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## Two Murders Shock Tucson Gay Community



TUCSON - The Tucson Gay community was shocked by two murders that have taken place here in just over a month.

On November 10, Robert Meyers was found murdered in his apartment in Northwest Tucson. The victim was last seen alive leaving "Adult Expectations Bookstore" at Stone and Grant Roads around midnight, Friday, November 9. He was observed leaving with the man depicted in the above composite.

The subject, depicted in this composite is sought at this time only as an investigative lead. He is described as a white male, 23 to 26 years of age, approximately 5'9", 145 pounds, light blonde hair. He has a fair complexion and is described as feminine.

88-CRIME is offering rewards up to \$2,500 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the murderer. If you recognize this individual, please call the Pima County Sheriff's Department, Homicide Detail at 882-2808 or 622-3366 or 88-CRIME.

The second homicide was discovered

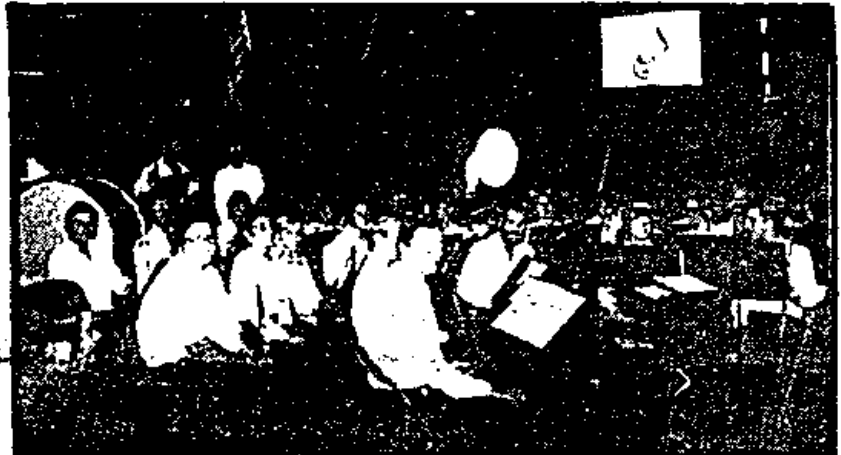
on Tuesday, December 11 when the body of Bruce Johnson was found in his westside townhouse. Johnson was apparently stabbed to death, police said. Johnson 59, was a court reporter for the Pima County Superior Court. When Johnson did not report at work for two days, a friend went to the home and entered through an unlocked sliding glass door in the bedroom. He found Johnson lying on the living room floor. There was no evidence of a struggle or a ransacking of the home. Police were searching for Johnson's maroon 1978 Peugeot automobile. The car was not found at the house, and police speculated that Johnson's killer might have taken the car.

Memorial services were held Saturday, December 15 for Bruce Johnson. The services were arranged by the Tucson chapter of Dignity. Over 150 of Bruce's friends and co-workers attended the moving services. Interment will take place in Eugene Oregon.

## Desert Overture In Tucson Appearance



Desert Overture in concert at Tramps.



In concert at Rita's Rendezvous.



Selected by a drawing, Blanche won the chance to be a real orchestra leader.



Encore, Encore!!!

## NGTF Meets With HHS Secretary Heckler

WASHINGTON, DC - Representatives of the National Gay Task Force, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, and the FARO AIDS Action Council met with the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Margaret Heckler to express their concern that the Public Health Service's policy of access and communication with the Gay/Lesbian community would continue after the departure of Assistant Secretary for Health, Edward N. Brandt, Jr. The historic meeting, held in Washington at the request of NGTF, represented the first time a federal cabinet official has met with the Lesbian/Gay community.

"This is part of our ongoing dialogue with HHS on AIDS and other health care concerns of our community," NGTF Executive Director Virginia M. Apuzzo commented. "We have brought issues relating to AIDS such as funding, confidentiality, HTLV-III testing, health care costs, Social Security benefits, and public education to all the relevant agencies within HHS - the Public Health Service, the Social

Security Administration and the Health Care Financing Administration. A meeting with the Secretary was a logical extension of this process."

"While a spectrum of issues was discussed," Apuzzo said, "one of the most significant was Secretary Heckler's assurance that Dr. Brandt's accessibility and commitment to working with the Gay/Lesbian community on the AIDS crisis reflected her attitude as well. She made clear that whoever is chosen to be the next Assistant Secretary for Health will be expected to continue that working relationship."



TUCSON - Desert Overture, the Phoenix-based band made a recent appearance in Tucson, at Tramps and at Rita's Rendezvous. The main purpose of the tour was to raise funds for new uniforms, and to hopefully generate some interest in Tucson, for a group of this type, to be formed.

Desert Overture is now in its third season and has a current roster of 40 member musicians. The band is

already in preparation for a joint performance, to be done with the Las Vegas mixed chorus, at the Phoenix Little Theater, on March 23.

Hats off to the two Tucson bars which hosted the performances and helped the band raise almost \$350 for the uniforms. There is a good possibility this will become an annual event for Desert Overture.

**B R I E F S**

**WOMEN HELPING WOMEN  
PROGRAM EXPANDS**

TUCSON - The women Helping Women program of the YWCA has become a point of help to the women of Tucson to such an extent that in order to meet the constant and increasing demand for counseling, "Y" officials have found it necessary to increase sessions to every Monday evening beginning in January. Formerly these sessions were held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

These are 30-minute individual sessions of counseling in the areas of legal, financial and career problems. Appointments are available from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. every Monday night at the City Center YWCA, 738 North Fifth Avenue.

Practicing attorneys and accredited counselors give of their time and expertise to help women needing advice legally, financially or careerwise. For an appointment, call 884-7810, Winnifred Wallace. Donation required: Legal \$10, Financial and Career \$5.

