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by Bruce Fowler - Tucson

The day after Christmas I was talking to a PWA (a person with AIDS). He was telling me about many of the problems he was being forced to face as a result of not being able to work. He has applied for Social Security and other forms of federal and state aid, but the process is very slow and results often take months. When you have AIDS, you don't have months to mess around with society's various bureaucracies. You often need help and you need it NOW. This young man's electricity and phone were being disconnected because he could not pay the bills (about \$300, total). In time public aid might be available, but he needed help today.

I asked if he'd called TAP. He said he talked to someone there, but their resources were limited by reduced donations and increased requests for aid - they could not help him. Had he contacted his church? He was not an active member, but he called a local synagogue - they too had no resources to help him. He sat there frustrated, tired and confused, not knowing where to turn next.

Why are our charity organizations unable to help our brothers in this time of need?

Maybe we're all tired of AIDS and we just don't want to think about it anymore. It may be that we really don't feel we have any obligation toward providing "charity" for PWA's. It may be too that we're being very foolish,

for if we do not help our own then the day may come when there will be no one to help us.

A community that is insensitive to the needs of its members, one that will not meet and solve those needs, is a community destined for oblivion. My experiences indicate that the Gay and Lesbian communities of southern Arizona are made-up of some very caring and thoughtful people; people who will make an effort to help.

There are two organizations in Tucson providing direct support for PWA's. They both are working with very limited financial resources. They need money. They need our help, so that they may help others.

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It's time to write a check and set it to one of them. If you don't feel comfortable writing a check, stop by and make a cash donation. Or, mail a check or money order to **THE OBSERVER** (be sure to state that the donation is for "TAP" or "Shanti" for "PWA's"). Your help is badly needed. Without donations, PWA's in southern Arizona face an even harsher reality - a reality we may all have to face one day if we depend exclusively upon Washington and Phoenix for formal funding.

Joshua Tree victim of armed robbery

TUCSON - Joshua Tree owner Bob Bishop, Sr., was the victim of armed robbers last Saturday morning, Jan. 3. Answering a knock at the office door, Bishop was faced with a masked and armed robber. Bishop "instinctively" wrestled with the robber and threw him to the ground, but was knocked unconscious by a blow to the head from a second robber who had been hiding.

The robbers ran away with receipts from the previous Friday night plus banks for the Saturday business. Bishop, handcuffed and tied, was able to free himself

sufficiently to dial the 911 telephone emergency number and was then untied by the arrival of the Tucson police.

Because of the masks, Bishop was unable to obtain a good description of either man in the robbery. He is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the identification of either person.

Anyone with any knowledge of this robbery is asked to come forward. Confidentiality is

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WERE AT THE JOSHUA TREE ON

SATURDAY, 3 JANUARY 1987. SOURCE

OF THE INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT

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SR., AT THE JOSHUA TREE.

SECOND ANNUAL ARIZONA GAY RODEO

January 16-17-18, 1987

PHOENIX - The second annual Arizona Gay Rodeo will take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 16, 17 and 18. All events will be held at the Arena Grounds located at El Lienzo Charro Rodeo Grounds, located at the southeast corner of 29th Avenue and Baseline in Phoenix. The only actual rodeo activity on Friday will be registration of contestants which will be held from noon until 10:00 p.m. at the arena; and from 10:30 until midnight at the St. Francis Hotel, 4321 N. Central Avenue. There will be special activities on Friday evening. Check posters for events being held at several Phoenix area bars.

On Saturday, Jan. 17, the rodeo begins at 11 a.m. with a calf-roping event on foot. At noon a parade and Grand Entry of all contestants will take place. At 1:00 p.m. the 2nd annual Arizona Gay Rodeo gets underway officially.

Events include pole bending; bareback bronc riding; breakaway calf roping; steer decorating; flag race; wild cow riding; goat dressing; chute dogging; barrel racing; wild drag race; team roping and bull riding. The rodeo is officially sanctioned by the International Gay Rodeo Association and proceeds will benefit A.S.A.P. of Phoenix and the Shanti Foundation of Tucson.

On Sunday, Jan. 18 the schedule is the same as Saturday with closing ceremonies being held at 6:00 p.m.

Last November, ten Arizona wranglers competed in the 3rd annual Texas Gay Rodeo held in Dallas. Arizona was well represented with ten contestants and their many followers. Two local dance groups - Charlie's Country Cloggers and the AGRA Midnight Ramblers performed throughout the city and we very well received by audiences wherever they performed.

The contestants did Arizona proud bringing home more than 20 ribbons and 6 belt buckles. All ten contestants who entered did place in an event and brought home ribbons, belt buckles or both. Debby Root, Arizona's all-around cowgirl won 3 ribbons and 2 buckles for calf roping on foot and chute dogging.

Other buckle winners were Randy for team roping; Donna, Greg Olson and Dan Iversen for the newest rodeo event, the Wild Drag Race. Those contestants who placed and won ribbons were: Grace, Donna, Bunny, Johnny, Randy, Tony, Debby Root, Sheryl Kanaga, Greg Olson and Dan Iversen.

Admission tickets are \$10 per day on Saturday and Sunday. Free admission to the Arena Grounds/Dance Hall on Friday only. A full-service bar will be available on the arena grounds. You must be 21 years to consume alcoholic beverages. There will be booth space available for concessions at



the arena. Rates are \$15 per day or \$25 for all 3 days. Applications for booth reservations may be obtained from A.G.R.A., P.O. Box 16363, Phoenix, AZ 85011

All rodeo events are open to both men and women. Bull riding and bronc riding are the only exceptions. (Entrants must have had previous experience). Contestant entry fee is \$15 per person per event each day. Stall fees and arrangements should be made directly with the arena at 237-3303. For any additional information concerning this annual rodeo event please call any of the following numbers: 230-1170; 938-3932; 271-9603.

Last year the rodeo was attended by over 4,000 people, making it the most highly attended Gay event in Arizona. Already this year, reservations are pouring in from all over the country from people planning to attend this year's rodeo. It promises to be much bigger and better than last year. Get there early and stay late and enjoy the rodeo and the people - Warm it up in Arizona! Let's Rodeo!

