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DEVINA WINS MISS GAY ARIZONA

Devina, the new Miss Gay Arizona 1989-90, being crowned by Penelope Poupe' and Mona Littlemore last Sunday, Dec. 3.

PHOENIX - Last Sunday, Dec. 3, saw the 5th Annual Miss Gay Arizona Pageant 1990 finale. Eleven contestants were vying for the coveted title in a hotly contested pageant. At the end of the evening the judges had chosen Devina as Miss Gay Arizona. First Runner-Up was Christine Shade (Miss Gay Tucson). Second Runner-Up honors went to Lauren Klein of Phoenix.

Christine Shade, in addition to her 1st runner-up selection, was awarded Miss Congeniality and also won the Norma Kristi Talent Award.

The recipient of the first annual Bobby Jo Memorial Award was given to Tabitha Scott, Miss Gay Tucson 1987-88.

Other pageant contestants from Tucson were Michelle Kristie and Alotta Hormones.

From the opening overture to the final crowning of Miss Gay Arizona, the evening went off in a very professional and entertaining fashion. Competition between each contestant was extremely close.

The evening was produced by Penelope Poupe' Productions and was MC'd by Tish Tanner. The entertainment was headlined by Brandi Alexander the reigning Miss Gay America. Other performers included Mona Littlemore, Miss Gay Arizona 1988-89, Lady Casondra and Deja Mychels.

Outgoing Miss Gay Arizona, Mona Littlemore, said, "I would like to thank the Gay community of Arizona for all their support. With their support I have used my talent, my determination and my title to raise thousands of dollars for several AIDS organizations and needy individuals and I challenge my successor to do the same."

Contestants were scored by a panel of independent judges on male interview, evening gown presentation, contemporary fashion sportswear, group discussion, female interview and talent, and judged on a cumulative scoring system developed by Norma Kristi, Inc., producers of the official Miss Gay America Pageant.

OBSERVER congratulates Penelope Poupe' Productions for another fine pageant, to the performers who dazzled the audience throughout the evening and to the contestants whose long hours of preparation and execution were without a doubt the catalyst that made this 1989-90 Miss Gay Arizona Pageant the success that it was.

OTHER OFFICERS JOIN IN GROBESON LAWSUIT AGAINST LAPD

by Timothy Stirton

LOS ANGELES, CA - Two Los Angeles police officers and a police recruit have joined a landmark lawsuit filed against the Los Angeles Police Department charging that fellow officers and their superiors routinely harass and intimidate officers suspected of being Gay. The plaintiffs are also seeking a protective order preventing the police from harassing or intimidating potential witnesses in hopes that other officers will come forward.

Speaking at a press conference with her back to reporters and television cameras to protect her identity, a five-year police force veteran chronicled incidents that led her to join the suit initially filed by Mitch Grobeson (OBSERVER, Oct 25). The officer, identified in the suit as John Doe-2, said that when rumors began to circulate that she was a Lesbian she was snubbed by fellow officers, referred to as a 'dyke' and 'lesbo', given less desirable assignments, and penalized for minor infractions.

Additionally, she said she heard derogatory comments made about Gays and Lesbians on a daily basis, and her complaints were "sloughed off" by her superiors.

Though closeted when she joined the force, she acknowledged she is a Lesbian, and now is more open about her sexual orientation. She also supported the contentions of Grobeson, who initially filed the suit that he was placed in life-threatening situations because he was suspected of being Gay.

"I was present during a roll call prior to Mitch Grobeson's arrival at Civic Division. They said they weren't going to back him up because he was a 'fag'."

Grobeson, who is openly Gay, filed his suit in September of last year charging he was hounded out of the police department. He is seeking $5 million in damages from the city, but at the press conference said he was willing to forego the damage award if the department would end their anti-Gay bias.

Another officer joining the suit was not at the press conference. In a legal declaration, he described himself as a twelve-year police veteran who has been "harassed, ridiculed and discriminated against because of the perception" that he is Gay. Among the incidents cited are being called 'fruit' and 'faggot' by fellow officers.

In addition, he described other examples of anti-Gay bias. He said police routinely harass patrons of Gay bars, which they call 'faggot bars'. During a blood drive organized by the Red Cross several officers refused to give blood, objecting to the presence of 'male faggot nurses'. Another time a sergeant stated to assembled officers that 'all goddam faggots should be fired."

Joining the officers in the suit is a former police applicant who says he withdrew from the process because of anti-Gay remarks.

Former police applicant Rich McCune said he wanted to become a police officer "to perform civic duty and serve the community." On his first day at the Police Academy he passed by a group of recruits and their instructor telling anti-Gay jokes.

"I found myself thinking, my God, what have I gotten into?" After several other similar experiences he withdrew his application.

The American Civil Liberties Union, in conjunction with a Gay and Lesbian law enforcement association, the Golden State Peace Officers Association, is also joining the suit.

Beside the officer's testimony, attorneys for the plaintiffs also cited statements allegedly made by LA Police Chief Daryl Gates, and Asst. Chief Robert Vernon to show the pervasiveness of the department's anti-Gay attitudes.

"Their statements are the most egregious examples of the homophobic attitudes that exist within the LA Police Department," said attorney Dan Stormer.

Stormer said that Gates once stated "homosexuals are evil, and they do evil." He said Vernon stated, "The hiring of homosexuals as police officers is repulsive to nearly all persons.... Homosexual acts are inherently immoral, abnormal and criminal....", and that "homosexuals have a corrosive influence upon their fellow employees because they attempt to entice normal individuals to engage in perverted sex practices."

"These statements reveal the bigotry and prejudice that exists at the highest levels of the Los Angeles Police Department," said Stormer.

LAPD spokesperson Commander William Booth denied there is any anti-Gay bias on the police force or that the LAPD uses any test to

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DUI HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN BEGINS, Bars to be cited also

TUCSON - The annual holiday police crackdown on drivers who drink and drive has begun. Up to 50 additional officers will patrol the city streets on most nights looking for Driving Under the Influence infractions. Something new this year could reflect on the establishment where the person arrested received his alcoholic beverages.

If police stop someone with a blood-alcohol level of 0.20% or higher, they will ask if the person was recently in a bar. If so, a letter will be sent to the bar reminding the bar owner not to serve intoxicated patrons. A copy of the letter will also be sent to the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control, thus putting the bar license in jeopardy.

State law forbids clubs from serving alcohol to a person who appears to be drunk. If that person was to drive drunk and injure or kill someone, the bar owner could be held liable for property and personal damages.

Tucson police will be using increased patrols instead of checkpoints they used in past years. A first-time conviction for drunken driving means a mandatory 24 hours in jail land a $412 fine, and the person must attend an alcohol awareness program. Last year, 65 DUI arrests were made on two Fridays in December.

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UPDATE

U OF A MEDICAL CENTER LOOKING FOR HIV/AIDS VOLUNTEERS TO TEST NEW DRUG

TUCSON - The Infectious Disease Division of the University of Arizona Medical Center is seeking HIV/AIDS volunteers for protocol of the investigational drug AS-101. The drug would be administered intravenously (IV) 1 or 3 or 5 times a week. All lab work and drugs are free.

Compensation is offered for this six-week study, and depending on the efficacy on that particular patient, the volunteer may receive the drug for up to a year following the initial six-week study.

The Infectious Disease Division is currently running 8 investigational AIDS research programs and after the first of the year, will add several more.

Persons interested in partaking in this current AS-101 protocol or who would like more information concerning other AIDS research programs being planned at the UofA Medical Center, should call Joel Gray, RN., at 626-2533 or 626-6887.

BOWL-A-THON THIS SUNDAY, DEC. 10

TUCSON - Partners' Third Annual Bowl-A-Thon for the Shanti Foundation of Tucson is coming this Sunday, Dec. 10 at Fiesta Bowl, 501 West River Road. Bowling will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will continue until approximately 5:00 p.m. There are 20 lanes reserved for the bowlers.

There will be a $5.00 registration fee for all bowlers which will include all bowling fees, shoes and a commemorative T-Shirt. Due to unexpected difficulties, the T-shirts will not be ready during the Bowl-A-Thon, but will be given to the registered bowlers when the awards are presented in January. Announcements will be made when the Awards Presentation will take place.

This is the 3rd Annual Bowl-A-Thon for Shanti. Even if you don't or cannot bowl, why not come out and give your support. A cheering section is always welcome.

WORKSHOP TO MOBILIZE COMMUNITY ON AIDS LEGISLATION

TUCSON - The Arizona Public Health Association (AzPHA) will be hosting grassroots lobbying workshops in Maricopa and Pima Counties. Individuals interested in voicing their concern to legislators on AIDS legislation are invited to attend.

Afternoon and evening workshops have been scheduled in both counties. The workshop will focus on teaching individuals how to lobby their legislators through phone calls and letter-writing campaigns.

The times and locations are:

MARICOPA COUNTY
Wednesday, December 13
From 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.
Saguaro Branch of the Phoenix Public Library, 2808 N. 46th St.

PIMA COUNTY
Thursday, December 14
From 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.
Randolph Recreation Center
200 S. Alvernon, Tucson

For more information call 340-9137. A $5 donation is requested to cover costs.