**LOS ANGELES DJ  
APPEARS AT TRAMPS**

TUCSON - Johnny Eckhardt who was voted best all-around disc jockey in Los Angeles for 1983 and who is featured at The Probe in Los Angeles, will begin a two week stint in Tucson at Tramps beginning December 20. For some hot L.A. sounds drop on by and say hi.

**GAYS AND  
CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS UNITE  
AGAINST ARCHDIOCESE**

NEW YORK, NY - The New York Roman Catholic Archdiocese's shocking challenge to the provisions of Mayor Edward Koch's Executive Order 50 (barring discrimination because of race, creed, age, sex, or handicap) has occasioned an unprecedented coalition effort between Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a national advocate for Gay legal rights and a host of mainstream civil rights organizations.

The Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, The NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, New York Civil Liberties Union, and the Center for Constitutional Rights have joined with Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in support of the constitutionality of Executive Order 50, including its provision that sexual orientation cannot be the basis of discrimination. The groups filed an amicus curiae brief, and are working with the City's Bureau of Labor Services as the case proceeds.

"Ironically this litigation has afforded us the opportunity to do something we've wanted to do for a very long time - strengthen our ties with other minority groups in New York City by working on coalition efforts," commented Abby Rubinfeld, Managing Attorney for Lambda. "This case reflects what we've been saying is true all along. Namely that civil rights for Gay men and Lesbians are indistinguishable from civil rights struggle of racial minorities, women, the aged, the disabled. We're all in this together."

**AIDS PROJECT**

**EXPECTING DOUBLE CASE LOAD**

LOS ANGELES, CA - The AIDS Project Los Angeles (which serves 60% of all AIDS cases in Los Angeles County) has been seeing an average of 30 new clients each month. This number is up from an average of 17 new clients in the first six months of 1984. It is expected that the number of cases will continue to rise.

AIDS Project Los Angeles has been preparing for an increase in case loads for the past few months in order to accommodate such growth. The services provided by APLA include psychological counseling, food, shelter, transportation, home assistance, advocacy for persons with AIDS, legal assistance, financial and insurance counseling and recreational activities.

The Los Angeles County Department of Health has just released statistics for new diagnoses of AIDS in Los Angeles County for the month of October. The new cases reported in October numbered 59, which represents a doubling of cases over the month of September.

**CRACKPOT PSYCHOLOGIST OUSTED**

WASHINGTON, DC (GON) - Arch homophobe and crackpot psychologist Paul Cameron of Lincoln, Nebraska has been dropped from the membership of the American Psychological Association (APA), according to the Washington Blade. The APA expelled Cameron "for a violation of the Preamble to the Ethical Principles of Psychologists." Cameron's expulsion was noted on the organization's dues notices, sent to the group's 60,000 members.

Although a spokesperson for the APA would not disclose the specific charges against Cameron, Gay rights activists in his hometown of Lincoln said six faculty members of the University of Nebraska filed a complaint against Cameron before the APA in January, 1982. They charged Cameron with "gross distortion and misrepresentation of scientific literature in public statements made in opposition to a Lincoln Gay rights ordinance in 1982. The ordinance was defeated.

Cameron likened homosexuality to "a dog's taste for blood after killing its first victim"; he claims that 33 to 45 percent of child molestation involves homosexual contact; and he said that any person caught engaging in Gay sex should be jailed "until they can be certified to be free from any communicable diseases."

**SANITIZED BATHS REOPEN  
IN BAY AREA**

by Christine Gullfay  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GON) - A decision has been handed down by Superior Court Judge Roy Wonder, lifting the temporary injunction which closed the baths and other commercial sex establishments on October 15. In his November 28 order, Wonder said the establishments may reopen under the following conditions:  
1. Private rooms cannot be rented or operated without a hotel license;  
2. Doors must be removed from private rooms and booths;  
3. There must be at least one employee whose only job it is to observe sexual activity on premises.  
4. Employees must patrol the establishment every ten minutes to

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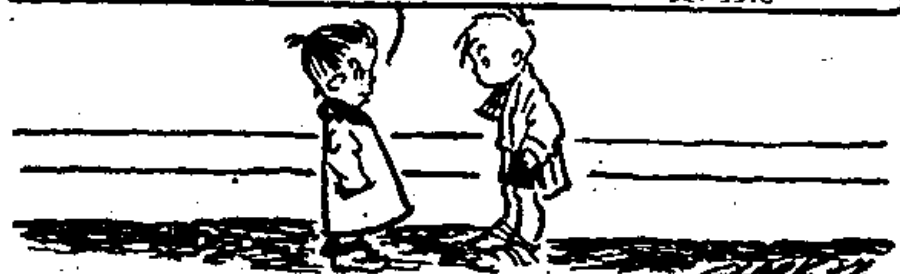
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### Tucson Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee

Jack Stockstager, Co-Chairperson

## Little Holiday Cheer

Alcoholism is the biggest health problem after heart disease and cancer in the United States. Alcoholism decreases the life span 10-12 years. The drug is involved in approximately 30,000 deaths and one-half million injuries in auto accidents yearly. In one form or another, it has an impact upon nearly every family in America.

Alcoholism is a disease consisting of two phases: problem drinking and alcohol addiction. Problem drinking is the repetitive use of alcohol, often to alleviate tension or solve other emotional problems. Alcohol addiction is a true addiction similar to that which occurs following the repeated use of street drugs, sleeping pills or similar drugs. With alcoholism, dependence on other drugs such as barbiturates, sedatives or tranquilizers is very common. It may occur in an attempt to control the anxiety generated by heavy alcohol abuse or in the mistaken belief that control by other pharmacologic agents will stop the alcohol abuse.

