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Stop "GAY \$" U.S. Attorney Says

by Jones Litke

CHICAGO, IL (AP) - Despite a "cease and desist" order from the U.S. attorney, organizers of a campaign to demonstrate Gay economic muscle by stamping dollar bills with a red "GAY \$" said they won't quit. (OBSERVER, Oct 29).

"Until our attorneys determine the legality of any action ... we cannot in good conscience continue to urge others to join us," said Frank Kellas, a Chicago bar owner who helped launch the "GAY \$" campaign.

"However, we have already received assurances from many that they will continue the campaign," said Kellas.

The "GAY \$" - stamped greenbacks first appeared days after the Chicago City Council voted on July 29 to reject an ordinance that would have guaranteed equal rights for homosexuals.

Marge Summitt, a bar owner and campaign organizer, said at a news conference that within 45 days of the campaign's inception, more than \$4.7 million in stamped currency had been turned in to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

But fed spokeswoman Suzanne Refner said there is no way to estimate how much currency had been marked, since the bank makes no special provisions to count "GAY \$" separately.

Kellas estimated that only about 200 "GAY \$" stamps were in circulation initially and that as many as 600 have been passed out to Gay-owned businesses and individuals by now.

Both Kellas and Ms. Summitt said they would continue to stamp currency until the ordinance is passed. They also said homosexual individuals and businesses would withdraw their money from a North Side bank which has removed the money from circulation.

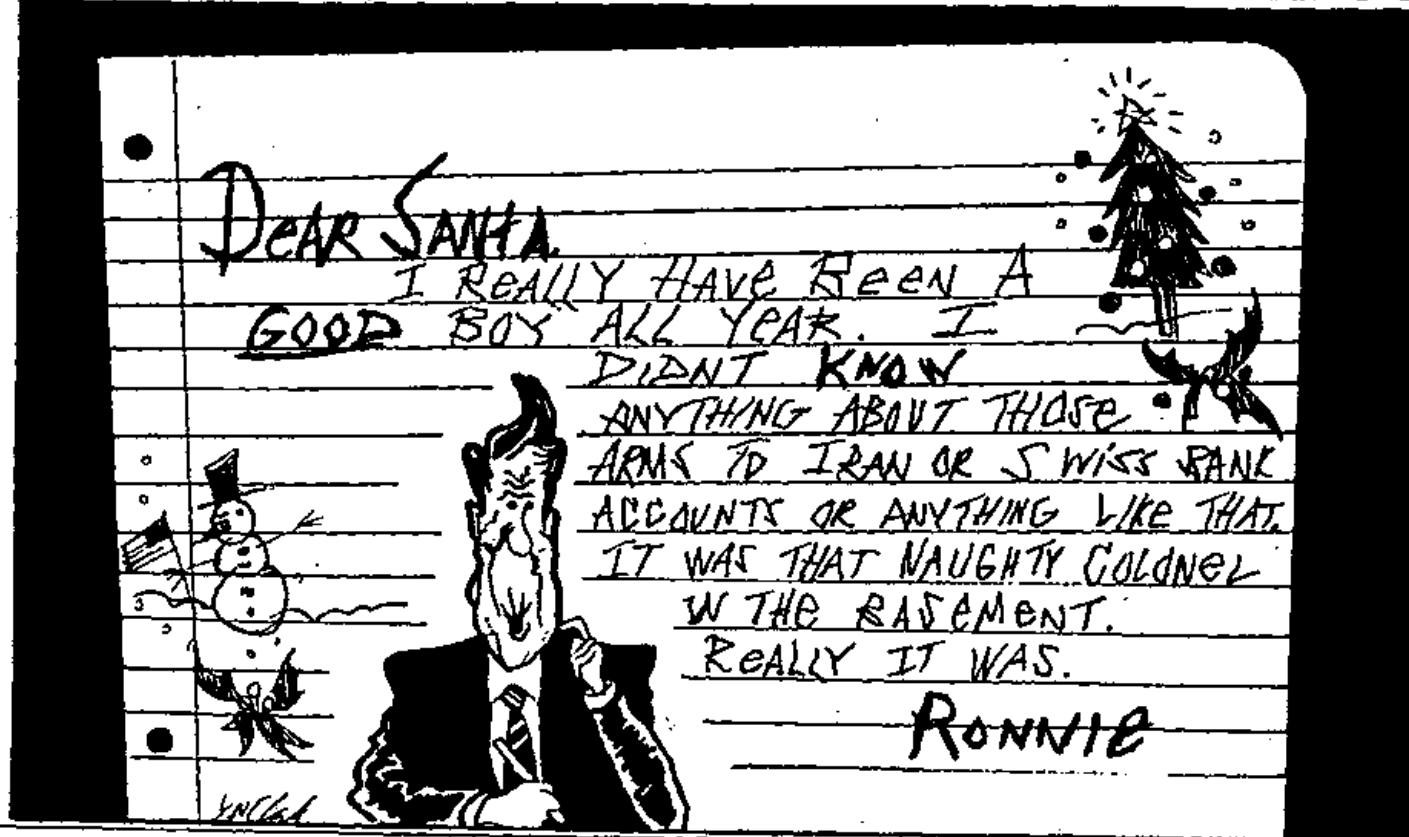
Kellas circulated copies of a Dec. 5 letter addressed to him by U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas advising that federal law makes it a crime for anyone to "write, print or otherwise impress ... any notice or advertisement whatever" on U.S. currency.

The letter noted that Kellas admitted personally stamping federal currency and assisting others by selling stamps in violation of federal law. "Upon receipt of this notice, you must cease and desist from such conduct," the letter concluded.

Kellas called it ironic the Justice Department took note of the "GAY \$" campaign "in view of the fact they can't seem to find \$30 million CIA dollars" reportedly connected to arms sales to Iran and later diverted to the Contras fighting in Nicaragua.

Kellas said Valukas' letter was evidence of the "Reagan administration's determination to

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And The Christmas Season Begins In The Old Pueblo 4th Ave. Street Fair 9th Annual J/T Hayride OPBPA Xmas Banquet

4th Ave. Street Fair
TUCSON - Twice a year, the merchants on Fourth Avenue close off several blocks of the thoroughfare and invite artists, artisans, craftspeople, musicians, entertainers, organizations from all over the country to join in a celebration that has become well known not only in Tucson and Arizona but nationwide. The 1986 Winter Street Fair begins this Friday, Dec. 12 and continues through Sunday, Dec. 14.

Each fair draws thousands and thousands of people from all over to view the shops and booths that line both sides of the Avenue. Jewelry, crafts, art, information booths, food booths of every description, beer, soft drinks and everything that goes with a street fair is here. At almost every intersection along the avenue there will be some group or individual performing.

The Gay community is fortunate to have one of our bars, It's 'Bout Time, on Fourth Avenue where you can headquarter and make forays onto the Avenue at will. If the weather is hospitable, the sights and sounds are unbelievable. The arts and crafts are interesting too!

IBT's, in addition to being packed, will present two female impersonator shows on Saturday and again on Sunday afternoon. These shows are well promoted outside IBT's and the attendance is a very mixed audience. The shows are usually raucous and it is always fun to watch the reactions of the crowds as they observe the performers on stage.

The shows, both Saturday and Sunday are at 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. The reigning Miss Gay Tucson, Aviva Diamond will be hostess for all four shows and Miss Gay Arizona 1985-86, Tamara will perform in all four shows. In addition, on Saturday Delilah will

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9th Annual J/T Hayride
TUCSON - The 9th annual traditional Christmas Hayride will take place on Thursday, Dec. 18 this year. The action starts at 7:00 p.m. when the hay-laden truck will depart the Joshua Tree parking lot. The annual trip includes a stop at all the bars for a warm-up drink, carolling, etc., and to pick up passengers. Then it is on to Winterhaven, one of Arizona's outstanding subdivisions noted for their fantastic Christmas decorations and outrageous lighting displays. Thousands of people visit this unique neighborhood each year. The Joshua Tree has been a part of the festivities for the past eight years, allowing the Gay community of Tucson this opportunity to view this most unusual Christmas spectacular.

The huge stake-truck will depart from the parking lot at J/T's at 7:00 p.m. and visit each bar for a short visit to pick up passengers. The schedule in order of stopping is: 7:30 Rumor Hazzit; 7:45 Fineline; 8:00 Graduate; 8:15 It's 'Bout Time; 8:30 Colette's West; 8:45 Rita's Rendezvous, then on to Winterhaven. All times are estimate. Some stops will be longer than others depending on the number of people, however the truck must get to Winterhaven prior to 9:30.

Passengers may board the truck at any of these stops and ride at no charge around to the other scheduled stops, however the truck will return directly to the Joshua Tree after viewing Winterhaven, so make arrangements for transportation back to your point of origin from the Joshua Tree. Be sure to dress warmly. Even the body heat from the large crowd on the Hayride cannot keep you warm if the night is as chilly as it has been lately.

This is always one of the most fun-filled events of the

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OPBPA Xmas Banquet
TUCSON - The Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association (OPBPA) is presenting their first annual Holiday Banquet at the Ventana Canyon Resort, Saturday, Dec. 20. Because of the great interest in this unique occasion in the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community, the deadline for reservations has been extended to next Tuesday, Dec. 16.