CHRISTMAS POSTCARDS TO BENEFIT REGIONAL SHANTI ORGANIZATIONS

PHOENIX, AZ - Pretlow-Miles Enterprises, Inc., has pledged its support for persons living with AIDS by donating the proceeds from the sales of this year's line of Christmas Postcards to the nation's regional Shanti organizations. The Shanti Group in Phoenix and the Shanti Foundation/ Tucson will be the Arizona recipients of the benefit.

In addition to Tucson and Phoenix, Shanti organizations are located in Seattle, Washington; Eugene, Oregon, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Laguna Beach, California, Toronto and Vancouver, Canada and Honolulu, Hawaii.

The cards area available in Tucson at Books Bros., Ltd, Colette's West, Antigone Books, Enchanted Bookstore and at the Shanti Office. In Phoenix the cards are available at Humanspace Books and Changing Hands.

Shanti is a Sanskrit word meaning "inner peace". The nation's Shanti organizations offer compassionate support services to those living with AIDS and their loved ones. All of the Shanti organizations are non-profit corporations.

75% of the proceeds from the national sales of the Christmas Postcards will be donated to the respective local Shanti organizations. The other 25% is set aside for the merchant for carrying the line of cards. Merchants may opt to donate their portion of the proceeds in order for the receiving organizations to obtain the maximum financial assistance this project can offer. If there are no regional Shanti organizations, proceeds will be donated to other support organizations.

A PUBLIC APOLOGY

In last week's issue of OBSERVER, our spoof "National Observer" contained photos of faces of three of the community's better known Lesbian activists. These faces were pasted over bodies which obviously were not theirs but were some of the most attractive that our art department could find.

Objections were received from the owners of those bodies and we hereby apologize for any harm that may have been done. This particular new page has received high acclaim for its humor and it is not intended to cause harm to anyone.

We do hereby apologize to the three women involved, who complained.

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POLICE DUI CRACKDOWN BEGINS, BARS TO BE CITED ALSO

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These holiday patrols will continue through December, and everyone is urged that if they intend to drink, they should arrange to have a sober person drive them home.

Have a safe and happy holiday season. Please do not drink and drive.

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weed out Gay and Lesbian applicants.

"One of the things that is totally irrelevant is an applicant's sexual orientation. Once an applicant is on the force, our attitude doesn't change."
[Reprinted from SF Sentinel from an article that originally appeared in LA Frontiers].

Old Pueblo
Business & Professional Association
Holiday Party & Luncheon
Saturday, December 16th
at Tucson's historic
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Noon – No-host beverages
1 p.m. – Seated for luncheon and program
Your choice from two delectable entrees:
Braised Swiss Steak Jardiniere — *tender cube steak from top round of beef, braised in garlic oil and simmered in brown sauce with minced fresh vegetables*
Baked Red Snapper San Carlos — *fresh Pacific red snapper, seasoned and baked with Spanish sauce*
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Return your reservation with remittance before Monday, December 11th to:
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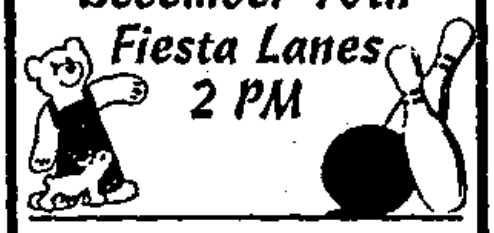
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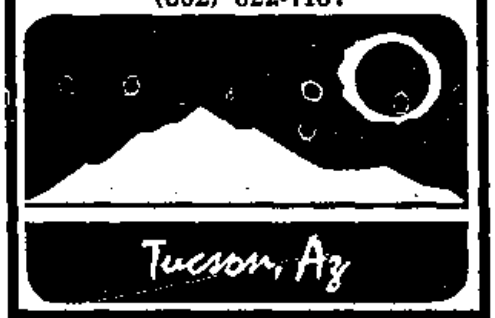

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Report highlights homophobic violence

ATLANTA, GA - A new report from the Center for Democratic Renewal (CDR) ties the rising tide of violence against Gays and Lesbians to far right and white supremacist organizations that are using anti-Gay bigotry to attract new recruits.

The report is entitled "Quarantines and Death: The Far Right's Homophobic Agenda". Gay people have increasingly become the target of bigoted violence," explained Daniel Levitas, executive director of the Atlanta-based CDR. "This report describes the theoretical framework of the far right's homophobic agenda and outlines the basic steps needed to confront anti-Gay bigotry."

The 40-page monograph was written by CDR research director Leonard Zeskind and Mab Segrest, a long-time human rights activist, who is currently director of research and publications for North Carolinians Against Racist and Religious violence, based in Durham.

"Homophobic violence challenges all citizens who wish to preserve the fabric of democracy to act," says Segrest, who serves on the board of directors of the CDR.

The Center for Democratic Renewal, formerly known as the National Anti-Klan network, was founded 10 years ago as the nation's principal clearinghouse for information on community-based responses to hate group activity and bigoted violence.

"Quarantines and Death" examines such issues as why Gay men and Lesbians have been targeted by far right groups, the nature of homophobic violence, and the ideology of the new right and the far right regarding homosexuality, AIDS and civil rights.

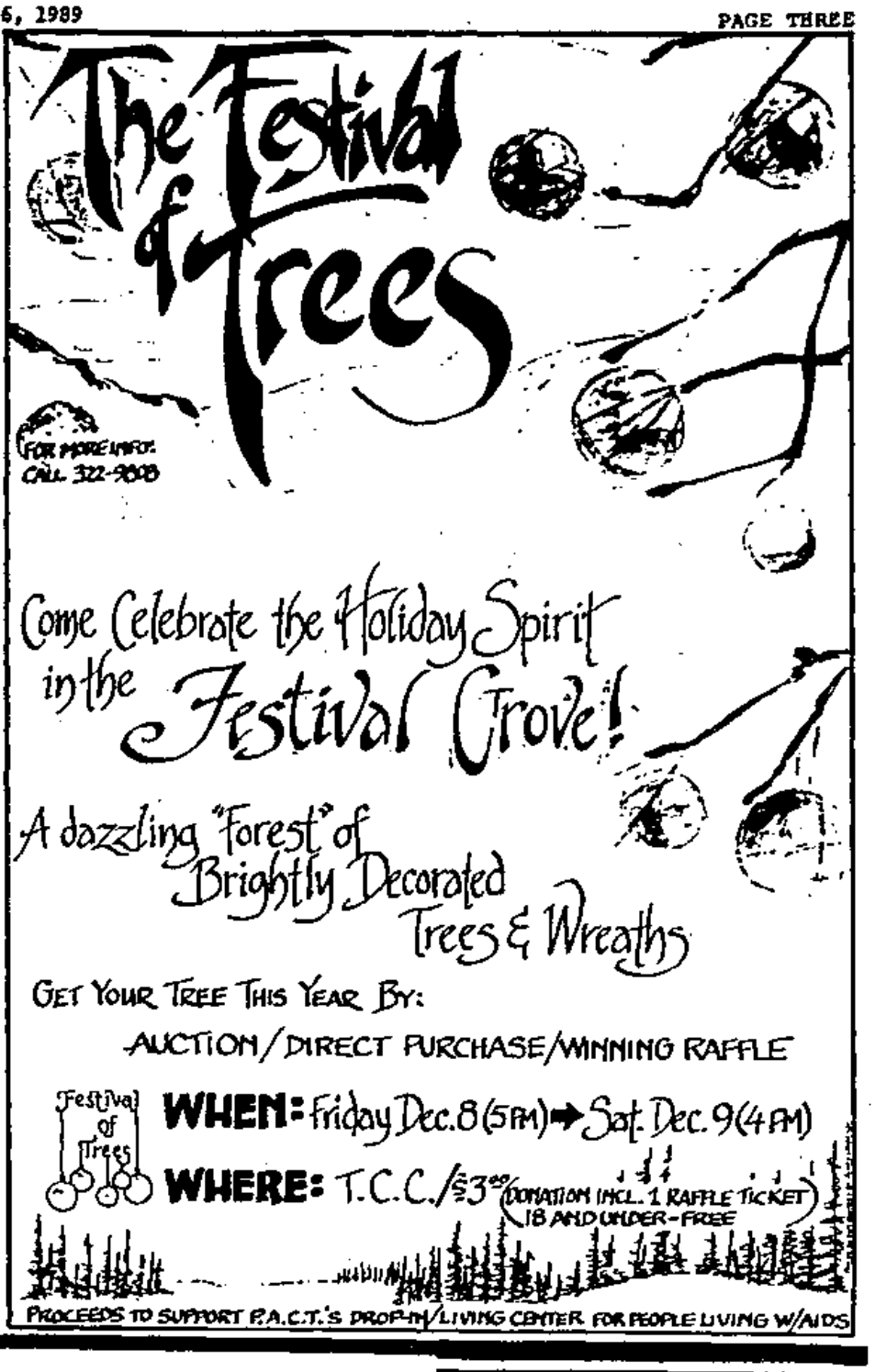
"This document underscores the basic need for all groups that are the targets of bigoted violence to work together," said Kevin Berrill, director of the Anti-Violence Project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "Since the agenda of the far right is to scapegoat and polarize, it is important for us to remain unified." The Anti-Violence Project recorded 7,248 incidents of bigoted harassment - including 70 murders - in 38 states in 1988.

According to Zeskind, white supremacists believe that AIDS is a "racial disease" carried by Jews and Blacks.