San Francisco landmark moves to Phoenix

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - It was at a farewell extravaganza that Jose Sarria made public some very "shocking" news. The Widow Norton took the opportunity to make her big announcement: "Jose hits the road." She went on to explain that she was leaving San Francisco to settle down permanently in Phoenix. The furniture had already left town and she would be right behind it on the way to her new home. Her final words on the subject were, "I'm going to be writing my memoirs in Arizona, and all of you had better watch out. I know the dirt about every one of you." Nobody doubted it for a moment.

Jose, The Widow Norton or Empress I of San Francisco and Gay activist, has been a part of the Gay entertainment scene in San Francisco since her first production in 1947, and is just as funny in 1987 as the first time around.

Jose made a dramatic farewell to San Francisco on Saturday, Jan.

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JOSHUA TREE VICTIM OF ARMED ROBBERY
assured. If anyone overhears information, or knows anything concerning this near tragic happening, please come forward so that we may eliminate these and any other armed robbers from our community.

POLL SHOWS ARIZONANS WANT AIDS EDUCATION
PHOENIX (AP) - Nearly all Arizona residents believe students in public schools should receive information about AIDS, and most believe children who have AIDS should be allowed to attend school, a new poll shows.

Last month's survey of 800 adults conducted by the Phoenix Gazette found that 94 percent of them thought schools should teach students about acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Sixty percent of those surveyed also believed children infected with the AIDS virus should be allowed to attend regular classes.

LIBERACE SETTLES GAY PALIMONY SUIT

LOS ANGELES, CA (AP) - Flamboyant entertainer Liberace has settled a homosexual palimony lawsuit filed by his former live-in chauffeur and travel secretary for \$95,000, according to court documents.

The confidential settlement order calls for former Las Vegas dancer Scott Thorson to drop his claims against Liberace for assault and battery and revision of an earlier settlement agreement under which he had already obtained \$75,000.

Thorson, 27, claimed in his 1982 lawsuit that Liberace had pledged when Thorson moved in as his full-time travel secretary, chauffeur, animal trainer and lover that he would be paid \$70,000 a year for life, up to \$30,000 a year for pet care and would be entitled to the use of one of the pianist's luxury homes in Palm Springs or Beverly Hills for the rest of his life.

MORE PROOF AGAINST LAROUCHIE

MONTREAL, CANADA - The Larouchies have been beaten, but their lies will continue to live in infamy. One of the biggest lies of the recent Prop. 64 initiative in California was the claim that AIDS is communicable by casual contact. A Montreal study would tend to debunk Lyndon's Lies.

A 36-year-old man brain-damaged from a car accident, had symptoms of ARC. Over the course of a two-year period, 30 health care workers who cared for the man sustained bites or scratches leading to puncture wounds. During this time, each person bitten or scratched tested negative for the AIDS antibody six months after the accident occurred.

CONSERVATIVE SWEDES WANT TO CLOSE GAY SAUNAS

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN (TWN) - Sweden, which has always been known for liberal sexual attitudes, is under heavy attack from neoconservatives. Many heterosexual sex clubs have been closed down. The next target appears to be the Gay saunas.

There may be a swap of privileges developing between the government and Gays, however. Swedish government officials may be preparing the way for legalization of Gay marriages.

A lead story in a Stockholm daily paper was headed, "Stop These AIDS Brothels". Social Minister Gertrud Sigerdsen said that "The government will be putting forward a proposition in December concerning homosexuality. We think the need for these (sex) clubs could diminish if it were made easier for homosexuals to form long-lasting relationships."

Under Swedish law, heterosexual couples who live together out of wedlock for long periods, get similar rights to legally-married couples. The rumor around this city is that Gays may get the same rights.

TONGKINGLIAN: IT MEANS SAME SEX LOVE IN CHINA

BEIJING, CHINA - "Tongkinglian," or same sex love, has become a hot topic of discussion in the huge country of China. Homosexuality is illegal in China. The general consensus here is that Gay sex is regarded as a psychiatric illness.

Nevertheless, what has been basically a taboo subject in this country, is fast becoming a live topic of discussion. Credit the international AIDS crisis for bringing the Chinese into a sense of reality about the subject. The Chinese are learning a few things, however, they may not have been aware of before. Last autumn's television of "We Aelitan", a Hong Kong serial about the adventures of a Tang dynasty empress, was a shocking revelation of homosexuality among the imperial elite.

Some people in China still feel that many of their countrymen are still unaware of just how many Gay men and Lesbians there are in cities such as Beijing and Shanghai. Many Chinese sources confirm the existence of large Lesbian and Gay communities among intellectuals and sons and daughters of high-ranking officials.

According to Chinese sources who have conducted informal sociological research in the mainland, homosexuality is practiced at all levels of society, often as a substitute for heterosexuality.

GAY BARS FIGHT BACK AGAINST MURDER SPREE

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (BAR) - Gay bar owners, bartenders and activists declared "Violence Awareness Month" and vowed to fight back against whatever elements have killed seven Gay men in the past year in the Minneapolis area.

City councilman Brian Voyle, a strong supporter of the Gay community, called a meeting of bar owners, bartenders and concerned citizens about the murders. One of the suggestions which came out of the meeting was that a special Gay assistant to police investigators be hired by the city.

Many of the victims were strangled in their home. Gay men were cautioned about going home with strangers and were asked to make sure they tell people who they are dating and who they are taking home in all cases. Sources indicated that the seven victims were usually men who may have had marginal success cruising in the Gay bar setting. Heavy drinkers were also apparently the targets of the murderers.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT FILCHES GAYS BOOKS

TORONTO, CANADA - The Canadian government continued its anti-Gay campaign by confiscating large numbers of Gay and Lesbian materials en route from the United States to Canada. Nearly 100 people picketed Canadian Customs offices in protest of the confiscations.

What does this mean to Canadian Gays and Lesbians? Well, the owner of Glad Day Bookshop in Toronto says the confiscations are not only threatening the life of his business, but also threatening the Canadian Gay and Lesbian population with "cultural genocide".

