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46 Arrested At Chicago Festival; Police Actions Rapped

by Dan Di Leo

CHICAGO, IL - Forty six persons, most of them Gay, were arrested Sunday evening, August 12, during disturbances at the North Halstead Street Market Days. A number of the persons were arrested after about 400 persons marched on the Town Hall Police Station to protest the first arrests.

Though the initial arrests were not Gay-related, anti-Gay slurs hurled by some of the arresting officers gave the situation Gay overtones.

According to police, officers were called to the area when a large crowd had assembled "shooting" passing motorists with water pistols. At one point the crowd spilled so far out into the street that traffic was limited to one lane.

Bill Mosier, manager of Little Jim's (sister bar to the 307 in Phoenix) and an official of the festival, said he called police after he had heard that a bus driver who had been squirted, radioed police and told them there was a "riot" at Cornelia and Halstead. Mosier said when he called to tell police there was no riot but that the water pistol situation had gotten out of hand, he was informed that police already had been dispatched.

The initial arrests were made by two plain clothes officers driving an unmarked car. They said they made the arrest after beer and ice had been tossed on one of the officers. A number of people complained that the one officer, who many did not recognize as a policeman until they saw his gun dangling from his side, used excessive force when making the arrest. When some of the bystanders complained that the person arrested had done nothing wrong, the officer grabbed them and tossed them into the

unmarked car.

By the time uniformed police began arriving on the scene, the mood of the crowd, which earlier had been playful, turned hostile, particularly after one officer shouted "Let's clear these faggots off the street." Some persons reported they heard other officers use similar anti-Gay slurs against the predominantly Gay crowd. The crowd heavily booed the officers and some tossed beer and fired their water pistols at them after police arrested additional persons.

The situation appeared to be getting under control until the original arresting officer taunted the crowd by smiling and waving at them as he drove off with the persons he arrested to the police station two blocks away.

At this point, a crowd of about 400 persons marched on the police station shouting "let them go, let them go." For a few minutes police watched the growing crowd from the station's windows, but then a contingent of officers came outside to disburse the crowd. When some of the people refused to leave the area, police began making additional arrests, charging most of them with mob action. Police said some of the people were attempting to break in the back of the station house. Additional police came out of the station and formed a line across the entire street, walking with outstretched hands holding billyclubs. They pushed the crowd back, ordering everyone off the street.

Most of those arrested were not released until around midnight. Many of the people had friends who posted the \$50 bond. Most of those arrested said that once they were taken to the stations, they were treated with great respect.

Team Finds Sign Of AIDS Germ

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) - University of California virologists have discovered antibodies to a previously unknown retrovirus, thought to be a possible cause of AIDS, in each of 86 AIDS patients they tested. The scientists also found antibodies to the retrovirus in the blood of 30 of 47 clinically healthy homosexual men, or 64 percent. The results were released last Friday, Aug. 17 and will be published in this week's issue of Science magazine.

The presence of antibodies, which are produced by the body as a response to infection by foreign substances, including bacteria and viruses, indicate that the virus at one time was present in the body. Unlike normal viruses, retroviruses are made up of ribonucleic acid (RNA), instead of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), the

carrier of genetic information for all organisms, a scientist at the school said.

"If this retrovirus is the cause of AIDS, our findings would indicate that the virus is prevalent in the homosexual community but that it is causing the disease in only a small percentage of those infected," said Dr. Jay A. Levy, of the research group at the University of California at San Francisco.

The scientists' findings were the first independent confirmation outside Europe of the findings of a French group that isolated the retrovirus from AIDS patients last year. Levy's group was the third to isolate a previously unknown retrovirus from AIDS patients. His group is the first to detect antibodies to this retrovirus in all AIDS patients tested.

ANGELI

**GREAT TASTE
MAKES
LESBIANS #1
IN MINNESOTA.**

Angela Frucci

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - In the dark of night, and Franklin Avenues in Minneapolis, someone purposely vandalized this outdoor sign on the corner of Hennepin. The vandal or vandals have never been apprehended. Right on!

ACLU Sues LAPD

LOS ANGELES, CA - The ACLU of Southern California filed suit charging illegal storage and dissemination of Los Angeles Police Department intelligence information by Western Goals Foundation, a private right-wing organization. The suit alleges a conspiracy between officers of Western Goals and members of the Los Angeles Police Department including Detective Jay Paul.

