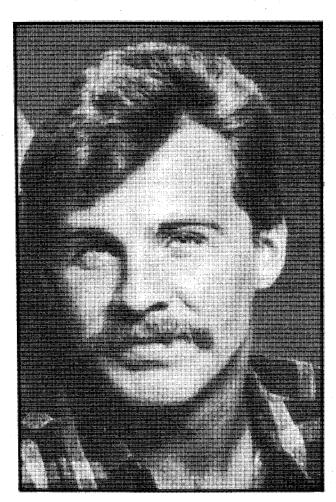
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Supreme Court rules on Dial-A-Porn

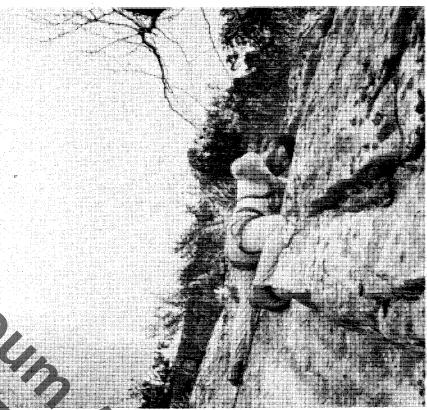
WASHINGTON, D.C. — June 23rd's unanimous Supreme Court decision striking down a federal ban on "indecent" commercial telephone messages was greeted with approval by National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), the San Francisco-based public interest law firm. NGRA expressed dissappointment, however, at the court's 6-3 decision to allow an absolute ban on "obscene" commercial communications to consenting adults. The court declined to decide what would be considered obscene. NGRA had submitted an amicus curiae brief in the case arguing that, in the age of AIDS, sexually explicit materials deserve constitutional protection because they provide an alternative to unsafe sex.

Attorney Benjamin Schatz, Director of NGRA's AIDS Civil Rights Project, ex-

pressed guarded optimism that the Supreme Court decision will permit most Dial-A-Porn services to continue. "Under current Supreme Court doctrine, information is 'obscene', and thus subject to governmental prohibition, if it appeals to a sexual interest, is 'patently offensive' and is 'lacking in serious value'. Since Dial-A-Porn may save lives by providing a safe sexual outlet, it has clear social value, and should therefore be constitutionally protected," Schatz explained. "It is more important to protect people's lives than to protect their sensibilities," he added.

NGRA's brief was filed on behalf of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. The case was agrued before the Supreme Court by renowned constitutional scholar Laurence Tribe.

New group forms for gay, lesbian and bisexual climbers



Peter Daley of Boston, the newly-elected treasurer of Stonewall Climbers, checks his protection as he moves high above the trees at the Shawangunks.

BOSTON — The last weekend of May, 1989, gay, lesbian and bisexual climbers from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Washington, B.C., Pennsylvania and Texas gathered at the Shawangunks, a major East coast climing area 1 1/2 hours from New York City to found Stonewall Climbers. Climbers from more distant places — Ontario, Minnesota and California — sent their best wishes.

Many of the founding members had previously climbed together over the last year, sometimes driving hundreds c' niles to explore new climbing areas. For dedicated climbers, distance is no object. Each classic climbing area has its own personality and characteristic features: cracks or overhanging ceilings, low-angle slabs or

vertical walls. Climbers love to visit areas that differ from their local haunts. It made sense to form a club to publicize trips happening all over.

According to John Yanson, the club's public relations officer, "Our intent is to serve as an umbrella group to encourage climbing within the structure of local gay and lesbian outdoor organizations. Virtually every major U.S. and Canadian city (and many European and Australian cities) have such groups which sponsor an array of outdoor activities — hiking, biking, skiing, white water canoeing, etc. For many of these activities it's easy to find enough interested people locally to run trips. But for climbing — particularly ice climbing — we have to look beyond our own back yards."

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At the Shawangunks, the founding members decided to expand the original conception to explicitely include bisexual climbers. According to Mark Mueller, who originally conceived the idea of the climb, "Bisexuals can feel like a double minority, neither completely accepted among straight friends, nor among gay people. By including bisexuals from the start, we hope to create a comfortable environment." The membership went even further to affirm that all people — including straight people — who accept the goals of the club are welcome to be members.

Climbing trips planned for the next six months range from Acadia National Park in northern Maine to Joshua Tree National Monument in southern California. Despite a predominance of U.S. climbers at present, the club is conceived as international. Planned trips for this year include Quebec and the Canadian Rockies, with France and possibly Spain projected for next year.

According to Carla-Krystin Andrade, president of Out & Out (the Toronto outings group) who was elected to the Stonewall Climbers executive committee in absentia, "There are gay climbers everywhere — we just need to get the word out!"



Randy Tate of Providence, RI stretches for a handhold as another Stonewall Climber 'spots' him.

Write to Stonewall Climbers at P.O. Box 445, Boston, MA 02124 to get on the mailing list.

"We are all painfully aware of the brutal crimes committed because of prejudice," chimed in Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), the subcommittee chair.

Shortly thereafter, Dannemeyer surprised many of the lobbyists working on the bill by introducing his first amendment to the bill which would have limited the scope of the bill and eliminated the bill's "sexual orientation" and "ethnicity" provisions. He proposed "ethnicity" be replaced with "national origin", as per standing federal civil rights laws.

"When you affirm the heterosexual ethic in society, that value is necessarily in conflict with homosexuality," stated Dannemeyer. "We should affirm the heterosexual ethic and not have to apologize for that."

In speaking for his amendment, Dannemeyer insisted that the Hate Crimes Bill would make "criminals" of those expressing their disapproval with "two men having sex in a public restroom" or a "group of men having a sex orgy in a river in California." He also blamed high rates of AIDS in New York and California on what he called "public health laws being turned on their heads" due to the "political clout of the homosexual community."

Conservative Republican Rep. Henry Hyde (R-III.) immediately took vocal exception with Dannemeyer's amendment, citing gay bashing as a problem which he said needs to be included in the bill.

"... [T]hey literally want to beat [gay] people up, stated Hyde. "I think if you are going to quantify racial and other attacks and leave out attacks based on sexual orientation, I don't think that's appropriate."

Dannemeyer also offered an anecdote he said he heard over the weekend about a

Dannemeyer also offered an anecdote he said he heard over the weekend about a minister in Sweden, "where they have already gone down this road a great deal," who was arrested for "affirming the heterosexual ethic" from the pulpit.

Hyde continued his criticism of Dannemeyer by offering examples of religiously based attacks in Northern Ireland, adding, "We're not going down any road."

After Dannemeyer attacked the bill for seeking to collect data on hate motivated threats, openly gay Rep. Barney Frank (D-

Mass.) and Conyers defended the bill.

"To leave off sexual orientation protections in this bill is like if this bill was being considered 20 years ago and you wanted to leave off provision for the colleciton of data on racial acts of violence," stated Conyers.

A visibly irritated Frank vocally

A visibly irritated Frank vocally criticized Dannemeyer's calls for threats to also be excluded from the data collection guidelines, explaining that the threats included would be those that are criminal acts. "Fortunately we have the First Amendment in the U.S. and insults are not a crime and never have been," said Frank.

Challenged by Dannemeyer to name a threat which would constitute a criminal act, Frank responded curtly, "Threatening to blow up a plane," explaining that such threats and others against the life of presidential candidates could be motivated by bias based on race, religion or ethnicity.

After Dannemeyer's amendment was obviously rejected by a voice vote, the California Republican requested a roll call vote, including an incredulous look from committee chair Rep. Jack Brooks (D-Texas) who asked for a show of hands of who wanted a roll call vote. Dannemeyer's hand went up and was joined one minute later by two others.

As the names were called, one by one, even the most conservative Republican members voted against Dannemeyer, leaving his amendment to fail by a 1-33 vote.

Two later Dammemeyer amendments, one seeking to limit the scope of the bill and another seeking to limit the spending for the bill to \$250,000, failed by similar margins. Another amendment, sponsored by Rep. Craig James (R-Fla.) seeking to include union-related violence, also failed by a wide margin.

Finally, the bill was approved by committee by a 34-1 vote, leaving Dannemeyer as the sole member voting against the bill.

After the vote, National Lesbian and Gay Task Force lobbyist Peri Jude Redecic was pleased that such staunch supporters of Dannemeyer's anti-gay initiatives as Reps. Geeks and Bill McCollum (R-Fla.) voted

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Hate Crimes Bill clears another hurdle by Cliff O'Neill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — At a dramatic and often heated meeting June 20, the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary voted 34-1 to approve the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, defeating no fewer than three hostile amendments from anti-gay Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.) by equally striking margins.

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act (H.R. 1048) would order the U.S. Justice Department to collect data on crimes motivated by race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation. The bill was approved by the House last year by a broad margin, but was killed in the Senate when a last-minute tactic maneuver from Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.)

kept the bill from the Senate floor.

Opening the debate on the bill, lead sponsor Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) praised an amendment offered to the bill in the Criminal Justice Subcommittee by the subcommittee's ranking Repblican Rep. George Gekas (R-Penn.).

In debate on the bill last year, Gekas offered two unsuccessful amendments seeking to strike the bill's "sexual orientation" provision. However, in the May subcommittee meeting on the bill, Gekas only offered an amendment allowing the Attorney General to broaden the bill to include other groups which in the future could become a target of hate violence.

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against Dannemeyer's amendments.

"People have come to understand that whatever their feelings are on homosexuality, this is not a civil rights bill," she said. "Look at [newly elected Rep.] Lorton Smith [(R.-Miss)]. He's a sheriff from Mississippi and although we had some meetings with him, we weren't sure. And he voted against [Dannemeyer]."

"Dannemeyer is breaking rank with everybody," added Human Rights Campaign Fund lobbyist Steve Smith. "You have some of the most conservative members of the House on this committee, it shows that he has no claim to leadership even within his own faction."

The bill is expected to see floor action in the House in July. A companion bill is also awaiting floor action in the Senate. That bill, however, is being held up while lobbyists seek to secure solid votes against an expected four part "sense of the Senate" amendment from Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) which would declare that the "homosexual movement" is a threat to the "American family"; mandate the enforcement of state sodomy laws; ban funding for any school curricula which portray homosexuality as "an acceptable lifestyle"; and put the Senate on record against ever passing a law banning discrimination on the basis of "sexual orientation."

NGLTF names new Executive Director

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Urvashi Vaid has been named new Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force by a unanimous decision of the organization's board of directors, according to board co-chairs Jim Holm and Genie Cowan.

Vaid, presently public information director for NGLTF, was chosen following a three-month, intensive search that attracted 86 candidates.

"The entire board has been involved across the nation in the selection process and we feel confident that Urvashi is the best choice to lead our organization and the movement into the 1990's," Holm said.

"Her familiarity with the organization and her reputation nationwide as a leader in lesbian and gay civil rights activism and organizing, as well as her proven management, fundraising and media skills make her the obvious successor to Jeffrey [Levi]."

A 1979 graduate of Vassar College, Pougkeepsie, New York, Vaid earned her juris doctorate from Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts, in 1983. With more than a decade of involvement in the lesbian and gay civil rights movement, she held staff positions with Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, the Gay Community News, and the National Prison Project of the American Civil Liberties Union before joining the Task Force in

"I feel that my background and my love for this movement — everything that my life has been about for the past 12 years — have prepared me to accept the challenge of directing the nation's leading lesbian and gay civil rights organization," Vaid said. "I am honored and humbled. I am also grateful for the board's unanimous vote of confidence that I can face the demands of this job and take NGLTF into the next decade."

Vaid will assume her position July 28, suggesting Leffrey I avi, who has been the

succeeding Jeffrey Levi, who has been the organization's executive director since 1986. Levi is leaving the organization to expand



Urvashi Vaid new Executive Director of the National Gay & Lesbian

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his work in the area of public policy development.

Task Force.

"Urvashi will make an effective and exciting executive director of NGLTF," Levi said. "She is qualified, she is prepared, and, most importantly, she is enthused.

"I have no doubt that Urvashi will do a remarkable job and it is a relief to know I am leaving the organization in her very capable hands."

