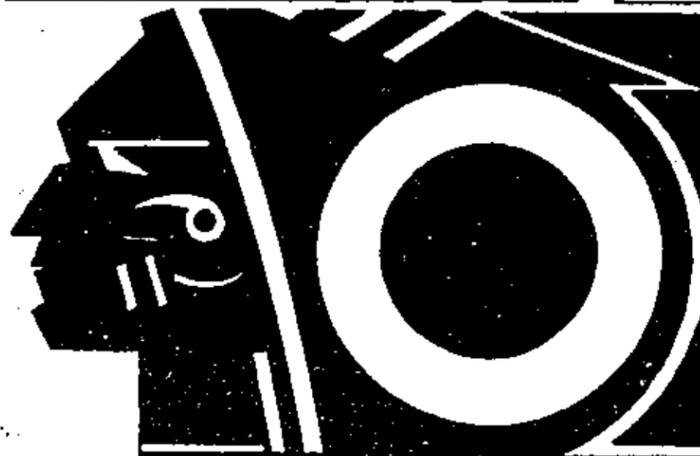


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## Barney Frank Released From Hospital



BARNEY FRANK

BOSTON, MA - Rep. Barney Frank, released in late November from the hospital after suffering a mild

heart attack, says he'll be back at work on Capitol Hill when Congress convenes. "There's no good time for something like to happen, but at least Congress is out now," Frank said.

Frank spent nine days at Beth Israel Hospital after suffering chest pains while exercising. Medical procedures showed that his coronary artery was blocked, and doctors used balloon angioplasty to restore the blood flow.

The 50-year-old Democrat said he would continue his recuperation in Washington, D.C. Douglas Cahn, a spokesman for Frank, said Congress is scheduled to convene Jan. 3 for swearing-in ceremonies and then re-convene Jan. 23. He said the Congressman's office was operating normally and would be in daily contact with Frank.

The hospital said in a statement that stress tests show Frank's heart is functioning well, and chief cardiologist Dr. William Grossman said he is optimistic that Frank will recover fully. Frank won re-election in the Massachusetts 4th District on Nov. 6.

## ACLU Files \$1.5 Million Anti-Gay Violence Suit Against DEA

In what is believed to be the first anti-Gay violence case brought against employees of the United States government, the American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project and the New York Civil Liberties Union has filed suit against three agents of the federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) who are accused of viciously beating two Gay men.

The suit, which seeks \$1.5 million in damages, comes at a time when violence against Lesbians and Gay men has increased tremendously in New York City and across the country. The case, filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, is brought against an agency that is an arm of the U.S. Justice Department, which was charged this year by Congress with collecting statistics on hate-motivated crimes.

The suit charges that two Manhattan residents, Marc J. Anderson and Jeffrey E. Grubb were brutally assaulted by three DEA agents following a minor traffic incident. While beating Anderson and Grubb, the agents repeatedly called them "faggots," and made other derisive comments. Specifically, the ACLU and NYCLU are charging that the agent's unwarranted physical and verbal attacks -- in addition to the false imprisonment and false arrest -- on Grubb and Anderson violated the couple's Fourth and Fifth Amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution.

"This is a particularly deplorable incident of anti-Gay violence," said William B. Rubenstein, the Director of the ACLU's national Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "How can we expect the curb the tide of hatred in our society when our government's own agents are contributing to it?"

Norman Siegel, the Executive Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, agreed that this case is particularly important because it involves government agents. "We are drawing the line with this case," he said. "We hope to send an unequivocal message to law enforcement officials that acts of homophobia and bigotry will not be tolerated any longer."

The DEA agents attacked Anderson and Grubb in the early evening of November 16, 1988, when the couple's motorcycle nicked the bumper of an unmarked black sedan parked outside of the Upper West Side architecture office where Anderson works. Before he could get off his motorcycle, Grubb was as-

saulted by one of the three agents. And when Anderson came over to attempt to talk to the man beating his lover of more than six years, he was brutally attacked by the other two agents.

"When I saw what was happening to Jeff, I came over to tell the guy that he didn't need to do that, that we could talk about it," Anderson said. "But before I could even finish the sentence, I was jumped from behind by two guys."

After this initial round of violence, Grubb asked his lover if he was OK, prompting an additional beating. "One of the agents said, 'Don't worry about your boyfriend, you ugly faggot,'" Grubb said. "Then two of them attacked me and dragged me down the street."

Before the incident was over, both Grubb and Anderson had been beaten in the face, head, back, chest and stomach. Both suffered numerous physical injuries and required the care of a physician. In addition to being beaten by the three DEA agents, both Grubb and Anderson were arrested and charged with numerous crimes that were later dismissed before going to trial. At no time did the DEA allege that the case involved drugs in any way.

The three DEA agents are identified in the court papers as Dennis Branen, Ross Kindestin and Ed Wisniewski, each of whom was employed as an agent of the Drug Enforcement Agency at the time of the attack. The suit is also being filed against the United States government itself.

Although Grubb and Anderson filed a complaint with the Justice Department against the three agents, the government -- after a lengthy investigation -- declined to press criminal charges against the men. "It is not surprising that the government did not press charges against the agents," said Rubenstein. "The government rarely prosecutes its own employees."

Siegel, the executive director of the NYCLU, said, "New York is faced with compelling statistical evidence of a worsening climate of bias related violence. Unfortunately, homophobia is alive and present in New York City."

"The attack was not just a routine street fight," Rubenstein said. "It was a beating brutally aggravated by the DEA agent's apparent violent hatred of Gay people."

## INS Law Revision Drops Ban On Gays

WASHINGTON, DC - On Nov. 29, President George Bush signed a revised Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) law that reversed banning foreign homosexuals and relaxed the ban on HIV+ persons from entering the United States.

In signing, Bush said that it "enhances America's singular advantage as an international magnet for eager and talented people." NGLTF's Robert Bray said that "the American dream is now made possible for Gays and Lesbian around the world."

In addition to allowing homosexuals entry into the United States, it dropped the exclusion of people infected with HIV, letting the Executive Branch of the government to decide whether to include it as a disease keeping people from entering the country. In the last Congress it was added as a disease restricting HIV patients from entry. Those restrictions were legislated by Sen. Jesse Helms. Bray said that "the world is watching to see whether Bush will strike AIDS from the list of illnesses now that Congress has removed any

excuse" for barring people on that basis.

Gay activists have been crediting Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA) for change in the INS laws. "He was instrumental in dismantling one of the most loathsome forms of institutional codified oppression," Robert Bray said. NGLTF's Legislative Director Peri Jude Radevic said, Frank "has worked tirelessly over the last several sessions for this policy change. We applaud his effort, greatly."

"This repeals the two phrases (sexual deviates and psychopathic personalities) that has barred Gays," said Frank. "It was obnoxious just to have it on the books. I think we now have the American statute book clean. There are still obnoxious policies, like in the military, but there is nothing statutory that I am aware of now on the federal level that is anti-Gay."

# UPDATE

## JTS Shanti Raffle

TUCSON - The Joshua Tree is holding a Christmas/News Years 50/50 Raffle to benefit the Shanti Foundation of Tucson. Tickets are \$1.00 each and are for sale every Sunday afternoon until December 30. As the deadline draws closer, the tickets will be offered more regularly.

On Dec. 30 at 5:00 p.m. the drawing will take place. The winning ticket will win 50% of what has been collected and Shanti will receive the other half. The winner does not have to be physically present but a big party is being planned around that hour and it would be fun to have the winner present.

The fundraiser began on Dec. 2nd and there is nearly \$50 in the 'pot' now. It is expected that there will be \$300 at drawing time. If that were the case, you could win \$150 and Shanti would also be a winner with the other \$150. A unique raffle and one that it is hoped everyone will take advantage of.

## Weather Or Not

by Bart

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## Texas Sodomy Law

### Ruled Unconstitutional

DALLAS, TX - At presstime, in a late-breaking story, a Texas judge has just ruled unconstitutional the state's century-old law against homosexual sodomy. Homosexuals from Austin, Houston and Dallas had urged State District Judge Paul Davis to overturn the 1879 law that made it a misdemeanor, punishable by a \$200 fine for two people of the same gender to have "deviant sexual intercourse". The opponents had said that the law violated privacy and encouraged discrimination against homosexuals.

