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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Chicago finally passes Gay rights ordinance

CHICAGO, IL - The Chicago City Council has passed the Human Rights Ordinance. The same ordinance was defeated Sept. 14 by a vote of 21-26.

Activist Rick Garcia of the Gay and Lesbian Town Meeting said the ordinance had 21 solid votes and the group lobbied another seven "possibles" before the final vote. Also the mayor had been applying pressure to some council members.

The Dec. 1 Council committee hearings concentrated heavily on testimony from parents of Lesbians and Gays. Rev. Herbert Martin of the city's Commission on Human Relations and Mayor Eugene Sawyer also spoke to the committee.

Since the September vote, pro-ordinance activists had gotten a lot of mileage out of the extremely homophobic language used by some aldermen during the debate on the council floor. Activists advanced the theory -- and the media bought it -- that Gay bashing incidents, including an October fire-bombing of a Gay bar, could easily be a direct result of authority figures such as aldermen calling Gays "sissies" and "animals".

"These things are directly related," said Garcia. The language of some aldermen "gives tacit approval to violence against Gay and Lesbian people," he said. "Fortunately, we've helped reporters see the validity of these claims." The aldermen who voted against the September ordinance had been portrayed as bigots and fools, while the ones who voted yes received extremely good local and national publicity.

Mayor Sawyer has said that he was "very upset" by the language used during the September ordinance debate.

Opposition for the ordinance mainly came from fundamentalists and from non-lakefront aldermen, although some of the latter said their constituents were more opposed than they were.

The newly passed ordinance amends the municipal code and prevents discrimination based on race, color, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, ances-

try, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, military discharge status, or source of income. The ordinance applies to employment, housing and public accommodations. Sexual harassment is prohibited in employment.

Violations of the ordinance, after review by the city Human Relations Committee and prosecution by the Corporation Counsel, would result upon conviction, a fine of \$100 to \$500 per day that the offense continues.

Section one of the ordinance contains the following disclaimer: "Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as supporting or advocating any particular lifestyle or religious view. To the contrary, it is the intention of this ordinance that all persons be treated fairly and equally and it is the express intent of this ordinance to guarantee to all of our citizens fair and equal treatment under the law."

Garcia said that in the event the ordinance had failed in this latest vote, it would have been reintroduced immediately, "ad infinitum and on and on and on. We were not going to give them a break," he said.

Chicago was the only remaining major U.S. city not to have a Gay rights ordinance.

We need role models

by Michael Grossman

Outside of AIDS, the biggest crisis confronting the Gay community, I believe, is an insufficient number of role models. Potential role models are undoubtedly in abundance. But those few who have stepped out of their closets and into the public light have too often been castigated.

Politicians who announced their sexual orientation have usually been forced to represent areas with a large Gay population. Should these same politicians amount to anything less than perfect, the media is immediately critical of their election. The headline inevitably reads, "Gay Politician Does Something Immoral".

What would be the outcome of other openly Gay public figures? How many leading ladies would willingly kiss a Gay leading man? And what audience would have attended a James Bond film if Liberace had played the debonair Mr. Bond, with his imminent conquest of every female in the film. Hasn't virtually every Gay public figure outside of Rock Hudson had his cause of death covered up?

If a military officer declared his choice of bed partners, he would immediately be discharged. U.S. Air Force Sgt. Leonard Matlovich, who recently died of AIDS, has engraved on his tombstone: "A Gay Vietnam Veteran. When I was in the military, they

gave me a medal for killing two men and a discharge for loving one."

Outside of the Bay Area, you almost never see a police officer declaring he is Gay or a police department recruiting Gays. And even in the Bay Area, you seldom read about a Gay officer unless he is being accused of misconduct.

The role models for America's children are never gay (except for, in some people's opinion, Mr. Rogers and Pee-wee Herman).

The theaters and television provide swashbuckling heroes who cavort with a different woman in each episode. And when television does have an occasional Gay figure, he usually has a one-way ticket to funny farm due to his psychological problems (e.g. Dynasty). Who would want their child to grow up with that kind of head-trip?

Young adults need to be provided with role models who let them know that it's okay to be Gay, if that is their orientation. A role model shows them that they are not alone in their feelings and attractions, that they are still worthwhile human beings. With over 30 teenage suicides occurring every day in the United States, this is a necessity.

Until young adults are provided with this, many are destined to live false and unhappy lives or to wait until they discover "Gay ghettos". Others are left to emulate those Gays they have identified on their own: with lisps and limp wrists.

Children must be provided with substantial Gay characters who present a positive role model to pattern themselves after, if that is their later inclination.

For example, comic book characters should assist in a child's development of values and morals. Children pattern themselves after the Batman, Superman, and Bruce Waynes they read about in comic books. These characters are all heterosexual.

Comic book publishers must provide a positive portrayal of Gay characters. And parents must allow their children to view this acceptance.

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Quintupling of AIDS forecast

ATLANTA, GA (AP) - The number of AIDS cases in the United States will jump nearly five-fold by 1992, and about 263,000 people will have died from the disease by then, the Centers for Disease Control predicts.

The predictions came in a report summarizing the CDC's latest quarterly report on AIDS to the White House Domestic Policy Council.

Actual AIDS reporting has run slightly higher than predicted; the agency in 1986 predicted 15,800 cases in 1986 and 23,000 in 1987, and the actual totals were 17,100 and 25,200 respectively.

"We think we're very close," said Dr. Tim Dondero, an AIDS specialist at the Atlanta-based health agency. "I think the message is that, at least for the

first couple of years, this ... method gives some pretty reliable estimates."

The CDC in 1986 issued its AIDS predictions for 1991, which forecast 270,000 cases by the end of that year.

In the latest report, the agency predicts 80,000 cases of AIDS in 1992 alone, with 66,000 deaths that year. A total of 172,000 living AIDS patients will require medical care in 1992 at a cost of \$5 billion to \$13 billion, the CDC predicts.

The CDC also said its current estimate of 1 million to 1.5 million Americans currently infected with the virus that causes AIDS is "a reasonable working estimate," based on mathematical analysis by experts convened by the

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UPDATE

In Memoriam

RENE GUIMOND
1938 - 1988

Rene Guimond, born July 19, 1938, died on December 16, 1988. He was born in Maine but had lived in Arizona for the past 32 years. Rene co-owned the Stables bathhouse for the past 9 years. The cause of death has not been released and the Tucson funeral home handling the burial arrangements advised that the body was cremated.

Rene Guimond was vocally visible and active in the Gay/Lesbian community. Earlier this year when the Pima County Board of Supervisors adopted the restrictions on bathhouses and bookstores, Rene went to the public hearing to oppose the restrictions. Rene also went before the Pima County Board of Health when it considered the restrictions. As reported in the Tucson Citizen, county health officials said the Stables was inspected and was operating properly.

Rene will be missed by his friends and the Gay/Lesbian community of Tucson has lost a staunch supporter.

BOY SCOUT EX-LEADER GUILTY IN SEX CASE

BISBEE, AZ - A former Sierra Vista Boy Scout leader has pleaded guilty to two counts of child molestation and will serve at least 24 years in prison under a plea agreement accepted by Cochise County Superior Court Judge Matthew Borowiec. The pleas were part of an agreement that included dismissal of 12 other child molestation-related charges. He faces a maximum prison term of 44 years, a fine of up to \$205,500 and payment of \$200 to the victim compensation fund, Borowiec said.

The 36-year-old man admitted having molested a 15-year-old boy while on a scouting trip and a 13-year-old boy at his residence.