The signs of alcoholic intoxication are the same as those of overdose with any other CNS depressant: drowsiness, gross mistakes, loss of inhibitions, slurred speech, staggering and rapid eye movements. In severe cases, overdosage is marked by respiratory depression, stupor, shock, coma and death. Serious overdoses are frequently due to a combination of alcohol with sedatives.

One person may be an alcoholic on as little as one drink per day while another may not be a true alcoholic, even though he might consume three or four alcoholic beverages.

"Holiday Heart" is a very irregular heart beat which may develop during periods of excessive drinking as may occur during the holidays. The treatment of course is to discontinue alcohol and coffee immediately. If this doesn't stop the irregular heart beat, see your physician.

Other serious problems from alcohol may be pancreatitis (often quickly fatal), cirrhosis of the liver, atrophy of the testicles with feminization of men and the loss of the sexual functioning. Also, severe bleeding from the nose, esophagus or other areas due to failure of the blood

to clot properly and varicosities of major areas of the body may occur.

If you are concerned about your daily drinking, try abstinence from all alcoholic beverages for two weeks and see how you feel. Take vitamin B complex daily and eat three nutritious meals per day. If this is too difficult, then limit your drinking to every third day.

Alcohol "washes" soluble vitamins from the digestive tract, so that the person actually becomes vitamin deficient. This contributes insiduously to the developing ill health of the persons so that he or she does not recognize the cause of the fatigue, headaches, stomach upset or other vague problems.

The chemical is detoxified by the liver, but in so doing, kills off liver cells. If more cells are destroyed daily than are regenerated, the liver gradually suffers damage.

In addition, alcohol also kills brain cells and nerve cells. This damage is usually permanent and irreversible and may end in chronic brain syndrome such as the burned-out alcoholic.

There are many signs of alcoholism. If you arise in the morning craving a drink, you are alcoholic. If you depend upon a drink periodically during the day to relax and settle your nerves, you are probably developing an alcohol dependency.

Recognizing alcoholism in one's self is the first and most important step towards correcting this disease. Once this is done, counseling has proven to be the very best form of treatment, whether it be Alcoholics Anonymous, social agencies, religious counseling or other methods. A great boost is given by having the spouse or significant other join Alanon and any children aged 12-20 join Alateen.

As we enter into this time of the year, we should all enjoy a joyous Holiday Season by remaining well in mind, body and spirit.

For information on Tucson Alcoholics Anonymous call the A.A. Hotline 624-4182. This line is open 24-hours-a-day for information on Gay and Lesbian meetings.

The final 1984 meeting for our committee, held December 10 at the Fineline, proved to be very productive and significant. A case of employment discrimination was reported by Dan Chamberlain, currently a bartender at the Back Pocket and his previous supervisor Jacques Bozle. Both worked for Husky Industrial Maintenance located at 3501 E. Kleindale Road. Just outside the city limits. Dan was fired after the owner discovered that he is Gay. Jacques was also fired shortly thereafter. Jacques is not Gay but was supportive of Dan. After hearing the facts, the Committee voted to actively boycott this business and a subcommittee was appointed to develop a plan of action. The boycott activities will be widely publicized so that other businesses in the county can take notice that the Lesbian and Gay community will not tolerate such discrimination. Please watch this column for further details as your involvement and support will be needed.

On Wednesday, Jan. 9, from 7 to 10 p.m. we will have another Lesbian and Gay Skate Night at Rollers Fun Center. Tickets will be on sale in advance for \$3.75 including skate rental. Contests with prizes will be held that night for speed skating, backward skating and couple skating.

Acting as the Police Liaison since early November, I have unfortunately been very busy and am indeed very concerned since mid-November there have been two Gay men murdered, a TLGFC member shot at and hit with a BB pellet while entering the Fineline for a meeting, two men were told they could be arrested for kissing at JT's parking lot, two women physically assaulted in front of the Fineline, Derrick physically attacked outside the Fineline and a police officer this past Saturday at the Fineline saying there is a new law that people must be out of the parking lot by 1:15 a.m. These problems are actively being addressed. In the meantime, we must band together as a community to protect and support each other. I need your ideas and support to make changes. Please attend TLGFC meetings and get involved so that we can make a difference. Make it a New Year's resolution to join the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee.

TLGFC will be celebrating its first anniversary in January. 1984 has been a very busy and successful year and 1985 will be even more exciting. On January 14, 1985 at 6:30 at the Fineline, we will hold our corporation meeting. Proposed changes to the By Laws will be heard and also there will be an election of officers. Our celebration party will be held

### WEST HOLLYWOOD COUNCIL BEGINS ITS WORK

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA - In a quiet meeting room at the sheriff's station Monday night, the West Hollywood City Council began putting together the first city staff.

In contrast to its first meeting last Thursday, when a packed auditorium cheered a rent rollback and a Gay Rights Ordinance, Monday's Council session focused on the nuts and bolts of local government.

Six people will be hired immediately to handle clerical work and to answer questions about the rent rollback and a building freeze approved last week by the City Council.

Three of the five-member City Council are openly Gay people who were elected in the November election.

### MAN REFUSED COLLEGE DEGREE BECAUSE OF "HOMOSEXUALITY"

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - A private Christian college in southern Illinois has refused a man the bachelors degree he earned based on unspecified charges of homosexuality.

Greg Johnson, now a resident of Chicago, completed all the academic requirements for graduation in May, 1981. When a fellow student told the Dean that Johnson was Gay, the college withheld his diploma. The National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), the San Francisco-based public interest law firm, has sued the college to compel it to issue Johnson his degree.

Leonard Graff, NGRA Legal Director, said: "The school has offered no legal rationale for their action. In fact, they have none. We're suing them for breach of contract and money damages as well as demanding the issuance of Greg's diploma."