A piano-singing duo entertains at a no-host cocktail hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. that Saturday. Door prizes and a brief association meeting at 7:00 p.m. precedes the Breast of Capon Chasseur dinner. A visit from Santa caps off the evenings festivities in the Catalina Ballroom at Ventana, one of Tucson's newest resorts.

Everyone is welcome to attend this holiday celebration. Cost to OPBPA members is \$22.00 per plate. The non-member price is \$25.00 per plate. Dinner reservations, with payment, should be mailed no later than Dec. 16 to: OPBPA Holiday Celebration, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, AZ 85733. Additional information about the evening's festivities is available at (602) 791-9767.

Diners are requested to bring a non-perishable food donation that OPBPA will present to Tucson's Community Food Bank.

OPBPA President Jim Foley states that newcomers are welcome to the association's programs. First-time visitors are encouraged to call (602) 792-3373 for additional information about OPBPA goals and membership benefits. Foley adds that the Gay and Lesbian group of professional and business people are bonded by social, educational and humanitarian purposes.

UPDATE

FACET CATS AND QUEER CURES

JACKSON, MS (GCN) - According to the Advocate, an animal rights group has criticized the University of Mississippi Medical Center for experiments that reportedly involved shocking cats into homosexuality.

The Human/Animal Liberation Front of New York City accused the university of electrically shocking eight male cats in the early 1980's in an effort to find a "cure" for homosexuality in men.

Medical center officials countered that the discontinued research was actually a "brain study of reflexive and automatic sexual behavior" aimed at understanding "hypersexuality," an involuntary state that can afflict those with strokes, tumors, brain viruses, brain injuries and aneurysms.

A male cat was considered by researcher to be "hypersexed" when it displayed sexual behavior toward another male cat; castrated cats were found to be more quickly induced into "hypersexuality" by the shocks.

"TANGLED SHEETS" AT HUMANSPEACE
PHOENIX - 'A writer talks about writing'. Gerard Curry, author of the hot new short story collection, "Tangled Sheets", will read and answer questions about writing and getting published on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 3:00 p.m. The presentation is free and Curry will be available to sign copies of his book at Humanspace Books, 1617 N. 32nd Street.

Curry has had stories appear in well-known Gay men's magazines, and he formed a publishing company to bring out his own magazine in Detroit. He is also a fine portrait photographer. For more information, call 220-4419. Don't miss this opportunity to meet the author and hear his interesting presentation.

CORNERSTONE DOES CAROLLING

TUCSON - It was announced this week that Cornerstone Fellowship will hold its first annual Bar Carolling Party on Friday, Dec. 12. Carolers from the church will be visiting four Tucson bars in a whirlwind tour of the city, singing traditional Christmas carols to the patrons of the participating bars.

"We're real excited by this idea," said Cathy Wharton, musical director at Cornerstone Fellowship. "We've never done anything like this before, or even heard of anyone else doing it. Yet the bars have, for the most part, been very enthusiastic about us singing for them. This is a great way of sharing the Christmas spirit with our brothers and sisters out there in the community."

The carolers will be at the following bars around the times indicated: Rita's Rendezvous, 7:00; Colette's West, 7:30; The Graduate, 8:00; and It's 'Bout Time, 9:00. Everyone is encouraged to stop by their favorite watering hole and hear the music.

RARE PRINT SALE TO BENEFIT TAP

TUCSON - The sale of limited-edition prints of work by Salvador Dali, William Marlow, Hilda Rindom and others at Shelby Gallery will benefit the Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) on Saturday, Dec. 13.

From 9:00 a.m. until 9 p.m., ten percent of all sales on these prints will be donated to help educate the community and provide services to Tucsonans with AIDS.

Shelby Gallery is located at 2351 N. Alvernon at the intersection of Grant and Alvernon. These prints would make lovely Christmas gifts and benefit a most worthy cause at the same time.

LEAP IN CONDOM SALES

CHICAGO, IL (GCN) - According to a recent Chicago Tribune business article, the sale of condoms has undergone a dramatic growth over the past few years, attributed in part to the threat of AIDS.

Condoms now constitute a \$200 million-plus industry, and industry experts estimate that sales will increase by as much as 40 percent over the next few years. Since the late '70s, stringent laws which once restricted and even prohibited commercial sale of condoms have been relaxed; condoms have made their way out from under the drugstore counter and into plain view. Manufacturers are launching extensive advertising campaigns to reach a wide audience, including women, who constitute nearly half of the market.

The condom enjoyed its heyday in the '30s and '40s, when like today, its chief role was in preventing venereal diseases. In later decades, condom sales fell, especially in the '60s with the introduction of the birth control pill.

The condom is still viewed in some quarters as an illicit, pornographic device unfit for advertising. Newspapers, magazines and commercial television, still refuse to carry condom ads.

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ANNUAL J/T CHRISTMAS HAYRIDE DEC. 18

year. If you have been on the Hayride before you know it, but to those newcomers who have not 'experienced' the trip, we urge you to come aboard and enjoy a great time that, for many years, has kicked off the Christmas season in the Gay community of Tucson.

'CREATIVE' IS NOT THE WORD
DALLAS, TX (GCN) - "Another Voice" reports that a person with AIDS who pleaded guilty to his third charge of drunk driving has been sentenced to electronically-monitored house arrest.

The PWA's attorney had requested that state District Judge Jack Hampton consider the house arrest instead of a prison term due to the defendant's diagnosis of AIDS sixteen months ago.

Bill Nelson, president of the Dallas Gay Alliance praised Hampton's sentencing decision. "Just because a man has AIDS doesn't mean he shouldn't be responsible for his actions. He should have to pay for his crime. But I think the judge picked a very creative way and effective way of dealing with it," said Nelson.

Under the terms of the sentence, the PWA, who is an unemployed chef, will be monitored with an electronic tracking device attached to his ankle. The device emits a signal which his specially equipped telephone transmits to a computer which lets officials know whenever he is more than 150 feet from his telephone.

ANTI-GAY BILLS PASS IN MICHIGAN

LANSING, MI (GCN) - The state House of Representative here has overwhelmingly approved two discriminatory AIDS bills. On Sept. 18, by a vote of 75-22, a bill passed that would require HTLV-III testing for anyone arrested for soliciting or engaging in private or public homosexual activities, or for prostitution or drug use. Test results would be reportable to the courts and could be used as a basis for denial of bail.

A second bill, which passed the House the same day on a vote of 68-29, would require persons in "high risk groups" seeking marriage licenses to be tested for HTLV-III antibodies. Positive test results would be recorded in government records, but would not be a basis for denial of a marriage license.

"These bills could usher in a frightening new era for Gay men and Lesbians in Michigan," stated Liz McGough, lobbyist for the Michigan Organization for Human Rights, which has organized against the legislation.

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Doc seems to over his jet lag from his recent vacation. The first good looking man with a reputation for being overly endowed puts an immediate smile on Doc's face. Doc: DRB.

(7) **THE GUILDED GIRLS** - (60 min.)
Sophie seems to think that a coat of paint constitutes a "re-decorating!" Seems to be following the steps of a local boat owner. Sophie: Bruce Hazzit.

(69) **FRONTLINE** - (60 min.)
Hostess Candi Plasti seems to use the excuse "I forgot" more and more lately. She also interviews Billy Buns about the best way to scrape cake off of ceilings. Don Hinkle Orchestra.

8:00 (2) **KATIE AND AL** - (60 min.)
Katie seems to be enjoying her new job while Al seems to be tiring of hers. Katie: Petra St. Pool. Al: Rodger Curtain.

(7) **MIAMI TWICE** - (60 min.)
Crock's pastels are again replaced with some other pastels. One wonders when the good shit is going back up. Crock: Gary Stark.

(69) **MOVIE: Comedy** (120 min.)
Some very famous, or shall we say "infamous" local persons go to dinner at Saguro Corners Restaurant and are told to dine "outdoors".

9:00 (2) **DIE NASTY** - (60 min.)
Alexi's wicked stepson is worried about stepping on toes with rehearsals for an upcoming show. Steph: Steven Bates.

(7) **FAMILY TRIES** - (60 min.)
Mallory is finally leaving town for good and Alex couldn't be more pleased. Mallory: Dani Ibt. Alex: Markie Ibt.

ANOTHER SODOMY TRIAL FOR GEORGIA
GAINESVILLE, GA (GCN) - Two men have been convicted of consensual sodomy, in the first sodomy case tried since the Supreme Court's 'Hardwick' ruling.

"Another Voice" of Huntington, New York, reports that Bill Stewart Jr., of Cleveland and Foyle Lamar Self, of Jackson County, were convicted in separate Hall County jury trials.

Consensual sodomy in the state of Georgia carries a penalty of up to twenty years in prison. Both men have yet to be sentenced.

The men were arrested when a Hall County sheriff's deputy found them engaging in oral sex in a van parked at an interstate area.

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Nevada children 'reach out' for Santa but get 'Dial-A-Porn'

ELY, NEVADA - Santa Claus, appearing in a Salt Lake City television commercial, told kids to call him at a 976 number - but eastern Nevada children got dial-a-porn instead.