"The Christian new right maintains it is a punishment sent by God for the sins of homosexuality," adds Zeskind. "Whatever the perception, a steady stream of murders and assaults has been the result."

Zeskind is the author of numerous background documents on racist and anti-semetic movements. In 1987, he received the Paul Tobenkin Memorial Award for "fearless reporting in the struggle against bigotry" from the Columbia University School of Journalism.

The Center for Democratic Renewal is a non-profit organization with offices in Kansas City, Missouri, Seattle, Washington and Atlanta, Georgia. The CDR implements programs of research, training, public education, community organizing and technical assistance to counter white supremacy, religious intolerance and homophobic violence.



GRADUATE / CLUB WEEKEND

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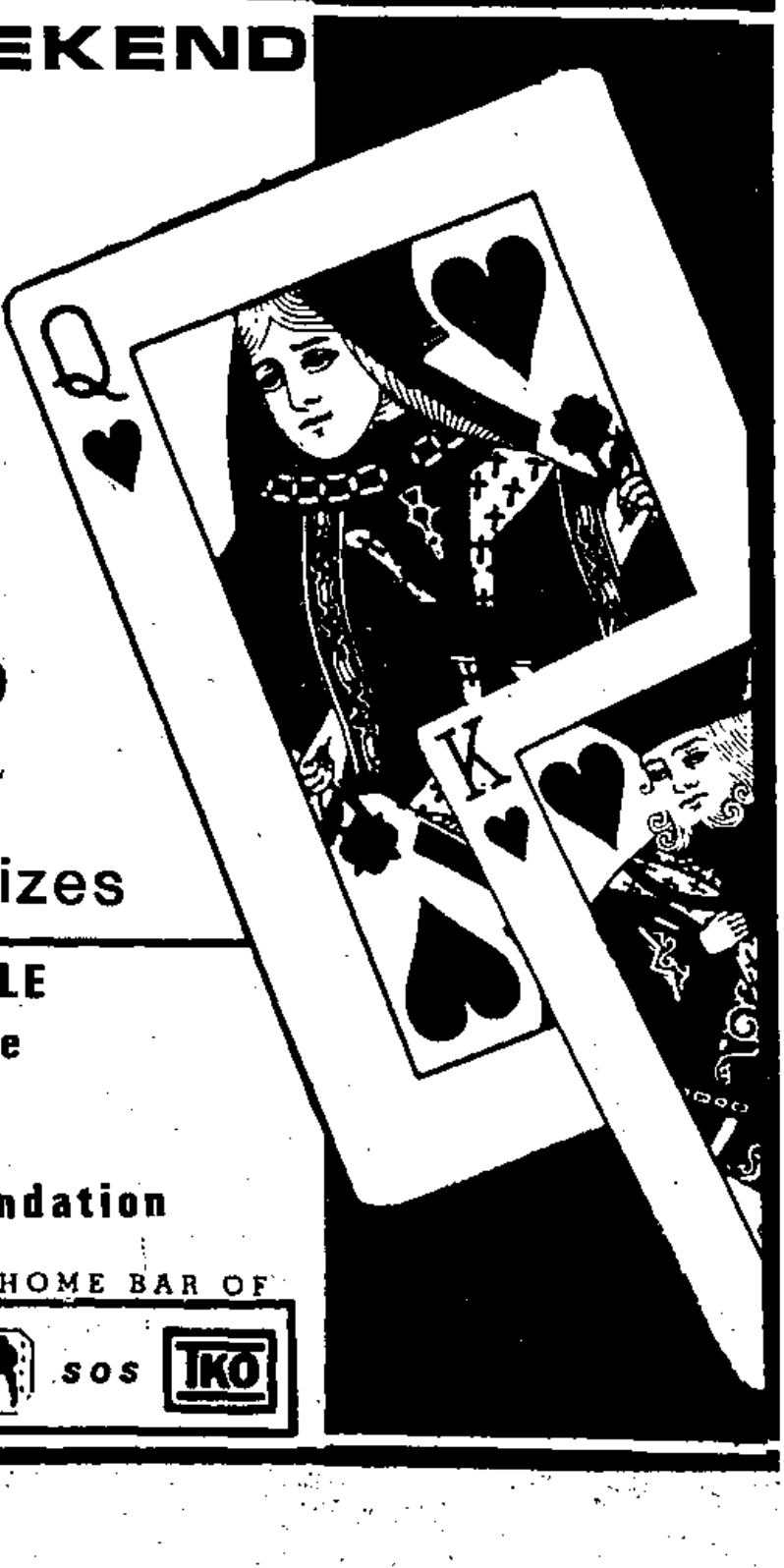

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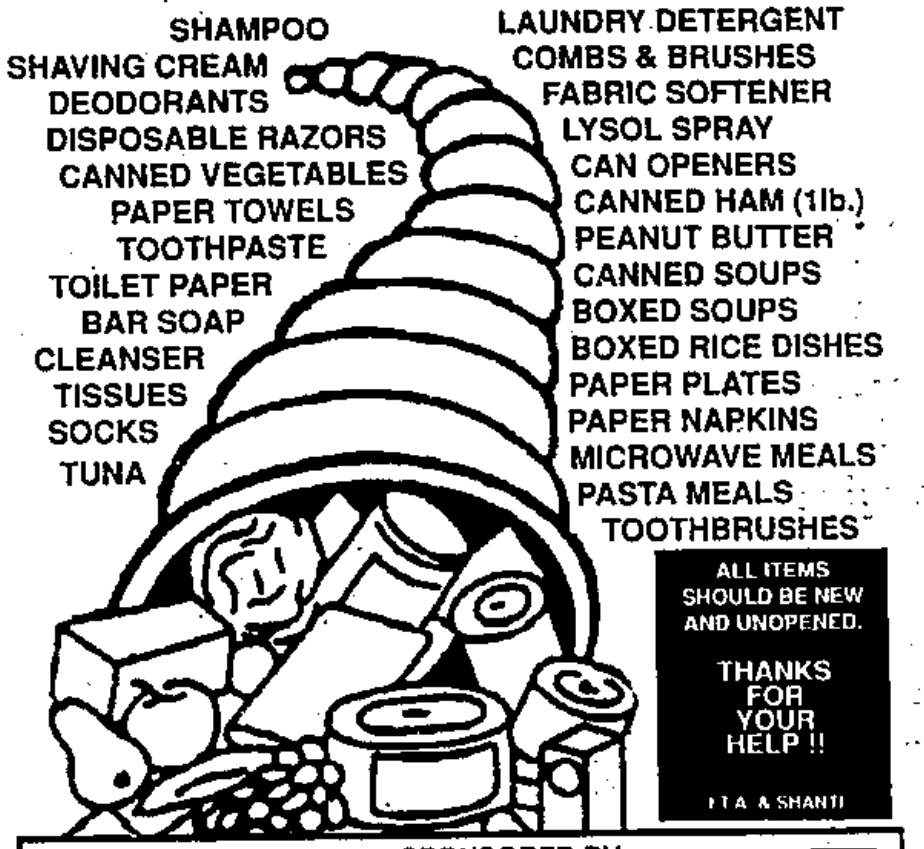

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TAURUS

The good vibrations you feel from friends and loved ones has you in the holiday mood. Financial dealings that involve gifts purchased by two people will help you to buy more for less.

GEMINI

Work and reputation are looked on favorably for the rest of the year. Your relationships and the responsibilities of buying gifts may find you indecisive for fear of running out of money. Don't worry. You will earn plenty.

CANCER

Children are a source of joy as well as many surprises. A conflict of wills may be a part of your work picture today. A financial windfall will come your way.

LEO

Seeking to invest with a roommate could allow you to beautifully decorate your home for the holidays. A warm spirit will emanate from you and your home. Popularity will flourish.

VIRGO

Your romantic life is marked for considerable action for all of December. A change in your attitude towards your romantic pursuits will open the door in a relationship. Honest communication is the key to unlock it.

LIBRA

Money will flow like a monsoon rain. Be sure it doesn't evaporate just as rapidly. An ego problem from someone at work may cause you difficulty in communicating with this person or a superior. Don't blow your top until you are on your own line.

SCORPIO

There are wonderful energies working for you during the holiday seasons. A happiness you don't feel often makes you a joy to be around. Finances will be excellent.

CENTAUR

There is a pleasant surprise waiting for you in the most unexpected place. Make that surprise in the plural. Money gains will be one of the surprises. The others will reveal themselves in the future.

CAPRICORN

Communication by phone or mail could bring you the sad news that someone you know is in the hospital or jail. A hidden influence is affecting your finances in the future. Friends will be a source of much pleasure in the weeks ahead.

AQUARIUS

Friends will play an important role in financial gain. Over the next few weeks your career and finances are very favorably viewed. Women will favor you for business.

PISCES

This holiday season finds you expanding many areas of your life. Harmony prevails in your opposing natures. Your reputation in your career could bring you closer to an important financial gain. Friends will show love.

WHAT'S UP DOC?

After last week's Arizona Fellowship Run, this week seemed boring. If it had not been for the trip to Phoenix last Sunday for the Miss Gay Arizona Pageant, this week's column might not have been written.

This year's Miss Gay Arizona Pageant was held at the Sheraton Phoenix, with the final crowning Sunday evening, Dec. 3. Miss Gay Arizona for 1990 is Devina. The 1st Runner-Up was Christine Shade, Miss Gay Tucson, 1989-90, who also won the Miss Congeniality Award and the Norma Kristie Talent Award.