NEW DRUG APPROVED FOR KAPOSI'S SARCOMA

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The medical battle against AIDS and its related diseases got a third officially approved weapon: alpha interferon.

The government endorsed the genetically engineered substance for use against Kaposi's sarcoma, a cancer that weakens people with AIDS but is rarely the cause of death.

The drug, which the patient can self-inject, induced remission, diminished the reddish-purple lesions and prolonged life in 40 to 45 percent of less-advanced cases of the cancer.

The two drugs previously approved by the FDA are:

- * Zidovudine or AZT, which prolongs life by slowing reproduction of the human immunodeficiency virus, of HIV, which causes AIDS. A study announced this week confirmed its life-extending value.

- * Injectable pentamidine, which treats the pneumocystis pneumonia that affects 60 percent of people with AIDS and causes many of the deaths.

Schering Corporation and Hoffmann-La Roche, the two manufacturers of alpha-interferon, said they didn't know how much a patient would need, but set an annual cost cap of \$9,800, and announced programs to make sure that "no Kaposi's sarcoma patient will be forced to go without . . . treatment."

STATE AIDS CASES TO RISE 240% BY 1993

PHOENIX - The number of AIDS cases in Arizona will grow by more than 240 percent in the next five years, exceeding previous projections by more than 800 cases, state health officials have said.

Ken Komatsu, an epidemiologist with the Arizona Health Department, said the total number of AIDS cases reported since the department began keeping track of the disease in January 1981 is expected to reach 2,920 by 1992, compared with 840 by the end of this year.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

TUCSON - Since 1985, the Tucson AIDS Project has provided emotional, spiritual and physical care as well as many other important services, to people who have HIV infected, their families and lovers. Also TAP has provided considerable public education about AIDS through safer sex workshops, pamphlets, a speakers bureau, the AIDS Hotline and numerous media appearances.

Through the creative use of the time and skills of trained volunteers, the Tucson AIDS Project is able to deliver services at a considerably reduced cost. With the new year beginning, TAP is in need of volunteers, specifically in the area of Client Services. Client Services operates on a team system and the need is the greatest in the following areas:

1. Team Coordinator(s): facilitates the team process and services; has good people skills; is flexible and is responsible for following through with administrative tasks.
2. Nurse(s): provides intake nursing assessment, teaching, monitoring, and on-going assessment for clients served by the team.
3. Client Advocate(s): provides social and practical services; works with the client as a buddy helping in a variety of ways; should be able to work independently and work within the team structure.
4. Counselor(s): helps deal with the many emotional issues that come from dealing with HIV infection and AIDS; professional counselors meet with clients and/or significant others and can link clients to community counseling agencies.
5. On-Call Volunteer(s): serve on an on-call basis with valued tasks such as occasional shopping, yard care, transportation, office work and the like.

For Client Services, the time commitment is on average between 5-6 hours per week, depending on role and responsibilities, for a year. A 30-hour training program is provided with periodic follow-up training opportunities.

If you feel you can provide any of these services or have another area of interest within the Project, please call 322-6226 to have an application and additional information sent to you.

EX-TV PREACHERS REPORTS SEXUAL TRYST WITH BARKER

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - A former television preacher says he told a grand jury he had sex with Jim Bakker three times, according to a magazine interview. John Wesley Fletcher, who appeared on "The PTL Club" television program from the mid-1970s to 1981, described Bakker as a Bi-sexual who lusted after the show's young male camera operators. "I was Jim Bakker's male prostitute," he said in January's Penthouse magazine.

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WE NEED ROLE MODELS

After all, even if Marvel decided to include Gay superheroes in their comics, I sincerely doubt my mother would have let me continue to read Superman if Clark Kent had suddenly started dating Jimmy Olsen.

[Reprinted from Bay Area Reporter]

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QUINTUPLING OF AIDS FORECAST CDC in April.

The latest report noted that the national infection estimate has remained the same since it was devised in 1986. The rate is about 0.4 percent to 0.6 percent.

"This does not mean that no new infections have occurred," the CDC said. "The 1986 estimate was based on preliminary data, and was probably too high (at the time)."

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WHAT'S UP DOG?



It's always a little strange when I sit down to write my column and realize for once it has been a quiet week. Then I look at the coming event calendar and see things differently. Yes, all the local clubs will be having their monthly meeting the first week of this new year, and yes, the three monthly Beer Busts on the first three Saturdays of the month, at both IBT's and Graduate, but other than that - nothing. (HAI)

Of course coming up January 29, will be this year's CAT Awards Night. The CAT Committee has been in numerous meetings throughout this past year working on this year's presentation. The different categories have all been looked at and discussed, trying to make each more in line as to the actual award. We, as the committee, have tried to make this year's results (the winners) more in line for the entire community, not just a couple places. Prior to each meeting, a notice was sent out to each member of the CAT Committee giving date, time and location of the meeting.

Ballots for this year's awards are now located in all the bars and other local businesses. You, as voters, can fill one out at each location if you want. The final nominees for each category is determined by the total number of ballots submitted from all locations. When the final count is taken for each category, the top 3 to 5 nominated are then placed on the final ballot. This ballot is then passed out, one copy to each member of the CAT Committee for their voting. That is where the final winners in each category will be chosen.

Even after the CAT Committee votes, they will not know the final results, because all of these ballots are individually placed in a sealed envelope and turned over to Bob Ellis for final counting.

The CAT Committee came up with this system of vote collecting to try to be as fair to everyone as possible. We felt that giving everyone a chance to stuff the ballot box was not fair. Still, you, as a voter, determines who the finalists for each category is going to be. The CAT Committee has no control whatsoever on who the finalists are. We can only vote for the ones you have nominated.

Speaking just for the bars in Tucson, they all have people deserving of recognition. At each, there is that one bartender that you, the voter, feels is the best in Tucson. But in order for them to be placed on the final ballot, you, along with many others, must vote for that person. That's the same for the bar itself. They cannot win if you out there do not vote.

Yes, I admit there could possibly be another way to accomplish this task of honoring people from all the bars, but until another way is suggested to the CAT Committee, this is the fairest we have come up with. We, as the CAT Committee, are always willing to hear your suggestions, good or bad, and will carry that suggestion to the full CAT Committee for consideration.

Again I say to each of you, if you feel that bartender who serves you deserves recognition,

the bar you feel is the best in Tucson, or any one of the different categories you feel is the best, you have to vote. The CAT Committee can only vote for the ones receiving the largest number of your votes. If you do not vote, that special person may not make it on the final ballot. After the awards are passed out, if you and a lot more do not vote, you cannot blame the CAT Committee if your favorite did not win.

On a lighter side, now some news about the evening itself. First off, the MC for the evening will be Loren Johnson. Also on hand for the evening to entertain will be Doug Cooper. If those two were the only entertainment for the evening, you would be getting more than the cost of the ticket itself. But, spread throughout the evening also will be the finalists for the "Bobbie Jo Memorial Award". Each contestant, female impersonator, will be doing one or two numbers for your entertainment, with the winner announced after each has performed.

The tickets for the evening should be out in the very near future, so watch for the posters announcing the event and get your tickets early. We will have seating for 150 people, but plenty of room for everyone. As this date draws closer, I'll be giving you more details. Over this past year, there has been a lot of work and time put into this evening by a lot of your friends around town, so show your support of them and their efforts by voting and attending this Second Annual Community Awards of Tucson C.A.T.).

