



THE

WESTERN EXPRESS

FROM THE SOUTHWEST

VOLUME II ISSUE 2

DECEMBER 22, 1982

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM THE PUBLISHERS AND STAFF

TEAR GAS BOMB EXPLODED IN PHOENIX BAR



Farrah's Lounge, Phoenix

On Saturday, Dec. 11 at 12:20 AM FARRAH'S, one of Phoenix' more popular dance bars, was packed as is usual for that time. The music was hot and the dancers were heated up from it. Ron Farrah was sitting at the bar enjoying the festivities with his patrons. He thought it was strange that a guy down the bar, one of a group of two men and two women, was opening his own beer can, a duty usually performed by the bartender. In less than a second Ron knew it was no beer can. This can emitted flames when open.

The tear gas bomb, a CS-7 military issue gas grenade used commonly in Viet Nam, was ignited by pulling the handle and dropped in front of the rear entrance and next to the induct for the air conditioning unit. Ron, now thinking it was a smoke bomb, was already on his way to the spot. The group of four had run to the front door and were gone. He had already reflected on the thought that with a smoke bomb you can avoid the smoke by staying close to the floor and was devising how to get the two hundred patrons to do so. He reached the bomb as it was releasing its full strength of chemical and was overcome. The gas, commonly called tear gas but actually with many more effects, is heavier than air and cannot be avoided. It is very quickly diffused even without the aid of an air conditioner. The room was engulfed in the smoke from the device in only seconds. Then panic seized the 200 drinkers and dancers as they tried to find their way to the front exit away from the source of their agony, blinded, vomiting and trying to run. A woman fell at the doorway and was picked up by an employee barely before being trampled by the crowd. Inside, Allan, a customer, had the presence of mind to throw his jacket over the bomb and hurl it out the back door while himself suffering along with the rest. Ron was fighting off the effects and trying to organize the mass exit. He described the effects as not only causing near blindness, but incapacitating the ability to breath and causing instant and intense nausea. Graphically, but seriously, he said the front parking area was slippery from people getting sick.

By the time the front of the crowd was emerging from the building so was the smoke. An employee across the street called the fire department who were on the scene quickly with paramedics treating the patrons. Throughout the parking lot they were leaning on one another for support trying to shake off the effects. The nausea continued for some time. Paramedics were treating bruises, cuts and sprains. There were some broken bones. The gas had been so caustic it has fused soft lenses to eyes. Amazingly yet so fortunately they were not carrying off the body of a person trampled to death in the doorway. The odds were against everyone surviving the panic without major injury and death to some.

In the adjacent parking lot two men and two women were laughing at the whole proceedings just before driving off in the built-up grey Pontiac GTO.

Continued on page 16

FUNDS FOR GAY DISEASES

Washington, D.C. (IGNA) — The House of Representatives voted recently to appropriate \$2.6 million to the Center for Disease Control for research on the diseases now striking gay men and others across the nation.

The appropriation will go for further investigation into the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), the mysterious illnesses that in two years have stricken 675 people, killing 270.

Earlier some gay activists criticized the government for delaying research on the diseases because the victims are, for the most part, (75%) gay men.

"This clearly is a recognition by Congress that AIDS is a serious public health issue and the federal government has a responsibility to deal with it," said Bill Kraus, aide to Congressman Philip Burton.

Donald Currie of the Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation in San Francisco said the news of the funding "is wonderful," but he added that the appropriation is only a "drop in the bucket, because testing and research for AIDS are exorbitantly expensive."

Writer Larry Kramer and others have been trying, out of New York, to raise funds by public appeals for more information on the problem. Appearing on "The Donohue Show," Kramer said that he personally has lost seventeen friends through AIDS. A few audience members suggested that homosexuals brought on the diseases by their lifestyles, and thus "deserved" what they had. A medical expert appearing on the program said that medical descriptions of diseases do not include the word "disgusting" or other judgmental adjectives. Instead the focus is on curing pathologies.

The allocation of federal money was part of a \$85.5 billion appropriation bill for health, education and related social programs for the current fiscal year.

The measure passed by a 330-to-70 vote.

NOTED WRITERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO GPA WIRE SERVICE

GPA President, Joe DiSabato, has announced that four noted free-lancers are now contributing articles to the developing GPA Wire Service.

New York City Human Rights Commissioner David Rotherberg is now placing two of his regular, thought-provoking columns on the network. For some time, Mr. Rotherberg has been monitoring the non-Gay media to bring to our attention incidents of biased, inaccurate and/or homophobic reporting. "Media Watch", a popular, regular feature in *The New York Native*, will continue to provide diligent coverage of both the print and broadcast media, while "Another Voice" which appears in *The New York City News*, will give us his enlightening commentary on the Gay community and the events which impact upon it. Each column will appear bi-weekly on alternating weeks.

Dr. Lawrence Mass, MD, who is also a contributor to *The New York Native*, will be providing up-to-minute reporting on the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. Being well informed of developments around AIDS incidents and research, his column will prove to be invaluable to Wire Service members wanting to keep their readers informed of the latest AIDS news as it breaks. Dr. Mass will also be writing on other aspects of health in the Lesbian/Gay community.

Henry Weiss, New York attorney, will be writing a fascinating bi-weekly column entitled "A Legal Aye" on legal issues of interest to the Lesbian/Gay reader. Covering various topics from his candid perspective, he will show through unique actual case histories how Gay people can deal with perplexing legal problems such as wills and estate planning. Once the new column achieves a wider distribution, he also hopes to respond to readers' questions. Weiss, with an extensive practice in New York, is a Harvard Law School grad. He has lectured at the NYU Law & Gay Rights Conference and has also been heard at forums sponsored by the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, the Greater Gotham Business Council and various other organizations.

Konstantin Berlandt, a columnist for the *Bay Area Reporter*, will regularly contribute articles covering San Francisco. His timely columns will insure that news from this city, which has the highest percentage of Gay residents of any city in the U.S., will be available to Wire Service participants around the country.



A BI-WEEKLY PUBLICATION

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

GAY NEWS CRISIS

by Lindsay Taylor

London (IGNA) — Only weeks after celebrating its tenth birthday, Britain's national gay paper, *Gay News*, is facing the most serious threat ever to its survival.

Despite steady advertising revenue and an increasing circulation both in the United Kingdom and abroad, the paper is suffering severe financial difficulties. These led new owner Robert Palmer to announce a series of cutbacks in October. Palmer, a former chairperson of the Campaign for Homosexual Equality, bought the paper from Denis Lemon for a figure close to \$200,000, although neither Palmer nor Lemon would publicly disclose the amount. Palmer has now had to sell *Gay News'* office building in west London in order to meet payments on the purchase of the paper.

Palmer also demanded a number of economies, including the loss of three of the twenty-three full-time employees, and another six positions being reduced to half-time. Unions representing *Gay News* staff refused to accept the cuts, and demanded negotiations with management in order to work out other ways of saving money.

In addition, seven of the nine members of the board of directors — all of whom work on the paper — demanded to see a complete, audited statement of the financial position and all documents relating to the sale to Lemon, so that they could see for themselves whether Palmer's claims of a financial crisis were justified. Rather than accede to this request, Palmer sacked all seven directors.

After several weeks' negotiation, staff and management finally agreed on the loss of three jobs. A reporter who had resigned early in the staff was also not replaced. As a condition of these cuts, staffing is to be held at its present level for at least eighteen months.

The paper has now moved to rented premises in London's printing district, and the last three issues have been reduced from fifty-two to forty pages.

Despite economics, the future of the newspaper is still in question. Competing papers exist, and at the paper, staff remain bitter about Palmer's authoritarian actions.

Pressure is mounting on Lemon to waive at least part of the money still owed him. Unless he agrees to do so, it is likely that *Gay News*, at least in its present form, will fold.

GAY JEWS IN ENGLAND

by Michael Brown

London (IGNA) — The senior officers of the Reform Synagogue of Great Britain and a number of its rabbis gave their backing for gay Jews in one of the first actions of support ever made here.

The RSGB has published a book, *Jewish and Homosexual*, by Wendy Greengross, to assist in the guidance of people close to gays who come out and to help those who are straight deal with problems in understanding.

The organization sponsored a book launch recently, where the author of the book and the rabbi who wrote the introduction both spoke of the need that injustice be put right and that non-family Jews be welcomed into the community. Members of the Jewish Gay Group were prominent at the book launch.

Many members of the audience seemed a bit shy and indeed this first open meeting may have bewildered them somewhat, with its demonstration that gay Jews committed to their religion do exist and are vociferous and willing to engage in dialogue about the place of gays in the Jewish community, and their welcome back.

The occasion was unusual in its general warmth, with the gays present not being patronized or having to fight back.

Gay Jews now must wait for the reactions of Reform congregations. The Orthodox Chief Rabbi has already reacted negatively.

NEWS FROM ABROAD

MOZAMBIQUE: The new government of this African country has established "rehabilitation" camps for lesbians. The government considers lesbianism a product of Mozambique's colonial period and decadent Western civilization.

COLUMBIA: The Supreme Court of Columbia in a ruling on August 12 ruled that homosexuals and others of "bad social conduct" can be terminated from any government job, including teaching, simply for being homosexual. Others included in the "bad" category are drug users, alcoholics, gamblers, people who go to houses of prostitution, and those who abandon their families.

BRASIL: The Grupo Gay da Bahia has conducted the first Brasilian Gay Poetry Contest. Entries were received from all over the country, with 24 poems selected for what will be Brasil's first anthology of gay poetry. The same group has created a public issue of journalistic homophobia, especially condemning the Anita Bryant of Brasil, "Jose Augusto," who writes of the newspaper *A Tarde*, where he calls gays immoral, deviates, faggots, queers, etc.

SWEDEN: The International Gay Association has moved from Ireland to Sweden. The new address is: c/o RFSL/Box 15148, S-10465, Stockholm, Sweden.

SOUTH AFRICA: Homosexual relations between consenting adults 19 years of age or older are legal here. The gay/lesbian movement has grown rapidly, with a recent "Jamboree" drawing more than 5000 people. There is also a national organization (GASA) that has brought together many local advocacy groups. Address: Box 3330, Johannesburg, 200, South Africa.

SPAIN: The brutal murder of three gay men by Spain's Guardia Civil has resulted in a trial of three of its members. The murdered men had been tied together in the back seat of a car which was doused with gasoline and then set on fire.

PARAGUAY: Police in Asuncion launched a massive round-up of gay men in April, 1982, when more than 200 were arrested and detained for 5 to 15 days. Many prisoners were beaten and forced to reveal the names of other gays, who were then also arrested. (IGNA)

VIDEOPORN

Los Angeles (IGNA) — A California State Senate committee recently held public hearings on pornography and other erotic material that appears on pay-TV. Certainly legislators would like to see "videoporn" outlawed or severely controlled, while others believe it should be up to the individual subscriber what he or she watches.

Senator John Schmitz (R-Newport Beach) was among those who said that teenagers might use their ingenuity to break lock boxes and unscramble pay-TV signals. "You're not being realistic about this," Schmitz said. "How do you control youngsters from seeing it at other homes and other places?" he asked.

Tracy Weston, a representative of California Cable Television, said that sex-oriented entertainment is in great demand. "We found that in various study areas, where the more explicit movies were offered at extra cost and very late at night, an average of 75 percent of all the subscribers signed up," he said.

Citizen advocate Fay Angus complained that there have been too many involuntary viewers of graphic sex. "We know of cases where viewers, who do not subscribe to any of these services, have found themselves (due to technical quirks) watching scenes of the most vivid sexual activities," she said.

A bill (Senate Bill 1700) has been introduced by Senator Newton Russell (R-Glendale) to attempt to deal with sexually explicit shows on cable systems. "Indecent material," the Russell bill said, means any representation or description of "a human sexual or excretory organ or function, nudity, ultimate sexual acts — normal or perverted, actual or simulated — or masturbation" and "which under contemporary community standards for cable television is patently offensive." Violators would be fined at least \$25,000 and face a jail term of up to 90 days.

The Russell bill died in session upon its first attempt, but it is expected to be reintroduced, most likely in a modified form. Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Omer Rains called the Russell bill "far too sweeping" since even the Michelangelo statue of David would be banned under the bill's nudity test.

The committee also showed a 6 1/2-minute sexually explicit film as evidence of what is appearing on pay-TV. Angus suggested that members of the hearing's audience should exercise personal choice and leave the room or turn away from the television monitor. According to Herman Wong of *The Los Angeles Times*, no one did.

GALLUP POLL ON GAYS

The American public's tolerance of gays or gay lifestyles has changed a little during the past five years, pollster George Gallup said on November 8.

Gallup said that he found that 45 percent of the public thinks homosexual relations between adults should be legal, while 39 percent said they should not be. Sixteen percent expressed no opinion.

A majority of 51% said that they do not consider homosexuality to be a socially acceptable alternative lifestyle, while 34% said they did.

The public believes that homosexuals are less happy than heterosexuals, have more alcohol and drug problems, but are less likely to be involved in crime.

Continued on page 4



© 1982

"The Southwest's Leading Source of Information"

A BI-WEEKLY PUBLICATION

P.O. BOX 32575
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85064-2575
(602) 254-1324
TUCSON, ARIZONA
(602) 297-9473

Publisher/Managing Editor

Don Pintacura

Contributing Editor

Bob de Brecht

Staff Photographer

Wes Austin

Contributing Writers

Tony Bartoli

Rad Bennett

Parker Cross

Daniel Curzon

Bob Damron

Jim Larrabee

Arthur S. Lazere

Garry Mangum

Charlotte Montez

Phil Nash

Jim Shafer

David Starkman

Barb Willson

Advertising Representatives

Don Pintacura

Jim Shafer

Distribution

Tom DeRogatis

J. Nelson

Jim Shafer

Typesetting

Typesetting Unlimited

Member/Subscriber

Gay Press Association

GPA Wire Service

International Gay News Agency

Stonewall Features Syndicate

National Advertising Representative

Joe DiSabato

New York, N.Y.

