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## EDITORIAL

### Goodbye, and good riddance to 1986

The year 1986 has finally gone away and to most who are Gay Rights watchers, good riddance.

Politically, 1986 was a disaster. Legally it was dreadful, and socially it was terrible.

The conservative pall that continues to pervade our country reached near epidemic proportions during 1986. It was only due to a massive educational effort that the Lyndon LaRouche crackpots lost in their efforts to quarantine AIDS carriers in California. The churches continued to pummel Gay men and Lesbians with their narrow-minded and often repressive dogmas. Even the pontiff, or his underlings in the Vatican, had to come out once again and issue even stronger statements against homosexuals. (Love the homosexual but hate their 'sin'?). Although the effectiveness of Rev. Jerry Falwell seems to have been diminished, he continues to harass and harangue with misleading and untrue statements concerning homosexuality to his devoted followers. And, Rev. Pat Robertson is making a serious attempt to run for President of these United States in 1988. It is time to take a serious view of these religious encroachments on minority groups.

Legally, a majority of people were stunned when the Supreme Court upheld the sodomy law in Georgia as it pertains to homosexuals. On the other hand, a District Judge in Kentucky has ruled that state's criminal sodomy statute to be unconstitutional.

Attorney General Meese's conservative stacked Commission on Pornography found that porno is a major factor leading to sex crimes and child abuse, almost the exact opposite of what a similar commission found during Jimmy Carter's administration. In addition, General Meese has stated that Government officials should not look on U.S. Supreme Court decisions as being the law of the land! And he has urged the nation's employers to control workers' drug use by keeping close watch on parking lots, locker rooms and even spying on nearby bars if necessary! Shades of Hitler's Brown Shirts and Joe McCarthy. Is this really 1984, Mr. Orwell?

To say that the Gay social life has been curtailed is a mild understatement. Ever since the AIDS crisis emerged early in this decade, Gay men, in particular, have taken extra precautions to attempt to stem the tide of the spread of this disease in our community. AIDS has often been described as a "Gay disease". The only reason that the Gay community

has been hit so hard has been because of the pernicious lifestyle that prevailed during the late seventies and early eighties. Now, hopefully through the massive educational efforts of the many AIDS organizations from coast to coast and the massive exposure given by the media, the prevalence of this dread disease in our community will slow down.

It is evident that our social centers have been hit with this slowdown in attendance - and rightfully so. We must show the straight world that we can be responsible, health-minded citizens, and do everything in our power to stop the spread of AIDS in the homosexual community. Then, and only then, will the non-Gay population stop blaming us for 'our' plague.

I venture to say that there isn't one Gay or Lesbian person who hasn't known of, or was personally involved with a person with AIDS. The death toll mounts daily, it nears the 30,000 mark and the government is still dragging its feet in mounting an all-out battle against this disease that is eating away at the population of this land - heterosexual and homosexual. Star Wars is more important evidently!

Yes, 1986, by and large, has been a terrible year. There have been the small gains made by organizations such as the National Gay Rights Advocates, National Lesbian and Gay Task Force, Human Rights Campaign Fund, American Civil Liberties Union, etc. But there is a lot more to be done, and in the ultra-right conservative mood of this country today, the tasks only becomes more difficult.

We all must cling to what few gains we have made in the past few years, and attempt to stop any further erosion of these gains. It would behoove every thinking member of our communities from coast to coast to take a hard look at where our future is headed, as we are led by these conservative leaders; what our proper role in these vital times should be, and take appropriate action to stem the tide that is outwardly taking more and more of our freedom away - instead of giving us our fair share.

One way would be to contribute time and/or money to your local and national organizations who are fighting for you and your right to live your life as a normal citizen of these United States. It isn't 1984, but things are not pretty as we enter 1987. Think about it. It can happen here - it is happening here right now!

Observing Tucson And  
The Greater Arizona Community

# OBSERVER

### Hawkins & DeLear in Tucson appearance



TUCSON - Imported direct from St. Louis, Missouri, the popular musical duo, Hawkins & DeLear will appear at Colette's West, Ltd. in an exclusive New Year's Eve appearance from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

Hawkins & DeLear are the culmination of two lifetimes dedicated to music. Chris Hawkins, who sings and plays synthesizers, saxophone and guitar, grew up in the Midwest and graduated from Indiana University's renowned School of Music with an unusual classical major in bassoon. Before teaming up with Gillian, she spent three years performing solo in the St. Louis area. Chris' haunting soprano is equally effective in a moving ballad or a driving dance tune.

Gillian DeLear is a member of the third generation in a family of performers. Her grandfather was a stage technician in the post-earthquake San Francisco theatrical renaissance, while her grandmother and great-aunt danced and sang with legends like Al Jolson. Her bass, baritone father and pianist mother toured the country, performing everything from Broadway tunes to classical arias. In such an environment, Gillian began picking up instruments as early as age five.

Gillian makes up the rhythm section of Hawkins & DeLear, playing bass, guitar and a variety of percussion while adding tight harmonies to Chris' lead vocals. She is currently studying applied electronics to augment Hawkins & DeLear's ability to exploit new electronic music techniques.

If this combination looks hot on paper, it reaches a fever pitch from the stage. Working together since 1984, Hawkins and DeLear have developed an intuitive ability to communicate with their audiences, sometimes simply sitting and playing; sometimes incorporating choreography and theatrics, sometimes bringing the

house down with a hard-driving rocker.

