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Over \$10,000 disbursed to PWAs by TAP

TUCSON - The Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) has issued its latest financial report for the period ending Feb. 15, 1986. In the report which follows, the Tucson AIDS Project has disbursed \$10,035.70 to Tucsonans who are AIDS patients. That total figure is for a six month period from September, 1985 through February, 1986.

Closet Ball a winner

TUCSON - The annual Closet Ball presented by the Tucson Knight Owls was held at Rumor Hazzit last Saturday evening to a packed house. The 1986 ball featured a record number of contestants, 13. The judges had a difficult time picking a winner in the short period of time allotted with such a large field of entries.

Making the most successful change from female to male was 1986 Closet Ball King Linda Fizdale. First runner-up was Rick Gottseige, and third place was won by Mike Molina. The winner took home the crown as well as a \$150 cash prize. Second place received \$75 and third place received \$50.

The festivities were held together during the time the contestants were making their gender changes by a sterling performance by the TGucson Arizona Levi Leathermen (TALL) with their "rendition" of "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas".

Pictured here are a few of the highlights of the evening, one of the best Closet Balls to be produced so far. TKO is to be congratulated as are all of the contestants and their sponsors for making this 1986 Closet Ball one to be remembered.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD
ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1986
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15, 1986. 7017.70
INCOME
DONATIONS:
4th Ave. Street Fair 78.00
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*1248.50

BENEFITS:
Simone's 11/17/85 1791.00
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*5063.05

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December 35.16
January 44.90
February 112.02

EXPENSES
OPERATING COSTS:
Educational brochures \$894.59
Mail permit and postage 169.25
Flyers for Safe Sex
workshops 35.52
Office supplies and
copying 89.15
Food service for new
volunteers 41.40
Petty cash 100.00
TOTAL \$1339.91

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November 56.86
December 58.68
January 58.23
TOTAL \$173.77

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*7448.18

TOTAL EXPENSES \$8951.86
CURRENT BALANCE \$4489.48

Michael Heimbuch
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Pictured above is the 1986 Closet Ball King Linda Fizdale.



Second Place Winner
Rick Gottseige

OBSERVER BENEFIT THIS SATURDAY

TUCSON - In what promises to be a real evening to remember, the Copperstate Leathermen/Tucson Command and the Sisters of Sonora will be presenting a benefit show of the Weekly Observer this Saturday, March 22 beginning with cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner, a roast and a truly all-star show. The event is being held at Sir George's Royal Buffet, 2303 N. Miracle Mile (Grant and Miracle Mile).

There will be two ways to support the event. For those desiring to partake of the entire evenings events - from beginning to end (dinner, roast and show) tickets are on sale at all bars and at the door for only \$11. For those wishing to see the show only, the show will begin at 9:15 and tickets for the show will be on sale at the bars and at the door for \$1.00. Cocktails will be available all evening for the modest price of \$1.00 each.

Every service organization will be represented with their membership providing bartenders, waiters, etc. All local Gay businesses are assisting in the production of the evening as well as the performers in the show who will be donating all their tips to the benefit.

Dinner will consist of a choice of six entrees, Roast Baron-of-Beef, Baked Ham, BBQ Beef Ribs, Cheese Enchiladas, Fried Chicken or Breaded Fillet of Cod. There will be a complete selection of vegetables and a salad bar as well as dessert and breads. Dinner will be served from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

At 8:30 several members of the Tucson community who claim to

have a few "secret" facts about Observer editor Bob Ellis, will conduct a "roast" which promises to be an interesting 45 minutes. Roasters will include Mr. Tommy Schelling (the notorious Loretta von Dysatershucker); Brenda Starr, Cheryl George Rederius, and Tony C. and Miss Aviva Diamond.

At 9:15 it will be showtime and it will be a great show. Thirteen, count 'em 13 of Tucson's top performers will present a show that promises to be something very special. The Sisters of Sonora, who are producing the show which features Miss Aviva Diamond as hostess has gathered together a really outstanding lineup of local talent. The list includes Brenda Starr, Jessica Carlan, Roxanne, Christi Lunden, Candy Plastique, Stephanie Price, Gigi B., Anita Lai, Michael Caiti, Monte-Jon, Rick Dillon and Don Henkle. Closet Ball King '86, Linda Fizdale will provide the music for the entire evening using her own sound system.

The entire evening, which is running on a very tight schedule is being produced to get everyone back to their Saturday night haunts long before the 1:00 a.m. closing hour.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK FOR THE OBSERVER BENEFIT

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Third Place Winner
Mike Molina.



Following a time-honored TKO tradition, it is customary for the president of TKO to also make a gender change during the annual closet ball, and this year was no exception. The audience was treated to seeing President Elmer change to a woman and making an appearance on stage at the end of the evening.

