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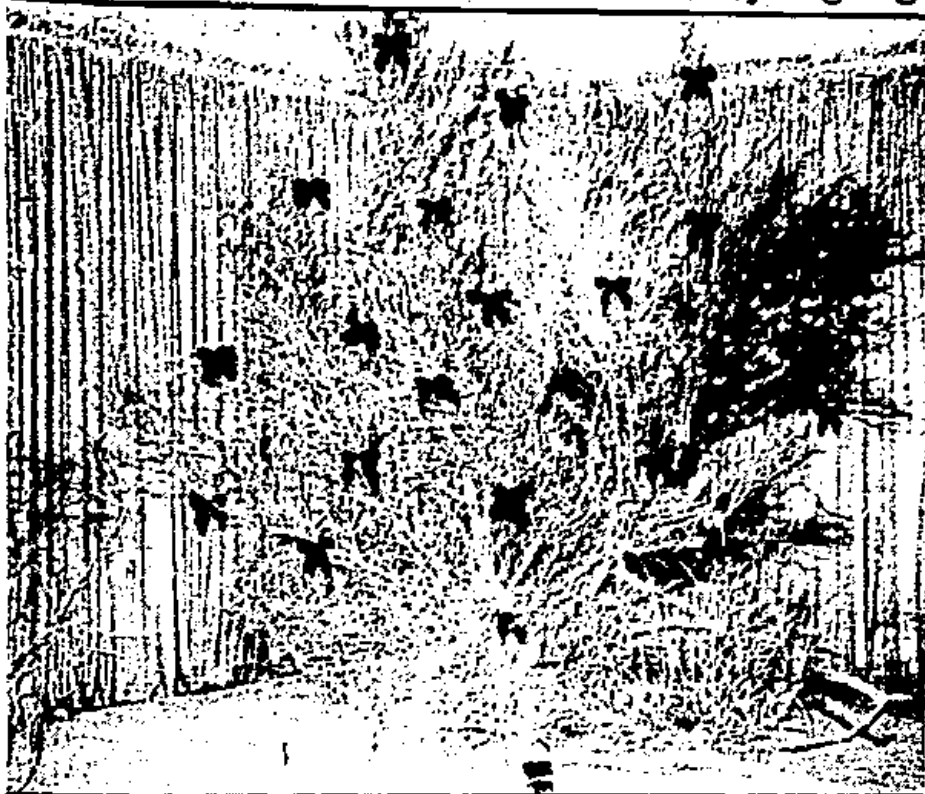
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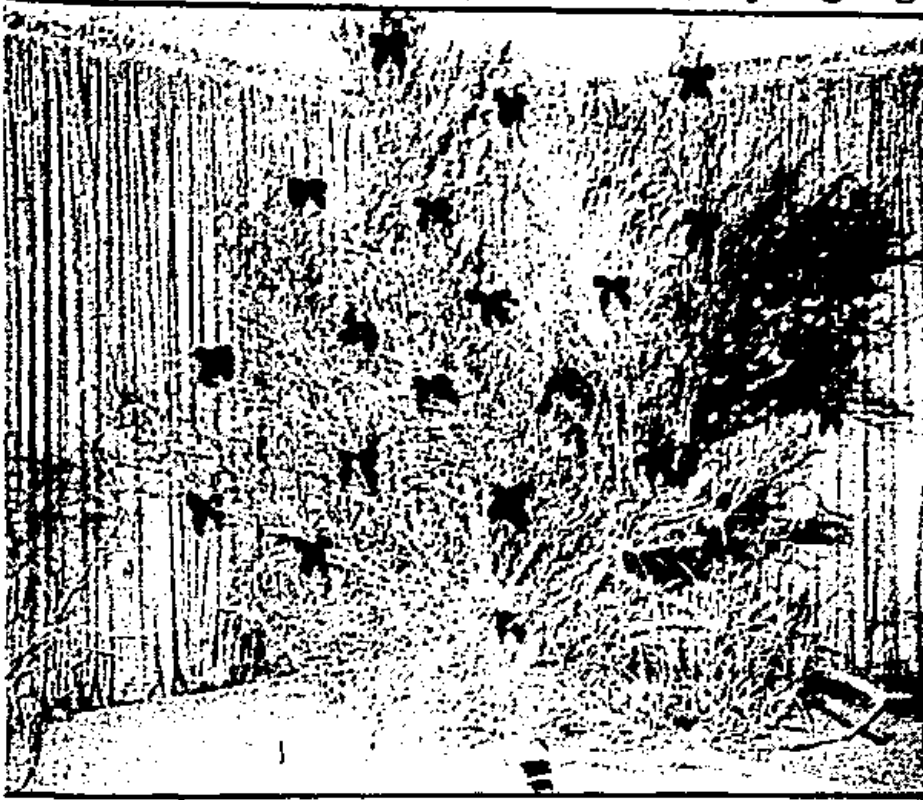
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Feds charge Boston cops in Gay bar shakedowns

by Kim Westheimer

BOSTON, MA (GCM) - A federal grand jury has brought a fifty-eight count indictment against three current and four former members of the Boston Police Department. Nineteen of the fifty-eight counts involve extortion from Gay establishments. Sources close to the situation say they expect many more officers, and at least one member of the Boston Fire Department will be indicted before the FBI investigation is completed.

The Grand Jury indictment resulted from a six-year federal investigation prompted by complaints about police officers who solicited bribes and harassed owners of Gay establishments.

According to the indictment, the seven police officers extorted substantial amounts of cash and property from bar managers and owners. In return the police officers offered to overlook violations, provide police protection and not harass the clubs. In total, the officers illegally collecting more than \$200,000, according to the indictment.

Joseph D'Onofrio, the former manager of the Gay after-hours club, the Loft, said Gay bars are "sitting ducks" for corrupt police officers. "Gay establishments are traditionally... the easiest victims," said D'Onofrio. "No one will come to the aid of Gay people. Most people would rather believe police officers than Gay people."