"I'm not sure how long I can take these losses," said Glad Day owner Jerald Moldenhauer. "My accountant tells me not long at all."

In the last two months, government agents have grabbed more than 1,500 copies of 50 magazine titles. Moldenhauer said the seizures represent a \$10,000 loss.



7:00 (2) THE LOVE BUTT - (60 min.)
The Floating Palace seems to have turned into a one-man demolition derby. What is going on?

(7) THE GUILDED GIRLS - (60 min.)

Sophie seems to think gowns cost two dollars and fifty cents. He wants to sponsor anyone for an upcoming pageant for one hundred and fifty dollars. Sophie: Bruce Mazzitti.

(69) DOWN ON MOVIES - (60 min.)

This weeks review on "LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS", Eggbert seems to think the dancing scenes were great, not to mention the acting by the female lead, while Sissy loved the dental scenes!!! On a five-star grade: 3 Stars.

8:00 (2) KATIE AND AL - (60 min.)

Al seems to be needing a parking lot bouncer after finding two men in a car naked, with one getting horrendous hickies. Al: Rodger Curtain. Guest starring: Georgie Porgie.

(7) MIAMI TWICE - (60 min.)

The mystery lady was early while the dynamic duo were late. Meanwhile Stubbs got rid of his guests - finally!!! Most people who met them thought they were fabulous. Crock: Gary Stark. Stubbs: Bob Jealous.

(69) MOVIE - Opera - (120 min.)

A new made-for-TV opera based on a Bizet Opera. The new name is "KISS ME QUICK! I'M CARMEN!"

9:00 (2) DIE NASTY - (60 min.)

Alexi and her stepson Steph seems to be on the out and out. As in "OUT!"

(7) FAMILY TRIES - (60 min.)

Cherry-Pit seems to always get in a bad mood when "SHE BE NEEDING SOME!" Some what, only she knows.



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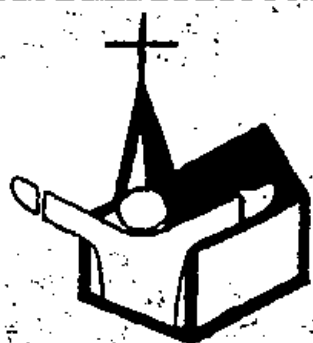
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Hot air carries away Empress I, Jose to Phoenix



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4 by hot air balloon from the steps of City Hall. The event titled "High Hopes, the Widow Norton's Bon Voyage" took place at noon at the Polk Street entrance to City Hall.

Participating in the grand farewell were the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band & Twirling Corps and an assortment of members from San Francisco's Imperial and Royal Court systems. There was also music by City Swing, Gail Wilson and Jeannie Tracy sang "Over The Rainbow".

The activities meshed the legends of Emperor Joshua Norton and the world of the Wizard of Oz. San Francisco Supervisor Board President John Molinari made an official presentation on behalf of the people of the City and County of San Francisco.

The activities climaxed as Jose Sarria entered the gondola of a hot air balloon and departed San Francisco. It was stated with firmness that this was the final farewell event for Jose. Yielding to requests to raise money and emotions, Sarria has, on occasion, chosen to use his name for various "farewell" events.

Jose Sarria was one of San Francisco's most celebrated Gay personalities. For many years during the 1950s he entertained at the Black Cat. Known then as the Nightingale of Montgomery Street, the entertainer was noted for Sunday afternoon presentations of operas which were viewed by many as the personification of high camp.

Because of legal problems that beset the bar, Jose became one of the city's first Gay activities. In one of the first showing of Gay political strength, he ran for San Francisco Supervisor, garnering a very respectable number of votes.

Sarria also became the first Empress of San Francisco. This title became a vehicle for drag as an organizational device in the Gay community. It sprang from the real life character known as Emperor Joshua Norton, an eccentric of the late 19th century

In San Francisco.

As the Widow Norton, Sarria presided over many official and not so official functions and served as mother to the many Emperesses and Emperors that followed.

Planning to write his memoirs and enjoy a degree of retirement in Arizona, we take this opportunity to welcome one of the finest entertainers ever to appear on a Gay stage to Arizona. He has been seen and loved by thousands, and thousand of people while performing in San Francisco. We hope that there might be at least one more "farewell" appearance in Arizona so that Jose can be seen by an entire new and appreciative audience in Arizona.

Welcome to Arizona, Jose!

AZT shortage to be averted

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NC (AP) - An official at Burroughs Wellcome, which makes the only drug determined to be effective in treating AIDS sufferers, said that it is adding extra shifts to head off possible shortages expected when the drug becomes commercially available this year.

"We have not added any extra people, but have added extra shifts," company spokeswoman Kathy Bartlett said about the production of the drug AZT.

Azidothymidine, or AZT, is the first medication to prolong the lives of people suffering from the deadly acquired immune deficiency syndrome. It is not considered a cure, but early results of a nationwide study of 282 cases were so encouraging that an independent scientific board decided in September that medical ethics requires giving the drug to additional AIDS patients.

Since then, about 3,000 AIDS patients have been enrolled in the enlarged AZT program.

"I think that we have been able to meet the demand thus far, but we expect the drug to be in limited supply when approved by the Food and Drug Administration,"