## Vacancy Announcement

TUCSON - The Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus will have the following Board positions open January 1, 1991: Vice President for Business Affairs; Director of Concerts; Director of Music.

For more information call 744-4364

## Children's Home Toy Drive Ends Dec. 15

TUCSON - Toys, clothes, food are being collected to be donated to the Arizona Children's Home on Dec. 16. The last day to donate toys will be December 14. Collections will be made on December 15.

Drop-off locations for gifts for the Children's Home include Colette's West, Hours, Rumors 2222, Graduate and IBT's. Your help in making some needy children happy this holiday season is appreciated.

## In Memoriam

Ray B. Basham, 67, died Monday, Dec. 3, 1990. Ray is survived by a son, two daughters, and four grandchildren. Private services were held at South Lawn Mortuary. Uncle Ray, as he was affectionately called, was a resident of Tucson and a long-time member of MCC/Tucson. There will be a memorial service at MCC/Tucson, watch for date and details to be announced.

## TKO's Make-A-Wish Christmas Tree Raffle

TKO'S MAKE-A-WISH XMAS RAFFLE  
TUCSON - On display at the Graduate now is the Tucson Knight Owls Christmas tree that is being raffled off for the annual "Make-A-Wish program. After years of trying, (without growing success), TKO has plowed the live, plantable tree under, and this year has come up with an artificial tree, fully decorated. As in the past, the winner will not only win the fully decorated tree, but also the money on top of the tree. It is hoped that Tucson will get behind this annual benefit, as always, and support this very worthwhile benefit.

The "Make-A-Wish" program, tries to grant wishes to terminally ill children, to bring a laugh, a smile, a silent moment of awe, a taste of what childhood should be... to these children whose lives are never to be lived out. This program has grown from the very first office located here in Tucson to stretch around the complete globe, and is still growing.

This year's tree, along with other gifts, will be raffled off during TKO's annual Christmas show on Dec. 22 at the Graduate. Tickets will only be sold this year at the Graduate up to the end of the show. Check the Graduate's ad in next week's OBSERVER for a list of those who will be performing in this very special Christmas Show.

The members of TKO all realize that this is the season that many organizations all come out asking for money. They also know that not everyone can fully support all benefits. So, they are asking each of you who are able to not only support those different benefits that you can, but support this benefit also. In the past few years, TKO has been sponsoring this yearly benefit, the monies you have donated has helped send children to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, to Disney World and helped grant wishes to others too numerous to mention.

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### Simpson Rip-Offs Turn Ugly

LOS ANGELES, CA - Bart Simpson is no longer just a pint-sized cartoon character with yellow skin, spiked hair and a big attitude.

Now, depending on the venue, he is black, Hispanic, Jewish, homophobic, sexually deviant or an outspoken foe of Dianne Feinstein when she was unsuccessfully running for Governor of California. Bootleg T-shirts of television's animated bad boy have been cropping up across the country for months. But illegal Simpsons euphoria now has seemingly gotten out of hand.

At the University of Iowa, the right-wing Campus Review recently published a drawing of Bart warning off gay people while holding a loaded sling shot.

Shirts depicting Bart in a sexual act with his sister are among the obscene Simpsons items that are being sold. The ugly turn of such rip-offs distresses Simpsons creator Matt Groening and parent Fox Broadcasting Co., home of prime-time's biggest cartoon hit, The Simpsons.

But illegal reproductions of TV's most popular dysfunctional family cover a confounding spectrum. Distasteful depictions occupy the most extreme end. At the other are an amazing variety of cultural reproductions.

The Simpsons, in all their yellow, bug-eyed glory, have been adopted and adapted by diverse minority groups with little in common except their hunger for public heroes.

From the Black community comes

"Air Bart" and "Magic Bart" takeoffs on popular professional basketball players Michael "Air" Jordan of the Chicago Bulls and Magic Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers. In Mexico's border town of Tijuana, you can buy "Bart Sanchez" T-shirts and Bart Pinatas. In Israel, there are "Simpsons" yarmulkes. Recast Simpsons paraphernalia also has been sighted in Nicaragua and the Cayman Islands.

The whole thing leaves Groening "baffled and amazed." Some of it amuses him and some of it is just plain annoying. Twentieth Century Fox, owners of the Fox Network and the Simpsons copyright, "is not amused by my amusement," Groening said recently. "They've done a whole bunch of raids and confiscated T-shirts," Groening said. "Fox takes this as seriously as Disney does."

As for the inflammatory term for gays used by the Iowa college publication, Fox spokesman Brad Turell said, "It really hasn't come to our attention legally." "It's really unfortunate that people who have no rights to these characters defile them and do things that are really unfair to them," Turell said. Not to mention the lost revenues from copyright infringement.

But to Groening, that is not really the issue. "Somebody's making a lot of money off this," he said. "But money has never been my first concern." Why have his cartoon characters become such a model for minority groups? "Bart looks cool no matter what skin color," Groening said. "He lends himself to any color treatment."

### Evangelist Says Art Show for Kids Had Sexual Theme

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - Evangelist Pat Robertson charged last week that a children's puppet show featured simulated oral sex was performed at an Atlanta Arts Festival allegedly subsidized by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Robertson's claims were denied by the arts endowment, the Georgia state arts council and puppeteer Jon Ludwig of Atlanta.

"This is the latest example of the continual distortion of fact by the arts endowment's most virulent critics, those intent on eliminating the agency at any cost, even that of the truth," said Jack Lichtenstein, the endowment's chief spokesman.

Robertson said the puppet show, at the Atlanta Arts Festival before 800 people, including children, featured "approximately five minutes of simulated foreplay between two puppets followed by an exhibit of oral sex acts."

Robertson said his Christian Coalition in Chesapeake, Virginia, responded by generating 27,000 petitions demanding the arts endowment be abolished. The petitions were sent to Congress.

"The Atlanta Arts Festival is supposed to be a family affair," Robertson said. "If the weirdos on the federal dole do not stop peddling obscenity, members of Congress will hear from angry voters in November."

Robertson said 8 percent of the festival's \$760,000 budget came from public sources including arts endowment money funneled through the Georgia Council on the Arts, a state government agency.

But Lichtenstein and Frank Ratka, the council's executive director, denied that any arts endowment funds went to the festival. Ratka said the council gave the festival \$33,500 in state funds only this year.

Ludwig, artistic director of the Center for Puppetry Arts, in Atlanta, who wrote and directed the festival puppet show, denied that it contained simulated oral sex. He characterized it as a "morality play" intended only for adult audiences.

The festival theater stage was fenced off from general view because of the adult nature of the evening performances. About a half dozen children were among the audience of 800 people, despite warning signs and pre-performance announcements.

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# "You Are Not Alone"

by Scotti Levine, PLMA Tucson

As we come to the close of another year and forge forward into the second decade of the AIDS epidemic, we should be reminded of the blessings this travesty presents us. Surely no one can deny the enormous pain, loss and suffering AIDS has instilled. There is no way around that. Nor can one take lightly the lack of adequate government response, even in the recognition of how vastly devastating this situation is. No one can argue that these issues aren't real. Furthermore, that there is much to be done.

die; rather to take the time left, utilizing it to promote self-love, healing and growth.

This attitude has allowed me to recognize the true nature of my character. To center myself, learn what my potentials are. To truly come to love myself, wholly and completely. I have overcome many fears, insecurities and weaknesses - and yes, I still have faults; it is an on-going process. Though, if cliché's are applicable here, then let me say that "out of weakness comes strength" and "love truly does conquer all".

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Which brings me to my point: there are indeed, points of light and even some gifts to be obtained from all this. To begin with, this crisis has brought unity, compassion and strength to a community that had forgotten what these principals were through the "big party" of the 1970s. The excessive emphasis on free love, drugs and hedonism caused many to forget that intimacy and communication are, in the long run, more gratifying than one night of escapism.

This is not to say that I advocate a positive status to everyone so that they too can learn these lessons... I'd really like to wake up to find that this entire mess has been a bad dream. That is not the reality though.

