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WELCOME TO THE GAY 90'S

UPDATE

a.k.a. THEATRE TO PRESENT 'BENT' JAN. 10 THROUGH FEB. 4

TUCSON - The a.k.a. Theatre Company will present "Bent" by Martin Sherman during the month of January. This award-winning play deals with Nazi Germany and its effects on the Gay community of the era. Buckle your seatbelts for another ground-breaking evening of theatre brought to you by the folks at 125 E. Congress.

To many the Nazi's are identified only with their persecution of the Jews, and the full extent of their barbarity is neglected. We must be aware that under the regime anyone who held views which differed, or whose physical appearance did not fit the Aryan archtype, were targets and victims of the regime. Socialists, Blacks, Catholics, Homosexuals, Social Democrats, Communists were all labels used by the regime to justify the "purification of Europe. Further purity was sought by destroying the aged, retarded, deformed, and others who did not fit into the concept of the "Master Race".

"Bent" follows the trail of Max, a homosexual, part-time drug dealer, as he is fed into the mechanism of the most inhuman experience devised by the mind of man. In the course of the play we see him transform from cynicism to humanity, expressing the hope for man to rise above him self even in the most dreadful of circumstances.

The play is directed by Artistic Director Meg Nolan and will run from January 10 - through February 4, Wednesdays - Sunday evenings. Curtain is 8:00 p.m.

The box office opens at 7:00 p.m. on show nights only. Tickets are $7.00 with discounts for students, seniors, and actors with a resume. Reservations are available. Please call 623-7852 for more information on a.k.a. Theatre.

FIREBIRD LEATHERMAN CONTEST JANUARY 20 AT BUM STEER

PHOENIX - The Firebird Levi/Leather Society will hold their Third Annual "Mr. Firebird Leatherman Contest" on Saturday, Jan 20 at the Bum Steer beginning at 10 p.m.

The contest is open to anyone willing to vie for the title of Mr. Firebird Leatherman 1990, subject to the rules and regulations of the contest. The winner must be willing to prepare himself for entry into the Mr. Leather/Arizona 1990 Contest which will be held Feb. 7 also at the Bum Steer.

The Firebird contest will be structured in a formal manner based on the structure of International Mr. Leather Contest and International Mr. Drummer Contest. The Firebirds base this decision from experience they have had with their current title holder, Rick Condor, who won the Mr. Leather/Arizona 1989 Contest and was sponsored in Chicago by Tuff Stuff Leatherwear at the International Mr. Leather 1989 Contest.

The Firebirds also sponsored Rick in the Mr. Southwest Drummer Contest which he won and was sponsored in San Francisco by Didmar Prod./Bum Steer. Therefore, a formal introduction into the contest circuit is to the best interests of the contestants and the winners.

The first place winner will receive $100 cash, a $50 Gift Certificate to Tuff Stuff Leatherwear, a Trophy and a Sash made by Rick Condor. The First Runner-Up will receive $50 cash, a $25 Gift Certificate to Tuff Stuff Leatherwear and a Trophy.

Registration/Information forms and Rules/Regulations will be made available at the Bum Steer on Firebird's Bulletin Board. For further information call the director of the contest, Rick Condor at 241-9845 in Phoenix.

RUMORZ AND FRENCH QUARTER TO OFFER FREE RIDES HOME ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

TUCSON - Peter Sittig, manager of Rumor Hazzit and The French Quarter has announced plans to offer free rides to patrons of those clubs on Sunday, December 31, New Year's Eve.

Each club will have a 15 passenger van available to take persons who do not wish to, or are unable to, drive back to their homes. This service will only include persons who live within the city limits of Tucson. "We encourage people who are going to celebrate New Year's Eve heavily, to take a taxi to the club and leave their car at home. The van will take them back to their home, safe and sound."

The first van will leave at approximately 12:45 a.m. and will make a second trip approximately 1 1/2 hours later. Passengers for the second trip are warned to dress warmly as they must wait for the second van outside the bar after 1:15 a.m.

Sittig encourages people to sign up at either establishment now. If there are still vacancies people may still sign up on New Year's Eve, but in any case, people who have signed up must reconfirm their reservation at 10:00 p.m. at their respective location on New Year's Eve.

Seating is limited and there will be two van loads from each bar only. If there are still some vacant seats they will be allocated on a first-come basis.

JOSHUA TREE HAYRIDE WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27

TUCSON - The 12th Annual Hayride to Winterhaven, sponsored by the Joshua Tree will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 27. The Hay-laden truck will leave JT's at 7:30 p.m. and visit all the local Gay bars to sing carols, have a drink and/or visit and pick up additional passengers.

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

The extra large Joshua Tree Hayride stake truck is scheduled to go to Rumor Hazzit first, then in order The French Quarter, Graduate, IBT's, Colette's and the Rainbow Room, and then on to view the Christmas lights and decorations at Winterhaven.

The truck will return directly to the Joshua Tree at approximately 10:30 p.m. Make sure you have arranged for transportation back to your original point of embarkation if you joined the hayride enroute. And, be sure to dress warmly in case of cool weather.

Resolutions for a New Decade

1. Take the time to Understand
2. Take the time to Care
3. Take the time to Love

The 1990's are arriving this week! That gives us all a chance to look at what we want this new decade to bring.

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Your Year Ahead

AIRES
This is your year to learn and expand. Opportunities to expand all phases of your life will be plenteous this year. Unexpectedly large profits from your labors will have you excited in May. Mid-November offers an unforgettable educational experience. You will have relatively good luck all year.

TAURUS
This is your year to explore all of your potentials. Expect profits in the spring. By fall money may be more of a problem. Profitable investment potentials will be marked for success if they involve partners.

GEMINI
This is your year to party. Friends and romance will be the most important issue this year. Love will be the source of much passion this spring. A long romance may end next winter. Expect a very busy social schedule.

CANCER
This is your year to work and profit. Career opportunity for spring and summer are excellent. Thanksgiving will find you very thankful for all that will come your way this year. September and October will be the months to be a miser.

LEO
This is the year to take chances making money. Educational concerns will offer areas to expand in. Unexpected opportunity for investments may seem risky but will prove to be worth the risk in the long run. Be cautious in the winter or sudden misfortune could deprive you of luxuries you have grown accustomed to.

VIRGO
This is your year to invest. If you live alone you won't be alone by spring. Financial opportunities with your new roommate will change your fate for the better. Winter will reinforce ideas you had in the past.

LIBRA
This is your year to romance. Romance will be a major concern all year. Harmony in your relationships will make it easy for you communicating with everyone. Spring will bring you new intimacy with a love interest. Winter will find you making commitments.

SCORPIO
This is your year to acquire wealth. Work and money will be your major concerns. Spring will bring important rewards but you may make errors with profits in the summer. Winter will reinforce your practical application.

CENTAUR
This is your year for personal changes. Spring finds you earning a windfall. Summer offers new experiences that will earn you money and effect changes in your life. Winter will be even better.

CAPRICORN
This is your year for real estate. Spring brings secret deals that could earn you a bundle. By winter, you could own more than one home.

AQUARIUS
This is your year to climb. Social organizations will elect you to a position of power. Summer brings many responsibilities to groups. Beware of scandal in September or October. Winter brings opportunities from friends that will aid you financially.

PISCES
This is your year to be known for what you do. Major concerns this year will be money, career and reputation. Summer brings many financial opportunities. By winter your circle of friends will amaze you.

WHAT'S UP DOC?

I hope everyone's Christmas was a very happy one and everyone received everything they told Santa they wanted. Now, we can all sit back and get ready for the New Year.

