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AS MERRY CHRISTMAS

LA NOCHE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Tis the night before Christmas
And all through the casa
Not a creature is stirring.
Caramba! Que pasa?
The stockings are hanging con mucho cuidado
In hope that St. Nicholas will feel obligado
To leave a few cosas aqui y alli
For chico y chica (y something por me).
Los Niños are snuggled all safe in their camas
Some in vestidos and some in pajamas
Their little cabezas all full of good things
They all esperando que Santa will bring.
Santa esta at the corner saloon
Muy borracho since midafternoon.
Mama is sitting beside la ventana
Shining her rolling pin para Navidad
When Santa returns to his home zigzagado
Lit up like the Star Spangled Banner, cantando.
And Mama will send him to bed con a right
Merry Christmas a todos, y a todos good night!

AS MERRY CHRISTMAS

Joshua Tree Hayride Thursday, Dec. 22

TUCSON - The 11th Annual Hayride to Winterhaven, sponsored by the Joshua Tree, will take place this Thursday, Dec. 22. The hay-laden truck will leave the parking lot at Jt's at 7:30 and visit all the local Gay bars to sing carols, have a drink or visit and pick up additional passengers.

The Winterhaven "Festival of Lights" is also an annual event that began in 1949. This year there are more than 300,000 Christmas tree lights, sleighs, reindeer, several versions of Santa Claus, large wrapped Christmas packages, managers and angels are sprinkled over 80 percent of the lawn in the 270-home subdivision in north-central Tucson. Each year a 100,000 people pass through Winterhaven to view the spectacle.

The extra large Joshua Tree Hayride stake truck is scheduled to go to Rumor Hazzit first, then, in order, Outrageous, Graduate, IBT's, Colette's and Rita's, and then on to view the Christmas lights and decorations at Winterhaven. The truck will return directly to the Joshua Tree at approximately 10:30. Make sure you have arranged for transportation back to your original point of embarkation if you joined the Hayride enroute. And be sure to dress warmly in case of cool weather.

Dr. Gallo comments on AIDS crisis

TUCSON - Dr. Robert Gallo, the scientist who helped discover AIDS, was in Tucson last week to speak at the Arizona Cancer Center. He probably knows more about the AIDS virus than anyone else. In his talk he covered a variety of thoughts. Here are a few.

"We are a lot closer to cures for a whole host of cancers than we are to a cure for AIDS."

"There is much more to learn about this virus before we can control it. It is possible we will need new insights into its most basic nature first."

"AIDS will never sweep through us the way epidemics of plague and influenza did, but it is there, and it will continue to move in a very slow, insidious way."

"This is one of the most complicated viruses medical science has ever faced."

"The most exciting research we are doing is in understanding the virus and how it works, and in finding the drugs that work against it - and they do work," Gallo said specifically talking about AZT.

"These discoveries are launching a whole new era of antiviral drug therapy that can be compared to the discovery of antibiotics to control bacterial diseases," he said.

Dallas Judge Rails Against Gays In Sentencing Killer

DALLAS, TX - A Texas judge says he sentenced an 18-year-old killer to 30 years in prison instead of the maximum life term partly because the two men he shot to death were homosexuals.

Richard Lee Bednarski, a Richmond College student at the time of his conviction Nov. 19, was found guilty in the May 15 slaying of Tommy Lee Trimble, 34, and Lloyd Griffin, 27.

"These two guys that got killed wouldn't have been killed if they hadn't been cruising the streets picking up teenage boys," State District Judge Jack Hampton told the Dallas Times Herald. "I don't care much for queers cruising the streets picking up teenage boys," he said. "I've got a teenage boy."

The judge said he would have given a harsher sentence to Bednarski if his victims had been, for example, "a couple of housewives out shopping, not hurting anybody." Hampton expressed no reservations about his statements, the newspaper reported. "Just spell my name right," Hampton said. "If it makes anybody mad, they'll forget it by 1990 (election year)."

Testimony revealed that Bednarski and a group of nine friends drove to the Oaklawn area of Dallas to harass Gay men the night of May 15. The boys testified that they were standing on a street corner jeering at passers-by, when Bednarski persuaded another boy to join him in beating and robbing Trimble and Griffin who had invited the boys into their car.

Testimony did not reveal that the victims solicited sex from Bednarski or his friend. The four drove to a park and walked to a hilltop clearing. The other youth testified that Bednarski immediately pulled a pistol and ordered the men to take off their clothes. When the men refused, Bednarski started shooting. Trimble died immediately. Griffin died three days later.

A Gay rights leader warned that outraged voters will remember Hampton's statement that he gave a lighter sentence to the murderer partly because his two victims were homosexuals. William Waybourn, president of the Dallas Gay Alliance, said the organization's eight telephone lines began ringing constantly after the newspaper published the judge's statement.

He said he hopes Hampton's remarks will prompt the public to work to remove him from the bench when he comes up for re-election. "Being at the wrong place at the wrong time is just a tragedy," Waybourn said of the killings. "I'm sorry for the families of the men who were killed. They don't deserve this. And Hampton doesn't deserve to be a judge."

Robert Flowers, executive director of the state Commission on Judicial Conduct, declined to comment on Hampton's statements and said the 11-member commission would investigate if a complaint were filed. "A judge's discretion is his or her own," Flowers said. "And generally we haven't had too many occasions where the judge has spoken about what his thought process has been (in sentencing)."

Competency evaluation for Kowalski completed

WASHINGTON, DC - "The positive results of Sharon Kowalski's competency evaluation by the Miller Dwan Rehabilitation Unit gives us hope that now she will get the rehabilitative care she deserves, and ultimately, to be able to go home - a home of her choice," said National Organization for Women President Molly Yard. The results of the court-ordered tests were announced in Minnesota on Dec. 12.

Sharon Kowalski is a seriously disabled, 32-year-old woman confined to a nursing home with a minimal rehabilitative program and forbidden the company of her friends and her partner of nine years, Karen Thompson. Her disability stems from a car accident when she was 27.

Kowalski's father Donald, her legal guardian, has refused to acknowledge his daughter's Lesbianism and to allow Thompson, a professor of physical education who has training in physical therapy, to visit Sharon.

"We are pleased to note that the competency report recommended that Sharon be transferred to a long-term rehabilitation facility and that an assessment be made of the current situation with her family and her significant other relationship," Yard said. "The report confirmed Karen Thompson's conviction that Sharon is able to express herself and could benefit greatly from rehabilitative care, especially in her communications skills."