In conclusion, it should be said that in keeping things in perspective, there is no way to ignore the sadness, strife and anguish. Still, if we could all come to learn these lessons; if we were a little less judgmental and more objective and if we would all try to incorporate the principals of self-empowerment and positive thinking into the daily routine, then our lives would all be more enriched and blessed.

Through this crisis we have pooled together and shown that we care for our own and ourselves. While intimacy is still difficult, even foreign to some, it is far more prevalent today than 10 years ago. In addition, the information of all the various AIDS service organizations across the nation is exemplary of the very essence of community spirit and responding to a great cry of needs.

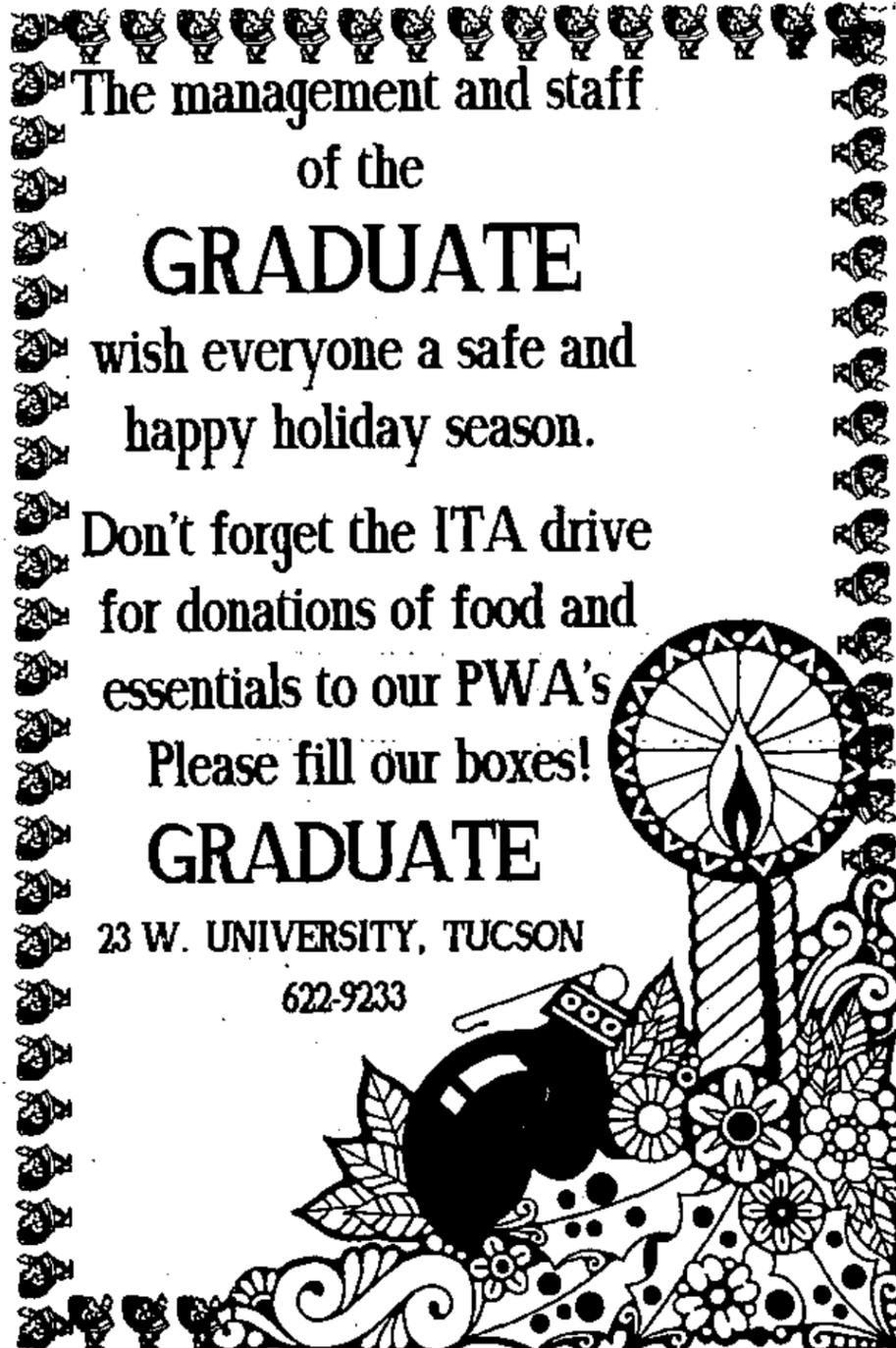
With this, I wish the community of Tucson a joyous holiday season. May 1991 be full of good health, good friends and the gifts of life.

With love in my heart,  
Scotti Levine.

The management and staff of the GRADUATE wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

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Granted, politics and philosophies may keep some factions from doing as much as they could. Coupled with an ever-present battle to dispel the ignorance and prejudices that are also so damaging, the fact remains that much good work is being done, including right here in Tucson. Unifying not only the Gays but the overall community as well - changing our values and pushing us towards a realm of understanding and love.

Organizations such as PACT for Life are doing so much to show the public that a positive antibody individual, even those (like myself) living with full-blown AIDS, are making so much headway. Setting precedents and serving as positive, reinforcing role models for those who, unfortunately, will come after us. As a board member of this organization, I am proud to participate in the various projects PACT is involved in. My work with PACT as well as TAP and SHANTI is rewarding beyond my expectations.

If someone were to have told me two years ago that I would be so actively involved in public speaking, fund raising, peer counseling and so on, I would have laughed and said, "Yeah, right!" However, that is what I do now, and the knowledge that I have helped even one person, that I am helping to lay the groundwork for those who will come after, brings me much joy.

Probably the biggest blessing I have received in the 18 months since my diagnosis has been the tremendous growth and self-awareness within myself. After diagnosis (which came along with a near-death "first bout"), I made the choice not to curl up and

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### Suit Cleared for Gay Man Against Scouts



SAN FRANCISCO, CA (AP) - A judge has cleared the way for a Gay man, Timothy Curran, 29, to proceed with a bias suit against the Boy Scouts of America's ban on homosexuals. Curran was asked to

leave the Scouts in 1980 and sued in 1981. A judge ruled earlier this month that the council in the San Francisco Bay area is subject to California's civil rights laws.

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### What's Up Doc ???

On display at the Graduate presently is this year's TKO's Christmas Tree to be raffled off, along with other gifts, in TKO's annual benefit for the Make-A-Wish program. Take a minute to read elsewhere in this week's OBSERVER for a full explanation and news of this worthwhile benefit.

Another benefit going on presently that I hope everyone will help support is the ITA (Independent Tavernowners Association) drive to collect items for distribution to PWAs here in Tucson. Items that are needed are tooth brushes and paste, hair brushes, bars of soap, even laundry soap, canned food items, etc. These items will go a long way in helping PWAs live a normal life and not have to spend their meager savings on these essential items. The cost of medication and doctor's appointments are expensive and AIDS does not choose to attack only those fortunate enough to have unlimited finances.

Items for this benefit can be dropped off at any ITA member here in Tucson, or those of you in Phoenix, check either the OBSERVER or Western Express for a complete list of ITA members.

With the Christmas season upon us and the fellowship and love shared by all at this time of the year, I look back to those we have lost this past year and ponder how much longer are we going to have to live under the AIDS threat? Maybe 1991 will be the year

something more positive will come out of one of the research centers that is working to find a cure. We all have friends who are HIV positive and keep our fingers crossed that they will be with us for a full span of normal life.

When I see different benefits going on around Tucson, each trying to raise a little money to help those PWAs, it saddens me that we have to keep having these because of the strict laws when it comes to new and possible helpful medications that are out there. It is also saddening because some of the PWAs are unable to work, thus just trying to buy normal every day necessities sometimes is difficult. The money needed for these items are usually eaten up in their own personal medicines and doctor's appointments.

As you travel around Tucson looking for that special Christmas gift for that special person in your own life, think also as to what you could give to the ITA benefit that will go a long way in helping our brothers and sisters stricken. Let's open our hearts and pockets a little more this year so they may also have a rewarding and merry Christmas.