Theatre

REVIEWS

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

JANUS PRESENTS BOY MEETS BOY

When one applauds for Janus Theatre, one must do so loudly and with a firm resolve, not so much for the quality of this show as for the spirited enthusiasm with which they mounted the production of "Boy Meets Boy". We applaud firstly for the kids in the chorus, those largely unknown and under-appreciated gypsies, who --donning many guises-- provided a firm foundation for this neat production. Applause must then go to those responsible for the imaginative sets, remarkable for how much was achieved with so little.

Nextly we applaud Jeffrey Middleton who, as Guy Rose not only stole the show, but did it so well as to have added that much more to those cast members who supported him. Especially remarkable was Mr. Middleton's rendition of the song "Does Anybody Love You?" which left possibly one dry eye in the house, although I wouldn't bet on it.

"Boy Meets Boy" comes out of the gates armed with a cute script, and witty songs most notably the Boy Scout number. (This production by the Janus Theatre Company is a prime example of the resources a small theatre can muster with a little grit and determination, and the support of the community). After a rocky start, the show took off leaving us gasping at the end of Act I; the timing was off in a few dance routines, and the performance by Dusty Rhodes as Clarence Cutler, while good, was often distracting as he tried to strangle us with his comedic moments when a gentle nudge would have sufficed.

During most of Act II, I was asking myself "What is the point of this?" After starting the act with a weak production number, the show sputtered and never quite gained the momentum it had in the first act. Sad, as I was hoping for more after tasting the quality possible from this generally talented cast.

Overall, I leave this review with a round of applause for the spirit behind the show, and recommend it as a good evening's fun!

(BOY MEETS BOY produced by the Janus Theatre Company continues to play March 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 at 8:00 p.m. with a 2:00 matinee March 23. Contact 258-9773 for further details).

**This Week's TV Programs**

7:00 (2) **THE LOVE BOAT** - (60 min.) The Captain says "yes" and the Head Mermaid is on her way. April 20th should be a great evening on the ship R.I.T.A., realizing it's tomorrow again. Captain: Thom McSmirnoff.

(7) **THE GUILDED GIRLS** (60 min.) Rose is at it again. The urge to wear a dress again is urging her "on stage" again. Rose: Eileen O'er.

(69) **FRONTLINE** - (60 min.) Hostess Jackie de Soy Sauce confronts Sister Kathleen Clark and says: "I don't care how we dress, we feel we should help!" Sister K.C. agrees. Co-hostess Candy Plasti applauds loudly. Don Hinkle Orchestra.

8:00 (2) **KATIE AND AL** - (60 min.) Both Al and Katie reconcile for one evening to come to the rescue of some very dear friends who are at a loss not for words, just at a loss. Al: Roger Curtin. Katie: Petra St. Pool.

(7) **MIAMI TWICE** (60 min.) While Stubbs and Crock are away, the mice played. When they left the apartment it was safe. When they came home it was raped. They realize that later that friends are around to help anyway they can. Stubbs: Bob Jealous. Crock: Gary Stark.

(69) **MOVIE** - Drama (2 hrs.) "Ma Clorox Lives!" A bottle blond confesses she tries to be trashy, while her friends say she doesn't have to try.

9:00 (2) **DIE NASTY** - (60 min.) Kristie is getting ready for 3 or 4 appearances at one time and, surprisingly, is not phased in the least by the work that goes into it. Her "friends" say, "That bitch! She's so young." Kristie: Davida Zircon.

(7) **ST. SOMEWHERE** - (60 min.) Mrs. Endicott has been WARNED!!! Mrs. Endicott: Stephanie Pricetag.

HUDSON LOVER SUED

The Associated Press

Marc Christian

LOS ANGELES, CA (AP) - Rock Hudson's estate has filed a \$2 million countersuit against Marc Christian, charging that he blackmailed the actor, who died Oct. 2 of AIDS, with threats of revealing that he was homosexual.

REPORTS OF VD DROP

TUCSON - Reports of venereal diseases declined in Pima County last year and the reason may be the fear of contracting AIDS the country health Department said. "Herpes, gonorrhea and syphilis are the only reportable (venereal diseases other than AIDS) in the county as of now, and they were all down in 1985 as compared to 1984," said Jamie Miller, director of the department's sexually transmitted disease program.

"There could be various reasons but I think people have been decreasing their sexual activity significantly," Miller said. "And part of the reason is that AIDS has come into the limelight recently. With AIDS we're talking about mortality, and I think it has caused changes in sexual patterns."

