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Benefit Christmas play opens



TUCSON - Pictured above are some of the cast members of play "The Fairies Who Saved Christmas" which is being performed at the Joshua

Tree Thursday, Dec. 17 and again on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Night. See story below.

TUCSON - An original Christmas play will be presented in three performances. The first will be this Thursday, Dec. 17 at 6:00 p.m. The play, "The Fairies Who Saved Christmas" is being produced by the Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance in cooperation with Joshua Tree Productions.

The play, described as a light comedy with a moral, will take place inside the Joshua Tree due to recent arrival of winter. It is being performed at the 6:00 time period to permit viewers to attend the 10th annual Hay Ride to all the Tucson Gay bars and then to view the Christmas lights and decorations at Winterhaven. The Hay Ride departs the Joshua Tree at 7:30 p.m.

"The Fairies Who Saved Christmas" will also play at the Joshua Tree on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 and Christmas Night, Dec. 25 at 7:00 p.m. The performances are a benefit for Casa De Los Ninos and the Tucson Food Bank. Admission to the play is a toy, or canned or

non-perishable food or a \$3.00 donation, all of which will be distributed to the two charities.

Written by the cast, the play is being directed by Monte-Jon Gilmer, with Sound by Rick Norman and sets by Gary Clark. The show stars (in alphabetical order), Gary Clark; Phil Clark as Bette Midler; Beth Davis; Bob Ellis; Monte-Jon Gilmer; Christina as Diana Ross; Dani Reid; Wayne Steele; Jack Stockslager; Tiffany as Barbra Streisand; Louis Wash and Alan Wiggins.

The play takes place at the North Pole in Santa's House with all the elves and fairies plus Mr. and Mrs. Santa. A very "breezy" dialogue, interspersed with some ad-libbing make for a hilarious Christmas comedy. Your attendance is encouraged, not only for a good evening of entertainment, but for the benefit of two most worthy charities in our city, especially at this time of the year.

Signature check assuring recall

PHOENIX - The checking of recall signatures being carried out by county recorders across Arizona would seem to assure that the recall election of Governor Evan Mecham will take place, probably in May 1988.

Maricopa County Recorder Keith Poletis said that his office has validated 131,554 of the 178,978 signatures it has checked so far, for a 73.5 percent validity rate.

Pima County recorder Richard Kennedy said 25,000 of the 31,000 signatures checked were valid for a 81 percent validity rate. Four other counties - Apache, Gila, Graham and Greenlee - have completed their signature counts and have validated a total of 3,989 signatures.

"We're going to have a recall election, folks, let's face it," said Mecham Recall Committee

founder Ed Buck. "We've been saying all along we're going to have one of the highest validity rates in petition-gathering in history. If the Republican Party had a brain in its head, they would be searching for a candidate right now. The validity rates are a tribute to the people who volunteered to work on the recall drive, Buck said.

The Recall Committee needs 217,746 valid signatures of registered voters to force Mecham to face a recall election. Mecham spokesman Kenneth V. Smith said, "If these numbers hold up, and it looks like they are holding up, that would be a sufficient number to warrant a recall." He said there has been no discussion in Mecham's office of the possibility of mounting a legal challenge against the signatures' validity.

Poletis's office received
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PERSPECTIVE by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

The March On Washington: A vivid recollection of "THE UNWELCOME GUESTS"

[ED NOTE: Although the March on Washington on Oct. 11 has been reported on in several past issues, Curt Stubbs, a University of Arizona creative writing student attended the March and has put his thoughts of this historical event on paper as an essay for his writing class at the university. The piece was chosen to be used as a teaching aid for beginning composition writing classes at the UofA and Pima College as well. After reading this essay, we feel sure that you will be as moved as we were. Thank you for your excellent contribution to our community, Curt].

We marched, we yelled, we shook our signs and fists in the air and we were proud, alive, angry and joyous to be several hundred thousand Gay men and Lesbians taking to the streets of our nation's capitol together. But for the first time in the young Gay movement we also marched with a sense of our own mortality. It was an unwelcome guest, but one whose influence could be felt everywhere we gathered and whose presence demanded acknowledgement.

The Parks service estimated 200,000 of us; March organizers, more than 600,000. Myself, I tend to agree with the organizers. I believe the estimator for the Parks service to be the idiot twin of the policeman who estimates the street value of a pound and a half of pot to be \$6.3 million or some such fanciful figure. But no one disputes that the March was led by more than 2,000 PWAs (Persons With AIDS) and that there were more than 25,000 dead whose presence could be felt in our anger and in the periodic tears that stained our cheeks. And while it was not mentioned aloud, everyone was aware that there were several thousand more in the crowd who had been diagnosed or who would be diagnosed in the future. But whether there were 650,000 of us or 200,000, we had each already faced this gaunt specter in the lives and deaths of friends and lovers, in our newborn fear of intimacy, in the hostility of an ignorant populace, and in our own community's need to mobilize to defend itself from disease and hostile attacks.

Because my sign had an Arizona flag flying ten feet above the ground and was very visible I was marching at the center front of the Arizona contingent. I don't remember a lot of the march per se. I do remember that we chanted "Recall Mecham, Recall Mecham" a lot and that many of the by-standers chanted along and gave us thumbs up. We had two PWAs marching with us but only one wheel chair. I didn't know either

man, but I found myself swiveling my head from side to side to keep track of both men in case their buddies got caught up in the moment and lost touch with them and their needs. Around me, others in our contingent, as they caught on, were doing the same. Even though there were aid stations set up along the route especially for the PWAs, if either man weakened, he would need help getting to one. We, as Gay men and Lesbians, knew from historical perspective that we and we alone were our Gay brothers' keepers.

That morning at dawn people had started gathering on the Capitol Mall for the Names Project quilt. Each casket-sized panel of the quilt commemorated one person dead from AIDS or anti-Gay



violence. Most of the panels had been made by friends, lovers, or in a few instances, blood relatives. Many of the panels celebrated the life that was gone, often made with favored clothing or other personal touches. Although the Project had received more than twice the 1,920 panels used, the rest were left behind because their just wasn't time for volunteers to get them all stitched together for the March. Project organizers say that they will bring the finished quilt to the Capitol in a year or so to cover the whole Mall with our need and our urgency.