Rather than Old Saint Nick, Nevadans heard a sultry voiced woman explicitly describe a sex act that is legal in most states. The mix-up came about because Nevada and Utah have different 976 systems, and they don't cross state lines.

Utah kids got the Santa recording, but Nevada's youth got a big surprise. The two Salt Lake City stations that broadcast the 'call Santa' advertisements into the Ely area have yanked the spots.

The ads ran once at each station - one time too many for some eastern Nevadans. Jennie Griffin of Lund helped her children, ages 7 and 5, place the call after the television Santa promised a North Pole holiday update.

"I dialed it myself and handed the phone to them. I said, 'Hurry, or you'll miss it,'" Griffin said. After listening to the recorded message, the children said the people on the phone didn't sound like Santa. "They didn't know what was going on," Griffin said. She called the special toll number herself and found the kids had listened to dial-a-porn, a service Nevada Bell wants to discontinue.

On Dec. 3 and 4, the Nevada Public Service Commission will hold hearings on Nevada Bell's petition to end the 976 service.

"I blame myself," said


Griffin, who lives in a Mormon pioneer community about 38 miles south of Ely. "I'm very gullible. I thought it would be Santa Claus."

When McGill School Principal Dick Munson went to a Nov. 18 PTA meeting, the mothers were talking about the Santa snafu. "During the PTA meeting, I called to check it out," he said. "I listened for a while. It was deplorable. I enjoy freedom, but I think there is a limit. That (the explicit sex phone service) is beyond anything I dreamed of," said Munson, head of a 130-student school 12 miles north of Ely.

Gordon Acker, operations manager for KTVX in Salt Lake City, said a dial-a-santa commercial ran last Christmas seasons. And an ad urging children to call a 976 number for a story reading has run for some time. There have been no complaints from Nevada regarding those ads, he said. It was an unfortunate coincidence the Santa 976 number in Utah was a dial-a-porn number in Nevada, he said.

Cross-checking 976 numbers in Nevada is difficult because they can't be dialed from Utah, where Mountain Bell runs the phones, Acker said. Nevada phones don't have access to Utah's 976 numbers either.

Kent Capener, of the First Marketing Group, the ad agency that placed the dial-a-santa ads, said a new 30-second television commercial - with a new telephone number - has been produced. "I feel sorry for the mothers and for the kids who called," he said. "Can you imagine a 6-year-old calling and getting a porno message?"



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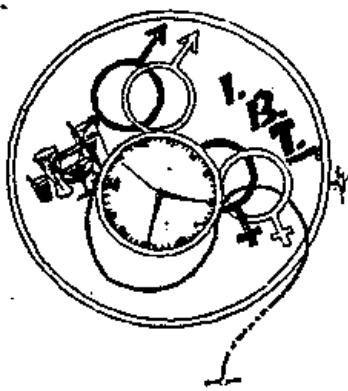
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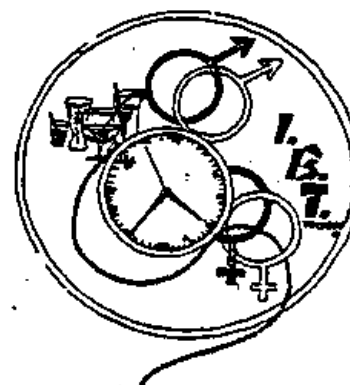
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I have been posing as a liberal person for years and have decided, for your enjoyment this Xmas, to air my true, neo-conservative opinions (often mirrored in opinions of such Americans as Jerry Falwell, Ev Macnam, Jesse Helms and so on). I have even enclosed a picture of myself with the man that has made me want to come out of the closet, so to speak, the one man who has made it possible to really hate again (the first time since the glory days of Richard Nixon) and still feel good, even patriotic doing it.

These, then, are my Xmas wishes for America.

- 1) A chin-lift for Ron so he looks as young as he acts.
- 2) To bomb those commies in Nicaragua into the ground for once and for all, forget

all this wimping around and secret shipments and krap. After we've cleared 'em out, put Ferdinand and Imelda in as co-rulers. Imelda would be conveniently close to the Brazilian shoe industry.

- 3) Ron and Mikhail should have a one-to-one fight, no holds barred, winner takes all. This way Ron can show everyone he is really truly macho, even without billions of dollars worth of weapons behind him, and make the world safe for peace, for once and for all (neo-conservatives tend to say "for once and for all" a lot). Nancy's favorite designer should fight Raisa's favorite designer and the winner get the Parisian fashion industry.
- 4) We should forget this Martin Luther King day stuff; the guy was a left-wing communist agitator and slept around a lot, too. No racism enters into this, I can assure you.
- 5) Test all the homos and anybody else who looks a little bit funny for AIDS and sleep 'em all in big detention camps where they can just kill themselves and not good, upright citizens.
- 6) Shoot all these wimps trying to regulate guns. It is a Constitutional right to bear arms and protect yourself, there's a lot of dangerous people out on the streets these days. Besides, it makes me feel real good when I squeeze that trigger.
- 7) Make drug testing mandatory for every citizen. People get too picky about their rights, it would be good for our country to find out and

clean out all these dope-smoking, coke-tasting perverts. We could put 'em in the camps with the fags - they deserve each other.

- 8) Church should be mandatory where everybody gets the word of Jesus and the true christian way, the literal word of the bible. That's a lot of our problem - no religion. This could be a world of peace if everybody believed in the same thing.

I could go on all day getting my true self across but I gotta go toss back a couple of cold ones with the boys down at the bar.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, AMERIKA!

Juicy Lucy

Well, now that everyone has burped real good and has gotten over the Thanksgiving holiday, it is time to get started on the Christmas season. Have been pretty busy myself, running around all over trying to get some of my Christmas shopping done. Was in the Tucson Mall recently and just had to stop in this one shop. There was this fabulous dress in the show window. It had no price tag on it and I just had to find out (1) could I afford it? and (2) could I get into it? I asked the first sales clerk that I could grab ahold of, if she could help me. She told me she would be glad to help me - right out the door. But I was insistent and she finally told me the price of the dress. Well, believe me, that much for a few threads was just too much but I was falling in love with it and started juggling figures around in my head. I decided that if I skipped breakfast on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and then lunch on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and then not eat at all on Sundays, I could get it paid for in about three weeks, and the new diet plan would do wonders for my

figure as well.

I then asked the sales clerk if I could use a dressing room to try the dress on. Well, I'm not about to describe the expression on her face. She hesitated so long in answering me that I took it that it would be alright. Yipes, she finally got her voice back as I had the dress under my arm on the way back to the dressing room and you would have thought I was trying to walk out of the store the way she was screaming. Needless to say, after I gathered myself together in the mall outside the store, I told myself that I would never go back to that place again, no matter what they had on display.

Stopped by this one watering hole Saturday night to have a long neck and there was this "thing" in full leather with a fur wrap on, checking out everyone's I.D. - well let me tell you, someone should have checked his weekend pass from the funny farm. He kept trying to tell everyone that he was trying out a new uniform. What a line!

Since it is getting so close to Christmas, I am going to try to be a good girl and not report on all of the bits and pieces that I have heard around town. I want to be a real good girl so that I can look forward to a lot of nice presents under my poor old beat up Christmas tree that has only one bulb burning. So, go ahead and talk all you want, I won't say anything until after Christmas (I hope).

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As I See It

by Bruce Fowler - Tucson

The subject of many articles I've written for this column during the past few months has been "self acceptance". As Gays and Lesbians living in an often hostile world willing all too frequently to categorically reject and deny us, there is a driving need in us to seek understanding of ourselves and then to find acceptance at least within ourselves of the human we are. We have learned that we cannot expect others to do it for us. We have learned that, indeed many others would use their power to see that we experience only rejection and failure.

In the midst of accusing fingers and snide innuendo comes a question - How can any Gay or Lesbian find true acceptance in a world apparently filled with so much intolerance?

Many of us simply never "come out" of our closet. For some, a whole lifetime is spent in self-deception and game playing. Others escape into excesses of alcohol, sex and drugs. But some are able to find true self acceptance and move into the area of maturity that invites fulfillment.

Now suppose that some future news story says. . . .

"A pill has been invented that cures homosexuality. Doctors at Redneck University have discovered the necessary herbs, spices and molecular reorganization, in all the proper sequence to produce a pill that is 100% effective in curing homosexuality. And it is completely safe to take."

With the advances being made in biogenetics, chemistry and other fields, it's only a matter of time before a "cure" will be

found. On that day we'll all have a question to ask ourselves. Will we take the pill.

There is no doubt in my mind that a large number of people will. All who currently live in a closet of fear and guilt will probably be the first in line to buy the new cure.

Behind them will come those of us who are just tired of the hassle and near willing to "sell our soul" to be "normal", acceptable and hassle-free.

But somewhere there will remain a group sincerely proud of who they are. They are convinced that God made no mistake when they were created Gay and Lesbian. They fully intend to live as fulfilled, complete and independent persons. Persons of integrity. Persons of completeness. Persons at peace with themselves. They will refuse the "cure". I personally hope to be among this latter group.

When the time comes to choose remaining to be Gay or to take the pill, what will you do?

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FOURTH AVENUE WINTER STREET FAIR

be a special guest plus at the 4:00 p.m. show on Saturday, the infamous Cissy Goldberg will be featured.