Miller said reported cases of herpes decreased slightly from 215 in 1984 to 209 in 1985. The number of reported gonorrhea cases declined from 1,460 in 1984 to 1,411 in 1985 and syphilis cases dropped from 51 to 43, Miller said. But reported cases of AIDS in the county increased from 2 in 1984 to 18 in 1985, according to Susan McCombie, communicable disease investigator with the health department. "We have had three cases reported so far in 1986, but based on (statistics) from other parts of the country, we expect to see about 35 cases in 1986," McCombie said.

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Limits on on dram shop liability criticized

By Norma Cole

PHOENIX - A bill that could help taverns survive - or be a 'major setback' in the drive against drunken drivers - tentatively has passed the Arizona House. The proposed law, one of many pending legislative attempts at solving a so-called 'insurance 'crisis', would limit the liability of bar owners for drunken drivers.

It also would change the current legal system under which the person with 'deep pockets' - who has the most assets or insurance - is liable for an injury, even if he isn't totally at fault.

Also to come in the House and Senate are other sweeping, controversial proposals said to be aimed at making liability insurance more available and affordable, including asking voters in November to limit the punitive damages juries can award victims.

Any of these bills, if passed by both houses, are expected to wind up in a conference committee to meld the House and Senate versions. And Gov. Bruce Babbitt has declined to indicate which proposals he might veto or approve.

The House bill tentatively approved would mean 'a gigantic step backwards in the fight against drunken drivers,' argued Rep. Jim Skelly, R-Scottsdale. Currently, under an Arizona Supreme Court ruling that holds licensed liquor servers liable for serving alcohol to drunks, 'tavern owners are going out of their way to be responsible,' Skelly said. This bill, he argued, would mark a return to the days when 'some of them literally didn't give a darn, and when people were leaving taverns drunk out of their minds. The end results,' Skelly contended, 'will be more slaughter on the streets.'

But Rep. Jim Meredith, R-Phoenix, countered that bar owners cannot get insurance because of the high risks posed

by that court ruling. The only insurance company writing liability insurance for bar owners, Allied Fidelity, has said it will not accept new business or renewals as of April, he said.

Said House Majority Leader Burton Barr, R-Phoenix, 'If there's no insurance, what does the guy (victim) get? Nothing.'

But Rep. Debbie McCune, D-Phoenix, countered that 'the argument there will be no insurance available (to bar owners) in this state, at least to my research, does not stand up.' Saying that Ranger Insurance is offering coverage - 'it's costly, but it's available,' McCune suggested that 'Some are resorting to scare tactics here.'

The bill says bar owners would be liable for serving persons who are 'obviously intoxicated,' or who show physical impairment through loss of coordination.

Rep. Trent Franks, R-Phoenix, contended this standard is too lax. To be liable under this bill, he suggested, 'a bar owner has to drag a person in a comatose state off the street and inject grain alcohol directly into his veins.'

SATURDAY SOFTBALL

TUCSON ~ Want to have a great time and meet some new friends? Come out and support the Gay community of Tucson as the softball team prepares for Gay Games II in San Francisco, August 9 - 17. The teams practice at 3:00 p.m. every Saturday in Himmel Park, Tucson Boulevard just south of Speedway (behind the Himmel Park Library).

RUMOR HAZZIT TOP 5
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As of March 17, 1986

1. CHAIN REACTION - Diana Ross
2. BAD BOY - Miami Sound Machine
3. SECLUSION - Shelly Benson
4. YOU DON'T WANT MY LOVE - Nicole
5. FEEL THE SPIN - Debbie Harry

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We managed to get up for breakfast, first seating at 7:30 a.m. and found ourselves pretty much alone in the main dining room. The breakfast menu was ridiculous - fruits, various drinks, all sorts of fish, ham, sausages and other meats, eggs in numerous configurations, cereals and so on. John had smoked fish called finny hagis or some such, while I, being the more adventurous, had a ham and cheese omelet. I did grow to love the kadota fogs. In order to offset the intake of food we saw as being inevitable, we went to the "gymnasium" to work out after breakfast. The gym was a cold, small, L-shaped room with a part of a universal machine, a few small free weights, and two

on board took that picture. The old queen I saw disclosing the night before showed up in his beach gear - this little, satiny blue pouch for his valuables, held on by a string, his pendulous tits and stomach wiggling like a sow's. Enough to make one sour on growing old.

Gambled for the first time ever that afternoon and had no idea there were so many permutations on the slot machine - dimes, quarters, dollars, poker, 3-up, 7-up, jeez. It took a half-hour to lose my \$12. John lost considerably more in less time at black-jack across the hall. So much for gambling.

