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## Festival Of Trees Raises Over \$23,000



by Sean Thomas

TUCSON - This last Sunday, Dec. 8, was PACT's 3rd Annual Festival Of Trees. The event this year was held at St. Philip's Plaza at Campbell and River Road. It began to sprinkle early in the evening, but an hour before the event began, the skies cleared, the stars shone and the wonderful people of Tucson filled the plaza at St. Philip's in support of the cause - a benefit for PACT for life.

The outpouring of love by the various segments of the Old Pueblo was overwhelming. St. Philip's Plaza, the Arizona Jeweler's Association and all the wonderful merchants, volunteers, designers, sponsors, and you, the community of Tucson should be congratulated. A record was set that evening, thanks to the hard work, love and generosity of a lot of people. \$23,500.00 was the result of all their efforts.

Several people who purchased wreaths by auction that evening, resubmitted them

to re-auction, thus creating even more. Thank you.

And the big raffle winner that evening was Wayne Miller. He had the winning ticket for \$4,000 in Jewelry gift certificates. Immediately after they announced it, Mr. Miller told the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Alan McLaughlin, to auction off the eight \$500 gift certificates and give the money to PACT. All of this just added to the splendor of the evening.

It was a great experience to stroll through the scenic walkways, listening to the music of Tunesmith, eating fine food provided by Cafe Terra Cotta, viewing the magnificent Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands placed throughout the plaza with love. It truly was a festival!

The creative energy of Mr. Rick Crause and his fellow artists that evening was as tastefully well done as ever. Each year this event gets bigger and better. Thank you Tucson.



## French Quarter Changes Ownership

TUCSON - Last Monday, Dec. 9, the ownership of the French Quarter changed hands. Former owners, Jerry Geller and Ken Sullivan signed the papers selling the property to Jim Dondson. Dondson, a former Tucson resident had moved to Houston nearly 15 years ago where he opened and operated the highly successful Venture-N Houston until recently. Dondson is changing the name of the French Quarter to Venture-N also.

Major changes are in the works for the interior of the bar. It is hoped that these changes can be completed in a

week or two. In the meantime, it will be business as usual, with work being done during the night and early morning hours. The bar will open at 4:00 p.m. every day except Sunday when it will open at 11 a.m. When completed, the plans call for an early morning opening each day of the week.

Dondson is looking forward to operating the local Venture-N and says, "Ever since I left this town I longed to get back to it. Houston is nice, but Tucson is my 'home'." The address of Venture-N is 1239 N. 6th Avenue and the phone number is 882-8224.



Pictured above (l to r) Ken Sullivan, Jerry Geller and Jim Dondson. Geller and Sullivan have just turned over the keys to the French Quarter in a quick sale of the popular club. Both still are proprietors of Rumorz. Dondson is planning a complete renovation of the club after re-naming it Venture-N.

## -Federal Gay Civil Rights Bill Gains 100th Co-Sponsor

WASHINGTON, DC - A major breakthrough in the struggle for civil rights for Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals came as the number of co-sponsors for the federal Gay civil rights bill in the U.S. House of Representatives topped 100.

The House total reached 100 with the additions of Democrats Ed Pastor of Arizona, Harry Johnston of Florida, Bill Richardson of New Mexico, and Albert Bustanante of Texas. Pastor is the only legislator from Arizona who is co-sponsoring the bill.

"Obtaining 114 Congressional sponsors of our civil rights bill is a major milestone," said Peri Jude Radecic, NGLTF's Legislative Director. "It happened because our community is persistent and dedicated. This achievement belongs to every activist who sent a postcard, wrote a letter, called or visited an office this year on the Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill."

The federal effort to enact equal protections for Lesbian and Gay people

has been underway since 1975 when then-Congresswoman Bella Abzug (D-NY) introduced the first federal Lesbian and Gay civil rights bill. The legislation has been re-introduced into every Congress since that time.

The legislation, officially known as the Civil Rights Amendments Act of 1991, is the only vehicle in Congress to provide recourse for those discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation. The bill numbers are S574 in the Senate and HR1430 in the House.

The bills amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 1968 to include sexual orientation. These laws currently prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability and sex in the areas of housing, employment, public accommodations, credit and federally-assisted programs.

Activists should contact their Members of Congress and urge them to support and co-sponsor S574 and HR1430. Contact NGLTF for constituent postcards: 1734 14th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009.

# UPDATE

## Club 2520 Sets Opening Date

TUCSON - After a long wait, Mike Bennett has announced that the Club 2520 will officially open next Thursday, Dec. 19 at 11:00 a.m. The club, located at 2520 N. Oracle, is a large complex featuring a Country/Western bar and dance floor, a large disco room, bar and dance floor with the latest sound equipment, and a small, intimate 'conversation bar'.

There is plenty of lighted parking space and patio areas surrounding the landscaped property and large building. A fully equipped kitchen make it a logical site for luncheon or dinner meetings or events for the community.

After the long wait for this club to open, Tucson is in for a rare treat in what is one of Arizona's premiere watering spots. It is worth the wait.

## Weather Or Not

by Bart

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## Turkey Shoot Bowling Results

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During the tournament, Golden Sunset Studios filmed the bowlers and did personal interviews. They told the president of the AHIF that prior to the filming of the AHIF survivors, they knew little of the problems the head injured survivors went through on a daily basis; and they thanked AHIF for the knowledge gained.

The tournament was very good and everyone interacted well as a team, and as friends. "I know the tournament will be even better next year, if that's possible," Steele said.

Winners of the tournament were:

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At presstime there was no information of the proceeds realized from this event. For more information call 326-2872.

## a.k.a. Theatre Presents 'Homophobia'

TUCSON - a.k.a Theatre's The Late Show will present "Homophobia", written by Paul Preston and directed by Bob Brooks this Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14. A hard-hitting play, "Homophobia" deals with a contemporary issue, and contains adult themes. The box office opens at 10:30 p.m. and showtime is 11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00 with no discounts. No reservations accepted.

a.k.a. is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is to provide the community of Tucson with a venue for the presentation of modern and experimental theatrical works and to allow local theatre artists to involve themselves in work which they feel is important to their artistic development. The theatre is a community effort and utilizes the services of volunteers in every field. Interested persons should contact the theatre at 623-7852.

a.k.a. Theatre is located at 125 E. Congress. For more information call 623-7852.

## Arizona Gay Atheists To Hold Tucson Meeting Dec. 14

TUCSON - AGLA-Arizona - American Gay/Lesbian Atheists or Arizona will be holding their annual meeting in Tucson on Saturday, Dec. 14. The meeting will be held from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. at the offices of Wingspan, 240 N. Court Street in downtown Tucson. For more information call (602)264-7432 or write AGLAA, 3003 N. Central Ave., #121-211, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2903.

## LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

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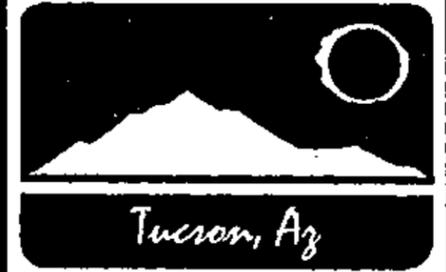
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# Gay Sex Manual Goes To Press, At Last!



Publisher Sasha Alyson displays the cover art for "Gay Sex". The new post-AIDS sex manual should be in the bookstores by the end of December, after having been turned down by eighteen printers.

BOSTON, MA - The first sex manual written for Gay men in the age of AIDS is finally on the home stretch of its long journey into print.