In closing out 1989 for my column, I am going to take, or give myself a present - a very short column. After four days of parties, a show, open houses, it was full holiday time and I'm taking this week to recover.

I hope everyone has a very Happy New Year and 1990 brings you all the love and happiness possible.

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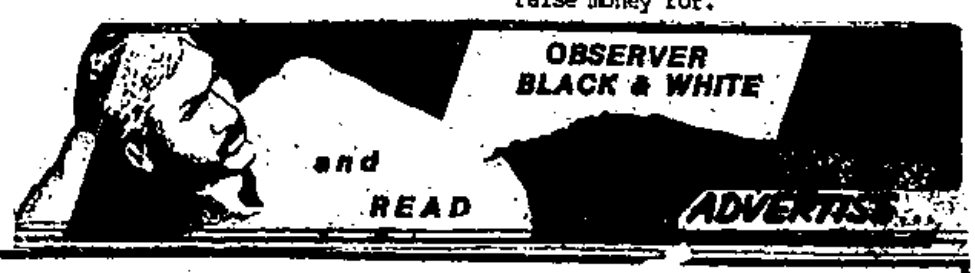
Please do not forget about the cops out there while you travel from one party to another this weekend. We do not want to support their coffee fund or any other project they are trying to raise money for.



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McKasson and Leal address OPBPA, "Don't go away, participate"

New City Council Members Steve Leal and Molly McKasson

TUCSON - Now that the city election battle is over, "don't go away. Find ways to participate," newly elected City Councilman Steve Leal exhorted Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association members and guests Dec. 16.

"I will be an advocate and spokesperson for people who want to be fully themselves, fully responsible for their own lives," promised Molly McKasson, also newly elected to the City Council. But, she added, the initiative must come from those who seek her advocacy.

Leal and McKasson were special guests at OPBPA's Holiday Luncheon at the Arizona Inn.

Politics, said Leal, is a way of taking part in the life and the destiny of the city. "Political life is one of the greatest things," he said, "second only in importance to the person you love. Sure, the pitfalls can be horrible," he said, "but so is being a victim, especially when you saw the danger and did nothing."

Said McKasson, "This is one of the first times as a council member that I have spoken to committed people who are also good citizens and fellow advocates for human rights. It is a real honor." The highest art form, she said, "is to affect the quality of the day, the week, the year. That takes us out of our own special interests and joins us together as a community."

Both Leal and McKasson rejected a suggestion from the audience that the council name an official liaison with the Gay and Lesbian community.

"Personally, I would abhor the notion," Leal said. "Such liaisons tend to tell the council what they want to hear rather than the feelings of the minority they are supposed to represent."

"I might be wrong," McKasson noted, "but I think it would be difficult to find a single individual who would represent the entire Gay and Lesbian community."

McKasson said she will also work to commit as much city money to building local small businesses as the city now spends to recruit major businesses from other states.

Leal lamented the city's lack of economic diversity. "We victimize ourselves by touting to prospective employers that Tucson is a low-wage town," he said.

The election of Leal and McKasson gave Tucson its first all-Democratic council in many years.

"It doesn't really matter that there are no Republicans on the council," Leal said. "There is a great range of ideologies and personalities at the table. If we spend too much time thinking about the absence of Republicans it will cloud our relationships to one another.

"Without a firm place to stand, you end up being led around by the nose," Leal said. "It has happened too often to the mayor and council. It's the reason they are so often criticized for lack of leadership."

POLITICS

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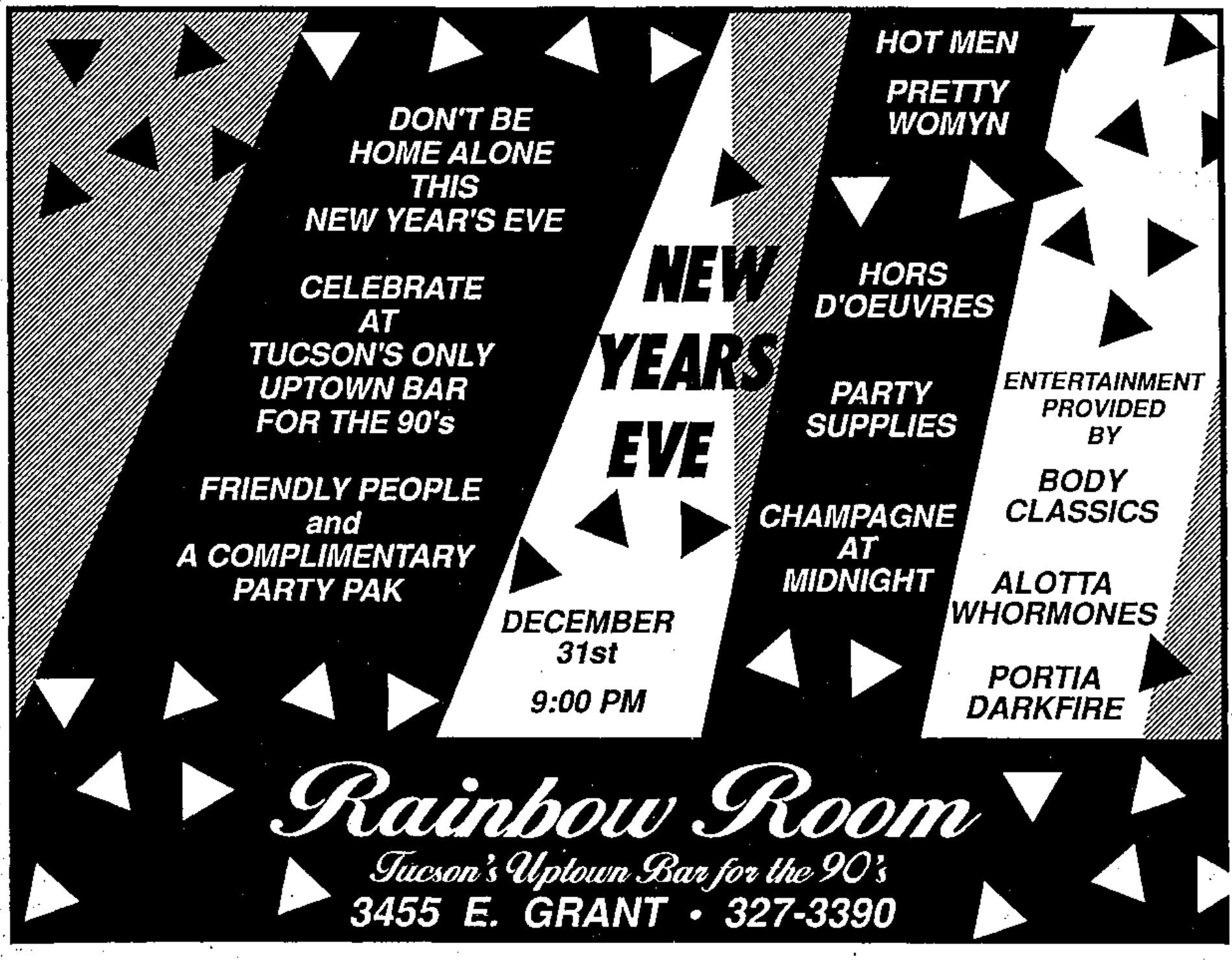
narrowly defeated. In Irvine and Concord California, Gay rights legislation was overturned.

ARIZONA

In Phoenix, the incumbent Democratic Mayor Terry Goddard turned back the challenge from homophobic Republican Burton Kruglick. In the council races, the Arizona Committee for Progress, the Gay and Lesbian PAC (Political Action Committee) backed candidates who were successful.