Coming up on Jan. 22, will be Partners' Anniversary show "Chicago" over at IBT's. This weekend, Jan. 21 and 22 is Partners' anniversary and they plan to kick it off at their Beer Bust that Saturday at IBT's. First up will be the installation

of elected officers for the coming year. Then, they will be passing out all the awards won at the Bowling-For-Dollars benefit. Mark both days on your calendar so you can attend and help Partners bring in the new year.

In closing, I'll not bore you again by talking about drinking and driving, you have been warned. Have yourselves a very happy and safe New Years.

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Tougher confidentiality rules for Arizona urged

PHOENIX (AP) Proponents of stronger rules to protect the privacy of people tested for AIDS have asked the Governor's Task Force on AIDS for protection for those diagnosed with the disease.

Pam Liberty, a Tucson attorney who represents a number of AIDS patients, told the panel that the consequences of an AIDS diagnosis can be severe for anyone whose blood shows signs of human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, the indicator of AIDS.

Since 1987, Arizona has required public and private physicians to report by name all individuals who test positive for the HIV virus or are diagnosed as

having AIDS or AIDS-Related Complex.

Dr. Steve Englander, assistant director of the Arizona Department of Health Services, said stricter enforcement of existing confidentiality rules would eliminate the fears many people have of being revealed if they get tested for AIDS.

"The existing rules on confidentiality did not anticipate the human pride related to AIDS, so there are some gaps. But we have drafted a proposal on confidentiality and access to medical records that we feel fills those gaps," he said.

Changes in AIDS test reporting urged on national level

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - Medical screening tests for the AIDS virus are more accurate than two years ago, but experts say that confirmation of the disease requires at least two positive tests before a patient is informed.

"The current tests are very, very good, but they are not 100 percent," said Thomas A. O'Brien, a DuPont Company expert on AIDS testing. He said there are still medical people using only a single test to determine if patients are infected with AIDS.

In a report issued last October after three days of discussion at the National Bureau of Standards, O'Brien and other experts recommended that AIDS testing should not be considered complete until both screening and confirming tests are completed.

He said the testing sequence should start with a screening test called ELISA (for "enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay"). For those with a positive ELISA test, he added, there should be a confirmation test called a Western Blot.

Both laboratory tests are based on the presence in the patient's blood-stream of antibodies to the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, which causes AIDS.

"If you test 10,000 people for HIV, the current tests would give an ELISA positive on 0.2 percent (or 20), said O'Brien. "Out of the 10,000, the Western Blot (confirming test) would be needed only on those 20 samples."

O'Brien said that only about 10 percent of people testing positive by the ELISA test are actually infected with AIDS. As a result, he said, "you don't tell someone that they are HIV positive on ELISA alone."

Some samples, O'Brien said, cannot be confirmed as positive or negative even with both ELISA and Western Blot. He said the expert panel recommended that this "indeterminate" group undergo additional and different tests before a final report is made to the patient.

and sometimes unruly. So he sold his business and went to work for the forest service.

One fall he stayed on Blackhall Mountain for five weeks and reported fires in the forest. Elevation 12,000 feet, the ranger visited him once and took him supplies. He carried water a half mile up the mountain in a sack or bag made for that purpose.

Of course in the meantime, son Bill had put in his appearance. He was born in a log cabin in Saratoga and was a nice little fellow. He loved to sit in the little cart his Dad had made for him and watch me work in the garden. He was busy too, pulling up the onions or whatever he could reach, also the candle on his birthday cake.

OP XMAS BANQUET A FUN NIGHT
TUCSON - Laughter, fine food and good cheer overflowed the Doubletree Hotel banquet room Saturday Dec. 18, as the Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association (OP) celebrated its fifth annual holiday banquet.

The sit-down dinner was accompanied by music from Go For Baroque, a keyboard, flute and cello ensemble, at home performing a number of musical styles. Following the three-course dinner, magician Bill Black demonstrated how to both make and burn money. Responding to the call of OP diners, New Age Santa appeared, spreading gifts donated by members and friends of OP. Apologizing for the liberal sprinkling of glitter over the OP group, New Age Santa explained, "I hoped to spread fairy dust, but couldn't find any dust on one."

PERSPECTIVE

by Nina Finley

CHAPTER 25

Having sold the newspaper my partner and I had published for a year or more, I was in need of a job. I went to Saratoga to visit a friend and heard that a man in Encampment was wanting to hire a woman to care for his mother who was confined to a wheelchair. I thought it was worth looking into, so I wrote him a letter. The next day he came to see me and I went to with him to Encampment.

Needless to say, we were meant for each other, and in November we went to spend Thanksgiving with my parents. I had written them that we would be there on Nov. 29, Mother's birthday. They were ready to go with us to Kimball, Nebraska, and we would be married there. We bundled up his mother and took her with us. Mother had a nice dinner ready and after a short rest, we all went to Kimball to find a preacher, who married us in his home.

The next day was Thanksgiving, which meant that all the relatives would bring their dinners to mom's for the day. It was quite a surprise when, as they came in, I introduced Will as my husband. What a wonderful meal that was and what a wonderful time.

Will had a mail contract to deliver mail to ranchers but when that ran out, he bought a pool hall and when 3.1% beer was legalized, he obtained a state license, but that life was not for him. With five C.C.C. camps around town, the weekends were confining, and the young men were on leave