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They're back

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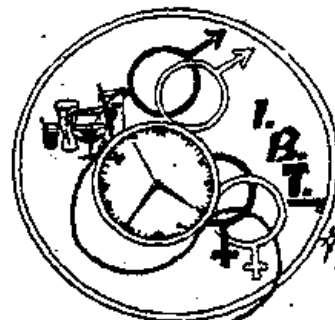
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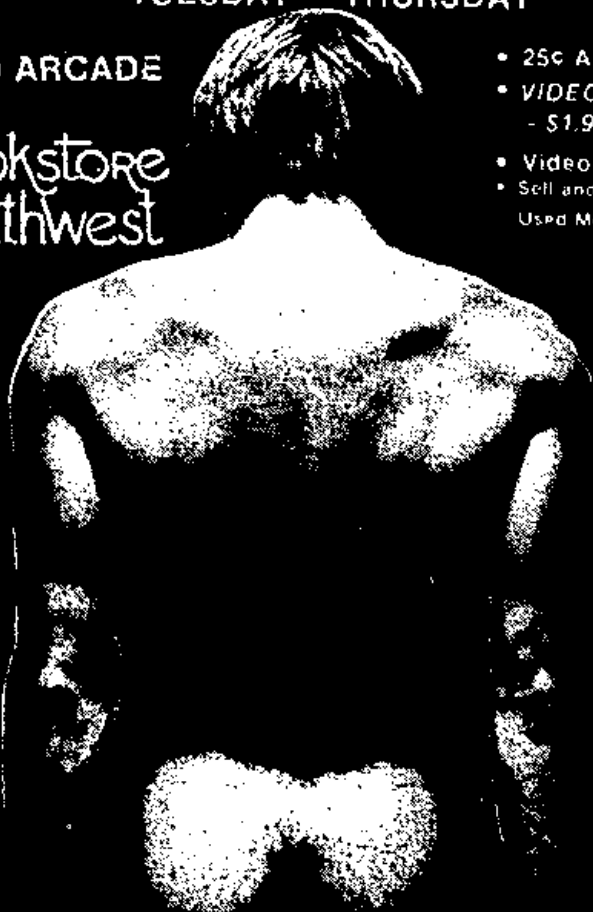
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WHAT'S UP DOC?



Well, the holidays are behind us and each of us start out a new year wondering just what 1987 will be like. I, for one, will carry all the love shown over these past holidays, throughout 1987. Remember, those same people who you might have kissed and wished happy holidays, stay the same all year, so you also should carry the happy and friendly feelings toward them throughout 1987.

Now let me try to get this column back to normal (Ha!). The first really big event for this new year is the GoGo Boy Dance Contest. This event, co-sponsored by TKO and IBT's, will be held on January 17 at It's 'Bout Time. A panel of three judges will be picking (hands off!) the three top dancers. Cash prizes will be awarded to each. A small entry fee, to help defray prize monies, must accompany each application. Said applications can be picked up at IBT's, the Graduate and Rumor Hazzit. Watch for the posters to appear, with the applications attached, giving the time and the about each (1st, 2nd & 3rd) prize monies will be.

Starting again today, Wednesday, Jan. 7, is the second half of the "Sam's Place" bowling league over at Fiesta Lanes. There are still a few openings, so if you are interested in bowling on Wednesday evenings, stop over either tonight or next Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Look me up and I'll get you signed up. Bowling Wednesday nights is a good way of splitting up the week, and besides being good exercise, it's a lot of fun. If you do not already have a team or would just like to substitute, show up next week and we will work something out for you.

Coming up over at Rumor Hazzit on January 11, the T-Squares are having both a graduation of the present beginners class in square dancing and forming a new beginners class. Tommy M. tells me both are open to the public and plenty of food will be available. Stop in Sunday afternoon and witness some good square dancing, and enjoy some fine food. I'm sure everyone in attendance will have lots of fun with a laugh or two also.

Last Sunday I was in attendance at the swearing in of the newly-elected officers of Partners of Tucson. Taking the oath of office for the up-coming year were: Gary, President; Alan, Vice-President; Larry, Secretary/Treasurer; and Gene, Historian. Good luck to each of you and all of Partners, and I look forward to working with the club in 1987. One of the first goals for the year, Gary tells me, is for Partners to become a lot more visible by working more with the community and the other clubs in town.

Gary also promised me that Partners will be having another Panda Salt River Tubing Trip this summer, this time without the Delta Queen, who stole everyone's beer. If anyone out there would like more information on Partners, what this club is all about, or possible membership, contact Gary at 747-5473. One big change for this year in Partners, is they are now accepting Associate Memberships from either one of a married couple or a single person.

As I get word and details on any upcoming events, Partners and all the other clubs in Tucson, I'll pass them on to you through this column. Below is a complete list of the more visible and active clubs in Tucson, listing the contact name and telephone number. Make 1987 the year where you get active in the club scene. With the wide range of interest in

all the clubs in town, I'm sure there is something of interest in at least one of these clubs for everyone. So, contact the one of your personal interest and get 1987 off for yourself in a fun way.

DESERT LEATHERMEN, Bert, 882-5102
PARTNERS, Gary, 747-5473
S.O.S., Mike, 881-4527
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T-Squares, Tommy, 323-3527
(If all else fails, you can usually find one or more members from each club in either the Graduate, IBT's or Rumor Hazzit!).

Once again the warm heart of Tucson showed up last Sunday evening. The Graduate had a guest from Phoenix, not Ron, even though he was here, but one who dressed up like ? (I'm not sure how to describe that one. To make a long story short, she carried the AIDS donation jar around the bar and before she was finished, \$200 was donated. Then she carried the jar over to IBT's and another \$121 was donated there. Way to go Tucson, and let's pray the cure for AIDS will be discovered in 1987.

With that, I'll bring this column for the week to a close. The TBBS' I've got, I'll just save. Have a beautiful week everyone, both here in Tucson and all my readers up in Phoenix. Keith, get with Ron T., he has a couple of pictures for you from me.

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AZT SHORTAGE TO BE AVERTED

Ms. Bartlett said. "At present time there are some restrictions -- how broad will depend on its use," she added.

"We're trying to do several years' work in a couple of months," Dr. David Barry, the company's vice president for research, told the Los Angeles Times. "There will be periods of time when there's won't be enough drug for every patient who needs it."

He added: "We're running extremely fast and catching up, but the disease had a tremendous lead on us."

As of Monday, Dec. 29, 29,003 cases of AIDS had been reported in the United States, of which 16,301 had ended in death.

The FDA, which regulates new drugs, said in September it would accelerate the approval process for all promising AIDS drugs, and that AZT could be licensed as early as January.

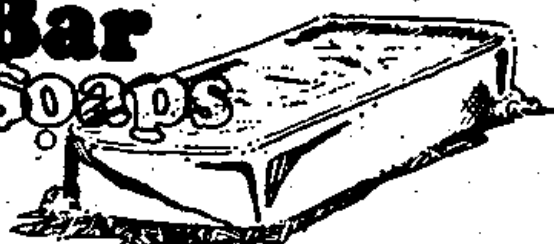
Burroughs Wellcome has increased AZT supplies tenfold every six months for the last 18 months, but accelerated production still will not provide enough of the drug until much later in the year, Barry said.

