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## Nominees for CAT Awards, Winners to be Announced Saturday, Jan. 26

TUCSON - The 'a'CAT'ny Awards will be presented this Saturday. The Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) will present its 4th annual awards banquet at the Quality Inn, 1601 Oracle. The doors open at 5:00 p.m. for cocktail hour. Dinner, consisting of Prime Rib of Roast Beef, Baked Potato, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Black Forest Cake, Hot Rolls, Butter and Coffee, will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. and the Awards ceremony beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Loren Johnson will act as MC for the evening and also entertain. There will also be live vocals by Mary Murphy and Joe Wallen. The Copper City Squares will also be on stage and flying in from Dallas will be Coco, Miss Gay Texas, 1989-90. Coco was also first-runner up in the Miss Gay American Pageant 1990-91.

Tickets for the evening, which includes the dinner and entertainment are on sale at all local bars and will also be available at the door at the Quality Inn on Saturday. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. The Banquet Hall is in the rear of the building next to the swimming pool.

The ballots have been cast and the tabulations has been completed and the winners of the 1990 CAT Awards have been established. However, only Cactus Bookkeeping Service knows the winners. In addition to the awards listed below, there will be ten Merit Awards presented. Various members of the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community will act as presenters for the various trophies.

Listed here are the twenty-three categories that are up for awards and the five final nominees in each category. The nominees are in alphabetical order and not necessarily in the order that they finished in the voting. That outcome will be announced at the award ceremonies Saturday.

### CLUB OR ORGANIZATION SPONSORED SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

(Non fund raising, strictly for the fun and the enjoyment)

Arizona Fellowship Run (All Social Clubs)  
Desert Leathermen (Mystery Run)  
Partners - Panda Run  
Sisters of Sonora - Hoedown  
TLGA - Gay Pride Picnic

### CLUB OR ORGANIZATION BENEFIT OF THE YEAR

Desert Leathermen - (Observer/Community Benefit)

P.A.C.T. - Festival of Trees  
St. Andrews Church - Thanksgiving Buffet  
Shanti Foundation - Jello Wrestling  
Tucson Knight Owls - Christmas Tree Raffle

### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - MALE

(Individual who works for the betterment of the community throughout the year)

Jerome Beillard  
Roger Barger  
Chuck Clapp  
Ben Corbin  
Harry Lewis

### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - FEMALE

(Individual who works for the betterment of the community throughout the year)

Patty Bowers  
Annie Corbin  
Nancy Norman  
Natalie Perry  
Pan Young

### SUPPORT SERVICE ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

(Organizations that provide services and/or funding for the community)

People with AIDS Coalition/Tucson (P.A.C.T.)  
Shanti Foundation/Tucson  
Tucson AIDS Project (TAP)  
Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA)  
Wingspan

### SOCIAL CLUB OF THE YEAR

(Club primarily formed for social purposes)

Desert Leathermen  
Partners of Tucson  
Sisters of Sonora (SOS)  
Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL)  
Tucson Knight Owls (TKO)

### MOST OUTSTANDING RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION

Cornerstone Fellowship  
Dignity  
MCC - Tucson  
St. Andrews  
St. Francis in the Foothills

### MOST SUPPORTIVE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR - NON BAR

Antigone Books  
Hair On Broadway  
Observer  
Packaging Plus  
Graphically Inclined (A.C. Schnitt Graphics)

### MOST OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE MEDICAL FIELD

Neil Anple  
Dr. Mike Darrrough  
Dr. Scott Gorman  
Dr. Mike Griffin  
Dr. Peterson

### ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR NON-FEMALE IMPERSONATOR

Becky Bishop  
Anne English  
Jerry Harrell  
Loren Johnson  
Mary Murphy

### FEMALE IMPERSONATOR OF THE YEAR - a.k.a. BOBBI JO MEMORIAL AWARD

(Female impersonator who works for the betterment of the community)

Candy Plastique  
Dominique  
Margo Lee  
Michelle Kristie  
Raven

### BAR OR BUSINESS SPONSORED BENEFIT OF THE YEAR

Colette's West - Take Back The Night  
Graduate - President's Auction  
IBT's - Santa for Shanti  
Joshua Tree - Fiesta de Mayo  
Rumorz - Jello Wrestling

### DAY BARTENDER OF THE YEAR (MALE)

Bucky Lucarelli  
Jason Mallonee  
Terry Miller  
James Moody  
Rob Thompson

### DAY BARTENDER OF THE YEAR - FEMALE

Colette Barajas  
Sandy Elenz  
Sheila Murphy  
Tina Nehring  
Natalie Perry

### NIGHT BARTENDER OF THE YEAR - MALE

Kenny Ann  
John Coleman  
Jimmy Joplin  
Jeff Meyers  
Danny "Moose" Pagel

### NIGHT BARTENDER OF THE YEAR - FEMALE

Patty Bowers  
Sandy Elenz  
Sheila Murphy  
Tina Nehring  
Natalie Perry

### FINE ARTS GROUP OR ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

a.k.a. Theatre  
One-In-Ten Repertory Theatre  
Southern Arizona Light Opera Company (SALOC)  
Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus  
Tucson Symphony Orchestra

### DISC JOCKEY OF THE YEAR

Clint Austin  
Bobby Bishop, Jr.  
Linda Fisdale  
Jeannie Kelly  
Parker Ruiz

### BAR MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Colette Barajas  
Roger Barger  
Bobby Bishop, Jr.  
Danny Duncan  
Tom Novakowski

### BAR EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR (non-bartender / non-dj / non-manager)

Freddie Carillo  
Willie Payne  
Bobby Plunzer  
Jenna Van Dorn  
Pan Young

### MOST OUTSTANDING DANCE BAR

Colette's West  
HOURS  
IBT's  
Joshua Tree  
Rumorz

### MOST OUTSTANDING ENTERTAINMENT BAR

Colette's West  
Graduate  
IBT's  
Joshua Tree  
Rumorz

### BAR OF THE YEAR

Colette's West  
Graduate  
HOURS  
IBT's  
Joshua Tree



# UPDATE

## PACT Seeks Program Assistant

TUCSON - P.A.C.T. for Life is seeking a Program Assistant/Interviewer for their Early Intervention Program. It is a paid position. Applicants should have good communication skills and a knowledge of early intervention concepts as well as treatment options for HIV disease. A complete job description is available at the offices of PACT for Life, 3833 E. 2nd Street, in Tucson.

Bi-Lingual and HIV positive persons are preferred. Minorities and women are also encouraged to apply.

Submit resume, letter of interest and three references before 5:00 p.m., Jan. 31, 1991 to: PACT for Life, P.O. Box 2488, Tucson, AZ 85702.