(212) 242-6863

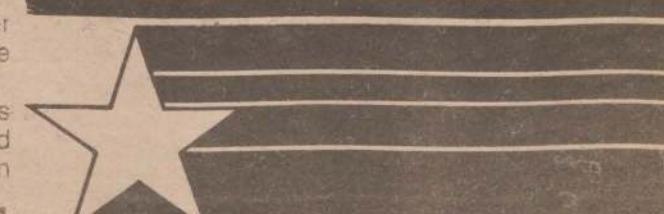
CHARTER MEMBER



GAY PRESS ASSOCIATION

THE WESTERN EXPRESS is published by D & R Publications, Inc., P.O. Box 32575, Phoenix, AZ 85064. Reproduction of editorial or advertising content in any way requires written permission of the publisher in advance. The publisher assumes no responsibility for the claims of advertisers. Opinions expressed in any article or column are not necessarily those of THE WESTERN EXPRESS, its staff or the publisher. Publication of the name, photograph or likeness of any person, persons or organization in articles or advertising in THE WESTERN EXPRESS shall not be construed as any indication of the social, political or sexual orientations of such persons or organizations. Unsolicited manuscripts or photographs must be accompanied with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Please allow four to six weeks for processing. THE WESTERN EXPRESS will not assume responsibility for unsolicited manuscripts or photographs. Subscription rate for one year is \$25.00. All rights in letters to THE WESTERN EXPRESS shall be assigned to the publication including the right to print and the right to comment on editorially.

THE WESTERN EXPRESS, A Biweekly Publication, is copyrighted in entirely by D & R PUBLICATIONS, INCORPORATED, Phoenix, Arizona, an Arizona Corporation. All written and visual material and advertisements produced by THE WESTERN EXPRESS, any staff member, or any person or business assigned by THE WESTERN EXPRESS for the purpose of being published in THE WESTERN EXPRESS is the property of D & R PUBLICATIONS, INCORPORATED. Said material may be sold, assigned, or otherwise released only with the permission of D & R PUBLICATIONS, INCORPORATED. All persons, business advertisers and publications are hereby notified that usage of any material published in THE WESTERN EXPRESS requires the permission of D & R PUBLICATIONS, INCORPORATED in advance, and that costs for initial production or fees for usage might apply. Regulations under copyright law apply from October 1, 1982. Recorded in Maricopa County, Arizona and filed with the Office of the Secretary of the State of Arizona September 13, 1982.



An open letter to the gay community on hepatitis B

Hepatitis B, a serious disease, may be sexually transmitted

Sexually transmitted diseases among the gay community are epidemic. Herpes has recently received a lot of attention; gonorrhea and syphilis are well known; but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently issued a major recommendation for the prevention of another sexually transmitted disease: Hepatitis B. In their *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the CDC stated: "Susceptible homosexually active males should be vaccinated [against hepatitis B] regardless of their age or duration of their homosexual practices."

Gay men are at a high risk of contracting hepatitis B

In one study, from 51% to 76% of 3,816 gay men seen in five sexually transmitted disease clinics had evidence of past or present hepatitis B infection. Once infected, there's a 6% to 10% chance of becoming a carrier—capable of passing on the virus. The CDC estimated there are nearly 1 million carriers in the United States and that 100,000 of these carriers are gay men.

The hepatitis B virus can be passed on by contact with contaminated body fluids such as saliva, urine, semen, and blood. The hepatitis B virus can be transmitted through tiny breaks in the skin or contact with mucous membranes. This can occur during intimate sexual contact and can lead to hepatitis B for the partner of an infected person. Although most patients recover and over half contracting hepatitis B do not get symptoms, there is no specific treatment and no known cure for hepatitis B infections.

Hepatitis B may lead to even more serious complications

For those who do get symptoms of hepatitis B, a mild or severe "flu-like" sickness may continue for weeks or months. Ten percent of all infections become long lasting (chronic) with potential complications that are sometimes more serious than those of other sexually transmitted diseases. The serious complications include the chronic carrier state, chronic active hepatitis, chronic persistent hepatitis, cirrhosis, and even cancer of the liver. Every year almost 4,000 carriers die of cirrhosis. In addition, carriers have a risk 273 times greater than that of the general population of contracting a usually fatal form of liver cancer.

Now this serious sexually transmitted disease is usually preventable by vaccination with the new hepatitis B vaccine

After more than a decade of research and development, a new vaccine is available for prevention, *not treatment*, of hepatitis B. In clinical studies, the vaccine was highly effective in preventing hepatitis B infection and was generally well tolerated. No serious adverse reactions occurred in these studies.

The vaccination regimen consists of a series of three injections, the first two a month apart and the third, six months after the first. To be effective, the vaccine must be given before a person gets hepatitis B. The vaccine helps prevent the disease: It is *not effective as a treatment*. We suggest that you consult your doctor to determine if you should be vaccinated.

For more information about hepatitis B and the vaccine to prevent it, contact your doctor, clinic, or the American Liver Foundation. 998 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 (201) 857-2626.

This message is brought to you as a public service by
The American Liver Foundation

Why you should consult your doctor or clinic

The vaccine helps protect against infection caused by hepatitis B virus. This virus is an important cause of viral hepatitis, a disease mainly of the liver. Even mild forms of this disease may lead to serious complications and aftereffects, including liver cancer. There is no specific treatment for viral hepatitis.

Vaccination is recommended for persons who have a higher risk of becoming infected with hepatitis B virus because of frequent, close contact with infected people or exposure to body fluids from such people. It will not

protect against hepatitis caused by viruses other than hepatitis B virus.

No serious adverse reactions were reported in over 6,000 individuals receiving the vaccine in clinical trials. The most frequent reaction was soreness at the point of injection; less common local reactions included redness, swelling, warmth, or formation of a hard, lump-like spot. The local effects were usually mild and lasted no more than 2 days after vaccination. Occasionally, low-grade fever (less than 101 °F) occurred. When it did, it usually lasted no longer than 48 hours following vaccination. In

rare cases, fever over 102 °F was reported.

More generalized complaints including malaise, fatigue, headache, nausea, dizziness, muscle pain, and joint pain were reported infrequently. Rash was reported rarely. As with any vaccine, broad use may reveal additional adverse reactions.

Your doctor or clinic knows what special care must be taken when administering the vaccine and in determining who should receive the vaccine. The vaccine is not intended for persons who are allergic to any of its components.

Poll continued from page 2

The notion of "gay pride" is largely unacknowledged by the general public. Only 33 percent feel that gays prefer their homosexual orientation. Most (52%) think that homosexuality is caused by environment, down 5% since a poll taken in 1977, while 17% believe it is something someone is born with, up 5% since 1977.

The most adamant in stating that homosexuality should not be an acceptable lifestyle are Protestants (58%), Southerners (58%), and grade school children (59%).

Since 1977 there has been a small but significant increase in support of equal job rights for gays. But strong exceptions remain when the jobs are in the clergy or teaching elementary school teachers, thus suggesting that many people still believe that homosexuals are the same as child molesters.

Gallup said most of the shifts in opinion in the past 5 years have occurred in the groups that already held gays in the most positive and tolerant light: women, the college-educated, young adults (18-29), and residents of the extreme West and the East.

The results are based on in-person interviews with 1531 adults, 18 or older, during the period from June 25 to June 28. (IGNA)

MAYOR VETOES LIVE-IN LOVER PLAN

San Francisco (IGNA) — Mayor Dianne Feinstein vetoed San Francisco's so-called live-in-lover plan approved earlier by the Board of Supervisors, setting off angry gay reaction, including a march on San Francisco City Hall and a withdrawal of an invitation for the Mayor to address a gay rights group in Houston.

Feinstein said she opposed the measure because of technical inadequacies and ambiguities, not "as a comment on any lifestyle."

Sources close to Feinstein and the political realities of City Hall believe that the Mayor vetoed the measure because it offended her moral principles and at the same time would make her a more viable candidate for national office, having shown that she does not have to give gays what they ask for.

A statement from Archbishop John R. Quinn, editorials in the metropolitan newspapers, in addition to opposition from black and Jewish groups, all contributed to the veto.

Two of the eight Supervisors who voted for the bill said that they will not vote to over-ride, thus insuring the measure's demise, at least in its present form.

The bill would have provided bereavement rights and the possibility — but not the certainty — of medical health benefits for those who "share the common necessities of life," including non-married heterosexuals. But the measure was largely viewed as a vote on the legitimacy of gay lover relationships.

"I've been in a relationship with a man longer than she's been married to her current husband!" shouted Paul Boneberg, president of the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club at a meeting to air views on the Mayor's decision.

Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, appointees to city committees, said that they have written the Mayor asking for her written views of why she voted against a measure so obviously favored by a majority of gays. Other gay activists believe that the measure will be re-introduced, in different language, possibly in a diluted form, until it is passed.

The current measure was drafted and promoted by Supervisor Harry Britt, who was himself appointed by Feinstein after the assassination of Harvey Milk.

Feinstein said that one point she disliked in the bill was that domestic partners who had lived together only one day could apply for benefits. She also said that she did not like the fact that blood relatives would be denied rights granted live-in lovers.

The veto became a lively topic of discussion in San Francisco gay homes, inspiring speculation whether it would help the Mayor in either a re-election campaign or a national campaign, in particular whether gay voters would hold a grudge when next they had a chance to vote for Feinstein.

MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS GAY TEACHERS

By a majority vote, the membership of the Modern Language Association has ratified a Delegate Assembly resolution opposing Oklahoma law 70 O.S. Para. 6-103.15, which violates the constitutionally protected rights of all homosexual teachers as well as those of non-gay teachers who advocate gay rights.

The MLA thus continues its strong support of gay and lesbian teachers, which it established in 1978 and renewed regarding the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Department's anti-gay policies, in 1980.

Executive Director Joel Conarroe, in the Summer, 1982 *MLA Newsletter*, noted that among notations on the ballots were some specifically related to this issue. "The annotated opposition to the statement on homosexual rights," he wrote, "shows up largely on ballots with non-urban postmarks, and some members take issue with the diction of the resolution: 'A language association that uses the term 'gay' for 'homosexual' mocks itself. Is that what Yeats means when he said that Hamlet and Lear were gay?'"

Conarroe, questioned by the *Gay Studies Newsletter*, stated that he received letters about other resolutions but none concerning the gay one, only marginal responses. (IGNA)

GAYS SEEK AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The Gay and Lesbian Educational Services Committee of the San Francisco Community College District is seeking to make gays and lesbians eligible for Affirmative Action hiring preferences.

Founded in 1981 to promote the well-being of gay and lesbian teachers and other employees of the college district, GLESC has concentrated on reducing homophobia and promoting the establishment of courses relevant to gays in the Castro/Valencia area of San Francisco. It has been successful in getting administrators to establish Gay Literature, Beginning Spanish, and Self-Protection Courses into Evening Division course offerings.

With the stated goal of achieving Affirmative Action status, in line with women, blacks, Hispanics, and Native Americans, GLESC has proposed to establish that homosexuals are a traditionally excluded minority deserving of the same advantages as other excluded minorities. (IGNA)

**THE
FINELINE**
101 W Drachman

Announces

**A New Years Eve
MASQUERADE
BALL**

Friday, December 31, 1982

8 pm to 3 am

\$10 ADMISSION

INCLUDES:
All You Can Drink
well, wine, beer
25¢ call
50¢ top shelf
breakfast buffet- 12 to 3

Limited Occupancy-Get Tickets Now!

The Fineline Staff
wishes you
SAFETY
&
HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
SEASIDE

NEW YEAR'S EVE

at

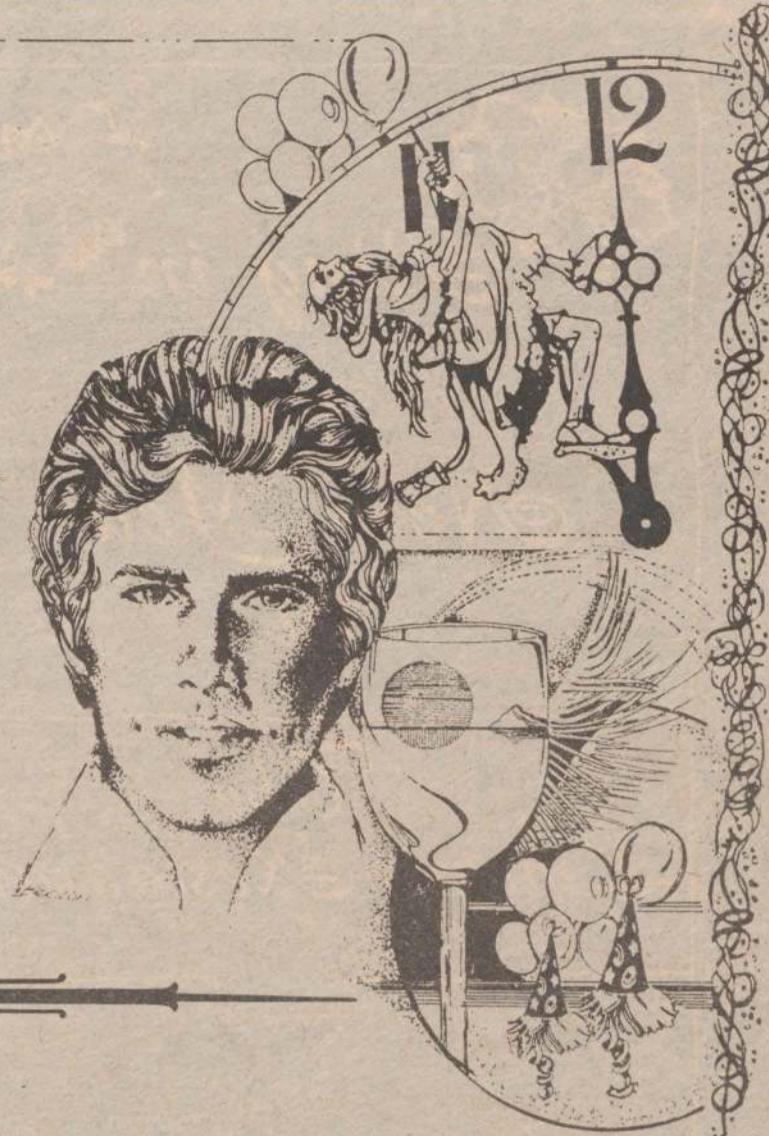
Taylor's

A Gentleman's Bar

IN THE GARDEN ROOM

**Special Steak & Lobster Dinner
Includes Glass of Champagne
& Desert
6 — 10 P.M.**

Call 265-0851 For Reservations



**IN
THE LOUNGE
The Incomparable
MISS
CISSY GOLDBERG**

**Performing Live
In Two Shows**

9:00 & 11:00 P.M.