With that I will close for this week. From way deep in my heart, I pray everyone will have a most rewarding and loving Christmas. To send cards out to all of you would not be a smart move, so consider this my personal card to each of you.

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# Great Outdoors Lake Powell Trip 1990

[ED NOTE: Each year in the fall, Great Outdoors in Tucson teams up with Desert Adventures of Phoenix and goes on a long weekend houseboating on Lake Powell. Each year the group always returns ecstatic about the trip. If you are interested in viewing some of the most scenic, rugged and beautiful landscape in the southwest, contact the phone number at the end of this article and make plans to join the 'crew' for next year's outing].

TUCSON - Twelve adventurous individuals - a mixed crew of 6 men and 6 women, left Tucson, Phoenix and one each from Kentucky and Ohio left for Jerome, Arizona, and spent Saturday having a good time. About 7:30 a.m., after a leisurely breakfast, we loaded our cars, pickups, vans etc. and headed for Flagstaff. There we stopped and loaded up with the last minute goodies we had forgotten for our snacks and meals.

As usual, each couple or pair, cooked one meal. A brunch, or a dinner; did the dishes, and were finished for the rest of the trip. We found that this works very well. You prepare a meal for twelve persons, then are able to relax and enjoy the rest of the

trip. This year, we had a professional photographer from ABC with us, who took videos to compile a tape of the trip. The results were fantastic, and everyone on the trip received an edited copy. The amateur photographers, took their usual load of pictures, and we had a party in Tucson about three weeks after the trip to be review the tapes and photographs.

As we left Flagstaff for Mexican Hat, Utah, where we had reserved rooms for the night, we could see a storm building up in the East heading for us. It hit about 4:30 in the afternoon. Our car managed to drive right through, but a couple of the vehicles were stopped by gully washers, and water across the road. So, a few arrived just before the restaurant closed for the night. We had a few drinks, and turned in for an early start the next morning.

Leaving Mexican Hat, we turned off for a short stop at the Goose Necks, a fantastic place to take photos. The river, about a thousand feet below us turns on itself about 5 times in a very short area. As we were

leaving, a couple of Indian women came in and were setting up a jewelry stand at the edge of the Goose Necks. They had some beautiful stuff.

We then proceeded to the face of a 3,000 foot bluff, and watched the road turn on itself many times as we climbed to the top. There we found a shrub forest, and a little further on, a ranger station, offering trips through the wilderness area that you went by foot or pack mule.

We stopped to photograph some Indian ruins we'd found four years before, as many on this trip had not been with us then, and wanted pictures.

Arriving at Halls Crossing, we received our houseboat, and proceeded to bring everything we'd brought into the boat. A couple went and picked up a motor boat to be used as a tag-a-long, and we met then outside the harbor and tied them on. Our pilot then proceeded to head us south toward Escalanti Canyon.

We tied up for the night at a

sandy cove and proceeded to swim, hike or just relax. The couple preparing the meal did a fantastic job. We had various extravaganzas during the course of the trip. Oriental, Mexican, a four course Chicken Kiev dinner, etc. All served with appropriate libations. Breakfasts were as wonderful - eggs and chorizo, beer, pancakes, and other fantastic meals served with Bloody Marys. We were threatening to print a cook book just for Lake Powell meals.

We stopped at Dangling Rock Marina to gas up for the return trip. They must have been feeding the catfish as we approached the store. The fish, some about 3 feet long, were pushing themselves out of the way just to get a few potato chips, popcorn and one youngsters ice cream cone - and I had left my camera on the houseboat. Oh well, there will be a next time.

We headed into Rainbow Bridge to get pictures, then off to find a place for the night. Swan, set the tables up on the beach with table cloths and candles. Another big meal - again excellent. Some of us sat up and





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talked until 1:30 a.m. The rest sacked out on the fantail and upper deck. Next morning we left early and lazily headed upstream. We have one more evening on the lake, then we have to be in Halls Crossing, and check out. Had a nice trip back to Tucson, tired but happy.

Plans are in the works for 1991. We already have two applications from Europe, and are filling fast. Limit is twelve persons, and if you are interested, contact Marine at 747-2975. She will supply you with details. Happy Sailing!





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## Roaming Around With Chuck

Sorry I didn't get an article out last week, but I just wasn't up to it. We have lost eight young men in the past 3 weeks and two had been rather close friends and people I had worked with at Shanti. So I didn't feel much like writing last week, please forgive me.

There seems to be lots of going on right now, as I write this, the 4th Avenue Winter Street Fair is in progress. There are a couple of memorial services coming up in the next couple of days or so. The Tuesday Club luncheons and Social Hours are doing well. The last one before Christmas and New Years Holidays will be on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at noon at the Shanti office. Cornerstone Fellowship is planning a Bingo Party after lunch with lots of prizes that are being donated. So all members, bring a friend and come for a fun lunch and afternoon.

The Christmas boxes will be put together on Monday evening, Dec. 17... Come join the fun and bring some canned food for the boxes as we hope to make up 45 of them this year. We have gotten calls from persons with HIV and AIDS who don't get any services from any of the AIDS organizations... who are really suffering financially and we hope the Xmas boxes will be a nice gift for them as well as Shanti clients who need a bit of assistance.

Sorry I missed MCC's Twentieth Anniversary service. My thoughts and prayers were with you all. MCC is a loving group of Gay Christians in our community. You are always welcome there. We have three Gay oriented churches in Tucson and I am sure one will fit your needs; so give them a try.

Shanti is selling the Entertainment '91 Books now and they make great Christmas or birthday gifts. Maybe a nice anniversary gift for some friends celebrating another year together. They are real money savers if you eat out or enjoy traveling. They are \$30

and Shanti gets a share for selling them. Stop by the office and buy one for a friend.

**RUMORS OR TRUE?????** Have heard recently that Tucson may have two leather bars opening up here in 1991... one is a local rumor and one from friends in Chicago who tell me a couple of guys from there will be here this winter to look over the possibility of opening a leather bar. Can Tucson handle another bar? Let's hope so... I would love to see specialized bars again... would love a leather bar, an all Western bar, a quiet Piano bar, maybe a college bar, dance bar and a show bar. Then one could do their thing when they felt like it... Smile!!!

Mark your calendars... Remembrance Service for those with AIDS who have passed on, is New Year's Day, 2 to 4 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 924 N. 2nd Avenue.

A couple of people recently have told me they get sick and tired of benefits all the time in bars for AIDS and would like to be able to go drink or party without being reminded of AIDS. Well, I told them that is part of our present and will be a big part of our future until the researchers find the answer to halt it. But in the meantime, they should be happy to donate to the AIDS organizations on "Sharing Weekend". A dollar once a month is not that big (less than a drink or a pack of cigarettes), and it goes to help our brothers and sisters with AIDS and may one day help you. I know neither of them practice safe sex because they think they won't get it!!! Dreamers is all I can say! The latest I hear is that in 2 or 3 bookstores around Tucson, lots of UN-PROTECTED SEX IS OCCURRING AND PERSONS WITH THE VIRUS OR AIDS have not told their partners so it keeps spreading. Please protect yourselves!

Until next time..Love Ya..Chuck.

## PERSPECTIVE

by Ben Corbin

If I were a minority, I would welcome all of the support that I could get. If I were in a minority group, I would think before I rejected any support. If I were living a certain lifestyle, I would accept others not in my lifestyle giving me the support to live the way I want to live. So I ask myself the question, "Why can't I be accepted as myself without having to change my lifestyle to be accepted?"

This is a question asked by every Gay and Lesbian person in the world today. There are other questions being asked, such as: Why is there so much prejudice against Gay and Lesbian law-abiding citizens? Why must the Gays and Lesbians be subject to ridicule and physical violence.

Well, I personally found that answer this past weekend. Sorry Mark, but if I were a politician I would ignore the Gay population with a passion. How can the Gay/Lesbian population seek and ask for recognition when

they can't even do that for themselves?

On a recent trip to Phoenix, this subject was brought to a very personal level. There were four in our group who went to Phoenix for an evening of fun and entertainment. Arrangements were made to meet some Phoenix friends of ours at one of the local bars. This establishment does have a dress code, it is not a private club but open to the public. There were three males and one female in our group who attempted to patronize the establishment. However, we were told at the door that females would be admitted only if in full leather attire, the males, on the other hand, could be admitted if in leather, western, uniform or even if partially in any of these dress styles.