"The evaluation is a break for Sharon in terms of her care. It is a victory for the rights of the disabled, and it is equally a victory for the rights of a lesbian to choose how she will live her life," said Yard.

"We are full of admiration for Karen Thompson for her continued fight to secure appropriate care for Sharon. In spite of repeated roadblocks, she refused to give up. This is yet further evidence that one person can make a difference," Yard stated.

The difference in this case is that Sharon Kowalski may be on her way to taking charge of her own life again.

UPDATE

ACLU SHUTS TUCSON OFFICE

TUCSON - The Southern Arizona office of the Arizona Civil Liberties Union closed its doors last week. ACLU Director Louis Rhodes said that the decision to close was made by the state ACLU Board months ago due to a budgetary shortfall, which officials hope is only temporary.

"We hope to have the Tucson office reopened next year," Rhodes said.

He said that those who believe their civil liberties have been violated can write to the Phoenix office at 2021 N. Central Ave., Suite 301, Phoenix, AZ 85004. They can also telephone 1-254-3339.

DRUG MAY SLOW AIDS PATIENTS WEIGHT LOSS

BALTIMORE, MD (AP) - A drug that appears to be successful in retarding wasting syndrome in terminally ill cancer patients, will soon be tested to see if it is equally effective in treating people with AIDS.

The drug, high-dose megesterol acetate, will be tested on AIDS patients at the University of Maryland Cancer Center here.

The drug, sold under the trade name Megace, has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, but as a chemotherapy agent in breast, prostate and endometrial cancer.

News from MCC Tucson

The Pastoral Staff and Congregation of MCC/Tucson wishes each and everyone a Merry Christmas. There will be only two services during this holiday weekend. A Christmas Eve Service will be held at 11:00 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, and a Christmas Service will be held at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 25. We invite you to attend either or both of these services for a time of worship and a reflection on the true meaning of Christmas.

Thought for the Week: There are two kinds of cleverness and both are priceless. One consists of thinking of a bright remark in time to say it. The other consists of thinking of it in time not to say it.

Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

HISTORY GROUP

GETS MATLOVICH PAPERS

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (BAR) - The San Francisco Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Historical Society recently acquired an important addition to its Archives when it received personal papers and other memorabilia from Gay rights activist and former Air Force sergeant, the late Leonard Matlovich.

The Matlovich collection is an eclectic combination of the interesting, the valuable, and the unexpected: snapshots of Leonard's three tours of duty in Vietnam, course materials for the class on racism he taught while in the Air Force, clipping, correspondence, and legal documents regarding his court case; his uniform, dog-tags, and medals; and the T-shirt worn by the TV movie crew with the Time cover, "I Am A Homosexual".

The collection opens much of Matlovich's life, from childhood to his recent activism, but the bulk of the collection covers his service record, his challenge to the Air Force's exclusion of homosexuals, and the resulting series of court cases.

There are also two large boxes of correspondence, dating from the time his case went national, from Lesbians and Gay men from all over the country. The shy career military man - who didn't act on his homosexuality until he was 30 - had become a hero to many Gays across the country.

The Matlovich papers are still being processed and are not yet available to the public. For more information contact Bill Walker, (415) 648-6814, or write to the Archives Committee, SFBAGLHS, P.O. Box 42126, San Francisco, CA 94142.

FWA COALITION RELEASES NEW BOOK

NEW YORK, NY - People With AIDS Coalition New York has released "Surviving and Thriving With AIDS Volume Two - Collected Wisdom," a 368 page book of writing by people with acquired immune deficiency syndrome. It also contains many photographs of people with AIDS.

The Coalition also announced that "Surviving and Thriving With AIDS: Hints for the Newly Diagnosed", published in 1987, will be reprinted for the second time. Twenty thousand copies have been distributed. Both books are offered free to people with AIDS and ARC.

"The two books are meant to be read together, and in order," according to Michael Callen, editor of both volumes. "Hints" is still essential reading for the newly diagnosed. "Collected Wisdom" expands upon the information and ideas contained in "Hints". It's an anthology of our attempts to cope with AIDS. It's a slice of lives which captures what it is like to live with AIDS in America in the later '80s," Callen said.

Volume Two contains a large section on... treatment options. AZT, aerosol pentamidine, DHPG, TFN, AZ721, and holistic approaches are discussed in first-hand accounts. Volume Two also attempts to remedy what Callen views as the major deficiency of "Hints" - that it contained little material not generated by white, Gay men. The new book contains much material by and about women and AIDS and people of color with AIDS. It also includes a section about AIDS-Related Complex and HIV antibody positivity.

Although offered free to FWAs and PWARCs, the general public may purchase either book by mail order from the FWA Coalition. Volume Two costs (Wisdom) \$20, Volume One (Hints) \$10. Bulk rates are also available. For more information or ordering write FWA Coalition New York, 31 West 26th Street, New York, NY 10010 or call (212) 532-0290.

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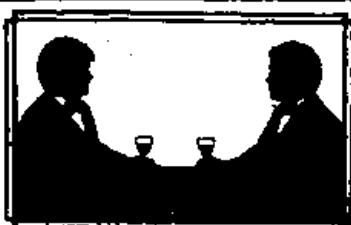
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Miss Gay Arizona Pageant. . . A Personal Perspective

by Robert Ularud
a.k.a. Christi Lunden

Another Miss Gay Arizona Pageant has come and gone and a few thoughts come to mind. How does one go through something like this and not want to get a few things out in the open and off your chest.

First of all, one of the winners could not write an article like this because the perspective is off. Only a non-winner could sit and write about it all. I do not say loser, because I feel whether or not any one of us "non-winners" have a crown on our head or not, we are definitely NOT LOSERS. All of us won something.

We all won a sense of accomplishment. We came, we saw, we competed, we put our hearts into what we did, and as all contests go, one person came out on top. And congratulations to you Ashley Boucannon. You were and are wonderful, and I'm sure I'm not alone in saying you will wear the crown proudly and will serve it well.

I still firmly believe that a different group of judges could have picked any of us contestants the winner. Don't get me wrong. All the judges picked for the pageant couldn't have been more fair. But with all that went into the contestants wardrobe and talent, it could have been any of us wearing that crown.

As in any contest, show, or just get together where men wear dresses, it seems there are personality clashes. There were! There were!!! But luckily, the clashes were not brought up to the contestants who were very busy worrying about other things. Nor was the audience aware of it. And they

are the most important part. They have paid good money to see a new Miss Gay Arizona crowned and they don't need to be aware of any problems, and they weren't.