The manufacturing of AZT requires at least 16 steps and takes several months, he said. Originally, AZT was derived from the sperm of fish, but the company has since developed methods of producing it synthetically.

Despite production improvements, the drug-making process remains lengthy, Barry said.

AZT has been available only to AIDS patients suffering from pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, a respiratory infection caused by a parasite. Other studies either planned or underway will use AZT to treat patients with other manifestations of AIDS.

Tucson Bar Soaps



ROGER'S HOPE

While Meave busy's herself with the upcoming rodeo, things at "Ryan's Place" run smoothly as usual. With the coming of the new year, some things will always stay the same. Maggie is still trying to have a baby. Frank and Jillian are still trying to decide whether they are married or not. Delia is still doing shows behind the bar (not on stage... mmm). Rick Hyde still has furniture scattered all over town. Jack Fenelli is still doing shows on the stage (not behind the bar... mmm). Roger Coleridge is still trying to make the world believe that he doesn't know who that local columnist really is. Oh, a bar, a bar.

Some changes have occurred, however. Siobhan and Max are joining a bowling team. That should prove to be interesting. Ryan Fenelli Hyde is putting together a show of shows. One that is so complex that "Ryan's Place" cannot even house the dance numbers.

CRAVING

Isabelle Alden is going to remodel that mansion come hell or high water. Cabbot is realizing that Isabelle is trying to recapture the atmosphere of their honeymoon. For those who don't recall, Cabbot and Isabelle spent their honeymoon in a very chic motel where room service was a french fry wrapped around a rock and heaved through your window.

Lorna is getting flower arrangements so often that there's hardly any room for anyone to mix a cocktail.

Ava, Ava, Ava, don't you

think about anything else... ever?

Gwyneth, in a nurse's outfit? That is always something to behold

The big question... has Stacey lost the baby? For good? This time?

TWO STREET FAIRS TO LIVE

Tom Dennison finally gets his name in the "Banner", but that isn't helping anyone to know who he really is.

Asa is back. Is Vicki amused?

Wanda has been spending a lot of time at the wharf, desperately seeking, you guessed it, raw fish.

ALL MY KIDS

Natalie arrives on the scene, still in pursuit of Palmer. This upsets Bennie and he makes the big mistake of going over Phoebe's head, something one just does not do. Phoebe puts everything back in its place... including Bennie.

Brooke Cudahy and Skye Patterson decide to get an apartment together. Now they just need to find one.

Marion and Enid team up for a Sunday barbecue and discover that they work very well together even though they both admit they are losing their minds.

What was Tad Martin doing in the back of Adam Chandler's limo? And, who was that semi-blondie tart he was doing it with?

(NEXT WEEK: "The Other World".... "Santa Panocha".... "The Young and the Younger"....

NEWS FROM MCC TUCSON

Last Wednesday night, December 312 at 12:00 midnight, Pastor David Gunton installed Deacon Matthias Hammer as our Worship Coordinator as Pastor Dave's last official act at MCC/Tucson. Pastor Dave then removed his vestments and became a lay member of the congregation. Deacon Matt then took the pulpit and began his duties in concluding this service. Last Sunday, January 4, Deacon Matt, with the assistance of Rev. Bernardo David, led our Sunday services at both the 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. meetings. Deacon Matt will continue in this capacity until a new pastor has been selected by our Pastoral Search Committee and approved by the entire congregation.

Our first pastoral candidate will be the Rev. Edward E. Perry, now of Seattle, Washington. Rev. Perry with his spouse, Lee Cain, will be in Tucson on January 17 through January 25. Rev. Perry will be preaching at both services on Sunday, Jan. 18, and the morning service at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 25. MCC/Tucson welcomes the entire community to these services to hear Rev. Perry and to welcome him to our community.

The annual Congregational Meeting of MCC/Tucson will be held in the church auditorium on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 1:00 p.m. During this meeting, we will be electing three new Board of Directors, a new Lay Delegate and a new Alternate Lay Delegate. Also, at this meeting the congregation will vote on the decision of accepting Rev. Perry

as our new pastor.

MCC/Tucson is a congregational church, which means that the entire congregation must govern the affairs of this church, electing the pastor, Board of Directors, two delegates to represent MCC/Tucson at all district meetings of the U.F.M.C.C. and approve the budget for the coming year. Many other issues will also be presented at this meeting. All current members of MCC/Tucson have a vote and must be present at this meeting to cast their votes. This is an open meeting and anyone who is interested can attend this annual meeting.

Thought for the Week: Those who think Christmas is only a seasonal holiday don't have credit cards.

DIVINATION by DEYMONN

We are sorry to inform you that our astrologer, Deymonn, has moved from Tucson. He has offered to continue his contribution to THE OBSERVER but will be able to do so on a monthly basis only. We thank Deymonn for his weekly contributions in the past, an look forward to his continuing column each month. Deymonn's next column will appear in issue 132, January 28, and will cover the astrological forecast for the month of February and each month thereafter.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(All Events Held at Arena Grounds)

FRIDAY — JANUARY 16, 1987

Noon - 10:00 p.m.: Contestant registration at the arena.

10:30 - MIDNIGHT: Contestant Registration at the St. Francis Hotel, 4321 N. Central Avenue.

Out of Town dance exhibitors tour Phoenix Friday night.

SATURDAY — JANUARY 17, 1987

9:00 a.m. Arena personnel & Secretary Staff meeting.

10:00 a.m. Contestants meeting. (Saturday only)

11:00 a.m. Calf Roping on Foot.

12:00 noon Parade / Grand Entry.

1:00 p.m. 2nd Annual Arizona Gay Rodeo.

6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Arizona Showcase.

SUNDAY — JANUARY 18, 1987

11:00 a.m. Calf Roping on Foot.

12:00 noon Parade / Grand Entry.

1:00 p.m. 2nd Annual Arizona Gay Rodeo.