The 49 plaintiffs bringing suit include a broad spectrum of civil rights organizations (Alliance for Survival, Coalition Against Police Abuse, National Black United Front, National Gay Task Force) and such prominent activists as Joan Baez, Richard Dreyfuss, Mike Farrell, Susan Sarandon, producer Norman Lear, author Studs Terkel, Southern Christian Leadership Conference President Mark Ridley-Thomas, Jackson Browne, Bonnie Raitt and UAW Local 645' President Pete Beltran. Each plaintiff was the subject of files maintained by the Los Angeles Police Department and turned over to Western Goals.

Western Goals was founded in 1979 by the late Congressman Larry P. McDonald with the avowed purpose of combatting what it considers as "communist" or "Anti-American" expressions of political beliefs by collecting and distributing to

"interested individuals and organizations" through a computerized network of information obtained from local law enforcement individuals and agencies.

The Foundation Board of Directors include Representative Jean Ashbrook, Philip Crane and Bob Stump (who is U.S. Representative from Dist. 3 in Arizona), Dr. Edward Teller, Generals Lewis Well and George Patton, Jr. and Admiral Thomas Moorer.

The suit represents the first litigation linking local law enforcement agencies with the activities of ultra-conservative groups.

It demonstrates that police spying of progressive individuals and groups within Los Angeles was conducted deliberately to further the ideological objectives of the most reactionary sections of the society said ACLU council Mark Rosenbaum.

\$ 25.00 CASH AWARD

A \$25.00 cash award to the bartender who sells the most raffle tickets to the MCC Benefit Show and Raffle to be held on Sunday, September 2.

EDITORIAL...

The observer is on a complimentary exchange list with dozens of Gay newspapers from across the country. In perusing these papers from every different section of the country, one thing is clear - violence against Gay men and Lesbians is on the rise. Some think that it is just the time of year, the dog days of summer and everyone is tired of the heat and nothing to do. Others think that it is not the climate of the weather but the climate of the present administration in Washington, with its ultra-right wing groups that are creating the disturbances. No matter what the cause, there is no doubt that the rise of "Queerbashing" is very real.

The case reported in Issue 4 about the poor 23-year-old Gay man in Bangor, Maine is perhaps the clincher. But there are many, many cases of just plain violence and beatings of Gay men and women everywhere. And this does include our fair city of Tucson.

There have been several attacks that have been reported recently. Violence not only against the person but to property as well.

It behooves everyone of our readers to heed a word of caution. Do not go home with anyone you do not know or who is not known to anyone in the establishment where you met. Do not pick up anyone in your car you do not know. Do not let anyone in your home or apartment, who is not known to you. Leaving an establishment at night, try to always walk with someone to your car. Always be alert. Look around you when you are walking. Stay away from dark places at night. Always be careful and stay alive.

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MCC TO HOST CONFERENCE)

TUCSON - Metropolitan Community Church of Tucson (MCC) will be hosting the fall Southwest District Conference of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches here in Tucson, November 2, 3 & 4. The conference will be based at the Desert Inn and worship services will be held at the Church, 560 S. Stone.

This Conference will draw delegates and clergy from throughout southern California, southern Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona. It is estimated that between 100 and 150 people will attend this conference.

The theme of the conference will be "Celebrating Self" and all workshops will revolve around the theme of self-esteem and self-worth. Local workshop leaders will be Marc Haberman on holistic health and Valerie Taylor on aging and self-worth.

There will be a cabaret on Friday, November 2 at 10:00 p.m. at the Desert Inn showcasing talent from the desert area churches. This cabaret will be open to the entire community. It will be a good time to meet some of the conference delegates and socialize with some great entertainment.

Additional information and registration forms for the Conference will be available by calling MCC-Tucson at 622-4536.

GAY MEDICAL GROUP MEETS

CHICAGO, IL - The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) holds its annual meeting in Chicago this week (Aug. 22-25). The meeting will feature a symposium on critical Gay health problems and a course on current aspects of sexually transmitted diseases (STD's).

Three major objectives of the meeting are: To provide physicians with up-to-date information on the medical and psychological developments about AIDS; to provide researchers with information on educational and research programs in their own communities; to educate health care providers about the societal problems affecting themselves and their patients.

For more information write AAPHR, P.O. Box 14336, San Francisco, CA 94114.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It may take all of the '80s to complete our task, but it is well underway. There is much support for our position. We have been opposing affirmative action and forced busing since they were first dreamed up. At first we had absolutely no help from anyone. Now we have a president, a senate, and yes, the Civil Rights Commission who agrees with us on these issues."