The female in our group is not only well known in Tucson but in Phoenix as well, and was known to the "doorman", we were told that we could

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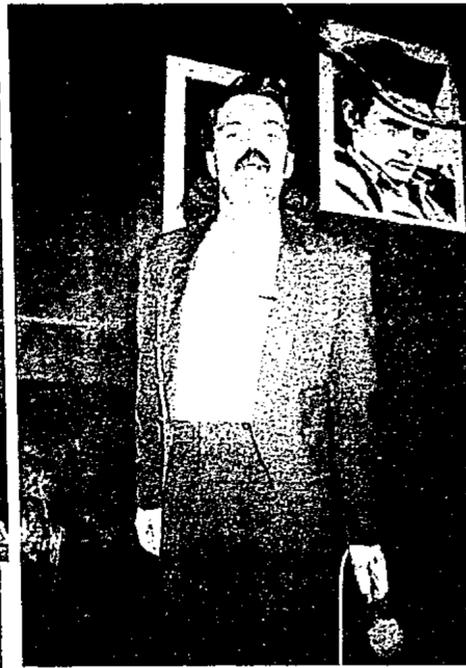
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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
**COLETTE'S** - Christmas Party! It's time for the annual Kids Christmas Party and all the kids are invited. Santa will arrive between 8 and 9 p.m. Fun for the kids and the adults too!

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19**  
**COLETTE'S** - It's the third Wednesday of the month and time for country and western music night with the live vocals of MC Mr. Loren Johnson. Always a hit with his Tucson fans. 9 p.m. No Cover.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21**  
**COLETTE'S** - Soul Night. For all you fans of soul music, this is your night to enjoy listening and dancing to your hearts content.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23**  
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 BOWERS: MAYBE THIS TIME 2554 / LANCE P. 576 / BOB P. 449

# Non-Bar CALENDAR

(NOTE: If you have an event or special happening that you feel should be included in this non-bar activities calendar please contact Ben Corbin prior to Monday of that Wednesday paper for inclusion in that weeks issue. After the first notice has appeared, it will appear weekly until the event has taken place. Mr. Corbin may be reached at 627-4536).

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
 C.A.T. Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Joshua Tree. Every member of the C.A.T. Committee is encouraged to attend.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
 Final day to donate toys, gifts, food or money to the Arizona Children's Home at Colette's West, BOULEVARD, RUMOR 2222, Graduate or IPT's. Make a child's wish come true. Give a Christmas to be remembered. Only YOU can do it.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21**  
 Third Friday Coffee House Concert. Libby Boderick, well-known and loved singer/songwriter from Alaska, will grace the Third Friday Coffee House with her strongly woman-identified lyrics and warm vocal. Starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4811 E. 22nd St. \$5.00 donation in advance with tickets on sale at Antique Books. \$5.00 donation at the door. More or less as can be afforded. For more information call 622-5292.

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**SUNDAY**  
**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. Drink Specials. Steak Dinner 4:30 to 7:30 pm \$4.00. DJ Bobby Jr. 9-1.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Open 10 am. NFL Football on our big screens. Special drink and food prices. Pool Tournament 5:30 pm. \$2.00 entry. Brunch till 3. "Win Down Nite" 11.00 wine 8 pm to midnight. Arrives on the big screen begins at 7 pm.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open Room. Brunch served 12-4. Bloody Marys - Screwdrivers - Mimosa 11.50. Daiquiris 11.50. Draft Beer 7 p.m. to closing.  
**FIRELITE** - Opens at 1 p.m. .75 draft. Country/Western music.  
**GRADUATE** - All White Well 11.25 draft and 11.50 pitchers.  
**HEETS** - Bloody Marys and Screw 11.00 till 7 pm. House Madness Specials 7-1.  
**IPT'S** - Great sandwiches from Old Cafe's soon to 4. Copper City Squares 2 to 777 C/W music and dancing lessons with Cowboy DJ/Instructor Gil Leon.  
**KUMON** - Room to 6 pm Beer Bust .50 draft + Screens and Marys 11.25 + Schnapps .50/draft. + Hot Dogs + Todd Dls 9-1

**monday**  
**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. Daily Drink Specials plus Bowlers Special Bobby Jr. 9-1  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Daily Sandwich Special. 1 for 1 drinks 5-8. All White Well 11.00. Monday Night Football 11.50 draft and .75 Beer Dogs during the game.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 all Well and Domestic Beer 11.25.  
**FIRELITE** - Open at 1 with Big Rita. .50 hot dogs all day. 5-7 11 Well, 12.50 Pitchers.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour prices open to close.  
**HEETS** - Open Room. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer 11.25, 6:30 to 8:30 Bowly Clappers.  
**IPT'S** - 4 to 4 Two for One. Bowler's Special 11 Well or non-Freshen Beer.  
**KUMON** - Room-7 pm Domestic Beer or Well drinks 11.25 plus all White Well 11.25 3 to close. Todd Dls 9-1.

**tuesday**  
**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. Daily Drink Specials. Ladies Night: Strippers. Bobby Jr. Dls 9 p.m.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Check for daily sandwich special. 2 for 1 from 5-8. Looped Bottle Beer 11.25 from 9 to midnight. DJ 8 to midnight.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm All Well or Domestic Beer 11.25. 7 pm to close all Well Drinks 11.25.  
**FIRELITE** - Opens at 1 pm. .50 hot dogs. 5-7 11 Well, 12.50 Pitchers. 11 drink specials at night.  
**GRADUATE** - .50 draft open to close.  
**HEETS** - Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer 11.25.  
**IPT'S** - 4 to 4 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Nite with .50 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 8 pm to close.  
 Country music and dancing with Gil Leon 9-1.  
**KUMON** - 11.25 Domestic Beer or Well drinks Room-7 pm. All White Well 11.25 4 to close. W/DJ 9-1 with Clist.

**wednesday**  
**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. Strip Shows every Wednesday. Bobby Jr. Dls 9pm  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Daily Sandwich Special. Two for One 5-8. T-Squares dance and give free square dance lessons at 6:30. Schnapps 11 from 8 to 12 am. DJ 9-1.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm all Well or Domestic Beer 11.25. 7 to close all Domestic Beer 11.25, All Schnapps .75 Mexican Dinner served 6 to 9.  
**FIRELITE** - Opens at 1 pm. .50 hot dogs. 5-7 11 Well, 12.50 Pitchers. 11 drink specials all night.  
**GRADUATE** - Domestic Beer 11.25/drafts - 11.50 sites.  
**HEETS** - Draft Beer .50 Room to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer 11.25. Black & White Service Industries Night Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price.  
**IPT'S** - 4-4 Two for One. 4 to Close, White Well Rita .75 (w/price 11.00). Hot dance music with Linda Fisdale 9 to 1.  
**KUMON** - Room-7 pm Domestic Beer or Well drinks 11.25. Domestic Bottle Beer Nite 11.25 + .75 Schnapps 8 to close. W/DJ Clist at 9pm.

**thursday**  
**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. DJ 9-1  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Two for One 5-8. "Subversive" .75 draft from 8 to midnight. DJ from 9 to 1.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer 11.25. Italian Dinner served 6 to 9. Dofa Appreciation Nite - Corona Beer 11.25 7 pm to closing.  
**FIRELITE** - Opens at 1 pm. .50 hot dogs. 5-7 pm 11 Well, 12.50 Pitchers. 11 drink specials at night.  
**GRADUATE** - All Dark Well 11.25 days / 11.50 sites.  
**HEETS** - Draft Beer .50 Room to Close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer 11.25. Baisehen or Corona 11.00 from 9 pm to 3 am. Country/Western Nite, dance lessons 8:30 - 9:30. C/W Dancing 9:30 to 1 DJ Art Hank.  
**IPT'S** - 4-4 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Bad and Bad Rita 11.25 4-1.  
**KUMON** - 11.25 Domestic Beer or Well drinks 12-7pm. Kegger 1pm to midnight .50/draft, .75 Schnapps, munchies. Video/Disco dancing with Clist 9-1.