6:00 p.m. Closing Ceremonies.

EVENTS

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| > POLE BENDING | > GOAT DRESSING |
| > BAREBACK BRONC RIDING | > CHUTE DOGGING |
| > BREAKAWAY CALF ROPING | > BARRELL RACING |
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OUT ON THE TOWN

STUNT MALIBU CHRISTI FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

Seems the drought is finally over for Tondaleo and she is now speaking to her sister Congolea. Tondaleo is starting the year off right with a new warm fuzzy.

Billy Jean Queen will never be outdone, but Miss Mae made a valiant attempt by taking a nose dive and getting a very close look at the parking lot at J/T's a few weeks ago.

Is Magic Fingers Madge still in hiding. Are Tom and Jerry still?

Macho Man is still touring the East Coast while Hubbie Bubbie is staying away at home.

Sister Bootie now knows the experience of buying a \$2,000 Christmas tree. She took Miss Mae for a roll a few weeks ago, but it certainly wasn't a roll in the hay. And we thought Ronda Jons was the only one who could teach a 4,000 pound pet to roll over. However, Sister Bootie makes them roll all the way over and then makes them take her home. Andre' certainly makes a butch champagne bottle.

So, let's see who ends up keeping those infamous cha cha shoes. Will it be Sister Bootie or Puchie? Thanks to Miss Mae, the battle is on.

Sister Teresa Brewery went back to basics as far as the alphabet goes. Are she and Josie Mae still praying for snow or is

Teresa planning a debut in the Mardi Gras?

Arrabella better look out, she now has Miss Jane Pittman as competition for the Air Force title. Miss Latina made it though another birthday. What will she do for her crown this year? Speaking of crowns, is Hubie Baby trying for the Max Headroom look-alike contest?

Old Part and Mama Keg Leg are breaking ground for a new bar. Headba Hopper sneaked in and out of town almost completely unnoticed.

Has Mathilda Oz fallen into the Pacific Ocean or has she gone west in search of Sir Lawrence?

Anna Stadia De La O seems to be keeping a low profile. What has she been up to? Ronnie Jordon loves Johnny Alexia and will Bernie become the future famous Louella Parsons transvestite contributor or is Miss Slanders staying in the closet after the cremation? And, Chopce is not in jail.

Sop where are Mimi, De De, Bertha, Myrna, Josephine and Lu Lu - Phone Home.

Till next time -
Forever yours
Jza Jza La More

Fan mail to: Stunt Malibu Christi Fan Club, P.O. Box 2704, Tucson, AZ 85702

Juicy Lucy

Well, well, we have finished up with our Christmas and New Year's holiday celebrations and it is now time to start off 1987 with our regular routines. Personally, I had a great time these past few weeks, went to several really nice parties, and got around to most of the watering holes. Got to see a lot of my old friends and got to meet a lot of new ones. While I was out running around, I overheard a few New Year's resolutions - and some of the resolutions were worth repeating while a few were not printable. The following is a list that I compiled of actual resolutions and a few that should have been made but weren't.

BILL N. resolves to sleep at home.
DOC resolves to love me even more in 1987.

TERRY resolves to make 1987 "Be Kind to Insects" year.

HAROLD resolves to believe Dennis' excuses for staying out late.

FERN resolves to ask Peter's permission before wearing any of his dresses.

GENE resolves to pay attention at meetings with Partners and not pick on Allen.

ROGER B. resolves to let Fern teach him how to walk in high heels.

TOM resolves to keep a smile on his face at all times.

THOM and MAC resolve to have all the redecorating done by Christmas (1987)

CHERI resolves to reach all the way across the bar to serve a drink.

BERT resolves to wear only non-molting coats.

FREDDIE resolves to keep her big stick handy in case of fire on the front stoop of the Grad.

DIRTY DOLLY resolves to find a new bowling team.

AVIVA resolves to win the Miss Gay Arizona title.

HARRY resolves to spend more time in Hawaii.

JASON resolves to take lessons from Roger for quick quips.

CANDI PLASTER resolves to clean up her act and have a new refined, dignified one.

NANCY resolves not to tell who I am, even though she knows.

TOMMY M. resolves to buy me a long neck - just so he can find out how a triangle got mixed in with his circles and squares.

ALLEN and GARY resolve to learn how to put pins on their new officers and members.

ANNIE resolves to wear only bras with zippers.

RON resolves to wear only jockey straps with snaps.

ERNIE resolves to give Bert a longer leash.

JUICY LUCY resolves to be kind to everyone in 1987.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.....

PUERTO RICAN SOLON WANTS TO LIMIT MOBILITY OF GAYS

MAYAGUEZ, PUERTO RICO (TWN) - Councilman Eduardo Suarez has recently proposed a law which would prohibit Gays, minors or prostitutes from walking near schools or other public sites. This proposal came fast on the heels of a request submitted by police officer Antonio Abad Santiago, who direct the special arrests unit of the Criminal Investigations Division.

Santiago made the suggestion that police be allowed to intervene against anyone wearing clothes considered not suitable for their sex. Mayaguez citizens also have asked that Gays not be allowed to frequent places in the evenings.

Local Gays have expressed doubt that Mayor Benjamin Cole would sign the law even if it were passed by the assembly.



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THE TUCSON CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY

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COLETTE'S WEST - Schnapps shots .75 from 8 pm to midnight.
GRADUATE - Bottle Domestic Beer \$1.00 with other drink specials.
FINELINE - Open 7 pm. Draft Beer Bust: .25 per glass from open to 1 am.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Bourbon \$1.00. 5:30 - 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well. 8-12 .50 draft and .50 Schnapps. Dance 8 to 1 am.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Schnapps .75 - 11 am to 1 am.
DINNER BUFFET 6 to 9 pm \$4.25.
RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm.

THURSDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Nite \$1.25 domestic 9 pm to 1 am. Dave Pierson DJ 9 to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - Bottle Beer Special from 8 pm to midnight.
FINELINE - Open 7 pm. Long Neck Bud Nite: .75
GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing!
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Rum \$1. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to 1 am .75 Long Neck Beer (non-premium). Dance 8 to 1.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75
RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 pm. Square Dancing by T-Squares 7-9 pm. Regular disco/video dancing 9 pm to close.