Whether in an intimate club or a large hall, Hawkins & DeLear reach out and grab every member of the audience and draw them right into the heart of the performance. Ask anyone who's experienced them during one of the multi-state tours.

There is a \$7.00 cover charge at the door for New Year's Eve at Colette's West and it will include The Hawkins & DeLear performances, live DJ music for dancing and an appearance by Dazzling Deb and the Dyketones, back by popular demand. There will be complimentary food and champagne at midnight to bring in the new year.

### Step toward AIDS vaccine encouraging

A synthetically produced protein has been shown to induce antibodies that inactivate the AIDS virus in a test tube, researchers reported Friday, Nov. 5. The discovery is considered an important step in the development of an AIDS vaccine, but does not mean a vaccine is at hand.

The newly isolated portion of the virus is only now being tested in chimpanzees to determine whether it can protect the animal from the disease. Results are not expected for months.

"It is a step in our understanding, but how important it is in getting to a vaccine has yet to be determined," said Dr. Robert C. Gallo, chief of the NCI's laboratory of tumor-cell biology, where the AIDS virus was discovered.

The new research has shown that a small portion of the virus's outer covering, or envelope, generates the kind of antibodies that might kill the virus, Gallo said. "Whether that

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# UPDATE

## T-SQUARES GRADUATING CLASS

TUCSON - Tucson's square dancing club, T-Squares, will be graduating their beginners class on Sunday, January 11 at Rumor Hazzit.

On that same Sunday, the group will begin forming another beginners class from 1 to 3 p.m. Anyone interested in square dancing is invited to attend or sign up.

In celebration of the new graduates, T-Squares will be serving food following the graduation ceremony at 3:00 p.m. All are invited.

## THE KISS THAT SHOCKED

LONDON, ENGLAND (CNN) - According to "Another Voice" of Vancouver, two gay men in London were convicted of "shocking behavior" for kissing goodbye at a bus stop. A man standing nearby with his fiancee deemed the kiss an insult to his intended and called a policeman.

The gay men were fined the equivalent of \$150 each. Upon appeal, the conviction was upheld, but the fine was waived on condition the men kept their records "clean" for the following year.

## DUCHESS OF WINDSOR WILLS FORTUNE TO PASTEUR INSTITUTE

PARIS, FRANCE - The Duchess of Windsor has left a huge amount of her five million pound estate to the Pasteur Institute in Paris. Suzanne Blum, an attorney for the Duchess said that the Duchess' dying wish was to boost research at the Institute, which specializes in AIDS research. "She just wanted to help the world," said Blum.

The Duchess' fortune is in the form of huge amounts of jewels. Blum said none of the jewels were the property of the Royal Family, but were bought by the late Duke of Windsor. Blum said most of the fortune would go to the Pasteur Institute, some would go to various charities, but very little would go to the current Royal Family.

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## BAPTISTS HALT FUNDS FOR FEMALE PASTORS

ATLANTA, GA. (AP) - The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has voted not to give financial support to any woman who is a pastor of a local church.

Under Baptist practice, a local church can ordain whomever it deems fit, and more than 200 women have been ordained, despite opposition to such ordinations by fundamentalists.

The board's action came amid growing fundamentalist power in the denomination.

## ALASKA HOTEL DECLARED OFF LIMITS

ANCHORAGE, AK (AP) - The Army and Air Force have barred servicemen from entering a downtown Anchorage hotel that was the site of a drug raid earlier this year. Officials said hanging out at the Palace Hotel could cause servicemen problems so they made the hotel, and the sidewalks in front, off-limits to soldiers.

The action came after city officials filed suit to shut down a public nuisance. Last February undercover agents staged a large drug raid at the hotel. They recovered an estimated \$25,000 in illegal drugs and stolen property.

Army spokesman Maj. Michael Childs said the order applied to all soldiers of the 6th Light Infantry Division and the U.S. Army Garrison in Alaska. A similar step was taken by the Air Force.

The recommendation was made by the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board, which has three Air Force and two Army members. The board can recommend to base commanders that businesses be placed off limits if they discriminate against servicemen and women or present a danger to the safety of service members.

Officials say other candidates for action include businesses that cater to homosexuals or that have a bad record of consumer fraud.

## BOOK ABOUT GAY DAD CREATES PLEA

LONDON, ENGLAND - A schoolbook about a 5-year-old girl who lives with her father and his homosexual lover has become the focal point of a spirited debate in Britain over sex education.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government has sought to ban the book from schools, and parents at one London school burned copies of it and kept children home for a day in protest.

"Jennie Lives With Eric and Martin" tells the story of a girl whose father, Martin, is a homosexual. The 50-page book is illustrated with black and white photographs, five of which show the girl sitting on a bed with two men who appear to be nude.

SIX MEN KILLED IN ATLANTA  
ATLANTA, GA (AP) - Fulton County District Attorney Lewis Slaton said he has not decided yet whether to seek the death penalty against a man charged with murder in the deaths of six men described as street hustlers.

A grand jury is expected to hear the case against 26-year-old Michael Terry, who is being held in Atlanta city jail without bond.