## TMCC To Begin Rehearsals

TUCSON - The Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus will begin rehearsals on Monday, Feb. 18 at the University of Arizona Music Building, Room 106. The rehearsal will take place from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. All interested persons are urged to attend the rehearsal to learn more about the Community Chorus.

## Weather Or Not

by Bart

THE OTHER GUYS SAY RAIN, BUT I'M STILL WAITING. SUNNY THIS WEEK, BUT EXPECT RAIN ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY.

HIGHS: 58 - 68  
LOWS: 30 - 40

## Miss Western States Pageant

PHOENIX - The newest pageant to arrive in Arizona is the "Miss Western States Pageant", which will be held on March 29 at a location to be announced later.

The pageant is another of the Norma Kristie productions which franchises the Miss Gay Phoenix and Tucson Pageants as well as Miss Gay Arizona.

This latest pageant is open to all and for more information you can call Drew in Phoenix at 267-0510.

## Observer Now Accepting Valentine Messages

TUCSON - The Fifth Annual OBSERVER Valentine's Day issue will be delivered on Wednesday, February 13, Issue 343. Each year OBSERVER solicits Valentine messages from its readers at not cost and prints them in its Valentine's Day issue. There will be receptacles in all the local bars for patrons to place their messages. Others may be mailed to P.O. Box 50733, Tucson, AZ 85703. It's only four weeks away so be sure to get your Valentine's greetings to us in time.

## Safe Sex



### Is Bringing Men Together

## NIAID May Test Alpha-Interferon

WASHINGTON, DC - The Medical Tribune reported on December 27 that the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), "is investigating the possibility of sponsoring a trial" of low dose oral alpha interferon for the treatment of HIV infection".

Dr. Daniel Roth, director of the Division of AIDS at NIAID, told the Medical Tribune that, while the trial may have no "scientific interest," it "may be of benefit to the public health." Roth is concerned, not that the low-dose oral alpha-interferon may be an efficacious treatment for AIDS, but that "patients may be denied an effective therapy by not being given unproven treatment [alpha interferon] and may be put at risk for unknown toxicity."

Roth apparently distrusts Kenyan data which shows that "eight of 40 antibody-positive African men treated with low-dose oral alpha-interferon became [antibody negative] after six weeks of therapy." Those results were reported in the July issue of the Journal of Molecular Biotherapy, the Medical Tribune pointed out.

Supplies of the compound are "limited", according to the president of Interferon Sciences, Inc, Dr. Samuel Ronel. "We have just enough for our clinical trials," Ronel told the Medical Tribune.

However, "unapproved supplies of the drug are available via a network of buyers' clubs," the Medical Tribune reports. An internist in Little Rock, Jerry D. Malott, told the Tribune that one of his HIV-positive patients brought him "red-top tubes with a clear liquid" that the patient said was Alpha Interferon. "I don't feel comfortable [using it]," Malott said.

There are two suppliers of oral alpha-interferon: one is Interferon Sciences, which "supplies a natural form of the drug for use in HIV-infected patients in two studies at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York City. The interferon used in the Kenyan studies, trade name Kenron is manufactured by Hayashi-bara Biochemical Laboratories in Japan, Dr. Joseph Cummins, President of Amarillo Cell Culture Co., told the Medical Tribune.

Amarillo Cell Culture holds "the patent on low-dose oral alpha-interferon technology for humans". While Cummins admitted that the Interferon Sciences product may not be much different from Kenron, in order to find out if either is efficacious in treating AIDS," he said, "we need double blind placebo-controlled studies and we need them as fast as we can get them."

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## Gay Tampa Bay to Join in Super Bowl Festivities

TAMPA, FL - Tampa Bay's Gay and Lesbian community is sponsoring a parade float as part of the host city's celebration of Super Bowl XXV. The float will appear as part of the "Banboleo" event scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 26, along scenic Bayshore Blvd.

The 1991 parade replaces Tampa's traditional Gasparilla festivities amid some recent controversy that has focused attention on the community's diversity, and on the need for broad participation in public events.

This evolving appreciation of social and cultural diversity, and of the strength and value it imparts to any community, inspired the float's theme. In "Celebrating America's Rainbow", the Gay and Lesbian float invokes a beautiful metaphor, according to Keith Roberts, one of the project's organizers. "Our use of the rainbow symbol pays tribute to the differences that color and enrich the fabric of American life," Roberts declared.

The rainbow image will be given a human face by riders who reflect the country's ethnic variety, and whose dress will represent various walks of life. "The message is one of tolerance and inclusiveness, and of the central role these values must play in our world," noted Roberts, who is co-director of the Bay Area Human Rights Coalition, a Gay/Lesbian social and civic action group and one of the float's sponsors.

At 35 feet long by 14 feet wide and 13 feet high, the float will be dominated by a soaring arch finished in multi-hued metallic mylars. Natural flower material will be utilized extensively -- apparently a first for local floats -- and spirited music of Gay American composers like Aaron Copeland and Leonard Bernstein will add an aural dimension. The float's Gay/Lesbian sponsorship will be prominently identified.

This project represents a truly community-wide effort for local Gays and Lesbians. Funding and other assistance is being provided by contributions from a variety of organizations -- including BAHRC, the Tampa Bay Business Guild, Lambda Community Center, the Tampa Bay Gay Men's Chorus and the Metropolitan Community Church -- as well as from individuals and area businesses; associated costs are expected to exceed \$6,000.

The time and energies of many talented people are being contributed for design, engineering, promotion and logistics details. A dedicated legion of workers is involved in the enormously complex task of construction.

As a result of this effort, Gays and Lesbians will have a valuable asset, one that not only will serve for this year's Super Bowl parade, but that can be modified for use in other parades and events. The float will be made available to Gay/Lesbian and other groups in the future, serving as a "recurring reminder of the Gay and Lesbian vitality, and of our intention to participate actively and visibly in the life of the community", said Roberts.

Contributions to this project are welcome and may be made to the "Rainbow Fund", BAHRC, P.O. Box 18954, Tampa, FL 33679-8954.