As each section containing 32 panels was unfolded like a flower, petal by petal, in an elegant, simple ceremony, full of love, reverence and hope, the names and homes of those remembered on that section were read over the loudspeaker. Everyone gathered in the

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UPDATE

GAY & LESBIAN AIDS COUNCIL FORMS IN PHOENIX

PHOENIX - The Gay and Lesbian AIDS Council was formed last Monday, Dec. 14 by representatives of 12 Phoenix area Gay and Lesbian organizations. The Council was established to unite the efforts of Gay men and Lesbians dealing with the AIDS crisis in Arizona.

Under an agreement with the Arizona AIDS Project (AAP), the Council will be responsible for the Project's fundraising activities within the Gay and Lesbian community, including 'Sharing Weekend' collections at Phoenix area bars which is held the 3rd Friday and Saturday nights of every month.

The Council's chairperson will also be a voting member on the AAP Board of Directors.

Participants in Monday's meeting expressed support for assisting other AIDS-related organizations raising funds and volunteers in a united appeal on behalf of all of them.

The Council will monitor expenses to assure that funds are spent in the most productive manner possible to help people who have been infected by the AIDS virus.

The Council's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

CHINA BLAMES WEST FOR VD

BELIJING, CHINA (AP) - Venereal diseases, long thought to be wiped out in China, are spreading, and China is blaming the West, expert said. Experts at a national symposium in Nanking said a re-emergence of the diseases was due to "blind" adaptation of decadent Western lifestyles by some Chinese youths, according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

They also said increased international exchanges and the developing tourism industry were to blame.

Surveys presented at the symposium showed most people with VD were in their early 20s, have higher than average incomes and are middle-school graduates.

The report did not give figures on the number of people in China with VD. China announced in 1964 that it had eliminated VD through a 15-year program of prevention and treatment.

PRICE OF AZT DROPS

NEW YORK, NY (AP) - The company that makes AZT, the only federally approved anti-AIDS drug, says increased production has allowed it to cut its price by 20 percent, effective this week.

Burroughs Wellcome Co. of Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, announced that it will sell the drug, marketed as Retrovir, to wholesalers for \$150.24 for 100 capsules of 100 milligrams each.

The previous price, \$187.80, was established in February, just before the drug was approved by the Food and Drug Administration. This summer, state consumer advocates in New York reported incidents of price gouging by some pharmacies and asked the company for data explaining why the drug's price was so high.

Richard Kessel, executive director of the New York state Consumer Protection Board, said the price drop means an average AIDS patient will spend about \$600 a month on the drug, down from between \$850 and \$900.

COUPLES OF ARIZONA TO GIVE INCOME TAX SEMINAR FOR GAY AND LESBIAN COUPLES

PHOENIX - Did you know that the new income tax law actually gives Lesbian and Gay couples several advantages over "traditional" married couples? That, if you are aware of these and plan accordingly, you can achieve considerable tax savings? This will all be covered at a free informational presentation from Couples of Arizona, a social and educational organization for those who are involved in a relationship.

The session, to be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan 9 at Augustana Lutheran Church (14th St. at Virginia), will have as its guest speaker Mr. Bob Lind, a senior tax accountant with a local CPA firm. Bob is also the proprietor of Camelwest Income Tax Service, which primarily serves the Gay and Lesbian community.

"It's true that we're not allowed to file a 'joint' return," says Lind, "and, at least in this state, you can't ever claim your partner as a dependent, even if you provide all of their support. That's why it is so incredible that many provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the most sweeping tax legislation in thirty years, actually favor us over 'straight' married couples, in terms of planning for reduction of your combined tax liability." Lind's talk will also explain the changes you will notice on your 1987 tax forms.

Couples of Arizona hold monthly informational meetings covering topics of special interest to those in alternative relationships. These meetings are always open, at no charge, to both member and non-member couples. For further information call 831-5920.

FIRST U.S. HOSPITAL DEVOTED TO AIDS SHUTS DOWN

HOUSTON, TX (AP) - Staff members of the nation's first AIDS hospital gathered last Friday, Dec. 11, amid cardboard boxes and quiet hallways to close its doors for the final time.

"It is a very sad occasion, really, because like it or not, the hospital was a great success, from a medical and scientific point of view," said Dr. Peter Mansell, who served as medical director of the Institute for Immunological Disorders.

The hospital, which opened in September 1986, lost \$8 million in its 14-month life, more than \$5 million of which was through treating indigent patients, officials said.

Besides providing a valuable home for research, the hospital also showed AIDS treatment could be provided in a compassionate, largely outpatient setting, Mansell said.

In its first few months, the institute handled about 1,000 patient visits per month, he said. The hospital had 150 beds, but most people were treated as outpatients.

By March, the amount of care the institute gave to indigents far outstripped the \$250,000 set aside for that purpose in its first year.



REPUBLICAN POLL SHOWS DAMAGE TO MECHAM

PHOENIX (AP) - In the most recent poll of the Republican Party in the state, those Republicans who responded believe that Gov. Evan Mecham's ability to do his job has been damaged.

The poll, conducted by the Arizona Republic showed 75 percent of the GOP officials feel that Mecham's failure to report a \$350,000 campaign loan has caused him serious harm.

However, 62 percent think that the recall should go forward and Mecham should be re-elected or that the recall and investigations should be dropped. Thirty percent believe he should resign, be defeated in a recall election or be impeached.

And if a recall election was held, Mecham would be the first choice of 52 percent of GOP state and precinct officials. Former Congressman John Rhodes was a distant second at 27 percent.

Questionnaires were mailed to a randomly selected 562 GOP state and precinct committee members around the state early last month. Responses were received from 236 of them, or 42 percent. The poll has a margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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RECALL SIGNATURE CHECK ASSURING RECALL

254,055 of the total of 391,738 signatures turned in to the Secretary of State's office. Poletis said that if the current 73.5 percent validity rate holds true, 170,000 Maricopa County signatures could be verified.

Kennedy said Pima County's estimated validity rate could drop if some of the 654 petition circulators he is questioning are found to be ineligible. Both Kennedy and Poletis said they are seeing few irregular signatures and no evidence of large-scale fraud. Arizona county recorders have until Jan. 18 to complete their work.

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Catholic bishops ok condom education

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - In a statement issued last Friday, Dec. 10, U.S. Roman Catholic Bishops have issued a statement acknowledging that some people will not follow the church's teachings on sexuality and drug use.

"We recognize that public educational programs addressed to a wide audience will reflect the fact that some people will not act as they can and should; that they will not refrain from the type of sexual or drug-abuse behavior which can transmit AIDS," the bishops said.