On Sunday, Candy Plastique and Stephanie Priceless will join Aviva and Tamara and at the 2:00 p.m. show, Cissy Goldberg will again prove that she is truly the queen of comedy. There is no cover for any of these shows.

Come on out for a wonderful day in the sun and cruise, cruise, cruise!



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WHAT'S UP DOG?

Can you believe it, as of this writing there are only 17 days until Christmas. This year has really breezed by. I guess it's true, time flies when you are having a good time.

This past Saturday the Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) dropped off at Rita's, Rumor Hazzit and the Graduate for their Christmas Tree Raffle jars and posters. This tree is a live, 4-foot tree ready for planting after Christmas. Decorations on the tree not only include a string of lights, and a few other ornaments, but also \$100 in cash! Raffle tickets for this tree are \$1 each. Fifty cents of each dollar goes to the Casa de Los Niños Crisis Nursery. A picture of this tree showing all that beautiful cash is located at each bar also.

TKO will be drawing the winning ticket for this tree on Saturday, Dec. 20. A special drawing will be held in each bar also, with that particular winner receiving her or her choice of a bottle of schnapps or well liquor. Then all the tickets will be placed in one container for the drawing for the tree. The tree will be on display the evening of the drawing at the Graduate. Good luck to everyone.

Up and coming activities TKO has planned for both their fun and yours will be starting off in January at IBT's with a Go-Go Boy Dance Contest on January 17. Details on this as final plans are made. Then on Feb. 14, TKO is having a Ping Pong tournament at Rumor Hazzit. March 15 TKO's annual Closet Ball and April is their yearly Spring Fling. As the dates get closer for each of these events, I'll give you all more

details. It's going to be a very active and visible 1987 for the Tucson Knight Owls, so keep watching both this column and talking to their members so you can also get in on the fun.

On Dec. 21st, the first annual "Brotherhood in Tucson" run will be held. This run includes all the clubs in the Tucson area, but if you would like to join in, contact either myself or Bert Hoop of the Desert Leathermen for details. There will be a small run fee for non-club-members to help pay for the food and drinks. Bert and I are going to arrange car pooling from the Graduate to this party for everyone's safety.

TBBS: POLICA! POLICA! If ever in Nogales with a group and Doug is one of that group, do not (repeat DO NOT) ask Doug for help in locating a place to take a wiz. Bill, you can water those plastic plants all you want, but they still will not grow....Mom (Pat), giving me pictures of your daughters is fine, but why not one of the cast on your ankle. They either have curbs too high in Nogales, or was it too many Margaritas?..... Sally S.Q. single-handedly saved Nancy P's job. Yeah!.....I wonder if something is in the near future for Hopi, since he isn't working the streets anymore.....Token Broad - Candi - of Desert Leathermen was seen calling in her markers from the men of Desert Leathermen. For some reason they were giving their numbers to her, why? Is it possible that the rumors about her are true?

Have a good week folks, and be sure to buy those raffle tickets for TKO's Christmas Tree.

On stage: erotic lesbian dancers

by Liz Brant

WOMEN WHO DANCE (AND STRIP) FOR WOMEN

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Question: what does San Francisco have that attracts tourists from all over the country, is underappreciated by the locals and is unique to the city? The answer is that for the past two and a half years, the City has been the home of first one, then two Lesbian erotic dance companies, women who strip exclusively for women. Every Tuesday night Blush Entertainment Group's "BurLEZk" takes over the dance floor at the Baybrick Inn, while Fridays Rainbeau's Productions' "Erotic Dance Theatre" plays to a packed house at Talk of the Town.

What can you expect if you go to a Lesbian strip show? At Talk of the Town, Rainbeau emphasizes creativity. Her dancers do more than take off their clothes to music. Each dancer performs a skit and every performance is different. You might encounter Kisha in blue jeans and Levi jacket playing a boyish butch one night, and the next she may appear as a clone of your bratty teenage sister bopping to her radio on the way to the beach. Chomping her gum, she spreads her towel, sits down and basks in an imaginary sun. Eventually the cutoffs and T-shirt peel away to reveal a bikini, which in turn is shed to expose a G-string. But that's not the end of the dance. In a parody of adolescent transformation, Kisha will reverse the strip and slowly don satin lingerie to become a sophisticated woman. Exit the mature Kisha. Next, Sandra Dee, another of the dancers who looks like her namesake, may appear in a white bridal gown, spoofing the concept of the virgin bride and reveling in the unstated sexuality of the marriage ceremony.

Rainbeau herself has appeared in a variety of roles. One night she's mimicking Liza Minelli in "Cabaret", and another night she's a sullen leather-clad left bank punk who decides to take it all off. She's also got a wonderfully amusing Lesbian love act, performed with her butch dancer. The two are at first infatuated and swear eternal love.

They can't get enough of each other sexually and make passionate love in the living room. As time goes by, though, they tire of their stifling relationship, pray for the end of eternity and wind up as two couch potatoes sniping at each other. Rainbeau is also likely to include at least one elegant, sinewy, nearly nude modern dance which she performs with acrobatic grace, bringing the audience to an awed silence.



One of the newer members of the troop, Phoenix, has also given some of the most exquisite performances. The first time she appeared as a dowdy secretary, wearing a brown tweed suit and a long-sleeved blouse buttoned so tightly at the neck that the blood in her carotid artery was almost cut off. She arrives at work, sits down at her desk, and, like most people who are bored with their jobs, proceeds to peruse the "Examiner". She reads aloud to the audience, "Hmmm. The Meese Report. Pornography increases exaggerated behavior." The audience laughs and the secretary ponders the report's implications. She goes on, "The Georgia Supreme Court ruling: Sodomy is defined as any kind of oral or anal sexual activity." Then the music begins. It seems that the "Examiner" is a great source of sexual stimulation to this repressed office type. The secretary stands up and begins to move tentatively to the rhythm. She starts to really get down as the music gets louder, unbuttoning her blouse and sensuously chewing the bow. She appears shocked by her own sexuality and briefly retreats from expressing it. But women's voices are singing, "Are you really sleeping with that girl?" The frumpy secretary dances again with more confidence and verve. With the music switching to "Soul sister, Soul sister," the blouse and skirt come off. By now she's on the floor removing her chemise and the voices on the tape say, "Voulez Vous Coucher Avec Moi?" At this point, a member of the audience in a black raincoat blunders across the stage and accidentally gets involved in Phoenix's dance routine. The act ends with Phoenix strutting to the table to collect tips from onlookers.

"BurLEZk" at the Baybrick is no less entertaining, but here you'll find a more traditional striptease. Debi Sundahl, who founded the group, chooses her women from a wide variety of professional strippers, most of whom have appeared at the Mitchell Brothers' O'Farrell Street Theatre. She says that gives her ten times more talent to choose from. Debi herself can often be found working the lights as her dancers strut and gyrate their way through what has been called the only original American dance form - the striptease. Here, with no stage settings and story line, the women create an erotic, sensual illusion which brings spectators to the edge of the stage clutching dollar tips. The rapport between performers and audience is close enough that one entertainer had her composure seriously tested when a group of biker friends, money in hand, mounted the stage together on a pre-arranged signal, surrounded her and left her on her back laughing at their efforts to find some place, any legal place, to leave their bills.

Blush Entertainment Group is headed by Debi Sundahl, who came to San Francisco from Minnesota. In college she was involved in feminist politics and worked in a shelter for battered women. She was also one of the organizers of Minneapolis' "Take Back The Night" march which has become an annual event in that city. When Debi was first involved, the march symbolized opposition to battering, rape and incest. "But now," she says, "it's anti-porn. It's been co-opted by the right wing." Debi came out as a Lesbian in college and this opened up her sexuality. After getting her degree she moved to San Francisco, partly because "it was time to leave Minnesota" and partly "to publish the Samois newsletter." Then came the Mitchell Brothers, and Debi has been stripping at the O'Farrell Theatre ever since.

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So why does a woman with a feminist background go from activism to stripping? "Curiosity. It's that simple," Debi reveals. "I wanted to find out if it was exploitative," she says. "I found out it's not. People in the sex industry are from all walks of life. They're very smart, avant garde types who tend to be involved with the theatre. They're nice to be around."



*This isn't a centerfold,
just a look at some sexy
women who dance for women*

So what's the difference between stripping for men and stripping for women? "Stripping for women is much more exciting," says Debi. "They give back energy. Women clap. They get excited. Men just drain energy. They're a boring audience." About 95% of "BurLEZk's" dancers are Lesbians and the rest are bisexuals. Debi says she's asked straight women to dance, but they have proven hesitant to appear before an all women audience. The pool of Lesbian dancers, as it turns out, is a large one. By Debi's own estimate, 50 percent of the strippers she's met are Lesbians, usually of the butch type, and she's heard the same estimates from others in the business.

What kind of criticism has she gotten from Lesbians. "Surprisingly," says Debi, "not much at all." She can recall only one negative incident. "One time," she recounts, "a woman came in who looked like trouble. I don't know how I sensed it, but I knew she was going to complain. She looked around at my dancers and announced, 'They're all men!' Then she stalked out. Well, she shouldn't have done it, because Tony, one of my biggest, tallest dancers didn't exactly like that. Tony followed her outside and let her have it. I saw Tony lecturing her on the sidewalk for minutes." The woman never came back.