As I See It . . . . .

by Clark



# CAT

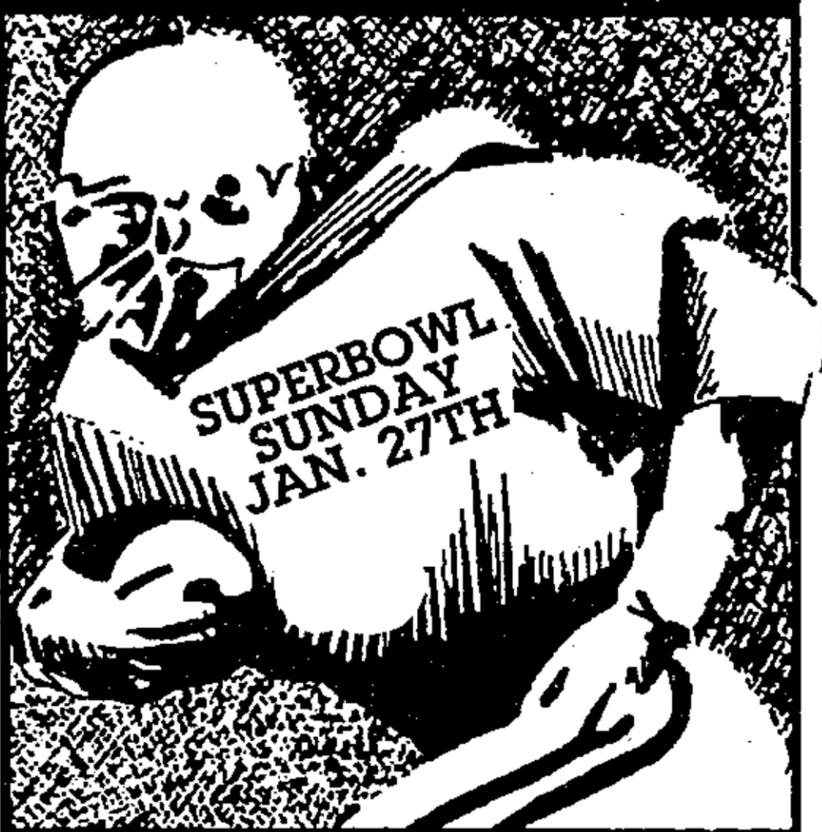
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For reservations, a personal preview, a brochure or further information, call Jim Toevs or Jay Eckman at (602)577-6018.

## Roaming Around With Chuck

Are you into Gay/Lesbian jewelry? Then you might want to write Bande Designs, 7102 Castor Ave. N Philadelphia, PA 19149 or call (215)742-9823 for their free catalog. They have some nice items in silver and gold.

Wintertime Women in the Woods at Breitenbush Hot Springs Feb. 1-3, is a great 3-day retreat for Lesbians. It is limited to 100 participants. Therapeutic hot springs, pools, steam sauna, rustic cabins, old mountain lodge, ovo-lactic vegetarian meals (included at historic Breitenbush Hot Springs) 60 miles east of Salem, Oregon. Healing workshops, play, relaxation, music - your choice. Sliding fee scale \$110 - \$165. Spaces go quickly ... Sponsored by Phoenix Rising, 333 S.W. 5th, #404, Portland, Oregon 97204 or call (503)223-8299.

Several have asked about a place where they can take their pets. Here is one you and your pets both may love. Shakti Cove Cottages, P.O. Box 385, Ocean Park, Washington 98640 or call (206)665-4000. It is about 3 1/2 hours from Seattle or 2 1/2 hours from Portland. Beach access, kitchenettes, secluded, quiet, affordable and PETS WELCOME.

A book some of you might enjoy is "My Country, My Right To Serve" by Dr. Mary Ann Humphrey, a best-selling book you may have missed. Or you might enjoy, "The Trouble With Harry Hay: Founder of the Modern Gay Movement" (Boston: Alyson Publications, 1990) \$19.95.

Street violence against Gays and Lesbians seems to be on the increase in Seattle starting in early November. Some of these attacks have been carried out by street gangs such as the Bloods. Queer Nation is planning "Queer Patrols" and "Pink Panther Patrols" in some Gay neighborhoods to help protect members of the

community.

Roseburg, Oregon had a Leather & Levi Party last November that brought out a crowd of Leather and Levi guys from the boonies and hills in the rural areas of the state. They plan more such gatherings as the response was so great. How about it, leather and levi clubs of Tucson... why not have a gathering of all clubs putting on a bash for all the leather and levi types who live in the small towns, mountains and rural areas of Arizona. I know there are a lot of them out there, and I am sure they would love to come to Tucson and spend a night or weekend in Tucson with some great hosts!!! How about it guys?

For you who love to "Moon" or view some lovely Buns ... the 1991 Full Moon Calendar is a beauty... there is a male and a female version. Send \$6.95 to Fantasy Adult Video, 3137 N.E. Sandy Boulevard, Portland, Oregon 97232 (phone (503)239-6969). Specify the male or female version. Check, money order or credit cards are accepted. It is sent in a discreet wrapper. Could make a great Valentine gift to a pair of lovely buns... smile!

Lesbian friends might enjoy "Woman's Press", news, poetry, stories and reviews. P.O. Box 562, Eugene, Oregon 97440. There are 6 issues yearly. Cost \$5.00 for individuals. I think you might enjoy it.

Thanks for the response and concern I have received from last week's column. .... The point was to inform you and I guess quite a few of you do read this column. The important thing is that it may save someone in the community some grief.

Until next time... Love ya... Chuck.

## What's Up Doc ???

This is the week that you can read (elsewhere in this OBSERVER) who the five finalists are in each of the CAT Awards categories. I wish each of the nominees the best of luck. Just being one of the five finalists in itself makes each a winner, so I congratulate each and every one of you.

This year's awards presentation will be coming Saturday over at the Quality Inn. Tickets are on sale for \$15 each, which gets you your dinner, entertainment and finally the awards presentations themselves. Good seating is available for everyone showing up at the door and purchasing your tickets at that time. Check this issue also for a complete schedule of events for the entire evening.

Something new has been added on Wednesday evening at HOURS. It is "Moose's Weenie Wednesday". You will just have to stop in and experience this one for yourself, I do not want to spoil the fun of it.

It is always interesting to me that whenever I goof up and put something in my column that is wrong, a number of people come up to me and point it out. If all is correct in the column, I hardly ever hear a word. About the only time is when I find one of those TBS' on someone

and then it is usually that individual that comes after me. Oh well, I guess that is the price a person has to pay for the honor of writing a weekly column for this paper because it sure isn't the pay checks received.

With this month's full moon coming up next Wednesday, what crazy happenings will go on around this town both 3 days before and after. Also on that day, for all of us who work 5 days a week, there is only 238 more working days in 1991. See, I can bring you more information than is really needed, rather than some of the BS I do report on.

With that I'll not bore you with anything else. I do wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected and sworn in officers for the up and coming club year, for Partners of Tucson. I hope this year will bring many rewarding and happy events both for your club and all of Tucson.