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is the nation's preeminent lesbian and gay civil rights organization. With more than 15,000 members nationwide, the organization is active in grassroots organizing; legislative lobbying, both on the local and tederal levels; and houses the Privacy Project, the Anti-Violence and Campus Projects, and the Lesbian and Gay Families Project

Vaccines and Other Treatments in the Pipeline by David Smyth

Most of the scientific papers on antiviral treatment focused on nucleoside analogues (AZT and its progeny) and CD4. But the most dramatic announcement of progress in treating HIV infected people was made by Dr. Jonas Salk, a scientific superstar who discovered the first widely used polio vaccine.

Dr. Salk told a packed news conference that his prototype AIDS vaccine created from dead virus is safe for use in previously infected individuals. The vaccine was injected into ARC patients, who showed no side effects.

Some of the volunteers have been monitored for a year, and 10 of the 19 subjects showed substantial gains in T4 cells, which are seriously depleted as HIV infection progresses. Several patients showed increased immune response as measured by skin tests. But only 25 percent of the patients showed disappearance of p24 antigen, a measure of viral activity. And two patients later developed AIDS.

The Salk vaccine showed more dramatic results in two infected chimpanzees

who were vaccinated and given booster shots. The infection seemed to disappear from the animals. Researches later tried to reinfect the chimps, but the animals remained healthy. HIV can multiply in these animals, but they do not become sick.

Dr. Robert Gallo, a co-discoverer of HIV, told the conference that developing a vaccine against HIV, told the conference that developing a vaccine against HIV will be difficult because the outer envelope of the virus can differ significantly from person to person and even change during the course of the infection within the individual. He speculated that some live virus might survive in Salk's killed virus vaccine.

Dr. Dani Bolognesi of the Duke University Medical School reported that a team working with Merck and Co. and Repligen, Inc. located a region of the envelope of the virus that elicits neutralizing antibodies in humans. These antibodies are depleted during the course of the infection, allowing the virus to spread.

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Vaccines/other treatments in the pipeline

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However, this region, called RP135, varies in different strains of the virus. So far the researchers have found 40 percent of randomly selected HIV infected people seem to contain virus with the sequence contained in their vaccine. The scientists hope to construct a more comprehensive vaccine by including RP135 segments from several viral forms. Dr. Bolognesi asserted a "broadly protective" vaccine can be developed using this method, and called these efforts "the beginnings of piercing the armor" of HIV's tricky envelope.

Another approach to vaccine development is being tested in West Germany at Behringwerke AG. Inactivated whole virus concentrates produced "excellent immune responses against all viral core antigens", according to Dr. Jens-Peter Gregersen, who tested the vaccine in rabbits and chimpanzees.

French researchers are working on a vaccine for uninfected people based on the gpl60 viral protein. Preliminary tests show responses by the immune systems of human volunteers, and Dr. Daniel Zagury said he is developing a clinical trial for a large group of high risk individuals.

Dozens of other potential treatments were discussed at the conference. Some are already in clinical trials, others are poised to begin testing in human subjects. What follows is a partial list of antiviral drugs:

1-Aurothioglucose is a gold-based compound that is "about 500 times more effective than AZT" in the test tube, according to Dr. Herbert Blough, who works for the University of Pennsylvania and for Dr. Luc Montagnier at the Pasteur Institute in Paris. The drug inhibits reverse transcriptase production, the process by which HIV inserts its genetic commands to manufacture more virus into the cell nucleus. Goldbearing drugs have been used for treating arthritis with little or no toxicity, Dr. Blough said in an interview.

He added that the first human trials of the drug would probably take place in France, because of the slowness of getting a drug into clinical trials in the U.S.

Human monoclonal antibodies combined with ricin have shown the ability to find and kill infected cells, according to Dr. Susan Zolla-Pazner of the New York University Medical Center. "The advantage of these (genetically engineered) antibodies is that they will have no toxic side effects," she asserted. "These [drugs] could be used early [in the infection] and for a long time."

She called her approach a "high-tech version of passive immunotherapy," which has been tested at Cambridge Clinical School by Dr. Abraham Karpas. He removed blood from healthy seropositive people, neutralized the virus, then injected the plasma into AIDS and ARC patients. Dr. Karpas reported no toxicity, but observed few improvements.

Dr. Zolla-Panzer said in an interview that her drug "delivers a much higher dose of protective antibodies" than passive immunotherapy.

She said the main obstacle to testing the drug in people is obtaining enough money to create a large scale production facility. Human trials could begin in a year.

Colchicine is an extract from certain varieties of lily that has been used since the sixth century for gout, psoriasis and other ills. Dr. Stanley Read reported that his research team at the University of Toronto found this drug "inhibits HIV-1 replication in vitro at concentrations achievable by oral doses which are clinically tolerated by most individuals."

Dr. Read said the drug is metabolized by the liver and has mostly gastrointestinal side effects, although he said he was concerned about effects on bone marrow and nerves as well. Colcicine is currently available by prescription, but Dr. Read cautioned against using it in HIV-infected people until phase one studies, which are scheduled to begin in the near future, are completed.

He said in vitro tests showed "signifi-

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cant drops in reverse transcriptase and p24 antigen levels' but revealed no evidence the drug crosses the blood brain barrier. A U.S. physician noted during the question period that he had successfully used colchicine to treat hepatitis B and non-A non B hepatitis.

Peptide T is showing considerable promise in reversing neuropsychiatric problems in ARC and AIDS patients, according to Dr. Peter Bridge, who presented new data from the phase one trial sponsored by the National Institute at the University of Southern California Medical Center.

California Medical Center.

Dr. Peter Heseltine, who supervises the trials in Los Angeles, said there were significant improvements in brain function measured by tests of memory, motor speed, attention and cognitive processing. The patients' test scores declined when the drug was withdrawn after 12 weeks of treatment. He said comparisons with other clinical trials that measured the ability of AZT to improve brain functions showed peptide T

to be at least twice as effective.

Spinal fluid removed from volunteers who experienced neurological impairment showed gpl20, a toxic byproduct of HIV, killing neurons. This activity was completely stopped after treatment with peptide T, according to Michael Ruff, who helped develop the drug.

Peptide T has a serious image problem due in part to the forceful personality of its principal inventor, Candace Pert, who is regarded by some as the Bella Abzug of AIDS research. Nevertheless, doctors from the Community Research Initiative in New York as well as a Canadian researcher expressed interest in conducting phase two trials of the drug's effectiveness. The NIH reportedly will soon consider an application to conduct phase two tests in the agency's extensive AIDS clinical testing system. NIH excluded peptide T from its system for phase one testing because of what it considered inadequate documentation.

Healing the Body Erotic/ Joseph Kramer workshop in Phoenix

PHOENIX — Joseph Kramer, noted director and founder of Body Electric School of Massage and Rebirthing, will conduce a seminar/workshop in Phoenix, July 28 through 30.

Kramer founded Body Erotic seven years ago, after studying bodywork at six schools and is trained and instructs Swedish-Esalen massage, acupressure, shiatsu and Reichian bodywork, among many more.

"Several years ago on my birthday, after a wonderful dinner with my lover and half a dozen friends, I realized that I wanted to be touched by all of them. I asked them to give me a massage as a group. Out came the massage table and the coconut oil and off went my clothes. For an hour, seven friends, fourteen loving hands massaged and caressed my 'body electric'. It was one of the most wonderful, healing moments in my life. Soon after this experience I started sponsoring Group Oil Massage nights for



men.''

Now, on Sundays, full classes show up at Kramer's studio in Oakland, California to learn and participate in an evening of erotic massage. First, introduction, then stretching and bioenergetic exercises, then to the massage tables where each man

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Healing the Body Erotic/ workshop in Phoenix

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directs four others in giving him a massage for 20 minutes to a half hour. He then participates in massaging the other four men.

In addition to teaching individuals to know and enjoy erotic massage and to enjoy the same with others, Body Electric also has a special emphasis on dealing with constricitons due to AIDS and fear of AIDS. Graduate of Healing the Earth Bodywork, Craig Bruce said, "Gay men these days need effective ways to deal with the grief, sadness and fear generated by the AIDS epidemic. I use rebirthing breath (part of the training) almost every day to keep myself and my clients clear and grounded."

A student and AIDS volunteer at Pacific Center, in Berkeley, said, "When I am touching gay men, I feel connected to death and life in a very special way. I am glad that this is addressed in a bodywork training." He is one of eight local AIDS

volunteers taking instruction for certification as a Bodyworker. Over forty other AIDS volunteers have attended events at Body Electric.

Kramer says that "eroticism is healing." "Although tens of millions of dollars in government funds have been spent on AIDS education, none of that money has gone to programs that promote 'hands on' erotic experimental education."

The stated goal of Healing the Earth Bodywork is "to help you wake up your own body and to wake up other bodies, to release tension and energize your own body and to release tension in and energize others, to balance yourself and to balance others, to relax and heal your own body and to relax and heal others, to express love to yourself and to express your love to others."

Healing the Body Erotic, a nude esctatic workshop, will be conducted in Phoenix by Kramer, himself. For further information, call (602) 242-9537 or write: Workshop, P.O. Box 11218, Phoenix, AZ

CBPA to host garage sale

PHOENIX — Camelback Business and Professional Association (CBPA) will be holding a garage sale as the organizations first fundraiser of the year. The garage sale will be held Saturday, July 15th at 1402 W. McLellan in Phoenix. That's just below

Glendale off of 15th Avenue.

The hours of the garage sale will be from 6:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. The sale will be filled with bargains, bargains and more bargains, so drop by early and beat the heat.

THE CLUB opens



The construction crew at THE CLUB on a break (or hiding out from Tom?).

PHOENIX — Tom Warner, an owner of THE CLUB, a new nightery on the Phoenix scene has announced that the business has received its liquor license and is ready to open on Friday, June 30, delayed from a planned opening in March of this year. A transfer of the original license from THE CLUB's location on North 7th Street had been delayed for objections from neignbors of the new location.

Aerial surveys along with other research exhibited that the site was not immediately adjacent to residential properties and that other, similar businesses already exist in the area with few complaints from neighboring businesses and residences.

The state Liquor Licenses and Control

Department determined that the complaint was not valid and the license was issued to THE CLUB on Thursday, June 22.
Occupying over 10,000 square feet of

space divided between a disco, a 'Taylor's' themed cocktail lounge, comodious game areas and a community meeting room, THE CLUB will offer a whole center of entertainment to the community. In addition to dancing and socializing areas there are plans for outdoor patios and recreation facilities.

Warner pointed out that the entire staff of THE CLUB's previous location will continue with the addition of several new

THE CLUB is located at 5025 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix.

'That's What Friends Are For' benefit planned

PHOENIX — Camelback Business and Professional Association (CBPA) and Los Amigos del Sol (LADS) and several other organizations are hosting a benefit for a member of the community who is in need of assistance. The benefit is planned for Saturday, July 15, between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Charlie's, 727 W. Camelback.

The groups will have food for sale, a bake sale, a hug a hunk booth, a kiss a queen booth and raffles for various prizes throughout the affair.

The money is being raised to help a

member of the community who has greatly helped so many others and is in need of financial assistance to find better medical care than he is now receiving and to help pay mounting bills that are getting out of

Charlie's will be providing drink specials throughout the day starting with Long Island Iced Teas for \$1.50 and Valley entertainers will be providing entertainment throughout the day. Come join in on the fun and help out on this much needed cause for a very special person.





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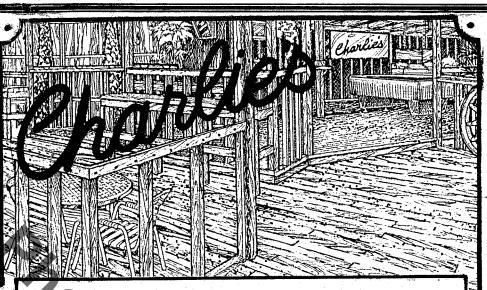
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International News Summary

by Rex Wockner

TWE to be represented at 11th World Conference of the International Lesbian & Gay Association in Vienna

AUSTRALIA: Australia's oldest known lesbian, Ethel May Punchon, has died in Melbourne. She was 106. Punchon came out in 1987 after the government of Queensland chose her as its roving ambasador to publicize World Expo '88. Speaking to City Rhythm magazine, she said, "In intimate circumstances I prefer to be with women. I have always been like that, for as long as I can remember... since I was about six." The Australian Women's Archives Project documented Punchon late last year. She said on camera that the project made her feel she was doing something useful for future generations of women.