"Gay Sex", an illustrated manual by Jack Hart, was scheduled for release by Alyson Publications in October. But eighteen commercial book printers refused the job. A Canadian printer finally agreed to handle the project, the layouts were seized by Canadian Customs, and still have not been returned.

"We've seen an increasing trend for printers to refuse explicit, but non-pornographic, Gay material," said publisher Sasha Alyson. "It's been six years since a printer last refused a job from us. Now we've had trouble with two books in one season. "Gay Sex" was censored because of its illustrations, and our reprint of "Young and Proud!" was turned down by a printer because the text describes safe sex practices."

Alyson finally found a catalog printer who took the job. "They don't usually do books, so we've had a couple of delays as they learn some new things. We'll have to pay more, and the quality may suffer -- we're not sure yet," Alyson explained. He noted that if there are no further complications, "Gay Sex" will be in the bookstores by the end of the year.

"The proponents of censorship never realize how self-defeating their actions can ultimately be," Alyson continued. "Yes, this is costing us money, but it's also generated quite a bit of publicity. Consequently we've raised our printer order 50% above usual."



As the French Quarter changes ownership, the former owners and staff would like to thank everyone for their loyal support.

We would like to wish the new owner, Jim, all the success in the world.

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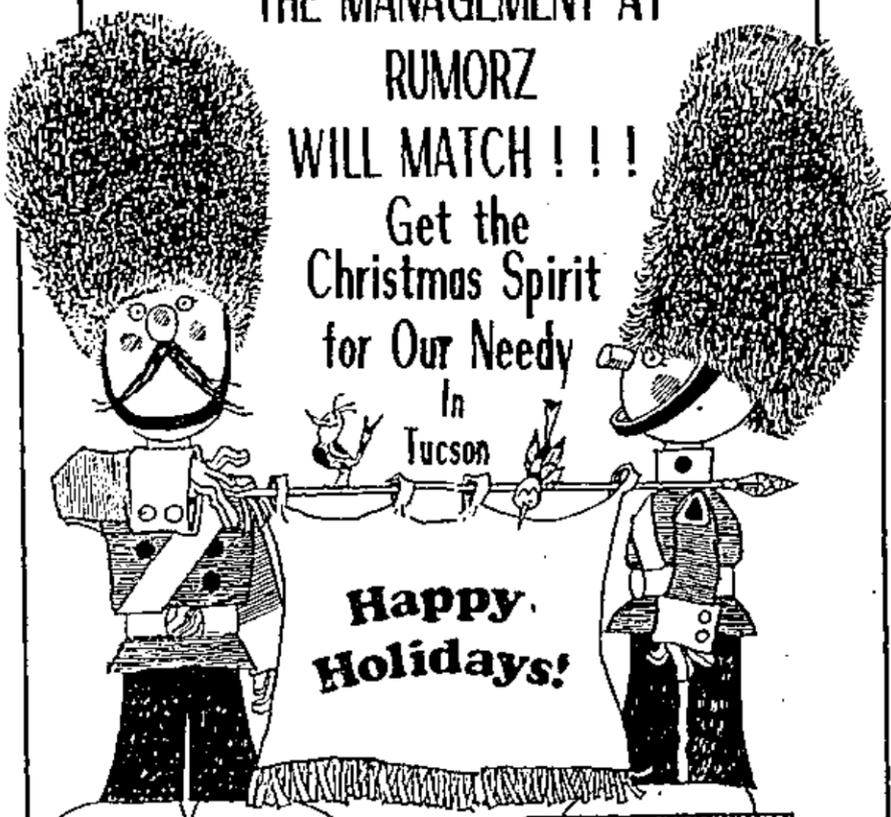
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**POLITICS '91** by Mark Kerr

**NATIONAL NEWS:**

**ARIZONA NEWS**

The Mario watch is back on! Last week, staff members to the Governor of New York, Mario Cuomo, the often mentioned candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, stated that the Governor had authorized the formation of a Presidential campaign committee. It looks like Mario Cuomo will run for the 1992 Democratic Presidential nomination. He has until December 20th to declare. That day is the deadline to file to get on the New Hampshire Presidential Primary Ballot, their primary is on February 18th.

A poll done by the Rocky Mountain Research Group and released last week showed that citizens in Arizona are not thinking to favorably towards our elected officials. When it came to our President, only 48% thought he was doing a good job, a drop of 7 points since last month's survey. When it came to our Senators, DeConcini and McCain, they fared worse with McCain only getting a 32% positive rating and 24% for DeConcini. They also asked about Governor Symington's performance, the people surveyed gave him a 39% positive rating.

In the nation's capital, David Duke, the former Klansman and Neo-Nazi and Republican gubernatorial candidate in the state of Louisiana, announced his candidacy for the 1992 Republican Presidential nomination. He plans to challenge George Bush because, he, Duke feels that George Bush has sold out to the liberals in Washington D.C. on issues like affirmative action and drugs. He feels his candidacy will bring the G.O.P. back to the conservative right. Another reason is revenge, since Duke, who was the Republican candidate for Governor in Louisiana, was rebuked publicly by the President. In his announcement, he left open the chance of an independent candidacy.

Some good news to report for the gay and lesbian community. State Representative Henry Evans, (D-District 6) announced that he will not be running for another term. Evans voted against both hate crimes bills that went through the State House of Representatives. The latest political rumor involves Legislative District 9. In the 1992 campaign, you may have Representative Keith Bee, Republican, taking on Senator John Dougherty, Democrat. Bee, thinks he has done a wonderful job and he should move to the upper Chamber.

**PIMA COUNTY NEWS**

The other conservative contender, CNN television anchor and columnist, Pat Buchanan, will announce his bid for the 1991 G.O.P. Presidential nomination in a press conference in Concord, New Hampshire.

Is our County Recorder getting ambitious? The answer to that question is yes. Mike Boyd, who has stated on occasions that he feels that he can not do more as Recorder, recently has moved from Supervisorial District 3 to District 1 to possibly challenge the incumbent, Greg Lunn, who is seen a vulnerable with his stands on Sabino Springs and Rocking K. Will Mike run against Greg for the Republican nod for the Board of Supervisors in District 1? We will just wait and see.

**TUCSON NEWS**

In the "oops I spent just a bit too much department", you have Ward 4 Councilmember Roger Sedlmayr. Sedlmayr with his last filing of his campaign statements to the City Clerk went over the limit for spending to receive matching funds from the city. He went over by \$1,474, so he has to pay a fine three times the amount overspent, which come to over \$4,400. (Candidates for City Office who wish to get matching funds, sign a contract stating that they will not spend over a certain amount, for the Councilmembers it is \$58,000).