Second Runner-Up was won by Lauren Klein. The Bobbi Jo Memorial Award went to Tabitha Scott, former Miss Gay Tucson (1987-88).

My congratulations goes out to all the contestants. You each are winners in your own special way. All of Tucson and Phoenix are proud of you and thank you for the professional effort put forth by each of you to make this year's pageant a success.

There are several important fundraising drives going on this Christmas season. Two of the ones that I am concerned with I want to tell you about again. First is the Independent Tavernowners (ITA) drive for PWAs. They are asking for a full list of different items to be distributed to people here in Tucson by Shanti. A complete suggested list of items being requested can be found elsewhere in this issue of the OBSERVER.

Also going on is TKO's $100 Christmas Tree Raffle. This tree, as I've stated previously, is a 5 to 6 foot live tree which can be planted in your yard after Christmas, fully decorated and a $100 bill at the top. The winner gets the complete package. All monies raised from this raffle goes to the "Make-A-Wish" program, a program for terminally ill children.

Along with the tree this year, TKO will be having other gifts under the tree to win for each of yu who purchase those raffle tickets. When a ticket is drawn for one of those gifts, the winner will receive the gift and then that ticket will be placed back into the jar for the final drawing for the tree. Winners for these gifts must be present at the Graduate on Saturday, Dec. 16.

This Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Graduate, starting at 2:00 p.m., TKO will have the tree on display, and will be decorating it. Of course, the $100 bill will not be placed on it until the evening of the drawing. TKO will also be having their monthly Beer Bust, running until 6:00 p.m. and have regular drawings each half hour for gifts, prizes, lottery tickets or whatever the Run Captain has chosen.

The drawing for the tree will also be held at the Graduate on the following Saturday, Dec. 16. That evening there will be a Christmas Show starring Christine Shade, Michelle Kristie, Margo Leigh, Kimberly Ryan, Kenny Ann and Miss Tommy M. There will also be a guest appearance by Santa and Grandma Santa. Be sure to get to the Graduate early this evening for good seating because this will be a fun and entertaining evening for all.

TBBS: On the trip around Phoenix Sunday evening, RT, Kenny and Denver broke Rogers back seat in the Graduate bus. RT also received a new pair of red fishnet pantyhose. He will be modeling them during Charlie's 21 Days of Christmas. There was a mention about something 14", made of rubber, that he will also be modeling.... Beside the French Quarter, is there a new bar opening soon. I hear there will be a Graduate Southwest....Did you know Brenda does own a dress.

That will finish this weeks column off for now. Have a safe and loving week and I'll see you around town in the coming days.

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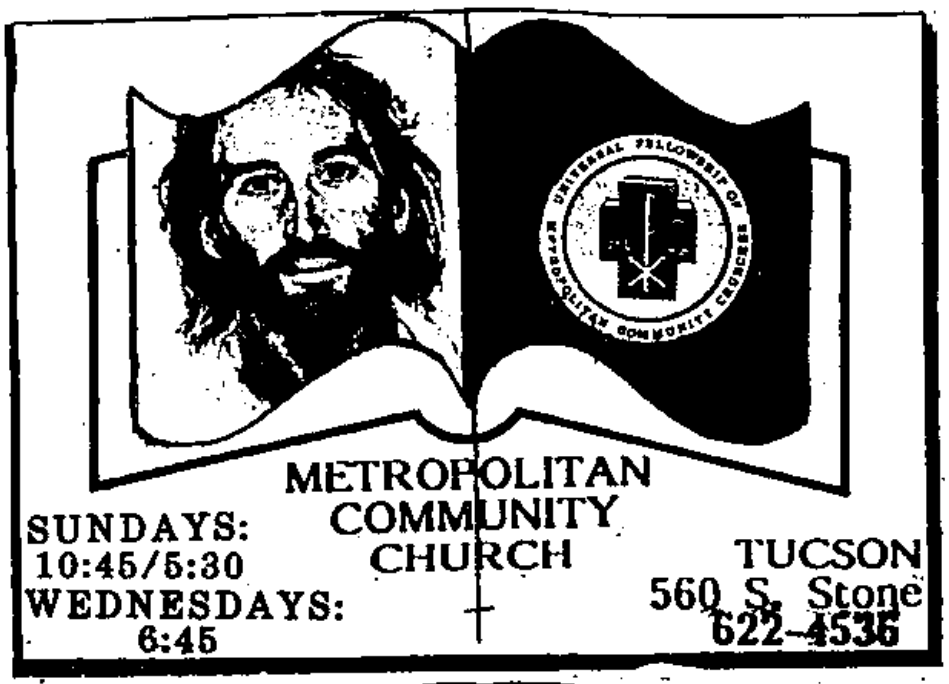

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News From MCC Tucson

Last Sunday was the celebration of the First Sunday of Advent. Everything and everyone is getting ready for Christmas. The owner of our building is hiring contractors to give our building a facelift. We have been advised that the front of the building will be sandblasted and repainted. There are to be other remodeling jobs performed and hopefully completed by Christmas.

On Dec, 12, MCC/Tucson will have been established nineteen years. Yes, it is birthday time, so on Saturday, Dec. 16, we will have a Birthday Party here at the church, 560 S. Stone Ave. Everyone is invited to come to help us celebrate. The party will start at 6:00 p.m. with games, entertainment, refreshments and lots of fellowship. Plan now to help us start our twentieth year here in Tucson.

There are a lot of great plans for 1990, so let us close our 1989 with a sigh of relief and look forward to the coming year.

Thought for the Week: Were we directed from Washington, D.C. when to sow and when to reap, we should soon want bread. 'Thomas Jefferson.'

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REVIEW

by Anne C. Schmitt

Jamie Anderson, songwriter / guitarist / singer / Lesbian / local activist and all around good person, has a new album. "Closer To Home" is Jamie's first album even though she has released a tape previously. In August, "Closer To Home" had its debut in Tucson when Jamie presented her musical selections in concert at the Unitarian Church, better known as Tucson's alternative concert hall. The show was excellent even though the band which backed Jamie on the album was absent. On several numbers Jamie used a studio tape of these fine musicians and I realized that this album is more than just 'another local attempt at recording'.

"Closer To Home" is a good album. It is well produced, well packaged and all the things that make an album appealing if you want to market it. But better than that... it is good listening. Jamie is an accomplished songwriter with the ability to cover a range from political to beautiful to funny and warm.

The title song, "Closer To Home", is a strong social statement about working in a situation that aids in the manufacturing of armaments. "Nothing" is a wonderfully hilarious and biting look at a love-sick relationship; "Wedding Song" (which was playing on KXCI Community Radio as I was writing this) is a fun, yet truthful, tune about the strange aspects of marriages, especially the ones where the maid-of-honor is the bride's ex-girlfriend.

Also featured on this album are the harmony vocals of Michelle Marquand, who penned two songs for the album. "Save Me All Your Sundays" by Michelle is one of the finest songs on the album.

"Closer To Home" is full of music. When I picked up the cover and read the credits, I found many of our best local (that is Phoenix and Tucson) musicians listed there. Anne English, Kevin Pakulis, Barbara Bird, Rochelle Raya and Andy McCune, to name a few, are proof that Jamie Anderson put in the time and energy to find the best talent available.

"Closer To Home" is on Tsunami Records, a Tucson label and was recorded locally at the Sound Factory. So, TRY TUCSON FIRST! Get your own copy of this album or the tape. Support our local musicians who are producing quality music for our community. Besides, it makes a great Christmas present.

"Closer To Home" is available at Antigone Books, Colette's in the Gift Shop and from Tsunami Records, P.O. Box 42282, Tucson, AZ 85733-2282, $9.98 + $1.00 for shipping and handling.

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A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

18 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

So what?

So I got all my Christmas shopping done, So my holiday cards are already signed, addressed and stamped. So I've purchased all my presents already —and wrapped them —and boxed them for shipping --and weighed them +-and gotten the prices for shipping them. So what?

It's almost comical for me to watch the shoppers go hither and yon, looking, searching, hunting for that special gift. (Or , as it usually turns out, hunting for ANYTHING so they can leave the damn mall).

Don't ask me why it is I habitually finish my holiday chores early. It's just the way I've always been. Come the traditional "Start of the holiday season" -- the day after Thanksgiving— I'm already done. Well, maybe the presents need wrapping, but that's the extent of what remains of my holiday chores.

Do I miss the hustle and bustle of activity? Frankly, yes. My most memorable winter holidays were when I lived in San Francisco. There, you planned efficiently by planning to wait until the last few weeks before Christmas to do your shopping.

How could you not see the huge five-story-tall tree in Neiman-Marcus on Union Square? Or the animated windows of Macy's? Or the elegant, sophisticated windows in Gump's? With the bitter winds blowing around the Saks Fifth Avenue building, in front of the St. Francis Hotel and down the street you knew you were enjoying a unique holiday. Add a few drops of rain and, well, what can I say?

It's like a white Christmas for some; without it, it's just not the same.

So, I finish everything early, send my cards, send my gifts, enjoy family and friends before, during and after the holidays — and wonder if I'll ever see a San Francisco Christmas again.