Police announced that Terry had been arrested at a Lithonia tire company where he worked. Terry had been a customer of the victims, who ranged in age from 18 to 31, and took money for sex.

Police identified the six victims at Richard Williams, 24, shot and stabbed; Curtis Lee Brown, 21, shot; Alvin George, 31, stabbed; Jason B. McColley, 18, stabbed; George Willingham, 30, shot and stabbed; and Daryl O. Williams, 20, shot.

The arrest came after officers for several months investigated what appeared to be unrelated killings. Police said a pattern in the killings, which date from Dec. 1985, became apparent after the most recent victim was found on Oct. 20.

The clue that led detectives to Terry was a witness who linked the suspect to a boarding house where the bodies of two slaying victims were discovered.

"We got the name (of the suspect) and a photograph and we had two victims in the backyard at the rooming house, and that was too much of a coincidence," said detective Marcellus Head.

Police said they are still not sure of the motive in the killings. Though it is believed that the killer had sex with his victims, authorities have not termed the slaying homosexual-related. The victims hustled to make money and did not consider themselves homosexuals, police said.

Neighbors and co-workers described Terry, who moved to Atlanta several years ago, as a quiet man who usually kept to himself, though he often carried a gun. "This is still hard for me to believe because he was too easygoing," said Gus Jones, a neighbor who described Terry as a drinking buddy. "You could have had anything he had. If nobody bothered him he didn't bother nobody."

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## TV

### This Week's TV Programs

7:00 (2) THE LOVE BOTT - (60 min.) The Head Mermaid is bound and determined to lose thirty pounds and plans to start seriously January 1st. She hopes her friends won't tempt her with food or libations. Head Mermaid: Christi Luvshitz.

(7) THE GUILDED GIRLS - (60 min.) It's really amazing how depressed Rose can get being alone over a holiday. The things she talks about! Rose: Jasoni Bartendi.

(69) DOWN ON MOVIES (60 min.) This week's review on "Top Gun", Eggbert loved the action scenes with the fighter craft, while Sissy says the scenes of Tom Cruise in his underwear are better than in "Risky Business". On a five, star grade - 3 1/2 stars.

8:00 (2) KATIE AND AL - (60 min.) Katie seems to be ignoring old friends. Guess she expects the others to make the first move. Katie: Petra St. Pool.

(7) MIAMI TWICE - (60 min.) The mysterious Monday lady gave Stubbs a little scare. He had to convince Crock and himself she was really going to show. Stubbs: Bob Jealous. Crock: Gary Stark.

(69) MOVIE - Horror (120 min.) "IT! CONTINUES!" About the eternal building going at a local watering hole and will it ever be done?

9:00 (2) DIE NASTY - (60 min.) Alexi seems to have found someone to spend her spare time with.

(7) FAMILY TRIES - (60 min.) A money matter comes up with one of the locals, and Alex is wondering if the right choice was made. Of course it was. Don't be ridiculous!!!

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**Playgirl magazine to stop showing frontal nudity**

by Karen Krenis

For all of you who won't buy Playgirl magazine but toy with the idea of casually taking a peek while the cashier looks the other way, consider this:

Your peep may be in vain. The magazine has decided to cover up what many feel is the main event.

That's right - no more shots, close-up or otherwise, of that more delicate area of the male anatomy. Effective with the January issue, says Editor-in-Chief Nancie S. Martin, frontal nudity will be a chapter in Playgirl's past.

"What we want to see is something more - the whole body," she says. "I want people to be even more aroused than ever, but there's different ways of doing that. Take the men out of the bedroom and put them in different situations...."

"I mean, they won't be wearing suits or anything - they'll be pictured in bathing suits, jock straps, fig leaves or whatever. I think they'll be more sexy than ever."

For her own sake, she had better be right. The 28-year-old editor made the decision after only one month on the job.

It was time for a bold move. Last June, the magazine filed for protection from its creditors under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Its circulation had dropped 60 percent from the 1.5 million copies it had sold at its introduction in 1973.

Sales have been "pretty good

and pretty steady" these days, says Martin, who claims circulation wasn't a factor in the move away from frontal nudity.

Nor, she says, was the decision prompted by the growing anti-pornography movement in this country - which in April persuaded Southland Corp. to stop selling such "adult" magazines in its 7-Eleven stores.

"I've just been listening to a lot of women, and they tend to say Playgirl is great, but I'm embarrassed to pick it up."

"Female sexuality is different from male sexuality. men are more genetically focused - they 'focus' on three elements when they see a nude female. I think for women, sexual arousal is a more overall thing."

That's not to say Martin thinks the male genitals aren't important to women. But while many men wouldn't think twice about picking up a Playboy, for women there can still be a reluctance to look at nude males.

"We are still embarrassed by the sight of the male organ (in a nude photo) and don't notice anything else," Martin says. "Women either blush or giggle or both, and don't really have an opportunity to appreciate the rest of Playgirl, which I think is pretty good."

But reading about sexual fantasies, says Martin, will still be a part of Playgirl's monthly format. The Erotica column, which gives readers an opportunity to write in about their experiences, will be left alone.