"In such situations, educational efforts... could include accurate information about prophylactic devices or other practices proposed by some medical experts as potential means of preventing AIDS. We are not promoting the use of prophylactics but merely providing information that is part of the factual picture."

Church doctrine considers condoms unacceptable as a form of birth control.

Mary Hunt, a Catholic theologian who is co-director of the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual in Silver Spring, Maryland, said, "I applaud the fact that the bishops have realized that AIDS is a major medical crisis of our time. And she called for the bishops' discussion of condoms "a bit of a softening of earlier positions. They're being more realistic. It seems like the church is beginning to open up to the reality that condoms are the best preventive means we have to prevent the spread of AIDS."

New York Cardinal John J. O'Connor says he will not allow instruction about condoms in

schools, hospitals and youth programs as urged by the bishops report, but religious leaders elsewhere praised the report.

The report, "The Many Faces Of AIDS: A Gospel Response," drew distinction between the use of condoms to prevent the spread of disease and the use of condoms to prevent pregnancy.

Chicago Cardinal Joseph Bernardin said he was "particularly pleased, by the document. "It brings together two crucial components: It is faithful to the Catholic doctrinal and moral tradition and it is sensitive to the human dimensions of the issue," he said.

O'Connor, however, issued a statement saying "all persons and agencies addressing the issue of AIDS under the cognizance of the archdiocese of New York" will follow the policy guidelines" of the archdiocese banning instruction about condoms. "I think what will happen is that all over the United States you will find bishops issuing statements similar to mine, and this will come from people of various persuasions," O'Connor said.

The conference is an association of 300 U.S. bishops who apply Vatican teaching to Americans. Its board has 50 members. The Vatican has issued no official comment on the bishops' paper.

Archbishop John May of St. Louis, conference president, said, "Many public health officials have recommended the use of condoms to reduce the risk of transmitting or acquiring the AIDS virus, and we acknowledge that this fact will be part of the comprehensive factual presentation of the disease," May

said.

O'Connor said, "I strongly agree with the primary thrust of the statement, which is a clear and forceful call for understanding of persons with AIDS and for support of programs aimed at prevention and cure of the disease itself."

"It is apparent, however, that some portions of the text have been construed as supporting the toleration of certain educational approaches which I cannot accept as applicable."

2 Mecham juries coming

PHOENIX (AP) - Two new state grand juries will be empaneled to continue an investigation into allegations surrounding the administration of Gov. Evan Mecham, the Arizona Attorney General's office has said.

Steve Twist, chief assistant attorney general, released a statement that said he was authorized by Presiding Judge B. Michael Dann of Maricopa County Superior Court.

The statement "informed the public of the status of the Mecham investigation, the Watkins investigation and the status of the state grand jury generally."

The 23rd grand jury completed its six month term and was discharged after hearing testimony from Mecham administration and campaign officials.

The grand jury was investigating Mecham's failure to properly report a \$350,000 campaign loan from Tempe developer Barry Wolfson until after it was disclosed in

news reports. Mecham amended his campaign reports last month to include the loan. He said its omission had been an "honest mistake".

The grand jury also investigated prison-construction chief Lee Watkins' alleged death threat against former Mecham aide Donna Carlson. Watkins denied that he had threatened Carlson. He said he was confident he would not be indicted. No indictment were returned by the grand jury before it completed its term and was discharged.

"Neither the Mecham nor the Watkins investigations was concluded prior to the expiration of the term of the 23rd state grand jury, and the investigations into these matters are continuing," the attorney general's statement said.

Chief Justice Frank X. Gordon Jr. of the Arizona Supreme Court authorized empanelment of the 24th state grand jury on Oct. 22 and it will be chosen this Friday, Dec. 18, the statement said. It said the 25th grand jury was authorized by Gordon on Nov. 30 and would be empaneled on or after Jan. 2, 1988.

"It is not unusual for an investigation to be considered by more than one grand jury," the statement said.

Twist said it was unusual for any information at all to be released concerning an ongoing grand jury probe, because, by law, such activities are secret.

Twist declined to elaborate on the statement.



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By Bruce Fowler

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For me personally and for many of my closest friends, 1987 has been a year of great tragedy and personal loss. Family and close friends have died. Long-standing relationships have been severely tested and some have not survived. Great sums of money have been lost as have jobs and careers. Love is evasive and loneliness runs rampant. Over it all hangs the shadow of the plague. Nineteen hundred and eighty seven has been a year of great stress for many of us.

through it all, I think we're all asking some questions: "What will keep us going?" "What awful things does 1988 hold?"

For me, the stuff that will get me through are the gifts of faith and hope. And for right now, the most precious is HOPE.

This summer, my lover and I took a long vacation in our RV; we traveled around the west visiting old friends and seeing the wonders of the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone.

Earlier in the summer my mother had called to ask me to come home and help her with my step father. At 82, his health was failing and she wasn't able to give him proper care any longer. She was riddled with guilt about going what she knew had to be done and she needed my support and help. He was going to have to be placed in a nursing home. It was difficult to do, but when it was all over, I bought my mother a round-trip ticket to fly her from the midwest to join us on vacation in Denver, and together spend a week in Yellowstone. She was delighted and looking forward to it, especially since it was her first vacation in many years.

We picked her up at the Denver airport and started out toward Yellowstone. We had a marvelous time together, my lover, my mother and me. We had often traveled together and always enjoyed each other's company. We laughed and joked with each other and sat on the banks of the Snake River watching a herd of buffalo roam quietly over the meadow feeding on the long, green grass. We were at peace and the world was wonderful.

On the fourth day, mom became very ill and suddenly we had to cut short the vacation and rush her 150 miles south of the park to the hospital at Idaho Falls, some 2,000 miles from home. Mom had a stroke, went into a coma and died several days later without regaining consciousness. I flew back to Wisconsin, heart-broken and we buried her only a few miles from where she was born and had lived her whole life.

In November my lover's grandfather died after a short illness. Since he was very close to both of us; his death also had a great effect on us. Three other times during the year we attended funerals for friends, two of whom had died of AIDS. This year has been one of the most stressful I have ever known. We've been jokingly calling 1987, "the year of tears". Perhaps there isn't a joke.

With so much loss within such a short period of time, how can anyone look forward to 1988 with anything but anxiety and despair?

I have always thought of myself as a man of faith. If faith has any place in anyone's life, it had to have a place now, or all would be nothing but shallow promises and empty dreams.