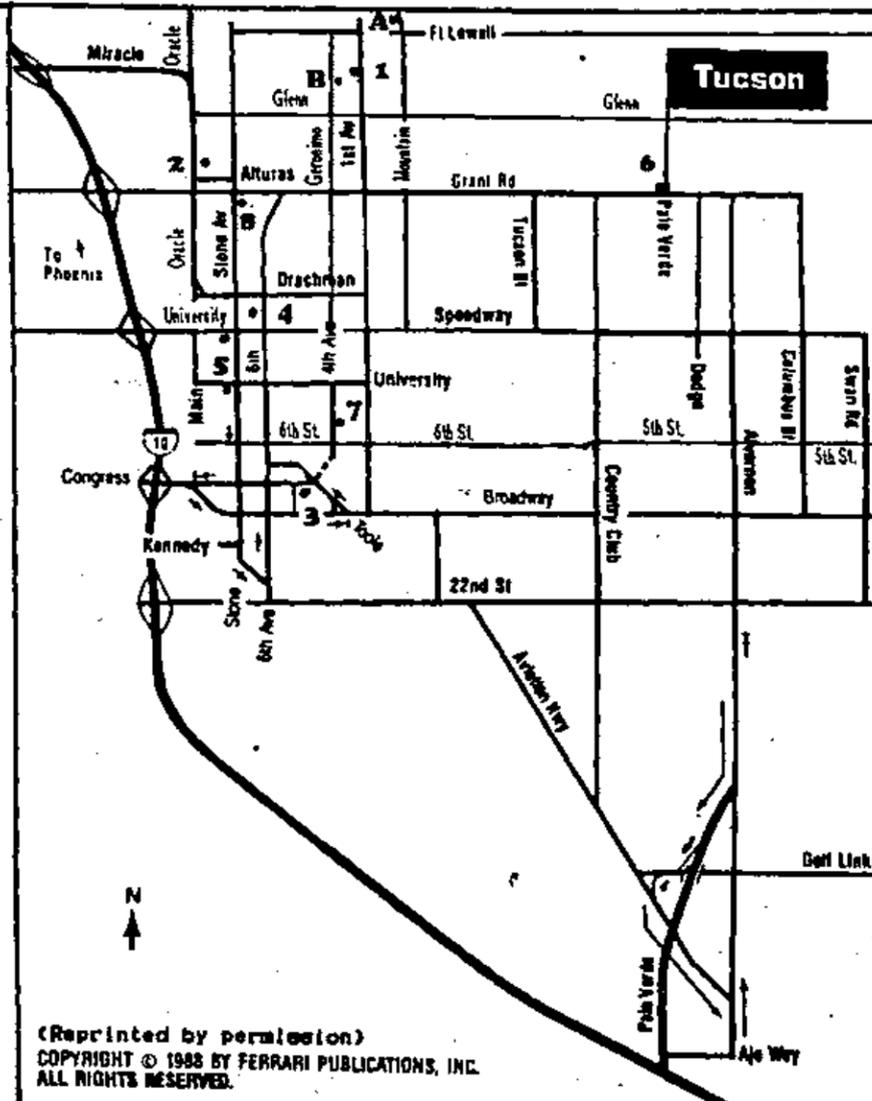
Ward 1 City Councilmember, Bruce Wheeler's, Aid, Scott Egan resigned recently and it looks like former campaign manager, Lyn Wilson is a frontrunner for the post, which will be filled in late December.

Until next time, politics as usual

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# AIDS Rumors in Hollywood have Celebrities on Defensive

by Deborah Hastings and John Horn

LOS ANGELES, CA (AP) - ABC News was on the phone. When the caller wanted to know, would Madonna announce she had tested positive for the AIDS virus?

Warner Bros. Records wasn't planning any news conference. Its pop siren was in good health. But a Hollywood rumor had so vigorously circulated that fiction was being taken as fact.

This practice of branding stars with an AIDS diagnosis because of weight loss, an impromptu vacation or a simple change of plans has become so prevalent that AIDS activists gave it a name.

They call it "outing by disease".

Madonna's incorrect public diagnosis forced her to issue an increasingly common statement. She was not sick. She was not HIV positive. Instead, she had become the latest victim in the latest spinoff of a very old game.

Gossip, Hollywood style. Or: "Is it true you tested positive?"

"The dam burst and we couldn't hold it back anymore," said Bob Merlis, Warner's vice president of national publicity. "With nobody denying it, it takes on a life of its own."

"I got a call from ABC news asking where to send a crew for the news conference."

Madonna was not alone. Elizabeth Taylor, co-founder of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (Afar), has been subjected to much speculation about whether her health problems were AIDS-related. She has issued several statements saying they weren't.

Similar rumors about Burt Reynolds, Richard Pryor and television actor Joe Penny grew so rampant - in both tabloids and more conservative publications - that each felt compelled to deny the stories.

This rumor-mongering is occurring in an industry with one of the world's largest concentrations of people with AIDS. Hollywood also is the leader in fund raising for the epidemic.

Yet Tinseltown, while promising to turn out in force Tuesday for a gala Afar benefit honoring Madonna for her efforts to educate the public about AIDS, nonetheless is burning up phone and fax lines gossiping about who is - or more accurately, is not - infected.

The sniping intensified after Earvin "Magic" Johnson announced last month he was HIV positive.

Indeed, many activists look to Johnson, the former Los Angeles Lakers basketball star, to provide mainstream support for AIDS education. For the past 10 years, as the disease ravaged Hollywood's creative community, many hid their diagnosis.

Public health workers and Gay activists are disturbed by the upswing in AIDS gossip. It's far from harmless, they say, and instead provides an environment that only adds to the stigma.

"It does nothing to help the cause," said Dr. Mervyn Silverman, director of Afar and the former public health director of San Francisco.

Silverman said the rumors about Taylor and Madonna reflect a homophobic perception that "if you're helping, it must be because you have some identity in the (Gay) community and not that you want to help mankind."

Richard Rouillard, editor of the Advocate, said, "This represents the most vindictive kind of rumor mill in the world. It's garbage, it's homophobic and it's AIDS phobic. They're trying to ruin people."

David Wexler, board chairman of AIDS Project Los Angeles, cautions that the attention on celebrities may keep average people from worrying about their own behavior. "It shouldn't be important to the general public whether Madonna has AIDS. It should be important whether they have AIDS and whether they should be tested," he said.

"More and more people make comments - if someone doesn't show up at an event, they must be sick," said Kathy Acquaviva, a Hollywood Records spokeswoman who spent a year deflecting reports that rock star Freddie Mercury had AIDS.

The lead singer of Queen was, in fact, infected. He died from the disease last month. Acquaviva said she was not told until a day before the performer's death that he had tested positive....

Still, other Hollywood Records executive denied Mercury was ill. What to believe?

Some journalists didn't believe the Madonna denial, said her publicist, Liz Rosenberg. She said they told her, "I better not hear that this is true next week."

As I See It . . . . .

by Clark



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As I approach Christmas, I've got to sit back and marvel 1991 in Tucson, both the good and the bad. Odd numbered years have not always shown me any generosity, but life goes on.

For Tucson, the saddest portions or periods have been the needless loss of more friends. Some have fought courageous battles, trying to have faith, some out almost daily trying to live what life that had left, to their fullest possible.

We have just gone through the Thanksgiving day holidays and most of us gave thanks for our good health. Some even took a moment or two in silent prayer for friends departed.

Christmas has always been the one time of the year we all give. This is that one time of the year, money is spent on cards mailed out to friends we may have not seen or heard from over a long period of time.

As for me, I look forward to receiving those cards. Just receiving a card lets me know two things, both very important to me. First off I know they have not forgotten me - still a friend, and second - they are still out there living each day, looking forward to many more tomorrow's.

Friends will be gathering together to celebrate Christmas and another year of friendship. Gifts will, at some parties, be exchanged. Unjustly, there are many out there who will not even receive one gift.

One area you could help this year is Shanti's non-perishable food boxes, located in all the bars. Tucson has their fair share of PWA's, whether fair or not. Shanti will be distributing the collected donations to local PWA's.

Another area I hope you will not forget this year is TKO's \$100 Make-A-Wish Christmas tree benefit. All proceeds collected from this benefit will go to help fulfill a wish that a terminally ill child has made, sometimes their final.

Yes, I know the economy is bad presently and for a lot of us, money is tight. Hell, there are some of us that if we had \$10 in our pockets, we would feel rich.

This year, instead of spending \$30 on that special gift for a loved one, spend \$25 and put the extra \$5 towards a benefit. For those of you that travel around in the bar scene, instead of ordering that "One for the road", donate the price of that drink to a benefit. By doing this you may also receive a gift in the form of no accident or a DUI ticket.