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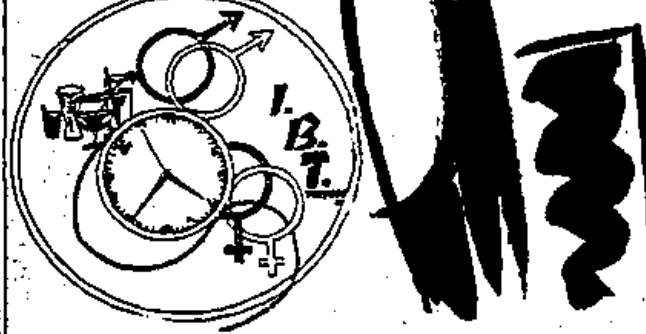
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### Juicy Lucy

Land-o-Goshen, you pea pickin' folks in this cow town really know how to celebrate Christmas. Here for a while, I thought everyone would roll over (sounds good to me) and just act as if it was just another day of the year. Roaming around to the different watering holes, I was impressed. Believe it or not, a whole bunch of you wished even me, as you should, a Merry Christmas and some of you even kissed me. Even Candi Plaster gave me a kiss at her (and others) show over at the Graduate. Boy, I'm glad she didn't break out in a cold sweat after I had all her makeup start running. Speaking of Christmas, did you all enjoy my gifts to's - HA? If my welfare check would of just arrived sooner, I'd been able to get more of you a gift. Instead, I'll buy each of those I missed a long neck for New Year's.

Before I put my quilt aside for this week, I'd like to say,

have a rotten year to all of you in Phoenix. It seems you really want me to move up there so I can report on you. I read that BS you wrote about me when you was telling about Doc being up there. Well, let me tell you, these whipper snappers in this little one-horse-town of Tucson are just my type of people. I may whisper a few words about them, but they love me, why else do they keep yapping about me all the time. Anyway, at this time of the calendar I guess I should say, be as mean talking about little old me as you want, but I'll still say I hope your holidays are good.

If any of you need a ride because of too many spirits funneled into your tum-tums New Year's Night, I've got Bossie and Boosie hitched up, new straw on the wagon, so just call me. Of course it will cost you one long neck per mile. My mules don't drink, so forget them.

### NEWS FROM MCC TUCSON

Happy New Year from the Pastoral Staff and Congregation of MCC/Tucson. As 1987 comes into being we can look back over 1986 as a memorable year in the history of MCC/Tucson. Many changes have been made during this year, some good and for the betterment of MCC/Tucson, some bad and detrimental to MCC/Tucson. With 1987 coming into existence, we at MCC/Tucson look forward to a new year full of promises and expectations. We hope that we can continue to fulfill our duties to the community and we will keep the community informed of all new developments at MCC/Tucson through this column.

At midnight, December 31, 1986 / January 1, 1987, another big change will be in effect. Pastor David Gunton will leave the ministry of MCC/Tucson and Deacon Matthias Hammer will become our interim Worship Coordinator. There will be a social gathering at the church at 8:00 p.m. for games, munchies and fellowship and then at 11:00 p.m. there will be a Watch Night Service with a program of prayer and worship. Pastor Dave will deliver his final message and install Deacon Matthias as interim Worship Coordinator. All are welcome.

As Pastor Dave leaves his position at MCC/Tucson and goes into the secular world, our love and prayers go with him. The Pastoral Search Committee is in the process of selecting their first candidate for Pastor but has not given any details on the candidate or candidates at this time. Our regular worship services will continue as usual during this transition. At 10:00 a.m., January 4th, Deacon Matt Hammer will lead the services. We invite everyone to come and give Deacon Matt the support that he needs and deserves. Our evening worship services will continue as in the past at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Thought for the Week: Let not your idle thoughts become audible - they could become idle gossip.

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ARIZONA GAY RODEO JAN. 16-18  
 PHOENIX - The next rodeo on the IGRA circuit is scheduled for January 16-18, 1987 - The Arizona Gay Rodeo. The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) has announced that the rodeo will take place at El Lienzo Charro Rodeo Grounds located on the southeast corner of 28th Avenue and Baseline Road.

Tickets for the rodeo will be \$10 per day, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 17 & 18. The admission to the Rodeo Grounds and Dance Hall on Friday is free. There will be a full-service bar at the arena grounds. Booth space will be available. Rates for booth space are \$15 per day or \$25 for all three days. Applications for booth space reservations or further information concerning the upcoming Arizona Gay Rodeo should be addressed to AGRA, P.O. Box 16363, Phoenix, AZ 85011.

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the ironing board with the springy metal thing to hold the cord of the iron out of the way (for "ease of ironing those uncooperative materials"). I also received a set of barnyard animal potholders, a tasteful floral pattern toaster cover (thanks Muff!), and 2 dozen slippery white plastic chopsticks, individually wrapped. I really appreciated the McDonald's gift certificate and intend to bestow it on this nasty kid down the street. Where are the people that give you things you really want, like neckties with flamingos or naked girls on them?



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## W A S T Y X M A S T O Y O U

Did you ever think when you got old it would be your destiny to end up behind the wheel of a large, late model American-made automobile? Perhaps this is the hell we are born to: Cruising along in Xmas rush traffic at 25 doing jerky stops and signalling inappropriately, smoking a cigarette and running a comb through thin blue hair. I don't think I want to get old.