Yes, there are also after-shocks of which I'm sure everyone is aware. I've talked to the producer and he is satisfied that all indiscretions have been taken care of, and if he is satisfied, why should anyone else not be. He has more to lose than anyone else if something is wrong. I hope the public drops the innuendos and lets it go down the drain where it belongs.

Anyway, I tend to ramble. My perspective of the pageant from backstage may not be the same as all the contestants, but it is mine. It all seemed to go very smoothly from where I stood. I certainly hope I'm not alone in my opinion.

I also hope all the other non-winners will not hold a grudge and classify themselves as losers. I don't feel we are. We are all winners in our own way - as is Arizona. We have a good winner in Ashley Boucannon. Good luck and God bless.

TUCSON WOMAN WINS ITA MEXICO TRIP
TUCSON - ITA, the Independent Tavern Owners Association of Arizona sponsored a raffle that netted the winner, Leslie Cook, a vacation for two to La Paz, Mexico, including round trip air fare and three days and two nights at the Hotel Rivera de Sol on the beach.

The winning ticket was drawn at the regular ITA monthly meeting which was held in Tucson at the Graduate Dec. 13th. Leslie Cook purchased her winning ticket at Colette's. Congratulations.

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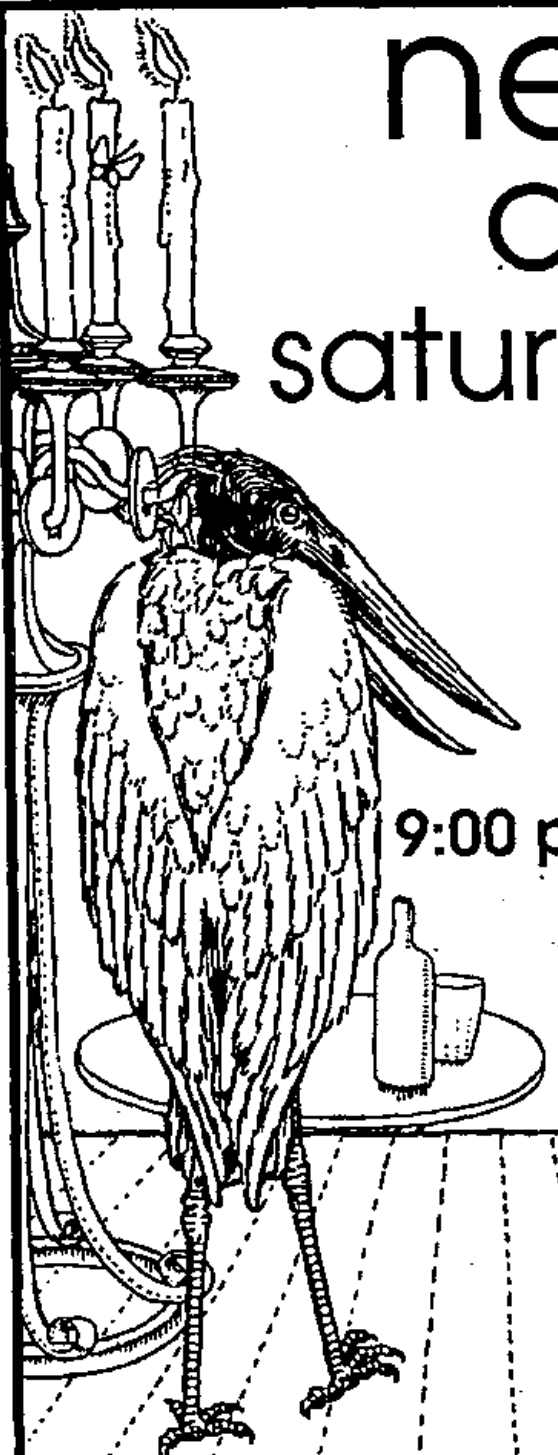
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EDITOR:

On behalf of Cornerstone Fellowship, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Roger Barger of the Graduate and his patrons of the evening of Friday, December 16.

While we were at the Graduate singing Christmas Carols, as is our custom this time of year, Roger and his patrons demonstrated an unexpected outpouring of love by raising over \$100.00 for us to use in purchasing Christmas Food Baskets for PWAs and the needy in our community. It was not our intention to raise any money during our caroling, but rather only to share the message of Christmas through song.

The abundant generosity of these dear people warmed our hearts beyond description, and we felt that this act of love should not go unnoticed. May God bless all those who so willingly shared with us in our ministry that evening, for this is truly the spirit of Christmas.

Sincerely

David B. Cooper
Treasurer

DEAR EDITOR:

I want to use this means to publicly thank Skeets Mathews for the help he gave me last Sunday. It seems to me that every time someone needs assistance, Skeets is one of the first to offer it.

Skeeter, I've seen you demonstrate this noble trait on numerous occasions. I'm taking this time to write this letter to publicly thank you not only from me, but for a lot of other people who didn't take the time.

Gary Clark

EDITOR:

Sunday, Dec. 11, was one of the highlights of my life, taking part in the Miss Gay Arizona Pageant. No, I did not win, no I did not even place, but without several people, I would not have even entered.

To my dancers, Rick and Michael, my fondest regards. My dear friend, Mr. Dani Reid, thank you. My backdrop was exquisite!

Thank you to Glenda, Yvonne, Jenna, Patty, Natalie and all employees at Colette's. You are all sweethearts. Without you, my confidence would have been nil!

Penelope... I love you. You were overwhelming in your support.

Clint, thank you. Where would my backdrop be without you? Tucson, I presume.

Marjorie, thank you. I love you for zipping me.

Two special people I want to thank: Colette... thank you... thank you. Without you, none of this would have been possible. You are a true believer in dreams.

And finally, Richard, your love and support through this bull was the best thing that happened to me. I will always love you.

Love to all

Christi Lunden

P.S. A special thanks to all the contestants. You were all so easy to love. And good luck to Ashley. Anything I can do to help, please ask.

Juicy Lucy

Well, here it is that time of the year again and I want to wish everyone a really Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. So, while I am in the spirit (or mood or whatever), I want to hand out my Christmas gifts to all of my friends? enemies! and acquaintances?! or whatever you prefer to me! If I have left you off of my list, you can show your appreciation by not calling me any of your little 'ole names.