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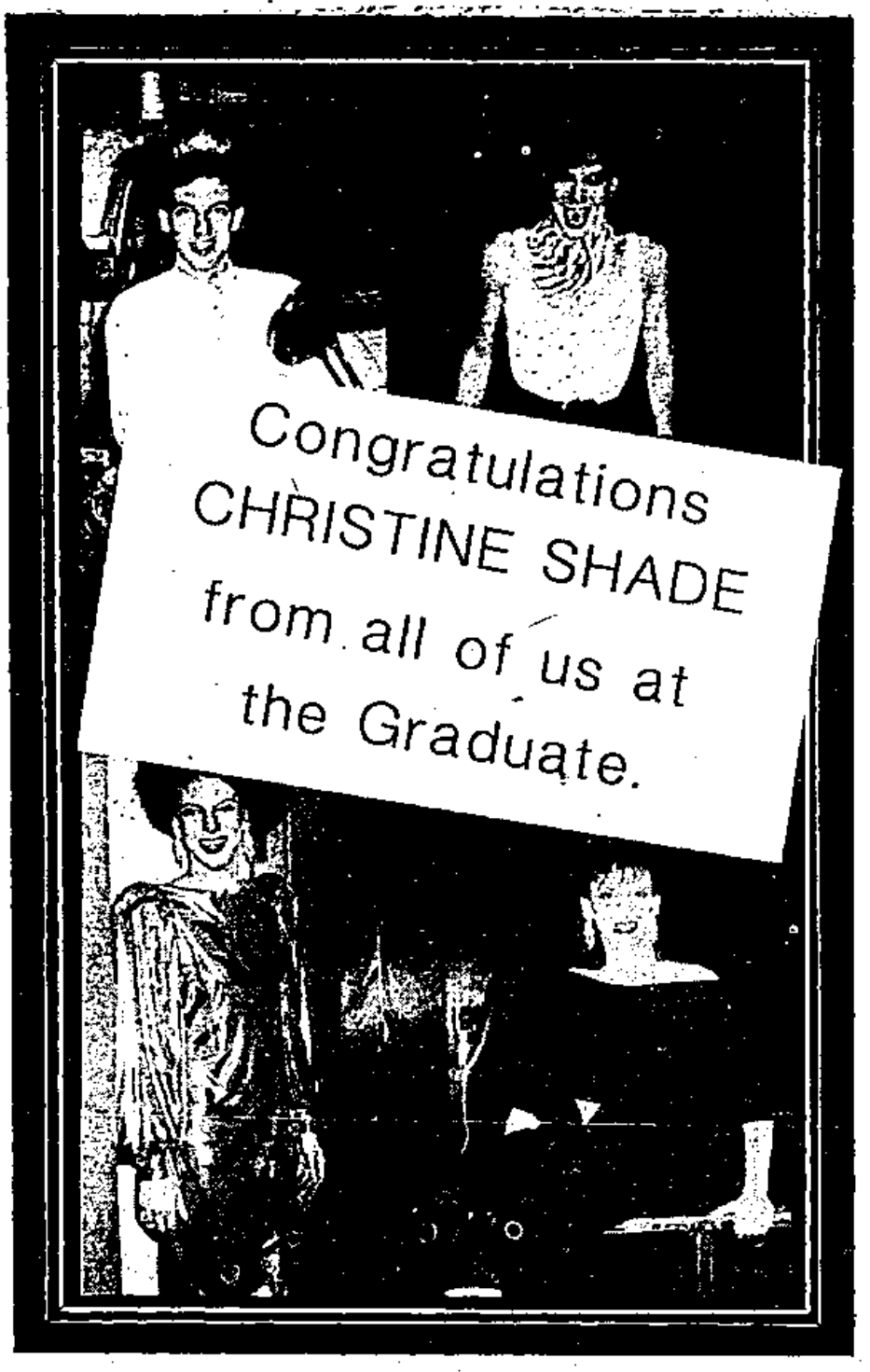
CAPSULE COLUMN: Keep an eye out for the new Gay-themed book "The Irreversible Decline of Eddie Socket". This first novel by John Weir deals with homosexuality as seen through the eyes of two different generations: pre-AIDS and post-AIDS. But it is not a sad novel, instead it is a dark comedy of trial and errors.

The story deals with Eddie Socket and his life in Manhattan. In the story, he meets a rich, older man who eventually gives him AIDS. How he deals with his new life provides the climax to the tale.

Published by Harper & Row; $18.95.

At Spes Non Practa: See you next week.



C.A.T. ABSENTEE BALLOT

The Community Awards of Tucson will be presented in January 1990. Regular ballots will be presented to the community from January 5 through January 13, 1990. If you are a registered voter for the Awards and cannot vote during this period, you may use this Absentee Ballot. It must be received by the Committee by midnight, December 15. Fill it out, and mail with your C.A.T. voter registration card to:

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COMMUNITY AWARDS OF TUCSON

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Vote for one person of your choice in each of the following catagories. This is a final vote and must be presented with a Voter Registration card to be valid.

1. CLUB OR ORGANIZATION SPONSORED SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR.
2. CLUB OR ORGANIZATION SPONSORED BENEFIT OF THE YEAR
3. COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR (MALE)
4. COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR (FEMALE)
5. SUPPORT SERVICE ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR
6. SOCIAL CLUB OF THE YEAR
7. MOST OUTSTANDING RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION
8. MOST SUPPORTIVE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR (NON-BAR)
9. MOST OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE MEDICAL FIELD IN 1989 (PERSON)
10. ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR (NON-FEMALE IMPERSONATOR)
11. FEMALE-IMPERSONATOR OF THE YEAR
12. BAR OR BUSINESS SPONSORED BENEFIT OF THE YEAR
13. BARTENDER OF THE YEAR (MALE)
14. BARTENDER OF THE YEAR (FEMALE)
15. BEST FINE ARTS GROUP OR ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR
16. DISC JOCKEY OF THE YEAR
17. BAR MANAGER OF THE YEAR
18. BAR EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR (NON-BARTENDER, NON-D.J., NON-MANAGER)
19. MOST OUTSTANDING DANCE BAR
20. MOST OUTSTANDING ENTERTAINMENT BAR
21. BAR OF THE YEAR (BEST OVER ALL)

Write in your choice of any person whom you feel deserves a special Merit Award for continuous service to the Gay-Lesbian Community and is not included in any of the above catagories.

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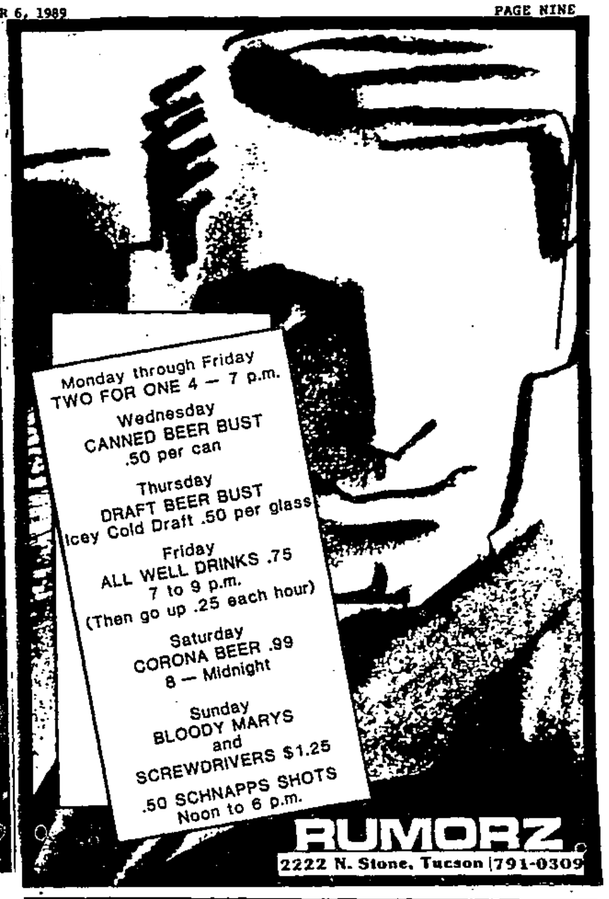
PRESENTATION OF THE 11 CONTESTANTS AT THE 1990 MISS GAY ARIZONA PAGEANT HELD LAST SUNDAY, DEC. 3 AT THE SHERATON PHOENIX HOTEL.



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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 9 & 10
Fourth Avenue Street Fair - Winter Edition. Always packed with thousands and thousands of people viewing the arts and crafts as well as each other. Very cruisy! Shanti Foundation will have a booth and IBT's will be headquarters for the Lesbian and Gay community and a large segment of the straight population. Party Time!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
IBT'S - Opens at 11 a.m. today for the 4th Avenue Street Fair. Showtime at 2:00 p.m. with special guests from Phoenix the new Miss Gay Arizona Devina with Deja Vu Michaels and many local celebrities and featuring the live vocals of Loren Johnson and Anne English. Plenty of night time parking in the back.

GRADUATE - TKO Beer Bust plus raffles for some nice prizes beginning at 2 and ending at 6 p.m. TKO will also be decorating their $100 cash Christmas Tree. Come see and enjoy.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
IBT'S - Will open at 11 a.m. today to serve the multitudes who will be attending the winter edition of the 4th Avenue Street Fair in its final day. There will be a fabulous show beginning at 2 p.m. hosted by Aviva Diamond with spelcial guests from Phoenix the new Miss Gay Arizona Devina and Deja Vu Michaels plus many local celebrities and featuring the live vocals of Loren Johnson from Phoenix and the popular Tucson vocals of Anne English. Y'all come.