AUSTRIA: The 11th World Conference of the International Lesbian and Gay Association runs from July 15-22 in Vienna. TWE will be represented and present full coverage in a later issue. More than 200 representatives of gay/lesbian groups in 40 countries on six continents have confirmed their participation, including several new members from Eastern Europe and Latin America. ILGA officers say the U.S. remains underrepresented in the organization, despite recent pleas to American gay leaders. Spokespersons for both the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign Fund — the U.S.' two largest gay rights groups - say their boards of directors will not pay for overseas airplane tickets.

BRAZIL: Representatives of more than 100 Brazilian gay organizations conferenced in early January in Rio de Janeiro, according to Jornal Do Rio. The gathering was organized by Atoba, the Homosexual Emancipation Movement. Atoba was created in 1985 to defend gay civil rights after Sidney Quintanilha dos Santos was gaybashed to death. One of the first actions of the group was collecting money to save a sea gull named Atoba that was almost killed by neighborhood youths. During Carnival this year, Atoba members distributed more than 50,000 condoms. For more information, write: Atoba; Rua Prof. Carvalho de Melo, 471; Magalhaese Bastos; Rio de Janeiro RJ; Cep 21730, Brazil.

CANARY ISLANDS: More than 100 gay foreigners were rounded up by police on Grand Canary Island May 17, hearded into urine-flooded cells, and beaten around the head and spine with wooden police batons, according to *Capital Gay*. Many of the tourists were not released for 24 hours. The Canary Islands are a popular vacation destination for European gays. According to Capital Gay, the police action began at 2:30 a.m. when members of the Seguridad Ciudana burst into Metropol bar, stopped the music, walked on stage, and demanded passports and ID cards. Spaniards with ID cards were released, but foreigners - mainly English, French, Dutch, Swedish and American - were herded into vans and taken to the Las Palmas police station where they met other men who had been arrested at other bars. The men said they were beaten for asking to use the bathroom, for asking for water, and for refusing to sign Spanish documents. They were also strip-searched, with police demanding they slowly remove their clothing one piece at a time.

DENMARK: Now that Denmark has become the first country in the world to legalize gay marriage, Danish gay movement founder Axel Axgill has announced that he and his lover of 40 years will become the world's first married gay couple. ILGA spokesperson L'isa Power told Capital Gay that activists' success in Denmark shows the whole world what a determined and united lesbian and gay movement could achieve. (Editor's note: A widely circulated news item from Reutgers reporting that Sweden also allows gay marriages was in error.)

ENGLAND: Openly gay rockers Jimmy Sommerville and Andy Bell headlined an ACT UP benefit at London's The Fridge

in May. According to *Capital Gay*, the high point of the night came when Sommerville and Bell sang "I Will Survive" with ACT UP's Action ⁵ Life logo projected behind them. The 900 people attending the benefit also watched videos of past ACT UP zaps from London and the U.S.

ENGLAND: Safe sex can seriously affect your drains according to Britain's leading drain cleaning company, which was interviewed in Capital Gay. The problem of compacted condoms blocking drains is growing at an alarming rate in Britain according to Metro Rod and accounts for up to 10% of emergency calls. Londoners lead the way in clogging drains with rubbers followed by Manchester, Liverpool, Scotland and East Anglia. A spokesman for the London Rubber Company disputed the claim, saying that tampons and disposable 'nappies' are more likely to block drains than condoms which, he said, slither down the loo quite easily.

FRANCE: The national gay newsmagazine Gai Pied threw itself a tenth birthday party in May at Paris' Cirque d'Hiver. Thousands of readers joined the magazine's staff, and President Francois Mitterand sent a birthday telegram. The host for the evening was the President's gay nephew, Frederic Mitterand.

HUNGARY: Sixty lesbians and gay men from Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Yugoslavia and several other countries met in Budapest April 21-23 for the Third Regional Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men from Eastern and Southeastern Europe. The gathering was hosted by Budapest's HOMEROS Lambda and held at the group's new cultural center. Delegates from Czechoslovakia and Poland reported that official registration of their groups is well under way. East German representatives said that 20 church-affiliated and seven non-church-affiliated gay groups now exist in the GDR. Conference participants laid the framework for an Eastern European AIDS network and agreed on sites for future East European conferences: Budapest in 1990, the GDR in 1991 and Prague in 1992. According to the Eastern European Information Pool at HOSI Vienna, "the conference...established a new zenith for the aspiring lesbian and gay movement in Eastern Europe."

ITALY: The Socialist-Communist government of Bologna has agreed to erect a monument to the thousands of gays killed by the Nazis. The upside-down pink triangle memorial was suggested by Arci Gay, a national cultural organization, and the Twenty-eighth of June Club, Bologna's first gay group. ArciGay president Franco Grillini said the marble monument will symbolize the commitment of Italian gays to combat racism in all its forms.

ITALY: Six gay groups in Turin have overcome years of differences to work on the 20th anniversary of gay pride, according to La Repubblica. ArciGay, Fuori!, Informagroup, David and Jonathan and other activists plan a month of activities, including debates, a visit by Eastern European gay groups, a film festival, and a dance. The first gay rights demonstrations in Turin took place in 1971.

SPAIN: Gay activists from Spain, France, Greece and the Netherlands gathered in Barcelona in March to launch a Pink Vote Campaign in connection with the upcoming European Parliament elections. Pink questions directed at political parties and groups in various countries were formally presented to the press in Madrid, Barcelona, Paris, Milan and Rome on May 5, in commemoration of the Nazi assault on the Scientific and Humanitarian Committee in 1933. Pink Vote posters can be ordered from Jordi Petit, C/Copons 3-5 la 3a, 08002 Barcelona, Spain.

SWEDEN: Despite opposition from its newly elected board, the Swedish gay group RFSL will make a bid to host the 1990 IL-GA World Conference. A final decision on the site will be made this month in Vienna [see "Austria" above]. Some RFSL members have expressed misgivings about "undemocratic tendencies" within ILGA, as allegedly manifested last year in the socalled "Amsterdam incident", a heated argument during ILGA's annual European regional meeting. The "Amsterdam incident" grew out of the "Stockholm incident" last summer — a brawl between FSL members and British lesbians, who were accused of stealing whiskey at Stockholm's gay center. The women were visiting with a European anti-Clause 28

SWITZERLAND: The World Health Organization has announced plans to hold the second annual World AIDS Day December 1. For a list of 101 proposed ac-

tivities, write: Public Information Office. Global Programme on AIDS, WHO, 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland.

USSR: Noorus, an Estonian youth journal, has published several recent articles on homosexuality, including a letter from a troubled 24-year-old gay man seeking advice. Reader response will be published this summer. Meanwhile, Erasi, a magazine from Tartu, has printed an overview of gay lib and its history. Openness to discussing homosexuality has spread across the Soviet Union in recent months, and there have been several reports that gay sex will soon be decriminalized.

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Lesbian & Gay Happenings Worldwide

by John Hubert

Asian Lesbian Network Formed

The Asian Lesbian Network (ALN) has been formed in Thailand. Supported by the International Lesbian Information Service (ILIS), headquartered in Amsterdam, the Asian Lesbian Network aims to establish a space exclusively for lesbians to meet each other in Bangkok, as well as to encourage similar groups throughout Asia.

Tang Unchana Suwannanond, the ALN organizer, recently completed two years work in Amsterdam with an organization called the Foundation Against Traffic in Women, counseling Thai women brought to Amsterdam for purposes of prostitution. Tang has now returned to Bangkok to work with a women's center around prostitutes' rights and to organize the Asian Lesbian

A low-cost hostel for traveling lesbians and other women is the Network's first successful project. Opened in early 1989, the hostel, called "The Ladies Lodge", provides foreign women a safe lodging in Thailand and a chance to meet with Thai lesbians. Local Thai lesbians also use the hostel as a meeting place.

Another major project is the planning of a conference for Asian Lesbians, scheduled for December 1989 in Bangkok. The meeting will be for activists who want to build a supportive regional network, to share organizing experiences and to plan future actions. Asian lesbians from outside of Asia are very welcome. Contributions of money and material for the conference will be most appreciated.

To contact the Asian Lesbian Network, write to: The Ladies Lodge, P.O. Box 322, Rajdamnern, Bangkok 10200, Thailand. Please do not use the word lesbian on the envelope.

African Group Fights Apartheid

South Africa's newest lesbian and gay organization, called GLOW, has been formed in the Soweto, Johannesburg area. The group, founded by blacks and whites, has a majority black membership. Prominent gay anti-apartheid activist, Simon Nkoli, who was recently acquitted of treason in the three-year long Vaal 22 trial, is one of the leaders of GLOW.

GLOW aims to fulfill both a political and a social function. The group is interested in getting in touch with international organizations to maintain a flow of information both ways. GLOW may be contacted C/O Glen Shelton, South African Institute of Race Relations, P.O. Box 31044, Braamfontein 2017, South Africa.

Gavs Go Underground In Burma

Reports from Burma indicate that the hard nosed military crackdown on the massive demonstrations for freedom and democracy have sent gays undercover once

During the anti-government demonstrations in Rangoon, the capital, with almost one million marchers, onlookers saved their loudest cheers for a group of transvestites and gays parading behind a banner which proclaimed: 'Beauticians for Democracy'.'
At one time, transvestite males were

popular, just to entertain people. They still ply their trade. They dance and sell sweets and snacks. They entertain for their living. Some are not even gay. Real gay males in Burma are the most frustrated people," reports one Burmese gay. "Lesbian rights are far better than gay rights. At least th can live together. This is not so for male

Japanese Group Welcomes Visitors

The International Friends group of Tokyo, Japan welcomes visitors and operates the Japan Gay Help Line (03) 453-1618 which functions in English and Japanese. International Friends is the new name for those people who once belonged to the Men's and Women's Support Group, the Alternate Lifestyle Support Group and the Tokyo Gay Support Group. The organization is now in its ninth year, having been founded in February, 1981.

I.F. has made up a set of a tourist map of Tokyo and "The Tourist's Handbook" plus thier single sheet map of the Shinjuku gay area. If you would like a set, send 10 International Reply coupons (obtainable at your post office) to I.F., C.P.O. Box 180, Tokyo 100-91, Japan.

National Newsletter Project for India

The Patna Trikone Chapter in northeast a thanks all readers for their letters and contributions. The national newsletter project is still in progress as more support within India is sought. They are also trying to locate a sympathetic printer for the newsletter. For more information or to offer support, write to Sanjay; Post Box 61; Patna, Bihar 800 004; India.

The headquarters office of Trikone has moved to P.O. Box 21354, San Jose, CA 95151. Their 6 page bi-monthly publications about lesbian and gay life in South Asia (India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Burma, Nepal, Tibet and the Maldives).

Subscriptions to Trikone are \$10 in North America, \$15 overseas, and free for readers in South Asia. For those interested in India, Trikone's February 1989 issue detailed 17 articles about homosexuality in India published in India and the USA, all of which are available from Trikone. Trikone regularly features "coming out" stories by lesbians and gay men in South Asia, plus personal ads from South Asians and news of the Trikone Chapters in the U.S., Europe and South Asia.



Coming Events

Friday, June 30th

"Mr. Charlie's Finals" for June, A Benefit for the Lesbian & Gay Switchboard

Saturday to Tuesday July 1st thru 4th "All American Tan Line Contest"

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Wednesday, July 5th

Charlie's Wednesday Night Volleyball Lessons 7 till 8 PM, League Practice 8 till 10 PM (Every Wednesday Night!)

"Mr. Charlie's" Weekly Contest A Benefit for the Lesbian & Gay Switchboard

Saturday, July 15th

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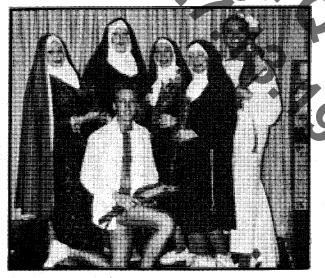
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Coming Sunday, July 2

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Regional Mr. Drummer Contest slated for Phoenix

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couraged and each non-sponsored contestant should have some verifiable connection to the leather community and his own leathers. A nominal entry, fee of \$25.00 is required, in turn to be donated in the contestant's name to the AIDS Charity of his choice

All contestants must be registered with Didmar Productions by August 1, 1989. For further information and entry forms for the contest, contact the Bum Steer, 4620 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013 or call 279-3033 between 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. daily.