Are you glad Xmas is gone? And now only New Year's to get through. I am one of those people who really would like to pretend that nothing is going on, no special occasions, no people to see, no presents to buy, none of that other obligatory punishment. The only part I really like is being off from work for day upon day and knowing you have nothing to do. One thing we do like to do on those days off is go see movies (eat popcorn, drink clear sodas, maybe get a little high first). It was mindless holiday at the movies and we saw "Star Trek" (I forgot the appropriate roman numeral), "Little Shop of Horrors", and "Three Amigos" (that's "tres" for you people who care).

"Star Trek", as I'm sure you've heard, is thoroughly enjoyable and worth seeing. Kirk trying to pass Spock off as a leftover hippie ("He did too much LDS at Berkeley") is priceless; as well as the deft working of "Save the Whales" into the plot of a supposed science fiction movie. The movie could have been "Wild Kingdom" with all the whales spouting off.

"Little Shop of Horrors" is a camp parody of a musical. It concerns a man-eating plant from outer space which ends up, through the muddled curiosity of the nerdy hero, in a slummed-out flower shop. There is one production scene, "Downtown (in Skidrow)", which resembles nothing so much as some... of the

living dead doing West Side story. Rick Moranis (the nerdy accountant in "Ghostbusters") is the nerdy hero who finally makes good. Steve Martin does a sadistic dentist that will curl your toes (he's so good looking in his black leather boots and black plastic spron - good looking but I'd rather have him sticking something other than a 6" saw into my mouth!) The woman who is the female lead brings a luminescent vapidity to the role with her just barely tasteless wardrobe and fakey little girl squeaky voice; her "Somewhere Green", where she pines for a matchbox in the suburbs, is great. The plant is voiced by Levi Stubbs of the Four Tops who brings a sexy vivacity to the vegetable's performance: When he tells the nerd to "Feed me, baby, all night long!" you're not quite sure what he's talking about. All in all this movie was a scream.

I had to pay for John's ticket to get him to go with me to see "Three Amigos" - he is still sorry he went. Three totally tacky cowboy stars go to Mexico and end up fighting off an evil Mexican bandito and his evil henchmen. There are some terrible songs, including a campfire serenade which draws the animals to listen in awe, much bugging and stupid carrying on.

I sort of liked parts of the movie and embarrassed several people with raucous laughter. Basically, though, the movie is terribly silly and can get pretty tiresome. A good bit of the physical humor, gestures and whatnot, draws on standard homosexual stereotypes for its humor and I really didn't appreciate that. Go if you like Steve Martin and Chevy Chase; otherwise, don't.

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living dead doing West Side story. Rick Moranis (the nerdy accountant in "Ghostbusters") is the nerdy hero who finally makes good. Steve Martin does a sadistic dentist that will curl your toes (he's so good looking in his black leather boots and black plastic apron - good looking but I'd rather have him sticking something other than a 5" saw into my mouth!) The woman who is the female lead brings a luminescent vapidity to the role, with her just barely tasteless wardrobe and fakey little girl squenky voice; her "Somewhere Green", where she pines for a matchbox in the suburbs, is great. The plant is voiced by Levi Stubbs of the Four Tops who brings a sexy sibilance to the vegetable's performance: When he tells the nerd to "Feed me, baby, all night long!" you're not quite sure what he's talking about. All in all this movie was a scream.

I had to pay for John's ticket to get him to go with me to see "Three Amigos" - he is still sorry he went. Three totally tacky cowboy stars go to Mexico and end up fighting off an evil Mexican bandito and his evil henchmen. There are some terrible songs, including a campfire serenade which draws the animals to listen in awe, much mugging and stupid carrying on.

I sort of liked parts of the movie and embarrassed several people with raucous laughter. Basically, though, the movie is terribly silly and can get pretty tiresome. A good bit of the physical humor, gestures and whatnot, draws on standard homosexual stereotypes for its humor and I really didn't appreciate that. Go if you like Steve Martin and Chevy Chase; otherwise, don't.

The worst Xmas present I got was  
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## New Camel Club off and running in Phoenix

by Nancy Rosénquist

PHOENIX - After a multi-month drought, and most likely innumerable traffic tickets traversing the valley, the west side of Phoenix is being graced with a brand new mixed bar - The New Camel Club.

The club is located one block north of Camelback Road on 43rd Avenue, previously the site of the Grand Camel Club. The word 'camel' is the only reminder of the existence of the previous bar - and for good reasons... the free standing sign in front of the building was too heavy to dispose of!

The New Camel Club is a decidedly spectacular addition to the Phoenix community. The new owner has literally spared no expense in order to give Phoenix a watering hole decorated in a mixed motif of hi-tech and art deco. Literally everything in the New Camel Club, including the kitchen sink, is brand new.

The New Camel Club will be presenting an endless array of talent on its stage each week. All of Phoenix's favorite entertainers will be performing as never before - Cissy Goldberg, Mr. Dani Reid, Lady Cassandra, Ebony, Tish Tanner, Tamara, Jamie Desario, Traci Reeder, Gaylia, Sherry Kimerling and the list goes on and on.

Linda will be the resident DJ, spinning her tunes from above the crowds in the newly installed DJ booth, on an exceptionally fine sound system. Linda herself installed the system specifically to suit the tastes of The New Camel Club's discerning patrons - and everyone else too!

Phoenix's favorite bartender B.J. Reynolds will again be serving her best, while doubling as bar manager. She will be

assisted by Danny, Toni, Jody and of course, Phil.