GRADUATE - TALL Beer Bust from 2 to 6 plus their monthly dinner from 2 until 7??. The menu today is enchiladas, rice and beans for $2.99. Olel Then from 5 until 9 p.m. SOS Casino Night takes over with guest dealers and lots of great prizes for the winners. An All-Day Graduate / Club function.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11
COLETTE'S - Patti McCulla entertains in her own inimitable style. A truly fine musician.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
COLETTE'S - Popular Dallas entertainer Nakoma Shay returns to town to entertain her many local fans and surely to make a lot of new ones. 9 p.m. $2.00.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
COLETTE'S - Plans for a big women's Variety Show underway for presentation here. $2.00 cover. Watch more more details.

GRADUATE - TKO Christmas Show and $100 Christmas Tree and gift raffle. All proceeds to benefit the "MAKE-A-Wish" Foundation.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
IBT'S - Direct from Dallas the live vocal impressions of Nakoma Shaye. Make plans now.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

The following are organizations who hold regular weekly meeting on days indicated.

EVERY MONDAY
Women affected by HIV support and discussion group. 7 p.m. P.A.C.T. office 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #282.

EVERY TUESDAY
HIV/AIDS Emotional Support Group, 7:30-9 p.m. every Tuesday, TAP office, 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #252. call 322-6226 for more info.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Positive Approach to Living with HIV, at P.A.C.T. office every Wed. 7 P.M. You do have choices, come and learn. 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #282.

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY
"IMAGES" Shanti Support Group - 7 p.m. A support group focusing on positive attitudes, self-love and self-healing. HIV+/AIDS persons encouraged. Call 571-0372 for location.

EVERY SATURDAY
HIV Wellness Clinic for HIV+, ARC/AIDS. Balancing the mind, body and spirit in a supportive and confidential atmosphere. Yoga, nutrition and treatment options. Every Saturday, 1-4 p.m., 151 S. Tucson Blvd. TAP and P.A.C.T. offices.

Family, Friends and Lovers Support Group. 1:30 p.m. Shanti Office. Call 622-7107 to reserve a place.

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"LIVING THROUGH DEATH" Grief Support Group. 8-week closed sessions - confidential. Call Shanti, 622-7107 for beginning date of next session.

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2. THE WEEK AFTER NEXT	54	30	.643	2
3. BOOKS BROTHERS LIMITED	52	32	.619	4
4. BANANA NUT BREAD	47	37	.559	9
5. THE VIRGINS	46	38	.547	10
6. JOSHUA TREE	43	41	.512	13
7. THE STRAY BALLS	36	48	.428	20
8. SOMETHIN' REAL CUTE	29	55	.345	27

HIGH SCRATCH GAME: THE BACKDOOR BOYS 715 / BILL C. 231 / CAROL M. 180
HIGH HANDICAP GAME: THE WEEK AFTER NEXT 873 / MARK R. 267 / JAN R. 231
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Non-Bar CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
The Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus will present their Winter Concert "A Winter Serenade" at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $4.00 in advance from any chorus member, or at Books Brothers, Antigone Books or at the Wingspan office or by calling 867-6851, or $5.00 at the door.

Anne English will be entertaining at Boomer's starting at 8:30 p.m. Come by and listen to this talented musician, vocalist and songwriter.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
Partners Bowl-A-Thon for Shanti Foundation will be held at Fiesta Lanes, 501 West River Road. Bowling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. There is a $5 Registration Fee for all bowlers which will include all bowling fees plus shoes, every bowler will receive a free T-shirt. Registration forms and Pledge sheets are available at most of your local bars, Shanti office, MCC/Tucson and several businesses. Call 622-7107 or 882-6498 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
C.A.T. Committee will meet starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Joshua Tree. This is an important meeting as final arrangements for the Awards Dinner to be presented January 27 will be presented to the committee.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
The Arizona Lambda Democratic Caucus will hold its December meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Metropolitan Community Church, 560 S. Stone. State Representative John Kromko will be special guest speaker.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
Womyn's 3rd Friday Coffee House meets at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street. $1 donation at the door, if you can. Boomer's Coffee Cart will be featured.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
OPHPA's annual holiday meeting, this year a luncheon at the fashionable Arizona Inn, beginning at 1:00 p.m.. Arizona Special guests: City Council members-elect Molly McKasson and Steve Leal. Music will be by Lisa Otey. The charge will be $15 per member and guest; $17 per non-member

MCC/Tucson will have their 19th Anniversary Party starting at 6:00 p.m. The party will be held at the church, 560 S. Stone Ave.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
40's and Better Business Meeting. At these meetings, this women's organization plans future events. If interested in attending call 624-5247 for location.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
Holiday Benefit Concert by the Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus at MCC Church building, 560 S. Stone beginning at 7:30 p.m. This concert will be open to the public at no charge. This is the TMC Chorus' Christmas present to the community.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 22
Boomer's will present Paul and Mark on the acoustic guitar and harmonica starting at 8:30 p.m. This will be an evening of great entertainment.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
Christmas Carols by the Cactus Flower Trio at Boomer's starting at 8:00 p.m. This group will be singing acapella, don't miss it.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
The popular women's band Rare Breed will be hosting a Big New Year's Eve dance at the Days Inn hotel in downtown Tucson. Cover for the evening will be $17.50. A hot time in the old town tonight!

In Phoenix a New Years Eve Dance for the Lesbian Defense Fund. Sponsored by F.L.A.C. the dance begins at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 4027 E. Lincoln. Come join the fun times at a WOMYN ONLY celebration of the New Year. Suggested donation $3 - $10.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19
Attorney Pam Liberty will talk at the January meeting of Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association. Her Subject will be the current status of Gay and Lesbian rights, both in personal relations and in the workplace, locally and nationally. Get aloquainted time begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Hotel Park Tucson. Meeting begins at 8. It is free for members and newcomers.

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(NOTE: If you have an event or special happening that you feel should be included in this non-bar activities calendar please contact Ben Corbin prior to Monday of that Wednesday paper for inclusion in that weeks issue. After the first notice has appeared, it will appear weekly until the event has taken place. Mr. Corbin may be reached at 622-4536).

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys $1.25. Steak Dinner 5 pm to ??? $4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am, Linda Fizdale.

COLETTE'S WEST - Open 11 a.m. Brunch til 3 pm, specials all day. "Wine Down Nite" $1.00 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.

GRADUATE - All White Well $1.25 daytime / $1.50 nites.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Country Music, Line Dancing, Square Dancing - good food - great special - lots of fun with Big Mike and the gang.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon. Bloody Marys and Screws $1.00 all day. Complimentary Buffet 5:30.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys $1.25 + Schnapps .50/shot. + Hot Dogs! DJ Dwayne 9 to 1.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 Schnapps .75 / Well and Domestic Beer $1.00 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Bowler's Special with Fiesta Bowling card .50 off well and beer 9 to 1. Jeffrey dj's starting at 9.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. All White Well $1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - 12 to 6 party with Big Mike. 4 to 8 Two for One. Miller & Miller Lite $1.25. Hot Music 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm: Two for 1 drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. Bowlers Special 1/2 price drinks for bowlers.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Monday Night Football on giant screen plus complimentary food by Coach John: Monday night drink specials. Dewey DJs at 9.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 p.m. Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm Domestic Beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. 7 pm to 1 am any drink in the house $1.75. Bobby Jr. DJ's at 9.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Longneck Bottle Beer Special: $1.25 from 8:00 until midnight. DJ from 8 to midnight.

GRADUATE - .50 draft from opening to closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 party with Big Mike, 4 to 8 pm Two for 1. Bud and Bud Lite $1.25. Hot Music 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m. Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. Rum & Coke Nite - 1/2 price well or call 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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 - Draft Beer Bust from Noon to Close Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .50 / 4-7 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. DJ Linda 9pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Schnapps $1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight. Pool Tournament 8:00 p.m.

GRADUATE - Non-premium beers $1.25 days / $1.50 nites.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 party with Big Mike. 4 to 8 Two for One. Well Nite, all Well .75 ($1 w/juice) Hot Music 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. Schnapps .50 from 8 pm to close. Music tonight oldies but goodies!

RUMORHAZZIT - 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 Reuben begins at 9

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust from Noon to Close Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm non-premium beer $1.25 / Well drinks $1.50. From 7 pm to 1 am Long Neck Bud and Bud Light $1.25. DJ 9 to 1 Jeffrey.

COLETTE'S WEST - Big League Basketball on TV with .50 draft and .50 Hot Dogs during game. "Sudsersize!" .75 draft beer from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - All Dark Well $1.25 days / $1.50 nites.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 party with Big Mike, 4 - 8 pm Two for One. See our ad for specials or entertainment. Always Hot Music 9 to 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. All imported Beer $1.00 7 pm to 1 am.

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

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 / Schnapps .75 / 4-8 pm non-premium beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. DJ 9 pm to 1 am, Bobby Jr.

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 - 4 to 8 Two for One; Hot new music & Dancing with Gilbert 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. DJ from 9 to 1.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 beer/well 4-7 p.m. Progressive Friday: Well drinks .75 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour til 1 am. VJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Happy Hour 5-8 pm $1.25. non-Premium Beer and $1.50 Well Drinks. DJ 9-1 Bobby Jr.