# DEAR BLABBY.....

DEAR BLABBY:

On Thursday, Dec. 13, I attended the Ho...Ho...He...He...benefit show for the Observer. I enjoyed the entire evening of entertainment. To be able to watch Bette, Marlene, Lisa, Carol and David Bowie in one sitting was incredible. But to be treated to several live numbers as well as an extra added treat.

There was only one drawback of the evening, which was no fault of the entertainers, production crew or waiters. During a live duet there were 2 women (and I use the term loosely) sitting in the front row who talked, laughed, shouted, etc. through the majority of the song. It was very disturbing to the rest of the audience and to the entertainers themselves. Only when the male singer sang his part of the duet right to them and a concerned member of the audience went to their table and told them to shut up did they finally get the hint.

My question to you is - How can people be so rude and inconsiderate to do this?

Signed Sick of Tactless People.

Dear Sick-

The people you speak of are the very same people who keep your basic run of the mill "drag shows" on the boards (or is it bored's). They also spend afternoons watching educational programs such as "Scooby Doo, Where Are You?"

B.

DEAR BLABBY:

The strangest thing happened to me the other night. I was sitting in one of the local taverns having a drink and out of the clear blue this man came up to me and began talking. He was tall,

muscles everywhere, somewhat hairy and basically very handsome. What he said was shocking! He said he was looking for some action, that he was strictly a top man, names weren't important, and if I wanted some hot, rough sex, to call him. With that he handed me his phone number and left. I was freaked. How forward! Now I'm sitting here with this phone number wondering what to do with it. Any suggestions?

signed Stunned Over The Stud

Dear Stunned-

One suggestion. Who needs a man like that. Put the phone number in an envelope and mail it to Dear Blabby & Observer as soon as possible!

B.

### SUN COUNTRY FUNDRAISER

TUCSON - The Sun Country Leather Club Fundraiser held at Tramps during the Fourth Avenue Street Fair grossed \$241.36 toward the club's Christmas fund. The money will be used, along with funds raised at the coming Christmas Party at Tramps on Dec. 23 to help a Gay Tucson family have a happy holiday.

The Christmas Party at Tramps on Sunday, Dec. 23 will begin at 8:00 p.m. \$1.00 donation will be requested at the door for which you will get your first drink free. The dollar will go to the Christmas family. Bring an unwrapped toy for a girl (7) or a boy (9).

Aviva Diamond and special guests will be spreading holiday cheer beginning at 9:00 p.m. The Sun Country Leather Club wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed with special thanks to the staff and management at Tramps for letting us use their popcorn machine.

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# SPORTS REPORT

TEAM STANDING  
COMMUNITY MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE  
AS OF DECEMBER 10, 1984

WE GOT BORNED	40	12	.769	--
JOSHUA TREE	32	20	.615	8
BACK POCKET	31.5	20.5	.608	8.5
QUITTER TRAMPS 1	31	21	.598	9
SPEEDWAY HOOKS	29	23	.558	11
SUPER TRAMPS	27.5	24.5	.529	12.5
H.O.T.	28	26	.509	14
NIGHT BLOOMING SERIOUS	25	27	.481	15
CLEAN-UP ARTISTS	24	28	.452	16
COLETTE'S KILLER BEES	20.5	31.5	.384	19.5
FUN FLOWERS	18.5	33.5	.356	21.5
TRAMPS	17	35	.327	23
ALLEY...DOGS!	14	34	.292	24

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There are two weeks remaining in the first half of the season. If you would like to join the league, call 293-2515 early evenings except Mondays. The second half begins January 14, 1985. \$5.75 per night plus sanctioning.

COMMUNITY MIXED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE  
TOURNAMENT - LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP  
FINAL PLAYOFF - TOURNAMENT RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

THE FINELINE "SCHNITZELS" FOR WINNING THE DOUBLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT.

THE JOSHUA TREE "MEN AT PLAY" FOR WINNING SECOND PLACE IN THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE BACK POCKET "PICKERS" FOR WRAPPING UP THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Spring season will begin in February. The exact date will appear at a later time in this column and on posters in the bars.

QUIP OF THE WEEK: A blacksmith to his son who was leaving home: "Why the forge be with you".

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## SPECIAL CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19  
COLETTE'S WEST - ANNIVERSARY PARTY. Hawkins and DeLear direct from St. Louis playing starting at 9 p.m. Drink specials all day long.  
FINELINE - WEEKLONG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - \$1.00 domestic bottle beer, well drinks and wine from opening to 1 a.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20  
FINELINE - WEEKLONG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - \$1.00 domestic bottle beer, well drinks and wine from opening to 1 a.m.  
JOSHUA TREE - Annual Hayride to Winterhaven. Leaves Back Pocket 7:30 p.m. picks up riders at each bar and returns to Back Pocket after viewing the Christmas decorations.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21  
FINELINE - WEEKLONG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - \$1.00 domestic bottle beer, well drinks and wine from opening to 1 a.m.  
TRAMPS - JOHNNY EDWARDS direct from the Probe in Los Angeles begins two week guest appearance in DJ booth.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22  
FINELINE - WEEKLONG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - \$1.00 domestic bottle beer, well drinks and wine from opening to 1 a.m. In the BFR: "The Rhinestone Revue" starring Richard Bell, Bubbles, The Rhinestone Queen, Carole Merten with guest appearance by Jessica Caplan. Showtime 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23  
FINELINE - WEEKLONG ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - \$1.00 domestic bottle beer, well drinks and wine from opening to 1 a.m. "The Rhinestone Revue" in the BFR. See Dec. 22 for details. Showtime 9:30 p.m.  
TRAMPS - SUN COUNTRY LEATHER CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY 8 p.m. Bring your canned goods and donations for a needy Tucson Gay family.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY)  
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - CHRISTMAS DINNER. Sponsored by Rita's and Tucson Knight Owls. Trays served at 3, 5 and 7 p.m.