**Play Safe!**

# Insurance Company Recognizes Domestic Partners

WASHINGTON, DC - Firemen's Insurance Company of Washington, DC, one of America's oldest business firms, has become the first insurance company in the nation to file a Homeowners policy change that recognizes domestic partners. By re-defining who is insured, the new endorsement extends to domestic partners the automatic coverage rights enjoyed by spouses and relatives of Homeowners policyholders.

president, Dick Andrews. "We will have the first Homeowners policy in the insurance industry that will serve the diverse and changing lifestyles of today's society without sacrificing the privacy needs of the individual.

Firemen's Insurance Company plans to begin attaching the new endorsement to all Homeowners policies it issues beginning in early 1991.

Chartered in 1837, Firemen's Insurance Company is the only property and casualty insurance company headquartered in the District of Columbia. A+ rated year after year, the company has grown and prospered and, today, insures more dwellings in Washington than any other insurance carrier. Firemen's offers homeowners coverage to apartment renters and the owners of dwellings and condos in the District of Columbia and the states of Maryland and Virginia.

According to Carl Blundell, a company underwriting manager who created the new endorsement, "This Homeowners policy change will extend automatic coverage to anyone with whom an insured has a close, committed personal relationship that involves sharing household responsibilities and owning property together. Automatic coverage applies after an insured has established such a relationship and lived with their domestic partner continuously for at least 6 months.

"The public will no longer confuse us with Fireman's Fund or any other insurance company," says Firemen's new

## Old Pueblo Business & Professional Association



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### FIGHTING HATE CRIMES

New York activist Claudia Brenner reveals a story of courage and perseverance - a story that will astonish you, anger you, and inspire you. Two years ago, Brenner and her lover were targets of unprovoked homophobic violence. Brenner's lover was brutally killed in the attack. Now Brenner speaks out across the country against hate crimes. A reception to meet the speaker and support her campaign against homophobia follows the OP meeting at the Tucson Old Pueblo Resort.

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#### ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES - DIVISION OF DISEASE PREVENTION AIDS, ARC, HIV+ SURVEILLANCE REPORT FOR ARIZONA - JANUARY 1, 1991

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	POPULATION	CASES OF AIDS			DEATHS	CASES OF ARC			CASES OF HIV+		
		DEC.	AUG.	JULY		DEC.	AUG.	JULY	DEC.	AUG.	JULY
APACHE	52,108	5	5	5	2	1	1	1	6	2	2
COCHISE	85,686	11	10	10	6	7	6	6	43	42	42
COCONINO	75,008	9	9	8	5	-	-	-	17	16	16
GILA	37,080	4	4	4	3	-	-	-	3	3	3
GRAHAM	22,862	3	3	3	0	2	2	2	3	3	3
GREENLEE	11,406	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
LA PAZ	12,557	3	3	3	2	-	1	1	8	6	6
MARICOPA	1,509,052	972	919	903	591	319	299	296	1564	1568	1538
MOHAVE	55,065	13	11	11	5	-	-	-	26	24	24
NAVAJO	67,629	4	4	4	2	-	-	-	1	1	1
PIMA	531,443	240	232	227	134	48	38	37	498	499	490
PINAL	90,918	11	11	11	9	3	3	2	22	22	22
SANTA CRUZ	20,459	2	2	2	0	2	1	1	3	3	3
YAVAPAI	68,145	14	13	13	7	-	-	-	24	22	22
YUMA	76,205	16	15	15	7	4	5	5	57	49	49
UNKNOWN		2	2	2	1	9	6	6	203	288	289
TOTALS	2,718,215	1310	1244	1221	774	395	362	357	2478**	2549**	2509**

NOTE: \*\* ON MARCH 15, 1989, THE OPTION TO RECEIVE HIV TESTING ANONYMOUSLY BECAME AVAILABLE. AN ADDITIONAL 813 HIV SEROPOSITIVE TESTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED THROUGH THIS ANONYMOUS TEST OPTION.

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**GRADUATE****23 W. UNIVERSITY, TUCSON 622-9233****Bit Of The Old South***by Sean Thomas*

Don't forget this Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Quality Inn is the annual Community Awards of Tucson Dinner. Look for the advertisement in the Observer for further details.

Monday night I met with Bert Hoop in the company of several other members of the Desert Leathermen. This interview, I hope, will enlighten some about the mysterious life of leather. There are a lot of misconceptions concerning this portion of our Gay culture. Some of which I hope we can lay to rest.

Desert Leathermen was formed about 5 years ago to give Tucson a full leather club. It's other purpose is to motivate the leather community to become a helping hand to the overall Gay community. They broke many a new ground in the leather world. The primary one was the admittance and acceptance of women in what was once a man's world." DL is a leather club, not a man's club," Bert Hoop stated. This new policy has been adopted by several other leather clubs nationwide.

Leather life itself has always been "What you see is what you get". One of the first misconceptions we'll address is that S/M and Leather are the same. Although some leathermen dabble in S/M, not all do. And yet many practitioners of S/M wear leather, but don't practice the leatherman mentality. With the advent of AIDS, leathermen have had to make many adjustments. In fact, leathermen became some of the strongest and most outspoken advocates for safe-sex practices. Thus, they created some of the most diversified and creative safe-sex practices. Those who put S/M and leather together are obviously ignorant of the facts. Leathermen believe that hot sex has a lot to do with the mind. Good sex is a total sensual experience intensified by thought, look and word.

Leather life has been a victim of misunderstandings, and prejudice as a result of ignorance and misinformation.

Local leathermen are more than accessible for information and guidance. The Gay world has been victim to the same by the straight community, and it's sad to see Gay people do the same to a portion of our own people. Leather life may not be for you, then again if you honestly look into it, it may be.

There exists in this lifestyle, a close camaraderie. On occasion, they have social gatherings known as "runs". This is an opportunity to make new friends and visit with old ones. Clubs from various states and cities participate in these parties. Officially, the use of drugs at these runs is not condoned.

The majority of those in relationships are actually very monogamous, which was another misconception of the modern leathermen. And as far as the single ones, anything may go as long as safe sex guides are adhered to. "Pleasure, not stupidity".

Then there are those who think you can't believe in God and live a leather lifestyle. Wrong! Someone I had met several times, a long time ago, proved that point wrong. I'm speaking of Rev. Troy Perry, founder and father of MCC. He lives and exists in both.

Demographically, there is the same wide variety in the leather lifestyle as in the so called general lifestyle. DL took a vote a while back and also decided that a person's immune states (HIV+ or HIV-) should have no bearing on his acceptance or consideration for membership to fully understand the leather life, you really need to experience it. You'd be surprised at the people who live the leather life - doctors, teachers, ministers, construction workers, cooks, engineers, county AIDS educators, etc. There will be more to come on this subject real soon. If there is a particular area you would like researched, please call and leave the message on my machine.

