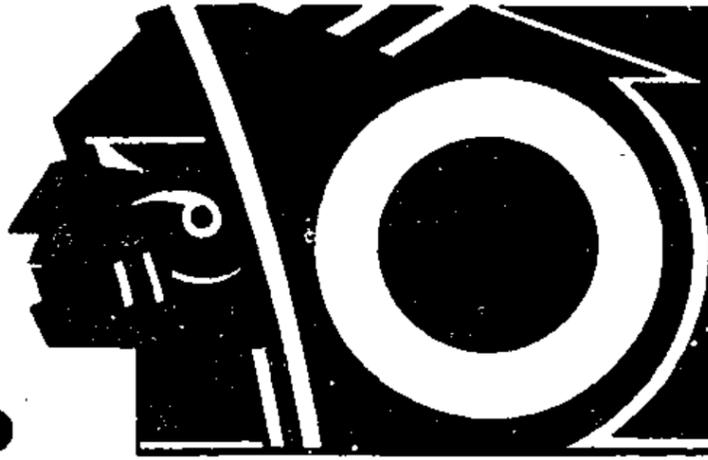


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As I See It . . . . .

by Clark



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Soviet Gays Try To End The Taboo

by Carey Goldberg

ED NOTE: For the past few weeks, OBSERVER has been following the emergence the Gay movement in the Soviet Union. It began in August, when Gay activist Jim Toevs of Tucson returned from Russia where he and other activists formed an International Commission on Human Rights for Lesbian and Gay people. It was then we learned about the first ever Gay paper being published in the USSR by Soviet activist Roman Kalinin.

The Commission arranged a visit to the United States for Kalinin where he visited eight cities to meet with other activists and learn first-hand what Gay life is like in the States.

Kalinin has returned home safely and according to Toevs, he learned that a close friend was murdered while he was here. The murder is still being 'investigated' by the police. Since his return he was called in for interrogation by the KGB. And he has also learned that a job offer that he had has been withdrawn.

In the Dec. 10 issue of the Los Angeles Times, Carey Goldberg, a Times staff writer, wrote an in-depth article about Gay life in Russia and we print it here for your information and enlightenment. Although some of the problems that are faced by our Russian brothers and sisters may seem similar to some of the problems that we face here, I am sure that our ours are nothing compared to the primitive lifestyle that the Russian Gays and Lesbians live.

MOSCOW - As personal ads go, it was quite tame: "I'm 25, attractive and youthful and hope to meet a boyfriend [preferably a 30-year-old Muscovite] who still believes in love, loyalty and the beauty of human relations."

But that it was signed "Andrei," and appeared in the Soviet Union's first Gay newspaper, turned it into one more personal salvo in a new and still shaky assault on one of the harshest social taboos remaining in the era of glasnost, or openness. Of all the groups that the Kremlin's liberalizing reforms have prompted to emerge from the underground of the totalitarian past, the fledgling Gay rights movement is among the last.

"You have to take into account where we live," Sasha, a Moscow Gay activist, said. "Odd birds are always ostracized by the flock, only here it is 10 times worse."

Sex between men in the Soviet Union is punishable by up to five years in prison under an article in the Russian Criminal Code, introduced in 1934 as dictator Josef Stalin tightened his hold on all aspects of life, including the most intimate.

By most accounts, Article 121-1 is rarely enforced and will probably be dropped from an upcoming new version of the criminal code. But while it is on the books, it helps keep fear among Gay activists so great that only one in the entire Soviet Union, Roman Kalinin, uses his last name in public statements.

"I came to understand it would be simpler for me just to tell the truth," the 24-year-old university student and editor-in-chief of Tema, or Theme, the Gay newspaper, said. "Someone has to fight for the rights of homosexuals."

In the last year, Kalinin has helped form the Moscow Lesbian and Gay Union, the driving force behind Tema, and joined with American activists to put together an International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. In Leningrad, Lesbians are forming a feminist club, and Gays in other major cities are taking the first cautious steps to create their own newspapers and associations.

Soviet lawyers, medical authorities and journalists have also begun to speak out for decriminalization of male homosexuality - there is no legal ban on Lesbianism - but not a single national politician has taken up the cause. "No one will risk going along the slippery road of supporting homosexuals," Kalinin said.

Although Soviet citizens enjoy new political freedoms, the economic side of life has gotten so bad, he added, that he fears spasms of violence against Jews, Gays and other minorities. In a mild example of the backlash that Gays fear, the Leningrad City Council appealed to the national legislature this fall to cancel Article 121, only to be immediately condemned by a popular television commentator for spending its time on "pederasts" instead of solving the food crisis.

Igor Kon, the Soviet Union's best-known sexologist and outspoken public defender of homosexuals, said there are no statistics on the incidence of homosexuality here, but that "it is probably about the same as everywhere - about 4% to 5% of males and 1% to 2% of females."

Kon argued that given the widespread hostility toward "deviants" and abysmal ignorance of sex in general, it is more crucial for Gays to work on educating people than on decriminalization. "They have to not only change the law, but change the popular consciousness," Kon said. "Imagine America before Kinsey and before Freud."

Alexander, a soft-spoken, 21-year-old Muscovite in fashionably torn jeans, said he had found that, "even if you want to explain yourself to people, you still can't. They won't understand. For so many years, they were told it was depravity, filth, scum."

Almost all Soviet Gays believe that

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## S. F. Supervisors Call For Gay Marriages

by Michael Colbruno

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - San Francisco Supervisor Dick Hongisto's resolution calling for the state of California to recognize Gay and Lesbian marriages was unanimously approved by the Board on Monday, Dec. 10, 7-0, with two abstentions.

The resolution makes San Francisco the first governmental body in the nation to call for the legalization of Gay and Lesbian marriages.

Wasting no time, Rep. John Burton (D-SF) has indicated that he plans on introducing a bill into the California Assembly calling for same sex marriages.

The resolution states that following the success of the recent Domestic Partners proposition, it is time for the state to recognize the vast number of Gay and Lesbian people, estimated to be half, who are involved in primary relationships. It states that theirs is a growing movement, beyond the domestic partners, that has reached the churches, Bar Associations and voters.

Hongisto aide T.J. Anthony called the resolution, "Monumental. It's the spark that will ignite the efforts to legalize Gay and Lesbian marriages across the country. From here we have to hit every other Gay city."