According to Debi, "Lesbians have had no sexual entertainment materials or live shows," and so she founded Blush Entertainment Group about three years ago to fill the need. In addition to the "BurLEZk" shows, Blush Publishes "On Our Backs", a Lesbian erotic magazine, and produces and markets Lesbian videos under the name of Fatale Video. As Debi sees it, Lesbian erotic entertainment represents women claiming a right to their bodies and to their sexuality. Most of the women who come to the shows seem pretty shy at first, but Debi notices that they come back bringing friends. She sees this as proof that the strip shows are carrying out their liberating mission.

"Rainbeau's Lesbian Erotic Dance Theatre" was formed about a year ago. Rainbeau started stripping about ten years ago in clubs along Massachusetts' North Shore. Since the clubs she worked at were couple's clubs, Rainbeau has been stripping for women from the beginning. "All women," she thinks, "have appreciated my shows on a deeper level. They want more than bump and grind, the straight men's style. Men like the aloof type of strippers." She adds, "They like to be put down."

Rainbeau studied dance for eight years and, when she has the time, she still returns to study the art form. After moving back to California five years ago, Rainbeau resumed her professional dance career starting with non-erotic dance. She's danced at various clubs around the Bay area and has even appeared on television on the Oprah Winfrey Show where she and a partner did male impersonations - Rainbeau was David Bowie. In fact, her long-run goal is to emulate people like Shirley MacLaine and Liza Minnelli. She prefers the cabaret style of entertainment which includes singing, dancing and comedy and admires those two women both for their dancing and for their political messages in their entertainment. She feels that a lot of modern dance is too deep and too heavy, leaving audiences less entertained than wondering what they have seen. The cabaret style, on the other hand, suits Rainbeau because it represents fun entertainment with a consciousness-raising undertone.

Rainbeau returned to stripping two years ago when she applied for a job with Blush Entertainment Group. After interviewing her, Debi Sundahl accepted Rainbeau with some reluctance, unsure whether Rainbeau's style would mesh with what the Blush entertainers were doing.



Rainbeau admits that when she returned to stripping, she was looking for a job for extra money, as she says, "Stripping seems to be the only form of dance which pays well." But when she stripped for Lesbians for the first time, she describes it as "wonderful. The energy flowed from me to the audience and back again. It was unlike any other show I'd done." It was also her first time stripping sober.

She goes on to describe the women's community here as "great, close-knit and very supportive." At one point, when she had to go into the hospital, she was forced to give a benefit for herself to raise the money. Rainbeau says, "I felt weird asking for money, but people were incredibly supportive. One woman asked me, 'If I got sick and had to go to the hospital, would you do a benefit for me?' I said 'yes,' and the woman said, 'OK. Then I'll give you money.'"

About a year ago, Susan at A Little More (the club has since changed its name to Talk of the Town) asked Rainbeau to come over and perform on Fridays. Rainbeau agreed to come, thinking it would only last a few weeks. The weeks stretched into a year and Friday night audience at the club has increased about fifteen times over what it was when Rainbeau started.

It's actually new for Rainbeau to be so completely sexual on stage. She describes stripping for women as "a source of healing".

"The erotic element has been

taken from women by the patriarchy," she says, explaining, "men say that we're not good girls if we take off our clothes. We're reclaiming our sexuality, our eroticism, through these strip shows. I hope the women who come to watch will obtain power over their own eroticism."

She wants to present a rainbow spectrum of women, younger, older, all colors and varying physical types. According to Rainbeau, "women were stripping for women long before they stripped for men. There used to be cults and ceremonies exclusively for women."

"I relate to North American religious concepts," she says, adding "Dance is my spirituality." Rainbeau's company is made up of two groups, one which does the erotic dancing and is exclusively made up of Lesbians, and the other which performs cabaret style, non-erotic entertainment. All of the shows are choreographed by Rainbeau.

So, if you're tired of the pathetic parody of human sexuality that's being sold to tourists who flock to the Broadway strips, and you're sick of the oppressive Andrea Dworkin types who equate any display of female eroticism with exploitation, take the time to visit the Baybrick Inn on Tuesdays and Talk of the Town on Fridays. You may not be able to do both much longer because "BurLEZk" will cease regular shows after Christmas (They may be back for the tourist season next year). Rainbeau's Productions, however, will continue and new acts will include a belly dancer and a New Year's Eve cabaret extravaganza.

Photographer Liz Brant

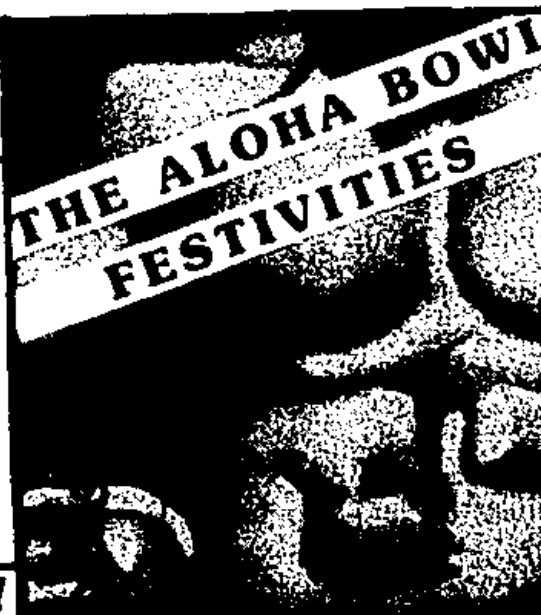


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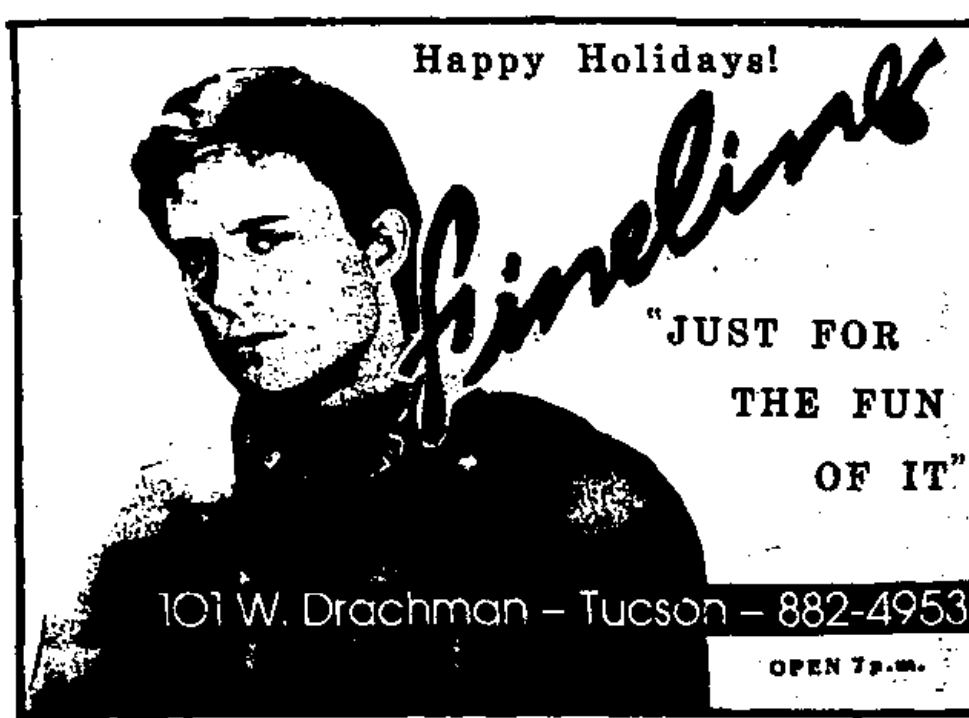
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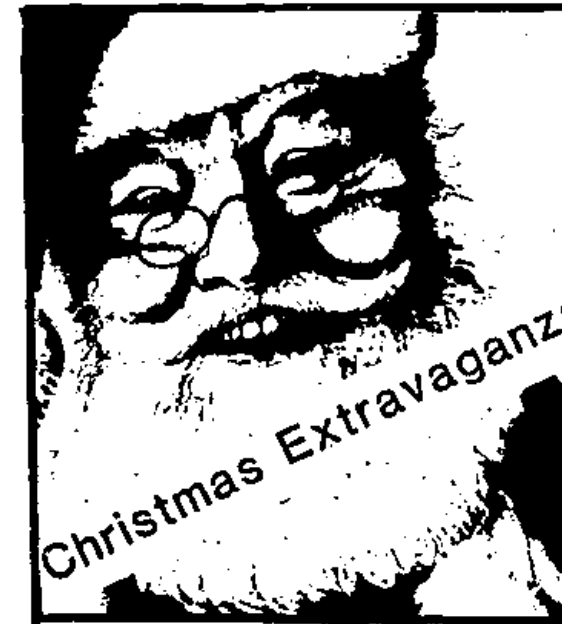
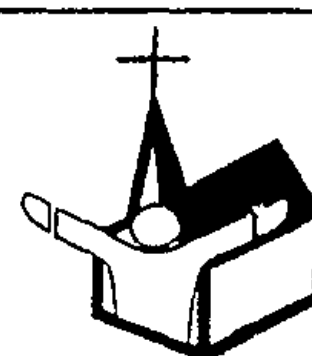
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COLETTE'S WEST - Schnapps shots .75 from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Bottle Domestic Beer \$1.00 with other drink specials.