In Tucson, the 1989 City Council elections saw the complete triumph for Democrats when the lone Republican, Roy Laos, was soundly defeated by Steve Leal. Also in 1989 we saw the rebirth of Gay and Lesbian rights movement with the formation of the Lambda Democratic Caucus which had a role in the defeat of homophobic Laos in the City Council elections.

1989 is a year we will definitely not forget. A year of turmoil, of peaceful revolution - a year that will be forever etched in our minds.



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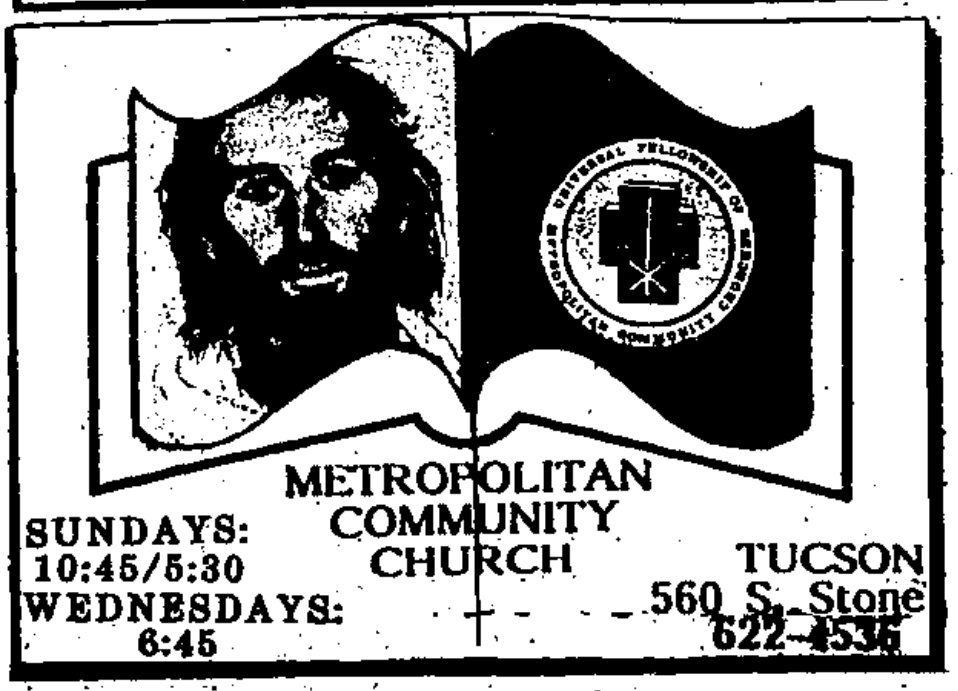

POLITICS '89

by Mark R. Kerr

What A Year!

The year 1989 will be one we won't forget. So many changes within a year, it was mind boggling. This year has changed the course of history and the world.

EUROPE

In 1989 we watched with amazement the goings on in the Eastern Block nations. In June, the first free elections occurred in Poland, the candidates backed by Solidarity won all the Senate seats in the upper house, and all of the 161 contested seats in the lower house. After a series of events in which the communists could not form a government, and the subsequent bolting of two smaller parties, which had been allied with the communists, we saw the formation of the first non-communist government in the Eastern Bloc.

During the summer, in Hungary, we watched as the Communist Party dissolved themselves. We watched as the government allowed opposition political parties to form a freer press, and in the spring of 1990, free multi-party democratic elections.

In East Germany, the hardline communist government of Erich Honecker fell like a stack of dominos. We saw the beginning of the total destruction of the Berlin Wall, and the beginning of a unified Germany.

In Czechoslovakia, a student demonstration brutally put down by the police has led to the overthrow of the hardline government, and the return of Alexander Dubcek, and the famous playwright Vaclev Havel, who is going to be the next president.

In Bulgaria, we watched as the "Stalinist" dictator Thodor Zhikov was forced out, and free elections will be held around the middle of 1990.

In Yugoslavia, the government has ended the communist dominance by calling for multi-party elections.

And in Rumania, we watched in amazement and then in horror, the overthrow and execution of the brutal tyrant Nicolae Ceaucesceu, the last of the hardline Stalinist leaders, and the war between the people and the army versus Ceaucesceu's secret police - a war which is still going on.

ASIA

A lot had occurred in Asia in the past year. In China we saw a democratic student movement arise, then be brutally put down by the hardline communist regime. In the Philippines, Corazon Aquino survived yet another coup attempt - the worst yet. Her predecessor, Ferdinand Marcos, the former dictator died, causing upheaval in the country.

SOUTH AMERICA

In Chile, we saw the end of the dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet, and the first democratic election in 17 years. In Argentina, the first peaceful transfer of power occurred in over 60 years, when the Peronist Party candidate Carlos Menem was elected president, succeeding the radical Party's Raul Alfonsin. In Columbia, we saw the beginning of the drug war, the people and the government versus the drug lords. The drug lords are losing this war.

PANAMA

The United States finally got rid of a thorn in its side in 1989. After years of torment, threats and insults, the U.S. has chased Dictator General Manuel Noriega from power. The United States earlier blew an opportunity when lower-level officers within the PDF (Panamanian Defense Forces) staged a coup which was unsuccessful.

Just before this Christmas, the U.S. launched operation "Just Cause", an invasion of Panama. A total of 26,000 troops were involved in the invasion, to restore Democracy, protect the canal, protect U.S. citizens in Panama and capture (or get rid of Noriega). As of presstime, Noriega has taken asylum in the Vatican embassy which is having trouble finding a country that will accept him. The U.S. wants to extradite him to stand trial on drug charges. Time will tell the outcome of that phase of the otherwise successful 'invasion'.

SOVIET UNION

Mikhail Gorbachev consolidated his power, reformed the government, brought a form of democracy to the Soviet Union. The Soviets now watch their government to see what does go on. Debate and criticism are no long taboo.

The Armenians, Georgians and the Azerbaijans rebelled against Moscow. The independence movements in the Baltic Republics of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania sprang up and began their rebellion against Moscow.

UNITED STATES

In 1989, we finally saw the end of the long-running movie called "The Presidency of Ronald Reagan" and the beginning of the "Thousand Points of Lights". In 1989 we saw the fall of the Speaker of the House, Jim Wright of Texas, and the fall of House Majority Leader Tony Coelho. In 1989 we mourned the death of the protector of senior citizens, Rep. Claude Pepper of Florida. In 1989, we saw the rebirth of the Pro-Choice movement due to Missouri versus Webster Health Services.

In Virginia we saw the election of a Black governor. In New Jersey we saw the election of a Pro-Choice governor and a Democratic legislature. In New York we saw the election of David Dinkins, the first Black mayor in New York's history. In Chicago we saw the return of the prodigal son, Richard Daly as mayor. In Albany, we saw the election of the first openly Gay Black councilmemmber, Keith St. John.

In San Francisco, the Domestic Partners Bill was

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RESOLUTION SOLUTION

by Dennis McMillan
aka Sister Dana Van Iquity

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"FAST AWAY THE OLD YEAR PASSES: FA LA LA LA LA, LA LA LA LA."

And now it's time to make your annual list. No, not the Christmas card list. THAT little task has been completed, thank God and the U.S. Postal Service. And, no, it isn't the list that you make, check twice, and find out who's naughty or nice. I speak of none other than the perennial New Year's Resolution List.

Every year you write out the same, tired, old life-changing monumental decisions that deep in your heart you know you will never keep: "I promise to give up cigarettes, start drinking light beer only, and phone home more often." How boring. It's no wonder you break your resolutions within the week. You need a real challenge. Besides, these are the Gay nineties now!

And so below I offer some new, creative resolves that you need not even write out; merely pen your name in the appropriate blanks and store this list along with all your other vital documents — on your refrigerator with clever little magnetic plastic sushi replicas and happy faces.