--- Ku Klux Klan Imperial Wizard Bill Wilkerson, in the March 1984 issue of "The Klansman", the Klan newsletter. Several days after publication, the Klan endorsed Reagan for president, an endorsement he refused three weeks later at the urging of Civil Rights Commissioner Morris B. Abrams.

DC FEMALE IMPERSONATOR KILLED

WASHINGTON, DC - A Gay man who was one of Washington's top female impersonators was found dead near his apartment from a gunshot wound. According to Washington police, the death has been listed as a homicide.

The performer, whose real name was Clinton Richard Wolton and who went under the stage name of Michele Montgomery, was pronounced dead 2 1/2 hours after being found. Sgt. Hank Daly of the Washington police homicide squad said police can find no motive for the murder.

The 25-year-old Wolton became an immediate hit when he first entered the 1980 Miss Gay America pageant as a novice and won first runner-up in the event. He performed regularly at two Washington Gay bars, The Rogue and Bachelor's Mill.

However, a friend and fellow performer said that a friend's death sent Wolton into a depression and allegedly led to drug usage. Ron Stewart, who performs in costume as Dana Terrell, said that Wolton began using drugs about a year ago. Police say that Wolton was found unconscious near 5th and T Streets, N.W. which is known for heavy drug trafficking.

TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE

CAMBRIDGE, MA (GCN) - A national magazine of "technology and its implications" has published in its August issue an article condemning the government's lack of initiative in providing funds for AIDS research. Technology Review jumps into AIDS reporting with "Too Little Aids for AIDS" by Judith Randal.

Randal calls onto the carpet Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler for her department's negligence in responding to the AIDS crisis. Says Randal: "...the mayors of New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and other cities hardest hit by the AIDS epidemic have learned to their sorrow that they can count on precious little help from Washington - particularly when it comes to paying the enormous medical bills for AIDS patients.

But worse than its reluctance to spend money for AIDS research, says Randal, is the Reagan administration's misleading and dangerous implication that "AIDS has now been converted from a health emergency to a manageable problem." She says that HTLV-3 is an unsubstantiated causal agent; that the AIDS blood test is an unknown quantity; that development of a vaccine is problematic and estimates it to be a 6-8 project; and that treatment is no better now than it was three years ago.

Randal posits that the federal machinery is not equipped to cope with epidemics and health emergencies, and although Congress has passed legislation establishing a mechanism to automatically allocate funds for health emergencies, no money has yet been appropriated to it. As one scientist observed, "AIDS is a tragic problem, but what if it was a much larger problem? We'd really be in trouble then."

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The Joshua Tree "Pussycats" had little difficulty extending their winning record to three wins with no losses by soundly defeating the "Saddle" Tramps 22-6 in a nine-inning softball game last Sunday, August 19 at Himmel Park. The scoring was highlighted by an eleven-run, fourth inning, which included a grand slam by the "Pussycats" left fielder.

The game, a fundraiser produced by and for T.L.G.P.C., was preceded by a stirring rendition of the national anthem by Jim Shafer. His superb effort was applauded not only by those in his immediate area, but also by those on other fields in the park who had paused to listen. A respectfully-sized crowd attended the event. Don't forget that Colette's West will hold its next pool tournament Tuesday evening, August 28. Call 622-9733 for more details.

AIDS INSURANCE INTRODUCED

DALLAS, TX - The AIDS Medical Expense Insurance Policy was introduced recently to Texas Gays, according to the president of the Dallas Gay Alliance.

"Dallas residents have the first opportunity to review the program of coverage," said Mike Stewart, the president of the DGA.

Stewart said the AIDS Medical Expense Policy became available in Texas recently and includes benefits in addition to any other coverage a person may need at a reasonable cost. He praised the role the Texas Gay community played in helping to get this plan to become a reality.

There was "significant input from the Gay community, including people with AIDS," said Stewart. "I believe it meets an obvious need caused by the current health crisis."

Stewart said 50 cases of AIDS have been reported in Dallas.

Theatre REVIEWS

"ONE NIGHT ONLY"

Sunday, August 19 at Rita's Rendezvous starring Kelly Ryan, Stephanie Price and Aviva Diamond.

The seating was comfortable and the special touches received (real flowers, table cloths, attentive waiters) all of which helps give us that special lift to carry us through the week.

The audience was responsive and fun which filled us with a sense of community and most showed their appreciation with tips and flowers and drinks.