FINELINE - Open 7 pm. Draft Beer Bust: .25 per glass from open to 1 am.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Bourbon \$1.00. 5:30 - 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well. 8-12 .50 draft and .50 Schnapps. Dance 8 to 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Schnapps .75 - 11 am to 1 am.

DINNER BUFFET 8 to 9 pm \$4.25.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Domestic Beer Bust all day and nite \$1. .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm. "DYNASTY" on life-size screen 8 pm. Schnapps .50.

THURSDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Nite \$1.25 domestic 9 pm to 1 am. Dave Pierson DJ 9 to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Sudsercize!" .40 draft 8 pm to Midnight.

FINELINE - Open 7 pm. Long Neck Bud Nite: .75

GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing!

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Bus \$1. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to 1 am .75 Long Neck Beer (non-premium). Dance 8 to 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75

RUMOR HAZZIT - Daily Drink Specials 1 p.m. to 8 pm. .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm. Square Dancing by T-Squares 7-9 pm. Regular disco/video dancing 9 pm to close. All White Well Drinks \$1.25

FRIDAY

COLETTE'S WEST - Party Nite. Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight. Michelle DJ's.

FINELINE/SKYLINE - Party till 1 a.m. downstairs in the Pineline disco and Virgo's Pub. After Hours till 4 am in the Skyline for over 21.

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm Well Gln \$1.00. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well; 8 pm - 1 am \$1.50 Well plus dancing from 8 to 1.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm - 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Drink Special 1 to 8 p.m. daily. .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7. Video dancing 9 pm to close.

SATURDAY

COLETTE'S WEST - Party Nite Hourly Drink Specials 8 to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

FINELINE/SKYLINE - Party till 1 a.m. downstairs in the Pineline disco and Virgo's Pub. After Hours till 4 a.m. in the Skyline.

JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 8 pm to 1 am.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 pm Bloody Marys \$1.00 6 pm to 1 am All Well \$1.50. Dance 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. Daily Drink Special. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

SUNDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beer Bust 4 to 7 pm .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4 to 7 pm, \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's from 9 pm until 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Football on our big screen plus "Wine Down Nite" .75 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite begins at 7 pm. Michelle DJ's from 9 to 1.

FINELINE - Lobby Level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Drink Specials.

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) \$1 with other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Bloody Marys \$1.00 Noon to 6:30 6:30 to 1 am "Danny's Choice" every hour (7). Dance 8-1 am

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Brunch 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. - \$3.25 Noon to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. T-Squares Beginner's Class every Sunday afternoon. All day and night "501 - 50's Party" Wear your 501's and get .50 off whatever you're drinking Plus shots of Schnapps .50 - Video dancing 9 pm to closing.

MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowler's Special: .75 Well Drinks for J/T Bowlers. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Monday Night Football" on big screen. .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .89 from 8 pm to Midnight.

FINELINE - Lobby level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Movie Nite begins at 8 pm. Spaghetti Dinner \$2.00 plus Well Drinks \$1.00

GRADUATE - All White Well Drinks \$1.50 until 1 am plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm Well Vodka \$1.00; 5:30 to 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to 1 am; Well \$1.50

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75

RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 1 pm to 1 am. "Monday Night Football" on giant screen at 8 pm with drink specials. .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7. Video dancing begins at 9 pm.

TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 12 oz. cans Millers or Millers Lite \$1.00! Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T 9 pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Long Neck Domestic (non-premium) Beer .85 plus check our weekly Tuesday specials 8 pm to Midnight

FINELINE - Lobby level Fineline open at 7 pm. Tequila \$1.00. 18 oz. Margaritas \$1.50.

GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks \$1.50 till closing plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm Well Scotch \$1.00. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to close Well \$1.50

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75

RUMOR HAZZIT - .50 off all call drinks from opening to closing. .75 Well & .50 hot dogs 4-7 pm. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

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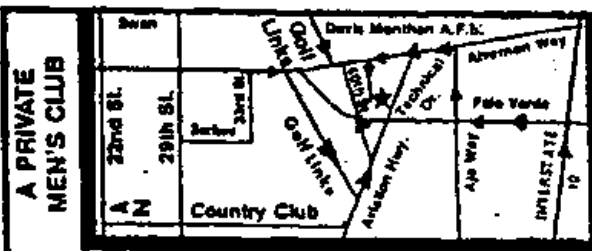
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MADOLPOS	13	13	26	.500
COLETTES	6	9	15	.400
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JOSHUA TREE MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE
STANDINGS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 1986

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4. THE MISFITS	29	23	21898
5. JOSHUA TREE	28	24	22371
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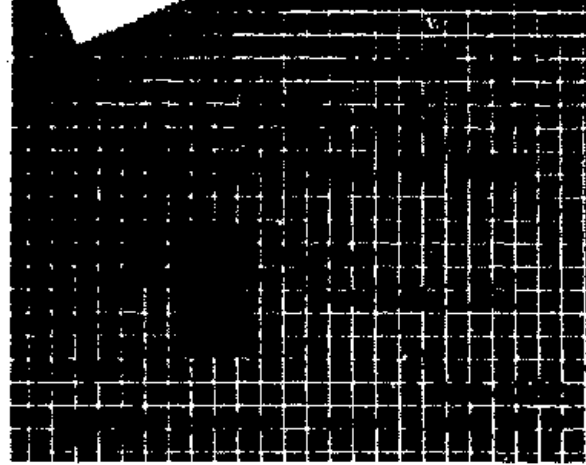
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

COLETTE'S WEST - Street Pajama here live on stage. One of Tucson's great bands. \$3.00 Cover and I.D. required. Be there.

CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP - The congregation will go a-carrying this evening. Carolers from the church will be visiting four of Tucson's Gay bars, singing traditional Christmas carols to the patrons. The carolers will be at Rita's at 7:00 p.m.; Colette's West at 7:30; The Graduate at 8:00 and It's 'Bout Time at 8:00. Stop by your favorite watering hole and get into the Christmas spirit with these carolers.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

COLETTE'S WEST - Tucson's hottest band, Street Pajama hold forth here for their final night. \$3.00 Cover and you better get there early for seating. 10 required.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - The winter version of the Fourth Avenue Street Fair is on and your headquarters should be here. There will be two shows today at 1 and 4 p.m., featuring Miss Gay Tucson, Aviva Diamond; Miss Gay Arizona 1983-84 Tamara, with special guest Delilah. Extra Special Guest from Phoenix, Cissy Goldberg will appear in the 4 p.m. show only today. For a wonderful afternoon of cruising, boozing and just plain good fun with the rest of the world, come on down!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

FINELINE - Annual Christmas Party begins here at 8:00 p.m. Get personal invitation from one of the bartenders. Party, Party, Party!

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - The Fourth Avenue Street Fair winds up and there will be the usual female impersonator show here at 2 and 4 pm. It's really an experience to watch the general public view these shows. Featured are Aviva Diamond and Tamara with guests Candy Plastique and Stephanie Priceless. Also appearing at the 2 p.m. show only will be the one and only Cissy Goldberg. Loads of fun. At presstime the weather looks like it will be perfect. If you haven't been to one of the 4th Avenue Fairs, do not miss it. Thousands of people walking the streets right past ITB's door! Don't miss it!

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Original schedule for a November and a December show here have been revised into one giant, spectacular Christmas show. All-Star cast includes Christi Lunden, Aviva Diamond, Candy Plastique, Jacqueline De' Savul, male stripper Michael and special guest star Cissy Goldberg. Show starts at 8:30 p.m. SHARP! \$2.00 for reserved seating.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Special deal today! Beef Bar-B-Que will be served from 5 p.m. until it runs out. All You Can Eat! \$1.75.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

COLETTE'S WEST - CHRISTMAS PARTY! Tree trimming. Family Night too, so bring your kids cause Santa Claus will be there. Bring a can or toy to be donated to a needy family in our community.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

JOSHUA TREE - 9th Annual Christmas Bayride leaves the J/T parking lot approximately at 7:00 p.m. and will tour all the local Gay bars picking up additional passengers and thence to Winterhaven, Tucson's renowned subdivision that has the most fantastic Christmas lights and decorations in the southwest. Check the weather to decide how cold it is going to be and dress accordingly. The truck, loaded with hay and lots of festive people, returns to the Joshua Tree parking lot at approximately 10:30 p.m. If you are picked up at any of the other bars, be sure to arrange transportation back to bar of origin.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Bar-B-Que Ribs are being served from 5 p.m. until they run out for only \$1.75 and it's all you can eat. Come on over and Pig-Out, but get here early before it runs out!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

GRADUATE - Big Christmas show hosted by Miss Aviva Diamond. Watch for more details, but keep this date open!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

GRADUATE - The Aloha Bowl Festivities will take place here to cheer on the University of Arizona. Cheerleaders and special 'luau' buffet and special drinks to get you in Hawaiian mood. Get festive. Party!