Joseph McGowan, a partner of the Gay bar, The 1270, gave at least \$8,200 to five police officers between December 1982 and August 1985, according to the indictment. McGowan told reporters that he was proud to have cooperated with the FBI in

their investigation. McGowan's conversations with the accused police officers were reportedly secretly recorded for the FBI. McGowan would neither confirm nor deny these reports.

Investigators also allege police officer Matthew Kilroe blocked a Boston Licensing Commission hearing regarding an alleged rape of a woman at The 1270.

Norman Chaletzky, the owner of the now-closed Gay bar, the Boston Eagle, and a partner in The 1270, paid at least \$3,000 to officers, according to the indictment.

The Loft, which operated from 1977 to 1985, was plagued by police harassment shortly after opening. The club was frequently raided by the now-defunct Boston Vice Squad.

Two of those who were indicted were part of the vice squad and took part in the Loft raids. According to D'Onofrio, who was a partner and manager of the Loft, nearly all of the men who were indicted harassed the Loft at one time. D'Onofrio identified police officer Francis X. Sheehan as the mastermind behind the operation.

During the last Loft raid, which took place in October 1985, police officers destroyed the club: walls were kicked in, wires were hacksawed and sound equipment was destroyed.

Not too long before the club opened, "we figured out that [Sheehan and another officer Thomas Connolly] were looking for money," said D'Onofrio. "It was well known that we were not going to pay anyone - our attorneys made it clear."

D'Onofrio and Paul Cadoret,

also a partner in the Loft, believe their failure to pay the officers resulted in harassment by the police. D'Onofrio said police officers took at least \$100,000 during raids in the eight year history of the Loft. Tens of thousands of dollars of property, liquor and soda were also confiscated by the police, he added. D'Onofrio and Cadoret also said Sheehan even threatened to kill their dog.

D'Onofrio estimated between 40 and 80 police officers were involved in the Loft raids. "Paul and I and a lot of people who worked at the Loft waited ten years to see some of these people arrested," he said. "We look forward to seeing the prosecution of hundreds of others who benefited by, cooperated with, and protected by these people."

The indicted officers pleaded innocent to all charges in U.S. District Court. They were released on \$100,000 unsecured bond and are scheduled for a January 11 trials. Some of the counts carry penalties of up to 20 years in prison and \$250,000 fines.

976/676 lines draw

Commission ire

PHOENIX (AP) - The Arizona Corporation Commission staff is urging the commission to limit or abolish the pay-per-call and pay-per-minute Scoopline service offered through Mountain Bell Telephone Company officials propose lesser restrictions.

The telephone company said it was willing to ban use of Scoopline for pornography and to reduce rates for customers who want to prevent any Scoopline

calls from the residence.

But Wayne Ruhter, the commission's utilities division head, said in a memo that commissioners should consider limiting or abolishing the lines which have prefixes of 976 in Phoenix and 676 in Tucson, marketed by Mountain Bell.

Ruhter said his staff has received numerous complaints about:

- * Minors having unrestricted access to sexually explicit and obscene conversations.

- * Complaints by parents that some children have racked up thousands of dollars worth of calls in a single month.

- * Claims that some providers have failed to disclose charges or have given misleading information.

- * "Arbitrary and unfair" Mountain Bell policies towards customers who can't or won't pay for the calls.

- * High charges for residential blocking service and lack of the service for business phones.

Gus Miller, a spokesman for Mountain Bell, said the company now charges \$8.50 for installation of a residential block and \$1 per month thereafter but proposes to offer blocking services for free for the first 60 days, with a one-time-only charge of \$8.50 thereafter.

In addition to reducing its charges for residential blocking, Miller said the company's proposal would have it give providers of obscene or pornographic Scooplines 30 to pull their plugs.

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TUCSON AIDS RESOURCE LIST
This resource list has been compiled for the benefit of those HIV+ or diagnosed with AIDS/ARC, by the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT).

(Alphabetically listed)
A.S.A. - AIDS SPIRITUAL AID - 622-4536.

We are a group of clergy and lay counselors who are non-judgmental, dedicated to walk hand-in-hand with people with AIDS and their families to wherever their spiritual walk takes them. Many Christian and non-Christian faiths are represented, and we invite others to offer their services.

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FRIENDS OF P.A.R. 293-4848 or 327-3219.

A 12-step support group for family, lovers and friends of people with AIDS.

P.A.R. - Positive Aids in Recovery 293-4848.

A 12-step support group for those recovering from addictions, who are living with AIDS.

P.A.C.T. - PEOPLE WITH AIDS COALITION OF TUCSON - 792-3775

The People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson is an information and referral organization comprised of people HIV+ or with AIDS/ARC. Our objectives are to keep a constant flow of information and news regarding drugs, treatments and experimental protocols and their availability, as well as, to advocate for those HIV+ or with AIDS/ARC in order to insure a speedy response to their needs by existing service organizations and the protection of their individual rights.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON 622-7107.

The Shanti Foundation of Tucson, Inc., provides trained, one-on-one emotional support advocates for any persons faced with a life-threatening illness and/or their loved ones. Our volunteers

are also available for those grieving a loss. These peer counselors are well informed about AIDS and may do pre and post HIV test counseling. Shanti services are free of charge.

T.A.P. - TUCSON AIDS PROJECT 322-6226.

The Tucson AIDS Project offers physical, emotional and spiritual support and services to persons HIV+, or with AIDS/ARC; their families, lovers and their friends. Services range from shopping, transportation, and emergency financial assistance to physical care, counseling and friendly support. Assistance in applying for AHCCCS, food stamps, SSI, SSO, and general assistance, as well as, legal advice are available. Support groups are offered for persons with AIDS, as well as their families, lovers and their friends. T.A.P. services are free of charge. AIDS HOTLINE 326-AIDS.

T.A.T.A. - TUCSON ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES FOR AIDS/ARC 684-8320.