On the fifteenth night of mom's hospital stay, I received

two phone calls. The first came about 10 p.m. and was from a student of mine calling to announce the birth of his new son, born just minutes before. The second call, about 2 a.m. was from the hospital, calling to inform me that mom had died. As one life ended, another began.

I'm going forward into 1988 with strength and determination. I sense a new dedication, a new beginning. I have wonderful memories from the past and a great hope in the future. Life goes on and there is hope in the future because there is hope in a small child born in a manger in Bethlehem.

May this be a very blessed and peaceful season for each of us.



A LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY:
The Shanti Foundation would like to express its deepest gratitude to those who organized and supported the recent Bowl-A-Thon at Fiesta Lanes.

Partners of Tucson: You did an incredible job in organizing the event, obtaining the sponsors and registering the bowlers. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Sponsors: (Colette's, the Graduate, IBT's, J/T's, Rumors and the Observer), once again you have provided the impetus to get a benefit like this underway. Thanks again for your continued support.

And to all of you who bowled and/or pledged money: we send our love and deepest appreciation for caring enough to get involved.

Thanks, Tucson — you are THE BEST !!!

Sincerely
Natalie Perry

TOP COP'S TEENS GET PROBATION FOR ASSAULT
WASHINGTON, DC (BAR) — For years, Theodore L. Carr III, and his brother Byron G. Carr, lived in full knowledge of the justice system. Early last month, the two teenage sons of Prince George's County Deputy Police Chief, Theodore Carr, were taken to task by the justice system for an assault on a Gay man.

The Carr brothers were sentenced to a year of probation and 60 hours of community service work after they pleaded guilty to simple assault, a misdemeanor, in exchange for the government's agreement to terminate a Grand Jury investigation which could have led to a more serious felony count.

The Carrs were arrested about 4 a.m. on Sept. 22, 1986 for robbery with force and violence, which is a felony. The Carrs and two other youths allegedly grabbed a gold chain from a man causing a scuffle when the man attempted to get his chain back.

The U.S. Attorney's office dropped the felony charge two days after the arrest. This action caused unrest among Gay activists, who charged the U.S. Attorney's office with giving the Carr sons special leniency. The accusation was denied by a spokesman for U.S. Attorney Joseph di Genova.

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Arizona Gay Rodeo Gearing Up

PHOENIX - A Desert Adventure begins Jan. 15, 16 & 17, 1988. The Third Annual Arizona Gay Rodeo will be held in Phoenix at the El Lienzo Charro Rodeo Grounds. The Rodeo is sponsored by the Arizona Gay Rodeo Association and this year the New Mexico Gay Rodeo Association is the proud co-sponsor.

Tickets to the Rodeo are \$10.00 per day, Saturday and Sunday. There is free admission on Friday to the Arena grounds and dance hall.

A full service bar will be available at the arena grounds. Valid I.D. must be carried at all times when around alcoholic beverage services.

Booth space will be avail-

able at the arena grounds and dance hall for non-food and non-beverage concessions. Rates for booth space are \$50 per day (non-profit) or \$100 per day (commercial profit-making). Applications for booth space reservations may be obtained from the AGRA at P.O. Box 16363, Phoenix, AZ 85011.

The Holiday Inn at 3600 N. 2nd Ave. is the host hotel. Rates are \$60 per day for 1 - 4 people. Back-up hotels are Park Central Motor Hotel, 3033 N. 7th Ave. or Days Inn Phx/Camelback, 502 W. Camelback Rd. Please mention the Arizona Gay Rodeo for the lowest rates at all the above hotels.

El Lienzo Charro Rodeo Grounds are located on the south-east corner of 29th Avenue and Baseline Road in Phoenix.

WHAT'S UP DOG?



Last Sunday's snow was beautiful and just enough to give all of us the real winter feeling. If you want more of that white flakey chill, drive up Mt. Lemmon, I'll stay down here.

Saturday afternoon found TKO at the Graduate for their monthly beer bust and to decorate their \$100 Christmas Tree. All proceeds for this annual event, this year, will be going to the children's "Make-A-Wish" program. Tickets are available for \$1 each at IBT's, Rumor Hazzit, Colette's, and the Graduate. Drawing for this plantable, fully decorated tree, with a \$100 bill at the top, will be Friday, Dec. 18 at 10:30 (ish), at the Graduate. Prior to the drawing, The Grad will be put-

ting on a Christmas Show starring Tiffany, Bobbi Jo and Tabitha Scott. Show time is 8:30, so be early for good seating.

Let's give a full-house Graduate special for this worthy benefit. Let's also show our support to Tabitha Scott, who leaves the next day for Phoenix to enter the Miss Gay Arizona Contest. We all wish Tabitha the best of luck and hope she will bring the crown back with her to Tucson.

Sunday, the snow may have been falling and the temperature outside on the chilly side, but inside IBT's, you couldn't tell. The occasion was IBT's annual Winter edition of the 4th Avenue

Street Fair Show. I was able to watch part of the show, and to me, one of the best of the year. Everyone in attendance were all having a great time enjoying the different performers. Super show gang, and my congratulations for the really top-notch show you put on.

Then, coming up this week-end, Tucson's own T-Squares will be having their winter Hoe Down. Check the ad in this Observer for full details.

In this very special time of the year, each of us opens our hearts to others less fortunate. Closeness and love blossoms in ways missing throughout the rest of the year. We also party a little more, sometimes more than ever. I'm asking each of you to please be careful. When my first article comes out in 1988, I want to be writing to each of you reading today's article, and everyone be in the best of health possible.

Of course, right after the Christmas holiday, it's no rest for any of us. On Dec. 27th, T.A.L.L. is having a full day of events at the Graduate. Starting off at 2 p.m., it's Beer Bust time. Following that (exact time not set at this writing) will be one of their always good dinners. To put the icing on this special cake, starting at 9 p.m., T.A.L.L. will be having a show. I wasn't able to find out just who is in this show, but I'm sure next week's paper will list them all, plus showtime and what they will be serving for dinner. I look forward to spending the complete day at the Graduate and enjoying all the fellowship and fun of this day with T.A.L.L. Come on Tucson, and especially all of you members of the different clubs in Tucson, T.A.L.L. supports you, so let's support them.

I know Juicy Lucy appears again this week, but my poor eyes caught George picking up an out-of-town guest in Tucson at the Graduate. I also heard every time you called Ben last week, he was on his knees. Then I overheard Bert saying at Partners' rehearsal, I'm not sure where to go down.