**Only The Shadow Knows**  
...Where doe's Colette take naps?... It's the most "comfortable" seat in the house.  
...When are you going to learn to play Black Jack, Co Co?  
...Thursday at Rita's, Well bourbon and Rum was .75 -- Bucky was free.  
...Does anyone know how many quarters Graduate Tom stuck in the poker game at the Back Pocket??  
...Then remembered going to Colette's and the B/P on Friday but doesn't remember going back to Rita's and shucking and eating a dozen oysters.  
...While Rita was trying to down a deep throat shot at Colette's, she was heard to say that Vinnie was never that big.  
...And who was that bartender at the Back Pocket who got "snowed" when he received an order for 14 drinks at one time?  
...Then there was Mac, who nobody knew until a few month's ago!!!  
...Bob E. must have helped trim the tree at Rita's cause there were a few Coors bottles hanging in there.

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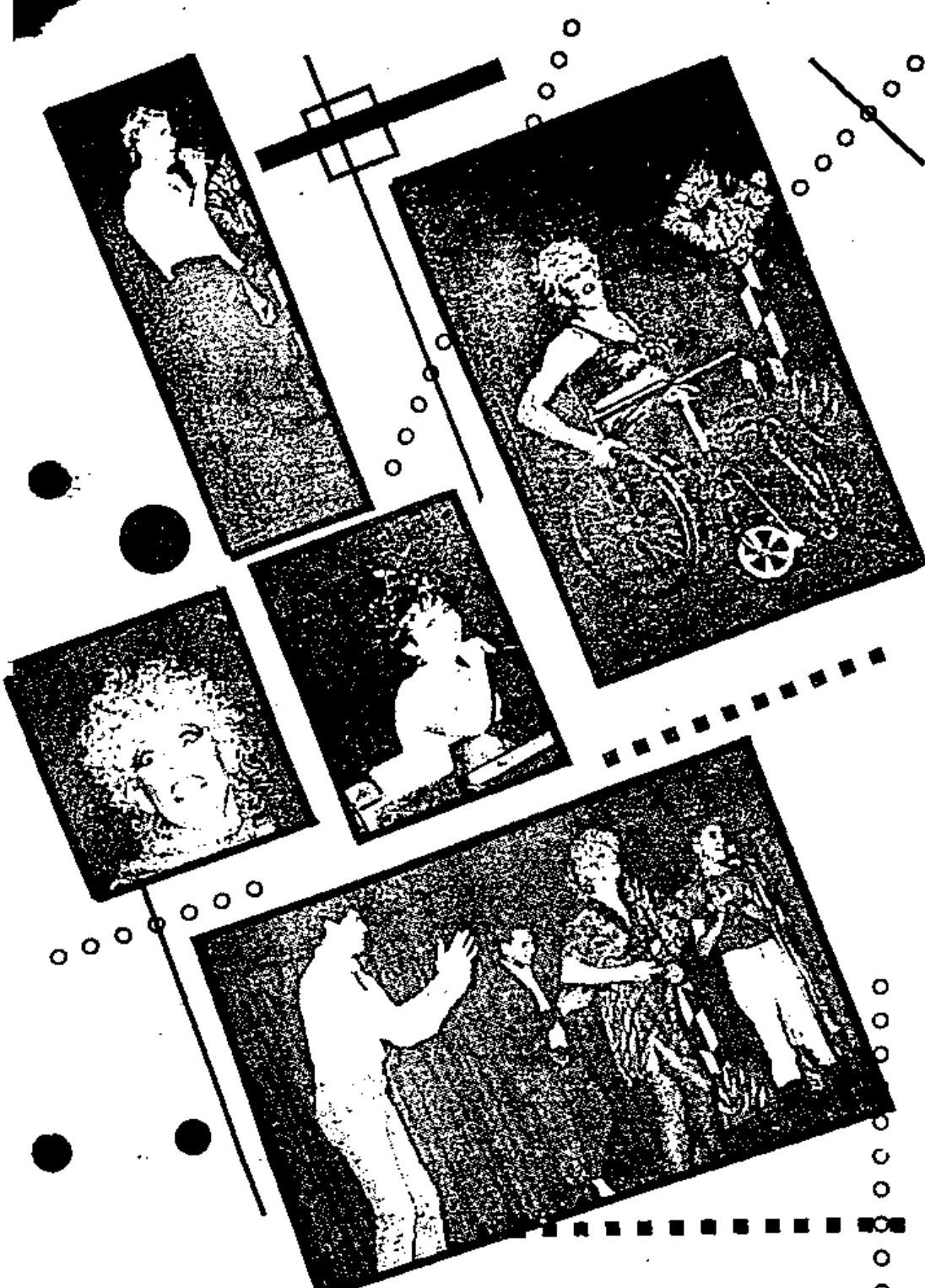
**THE TUCSON CALENDAR**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust 9-11. All you can drink \$2. 11 p.m. - 1 a.m. .35 a glass of draft.  
COLETTE'S WEST - Well Liquor .65 - 9 to Midnight.  
FINELINE - Tall Neck Bottle Beer Night .75 - "Dynasty" on big screen TV in BFR.  
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.  
RITA'S - "Dynasty Nite" on big screen TV. Alexis Champagne Cocktail .50 from 8 to 10 p.m. Well Shots .75  
TRAMPS - Square Dancing with Tucson's T-Squares and country and western music with DJ Linda Fizzle.  
**THURSDAY**  
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bottle Beer Night .90 domestic 9:00 - 1:00 a.m. "ARIZONA GAY" television show on TV at 7:30 p.m.  
COLETTE'S WEST - Draft Beer Bust 9 p.m. - Midnight \$2.00.  
FINELINE - Shots of Schnapps .75 -  
RITA'S - Well Shots and Domestic Beer .75, Well Drinks \$1.00 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Kitchen open for lunches 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**FRIDAY**  
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shots of Schnapps .75.  
GRADUATE - Watermelon Shots .75 - 9 p.m. - Midnight.  
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**SATURDAY**  
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Shots of Schnapps .75  
COLETTE'S WEST - Free Pool from Noon to 4 p.m.  
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Kitchen open for lunch 11 a.m. 3 p.m. Beer Bust 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. \$1.50  
TRAMPS - Saturday morning with Daddy David begins at 6 a.m.  
**SUNDAY**  
BACK POCKET - Beer Bust 4 to 6 p.m. All the draft you can drink for \$2.00. 6 to 9 p.m. Beer, wine and well \$1.00. 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Disco. Steak Dinner 4 to 8 p.m. \$3.00.  
COLETTE'S WEST - Sunday Sick Call - All Juice Drinks \$1.00 Happy Hour Prices 4 - 9 p.m.  
RITA'S RENDEZVOUS - Sunday Brunch Noon to 3 p.m. Bar-b-que Dinners served 5 to 9 p.m.  
TRAMPS - BEER BUST 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. All the draft beer you can drink \$2.00 \$500 cash "Grab Bag". Drawing begins at 11 p.m.  
**MONDAY**  
BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Bowlers Special Night. 1/2 price drinks to Monday night bowlers.  
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# Successful Observer Benefit