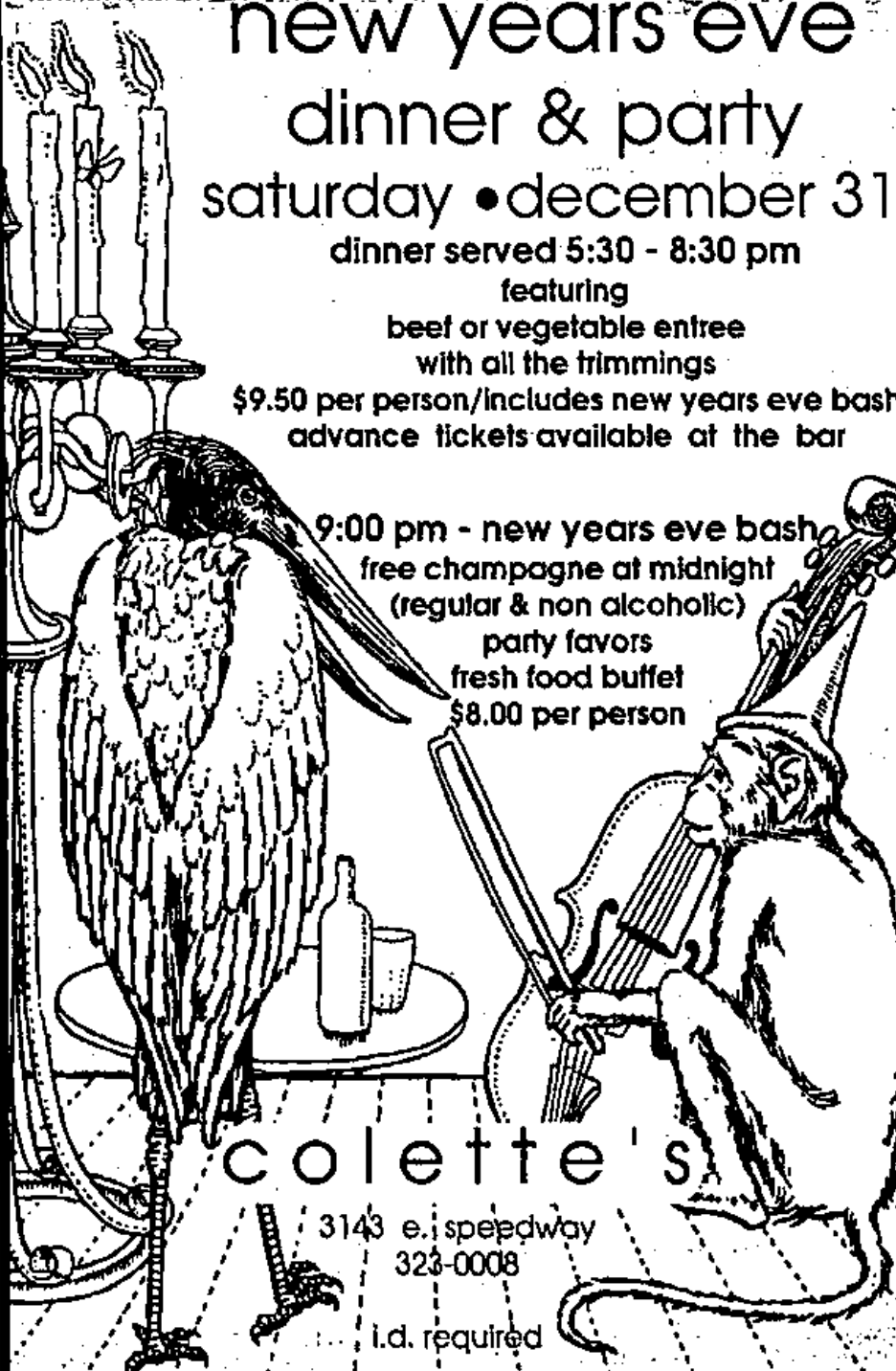
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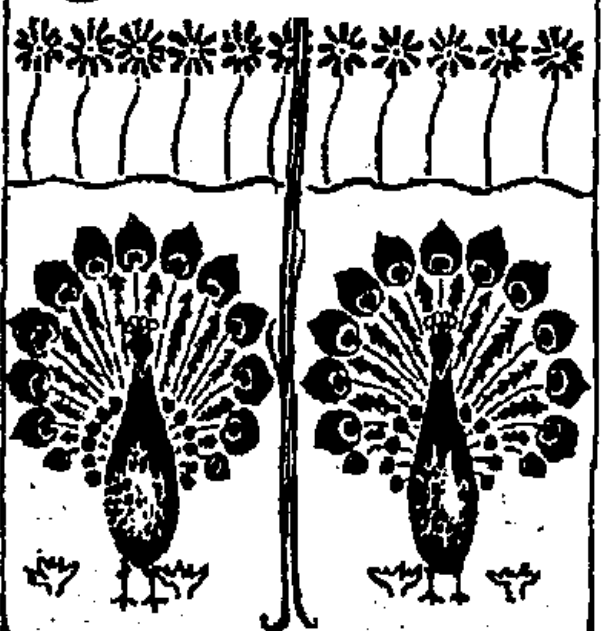
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BOOK REVIEW

By Anne C. Schmitt

managed to find it. We couldn't even sit through a Girl Scout meeting without being separated for misbehaving. We always had to laugh and joke around. We were quite the clowns.

In 1973, we went to Camp Sycamore together. It's what every Girl Scout waited for. We paid our ten-cent dues every week for a whole year for this. There were four units at our camp. Each unit had eight tents, and each wooden-floored tent had four cots. Naturally, Donna and I were in the same tent, along with two other girls — Tina and Rose. The first two days were fun, when Donna and I weren't being punished for running away from the other happy campers, or scaring the sissies in the tent next to ours.

The third day brought rain. We all sat in the big, two-story cabin singing songs and working on one of the many projects we were required to do. By night, we were all back in our tent telling ghost stories in the storm. We were so frightened, we decided to pair-up in our cots: Tina and I, Donna and Rose.

One thing led to another, and soon we were kissing and exploring each others' young bodies. We fell innocently asleep in each others' arms, safe and secure.

To Tina and Rose, it may have been just playing house, but to Donna and I it was so much more; it was the start of a whole new way of life. It was a whole new challenge to conquer.

[Excerpted from "Testimonies: A collection of Lesbian coming out stories," edited by Sarah Holmes, published by Alyson Publications, Inc., Boston, MA, \$7.95].

A NEW BOOK ABOUT HOLLYWOOD

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

In the early 1900s, "Hollywood" was a rather large homestead named by the owners after a favorite plant. In the 1930s, it was a name which represented one of the fastest-growing and richest industries in the world: the industry of movie-making.

A new book published by Crown Publishers, Inc., "An Empire of Their Own: How the Jews Invented Hollywood," (\$24.95) adds a whole new dimension to the history of this mecca, which has scarcely been discussed before. The book's author, Neal Gabler, one-time film critic for PBS's "Sneak Previews," spent more than five years researching the history of and interplay between the movie moguls — nearly all of whom were Jews.

This book, fascinating in its correlation of the sundry facts and events, is an interesting read. It helps to elucidate the true meaning behind the illusory image of life, propagated on silver screens by the thousands, by men (and only men) who, by and large, were displaced immigrants from a Jewish heritage who found themselves in a land which hated and reviled them.

Unwelcome in standard fields of business like banking, they were forced to create an industry of their own — and the fledgling movie industry was the perfect medium by which to prove their worth in a society which alienated them.

"An Empire of Their Own: How the Jews Invented Hollywood" is the perfect addition to any collection of books on film, and an enlightening look at how the movies changed our lives — then and now.

There is more to "Gay literature" than erotic fiction, an occasional collection of short stories or just a comedic novel or two... There is the ability to document who we are as a people and how we became to the realizations that have allowed us to form our community and our lives. Through reading of the experiences of other members of our broad-based community, we can better understand not only the other person but often get sparkling glimpses of who we are and become more united as a group when we see that others have done the same things we have done... whether it is the silly clumsiness of your first crush or the pain of breaking up with your first lover.

So, for the holiday season, I choose to review "Revelations: A Collection of Gay Male Coming Out Stories," and "Testimonies: A Collection of Lesbian Coming Out Stories." Edited respectively by Wayne Curtis and Sarah Holmes and published by Alyson Publications, these are short readings based on interviews with a variety of Lesbians and Gay men. I found a lot of myself in many of them, both men and women, who have faced the joy and pain and freedom of "coming out of the closet".

At this season when sharing and togetherness is the focus of the world, I recommend both of these books as a way to celebrate our community and to better understand each other as the fine and brave men and women we truly are. Happy Holidays... and may the New Year bring you peace and compassion.

The following are short excerpts, one from each book.

IS IT EVER TOO LATE?

by Laurence Wolf

I owe my coming out to my closest friend. I'd known Bob for decades, as a friend and professional colleague. I had never had the slightest clue that he was Gay. Then one day he dropped by my house and started to tell me that he was a queer, that psychiatric counseling had been no held, that he could no longer tolerate his internal conflicts, and that his wife and some of his children could not accept his Gayness. I found myself interrupting him. I admitted, in almost a whisper, that I too was "sexually ambiguous."

When he left, I was in a daze. Honesty with my closest pal had made me voice, for the first time in my life, my most deeply hidden secret. From then on, I had not just a friend and colleague, but an elder brother. With his encouragement I went to the local Gay bars with him and his lover. And although it was several years before I could go alone, I found I could dance there. I could never dance with a woman; there was always too much uncontrollable tension.

Bob got me to join several Gay organizations and, since functioning on committees comes naturally to me, this was a good way to become active in the Gay scene.

[Excerpted from "Revelations: A collection of Gay male coming out stories" edited by Wayne Curtis, published by Alyson Publications, Inc., Boston, MA, \$7.95].