That's just about all for this week, but before I close, just let me say this to all of you in Tucson, Phoenix or wherever you are reading my column. 1987 has not been the best of years for myself, but thanks to all the many friends around and your continued support I've gotten through it OK. The main, and the highest spot for 1987 for me was Keith. I hope each of you will have the happiest Christmas possible, you deserve it because of so many things through '87 you have done. Words alone can never fully express my love for you. Finally, thank you Keith for your love in '87 and I look forward to many more years with you.

PHOENIX SHANTI GROUP TO HOLD TRAINING SESSIONS
PHOENIX - Phoenix Shanti Group is now accepting applications and interviewing prospective volunteers for their January training, which will be held on two consecutive weekends, Jan. 8, 9 & 10, and Jan. 15, 16 & 17. The training sessions will be held at Phoenix Indian Medical Center.

For more information or applications call 265-3884. Besides emotional and practical support for FWAs, volunteers are also needed for office and clerical work. The Group also has paid attendant positions available for nurses aides on a part-time basis.

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The March: We Are One in the Spirit The Unwelcome Guests

by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

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early light of that dawn cried openly. For most it was a welcome release from fear and loss. Many searched for names from their past. Some brought flowers to lay on the panels of loved ones. Some, like my friend and myself, were too overcome by the sheer immensity of it to stay long.

As there were still several hours until the actual March was to begin, we wandered around the Mall. Even at the early hour the Mall was alive with lovers, same-sex couples with their arms around each other, holding hands, their faces alight with the anticipation of affirming human dignity before the whole nation. Two women were still celebrating their part in the mass wedding of more than 2,000 couples the day before. Each woman was dressed handsomely in non-matching black and white pants outfits. Each clutched the other's hand and in her free hand a bouquet. Both had silver banners across their chests emblazoned in big bold letters, "Just Married". Both women beamed proudly at everyone they met, Gay and straight.

We gathered on the elipse behind the White House for the March. The different geographical sections of the nation had separate areas to assemble in, with the individual states and in some cases-cities, within the appropriate area. The PWAs had the largest and most elaborate area because they needed special facilities for wheelchairs, oxygen tanks and other medical gear and for the large number of "buddies" working as both physical and emotional support teams. There were also separate areas for Gay student groups. "Preppy Dykes" and "Faggots-Come Out" read one sign-Gay marching bands, the "Imperial Court" of the drag queens, radical faeries and others.

What had started out solemn at dawn began by noon to take on an almost festive air. There was a speaker's platform from which we heard not only speakers, but poets and musicians as well. We danced to the music, talked to each other -often for the first time- laughed out loud for the sheer joy of living, took pictures of each other and mugged for the professional photographers throughout the several hours it took the whole March to clear the elipse.



Photo by Mary Kay

A photo from The Wedding of Oct. 18.

The PWAs led the way, and I am told that when they reached the inevitable fundamentalists calling down their bullhorn fire and brimstone, the entire front line of wheel chairs swing around to face off the fundamentalists, and through quiet confrontation shut down the bullhorns. Even in the Bible the so-called friends of Job had trouble getting up the courage to insinuate to his face that the troubles facing him were some kind of punishment from God.

Whoopie Goldberg pushed a friend of hers the entire March route. Hers was the voice over the loudspeaker as the Arizona group arrived at the rally site three and one half hours after the first group had started from the elipse. "How long is it going to take before people get smart [about AIDS]? We're not talking about illiterate people, we're talking about senators and congressmen and the fucking president." Everybody stood up and screamed and yelled.

I can only hope that Mr. Reagan heard us a few blocks away in the White House. Through his sterling lack of leadership, many more lives have been lost that could have been saved. And of course, the cost in millions of dollars has doubled at least. I



Photo by Kim Samael

do not know why so many people like Mr. Reagan and our own Mr. Meacham who do not know the difference between sex and disease (although I'm glad I'm not sleeping with them), but I believe that history will remember this administration more for inactivity in this health crisis than for all it's gun rattling machismo. It's becoming more and more clear that anyone can threaten others and wage an undeclared war, but it takes a real leader to take action that will save lives especially when the lives saved are those of a people often considered pariahs.

The Gay and Lesbian community, all us "fairies and bull dykes" who in the past have been branded "selfish" or caught in "arrested development", who have been told all our lives that we were "sick", not Christian, and unable to care about others, have responded with our love, our energy, our money and we have built massive support systems to make up for the complete lack of care by our government and the major organized religions. It seems always to be that way in the struggle for the causes of Gays. We have to do it ourselves, because others can't be trusted; they buckle under the insinuations of being thought "queer". This time though it's a life and death issue that reaches outside the Gay ghetto and may be an easier issue for outsiders to take a stand on.



For instance two years ago, Congress over Mr. Reagan's opposition, finally budgeted more money for AIDS research, care and information than was initially budgeted for Legionnaire's disease which only killed 29 people. Of course, this was four years and 1800 deaths into the epidemic but it was, after all, killing mainly Gays and junkies so it wasn't all that urgent. Unfortunately the main thrust of the resultant information program has been to tell

hysteria in which PWAs lose jobs (which one presumes don't involve sex with either the public or their co-workers), in which the sick and dying are denied health care and even embalming, in which Gays are denied life and health insurance, visitation rights to their children and due process of law, and in which children are denied schooling or even have their family homes firebombed. I've begun to wonder who the victims of AIDS are; the PWAs who are mobilizing to claim care and dignity or the general population kept uninformed and scared for another's political ambitions.

Five hours after the PWAs left the elipse, the last contingents arrived at the Mall. I especially remember the Tennessee group. They all had Tennessee Volunteer T-Shirts and were led by two southern "belles" and a statue of liberty with five o'clock shadow - it was five o'clock after all.

We were a lot like the American nation that day. We were diverse in size, shape, color and style. We were brash - the five heavy-set older women with matching purple T-Shirts, "Dowdy Dykes from Dayton" for instance. And while it is easier to be publicly Gay now than it was twenty years ago, we were still filled with our own courage. We were mobilized in unprecedented numbers against a hostile government, in spite of familial and religious opposition, and facing a currently unbeatable foe that not only takes our lives but threatens our few hard-won concessions as well. And we were there, together, with strength, with pride, but most of all with equal measures of love, hope and humor.