**NO COVER
NO RESERVATIONS**



**Hats — Horns — Noisemakers at Midnight
Champagne by the Bottle \$3.00 at 11:30
4223 N. 7th Street**

*Ring in
A
New Year
at*

*The
Library Restaurant*

*Dinner Served
6 pm to 12 midnight*

*Party Favors
&
Free Champagne
Compliments of
the Staff
&
Management*

*Peace to All
in 1983*

*838 N. Seventh Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 256-7591*

NOTES FROM CHARLETTA
by Charletta Montez

Just a couple of more days until the little fat man comes down the chimney to visit and bestow gifts upon the good boys and girls of the world.

The most complex of holidays, Christmas is supposed to be the season to be jolly, when in actuality it is one of the lonliest and depressing times of the year for many.

Christmas 1982 rolls upon the gay Southwest in an era when the cheer is usually packaged and goes for about \$120 a gram. People dreaming of a 'White Christmas' aren't talking about the kind that falls from the sky.

Attitudes and moods shift greatly from highest highs to lowest lows as the big day draws closer and prices remain outrageous. Single gays away from friends and families look for solace and friendship in their favorite bars, while coupled gays argue and go thru year-end crisis.

The malls are lousy for cruising with all those damn kids running around looking for Santa Claus, and a Mastercharge card is probably the most important possession one can have, next to a Polo shirt.

I personally have asked Santa for diamonds, but must truthfully confess I haven't exactly been a good girl. Maybe I should work on Mrs. Claus instead.

As this goes to press, I still don't have a tree up, still haven't bought my lover's gift, and still haven't decided exactly where and how I'm spending Christmas. Florida is lovely right now, or so I hear.

Holiday parties can wear a girl out, and thankfully I work most nites and can't attend too many of them. One of the best, of course, was The Western Express First Anniversary party for advertisers and staff, hosted by Don and Rob. A well rounded group attended and tho I don't really remember, Wendy says I had a wonderful time.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a truly Merry Christmas - do be careful about drinking and driving. In issues to come I promise to try some serious journalism.

Also, please don't forget to vote in the Readers Choice Awards. It's up to you, the readers, to decide.
Until next time...

OUT AND ABOUT
by Garry Mangum

A little more than 48 hours separate us from the most celebrated holiday in the world. Christmas is one day people in unison stop to give and receive, in traditions and customs that are centuries old.

But more important, a new year is just around the corner. I, like so many of my peers have already compiled my resolutions.

I don't know how the habit or custom began, but I do know that the last week of the year most people (whether mentally, verbally or physically on paper) make resolutions. Many struggle 365 days to keep their resolves, while some slip only hours into the new year.

The easiest resolutions to remember are those easiest to forget, so by this time I've forgotten my dedication in the waning hours of 1982. That's the main reason I'm not making any resolutions this year that will be impossible to live up to or goals too difficult to accomplish.

Every year for as long as I can remember I have resolved to lose weight. I have lost the same 25 pounds every year for almost as long and I always manage to find it in the refrigerator.

I've not been alone when I've resolved to stop smoking and drinking. But being the social butterfly that I am the latter always falls first. And it's not easy to lose that 25 pounds without smoke and pounds of Russell Stover's hard sour fruit balls.

The most difficult resolution to keep, I've found, has been not to make excuses for my inadequacies or feelings. That's the main reason I've decided this year's resolutions will be safe!

It seems much easier to make reasonable requests of myself - more realistic resolutions - things I know I can do without failing. Here are my 1983 resolutions.

1. I'm not going to eat any rhubarb - I hate rhubarb!
2. I'm not going to smoke in the rain or drink in the bathroom.
3. I will make every attempt to purchase either levis or leather so I can gain admittance into Der Druke.
4. I am going to visit every bar starting with the Annex to provide better coverage of bar activities.
5. I resolve to find something at Hot Dud's that will fit my frame.
6. I will use the public restrooms at Metro Center as public restrooms!
7. I will not watch a single "Mad Man Max" Carpet Seconds commercial under the influence of anything and I'll consider buying an auto from Sonoya Motors.
8. I will not accept or even consider the role of Maria Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music* at Phoenix Little Theatre, unless Bill Close agrees to play the Baron.
9. I won't turn down Joan River's request to appear on *The Johnny Carson Show*, if she should ever ask.

— and lastly, I will never write another column about resolutions!

The staff and management of TRAX seems resolved that the last days of 1982 will be packed with memories. Tonight, Dec. 22, sees TRAX annual Christmas Party with a special lazer light show and after hours until 3 AM. There will be special drink prices throughout the evening. Don't forget Dec. 28 is Full Moon Night. On New Year's Eve the bar will feature another infamous "All-Night" party and special drinks at 6 AM, Jan. 1., when the liquor starts pouring again!... SHAMOON'S will feature a very special holiday show this Friday and Saturday, Dec. 24 and 25, starring Arizona's only Empress, JoAnne and the Soulful Ebony, with Pussy Le Hoot, Erica Erotica and Ricki Rae. Cover is \$3.00 and curtain is at 9:30 PM each night... TAYLOR'S annual Christmas Eve Potluck is set for that evening - you bring your favorite side dish or dessert and enjoy the evening with friends. See the incomparable Cissy Goldberg at TAYLOR'S on New Year's Eve... SAMMY'S presents their annual Turnabout Show starring the bartenders and waiters in a zany hilarious look at drag Thursday, Dec. 23, at 9 PM sharp, with special guest stars Maurey Richards, JoAnne and Pussy Le Hoot... The 307 will have a Christmas Eve Party and show this Friday at 8 PM... As you can see the holidays will be very busy. There are lots of activities for Christmas and New Year's. Check your favorite hangout for details if it wasn't mentioned here.

As the year closes, I thank all the bar owners and staffs for a wonderful year and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. To all my readers my warmest regards at Christmas and I hope to see you Out and About in the New Year!

CONNECTION

"DER DRÜKE"

4211 N. 7TH ST. - PHOENIX - 248-9730

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

BALLOONS, HATS, HORNS, NOISE MAKERS
AFTER HOURS UNTIL 3AM - FREE COFFEE
-NO COVER-

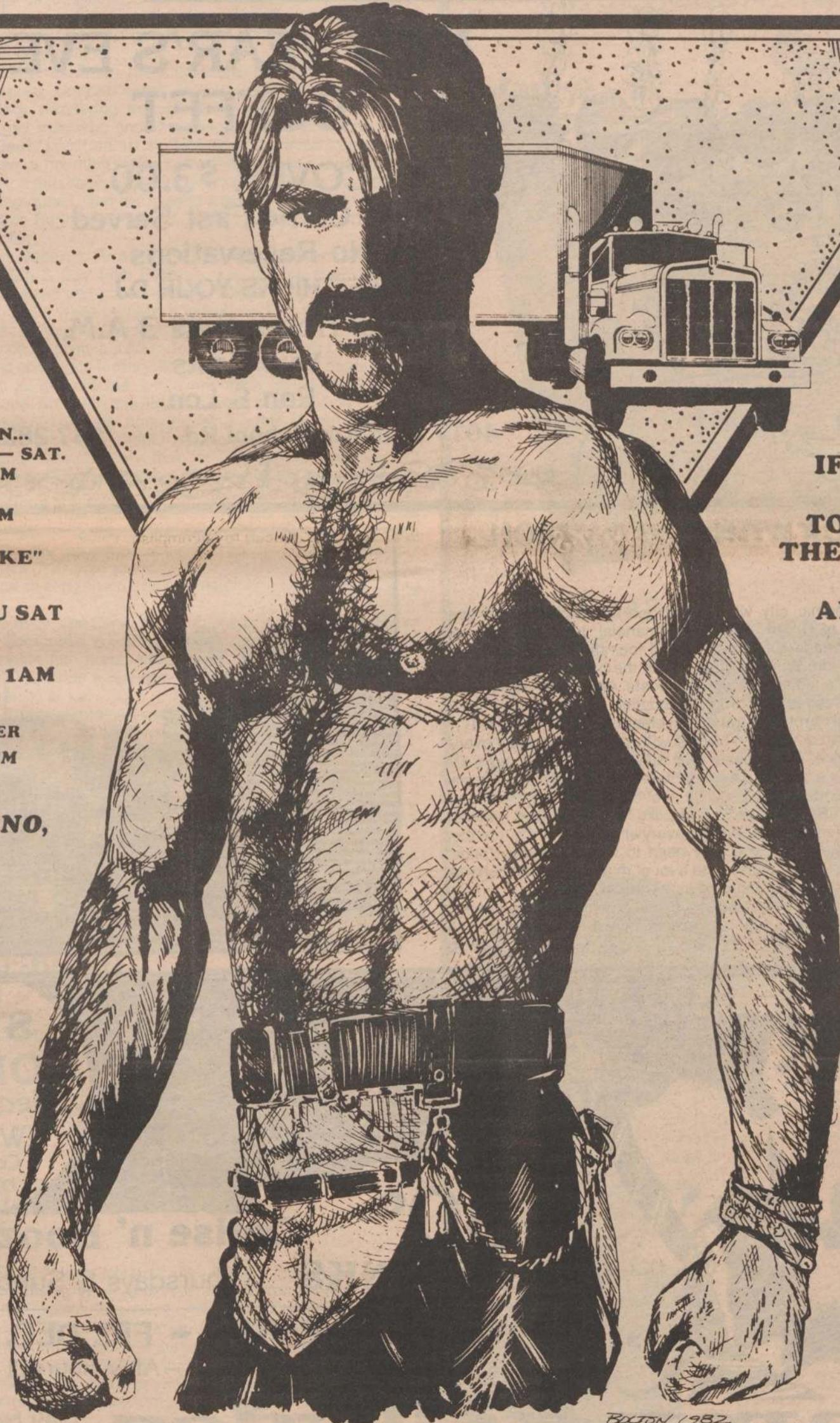
HOURS:
CONNECTION...
OPEN MON. - SAT.
11 AM - 1 AM
SUN.
NOON - 1 AM

"DER DRÜKE"
HOURS:
WED THRU SAT
9PM - 1AM
SUN 7PM - 1AM

SUNDAY BEER
BUST 6 to 9PM

RICK
DiMARTINO,
D.J.

IF YOU LIKE
HOT MEN,
TORN LEVI'S
THE SMELL OF
LEATHER
AND 7 TONS
OF DIESEL
POWER!...



NO ADMITTANCE IN DER DRÜKE WITHOUT LEVI'S OR LEATHER

BOSTON 1982

Farrabs

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR'S

NEW YEAR'S EVE BUFFET

COVER \$3.00

First Come First Served

No Reservations

JEFF HICKS YOUR DJ

After Hours Until 3 A.M.

Your Hosts

Ron & Lon

4017 E. Indian School Rd.

957-2820



DOING AMERICA WITH BOB DAMRON TORONTO

Toronto is a bold, dynamic city with a metropolitan population of over 2,000,000. It is the capital of Ontario... also the financial, transportation and cultural center of eastern Canada. On my last visit, I took the "Rapido", one of several daily 'crack' trains from Windsor, just across the border from Detroit... and believe me, VIA, the Canadian rail system beats Amtrak in every way! Arriving at night, I was impressed by Toronto's dazzling skyline, which offers some of the most spectacular architectural achievements in North America!

It is easy to get around in downtown Toronto without a car, as most everything is within walking distance. The subway runs until 1:30 a.m., and taxis are readily available. University is a beautiful thoroughfare, comparable to any great street in the Americas. Bloor St., in the Yorkville section, has many chic shops, and is known as "Mink Mile". Busy Yonge St. looks like Hollywood Blvd., without the stars! Hoards of attractive young people are everywhere, and if it's true that "eyes are the windows to the soul", you may need to wear blinkers! Yonge, College and Chruch Streets are very cruisy, and a lot of rhidnight cowboys hang out around Bay and Grosvernior, locally known as "Track II".

Formerly, you used to have to be seated to drink, and couldn't move around. That no longer applies, except at a few taverns, like the St. Charles, at 488

Continued on page 20



50¢ WELL DRINKS

CRUISE N' BOOZE NIGHT

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY - FRI. DEC. 31 - 9 P.M.

Free Hors d'oeuvres — Dancing — After Hours til 2:30 a.m.

Tommy & Clydes

5749 North 7th Street
277-9373

STRIP CONTEST
Wed. 10 P.M.
WIN \$75
Contestants
Drink Free

Thursdays & Sundays 9 'til 12

NEW YORK GAY FILM FESTIVAL

by John W. Rowberry/IGNA

The 1982 New York Gay Film Festival, held the first week in December each year, and jointly produced by Altermedia Ltd. and The Glines, proved to have a keen eye for the contemporary trends in gay filmmaking and offered only a few clunkers.

Biggest in the clunker department was the Norwegian soap opera *Life and Death*, co-directed by Svend Wam and Petter Vennerod. The other clunker was the Italian *Immacolata* and *Concetta* directed by Salvatore Piscicelli. Both films have typical tragic endings where one of the gay characters gets killed. While *Life and Death* reads like a Nordic version of *Making Love*, at least the lesbian who gets snuffed at the conclusion of *Immacolata* isn't a victim of homophobia. The real tragedy lies in the fact that both these films are from countries with inherent homosexual sensibilities and few gay-themed films.

But nearly everything else in the 1982 Festival more than made up for these particular entries. Among the most provocative was a series of films by German director Lothar Lambert, all six of which were American premieres. In fact, Lambert's films have only been seen once before in this hemisphere, at the 1982 Toronto Film Festival.

Lambert might well be called the gay new wave director; his film tradition springs from the German new wave likes of Fassbinder, Herzog, Von Trotta, et all, to be sure. But he makes the current gay film fare from Germany look like mainstream filmmaking by comparison.

The Festival screened *Berlin-Harlem* (in which Fassbinder parodies himself as a contemporary filmmaker), Lambert's look at racism as seen through the eyes of an American Black wandering through Berlin; *Late Show*; in which Lambert also stars as a gay man who finds his sexual fantasies on late night television; *Faux Pas de Deux*, about an art student being seduced by an aging actress; *Nightmare Woman*, a haunting look at what happens to a woman after her husband abandons her; a film called *Dirty Daughters* by Dagmar Biersdorf in which Lambert plays a drag queen; and his newest work, *Fucking City*, a bitter-sweet paen to his hometown Berlin. *Fucking City* is considered Lambert's most provocative and powerful film.