SUMMER CAMP

by Lisa Gravesen

Donna was my best friend, and just like me. Our parents tried so desperately to keep us apart, but Donna and I were two of a kind. No Barbie dolls for us, thank you! If there was trouble to be found, Donna and I always



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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) (a 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.

Barney Frank joins GLDA Board

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) was elected to an at-large position on the board of the Gay and Lesbian Democrats of America (GLDA) at its meeting Nov. 19 in San Diego, Calif. Upon his election, Frank noted that Gay men and Lesbians have made significant progress within the Democratic Party over the last decade, but that more needs to be done.

Frank added that the Democratic Party's history of support for Gay and Lesbian rights is reflected in 1984 and 1988 party platforms as well as by the positions of Democratic candidates for national office. Congressional voting also demonstrates this. The clearest predictor of support for Gay and Lesbian rights is Democratic party affiliation.

GLDA executive director Christine R. Riddiough applauded Frank's willingness to serve on the board, "We're very pleased to have Barney on the Board. His po-

litical experience and knowledge will help us tremendously in carrying out our agenda over the coming year." The GLDA Board set as priorities for work in the next months, lobby the Democratic Party to strengthen its support of Gay and Lesbian rights and working with the party and Democratic officials on redistricting.

Frank is the second openly Gay elected official to serve on the GLDA Board. He joins Joe Herzenberg, a member of the Chapel Hill, North Carolina town council. Gay and Lesbian Democrats of America (formerly the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs) was formed in 1982 as a nationwide federation of local groups and activists concerned about the involvement of Lesbians and Gay men in electoral politics. Today, GLDA brings together state and local groups activists in the only grass roots national organization in the Gay and Lesbian community.

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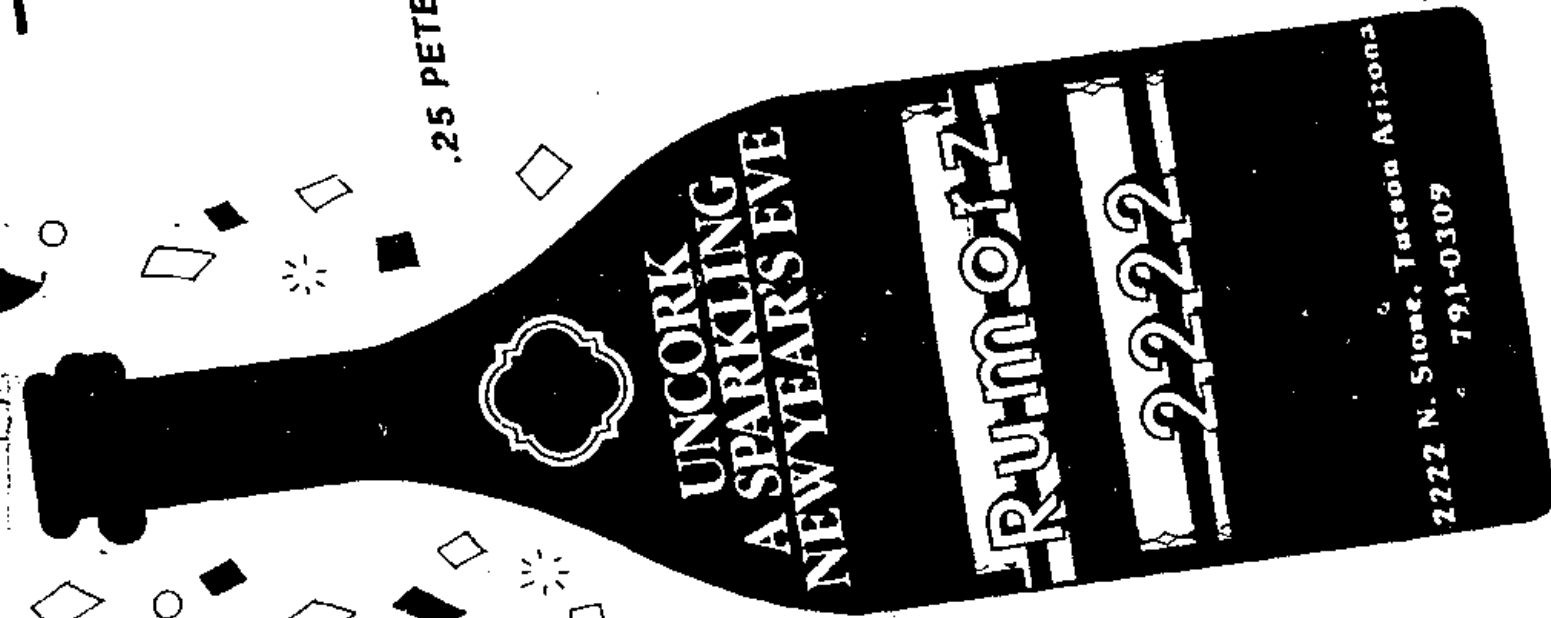
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Lights of Tucson

by Michael - Tucson

The Last Quarter Moon takes place on the last day of 1988 (Dec. 31) and brings some financial problems. The 1/4 Moon in Libra is less than pleasant, but useful application to a point in Capricorn indicating: social functions are hindered or plans go awry. People in general tend to be overly sensitive, easily depressed and desirous of being left alone.

A period in which nothing seems to turn out right. Precious feelings get hurt and result in misunderstandings. Your date cancels out; the food in the restaurant is terrible or you get seated next to a boring person at a sit-down dinner.

Estrangements through marital or business partnerships and other close personal relationships are possible. You may experience additional responsibility or have concerns of a parent. If you are a Libra or a Capricorn.

ARIES

8th House: The problems and conflicts with legal authorities will now come to a head. If you are willing to cut your losses, you may still benefit in the long run.

TAURUS

9th House: Continuing interest in higher education, foreign travel and contacts with distant places.

GEMINI

10th House: A new job or promotion in the one you have is possible. You may get your picture in the paper or on TV, receive an award of honor this week.

CANCER

11th House: New chances to make some headway in the group or organization you belong to. New and unconventional friends may be made now.

LEO

12th House: Probability of a secret romance with an in-law. Careful there Leo. Visit friends in hospitals or prisons.

VIRGO

1st House: Your continued self-expression can be rewarded now. However the reward may not be what you expect - it will be exactly what you have earned.

LIBRA

2nd House: See prologue on 1/4 Moon above.

SCORPIO

3rd House: You may hear some surprising news about the underworld, or your book on the subject may be published and bring reprisals.

SAGITTARIUS

4th House: A very festive New Year's Eve can be enjoyed at home with friends rather than risk the highways and expensive places of entertainment.

CAPRICORN

5th House: See Prologue on 1/4 Moon above.

AQUARIUS

6th House: If you work in or out of your home as a self-employed person, you may have some surprising upsets business-wise, however they will work out to your ultimate advantage.

PISCES

7th House: Your relationship with an older person can now be stabilized and prove economically successful.

AIDS UPDATE.

* Surprise inspections by OSHA in San Diego hospitals turned up "serious" violations of rules intended to protect workers from exposure to the HIV and hepatitis B viruses, the agency said.

* Nevada's Board of Health announced it would begin sending notices to the news media whenever a prostitute in one of its legal brothels tests positive for HIV, gonorrhea or syphilis. Nevada's prostitutes have been tested weekly for about two years; none has tested positive for HIV.

* An audit by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, DC, shows reports of crimes and harassment against Gay men have more than tripled in three years, in what Gay leaders see as a violent reaction to the AIDS crisis.