Just as a fantasy example of one less drink, monies donated could generate for benefits - I submit the following. Using a round figure of \$1.75, overall average of drinks, 50 people per day donating, one day, 6 different bars (as of this writing), the total amount donated for that one day would be \$525. Now - how much more could be given if more days of donations was a reality?

More on this fantasy: If one person donated \$1.75 each day for 7 days, the donation would be only \$12.25. But, if that same person did not donate that one drink price and left the bar, was stopped

and issued a DUI or had an accident --- I think you get my message.

Another gift you can give this year, and this one does not cost any money, only a little time. Take a couple minutes and cast your vote in this years CAT Nomination's. With luck, those you have nominated will be on the final voting ballot and win.

With that I'll move on to other areas I normally write about. First off I've got to mention the combined benefit beer bust this Saturday, with TKO and TALL co-hosting. This will be held at the Graduate, from 2-6 PM. Fifty percent of the proceeds for the day will go towards TKO's Make-A-Wish benefit and TALL's 50¢ will go to Shanti's non-perishable food box. This box will also be on hand so don't forget items for it.

As for the Laughlin trip that is also being raffled off by TKO, drawing also Dec. 21, at the Graduate, hopefully this will be the last and final update. As stated before, there will be two trips in this package raffled off, but they will be raffled off together, not separately as previously announced. Tickets are available in some of the bars at this time, \$1 apiece. All proceeds from this package, valued at \$190+, will be donated to the Make-A-Wish benefit. Also, the winner does not, repeat, does not have to be present to win.

In closing let me just say this, please give what you can to all benefits. Working together, lets make this the best Christmas holiday's for as many as possible. Also, take a minute to remember friends departed and pray for a cure in 1992.

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# Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

## Marcus, Bruce Wheeler,

My earliest role models was Errol Flynn--or, rather, the character Flynn played. Robin Hood. Don Juan. Captain Blood. They were brave, dashing honorable, and charming. They saved the day. Most importantly, they always got the girl.

Later, I had a whole family of role models: the Glass family, in J.D. Salinger's books. They were sensitive, well-read, and very very intense. Their lives were meaningful.

Still later, my role models were less famous but more real; they were the lesbians and gay men I met who proudly open warriors against homophobia.

These various role models helped me define who I wanted to be in the world. They all cared; they all contributed; they all mattered. But internally, emotionally, they weren't so helpful. Flynn's characters barely existed emotionally; the Glass family raised suffering to a fetish; and many gay men and lesbians has so much pain from their early lives that their emotional selves rolled in turmoil--as did mine. Recently, however, I have discovered some bizarre but wonderful new role models for a sane and balanced existence: my cats.

Take Zina: When we first adopted her, she was a tiny gray ball of fur, barely able to scramble around without falling over. She started exploring her new world immediately, sniffing here, poking there. Her exploration was very physical, of course, and some adventures ended with her falling off a shelf or

hanging from a curtain. But she never got embarrassed. She never gave up and said, "Oh, I'm making a fool of myself." And when we laughed at her, she simply cocked her head in that traditional "but-aren't-I-the-cutes-thing-you've-ever-seen" kitten pose, then scampered off to find something new and thrilling to understand--no matter the cost to her dignity. Making mistakes and learning from them is her specialty.

Chirpy isn't particularly smart or interesting; he's just a big fat sweet lazy cat. Occasionally, though, he gets the ole' Tom feeling and starts jumping all over the place--like the other day, when I was lying on my side watching TV, and he leaped on me. But he immediately started to fall off. To save himself, he dug his claws into my butt. Needless to say, I wasn't thrilled to have 17 pounds of cat hanging by his nails in my soft skin, and I grabbed a handful of cat fat and lifted him off me. Chirpy yowled. I yowled. After I put alcohol on the tracks on my rear end, I found Chirpy under a chair and explained that I didn't mean to hurt him. I scratched his head and went back to the couch. A few minutes later, he climbed up and cuddled next to me, and all was forgiven and forgotten. He had let go of a major trauma in five minutes, while I'm still dealing with minor traumas from 30 years ago.

Lil is the best teacher of the three. She too learns from making mistakes, yet she remains graceful. She too lives in the moment, even forgiving such indignities as being dipped in flea poison. But she goes further. In fact, she could be the New Age Well-Adjusted Poster Cat.

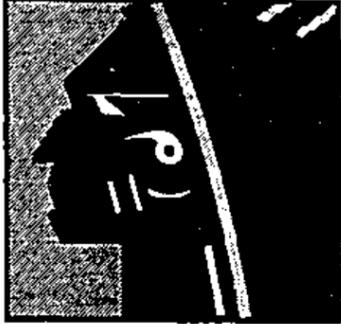
Take the challenge of "learning to have your needs met." Lil perfected that long ago. When Chirpy was given a special diet, we fed all the cats his food to make mealtime easier. We knew his food was boring, but we figured the cats would get used to it. Then, one morning, we came into the kitchen to see that Lil had opened the cabinet door and pulled out a can of fancy cat food. She stood with one paw on the can. She gave the distinct impression of tapping her fingers with impatience. Yes, we stopped feeding her Chirpy's dull food.

And then there's the problem of setting limits--but it's no problem for Lil. Once, while our friend Charles was visiting, Lil started sharpening her claws on the bicycle tires. I quickly sprayed her with water--the only way we discipline the cats--and she stopped. Then I left the room and soon heard Charles howling with laughter. Lil had started scratching the tires again, so Charles remembering that cats hate to be tapped on the nose, went to tap Lil's nose. Lil turned on him with a hiss, hit him in his hands and face, then marched away. Later, though, she was willing to sleep in his lap.

One more thing; cats sleep 16 hours a day and never feel guilty about anything!

There is a Buddhist sect that teaches that when a being is so highly evolved that she or he has only one life left, that life is lived as a cat. I believe it.

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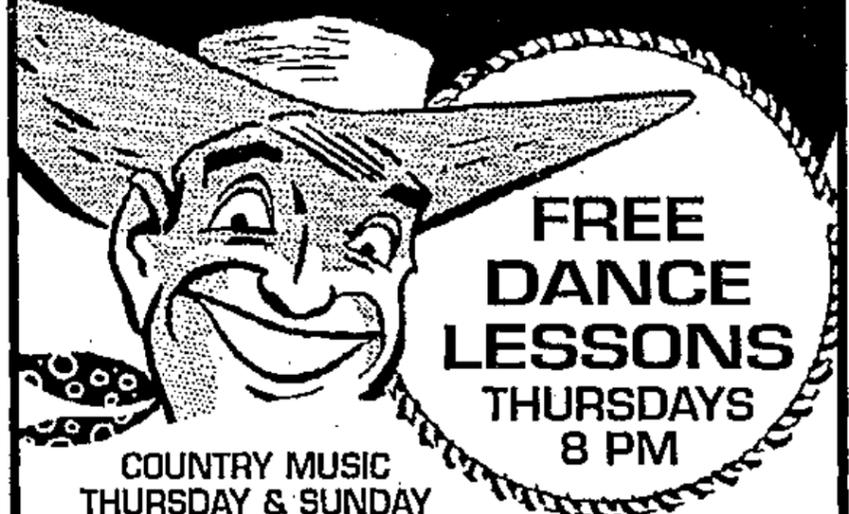
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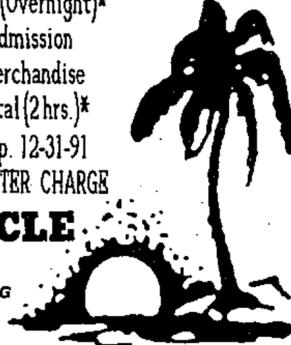
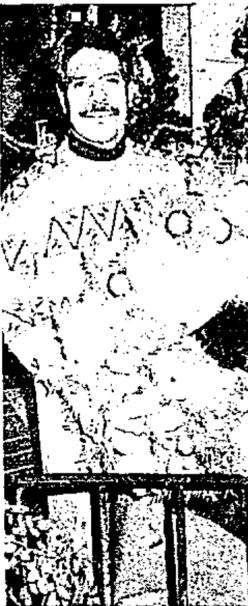
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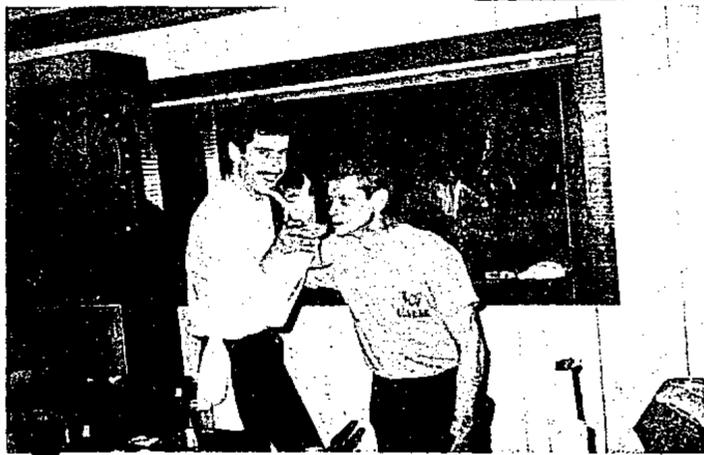