We are an association of alternative health care providers offering non-toxic immune strengthening therapies for AIDS/ARC and other chronic viral diseases. We provide a program of botanical medicines, homeopathy, acupuncture, massage therapy and counseling designed to assist the body and the person in returning to health.

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1-800-352-5488

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DEAR BOB:

This letter is a "Thank You" to you and the entire Tucson Gay and Lesbian Community. We know that this is the time of year that we celebrate that time to give and receive gifts from and to each other, but our community has just shown that it knows that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Last Friday night, December 18th, TKO had the annual Christmas Tree Raffle at The Graduate. The evening began with a special Christmas show with the talents of Tabitha Scott, Tiffany and Bobbi Jo. Not only did these performers give their time and talent, but they went all the way in the sale of raffle tickets for the Christmas tree and the auctions.

Roger and the entire staff at the Graduate were on hand to help us in any way that they could. Why anyone would pay \$60 in an auction for a \$2.00 chocolate Santa is beyond belief. Not only did Roger and the Graduate donate the Christmas Tree, but through a quick of fate, Roger won the tree and then proceeded to auction it. Through the raffle tickets and auctions we were able to raise approximately \$1,200. The entire proceeds will go to "Make A Wish Foundation" for terminally ill children.

Through the generosity of our community, you have made some child a truly great Christmas. Thank you, and may your Christmas be a joyous one and your New Year a great one. You have made ours.

Tommy Marlin
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DEAR FRIENDS:

It is not often that we come to you with thanks. But we are indeed proud to be a part of the Gay and Lesbian Community of Tucson. The love and concern that you have shown for each other has been very evident this past year. We are happy to have had a part in this Fellowship and thank you for accepting us.

This year, as usual, there will be a special Christmas Eve Worship Service. This service will take place at the church, 560 South Stone, December 24th, at 11:30 p.m. A candlelight service of lessons and carols celebrating the birth of our Sovereign and Savior, Jesus Christ, will occur for all who wish to attend. We hope that you will be able to attend.

It is impossible to name each person who made this even so great, but a big Thank You goes to Tabitha, Tiffany, Bobbi Jo, Roger, Fern, Ken, Tom, Glen and Bill from the Graduate; Terry from S.O.S. on the lights; Gary from Partners, Desert Leathermen, T.A.L.L., T-Squares, Colette's, Rumorhazzit, Back Pocket, 1BT's. A special thanks to you, Bob, and the staff of the Observer. To those individuals who bought raffle tickets, made bids at the auctions, gave gifts and supported us, Thank You, Thank You.

We would like to take time now to wish everyone in our community a very blessed Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Yours in Christ's Service
Congregation and Friends of
M.C.C. - Tucson

Molecule tricks AIDS:

Is called possible cure

by Paul Recer
WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - A Philadelphia drug company has developed a molecule that tricks the AIDS virus into not attacking human cells. And someday it may be able to deliver a fatal dose of poison to the virus itself, the company says.

Martin Rosenberg, biotechnology research director of Smith Kline & French Laboratories, said that the molecule is a mimic of the target on human cells that normally is attacked by the virus that causes AIDS.

Rosenberg said that tests have shown that the AIDS virus will attach itself to the artificial molecule, instead of the human cells, and this prevents the virus from spreading throughout the body.

"The molecule can interfere enough [with AIDS] so that it cannot infect the system," said Rosenberg.

He said the molecule also may be used as a carrier to transport toxic substances directly to the AIDS virus. He said this could kill the virus and any cells that already have been infected with the virus.

But the scientist said the research is in a very early stage and that it will be at least 18 months before the molecule could be used in limited experimental clinical tests. Even if these tests are successful, it would be another two years before the drug would be available to a wide population.

Rosenberg said Smith Kline developed the molecule using a gene isolated at Columbia University in New York City. The gene produces a molecule called

the T4 receptor. This receptor is found on the surface of human lymphocytes and some brain cells. It is believed that the AIDS virus attacks only the cells that have this receptor.

The drug company took the Columbia gene and inserted it into a laboratory cell line. Those cells then started producing a modified form of the T4 receptor in a soluble form.

"It is a precise natural receptor except it no longer is attached to the cell," said Rosenberg.

When the manipulated molecule is exposed to the AIDS virus, it binds very tightly to the virus, he said. The virus then is unable to attach to a lymphocyte or brain cell.

"The molecule blocks two very important actions," said Rosenberg. "It keeps the virus from attacking T4 cells, and it keeps infected cells from binding to other cells."

Howard Streicher, an AIDS researcher at the National Cancer Institute, said a number of laboratories are conducting research on the use of the T4 receptor as a way of fighting AIDS.

"They [the studies] are based on sound biological reasoning, but the application to a medical problem has to be borne out in practice," said Streicher.

Using the phony receptor to fool the AIDS virus "would be equivalent in many ways to having an antibody to the virus," he said, but cautioned that "many questions would have to be answered" before the technique can be used clinically.



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Lights of Tucson

by Michael - Tucson

The First Quarter Moon takes place in Aries at 3:02 a.m. Tucson time on Dec. 27, bringing Scorpio to the fore with all of its attendant complications and indications of ruthless behavior. The Moon in the 5th squaring the Sun in the 2nd is an indication of losses through speculation.

ARIES

6th House. Health and work are on the line. Head colds with fevers will be common for Aries this week. There is a tendency to overwork which, combined with Aries' natural impatience, bodes breakdown in health if care is not taken.

TAURUS

7th House. One on one relationships are in the balance here and separations could occur with the opposition to Pluto and Mars in the 1st House.

GEMINI

8th House. Sudden unexpected gain or loss can occur for either Gemini's or Sagittarians. However, with the Sun's presence in the 2nd, gain is more likely.

CANCER

9th House. A time to travel to distant parts, or have important contacts with people of a different social or cultural background than your own.

LEO

10th House. Public attention will be focused on you this week. You may have merited some kind of award or sign of recognition for a job well done.