## 'Hypocrisy & Homophobia' At Essence Magazine

WASHINGTON, DC - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has joined other organizations around the country in criticizing the refusal of Essence Magazine to honor its advertising contract with the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum (BGLLF). "Essence" is probably the nation's most widely read Black women's periodical. The ad, depicting pictures of various Black Lesbians and Gay men, was deemed "too controversial" by Essence's publisher Ed Lewis.

BGLLF received notice from Essence in November stating the magazine would not run an ad from the organization, even though the group had already contracted and paid for the insert.

The action by Essence Magazine's executive officer, Ed Lewis, is raw hypocrisy and blatantly homophobic," said Ivy Young, NGLTF's Families Project Director and former board member of the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays.

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# UPDATE

## Peter Townshend Admits Bisexuality

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - Pete Townshend, guitarist for The Who, has divulged his bisexuality in an interview in a new book in which he says "I know how it feels to be a woman".

Townshend, who has been married to Karen Astley since 1966 and has three children, revealed that he has been involved in homosexual relationships in the past.

He made the statements in the new book, "Rock Lives: Profiles and Interviews," a collection of interviews by music writer and radio host Timothy White.

Townshend said his aversion to the macho rock star ethos surfaced publicly in the "Rough Boys" song on the 1980 album "Empty Glass".

Townshend called the song a "coming out, an acknowledgement of the fact that I'd had a Gay life, and that I understood what Gay sex was about."

## Weather Or Not

by Bart

SUNNY AND WARMER WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY. THEN CLOUDS - SHOWERS AND COLD INTO THE WEEKEND.

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## Erica Wheeler In Tucson Concert January 12

TUCSON - New England folksinger Erica Wheeler and Phoenix performer Michelle Marquand will be in concert in Tucson on Saturday, Jan. 12 at 8:00 p.m. The concert will be held at the Unitarian Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street.

Erica Wheeler has been compared to Shawn Colvin and Tracy Chapman. Her well-crafted ballads are popular in many areas of the country where she has played in concerts, at music festivals and at coffeehouses. Erica's credits also include the 1990 Tucson Folk Festival. Her album, "Strong Heart", was released last year to great reviews. The Valley Advocate says "her songs weave tales of desire and irony and her poetic lyrics are rich with emotion".

Gifted singer/songwriter Michelle Marquand will be opening the show to celebrate the release of her new album "Fragile Chemistry". Michelle is well-known as the writer of two songs on Jaimie Anderson's album ("Save Me All Your Sundays" and "Sidewalks") and as the member of two popular Phoenix women's bands.

Tickets are \$6.00 in advance and are available at Antigone Book or by mail from P.O. Box 42282, Tucson, AZ 85733; \$8.00 on the day of the concert and at the door. The hall is wheelchair accessible but the restrooms are not. For more information call 325-7828.

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

## 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.

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.

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## Hypocrisy & Homophobia At Essence Magazine

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"If you pick up a copy of Essence magazine today" Young said, "you will find advertisements from Coca Cola, a company many African Americans are boycotting because of its on-going ties to apartheid. Why hasn't Mr. Lewis pulled those ads?"

"It's twisted irony," Young continued, "that Essence sees fit to use the creativity and talent of Lesbian and Gay writers and artists to fill its pages, but posts a 'not welcome' sign when one of the country's preeminent Black Gay organizations tells those same artists to take pride in who they are."

The ad submitted was a "visibility" ad which included a variety of photos and an appeal for Lesbians and Gays to attend BGLLF's fourth annual conference in Los Angeles, Feb. 9-18, 1991. "By depicting African-American Gays and Lesbians from many walks of life, BGLLF hoped to show the diversity in our community," said Phil Wilson, BGLLF founder and co-chair. Similar ads have run in Newsweek and the Los Angeles Times.

Wilson says that Essence requested and accepted BGLLF's insertion order and check. "As a result, BGLLF contracted for ad design and layout and did not attempt to place their conference ad in other national Black media.

"Now it's too late for us to place the ad elsewhere even if we had the money to re-design it. Fewer Black people will get word about the world's largest annual Black conference for Lesbians and Gays," said Deborah Johnson, BGLLF's New York spokesperson, who conducted the press

conference held in New York to announce the lawsuit. "This conference will address issues vital to the Black community such as AIDS, Women's health strategies, and leadership development."

### Designers Raise \$3.5 Million To Fight AIDS

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - Few people recognized Calvin Klein as he quietly rehung dresses during a sale of \$4 million in merchandise donated by fashion designers to benefit the fight against AIDS.

The clothes donated by Klein and more than 100 other U.S. designers brought in more than \$3.5 million by the end of the three-day sale and surpassed the goal of \$1 million.

In an industry where huge egos are legendary, what stood out was that the fashion leaders were able to put their rivalry aside and work together on a cause close to many in the clothing business. Many in the fashion industry - including Perry Ellis - have died of AIDS.

"With a hundred diverse souls like this, it's a miracle," said one organizer. "I think I can see something clicking with the shoppers as they see us, our camaraderie, and see this - what the industry has wanted to do together for a long time," said Patricia Underwood, a hat designer who's had her own label for 14 years. "I think AIDS is starting to mean something to them."

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## POLITICS '90

by MARK R. KERR

### NATIONAL NEWS

Secretary of Education, Lauro Cavazos, announced he was resigning from the Bush cabinet. In his resignation, he did not give any specific reason for leaving. Insiders speculate that Bush's Chief of Staff, former New Hampshire Governor, John Sununu, forced Cavazos out. The front-runner for the post is former Representative from Hawaii, Patricia Saiki.

Last week, George Bush named former Illinois Representative and defeated senatorial candidate, Lynn Martin to replace the outgoing Elizabeth Dole as Secretary of Labor. AFL-CIO Chairman, Lane Kirkland, coolly reacted the Martin's appointment, pointing out her terrible voting record on legislation concerning labor. Former drug czar, William Bennett, announced last week that he will not serve as Chairman of the Republican National Committee. He stated that if he took the post, he would have to cancel a book and speaking deals which would violate ethics laws. It is expected that Bush's abrasive Chief of Staff, John Sununu, wants the position to be a yes-man post, with the White House calling the shots.