Net proceeds from the Drummer Week-end will be donated to various Phoenix area community AIDS service organizations and the 1990 Gay Games in Vancouver

As a large local and regional turnout is expected for *Southwest Regional Mr. Drummer Contest* and *Mr. Drummer Boy Contest* you should make your reservations early.

Palm Desert Gay Pride Weekend plans announced

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ty, in an especially strongly worded statement said, "...gay men and lesbians have been among the leaders in strengthening and expanding human rights and individual liberties for all peoples" and he honored the gays and lesbians in his community for their

"perserverance in their struggle for acceptance and equality in the face of on-going discrimination."

As so many visitors attend Gay Pride Weekend in the Palm Desert annually, any planning to do so are urged to make hotel reservations early as most hotels fill to capacity. Tickets for the show on Saturday are priced from \$10.00 to \$30.00. For tickets and additional information on the entire weekend, call the DBA at (619) 323-0178.

Tucson TidBits

by Bill Finley

News Release From Mi Casa Su Casa

Mi Casa Su Casa has been established as a retreat for the entire gay community. The facilities are for an individual or couples getaway, group functions, meetings, fundraisers, pool parties or whatever you have in mind.

Mi Casa Su Casa has a special embrace for PWAs, ARC's and HIV-positives, but they welcome all and encourage utilization.

Mi Casa Su Casa is situated on 16 acres of beautiful desert with a turn-of-the-century Adobe Ranch house only minutes from downtown Tucson, and it is still in the city.

The cost to use Mi Casa Su Casa's facilities is nominal and according to the individual or group's ability to pay. No one is turned away.

Mi Casa Su Casa's first major event is planned for July 9th in order to acquaint the community with the facility. The event is being billed as "An Evening Under The Stars With The Stars". There will be hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and an all-star show that promises to be an enjoyable time. Tickets will be available at the bars and other locations for \$7.00 advance or \$8.00 at the door.

For more information, or to reserve time at Mi Casa Su Casa please call 885-0115.

The third annual **First Ladies Run** of Tucson was held June 16th to 18th at Spenceer Canyon. The theme this year was "The Big Apple — Way Off Broadway" which made the setting for the events (games), campsites, table settings and the shows. The First Ladies who made this run possible this year were **Kip** from **Partners** and **Roger** from **S.O.S.**, **Keith** from **TKO** and **Bert** from **Desert Leathermen**.

The weekend was a fun filled, laid back event. The events were on Saturday afternoon and included the President's 'peel a greased apple with a plastic knife'; Run Captain's 'Pandor's Box'; the Obstacle Course included Partners 'toss the apple into baskets'; TKO's 'A New York City Bag Lady'; and DL 'Drive a Car on New York's Expressway'.

Saturday evening after SOS's dinner, each club put on a show that lasted no longer than 15 minutes each. Each entertained even though the lights went during the shows (so did the video).

The Judges for the weekend were Rev.

Ed, Lee, Pat and Hank for the events, campsites, table settings, shows, etc.

The winners for this year's run were: President's Game, Gary T., TKO; Obstacle Course, Bert, Desert Leathermen; Campsite, Partners; Skit, Desert Leathermen; Table Setting, Partners; Individual Costume, Nita, Desert Leathermen; and Pandor's Box (Run Captain's game), Partners.

Special awards were as follows: First Ladies Cup, **Partners**; Ben Corbin Memorial Trash Award, **Jan**, TKO; and Club Participation (most members present), **SOS**.

Thanks to all the First Ladies for putting on a fun filled weekend again this year.

The 12th Annual Pride Week Picnic was held in Himmel Park on June 25th. During the day DJ's from various local bars provided music for dancing. Live entertainment was provided by **Rare Breed, Snow Leopard** and **Loren Johnson**.

SOS did a massive balloon release during the afternoon. Many local and state officials were introduced.

There were around 30 booths set up which provided food, information, games and items for sale. Free soft drinks and beer were available for everyone. The bartenders for the afternon were provided by the gay bars in Tucson.

The entrance of the Color Guard was followed by the singing of the National Anthem by **Jim Shafer**. The Proclamation was read proclaming June 25 through July 2 as Non-Discrimination Week. The King and Queen of Fiesta de Mayo and their court along with Miss Gay Tucson were presented. Also presented was an outline of various events in the history of the gay and lesbian community.

After the picnic there was a show at **IBT's**.

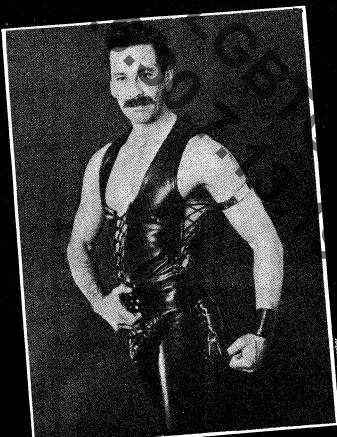
Desert Leathermen will be bar hopping for the next few months. July's beer bust will be at Rumorz on Sunday, July 2nd from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The proceeds will go to the First Annual Reno Memorial Classic Jello Wrestling Extravaganza for Shanti Foundation.

TKO beer bust will be at **The Graduate** on July 8th from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

T.A.L.L.'s beer bust on July 9th will be at The Graduate from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. followed by **SOS** Casino Night.

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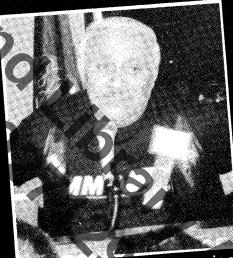
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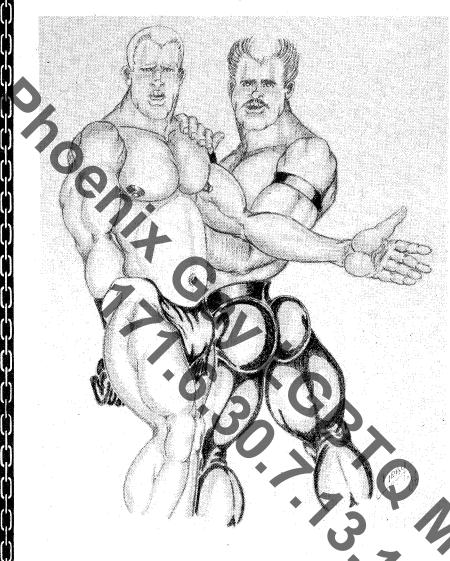


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by Rodney Martin

Well our new Miss Gay Phoenix was crowned on Sunday, and I'm very happy to report who it is. . . Miss Pussy Le Hoot will have the honor to represent Phoenix for the year 1989-90. A relative new-comer to the stage, Miss Gloria Westport is First Runner-Up, and Second Runner-Up went to

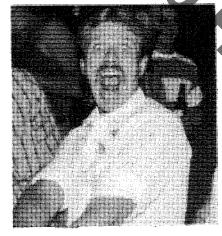
The Norma Kristy Award for Talent went to Divina for her sparkling rendition of Shirley Bassey's "Goldfinger". Congeniality Award went to Jakie.

With a room full on anxiously waiting but partying — people, the night was flawed only by technical difficulties of power outages and late starters. Of special note were Phil Santhon in an all-white feather boa he claims he was "cold"; Marcia in all her red hair looking for Superglue for a fingernail; and Lady Casondra who had the most fun - changing characters and costumes (Phyllis Diller to Liz Taylor to Dolly Parton to Bette Midler).

The evening was a special treat for all and it really proved the talents of the winner, a very professional female illusionist, Pussy Le Hoot. For all who worked, and for all who played, a special thanks to Pageant Producer Penelope Poupe' for a very special evening



Miss Gay Phoenix 1989-90, Pussy Le



Well! The **Duchess** tells me that se tuned her own car up this last week - with the help of her Pink Playtex Gloves, of course. . . what's all this 'manual' labor????

THE CLUB is opening!!! June 30 will be the "un-official" opening of this long and anxiously awaited nightery on 7th Avenue. With all system on go and the whole (former) staff on hand (plus some additions) and with them all brushing up on bar techniques for a place four times the size of their former location, we await what they have in store for us!! My best wishes and congratulations to all of you....

Mona Littlemore, Miss Gay Arizona, has jumped on the bandwagon with Nancy Reagan in her fight on drugs. Wherever she goes you can her "Just say NO!". . . Good

Charlie James was in Douglas (AZ) last week and called Apollo's to see if there were any bar listings for that city. Think about it....

Mark Elenz was here and, well! Answers his hotel door in his Birthday Suit, and swears that he does not own any underwear. Wants to assure us that everything's "just fine". Maybe he shoud have answered the doorbell!!!!

Rick Riggs...WHAT is the name of at faaaabulous new hair color????

MoJo with a moustache??? Oh Yes. I saw it myself and it really looked good....

Eddie Davis is in London for three weeks then back to Boston for two, then home. What a job! We'll be happy to see him home



Dusty Merkle now on days at TRAX.

One-legged Cowboy John made an appearance last week. It seems that he is working in Bullhead City and playing in Phoenix. Talk about "working", try **Michael** Cooney's (Matinee Matron) nerves. He tells me that I owe him my two-weeks paycheck for keeping John over at Charlie's. You see, every time John comes in I tell him that Michael wants to see him...over there. I guess I owe you one, Michael....

Michael Rouse can now be found pouring up your cocktails over at the Cash **Inn** on McDowell...*Now* what parties are in store????



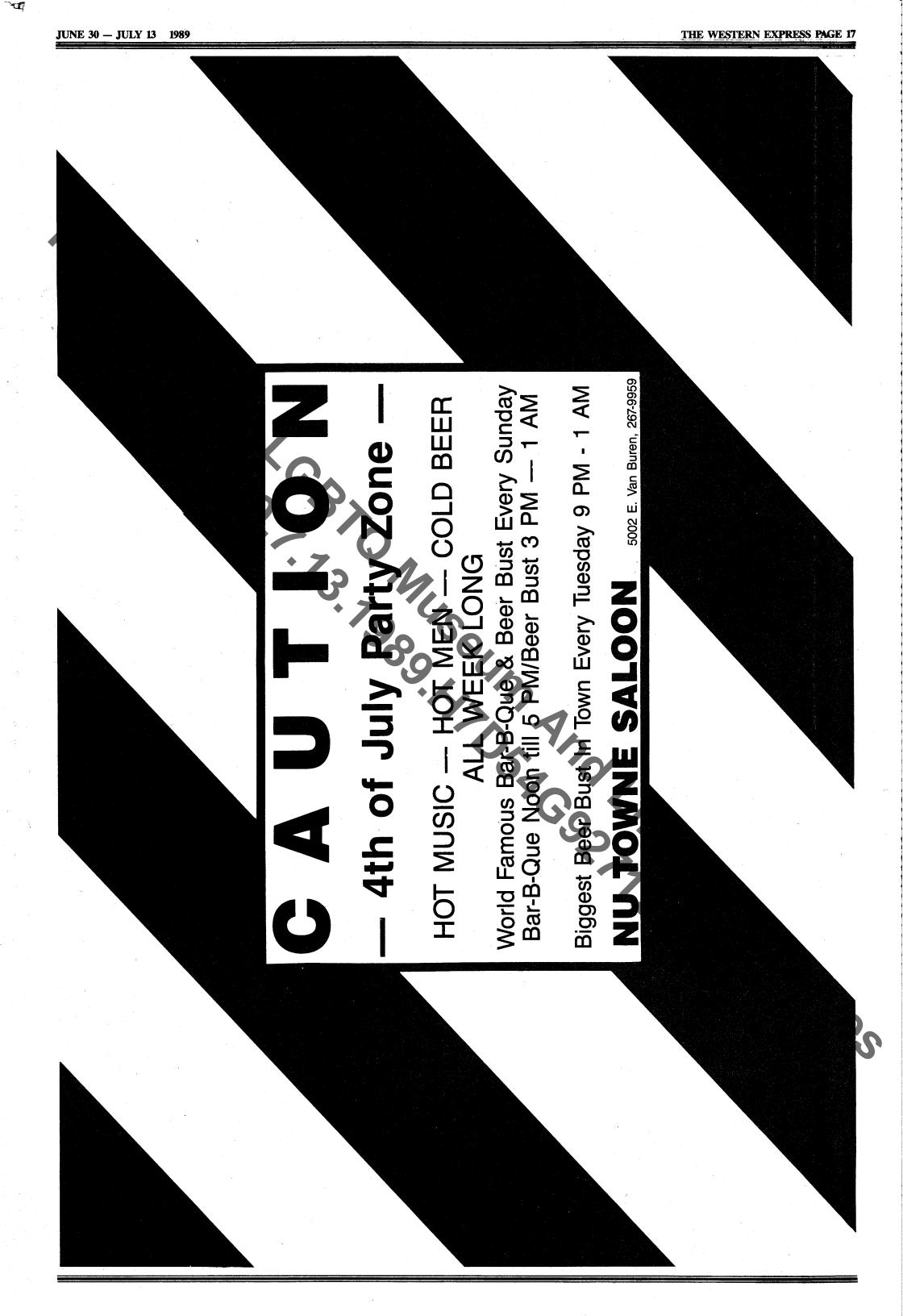
Mary on days at Incognito.