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*A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship*

It's Friday night, and I'm finally home and relaxing, and I bet you'd never guess who I'm thinking about right now—YOU! Yes, that's right; each and every one of you reading these words now. I'm thinking of YOU, as an individual, and what your deep-down inner condition is tonight. I want to identify with you, and in so many ways, I do.

There is one other Person who identifies with you every moment of your life—wherever you are—whatever you are doing—however you are feeling emotionally. He knows me so well; He always has. And He knows you that well, too. Yes, He always has. He easily identifies with every situation you are faced with, every relationship you were—are—or will be involved in. He laughs with you when you're happy—however frequently, or seldom, those times for you are—but most importantly...He grieves with you, when you're sad, lonely, despairing and defeated, and even rejected.

He is Jesus. Did you know that? Have you ever heard what the 'shortest sentence in the Bible' is? Are you even interested? It is found in the Gospel of John, John the Beloved, Chapter 11, verse 35. It merely says, "Jesus wept." Very poignant...and very relevant to me, and to you, right now. You see, in Chapter 11, Jesus is told his very close personal friend, Lazarus "is sick." His disciples didn't even imagine what Jesus already knew. Lazarus was dead. The sisters of His friend, Lazarus, had sent for Jesus to heal their brother; yet Jesus waited two days to go to the home of Lazarus and his sisters. While Jesus, the Son of God, lived on earth, He was fully Divine, BUT...He was fully HUMAN as well.

When Jesus arrived in Judea, joined the throng of mourners, humanly felt His grief because of His friend's death, "He wept." That says it all. Jesus DID know what He would very soon do, raising Lazarus from the dead, but Jesus, the man, was overcome with human grief. "He wept."

Many of us have suffered rejection of one kind or another—so did Jesus. And He hurt as deeply as we did. You can't go through anything in your life, have any experience, that the very Son of God is not intimately familiar with—and so is able to understand you...better than you understand yourself—because He endured those same things. He felt emotion, the whole scale of it from pit to pinnacle.

When everyone fails you, as humans will, Jesus promises, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5. Jesus DOES love YOU. He always has; and He always will. He stands waiting at the door of your heart right now, knocking. He's waiting for you to open that door, and He will enter. He knows you just as you are, warts and all, and He says "...whoever comes to Me I will never drive away." John 6:37. There is nothing stopping you from taking that first tentative step, maybe after having been rejected in other places where you sought Him, and putting all you've got into trying one more time.

Jesus IS at Cornerstone Fellowship, and you are very welcome here. You won't ever be rejected in this House of God. If you really want a meaningful relationship with the One who love YOU so

much, He even DIED for you, who is waiting for you right now, longing to give you a rich, full, joyful satisfying life, day after day...come by on Sunday morning at 10:30 and see for yourself how easy it really is to reach out and touch the extended hand of Jesus, who knows who you are, what place you're in right now, and is offering you the fullness of life. If you want to know just how important you really are to the Son of God, then come and find out. You will experience a happiness you never even conceived possible for you. If you have never felt the peace and confidence of "unconditional everlasting love," Jesus has a surprise for you! Come over...for YOUR sake.

*News From*  
**MCC/TUCSON**  
*by Ben Corbin*

This past Sunday the Second Sunday of Advent was celebrated. Only 17 more days until Christmas 1991. Where does the time go? This question is asked even more often during this season when everything seems to be on a strict timetable. But, even in this season of rushing around trying to get the decorations up, the shopping done, the baking finished, there should be some time spent celebrating Christmas for what the celebration is all about - honoring the birthday of Jesus of Nazareth, our Lord and Saviour.

This Friday, December 13th, starting at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Christmas Musical Program presented by the MCC/Tucson Choir with many soloists. This will also be a special program as MCC/Tucson will be celebrating the 21st Anniversary of the church here in Tucson. Now, you can really ask the question, "Where has the time gone?". There will be a reception following the program at 3269 North Mountain Ave. Everyone is invited to come to help us celebrate Christmas and our 21st Anniversary.

Thought for the week: We are quick enough in perceiving and weighing what we hear from others; but we think little of what other hear from us.

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**A Commentary By**  
**Christopher Geoffrey McPherson**

**Virginia Uribe in benefit here for Wingspan  
Roger Sedlmayr**

With the 50th Anniversary of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor behind us, now is time to look forward at the things which are making America a weak and lazy country.

There was a time when America really was the best; but that time ended many years ago: virtually no televisions are made in America now (and we perfected the invention!); almost all steel is imported into America (it once was one of the largest industries here!); we make no video recorders even though we invented them; and the output of automobiles, computers, shoes, clothing, even book printing has fallen in quality and risen so dramatically in cost that these items now have virtually no influence in America's GNP --and better produced, less expensive, in some other country.

And President George Bush--winging from one foreign country to another--stands in front of the flag insisting ours is the greatest country in the world? Castro or Brezhnev could get away with such propaganda, but it is not expected from an American president.

And sure, I'll get the letters that say "If you don't like America, get out!" Well, that's usually the response of someone who has no defense for blindly following a path leading nowhere quickly.

And it is, in fact, my love for my country and the lack of devotion, pride, blood, sweat, tears and quality in both the products we make and the work we do that so greatly disappoints me.

There was a time when the words "Made in America" meant something more than the country of origin. It meant an assurance that a high level of pride, of quality, of craftsmanship was given in each product which bore that label. But, no more.

With the coming of the new year, I hope all of us will make that one extra resolution to promise to ourselves to do our best in each job we do, to earn the money we are paid (even when we think it is not enough), and to end each day a little more tired than the last knowing that we worked a little harder today than yesterday.

America has much to recommend it -- and much to recommend against it. It is we who can restore greatness to a once great country, who can return quality to our product, who can make the words "Made In America" once again carry the cache that is now, sadly, conspicuous by its absence.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week!

**THINK Positive PROJECT**  
by Natalie Perry

On Sunday, Dec. 1991, the Think Positive Project conducted its first in a series of workshops called "The Good News about Dating a Man".