### ARIZONA NEWS

The big story last week was the announcement that Tucson Mayor, Thomas Volgy, will not be running for re-election when his term is up in 1991. Volgy stated that he wants to devote more time to his family, and his teaching at the University of Arizona. Few believe that Volgy is out of politics. They expect him to run for Congress in Congressional District 2, the seat being vacated in 1992 by 15-term incumbent, Morris Udall. With Volgy out of the race, contenders on the Democratic side are Councilman Bruce Wheeler, George Miller and Roger Sedlmayr. Also thought to be considering are former City Councilmembers Chuck Ford and Sharon Hekman. On the Republican side is former City Councilmember Roy Laos.

Volgy will not be the only Democrat seeking to succeed Mo Udall. Also expected to run are State Senator Jaime Gutierrez, former State Senator Alfredo Gutierrez, Pima County Supervisor Raul Grijalva. The race for the Democratic nomination in Congressional District 2, will be one of the races to watch in 1992.

The Pima County Republican Party met Saturday to elect county officers for the 1991-92 term. The Mechanites won the day. Current chair and former head of then Gov. Mechas's southern Arizona office, Linda Barber was re-elected chair. At this meeting, former State Senator from Dist. 9, and Evan Mechas's mouthpiece in the Senate, Jeff Hill, launched his bid to become the next State Chair of the Arizona's Republican Party. He expects, as chair, to push the party further to the right, with a conservative agenda.

To those who say I am absolutely incorrect when it comes to the Republicans, I point out this little piece of news to you: The Wilcox Republicans are coming out with a bumper sticker for the upcoming runoff campaign. It reads, "Terry Is A Fairy!" Need I say anything more about the Gaybashers?

### TERRY VS "PIPI"

When you are considering who you are going to vote for in the Feb. 26 runoff election, take this into consideration: When you are casting your vote for the candidate, your casting your vote for the political party as well. The Democratic Party supports: Repealing statutes that require familial relationships in cohabitation. The right of consenting adults of either gender to engage in affectional relationships. The amendment of current protected classes legislation to include sexual orientation. That HIV testing must be done anonymously, and with the consent of the individual. That individuals who have tested HIV positive and/or have ARC or AIDS, and those individuals who are presumed either by rumor or association to be HIV positive, should be protected from discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, health care and insurance, and legislation must be enacted to insure these rights. That domestic partners who have a commitment to a long-lasting relationship, whether or not legally married, should be afforded the same economic benefits as married couples to include, but not limited to, insurance, taxes, real property agreements, probates, health care and hospital accessibility. The Republicans support: NOTHING!

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**PERSPECTIVE**

by K.C. Gartner

As an admirer of the journalist Christopher Geoffrey McPherson, I personally feel that the article written in the Observer on Dec. 12, 1990 was a bit asinine and needs to be rebutted by someone who was 'one the scene'. Although many journalists, and other writers do sometimes get writer's block, this particular column does not give a true picture of the horror that an earthquake can be.

My Rebuttal to the article was caused by his opening statement regarding not being in San Francisco during the Loma Prieta Earthquake of 1989 in the northern California region of the United States. Many articles were written in numerous papers and televised. Many people who were in the tragedy, still feel a great deal of anger and hurt caused by the earthquake. I, myself, as one of those many people suffering from a post-traumatic syndrome.

The day of the earthquake, I was on my way out of the office where I worked as a dispatcher. A few miles from my office was my home in the Marina District. I had moved from Tucson into the apartment just a year prior. At 5:04 p.m., in the Santa Cruz Mountains was the epicenter - located in the small community of Watsonville, California. Many businesses, homes and old historical buildings rocked with enough force to scare many of its residents who saw their homes and personal belongings destroyed.

Meanwhile, in San Francisco and Oakland, many of us were well on our way home from a hard day at work. I never got home to my apartment - after the earthquake my profession as a dispatcher came first. For the next 72 hours came the aftershocks. San Francisco was without power for the three days following the quake.

At my job, we split the shift work - 12 hours off and 12 hours on. Those of us who lived in the city, stayed to keep others calm and to reassure others that help would soon arrive. From where I was, I felt helpless. Looting and havoc ran throughout the city at the time.

In Oakland, the Nimitz Freeway collapsed, sandwiching countless numbers of people in their cars. My brother-in-law took that freeway to and from work everyday during heavy commuter traffic. I was very thankful to God that on that particular day he left his work two hours early and went home. I personally did not see him until a week later when everything calmed down. When I walked into my sister's home and saw him, I cried for hours. I had to move into their home because my apartment in the Marina District was one of those that burned down.

I lost all my personal possessions, including my pet cockatoo. Six months later, everyone still talks about the quake and how much it affected them. I personally am frightened at seeing the devastation caused to so many people. Many families did not celebrate Thanksgiving or Christmas last year because of the grief from loss of their loved ones in the quake.

Today there is still evidence to see from the disaster. Buildings in the Marina District are still being propped up. The Embarcadero Freeway cannot be driven on, and the Bay Bridge has a marked spot of the new platform where a car once was. The Nimitz Freeway has a section still remaining so that Japanese scientists can run tests on it.

Many people still suffer from the initial trauma, whereas some have erased that bit of memory, hoping not to endure it again...

Mr. McPherson, before you write an article on something so smitten, think about how it might reach others and how it may affect their lives.

I know this seems harsh but it affects me with a great deal of emotion. To be there and have it happen hits all the way home - and to not be there and joke about it hurts those of us who were.

Yours truly  
K.C. Gartner - Tucson

**"You Are Not Alone"**

by a Member of the HIV Community

It's Christmas time in Tucson and thanks to the beautiful people here, many PLWAs will be able to celebrate Christmas. Thanks to Shanti, MCC, PACT For Life, Cornerstone Fellowship, Desert Leathermen, TAP and the loving heartfelt generosity of many others. The boxes of

goodies, the hugs, the smiles and genuine love are deeply appreciated.

And thanks to Bob Ellis and the Observer staff for giving year round. This column is a constant reminder of you all caring. May the good Lord give all of you the joy of Christmas that you have bestowed upon all of us. So from all of us to all of you, "A Very Merry Christmas and God Bless You All."



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## Advice From Your Counselor

STEVEN DIETZ..

**Q** I am nearly sixty years old, and have a very enjoyable friendship with my nine-year-old grandson. My daughter and her husband know that I am Gay, but they don't like me to talk about it. My question is because of something that happened when I visited their home recently and asked my grandson to come sit on my lap and tell me about school. He said his mother said he shouldn't sit on my lap anymore. I am really hurt that his mother wouldn't trust me with her children after all these years. She knows I would never hurt anyone and especially my own flesh and blood, and making me feel like a pederast is disgusting. I don't know if I should stay away from the family altogether or just not visit when the children are home. I feel like I have lost one of my best friends.

restoring mutual respect within the family, even if it is not always to everyone's liking.