The resolutions are broken down into three different categories, for ready reference:

NATURE LOVER

I, _____, resolve to spend less time, nature lover that I am, going for midnight walks in the local park in search of wildlife.

I, _____, resolve to stop being so sexually selfish, wearing my "ribbed-for-pleasure" condoms inside-out.

I, _____, resolve to cut down drastically on my 976 and 1-900 phone sex line usage, and try calling a PERSON and actually making a date to GO OUT somewhere and RELATE.

I, _____, resolve to curtail the number of times I circle the block cruising in my car at the local trysting spot after bar curfew, thereby helping out tremendously in doing my part to lower the national consumption of imported Arabian gasoline and staving off imminent OPEC crisis.

I, _____, resolve to search my "files" of trick numbers — the ones scrawled on bar napkins, matchbook covers, and that end[illegible] pile of dog-eared business c[illegible] — and, in an effort to restore the lines of communication, actually call at least _____ (insert integer you are most comfortable with) phone numbers.

I, _____, resolve to at least make an attempt to read the articles in the Gay newspapers first, and THEN pore over the "Personals" section in the back for the latest hot-and-hairy-daddy or tofu Lesbian momma ad. Well, at least I'll make an attempt to read the headlines of the articles first.

I, _____, resolve to stop telling visitors to my apartment that I am an official birdwatching member of the Audobon Society, and admit that the binoculars are for watching the people across the apartment complex.

I, _____, resolve to improve my cultural exposure by making sure at least one of the videos of the stack that I rent each time for my weekend viewing pleasure is a classic cinematic work of art, and does not contain either the word "hot", "hung" or "horny" in the [illegible]tle. Although two exceptions come to mind: "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof" and "Some Like It Hot".

PERSONAL PROCLIVITIES

I, _____, resolve to pay off at least half my Dillard's bill (substitute Visa, American Express, Sears, Foley's, Goldwater's, Saks, Neimans , etc.) by May 1990, or when my outstanding balance is just under the national defense budget, whichever comes first.

I, _____, resolve to climb out of my rut and try a new bar, instead of hanging out at the same old saloon in the same old drag. Example: if you're a died-in-the-wool (or should I say, died-in-the-hide?) leatherman, experiment by not wearing the Crisco-encrusted chaps for just one weekend, and venture out into one of the chi-chi bars for a change. A variation on this theme is to go [illegible] your usual hang-out, but change [illegible] of your usual costume into something that's more of a stretch for you. Take a fashion risk: don't wear the Joan Crawford padded shoulders to your gender-bender bar. Women will want to be truly daring and leave the plaid shirt home for once.

I, _____, resolve to do something about my hair. Get a new "do", dye it, bleach it, send it out to the cleaners.

I, _____, resolve to finally get my ear pierced and wear an earring to work (get real, Wanda, they all knew you were Gay the first day you came into the office and hung the "Hunky Fireman" calendar above your desk). Women will come out by hanging a lambda insignia from their earrings.

I, _____, resolve to stop hiding the "Honchos" under the "Architectural Digests" whenever Aunt Susie comes to visit. Let's face it, no straight man, other than an actual, bona fide architect, keeps "Architectural Digests" around the house. You blew your cover long ago, honey. (Lesbians, substitute "On Our Backs" and "Family Circle" here).

And while we're at it, I, _____ resolve to come out to _____ (insert name) as a _____ (insert personal proclivity).

Oh yes, as long as we're in the closet, I, _____, resolve to CLEAN OUT my closet, or at least arrange the drag into readily identifiable groups (this section for cowboy, this one for cowgirl, that one for financial district drag, etc.).

I, _____, resolve to spruce up my apartment. Those oh-so-utilitarian milk crates and cinder blocks with wooden boards stretched across them made fabulous little bookshelves in the Sixties Summer of Love; but here we are in the Nineties Winter of Our Discontent and it's time to upgrade. And please, please break down and buy Levolors — the tie-died Indian bedspreads draped over your windows have got to go!

SIC TRANSIT GLORIA

I, _____, resolve to present a more tasteful appearance of my car. This means I must throw out the "My Husband (Wife) is in the Trunk" yellow diamond-shaped, stick-on sign, and "Boys (Girls) Wanted: No Experience Necessary" license plate frame.

I, _____, resolve to locate a garage space for my car that is closer than 18 blocks from my house and costs less than half my monthly apartment rent.

I, _____, resolve to control my temper on the bus every day on the way home from work, when several rude old ladies (carrying pink plastic see-through bags of heretofore unknown vegetables, manage to poke me with their canes and I sustain minor flesh wounds.

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Well, there you have them. Ready-made resolutions that you most likely have not made before and therefore have not yet broken. Use 'em or lose 'em. Personally, I have only one resolution this year: "I resolve to be the best I can, since nobody else does me as good as I do me."

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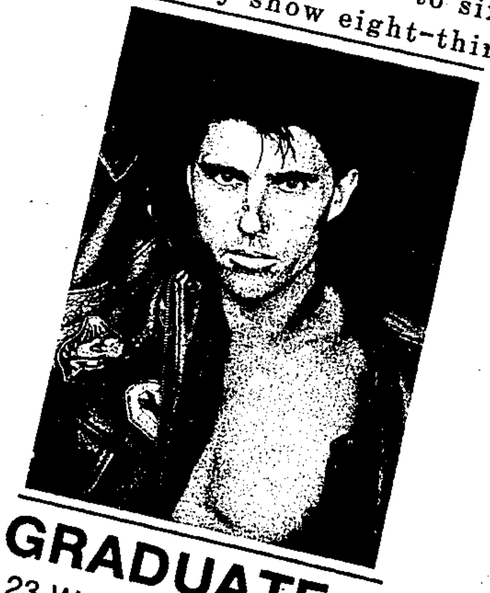

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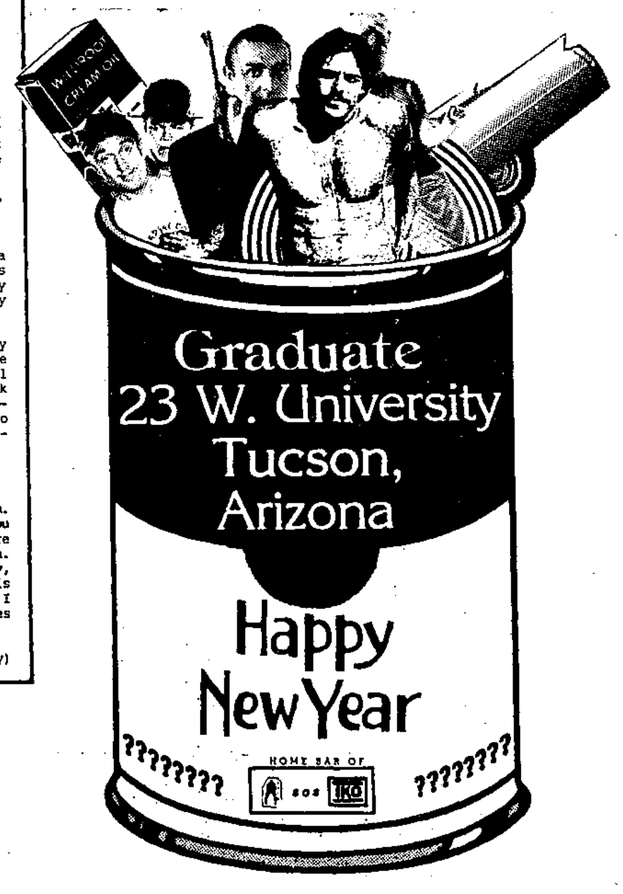

CALENDAR
of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

COLETTE'S - Country/Western Night again with popular vocalist Loren Johnson leading the festivities.