Dinner was much improved over the first night and we began



dilapidated stationary bicycles facing a yellowed mirror which covered the wall. I opted for the bicycle, the one with the fixed handlebars, and manfully rode for 20 minutes before giving up, while John did weights. I left and, sitting, breathing heavily, on the bed in the cabin, heard what sounded like elephants dancing on the deck above and climbed the stairs to investigate (our room was right at the back of the ship (stern?)) and had easy access via an outside stairway to the deck where everything went on - they danced over our heads when discoing happened.

Never, never do aerobics with a muscle-bound Gay Jack. This guy had muscles popping out all over; a gorgeous tan; big hard thighs encased in those tight, shiny spandex things. Nautilus-types affect, and thank goodness for small favors, terminally fly-away hair. It looked as though he couldn't decide on a color, arrived at platinum by default, and in the process, burned it to a crisp. I think his name was Brad (aren't they all named Brad, or Nat or Buck or something?) and he was a real killer; he had me death-sweating in 7 minutes, though I lasted to the end. More sitting on the bed and heavy breathing followed.

We repaired to the deck for some sun late morning. You have never seen so many near-naked men in one place in your life - butts and bumps in swimming suits fore and aft! After settling into a chaise lounge I can tell you my book seemed much less interesting than it had on the plane and John's eyes were somewhat akin to those on space creatures with 'em out on the stalks. There were four decks where you could sun and we usually went to the third one up. If you went to the top one you could look down on three decks filled with men - all lying on their backs or stomachs, hot, sweating and greasy in the streaming sun. I'm sure everyone

to know the two strangers at our table - nice, middle-aged couple from Austin, Texas who "knew a little about antiques" though they were both teachers. We exchanged cards and their's was for an antique store. They had been together for 19 years and celebrated their anniversary the last night of the cruise, with not a few tears (after nineteen years, I'd cry too!) This was the Captain's gala something or other, so lots of guys showed up dressed to the teeth, but you still weren't made to feel underdressed if you didn't - everyone was becoming more relaxed now that we were actually out to sea. I am told that we used, between New Orleans and Key West, the first stop next day, the same amount of liquor that they would typically be used in a whole week's cruise! They just weren't ready for a boatload of hard drinking queens.

Michael Greer, a pretty well known Gay comedian, entertained that evening. He introduced the band, all Filipinos, as the Imelda Marcos Orchestra, sang little songs, and told some good, and bad jokes. You've probably heard it by now, but there was the night Joan Rivers was playing the Muscular Dystrophy Convention and walked out to begin her show with the words "Can we walk?" After a second-long gasp, everyone laughed. He did a lot on Dynasty, funny, but since neither John nor I can tolerate the show (are people really all that nasty, rich and conniving - I mean it's all so negative - I like my trash positive), we really didn't get a lot of the jokes. He did his Mona Lisa bit which is him in a wig and tunic pretending to be Mona Lisa as a dishing Hollywood gossip columnist. Let me tell you, girlfriend - he was a lot of fun, all in all.

About 11:30 or so, after the

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OUT ON THE TOWN

STUNT MALIBU CHRISTI FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Christi entertained a few people 'St. Patrick's Day. The Ponderosa was pretty festive. Christi managed to acquire a few more fans. Speaking of fans, a few did write some letters in reference to Dear Blabby's last column. Here are a couple of those.

Dear Miss Malibu,

Miss Blabby certainly does have a lot of opinions. I haven't heard a good political statement like at the closet ball since Marlon Brando's Indian Princess. Let's keep the politics off the stage and in the streets where it belongs. In the meantime, us Malibu Christi fans will keep it light and silly. So what if no one else knows the joke.

Love Vivian

Now as for Blabby, who's Blabby? Are you Blabby? We all thought Blabby knew all. Apparently she doesn't. Would she like to? One of these days she may. She might even have fans in Atlanta, New York, Alaska, California and Florida like Christi does. She just may get some fans. Now another to Christi:

Dear Christi,

Well I guess we can see that Blabby doesn't know the upper crust of society! Some girls are not able to see through all that glitter. Let's keep her guessing!

signed, L'e She'

Now back to Christi's little get-together at the Ponderosa. She concocted some vicious punch. Solent green was an understatement for the party! What was in that punch anyway? Maybe JohnJohn knows.

Mother Devine finally made a fast move -- but this time it wasn't for a husband. She moved for the ball, and lost her footing - broke it no less! It's good she doesn't do this for husbands. She only has two feet!

Well, Vivian finally made it out of the closet, and make it she did. Vivian isn't always first as she claims - sometimes she is second. She was gorgeous though. Just ask her, she'll tell you herself. She must have forgotten her magic pumps. Did

she work them, or what? Just ask her, or the water her feet soaked in! It appears Delia's talent isn't going to waste anymore. Vivian can attest to that.