FRIDAY

COLETTE'S WEST - Party Nite. Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to midnight. Michelle DJ's.
FINELINE/SKYLINE - Party till 1 a.m. downstairs in the Fineline disco and Virgo's Pub. After Hours till 4 am in the Skyline for over 21.
GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon - 5:30 pm Well Gin \$1.00. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well; 8 pm - 1 am \$1.50 Well plus dancing from 8 to 1.
JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm - 1 am.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75.
RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7 p.m. Video dancing 9 pm to close.

SATURDAY

COLETTE'S WEST - Party Nite Hourly Drink Specials 8 to midnight.
GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.
FINELINE/SKYLINE - Party till 1 a.m. downstairs in the Fineline disco and Virgo's Pub. After Hours till 4 a.m. in the Skyline.
JOSHUA TREE - Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 8 pm Bloody Marys \$1.00 & 9 pm to 1 am All Well \$1.50. Dance 8 to 1.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. \$1.25 Well noon to 6 p.m. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.

SUNDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Beer Bust 4 to 7 pm .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4 to 7 pm. \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's from 9 pm until 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - Football on our big screen plus "Wine Down Nite" .75 wine 8 pm to midnight. Movie Nite begins at 7 pm. Michelle DJ's from 9 to 1.
FINELINE - Lobby Level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Drink Specials.
GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) \$1 with other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Bloody Marys \$1.00 Noon to 6:30 6:30 to 1 am "Denny's Choice" every hour (!). Dance 8-1am
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Brunch 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. - \$3.25 Noon to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. T-Squares Beginner's Class every Sunday afternoon. \$1.25 Well drinks noon to 6 p.m. Video dancing 9 pm to closing.

MONDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowler's Special: .75 Well Drinks for J/T Bowlers. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - "Monday Night Football" on big screen. .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .89 from 8 pm to midnight.
FINELINE - Lobby level Fineline opens at 7 pm. Movie Night begins at 8 pm. Spaghetti Dinner \$2.00 plus Well Drinks \$1.00.
GRADUATE - All White Well drinks \$1.50 until 1 am plus other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30: Well Vodka \$1.00; 5:30 to 8 pm: 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to 1 am: Well \$1.50
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75
RUMOR HAZZIT - Open 1 pm to 1 am. "Monday Night Football" on giant screen at 6 pm. .75 Well & .50 Hot Dogs 4-7. Video dancing begins at 9 pm.

TUESDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - 12 oz. cans Miller's or Miller's Lite \$1.00! Bobby Jr. DJ's In J/T 9 pm.
COLETTE'S WEST - "Sudserize!" .40 draft beer from 8:00 until midnight.
FINELINE - Lobby level Fineline open at 7 pm. Tequila \$1.00. 16 oz. Margaritas \$1.50.
GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks \$1.50 till closing plus other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm: Well Scotch \$1.00. 5:30 to 8 pm 2 for 1 Well. 8 pm to close: Well \$1.50
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Schnapps .75
RUMOR HAZZIT - .75 Well & .50 hot dogs 4-7 pm. Video Dancing 9 pm to 1 am.



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SPORTS



JOSHUA TREE VOLLEYBALL
 FALL LEAGUE
 Final Standings January 4, 1987

TEAM	WON	LOST	GAMES FCT.
MEN AT PLAY	43	20	.683
INVISIBLES	39	19	.672
U-GUYS	44	27	.610
MADOLFO	32	21	.600
COLETTE'S	8	16	.333
DOUBLE TROUBLE	19	38	.333
T.N.T.	12	45	.207

This past Sunday was the playoff for first place and also simultaneously, the league championship tournament. Two teams were involved in the playoff for first. Men at Play won the first half of the league and they faced a new team, Invisibles, winners of the second half. As seen above in the overall final league standings, Men at Play had the best record. This plus the history of the league where Men at Play has won first place for the past six seasons, put Men at Play as the favorite to win this playoff four games to two. The team Invisibles did not see it that way and upset the favorite, winning the championship four games to three.

The playoff involved the best out of seven games to win. These two teams went evenly with wins and losses back and forth until after the fifth game where Men at Play led 3 games to 2. This meant the Invisibles faced a do-or-die situation going into the 6th game. They had to win the next two in a row, and this they did, 15 to 10 and for the victory 15 to 5.

The tournament, which went on simultaneously, was a double elimination event. The purpose of the tournament was to give all teams in the league a chance at competing for an award regardless of their standings in regular league play. Thirteen games were played in this event and the competition was heavy. One team came through winning the tournament without a defeat. Congratulations again to the Invisibles as both league and tournament champions.

Men at Play, although they had the best overall record of league play, came in second in the league playoff and also second in the tournament. The team U-Guys, came in third in the league and the tournament.

Congratulations goes also to all the league members. This was the most competitive of all the past seven championship Sundays. This was also the first time all seven teams stuck with the league for the long 14 weeks of play with two cancellations due to rain. At the end of the day, which went from 1:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. - a total of 20 games were played.

JOSHUA TREE MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE
 STANDINGS AS OF DECEMBER 29, 1986

TEAM	WON	LOST	PINS
1. SHOTS FLEEZ	49	19	29151
2. RITA'S GIRLS	41	27	29347
3. JOSHUA TREE	38	30	29334
4. FLYNTSTONES	38	30	28756
5. KASSIE'S KLAN	36	32	29133
6. PENETRATING FORCE	35.5	32.5	29422
7. THE MISFITS	34.5	33.5	28481
8. HEAD GAMES	33	35	28855
9. THE THIMBERS	33	35	28533
10. THREE MINUS ONE	32	36	28984
11. THAT'S THE TICKET	32	36	28896
12. MEN AT WORK	29	39	28754
13. BACK POCKET	28	42	28321
14. J J's	19	49	24575

HIGH SERIES - TEAM: KASSIE'S KLAN 1546 / MEN: MARK K. 639 / WOMEN: LISA L. 498.