JOSHUA TREE - 12th Annual Hayride to view the Xmas lights and decorations at Winterhaven. Hay-laden truck leaves JT's parking lot at 7:30 p.m. Before the lights though, the truck will stop at all the Gay bars for a short visit and pick up passengers. After Winterhaven the truck will return directly to JT's. Make arrangements ahead of time to be picked up at JT's after the trip. This is always a fun event. Be prepared to dress in case it's cold. Highly recommended.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE!!!!

COLETTE'S - New Year's Eve Party with sit-down dinner 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Buffet and dancing 9 to closing. Free champagne (alcoholic and non) at midnight. A fun time and a great place to bring in the New Year

GRADUATE - A hot time in the old Grad tonight with noise makers, hats, horns and of course, free champagne at midnight - Happy New Year!

FRENCH QUARTER - Brunch will be served from noon until 4 p.m. before the New Years party. A big party is being planned both indoors and out. No Cover and Jason will be playing music from the 40s, 50s and 60s (big bands, Motown, etc.) for listening and dancing inside while the outside bar will be heated plus both outdoor firepits will be going. Festivities in Times Square New York via TV will be the official countdown. Party favors and the whole nine yards to bring in the new year, plus complimentary champagne at midnight. Don't forget to sign up for the free ride home if you don't want to drive. Seating is limited.

IBT'S - Scream in the 90's with the "IBT's Scream Girls". A benefit show for the CAT Committee will begin at 9 p.m., then party afterwards with free champagne at midnight. Non-alcohol drinks for designated drivers. Party, Party, Party - Dance, Dance, Dance!

JOSHUA TREE - The newly remodeled dance floor and new lights will draw plenty of dancers here to bring in the new Year. Hats-noisemakers-horns, the whole ball of wax including free champagne at midnight. Party Hearty!!!!!!

RAINBOW ROOM - Come on in and join the men of '89 send it on it's way and join the men of '90 bring in another year of dancing, fun and wonderful times in the Tucson sun. Party favors and all the good things will make it a lively time at this favorite watering hole.

RUMOR HAZZIT - Plenty of good times here to bring in the New Year with horns, noisemakers, hats, dancing, fun and games. Complimentary champagne at midnight. For those who get too festive, Rumorz is offering free rides home if you sign up early enough because there is limited seating. Call or come in for more details. No cover. Make it!

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

COLETTE'S - Closed all day to recover from New Year's Eve celebrating. Open regular time Tusday.

FRENCH QUARTER - The traditional, complimentary Black-Eyed Peas and Cornbread will be served to bring everyone good luck in the 90s. All the football bowl games will be on the big screen as well as the monitors. Plus Mimosa's to help the aching head. Check out their hot drink menu too.

RUMOR HAZZIT - "Sick Call" begins at noon with $1.25 Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers being served until 3 p.m. Watch your favorite football bowl game on the giant TV screen. Hot Hors D'Oeuvres will be served at 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

GRADUATE - Desert Leathermen Monthly Beer Bust from 2 until 6 p.m. Also MCC will hold one of their fabulous Bake Sales in conjunction with DL beer bout.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

COLETTE'S - The wonderful vocal talents of Anne English begins at 8:30 p.m. No cover. Don't miss her.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

COLETTE'S - That great band Razz-Ma-Tazz returns for another evening of great music.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

GRADUATE - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) will present their January Beer Bust and will raffle lots of prizes from 2 until 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

GRADUATE - Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) will hold their January Beer Bust from 2 until 6 p.m. AND from 5 to 9 p.m. Sisters of Sonora (SOS) will present their monthly Casino Night with guest dealers and lots of nice prizes and lots of fun.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

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.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

The popular Tucson women's band 'Rare Breed' will be hosting a Big New Year's Eve dance at the Days Inn hotel in downtown Tucson. Tickets for the evening will be $17.50 per person if purchased in advance or $25.00 per person at the door. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Semi formal or formal attire required. No reservations. A door prize worth $500 will be presented to the lucky winner during the evening and of course there will be champagne at midnight, along with lots of party favors. For tickets or more information call Tillie: 887-8692; Ernie 622-2209 or Nancy 795-7978 in Tucson. Tickets are non-refundable. Don't forget to ask about Days Inn special rates. Dancing, food and plenty of fun. A hot time in the old town tonight!

In Phoenix a New Years Eve Dance for the Lesbian Defense Fund. Sponsored by P.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.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

40's & Better group Business Meeting 7 p.m. Call 624-5247 for location. At these meetings the group plans future events.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

The New Men's Massage Group will meet 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Instruction, fun. Fee. Call Marc to reserve a space 881-4582 Tucson.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

40's and Better hold their Black and White Ball at the Unitarian Church, 4831 E. 22nd beginning at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

The Community Awards Of Tucson will be held. Watch for details later.

SPORTS

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MONDAY MIXED LEAGUE - 6:30 P.M.
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TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.	PB
1. THE BACKDOOR BOYS	71	34	.676	--
2. BOORS BROTHERS LIMITED	66	39	.628	5
3. THE WEEK AFTER NEXT	66	39	.628	5
4. THE VIRGINS	56	49	.533	15
5. THE STRAY BALLS	55	50	.523	16
6. BANANA NUT BREAD	49	56	.467	22
7. JOSHUA TREE	47	58	.447	24
8. SOMETHIN' REAL CUTE	37	68	.352	34

HIGH SCRATCH GAME: THE BACKDOOR BOYS 715 / BILL C. 235 / CAROL M. 180
HIGH HANDICAP GAME: THE WEEK AFTER NEXT 873 / KURT R. 267 / JAN R. 231
HIGH SCRATCH SERIES: THE BACKDOOR BOYS 1936 / MARK R. 616 / CAROL M. 498
HIGH HANDICAP SERIES: BOORS BROTHERS LTD. 2495 / BOB S. 701 SALLY B. 629
HONOR ROLL: SOMETHIN' REAL CUTE 2287 / DICK B. 528 / CAROL M. 445
MOST IMPROVED: KURT S +10 / MARK K. +9 / FRANK A. +9 / SALLY B. +9
HIGH AVERAGE: BILL C. 172 / DICK B. 169 / MARK K. 167

RAINBOW ROOM BOWLING LEAGUE
WEEK # 13 OF 32
DECEMBER 11, 1989

TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.	AVG.
1. FALL GUYS	38	13	.750	575
2. TEAM #8	34.5	17.5	.663	563
3. STRIKE FORCE	33	19	.634	570
4. GUTTER QUEENS	28	24	.538	562
5. HEAD HUNTERS	26	26	.500	564
6. HARD TIMES	24	28	.461	560
7. LANE BRAINS	22	30	.423	562
8. TEAM #1	21	31	.403	558
9. VIRGINETTES	17	35	.326	547
10. TEAM #4	15.5	36.5	.298	544

HIGH HANDICAP GAME: FALL GUYS 666 / LANE BRAINS 665 / STRIKE FORCE 663 / RICHARD B. 270 / DAVID C. 258 / RICH S. 258.
HIGH HANDICAP SERIES: TEAM #8 1866 / FALL GUYS 1847 / LANE BRAINS 1838. GREG B. 679 / CHARLES T 676 / DAVID C 665

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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 7?? $4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am, Linda Fitzdale.

COLETTE'S WEST - Open 11 a.m. Brunch till 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 at 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 2.