You too, have a right to be heard. Explain to them your feelings; that because you no longer have small children of your own at home, you enjoy hers as the natural extension of your own personal family - that you love your grandchildren as you loved her. If they are not overtly hostile, or defensive, or in the event that it wasn't their idea in the first place, ask them for suggestions about activities that allow you to be a part of the boy's life without breaking down the relationship due to misconceptions about your sexuality.

If, on the other hand, the message has come from the parents because of some degree of homophobia, talk with them. They too need to understand that making children afraid of adults who are not dangerous is like "crying wolf" too often. You may find that such personal sharing will give you a better relationship with them, as well as your grandson. In any event, removing yourself from the family will only hurt you and the boy. Your grandson's need for independence doesn't diminish his love for you. If it was mom's idea, it is she who needs to explain her actions.

**A.** It is terribly painful, at any age, to be victimized by prejudiced misconceptions. However, since you indicate that it was your grandson who talked with you about this situation, there may be other alternatives to consider before you place the blame on anyone.

At nine, young men have reached an age where they feel more need for independence, and the close physical contact can be embarrassing or uncomfortable for them. Making it seem to have been his mother's idea may have been his way of avoiding the possibility of hurting your feelings. He is at the age where his perception of what others think of him is extremely important, and he may believe that only babies sit on laps.

Before dropping your family, or any relationship because of hurt feelings, try to resolve the anxiety in other ways. Talk with your daughter and son-in-law. Even if it is uncomfortable at first, honest communication is a vital key to

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.

## Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

Well Tucson, Christmas is upon us. Are you ready? There have been a number of people grumbling and bitching that they are sick and tired of hearing about AIDS. Well honey, join the crowd. So am I, and the rest of the HIV community. This year, I think we can all join in a Christmas wish which is that there will no longer be a need to raise money for, educate about or be concerned about - AIDS. Lord, I hope I see that in my lifetime. Until then, the battle goes on. But remember, so does life.

beautiful man who has passed by - Rocky Roberts, as well as the many others who have passed on as a result of AIDS. Remember them with a smile.

This being the last paper before Christmas, I've postponed the final chapter of the Floyd Neeks story until next week. He's definitely New Year's material. Please remember those less fortunate this season, and share love. December 25th is not the end, but rather the beginning. May all of you have a warm and wonderful Christmas.

Christmas time is many things to many people. But one thing it is, is the celebration of life and hope for the future. Personally, I believe life should be celebrated to the max. Take a little time to stop and think about the things that make life enjoyable for you. Maybe the love of a good man/woman, good food, a stiff drink, a warm spring day.

Till next week: Sean 323-3780.

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## Out On The Town

by Jia Jia LaMore

Old Timers Disease is really spreading at the Ponderosa or this article would have been in last week.

Who was it that wasn't singing the blues at the Fourth Avenue Street Fair last Saturday and Sunday? Only Rotten Rhonda knows for sure. Does this have anything to do with that songbird from Phoenix or maybe the Bean Plantation? According to the Wall Street Journal, the Bean Plantation had a bumper crop recently.

Has Nurse Jane opened up the Bean home for Wayward Girls or is this the school where they learn to become pros? Speaking of pros, Miss Mae's tips are

starting to pick up. Could it be that mini she's been adorning or could it be that new walk with those old, tired pumps? She certainly does need a new pair.

Just what was Congolia Breckenridge doing out last weekend with those cha-cha pumps, making a date with one woman and ending up with three? Did anyone see that tiara tipping?

Mr. B., Mr. B., look out for that beer bottle! Oh no! Mr. B., was that number 87, 88 or was it a number before that. Only Danny Wonder knows for sure. Christina must really be dizzy after that so very long roller coaster ride with intermittent Tilt-A-Whirls.

Don't ever let Granny and Mr. B take items on consignment for a yard sale because they bill for items sold or not.

So, what is this fascination Miss Jade has with Beulah. Is it the Ponderosa with Bob, Carol, Ted and Alice, etc., etc. Or is it the terrible trio.

Will Will or won't he? Will Will willingly or won't woefully? Or Will Will. The Russian River Queen is embarking on an expedition out west. Those poor Valley Girls should really be forewarned. As someone once asked, how old is Q-Tip head anyway?

So, Til next time, forever yours  
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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

**COLETTE'S** - It's the third Wednesday and time for country music night with the live vocals of MC, Mr. Loren Johnson. Always a hit with his Tucson fans. 9:00 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.

**FRENCH QUARTER** - Beginning tonight and then every Friday, The piano magic of Michael Padilla will be displayed here from 7 to 9 p.m. during the dinner hour.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

**FRENCH QUARTER** - The irrepressible Jason will entertain diners from 7 to 9 p.m. on the piano playing all your favorites. This will be a regular event every Saturday

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

**GRADUATE** - Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) hold their annual Make-A-Wish Foundation benefit Christmas Tree raffle and show. The fully decorated Christmas tree is on display at the Graduate now. There will be other presents raffled off as well. Get your raffle tickets from any TKO member or at the Graduate. All proceeds from the show and raffle ticket sales goes to Make-A-Wish come true for some terminally ill child.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

**FRENCH QUARTER** - The light jazz combo "Hidden Agenda" will play during Brunch beginning this Sunday and every Sunday Noon to 4 p.m.