Ty best to John Goldschmid — here's

Durangos has some new staff. Under the direction of Michael Straight, they've put together a staff including newest members Michael Motta and Michael T....What a group this is turning out to be Over on the other side, Flex Complex, under the management of Curtis Hunsaker, they've spiffed up the pool area (with turtles and alligators — no, not customers), wind socks, etc. It really looks great and relax-

Well, in closing for this week, I say Thank You for all the help and work that so many put into this community. It really makes me feel good to be a part of such a hard-working, proud and aggressive group. Remember the Southwest Regional Mr. Drummer Contest coming up at the Bum Steer — and lots of other local benefits and parties that are all being put together in an effort to get you out from in from of the TV for some 'live' entertainment.

To each and everyone of us, enjoy the summer... $\star C \star H \star E \star E \star R \star S \star$



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Tyke, Cindy and Penny at opening of "Safari" week at Nasty Habits.

... "Batmania" strikes Phoenix! At last count there were five costume events planned for July which should make for some great fun. Enter one or all. Announced at this time are Club KC for Saturday, the 8th, Durangos for Saturday, the 15th, Bobby's and Cash Inn's later this month. And another to be announced for early August.

...The Ramrod, which closed last year after fifteen years of being the favorite 'watering hole' for a lot of people will be remembered with a 'Ramrod Reunion' at Durangos being coordinated by former long-time Ramrod employee Michael Motta, now at Durangos. Date to be announced after they round-up all the old employees.

... Treva London, one of the key people and officer of AGRA, has packed up and moved to Denver to become manager of the new Ms C's, the former location of Charlie's on East Colfax. Everyone got together at Charlie's/Phoenix last week to

bid her a fond farewell. She won't be lonely up there, though, as there's so many who travel there regularly and she'll undoubtedly get involved with **CGRA** and the Rocky Mountain Regional Rodeo.

...if you enjoy tan lines, **Charlie's** hosts their annual "All American Tan Line Contest", July 1st to 4th with contests each night and a finals on the 4th.

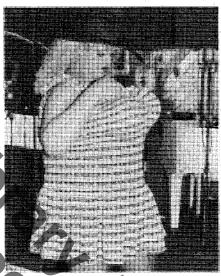
...TRAX is putting together their most elaborate party yet since Kevin took over the bar. Sal Matolla is heading up the crew in creating the five-day ''Atlantis Revisited'' over 4th of July Weekend. If you haven't experienced a TRAX theme party, they're elaborate.

...decor was also the highlight at **Nasty Habits** for their week-long "Jungle Safari" with the bar transformed into a junble habitat for their 'native' patrons. It was very well done.

elaborate plans for their "Night in Gotham City" on July 8th. Greg Martin who created the Christmas Forest scene is planning on turning the bar into a Batman set.

tests' continue to be a big hit at **Talk of the Town**. Sunday was proof with a full house of hootin' and hollerin' customers on hand to support the most recent contestants Tanmy, and 'Flex' Callihan who tied for first and Barb who placed First Runner-up.

... Sunday, July 2, **Tish Tanner** does a 'Triple Header' to celebrate 20 years in show business. 'Tish Tanner's 20th Anniversary One-Woman Show' at **Little Jim's 307** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., a benefit for the **Lesbian and Gay Community Switchboard**. Then on to **Wink's** at 9:00 p.m. where she will peform with **Sisters**.

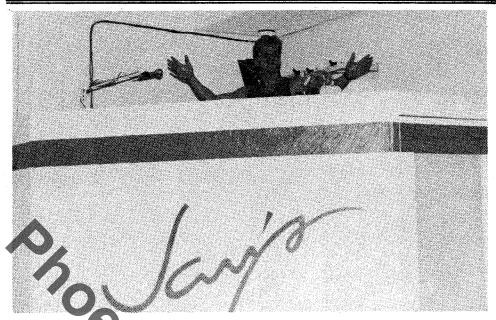


Tish Tanner all dressed up.

And finally, a special show at 10:30 p.m. at Club KC, "Twenty Years of Tish".



Brad, Jack and David staff THE ZOO, Mondays at Club BS West.



Jay surveys his new dance room on opening night.

...Little Jim's 307 did it again with another blockbuster benefit auction, emceed and led by the gentle persuasion (coercion) of The Golden Girls on June 18th, raising \$2,192.05 in one afternoon. Recipients were AAP and ARCE. Remaining merchandise will be sold at Golden Girl, Felicia's Benefit Yard Sale in July.

Club BS West continues with THE ZOO on Monday nights with David Carpenter and his friends as hosts, both behind the bar and on the floor — it's just an evening for socializing and relaxing.



B.J. and Denise at Nasty Habits.

... Jay's Brazil has opened their new dance room. Very well designed and decorated minimally, but effectively, and with good sound.

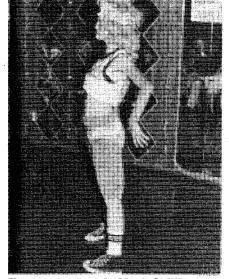
... **Preston's** celebrates the Fourth on the Third — all day/all night with a carved roast beef and chicken dinner for \$3.50, drink specials through the evening and afterhours.

the movie, you've got another chance. Incognito presents the film on Tuesday, July 4th at 4:00 p.m. They'll have drink specials, too — and if you did miss the movie the first time, be sure to go this time.

...the new schedule of monthly parties at **NuTowne Saloon** starts off in July with, appropriately enough, one to celebrate the Fourth. "CAUTION: 4th of July Party Zone" is four days long with a construction site theme.

...Wink's has booked the most entertainers in one month yet, Nevis Trivitt, Sisters!, Connection, Debbi Mason Trio, Sylvia Howard, Patty Williams and even a Rodeo Party. Thirteen nights of party!

Have a safe and sane holiday weekend—it's a long one with lots of partying. If you have any doubts about your ability to drive, take a taxi. Your bartender will be happy to call one for you.



Tammy (top) and 'Flex' Callihan at Talk's Body Building Contest. One serious — one not quite so.





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Now "THAT'S" Entertainment!

Wink's brings back Sylvia Howard



Song stylist, Sylvia Howard, returns to the stage at Wink's on July 7th and 8th, by popular demand of customers. Little wonder, since she exhibits a talent and audience rapport that has made her a cabaret favorite throughout Phoenix: Timothy's, French Corner, Phoenix Jazz Festival '89, Jazz in AZ, Scottsdale Center and a great many more.

Trained not only in vocal, Howard has also studied commercial acting, television

acting and technique, which added a great deal of professionalism to her stage presence. Also she has a list of professional acting appearances which includes *Ain't Misbhavin'*, *Medea* and *The Wiz* at Black Theatre Troupe and *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *'A'' My Name is Alice* at Phoenix Little Theatre.

Now, she's readying for a five-months engagement, commencing in September in Singapore with the Jazz Masters Trio at the Westin Hotel.

A Cabaret with extras

Club 5th Avenue, in Scottsdale, just East of Indian School Road, is a good looking room made for entertainment. Comfortable bar, lots of seating looking onto the dance floor and stage, good lighting effects—and the dance floor's marble.

Their format is to bring known R&B, Jazz and Top 40's performers for same-night gigs throughout a month and July is a good example of it. Recording artist and a Valley mainstay in music rooms, Blues-man Big Pete Pearson and The Blues Sevilles takes the stage every Thursday night from 9:00 p.m. till 1:00 a.m. Every Friday and Saturday in the month, Denver's L.A. Rush, who appear throughout the country, will be on hand for Top 40's listening and dancing music. Then a new lineup for August and

so on.

Recently we spent an evening there for Joe Griffin's group and their R&B and big band music. Some of the group have performed together for three decades, according to one of their fans, and their experience working together was evident. They work knowingly of one another; a nod means a riff and another gesture sends them into eight-bar solos.

This is not a bar of any particular persuasion. It's a bar that offers good entertainment and welcomes everyone. In addition to entertainment they offer light food with a late night menu, a wide-assortment of drinks for happy hour with twenty-five cent 'peel and eat' shrimp, pool and social blackjack.

Phoenix to celebrate "Fabulous Fourth"

Phoenix will come alive on the Fourth of July with Arizona's largest aerial fireworks display, sponsored by Security Pacific Bank from 9:00 to 9:30 p.m. at Wesley Bolin Plaza.

Live entertainment, characterizations of historical persons from Arizona, and concessions will be featured during the evening. Admission is free.

Northwest Studio — "Night Must Fall"

Northwest Studio announces the opening of its next production, *Night Must Fall*, a thriller by Emlyn Williams. Danny, a mysterious young man, arrives at the secluded bungalow of an aged widow confined to a wheelchair. Charmed completely she depends on him to protect her when a headless corpse is found nearby. Danny only wishes he could share his psychopathic genius with the world, and fill the one empty hatbox he still has left.

Veteran director Jackson Borjes directs this project and promises plenty of mystery, thrills and suspense from *Night Must Fall*, one of his favorite scripts.

The play opens June 30 and runs through July 15. Northwest Studio is located at 12418 N. 28th Drive, two blocks north of Cactus.

Audition Call

The Glass Menagerie, a classic of American stage by Tennessee Williams will be presented by Northwest Studio August 11 through 20.

Auditions will be held at the studio on Sunday and Monday, July 2 and 3 at 7:00 p.m. Needed are two men aged 20-30, a woman aged 50-60 and a woman aged 20-30.

In answer to a recent reader's question, Northwest Studio for the Performing Arts was formerly known as Glendal Little Theatre (still its formal name). It is one of the busier production companies in the Valley and presents a wide variety of subject matter in its season's selections. Tickets are very reasonable in the \$6.00 to \$8.00 range.

Loren Johnson in Club KC debut

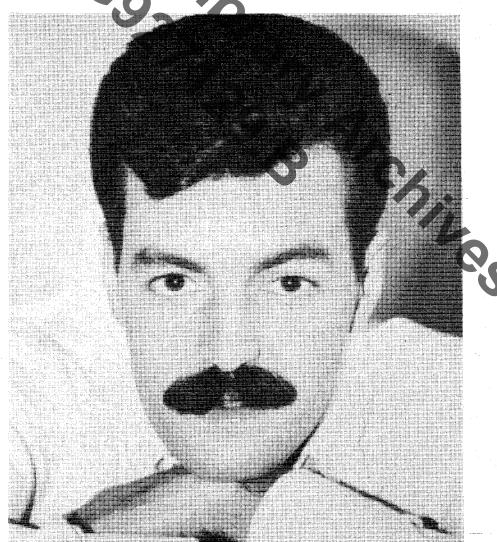
Known for his extraordinary vocal range from baritone to tenor, Loren Johnson, has been a favorite of Phoenix audiences for several years. Most recently his engagements in the city have been limited by his out of town appearances. However, Club KC has scheduled him for the evening of Wednesday, July 12, together with The Men Of KC.