**friday**  
**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. DJ Bobby Jr. Dls beginning at 9pm.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Two for One 5-8. Party Nite Hourly Drink Specials 8 to midnight. DJ 9-1.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm All Well or Domestic Beer 11.25. Dinner served 6 to 9 with Barley Beer at the piano. Patio Bar open 9-1 with .50 draft.  
**FIRELITE** - Opens at 1 pm. .50 hot dogs. 5-7 11 Well and 12.50 pitchers. 11 drink specials at night. Bev Fireline opens 8:30 "Share Nite" 17 & older with dancing/music light show. Bar opens for 21 and over with proper ID.  
**GRADUATE** - Drink specials until closing.  
**HEETS** - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer 11.25  
**IPT'S** - 4-4 Two for One / Hot Music 9 to close with Linda Fisdale.  
**KUMON** - 11.25 Domestic Beer or Well 12-7pm. Free Bars d'Overrun 5:30. Progressive Friday: Well drinks 11.25 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour until 1 am. W/DJ Clist 9-1.

**saturday**  
**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. DJ Bobby Jr 9 to 1.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Hourly Specials 8-midnight: DJ from 9 to 1.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open Room. Check the special calendar. Dinner served 6 to 9 p.m. with Barley Beer at the piano. Patio Bar open 9 to 1.  
**FIRELITE** - Opens at 1 pm. Sports Saturday - .50 from hot dogs, drink specials all day long. The Bev Fireline opens at 9 pm for 21 and over with neon light show and hot dancing.  
**GRADUATE** - Drink specials until closing.  
**HEETS** - Open Room.  
**IPT'S** - 2 for 1 drinks from 4 to 8. Hot music 9 to close with Linda Fisdale.  
**KUMON** - Open Room. 4 to 1 Corona Beer 11.25 Dance with W/DJ Clist 9-1

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**GUEST EDITORIAL**

**An Open Letter To Justice Lewis Powell**

Dear Justice Powell:

I was at first glad to read in the national Media (Washington Post, Oct. 26) that you regret your vote in Bowers v. Hardwick. You cast the deciding vote to uphold the Georgia law criminalizing private, adult, consensual sex and you supported with your swing vote a decision that denies personhood and the fundamental right of privacy for Lesbian and Gay people in the United States.

I thought your misgivings about the vote expressed an understanding of what the decision has meant to us. Evidently I was wrong, because you also said that the Bowers vote has not occupied even 30 minutes of your time since you made the decision.

The case brought by Michael Hardwick was not "frivolous". The court's decision has done much damage to Lesbians and Gay men. Since Gay people are so manifestly invisible to most heterosexuals, I have listed below some examples of the impact of Bowers.

-- Since Bowers, at least four men in Tennessee have stood trial for "crimes against nature", that is, consensual sex with an adult partner. Two received suspended jail sentences of five years. Men in other states have gone to jail for similar "crimes".

-- Since Bowers, a mother in Georgia was denied custody of her 7-year-old son because, as a Lesbian, she is an unconvicted felon in that state.

-- Since Bowers, the New Hampshire legislature prohibited Lesbian and Gay people from becoming foster parents in that state, citing the majority opinion in Bowers as evidence of the unacceptability of homosexuality.

-- Since Bowers, a woman was prevented from applying for a job with the Dallas Police Department because, as a Lesbian in Texas, she is automatically assumed to be a criminal and unsuited for work as a law enforcement officer.

-- Since Bowers, a constitutional challenge to the military's policy of excluding and discharging Gay and Lesbian people was turned aside at the federal appeals court level, in part because the Bowers majority denies us a fundamental right to privacy.

Lives ruined. Careers destroyed. Families ripped apart. The stories of damage by Bowers go on and on. If you need more proof of the impact of this case, please contact me. I have so many more examples in my files that my heart hurts.

Lesbian and Gay men's lives are not frivolous and we are not frivolous people. We are angry and resolute that the wrong you have done us should be set right as soon as possible. We will continue our 25 battles in 25 state legislatures and in 25 state courts to undo your terrible mistake.

Justice Powell, you can help us in two ways. First, write a letter to the high courts and legislatures of each state that retains a sodomy law. Tell the state court judges and the legislators that you have erred and

you would not wish them to compound your mistake by failing to decriminalize private, adult consensual sex in their states. I have enclosed with this letter an address list of the governments in unreformed states to assist you in this task. This will be a bit time-consuming, but it will help us when we knock on the doors of state governments and courts if you have already visited them.

And then, on behalf of Michael Hardwick, who was handcuffed, arrested, and spent many hours in jail awaiting release on bail, I ask this of you: Please make sure that your colleagues on the U.S. Supreme Court -- the sitting justices -- know how you feel about your vote in Bowers. Your repudiation of your own vote in the case is the strongest argument for a review and a reversal by the court. Help to restore our faith in the ideals of justice and equal protection for all under the law.

Sincerely yours  
Sue Hyde, Director  
Privacy Project  
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

**News From MCC Tucson**

Less than two weeks until Christmas. Scary thought isn't it. Christmas is here and who is ready for it? If buying gifts, having lots to eat and drink, having a great time is what Christmas is to you, then it is getting too close. But, if giving thought to what Christmas is really all about, it is never too close to arriving. Christ's Mass as instituted several hundreds of years after Christ's birth giving honor to our Lord and Savior's birth on earth, gives new meaning to Christianity. The actual date of Jesus of Nazareth's birth is lost in history, but then Jesus was born and even if the actual date is unknown, then December 25 is as good as any day to celebrate. But as you celebrate Christmas, take a little time to remember why you are celebrating.

This past weekend was a great day in the life of MCC/Tucson. We have now closed the history on our first 20 years and have started to make history in our second 20 years. Rev. Don Pedersen, the U.F.M.C.C. Southwest District Coordinator, was in Tucson to help us celebrate our anniversary. It was a great weekend with a lot of remembrances of the past and much more of looking forward to the future. Here we are, Tucson, and we're here to stay.

This past weekend also was a time of sadness for the congregation of MCC/Tucson as we said farewell to our friend and our brother, Ray Bashas. Uncle Ray will be missed, but we know that he has reached that final resting place that we all look forward to having.

There will be a Special Christmas Eve Service at MCC/Tucson on Monday, Dec. 24. Watch for details next week.

Thought for the Week: Christmas is for children. And who isn't a child on Christmas morning?

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## Advice From Your Counselor



STEVEN DIETZ

of the numerous community organizations listed in this paper and volunteer your time, or attend their classes, workshops and seminars. Make a list of people you have met recently whom you admired or wanted to get to know.

Do a little private investigating on your own for phone numbers and call them, simply telling them that you were impressed with them at your first meeting and would like to have lunch together. You will probably be surprised to find that they too would like the opportunity to expand their list of friends and experiences.

The key is - do something! Nothing ever comes to us while we sit and wait. You have to go out and create the kind of support group, and holiday experience that you want. It won't be easy at first, but even if you get a few rejections, keep trying! The victories you will have can greatly boost your self-confidence, and it's very likely you will learn that you have underestimated your worth in the eyes of others as well.

All correspondence should be written directly to Steven Dietz, P.O. Box 35145, Tucson, AZ 85740. All correspondence is confidential, and letters used in the OBSERVER will not carry the name of the correspondent. To receive a reply directly from Mr. Dietz you must enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope. OBSERVER invited participation from all our readers, and looks forward to some lively discussion in this column because it will be totally professional, sincere and frank.

### LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

EDITOR:

The Think Positive Project would like to acknowledge the cooperation and support offered by Danny Duncan and the IBT staff for last Wednesday's "Win, Lose or Draw" event. It was a great success.

Thanks also to Rumorz for last Fridays game.

AN OPEN LETTER TO HOURS:

Some of the patrons of Colette's have the understanding that we are not welcome in your establishment because of the fear that the influx of Lesbians would have an adverse effect on your male clientele.

It's bad enough to not be welcomed in the straight community, and now we're being turned away by family - if these rumors are true.