Till next week: Sean 323-3780.

**A Commentary By****Christopher Geoffrey McPherson****Write A Letter**

As I sit down to write this week's column our country stands on the cliff's edge of war in the Persian Gulf. By the time this column reaches print, we could either be in a war or not.

Whether or not we are engaged in war while you read this, there is one thing we should never forget: the people fighting this war for us.

I urge each of you, my faithful readers, to write a letter to a soldier in the Persian Gulf I have. Thousands of others have, as well. The one thing I constantly hear on news reports about our fighting men and women is the happiness they feel when they receive mail from home.

As many soldiers have no one to write to then, their only mail comes addressed "To Any Soldier".

It is always difficult to be miles from home. Even worse, when those miles are measured in the thousands and home is another country.

We can all hope this tension in the Persian Gulf does not escalate into war. We all hope by the time this column reaches print, our men and women are on their way home. We can all hope no more blood is shed for this senseless school-yard dispute.

We can hope; but while we hope, we can also take a few minutes to write a letter, a simple couple pages to a uniformed man or woman who has little if any connection back in the states.

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# NOMAS to Hold National Conference in Tucson June 6-9



NOMAS Co-Chair of the Conference Planning Committee, Phyllis Frank from Nyack, NY and Co-Chair of the NOMAS Gay Rights Task Group, Jim Hanneken of Pittsburgh, PA in Tucson last weekend for a national NOMAS Board Meeting and Conference Planning Session. The Conference, which will be held in Tucson June 6-9 is expected to draw over 800 participants. See related story.

can return to their families and communities to work for change.

TMC will also be stressing the multi-cultural aspect of the conference. American society as a whole is becoming increasingly ethnically diverse, and Tucson's character as a modern city has evolved from the multi-cultural influences that have shaped its 230-year history. Conference goers will be given the chance to experience Tucson's rich culture through Native American rituals; performances of Black, Hispanic and Native American artists; special tours of local cultural attractions; and self-guided tours through Tucson's surrounding Historic Districts.

TMC is currently reviewing almost 150 proposals for presentations which have been submitted, and are actively planning the conference's schedule, major speakers, rituals and cultural events. M&M 16 will run from the evening of Thursday, June 6 through mid-afternoon of Sunday, June 9.

The National Organization for Men Against Sexism is an activist organization of men and women supporting positive changes for men. NOMAS advocates a perspective that is pro-feminist, Gay-affirmative, and committed to justice on a broad range of social issues including race, class, age, religion and physical abilities.

It is expected that over 800 persons from all across America and Canada as well as Europe will be attending the June Conference.

TUCSON - The Tucson Men's Cooperative (TMC) will be working in cooperation with the National Organization of Men Against Sexism (NOMAS) to host the 16th National Conference on Men and Masculinity, (M&M 16), June 6 through 9 in Tucson. M&M 16 will be a balance of political consciousness, personal growth and spiritual awakening. TMC is planning a special track focusing on the issues of men in recovery with nationally recognized presenters. There will be many hands-on workshops concentrating on personal, family and community growth, and it is hoped that attendees will gather much experience and knowledge with which they



TUCSON - Pictured above some members of the National Organization for Men Against Sexism in Tucson for a board meeting and to help plan for a national NOMAS Con-

ference in cooperation with the Tucson Men's Cooperative (TMC). The theme for the conference is "Men and Masculinity" to be held in Tucson June 6-9.

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My lover is HIV+, which isn't the problem. It's that he constantly says he should get an attorney to make out a will for him, and he isn't even sick, and besides, I don't think we can afford it. Do you think everyone who tests positive should run right out and make up a will?

EVERYONE, without exception, should have a will. Obviously, there are countless causes of death that have nothing to do with disease, though HIV status can serve as a reminder that we all must face our mortality in one way or another. Unless you have a very complicated estate, making out a will is a routine procedure that an attorney can handle inexpensively. Although legal "kits" are available (which make it possible to file your own will), a lawyer's assistance is advised if your estate is very complicated, or if you sense that your family would question the validity of your decisions. In addition, a provision for circumstances usually included in "living wills" should be considered in the event that trauma, debilitating disease, or injury, makes it impossible for you to express your own desires regarding medical treatment, surgical procedures, or life-sustaining equipment.

Dying without a will puts an unfair burden on the loved ones you leave behind. Your lover may well be considering your best interest as well as his own feelings by wanting to save you from family disagreements at a time when grief clouds your ability to make appropriate decisions. It is never wise to assume that "My family is different." Even the most progressive and agreeable family can be torn apart at a time of emotional distress. Your lover may also be acting from the need to take control of those things he can do for himself. Once the will is finished, you can both share more

secure, quality time together.

No one has ever prolonged his or her life by refusing to put last wishes on paper, nor has anyone died from expressing such desires. Although you say that HIV status is not a problem, your letter infers a need for both of you to consider questions that are not being communicated, much less resolved. I would strongly suggest that you seek out a support group where you can openly share your thoughts and concerns about HIV infection. Even if you feel that you need no outside assistance, there are undoubtedly people who need you.

NOTE TO OUR READERS: In the past few weeks (perhaps the result of a full moon?) I have received several letters and comments critical of the Tucson Gay Community as "closeted", "unfriendly", and "clique-ish". Since what I receive is obviously one-sided, I'd like to hear from more of you about your community. What's good? What's bad? What needs improving? What personal difficulties, or successes have you experienced? As always, if you have a question, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you prefer a personal reply.

Columnist Steven Dietz is a noted public speaker and author who has had over fifteen years of experience in personal counseling, family therapy and crisis intervention. Mr. Dietz encourages reader participation. All letters should be written directly to him at P.O. 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.

## News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Cochlin

Hey, where are we going? This is the question on every member's mind of MCC/Tucson's mind. First of all, we now know that we are going to be in new facilities in April. The closing date on the new property is March 29 - Good Friday. But the questions still remain, where are we going as a church. A building does not make a church anymore than a house makes a home.

Having new facilities to fulfill our goals and our commitment to our church is only the beginning of the process of fulfilling our direct command to minister to anyone and everyone who would hear, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Some of the answers to, "Where are we going?" will be given at our Annual Congregational Meeting this coming Saturday, Jan. 26. Not only will the con-

gregation elect two new Administrative Council members and the new Lay and Alternate Lay Delegates, approve the Budget for the coming year and approve the decisions made by the Administrative Council this past year, but the congregation must decide what must be done to make our new facilities a church. A church that would be blessed by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; a Church that would be for what it came into existence.