The show opened with the Dream Girls number "One Night Only" which was nicely done with Aviva Diamond and Steve effectively introducing Stephanie and Kelly which built on our expectations for the entertainment numbers forthcoming.

The entire show was done with a varying degree of mood changes from mellow to excited.

Kelly Ryan played on our fantasies and, tiny as she is, she left no doubt in our minds about her power. She's capable of turning us on, even if she "didn't mean to"! Whether in leather and chains with 7 inch spikes or the zany - hyper - scatterbrained Valley Girl, we loved it!!

Aviva worked her numbers with everything she had, as always. Her costumes were flawless and Paper Roses took on a special touch with the silk roses she had specially made for her fans. I'm sure that anyone who has given thought to Aviva realizes that she works hard to make her apparel, that she designs for herself and at times for others. But, Aviva darling, next show get an M.C. to do the call-backs and thank you's. It's not nice to sing your own praises (let us do that); and when you are lost for words, you have a tendency to place value judgements on others. That's too Vanessa for me darling. OK! Moving right along....

Stephanie Price completed the evenings trio. The new softer look could have fooled us for a moment, but she's got a great deal of professionalism. When the unexpected happened (broken heels are a safety hazard), she composed herself and gave a performance that we hope pleased her as much as it pleased us.

Special guest appearance by Martin, who did his impersonation of Prince, was well received by all. (Thought for the week: Wouldn't he be cute in drag?)

The closing number, done by Aviva, Kelly and Stephanie, left the crowd wanting more - they got a call back.

But if you really want more:

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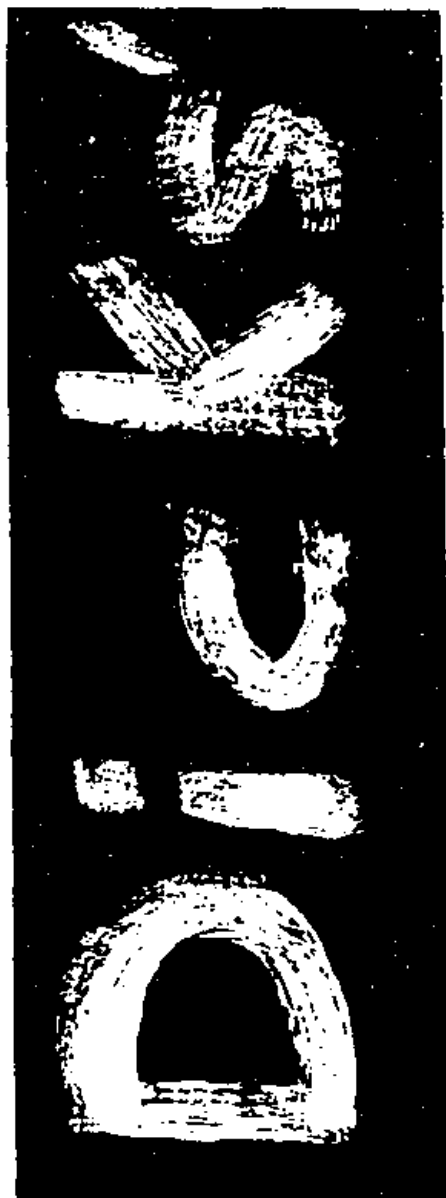
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Club Events
by Doc

Before I bring you this weeks club news, I want to thank Bert for filling in for me these last two weeks. I told him before I left, "Trust me, it is not hard to put pencil to paper to produce words of wisdom or interest for a weekly column." If this is true why did he greet me at the airport upon my arrival with a new legal-size tablet and a new pen. Anyhow, thanks again, Bert.

Off the track for this column for a minute. For those of you that remember the "Overheard At..." column in the old TGN, I overheard one that just couldn't fall by the wayside. "When he gets out of the water it (?) goes down to nothing." (Rita talking about Vinny after a skinny dip). Also overheard was a rumor that Monte J. was putting a Drag Queen softball team together to play the Back Pocket. Can't you see it now, feather boas and high heels running the bases???