Totie finally made it out of the closet, too. Too bad her bouffant decided to do the same thing. Vivian thinks she should stay on the couch in the closet. However, Vivian was not meant to be a drag queen, but she is going to keep working it -- fake skin and all.

As for Vivian's box, it's still occupied - LeShae seems happy there. She can really put on a show. Just ask her neighbors. They went ape. Property values have gone up there. Now everyone wants a balcony with a view.

As for some of Christi's other fans:

Madge's fruits and vegetables are still on hold. Ronda keeps practicing her braille. Macho Man put on her walking pumps and went right past Ronda's Ralph and Rust. Teresa Brewery's cheeks hurt after St. Patrick's Day. How's her new bait working? Some poor old cow got pickled and the beer turned green. Squeaky Sue Chang was having a special on dishes -- 2 for \$1.00. Sammy Jo Carrington has a new egg in her love nest, namely Veronica. Listen to Teresa talk about them! Did Perry A St. Patrick's Day fall off the face of the earth? Perry A., Perry A., where are you? Poochie's maintaining well without Tina. Vivian wonders if there are dog pounds in San Francisco.

If we don't hear from Emily soon, we will send you ten dozen roses. Vivian will never have enough mirrors. They keep cracking! Ronda and Joanie pulled out their hoses and chased a few puppies.

Remember who may, who will, who might and who tries.

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WHAT'S UP DOC?

The Tucson Knight Owl's Closet Ball 1986 is now in the history book. To say this year's version was a big success is an understatement. The largest number of contestants ever, 12, went through the one hour of transformation in hopes of reigning as Closet Ball Queen/King for 1986. In only the second time since the very first Closet Ball at the Hair Tiz, a Closet Ball King was crowned. Congratulations to this year's Closet Ball winner, Linda Flizdale Closet Ball King for 1986.

Talking to some of the judges after, they told me it was really hard picking one winner out of all those contestants. They also stated all the make-up artists did a very super job with each of their contestants. Even only being allowed to choose one overall winner, they said each contestant was a winner in their own way.

The TKO at this time wishes to thank all those both up front and behind the scenes for helping make the Closet Ball 1986 the roaring success it was. A special thank you to Bruce and all the staff at Rumer Hazzit for their support; to all those who contributed door prizes; to TALL for the fantastic show; to each contestant and their sponsor and/or make-up artist; and to each and every one of you in the audience whose enthusiasm helped make the Closet Ball the success it was.

*This columnist hereby puts his neck on the chopping block by awarding (in name only) Closet Ball Queen for 1986, Rick.

With only a week to rest up, this Saturday, March 22 at Sir George's Royal Buffet, we have the Observer Benefit. You should already have your tickets if you're planning on attending the Roast and Dinner - price \$11, because there is seating for approximately 100 persons. If you just want to attend the show later, price \$1.00; there will be

room for approximately 200 people.

When announcing last week's newly elected officers for S.O.S., I failed to mention the first appointment of the newly elected president B-Mike, the First Lady. I have been sworn to secrecy by B-Mike so I'm not able to give you her name. S.O.S. announced their second annual Easter Bonnet/Easter Basket Contest to be held at the Graduate on March 30. Dust off the little bunnies, clean up the ribbons and put yourself the best Easter Bonnet together for this always fun-filled evening. More on this event in next week's paper.

From Partners I get word they are having a card party on March 26 and their next meeting will be held April 6. Locations and times for both can be obtained by calling Allen (MaMa) at 887-0232.

TALL probably has another brunch coming up but I'll have to get that word to you next week. After their show, each of them are probably resting up.

Good luck goes out to all the nominees from Tucson in this year's Western Express Reader's Choice Awards. The big awards evening is March 31 in Phoenix at the Hilton Hotel. Tickets and reservations can be made by calling 624-4241 in Tucson.

A few days late, but happy anniversary to Fred and George who celebrated 16 years of happy bliss on March 17th.

There will be no TBBS's this week but I do want to close with this personal comment. Why is it no matter how hard a person plans an event for Tucson, they have to walk over a bed of hot coals before and after the event? Remember, you can only please some of the people some of the time, most of the people most of the time, but not all the people all the time.

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THE TUCSON CALENDAR**WEDNESDAY**

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Wednesday Shindies" - From 2 to 8 p.m. Drink Specials. Check the chalkboard. Draft Beer Bust 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. .50 per glass. Bobby Jr., DJ in J/T 9 to 1

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens 7 p.m.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11 am to 6 pm Well Bourbon \$1. \$1.50 Well 6 pm to 1 am. Your Hostess Cheri 6 pm to 1 am. Dance music 8 to 1 with Clint.