Yes, MCC/Tucson has a bright future, but that future will be judged by Jesus Christ and the Tucson Community at large. Will that judgement be complimentary or will MCC/Tucson have failed in their true mission?

Thought for the Week: Don't expect someone else to do what we, ourselves, can't or won't do.

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# POLITICS '91 *by Mark Kerr*

**ARIZONA NEWS:** With the outbreak of hostilities in the Persian Gulf region last week, the Goddard and Symington campaigns had suspended their activities. The campaigns will start up again on the 22nd of January, but expect a different, low-key campaign with the war still going on. It was reported that the Democratic candidate, Terry Goddard, may be called up to active duty in the Persian Gulf. Goddard, a Lt. Commander in the Naval Reserve, has been notified that several members of his unit have been called up. If he is called to active duty, and he wins the Feb. 26th gubernatorial runoff, secretary of State Richard Mahoney would serve as acting Governor pending Goddard's return from the Gulf.

**END NOTES:** A couple of weeks ago, I was reading the Phoenix-based newspaper, the Western Express, specifically the column called Valley Talk, by Lance Miller. The subject of his column was how we, as a community, should be politically active. Unfortunately, there were two items that I had, and still have objections to.

First, Mr. Miller referred to the

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Lesbian and Gay planks in the Arizona Democratic Party Platform as "A LONG WISE LIST". It upsets me greatly that he referred to the Lambda Democratic Caucus' long, hard work as a "wish list". Members of the Caucus had to endure a 10-hour meeting just to have them considered by the State Committee. Then, Caucus members, with 7 votes out of a possible 312, attended the State Committee meeting which dealt with approving the State Platform. And by some sort of luck/miracle, all NINE planks were passed!

Lambda members attending the convention expected to get 5 out of the 9 passed, and were the most surprised when all 9 were passed by large margins.

This long harangue leads to the second point. The Lesbian and Gay community in the state of Arizona will not get their fundamental rights by stomping our proverbial foot, demonstrating, etc. If we want our fundamental rights, we must work within the system, as the Lambda Caucus is doing, for example.

The Caucus has made terrific progress, but the road is long. With a conservative approach, and working within the framework of our political process, we will succeed beyond our wildest dreams. Case in point, the Pima County Democratic Party Executive Committee has 26 members, 5 of which are Lambda Caucus members. Working within the system pays off. I hope you realize this Mr. Miller and hopefully you will get involved in the political process.

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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

**COLETTE'S** - It's SUPER BOWL SUNDAY and a big party is planned. Open at 11 a.m. and there'll be lots of food and drink specials during the game.

**HOURS** - Southern Hospitality will host a benefit Yard Sale in the parking lot from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The benefit is for a Tucson cancer patient who is in need of financial assistance.

**JOSIEA TREE** - Watch the Super Bowl here. There will be a "half-time" show featuring Gina and Friends and special drink prices. There will be a repeat show with Gina at 10:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

**JOSIEA TREE** - "Win, Lose or Draw" will be presented at 9 p.m. by the Think Positive Project. A fun evening with some unusual prizes. Plan to attend. It will be hosted by "Divine" too!

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

**COLETTE'S** - Big variety show with the Periside Babes and a great list of other entertainers. Watch for details.

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 & 10

**FRENCH QUARTER** - It's Mardi Gras time again here and this will be edition II. Saturday evening "Connection" from Phoenix will be entertaining from 9 to 1. On Sunday, Debbie Mason will be entertaining from 1 to 4 in the afternoon. A big time for all. If you remember last year, you surely won't want to miss this one!

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**HOURS** - Valentine Show begins at 8:30 p.m. and will star Tiffany St. Thomas with Candy Plastique, Lucinda and Rory. Sounds like a fun show.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

**COLETTE'S** - Jess Hawk Oakenstar will be performing here with some of the finest music you have ever heard. Make plans.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**COLETTE'S** - Big Valentine's Day Party and Dance. Watch for more on this sweetheart day party.

**FRENCH QUARTER** - Valentine's Day Dinner being planned. Make your reservations now cause they're limited! Surprise your sweetie with a romantic dinner!

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**HOURS** - Sisters of Sonora (SOS) will present another of their fabulous Hoe Downs. 2:00 p.m. until closing. More details later.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

**FRENCH QUARTER** - San Francisco's wackiest comedian, David Kelsey will be holding forth here with his wonderful brand of humor. Make plans now, and watch for more details.

## 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 622-4536).

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) Banquet held here at the Quality Inn, 1601 N. Oracle Road. Tickets are available at all Gay bars at \$15 each. For persons who wish to reserve a table for 10 people, the cost will be \$150. Watch for more details.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

A YardSale benefit will be held in the parking lot of Hours, 3455 E. Grant. Presented by Southern Hospitality, it will benefit a Tucson cancer patient who is in desperate need of financial assistance.

### FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, JAN. 25-26-27

Shanti Foundation will hold a training class. If you want to become involved and help as a counselor and volunteer, here's your chance. \$45 class fee.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Women's 3rd Annual Black and White Ball being presented by "40 and Better". \$5 at the door. 8:00 p.m. until ?? at the Unitarian Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street. Chaperones available for women under 40. Dressy dress, Black tie, Dress your fantasy. Non alcoholic beverages available. BYOB. 299-1131 for more info.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association monthly meeting at Hotel Park Tucson. 7:30 p.m. New York activist Claudia Brenner reveals a horror story of unprovoked homophobic violence. Brenner's lover was killed in the attack. Now Brenner speaks out across the country against hate crimes. A reception to meet Brenner and support her campaign against homophobia follows the meeting at the Tucson Old Pueblo Resort. Free to Op members and newcomers.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

The Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus will begin rehearsals at the University of Arizona in the Music Building, Room 106. The rehearsal will take place from 7 to 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

6th Annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit. This year's event is hosted by the beneficiaries of the benefit - Shanti Foundation/Tucson and P.A.G.T. for Life. Big, Big plans are in the works on this Benefit of the year. Watch the OBSERVER for more details.