Sheila M.  
 Brandy Dows  
 Cindy Norton  
 Trudy Hall  
 Donna

**Q** "Why is it that depression starts up every time holidays approach?"  
 "Nothing really is different, and I have gotten used to being by myself most of the time. I don't have any family to worry about, or big plans to make anything more complicated, but I feel depressed every winter until almost February."

**A** The attitude with which we approach any event can determine the reality we experience when that time arrives. "Knowing that unpleasant feelings will arise brings anxiety and a fertile ground for depression before anything actually happens to "prove" that we were right all along. But be careful that you haven't given negative definitions to the result of telling yourself you must "get used to being by yourself", there are many activities you can plan or in which you may participate to make your holiday seasons eventful. Being lonely is a choice, not predestination.

The holidays are so consistently advertised as a "family affair", that it is an easy time of year to decide to be a "victim of orphanage". However, not having family complications can be viewed as free time that allows the opportunity to share with other families, or "adopting" a family of your own from friends and associates. The key to changing your holiday experience, however, is taking action before mental attitude defeats you.

Developing a strong support group is vital to personal growth and a sense of well being at any time of the year.

How to begin? If you already have one or two friends you enjoy being with, tell them you want to avoid the blues this year and make this holiday season unique and eventful. Ask them to join you in making plans. There are many excellent concerts and entertainment opportunities available in December to fill your calendar.

If you have no personal friends with free time to share, call any one

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# Bit Of The Old South

by *Sean Thomas*

Well Tucson, I hope you're ready for this one. The interview I promised you all is with Mr. Floyd Meeks and it is going to have to be in two installments. There is too much material for just one week.

He was born in Frankfurt, Germany some 32 years ago. He's lived among us in Tucson since 1977. By trade, nowadays, Floyd is an AIDS Health Educator. But before is another story altogether. His love status is an 11-year marriage to Mr. Ron Underhill. Floyd is a man who knows, understands, practices and encourages "true safe eroticism".

Meeks' views may seem surprising, if not shocking, to some who have preconceived, stereotypical ideas of a county AIDS educator and safe sex. He believes that people can and should have a truly fulfilling sex life. That we should not be guided by straight culture morals. The most destructive force in a relationship, he believes, is not infidelity, but rather deceit and dishonesty. We need to come to understandings in relationships, of course, in time some of these may change.

An open communication is vital at all times. Extra-marital affairs are nothing as long as they are recre-

ational and not emotional. And, always be considerate of your lover. Personally, Floyd prefers a levi/leather atmosphere (bar) to party in. He believes it is essential to have a good fantasy life.

Floyd says he has a hard libido for leather. He believes the sexual adjustments of safe/positive sex are not devastating. Great sex starts in your mind and is expressed through your attitude and body. One thing he said he wants people to please understand that "no one gives AIDS. You have to allow them". Remember which head to think with.

Many people should change their attitude about HIV and towards people who are HIV+. Unless you are celibate, you have probably been to bed with someone who is HIV+. As long as you think, there is nothing to worry about.

Don't forget the Shanti Benefit this weekend at the French Quarter. It's on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 9:00 p.m. and will feature Raven (Miss Gay Tucson), Candy Plastique, Loren Johnson, Mary Murphy and a host of others. See their ad in this issue of OBSERVER.

Till next week; keep the spirit alive. Sean 323-3780.

# POLITICS '90

by *MARK R. KERR*

## 10 Reasons Why Tucson Does Not Want The Rocking K Development

1. **ECONOMY.** What boom would Rocking K provide to our depressed economy in Tucson? The housing market is already over-saturated, houses are not selling, and developers like Rita Ranch and Cimarron going bankrupt. This development would temporarily benefit the construction industry. When the development is complete, what is there in Tucson (business or industry) to lure people here? Nothing! The developers, like Dixon and Estes need to work on bringing businesses to Tucson to have the lure first!

2. **HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.** As mentioned above, Tucson is over-saturated with developments (Rita Ranch, Cimarron East and West). Do we need another?

3. **TRANSPORTATION/ROADS.** If the Rocking K development is approved, subsequent arteries nearby would have to be expanded, with John and Jane Q. Public paying the bill for road construction.

4. **EXPANSION OF ROADS.** With the construction that would take place, and the subsequent delays for various reasons, (have you ever seen a road construction project that was finished on time, or for that matter within the budget?). The ensuing construction will have a disastrous effect on the people living in the area, causing numerous delays in traffic, devaluing property, making their lives a living hell.

5. **ENVIRONMENT.** Rocking K would have a negative impact on the environment, affecting the flood plains in the area, upsetting the wildlife habi-

tat, etc. Plus, since it would be right next to the Saguaro National Park, the impact would be incalculable.

6. **AREA.** The developers wish to keep up the long practice of economic apartheid (redlining), with Rocking K. They should develop projects in town, on the southside, but not way out in the county.

7. **THE FUTURE.** If the Rocking K project is approved, built on credit, very few houses are sold, the result: bankruptcy for the developers, financial ruin for their creditors and John & Jane Q. Public picking up the tab.

8. **WATER.** The proposed area does not have enough water to support such a proposed population, and subsequently they will use Pima County's dwindling supply.

9. **PRICE RANGE.** Rocking K prices could be classified as "Resort": high priced, and as I mentioned earlier, we have enough resorts, we need affordable housing.

10. Do you want Tucson to look like Phoenix? Rocking K is the first step toward that. We don't need multiple freeways, smog, etc.

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## Delta Discrimination

### EDITOR:

I worked for Delta Airlines for 19 years and last March I was fired because I am Gay, because I am disabled, and because I resisted and reported a sexual assault by a member of Delta management.

I was a ramp worker and a reservation agent for Delta in Atlanta for 14 years before moving to Washington, D.C. to be with my lover. Soon after I went to work in the Delta Reservations Office in Rockville, Maryland. I fell at work and did permanent damage to the nerves in my right hand. Since that injury, Delta and its workers compensation insurer, Wausau, have spied on me and my lover, spread lies about me to my neighbors, my landlord, and my former co-workers, and persistently interfered with my receiving medical treatment that I needed. And they have harassed and possibly blackmailed my doctors.

While I was being treated by Dr. David Curfman in Washington for my hand injury, I learned that he had received a phone call from a woman who claimed to be a reporter for the Washington Blade, a local Gay paper. According to this woman, I had nominated Dr. Curfman for the Blade's "Doctor of the Year" award and she was calling to find out if it was okay for someone from the Blade to come to his office to interview him for a story in a Gay paper. Of course I had made no such nomination and the Blade has no such award. But soon after this incident, Dr. Curfman declared me healed and refused to treat me any further, citing Wausau's constant interference with his treatment of me, its refusal to pay for many of the treatment he recommended, and because of this "homosexual thing".

In addition, I was instructed by Wausau to see Dr. Brian Schulman for a medical examination of my hand only to discover, after the examination began, that Schulman was not a neurosurgeon but a psychiatrist. He asked me if I was Gay, if I had a lover, if we had sex with other people, and if we had been tested for AIDS. He asked where my lover worked (at the time he worked for Senator Paul Simon of Illinois), how much money he made, and other extremely personal questions about my parents, my brothers and sisters, and their personal lives. And he specifically asked me about the sexual assault committed upon me while I worked in Atlanta.

After I had completely lost the use of my right hand, arm and shoulder and had been declared 75% functionally disabled by the Maryland Workers Compensation Commission, Delta transferred me to a job in Atlanta - unloading and sorting bags of mail. In transferring me from Montgomery County, Maryland, to Atlanta, Delta moved me from a jurisdiction that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation to one that does not.

Throughout all of this, I have repeatedly written to the Chairman of the Board of Delta, to the president of the company, and to the head of the Personnel Department. But everytime I got one thing straightened out with my medical treatment or with my receiving the benefits that I was entitled to, someone from Delta or Wausau would come up with some new lie or fraud to make my life impossible again.

Delta is relying on its old trick of hiding behind its insurance company's skirts while shafting an employee, the way it hid behind its insurance company

when it got sued by the family of a Gay man who was killed in the Delta crash in Dallas. You will recall the insurer in that case informed the family of the deceased that, if they sued for more than the insurance company wanted to pay, the insurance company would bring out in court that the man was Gay and that as a Gay man he was more likely to get AIDS and therefore his life was worthless. This is how Delta lets its henchmen treat its Gay passengers and Gay employees. Delta's ads say that they love to fly and it shows. But the truth is that they love to LIE and it shows. And I have the names, dates and documents to prove it and I have convinced the Georgia Insurance Commissioner's office to investigate my case.