TUCSON - A full house in the BFR at the Fineline last Thursday, December 13 attested to the success of the benefit for the Observer. Phil Clark headed a stellar cast that pleased the audience with their energy, talents and humor. Clark, as usual, was the fast-paced Bette Midler running the gamut of an endless supply of Midler material.

Monte-Jon Gilmer entertained with several cameo roles of Liza, Marlene Dietrich, Carol Channing etc., and finishing the second act with his live interpretation of David Bowie. Also, Monte teamed up with Patty Nichols for an excellent live rendition of "One Less Bell To Answer/A House Is Not A Home". Rounding out the list of talent was the premier appearance by the Fineline Rappers who broke up the house with their comedic routines.

The benefit grossed approximately \$300 and the Observer would like to thank the performers, the tech crew, Carol, Red and Gary, "R" Productions and the staff and management of the Fineline.

The photos will give the reader some idea of the fun evening at the benefit.

### QUEER BRIGADISTAS

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (GCN) - A Gay and Lesbian work brigade to Nicaragua is being organized for January-February 1985, according to "Coming Up".

Members of Lesbians and Gays Against Intervention (LAGAI) have initiated organizing the brigade. They plan that a construction brigade of 100 Gay men and Lesbians will go to Nicaragua to build a community center and raise Gay visibility, both in the solidarity movement and in Nicaragua.

The trip is scheduled for mid-January/February because the weather is suitable for construction.

Construction experience is not required. Some financial assistance will be available to interested persons who would otherwise be unable to make the trip. Organizers encourage participation by people of color; they

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by Doc

When a person has a deadline to meet, you would think he would get into the habit and meet it. It usually works for others but when it comes to me, I never think of it until deadline time. Anyhow, sorry Bob.

TKO, TALL and SOG had a Christmas party last Saturday night at Bill and Elmer's. The food was great, and as always when you get this bunch together, the laughs were continuous. For the first time my pen was put on hold and I promised all I would not report a thing. Well, Bert, Jimmy, Tommy, Bill, Hopi, Lee and others, you have my present to you this time but look out in the future.

Finally some news from the T-Squares. Starting in January they will begin classes for anyone interested in square dancing. Classes will be held on Wednesday nights at Tramps from 7 to 9 p.m. Anyone interested should contact either Maxine at 747-2875 or Tommy at 323-3527.

This will be a short column this week so Bob can rest up for the new years issue which, for my part, I can guarantee he (Bob) will need space for the club events. At this time I want to wish everyone the happiest Christmas possible and may all your wishes come true.

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**It ain't easy being a nice lesbian**

by Karen Littleton

It's not easy being a nice Gay woman these days. It seems the better I treat women, the worse they treat me. Well, I have had it. Start calling me the Cold Bitch.

There are going to be some changes made. Big changes. No more Ms. Nice Gay.

I've been practicing in front of the mirror. Rolling my eyes. Sighing with boredom. Acting totally blasé.

I poured six bottles of designer colognes down the drain. Too much trouble. If I wear any fragrance at all, from now on it'll be insect repellent - or something practical.

Sex? From now on, I orgasm first, then fall asleep. And I'm learning to kick when someone tries to wake me. No more passionate exhaustion from me... unless it's their birthday or something.

And no more gourmet cooking, either. If I bother to invite a woman to dinner, she better like tuna helper. And she can wash the dishes. And dry them. And she better show up with wine and flowers, or a comparable offering. Otherwise, she can just stand at the door all night. Tough darts.

I'm also giving up gift-giving, too. To think - the old me would drive downtown in rush hour traffic to buy a special soap or a box of Godiva chocolates for a woman... not anymore, pal.

And you can forget me being polite to relatives. I'm learning how to belch. Clean my nails with a salad fork. I'll pinch their daughters on the ass in front of them if I feel so inclined.

While I'm at it, my approach at the bar is going to change too. Tipping? Ha! Not unless they slip me 21-year-old scotch at a happy hour price.

And those uppity disc jockeys had better wise up, too. When I want to hear Grace Jones, I don't mean after

they play some Crystal Gayle crap. I mean now! I'm talking potatoes in exhaust pipes and magnets near the tape decks.

To think I used to wash, iron, scrub, moisturize, shave, powder, spray, shampoo, condition, blow dry and perfume to get ready for a date. But that was then.