October 11: the Spirit of '87



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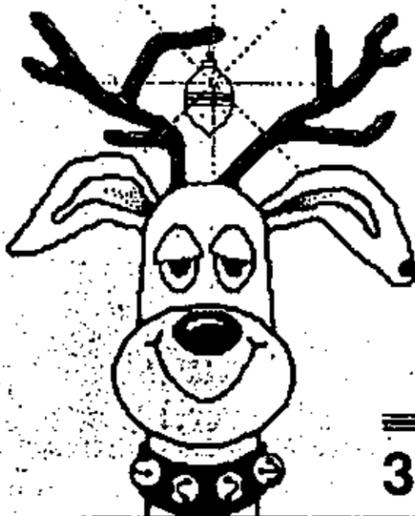
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Virginia Gay community launches unique ad campaign

ALEXANDRIA, VA - On Dec. 14, the Alexandria Gay Community Association (AGCA) placed the first of a series of bold quarter-page ads in the Washington Post to promote acceptance and understanding of Gay and Lesbian Americans.

"We believe our ads encourage people to examine their prejudices, discard attitudes based on ignorance, and begin treating Gay men and lesbians with the same respect they extend to other minority group members," said Jay Clark, AGCA's president.

The first ad, (see below) addresses the difficulties facing Gay adolescents and asks parents who are ignorant about homosexuality, "Are you abusing your child without knowing it?" A future ad will address the injustice of state laws which criminalize love between persons of the same gender, and another ad speculates on discrimination poet Walt Whitman would face if he were alive today and his homosexuality were known.

The ads were created by AGCA members and are based on the most provocative of 14 public education messages the group published in the Alexandria Post Packet in the fall of 1986. The ads will appear monthly in the Post.

Funding for the campaign comes from gifts from AGCA members and supporters and grants from the Chicago Resource Center, Brother Help Thyself and the Gay and Lesbian Education Fund of Washington, DC.

To continue and enlarge the campaign, AGCA is seeking financial contributions. AGCA also plans to make the ad copy available to other organizations who may be interested in sponsoring similar campaigns.

To make a contribution or obtain further information, contact Jay Clark at AGCA, P.O. Box 19401, Alexandria, VA 22320. Phone (703) 836-8741.

News from MCC Tucson

Christmas is here, or at least it is so close that there is little time left before it will be here. Last Sunday, MCC/Tucson decorated our tree. There were many new ornaments added by different members and friends. On Christmas Eve, we will celebrate the First Eucharist of Christmas at 11:30 p.m. Keep this time open to help us celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

This coming Sunday, Dec. 20, we will have a special ceremony during our Morning Worship Service welcoming new members to MCC/Tucson. Rev. Nita has been conducting classes for those interested in joining MCC/Tucson and those who have completed these classes and expressed a desire to join MCC/Tucson will be welcomed as new members. Also, during this service the newly formed MCC/Tucson Choir will give a rendition of a Christmas song.

Also, this coming Sunday, the Administrative Council will have their regular monthly meeting to round up all the business for 1987. Our annual Congregational Meeting is coming up in January and there is much business to be completed prior to that meeting. Everyone is invited to attend these monthly meetings to not only see how our business is conducted but to also give suggestions to the Council.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The most important piece of information is that wisdom comes more from understanding than from knowledge.
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Couples lists participants in 'Wedding'

LOS ANGELES, CA - Over eleven hundred couples signed up as Official Participants at the Wedding on Oct. 10 during the March in Washington, DC. The District police and the National Park Service and Couples, Inc., the organizers, all estimated the number of participating couples exceeded two thousand. The Wedding was an officially sponsored event of the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

According to Walter L. Wheeler, President of Couples, Inc., "There are several reasons why people are not registered. First, many of them just did not know that there was a registration table and that we were gathering a list of participants. Second, this was the first time that many of the participants attended a public Gay event. We have also learned that many were concerned about the future use of the information."

The final list of Official Participants (names only) is to be bound with copies of the Certificates of Participation and deposited with three Lesbian and Gay archives. This list of Official Participants will include all couples that claim to have participated whether or not they ordered a Certificate of Participation. The list is believed to be historically significant to the Lesbian and Gay community and the record important to the individual couples.

Couples, Inc., has a very strict policy regarding their Mailing/Telephone list. "The Mailing/Telephone List is for the exclusive use of Couples, Inc. and is totally confidential. It is only available to members of the Executive Committee. It will be

used to inform the listed families and individuals of issues, events and services of interest to same-sex couples and Gay families. The list will not be loaned or sold to anyone. It will be destroyed before it is turned over to anyone for any reason," Wheeler said.

The list of Official Participants is to be finalized on Jan. 10, 1988. Participants who are not already registered are asked to contact Couples, Inc., P.O. Box 13323, Los Angeles, CA 90013-0323 or call (213) 550-7549.

Couples, Inc., recently sent a letter to everyone on the list so those participants who did not receive the letter are not listed. Please mention the OBSERVER in any correspondence.

POST OMBUDSMAN GETS A 'CRITIQUE'
 WASHINGTON, DC (BAR) - Internal squabbling erupted recently at one of the nation's most respected newspapers, the Washington Post. Post Ombudsman Joseph Laitin created the flap when he referred to the late New Right leader, Terry Dolan, as a "flaming Gay" in his weekly in-house memorandum which critiques the paper's news stories.

The remark didn't get past anyone, let alone Greg Brock, a Gay night city editor at the Post. Brock fired off a memo to Laitin calling the remark a "stereotypical insulting and hurtful comment that has no place in an internal memo at the Washington Post."

At first, Laitin calmed down Brock, but when four female reporters at the paper criticized him, he saw the error of his ways and printed an apology in his next in-house memorandum.



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Lights of Tucson

by Michael - Tucson

The New Moon in Sagittarius falls on Dec. 20 at 11:26 a.m. Tucson time bringing Pisces to the forefront and maximizes public attention for Sagittarians.

ARIES

2nd House. Profits for the Arians. This will be a winning week for you headstrong, impetuous, impulsive guys and gals with a Sun ascendance of Moon in the sign of the RAM.

TAURUS

3rd House. Lots of phone calls, visits with close kin, letters and cards for you this week. Maybe some short trips to the country for fun.

GEMINI

4th House. Better get your house or apartment ready for an invasion of relatives arriving suddenly and unexpectedly. Redecorate now, or finish up that remodeling job. You may even have to move out to make room.