Halling from Minneapolis, and with a background in musical theatre. Loren struck out on a solo career in the mid-80's in Phoenix. Quickly he established a follow-

ing and a credible list of accomplishments: sang the National Anthem opening the Phoenix Rodeo, was a finalist in "Star Search" and was a featured performer at Phoenix "Summer Sunday".

Locally he has appeared in several entertainment spots and in 1987 won the Western Express Readers Choice Award for "Best Entertainer".

His wide range of repertoire includes Broadway show tunes and standards to country and to vintage rock 'n roll. Be sure to be on hand for his return to the Phoenix cabaret scene.



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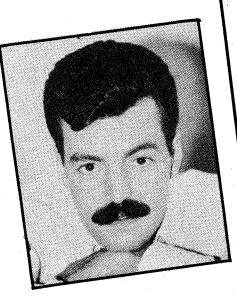
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"6 Women with Brain Death". . . extended run

Actors Lab Arizona will extend performances of the smash hit 6 Women with Brain Death or Expiring Minds Want to Know? through July 30. Audiences have flocked to see the musical comedy for over a year, making it the longest-running show in the history of Arizona theatre.

All performances are held at Actors Lab Arizona, located at 7223 E. 2nd Street in Scottsdale. For reservations, call 990-1731. Performances are at 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. Saturdays; 2:00 p.m. Sundays.

Summer Sunday returns July 9

Annually attracting over 65,000 to the cool indoors of Civic Plaza, Phoenix Summer Sunday celebrtes its 15th anniversary this year on July 9.

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The festival is open from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., admission and parking are free.

Sedares named PSO Director

Maestro James Sedares has been appointed Music Director and Principal Conductor of The Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, ending the year-long search for a permanent successor to Maestro Theo Alcantara.

Sedares will assume his new position on July 1 and at the age of 33 becomes the

youngest music director of a major symphony orchestra in the United States. He is considered to be one of the best of the new generation of American conductors.

"His youth and his energy reach all levels of music-lovers and his goal of making music more accessible for everyone will benefit us all," said Symphony Association Chairman A. Ray Einsel.

Bolshoi Superstars kick-off Ballet Arizona's season

Ballet Arizona Artistic Director Jean Paul Comelin has announced the company's 1989-90 season, headlined by superstars from the Bolshoi Ballet and a world premiere of his own *Phoenix Rising*. Also featured will be *The Nutcracker*, *Coppelia* and mixed repertory including *Don Quixote*, *Daughters of Mourning* and *Napoli*.

Ballet Arizona's fourth season opens on October 13 at Herberger Theater Center with Comelin's *Phoenix Rising*. The U.S. tour of Maximova and Vasiliev, "Superstars of the Bolshoi and Company" appears at

Phoenix Symphony Hall on November 18, only.

December 5th of this year commences a month-long run of Tchaikovsky's holiday classic *Nuteracker*, one of the world's best known and attended ballets. *Nuteracker* will be at Gammage Center at ASU through December 29. The classical *Coppelia* completes the season in 1990 at the Herberger Theatre Center, February 14 through 18.

Season tickets are now on sale by calling the Ballet Arizona Box Office at 381-0184.

ATC Board, "Proceed with 1989-90 Season"

On June 20 the Board of Trustees of Arizona Theatre Company approved a tentative slate of plays and plans for the 1989-90 season in confidence that ATC's emergency fundraising campaign will be successful. More than \$838,000 has been raised in the campaign to date.

The success of the campaign has allowed the Company to meet all of its operating costs. It has also allowed for the pay-back of \$217,000 borrowed on a line of credit and

will provide for the restoration of the \$140,000 working capital reserve. Final figures will be issued by the Joint Executive Committee upon completion of the emergency fund drive. However, the Company is expected to end the fiscal year with a balanced budget, in sharp contrast to last year when the Company ended the year \$658,000 in debt. The emergency fund campaign ended on June 30.

Rodin sculptures at Phoenix Art Museum

Thirty bronze sculptures by the famous French artist Auguste Rodin are the focus of the summer exhibition "Rodin: Sculpture from the B. Gerald Cantor Collections" on view in the Special Exhibitions Gallery of the Phoenix Art Museum now through July 30, 1989.

The Cantor Collection is the most com-

prehensive private collection of Rodin sculpture in the world. This is the largest group of Rodin bronzes ever displayed in Arizona

The collection will again be available for viewing from September 2 through December 3 in the 19th Century Gallery at P.A.M.

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Book Review

Behind The Mask Kim Larabee, Alyson Publications, \$6.95



Kim Larabee, author of the regency-style romance "Behind the Mask" (Alyson Publications, 1989), owns and operates a thoroughbred horse farm in Michigan.

"Larabee uses 19th-century British high society and the calculated cunning of the marriage mart as the backdrop against which two young aristocrats woo and win each other. Characterization is Larabee's strength: penniless Maddie, who robs coaches because she does not want to marry for money, and the widowed countess Allie, who falls in love with Maddie at first sight, are charming in their eccentricities. . . This slight fantasy succeeds as a merry romp. Larabee even manages to foreshadow a major secret without giving it away in the process."

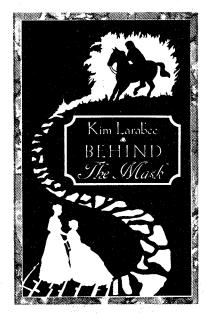
- Publishers Weekly

"If you have a romantic bent, and if you have a yen for vicarious adventure, low-key intrigue and some nicely done erotica, *Behind the Mask* is just the sort of spritely romp you're looking for. It's wonderful exercise for the imagination."

Lee Lynch, syndicated columnist and author

An Interview with Kim Larabee by Jill Pollack

Kim Larabee is not sure whether she's



"a writer who owns horses on the side, or a horse-owner who writes on the side."

Whichever definition she chooses, 26-year-old Larabee is pursuing both careers. Her first novel, *Behind The Mask*, is to be published by Alyson Publications this summer — about the same time her horses will begin training.

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Without Reservations

by Bill Orovan

In preparation for the long, hot, cinematically overcrowded summer, your reviewer is, at least mentally, packing his bags in anticipation of a two-issue vacation. But, before I go, here is "the skinny" on ten films playing around town. As for the restaurants, this is the time of the year that many openings (and, naturally, closings) occur, so I am requesting your help, as you will see below, in my absence.

TidBits

eck we are going to see how well an approach of a quarter of a century ago still works today. To paraphrase a giant of those times: ". and so, my fellow Valleyites, ask not what your critic can do for you, ask what you can do for your critic." Yes, we are turning the tables on you and soliciting your responses to a dist of recently opened eateries that we have not had a opened eateries that we have not had a chance yet to scrutinize in person (as well as any that are fairly new that we have not included on that listing). Your letters can be as short as merely stating the restuarant's name, address and phone number, or as long as a detailed review. Well, as they say next to the teasingly tempting picture on the package, these are merely serving sugges-

At The End (opening soon) at the south end of the shopping center on the southwest corner of 43rd Avenue and

Baby Kay's, Creole food, 7216 East Shoeman Lane (a few doors east of Scottsdale Road).

Buenos Aires Restaurant — "A Touch of Latin", hidden at 3534 West Calavar Road (1 block north of Thunderbird Road, just west of 35th Avenue).

Fat Noodle Cafe, an Italian restaurant on Hayden, north of University in Tempe.

Hulahoops (opening soon) on Washington, just east of 12th Street (at the location of the old Lucille's Soul Food Cafe, which we miss very much).

Director Tim Burton (Beetlejuice, Pee-

Wee's Big Adventure) has taken a skillfully

crafted screenplay by Sam Hamm and War-

ren Skaaren and made it into a terrific film

that is cause for great celebration (and long

lines at the theaters at all hours of the day

and night). Both the interior and the ex-

teriors of production designer Anton (Full

Metal Jacket) Furst's Gotham City are

brilliant — alone worth the price of admis-

sion - and his Batmobile and Batwing,

svelte and sleek (the former being somewhat

phallic) works of art, are all beatifully cap-

tured by Roger (Brazil) Pratt's talented eye

behind the camera. On the downside (and

J.J. Cooper's — "The place for chicken & ribs", Shea Boulevard, just east of 70th Street in North Scottsdale.

Juicy Big BBQ at 8901 North 7th Street.

Livia's Pasta Pizza Chef (a fast food adjunct to the original Phoenix Livia's, one of our favorite Italian ristorantes) located at The Scottsdale Pavillion on the Northeast corner of Pima and Indian Bend Roads.

Mariscos Chihuahua (opening any moment now), fast Mexican seafood on the Northwest corner of 5th Avenue and West McDowell Road.

McGurks of Hawaii, specializing in seafood, at the Southeast corner of Rural and Elliot in Tempe.

Mint Thai Cafe at 1111 North Gilbert Road in Gilbert.

Mr. Louie's in the new office building on the southwest corner of 7th Street and Missouri.

Ortega's Sandwich and Tamale Shop on McDowell Road, just east of 24th Street.

The Parched Camel Saloon, which replaces that old Chaps in Town and Country Shopping Center on the Southeast corner of Camelback Road and 20th Street.

Passage to India, 1724 East Main Street, just east of Tri-City Mall (at Dobson Road) in Mesa.

Trini's y Ricardo's Taquitos at the Northwest corner of 7th Avenue and

Tuscany (opening soon) in The splanade just east of the Ritz Carlton Hotel at Camelback Road and 24th Street.

Yoshi's Japanese Food (opening very soon) at the Northwest corner of Indian School Road and 24th Street. I did manage to try the following new place myself. Lucky for you!

32nd Street Cafe in the shopping center on the Northwest corner at Camelback. Confusion reigns here — both in the service and in the kitchen. Unless they get their act together soon, this or be history.

by Danny Elfman. Michael Keaton handles

the duality of the main character's

schizophrenic personality of millionaire

philanthropist Bruce Wayne by day and the

black-caped vengeful crusader at night with

surprising aplomb. Even his weak chin

seems squarer when he is out protecting his

sometimes sweetheart, gorgeous photo-

journalist Vicki Vale (Kim Bassinger). The

real star, however, is Jack Nicholson, one

of filmdom's most talented actors of today.

While Keaton plays it straight, he plays it

to the hilt! His Joker, the ultimate in

animated evil, is as Oscar worthy as any

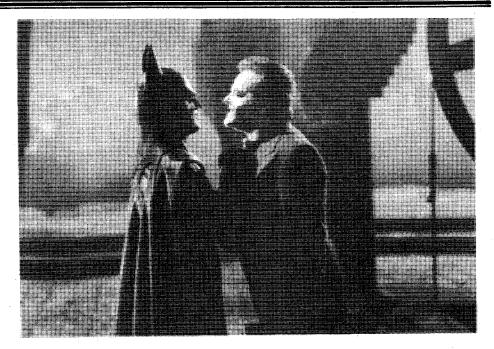
performance I have seen yet this year.

Aiding and abetting are Robert Wuhl, Pat

Hingle, Billy Dee Williams, Jack Palance

and Michael Gough as Bruce Wayne's droll

English butler, Alfred. "What kind of a



world is this where a man dresses up like a bat?" muses The Joker. The wonderful world of the silver screen, that's what. A Guber-Peters Company Production of a Tim Burton Film, presented by Warner Bros. at selected theaters citywide.