As with most "workshops" held in the Gay community, the participation was sparse, but quality usually outweighs quantity in these situations, and this workshop was no exception. The ten people who did complete the workshop had a great time and learned a lot.

You can't imagine how enlightening (and fun) it is to take a look at yourself and your positive attributes, your needs and patterns, your fantasies and desires, in the quest to finding Mr. Right.

Each person examined who Mr. Right is for him, whether that meant finding a

sexual partner, life partner or just a date; the resources he has available to find and pursue that person and what to do when he finds "him".

Activities include exercises in listening skills, role plays, visualizations, defining dating objectives, barriers to those objectives and how to overcome them.

It's amazing how so many Gay men have read books about or participated in "How to be Successful..." seminars of all kinds but do not consider setting the same kind of goals for successful dating or building relationships. That is the real basis for the "Good News about Dating a Man" workshop; how to be positive, safe and successful in getting what you want and need in a man. Now how could you pass up the chance to get that kind of information in one simple afternoon?

Those of you who missed the opportunity, and it is an opportunity, will have a few more chances to "try it out" in the coming year. The Think Positive Project will be sponsoring more of these exciting workshops in 1992, so look for the announcements right here in the Observer.

If you're single, available, new in town, looking for Mr. Right or just looking for Mr. Right Now, this workshop could really make a difference in your successful outcome. Don't let the opportunity to slip by again if you can help it. You won't be sorry, just successful!

...Until '92...Happy Holidays and... Think Positive.

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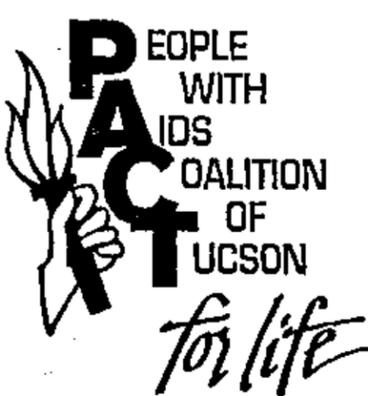
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# CALENDAR of upcoming events

**VENTURE-N** - The old French Quarter has new ownership. There will be extensive remodeling to the building and, during this remodeling period, the bar will be open at 4 p.m. Monday thru Saturday. On Sunday it will open at 11 a.m. Come by and see the progress. Watch for more details for the grand re-opening.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

**JOSHUA TREE** - All Male Revue this evening beginning at 10 p.m. Be sure to catch these hot strippers.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

**JOSHUA TREE** - Not to be outdone, there will be an all Female Revue here tonight. The show begins at 10 p.m. Don't miss it.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**

**IBT'S** - It's 4th Avenue Street Fair time again and IBT's will present another of their terrific Street Fair Shows both Saturday and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Because these shows are in the midst of the afternoon and the fairgoers all want to attend, there will be a \$2 cover charge for these two shows only. There is a free show on Sunday evening for the community. See Sunday in this calendar for performers.

**GRADUATE** - A Big Beer Bust Benefit here from 2 until 6 p.m. hosted by Tucson Knight Owls (TKO) and Tucson Arizona Levi/Leather (TALL). The proceeds will be equally divided at the end of the Bust and TKO will donate their monies to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and TALL will donate theirs to the Shanti Food Box Drive. A great way to contribute without costing you anything - just the cost of a few draft beers and think of all those hunky men and ladies you will meet.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**IBT'S** - 4th Avenue Street Fair Show again today at 3 p.m. with a \$2 cover. The same show will be presented one more time for the Gay/lesbian community for no cover at 9:00 p.m. The show will star the live vocal impressions of Nakoma Shaye from Dallas and performances by Mr. Loren Johnson, Tasha Cole and Coco. A great show and a greater cast. See at the freebie at 9 p.m.

**JOSHUA TREE** - Rare Breed will present a Christmas Special here from 6 to 10 p.m. \$2 Cover. Always a big hit, the Rare Breed band is playing better than ever. Don't miss this special opportunity to hear them.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**

**CLUB 2520** - The long-awaited opening of this new Gay complex at 2520 North Oracle is at hand. The bar will officially open this date at 11:00 a.m. and close at 1:00 a.m. You won't want to miss seeing this most spectacular complex that houses a disco dance bar, a separate country/western dance bar and a separate conversation bar. You will be hearing a lot about this and it is all good!

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**

**GRADUATE** - TKO will be having a full evening of fun and entertainment and prizes and everything else that goes with the holidays. Show and benefit for the Make-A-Wish Program. Raffle for two Laughlin trips, their \$100 Christmas tree will also be raffled off. Get your tickets now and be there for the gala evening.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

**RUMORZ** - A special evening here tonight. A roast of Natalie Perry in recognition of her many years of service and caring for our community. There will be an auction of select donated items plus a raffle for a roundtrip air fare for two to San Francisco, Los Angeles or Las Vegas. All proceeds will be donated to Shanti/Tucson. In addition the Rumorz management will donate 50% of their register for the evening to Shanti. Reservations are suggested and for further info call Rumorz or Shanti.

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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

Community Awards of Tucson meets at 7:00 p.m. at MCC, 3269 N. Mountain. Become involved. Everyone is welcome.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**

4th Avenue Street Fair opens today.

MCC/Tucson will give a Christmas Musical Program starting at 7:00 p.m. A reception will follow the performance.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

4th Avenue Street Fair continues through Sunday.

American Gay/Lesbian Atheists, a national non-profit educational organization, will be holding their annual Tucson meeting at Wingspan, 240 N. Court from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call (602)264-7432 or write to the Phoenix Chapter at AGLAA, 3003 North Central Ave., #121-211, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2903.

a.k.a. Theatre's production of "Homophobia" winds up its performance this evening. See Friday, Dec. 13 for details.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

4th Avenue Street Fair winds up today.

Join the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association in a holiday celebration for the 200th birthday of our American freedoms. December 15 marks the Bicentennial of our Bill of Rights. OPBPA will hold a Holiday Brunch at the historic Arizona Inn at 1:00 p.m. Brunch tickets are \$10 per person and there will be a special guest speaker following brunch. No-Hot Bar. Reservations are due by Dec. 10 with your resittance. Make your check payable to OP and mail to OPBPA, P.O. Box 41033, Tucson, AZ 85733. For more information call 577-6018.

Wingspan Night at Orts Space, 930 N. Stone with Lesbian and Gay poetry and performances as well as other entertainment. Readers will include E. Robert Kaplan, Hassan Al Falak, Maria Jose De Cadeo y Gorcon and others. \$3.00 (more if you can, less if you can't) at the door with proceeds going to Wingspan. Call 624-1779 for info.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

Desert Voices will present their Fall/Winter Concert at St. Francis in the Foothills at 4625 E. River Road. The concert is being sponsored by the St. Francis Reconciling Congregation Program and will begin at 7:30 p.m. Donations accepted at the door. Desert Voices and R.C.P. of St. Francis are extending an open invitation to Tucson's entire Gay and Lesbian community to join them for this evening of music and song. During the evening, a compact disk will be given away.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

"A Service of Carols and Candles", will be the subject of a Christmas Eve Service at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, 4831 E. 22nd Street at 6:00 p.m. Rev. Iwerling, minister of the church says, "All are invited to join us for an evening service of singing carols and sharing stories of Christmas and Hanukkah." Special music will be by the Church Choir and UU Family Singers. Childcare is available. The church is wheelchair accessible and handicapped parking is available.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27**

UofA Committee for Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Faculty and Staff will meet from Noon to 1:30 p.m. in Student Union Room 283. Professor Bruce Fowler facilitates this brown bag luncheon meeting, and it is open to UofA staff and faculty who are concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

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**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Boon. Beer Pitchers \$7.50 noon to 7 p.m. Volleyball begins at 1:00 p.m. Sunday Pitchers Specials. David cooks Steak Dinners 4-7 pm 11.00. Dave J. plays good hot old music.  
**GRADUATE** - All White Well \$1.25 daytime and \$1.50 nighttime.  
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**KUMORZ** - Open at noon. Drink specials.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

**monday**

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Blackboard Specials noon to 7 p.m. Jerry Dis. CLUB CONGRESS - 70's Disco with Super Star Lover. \$1. 9 pm to 1 a.m.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour prices open to close.  
**IBT'S** - Open Boon. Happy Hours 1 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25, \$1.75 - 4 to 8 Two for One. Easy listening music. Bring in your own tape for a drink special 4 pm to 1 a.m.  
**KUMORZ** - Open noon. Daily drink specials. DJ/DJ at 9.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. (during construction period).