* London analysts predicted a 20 percent drop in cobalt production this year and a rise in price because AIDS is striking down so many workers in Zaire and Zambia. Yorkton Securities said, "Already in large areas of eastern Zaire, satellite photographs indicate wide-scale depopulation as a direct result of the onset of AIDS." HIV infection among heterosexuals there is estimated at 40 percent.

* Britain announced it plans random anonymous HIV tests, using blood samples collected at the nation's hospitals and health clinics. Health Secretary Kenneth Clarke said the aim was to determine the spread of the fatal disease, not to identify those individuals carrying the virus.

* China said its compulsory testing of all foreigners applying for residence permits had turned up 14 positives, and that all had been expelled.

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A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

TEN STRANGERS

As you might remember from my column last week, I was recently involved in drug-evaluation research study which has now ended. During the course of this study, I was required to stay at the research building twice, for a total of four out of six days. During this time, none of the volunteers were allowed to leave the building.

The reason for this solitary confinement is simple: we had to give periodic blood and urine samples in order for the researchers to test how long the medication we were testing stayed in our bodies.

When I first volunteered for this study, I was skeptical at just how well I would be able to get along with the others in my group, being cooped-up for two stretches of 36 hours. I have never made a secret of my non-social desires; I don't like being around groups of people (partly due to claustrophobia), and I especially do not like being forced to socialize with people I don't know.

Surprisingly—to me and the others in my group—those six days went swimmingly.

There were ten of us: myself, a writer; a young unmarried mother and her sister; a young waitress; an unemployed young man who was studying to become an air traffic controller; a young woman who worked with medical equipment; a senior man who managed an apartment complex; another senior man; and a retired senior couple who travelled.

We ate together, slept in a dorm-like room together, had blood drawn together, and suffered through the slight inconvenience of this study together.

The building which we called home during these two periods of confinement was rather large; it had two televisions on which we could also watch video tapes, a billiard table, many chairs and couches, and tables for eating or working or playing board games. There was enough space for those of us who wanted privacy in which to work or read, and enough entertainment attractions to enable small groups to mingle and pass away the hours.

I found myself drawn into conversations with my co-

volunteers; engaging in meaningful discussions about travel, the perils of apartment management, history and the sad state of national and international affairs.

It eventually dawned on me that we were a society in microcosm; a group of people that constituted a democracy (although much of our activities were organized for us, such as when we ate, when we slept, etc.). We agreed on which television shows to watch at which times, which times should be quiet times for those who wanted to read, and more. It was a smooth flowing, well-organized, true democracy in which each member had a full-share ownership.

Our religious affiliations were not used to determine when which television show would be watched; our sexual orientation did not stand in the way of who discussed what with whom; our ages never cropped up when determining who played billiards; and our sexes were not used to decide which video-taped film we would play. We displayed—for a short time anyway—a society based purely on equality, reason, consideration, respect and commonality. It was, in sum, a perfectly balanced community.

Of course, this idyll might not have lasted were we together for six months instead of six days; nor, perhaps, had we not had a common enemy, to wit, the study in which we were engaged. The inconveniences which cropped up gave us something toward which to focus our gripes. We -jokingly-bitched and complained about becoming human pin-cushions, about having to go to bed at 11 p.m. Our negative energy was focused at one common thing and dispersed before it would be directed at members of the community.

Could this little experiment in social behavior have continued for years? It is impossible to say. Was our group perfect because of the mix of people, the nearness to the holidays, chance, our common enemy or some other thing? Or was our group perfect because the only arbiter of justice was reason and respect?

Being the idealist I am, I choose the latter and hope I am right.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next year!

News From MCC / TUCSON

Happy New Year from the congregation at MCC/Tucson. To help bring in the New Year, MCC/Tucson will have a Night Watch this Saturday, Dec. 31. Starting at 10:00 p.m., there will be a social gathering with "Finger Food Pot Luck". At 11:00 p.m., there will be a "Sharing Service" which will conclude at 12:00 a.m. with communion being served. Everyone is invited to join with us for a time of reflection and starting 1989 with a caring group.

If it is your plan to being in the New Year with drinking, remember to have that cup, or several cups of coffee, before driving home. We want each and every one of you to remember this New Year celebration, not to be remembered by others because of it.

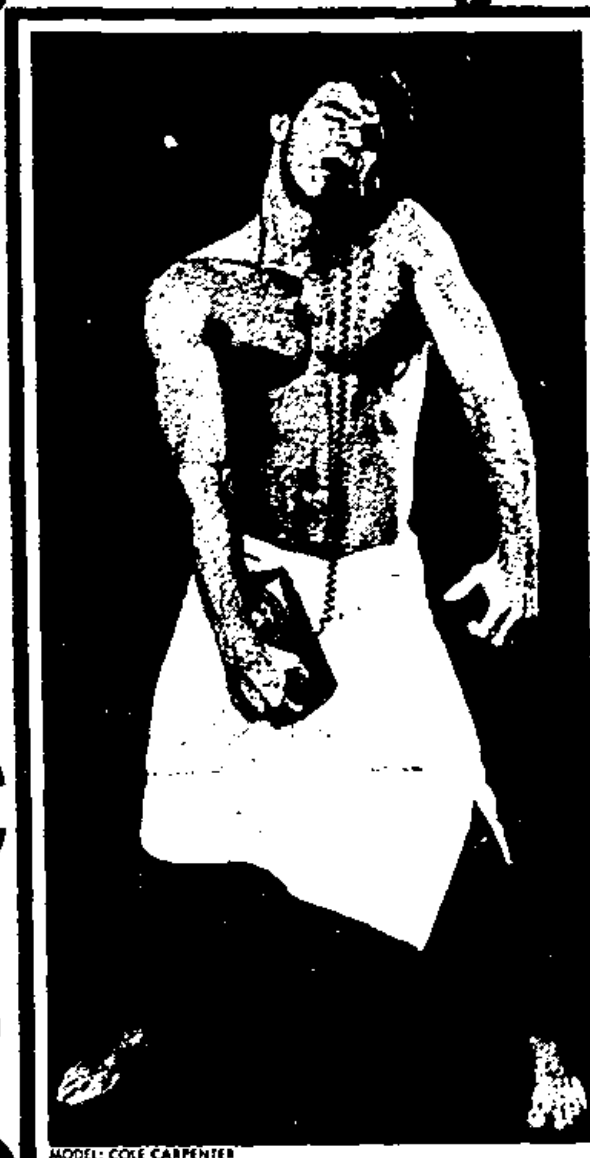
Starting on Saturday, Jan 28, MCC/Tucson will begin the monthly event of Bingo. The games will begin at 6:30 p.m. There

will be prizes given to the winners of each game during the evening. Snacks and cold beverages will be served during the evening also.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, starting at 1:00 p.m., the annual Congregational Meeting will be held at the church, 560 S. Stone. This meeting will be preceded with a pot-luck luncheon at 11:30 a.m. This meeting is very important to all members of MCC/Tucson. There will be elections, the approval of the 1989 budget and different articles of the local S.O.P. (Standard Operating Procedures) will have changes, amendments, deletions and additions. It will require a vote by the members of MCC/Tucson to put these issues into effect.

Thought for the Week: Education is the ability to quote Shakespeare without crediting it to the Bible. -Evan Esar

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CALENDAR

of upcoming events

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.

GRADUATE - Bring in the new year in style with special drink princes all day and evening. Complimentary champagne at the witching hour.