CANCER

5th House. Boy are you in luck this week, a child or grandchild may be born. You could win something. Spend a night on the town, or make a long-range investment.

LEO

6th House. Overeating can give you some health problems. Better pay attention on your job. Your boss is watching you.

VIRGO

7th House. New business partners or a new relationship could start this week. Your mate is not going to argue with you, so do not pick on him or her.

LIBRA

8th House. Time to collect what is owed you, insurance claims, tax refunds or refunds on previous

overpayments. You may have to take care or be concerned about a parent. Separations are a possibility.

SCORPIO

9th House. Wrong time to get obsessed with some religious philosophy. You may make a long journey to foreign parts, or have some interesting contacts with people of a different background than your own.

SAGITTARIUS

10th House. Sudden unexpected promotions, awards, public attention or change of vocation. The limelight is yours this week, make the best of it.

CAPRICORN

11th House. The club or group you belong to may make you an honorary director this week. You will receive affectionate attention from your friends and some recognition for all the hard work you have done for your group.

AQUARIUS

12th House. Well, you have always been ahead of your time and gotten yourself talked about. Scandal is possible for you this week, but remain aloof and it will pass. Visit friends in hospitals or prisons.

PISCES

1st House. Finally a chance to be yourself and express your own ideas for a change. Stand up for your rights the world is your oyster now. Even if things do not seem to be going well, remember you have a guardian angel who will pull your chestnuts out of the fire.

[NOTE: For personal assistance regarding your Horoscope, call Michael at 327-4243 in Tucson].

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SPECIAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "The Fairies Who Saved Christmas", a humorous Christmas play to benefit Casa de los Ninos and the Tucson Community Food Bank. Produced by Joshua Tree Productions and Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance the first performance (of three) is scheduled prior to this year's RAYRIDE. A large cast will perform the original Christmas story. A new toy, or a can of food or a monetary donation will get you in and go to a couple of very worthy charities. Show begins at 6:30 p.m. **THEN** - Immediately following the play, the Tenth Annual Christmas RAYRIDE will depart here at 7:30 p.m. making the rounds of all the other Gay bars to pick up passengers and enjoy libations and caroling then off to Winterhaven to enjoy the Christmas lights and decorations. It's always lots of fun. Bundle up or cuddle up cause it could get chilly. Anti-Freeze is recommended.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

GRADUATE - A big Christmas Show in conjunction with the annual TKO \$100 Xmas Tree Raffle. The show stars Tiffany, Bobbi Jo and Tabitha Scott and begins at 8:30 p.m. Following the show, Tucson Knight Owls will raffle off their beautiful Christmas tree decorated with lots & lots of 'green' totaling \$100.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

COLETTE'S WEST - Trekkies are in for a treat tonight. The Star Trek movie is "Search for Spok".

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

COLETTE'S WEST - 2nd Annual Christmas and Tree-Trimming Party from 7 to 10 p.m. Santa Claus arrives at 8:30 p.m. Children are welcome. First hour features dancing for the kids only.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 (Christmas Eve)

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Second performance of "The Fairies Who Saved Christmas", a humorous holiday play you will not want to miss. It features an "all-star" cast and promises to be a very entertaining evening on the outdoor stage. Make plans to spend Christmas Eve here. 7:00 p.m. Benefits Casa de los Ninos and the Tucson Community Food Bank. A toy or a can of food or monetary donations gets you into see the production and will go to these worthy charities.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 (Christmas Day)

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Final performance of "The Fairies Who Saved Christmas" takes place here at 7 p.m. A unique and original story performed by a group of unique and original actors from the Tucson community. Charles Dickens eat your heart out. A benefit for Casa de los Ninos and the Tucson Community Food Bank. Admission is a donation of a new toy or a can of food or they'll even take money!

COLETTE'S WEST - Closed all day Christmas day.

IBT's - Opens today at 7:00 p.m.

HUMOR HAZZIT - Opens today at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

COLETTE'S WEST - Winding up Star Trek Month, the movie tonight is "The Voyage Home", what else?

GRADUATE - First monthly Beer Bust and Dinner sponsored by the Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL). See you there.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

COLETTE'S WEST - Anne English sings and plays acoustic music from 8 p.m. until midnight. No Cover.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

COLETTE'S WEST - New Year's Party with free buffet, champagne and party favors. \$5.00 Cover. Make your reservations early.

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THE TUCSON CALENDAR

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BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Wednesday Madness" - From 2-6 pm Drink Special: Check the chalkboard. Draft Beer Bust Bud or Bud Lite .50 per glass! Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Schnapps shots .75 from 8 pm to midnight.

GRADUATE - Domestic Beer \$1.00 with other specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am Draft Beer .50 and Schwappe .50 shot. Dance 8 - 1 am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open from 3 pm to 1 am. Happy Hour 3 to 6 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - "White Wednesday" 8 pm to midnight .99 White Well (with juice .25 extra). \$1.25 Well Drinks or Long Neck Domestic Beer & Manches 1-7 pm. Video Disco dancing 9 - 1.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - B-B-Q Chicken plus served 4 pm to dusk - \$2.50. Bottle Beer Rite \$1.25 domestic 9 pm to 1 am. Dave Pierson, DJ, 9 to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Bottle Beer Special - .85 - from 8 pm to midnight.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour Prices until closing!

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am Long Neck Beer (non-premium) .75 Dance 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 3 pm to 1 am. Happy Hour 3 to 6 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Kegger 8 pm to 12 am .25 per glass. \$1.25 Well Drinks or Long Neck Domestic Beer & Manches 1-7 pm. Video/disco dancing with David Ross 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shots of Schnapps \$1.00 each from open to closing. Bobby Jr. DJ's 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Party Nite. Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon - 5:30 pm Well Drinks \$1 with juice \$1.25, Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am All Well \$1.50 (with Juice \$1.75). Dancing 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 3 pm to 1 am. Happy Hour 3 to 6 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - \$1.25 Well drinks and Long Neck Domestic Beer plus Manches 1-7 p.m. Video/Disco dancing 9-1 with David Ross.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Picnic Party": Earvin and Becky entertain at the piano in the B/P during the afternoon, Hot Dogs and Hamburgers from the outdoor grill plus draft beer, 3 pm to dusk. Special drink prices. Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Party Nite Hourly Drink Specials 8 to midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 6 pm Bloody Marys \$1.00 6 pm to 1 am All Well \$1.50. Dance 8 to 1.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 3 pm to 1 am. Happy Hour 3 to 6 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Corona Nite 8 pm - 12. Open Noon till 1 am. Video/Disco dancing with David Ross 9pm - close.