Jesse's kitchen is again in full swing. The delicacies that have been missing from the area menus in the past few months will be served Tuesday through Sunday from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. with a special brunch each Sunday from noon to 3:00 p.m. For those special occasions Jesse's cuisine is a must. Reservations will gladly be accepted.

The New Camel Club will be open daily from noon until 1:00 p.m.

The staff and management of The New Camel Club wish to thank the Phoenix Gay community and assorted friends for their help and support during the past few months in order to make this new club as special as you had hoped it would be.

### MAYOR CANCELS GAY TELECAST

WARREN, MI (AP) - The leader of a Gay rights group says he's considering suing a suburban Detroit mayor for ordering a cable television company not to broadcast a program for homosexuals.

Warren Mayor Ron Bonkowski ordered Comcast Cablevision of Warren, Michigan not to air "The Lambda Report", a half-hour news program covering Gay issues. It was scheduled to air on a public access channel earlier this month.

Bonkowski says he just didn't think it was an appropriate subject for cable television viewers. He says it was his decision. He said the city has control over its three public access channels under its franchise agreement with Comcast.

The mayor says he learned about the program through a news release issued by the Michigan Organization for Human Rights (MOHR), the group that produces

the show. Craig Covey, executive director of the group, said it was blatantly unconstitutional. He said public access television was created to give voice to minorities and that he was very offended by Bonkowski's action.

Covey says there are thousands of Gay men and women in Warren who are being deprived of an opportunity to see the program because of his action and he says they are people who own homes and pay taxes.

The Lambda Report, written and produced by volunteer members of MOHR, contains news, feature stories, entertainment, health and humor segments and editorials about the Lesbian and Gay community.

The group says the program contains information about AIDS, political news from Lansing and information about services for homosexuals. The group's program is being shown in Grand Rapids, Lansing, East Lansing, Midland, Muskegon, Kalamazoo, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Holland and 12 Oakland County communities. MOHR said that cable systems in Flint, Wyoming and Jackson have refused to show the Lambda Report.

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### STEP TOWARD AIDS VACCINE ENCOURAGING

will be enough for a useful vaccine has yet to be determined.

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome attacks the body's ability to fight disease, leaving the body open to a wide variety of infections. As of Dec. 1, it has killed 15,383 Americans.

The AIDS virus is wrapped in a fatty envelope studded with proteins essential to its ability to infect the body's white blood cells. After the virus infects the body, the immune system is able to recognize these envelope

proteins as foreign and make antibodies against them in an effort to kill the invader. But these antibodies arrive too late.

The researchers used gene-engineering techniques to remove a section of the viral DNA that produces the envelope protein. They then put the gene into bacteria to make large amounts of the envelope protein. Potentially, that protein can be used as a vaccine.

To test the protein's usefulness as a vaccine, it was injected into goats to see what kinds of antibodies would be made against it. The goat antibodies were mixed in a test tube with the AIDS virus and white blood cells. The goat antibodies protected the white blood cells from infection, proving that the purified envelope protein produces protective neutralizing antibodies.

"This genetically engineered molecule seems to induce the right kind of antibody," said the researchers. "The neutralizing antibody kills the virus in tissue culture." However, he added, "just the rising of neutralizing does not mean that this would protect against infection. We would like to hope so."

But there are many different strains of the AIDS virus. The antibodies made by recently tested envelope protein protected the white blood cells against only one strain of the AIDS virus. For a vaccine to be effective, it will have to protect against all major strains of AIDS.

Genetic-engineering techniques offer a number of advantages, including allowing the researchers to cheaply produce a large number of envelope proteins from other strains of the AIDS virus much more quickly than in the past. And there is no chance a genetically engineered vaccine could inadvertently cause AIDS.

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## WHAT'S UP DOC?

A little different twist on my column this week. Normally I'd have loads of news for you about shows at the Graduate, Go Go Boy Dance Contest at IBT's on Jan. 17th, club news on the different clubs here in town, a fat tip for Juicy Lucy, news of the bowling league over at the Fiesta Lanes on Wednesday nights starting up next Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 8:30 p.m. or just good old fashioned gossip I dream up. But with all the TBBS' I've come up with this time, I'll go Gayly forward to them. I hope I survive this group of TBBS'.

**TBBS HOT FLASH!** Dec. 23rd, 6:15 p.m. at the Graduate - Harry messed up, totally, all 5 of Pittsburgh Tom's (Tornado Tillie) hairs. A couple of weeks ago at bowling, Ben bowled a strike - standing up. Dolly said after I commented that he didn't do it on his knees as normal, "He does better work (?) when he isn't on his knees"....Fern hasn't been in town long, but she is already trying to compete with Roxanne. The other night at Rumor Hazzit, she tripped coming off the stage, only sprained her ankle. Roxanne fell off her high heels to break hers, as we all remember.... Token broad, of DL, brought up the subject of "FF" the other night at the Grad. Look out you men of DL, you might have more than you bargained for in this token Broad, even you Bubble Butt.... Speaking of Bert, I hear he has a new leash on life. One sick puppy (Bert was seen at the Buffalo in Las Vegas wearing a PINK rhinestone dog collar and drinking from a dog dish. Was that really Ernie holding the PINK leash?.... Nature finally got all the dates he ever wanted with the help of a little make-up.... While watching a video of the Satyricons anniversary show, Ernie was crushed when Claude appeared on stage in a dress.... Be on the lookout for the "Dead Bert" buttons floating around Tucson.... Seeing "Chetty Cathy" dancing is similar to a French Poodle in heat - Ugh!....