IBT'S - Things get underway here early with Bud and Bud light longnecks going for \$1.25 plus other specials from 5:30 p.m. until closing. There is a great show planned to start at 10:00 p.m. starring Candy Plastique, Aviva Diamond and Christine Shade. There will be complimentary champagne at midnight as well as a giant balloon drop too!

JOSHUA TREE - Their annual New Year's blast with all the trimmings! Complimentary champagne at midnight too! Dance, play, party hearty!

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 9:30 p.m. and again at 2 a.m. Besides there will be a buffet, champagne, dancing, party favors, hats and noise-makers. \$10 Cover. 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.

THE RAINBOW ROOM (formerly Rita's) wish everyone a happy new year by offering all well drinks and domestic beer for only .89 each (eighty-nine cents, that is!) from 6:00 p.m. until closing. There will also be Hors d'Oeuvres and the usual noise makers, hats etc. Such a deal!

RUMOR HAZZIT - Celebrate, celebrate, celebrate is the word for the evening planned here. Corona Beer going for .99 from 8:00 to midnight. Shots of Schnapps \$1.00. Complimentary champagne at midnight. Hundreds of balloons, hats, horns and noisemakers. No cover of course. There is also non-alcoholic drinks for you designated drivers too. Hot music, hot videos, hot men!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 (NEW YEAR'S DAY)
COLETTE'S - Closed all day to let employees celebrate with their loved ones. Open Monday as usual.

JOSHUA TREE - The first drag show of the new year will usher in 1989 here with a New Years Bash with Dana Barritt, Boubbyt Holliday and Deja Vu plus other guest stars beginning at 9:30 p.m. There will be drink specials announced during the show too!

RUMOR HAZZIT - "Sick Call" from noon until 4:00 p.m. 2 for 1 Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers. 2 for 1 Cockshuckers; and 25 cent Peter Dogs with all the trimmings. Bottles of champagne will also be available for those who didn't get enough last night!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10
COLETTE'S - The musical talents of Anne English will be heard here beginning at 8:30. Catch it.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16
COLETTE'S - There will be a Martin Luther King birthday celebration here. Watch for further details.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
COLETTE'S - Monthly Country and Western night with a musical talent to be announced.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
COLETTE'S - "Inauguration Day Wake". Costumes and lots of good stuff. Also a show starring Lady Casandra and Penelope Poupe. Watch for more details.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24
COLETTE'S - Anne English plays and sings to the delight of her many fans.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30
COLETTE'S - Patty McGuilla will be singing here on the last Monday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss this very entertaining musician, vocalist.

Non-Bar

CALENDAR

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.

A dance for Lesbians 'forty or better' at 8:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. Black and white attire. Bring your own records. Admission is \$3.00 for Wingspan members and \$5.00 for non-members. Sponsored by Wingspan.

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 - Wingspan is holding a community meeting on violence and harassment against Lesbians and Gay men. The meeting will be from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. at the Society of Friends Meeting House, 739 E. 5th Street. Call 628-8912 for more info.

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. Plaza International Hotel. Psychiatrist Frank Pieri gives solutions to stress in the workplace and shows how substance abuse and psychological impairment affect professionals. 7:00 p.m., no-host beverages; 7:30 p.m., general meeting. Free to OP members and first-time guests, \$5.00 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.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association general meeting. Hotel Park Tucson. Attorneys Susan Freund and Gregory Gadarian offer tax tips and IRS updates. 7:00 p.m., no-host beverages; 7:30 p.m., general meeting. Free to OP members and first-time guests, \$5.00 for repeat guests at the door. Information: (602) 297-3794.



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2. BOTTOMS UP	35	21	.625	2
3. PHILISTINE PROS	34.5	21.5	.616	2.5
4. STRIKER FORCE	32	24	.571	5
5. LUCKY DEVILS	32	24	.571	5
6. CHESTER AND THE BOYS	29	27	.517	8
7. THE BACKDOOR BOYS	28.5	27.5	.509	8.5
8. "NEXT WEEK"	28	28	.500	9
9. DICK'S LITTLE INDIANS	27	29	.482	10
10. WOOLLY ROLLERS	25	31	.446	12
11. MOOSEKETEERS	25	31	.446	12
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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 7:00 \$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 Mimosas, Bloody Marys, or Champagne Cocktails \$1.25 plus \$60s, '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 Dwayne 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 Dwayne.

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 til 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 Dwayne.

Juicy Lucy

New Year's Resolutions are so easy to make - and so-o-o easy to break. So, to help those who are afraid to make their own, I'm going to be a good sport and make them for you. This will be my last kind deed for this year, so, for the entire community,

We resolve:

Rip and Gary - to make at least ten trips a year to Room 127 and leasing it out the rest of the time.
 Dear Blabby - to give some advice that is needed by buying a clean pen.
 Neil - to be on time for everything.
 Ron T. - to make the Graduate the showplace of Tucson by having a dry floor
 China Doll - to be professional for a change.
 Natalie - to behave herself when Patty is out of town.
 Roger - to say nothing but nice things to every patron.
 Bert and Ernie - to make everyone think of the Bordello with fond memories
 Roy - to stay on top of everything at Rita's
 Peter - to make 1989 a "Be Kind To Roger" year.
 Bobby Jr. - to play nothing but "Oldies but Goodies" all year
 Sandy - to be named the "Business Woman" of the year
 Candy Plastique - to be quiet and demure for a whole year.
 Terry - to learn to walk.
 Hank - to find a new restaurant in Phoenix - with a dumpster.
 Ten Minute Joe - to buy a porta potty on wheels for trips to Phoenix.
 Mark E. - to serve his customers first.
 Scott - to make Christine a living example of dignity and finesse.
 T.K.O. - not to win any Trash Awards.
 T.A.L.L. - to be the example for all clubs.
 Desert Leathermen - to ban all members from wearing dresses.
 Partners - to hve seminars on "Being Happy While Being Single".
 Great Outdoors - to be outdoors more.
 T-Squares - to learn to count to four.
 S.O.S. - to be more visible on the scene.
 Ben - not to proposition anyone.
 Annie - to put blinders on Ben so he can keep his resolution.
 Doc - to give Keith an allowance for his wardrobe.
 Keith - not to fill all the closets with his wardrobe.
 Bob Ellis - to print every picture he takes and to buy "Word Perfect" for future issues.
 Juicy Lucy - to tell nothing but the truth, the whole truth but every truth

Have a great Happy New Year everyone. I love you all and hope for only the best for you during this coming year. I may have offended some of you during this past year but it was only in fun. If I have hurt any of your feelings - TS.

OUT ON THE TOWN

What has Mahatma Granny been up to lately? Is she still teaching or is class temporarily out for the holidays?

Anyone who decides to walk the dogs at the Tucson House late at night, take a club in case the Sioux is on the loose.

Seems a lot of people are anxiously awaiting the release of the new video "The Sorority Sister from Hell meets Stunt Malibu Christi" or was that Stunned Malibu Christi? Where is she really from anyway? Are there any inquiring minds out there who want to know?

The Dead Celeb Ball should have been held at the Tucson House last weekend. Seems Judy really is dead. Toto and Judy's slippers still miss her but they did have fun without her. Seems there was nobody there alive enough to have a good time.

Konfused must really be. Anyone who has to ask who Stunt Malibu Christi is apparently doesn't have the need to know because anyone who has the need to know who she is, already does. Also, Christi doesn't need to impress anyone. She's already made her statement and she'll probably continue to do so no matter how bad these statements may be sometimes.