Alexandra von Grote's *Depart to Arrive*, which was very well received at the 1982 San Francisco-Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, was the big opening night benefit film. Von Grote's stylized and contemporary look at the coming out and breaking up of a lesbian couple, while perhaps a flawed work, is such an honest and moving experience that it touches audiences of both sexes.

Also shown was Eloy de la Iglesia's powerful, if predictable, *El Deputado*, a tale of political intrigue and coming to terms with ones sexuality that contains the finest revelation scene in all gay cinema, when the newly-gay political leader comes out to his Marxist wife. Although this film also has a tragic ending, it is one that somehow uplifts the spirit. The most amazing thing is that *El Deputado* was made at all in a Spain still suffering the memory of Franco.

Track Two, a Canadian documentary that focuses on the massive and inhuman police raids of last year that resulted in 400 arrests and the destruction of much private gay property, is the kind of film that has audiences up in arms at the end; a mirror reflection of what the incidents involved have done to the Canadian gay community. Since the events documented in *Track Two* have not yet been resolved, this film has an eerie sense of immediacy that profoundly affects its audiences. *Track Two* has already had a benefit screening in San Francisco and may well be making the rounds of major American cities during the coming months.

An Australian dark comedy, *The Clinic*, in which one of the saner characters (but not by much) is a gay doctor at a VD clinic, has earned a great deal of critical acclaim from the mainstream film press and may be a real breakthrough for Australian cinema — which outside a few gay-made short films, has a difficult time dealing with gay material at all.

An Evening of Gay Humor contained eleven short films including Donald Ritchie's *Boy With Cat* about the anxiety of masturbating with a cat in the house; Curt McDowell's rather calm (for him) but amazing *Visit To Indiana*; and Majorie Newman's brilliant *Altered Habits*, in which the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence do their version of the Vatican Rag.

Curt McDowell's riveting docu-drama, *Loads*, about the filmmaker's haunting and savage section of the collective film *Germany in Autumn* were shown in the Short Film Programs.

The Festival also included a Barbara Hammer retrospective. Hammer makes short films that, while aimed at lesbian sensibilities, are a joy for everyone.

STATE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE DEAF-BLIND POPULATION

The Arizona Council for the Deaf in cooperation with the Arizona Advisory Committee on Deaf Blind Persons is trying to locate people with severe hearing and visual problems. Through the assistance of nonprofit organizations and agencies throughout Arizona, the state is trying to establish a registry of people with severe visual and hearing problems. This registry will be confidentially used to plan for future services needed by the deaf-blind. If you know of a person who has severe hearing and visual problems, please help them by calling toll free 1-800-352-8161.

NEW ASSOCIATE ANNOUNCED

Ms. Francine Martin, formerly Chief of the Health Education Bureau, Arizona Department of Health Services, has recently become an Associate of Moon Valley Counseling. Ms. Martin who has consulted on the development of Health Education programs in several Valley hospitals and agencies, is responsible for bringing the State's Health Education Bureau to national attention with studies on nutrition, respiratory disease, cardio-vascular disease and well baby clinics. Ms. Martin will be available to provide individual or group counseling in areas of stress management, weight control, time management and programs to stop smoking.

In addition to an increased range of services, Moon Valley Counseling has expanded its evening and weekend appointment schedule to accommodate weekday appointments. For further information telephone: 942-8148.

Taylor's A GENTLEMENS BAR

STARTING IN JANUARY
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
EVERY SUNDAY THRU
WEDNESDAY NIGHT!!

Jan. 2 - 5
SPICE



Jan. 9 - 12
Jan. 16 - 19

Call for Times

Linda Gerard & Diane Marchal, accompanied by Toby Hall



"Linda Gerard's warm strength & sense of living create a new, if momentary, universe full of personal feeling" — Billie Duncan, Montrose Voice

4223 N. 7th St.

Phoenix, Az.

265-0851

**CLOSED
CHRISTMAS EVE**

VALLEY ART
509 MILL AVE., TEMPE • 967-6664

**SAT MIDNITE
ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW**

SAT/SUN DEC 25, 26 FREE ADMISSION FOR CHILDREN (UNDER 12) SR. CITIZENS (OVER 60)	MON/TUE DEC. 27, 28 FELLINI'S ROMA 7:00	WED/THU DEC. 29, 30 MONTY PYTHON LIVE AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL 8:45 AND THE Holy Grail 7:00
"GONE WITH THE WIND" G 12:00 3:55 7:45	"FELLINI SATYRICON" 9:00	

You will never see
the most highly acclaimed film
of our time on television.

An ALBERTO GRIMALDI Production

This may be
your last chance to see it
in a theatre.



**STARTS
NEW
YEARS
EVE**

1 WEEK ONLY

SHOWTIMES

MON. THURS. SAT.
7:00 9:30

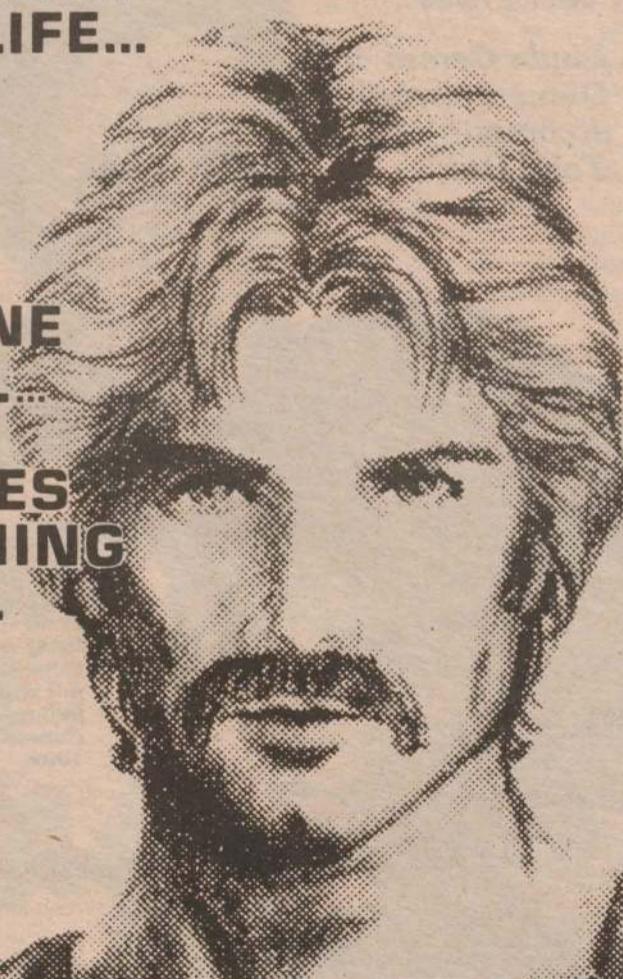
SUNDAY
2:00 4:30
7:00 9:30

A Film by
BERNARDO BERTOLUCCI
United Artists Classics

**WHEN SHOPPING FOR
THE MAN IN
YOUR LIFE...**

**SOMEONE
SPECIAL...**

**DESERVES
SOMETHING
SPECIAL**



HOURS:
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 10:30 to 9
SATURDAY 10:30 to 5
SUNDAY 1 to 5
842 E. INDIAN SCHOOL
PHOENIX 265-6411

DMG FOR YOUR HEALTH

by Parker Cross

According to Tony Catanzaro, President of Sports Sciences Laboratories, Burlington, VT., in an interview with The Western Express, N.N. dimethylglycine (DMG) has been approved by the team physicians for the Raiders, the Cowboys and even the Suns and the teams are taking their DMG regularly in pill form. Catanzaro was in Phoenix to set up manufacturing and marketing extensions of his firm. Runners say they run longer. Dr. Atkins, of diet fame, recommends it and uses it. One devotee calls it "Lourdes Water". And the FDA wants it pulled from the market. That agency has embroiled itself in a matter of semantics in trying to gain control over the distribution of DMG. That is whether it is a food or a food additive, the latter of which they regulate.

DMG, while not being fully explored until more recently, has been known of since the mid-1800's. It has been a vitamin most of that time under different names. Now it is legally classified as a natural food substance. That's what concerns the FDA. They feel that since users and manufacturers are touting relationship between the substance and everything from improving heart conditions and schizophrenia to just plain 'feeling better' that it is medicine. Research reveals a lot of strong support for DMG - very credible support - from research scientists, to physicians, to physical analysts, to users. One of the suspect causes for a great amount of pressure from the FDA is that the person who isolated vitamin B-15, which is actually DMG, in 1951 was E. T. Krebs, the 'father' of Laetrile. And he found it under the same rock as Laetrile, in an apricot pit.

Leading in research on DMG is Russia with a full blown government program going back for many years. They believe in it and the substance is being used, fully licensed, for the following reasons: it extends cell life; improves blood oxygenation; stimulates immune response; protects the liver; and, speeds recovery from fatigue. Diseases which have been targeted by treatment with DMG are: heart disease; aging; diabetes; hypertension; alcoholism; drug addiction; cirrhosis; hepatitis; allergies; and, most recently, Herpes, the plague that has spread like wildfire through so many gay communities. Of course most of those other diseases hit home also. The substance has been available in Russian pharmacies for nearly twenty years. Other countries with similar interests in DMG include France, Germany and Japan.

What it does is twofold. For one it increases the utilization of oxygen by the cells, hence blood and tissues both benefit from a decrease in the buildup of lactic acid, the culprit most responsible for exhaustion. That's the 'runners run longer' claim. It increases endurance. One laboratory report showed that DMG increased an athlete's length of performance time by over 20% before exhaustion. That's the effect of increased oxygenation. Secondly, but not by rank of importance, is a dual benefit. Most nutrients boost only either antibody response or cellular immunity. DMG does both according to laboratory findings. The New England Journal of Medicine, USC School of Medicine and other prestigious publications have all printed reports and studies finding DMG to be safe when taken for one or both of these reasons.

Catanzaro said DMG is available now in some drugstores at a cost monthly of \$8.95. It is in tablet form to be taken in quantities of three to six daily. As for length of time before beneficial response, some users reported feeling more energetic and more ready to face formerly tedious tasks within three to four days. Regular users have reported a near immediate reaction when daily dosage was stopped. The effect of usage can be likened to the fast recovery of persons following needed heart surgery. They heal faster than they have for years because the blood flow is providing more oxygen to the cells than it has for years. DMG causes the same to happen.

2ND ANNUAL WESTERN EXPRESS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST STARTS JANUARY 1

The second contest commences January 1, 1983 and continues through March 31. Following this year's highly successful contest with over fifty entries from four states, the new contest has for some months been the cause of several photographer's visits to their favorite scenic haunts. Again this year the newspaper will feature submitted photographs during the contest period. A show with judging and awards and a photographer's reception will be held at Alwyn House in Phoenix.

Four categories will be judged by a panel of professional photographers, graphics artists and journalists. Awards will be given in each for First and Second place in the amounts of \$50 and \$25 respectively. Honorable Mentions, two per category, will be awarded certificates. This year sees the addition of "Best of Show" a sweepstakes of the four first place winners, with that category garnering an additional \$100 in prize money.

CONTEST RULES

1. All entries must be postmarked between January 1 and March 31, 1983. Address them to The Western Express - Photos, P.O. Box 32575, Phoenix, AZ. 85064-2575.
2. Each entry, limited to one per category, must be accompanied with a name to be used for credits and a return correspondence address. All entries in the "People" category must be accompanied with the signed releases of identifiable persons with the exception of groups shown at a rally or other public events.
3. All entries must be five inches by seven inches or larger. All categories are open to either color or black and white prints.
4. No photo previously used commercially nor for which a fee was paid to the photographer for its production may be submitted. Submission indicates photographers compliance.
5. All entries must be matted or mounted for display. None should be framed or mounted under any material such as glass or lucite.
6. Entrants may at their election provide such information as types of equipment used, settings, or special technical procedures to be published or for the information of the public attending the final show.
7. All entries will become the property of The Western Express.
8. Any decision whether to accept any photograph or to reassign a designated category due to a determined misdesignation on the part of the entrant will be at the discretion of the standing contest committee. Any decision of the committee and of the judges is final.

CATEGORIES

PEOPLE - Individuals, groups and their activities.

ENVIRONMENT - Animal life, plant life and landscapes.

COMPOSITION - The eye for and usage of space, material, light and balance for esthetics.

TECHNICALLY CREATIVE - The usage of special lenses, filters, development procedures, etc. to create and enhanced version of the true image.



Some Things
-Are Better Soft

PUBAIRÉ

the pubic-hair conditioner
for men and women



Womansplace
Bookstore

2401 N. 32nd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85008
956-0456

as advertised in
The Advocate
ON SALE @ \$6.00

PARR
OF ARIZONA

DISTINCTIVE SWIM STYLES
-- YEAR 'ROUND --



WORLD RENOWNED UNDER FASHIONS
FOR LIFE STYLES OF TODAY
FEATURING PARR BRIEFS

THE STANDARD BY WHICH OTHERS ARE JUDGED

SEND \$1 FOR CATALOG TO:

PARR OF ARIZONA
DEPT. WE
BOX NO. 1512
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85001-1512

Come browse our "FACTORY BOUTIQUE" specials at
1009 N. 3rd St. in Phoenix. (3rd St. & Roosevelt)
Across 3rd Street from LITTLE JIM'S 30

Store Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:30-3:30 / Sat. 9-2

1982 MARKS OUR 28th YEAR!

During this period we have purveyed our distinctive fashions to a discriminating clientele throughout the world. Designed and produced at our desert workshop in Phoenix.



THE WESTERN EXPRESS READERS CHOICE AWARDS ©

1982 BALLOT

CONTEST RULES:

Please signify one candidate only in spaces marked for Phoenix and/or Tucson. Only the official ballot will be accepted as a vote. All ballots must be received by The Western Express by mail only, postmarked no later than January 19, 1983. **Only one ballot per mailed envelope will be accepted.** Any vote cast implies no specific orientation of any person, business or organization. Mail ballots to THE WESTERN EXPRESS - AWARDS, P.O. Box 32575, Phoenix, AZ. 85064-2575.