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**JOSHUA TREE** - Showtime with Scandalicious and friends. It begins at 10:30 p.m. No cover.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

**COLETTE'S** - In observance of Christmas and to allow the staff to enjoy the day with friends and family Colette's will be closed all day today.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

**JOSHUA TREE** - Consuelia, a very hot, gifted performer from Phoenix will be here at 10 p.m. Make plans to see this great act - you won't be sorry.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

**JOSHUA TREE** - Show with Lucinda Holiday and friends begins promptly at 10:30. Always entertaining.



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3. STOP THAT SHIT & BOWL	60	52	.536	24	871	33483
4. BONNIE & CLYDE'S	58	54	.518	26	873	33490
5. SIX BALLS & A SPLIT	58	54	.518	26	872	33428
6. "OUR SHAPS UP!"	54	58	.482	30	884	33653
7. THE 69ers	50	62	.446	30	939	33105
8. SMOKEBOY BOYS	48	64	.429	34	908	33590
9. SOONER OR LATER	44	68	.393	40	857	30963
10. ONE POP & THREE GO	44	68	.393	40	876	33440

HIGH GAME SCRATCH: THE 69ers 728 / BOB S. 247 / ARLENE P. 185  
HIGH GAME HANDICAP: SMOKEBOY BOYS 908 / MIKE K. 277 / JUDY C. 269  
HIGH SERIES SCRATCH: MAYBE THIS TIME 1913 / LANCE P. 576 / ARLENE P. 519  
HIGH SERIES HANDICAP: BUST B'S 2561 / BOB B. JR. 733 / BOB P. 693  
HIGH AVERAGE: MAYBE THIS TIME 592 / MARK K. 170 / ARLENE P. 143  
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IBT'S - CACTUS BOWLING LEAGUE  
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TEAM	WON	LOST	PINS	AVG.
1. THE PERFORMERS	35.5	20.5	22156	.568
2. STRYKER PORCE	33.5	22.5	24370	.580
3. REVA'S BOYS	30	26	23671	.563
4. WATCH & LEARN	29	27	23920	.569
5. STRIKE ME!	27.5	28.5	23675	.563
6. ROUGH 'N' READY	27	29	14792	.569
7. BOYS WITH BALLS	25.5	30.5	23644	.562
8. THE ORPHANS	25	31	23723	.564
9. STUD MUFFINS	25	31	22143	.567
10. THE SPOILERS	22	34	23258	.553

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# 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 622-4336).

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Third Friday Coffee House Concert. Libby Roderick, 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, 4831 E. 22nd St. \$5.00 donation in advance with tickets on sale at Antigone Books. \$5.00 donation at the door. More or less as can be afforded. For more information call 622-5292.



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# Tucson CALENDAR

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. 87L Football on our big screen. Special drink and food prices. Pool Tournament 5:30 pm. 11.00 entry. Brunch 11-1. "Wise Donk 81ta" 11.00 plus 8 pm to midnight. Action on the big screen begins at 7 pm.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open Room. Brunch served 12-4. Bloody Marys - Screwdrivers - Mimosa \$1.50, Delquiria \$2. .50 Draft Beer 7 p.m. to closing.  
**FIRELINE** - Opens at 1 p.m. .75 Draft Beer 7 p.m. to closing.  
**GRADUATE** - All White Well \$1.25 draft and \$1.50 pitcher.  
**ROCKS** - Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.00 till 7 pm. House Redneck Specials 7-11.  
**IBT'S** - Great sandwiches from IB Cafe noon to 4. Copper City Squares 2 to 777 C/W music and dancing sessions with Cowboy DJ/Instructor Gil Lam.  
**KERMI** - Room to 6 pm Beer Draft .50 draft + Screw and Marys \$1.25 + Schnapps .50/draft. + Art Dogs + Todd D's 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. 2 for 1 drinks 5-8. All White Well 11.00. Monday Night Football! .50 Draft and .75 Beer Dogs during the game.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 All Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25.  
**FIRELINE** - Open at 1 with Big Elks. .50 hot dogs all day. 5-7 \$1 Well, \$2.50 Pitchers.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour prices open to close.  
**ROCKS** - Open Room. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25, 6:30 to 8:30 Bowly Cloggers.  
**IBT'S** - 4 to 4 Two for One. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-Premium Beer.  
**KERMI** - Room-7 pm Domestic Beer or Well drinks \$1.25 plus All White Well \$1.25 6 to close. Todd D's 9-1.

tuesday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. Daily Drink Specials. Ladies Night: Strippers. Bobby Jr. D's 9 p.m.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Check for daily sandwich special. 2 for 1 from 5-8. Longneck Bottle Beer \$1.25 from 8 to midnight. DJ 8 to midnight.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm All Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 7 pm to close all Well Drinks \$1.25.  
**FIRELINE** - Opens at 1 pm. .50 hot dogs. 5-7 \$1 Well, \$2.50 Pitchers. \$1 drink specials at night.  
**GRADUATE** - .50 Draft open to close.  
**ROCKS** - Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25.  
**IBT'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 Lam 9-1.  
**KERMI** - \$1.25 Domestic Beer or Well drinks \$1.25 plus All White Well \$1.25 6 to close. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Clint.

wednesday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. Strip Shows every Wednesday. Bobby Jr. D's 9pm  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Daily Sandwich Special. Two for One 5-8. 7-Squares dance and give free square dance lessons at 4:30. Schnapps \$1 from 8 to 12 am. DJ 9-1.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm All Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. 7 to close all Domestic Beer \$1.25, All Schnapps .75 Mexican Dinner served 6 to 9.  
**FIRELINE** - Opens at 1 pm. .50 hot dogs. 5-7 \$1 Well, \$2.50 Pitchers. \$1 drink specials all night.  
**GRADUATE** - Domestic Beer \$1.25/draft - \$1.50 mites.  
**ROCKS** - Draft Beer .50 Room to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Black & White Service Industries Night Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price.  
**IBT'S** - 4-1 Two for One. 8 to Close, White Well Nite .75 (w/price \$1.00). Hot dance music with Linda Firdale 9 to 1.  
**KERMI** - Room-7 pm Domestic Beer or Well drinks \$1.25 Domestic Bottle Beer \$1.25 + .75 Schnapps 8 to close. VJ/DJ Clint at 5pm.

thursday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. DJ 9-1  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Two for One 5-8. "Subversist" .75 draft from 8 to midnight. DJ from 9 to 1.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Italian Dinner served 6 to 9. Doka Appreciation Nite - Corona Beer \$1.25 7 pm to closing.  
**FIRELINE** - Opens at 1 pm. .50 hot dogs. 5-7 pm \$1 Well, \$2.50 Pitchers. \$1 drink specials at night.  
**GRADUATE** - All Dark Well \$1.25/draft / \$1.50 mites.  
**ROCKS** - Draft Beer .50 Room to Close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Bachelors or Corona \$1.00 from 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Westerns Nite, dance lessons 4:30 - 9:30. C/W dancing 9:30 to 1 DJ Art Hawk.  
**IBT'S** - 4-1 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Lam. Bud and Bud Lite \$1.25 8-1.  
**KERMI** - \$1.25 Domestic Beer or Well Drinks 12-7pm. Kegger 8pm to Midnight .50/draft, .75 Schnapps, munchies. Video/Bisco dancing with Clint 9-1.