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

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Hot new music & dancing 9 to 1 with Gilbert your DJ.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon. DJ plays from 9 pm to 1 am

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. Hot Dogs. Corona .99 Nite 8 pm-12 am. A hot dance nite with VJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

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POLITICS '89

by Mark R. Kerr

The Democratic Party Framework Part II

As I left off last time, I had just finished describing the first level of the Democratic Party - the Deputy Registrar and the Precinct Committeeperson. This column will be about the second and third levels within the party framework - the Legislative District Club and the County Organization.

The second level of the framework is the Legislative District Club. This is a body of registered Democrats and Precinct Committeepersons who meet and discuss current events, the political races concerning the Legislative District and matters concerning the Democratic Party as a whole.

The Legislative District Club has an Executive Committee which consists of the following: Chair; 1st Vice-Chair; 2nd Vice-Chair; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; Treasurer and male and female County Executive Committee Representatives. To run for a Legislative District Executive Committee post, you must be ana elected Precinct Committeeperson. The Executive Committee usually meets before the monthly meeting, to discuss matters concerning the District Club.

The Legislative District Club meets on a monthly basis. It ranges from the first Tuesday of the month (for Dist. 10) to the fourth Tuesday of the month (Dist. 12). None of the District Clubs meets on the same day. For further meeting information call the Democratic Party at 326-3716.

The topics of the meeting can vary from a hot current event, like the Lincoln Savings Scandal to hearing a speech from an elected official, or a candidate for office. The meetings can be very exciting.

The Legislative District Clubs, as well as holding monthly meetings, hold elections to elect delegates to the State Democratic Committee. These elections (as well as those for the Legislative District Executive Committee), are held in November of the even numbered year. The next election will take place in November of 1990.

The eligibility requirements are the same for the Legislative District Executive Committee. The club votes for these positions. The number of State Delegates, referred to as "State Committeeperson", depends upon the number of Precinct Committeepersons elected in the September election. The ratio is one state delegate for each three elected Precinct Committeepersons. (I will discuss what the State Committee's duties are in next weeks column).

The County Organization has two parts: (1) The County Convention and (2) The County Executive Committee. The County Convention consists of the elected Precinct Committeepersons throughout the County and the County Executive Committee officers. The meeting is held once every two years. This convention has two duties: (1) To elect the officers for the County Executive Committee and (2) To discuss, debate and vote on issues brought to the convention concerning the County Party. These are the only duties the County Convention has.

The County Executive Committee is the ruling body of the County Party. The officers of the Executive Committee are as follows: County Chair; 1st Vice-Chair 2nd Vice Chair; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. Also on the County Executive Committee are the Legislative District Chairs and the male and female District Representatives to the Committee.

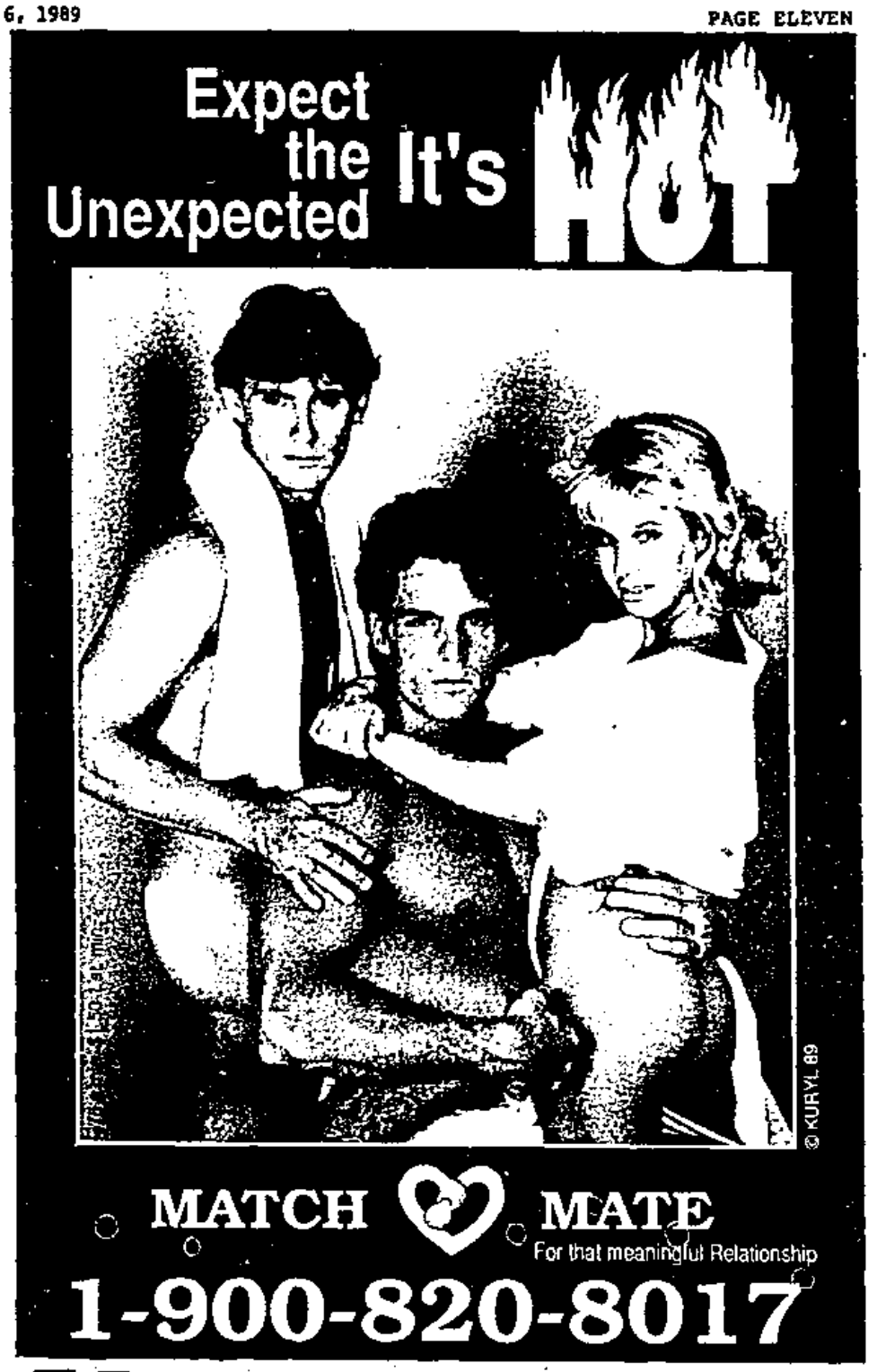
Also on the Committee are representatives from Democratic Clubs. (For a political club to get a seat on the Executive Committee, they must have a minimum of 75 members, all must be registered Democrats). The Santa Rita Democratic Club, the Democrats of Greater Tucson and the Lambda Democratic Caucus qualify and have a seat on the Committee. Also on the Committee are the elected official representative and the National Committeeperson. There are four non-voting posts on the Committee, the County Executive Director and two seats for which the County Chair can appoint and the Representative from the Governor's Tucson office.

The County Executive Committee deals with matters concerning the status of the Democratic Party in Pima County. Matters ranging from fundraising to the various political races to voter registration, the County Executive Committee takes up.

Also, the County Executive Committee sets down policy regarding actions taken by the Legislative District Clubs. (Last year, a measure was soundly rejected at the County Convention, and by the Executive COmmittee, that would have let the Legislative District Clubs issue pre-primary endorsements).

Next column: The State Committee.

Until next time, take care.



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A View From The Rock

Commentary from Cornerstone Fellowship . . . .

"When all else fails, read the instructions". So often we lead our lives following this pattern of "fail first, succeed second". We do it our way, in our wisdom, in our strength. And just when we think we've got it all together, it doesn't work!

For sure, many things are accomplished by trial and error. Yet, if we have the directions or instructions, or its creator is our friend, is there any reason to waste time on failure?

Perhaps, is it a question of trust? We want to trust directions, instructions, even an item's creator. I've often found woodworking patterns to be off on some measurement —— even an 1/8" can make a big difference on how my finished project looks. How about that 5,000 piece jigsaw puzzle you purchased for a rainy day, only to find there were 4,999 pieces? We extend and expect dependability.

Certainly, we do learn from failures —— we get burned. So, it's back to our way, our wisdom, our strength — a vicious circle.

100% dependability is an awesome expectation to place on others and ourselves. It doesn't work. It is a heavy burden that humanity cannot bear, but God can and does. From morning to morning, one day to the next, God never fails. His way, His wisdom, His strength never fails to love, listen, and forgive. He alone is our Creator —— with instructions included!

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On Saturday, December 9, Cornerstone Fellowship will be taking carloads of clothing, food and toys to a small cardboard village in Nogales, Sonora, to help brighten what would be an otherwise dismal Christmas for those impoverished people. If you have any used clothing or toys that you would like to donate toward this cause, please drop them off at the church or give us a call for a pick-up before Dec. 8. All donations are tax-deductible. Call 881-3519 for more information.

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DEAR EDITOR:

Once again Curt Stubbs' column, "A Remarkable People", (OBSERVER, Nov. 22), raised the hair on the back of my neck, brought up deep emotions and gave me goose bumps. Curt has such an honest, direct and intelligent message; it's inspiring.