Someone asked Christi once if Jade was going to will her hair to Blabby when she had no more use for it. Probably all she needs now is a pair of those Fourth Avenue Street dentures from some dog-eating Indian woman if she has no further use for them.

As far as the Ponderosa goes, seems Christina never did check into that mental institution out west. She only visited Christi and some of her friends who are permanent residents there.

If they don't change their ways, they'll probably never get out. It's been rumored Blabby did check in there once as an out-patient along with some other celebrities not to be mentioned at this time, however it's not been known whether she was asked to leave or just dismissed.

What happened to Christina's baby and who was it? Did it have anything to do with rolling heels or that Cave 38 is closed for the winter.

Will Miz JR and Mysterious Mountain Magda ever resolve their dispute over the ownership of Cave 38? Will Macho Man ever see the desert again and did J.J. really only lose it once? Will Christi's far away friends ever write again? Will Christi ever write again. Will Altawalpa ever make up her mind or will the Culture Shark get to her while she's tronando?

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It Ain't All It's Cracked Up To Be

Coupling

by Randy Kraus

It's the totally fabulous Red Party at the totally hot Troc. The clock has just struck 2 a.m., and you survey the dance floor for the 400th time since you arrived at 10:05. Everyone - absolutely everyone - appears to have a valentine in tow. Everyone but you.

What's wrong with this picture? Only one thing: Your attitude. Not as in "You make your own reality, honey," but as in "Wake up and smell the clover, Daisy." The grass on your side of the wedding band is a lot greener than Hallmark or Kay Jewelers would have you believe.

The truth is, my little Miss Lonelyhearts, you are in the catbird's seat. Relationships aren't all they're advertised to be. People who have been in them for a while - honest people, that is - will be the first to tell you that. Being part of a couple brings one set of problems; being single brings another. Neither one is bliss. So, if you're single, why not look at all you've got going for you and enjoy it.

Let's look at some of the myths and realities of being married.

RELATION MYTHS

MYTH 1: It's so nice to have someone to come home to.

REALITY: Sometimes it's nice to have someone to come home to, and sometimes it's not. After a full day at work, it's not always delightful to come home, search your closet for your favorite pair of Levis, and find your other half has worn the to wash the car, and they're in the dirty clothes, along with your favorite shirt, which he wore to work yesterday.

Sometimes it might be nice to come home and take a short nap, or read the paper, or go to dinner with a friend, or go to an aerobics class. But since you have entered the nirvana of matrimony, you have established a routine of having dinner on the table by 6:30 p.m. so hubby can have the evening free to study for his real estate exam. That's what being a couple is all about, you have been told so many times on television and by your mother: sacrifice. It's worth it in the end. And you are definitely getting it in the end.

MYTH 2: Falling asleep in someone's arms is so comforting.

REALITY: Falling asleep in someone's arms makes you sweaty. This myth is a euphemism for a deeper truth: It's nice to have someone to have sex with whenever you want it. Having a person next to you all night can be a pain in the neck, or the back. Or the ass - assuming you do have sex when you want it and you are sexually versatile. (See "sacrifice" under Myth 1).

Puppy Toes, this is why people have teddy bears and VCRs. A teddy bear will keep you cozy until the sheets warm up, then you can throw it on the floor. Video-tapes will provide you any kind of sex you want, with exactly your type of man, anytime of the day or night. You can even have different types of men every night.

MYTH 3: Vacations just aren't as much fun alone.

REALITY: Vacations can only be fun alone, because you're only

alone getting there and coming home. Picture this: You and your betrothed sign on to a Windjammer cruise in the Caribbean. The day you board, you find yourself at lunch, sitting across the table from the most gorgeous and charming man you've ever seen. He smiles, engages you in scintillating conversation about the southern coast of France, where he recently spent two weeks following a medical convention he attended in Paris, then invites you to join him at the captain's table for dinner that evening.

At this point you get to introduce him to the little missus sitting next to you, who has been talking to someone else, but listening to you and Prince Charming. Dinner that evening is taken in your cabin, where you both end up wearing each other's entree.

MYTH 4: Going to the movies is more enjoyable if there's someone to share it with.

REALITY: Movies are viewed in the dark, and making out or talking with the person next to you is rude. Making out is for the privacy of your home. At the movies, talking stops when the lights go out. It resumes when the lights come back on - if it hasn't been a "deep" film. All movies should be digested before they are discussed. That means time alone to think and - as we love to say in California - "to process". If you want to talk about art, join an adult education class.

Besides, Benji Breath, if you absolutely have to have someone to go to the movies with, that's what dates are for. After six months, your husband knows everything you're going to say about a movie anyway. On a date you can impress the man, show him how intellectual you are, how perceptive, how emotional you can be. You can do this several times before having to find a new date to impress, at which point you get to have your ego stroked all over again. The secret path to infinite adulation.

MYTH 5: The holidays are meant for couples.

REALITY: The holidays are meant for showing affection you have neglected to show all year long. In 20th Century America, this is actually another way of saying holidays are meant for couples. If you buy into this myth in the first place, you are simply going to spend more money than you should, especially on your beloved, and then scrimp for the next 11 months to pay the bills.

Mistletoe Lips, this is what friends are for: feasts and parties and caroling. With all those other single people out there, surely you can find someone to drag home on Christmas Eve, if you must.

MYTH 6: The important thing is to have someone to grow old with.

REALITY: The important thing is to grow old without acting like it. Having a spouse is just a good excuse to throw in the towel in at 50. Most married couples throw it in at the wedding reception. Marriage is the greatest excuse there is for not keeping fit, both physically and emotionally. Look around. The most active, engaging, and interesting senior citizens are all single!

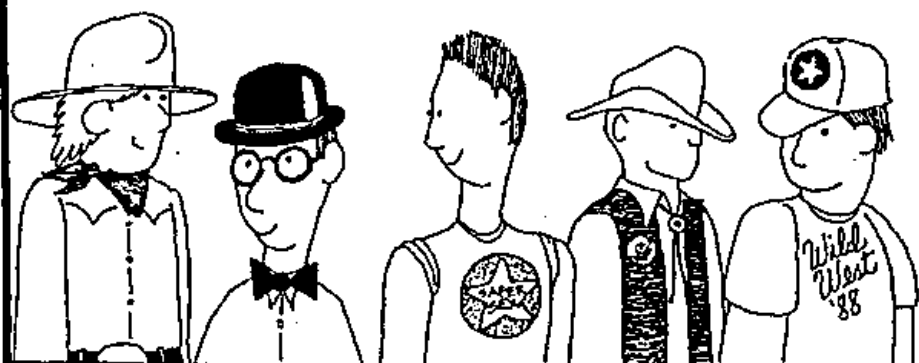


Little Miss Laugh Lines, this is what younger men are for. Growing old is something we all have to do, so why not do it with a variety of nubile admirers? As you grow older, date younger men and you'll keep yourself up with the times. You'll also keep yourself up. Remember what the wise Miss Sophie Tucker used to say: "Twenty goes into 80 a hell of a lot more than 80 goes into 20." Likewise, it doesn't take a genius to realize that 80 will go into 20 a hell of a lot more than 80 will even want to go into another 80.

So, unbutton your shirt a little further, pull out some of that money you saved by not buying your husband the Harley Davidson of his dreams, and treat the married couple to a cocktail. After all, they're broke from the holidays, they've stopped counting cocktail calories years ago, and they have nothing to look forward to tonight but cold feet, sweaty arms, and a tug of war with the comforter.

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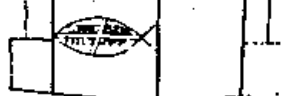
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