Some people will go to almost anything to get a trick, just ask Bill N. who had his sleeping bag in the bar - be prepared.... Sue, Lindsay and Nancy bought Bill a "Buck Knife" for Christmas. Nancy said the knife would be good for scaling and gutting trout, fish, etc., Bill said, "That's funny, I thought Nancy was talking about Sue!"

Here is a (?) (?) one for you, Sue (straight) is moving in with Bill (?).... Did you know Tucson has the original trainer of "Flipper" in town as a resident? Yes, she won the "Amphibian of the Month" award when he was in the Navy. I've heard this trainer of Flipper has a big flapper. You can usually find him at the Graduate sipping maybe three scotch and waters and then he slips out without saying goodbye.

Before I get myself in deeper trouble, I'll close my final column for 1986. In closing, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support by reading this column over this past year. Also, to all of you who gave me TBBS', thank you. I look forward to 1987 and bringing a few laughs you way. To all of you I've mentioned, those of you I haven't and all of you out there in this

beautiful city of Tucson, have a very special and joyous Happy New Year. PLEASE, DO NOT TRY TO DRIVE IF YOU'VE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK

LETTERS

## TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank THE OBSERVER, the many organizations, businesses and individuals in Tucson and southern Arizona who have shown me such loving support and encouragement over the past three and a half years I have served as Pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of Tucson. Your love and support have made my tenure in Tucson the most enjoyable and memorable of my eleven year career in the ministry of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

I have served churches in five cities in two countries, but Tucson, Arizona will always hold a very special place in my heart. That is a treasure beyond price, and I thank all of you for such a gift.

As I retire from my position with M.C.C./Tucson, I look forward to continuing to work with the community as we struggle and grow together. Let us continue to respect and appreciate our diversity and strengthen and celebrate our unity.

Once again, thank you one and all for being you!

Sincerely yours  
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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, \$1.50 - 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well. 8-12 .50 draft and .50 Schnapps. Dance 8 to 1 am.

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

RUMOR HAZZIT - 8 to 9 pm \$1.25.

RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm.

"DYNASTY" on life-size screen 8 pm.

## SUNDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beer Bust 4 to 7 pm .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4 to 7 pm, \$3.00. Dave Pierson DJ's from 9 pm until 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Football on our big screen plus "Mine Down Nite" .75 Wine & 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 (2). 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

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## MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowler's Specials: .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

Night begins at 8 pm. Spaghetti Dinner \$2.00 plus Well.

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GRADUATE - All White Well Drinks \$1.50 until 1 am plus

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IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Vodka \$1.00; 5:30

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

RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm.

Regular disco/video dancing 9 pm to close.

## TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 12 oz. cans Miller's or

Miller's Lite \$1.00! Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T 9 pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Sudserize!" .40 draft beer from

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FINELINE - Lobby Level Fineline open at 7 pm. Tequila

\$1.00. 16 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 - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm.

Video dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

## WEDNESDAY

## SPECIAL CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 (NEW YEARS EVE)  
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FINELINE - "Fantasy at the Fineline". Alcoholic beverages until 1 a.m., then dance until four a.m. or more and the bar will open again at 6 a.m. for those who need to wind down.

GRADUATE - Party here starts when you enter. Hats, horns, streamers, balloons the whole nine yards.

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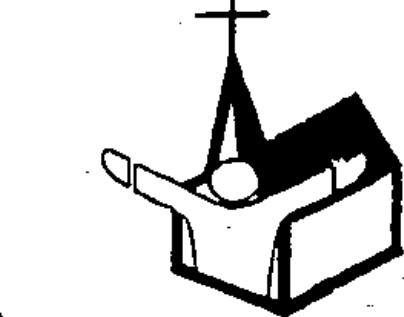
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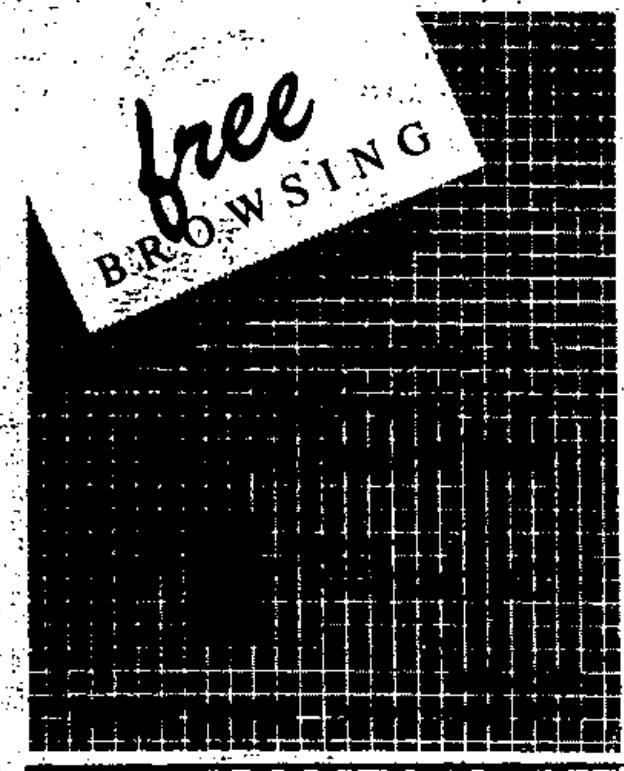
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## A View From Within

A COMMENTARY BY  
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

### LET'S TALK "L.A. LAW"

I have been so excited about L.A. LAW since its debut this fall. I have wanted to write about this wonderful show for at least a month but you know, if you have been keeping up with my columns, a lot has been happening lately, and I've had to put off L.A. LAW for a bit.