Roger B - a whole gallon of Shirley Temples.
Pastor Ed - a whole gallon of Holy Water.
Kip - A whole gallon of Nair for his belly button.
Kenni Ann - A whole gallon of whatever would make her happy.
Sandy E - A cash register full of cash.
Chester (Rita's) - A new 30 pound sledge hammer.
Jim (Rita's) - The talents of an interior decorator.
Tyrone - ME
Peter (2222) - A big red bow.
Colette - A whole week to catch her breath.
Hank - A dumpster on wheels for easy moving.
Scott (Graduate) - A water bucket for the fiery Vienna Sausage.
Neil - A computerized date book for keeping appointments.
Bob Ellis - A new fool-proof computer.
TKO - A Trash Award they can be proud of.
TALL - A big clap for putting Roger's foot in his mouth.
DL - A new role model.
Partners - My sympathy.
T-Squares - A new metronome.
Great Outdoors - A leader for taking long hikes.
SOS - A spotlight so they can be seen.
Dear Bubby - A big, fat lip.
Doug C. - A new version of the "Twelve Nights of Christmas".
Bucky - A rhinestone tiara.
Ruben (IBT's) - Shoe lifts.
Bert and Ernie - An older looking young hunk so they can both be happy at the same time.
Tommy and Gary - A new calendar with nothing covered.
Kip and Gary - A lease on room "127".
Doc and Keith - A new closet for just dresses.
Ben and Annie - Annie's wish to come true for ten good lays.
Natalie - More time for Patty.
Patty - A portable wash that stays home.
Bob and Mary (JT's) - A weeks vacation on a deserted island in the Aleutians so they can really get together.
Bobby Jr. (JT's) - A new sound system.
Jimmy J - Santa Claus with a whole bag full of tricks.
Glen - Someone who will fit on his lap snugly.
TU - Anything but a wrinkled one.
Freddie - A new stick that won't fall apart.
Mike B. - A young, strong masseur to help his back or whatever.
Dani Reid - A new face lift.
Stan - A new instruction book for working a sound system.

Community Awards of Tucson OFFICIAL BALLOT

TUCSON - The CAT Committee (Community Awards of Tucson) has finished selecting the categories that will be voted upon for awards for businesses, organizations, clubs, and individuals that make up the 2nd Annual Community Awards of Tucson. The many awards will be presented at a dinner and ceremony January 29 at the Americana Hotel.

The CAT Committee has been meeting on a weekly basis getting this second annual Tucson awards organized. The official Community Ballot is printed here. People are requested to fill out the ballots and drop them off at any of the local Tucson Gay bars, Shanti or TAP office, Cornerstone, MCC or Dignity churches or they may be mailed directly to the CAT Committee, P.O. Box 26219, Tucson, AZ 85726.

The CAT Committee is made up of over 30 persons from various segments of the local Gay and Lesbian community who will ultimately

cast the final vote for the awards. From the ballots printed here, the community will select those nominees whose names will be put on the final ballot for the CAT Committee members to vote upon.

In addition to the "Best" categories listed below, there are "Merit Awards" which will be presented to those who fit into special categories.

The Awards Ceremonies will begin at the Americana Hotel at 5:30 p.m. when the doors open. No-host cocktails from 5:30 to 6:30; Dinner from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The actual ceremony and entertainment begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets, available in early January are \$10 each.

In an attempt to make these second annual Community Awards of Tucson as legitimate and fair as possible, full community involvement is definitely encouraged.

1. BAR/BUSINESS SPONSORED SOCIAL EVENT (strictly social-for entertainment value)
2. CLUB/ORGANIZATION SPONSORED SOCIAL EVENT (strictly social-for entertainment value)
3. BUSINESS/BAR SPONSORED BENEFIT (purpose of raising funds for charitable organization or needy person(s))
4. CLUB/ORGANIZATION SPONSORED BENEFIT (same as #3 above)
5. FEMALE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER (individual providing service or support to the Gay Community)
6. MALE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER (same as #5 above)
7. SOCIAL CLUB (primarily formed for the purpose of providing social environment for persons of common interests)
8. SUPPORT/SERVICE ORGANIZATION (not for profit) (primarily formed for the purpose of providing financial, emotional, health care or educational support or services to the Gay Community)
9. RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION (formed for the purpose of providing a spiritual and worship environment for the Gay Community)
10. BEST FEMALE BARTENDER (local Gay bartender who provides the best, friendliest and most courteous service)
11. BEST MALE BARTENDER (same as #10 above)
12. BEST SECURITY/DOORPERSON (individual providing protection for bar and customers)
13. BEST BAR SUPPORT PERSON (bar back, gofer, etc) (is bar employee)
14. BEST DISC JOCKEY (a courteous & friendly DJ who plays music most suitable to crowd)
15. BEST BAR MANAGER (paid by owner of bar to handle overall operations of bar)
16. BEST DANCE BAR (bar providing best atmosphere for dancing)
17. BEST ENTERTAINMENT BAR (the bar that consistently provides quality shows or entertainment)
18. BEST BAR (overall)
19. BEST PERFORMER-FEMALE
20. BEST PERFORMER-MALE
21. BEST PERFORMER-FEMALE IMPERSONATOR
22. BEST RETAIL/BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT (not a bar) (catering to the Gay Community) (sales, services, new or used)

MERIT AWARDS are based upon the number of nominations by the community for individuals or special groups who have contributed to or made a special effort for the Gay Community not specifically categorized above. List one or more who you feel deserve a MERIT AWARD.

POLITICS '88

by Mark R. Kerr

A RESPONSE!

TO: Christopher Geoffrey McPherson in regards to your column about Proposition 106. I have a few comments and questions for you to consider. First off, aren't these United States of America called the "great melting pot" where we are not of one race, one culture?

Second, do we really speak true English? Not really. Words from other languages have been incorporated into our version of English.

Third, in these United States where it is guaranteed in our Constitution that we have life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, are we forced into giving up our individuality? The answer to that is a definite NO! But, Proposition 106 is the start of that.

In the Grand Canyon State English is the official language now and all government business must be done in English. What is next, Mr. McPherson, Marlboro to be declared the official cigarette? Coors to be declared the official beer. Dresses to be declared official women's clothing? Pants to be declared official men's clothing? Heterosexuality to be declared the official sexual preference! Yes, to those short-sighted, narrow-minded few who wish to shove down our throats their warped view of how we should lead our lives.

You posed the question in your column about what is wrong for government, be it state, county or city, to do business in one language? Here are a few answers

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PERSPECTIVE

by Nina Finley

CHAPTER 24

MY CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas 1910 was a memorable time for me. Ten years old and new environment. I had been surrounded by family all my life until we moved to the homestead, then it was just father, mother and me.

Christmas until this year had been a gay affair when I was showered with gifts, mostly dolls. At one time I had fourteen. Now there were no dolls or other gifts, only the few things mother could get at the grocery store.