**tuesday**

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Daily Special noon to 7 pm. Drink Draft and Drown .50 draft 4 pm till close. Open Volleyball games begin at 7 p.m. Jerry Dis.  
**GRADUATE** - Draft Beer Special. Small Pitchers \$1.50, Large Pitchers \$3.00  
**IBT'S** - Happy Hours 1 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25.  
**IBT'S** - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Bite with .75 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 8 pm to close.  
Country music and dancing with Gil Leon 9-1.  
**KUMORZ** - Open noon. Daily drink specials. DJ/DJ 9-1 with Clint.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. (during construction period).

**wednesday**

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Boon. Drink specials till 7 pm. Flesh for Fantasy male strippers at 11 pm. Dave J. Dis.  
**CLUB CONGRESS** - Rock 'n Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow. No charge.  
**GRADUATE** - Domestic Beer \$1.25/days - \$1.50 nights.  
**IBT'S** - Draft Beer .50 7 p.m. to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Black & White Service Industries light Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price.  
**IBT'S** - 4-8 Two for One. Dance music 4-1. Double dose Schnapps for \$1.50. Check out blended drink special. Bowler's Special \$1 Well or non-Premium Beer.  
**KUMORZ** - Open noon. Daily drink specials. DJ/DJ Clint at 9pm.  
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**thursday**

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Boon. Drink Specials 3-8 pm. Drink Draft and Drown .50 draft 4 pm to close. Dave J. Dis.  
**GRADUATE** - Top Shelf Call \$2.00 in the daytime and \$2.50 at night.  
**IBT'S** - Draft Beer .50 7 p.m. to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heibekn or Corona \$1.25 from 9 pm to 1 a.m. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1 with your DJ Jason.  
**IBT'S** - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Free dance lessons 8 p.m. Bud and Bud Lite \$1.50 from 4-1.  
**KUMORZ** - Daily drink specials. Dancing with your DJ/DJ Clint 9-1.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. (during construction period).

**friday**

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Boon. Drink Specials 3-8 pm. Bobby Jr. Dis. GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.  
**IBT'S** - Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 9 pm - 1 a.m. with Jason.  
**IBT'S** - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Music 4 to close with Jay.  
**KUMORZ** - Daily drink specials. Free Hors d'Oeuvres 5:30. DJ/DJ Clint 9-1.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. (during construction period).

**saturday**

**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Boon. \$5.00 pitchers of Margaritas or Long Island Iced Tea. Bobbie cooks Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers \$2.00. Dave J. Dis.  
**GRADUATE** - Drink specials until closing.  
**IBT'S** - Open Boon. 7 pm to 1 a.m. DJ music 9 to 1. Last Saturday of each month is Country and Western dance music.  
**IBT'S** - Hot music 4 to close with Linda Firdale.  
**KUMORZ** - Open Boon. Daily drink specials. Dance with DJ/DJ Clint 9-1  
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## Martina Says She Meant No Ill Will Toward Magic

NEW YORK, NY (UPI) - Tennis star Martina Navratilova said she meant no ill will by suggesting HIV-infected Earvin "Magic" Johnson received an outpouring of public sympathy because he is a heterosexual male.

Two days after she alleged the double standard, Navratilova said, "I was astounded by the response I had by saying what was on my mind."

"I'm sure I could have said that President Bush is a cross-dresser and I wouldn't have got this much response," Navratilova said following her victory over Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in the quarter finals of the \$1 million Virginia Slims Championships.

Navratilova had said she thought the public's response would have been less favorable if she, rather than Johnson, who announced testing positive for the test that causes AIDS.

"They'd say I'm Gay. I had it coming," Navratilova said then. "That's why they're accepting it with him, because supposedly he got it through heterosexual

contact."

She also said that if a heterosexual woman admitted to as many sexual encounters as Johnson did, "they'd call her a whore and a slut and the (sponsoring) corporations would drop her like a lead balloon. And she'd never get a job in her life. It's a very big-time double standard, and it's frightening because it's happening."

Navratilova said that most of the positive reaction to her initial comments has come from men.

"A lot of people have been thinking those thoughts, but haven't been stupid enough or brave enough to say them, or vocal enough or famous enough, I suppose," she said. "A lot of people are thinking that, but they're not being interviewed either."

"I certainly didn't mean my comments to be in any way negative toward Magic. . . he was one of my heroes as a basketball player. But I felt that I needed to say what I felt because I just didn't understand it."

## Court Rules Gay People May Be Denied Custody Of Children

CHICAGO, IL - Parents living with Gay or Lesbian partners may be denied custody of their children, an Illinois Appellate court has ruled. The 2nd District Court of Appeals in Elgin upheld a lower court ruling that denied a woman custody of her daughter because she was living with another woman. The ruling in a case from suburban Naperville, was the first such decision in Illinois to address the question of denying custody to Gay men and Lesbians attorneys on both sides say.

DuPage County Circuit Judge Michael Galasso said in a ruling last year that he would have given the 5-year-old girl to her mother were it not for the woman's Lesbian relationship.

The appeals court upheld the custody decision, saying that an "intimate cohabitation relationship," whether heterosexual or homosexual, can be weighed by judges considering where to place a child after a divorce.

Because such a rule applies equally to heterosexuals, it is not discriminatory, the appeals court said.

But an attorney who supported the woman's appeal said the ruling does allow courts to discriminate against Gays and Lesbians. John Hannell, director of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, said the decision creates a double standard.

"It is not neutral to Gay men and Lesbians if a parent's cohabitation is used as a negative factor," Hannell said. "Straight persons could always marry and thus eliminate the negative factor, but Lesbians and Gay parents don't have that option."

The couple separated before their divorce became final in 1990 and shared custody of the girl for several months, said Robert W. Burnett, an attorney for the father. He asked that the couple be referred to only by their first names, Carl and Barbara, to protect their daughter from publicity about the case.

During that separation, a woman Burnett said was Barbara's "Lesbian paramour" moved in with the woman. Carl asked the court for full custody of his daughter, claiming that alleged Lesbian relationship would emotionally injure the child.

"We felt that granting custody to the mother would have been detrimental to the child's best interests," Burnett said.

Hannell said that argument was unfounded, since studies of children raised by Gay and Lesbian couples have shown no negative effects on those children.

"There was not one iota of evidence that if the mother may have been in a Lesbian relationship, that would hurt the child," Hannell said.

In the trial court, Barbara denied being a Lesbian, but the judge said he didn't believe her. She did not address that issue in the appeal.

The child now lives with Carl, a retired music teacher, in suburban Naperville. Barbara now lives in the Milwaukee area.