VIRGO

11th House. Well, here you go again getting all involved with groups that will use your dedication to service to help clean up the Christmas mess, or decorate for that New Year's Eve party. Stay away from the punch bowl.

LIBRA

12th House. There you go getting yourself talked about again. If you had acted a little more decisively, people would not be so sure that your behavior was actually scandalous. Visit some friends in hospital or prison and listen to their problems instead of making so much of your own.

SCORPIO

1st House. Remember the people you are being so vengeful about can hit back. Calm yourself, take it easy, you can succeed now without being so ruthless. Things are going your way and you do not have to push.

SAGITTARIUS

2nd House. 'Bout time you were able to make a buck or two. Some caution is warranted, but do not overdo it. The wealth is there for you, just be alert for the opportunities.

CAPRICORN

3rd House. Your phone bill may be horrendous, but you will make enough to pay it if you pay attention to what you are saying. A little coloring of the truth can go a long way, but overdoing it can have serious repercussions. Go visit some relatives.

AQUARIUS

4th House. More like a change of occupation than a change of residence, but redecorate anyway. Or use that Christmas money for home improvements.

PISCES

5th House. At least remember to get a Pick ticket this week or buy one, or two scratch tickets, or play the office pool. You may have a new romantic partner before the week is out, or a child or grandchild.

The winter solstice is upon us and here is a report on the Nation and Tucson from a chart cast to the Washington, D.C. location and to the Tucson location for the Solar Ingress into Capricorn which is the SUN reborn in a manger between a horse and a goat and on its way to be baptized in 30 days by Aquarius.

The Sun will enter CAPRICORN at 4:47 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, at Washington, D.C., with 26 SCORPIO 02 on the ASCENDANT. Reading this as the 27th degree indicates the government will make a tremendous effort to awaken strong patriotic feelings in order to gain peaceful acceptance of radical changes in the economy which will be chaotic and in its present condition threatens the loss of our position of world leadership. There will be a baby boom. Competition in the field of technological advances will be intense!

The Sun will enter CAPRICORN at 2:47 a.m. (Mountain Standard Time) on Dec. 22 in Tucson with the Ascendant in 00 Scorpio 47, reading that as the 1st degree indicates the city will experience many major changes during the coming year, some of which will be ruthless and brutal. However there will be a spiritual awakening which may lead the city to a greater destiny. Although the local economy reflects some of the chaos in the Washington chart, communication and close relationships seem much more important to Tucson. Great advances in health care and treatment will take place.

[NOTE: For personal assistance regarding your Horoscope, call Michael at 327-4243 in Tucson].

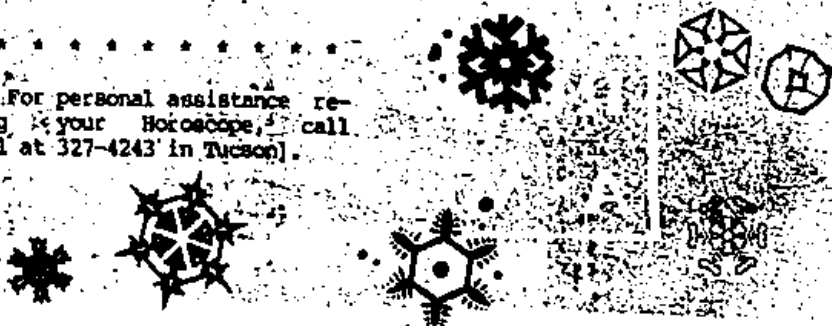
News from MCC Tucson

It is that time, Christmas is here. MCC/Tucson wishes each and every one a very merry Christmas and a joyous and prosperous New Year. May all of your wishes come true.

Last Sunday, during our Morning Worship Service, we had eight new members welcomed to our congregation. Two of our new members were actually added to our congregation back in September, but living in Maine, they just received their Membership Certificates at this special presentation. Welcome, Bill and June Willey, Parents of our Chaplain, Rev. Nita Terlisner-Willey. Those who joined our congregation were Bill, June, Joe, Ray, Tommy, Dorothy, Robert and Charles. We welcome each of you into our congregation and pray that each of you will grow in spirit by giving your lives to Jesus Christ through this church.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 11:30 p.m., MCC/Tucson will celebrate the Eucharist of Christmas. Everyone is welcome to attend this service to know the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EACH OF YOU FROM THE CONGREGATION OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF TUCSON.



Juicy Lucy

Understand that there is an upcoming fund-raiser. Haven't heard what the money will go for, but the event should be very interesting. There will be a mud wrestling contest with Tish and Sunrise as the feature event. The only problem so far, is how they are going to wet-down the Grand Canyon. The others to be featured in this event will be Mark and Roger at arms length with drinks in their hands that there will be Teno and Scott as the finale, in drag yet.

And speaking of Mark, he and Bert were really working on a cute trick the other night, sending drinks to him like mad. Mark almost won out until Annie took a drink to him, the rest is history.

Hear tell that Freddie will drink anything that gets close to her mouth. He had a 'bout with a customer the other night and he called her an unladylike name, I'm not sure now it all turned out, but Freddie does have a new nickname.

It was so cold out the other night that Bob White actually turned white from the frost and he had to make a new batch of his suntan lotion.

Terry was passing around a card which said "You have just insulted a lady, this card is chemically treated. In three days your penis will fall off". Ernie looked at the card and remarked, "Bert did that last week". Not sure if Bert insulted a lady or what!

Did George sleep alone the other night? He still can't use his right hand.

Let a group who were living

it up in the middle of the afternoon and got so loose that they called The Raven in Anchorage, Alaska. Understand that they had to make two calls to get a connection, they couldn't convince the operator that there really is an Alaska.

They now say that Doc has the last laugh - but anyone who had had Doc, at least they get the longest laugh.