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Bar Talk

NEWS FROM MCC TUCSON

TUCSON - 'Tis the Season and each bar is planning something really special. For instance: JOSHUA TREE will produce its 9th annual Hayride through Winterhaven. The lights and decorations in this subdivision are spectacular to say the least. The huge open stake-truck filled with hay leaves J/T's parking lot at about 7:00 p.m. It goes to each Gay bar to have a drink if wanted and to pick up additional passengers and then on to Winterhaven. It returns to the Joshua Tree at about 10:30 p.m. Bundle-up and have a great time as usual on this unique traditional hayride. Joshua Tree golf-style shirts are now in. They're \$15 each and come in a variety of colors. Get 'em while they last.....FINELINE'S annual Christmas party begins at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14. Get a personal invitation from one of the bartenders and partake of a very festive evening that will feature food, fun and festive activities.....IT'S 'BOUT TIME will be really rocking during the 4th Avenue Street Winter Fair this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13 & 14. Two shows each day at 2 and 4 p.m. Check their ad this issue for performers. A fantastic time with the fair drawing thousands of people and with IBT's as your headquarters, you can enjoy it all plus the entertainment on stage as well as outside on the street.....RITA'S RENDEZVOUS presents Christi's Christmas Show this Sunday, Dec. 14 at 8:30 p.m. SHARP! Featured entertainers include Christi Lunden, Aviva Diamond, Candi Plastique, Jacqueline De' Savoi, male stripper Michael and special guest from Phoenix Cissy Goldberg with the 'tongue of death!' You might check to see if there are any reserved seats left. They're only \$2 each and worth it for this entertaining show. If there are no reserved seats left, come on by anyway. There is no charge for other seating or standing.....At COLETTE'S WEST the Christmas Party is set for Wednesday, Dec. 17. It will be family night, so bring your kids cause Santa Claus will make an appearance. Tree Trimming too. Bring a can of food or toy which will be donated to a needy family in our community.....At RUMOR HAZZIT they are going to have two holiday "All You Can Eat" evenings. The first on Sunday, Dec. 14, the bill of fare will be Beef Bar-B-Que served from 5 p.m. until it runs out. Only \$1.75. On Thursday, Dec. 18 from 5 till 11 Bar-B-Que ribs will be served for only \$1.75. Such a deal!.....By the way, their weekly super-special drink prices as well as the 'Peter Dogs' are available from 4 until 7 p.m. Monday thru Friday only. (OBSERVER will use Super Glue next time).....The GRADUATE will present their Christmas Party with a special show on Sunday, Dec. 21 with Hostess Aviva Diamond. The show is still in the planning stages and the entire guest star list will be published in next week's paper. Watch for it. ALSO, on Saturday, Dec. 27 the Aloha Bowl will be televised with the entire crowd rooting for the University of Arizona. If you attended the UofA vs ASU game here, you know what's in store for you. Real live (!) cheerleaders, "luau" buffet and special drink prices. Come on out and "Bear Down!"

JANE WYMAN ISN'T ALWAYS RIGHT HOLLYWOOD, CA (GCN) - Jane Wyman, the actress who divorced Ronald Reagan and plays Angela Channing on television's 'Falcon Crest', apparently vetoed the inclusion of a lesbian subplot scheduled for the series this season. According to the 'Weekly News' of Florida, Wyman told producers she was offended by the scripted affair between the characters Erin Jones and Meredith, a "sinister nanny." For now, it appears the women will just be good friends.

Last Sunday we celebrated the Second Sunday of Advent of lighting our second candle and putting the ornaments on our Christmas tree. Nita, our student clergy helped Pastor Dave officiate at the morning service. Nita is the Worship Coordinator in Sierra Vista and it is always a joy to have her here with us in Tucson on different occasions.

This coming Sunday we will be celebrating the Third Sunday of Advent. We will light our third candle representing the miracle of courage. So on this Third Sunday of Advent we will have three candles burning representing the miracles of belief, visionary faith and courage. Also, for these services of the Third Sunday of Advent we will continue to add more Christmas decorations to the sanctuary.

As of the date, December 10th, we have only 15 days until Christmas. That's just two weeks away. And it sure sounds like it is a lot closer especially if you still have shopping, baking, decorating and all the other preparations to do. But Christmas is getting near at hand and two weeks from tonight on Christmas Eve at 11:30 p.m. MCC/Tucson will have a special service. More details about this service at MCC/Tucson.

Thought for the Week: I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. (Luke 2:10).



EDITOR:

This letter may be a little late, but I feel the Tucson community should be aware of how I feel.

After attending the Miss Gay Arizona Pageant in Phoenix several weekends ago, I really was appalled at the lack of attendance by Tucsonans. Miss Aviva Diamond was named, deservedly, 1st Runner-Up and I would venture to say there were less than 20 Tucsonans in attendance to cheer her on.

It seems to me that with all Aviva has done for the Tucson Gay community, one night in Phoenix wouldn't be that much for Tucson to give back to her. It may not have changed the outcome of the pageant, but at least Aviva would have known that all her work for our community would not have been in vain.

I think you're great, Aviva. I hope the Tucson Gay community will step up and show you the same the next time you go out of town to compete and represent this community.

Sincerely
Robert Ulrud
aka Christi Lunden

GROUNDS FOR MURDER

HOUSTON, TX (GCN) - A South Houston man was sentenced to 10 years in prison for attempting to murder his wife who had called him "Gay" during an argument.

According to an Associated Press report, Charles Wilson testified that he shot his wife, Sandra Wilson, because she "kept calling me Gay, Gay, Gay." Charles said he "just flipped" and shot his wife in the face, leg and buttocks. Minutes after shooting his wife, he returned to ask her, "Are you dead yet?" and shot her again in the back. Sandra survived, as did her husband, who shot himself in the chest when the police arrived.

In addition to the prison sentence, Charles was fined \$8,000. He stated that he was not Gay, but has had sexual problems.

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'SLICK BUTCH LAWYERESS' WINS 20k

IN DEFAMATION SUIT
LOS ANGELES, CA (GCN) - Feminist attorney Gloria Allred has won \$20,000 and a public apology from former state Senator John Schmitz, who called her a "slick butch lawyeress" in a 1981 press release, according to the "News".

Allred, who has won a number of Lesbian/Gay related cases, filed suit against Schmitz after he released a press statement attacking her for presenting him a chastity belt during hearings he chaired on abortion.

The 1981 release, headlined "Senator Schmitz and his Committee Survive Attack of the Bulldykes," called Allred and other abortion rights supporters "imported Lesbians from anti-male sand pro-abortion queer groups in San Francisco and other centers of decadence." The anti-abortion former legislator also said his hearings had been "filled with a sea of hard, Jewish and (arguably) female faces."

Public outrage over the release eventually resulted in a 3-0 vote by the Senate Rules Committee to strip Schmitz of his chairmanship of the Constitutional Amendments Committee. He was also removed from his position as vice-chairperson of the Industrial Relations Committee and as a member of the State Committee on the Status of Women.

Schmitz is a member of the John Birch Society National Council, a U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Colonel, and was a 1972 presidential nominee of the American Independent Party.

Allred said she intends to divide her settlement of \$20,000 among groups "maligned in the press release." The money will go

to the National Council of Jewish Women, the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center, The California Abortion Rights Action League, the National Council of Churches and the Women's Equal Rights Legal Defense and Education Fund.

GAY ORGANIZATIONS LIKED TV EPISODE

LOS ANGELES, CA - Lesbian and Gay organizations and women's groups applauded last Saturday's (Nov. 8) episode of "The Golden Girls," in which Lois Nettleton played a college chum of Dorothy's (Bea Arthur) who reveals she's a Lesbian and may be in love with Rose (Betty White).

The show was handled with humor, sensitivity, and understanding. No one could have taken offense with the show and it should prove to be a wonderful educational program to the general public.

IRON TIGERS M.C. ARE 'DOWN UNDER'

PHOENIX - The fast growing 'Iron Tigers' Motorcycle Club has just added a chapter in Australia. While on the run to Badger Flats, California over Labor Day Weekend, the club recruited two Harley-Davidson riders: Geoff and Bear from Melbourne, Australia. Iron Tigers M.C. also added a chapter in San Francisco.

Next Spring, Iron Tigers M.C. and Rainbow M.C. of Los Angeles and San Francisco will host a Run together to the Russian River in Northern California.

The club always welcomes new members. Requirements for Iron Tigers M.C. are motorcycle and one year Harley-Davidson, although other high performance motorcycles are acceptable. Prospective members should call 4141 in

Review...

For those of you that were not at Rumor Hazzit on Sunday, Nov. 30, you missed something special.

Garland Productions presented "Return To The Rainbow" as it's first anniversary special. The show was a total sell-out and the audience was very enthusiastic.

The show features many well-known and talented performers including Don Henkle, Jaqueline De'Savoi, Stephanie Price, Candy



Jaqueline De'Savoi
and Don Henkle

Plastique, Aviva Diamond, Christi Lunden, Tamara, Michael Caeti, B.J. and Sterling.

The show began with a very impressive duet by Henkle and Jaqueline singing "The Other Side Of The Rainbow". Both performers were very excited but very professional as they always are.