BEST BARTENDER - MALE

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST BARTENDER - FEMALE

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST DJ - MALE

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST DJ - FEMALE

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST ENTERTAINER - MALE

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST ENTERTAINER - FEMALE

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST FEMALE IMPERSONATOR

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST ENTERTAINMENT BY A GROUP

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST WAITER

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST WAITRESS

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST WOMANS BAR

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST MANS BAR

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST MIXED BAR

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST DANCE BAR

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST CRUISE BAR

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST COUNTRY/WESTERN BAR

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST SHOW BAR

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST HAPPY HOUR IN TOWN

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST RESTAURANT

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST SUNDAY BRUNCH

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST BEAUTY/BARBER SALON

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST LITERARY BOOKSTORE

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST CLOTHING STORE

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST FLORIST

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST GIFT/CARD SHOP

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST MOVIE THEATRE

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST TRAVEL AGENCY

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST DELI

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST HEALTH FOOD STORE

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST ORIENTAL RESTAURANT

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST HAMBURGER IN TOWN

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST PIZZA IN TOWN

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST SPECIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR SPONSORED BY A BAR

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____

BEST SPECIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR SPONSORED BY A CLUB

SOCIAL OR RELIGIOUS

ORGANIZATION

Phoenix _____

Tucson _____



TRAX
TRAX

FULL MOON
TUESDAY, DEC. 28

THEME: WINTER WONDERLAND
DANCE & ROCK TILL 1AM
AFTER HOURS TILL 3
DOOR PRIZES!!

1724 E. McDOWELL ROAD 254-0231

WAY
YEAH
AT
TRAX

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

9:00 P.M. "ALL NIGHT"

**BRING IN THE
NEW YEAR
WITH A
"BIG" BANG**

**Free Buffet 9:00 P.M.
Free Buffet 4:00 P.M.
Champagne Toast at Midnight**

Johnny Apple Jackoff 75¢

**6:00 A.M. "Hangover Party"
Bloody Marys
Screw Drivers
Brandy Milk Punch
Rum Milk Punch
75¢ All Day**



WESTERN EXPRESS ANNIVERSARY INVITATIONAL WRITING

For this, the second of two issues of *The Western Express* marking the first anniversary of the newspaper, an invitation was sent to fellow journalists to reflect over the year and join a forum of writing titled *A Matter Of Gay Importance* in 1982. The staff of the newspaper was very much aware of this being a most auspicious year in the history of the gay movement in Arizona and that important events were happening likewise in most other cities. Writers were invited to tell what was of importance to them during the year, events in their cities and states, or affecting the whole country.

The response was good, but unfortunately late due to the business of the season and the mail. Therefore the essay will be carried in the next issue of *The Western Express* also. The main and most rewarding point is that writers did respond to the invitation to sound off both in the positive and in the negative, or to make suggestions, or to warn. The collected essay will be forwarded to over twenty periodicals across the country for their possible usage. We feel it is important to determine annually those events which stand out most in the further development of the gay movement, for those both active and inactive in it and for those who are not gay at all but for whom these reportings point out that there is cultural significance being molded. This aids in creating our written history which hardly exists prior to the past two decades. Only twenty years ago there were no gay newspapers, only some underground publications produced in the most rudimentary form as no printer would touch the subject matter. We wish to thank those who have joined in the forum and hope they do so again next year.

Roy Lindberg, Staten Island, N.Y., is editor of The GP Reporter, a trade paper covering the gay press and media and related concerns. He sits on the Board of Directors of the Gay Press Association as its Northeast Regional Director. Roy was in an advantageous position from which to reflect over the whole year and country, and to set the tone for the invitational writing:

"This is the year when Castro Street and Christopher Street took a back seat in the Gay movement to Main Street, U.S.A.

It was a year when small but important things were happening literally everywhere.

In Billings, Montana, a lesbian bookstore opened its doors. In Modesto, California, the editors of the Stanislaus Gay Alliance Newsletter were able to buy a new typewriter with the proceeds of a dance. In Cheyenne, Wyoming, the New York-based Intergay Broadcasting Corporation was advertising for a local person to report Gay news for a radio broadcast.

It was also a year when big things were happening everywhere.

In Wisconsin, the first statewide Gay rights bill was passed.

In Texas, a federal judge handed down a historic decision establishing the right of Gay men and women to their private lives.

On Castro Street and on Christopher Street, Gay men in particular were still busy trying to discover their "limits" - and some of them indeed found out what the limit was. May they rest in peace. The year was important as the year in which Gay networking suddenly exploded into Gay institutions.

The Gay religious movement acquired national dimensions and the ability to speak with a nondenominational voice.

The Gay political movement established itself as a truly national influence, able to function on both a partisan and non-partisan level.

The Gay press developed a visible professional presence via the Gay Press Association, and 1982 saw the first transmission of Gay news on the computer-based GPA wire service.

Finally, the tragedy of AIDS - acquired immuno-deficiency syndrome - set the stage for Gay religion, Gay politics, Gay press, and Gay medicine to encourage dialogue so that all of us, in big cities and small towns, can push ourselves to our proper limits - the limits at which we contribute the most to the world in which we live. These are limits which can only be reached when all of us are free to be ourselves - and wise enough to use our freedom for the common good."

Tony Rome, Editor and Publisher of CRUISE Weekly Magazine, Detroit, forwarded the writings of three key persons in the Michigan movement, one known for its organization.

Phil Greene is the Executive Director of the Michigan Organization for Human Rights (MOHR), Michigan's statewide lesbian and gay organization. He has been active in labor, education and political groups. In 1980 he was one of Michigan's two gay delegates to the Democratic National Convention. His reporting in CRUISE on the Michigan gay involvement in election '82, titled "Election '82 - The Gay Perspective" provides good reading for those in Arizona and throughout the Southwest who are trying to organize politically:

"Just what role did lesbians and gay men play in the recent election in Michigan? Gay men and lesbians were involved in record numbers in the election. In most cases, as with many other things which take place in Michigan, very few knew that the people involved were homosexual - but those in charge knew.

A record 176 lesbians and gay men across the state staffed *Democratic Get Out The Vote* phone banks in support of U.S. Senator Donald Riegle on behalf of the Michigan Organization for Human Rights Political Action Committee (MOHR-PAC). In some cases the entire operation was set-up, staffed, and run by gay men and lesbians. In a few instances there were even more gay volunteers than phone lines...

MOHR-PAC surveyed over two hundred candidates for State Senate and State House of Representatives for their position on gay civil rights issues. MOHR-PAC then endorsed a record 100 candidates... Sixty-nine of the 100 candidates MOHR-PAC endorsed were elected...

The Association of Suburban People Political Action Committee (ASP-PAC), a Detroit area gay group, endorsed sixteen candidates in the General Election. Twelve of those sixteen candidates were elected..."

Dr. Paul Benson, D.O., in private practice in Detroit and specializing in Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Stress Management, and writing for CRUISE, saw the fast and tragic development of AIDS (Acquired Immuno-Deficiency Syndrome) within gay communities of the country as most important. Dr. Benson's reporting on AIDS was extremely well done, but as The Western Express has been carrying extensive coverage on the disease we have focused in on what we feel is the most single pertinent topic - the symptoms. This cannot be printed too much as there continue to be far too many cases of mis-diagnosis, at least one tragic one in Phoenix. We excerpt:

"Though no precise cause or causes have been isolated for AIDS, there is speculation that this immuno-deficiency is caused by

an infectious agent that can be passed on to other by sexual contact and through contaminated blood products and body fluids...

The commonest early symptoms include cough, persistent diarrhea, fatigue, fever, weight loss of over ten pounds in two months, and swollen lymph glands (lumps found in the neck, groin, or under the arms). In time a tumor or serious infection will develop. One tumor associated with AIDS is Kaposi's Sarcoma. It appears as dark blue to reddish purple nodules. They are most often on the feet, though may occur anywhere on the body. What should a person do if they suspect symptoms of AIDS? Seek medical advice from a physician familiar with it."

Mike Ray is the Managing Editor of CRUISE Weekly Magazine. Prior to joining the staff of the magazine, Mike was a writer and managing editor of METRA Magazine. He is a founding member of the Gay Press Association. Mike enjoyed the stir caused locally in Charlotte, N.C. by the Miss Gay America Contest, a stir caused not by the pageant goers, but by the fundamentalists outside. It has happened in most every city, but perhaps not with the intensity of Charlotte.

"Despite the "Christians for Moral Decency" taking photos of those in attendance, over 250 religious protestors, and even the Ku Klux Klan, the 11th Annual Miss Gay America contest went on as scheduled in Charlotte, North Carolina's Owens Auditorium. Over 1,600 people responded with enthusiasm as 46 contestants competed for the 1982-83 title. Outside police formed barriers to keep the religious protestors at bay. One fundamentalist preacher, the Reverend Joseph Chambers from the Paw Creek Church of God and an organizer from the so-called "Christians for Moral Decency", planned to photograph those in attendance to "expose them before they do harm to people." The local media did an excellent job of covering the event. The *Charlotte Observer* ran at least three major stories on the pageant and the controversy surrounding it...

Elaine (St. Jacques, a contestant and one of the area's top performers) found the protestors "wonderful and exciting - but really of no threat because we were so well protected..."

Everyone enjoyed themselves, coverage by the local and national media made the event big news, and the local fundamentalists got to vent their bigotry in front of everybody. It was perhaps their reaction to this pageant that really made the event so special.

Reverend Chambers was often quoted saying remarkably ignorant things like: "...this has an immeasurable impression on young minds who have not yet formed their moral standards," and "Homosexuality is an acquired and learned abnormality..."

Sandra Pianin, a freelance writer, reviewer, poet and now columnist in New York wrote for New York City News in April about a gay man seeking political office in Portland, Maine, a city probably about as open to a gay candidate as Phoenix, Arizona. Gay candidates for public office was a popular subject for writers in 1982, both of the gay press and others. Some cities had developed the community clout to actually elect a chosen candidate and receive from that person the acknowledgement for doing so. Others developed to the point of being heard and sought after as a strong support group. Still others are trying to form political clubs so as to achieve this position.

"The 1980 U.S. Census figures 61,572 citizens as the population of Portland, Maine. What would be the interest of megalopolis dwellers (New Yorkers), who cannot pass their own gay rights bill, in a local candidate running for an at-large City Council seat in Portland, Maine?

Continued on page 22

WE ARE FAMILY Please Help Us Make Our Stomping Ground The Best For Everyone.

LET US KNOW HOW!

The Staff



Saturday, December 25
8 to 1
Free Egg Nog
Go-Go Guys

*Merry
Christmas!*

SHAMOOS

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SHOW

Starring

EBONY



JO ANNE



With
Ricki Rae
&
Erica Erotica
&
Cliff Hashimoto

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24th &
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25th
9:30PM till...
\$3.00 Cover

Drink Specials All Day Surprise Christmas Eve Gifts

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Starting at 9:00 P.M.

Special Guest Star Tish Tanner

Free Hats, Horns, & Champagne at Midnight
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
from Bob, Mike and the Staff

3025 NORTH 24TH STREET
956-9937

**LITTLE JIM'S
307**

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR'S**

New Year's Eve Party

Free Champagne at Midnight

Special Drink Prices

Throughout the Evening

222 E. Roosevelt

Farrah's Lounge continued from page 1

Identification of the four perpetrators has not been made, however in addition to the make and description of the vehicle it is known that one male is blonde and about 140 lbs. and the other about 5'7", stocky build, dark eyes, dark brown hair, olive complected and wearing a dark mustache. One woman is around 5'2", has long dark hair and dark eyes. Anyone with any information regarding the incident or the four persons is requested to call Detective Don C. Ozment, Phoenix Police Department, 262-7912.

Throughout the interview and in days previous Ron repeatedly made comments about how the bars in Phoenix and in fact everywhere had to be aware that this could happen at any time and that they must have maximum safety precautions for their customers. He brought the topic up at the Arizona Gay Barowners Association meeting where all in attendance agreed to review their current procedures and strengthen them if necessary. For their part Ron and partner Lon Pearson have removed all obstacles from exits. No one had any idea that one partition was an obstacle until the bombing. They are increasing identification checking procedures a great deal. They suffered their losses, four days closed in the busiest season, cleaning costs, removal of carpeting and the rest. The attitude is not one of any concern for those losses, but only thanks that more injuries were not suffered by their customers and that those that were are recoverable. FARAH'S is open and doing business as usual, providing more security than ever for its patrons.

Ed. Note

Known as very responsible businessmen in Phoenix, Ron Farrah and Lon Pearson should suffer no criticism for this unfortunate occurrence. It could have happened anywhere. Prejudice walked in and ignited the bomb and the known determination of prejudice can get it in anywhere. The owners attitude is right. For them to take up the banner of patron safety is right. For any business owner to ignore their warnings is wrong, especially bars. Recently a Phoenix businessman said that one night he took a look around the bar, one of his favorites, and realized that there was some sort of obstruction in front of every exit and left. Some obstructions are not obvious nor known until the emergency occurs and that's too late. We add to Ron Farrah's call for barowners to closely scrutinize their safety procedures. Also we call upon the patrons to notice when they enter a bar where all exits are located for their own safety.

MONTH OF ENTERTAINMENT AT TAYLOR'S PLANNED

SPICE, the attractive trio of women who headlined at the Hilton Reno this past summer and who appeared more recently at Taylor's in Phoenix are on their way back. This time patrons will be treated to the whole ensemble, including the band. They're slated to kick off the New Year and fend off the 'after-the-holiday-blahs' January 2 through 5 with their vocal blend and very updated material.

Then comes LINDA GERARD, DIANE MARCHAL and TOBY HALL January 9 through 12 and 16 through 19. The trio of singers, with Hall a very accomplished pianist, played the entire summer at the Pied Piper in Provincetown, Mass. Then off to New York and The Inner Circle in the Village. Most recently they packed the house at Baja Sam's in Houston where Dale Williams, Taylor's owner, caught the act and booked it. The Phoenix engagement is their first in the area. Gerard was Barbara Streisand's standby in Funny Girl and Marchal has recorded for Polydor.

FULL MOON SOFTBALLERS WIN AGAIN... AND AGAIN!

Following on their previous title of city champions in the Phoenix Women's City League for spring, the "Moonshiners", sponsored by The Full Moon Saloon, garnered second place in the fall league playoffs which finished on Dec. 13. Then, not letting second place, a very honorable title, hinder them they took the championship of the Arizona State Softball Association state holiday classic tournament on Dec. 19. Needless to say the revelry at The Full Moon following the win was loud.