I wanted to acknowledge that, expressly, to you and him. Thanks for providing such thought-provoking and action-provoking articles. There are some ears out here that really DO listen.

Sincerely
Natalie Perry

DEAR EDITOR:

I want to thank you for printing the press release about the Kay Gardner concert we produced on November 18. While several newspapers neglected to put our event in their calendar, you went one step further and printed the entire press release! Your support of the Lesbian and Gay communities is commendable.

Sincerely
Jamie Anderson

TO THE COMMUNITY:

Many thanks to all those who contributed to making the Thanksgiving dinner at St. Andrew's such a wonderful success.

To those who did the cooking Michael Bennett, Bruce and Terry, Bucky, Jason, Kenny Ann and the St. Andrew's volunteers and Frensdorf residents.

And to those who donated food: Lil Shelly & Helen; Beth Banks; Christina Rosetti; Becky Bishop; Blue Willow; Rumor Hazzit; Peter Sittig; P.A.C.T., Shanti; Rick Baglione; Jim Shafer and Jim Barron.

Thanks to Shanti, Cornerstone Fellowship, TAP, and St. Andrew's volunteers for preparing the hall and food for service, and thanks to Cornerstone Fellowship for serving the meals.

Thanks to Father Bob, Jerome and Christina for helping with coordination of this successful community event.

A special thanks to Jim Shafer for acting as "Chief Cook and Bottle Washer," and for providing the warming trays. You did a fantastic job pulling it all together!

We served 60 to 70 meals and shared a warm and loving Thanksgiving together.

Thanks again to all of you

Natalie Perry - Shanti

Inside The Washington Lobby

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by Chai Feldblum
and Laura Markowitz

Politics, process and procedure always come together in strange ways during Congressional action, but never more so than in the appropriations process, in which millions of AIDS dollars are at stake.

Every program authorized by Congress, including AIDS programs, gets money through appropriation bills. Congress is not supposed to use appropriations bills to legislate policy, but members from both ends of the spectrum, including right-wing conservatives have traditionally used appropriations bills to advance their policy views on AIDS.

The appropriations process began last April and came to its final conclusion in November, in the waning days of the first session of the 101st Congress. Advocates intervened in each stage of the process to try to keep out anti-Gay amendments and to make sure AIDS programs got the money they needed; they also used procedure to their advantage whenever they could.

The infamous, anti-Gay Helms education amendment has traditionally been offered to the AIDS appropriations bill. It provided that no AIDS educational materials developed with federal funds could promote or encourage homosexuality. A preemptive strike strategy was used successfully last year to defeat this amendment, and was also successful this year.

By offering his amendment before Helms offered one, Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA) used Senate procedure to silence Helms since Cranston's amendment could not be further amended under the Senate rules. The strategy was sound in terms of Senate politics as well, since Cranston's amendment addressed the Senate's concern (but without a "Gay-bashing" component), providing that no AIDS educational material developed with federal money could be designed to promote any sexuality in AIDS educational materials. This amendment passed unanimously, and the opposition was more or less coopted.

The Capitol Hill adage, "It's not over until it's over" proved true as the appropriations bill moved through the 8-month process. On the Senate floor, Senator Gordon Humphrey (R-NH) successfully offered an anti-Gay amendment that said that materials designed for schoolchildren could not promote or encourage homosexuality, or use the words "normal", "natural", or "healthy" to describe homosexuality. But the Senate floor is not the last word on what becomes law. With the help of sympathetic House members, lobbyists helped get the amendment dropped during negotiations in the House-Senate conference.

Procedure almost defeated AIDS activists on another issue. On the Senate floor, Helms got the Senate to adopt an amendment providing that no money could be used for the distribution of clean needles or bleach to IV drug users. This was attached to a Senate provision that allowed Medicaid funding for abortions in the case of pregnancies resulting from rape or incest.

This Senate abortion provision was the single item on the House-Senate conference reach no compromise, and so the provision went back to each House of Congress for a vote. Unfortunately, the restrictive needles and bleach amendment went with it.

There was no way, procedurally, to separate the two provisions. Civil rights groups wanted to support the important pro-choice provision, but the vote had to be at the expense of passing the needles and bleach restriction as well. Procedure had created an unfortunate dilemma.

The House of Representatives passed the provision with a margin of 16 votes, giving pro-choice advocates their first abortion vote victory in years. The Senate passed the provision as well, and the bill was sent to the president.

That would have been the end of the story, but the nation's highest-ranking pro-life supporter, George Bush, vetoed the bill.

The bill then went back to Congress. While this was bad news for the pro-choice lobby, it did give AIDS advocates a chance to fix the needles and bleach provision.

The House passed a new bill that had no restriction on funding for needles or bleach, but Armstrong convinced the Senate to again restrict such funding. Procedurally, the House and Senate had to end up in agreement of exactly the same bill, so the bill went back over to the House for another vote.

In the House, there was one last effort to remove the bleach restriction. Congressmen Steny Hoyer (D-MD) and Henry Waxman (D-CA), leading advocates on AIDS policy, asked Chairman William Natcher (D-KY), who was managing the bill, to drop the restriction on bleach. To the great delight of the lobbyists who had been working on this issue, including the ACLU, the AIDS Action Council and the American Psychological Association, Natcher agreed. The Senate ultimately accepted the House's new provision, and the president signed on, and AIDS funding for fiscal year 1990, including money for bleach distribution, became law.

For those who enjoy this type of game, the appropriations season starts every April and usually ends in October or November.

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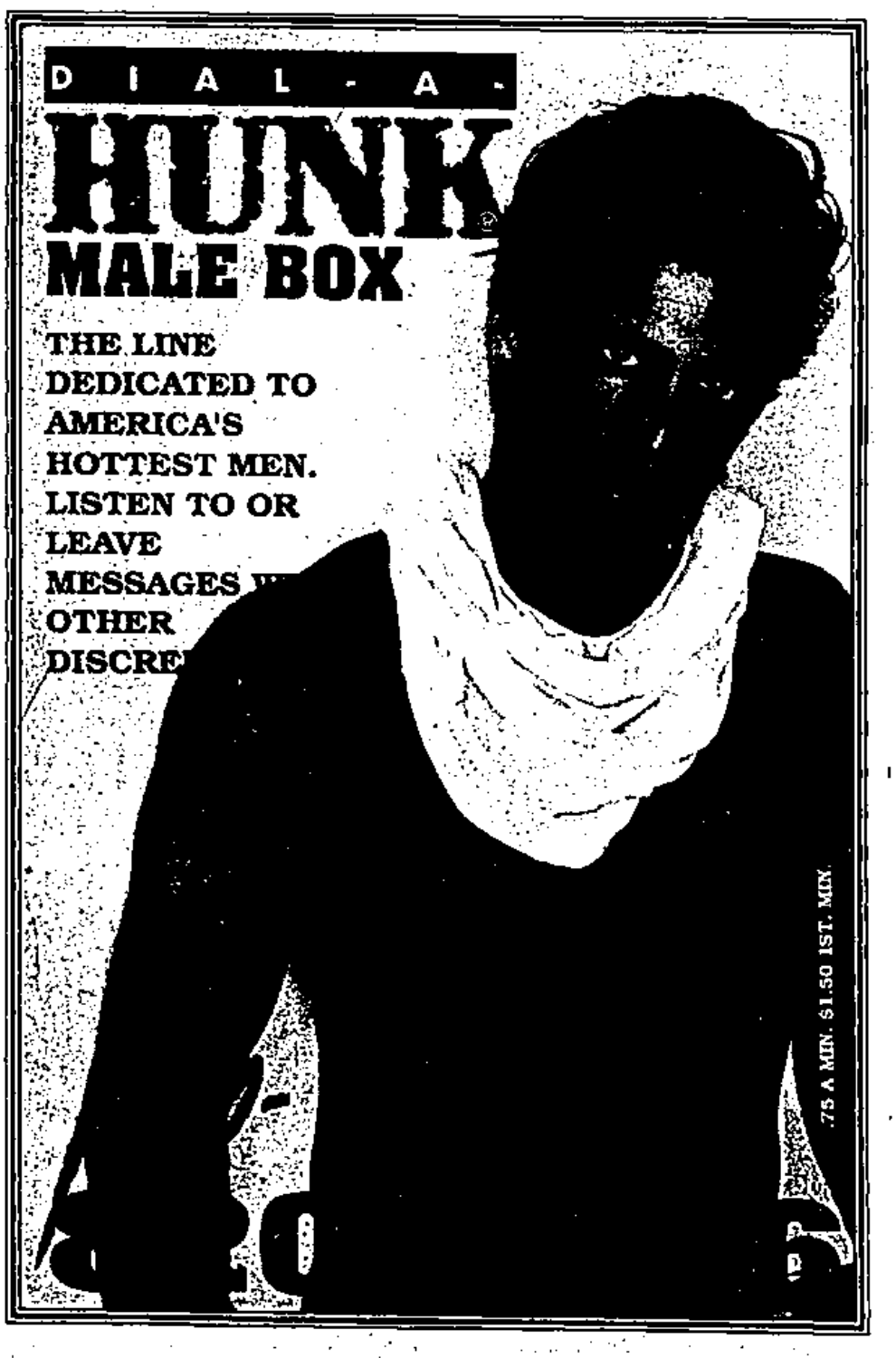

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SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON
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