There were several Christmas parties this last weekend, I couldn't make them all but understand that each and every one of them were, well, unique. At one party they were going to have a beauty contest but couldn't find any so they had a fashion show. There were six contestants and were judged on a scale of one to ten, the highest score was a minus one and a half. Tommy was trying to tell someone that there is a difference between a Drag Queen and a Female Impersonator. That took some explaining since Tommy doesn't even make a good impersonation of a transvestite.

Since it is Christmas, it is that time of the year when little me would like to give out a few presents. So, here goes.

To Cissy, the "new" country and western entertainer, a new song.
To Glenn, a jock strap just like the one hanging over the pool table at the Graduate.
To Stan, a permanent home.
To Ernie, a baby sitter to keep him away from the chocolates.
To Maxine, a new pair of shin-guards.
To Kip, A new felt-lined glove so he won't leave bruises.
To Ma Bill, new padding.
To Candy, a new pinata with something she can use.

To Colette, a new act with topless Go-Go boys.
To Freddie, a new club.
To Bob Ellis, a new computer that knows how to spell.
To Hopi, a new bar stool.
To Roger, a case of Bacardi and a six ounce Coke.
To Peter, a new outfit that Fern won't like.
To Keith, a tour of the fashion boutiques on 4th Avenue.
To Neil, a professional group to work with.
To Tommy, a club that will give him respect.
To Bert, someone who will believe him.
To Doc, a new co-author who will understand him.
To Annie, one hundred new sons and daughters.
To Ben, a balloon that is easy to blow up.
To Bob and Joe, a young clean up crew.
To the Copper Queens, replacements
To TKO Pledge John, Drag Queen walking lessons.
To Gary L., Time off.
To Bill N., an air mattress for the back room.

CHURCH ASKS AIDS VICTIMS TO STAY AWAY

SAN ANTONIO, TX (AP) - A church is urging AIDS victims to stay away from services out of fear that others might be exposed to the deadly disease.

Elders of the Northside Christian Church read a statement saying, "Your elders decided not to bar anyone from attending our assemblies. But for the sake of those who could possibly be exposed, no matter how minute that possibility might be, we ask known AIDS victims to voluntarily refrain from attending our gatherings."

Dean Duncan told the San Antonio Express-News that the elders' decision was not made "without great anguish". "The decision is not set in concrete," he said.

NYC CENTER RECEIVES \$100,000 GRANT
NEW YORK, NY - The Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center has received a \$100,000 contract from the New York State Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse for a program of alcoholism prevention and intervention in the Lesbian and Gay community.

Entitled Project Connect, the program's primary objective is to expand support services to historically underserved Lesbian and Gay alcoholics in New York City and to educate the community about alcoholism.

Alcohol abuse - and substance abuse in general - occurs much more frequently among Lesbians and Gay men than in the general population, according to social scientists. They ascribe this high incidence of abuse to many factors including alienation from society, lack of family units and the central place of bars in the recreational activities of Lesbians and Gay men.

The Center developed Project Connect to confront alcohol abuse in the Gay community. The task is especially urgent now with the AIDS struggle and the understanding of the immuno-suppressive effects of alcohol. Historically, the Center's limited resources have allowed it to offer only low-cost space to the many groups serving alcoholics. Project Connect will enable the Center to expand and enhance the delivery of support services and to disseminate information.

"This program will begin to fill a long-standing prevention and education void," says Dr. Philip Spivey, the Center's chief advisor for the project. "Drinking problems are about to come out of the closet."



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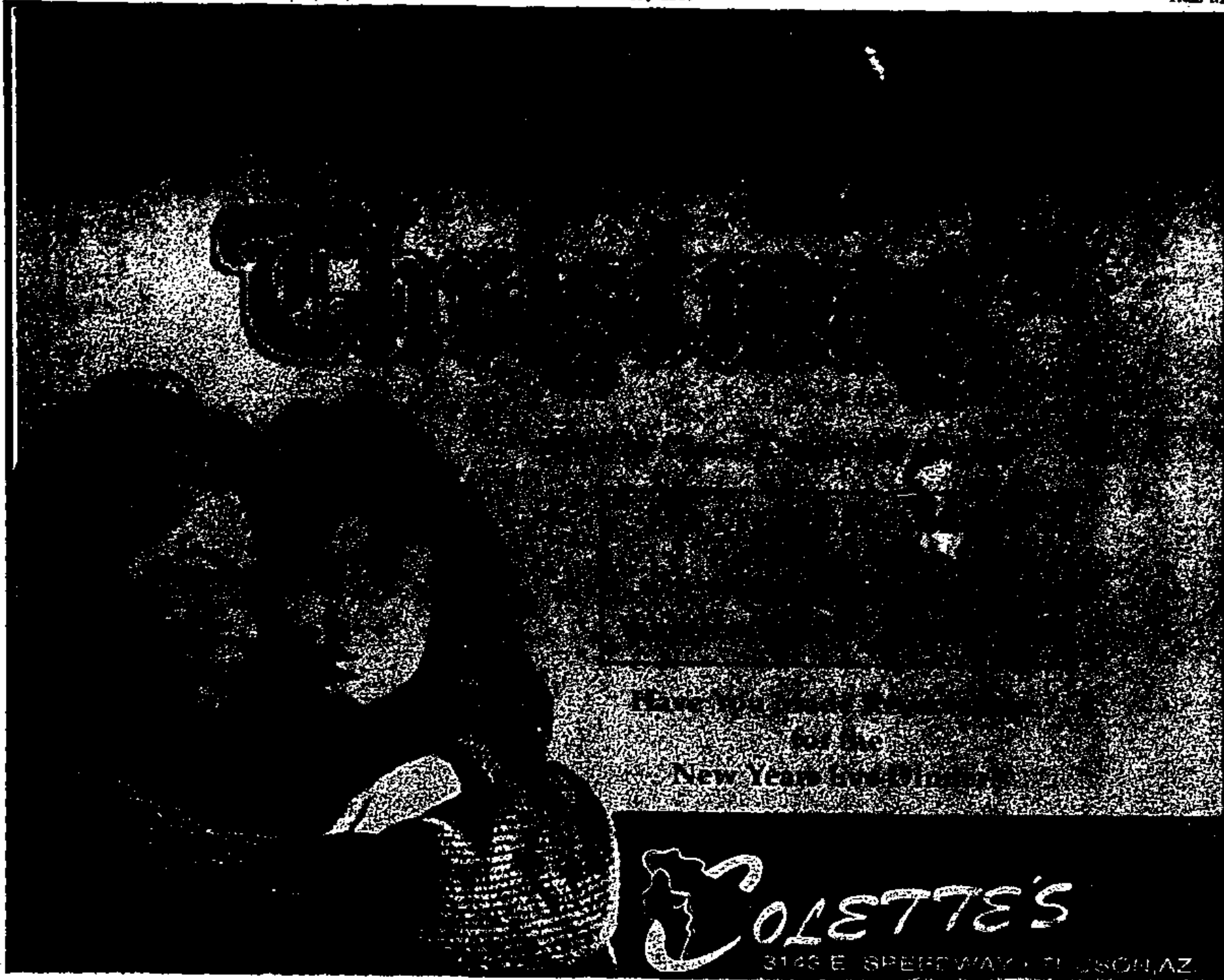
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For a small period of time each year—charitably, let's give them three weeks—people are all nice, and sweet, and loving: giving presents, visiting friends, saying please and thank you. The other 49 weeks in the year, they are the same old shits we have grown to know and love.