RITA'S - Longest cocktail hour in town 11 am to 7 pm featuring Well Scotch \$1 and Schnapps .75. "DENNER BUFFET NIGHT" 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. \$1.75. "Bowlers Special" - Special drink prices for bowlers in Rita's shirts.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Wednesday Beer Bust from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. "Dynasty" on life-size screen plus Drink Specials from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m.

THURSDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Night \$1.25 domestic 9:00 - 1:00 a.m. Dave Pierson, DJ in J/T 9 to 1

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 7 p.m.

GRADUATE - Honey Hone prices until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11 am to 6 pm Well Rum \$1. From 6 pm to 1 am. Long Necks \$1.25. Dance music from 8 pm to 1 am with Danny Page "Oldies But Goodies".

RITA'S - Longest Cocktail Hour in town 11 am to 7 pm featuring Well Bourbon \$1, Schnapps .75. Hors d'oeuvres \$ to 7 pm. Well Vodka \$1.25; Schnapps .75 and Domestic Beer (non-premium) \$1 from 7 pm to 1 am.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. Daily drink specials from open to 8 p.m. Country/Western Night with all white well drinks \$1.25. Long neck Lone Star Beer .75. T-Squares dance from 7 to 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 7 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m. After Hours dancing until 4 a.m.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. disc Jockey 9 to 1

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11 am to 6 pm Well Gin \$1. Dance music from 8 pm to 1 am with Clint. Well drinks \$1.50 from 6 pm. to 1 a.m.

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RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. until 1 a.m. Drink special daily open to 8 pm. Video dancing 9 p.m. to close.

SATURDAY

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer \$1.00 (except premium). Drink specials until closing.

FINELINE - Upstairs bar opens at 7 p.m. Disco at 9:00 p.m. After Hours dancing until 4 a.m.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. disc Jockey from 9 to 1

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11 am - 6 pm Bloody Marys \$1. All Long Weeks \$1.25 6 pm to 1 am. Dance music from 8 pm to 1 am with Clint.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Domestic Beer Special (non-premium) \$1.00 - 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Lunch Buffet served noon until 5 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm until 1 a.m. Daily Drink Special. Video dancing 9 p.m. until close.

SUNDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beer Bust 4 to 6 p.m. .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4:00-7:00 pm. \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's in J/T 9 to 1

FINELINE - Upstairs bar open from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Disco open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. ***

GRADUATE - Draft Beer .75 and drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 p.m. Draft Beer .75. Dance music 8 pm to 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Brunch 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. \$1.75. Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers \$1.25 noon to 7 p.m.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 pm until 1 a.m. Drink Specials. Sunday Pool Tournaments 3-6 p.m. Video dancing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Bowlers Special" .75 well drinks for J/T bowling league bowlers. Dave Pierson DJ's.

FINELINE - Upstairs bar open from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

GRADUATE - .75 Schnapps. Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11 am to 6 pm Well Vodka \$1. From 6 pm to 1 am Well Drinks \$1.50.

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RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 2 p.m. until 1 a.m. Daily drink specials open to 8 pm. Video dancing from 9 pm. until 1 a.m.

TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 12 oz. cans of Miller, Miller Lite or Coors \$1.00! Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T 9 to 1

FINELINE - Upstairs bar open from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer \$1.00 (except premium) and drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 11 am - 6 pm Well Scotch \$1. All Well drinks \$1.50 from 6 pm to 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Longest Cocktail Hour in town 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. featuring Well Gin \$1.00, Schnapps .75. Hors d'oeuvres \$ to 7 p.m.

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SPECIAL CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

OBSERVER - Fundraising event for the community newspaper produced by Copperstate Leathermen/Tucson Command Big, BIG show plus dinner, drinks and a Roast! etc. etc. etc. Ariva Diamond hostess for a big show produced by the Sisters of Sonora (SOS), that includes almost every known entertainer in town. It all begins at 6 p.m. for cocktails and dinner at 7 and the roast at 8:30 and show at 9:30. It will take place at Sir George's Royal Buffet at Grant and Miracle Mile. Tickets for the entire evening of dinner, roast of Observer Editor Bob Ellis, and show only \$31. Tickets at all the bars, or at the door. If you want to see the show only, come by at 9:30 and get to see the show and contribute to your community newspaper for only \$1. Cocktails available throughout the evening. Keep this date open for a memorable evening. Keep this date

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - All long neck beer \$1.25. All Well \$1.50. 50 cents from every drink - well, long neck or call purchased from 10:30 to closing goes to Bob for replacement of losses from the burglary.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - A party for all you Louie's out there. Special drink prices and fun for everyone.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

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SUNDAY, MARCH 30 (EASTER SUNDAY)