There was a point when you couldn't hear Henkle very well, but he solved this problem by bringing the microphone closest to his mouth, then he sounded great.

Don also sang a number called "Till Everyone Is Home" which was introduced by a Wizard of Oz video of Dorothy saying, "There's no place like home" and clicking her heels. This was a very nice touch to add to the number. Most performers don't take the time to think of this kind of addition to make a number just a little more special. Don also sounded great on this number. His voice was strong and powerful.

Jaqueline De'Savoi did all her numbers very enthusiastically. She was working the crowd and had the audience very excited. Her version of "And I'm Telling You" was extra good and won the audience.

She did a number with the male dancers that was also very nice. There was one point in the number that she went into the audience and left the dancers on stage by themselves. This didn't look very good considering the number was a production number so one shouldn't leave during it.

Stephanie Price came to help celebrate and also perform again with Aviva Diamond. With everything that has happened in the past, they both wanted everyone to know that they still care for each other.

Stephanie sang "Somewhere In My Lifetime" which she dedicated to Tucson. Aviva gave her flowers during the number which was very touching. I think I saw Stephanie begin to tear. Stephanie's number were done with a lot of love, and that makes a big difference in the performance.

Aviva Diamond joined in with her numbers and made quite a hit. She has long been a Tucson favorite and this is proven on stage where she gives a very

professional performance. She spends a lot of time on her numbers to make every one special.

Candy Plastique was a riot, as usual. She had the crowd roaring with "There Goes My Baby". The number is spoofing abortions and she does it quite well, the only thing about this number though is that a vacuum performs the abortion, so shouldn't the fetus bags come out of the vacuum?

Aviva, Stephanie and Candy did a number together that really got the crowd going. The number, "Steam Heat", was great. They got an encore and did two more numbers. One more would have been sufficient, people started getting a little restless during the third. Too much of a good thing, I guess.

Tamara, Miss Gay Arizona, 1985-86, did some wonderful numbers in some flawless costumes. She looks wonderful on stage, that's where she was meant to be. She doesn't dance nearly as much as she used to before, and I think that may take away from it a little, but she is still awesome.

Michael Caeti gave us his impersonation of Sam Harris that was very well done. He sang "Can You Hear Them Bells" followed by "Somewhere Over The Rainbow", a very good pair. They fit very nicely together. I don't know why, but I think he has done the numbers better, although they were still very good.

B.J. danced to "Xanadu", which happens to be this dancers' theme song. Dressed all in glitter and sequins to add fantasy to the number. He danced very well and people really seemed to like it. People do make mistakes, however. His was kicking over a bottle of glitter that was to be used as a prop at the end of the number. When the time came to use it, he discovered that it was knocked over and it threw him off a little for the ending. The number shows a lot of effort spent

on it, and that is what makes it a good dance number.

Sterling was only in one number, "Still It Up", with Jaqueline and B.J. He looked very good on stage and danced well, but his attitude was as if he really didn't want to be there.

Christi Lunden looked very good in this show in all aspects. Her lip Sync was the best I've ever seen her do. Her performance was enjoyable and entertaining. I hope she continues this quality of performance.

With the minor problems thrown aside, the show was totally awesome and everyone had a great time. Even though the show was almost three hours long, the performers kept the audience throughout the entire show and no one seemed to lose interest.

Congratulations to Garland Productions and all the performers who put so much time and effort into making this show such a huge success.

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STOP GAY \$ U.S. ATTORNEY SAYS

destroy the movement for Gay and Lesbian civil rights in this country."

Kallas also displayed a handful of bills with a variety of bank markings and personal greetings, including, "Kim loves Randy," "Don't Buy the Chicago Tribune," "Straight Dollar," "Happy Birthday Jimmy, Love Grammy."

He then questioned whether Valukas intended to prosecute the people who either wrote or stamped those phrases.

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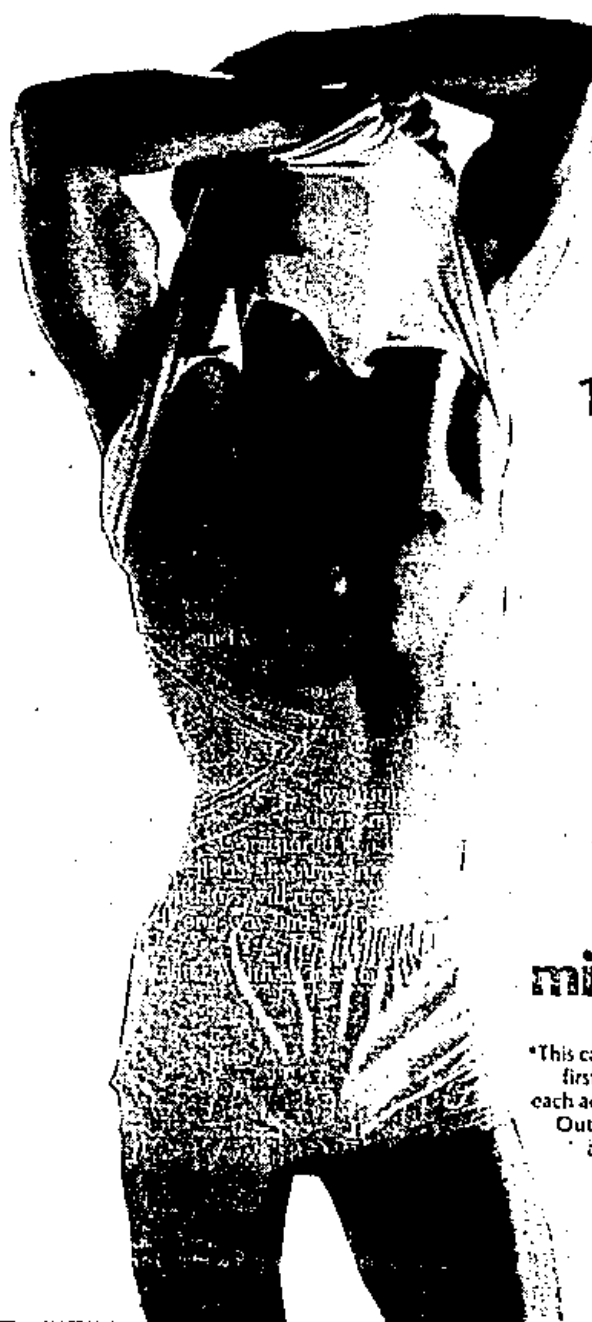
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A View From WithinA COMMENTARY BY
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON**YOU'LL ALWAYS LIVE, NOT ONLY ON SCREEN, ROCK HUDSON**

You know, it is a rare occasion when I watch I LOVE LUCY on television anymore. Long ago, I got all my favorite episodes on tape. So when I watch, it is almost always on my VCR, not on TV. This afternoon I looked at the clock and saw it was one o'clock and somehow felt compelled to watch I LOVE LUCY.

It is bizarre how these things work, but it was an episode I don't think I had seen before. It was called "In Palm Springs". It was episode #123, which was part of the fourth season the show was on the air. The original airing date was April 25, 1953. (I have this neat book which tells me all of these facts about the show).

Well, the episode was okay. It was a story about how much of the four main characters have these annoying habits, and how they annoy each other. It was one of the many shows done while the characters were in Hollywood --although the show was actually filmed in Hollywood, the characters lived in New York somewhere.

With Lucy, Ricky, Fred and Ethel loose in Hollywood, you can imagine the high-jinks which ensue --and the stars which seem to get involved with our comical foursome.

This episode, "In Palm Springs", featured a then 29-year-old contract player at Universal Studios. It was Rock Hudson.

I sat transfixed, my eyes not able to leave the screen. Since the untimely death of Rock from AIDS on Oct. 2, 1985, I had not really thought about the change

which had come over me. I had never really looked back at Rock Hudson as a homosexual. Sure, I said to myself, he's Gay. It's too late for him to come clean now. He should have admitted his sexual proclivities instead of living a lie. Et cetera, et cetera.

I sat watching this episode, and marvelling at just how handsome he had been then; how he moved with such grace, and power; how personable he had been. The camera fell in love with him --as, I suppose, did thousands of women. And men.

I looked at him as a Gay man. He didn't kiss any women in this episode. He didn't talk bulch or act straight. No, for the first time, I was able to see Rock Hudson, portraying himself. It was eerie, to say the least.

He acted just like you or me. He pullover over a chair, turned it around so he sat on it backwards, resting his arms on the chair back, and told this insipid story which has no real bearing on anything. The camera moved in and held his magnificent face in close-up. His eyes smiled, his mouth turned and opened, and his eyebrows lifted and fell. His black hair was combed in a manner which is again contemporary.

I guess what I'm trying to say is, that I would almost expect to see him standing next to me at one of the clubs one night. He was perfectly natural.

I now feel differently toward this man, and his memory. I will look at him when I watch GIANT, or PILLOW TALK in a different light, and wonder just how different things could have been.

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AQUARIUS

Talking with friends in a social setting will allow you the opportunity to learn something new. Career pressures have eased making less stress for you. Money may not be as plentiful as you would like it to be.

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Career pressures force you to act decisively. Your reputation is of major concern. An influence on your finances comes from a stranger. Deep inside you feel very much at peace with yourself.

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