And shopping: I refuse to shop any closer than two weeks before Christmas. When people see the word "sale", they become animals, charging through crowds, grabbing, pulling, shoving. Yes, welcome the holiday spirit of good will and all that crap.

All religious connotations aside, the holidays have a special meaning—a secular meaning—which is often overlooked. (You don't have to be religious to enjoy the fun-spirit which the winter holidays embody). The holidays have come to represent a traditional time when families get together, when people take pause to realize the value of friends, when we all acknowledge the benefits which we enjoy, however few or meager.

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Tino and Ruben were pulling their
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Ra Jza appeared with her new
beaux,
Then off to the bedroom in her
tinsel did go.

Clarisse was sitting alone at the
bar
Hoping that someday, she'll be a
star.

Then she trotted off to the bed,
Praying for Jza Jza to give her
some head.

Granny was stirring the fire all
ablaze
While everyone's spirits trying to
raise.

Mark Elenz was pacing - having a
fit,
Because Aviva was having a snit.
Too much money was made at the
fair,

And she was peeved for she wasn't
there,
Jose Cuervo this time, we won't
hear.

Perhaps we will try the following
year.

And here comes Christina, so young
and so cute,
Wanting a man who looks like a
brute.

And J.R. brought in a nice
Christmas tree,
With a hole in the back that would
fit you and me.

Miss Jade was sitting, watching
cartoons,
The Transformers, The Flintstones
and other buffoons,

Ignoring the fact that her room
was a mess,
Small wonder, she can't find her
new party dress.

Miss Dani was drinking, her face
in the glass,
And poor, pure, sweet Alan was
kissing her ass.

Miss Erica, to keep her dress all
abright,
Stood next to the outlet the rest
of the night.

And Tabitha Scott looked weary and
worn,
For her Jazz Hot costume was
tattered and torn.

Miss Joplin was there, adjusting
her lights,
And once in a while she would stop
the queen's fights.

And here comes the Moose, with his
nose in the air
Like Dasher and Prancer with
little to care.

And Clint and Miss Vance were off
the the Loo
Trying not to screw up the music
for you.

Colette was there digging the
sounds,
And Freddie was out there bouncing
the clowns.

And here is Miss Neil, drinking
some shots,
One bottle - then two, I'd say
quite a lot.

Roger and Kenny dropped in for a
peek,
Miss Kenny ate enough to last for
a week.

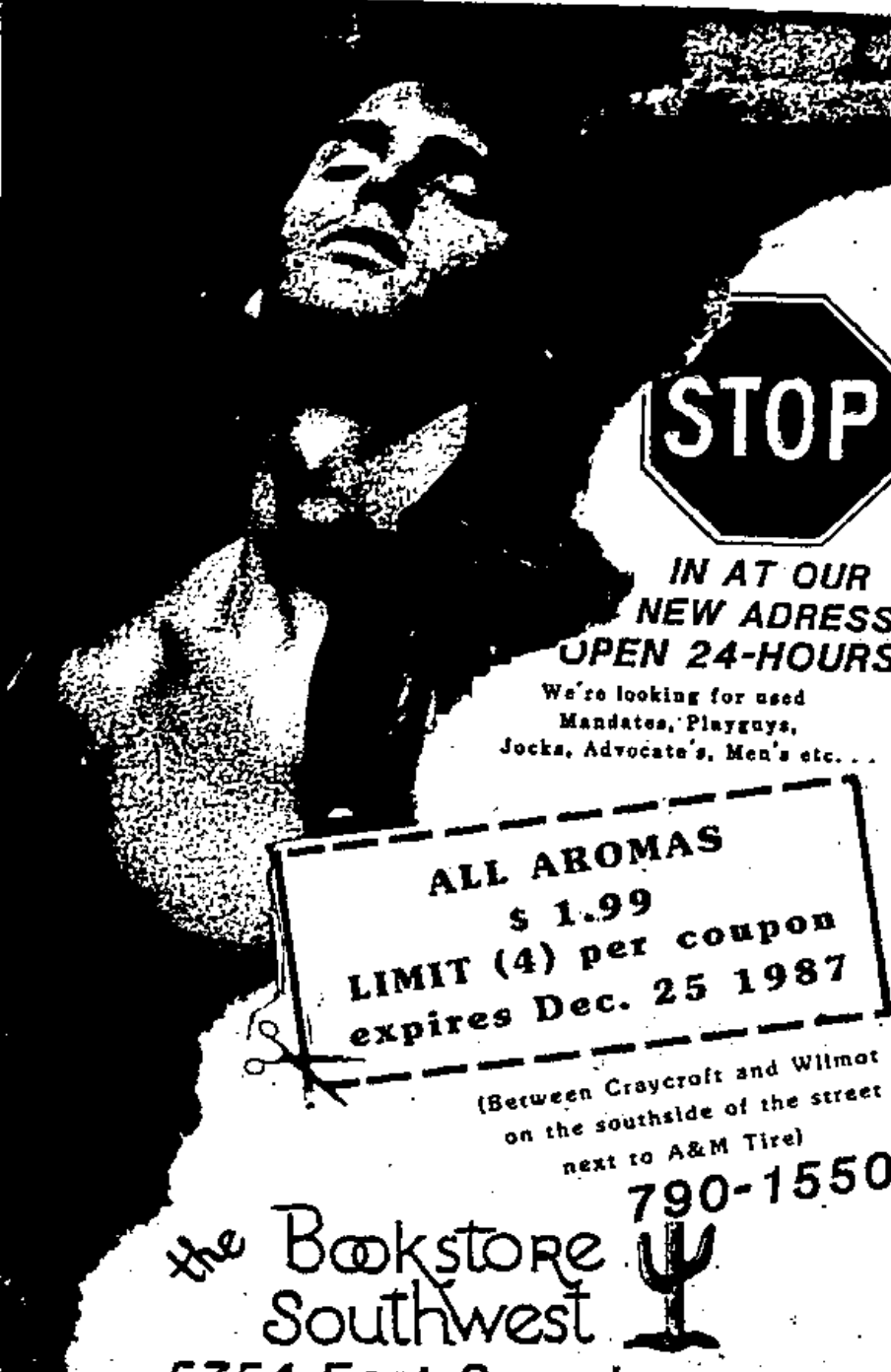
The Bishops all dropped in with a
quest
To find a show director was only a
guess.