During the week I was with brother Clarence and his wife and going to school. When Christmas vacation came, I was home and mother tried to make it seem like Christmas. While I was away, she had made a tree so that Christmas would be special to me, though gifts were hard to come by. She had taken those poor little trees that she had planted in the spring, but died for want of water, and put them together with bits of colored string and scraps of colored paper (which was practically unknown) and fashioned a little Christmas tree. What love and patience went into that tree which showed her devotion to me, and the determination that the spirit of Christmas would not die because we were in such a barren country.

I don't remember what was under that tree, but whatever it was it was gift of love.

My sister-in-law had taught me to embroider and I had made a little white collar for mother's dress.

I hung my stocking, heavy, long, ribbed and black, to the back of a rocking chair. In the morning it had a tube in it that turned out to be a child's magazine that was called "The Youth's Companion". A neighbor lady knew about it and mother subscribed to it, so I would have a look at the outside world. I took it for several years and still have a cover page (first to be colored) which carries the date March 16, 1912.

I've never forgotten the love and patience of my mother and father showed in those youthful years. Now it would be judged by the young as a terrible existence, but I've never regretted the kind of life I had in those years and think I am more considerate now by living that kind of life.

So ends this tale, with a wish that all who read this may have a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, 1988.

A REMARKABLE PEOPLE

by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

A long time ago there was a baby born. Today the conditions under which he was born would seem primitive, even unsanitary, but they were standard for a person of his place and class at that time.

He was destined to become a king. This was known throughout the land of his birth and beyond. Many of his future subjects celebrated his birth and journeyed to be near him.

This child grew to adulthood without further distinguishing himself, although he did have one secret enemy with which he grappled throughout his life. When he became King he set in motion a great movement that was eventually to span many centuries, lands and peoples. The work of his life was to touch countless millions of lives.

He requested and finally received a unified translation from all previous editions and translations of his people's most sacred text. Previously this text had been translated piecemeal from a variety of sources and through a variety of times. This King asked for a text through which the voice of his God could ring loud and clear for everyone.

This translation became known for the beauty and richness of its language. It even came to

be taught in literature classes at universities all over the world. Through the centuries this text inspired millions of people to endure hardship and privation. It was the most read book in the world.

This sacred text, as you may have guessed, is the Holy Bible. It has been used by many to, at the same time, praise and condemn many things including homosexuality. Many people have read therein for the first time the miracle of a far earlier birth, and the humble beginnings of one of the world's great religions. This version of the Bible bears the name of the King who commissioned it. It is called the King James Version of the Holy Bible.

James I, of the House of Stuart, King of Great Britain, was also Homosexual.

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WHAT'S UP DOG?



You know, I've been in Tucson for approximately 15 years, involved in the club scene 10 years, written this column (plus helped on one other) for over two years and to this day, Tucson has never given me a thought of leaving. The support I've seen for different fund raisers over the years over the years has been beyond belief. It's true that it seems like every time you turn around someone or an organization is asking for money. And now with all the changes over the past years, there are more clubs and/or organizations in town all asking. There comes a time when each of us has to say - not this time, and tighten our purse strings a little.

This past Saturday at the Graduate, TKO held their annual Christmas Tree Raffle - a benefit for the Make-A-Wish program. After gathering all the raffle jars up from the different bars around town, I was a little concerned this year's donation from TKO to the Make-A-Wish program was going to be a little light. But, as it always seems to happen, at the end of the evening, TKO will be able to donate more than they did last year. The final amount collected was over \$1,300. Just saying thank you to all who supported this benefit to me really does not express my true feelings. The Gay community of Tucson has the biggest heart of any I've ever been associated with.

The reason I'm feeling happier at this writing than last week is that I've been involved with two different club fund raisers for two weekends in a row and the end results from pledges and monies collected has totaled out to over \$5,400!

This makes me really proud to be a Tucsonan and the community

I run, love, live and play with - it's mixed men and women, Gay and straight. To me this is the true meaning of love.

Thanks again everyone and I pray 1989 will be your best ever.

Now let me talk about Saturday a little(?) The day for some of us started over at IBT's for Partners' monthly Beer Bust. When you have a beer bust in a bar that is more of a liquor drinking bar, the place is not always as crowded as other bars, but you still feel the brotherhood/sisterhood of this community. Well, at this time I can tell you that starting in January, Partners is going to be giving you something different at their Beer Bust each time.

To start the year off, it will be Partners Anniversary Party on Jan. 21. During this party, the awards won at the recent Bowling for Dollars will be passed out. Then Sunday, Jan 22, Partners will be staging this year's Anniversary Show, "Chicago". For all of you who remember last years "Gypsy" show, let me tell you, don't miss "Chicago" because it's bigger and better.

Throughout the year at their Beer Busts, Partners will be holding another legs, contest, leather and lace contest, plus something a little different each month for your enjoyment. Yes, prizes will be awarded each month for the different winners, so all I can say at this time is keep watching this column for details and watch for monthly posters announcing each activity.

Following this Beer Bust, it was time to head out to Ben and Annie's for this year's annual Brotherhood/Sisterhood Christmas Party. With a full day of activities, this great party didn't run

as long as last year, but those in attendance all had fun. Gifts were exchanged as always and we all went from that point to the next stop.

Next up was the annual \$100 Christmas Tree Raffle at the Graduate. Beside the main reason for the evening at the Graduate - the drawing for the tree, a quickly formed show was staged for everyone's entertainment. I, on behalf of TKO, wish to express my most heartfelt gratitude and thank you to Scott, Kip, Gary, Dennis, Keith and Kenny for one hell of a beautiful show. Each donated their time and efforts for what, to me, was the greatest small (or shorter) show this community has ever seen.

The main theme or purpose for this evening at the Graduate was the drawing for the Christmas tree. Spread throughout the show, other drawing were held for other gifts under the tree. Winners of these gifts were Neil, Roger, Peter, Dennis and James. The Christmas Tree this year was won by TALL, who not only donated the \$100 bill from the tree to the Make-A-Wish program, but also donated the tree back to be auctioned off, proceeds also to the Make-A-Wish program. The final top bidder for this fully decorated, live, plantable tree was Hank.

TKO wishes to thank everyone who supported this event, all the clubs, and everyone for their contributions, and hopes you holiday season and the new year coming will be as happy and loving as possible for all. We also wish to thank Roger, Stan, Terry and Aviva Diamond for the behind-the-scenes support during the entire evening.

Speaking of Aviva Diamond, her always super Christmas Show will be held this Friday, also at the Graduate. Check the ad elsewhere in this OBSERVER for details.