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. Bottled Domestic Beer Nite - $1.25, plus .75 schnapps from 7 pm until 11 pm. 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. Keeger 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 - Come party with Jim Joplin Noon - 6 / 4 to 8 Two for One / 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. Free Hors d'oeuvres 5:30 pm. Progressive Friday: Well drinks $1.25 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 - Come party with Jim Joplin Noon - 6 2 for 1 4-8 pm / Gilbert your DJ 9 to 1.

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

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. Hot Dogs. 8 to 1 Long Island Ice Tea $2.25. Dance with VJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

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Guest Editorial

EDITOR:

Two things I hate doing are criticizing friends that I admire and writing letters. However, sometimes I have to do them, and this is one of those times.

The only time Mark Kerr has every done anything I didn't applaud was when he wrote his Dec. 20th column (DeConcini Recall) which I happened to read Christmas morning. I must compare reading that article to finding some stuff that smells a lot worse than coal in my Christmas stocking.

I recognize that Mark is a "good Democrat" as I certainly hope I am, and I believe Mark's position was much derived from how he feels a "good Democrat" should behave. I simply believe that part of being a good anything requires calling a spade a spade even if that spade happens to be a Democrat.

There are some things I like about Dennis DeConcini but there are two things that I intensely do not like about him. One is his association with and support of Charles Keating and the other is the fact that he has a totally despicable voting record in Congress on Gay, Lesbian and AIDS legislation.

There may be only two possible reasons for these very serious misdeeds. One is that both he and his staff are incredibly stupid and totally uninformed. I do not believe that this is the case. Almost every intelligent person in Arizona knows what a slimeball nut case Charlie Keating was then and is now. It could not have totally escaped DeConcini and his entire staff.

The other possible reason for Deconcini's misdeeds was that he did them knowing the type person with whom he was dealing and went ahead and did it anyway. I have absolutely no sympathy with anyone who entwines himself with a snake like Keating and then shrieks with shock when he gets bitten. (Incidentally, contrary to Mark's statement that "He (DeConcini) has not profited from his terms as a United States Senator...." I do believe that, like most public figures, he has indeed profited to some extend financially from his position. His famous family's CAP land deals were one of the incriminating issues in his last re-election campaign.

But let's put all of this Keating, profiteering, etc. on the back burner for a moment because those issues are not the most relevant ones for me and for the Gay, Lesbian and AIDS community. The most relevant issue to us is a DeConcini congressional voting record on our issues that makes Jessie Helms proud! 78% of the time Senator DeConcini has voted against us and our needs!

As Mark Kerr aptly and fairly pointed out in his article, Dennis DeConcini has voted in our favor only about 22% of the time in Congress even the hostile Republican Party has managed to produce Representative Jay Rhodes and Jim Kolbe who have respective voting records 2 and 3 times more frequently in our favor. If we rate our elected officials (and I think we should) by the way they vote on laws that directly affect our lives and the lives of our friends, Dennis DeConcini is no friend of Gays, Lesbians and the war on AIDS. A 22% positive voting record not only gives DeConcini a report card grade of 'F', but a very low 'F' at that.

Our community must learn to vote our issues in elections that includes recall elections. We should support the Democratic Party because that is the party that supports us, but we should never allow elected officials and their bad voting records to hide behind the skirts of the supportive Democratic Party. Our community must become informed as to the voting records of our elected officials and let them know exactly how we feel about their voting records. (this can easily be done by working with the Human Rights Campaign Fund and its Speakout Campaign. Call the New York office at (202)628-4160 or locally Charlie Harrison at (602)252-1343.

And I very respectfully submit to Mark Kerr that the Gay, Lesbian and AIDS community would have a tough time replacing DeConcini with anyone who would vote more often against us.

In my opinion, Ed Buck has set up the perfect situation for a "two for one" Senatorial recall (let's not forget Senator John McCain who has, if possible, an even worse voting record on our issues than DeConcini). If I were either one of these two Senators and looked out my window to see this group of extremely diverse factions (the gun goons, the Mechamites and the Faggots) calling a truce against each other just so that they could all unite and use their time and energy to come after me, I would definitely tend to ruin my pants on the spot.

A new year always brings changes. This year may bring a change in new United States Senators for Arizona. But without question, this year must bring a change, and a major one, in the voting records of Arizona's Senators on Gay, Lesbian and AIDS issues whoever these Senators might be!

Sincerely
Charlie Harrison

[ED NOTE: In next week's issue OBSERVER will carry the voting records of Senators DeConcini and McCain on issues that affected the Gay, Lesbian and AIDS communities]

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A View From The Rock

Commentary from Cornerstone Fellowship . . . .

By the time you read this 1990 will be less than a week away, and then another decade will have ended. Many people are so pre-occupied with what is going to happen in the next ten years that they have already dismissed the last ten as dead and buried in the annals of history.

I suppose it is an inherent trait of homo sapiens to want to know what lies ahead in the future. For some, this is big business in the form of astrology, fortune-telling, psychic predictions, upon which "inquiring minds' hang with baited breath.

The funny thing is, regardless of whether our horoscopes, palm readings, or tabloid prophecies materialize or not, life still goes on. It is not always for us to know everything about the future, for such knowledge could not possibly be retained for only noble purposes. One can only imagine the abuses possible when mankind takes control of its destiny.

Fortunately, most of us Christians let God take care of the future. Jesus Himself said, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:34).

It has been theorized that half of everything we worry about will never happen, and the other half will happen whether we worry about it or not. The obvious solution, then, is not to worry!

Certainly the future holds many surprises for us all. How boring life would be if we knew its course beforehand. Some of it may be tragic, some joyous, but all of it an adventure for the taking. The best we can do is follow Christ's example and take one day at a time.

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On Sunday, Dec. 31, Cornerstone Fellowship will celebrate its traditional New Year's Eve observance with a games night and Watchnight Service. We will gather at the church at 8:00 p.m. for munchies and bingo (non-cash prizes), and then regroup for a worship service at 11:00 p.m., during which we will reflect on the past year and welcome in the new. Everyone is welcome to join us ata any point in the evening to celebrate this festive occasion.

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A COMMENTARY BY
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

Say Goodbye To The 1980s

Come with me on a journey out of one of the most bizarre decades in human history. Okay, so it's not that bizarre — but pretty damn close! Since this looney decade started, we've gotten:

** "E.T. the extraterrestrial AND the entertainment program.

** Presidents Reagan AND Bush — as if one wasn't bad enough.

** Corazon Aquino's People's Movement; Imelda Marcos' 2000 pair of shoes; the death of Ferdinand Marcos.

** AIDS; Rock Hudson, Amanda Blake and Ryan White.

** Abscam, Iran-Gate, and all the other political scandals yet to be uncovered.

** Stupid questions like "Where's the beef?"; "Where was George?"; and "How's it hangin' Dude?"

** The rise of popularity in foods like sushi; pasta; salad bars; anything microwaveable.

** Oxygenated fuels.

** The marriages of Chuck and Di, Melanie and Don Johnson, Arnold and Maria, Demi and Bruce Willis; the offspring of Chuck and Di, Melanie and Don, Arnold and Maria, Demi and Bruce.

** The shuttle Columbia's inaugural flight; the Challenger explosion; Voyager's spectacular fly-by of Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune.

** Discovery of atomic particle "W"; genetically modified plant and animal products; people protesting animals used for scientific experiments; the three trapped grey whales in Alaska.

** U.S. admission that interment of Japanese-Americans in World War Two was wrong; Vatican admission that it helped Nazis escape after the war; the Hitler Diaries forgery; remains of Dr. Josef Mengele found in Brazil.

** Earthquakes in Japan, Coalinga, San Francisco, Guinea, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Mexico, Armenia and San Francisco.

** The demise of the AT&T monopoly; birth of the regional telephone systems known as Baby-Bells; MCI: Sprint; car telephones; portable telephones.