friday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. Bobby Jr. D's 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 \$1.25. Dinner served 6 to 9 with Harley Bass at the piano. Patio bar open 9-1 with .50 draft.  
**FIRELINE** - Opens at 1 pm. .50 hot dogs. 5-7 \$1 Well and \$2.50 pitchers. \$1 drink specials at night. New Fireline opens 8:30 "Share Nite" 17 & older with dancing/neo light show. Bar open for 21 and over with proper ID.  
**GRADUATE** - Drink Specials until closing.  
**ROCKS** - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25  
**IBT'S** - 4-1 Two for One / Hot Music 9 to close with Linda Firdale.  
**KERMI** - \$1.25 Domestic Beer or Well 12-7pm. Free Bars d'Occasion 5:30. Progressive Friday: Well drinks \$1.25 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour until 1 am. VJ/DJ Clint 9-1.

saturday

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. DJ Bobby Jr 9 to 1.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Hourly Specials 1-midnight; DJ from 9 to 1.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open Room Check the special calendar. Dinner served 6 to 9 p.m. with Harley Bass at the piano. Patio bar open 9 to 1.  
**FIRELINE** - Opens at 3 pm. Sports Saturday - .50 Free hot dogs, drink specials all day long. The New Fireline opens at 9 pm for 21 and over with neon light show and hot dancing.  
**GRADUATE** - Drink specials until closing.  
**ROCKS** - Open Room.  
**IBT'S** - 2 for 1 drinks from 8 to 1. Hot music 9 to close with Linda Firdale.  
**KERMI** - Open Room. 8 to 1 Corona Beer \$1.25 Dance with VJ/DJ Clint 9-1

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*A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship*

It's very easy to get caught up in the Christmas rush. Even if your shopping is completed, you can't help but feel enticed by the bargains and well-polished advertisements. And how about those great Christmas light displays that are so festive! The fresh scent of pine permeating your house just can't be beat, either.

Perhaps your Christmas is on the other end of the spectrum. This time of year leaves you feeling despondent and depressed, isolated and lonely. You literally hate the rush, the lights, the scents and the carolers!

God doesn't want us to miss out on the parties, the tree-trimming, and the gift-giving. And He certainly doesn't want us to feel lonely or depressed! But what He does want is for us to recognize and, more importantly, celebrate the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ.

If you think you would like a little (or a lot!) true joy in your life; you want this to be the best Christmas ever; if you would like to get to know this Jesus, whose birth Christians all over the world are celebrating; then simply open a Bible to the second chapter of Luke. I promise you won't be disappointed. Remember: "Jesus is the reason for the season!"

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Cornerstone Fellowship invites you to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on Monday, Dec. 24. We will have a special worship service at 9:00 pm. at the church. This is a very special time of rejoicing as we acknowledge the greatest gift ever given, that of God's own Son to the world. Our

Christmas Eve service is a traditional candlelight celebration, filled with lots of great Christmas music and readings. Cornerstone Fellowship is located at 2902 N. Geronimo, just one block north of Glenn and two blocks west of First Ave. Call 622-4626 for more information.

## WHAT'S UP DOG?

Each year I like to give myself a Christmas present - no column for at least one week. I'll not change at this late date, so I hope everyone read last week's column and has a safe and loving Christmas. Before closing, I will mention just one little item coming up this Saturday, Dec. 23 at the Graduate.

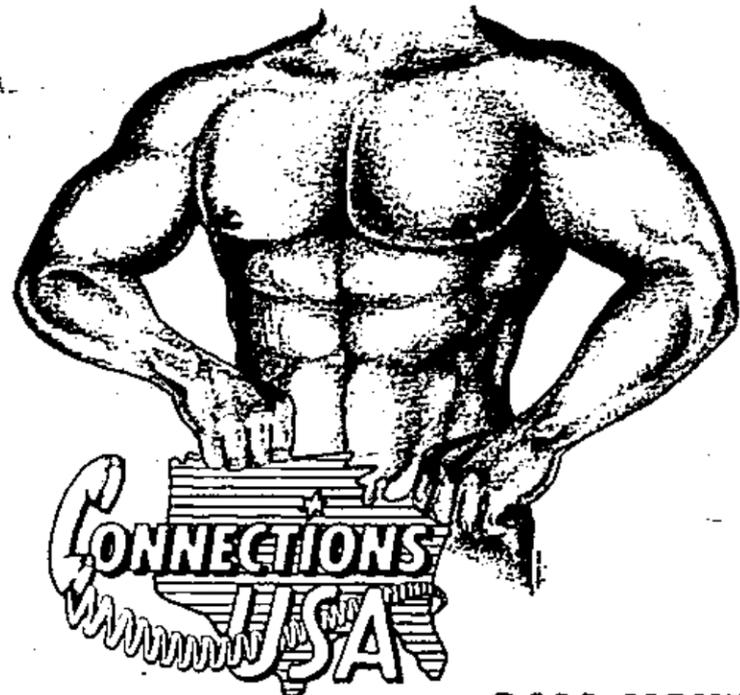
That will be the day for TKO's annual Christmas Tree Raffle, a benefit for the Make-A-Wish program. All festivities will begin at 8:30ish with the annual Graduate Christmas Show. Starring in this years show will be Miss Gay Tucson, Raven; Fiesta de Mayo Queen, Kimberly Ryan; Tucson's Country Queen Margo Leigh and the always famous and talented Aviva Diamond and finally, the King of Tap, Neil.

I hope to see a large crowd for this show and benefit. Remember, raffle tickets will be sold all during the show, with different gifts won all evening.

This will be it for my shortest-ever column.



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## It Starts One Person At A Time

As 1990 comes to a close, many people are compiling their lists of the most important things that happened during the year. For me, the most important was the increased awareness of the Earth's fragility, and efforts at protecting that fragile nature.

Many of the news stories have focused on major efforts at recycling or protecting the environment: McDonald's phasing out their use of styrofoam hamburger containers; the major soft drink makers announcing the use of recycled plastic containers; newspapers using higher percentages of recycled newsprint.

As important and valuable as these changes are, the real change begins one person at a time. Each one of us can make simple changes in our lives that will contribute greatly to improvements in the environment.

I have compiled a short list of the easiest things we each can do to be part of the growing effort:

1) Plan car trips more efficiently: make a variety of appointments on one day where possible instead of on different days. When out, plan short shopping trips to fill in time between the appointments. Not only will this improve your own efficient use of time, the amount of gasoline used and waste products emitted will be substantially reduced.