Not only is the bar's softball team setting records, but the bowling team in the Monday night Our Gang Winter League holds first place following four months of competition.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The men of the Desert Sky Singers wish to thank the hundreds of individuals and organizations who helped to make "Desert Sky Christmas - 82" an overwhelmingly successful concert. Such expressions of love and support make it possible for us to continue to bring professional quality choral entertainment to the Phoenix community.

We hope to see many new members at our upcoming January auditions, as we have a full and exciting 1983 concert schedule. Again, our heartfelt thanks and our best wishes for a joyous holiday season and peace, good health, and prosperity in the New Year.

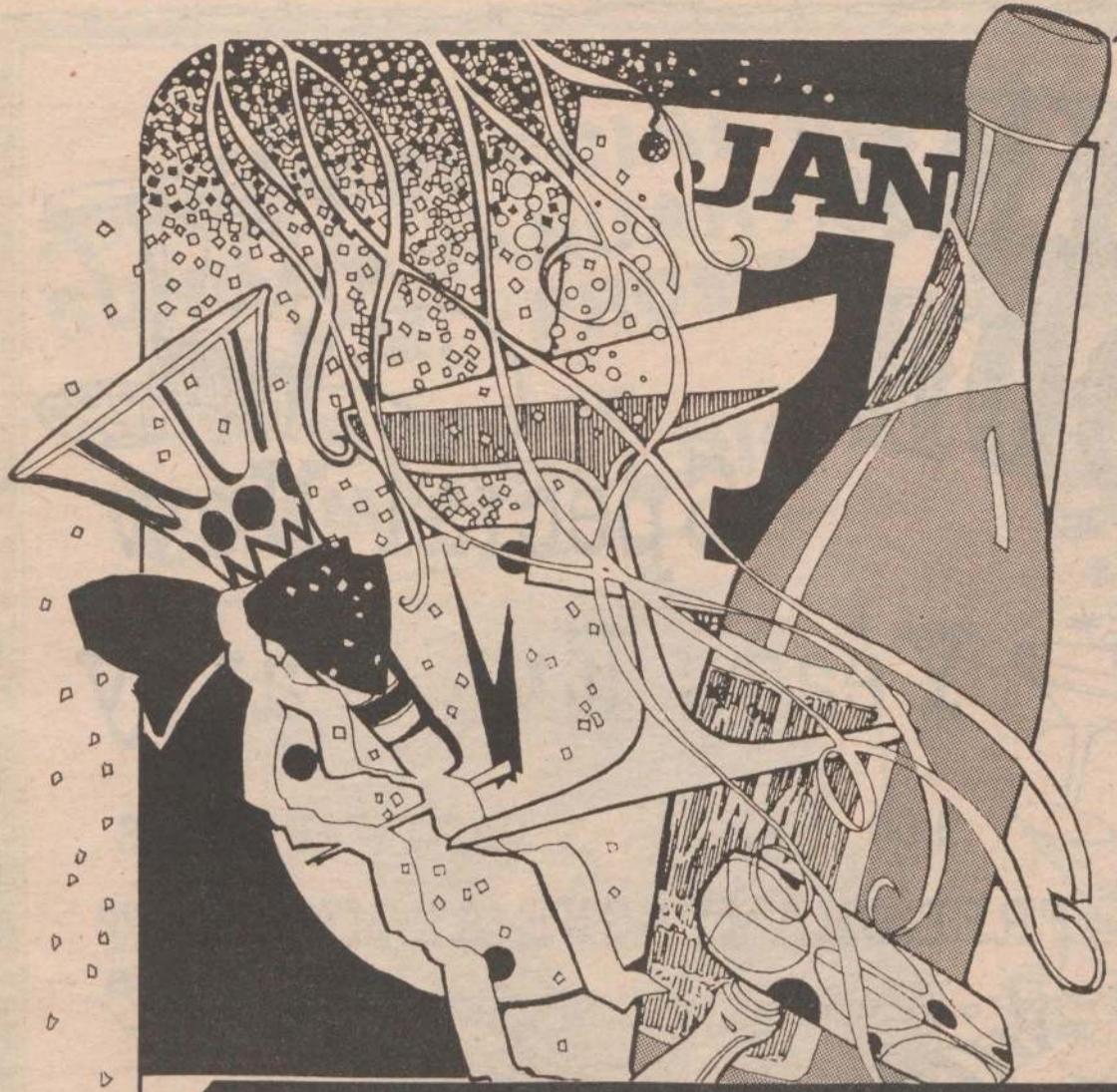
Gratefully,
Mark Niswander
General Manager
Desert Sky Singers

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

TO: ALL MY CUSTOMERS
FROM: DAVID McCASKILL
RE: THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HOT DUDS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continuous support over the past twelve months, the first year of operation of HOT DUDS clothing store. Through the enthusiastic support of the community I am happy to say that I am gearing up for an even better second year.

As the sole owner of HOT DUDS I will continue to provide the Phoenix man with today's fashions at affordable prices. If you have not been in lately I invite you for some Holiday Cheer and I think you will be pleasantly surprised to find such a variety of fashion in one store. It is my goal to provide Phoenix with quality clothing for many years to come. Again thank you for your support and may your holidays be filled with warm feelings and your New Year be one of successful new beginnings.



PHILLIPS!

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY FREE CHAMPAGNE & PARTY FAVORS 11:45 P.M.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DAY
Opening at 7:00 P.M.

Monday - Movie Nite 8:00 P.M.
 Tuesday - Steel Bust \$1.00 8:00 P.M.
 Wednesday - Wine \$1.00 per glass;
 UNO Nite 8:30 P.M.
 "Dynasty" on the big
 screen 9:00 P.M.
 Thursday & Sunday - Richard at the
 piano 8:00 P.M.
 Saturday - Afternoon movies 11:00 to
 6:00 P.M.

Lunch Daily 11:00 to 2:30
 Monday thru Saturday

4631 N. 7th Ave. Phx.
 248-9271

HERPES THE DISEASE FOR A LIFETIME?

Much debate and medical research has linked herpes virus with weaknesses in the internal immune system. Thusly the strengthening of our own immune system can aid in the treatment of, and quite possibly prevent the contraction of, the herpes virus.

THE HERPES KIT : HELP FOR THE HERPES SUFFER

Step 1

DMG - N, N-Dimethylglycine is the workhorse of our internal immune system. The addition of DMG to human subjects caused a five-fold increase in antibody response to viral infections, concluded researchers at the Medical University of South Carolina. Results of this same study, as published in The Journal of Infectious Diseases, state that; "DMG enhances the immune response in humans." Taken orally, DMG builds our natural defenses to ward off the dreaded herpes virus.

Step 2

L-Lysine - A natural amino acid, improves the chemical balance within the body which in turn reduces viral growth. Recent clinical studies have shown, L, Lysine to be effective in the treatment of active herpes blisters and sores. In some cases, daily supplementation of L-Lysine cleared ugly herpes sores in as little as 3 days.

Step 3

Aloe Vera - Applied topically this ancient remedy provides immediate relief from herpes blisters and sores.

The Herpes Kit : Now there is something you can do to help stop spreading the disease that already affects 30 million Americans. **The Herpes Kit** : Not a cure, a well researched treatment for the control and prevention of the fastest growing viral disease known today.

Order Form

*YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF, SO ORDER NOW!

THE HERPES KIT - Complete 3-Step system @ \$19.95 =
 Bottles DMG - 100 Tablets @ \$10.95 =
 Shipping & Handling per kit @ \$3.00 =
 Shipping & Handling DMG only @ \$2.00 =
 Arizona residents: 5% sales tax =
 Total =

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____

State _____
 Zip _____

Check enclosed
 Visa
 Money order
 Master Card

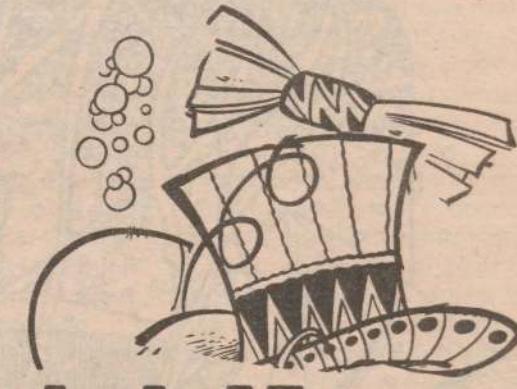
Account No: _____
 *THE HERPES KIT — Discreetly packaged
 Send coupon to: Life Span Inc. P.O. Box 31683 Phoenix, Arizona 85046

85046

Exp. Date _____



NUTOWNE SALOON

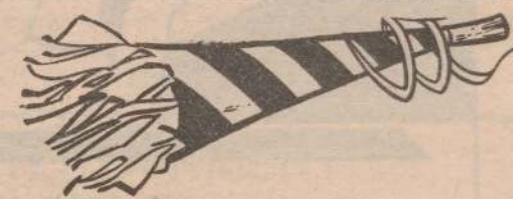


Special New

Years Eve Party

9:00 Till PARTY FAVORS

FREE CHAMPAGNE AT MIDNIGHT



**NUTOWNE SALOON 5002 E. Van Buren
Phoenix, Arizona 267-9959**

DESERT SKY CHRISTMAS '82...

...A Review by Bob de Brecht

A busy Sunday afternoon, just before Christmas, with many things to do, I forced myself to allow time to attend the Desert Sky Christmas '82 performed at the Unitarian Church on Sunday, December 12th. Many friends are in the chorus, and through my affiliation with this paper, and the previous feature article we printed on the Desert Sky Singers, I felt obligated to walk my talk and attend this afternoon concert. I'm a better person for it.

I entered the church hall to the sounds of the Desert Overtures performing "Joy to the World" and "Little Drummer Boy". This newly formed concert band was a questionable addition to this concert, having only been in existence a few short months. Many people doubted whether they would be ready, but they definitely were. Their performance was excellent and an extremely nice touch to settle the sold-out audience of 475 people into their seats.

Mr. Barry Stein then took to the podium and the Desert Sky Singers entered the room. Identically dressed in red vests, white shirts, and black pants, they assembled on stage and began one of the most professional exhibitions I have ever witnessed. Trading off the conducting chores with Mr. John Hoffman, Mr. Stein and Mr. Hoffman carefully guided the Singers through some awe inspiring renditions of many beautiful seasonal pieces. Mr. Stein then brought to the podium one of the original organizers of the chorus; Mr. Lawrence E. Moore, as guest conductor. Mr. Moore explained, in a beautifully rich speaking voice, the meaning of the word "Alleluia" and turned to conduct the choir in an American version of tribute to the word. The auditorium was quiet, and the performance began. The auditorium remained silent for the entire presentation of this song, and the thunderous applause following the final "Amen" should give The Desert Sky Singers and Mr. Moore many happy memories.

Following a short intermission, the Singers returned to the stage and began the second half. While on a lighter note, the Singers had no difficulty commanding the audiences' attention. This second half introduced "The Chordsmen", a truly pleasant surprise. "The Chordsmen" is a barbershop quartet featuring four very fine voices behind equally warm smiles. I look forward to hearing more from them.



This half, as well as the first, highlighted the already established "CHAPS" ensemble. While performing a lyrical, nice piece during the first half, the group brought the audience to its' knees with their satirical takeoff on the "Twelve Days of Christmas" during the second half. I laughed, as did everyone else, until my stomach hurt.

The wonderfully produced and performed solos by Eddie Gonzales, Kim Thompson, Frank Loulan, Thomas Chapman, William Laybourne, Ken Casey, and Dennis Davenport showed everyone what truly fine voices are incorporated into this group. Mr. Laybourne's performance of "O Holy Night" was a definite delight and was received with such a response that it seemed the applause was as long as the song itself.

Gary Lovejoy, John Coe, and Kent Sanger performed a carefully choreographed "Jingle Bell Rock" that added just the right touch to the afternoon's entertainment. Mr. Dennis Leising, as

Artistic Consultant, gave the entire afternoon a touch of professionalism through his choreography that kept the attention of everyone in the room.

The Desert Overture brass ensemble joined the singers for a rendition of "Angels We Have Heard on High" and further underlined the multitude of talents we have in our community. The final sing along with the Desert Overtures, the Desert Sky Singers and the entire audience brought goose bumps to my body, and the audience to its' feet for a well received standing ovation. Special recognition should be afforded the accompanists for their participation in making this afternoon memorable.

As the audience joined the performers on the patio for refreshments, I asked Mr. Barry Stein exactly how many seats were available at the Symphony Hall for next year's concert? A bystander, and member of the chorus, put his hand to his forehead and said, "Oh

Continued on page 22

A VERY SPECIAL SHOW
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 AT
9 P.M. "PROMPT"

Starring
CARMEN DEL RIO



RESERVATIONS SUGGESTED

231-0168
SAMMY'S

2125 E. McDOWELL ROAD
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

2.00 COVER

YOUR HOSTESS
TISH TANNER

PLUS GUEST APPEARANCES

231-0168
SAMMY'S
2125 E. McDOWELL ROAD
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

NEW YEAR'S EVE
CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
From 9 P.M.

FREE CHAMPAGNE AT MIDNIGHT

AFTER HOURS TIL
3 A.M.

featuring the hottest sounds
from '82 WITH HUBERT-YOUR D.J.

PARTY
FAVORS

PRIZES

CRUISIN' CENTRAL



**FIESTA BOWL PARADE PARTY
DECEMBER 31
STARTING AT NOON**

**Come Watch The Parade
On Our Rooftop Patio!**

**NEW YEARS EVE DISCO
DRINK SPECIALS
AFTER HOURS BREAKFAST
WILL BE SERVED FOR \$1.00**

**HOURS: 8 AM TO 1 AM — DAILY
SUN. 12 NOON TO 1 AM**

1011 N. Central 253-3376

Doing America With Bob Damron continued from page 8

Yonge, or the nearby Parkside, which still attract some older diehards and late afternoon hustlers. Boots, at 592 Sherbourne is the busiest disco, and has something for everyone. Other dance palaces include the Barn (above Les Cavaliers), Charly's (upstairs at the St. Charles), and the Quest. Twinkies pack the Manatee and Stages... weekend 'juice bars' with no booze.