As this weekend approaches, with numerous parties scheduled, I

cannot stress to everyone the concern I have about drinking and driving. We know the cops are really out there watching more closely, so please show restraint and do not even try to drive if you have had maybe one drink too many. To hear it from the police, one drink is too many.

Each of us, myself included, feel we know our limits and will try to drive anyway. All I can say is, please be careful because if you get caught it is going to cost you a hell of a bundle over the coming years. Remember, Pima County has the stiffest DUI laws on the books in the state of Arizona.

A word to those of you out there tending the bars during these loving, festive days: you are not being a friend if you serve another drink to one who is obviously beyond their limit. That person may get mad at you at the time you say no, but the next day they will thank you.

As I come now to the end of this week's column, I look back over this past year, seeing all the love in the community, all the togetherness we have in Tucson. It's it hard to find the words to express my love for all. Let me just say to each of you: May this holiday season bring love and health to you in its full magnitude and may the coming year be one we move forward in, prospering and loving.

Thank you, Tucson, and everyone who reads this column.

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CALENDAR

of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

COLETTE'S - The annual Christmas Party for the children is here again. Santa will be there with gifts for the kids and a fun time for parents and children. Makes plans now. More details later.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

COLETTE'S - The one and only, the original, the fabulous "Dyketoones" from Provincetown, Massachusetts will be making a second appearance here for one show only. After their fantastic initial appearance last Friday, by popular demand, Colette is presenting them for their final Tucson Appearance. Don't miss this great five (count 'em, 5) woman show.

JOSHUA TREE - 11th Annual Joshua Tree/Winterhaven Hayride has been rescheduled for today. This very popular event has become a holiday favorite. At 7 p.m. a very large hay-laden open stake truck picks up passengers in the parking lot at Joshua Tree, then goes to Rumor Hazzit, Outrageous, Graduate, IPT's, Colette's and Rita's, then on to view the fantastic Christmas displays and lights of Winterhaven. The truck returns to the Joshua Tree parking lot around 10:30 p.m. There is time for a quick drink at each establishment and to pick up additional passengers. You must make arrangements to have transportation at JT's at the end of the ride. And, dress warmly, the drinks aren't enough anti-freeze. A lover or date helps though. Get in the holiday spirit and join in.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

GRADUATE - Annual Christmas Show with Deja Vu, (Miss Gay Phoenix) with Christine Shade and Aviva Diamond. It all begins at 8:30 (drag time of course).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE)

RITA'S - Christmas Eve Buffet at the all new Rita's. Come on out and meet the new owners.

RUMOR HAZZIT - They will open at 10 a.m. today with Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers for 50 cents until noon and then from 3 p.m. to midnight Corona Beer for only 99 cents. Get down!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

COLETTE'S - Will be closed all day and evening to allow employees to enjoy Christmas with their loved ones. Open Monday as usual.

JOSHUA TREE - A Christmas revue, "Stuffed Stockings" will be presented here starring Mr. Dani Reid with Dana Barrett and a special guest direct from Florida, Miss Goldie O'Brien, plus some other surprises. Merry Xmas.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Opens today only at 5 p.m. \$1.25 well and 50 cent schnapps from open to close! Merry Xmas!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

COLETTE'S - The annual "Whiner's Day" is here again. If you didn't get the present you wanted for Xmas, or any other thing you would like to whine about, here's your chance to get on stage and let's hear all about it. A fun time for whiners and listeners both!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

COLETTE'S - Big New Year's Eve Celebration planned beginning with dinner for those who would like to eat first. Dinner will be served from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. Seating is limited and prepaid reservations are a must. Dinner and the rest of the evening is only \$9.50 per person. Beginning at 9:00 p.m. there will be a real whing-ding evening with alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, buffet, DJ, plenty of party favors and all the good stuff to bring in the new year right. \$8.00 Cover begins at 9 p.m. Music, dancing, the whole nine yards! Leave it to Colette and staff for a great evening.

OUTRAGEOUS - A real big New Year's Celebration here with all the trimmings. Those fantastic "Opulence" male strippers will be doing two shows, one at 9 p.m. and again at 2 a.m. Besides there will be a buffet, champagne, dancing, party favors, hats and noise-makers. There will be drinking until 1 a.m. and after hours until 5 a.m. You don't have to drink and drive, stay for the whole 8 hours of fun. There is a reasonable cover for all of this hilarity and fun, but well worth the price. You must be 21 or over and a legal I.D. is required to get in. The upstairs will NOT be open for teens on New Years.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

COLETTE'S - Closed all day to let employees celebrate with their loved ones. Open Monday as usual.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

COLETTE'S - "Inauguration Day Wake". Costumes and lots of good stuff. Watch for more details.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

COLETTE'S - Patty McCulla will be singing here on the last Monday of each month. Don't miss this very entertaining musician, vocalist.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 (Christmas Eve) - Cornerstone Fellowship will hold a Candlelight Service beginning at 8:00 p.m.

MCC will hold a special service at 11:00 p.m. The service will conclude with Communion at Midnight.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 (Christmas Day) - Cornerstone Fellowship will hold a Christmas Day Celebration at 10:30 a.m.

MCC Christmas Services will be held at 10:45 a.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 - Senior Tax Accountant, Bob Lind, will be guest speaker at a free informational presentation sponsored by Couples of Tucson, a social and educational group for Gay and Lesbian couples. Subject will be "Tax Planning for Lesbian and Gay Couples" beginning at 1:00 p.m. Space is limited so call for reservations at this Tucson location - 888-8694. This tax planning session will also be given in Phoenix on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. For information on the Phoenix location call 831-5920.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 - Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus will rehearse from 7:30 until 9:15 p.m. at MCC, 560 S. Stone. Call 298-7411 for more information. Other rehearsals for January are Sundays, Jan. 15 - 22 - 29.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9 - FIAC, a feminist discussion group for Lesbians. Potluck and discussion 7 to 9 p.m. Call 292-2067 for location.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 - Community Awards Of Tucson (CAT) Committee meets in the Board Room at Temple Emanuel-El at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 - Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association general meeting. Site to be determined. Frank Pieri gives solutions to stress in the workplace. 7:00 p.m., no host beverages; 7:30 p.m. general meeting. Free to OP members and first-time guests. \$5 for repeat guests at the door. Information 297-3794.