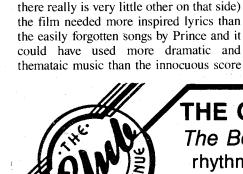
DO THE RIGHT THING



No, despite its provocative title, this is not a film about the backrooms of San Francisco bars in the 70's! It is, nevertheless, a film that, although abounding in "black humor", makes a dramtic point for the advancement of civilized civilization and the consequences of a lack thereof. The term "black humor" has been bantered around quite a bit lately, with several examples of both good and bad versions appearing on

the silver screen in the last few months. Here we have "black humor" with a double entendre, although we might qualify the less common meaning by saying that this ilm should make people of all colors laugh and quite heartily, at that. In a way, it's similar to *Boys in the Band*, where the comedy and raillery of the beginning (also,

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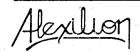
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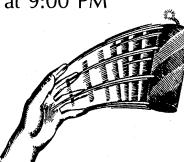
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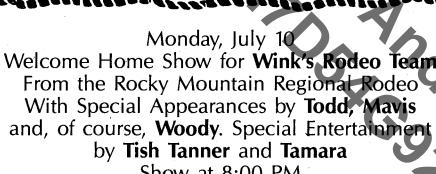


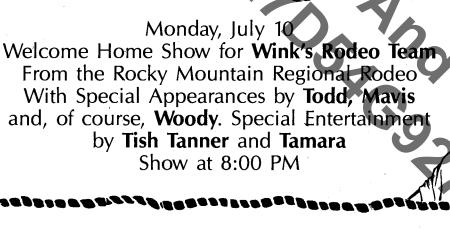
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somewhat ethnically oriented here) lulls one into a false sense of security that makes the final impact all the more potent. Sal (Danny Aiello) and Mookie (Spike Lee) share an intense exchange of viewpoints in this 40

Acres and a Mule Filmworks production, A Spike Lee Joint also starring Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Richard Edson, Giancarlo Esposito, Bill Nunn, John Turturro and John Savage. The Universal Release was produced, written and directed by Spike Lee, while the musical score was composed by Bill

GHOSTBUSTERS



I know they're supposed to get rid of the ghosts, but did they have to lose all the spirit, too? They (all your favorites from the fun and funny original) obviously didn't enjoy watching a sullen crew of robots go through their paces with mechanical pies in their faces, either! Rick Moranis and Annie Potts, however, do their best to lighten up this otherwise ponderous, mirthless Harold Ramis/Dan Aykroyd scripted comedy for Columbia Pictures produced and directed by Ivan Reitman.

GREAT BALLS OF FIRE



The real Jerry Lee Lewis and his impersonator, Dennis Quaid, in an Orion Pictures film named after his most famous song. The Adam Fields Production, which reunites Quaid with The Big Easy director, Jim McBride, concentrates on the pivotal years of Lewis' career. It follows him from his successful audition for Sun Records'

owner, Sam Phillips, to his fateful romance and marriage to Myra Gail Brown, the 13-year-old daughter of his cousin and bass player.

HOW TO GET AHEAD **IN ADVERTISING**

You've heard of a boy and his dog. Now we have a new film (from Bruce Robinson, the writer/director of Withnail & I) and Rachel Ward, that might be subtitled "A Man and His Boil." The surprising thing about this boil, however, is that it has a mustache and talks - yes, even while it sits right there on the man's neck! (Very special

special effects by Nik Williams and Daniel Parker of Animatronics.) This film has a lot to say, and it does it fairly forthrightly, if, at times, indelicately. . . but mostly at the expense of action. If words and thoughts speak louder to you than deeds, you might, indeed, enjoy this interesting tale. Starts today at the Los Arcos Theatre in Scottsdale.

KARATE KID III



Jessica Andrews (Robyn Lively) becomes friendly with Daniel (Ralph Macchio) and Mr. Miyagi (Noriyuki "Pat" Morita) when she makes pots for their bonsai shop in Columbia Pictures' second sequel to their original blockbuster success. John G. Avildsen directed this Jerry Weintraub Production from a script by Robert Mark Kamen.

HEATHERS



Christian Slater and Winona Ryder star as two teens with a mission: to rid their black comedy was directed by Michael Lehmann and released by New World Picschool of the overpowering influence of the social clique that runs it. The outrageous

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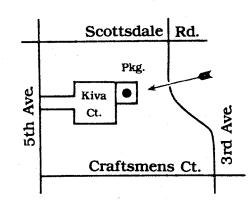
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Book Review

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Writing from her horse-breeding farm in Michigan, Larabee is definitely far from the madding crowd. (Her closest neighbor is sixty-four acres away.) But that's just fine for the "painfully shy" Larabee who prefers to spend her time with her partner Bea and, of course, her horses.

The idea for *Behind The Mask* came from two folders filled with stories she had started in high school. Larabee saved these but put her writing career on hold because of some shortsighted advice. "My high school creative writing teacher told me I was horrible and that I should stay away from writing altogether." So much for the critics.

Behind The Mask is a regency-style lesbian romance about the budding love affair between two ladies of London's 'haute ton' (high society). "I wanted to create a total fantasy — something fun that would make you feel good."

In writing Behind The Mask, Larabee followed the style of her childhood heroine, British author Georgette Heyer. The novel is written as a regency-style romance, set in England in the early 1800's. "Heyer was the originator of this genre," explains Larabee. "She wrote with a great deal of humor and many of her books were really just a comedy of manners."

According to this definition, *Behind The Mask* is a credit to the regency tradition. The love affair between two unmarried women who court societ's disdain while courting each other is a charming story. It comes complete with mysterious midnight rides, gentlemen callers, spinster aunts, and a few delightful twists to see if the reader is paying attention.

Behind The Mask is a thoroughly enjoyable book, and an unusual one; lesbian romances are not gracing our bookshelves in record numbers. In fact, as Larabee points out, romances in general have received a less-than-favorable reception: "Many presses have a real prejudice against romances. I feel they are a real part of

woman-culture. They were my first taste of strong women characters — it was the women who really affected what was happening.

"Because they are written by women and the main characters are usually women, we get to see life from a woman's point of view. These are not just male fantasies. There's a concentration on who people are."

After tackling England's regency period and expounding the virtues of the romance, Larabee is moving on to writing about her first love: horses.

"Horses have always been such an important part of my life — I've been horsemad since childhood.

"Right now, I'm working on a kid's book about horses. People have the idea that humans are above animals so I thought I'd write a book from the horses's perspective to dispel this myth.

"I'm really writing it for a child that I was — that 13-year-old girl who would have loved to see this kind of book on the library shelf."

When asked about future plans Larabee casually mentions the excitement surrounding her first novel and the firghtening world of reviews and book signings. Although Larabee may be nervous about the future publicity she'll receive, she's really concerned with carrying on the regency romance tradition. "I hope I haven't committed any glaring errors that would make Georgette Heyer turn over in her grave!"

Based in Chicago, Jill Pollack is a freelance writer and public relations consultant for People Like Us Books.

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Malta Center

by Gerrie Mayer-Gibbons

Third in a series of articles on AIDS service organization in Arizona

"Those who think AIDS is a plague sent by God has never met our God." This is the sign that greets visitors when they enter the friendly offices of the Malta Center, the Valley's newest AIDS service agency.

The Malta Center, located at 550 W Thomas Road, Suite C-221, is the outgrowth of the Catholic Alliance Ministry to People with AIDS (CAMPA). That organization was made up of clerics and lay people who were individually ministering to people with AIDS within their own parishes. In early 1988, realizing that the need for spiritual counseling to people with AIDS was far greater than those they were reaching, they approached The Order of Malta for financial support to begin a center.

The Order of Malta, founded in 1099 as the Knights of Malta, is a world-wide ministry of lay men and women whose sole purpose is to provide "service to the poor, the sick and the aged." When the Order heard that there was not a local organization meeting the spiritual or pastoral needs of AIDS patients, they agreed to fund a center

In October of 1988, Carrol Lee was hired as the center's executive director and shortly thereafter, the Malta Center was officially dedicated to service by the Most Reverend Thomas J. O'Brien, Bishop of Phoenix.

The first task Lee undertook was to organize a network of spiritual and pastoral counselors from every faith. Although the Malta Center is funded and founded by members of the Catholic Church, they have over 100 volunteers available to serve the needs of people from different religious backgrounds.

The mission of the Malta Center is to be a spiritual/pastoral resource for persons living with AIDS, their families and their care-givers. To meet these goals they have



Carrol Lee

established a number of different support groups, meetings and social activities.

Presently available at the Malta Center are: Individual Spiritual Counselors of all faiths, Prayer groups, Relaxation and yoga, Bereavement Group, Bridge club, Caregivers Support Group, plans for a therapeutic massage program and spiritual retreats.

The Malta Center works closely with Fr. Paul Warren, Director of Education for the Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Last December, 75 people, (53 were people living with AIDS), attended a weekend sponsored by the Malta Center at

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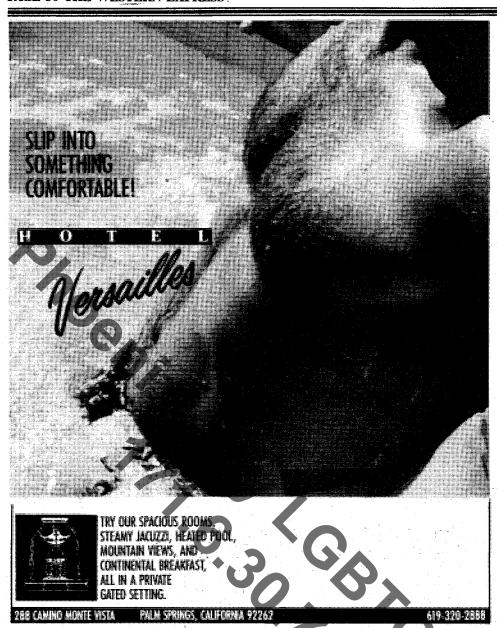
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The Malta Center

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a Renewal Center retreat. They spent three days of personal growth, prayer and attending healing services.

Lee's personal mission is to dispel the well-founded belief that gay men and lesbians are not welcomed by the Catholic Church. "That perception may be true about some churches," says Lee, "however it is not true at Malta Center. She went on to explain that "the clerics and volunteers who work at Malta Center could care less about how the person got the disease; could care less about the person's lifestyle."

Lee and the Board of Directors of the Malta Center are sensitive to the fact that their offices are located in a medical office building. "We know that our clients have to spend enough time in buildings like this and we are looking for another location," said Lee. They are presently looking for a 2000 sq. ft. home, located in the central Phoenix area which could accommodate their offices, inter-faith-chapel and meeting rooms.

As with any social service agency, the backbone of the Malta Center is their corps of volunteers. They do request that Malta Center volunteers wanting to work directly with AIDS patients as a support person, first complete the "Buddy Training" offered by the Arizona AIDS Project or the Phoenix Shanti Group and the Malta Center course

on Spirituality and Prayer.

Formerly a pastoral counselor at Sr. Joseph's Hospital, Lee comes to this job with twenty years experience as a health-care professional. She is a member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC) and the National Association of Certified Mental Health Counselors (NACMHC).

It wasn't until after Lee joined AAPQ that she discovered the organization was not forthrightly addressing the AIDS epidemic. She is currently spearheading the drive to have that oversight quickly corrected.

The Malta Center is actually the first of its kind funded by the Order of Malta. The Order typically limits their work to fundraising for other charities, preferring to remain in the background. When a group of members from the Western Regional Association of Knights of Malta recently visited the center in Phoenix, they were impressed by what they saw. So much so, that they are considering the start of other centers within the region.

To those who may be resistant to participating in an organization so clearly identified with the Catholic Church, Lee says, "Try us. Come on over and try us."

To contact the Malta Center, call (602) 285-3994.

Fortunes

by TYCHO

ARIES (March 21 - April 20) — Saturday, the first of July, is a day to circle on your calendar. Every possible avenue of communication is open to you on that day. Say it with words, feelings and embraces. 'GETTING CLOSER' in capital letters, is what it's all about.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 20) — The 'behind the scenes' action in your life is taking more and more away from what is supposedly the main interest in your life. It's time to check out priorities. Asking who and what is really important may reveal surprising answers.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) — Your generosity seems to know no boundaries. Mostly what you're giving is the time to listen and offer advice. Your ability to bring things into clear focus for a confused friend

will be greatly appreciated.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) — Questions of commitment are the ones that call out for answers. Are you ready to make the big move, take the plunge, go the final mile? You're working from a strong and secure base of tremendous self-confidence. Somebody wants an answer.

LEO (July 23 - August 22) — Venus joins Mars in the sign of the Lion. And you don't need Tycho to tell you that you're feeling warm and sensual, plus downright sexy. You know it, and so does that bright and witty Gemini who knows how to light up your life.

VIRGO (August 23 - September 22) — Who's the boss? Who's in charge here? Questions of dominance, leadership and authority are uppermost in your mind now.