Buddie's, behind Crispin's at Church and Gerard gets the prettiest preppies. Dude's at 10 Breadalbane attracts some hot Castro-like clones, but some refer to it as the S & S bar (stand and stare) The top leather bar is 18 East, at 18 Eastern Ave. Other macho cruise bars are the Hotel California Lounge, at 321 Jarvis, the Outpost and the Barn. The Barn is above Les Cavaliers at Church and Granby. Some local wits call Les Cavaliers "the open grave", but it has Toronto's only piano bar. Women frequent the new Main Street Lounge at King and Sherbourne, Together, and the Cameo, which is open for disco dancing on weekends only.

Good gay or mixed restaurants include Crispin's, Hugo's, Jennie's, Lipstick, Mushrooms and Pimblett's. For expensive 'straight' dining try the Courtyard, Fenton's, La Scala, Les Copains, Napoleon, Royal Hunt and Winston's Barbarian's and Hy's are two of the most popular steak houses, but personally I can't recommend them.

I stay at Delta's Chelsea Inn, a large cosmopolitan downtown hotel, with affordable rates. If you want cheaper, strictly gay lodgings, try 18 East Hotel, the Albany, and Cracker's Guest House. Fun baths include the Club Toronto, at 231 Mutual, Barracks at 56 Widmer (sling rooms, etc.) the Roman II or the Backdoor. If you want to 'work-out', as opposed to getting a 'work-out' go to the Imperial Gym on Pape St., and the best book store is Glad Day at 648 Yonge.

When visiting Toronto, don't miss Eaton Square, one of the largest and most interesting shopping centers (in more ways than one) in North America. Another 'must' is the CN Tower, which is nearly twice the height of the Eiffel Tower, and the World's tallest free-standing structure. You may also enjoy a look-see at both the old and new city halls, Royal Ontario Museum, Casa Loma, Parliament Buildings, Queens Park, cruisy David Balfour Park, and the St. Lawrence Centre for the Performing Arts.

Toronto's only major fault stems from the politically powerful moralists that govern the provence. They obviously believe that the 'good-guys' should get-to-bed early... hence the 1:00 a.m. closing hour for the bars (11:00 p.m. on Sundays). Exorbitant prices don't help either. Mixed drinks are about \$3.00, beer is \$1.65 and cigarettes over \$2.00 a pack. The same archaic philosophy is responsible for the couple of infrequent, but highly publicized raids on the baths. All visitors are subject to customs inspection, and I know of several recent cases where Americans have been subjected to the indignity of body searches.

Monetarily, the current exchange rate is very favorable for U.S. tourists. Hotels, bars and restaurants will accept American money... but you can probably do better at a bank, where \$100 U.S. dollars will buy about \$125. Canadian. All things considered, Canada's largest English-speaking city has a great deal to offer, and gay-life is open and friendly. Just remember, there is no tax on sin, but booze or impropriety can be very expensive!

For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the **BOB DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK '83** — America's foremost travel guide — available at most better bars, baths and book stores throughout America. Or send \$11.00 for your copy (which includes packing and shipping) to **BOB DAMRON ENTERPRISES, INC., P.O. Box 14-077, San Francisco, CA 94114.**

Bronco's

NEW YEAR'S EVE ROUND-UP

FRIDAY, DEC. 31 9 TIL ?

LIVE SOUNDS OF

SUNSET EXPRESS

NEW YEAR'S DAY

STEAK FRY 4.95

With Complimentary Champagne

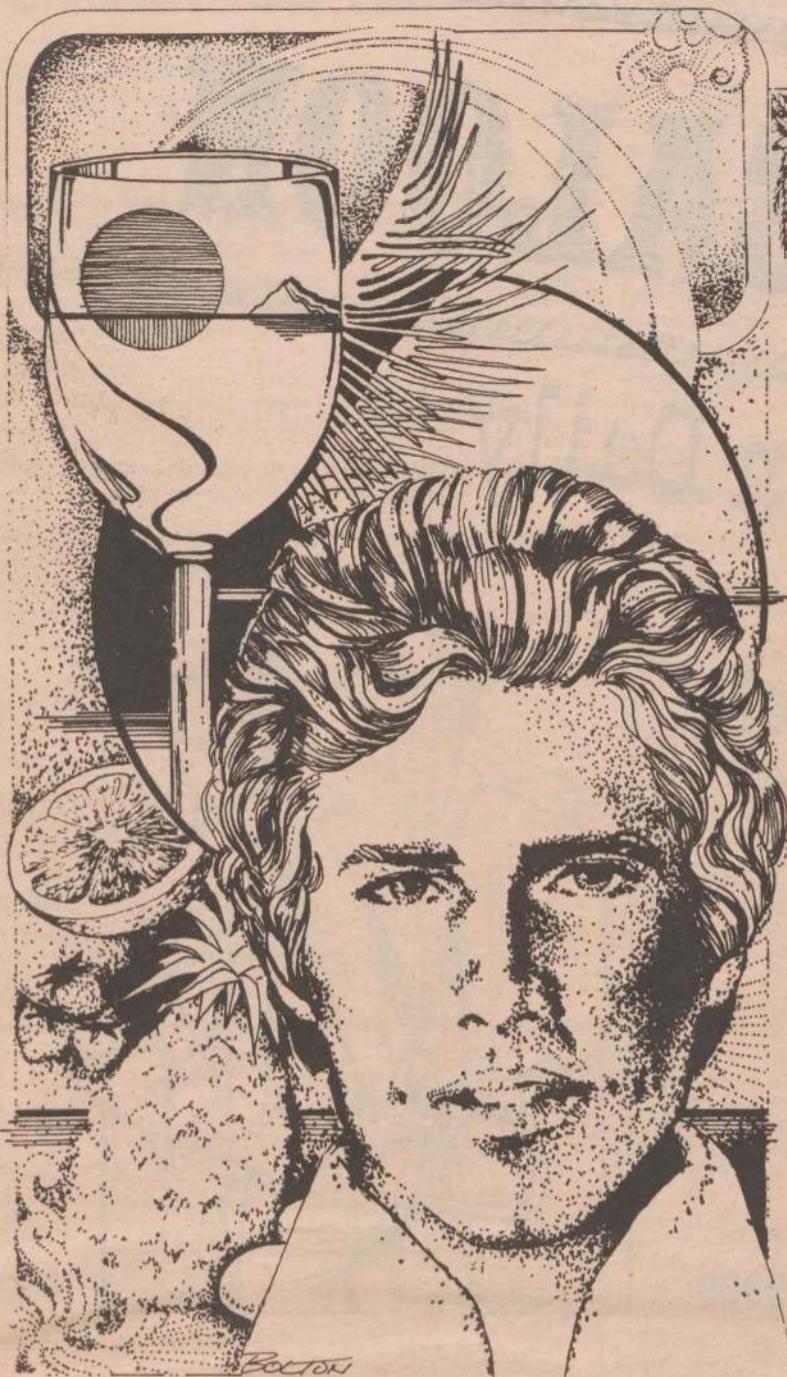
7 - 10 P.M.

Live Country Band

BALLOONS HORNS HATS NOISE MAKERS

248-9762

3015 N. 16 St. - Phoenix, Az.



CHRISTMAS EVE POT-LUCK BUFFET

BRING IN YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY FARE (SIDE DISH OR DESERT), AND ENJOY A CASUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH FRIENDS IN OUR GARDEN ROOM.

9:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS CAROLE SING-A-LONG WITH ALAN RUCK AT THE PIANO IN THE LOUNGE.



A GENTLEMENS BAR

4223 N. 7th St.
Phoenix, Az.
265-0851



TRAVEL NEWS UPDATE

by David Starkman

NEW YEARS 1984 - Yes one year from now how would you like to welcome in the New Year in the air? Details are now being finalized to fly 100 people on a 3 hour flight to "nowhere". Celebrate with top entertainment, champagne and a gourmet dinner. I would appreciate more input and suggestions for this event. It could truly be an exciting way to welcome in 1984 - at the very least, different.

BRITISH AIRWAYS set discounted roundtrip fares on its service from the U.S. to LONDON, ranging from \$449 from New York to \$599 from SAN FRANCISCO. Departure from the U.S. must be on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday and return from the U.K. must be on a Monday Tuesday or Wednesday.

ONE OF THE most important exhibitions in recent history, The Vatican Collections: The Papacy and Art opens at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, N.Y.C., on Feb. 26. The 237 works in the exhibit come from the Vatican Museums, the Apostolic Vatican Library, St. Peter's Basilica and the Grotto, St. Peter's Treasury and the Papal apartments. They span a time frame starting from Egyptian and classical antiquity to the present century.

TWA, Eastern and Delta changed the mid-November effective dates for their 5% domestic rate hikes to Dec. 1, matching United and American.

UNITED AIRLINES will begin daily non-stop flights to MAUI from both SAN FRANCISCO and LOS ANGELES Jan. 5, 1983. Departure from LOS ANGELES will be in mid-morning; the plane, after stopping at HILO, will return to SAN FRANCISCO in late evening. The SAN FRANCISCO departure will be in early afternoon. The return from MAUI and HILO will be an overnight flight arriving in LOS ANGELES in early morning.

MAUI, MOLOKAI and HAWAII'S BIG ISLAND were untouched by hurricane Iwa. The Hawaii Visitors Bureau reported after a complete tour of Kauai that the island "is in a state of disaster. More than half of the hotel properties are damaged and will not be available for six weeks and in some cases more."

LONDON - THE BRITEXPRESS Travelcard, which allows unlimited travel on long-distance buses between 60 cities in Britain starts at about \$9 a day for adults - \$4.50 a day for children. Available only to tourists from overseas, the Travelcard can be used on the National Express and the Scottish Bus Group. London to Cambridge, for example, is a two-hour trip; London to Stratford-Upon-Avon is four hours. The Travelcard allows five or ten separate days of unlimited travel, which can be spread over a month.

WESTERN AIRLINES and the U.S. Borax Company are joining forces. Shoppers who buy five Borax products can travel with another ticketed adult for \$99 roundtrip anywhere in the continental U.S. Valid on weekdays between January 5 and May 15, 1983.

21ST CENTURY TRAVEL is now the official booking agent for over fifty gay guest houses and hotels throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. All

arrangements for these accommodations can be made directly through the agency.

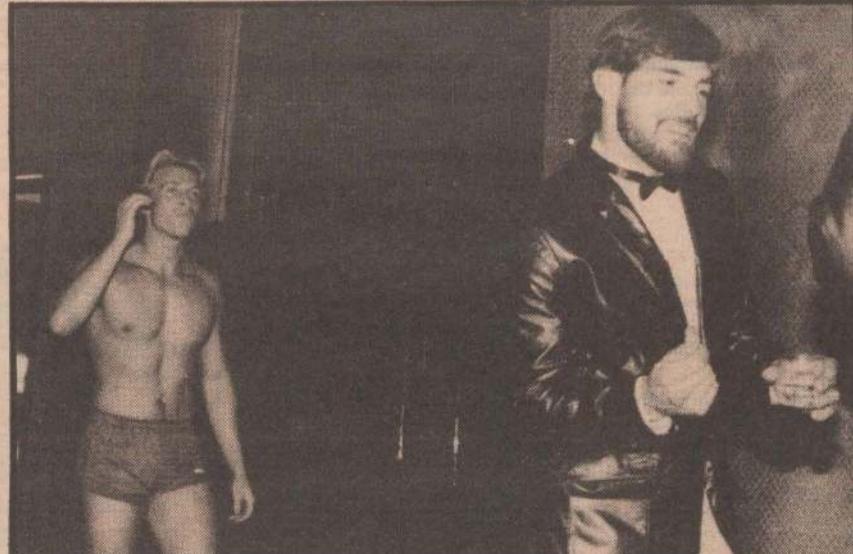
A REMINDER OF two very special 1983 travel events. The Gay Rodeo in RENO, August 4, 1983 with your local host Ken of Bronco's and Thanksgiving week, Nov. 20, 1983 a luxury cruise to Mexico with your host Bill Rienke of the Grand Camel and Sammy's. Both events are available for booking now through 21st Century Travel.

I WOULD LIKE to extend my warmest wishes for a Happy Holiday Season to my friends and clients and wish 1983 to be a successful year for you, yours and your dreams. Wherever your travels take you in '83 may they take you safely.

David

To answer any questions or to assist you with your travel plans Mr. Starkman can be reached through 21ST CENTURY TRAVEL, 2432 W. PEORIA, SUITE 1082, PHOENIX, AZ 85029. PHONE (602) 234-0542 or the home office number (602) 996-9007. Hours are 9 A.M. until 5 P.M., Monday through Friday.

SAMMY'S GIVES AWAY \$850 IN MACHO MAN RUNOFFS



Dave and Greg

In a turn of events no one could have anticipated nor would have bet on happening there was a tie for first place in SAMMY'S Macho Man Contest runoffs. Out of 900 votes two persons received 890 each. So the first and second prize moneys were added together and divided with the permission of the audience and the participants.

Under the watchful eye of 'head judge' Phil Santhon, Bill Reinke, owner, introduced again all those men who have won the individual Macho Man contests over the past several months. They posed, walked and danced in an effort to show themselves best of the lot for the prizes of \$500, \$250 and \$100. Of course it's easy to say they were all winners, because they were.

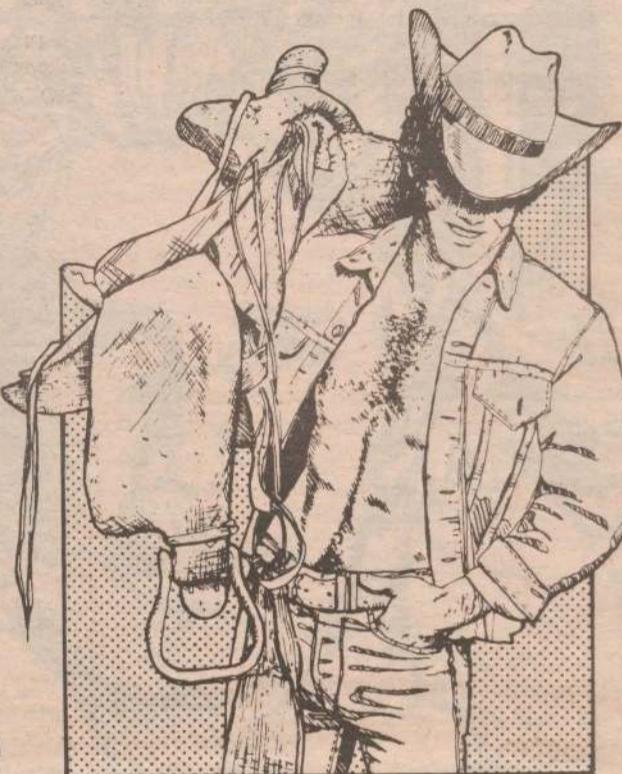
NUTOWNE SALOON

Open at Noon Daily

Barbecued Steaks For Brunch
Every Sunday On The Patio
12 Noon-4 pm - \$1.50
New Beer Bust 3 — 7 pm
Every Sunday

Tuesday Nite Beer Bust 9 — 1 am
Wednesday Tequila Nite 9 — 1 am

5002 E. Van Buren Phoenix, Arizona — 267-9959



continued from page 14

The answer should be "plenty", because Fred Berger's voice is being heard and he's strong, dedicated and perhaps more importantly, caring enough to be out there fighting..."