Now let's get on with the business at hand and the purpose of this column. The last weekend found 10 of TKO on their annual Brotherhood Run to the City of Rocks with their Brotherhood Club Hijos del Sol (HDS) from Albuquerque. Everyone arrived safely and in high spirits ready to party. TKO arrived first and "Aunt Lavender" (aka Miss Kitty, Chester) set up the TKO Brian (6' mannequin) dressed in a TKO T-shirt and red lame' diaper. Chester tried to pull one on everyone by putting the hands on backwards, but before the weekend was over, everytime he (Chester) left the camp grounds someone (Jimmy) would change Brian's outfit. Around 10:30 Friday night this big camper pulled in and out of it came the one and only "Sadie". Along with him were David and Dennis. The last laugh for Brian was having Rob (HDS) show up real early Sunday morning and he (Brian) was the only one Rob talked to. Sadie (HDS) and IP (TALL) got down to serious drinking with some 1800, but much to everyone's surprise, they didn't finish the bottle off. That's a first for IP (aka Dwayne). Saturday morning found one of Tucson's dual members (TKO and TALL) Missy Lee fixing eye openers for all, and believe me they were needed. After he (Lee) and Chester started breakfast, which was also needed, to get ready for the rest of the day. The two of them also cooked breakfast on Sunday morning and other than the potatoes arriving with something new growing on them, both meals were great. Everyone's thanks goes out to both of you for the good and plentiful filling food.

Around 12 o'clock Sadie, President of HDS, started the games of the weekend. The first game was "Trivia Pursuit" with three teams each choosing a piece (a body) to move around the board which was laid out around the camp grounds. The second game was "Password". In both games, some of the answers I'm sure you will find in any question and answer book. Team 1 took first place with teams 3 and 2, in that order of finish, came in a close 2nd and 3rd. Bert walked off with the

S.F.D.A. award. Ask him about it. He was also given a special award - Diesel Aid. Your guess is as good as mine for the hidden meaning behind that one. Lee and Jimmy also each received special (and I do mean special) awards - small mouse traps for lit clamps.

After the games it was free time so Bill H. carried a bunch over to the hot springs. From the different stories told upon their return, it sounded as if it was interesting.

Never let it be said the TKO would just sit back on a dual campout and not have any surprises. This time was no exception because Sunday morning for breakfast found them in the red lame' diapers and TKO shirts serving breakfast. Boy, does that stuff (lame') itch on the bare balls.

Taking everything into account for the weekend, a good time was again had by all in attendance. Just a little tidbit of news also. Mike came up with another new name, "Desert Daisy". If he keeps getting all these new names, he is going to have to have another vest just for the name plates.

After arriving back in Tucson Sunday afternoon, I found out two of the clubs: from Phoenix (or members thereof) were in town. The Sons of Apollo and the Arizona Rangers. Bill and Eddie (SOA) hosted a friend of theirs from Toronto. It was reported to me that Bill did most of the hosting because Eddie was asleep in the car in front of Tramps. What's the matter Eddie, can't you keep up with everyone?

As for the Arizona Rangers (AR), they arrived in town on Saturday afternoon and of course began to party. They picked up two of their members at the airport. On the way back to town they stopped off at the Airport Inn and proceeded to shake everyone up. Bar hopping around the local Gay bars, they introduced a new drink they called "Jerry Falwell's". Ask your favorite

bartender to make you one, but I'll warn you, they are potent.

Finally, some up and coming events that you may be interested in. The SOS is having a raffle to benefit the MCC church. Tickets are available through your favorite bartender. Top prize for this raffle is a microwave oven with other prizes also. For more info on this, contact Roger at the Graduate.

TKO is having a Uno Tournament in September. This should prove to be fun for the two-day event. The dates for this are Sept. 15-16. Trophies for 1st and 2nd are on display at Rita's Rendezvous now, so if you would like to get in this tournament; sign up there also.

That finally is it for this week, and thanks again Bert, for filling in for me. Welcome back T.J.

RADICAL FAERIES

LOS ANGELES, CA (OCN) - The Radical Faeries will hold a Spiritual Gathering August 31-September 7 in a secluded nature preserve outside Los Angeles. About 150 Gay men are expected to attend.

Harry Hay, founder of the Mattachine Society in the Early 1950s, suggested the first Faerie Gathering held six years ago. "There was a time when Gay men were considered by their cultures to be magicians, healers, priests, shamans," said Hay. "We would like to explore the kinds of energies which made this true."

Three vegetarian meals a day are included in the registration fee for this year's gathering, which will be in the style of a campout. For more information, contact Jim Seale at (213) 930-1576 or write to Star Circle, 4550 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, CA 90027.