Sierra Tucson Center for Addictions Recovery will bring Terry Gorski, author of "Staying Sober - A Guide For Relapse Prevention" and "The Staying Sober Workbook - A Serious Solution For The Problem Of Relapse," to Tucson to speak on the problems of relapse in a lecture Jan. 29. The lecture, free to the public, will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Catalina High School, 3645 E. Pima. Gorski is a nationally-known speaker on the problems of relapse for the alcoholic and addict. For further information call Sierra Tucson at 624-4000.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 - The first of a regular monthly Bingo Game will be held at MCC, 560 S. Stone beginning at 6:30 p.m. This monthly event will be held the fourth Saturday of each month. There will be no cash prizes for the winners, but there will be worthwhile gifts given to the winners. There will be soft drinks and snacks served during the evening.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 - Community Awards of Tucson will take place at the Americana Hotel. Doors open at 5:30. Cocktails 5:30 to 6:30. Dinner 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Awards and entertainment follow. Tickets \$10. Watch for more details.



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CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Caribe Beer \$1.00; Bloody Marys \$1.25. Steak Dinner 4 pm to 7:30 \$4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Wine Down Nite" .75 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) \$1.25 plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Sunday Brunch 1 to 4 p.m. by Michael. Big Mike's Mimosa, Bloody Marys, or Champagne Cocktails \$1.25 plus \$6.00, '70s, '80s music from 1 to 6 p.m. Dance 8 pm.

OUTRAGEOUS - Pool Hall opens 7 pm. .75 Schnapps. Dancing.

RITA'S - Open at noon. Under new management.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys \$1.25 plus Schnapps .50 a shot and Peter Dogs with all the trimmings for .25 each. VJ/DJ Wayne 9 to 1.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 1 am Miller bottle or Schnapps .75 5-8 pm non-premium Beer \$1.25, Well Drinks \$1.50 + Monday Bowler's Specials. DJ 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .89 from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Drink specials on our Light Board specials day and night. Teno's Monday Movie at 4 pm.

OUTRAGEOUS - Pool Hall opens at 7 p.m. Football on the big screen. \$1.00 well drinks 9-1.

RITA'S - Open 9 am to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm Two for 1 drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Open noon to 1 am. 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Monday Night Football on big screen. .50 draft beer and sandwiches. Pool Tournament at 7 p.m.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer \$1.25, Well drinks \$1.50. Corona Beer or Well Tequila \$1.00 from 8 pm to 1 am. + "Stop Light" specials. DJ at 9 pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Longneck Bottle Beer Special: \$1.00 from 8:00 until midnight. Alternative listening and dancing to music from 60s - 70s and early 80s from 7 to 11.

GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks \$1.50 till closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Check our Light Board for drink specials day and night.

OUTRAGEOUS - Open 7 pm. Progressive Dance Rock with Randy in Disco 9-1. \$1.25 imported beers

RITA'S - Open 9 am to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well/ beer 4-7 pm. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Wayne.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer \$1.25, Well drinks \$1.50. Draft Beer Bust .50 per glass plus .75 Schnapps from 8 pm to close! DJ 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Schnapps .75 8 pm to Midnight. Raffle drawings at 10:30 p.m. for prizes.

GRADUATE - .50 draft or .75 schnapps open to close plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Check our Light Board for drink specials day and night. Dance 8 pm - 1 am.

OUTRAGEOUS - Open 7 pm. Long Neck Domestic Beer Bust 8-10 .50; 10-12 .75; after Midnight \$1. Jeannie DJs.

RITA'S - Open 9 am to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bud Can Beer Nite - .50 per can, plus .50 schnapps from 7 pm until close. VJ/DJ Ruben.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer \$1.25, Well drinks \$1.50, 8 to close Well Drinks \$1.50, DJ 9 to 1

COLETTE'S WEST - "Sudsersize!" .40 draft beer from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.50 open to close.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Check our Light Board for drink specials day and night. Dance 8 to 1.

OUTRAGEOUS - Open 7 pm. .25 Draft Beer Bust 4-1. Sloan cranks out the hits 9-1.

RITA'S - Open 9 am to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well / beer 4-7 p.m. Kegger 8 pm to 12 am .50 per glass, munchies. Video/disco dancing with Ruben 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 5-8 pm non-premium beer \$1.25, Well drinks \$1.50. Capt. Morgan Rum's \$1.00 from open to closing. DJ 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - International Happy Hour plus Party Nite - Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Check our Light Board for drink specials day and night. Dancing 8 to 1.

OUTRAGEOUS - Pool Hall opens at 7 pm. Dancing 9-1.

RITA'S - Open 9 am to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 beer/well 4-7 p.m., Munchies. Progressive Friday - all well drinks .75 from 7 to 9 and go up a quarter each hour till closing. DJ/VJ Ruben 9 to 1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Happy Hour 5-8 pm \$1.25. non-premium Beer and \$1.50 Well Drinks. Capt. Morgan Rum's \$1.00 from open to 1 am. DJ from 9 pm to 1 am.

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

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Check our Light Board for drink specials day and night. Dance 8 to 1.

OUTRAGEOUS - Open 7 pm. Hot, hot, hot Dance Party. Various theme nights. Sloan DJ's.

RITA'S - Open 9 am to 1 am. Under New Management.

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. Original Peter Dogs .25 with all the trimmings 1-6 pm. .99 Corona Nite 8 pm-12 am. A hot dance nite with VJ/DJ Wayne.

DEAR BLABBY

DEAR BLABBY:

I've often wondered why, where and who is Stunt Malibu Christi? Does she really exist? Does anybody understand her columns? And who does she hope to impress?

Konfused about Kristi

Dear Konfused -

You know, try as I may, I can't figure this column out either! Not only does it not have a plausible story line, but it makes no sense grammatically as well. Talk about run-on sentences! And who are these people anyway?

I've heard rumors that there is this place on the west side called "the Ponderosa". I believe it is an out-patient clinic for the state mental hospital. Christina and Lillian Jade live there. I rest my case. I presume this column is about their life there. I guess a lot of other people live there too. To put it in Lillian Jade's words, "I'd rather have a bottle in front of me, than a frontal lobotomy!"

Blabby

DEAR BLABBY:

You recently published a letter from "Ruffed Up Over Ropers" that confused me. You said Monte wrote it, but I always thought Monte didn't have the brain cells to put two words together to make a sentence. Maybe she had a ghost writer? Is it true.

Ms. Christi Lunden is a great performer and would sincerely like to see more of her. How can people trash her publicly for something silly like her hairline

when it is well known that there are people in town with less hair who can't do anything but sit in bars, get drunk and try to downgrade other people. . .

Please answer, Blabby. I'm

Wondering as I Wander

Dear Wondering -

My, you certainly are full of questions, aren't you Miss? As regards that letter, I am appalled myself that Monte could write such a hateful thing about two of my dearest friends!