And there stood Rita, who couldn't
care less
Much less than the cost of
Tiffany's dress.

For like the gang at Rumors would
say,
Holly and tinsel, and all will be
gay.

Then Jeff stopped to chatter and
said with a fright
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 (Christmas Eve)

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 (Christmas Day)

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Final performance of "The Fairies Who Saved Christmas" takes place here at 7 p.m. A unique and original story performed by a group of unique and original actors from the Tucson community. Charles Dickens eat your heart out. A benefit for Casa de los Ninos and the Tucson Community Food Bank. Admission is a donation of a new toy or a can of food or they'll even take money!

COLETTE'S WEST - Closed all day Christmas day.

IBT's - Opens today at 7:00 p.m.

NUMOR HAZZIT - Opens today at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

COLETTE'S WEST - Winding up Star Trek Month, the movie tonight is "The Voyage Home", what else?

GRADUATE - An all-day affair presented The Tucson Levi-Leathermen (TALL). The first of a monthly Beer Bust and Dinner sponsored by the Tucson Arizona Levi-Leathermen (TALL). With a show starring Lady Casandra and Roxanne all the way from Phoenix beginning at 8:30ish! Check the ad for times of the other events. See you there.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

COLETTE'S WEST - Anne English sings and plays acoustic music from 8 p.m. until midnight. No Cover.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

COLETTE'S WEST - New Year's Party with free buffet, champagne and party favors. \$5.00 Cover. Make your reservations early.

GRADUATE - New Year's Eve Party all day and all evening. Schnapps .50, with party favors and champagne at midnight. No Cover!...

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 - NEW YEARS DAY

IBT's - Opens at 7:00 p.m. today

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

GRADUATE - It's "Rodeo Daze" at the Grad with the appearance of Charlie's Country Cloggers from Phoenix and a extra special AGRA fundraising show, which features of the several rodeo participants. Watch for more on this super-special day at the Graduate.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

RITA'S - The live country/western style of Dena Kaye makes her appearance here. Make plans to see this popular entertainer.

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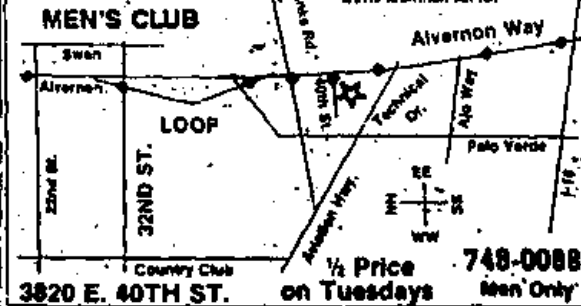
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wednesday

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COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Schnapps shots .75 from 8 pm to midnight.
GRADUATE - Domestic Beer \$1.00 with other specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks \$1, (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25, 5:30 to 1 am Draft Beer .50 and Schnapps .40 shot. Dance 8 - 1 am.
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open from 3 pm to 1 am. Happy Hour 3 to 6 pm.
NUMORHAZZIT 2222 - "White Wednesday" 8 pm to midnight .99 White Well (with juice .25 extra). \$1.25 Well Drinks or Long Neck Domestic Beer & Munchies 1-7 pm. Video Disco dancing 9-1.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Domestic Bottle Beer Nite \$1.25 from 9 pm to 1 am. Dave Pierson, DJ, 9 to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - Bottle Beer Special - .85 - from 8 pm to midnight.
GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing!
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friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shots of Schnapps \$1.00 each from open to closing. Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Party Nite. Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to midnight.
GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.
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saturday

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GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.
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NUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Corona Nite 8 pm - 12. Open Noon till 1 am. Video/Disco dancing with David Ross 9pm - close.