But now, here's my chance to change all that.

Firstly, let me say that L.A. LAW is without flaw. The characters, stories, actors, on and on, are wonderful to watch. It is such a refreshing oasis in the "vast wasteland" et cetera, et cetera.

But when L.A. LAW tackled AIDS, I was too wowed! A couple weeks ago, Susan Dey's character had to prosecute a man who shot and killed his dying lover. His lover was dying from AIDS. It was powerful television. I was in tears throughout most of the episode.

Susan Dey is such a great actress. She is light years from that popcorn show with which she was once affiliated. She plays the subtle nuances so well. I would be very surprised if she does not get at least an Emmy nomination for 1986-1987. She is beautiful, talented and compelling.

The show's star, Harry Hamlin, is no stranger to us. He was in that nauseating movie MAKING LOVE. He was okay in that but is stellar in L.A. LAW. He plays a strong, caring, yet very sensitive lawyer whose ideals guide his actions. I am impressed both with the character and, the actor. Another sure bet come Emmy time.

I must also pause to give credit for this wonderful show to NBC which somehow had the foresight to both put the show on in the first place, and allow it

to stay on at least one season. The ratings for the show have hovered around 30th place, but are getting higher and higher. The show's change from Friday night to Thursday night brought it its highest rating yet this season. This is one show which will be a top-ten hit by spring.

Also, kudos must go to Steven Bochco, and Terry Fisher who created the show.

Other cast members, including Corbin Bernsen, Michael Tucker and the superb Jill Eikenberry, Jimmy Smits, and the infuriating Alan Rachins, all add that touch of reality to wonderful scripts, sets and atmosphere. A stand-out would have to be Michele Greene who plays Abby, the woman whose husband is a moron, and whose son had been kidnapped and only recently returned. Her character has been through the wringer, and Greene keeps pace with the touch assignment. If she doesn't win an Emmy next year, I will be very surprised.

If you haven't watched L.A. LAW yet, you are missing what is called "great television". It is perhaps the best show to air this decade.

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CORRECTION: Due to typographical error, an incorrect date was printed in my column of Dec. 10, 1986 ("You'll Always Live, Not Only On Screen, Rock Hudson"). The air date mentioned was 25 April 1953, but was actually 25 April 1955.

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Well, another year comes to an end. See you next year! And thanks for all of your support over the last two and a half years.

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### YOUR YEAR AHEAD

#### ARIES

This is your year to learn and expand. Opportunities to expand all phases of your life will be bountiful this year. Unexpectedly large profits from your labors will have you excited in May. Mid-November offers an unforgettable educational experience. You will have relatively good luck all year.

#### TAURUS

This is your year to explore all of your potentials. Expect profits in the spring. By fall money may be more of a problem. Profitable investment potentials will be marked for success if they involve partners.

#### GEMINI

This is your year to party. Friends and romance will be the most important issues this year. Love will be the source of much passion this spring. A long romance may end next winter. Expect a very busy social schedule.

#### CANCER

This is your year to work and profit. Career opportunity for spring and summer are excellent. Thanksgiving will find you very thankful for all that will come your way this year. September and October will be the months to be a miser.

#### LEO

This is the year to take chances making money. Educational concerns will offer areas to expand in. Unexpected opportunity for investments may seem risky but will prove to be worth the risk in the long run. Be cautious in the winter or sudden misfortune could deprive you of luxuries you have grown accustomed to.

#### VIRGO

This is your year to invest. If you live alone you won't be alone by spring. Financial opportu-

nities with your new roommate will change your fate for the better. Winter will reinforce ideas you had in the past.

#### LIBRA

This is your year to romance. Romance will be a major concern all year. Harmony in your relationships will make it easy for you communicating with everyone. Spring will bring you new intimacy with a love interest. Winter will find you making commitments.

#### SCORPIO

This is your year to acquire wealth. Work and money will be your major concerns. Spring will bring important rewards but you may make errors with profits in the summer. Winter will reinforce your practical application for the money you make.

#### SAGITTARIUS

This is your year for personal changes. Spring finds you earning a windfall. Summer offers new experiences that will earn you money and effect changes in your life. Winter will be even better.

#### CAPRICORN

This is your year for real estate. Spring brings secret deals that can earn you a bundle. By winter, you will own more than one home.

#### AQUARIUS

This is your year to climb. Social organizations will elect you to a position of power. Summer brings many responsibilities to groups. Beware of a scandal in September or October. Winter brings opportunities from friends that will aid you financially.

#### PISCES

This is your year to be known for what you do. Major concerns this year will be money, career and reputation. Summer brings many financial opportunities. By winter your circle of friends will amaze you.

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