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust Noon to 7 pm Bud or Bud Lite .50 per glass. Steak Dinner 4 pm to ??? \$4.00. Dave Pierson DJ's from 9 pm until 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Wine Down Nite" .75 Wine 8 pm to midnight. Movie Nite at 7 pm.

GRADUATE - Bottle Beer (non-premium) \$1 with other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Bloody Marys \$1.00 Noon to 5:30 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness" every hour (?). Dance 8pm-1am.

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Closed on Sundays.

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BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bud canned beer .75 - 9 pm to 1 am. "Bowlers Special Night" 1/2 price on Well drinks for J/T Bowling Leaguers. Dave Pierson DJ's 9 pm to 1 am.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. .50 hot dogs and .25 draft. All White Well .89 from 8 pm to midnight. Monday Night Football on our big screen.

GRADUATE - All White Well Drinks \$1.50 until 1 am plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30; Well Drinks \$1 (with juice \$1.25), Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness".

RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Open 3 pm to 1 am. Happy Hour 3 to 6 pm.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - 4 to 7 pm Well drinks or domestic long neck beer \$1.25, manches. Video/disco dancing 9 - 1 with Gavin

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BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - "Spuds McKemie Nite" Bud Lite Long Necks \$1 plus \$1.50 Well Drinks from 9 pm to 1 am Bobby Jr. DJ's in J/T beginning at 9 pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. "Sudsercize!" .40 draft beer from 8:00 until midnight. Alternative listening and dancing music from 60s - 70s and early 80s from 7 to 11.

GRADUATE - Dark Well Drinks \$1.50 till closing plus other drink specials.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 5:30 pm; Well Drinks \$1.00, Long Neck Beer (non-premium) \$1.25. "Trashy Tuesday" show begins at 4 p.m. 5:30 to 1 am "Moose Madness".

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TUCSON LESBIAN/GAY YOUTH GROUP is now sponsored by Matrix Community Services/Alty Incorporated and meets at the following locations: Wednesdays 6 to 9 p.m. at 1030 N. 4th Ave. 884-7413 (Matrix) and on Saturdays 3 to 5 p.m. at 420 S. Main, 792-0204 (La Pillita). For more information call Wayne Blankenship at 882-4009.

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CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

BYE! BYE! EARRING

Live each day, and learn something new.

Here's another one of those little lessons about life which I enjoy passing on to my wonderful readers: Once again sparing you the gory details, let me tell you about an "option" recently given me --although the word "ultimatum" seems far more appropriate.

I am in a situation where I represent a business entity both in my everyday life and at specific social functions. My "boss" knows I'm Gay --knowing me, would I have it any other way? He's quite good about it, but he asked if, at future social functions, I would please not wear my gold earring. Now, my gold earring is not a huge Christmas- ornament type affair; my gold earring is a very discrete, small gold loop which I have worn since 1980.

You can just guess how I bristled at the thought of denying who I am. Me not wear my gold earring? Me deny who I am? Me deny this little symbol which stands to show my rebellion against social conformity?

Surprisingly, I took the ear-

ring off, and will not wear it again.

The whys of this are the little social lesson: My immediate reaction was "Never!" --thought, not said. After giving the matter a moment's thought, I concluded that what I wear is not who I am; how I act; the principles by which I live my life; the values which I hold dear to me, these are the things which stand to say, "I will not be hidden."

Did slavery become abolished because slaves were dressed a little different. Of course not. Slavery was abolished by good people --both white and black -- standing up and saying, "this is not fair." Words, principles, and values changed the course of slavery, not changing the appearance of the slaves.

Earring or not, the person who I am will stand for fairness and civil rights for people of all kinds. And actually, I will be happy to no longer snag my seaters on the loop.

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reasonable chance that AIDS could become usually a manageable disease within the next year or two. No cure is on the horizon at this time, but the hope is that most people could become healthy and remain that way indefinitely, even without a cure."

ANNOUNCEMENTS
SUNDAY, DEC. 20 - Shanti Christmas Party and Potluck. Call Shanti 622-7107 or PACT 792-3775 for more details.

TUESDAY EVENINGS - HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group. Call TAP 322-6226 or PACT 792-3775 for more details.

THURSDAY, JAN. 21 - TARGET DATE FOR THE AIDS RESEARCH FORUM. We'll keep you posted.

Meanwhile, the most comprehensive study yet of AIDS outcome found long-term survival much better than expected, and found that the evidence does not show that AIDS is always fatal.

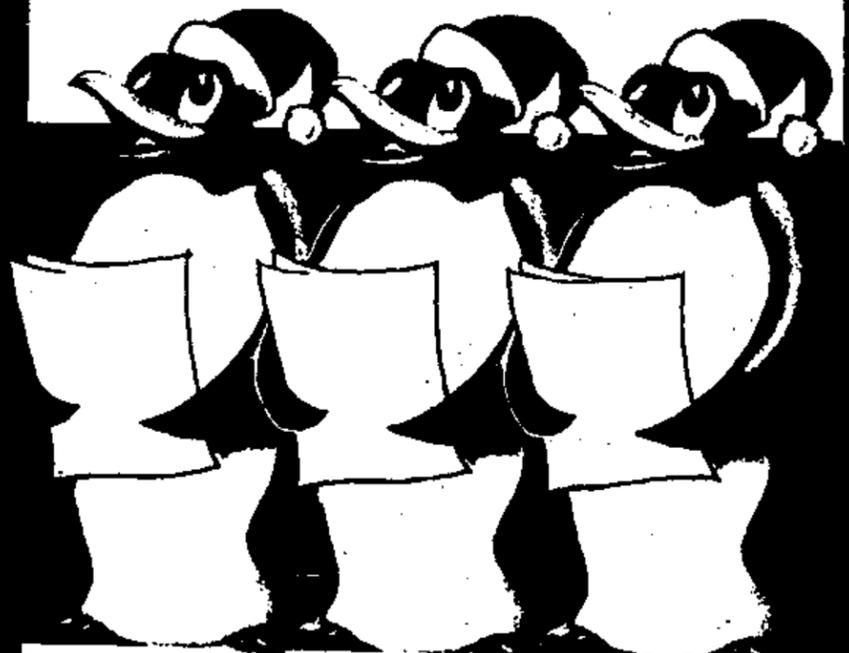
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