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust Noon to 7 pm Bud or Bud Lite .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4 pm to 777 \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's from 9 pm until 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - "Wine Down Nite" .75 Wine 8 pm to midnight. Movie Nite at 7 pm.
GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) \$1 with other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Bloody Marys \$1.00 Noon to 5:30 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness" every hour (7). Dance 8pm-1am
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Closed on Sundays.
NUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Open Noon to 2 am. Brunch served 12:30 to 3:30 pm. \$3.00 per plate. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys \$1.25 during brunch hours. Video/Disco Dancing 9-1

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bud canned beer .75 - 9 pm to 1 am. "Bowlers Special Night" 1/2 price on Well drinks for J/T Bowling Leaguers. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .89 from 8 pm to midnight. Monday Night Football on our big screen.
GRADUATE - All White Well Drinks \$1.50 until 1 am plus other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25, 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness".
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 3 pm to 1 am. Happy Hour 3 to 6 pm.
NUMORHAZZIT 2222 - 4 to 7 pm Well drinks or domestic long neck beer \$1.25, munchies. Video/disco dancing 9-1 with Gavin

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Spuds McKenzie Nite" Bud Lite Long Necks \$1 plus \$1.50 Well Drinks from 9 pm to 1 am Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T beginning at 9 pm.
COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. "Sudsercizi!" .40 draft beer from 8:00 until midnight. Alternative listening and dancing music from 60s - 70s and early 80s from 7 to 11.
GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks \$1.50 till closing plus other drink specials.
IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm Well Drinks \$1.00, Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. "Trashy Tuesday" show begins at 4 p.m. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness".
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 3 pm to 1 am. Happy Hour 3 to 6 pm.
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ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING A SUPPORT GROUP for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, please contact Herb at 327-8519 or Sean, P.O. Box 26394, Tucson, Arizona 85726. All information is strictly confidential.

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AFFIRMATION, Gay and Lesbian Mormons meet monthly in Phoenix for fellowship and positive support. AFFIRMATION, P.O. Box 315, Mesa, AZ 85201 or (602) 981-0121.

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SOURCES UNLIMITED is a non-profit information and referral service for the Lesbian and Gay community. Businesses and individual listings are free. Call 884-1606 in Tucson for information.

TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY YOUTH GROUP is now sponsored by Matrix Community Services/Anity Incorporated and meets at the following locations: Wednesdays 6 to 9 p.m. at 1030 N. 4th Ave. 884-7413 (Matrix) and on Saturdays 3 to 5 p.m. at 420 S. Main, 792-0204 (La Pilita). For more information call Wayne Blankenship at 882-4009.

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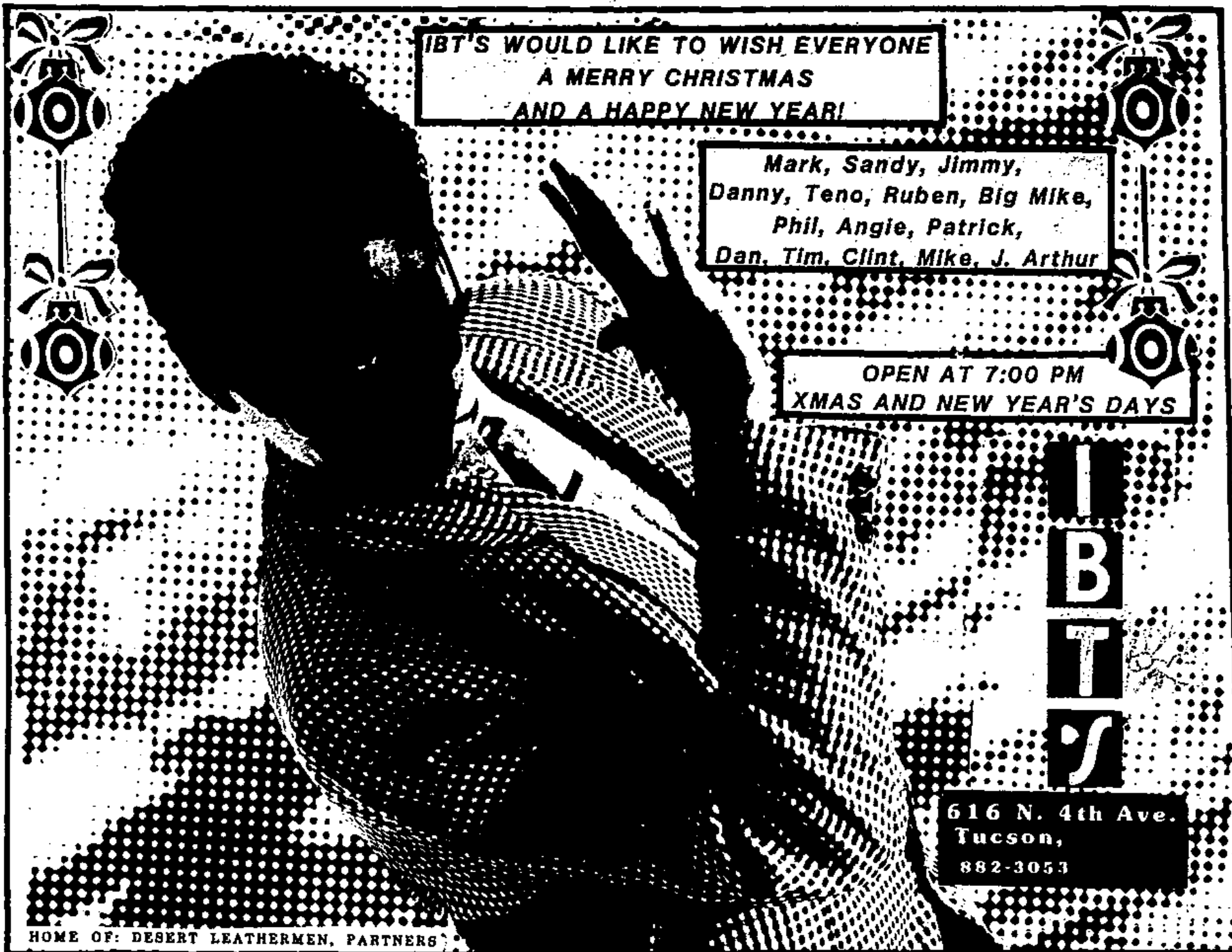
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