## Tucson

# CALENDAR

### sunday

**BACK POCKET/JOSIEA TREE** - Open Room. Drink Specials. Steak Dinner 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. \$11.00. DJ Bobby Jr. 9-1.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Open 10 a.m. NFL Football on our big screen. Special drink and food prices. Pool Tournament 9:30 p.m. \$1.00 entry. Brunch 11-3. "The Don Site" \$1.00 wine 8 pm to midnight. Movies on the big screen begins at 7 pm.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open Room. Brunch served 12-1. Bloody Marys - Screwdrivers - Kisses \$1.50, Daiquiris \$2. .50 Draft Beer 3 to 6 p.m.  
**FIRELITE** - Opens at 1 p.m. .75 draft. Country/Western music.  
**GRADYATE** - All White Well \$1.25 daytime and \$1.50 nighttime.  
**HOURS** - Bloody Marys and Screws \$1.00 till 7 pm. House Madness Specials 7-1.  
**IT'S** - Great sandwiches from Old Cafe noon to 4. Copper City Squares 2 to 777 C/W music and dancing lessons with Cowboy DJ/instructor Gil Leon.  
**KNOXI** - Room to 6 pm Beer Bust .50 draft + Screens and Bloody Marys \$1.50 + Schnapps \$1.00/shot. + Hot Dogs.

### monday

**BACK POCKET/JOSIEA TREE** - Open Room. Daily Drink Specials plus Bowlers Special Bobby Jr. 9-1.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Daily Sandwich Special. Rappy Hour 4-7. All White Well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic Bottle Beer \$1.25, draft .75. Monday Night Football!! .50 Draft and .75 Beer Dogs during the game.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. 1 to 7 All Well and Domestic Beer \$1.50.  
**FIRELITE** - Opens at 1 p.m. .50 hot dogs all day. 1-7 \$1.50 Well, \$1.00 Pitchers.  
**GRADYATE** - Rappy Hour prices open to close.  
**HOURS** - Open Room. Rappy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25, 6:30 to 8:30 Bowly Cloggers.  
**IT'S** - 4 to 6 Two for One. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-Prevue Beer.  
**KNOXI** - Room-7 pm Domestic Beer or Well drinks \$1.50 plus All White Well \$1.75 from 8 to close. Todd DJs at 9.

### tuesday

**BACK POCKET/JOSIEA TREE** - Open Room. Daily Drink Specials. Ladies Night: Strippers. Bobby Jr. DJs 9 p.m.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Check for daily sandwich special. Rappy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, draft .75. Loopack Bottle Beer \$1.25 from 8 to midnight. DJ 7 to midnight.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm All Well or Domestic Beer \$1.50. 7 pm to close all well drinks \$1.75.  
**FIRELITE** - Opens at 1 p.m. .50 hot dogs. 1-7 \$1.50 Well, \$1.00 Pitchers.  
**GRADYATE** - .50 Draft open to close.  
**HOURS** - Rappy Hours 3 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25.  
**IT'S** - 4 to 6 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.  
**KNOXI** - \$1.50 Domestic beer or well drinks 8pm-7 pm. All white Well \$1.75 from 8 to close. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Clint.

### wednesday

**BACK POCKET/JOSIEA TREE** - Open Room. Strip Shows every Wednesday. Bobby Jr. DJs 9pm  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Daily Sandwich Special. Rappy Hour 4-7: all white well, schnapps or wine \$1, domestic bottle beer \$1.25, draft .75. 7-Squares Dance and give free square dance lessons at 6:30. Schnapps \$1 from 8 to 12 am. DJ 9-1.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm all Well or Domestic Beer \$1.50. 7 to close all Domestic Beer \$1.75, all Schnapps .75  
**FIRELITE** - Opens at 1 pm .50 hot dogs. 1-7 \$1.50 Well, \$1.00 Pitchers.  
**GRADYATE** - Domestic Beer \$1.25/days - \$1.50 after.  
**HOURS** - Draft Beer .50 Room to close. Rappy Hours 3 to 7 pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Black & White Service Industries Night Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price.  
**IT'S** - 4-6 Two for One. 8 to Close, white well site .75 (w/ juice \$1.00). Hot dance music with Linda Hildale 9 to 1.  
**KNOXI** - Room-7 pm Domestic Beer or Well drinks \$1.50 Domestic Bottle Beer \$1.50 + .75 Schnapps 8 to close. VJ/DJ Clint at 9pm.

### thursday

**BACK POCKET/JOSIEA TREE** - Open Room. DJ 9-1  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Rappy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, draft .75 / "Subsiders!!" .75 draft from 8-12. DJ from 9 to 1.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.50. Dinner served 4 to 9 with Mike Padilla at the piano. Golf Appreciation Site - Corona Beer \$1.50 from 7 pm to closing.  
**FIRELITE** - Opens at 1 pm .50 hot dogs. 1-7 pm \$1.50 Well, \$1.00 Pitchers.  
**GRADYATE** - All Dark Well \$1.25 days / \$1.50 after.  
**HOURS** - Draft Beer .50 Room to Close. Rappy Hours 3 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Beliebers or Corona \$1.00 from 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western Nite, dance lessons 8:30 - 9:30. C/W Dancing 9:30 to 1 DJ art Rauch.  
**IT'S** - 4-6 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Bud and Bud Lite \$1.25 9-1.  
**KNOXI** - \$1.50 Domestic Beer or Well Drinks 12-7pm. Keyper 8pm to midnight .50/draft, munchies. Video/Disco dancing with Clint 9-1.

### friday

**BACK POCKET/JOSIEA TREE** - Open Room. Bobby Jr. DJs beginning at 9pm.  
**COLETTE'S WEST** - Rappy Hour 4-7: White Well, schnapps or wine \$1, Domestic bottle beer \$1.25, draft .75 / Party Nite Weekly Drink Specials 4-12. DJ 9-1.  
**FRENCH QUARTER** - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm all Well or Domestic Beer \$1.50. Dinner served 4 to 9 with rary Michael Padilla at the piano.  
**FIRELITE** - Opens at 1 pm .50 hot dogs. 1-7 \$1.50 Well and \$1.00 pitchers. Rev Fireline opens 8:30 "Share Site" 17 & older with dancing/occa light show. Bar open for 21 and over with proper ID.  
**GRADYATE** - Drink Specials until closing.  
**HOURS** - Rappy Hours 3 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25  
**IT'S** - 4-6 Two for One / Hot Music 9 to close with Linda Hildale.  
**KNOXI** - \$1.50 Domestic beer or Well 12-7pm. Free Bars d'oeuvres 5:30. VJ/DJ Clint 9-1.