From now on, if they want me to get dressed up, I'm having a little card printed up with my sizes and preferences on it. We're talking raw silk and cashmere. Don't try to slip me polyester. Otherwise, I show up at their door wearing a T-shirt with "Bull Dyke with a Grudge" printed on it, front and back.

And they better not try to tell me they don't mess around on the first date either. If they do, I'll ask "How about on the LAST date?"

Nope. I'm not going to be anyone's doormat any more.

In fact, I'd be happy to mention lots of other examples of the new me, but a woman I've been seeing left her lucky vent brush in my car and I've got to give it back to her.

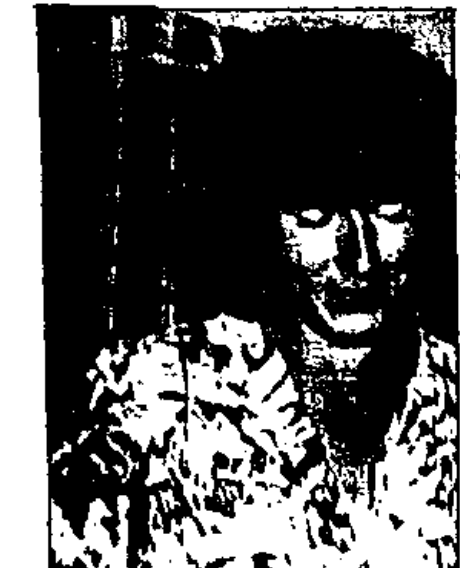
I don't mind the drive - it'll give me a chance to practice being the new, bitchy me. Then she's had it.

(Calendar)

**PHOTO QUIZ.....**



This week we feature another well known face in the Tucson community. He can be seen in our local watering holes quite frequently and his entertainment abilities are very well known. Answer next week.



ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PHOTO QUIZ:

We skipped the Photo Quiz last week without giving the answer to the photo that appeared the week before. That attractive dark-haired young man was Observer staffer Gary Clark. Only his hairdresser knows!

**May I Interject???** by Bob Ulsrud

This is a letter to Joey Genined who wrote to Jason, a young Gay male who had been out only six months. Joey, the first sentence in your letter sums you up to a tee. You are NOT the world's nicest guy!

May I interject and give my answers to his "Joey's 10 rules of Gay life". You noticed that was not upper case letters as it does not really deserve them. Here goes:

1. Gay life is not a movie (William Higgins or otherwise). Kip Knoll will not be sitting in the next bar you go into and thank God! Who needs someone who can only look pretty on screen while he's got a hard on. Isn't it nice to go to a bar and sit and TALK! Who cares what they look like or if you'd jump on their bones in a minute. I've met the movie types in California and if their I.Q. was 47, it was a big deal. TALK Jason; learn from the old timers. You'll be a lot better off.

2. You look wrong. Bullshit!!! Look comfortable! If you are constantly checking yourself in the mirror to see if you look like a page out of G.Q. no one will ever get a chance to know you for fear of musing your hair. Be comfortable in your old 50's and your five-year-old tennies. They look fantastic if what is inside is secure.

3. Be prepared to pay...for the first one. It's a nice opening and if the guy was worth knowing at all, he'll buy the second. You might even be surprised and get the first one bought for you if you look good enough! (See rule #2)

4. Never go home with anyone bigger than you. Too bad you can't trust anyone anymore. Talk to people first and you'll have the good sense to know what's going to happen. Besides, talking increases your circle of friends and somebody is bound to know him. (See rule #1).

5. Make friends - lots of them. Not Make a few GOOD friends. Make lots of acquaintances! Lots and lots and lots. It's amazing how acquaintances can build to friends through the years when dear friends of two years ago...what were their names? Oh well, build friends gradually.

6. All men are bastards! Only if you treat them that way. Enough said about that!


7. Straight people do not like Gay people. Not all! But those who don't are usually homophobes who would just as soon kill you and think they are doing the world a favor. You'll know who they are. Parents are always wishing you hadn't been Gay. But they are your parents. You love them and they love you, no matter what. And believe it or not, they are always there when you need them. Trust them.

8. All hairdressers are killers! There is good in everybody, from the killer hairdresser, to the limp-wristed leatherman, to the old, old queen sitting in a bar, to the barowners trying to make a buck, to the bartenders who pocket a dollar once in a while to the fruit fly to the drag queen to the fag-hag to the.... You get my drift. Look for the good, and you'll find it!

9. Get a good doctor! Once in a while it happens. The only way to completely prevent it, is to become celibate. Is that what you want? You're right hand as a permanent lover? Of course not! So be prepared to take that trip to the clinic sometime in the future. But don't be ashamed. It's worse to spread it around than to take the shots and get on with your life.

10. Find an interesting hobby! Of course! It's the best thing in the world for anyone to do. It does make you a more interesting person.

Do I sound more like Dorothy than anything else? I hope so! If taking a positive step upon coming out is a bad thing to do, then I'm guilty. God dammit! It's so much easier being positive than negative. You can smile at the world. Know you are a great guy and heaven help the frowning negatives, because they'll never get anywhere in this world. Jason, go out and SMILE!!



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In a time when so many voices, like the Moral Majority, are calling for anti-Gay legislation, it is especially important for our voice to be both strong and loud. It is my goal to work with national and local Gay and Lesbian organizations, as well as non-Gay organizations that support us, to create that voice. It is absolutely imperative that all members of the Gay and Lesbian community, our family and friends join with us in working for what is rightfully ours.

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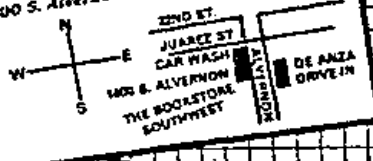
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# Theatre & The Arts

## GAYS IN 1984 MOVIES

Here is a list of films in 1984 that have had Gay characters, situations, and how each film has handled them.