** The first state seat-belt law; conviction of William Rider for raping his wife; Sandra Day O'Connor as first female Supreme Court Justice.

** The first successful liver transplant from a living donor; the first successful implanting of artificial heart; AZT.

** Rupert Murdoch; FOX — the fourth network; Premiere magazine; the new look for TV Guide.

** New Coke; Sylvester Stallone; Vanessa Williams; Morton Downey Jr.; "Ishtar"; Robert Bork; "Baywatch"; Presidents Reagan AND Bush; Marilyn Quayles' hairstyle; "Dynasty"; Roseanne Barr; "The Cosby Show"; Medical waste on beaches.

** SWATCH watches and associated products.

** Crack cocaine; drug addicted newborns.

** The highest illiteracy rate in modern American history; the highest number of homeless in modern American history; an increase in racial, sexual and all other prejudice-related hate crimes.

** The films: Out of Africa, The Last Emperor, A Room With A View (proving there is still some hope)

** The television programs: Star Trek: The Next Generation, L.A. Law, All Is Forgiven, Wiseguy and Murphy Brown (again proving there is still hope).

** The Green House effect; floods in Burma killing thousands; the largest fire in recorded history in Yellowstone National Park; Hurricane Gilbert, the most powerful ever recorded in the Northern Hemisphere.

** Growing Democracy in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, East Germany, Poland and Russia; the executions of Chinese students for protesting democracy.

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Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus

After a year of getting things started, organizational challenges that would make John Wayne weep, and a lot, a very lot of rehearsals, the Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus presented their Tucson audience with two concerts within one month. On Dec. 8, they presented their first annual winter concert at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Their free Christmas sing-fest, "Holiday Express", was presented on Dec. 20 at the Metropolitan Community Church.

The Chorus, although entitled the Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus, is not connected with the Metropolitan Community Church, however, that is where they have been holding their rehearsals. Confused? Don't be. This is a fine, new, mixed chorus of mostly Gay men and Lesbians who have lovingly joined together to bring our community the fine art of vocal music.

Perhaps not yet in the category with the San Francisco Gay Men's Choir or the Twin Cities Men's Chorus, the group here in Tucson shows great promise.

During their first concert on Dec. 8, they undertook music of hefty proportions. Not content with opening their first concert in Tucson with the traditional rendering of "The Star spangled Banner", they sang a rousing version of a special arrangement done by Chorus director John Kissler. The audience was at first stunned and then pleasantly surprised and delighted with this new variation.

This first concert also featured such works as the haunting, "Shenandoah" and the popular Irving Berlin hit, "Steppin' Out With My Baby", which was sung, tongue in cheek, by the Women's Ensemble. The program also featured an exceptional solo performance by James Shafer, bass, of a John Kissler piece entitled, "Five Poems of Emily Dickerson". Mr. Shafer, although fevered with flu, gave a solid performance of this very challenging piece of music.

Daniel Ide sang a tenor solo during the second half of the program entitled, "For Your Love". Mr. Ide has a very engaging and pleasant voice, however his presentational style needs work as does his control and breath support. We look forward to hearing him as a soloist again in the future, once he has had a little more time to develop the potential of his talent to greater completeness.

The Chorus' prize of the evening was their presentation of Brent Pierce's "Hosanna In Excelsis". Highly spirited and requiring great precision to execute as its composer intended, this Chorus approached the piece with enthusiasm and gave the audience their money's worth. Often gentle, sometimes overpowering, but always precise, the conclusion of this piece brought a standing ovation from a very appreciative audience.

The Chorus' free holiday concert on Dec. 20 presented a traditional program which included a very strong, "O Tannenbaum" and "Fum, Fum, Fum". It also included modern pieces such as "The Message of the Holly" by Emily Crocker and a twist ont he traditional "I Saw Daddy Kissing Santa Claus", complete with mime actors.

Pasha Halajian sang a soprano solo, accompanied by the entire Chorus, of the Bach-Gounod "Ave Maria". It sent shivers up the spine of this jaded reviewer. With a clear, solid voice, under almost perfect control at all times, Ms. Halajian sang a moving rendition of this popular classic.

A major portion of the bass section was absent from this second performance and that absence was highly noticeable. When the Chorus again sang their highly acclaimed version of Piece's "Hosanna", the thin, almost total absence of sold bass support could be noted, especially in solo passages. The absence was again noticeable in the rather up-beat version of "O Little Town Of Bethlehem". Although the tenors and baritones tried to cover, the lack of bass voices left the piece thin and incomplete.

The evening ended with the Chorus moving from the stage and joining the audience to engage in a warm and moving, often highly artistic, audience sing-a-long.

John Kissler, music director and James Erlich, manager, are to be congratulated for the very fine Chorus they have shepherded over the past year. Mr. Kissler's talents as a choral director, as well as his ability as a music composer and atranger are very strong. He is well liked by the members of the Chorus and yet has managed to maintain a professional atmosphere that is often lacking in many small Gay and Lesbian community choirs and choruses that are currently found in America.

With these two concerts, he has demonstrated his ability to bring just the right seasoning to a musical banquet that offers great promise to those of us who have been starved for a high quality chorus here in the Gay and Lesbian communities of Tucson. Indeed, here is a talent in which we can all take pride.

Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus - two jobs very well done!

Club Gentry Cafe

by Christopher McPherson

There is a fine, new restaurant worth trying: The Club Gentry Cafe -known simply as The Gentry- almost exclusively targets the Gay and Lesbian Community in Phoenix. It has only been open a few months, but the atmosphere, food and service are not to be missed.

Dining with a friend during the week, we enjoyed the music and singing of Wendy DuPont on piano, taking requests from diners as she left for a break, stopping and chatting briefly with them. A nice touch which is offered every day.