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ANTI-GAY SPEAKER RILES GAY PROSTITUTES

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GCN) - The appearance of an anti-gay speaker at the "Women's Forum on Prostitute's Rights," held here, threw the Hooker's Convention into an uproar, according to Robert D'Avanzo of New York's Gay Prostitutes' Collective. Fred Cherry, also from New York and an anti-gay activist, prompted the controversy when he was invited to speak. D'Avanzo says Cherry has conducted a campaign against gay rights legislation, placing at least one ad in a paper calling on New York's "homosexual" Mayor Ed Koch to crack down on gays instead of straight clients of prostitutes.

One prostitute said, "What rights does any john have to call for increased arrests of gays and gay prostitutes? All this convention is doing for me is giving me a headache."

And D'Avanzo, who said he was too busy bailing people out of jail to go hear a homophobe speak, warned that Margo St. James, a well-known prostitute's rights activist, may have damaged her credibility. "Margo St. James can attend gay rights demonstrations until she is blue in the face but she will find it difficult to repair the damage she did here."

ANTI-FORN ORDINANCE VETOED

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (GCN) - For the second time this year, Minneapolis Mayor Donald Fraser, a Democrat, vetoed an ordinance defining pornography as a violation of women's civil rights, according to the Boston Globe. The 13-member city council had passed by a 7-6 vote an ordinance similar to the one it passed last December, vetoed by Fraser at the beginning of January. Fraser vetoed the ordinance on the grounds that it is an unconstitutional infringement of the First Amendment rights, but at the same time assailed "the scourge of pornography that is dangerous to women."

About 25 singing and chanting demonstrators - two men among them - disrupted the Council meeting and were subsequently arrested. Three days earlier, a 23-year-old woman poured gasoline on her head and set herself afire to protest the selling of pornography in a downtown bookstore. She is reported to be in stable condition with serious burns.

The Council did give the bill's proponents a minor victory, however. It passed and Fraser signed an updating of the city's existing obscenity ordinance to define "sexually violent" material as obscene. And another provision requires sealed opaque covers on sex magazines sold where minors can see them - to discourage the sale of such material in neighborhood stores. A coalition of feminists and neighborhood activists opposed to adult bookstores and X-rated movie houses had again joined forces to lobby for the bill.

SPERM SUPREMACY

SONOMA, CA (GCN) - A California judge ruled that a Sonoma County lesbian must grant visitation rights to a gay man who donated sperm for an at-home artificial insemination. The judge said that although state law provides that sperm donors are not to be considered natural fathers if the sperm is used by a licensed physician in artificial insemination, the law does not extend to procedures done without a doctor, according to *Woman's Apple Pie*, the newsletter of the Lesbian Mothers' Defense Fund.

The lesbian mother was also ordered to inform the donor of all major medical and educational decisions affecting her son. Another lesbian, who had been acting as co-parent to the boy, was also granted visitation privileges, but her rights were ruled to be secondary to those of the sperm donor.

FERRARO ON GAY ISSUES

JACKSON HEIGHTS, NY (GCN) - Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro addressed about 80 members of the Lesbian and Gay Political Action Club of Queens (LAGPACQ) ten days before Walter Mondale named her as his running mate.

Ferraro told LAGPACQ members, half of whom identified themselves as living in her district, that she supports and will vote for the federal Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill, but will not become a co-sponsor. She blamed the make-up of her district, saying, "My district is just too conservative. I have a responsibility to my constituents and I care about them."

Audience members suggested that her district's demography has changed; that her recent rise to national visibility would offset any backlash from conservative constituents and that her role in the Democratic Party carries with it a leadership role on issues such as gay rights. But Ferraro rejected all these attempts to persuade her to become a co-sponsor of the federal Gay/Lesbian bill.

Ferraro said she has "always opposed discrimination" and brought out as an example her 1979 vote against the McDonald amendment, barring legal service funds from being used in cases involving Gay/Lesbian civil rights. She attributed her 'no' vote on the House bill to legalize private, consensual sexual activity in the District of Columbia to the ordinance's lowering of criminal penalties for rape.

KISS MAY COST POLICE OFFICER

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) - A policeman may lose his job because he kissed a male friend while in uniform during the city's Gay Freedom Day Parade in June, an investigating officer says.

An internal investigation is underway to determine what punishment should be handed out to Paul Seidler, a 17-year veteran of the San Francisco Police Department who works as a liaison between the force and the city's gay community. Seidler has been charged with 'conduct unbecoming an officer'.

The charges against Seidler could result in his dismissal, said Sgt. Robert Jones, a police investigator. Jones refused to discuss the investigation.