2) Use a cloth shopping bag: this doesn't work for people who do all their grocery shopping on one day, but works great when traveling to the corner store for milk or eggs. Using a cloth bag saves oil and trees. It is reusable, and many major grocery chains offer discounts for each of your own bags you use -- some offer 5-cent discounts!

3) Use sunlight whenever possible: In your home, put desks, computer terminals, or reading chairs near a window which gets sunlight. This cuts down on the amount of artificial light needed to illuminate the space (during the day, of course).

4) Use high-efficiency household products: There are now light bulbs, microwave ovens, and small appliances which are made to use energy most efficiently. As well as cutting down on energy costs, they also cut down on wasted heat energy which contributes extra warmth to a home which, during summer, means using the air conditioner more than you should.

5) Regulate your thermostat: This applies not only to the air conditioner (turn up in summer), the heater (turn down in winter), but also the hot water heater. Most water heaters are set at a temperature way too high for most home needs. A setting a few degrees lower will substantially lower energy costs.

6) Be a good consumer: Look for labels on products that stress environmental safety. These can be paper containers made from recycled paper, products which have been reformulated to cease using harmful chemicals, food products which no longer contribute to death of other animals not part of the food product (like dolphin-safe tuna), or any product which donates part of its purchase price to any environmental cause. Businesses listen closely to what the consumer says. The more environmentally safe products we buy, the more such products will become available.

7) Donate to the environmental groups: This can be money, time or resources. There are many national and local groups which are fighting to make your world a better place. Support them!

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!

### News From MCC Tucson

Christmas, the most recognized and celebrated holiday the world over.... A lot of birthdays are celebrated each year. Many are national holidays, many are local holidays, many are family holidays and many are just individuals celebrating their own. But Christmas is a birthday that so many celebrate without even knowing why they are celebrating. Yet, even as popular as Christmas is today, Christmas wasn't actually recognized until several hundred years after Christianity was in existence. Even today, the actual day that Jesus was born is not known. Only through educated guesses was December 25th set as the date of Jesus' birth. But the actual date has little to do with the fact that there was a birth as recorded in the Gospels of the New Testament in the Bible.

At MCC/Tucson, Christmas will be celebrated as a conclusion of the Advent season with some changes in our regular scheduled services. At 10:45 a.m., on Sunday, Dec. 23, we will celebrate our Fourth Sunday of Advent. The Evening Worship Service has been cancelled for this Sunday only. At 11:00 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 24, a Christmas Eve Liturgical Service will be held at 560 S. Stone Ave. The church will be closed all day Christmas so that the staff can spend the day with family and loved ones.

The Pastoral Staff, Administrative Council and Congregation of MCC/Tucson wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: There can be no happiness if the things we believe in are different from the things that we do.

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## Soviet Gays Try To End The Taboo

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they must conceal their sexual preferences, Alexander said, and there are no signs of any mass emergence from hiding.

The Soviet Union is at least 50 years behind America in its attitudes toward Gays, according to Jim Toevs, a Tucson-based Gay activist who visited Moscow last summer to help organize his counterparts here. Even half a century ago, America had Gay bars and clubs, he said.

The closest thing Moscow has to Gay bars are the large Sadko restaurant in central Moscow and the Okhotny Ryad cafe nearby, both of which cater to the Bolshoi Theater crowd in general.

Sasha said Moscow Gays - or "light blues" as they are known for no apparent reason - seeking new acquaintances are reduced to prowling public rest rooms, bath houses and "the Route", from the Bolshoi Theater to the House of Unions and along Pushkin and Tverskaya streets, all in the heart of Moscow. Other major Soviet cities also have their common meeting places, usually in highly central, populated spots. Those who walk "the Route" suffer from police and KGB harassment and blackmail, but even worse are the gangs that victimize homosexuals without worrying about punishment because they know they will not be reported by men who could themselves be imprisoned for admitting their tastes.

A furious article in Tena describes how these gangs operate: "These blackguards work in well-organized groups of three to 10 people with well-defined roles," Tena says, recounting how a handsome youth serves as bait to an unsuspecting homosexual, who invites him home or goes to his place, only to be drugged or surrounded by toughs who beat and rob him.

"You can't go to the police and say, 'I wanted to go home with a boy,'" Sasha said, "because the police will just give it to you in the face with their 'democratizers' - their truncheons.

"If there is homophobia in the United States," he said, "and if in Britain it is very strong, and if in Germany it can still cost you your career, you can imagine what it's like here."

In the face of such hostility, Tena has focused on developing a sense of solidarity and pride among Gays, as well as detailing the indignities they suffer. In hard-to-read computer print on heavy paper, the three editions put out so far have carried articles about "roosters", the young men turned into dehumanized sex objects in Soviet prisons; about homosexuality in Russian history; about Lesbian love, Gay dignity and safe sex.

It was acquired immune deficiency syndrome that at first got the Soviet media talking about homosexuals several years ago. Now, along with lobbying for legal changes, Soviet Gay activists plan to concentrate their efforts on AIDS education programs, hoping both to prevent the disease's spread and to gain credibility among the general population showing that the Gay community can organize and get results.

"Public opinion must be changed by showing that homosexuals do AIDS prevention work a thousand times more than the government," said Leonid Razin, a doctor who runs a laboratory that works on AIDS prevention, part of a growing anti-AIDS network in Moscow.

Kalinin said he hoped to start up a Soviet version of ACT UP, the confrontational American group known for civil disobedience campaigns on behalf of AIDS patients.

A new AIDS hot line also went into action last month and has many Gay callers, even though most of the Soviet Union's AIDS carriers - there are about 500 of them, according to low official estimates - were infected by dirty needles in hospitals rather than sexually.

Sergei Trofinov, who runs the hot line and has done similar counseling work since 1981, said he sensed growing self-acceptance from Gay callers, who used to be surprised that he would still want to speak to them after they identified themselves as such. "Now, they call up and just say, 'I'm a homosexual and I have a problem,'" he said.

Razin said there was little opposition from medical and other authorities these days to Western-style AIDS programs, even with their elements of Gay counseling.

But the political Gay vanguard has run into some interference. Kalinin's parents have been harassed by the KGB, and his apartment was broken into and robbed, mainly of documents. He estimates that half of his mail does not reach him.