Phil Nash, Denver, Colorado, was the first Secretary of the Gay Press Association and is the former editor of Out Front newspaper. Gradually he has been developing his craft as a freelance writer, independent communicator as he terms it, and four months ago took it up full time. His writings have appeared in gay publications throughout the country in the form of in-depth research interviews and feature articles. To Phil the most important event took place in Colorado over the past fourteen months. It's probably best termed the issue of "Religion and the Gay Person".

In October, 1981 the Bishop Melvin E. Wheatley, United Methodist Church, Denver, removed the Reverend Julian Rush from the pulpit of the Methodist Church in Boulder. The Reverend Julian Rush is homosexual. For one of the few known times the person responsible for the removal was not acting from his own prejudices, as he had none on the issue, but from forces within the church. There was no way not to carry through the removal.

Good News, a UMC organization, brought charges against the Bishop for his non-support of the church in the issue, charging him with disseminating false doctrine. The charges led to Los Angeles where the Bishop faced charges of heresy. He was found not guilty in May, 1982. Not guilty of committing a crime. The charged crime was his belief that all men are created equal. In fall, 1982 the highest authority of the United Methodist Church, the Judicial Council, found the Bishop to be right in his opinion that the United Methodist Church in America can appoint and ordain gay men and lesbians to their pulpits. This placed on record the official voice of the second largest denomination in the country, 9.7 million strong, that there are within its organization no restrictions against being a homosexual.

And there was an event in Arizona in May which the editors, Don Pintacura and Bob de Brecht saw as a matter of great importance for all states. It was titled "Governor Babbitt Vetoed Public Nuisance Bill, Gay community Responsible for Phone Network".

"For possibly the first time in Arizona a grassroots communications network from the gay community has had a major role in defeating a House and Senate Bill which affected gay owned and non-gay owned businesses operating under a 'liberal sphere of ethics,' as deemed by the moralist right 'majority'. Due in greatest part to the efforts of Roland Atkins, Gay Rights Lobbyist, member of the State Democratic Committee, and spokesman for Citizens for Constitutional Rights, a telephone network was set up and in force within hours advising the Governor's office of opposition to a bill which would, if made law, have allowed anyone with \$500 bond and the cooperation of a sympathetic judge to close a business the complainant deemed a 'public nuisance'. The closure would have remained in effect until such time as a hearing was held for determination. Under the weight of full dockets in the courts system, hearings could have been postponed for weeks and possibly months, if not years, according to Mr. Atkins."

The \$500 could have closed theatres for showing "Making Love", "Victor, Victoria", "Personal Best", "Rocky Horror Show", "Taxi Zum Klo", or any other film rated 'R'. It could have closed any bar, bookstore, cardshop only on the basis of the complainant considering it a "nuisance".

"A telephone network was set up among primarily gay businesses and citizens calling friends informing them that a call to the Governor's office indicating opposition to the bill would be recorded and would be considered by him.

The result was that more calls were received by the Governor against the bill than those calls which could be mustered by authors and proponents.

On Thursday at 3:15 P.M., Governor Bruce Babbitt vetoed SB1383. The stated reason was that there were already sufficient regulations on the books concerning "public nuisance" complaints and legal charges resulting from them. This veto was made over the approval of both houses of the Arizona State Legislature. Credit was given the action of those who called in opposition."

Rita's Rendezvous

NOON 'TIL 1 A.M.

RITA & VINNY CICCIERELLI, HOSTS

3455 E. GRANT RD.
TUCSON

(602)
327-3390

PAUL R. CONSALAS
942-8148

NEXT TO MOON VALLEY PLAZA

continued from page 18

No! while Mr. Stein cheerfully stated, "Don't be too surprised, after all the New York Chorus performs their Christmas Concert at Carnegie Hall." What a wonderful thought to ponder for next year.

With the concert behind them, for this Christmas season, the Desert Sky Singers and the Desert Overtures are busily planning their spring affairs. Both organizations have advised me that they will be open for auditions and new members the first week of January. The Desert Overtures rehearse every Wednesday evening at the Alternative Relations Center, and always welcome new members. The next rehearsal will be January 5th at 7:00 P.M. The Desert Sky Singers rehearse every Monday evening at the Metropolitan Community Church and their next rehearsal will be January 10th at 7:00 P.M. The Singers will be holding auditions at this time.

While semi-reluctant to attend, my personal Christmas has a beautiful signature on it this year, and my extreme well wishes are extended to the Desert Sky Singers, the Desert Overtures, and the many friends and families of these organizations who took the time out of their busy holiday schedule to share a little spirit on this Sunday afternoon. Once again you have proven what a wonderful community we have and how happy we should all be to live here.

MODERN WORLD
adult books

1812 E.
APACHE TRAIL
TEMPE, AZ 987-9052
SUPER LINE OF
AROMAS • NOVELTIES
FILMS • BOOKS
MAGAZINES
9 AM TO MIDNIGHT
7 DAYS A WEEK

NEW VIDEO ARCADE

McCLINTOCK

APACHE

CLASSIFIED ADS

P.O. BOX 32575
PHOENIX, AZ 85064

RATE: \$.25 per word or \$4.00, whichever is greater.
Must be prepaid and received with copy no later than one week prior to desired publication date. 5% Sales Tax MUST be included with payment. We reserve the right to edit or reject any ad submitted. CLASSIFIED ADS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OVER THE TELEPHONE.

FOR RENT

LARGE STUDIOS, new pool, carpets and drapes in Gay downtown complex. Furn. \$225.00. Unfurn. \$215.00. Call 253-9123. Phoenix.

ROOMMATE(S) WANTED, 4 Bdr., 3 Bath house. 40th St. & Campbell area. Pool, access to piano & HBO. Call 957-7316. Phoenix.

FOR RENT, Spacious, unfurn. 2 BDR, 2 Bath Apt. Newly renovated, centrally located. Must see. Quiet complex. \$395.00 mo. lease. 954-6023. Phoenix.

FOR RENT, Large unfurn. 1 BDR. Apt. Newly renovated. Centrally located. \$275.00 mo. lease. 954-6023. Phoenix.

SHARE 3 Bdr. home near 30th St. & Osborn, Phoenix. \$200.00 mo. Ho me privileges. Call Jack, 956-3444.

FOR SALE

ANTIQUE OAK REPRODUCTION POOL TABLE. Like new. Solid slate top, red felt. Que balls, que sticks and rack included. \$850.00 Call 277-9793. Phoenix.

HELP WANTED

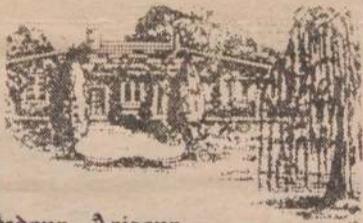
Motel has positions available immediately for short, muscular, young men. Maintenance, cooking, cleaning, rubdowns. Live-in, Board, Salary. Call Gary, 1-466-7804.

WAU

Wes Austin
photographer

248-9313

a turn of the century
Guest Ranch House
on Oak Creek

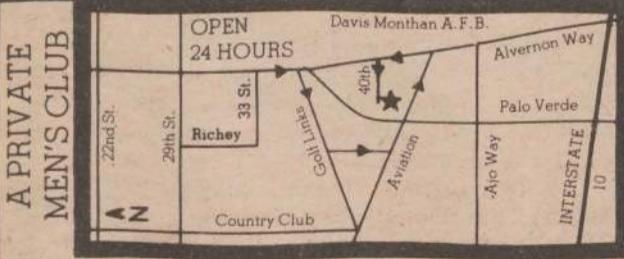


Point Willow
down stream from Sedona, Arizona
Reservations 602-634-6152
Hosts: Jim & Rod

**PARK CENTRAL
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**
a division of BdB Services-Bob de Brecht

TYPING — BOOKKEEPING
NOTARY — COPYING

8:00AM - 5:00PM Monday thru Friday
550 W. Thomas Rd. Suite 237D
274-0405



THE STABLES
748-0088
RENE-ART
3820 E. 40TH ST.
TUCSON, ARIZONA



**Cactus
Chem-Dry®
Inc.**

15414 N. 19th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85023
(602) 242-5791

JOB WANTED, all offers considered. 22 years old, dependable with transportation. Respond to The Western Express - Job Wanted, P.O. Box 32575, Phoenix, AZ 85064-2575.

SERVICES

BARTENDER, waiter - experienced, professional. Available for private parties. Call 279-0452. Phoenix.

PREFERRED ESCORTS! Nationally accepted, "Outstanding in every way!" After THREE years, bigger and better than ever! 258-3336. Temporarily interviewing outstanding applicants.

GAY ROOMMATE SERVICE. Looking for a place to live? Have gays with homes and apartments wanting to share with you. All ages. Rent range \$100.00 - \$200.00. Phoenix and all nearby cities. First, oldest and best service. Call 938-3932, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Low fee.

STAN'S CARPET CARE. Installation and repair. Reasonable rates. Call 274-0872. Phoenix.

PERSONALS

GWM needs friends desperately in Pinetop-Lakeside area. If you live here or plan to visit, PLEASE say hello! P.O. Box 1498, Lakeside, AZ. 85929.

TOPMAN looking for young (20-35) bottomman for B/D - S/M leather scene. P.O. Box 26754, Phoenix, AZ 85068.

NOTICES

MONDAY NIGHTS in December - there can be a time to share and enjoy meeting new people and making new friends. The ARC discussion group meets at 7:30 P.M. and is open to all. On 12/13, the group will look at Family Religion vs. Gay Offspring; 12/20 we will be discussing resolving personal religious conflicts; 12/27 we will have a pot luck dinner and celebrate the end of the year. Hope you will join us too. That's Monday nights at ARC, 7:30 P.M.

THE PHOENIX CHAPTER of the Gay Parents Group meets the third Saturday of every month at 7 P.M. at Casa de Cristo, 1029 E. Turney, Phoenix. Meetings are open to everyone, but especially geared to gay parents, their spouses and children. Social activities are also planned periodically. For more information concerning this group call 265-2831.

THE PHOENIX CHAPTER of the Gay Parents Group will have as their guest (Saturday, January 15) Ms. Allison Quattrochi, a local attorney. Ms. Quattrochi will be speaking on "Live-in agreements: Pros and Cons" and "Mediating a Break Up". Meetings are open to everyone, but are especially geared to gay parents, their spouses and children. The group meets the third Saturday of every month at 7:00 P.M. as Casa de Cristo - MCC, 1029 E. Turney, Phoenix. For further information call 265-2831.

Casa de Cristo schedule of services:
Thursday, Dec. 23, 7:00 P.M. - Christmas Caroling
Friday, Dec. 24, 11:00 P.M. - Christmas Eve Candelight Service.
Sunday, Dec. 26, 9:30 A.M. - Bible Hour; 10:45 A.M. - Celebration; 6:30 P.M. - Membership Class; 7:30 P.M. - Christmas Play.
Friday, Dec. 31, 8:30 P.M. - Coffee House; 11:15 P.M. - New Year's Eve Service.

SINGLES LESBIAN GROUP meets every Wed. night from 6 P.M. - 8 P.M. One individual meeting with therapist \$40.00. Group session \$10.00 per meeting. Call Donna Lee, 254-4249. Phoenix.

OASIS METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH - SUNDAY SERVICES
Phoenix - 10:30 A.M., ARC 26th St. and Clarendon.
Tempe - 6 P.M. ASU - Danforth Chapel.
For information call 956-2797.

Arizona Gay Youth (Lesbians and Gays under 21) meet every Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. in Phoenix, for discussion, pool, piano and recreation. Call ARC Hotline for directions and more information, 7 P.M. to 11 P.M. at 274-0927.

DIGNITY & OASIS invite the rest of the family to celebrate Christmas Eve Candelight Service with us at ARC, Dec. 24, 8:30 P.M. During service an offering will be received of canned goods for St. Mary's Food Bank and money offered will be divided between St. Mary's Food Bank and ARC. Come and worship with us and share cookies and coffee afterwards.

R. Hegyi

5150 North 7th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85014

602 • 277 • 1929



artwork • antiques • cards • collectable

Ronald A. Peterson Ph. D.
Psychologist

Services:

- Developing Positive Gay Lifestyle
- Gay & Lesbian Relationships
- Men's Relationship Group
- Transexual Group

**PARK CENTRAL COUNSELING
& REHABILITATION SERVICES**

550 W. Thomas Rd. Suite 237-D 274-0327



complete creative
service from start
to finish

bob bolton
2811 n. 7th ave phx 85007

PHOENIX PHOTO Service, Inc.
KODACOLOR and BLACK & WHITE
QUALITY PROCESSING SINCE 1956
QUALITY CUSTOM ENLARGEMENTS
35 MM OUR SPECIALTY
BRUCE GEIST
PLANT MANAGER
LAB TECHNICIAN
PHOTOGRAPHER

Colonnade Mall

265-1818

DR. PETER A. WALTER
Optometrist

1809-B E. Camelback Road

Phoenix, Arizona 85016

The Graduate

23 W. University, Tucson, AZ
1602) 622-9233

open 11am mon. - sat.
noon sundays

Your Hosts, Ron & Joe

HUMAN ENHANCEMENT PROFESSIONALS

Donna J. Lee, ACSW
Clinical Social Worker

1515 North 11th Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

(602) 254-4249

HOTBOD'S DESERT DANCE PALACE



HOT EVENTS

Join Us For Our
**NEW YEARS BALLOON
EXTRAVAGANZA**

WITH PARTY FAVORS

Come Party With Us!

**AFTER HOURS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
SATURDAY, JANUARY 1**

**HOTBOD'S
35th ST & McDOWELL
OPEN 7PM / 7NITES**