Ms. Lunden has only had the kindest things to say about Monte, and the inimitable Mr. Reid taught Monte everything she knows. As for Monte's ghost writer, I think we all know Monte hasn't had an original thought in years. Who is it? Murph certainly has had his name in the paper a lot lately, hasn't he?

I don't see how anyone can trash someone about their hair line, when we all know, thinning hair indicates much brain activity! Christi is certainly a fine performer and it would have been nice to see her become Miss Gay Arizona, hair or not.

Our little community is so small people must always stir you-know-what to keep themselves entertained. Why everyone can't be wholesome and decent like Blabby, I'll never know. Love

The Big B.

POLITICS '88

by Mark R. Kerr.

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to that: 1) What if the other party that the government is involved with happens to be a foreign government that English is not the language spoken? Oh I can just see it, telling Mikhail Gorbachev that he must speak English!

2) Proposition 106 makes it a crime for a government worker to speak any other language than English. What if the government worker deals with the general public and a patron does not write, speak or comprehend English fluently, what is the government worker to do risk jail and losing their job to keep the wheels of bureaucracy going or take the approach that only those who speak English fluently survive?

3) Does the government do their respective business in English? No, they do it in 'Bureaucrat-ese', a language only a few understand.

About your comments regarding your fear about getting a doctor that does not speak a word of English. Now I ask you, can you name one doctor in the United States with an established practice that does not speak one word of English??? To use your favorite phrase, "Get real!"

Lastly, if you are such a gung ho supporter of Proposition 106, why do you end your column with a Latin phrase. Naughty, naughty, I thought you believed in the English language as the only language, or are you just a fair-weather 106 supporter?

Proposition 106 is a detriment to the Grand Canyon State. It is forcing the views of one area, Phoenix, down the throats of the rest of the state. The Proposition advocates a new form of Social Darwinism, where those who

can speak and comprehend English fluently, will survive. Those who cannot, well, haven't help them. This is a tragedy. I thought we lived in a society where freedom of choice was paramount - where individuality reigned supreme.

This proposition is just the beginning. We should be on our guard against those who wish to force their warped view on how society should be and how we should lead our lives. This is the United States of America where different cultures can live together. The United States where we are not of just one race or one true language. This is what most people believe the U.S. to be. I am sorry that you don't believe in liberty, freedom and individuality.

Until next time, readers of the OBSERVER, take care and keep the faith.

(Please note: No foreign language used in my closing).

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If you are a Cancer or Capricorn: Family worries, possible separation of/or trouble with wife or mother. An emotionally depressing time coupled with lack of energy and a general run-down feeling. You might even feel unloved or neglected.

Not the time for making decisions concerning emotional relationships, especially the wife or the mother. You may even be harboring thoughts of breaking away from these close ties. You may encounter delays and hindrances in the purchase, sale or redecorating of your home. Set backs are possible in vocations dealing with real estate and food.

ARIES

8th House: Problems of last week continue with emphasis on disagreements with authorities and legal arguments.

TAURUS

9th House: Education, religion or philosophy will continue in the forefront. You may have foreign visitors in your home.

GEMINI

10th House: Academic honors and awards including scholarships are possible at this time.

CANCER

11th House: This may be the week to accept those offers to join secret societies, much gain with the possibility of friends helping you

attain long cherished wishes.

LEO

12th House: If you are young, a parent or authority figure may discover your secret love affair and interfere with it. Continue visiting friends in hospitals and prisons.

VIRGO

1st House: Continue to express the real you now. Help from older more established businesses may come your way.

LIBRA

2nd House: Spend some time with close relatives or old friends. New ideas for improving your business may be mentioned.

SCORPIO

3rd House: Some of your mail may contain secret information. Take care not to tell anyone anything you do not want repeated.

SAGITTARIUS

4th House: Now is the time to spend on home decoration for the holidays, no need to be elaborate, just festive. You will have lots of company from distant places.

CAPRICORN

5th House: See prologue on Full Moon above.

AQUARIUS

6th House: Your sick friend will recover nicely now. Take care of your own health and be attentive to your job.

PISCES

7th House: Check the reputation of your new found business partner or mate before signing any papers. You are still open to deceit or fraud.

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HIV ANTIBODY SERUM SCREEN: NON REACT

I tested negative for the AIDS antibody. I sit here at my computer and read that sentence over and over again. So much is contained in those seven words; it's hard to completely explain how I feel about the test results.

I am not really surprised I tested negative; in fact, I would have been more surprised had I tested positive. Although I was living in San Francisco when AIDS was first being recognized, I was never very sexually active. Sure, I had those few moments that all young people have when they first discover sex. I may have overindulged once or twice, but it was a big desert between oases.

As soon as I truly understood the implications of AIDS, back in about 1983 or so, I became very careful of my activity — sexual and otherwise. (I vividly remember when initial theories about what came to be called AIDS said a bad batch of poppers was the culprit! So, who could tell what activity was dangerous?)

Sure I enjoy sex. Don't we all? I guess I slid by, getting my fill of sexual discovery before there was an AIDS scare, and being mature enough to understand the potential personal danger while there was still time to do something about it.

I never felt a necessity to be tested for AIDS; I guess, honestly, I didn't want to know. I never put another person at risk, and I didn't want to know, so why bother? What made me change my mind and get tested? Actually, I didn't have a choice.

I found myself in an awkward situation as a volunteer in a medical drug-evaluation study (in

which I am still participating as I write this column). As part of the physical evaluation prior to the study, I needed to pass a complex blood and urine screening, as well as a screen for Hepatitis B and the HIV antibody.

(I discovered ahead of time the HIV test would be done, so I guess I could have chosen to not be a part of the study and not have the HIV test. But, I had already volunteered and felt I really couldn't back-out. Does this mean I really wanted to be tested for HIV?)

I flew through with colors flying —and no Hepatitis B or HIV antibodies in my body.

Am I relieved? Not really: I never expected to test positive. Has my outlook toward life changed? No. Do I feel reborn, given a second chance? Again, no. In fact I feel, in a word, nothing.

What is the point of this column. I cannot tell you; I don't think I understand it myself. Perhaps I want to say don't despair, there may still be time to change your sexual habits —if indeed you have not already done so. Maybe I want to tell you to have the test, to find out for sure if you have HIV antibodies or not. Maybe I just wanted to share this with you with no further intent in mind. I really don't know.

Can we ever know ahead of time when we are going to die? No. Perhaps the point of this column is just to prove that point.

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