HIGH GAME - TEAM: THE MISFITS 589 / MEN: MARK K. 246 / WOMEN: DEBBIE E. 200

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FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 16-17-18

ARIZONA GAY RODEO takes place at El Llano Chorro Rodeo Grounds, on the Southeast corner of 29th Avenue and Baseline in Phoenix. Contestants must register on Friday. Rodeo events begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday and at noon on Sunday. Lots of fun events are planned also in conjunction with the rodeo. A great weekend is planned in Phoenix for this Second Annual AGRA rodeo. Make plans now to join the thousands of others from all over the country and attend this annual event.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Tucson Knight Owls sponsor a Go-Go Boy Dance Contest. Watch for more details and make plans to enter or watch the fun.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

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GAY/LESBIAN ADULT DISCOURSES provides weekly group-discussions on various topics for Tucson's homosexual community. Especially open to person "Coming Out". Facilitated participation. No fee. For meeting details call information and referral at 881-1794.

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TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY ALLIANCE (TLGA) meets the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fineline, 181 W. Drachman. Everyone welcome.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING FORM A SUPPORT GROUP for Parents and Friends of Gays please contact Sean, P.O. Box 27929, Tucson, AZ 85726 or the Confidential Hot Line for Parents of Gays, call Herb, 742-1689 (after 7 p.m.) in Tucson.

THE ARIZONA LESBIAN AND GAY TASK FORCE, your organization aimed at furthering human rights, education and networking with other national and local organizations, invites you to participate. Come and attend our meetings and input your ideas. Visitors and new members always welcome. Meetings every Monday. Membership \$10 per year. Contact Lesbian/Gay Community Switchboard (7 to 11 p.m.) 234-2752 or write P.O. Box 1405, Tempe, AZ 85281.

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THE AWARDS COME POURING IN!

In my April 9 review of the wonderful movie MY BEAUTIFUL LAUNDRETTE, I told you that the film's star DANIEL DAY LEWIS would walk away with at least a nomination for the Academy Award. Although the nominations for the Oscar are not yet out (and not expected until Feb. 10), LEWIS has already garnered some awards for his acting in films this year.

The prestigious NEW YORK FILM CRITICS CIRCLE named LEWIS best supporting actor for his work in LAUNDRETTE, and his other 1986 release A ROOM WITH A VIEW.

Anne Thompson of the LOS ANGELES TIMES SYNDICATE, in a recent run-down of her predictions for the 1987 Oscars, said that LAUNDRETTE would probably be overlooked because it is "too grittily low-budget", and it "has no stars". She does have hope for LEWIS though, saying he should still be nominated as best supporting actor for his work on A ROOM WITH A VIEW.

There are still a whole bunch of awards and nominations due out in the following couple weeks, and you can be sure to see Lewis' name prominently among the nominees and award winners.

No sooner had my Dec. 17 column hit the stands (AIDS: Is It Natural Or Man Made?), than another UPI release hit the press. In the Dec. 28 ARIZONA REPUBLIC, a new piece reports on the anger the African nations are feeling toward the United States. They --the Africans-- apparently believe the garbage the USSR is putting out accusing the U.S. of playing with germ warfare, with AIDS the result.

This report even goes so far as to actually state that Gay men were subject of the U.S. germ tests. Before, we were led to believe that Gay men just happened to accidentally get infected --if we believe the USSR propaganda at all. Now, if we believe the USSR reports, it seems the "Pentagon and the CIA were 'testing' AIDS on drug addicts and homosexuals."

Can you blame them --the Africans, I mean. Science pretty much agrees that the origin of the AIDS virus is Africa. If science came out saying that the original of the AIDS virus was Phoenix, I suppose I would be pretty ticked off, too!

They --the Africans-- jumped all over the USSR propaganda, and began yelling and screaming at the

U.S. Somewhere there is an answer to this question. Probably, it will be concluded that AIDS is from Africa -- sorry.

I wonder if Geraldo would be interested in looking into this query -- perhaps he can do another live, syndicated special.

That's the view for now: See you next week!

If you have comments about A VIEW FROM WITHIN, please write to me in care of this newspaper. I would love to hear from you!

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DEAR BOB AND ALL OUR FRIENDS IN TUCSON:

It is with some regret that we write this. It is also with a great deal of anticipation.

When I went home to Los Angeles, just before the Holidays, I found a job involving a hobby (computers). I also found a small house about a half an hour from the beach. When I got back to Tucson, I of course asked Wayne what he thought of moving. He gave his employer two weeks notice on New Year's Eve.

We will miss you all, and promise to be back to visit. Wayne's family is all here, so we

expect to be back around the Holidays.

We have made so many friends; grown so much in the years that we have lived here. We wish that we could take you all with us. And we will. We will also leave a piece of our hearts here.

We do plan on keeping in touch with the Observer, so that we can keep tabs on all of you.

With our love
Wayne and Al
aka Nancy and Brenda Starr

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE GAY COMMUNITY OF TUCSON:

As the newly elected President of "Partners of Tucson", I would like to make a statement to the Gay community on behalf of the membership of Partners as to what our club is actually about.

"Partners of Tucson" recently made the decision to reorganize our club for the purpose of being a more viable part of this community. While Partners is primarily a social club for Gay couples, we feel very strongly that single Gays can and should be an important factor in providing couples with the necessary elements of fulfilling the social atmosphere, both from within and without the confines of the bar scene.

We are a group of individuals who enjoy the interaction of all facets of the Gay community, as long as we are allowed to continue, without interruption, our relationships. "Partners of Tucson" would like to encourage the involvement from the community in our functions, which we hope will be fun-filled and exciting.

I, as President, am committed to making "Partners of Tucson" a viable part of this community both benevolently and socially.

Another very important goal that we would like to achieve, is to become more active in support of the endeavors of all the other clubs of Tucson.

I would like to say thank you for the moral support that we have received from all the clubs, as this shows that no matter what, we can all work together.

Anyone that would like to have an input on what "Partners of Tucson" can do to benefit this community, I invite your support with my whole-hearted attention.

For additional information about "Partners" next meeting, function, or for any reason at all, please call 747-5473 or write to: "Partners, 1955 S. Stern, Tucson, AZ 85711.

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