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LIBRA (September 23 - October 22)

— A sticky situation on the work front proves very educational. Try to be completely objective. Look at exactly what's going on without regard to who's doing what to whom. An honest conversation with a higher up could prove rewarding.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21)

— There's lots of learning going on all over the zodiac but nowhere moreso than in the sign of the eagle (the other symbol for Scorpios). The focus of your fascinating education is the big wide world and your place in the street of the street of

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 - December 21) – Last month was mostly business and more business. Now that important decisions have been made and final details broned out, you can move into July

with an eye for pleasure. A warm friendship with a Leo grows warmer.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19) — Let's celebrate the Fourth of July at Capricorns house this year. You're feeling gay (of course) and frivolous, so bring out the fireworks, strike up the band. Gather all of your various friends together. Be colorful, joyous.

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18) — Your progressive and independent approach to life may prove a bit too much for one who's locked in to a fairly narrow viewpoint. You can expand their horizon with a gentle touch. (It can mean so much.)

PISCES (February 19 - March 20) — The great outdoors becons. You've been on a bit of a retreat of late, looking inward, learning the value of silence. Now you're ready to get out and see what summer has to offer. Take along a Cancer or Scorpio.

Travel News Update

by David Starkman

THE PHOENICIAN RESORT in Scottsdale, Arizona, and the Crescent Hotel in Phoenix are operating as usual after a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing by their parent company, American Continental Corp.

FOUR OF LAS VEGAS' taxicab services have added custom-made vans with hy! draulic lifts to accommodate people in wheelchairs. Ace Cab, A-North Las Vegas Cab, ABC Union Cab and Western Cab are operating the full-sized vans for regular passengers as well as disabled travelers. No premiums are charged to those in wheelchairs: average fares are around \$7.00.

AMERICANS BOUND FOR France may experience delays in obtaining visas. Allow at least 15 working days for the French Consulate to process visa applications.

IN CASE YOU haven't heard, real estate developer Donald Trump won permission to purchase the Eastern Shuttle for his original bid of \$365 million.

USAir, BOOSTING DAILY departures from 1,600 to 3,000 with the Piedmont merger August 5, has introduced a new corporate logo and new red, white and blue colors on its aircraft.

SOUTHWEST TEAMED WITH Funway Vacations, is offering introductory packages to Las Vegas starting at \$74 for two nights, air and hotel from Phoenix and \$174 from Houston or Kansas City. Later this year, Southwest expects to add other destinations

to the program.

FRANCE IS EXPECTED to lift visa requirements for U.S. tourists and business travelers, effective July 1, when the U.S. will waive visa requirements for French travelers visiting this country for 90 days or less.

On July 1, the U.S. also will lift visa requirements for citizens of Switzerland, following up on July 15 with visa waivers for German and Swedish travelers and on July 29 for visitors from Italy and The Netherlands

The six countries round out a pilot U.S. visa waiver program approved by Congress in 1986 for up to eight foreign countries that extend or agree to extend reciprocal privileges to U.S. travelers.

The program already covers the $U.K\,$ and Japan.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES HAS reduced fares for red-eye flights in its system.

Flights departing between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. range in price from \$19 to \$99 one way, depending on the route flown. Southwest launched reduced late-night fares from Dallas to six cities earlier this year and recently added bargain prices from 17 other airports including SFO, LAX, Ontario, Phoenix and San Diego.

Night fares are unrestricted and can cost up to 50% less than the carrier's regular coach fares, officials said.

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AMERICA WEST AIRLINES has applied for a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the airline to provide service from Phoenix, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Oakland and San Diego to Sydney, Australia, via Honolulu, Hawaii.

Inside The Washington Lobby

by Laura Markowitz and Chai Feldblum

There were 7,248 incidents of violence against gay and lesbian Americans — from harassment to homicide — reported during 1988, and probably more that were never reported, according to a study on hate crimes statistics released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. The number of bias-related crimes (anti-Semitic, racist, homophobic, etc.) has never been determined in an official government study. Gay and civil rights activists are fighting to get accurate statistics on how many bias-related crimes are being committed in the United States. Once advocates have objective numbers to prove the extent of the problem, they may be better able to convince the legislatures to pass laws prohibiting prejudice-based violence. Currently, no such national laws exist. Some states, such as Massachusetts, have laws that allow a private citizen to sue the perpetrator of a crime that violates the citizen's rights on the basis of, among other things, sex or race. The Massachusetts law was designed to deal with racially-violated hate crimes. (Remedies against violence based on sexual orientation are not provided by this law.)

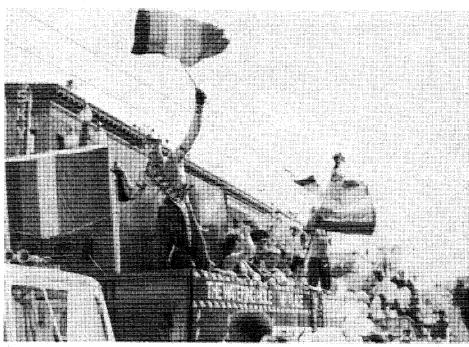
Since gay and civil rights advocates need to have statistics as arguing points, they are lobbying Congress to pass a bill to authorize a study of hate crimes. The bill, introduced in the Senate by Senator Paul Simon (D-IL), would "provide for the collection of data about crimes motivated by race, religion, etnicity or sexual orientation." The Attorney General's office would be responsible for compiling the data, and its findings would carry the authority of the federal government. The bill does not create any new rights, but merely authorizes a study. The bill is backed by several staunch conservatives such as Senators Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY) and Rudy Boschwitz (R-MN). The House version of the bill, introduced by Rep. John Conyers (D-MI) and Rep. Hamilton Fish; (R-NY), similarly has broad support.

Last year, the Hate Crimes Bill was overwhelmingly passed by the House of Representatives, but the session ended before the Senate could act. This year, the bill is expected to move relatively given the strong vote count it received in the last Congress. The bill was approved by the full Senate Judiciary Committee on March 9 and is now ready to be taken up by

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Scenes From The 1989 San Francisco Gay Pride Parade

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Inside The Washington Lobby

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full Senate when a time slot opens (possibly during July). The bill has also already been approved by the House Subcommittee on Criminal Justice.

There may be trouble, however, when the Hate Crimes Statistics Act goes to the

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Senate floor for debate. Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) has informally circulated an antiay amendment to the Act. An ongoing educational and lobbying campaign is taking place to let members of Congress know that the type of amendment Helms is proposing is unacceptable and only obstruct important work.

If the Hate Crimes Statistics Act passes, it will be because of a strong coalition effort within the broad civil rights community, including the ACLU, People for the American Way, NAACP, the American Jewish Committee, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and the Human Rights Campaign Fund. Such coalition building raises awareness and consciousness, helps build a common history, and reinforces

The Hate Crimes Bill coalition has ex isted for two years and represents a major breakthrough. We will be drawing on the bonds formed as part of this coalition in our civil rights work for years into the future

Chai Feldblum is an attorney for the ACLU AIDS Project.

Laura Markowitz is an editor of a na tional news magazine.

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Total Revenue	58,210	8,000
Total Support and Revenue	141,164	28,149
Total Expenses	110,464	41,825
Excess/(Deficiency) of Public Support and Revenue over Expenses	30,700	(13,676)
Other Changes in Fund Balances: Equipment Acquisitions from Unrestricted Funds	· · · · · ·	
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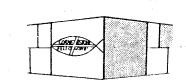
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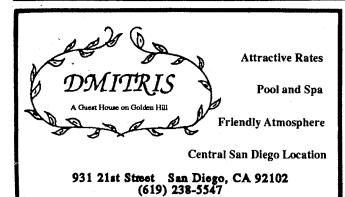
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Gay Arizona Youth: Support group for those through age 25 meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays in central Phoenix. On Feb. 11, topic will be "Relating to Religion". Call 840-8115 or write: P.O. Box 62104, Phoenix, AZ 85082-2104.

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The Camelback Business and Professional Association is a group of business and professional people who have joined together for the purpose of professional exposure. They accomplish those objectives through educational programs and seminars, breakfast and dinner meetings, social and happy hours, special events, banquets and distribution of a monthly newsletter. General Membership Meetings are monthly on the 3rd Thursday evening and Committee Meetings are at various times throughout the month. For information call Peter at 861-1486 or Pam at 249-1910 or CBPA, P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

Lesbian and Gay Switchboard 234-2752. Phoenix.

OASIS METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH. 2405 E. Coronado, Phoenix, AZ (602) 392-0335. Rev. Charlotte Strayhorn Pastor. Sunday services 11:00 a.m., mid-week growth gathering 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

CASA DE CRISTO EVANGELICAL CHURCH, 1029 E. Turney, Phoenix. Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. A Bible Church where EVERYONE is welcome! Call 265-2831 for information.

GENTLE SHEPHARD, MCC. Services Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., 3425 E. Mountain View (South of Shea) in Phoenix. 996-7644.

CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP is a loving Christian church where EVERYONE is welcome. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Praise & Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. Our caring staff is available by appointment (please leave message). 3333 E. Grant Road, Tucson, 881-3519.

AFFIRMATION, Gay & Lesbian Mormons, gather with their friends each month for fellowship and positive support. For more information, call 921-4025 in Phoenix/Mesa; or write to P.O. Box 26601, Tempe, AZ 85285-6601

Gay & Lesbian Adult Dialogues are informal facilitated rap-group meetings provided free for our community in Southern Arizona. Compassion and confidentiality are emphasized. Occasional films and social outings included. Voluntary donations accepted. For G.L.A.D. contact information, call Information & Referral in Tucson at 1-881-1794, Mon-Fri, 8 - 5.

Tucson AIDS Hotline 326-AIDS. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to midnight, M-F, and Sunday, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

THE TUCSON AIDS PROJECT, the Broadmoor Building, 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252, Tucson, Arizona 85716, (602) 322-6226. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., M-F, and Sunday, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (HIV Counseling Clinic).

Front Runners of Tucson meet for fun runs on Tucsdays at 7:00 p.m. in front of the Himmel Park Library. For more information call Mitch at 326-3332.

YOUNG AND GAY? Lesbian and gay youth meet weekly in Tucson for sharing, support, information. You are not alone. Call 884-7413, Renee (days) or 882-4009, Wayne (evenings).

LUTHERANS CONCERNED/PHOENIX. Fellowship and support organization for lesbians and gays. All are welcome. Call Frank at 870-3611 for more information.

DIGNITY-INTEGRITY/Phoenix: We are a community of gay and lesbian Episcopal and Roman Catholics who meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 3:00 p.m. for mass and potluck social. Our Men's Discussion Group meets the 4th Sunday of the month at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck social and interchange of views. Call 258-2556 for location and more information. ALL WELCOME!

Lutherans Concerned/Tucson is a fellowship and support group for lesbian and gay Lutherans. We meet monthly and all are welcome. For more information call Greg at 322-6334 or write to Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, RO. Box 40232, Tucson, AZ 85717.

COUPLES of Arizona, a member of Couples National Network, Inc., is a social and educational organization for those involved in alternative relationships, primarily lesbian and gay couples. Monthly informational meetings are held along with various social events and potlucks. For information, call Beth & Mary at 831-5920 or Bob & Ken at 841-0583.

Flagstaff Gay/Lesbian Support Group meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1000 W. Hwy 66, Flagstaff. Everyone is welcome. Gay Alliance of Northern Arizona Information & Referral Line, 525-1199, P.O. Box 183, Flagstaff, AZ 86002.

Are you gay or lesbian with a drinking problem? Help is available. Call Alcoholics Anonymous Central Office at 264-1341, and ask for a listing of gay/lesbian A.A.meetings in Phoenix.

The Gay and Lesbian Relationship Discussion Group provied an alternative way for singles and couples to meet people and a forum for discussing relationship issues. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. It will be meeting at THe First Church of Religious Science, 6530 N. 7th Street in Phoenix DURING JULY AND AUGUST ONLY. Beginning in September, the group will go back to its regular meeting place at The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Phoenix, 4027 E. Lincoln Drive. Discussion topics for July: "Terrific Sex In The Age Of AIDS" on July 11; "The Five Most Important Things In A Relationship" on July 25.



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