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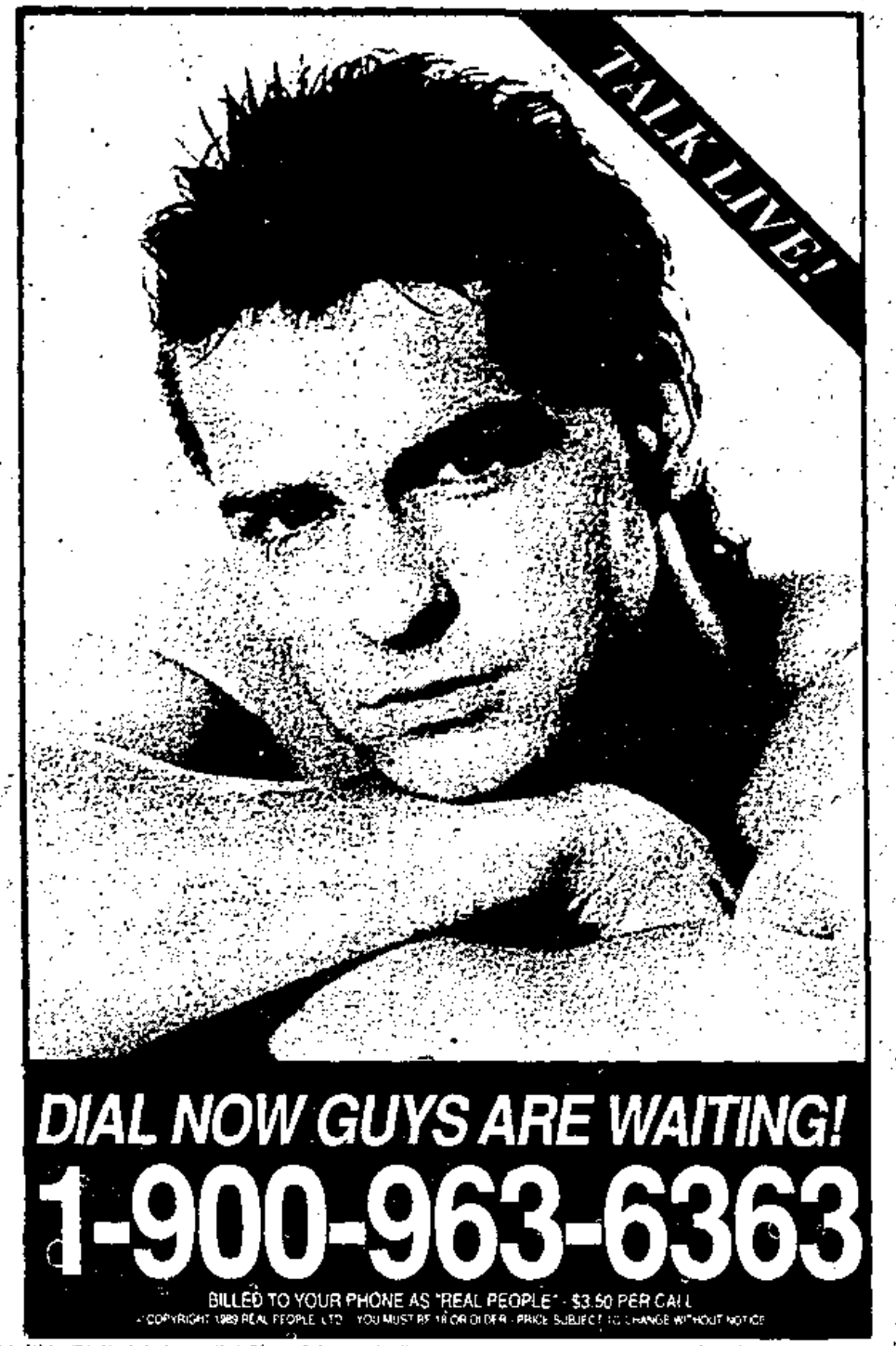

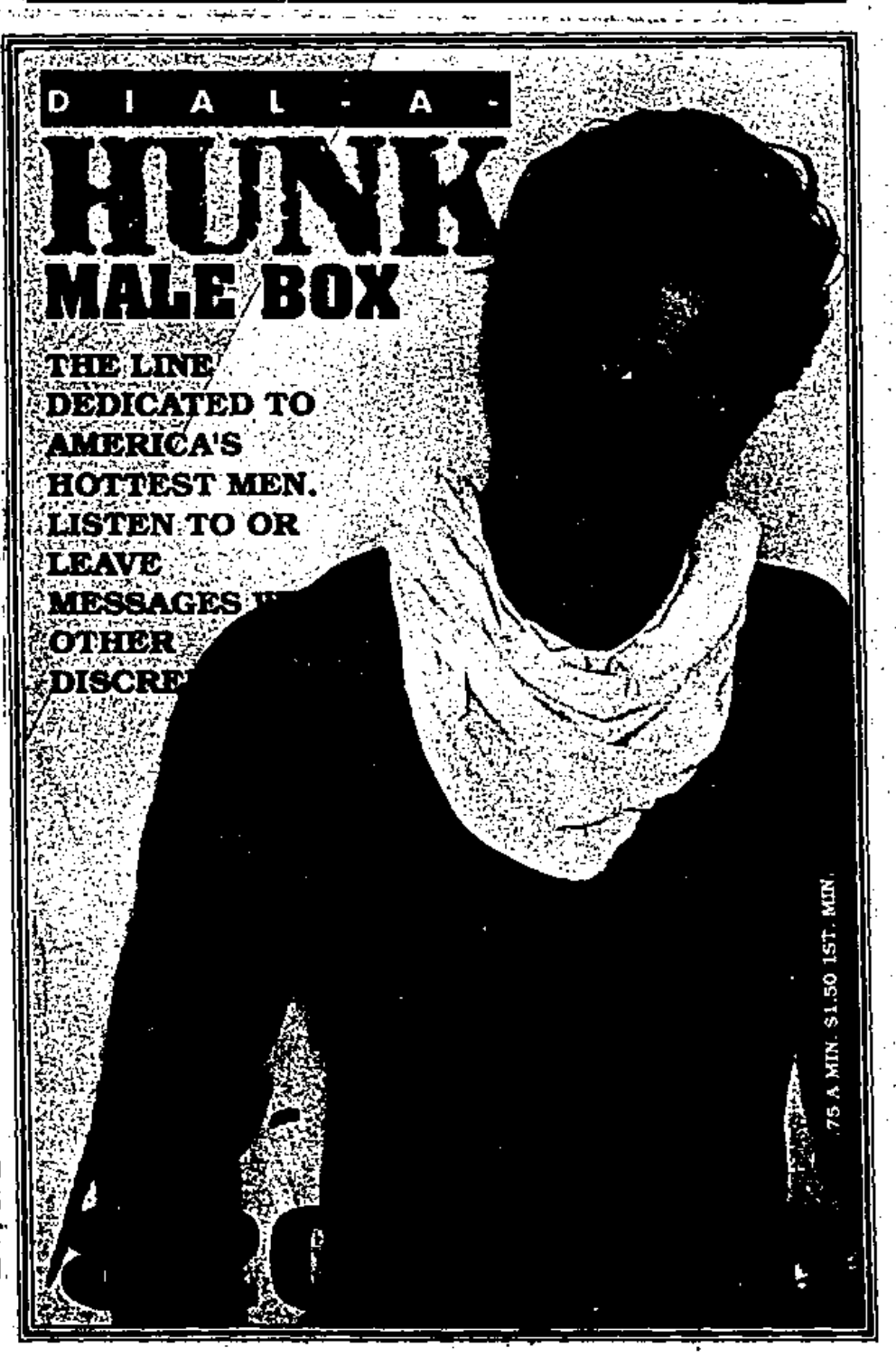

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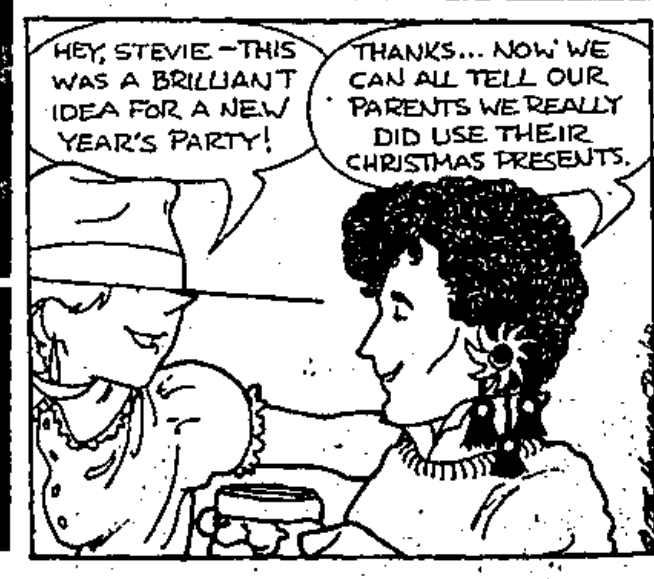

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SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON
Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 pm at 602 N. 4th Ave. Potential Shanti volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 8 pm only. Phone 622-7107.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. In Tucson contact Joan 790-7526 or Jan 885-7118 or write P.O. Box 17747, Tucson, AZ 85731-7747. All replies confidential.

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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Hotline service, 2-4 weekdays, and Mon. & Wed. eves. Men's night on Mondays 7:30 pm. Womyn's night on Wednesdays 7 pm. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 Tucson.

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