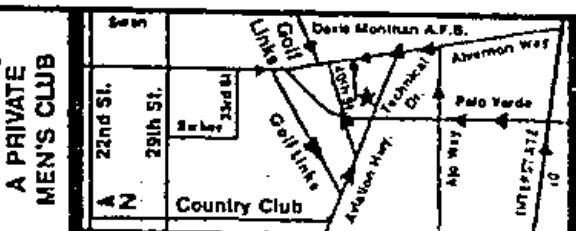
GRADUATE - 4th Annual Easter Bonnet and Easter Basket Contest. 8:30 p.m. Cash Prizes. Produced by S.O.B.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

RUMOR HAZZIT - Male Stripper Show. More later.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

RUMOR HAZZIT - Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) Benefit Show. More later.



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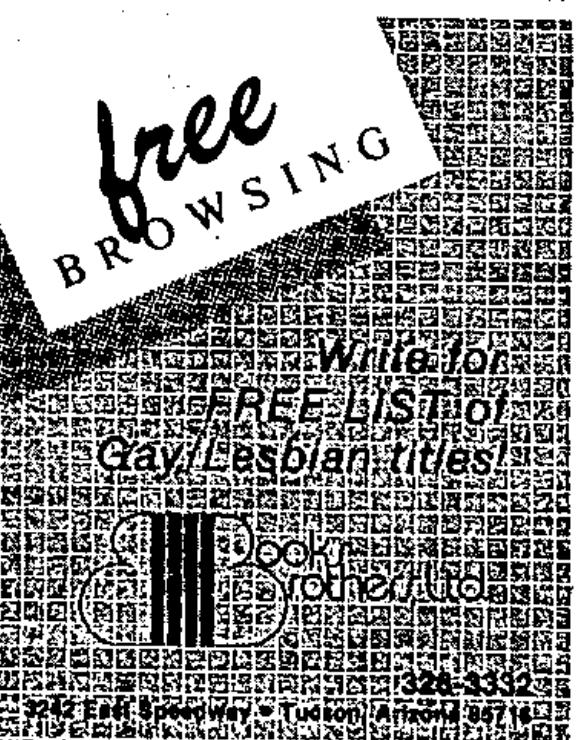


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TEAM	Wins	Losses	Percent
MEN AT PLAY	14	1	.933
MASTER BLASTERS	11	7	.611
MEAT MACHINE	10	8	.556
AAGLF	5	12	.294
MADOLFOS	4	10	.286
LIBERTIES	4	12	.250

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Sunday, 3/23/86, at 1:00 p.m.

Master Blasters vs Men at Play
AAGLF vs Liberties
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Madolfos vs Liberties
Meat Blasters vs Madolfos
Liberties vs Meat Machine
Madolfos vs Men at Play

TUCSON GAY GAMES II

Currently Volleyball, Softball and Tennis teams are practicing on a regular weekly basis, in preparation for the games in August in San Francisco. The Volleyball team practices on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Joshua Tree. Tennis practice is on Saturday from noon at Tucson High School. Softball is on Saturday at 3 p.m. at Himmel Park. There are also people signing up to be on the pool billiard and bowling teams. The team leaders will meet Wednesday nights at the Back Pocket for planning at 7 p.m.

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AIDS HOTLINE - TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP) 792-3772 from 6 p.m. to midnight. Transmission, sympathy, testing for AIDS, medical and counseling.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP) MEETS THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH at the University of Arizona Medical Center in Dining Room "C" (Second Floor) at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome and urged to attend. Get involved! For more information call 792-3772.

GLAY OR LESBIAN?? AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM??? Call A.A. 624-4183. 24-Hour Hotline, for information on Gay and Lesbian meetings in Tucson.

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TUCSON ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE HEALTH ASSOCIATION (TALHA) Gay men's clinic. for the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, and counseling on AIDS/HTLV-III and for the worried-well. Located at 101 W. Irvington; phone 573-0096. Open 6 to 8 p.m. every Friday. A \$5 donation is requested. TALHA also is in need of doctors and nurses to volunteer their services.

SENIOR GAYS (Over 40). If interested in joining, call Russ at 795-7180 Tucson.

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U.S.A. - The Uncircumcised Society of America is accepting members in the Tucson area. For uncircumcised males or those interested in this area. Call 881-4582 for information. C

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LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR:

I am disturbed over recent events that have separated two very fine Gay oriented organizations, MCC and The Observer.

The members of MCC have decided to pull their advertising from the Observer due to the publication of certain provocative nude paintings and/or nude photos. They find these pictures offensive and not in keeping with the MCC's or the Observer's images, and have removed their voice in the Observer.