And although the more liberal Soviet press generally gives Gays positive coverage, the more conservative media show signs of launching a counter-campaign. Shortly after Tena won official status as a newspaper this fall, the Communist Party daily, Pravda, vilified it as a panderer to necrophiliacs and child molesters.

Noting that Tena's Masthead said it was put out by the Assn. of Sexual Minorities, Pravda, quoting a dispatch from the state-run Tass news agency, also known as conservative, falsely claimed that the Gay newspaper gave helpful hints on where necrophiliacs could find fresh corpses and how much a night with a child cost.

The Pravda article was aimed not so much against Gays as against the radical Moscow Council, which had officially registered the newspaper under new press freedom laws that give any citizen the right to found a publication.

The real test for Kalinin and his comrades may come next summer, when they hope to organize a Gay pride parade through Red Square.

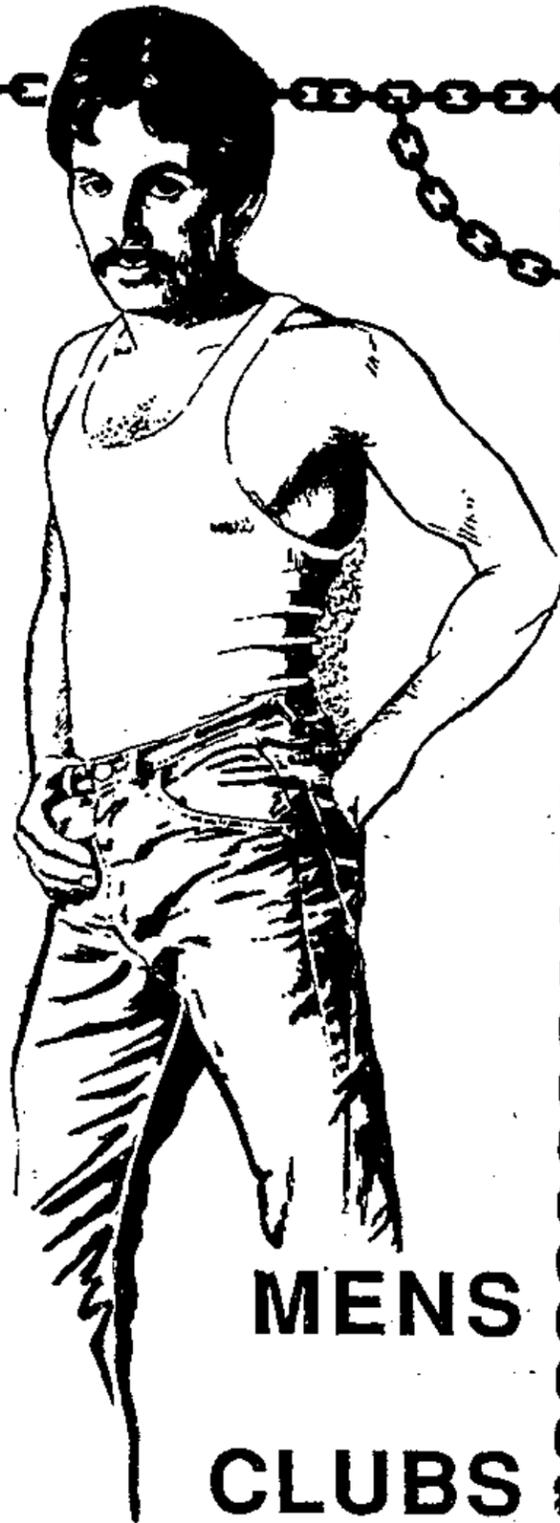
Toevs said that recruitment of Western Gay activists to participate is already under way, with flyers going out calling on people to "turn Red Square into a Pink Triangle," the symbol of Gay activists.

Sasha, who wears a pink triangle on his sweater but withholds his last name in Tena and other publications, is pessimistic about the parade's prospects. He predicted that a counterdemonstration by a carefully orchestrated outraged public would block it.

And "even homosexuals who frequent the Bolshoi Theater would never march in public," he said. "For there to be a Gay parade as in the West, with hundreds of people - I, personally, don't expect that in this decade."

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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 8:00 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 845-7118 or write P.O. Box 17747, Tucson, AZ 85731-7747. All replies confidential.

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Women affected by HIV support and discussion group. Call P.A.C.T. at 322-9808 if interested.

### EVERY TUESDAY

HIV Long Termers Self Empowerment Group, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., PACT office, 3833 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 N. 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, 3833 E. 2nd St. 7 p.m.

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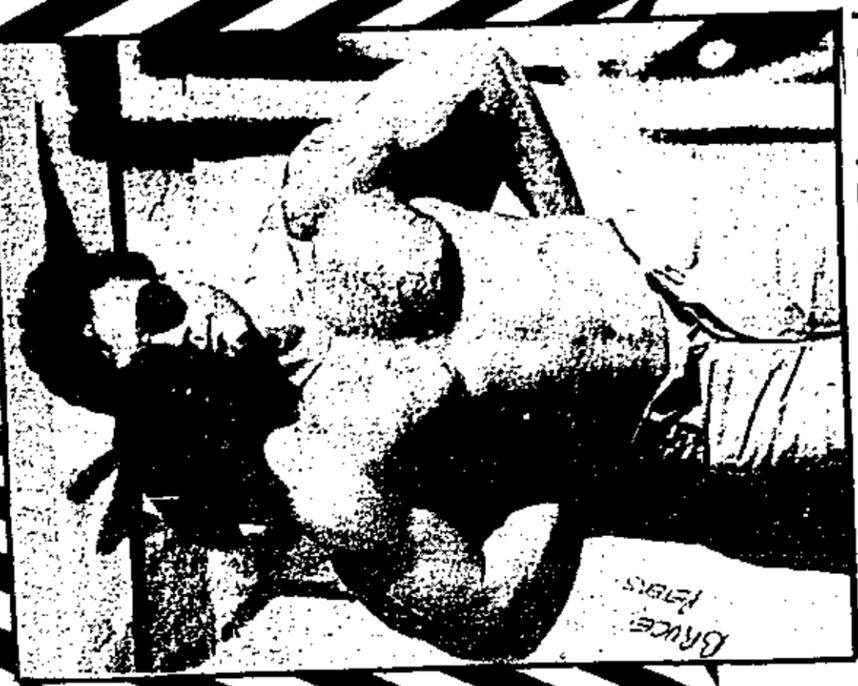
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