Hannell called the ruling "a partial victory" because the appeals court struck down a requirement that barred the woman's housemate from being present during visits with the child. Burnett said that Carl hasn't decided whether to appeal that portion of the ruling. "We felt that, given the evidence, the restriction (on visitation) was appropriate," Burnett said.

Hannell said that Barbara hasn't decided whether to appeal the ruling, either. But he added that the ruling was unfair to the increasing number of Gays and Lesbians who want to keep their children when they end their heterosexual marriages.

"Until there is a clear decision from the Illinois Supreme Court that a parent's sexual orientation is not going to interfere with decisions about what's best for the child, until that day, Gay and Lesbian parents are going to have to fight this kind of prejudice," Hannell said.

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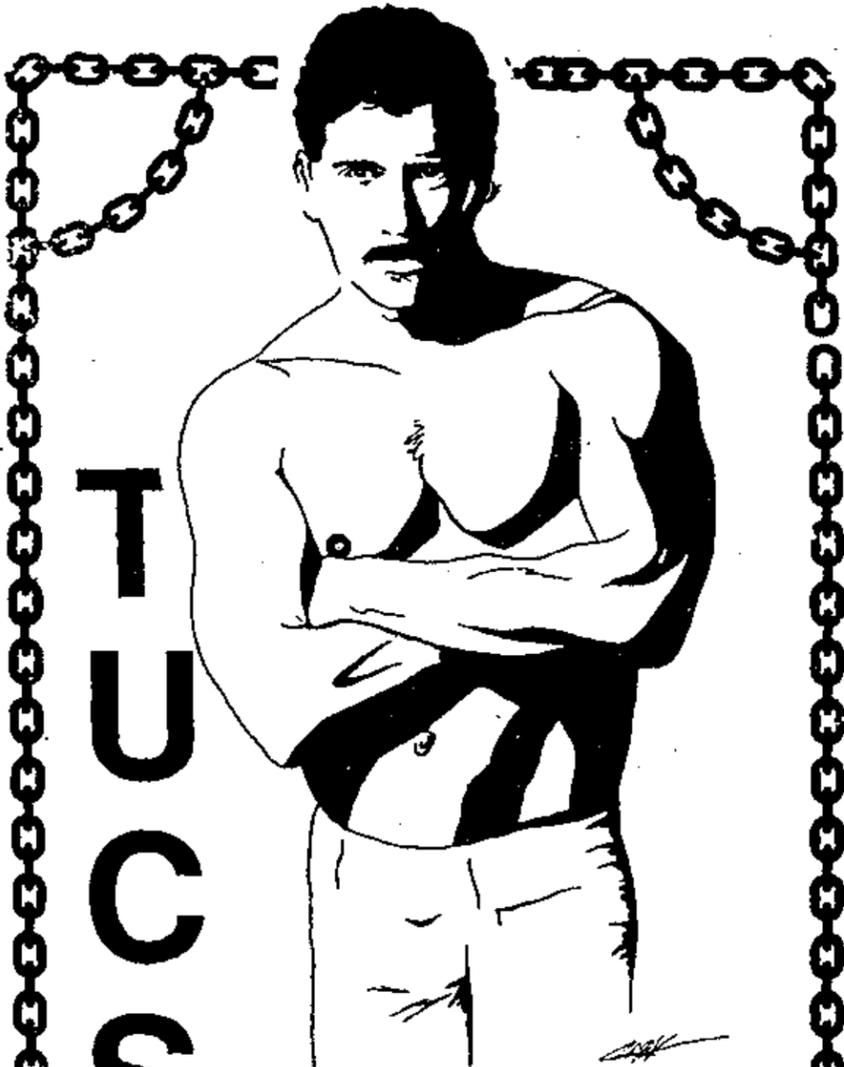
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### CANCER

Are we sure that the real BVD bandit was captured? Of course no one in Tucson sleeps in their underwear - do they? You just sneak in and weenie wack em while they sleep. Your love life improves this week.

### LEO

Get this phone conversation - 3 way at Embassy Suites? - sure! Room 69 at 10 PM? - I'll be their! (No wonder Steve, Burt & Ernie are so friendly now) - at least it wasn't the usual meeting place - the tearoom at Montgomery Wards. Be more alert this week to friends in need.

### VIRGO

Lot of "fun" things in store for you this weekend. You'll be in the limelight at the bar's - and don't say "I don't do the bar's" - from what I've heard - your like "Debbie Does Dallas" - it must be your "clean enough to eat off of" attitude.

### LIBRA

Are we dating again? - it's been awhile. Are you sure you remember how to do it? Now you won't have so many of those lonely nights talking to yourself and answering yourself back. Plan a trip over the holidays.

### SCORPIO

Put your best foot forward at a social gathering - the foot fetish club require's you to take your shoe's off first - just ask Lance. Alliances that have not been going well should be soft-pedaled this week. Buy a lotto ticket Sat.

### SAGITTARIUS

Address your holiday cards. Decide what issues are most important, then settle them - such as - gee, should I go home and "Pump" or go to the local glory hole booth. Or maybe - pump first then go - like moose does.

### CAPRICORN

"Country Roads, take me home, to the place my dog got shot." Still going to those country bars and enjoying less? You just want to see the cowboy with the bad teeth. I hear he's real kinky - go for it!

### AQUARIUS

Give a pet more pats - like your newest fling. Does he really like you or is he just "on leave" from Shady Brook Best Home. By the way - Kevin and David - had a faboo time - wanna make it sloppy seconds?

### PISCES

Have you run amok with your credit card yet? Better go slow - It's a good thing the bars don't take Visa. Do something nice for a friend this week. Looking for Xmas gifts? - how about a gift certificate to Flex Plex?

## Out On The Town

by Jza Jza LaMore

The last couple of road trips proved to be somewhat disastrous for Nurse Jane and Cosmic Mamma. Cosmic Osmosis may really work. If it continues this way, someone could really get hurt. When was the last time she was caught climbing telephone poles all night? So when was the last time the Bean Plantation was invaded by the Fagaires?

Sister Mary Virgetta still maintains her status as a Welcome Wagon hostess, and she still knows how to throw a prismatic party. Too bad Macho Man missed out. As did Davena Shore. When will she grace us with her presence?

Since the Jersey Lilly took her home cinematography school and moved it back east, the Old Pueblo and Granny can no longer do home movies. Besides, the wide screen has already been repossessed. Goodbye Hollywood.

Seems the Bean Plantation is growing by leaps and bounds. What next? Who was it that recently had a bullepic party. Miss Mae certainly wasn't invited since she probably would've been a party pooper.

So does Cookies Corral hike it up or just bend a wheel or two? And how many

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**GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN** in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Certified psychologist facilitator. Call 814-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

**AIDS HOTLINE - 324-AIDS.** Hours 8-7, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

**FAQ - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center** offers support groups / library / daily newsletter. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1774 Tucson.

**GAY SUPPORT GROUP:** Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9066 for information.

**CAREERBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX** has a hotline for information and membership call: 266-7202 or write CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

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**LESBIANS CONNECTION** (formerly LWP) is a Lesbian singles social group. Call 327-2942 to hear about our next events. Join in the fun.

**COFA FACILITY AND STAFF** for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 243 or 245. Open to G/L family and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

**SONORA PROJECT, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 842-3133.** Also seeking volunteers for bilingual (Spanish/English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 2579 E. 1st Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719. 770-3333.

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**SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON** Volunteer Groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 pm at 602 E. 4th Ave. Potential Shanti Volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 9:00 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. Call 575-1660 or write P.O. Box 36764, Tucson, AZ 85710-6264. All replies confidential.

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**TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP),** 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadroom). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 327-6226 (Administration).

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