"It was a little peck on the lips, the sort of thing you would give to a friend at a party," Seidler said of the kiss.

The incident occurred during the parade June 24 as Seidler, while on duty, was watching from the sidewalk. A friend, Walter Mellon, who heads the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, approached Seidler and the two men kissed.

A formal complaint lodged by his superiors alleges that bystanders were bothered by the incident, Seidler said.

"In my 17 years with the force, I can never remember anyone being disciplined for kissing while in uniform," Seidler said. "It puts me and every other gay and lesbian officer in the department in the position of having to look over our shoulders all the time," he said. "Heterosexual officers aren't in that position."

MALDEN PASSES GAY RIGHTS LAW

MALDEN, MASS (GCN) - The Malden City Council has voted 7-2 in favor of an ordinance extending civil rights protections to gays and lesbians.

Malden, a suburb of Boston with 53,000 residents, joins Amherst as the second city in Massachusetts with such a law. The ordinance establishes a 17-member advisory council to educate local residents and air complaints of civil rights violations.

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 RITA'S - Well Shots .75 - Free Hors d'oeuvres.

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GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.
 RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Jimbo's Kitchen open Noon to 9 p.m.
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SAT.

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 FINELINE (DICKS) - 16 oz. Strawberry Fruity Daiquiri
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 11:00 a.m.

SUN.

BACK POCKET - Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Steak
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MON

BACK POCKET - "Monday Night At The Movies" - 8:00 p.m.
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 9:00 to Midnight.
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TUES.

COLETTE'S WEST - .75 Domestic Beer. Pool Tournament from 9
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 FINELINE - .75 Kamikaze Nite.
 RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - "South of The Border Nite" - Mexican
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SPECIAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Show with Misty McInae and her
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SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 & 25

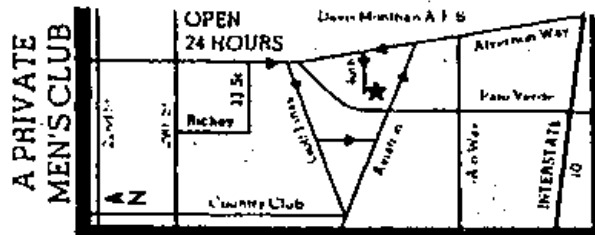
COLETTE'S WEST - Four different shows on two nites. "It's
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 Starr and Stephanie Price. Showtime 9:00 p.m. \$2 cover.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

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DEAR BLABBY

This past weekend I attended what I believe they call a "Drag Show" at one of the local bars. In the midst of everything, one of the performers came out doing not one, but two of my old songs. Now don't get me wrong, I have been to these kind of shows in the past and I've seen many impersonators (good and bad) imitate me at my best and worst. This person, however, did not only not look like me, he/she (whatever) wasn't even trying to and didn't seem to care. I don't mind people using my material as long as they put forth a little effort to do it right.

Connie (Frustrated) Francis

Dear Ms. Francis-

I apologize for this blatant breach of taste. Unfortunately many southwestern audiences will hoot for anything in a skirt. There are female impersonators, drag queens, and then there are boys in dresses. As I understand it, there was no cover charge for this event. I can only say, you get what you pay for.

Blabby

DEAR BLABBY:

I think I'm in love and I need your advice. It all happened so fast, I don't know where to begin. Some friends and I went to the park last Sunday to see the softball game between Tramps and the Joshua Tree. That's where I saw him. He was playing on the team from Tramps. I'm not sure which position, outfield I think. He was wearing white cut-offs, is very tall and thin, has a great build, a fabulous chest, a beautiful beard, nice legs, great eyes and swings a bat like you wouldn't believe. I don't know his name, where he lives, if he has a lover or not, what kind of guy he goes for, all I know is I think he's the most stunning man I've seen in a long time. It's been years since I've felt like this about anyone, I'm afraid I may have forgotten what to do. Rejection would be devastating, but it would be worth the risk to get this man into my life. What do I do? How do I let him know I want it in my face?

Lusting for Long John

Dear Lusting-

He sounds too good to be true (just my type). I'm afraid I don't know who he is, but after that description I'll do my very best to find out. I must tell you, however, that I'm doing this for my own benefit not yours. You may have forgotten how to go after a man, but I haven't. Tramps or bust...