### saturday

**BACK POCKET/JOSIEA 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 4 to 9 p.m. with Michael Padilla at the piano.  
**FIRELITE** - Opens at 1 pm. Sports Saturday - .50 hot dogs, drink specials all day  
**GRADYATE** - Drink specials until closing.  
**HOURS** - Open Room.  
**IT'S** - 2 for 1 drinks from 4 to 8. Hot music 9 to close with Linda Hildale.  
**KNOXI** - Open Room. 8 to 1 Corona Beer \$1.75 Dance with VJ/DJ Clint 9-1

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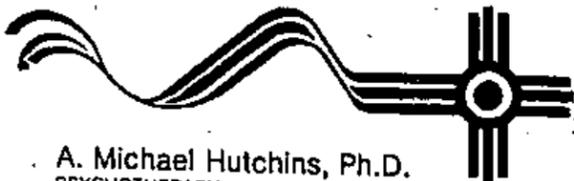
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# Gays Bashed by Pink Panther

by Jim Roche

NEW YORK, NY - New York City's volunteer Gay and Lesbian anti-violence patrol, the Pink Panthers, is being sued by MGM Corporation for copyright infringement in its use of the Pink Panther name and Panther paw print logo.

MGM, in its lawsuit, claims that they are supportive of Gay and Lesbian rights, but that the use of the Pink Panther name is "tarnishing or blurring" its reputation in the eyes of the public. Further they claim that the Pink Panther motion pictures were, "created and promoted in the spirit of light hearted, non-controversial family fun and entertainment ... a purpose and history not in keeping with the issues the Pink Panther Patrol faces.

The Pink Panther Patrol was formed last year by several members of New York's Queer Nation as a reaction to a dramatic increase in hate crimes against gays and lesbians in the city. The group patrols the East and West Village as well as the Chelsea neighborhood of New York. They had hoped to expand to other cities and neighborhoods in Brooklyn where violent crimes are on the increase against Gays and Lesbians.

The Pink Panthers exist totally on donations, volunteer patrollers and a single grant of \$1,000 received from the city of New York. MGM is suing both the group and one of its founders, Gerri Wells, for over \$100,000 in damages. This suit threatens the existence of the only community group which addresses violent hate crimes against Gays and Lesbians. Gerri Wells calls the suit "sinful" and has said that "our name is taken from other activist groups like the Black Panthers, the Gray Panthers, not from their cartoon character," and that it then came down to deciding if it would be Pink or Lavender. Pink won.

At its regular meeting of Queer Nation, immediate actions against MGM were called for. Outraged at the personal attack on Gerri Wells, members called for a demonstration at MGM's New York headquarters, pickets at theaters showing MGM films and phone zaps against the giant corporation. Members were sick of being "defamed by homophobic organizations" and reviewed recent history when other national organizations, such as the U.S. Olympic Committee sued the Gay Games

over the use of the word Olympic. "You can have handicapped Olympics, Senior Olympics and even Canine Olympics, but not Gay Olympics!"

Queer Nation members have begun calling for national support of their action against MGM and will discuss the issues at their next meeting this Thursday, Jan. 24.

## Positions Open at TAP

TUCSON - Two positions are available at the Tucson AIDS Project and will remain open until they are filled.

The first is for a Coordinator of Paid and Volunteer Personnel, providing case management and support services to people with HIV/AIDS, their partners and families. The position involves significant responsibility.

The second is for Case Manager for HIV+ individuals. Bilingual (English-Spanish) is required.

Complete job descriptions, application information, and salary ranges for both positions may be picked up at the TAP office. No phone calls please. TAP is an EOE/AA employer. The Tucson AIDS Project offices are located at 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite f252.

## Observer/Community Benefit Set for March 23

TUCSON - The Sixth Annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit will be held on March 23 in the Convention Center at the Plaza Hotel on Speedway at Campbell.

Many of the specific details of the gala evening are still being worked on. Shanti Foundation/Tucson and PACT for Life, this year's recipients will host the affair with the OBSERVER.

It will truly be a gala affair with dinner, dancing and lots of local and imported entertainment throughout the evening. More details will be announced as the date draws nearer, but you are encouraged to mark March 23rd on your calendars and plan to attend the benefit of the year.

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*A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship*

Sometimes we and other people say, "If only . . . ."

- "If only I had that job, I'd be happy."
- "If only I could find true love, I'd be happy."
- "If only I could pay off some of my bills, I'd be happy."
- "If only, if only, if only . . . ."

If all the "if only's" in the world came true, they still would not guarantee anyone's happiness. You only have to open the newspapers and magazines or watch television, to see that people who have received the highest level of fame and fortune are very often miserable people.

Where do you look for happiness?

- Money? With our world's financial problems, money can be here today and gone tomorrow.
- Recognition? Fame is fleeting and often causes more problems than happiness.
- Relationships? Even the people who love you will sometimes disappoint you and cause you pain.
- Recreational drugs? They create habits that in the long run cause physical, emotional, and financial trouble.

So from where does happiness come?

Happiness comes from a life transformed by the power of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Now, this is not to say that Christians never have problems, or that the Christian life is an easy one free from care. This is simply not true. What it does mean is that, even though Christians may have difficulties in this world, they still have an inner happiness based on an inner power. They may not have everything they want, but they have everything they need.

Christians know what real happiness is:

- A Deep inner strength made up of courage, hope, peace and faith.
- A sense of self-esteem because they know that they are loved by God, just as they are.
- A belief that this life with its trials is not the final destination, only a pilgrimage.

I pray, my friends, that the next time you say, "I'd be happy if only..." (you fill in the blank), you stop and realize that whatever the "if only" is, it can't bring you the happiness that a personal relationship with Jesus Christ can.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD." (John 16:33)

**Out On The Town**

*by Jza Jza LaMore*

So now it's Bart playing the tooth fairy and for whom does the cab roll? It seems to be shift work again at the Bean Avenue Plantation only after a short sabbatical at the Ponderosa.

Xanadu, Xanadu, oh how long will you be Xanadu? Seems the Ponderosa is becoming a retreat for certain city dwellers.

Do the Ponderosa terrible trio eat at home anymore - only if there's a retreat scheduled and the fires ready. So is Miss Daisy being driven crazy or just driven to a new box? And just how cold does Mr. B. like his beer? Just ask Mr. Buns. The bush will prove that there is no sir there.

Will Macho Man survive the wrath of you know who? The next time Miss Jade wants to go skiing, she better use her own skis.

Lady Di and Miss Jade would like to be known for their punctuality, but 2 hours too early, really! Let Miss Mae pay for her own lunch. A carafe and table for one. Mr. B. needed his Z's.

Will Sybil dare deal with the terrible trio from the Ponderosa to watch the whales in the west? It's almost time for Granny to take another trek - maybe next July.

Rotten Rhonda has apparently retreated recently reminiscing over Renoir. Le Shea lives and so does the Russian River Queen even after the west coast carryings on.

Oh where, oh where is that poison pen anyway? Oh Trixie, Juanita Russell knows the line is not so fine anymore.

Til next time, Jza Jza LaMore

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**P.A.C.T.** - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 3833 E. 2nd Street. Office hours 10 to 5, M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-9808 for more info.

**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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