First off, I to find the so called art work offensive and not in keeping with the image I expect from the Observer. But, the Observer is a fine, and in my opinion, a first class newspaper right up there with the best. I have found several articles and artwork I think is offensive. I simply don't finish reading the article and/or pass over the art I find offensive. Just like I do "Newsweek", "Time", or "Playgirl" and TV. When I do decide not to read or view any article that is my decision. I make no attempt to judge the moral judgement of those who do enjoy it.

What disturbs me is the editors of the Observer say there is a circulation of 5,000. I've seen copies at the UofA, bus stops, park benches, buses and even two local hospitals. This leaves me to believe that maybe there are several more thousands reading the Observer. I am sure that of those several thousand readers, there are a few young or new Gays that don't even know there is a loving, caring Christian family at Truth Chapel MCC. And this is simply because a few thoughtful (I am sure) but misguided individuals who can't just flip a few pages. Does MCC want to leave the Tucson Gay community, in the dark about its existence all because of a few tacky pictures?

This decision by MCC is a little reminiscent of what some well meaning groups are doing around the country by banning books, closing book stores, picketing movies and TV programs - all because they find them objectionable.

Please Truth Chapel don't let our brothers and sisters stay in the dark about your existence over a simple disagreement of what is or isn't good taste. We really need you.

Sincerely, Jim Smith, Tucson

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I TRY TO REMEMBER THE "CRUISE TO REMEMBER" second show, they cranked up the disco on the pool deck. There was a tent next to the pool where people sat at tables during the day (or very ostentatiously did free weights); for the disco they strung up flickering lights, a mirror ball and all the other necessary accessories. There were 4 big speakers and they ran tapes - at an acceptably loud volume. The music was good and current - same as we heard in Key West and New Orleans. The best disco I've been to - music lights, a bar close at hand, lots of men, and a light breeze cooling as you dance beneath the stars drifting in the black sky. We lasted until after four and quit - save some energy for dancing in the sheets before sleep. (To be continued)



A View From Within

A COMMENTARY BY
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

I NEVER THOUGHT IT COULD HAPPEN TO ME, BUT....

It is the stuff of all great fiction novels. In their own way, all of the greatest literary writers of our time - Fitzgeralds, Cain, O'Hara among many others - have written on this subject. And, as a reader of these works, I have long been familiar with the plots.

But this is no boy-meets-boy, boy-loves-boy, boy-gets-boy story. Rather, it is a boy-meets-boy, boy-loves-boy-who-doesn't-love-him, boy-falls-in-love-with-a-woman story. Yes, boys and girls, I have met this woman. Who....

But first, let me digress for a moment to tell you a story: See, I met this really neat guy: he's handsome, smart, witty, bright, and fun. Well, due to circumstances beyond someone's control we hit it off, but never quite hit-it-off, if you gather my implied meaning. So, I tag along like the stupid twit I seem to be when it comes to this subject, and continue to be quite unhappy. So then, along comes...

I always felt that being "Gay" had more to do with a mental attitude, than this deep, powerful desire to have sex with men. (but I could be wrong). And I had never found a woman who had that special "something" like I had found in many men. (I have found "Mr. Right" --on special occasions).

Well, I have also thought that there was no such thing as being "bi-sexual", which is not to be confused with "buy-sexual" - (You know, "buy me something, and I'll get sexual"). I had a boy-friend who was like that. I felt that someone is either a breeder or not and that, on occasion, someone out-of-the-ordinary comes along to prove that rule. You know, the straight, butch guy who has a

sexual encounter with his best male friend? Or the Gay guy who finds himself in love (or something) with a woman. Oooops! This brings me back to....

I never thought it would happen to me, but something odd is happening to me with this woman named - - - - - (Not her real name). I met her casually, spoke casually on the phone. Well, one thing has almost led to another, and....

(By this point you may have noticed how little sense this column is making. It is very difficult to write about something I myself do not understand, so, be patient).

So, given the choice (what choice?) I would rather be with the guy who is such a problem: possibly because that is something I am familiar with. I have known (see Bible) women before, but that was another time, another me. (fade out....)

Now, I am another me. (?) I want children. Two to be exact. I would be happy with one, thrilled (I suppose with more, but two for now). How could I have kids, you ask. I could adopt. (It is legal in California, you know). Plus, there is always the other way. Oooops! How can you get it up for a woman...?) Sigh. Before this, I wouldn't have given this whole subject another thought, but now, with - - - - - I think I could settle down, have 2-point-three children, a car payment, a mortgage, and an upwardly mobile outlook at life.

Can't life be a bit simpler? I mean, come on!

For now, this is the story. I have this odd feeling that there will indeed be more words written --by me-- on this matter, so stay tuned.

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