I would like to hear from other Delta employees who have information about cases similar to mine so I can pass it along to persons who support laws that would make Delta and Wausau pay for the way they have treated me and other Gay men and Lesbians. In the meantime, anyone interested in finding out what Delta has to say for itself in all of this can write:

Mr. Ron Allen  
Chairman of the Board Delta Airlines  
Delta Airlines, Inc.  
Hartsfield International Airport  
Atlanta, GA 30320  
or call him at (404)765-2581

And one more thing you can do, if you think it is wrong for a company to treat a disabled employee this way and if you object to an airline to intimidate its workers because of their sexuality, then don't fly Delta.

Gary S. Matthews  
Washington, D.C.

### Perspective

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be admitted this time, but only this one time. We left with the feeling of being rejected as two men in casual attire entered without being questioned.

Maybe the rejection was magnified because of the totally different atmosphere in Tucson. Here in Tucson we have our different lifestyles, BUT we accept each other in an open manner unlike that in most cities. We have Colette's West, an openly Gay woman's bar where men are welcome. And believe me, men are welcome with open arms. There is no feeling of a territory being invaded. On Tuesday nights, IBT's have their Leather Night. Never has anyone been asked to leave because of their dress style.

Yes, Phoenix is a big city, and can have establishments catering to certain lifestyles, but why should they feel intimidated with a different lifestyle in their midst. If anything, the "doorman" could have stated that the establishment had a leather, western and uniform code and that upon entering we would have to accept the atmosphere. As Ann Landers would say, "Wake up and smell the coffee, Phoenix. Tucson may be a little hick town in your eyes, but at least Tucson has their priorities well in hand!"

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**SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON**  
Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 pm at 602 W. 4th Ave. Potential Shanti Volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 8:00 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. Contact Joan, 790-7526 or Jan 845-7114 or write P.O. Box 17747, Tucson, AZ 85731-7747. All replies confidential.

**ARE YOU IN A COUPLE RELATIONSHIP** and interested in meeting others for social activities in a supportive atmosphere? Call Judith and Joanne 624-5247 or Don and Marian 844-9236 in Tucson.

**Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church**, 1122 E. Jones Blvd., Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. If you are looking for a loving and caring church family who has a strong desire to share the love of God with others, look no further! Call Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6855.

**ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN** and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 790-8922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

**GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP:** The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. Contact Michael Hutchins, Ph.D. 327-0224 Tucson.

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**WINGSPIAN** - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Hotline M-W-F 2-5 & 6-8 p.m. Men's Night on Mondays 7:30 pm. Women's Night on Wednesdays 7 pm. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 Tucson.

**LUTHERANS CONCERNED/TUCSON** - A fellowship and support group for Lesbian and Gay Lutherans. We meet monthly and all are welcome. For more information call Ray at 575-0047 or write to Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40252, Tucson, AZ 85717.

**GAY SUPPORT GROUP:** Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Pothills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 or Paul at 841-5631 for information.

## Notices

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**EVERY MONDAY**  
UofA Lesbian/Gay Alliance meets at the Student Union, Room 245. For info call 844-3249.

Women affected by HIV support and discussion group. Call P.A.C.T. at 322-9804 if interested.

**EVERY TUESDAY**  
HIV Long Termers Self Empowerment Group, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.. PACT office, 3433 E. 2nd St. 322-9808.

**EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY**  
Drop-in Support Group for family, friends and significant others 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Shanti office, 602 W. 4th Ave. Open to anyone wanting emotional support in dealing with a person who is HIV+, AIDS or facing any life-threatening disease.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
Positive Approach to Living with HIV. P.A.C.T. office, 3433 E. 2nd St. 7 p.m.

**EVERY FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY**  
"DEAGES" Shanti Support Group. 7 p.m. A support group focusing on positive attitudes, self-love, self healing. HIV+/AIDS persons encouraged. Call 571-0372 for location.

**EVERY SATURDAY**  
"POSITIVELY WELL WORKSHOPS", (formerly HIV Wellness Clinic) for HIV+, ARC/AIDS. Balancing mind, body and spirit in a confidential and supportive atmosphere. Discussion groups, treatment options. Yoga, nutrition and immune system blood monitoring. 1-4 pm, P.A.C.T., 3433 E. 2nd Street.

**A Commentary By****Christopher Geoffrey McPherson****The Day They Threw An Earthquake  
And Nobody Came**

One of the biggest disappointments in my life was NOT being in San Francisco the day of October 17, 1989. Yes, the date of the BIG earthquake. I'm a little funny like that. I like earthquakes. Yes, that's right. I LIKE them.

Having lived in Northern California for six years, I had my share of them --including the 6.4 in April 1984. I even bought a "I Survived the 6.4 Earthquake" t-shirt and wore it proudly. Okay, so I'm a little strange.

So now, there's this guy taunting me. You know the one: Iben Browning. He's the guy who supposedly successfully predicted scads of earthquakes. Now, as some sort of punishment for me, he predicted a massive shaker on December 2 or 3. He based his prediction on some planetary stuff, as well as some gravity things. You know: science.

He said this little gift from the earth would occur in the New Madrid fault zone. (That's pronounced MAD-rid, not na-DRID. If you're gonna pronounce it, pronounce it right).

Well, December 2 or 3 came and went and no quakeroonie. Perhaps my disappointment will serve a purpose.

(Even in pain, there is success). This little episode might further illustrate the difficulty with which earthquakes are predicted. All those people who cancelled school, closed businesses, or took trips away from the predicted fault zone wasted a lot of valuable time and effort.

Life is not predicable. We cannot live our lives based on schedules telling us which bad thing will occur when. Who can predict a car running a stop sign; or a nail in the grass when you're walking bare-footed; or a bolt of lightning hitting your house? The answer: no one can.

Maybe, one day, science will be able to successfully predict earthquakes. Maybe then I can schedule my trips to California to coincide with a nice mover and shaker. But, even if they are predicted, little else will be. Reorganizing your life to avoid the unavoidable or unpredictable is little more than wasted effort.

That wasted energy would be better spent living life, enjoying it for what it is because if there is one predictable thing in life, it is that you never know when it is going to end. Live life now, not only when its safety predictable.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!

**A View From The Rock****A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship**

About a month ago I read in the newspaper about a young man who had received a \$400,000 inheritance he didn't want! The trustees of the estate took the young man to court, insisting that he must accept the inheritance. The court ruled that the heir had a legal right to not accept the money his father left him.

Needless to say, I was amazed. In an age of gross materialism, when everyone is trying to get rich, this man's rejection of his inheritance seems strange indeed. I began to wonder if he had some mental problems.

But, believe it or not, there are people right here in Tucson that are rejecting an inheritance far greater than \$400,000. According to Romans 8:17, we, as God's children, are "...heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ..."

By accepting Jesus Christ as our Savior, we become children of God. As His children, we receive God's peace, power, joy and love through His Holy Spirit. All this can be yours! John 1:12 tells us, "Yet to all who received Him (Jesus Christ), to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."

The young man's refusal of \$400,000 is insignificant compared to the refusal of people in our community to lay claim to what is rightfully theirs: an inheritance of peace, power, joy and love. All of these can

be yours. Have you received your inheritance?

Cornerstone Fellowship will be celebrating Christmas in a very special way this Sunday, Dec. 16. During our regularly scheduled Gospel Sing, we will be honored to have Ms. Judy Drew of Phoenix singing for us. Joining Ms. Drew will be a couple of Brothers from Canada who have begun a traveling musical ministry. In addition, many members and friends will be sharing their favorite Christmas music, and the congregation will be able to participate in lots of old-fashioned carols as well.

After the Gospel Sing, a large selection of tempting Christmas goodies will be provided. The Gospel Sing will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 2902 N. Geronimo, one block north of Glenn and two blocks west of First Ave. For more information, call 622-4626.

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