Blabby

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Will the person matching the description in the above letter please send their name, number and marital status to:

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"Play Ball"



Dear Editor:

Thank you for expressing your support for "Arizona Gay!" We look forward to your help and input in what promises to be a new and exciting adventure in public access television. It is a unique experiment and we hope to bring it off with flying colors.

Already we have set a number of schedules: We have reserved the studio of TOCC at 10 West Congress from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. every Wednesday night from September 5 until just before Christmas. We will have editing facilities available on Thursday afternoons or evening for the same period. There will also be additional times scheduled as we need them for special purposes and events.

Arrangements are underway to set up a special class for those who wish training and will be working cameras and equipment for "Arizona Gay". We want to set up an all-day course one Sunday that will cover what usually is taught over a period of four evenings.

The most pressing needs at the moment are funding and the loan of video equipment (as there are heavy demands made on the limited equipment provided by TOCC).

Again, welcome to our world -- you'll love it!
 Jim Farles

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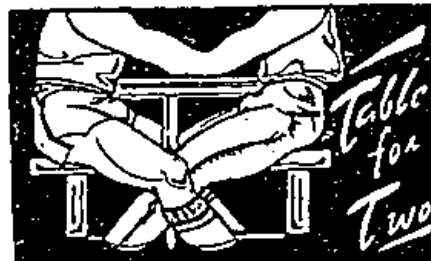
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Where but South Tucson we thought. What better place to find the real thing. There were several to choose from. One stuck in our minds - "El Torero". We had been told they have been in business for over 27 years. We checked our windshield wipers, locked our car doors and off we went.

The place reminded us of Kino Bay, although no ocean view. Plastic table cloths, plastic flowers to match the plastic menus. But if the food is good - who cares!

We started with two appetizers - a guacamole dip and a cheese tostada (or crisp). The dip was served warm (minus 2 points). The chips were nice and crisp. The dip was too bland, we thought. The cheese crisp was smothered with cheese, the crisp was soggy and greasy in the middle. We ordered a variety of entrees so as to be fair. There is nothing better than a good green corn tamale, this was not one of them. It was so dry we requested a bowl of melted butter. The tacos were alright, though the meat was not tasty even after we added some home made salsa. The shells were nicely crisp. The sour cream enchiladas weren't at all bad. Smothered with cheese and sour cream.

The highlight of the meal was the dessert. Excellent almondrado with an equally pleasant custard sauce. Definitely a treat to the taste buds.

If the restaurant has been around for twenty-seven years, they must be pleasing lots of people. The service and staff were great.

EL TORENO is located at 231 E. 26th Street. Open 11:00 a.m. until Midnight Closed on Tuesday. Beer and wine available.

SHOWCASE CINEMA CHANGES FORMAT

TUCSON - Up until now there was only one art theater in town - the New Loft, but with all the gowing up that Tucson has been doing, it is evident that one movie house that features major, first run foreign films as well as domestic titles that do not reach the mass market, is not enough.

Steve Woods, new manager of Showcase Cinema, plans on revamping not only the films that are shown at Showcase, but revamping the structure as well. On what has been described as a two-year project, Woods has already ordered new lenses for the projectors which will not cut off the heads of actors appearing on the screen. This little modification cost nearly \$6,000 and will greatly affect the viewers enjoyment.

"I do not like the word 'Art Theater'" said Wood. "I think that that is passe'. I prefer to think of the Showcase Cinema being known as an 'Alternative Theater' that will specialize in American and foreign films that are not aimed at the mass market," said Woods. "We will not be in competition with the other theaters. There is certainly enough material to go around. We plan to add class to the act by providing formal entertainment in an informal setting, providing films that are entertaining, informative and thought-provoking. We plan to grow with Tucson," Woods concluded.

The theater seats approximately 500 persons on the main floor and about 150 in the upper "Little" theater.

With this Friday's double opening of "Les Comperes" and "Gabriela", Tucson will have a theater which will be bringing its patrons first class, first run films from around the world.

Among features of special interest to many of our readers would be "Another Country" which is the screen version of Julian Mitchell's play about treason in the British government and its relationship to homosexuality in some of Britain's classiest public schools. Opens Sept. 14. "The 4th Man", a dark satire by Dutch filmmaker Paul Verhoeven, who made "Spetters" and "Soldier of Orange", opens on September 28.

Woods has promised many other visual changes around the theater as time goes by. Prices remain the same. Admission is \$4.50, \$2.50 until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, \$2.50 until 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Showcase Cinema is located at 3233 E. Speedway. 326-2425.



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