**"BODY ROCK"** - This was a quickly made tale of a young man (Chilly), who overnight, became a dynamic break-dancer, neglecting his true friends in the process. The backer of the club takes Chilly to a leather bar, tries to kiss him, and Chilly decks him.... Chilly's job soon becomes part of yesterday.

**"EVIL THAT MEN DO"** - Charlie Bronson is the hero of the day and in one scene he hides under a bed while the villainess has a Lesbian coupling.

**"PHILADELPHIA EXPERIMENT"** In this good tale of time travel, in one scene, a sailor from 1943 is put into a jail cell in 1984 with a drag queen. He questions her, "Why do you dress like that?"

**"TIGHTROPE"** - Clint Eastwood's latest. In one scene, Clint is propositioned by a young hustler. Hustler: "Want some honey?" Clint: "I don't like sweets."

**"WARRIORS OF THE WASTELAND"** - A gang of Gay marauders capture the hero and the gang leader introduces him to a little anal sex.

**"OXFORD BLUES"** After attempting to attack Rob Lowe's repressed girlfriend, the villain is asked by Rob Lowe, "Why, I thought you didn't even like chicks!"

**"JIGSAW MAN"** - A British agent is a very jealous Gay man and might even kill because of it.

**"REVENGE OF THE NERDS"** - Yes, one of the "Nerds" is Gay.

**"THIS IS SPINAL TAP"** Spinal Tap's road manager calls a difficult hotel clerk, "an old fruit," to which the clerk resorts, "I am as God made me."

**"CAGED WOMEN"** - Italian Emmanuelle film, with a nice exploitable title for the USA. Typical Lesbian stereotypes, and in an adjoining male prison, a Gay man is brutally killed.

**"IMPULSE"** - Two women realize that they're fond of each other in a small town where contaminated milk brings out basic inhibitions.

**"ANGEL"** - According to the police chief, the killer is "sadistic, necrophiliac and a bisexual."

**"HOTEL NEW HAMPSHIRE"** - Jodie Foster's brother admits to her that he's Gay, to which she replies calmly, "I know".

**"ALLEY CAT"** - In this little seen revenge tale, a lady crimefighter is put in a women's prison by a crooked judge. Her cellmate is very fond of her, to say the least.

**"SCRUBBERS"** - Filmed in 1982, this realistic and gutsy tale of life in a women's reformatory in England. Most of the women in the film were Gay, and the issue was treated poignantly and with restraint. The lead character is heartbroken to find out that her lover has ditched her. Very graphic film has some scenes that you'll never forget. It addresses such issues as prison reform, homosexuality, child rearing, and adapting to society after incarceration, and pulls no punches.

## THE EDGE...

by Guy Edgerly

IS ANYBODY OUT THERE?

I have a problem. You can't see me. When I came to Earth, I assumed the humanoid form and dwell amongst you. I studied very carefully to duplicate your better qualities. My programming included rugged good looks, great body, lots of energy, a good moral conviction, honorable, trusting, gentle, sensitive, caring, sensuous, a good dancer, good listener, loving nature and the ability to lead. So programmed, I entered your society and was sent to where I could encounter many of you at one time. Places called bars. What an interesting environment. Earthlings are required to communicate over the deafening sounds of tribal music. Many stand only inches apart and yell into another's ear. But I am learning fast. And what friendly creatures. You all seem to "reach out and touch someone". You must have a short life span. My culture requires a period of time as well as giving permission before such body parts are touched by strangers.

And you laugh a lot. Humans do the funniest things. They seem to be affected by strange liquids. Maybe if I also consumed these liquids, I would not be invisible.

Earthlings ignore me. Sometimes they stare and when I look back, they walk away. Some tell me I am what earth people call handsome and sexy. That must be terrible to be so affected because it scares people away and no one talks to me. Many say I am a great dancer and so no one asks me to dance.

Maybe if I become loud and obnoxious I would be popular. On earth, nice guys finish last. That is a famous saying where I come from. But I am learning.

And earthlings do not like each other for very long. It seems you are not allowed to be together for more than one night. Anyone who risks more than one night ends up very unhappy so you must return to your bar to drink more strange liquids so you may smile and be happy again.

I may look like you but I don't think I want to BE like you. You leave much to be desired. You seem to want peace and harmony, but do not communicate well with your kind. Honesty is not important to earth people for when it is given, it makes you angry. One of our great writers once said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." (I must be careful not to say "Ye" because it gives me away).

You do have a nice planet. Too bad it won't be around much longer. Living here is dangerous to your health. Why don't you just stop killing yourselves. On my planet, it's called suicide and is illegal. But I am learning.

Maybe it's good that I am invisible.

## A View From Within

by Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

### CHRISTMAS IS JUST ANOTHER WORD FOR...

It isn't something that you can point to on the calendar. Not something that you can smell in the air. No change in the sky heralds its arrival, but it is out there, somewhere: you know.

Many of you who know me, know also that I reside during part of the year in a little city called Foster City in California. It is a few miles south of The City, (San Francisco...). Normally, I would have returned back there by now, to begin my traditional holiday festivities.

By tradition, I would have sent my greeting cards out the day after Thanksgiving: They are going out two weeks late. By tradition, I would be running around San Francisco. I would be bundled up and dodging the traffic and people in Union Square, getting gifts and stopping, again (as I have every Christmas since moving to California), and marveling at the mechanized displays in the windows of I. Magnin. The bustle of the crowds catch my attention as I hurry across the street and into the doors of Nelman-Marcus. I try to warm myself inside the front door and look upward. My gaze goes higher and higher to the fabulous stained-glass dome from the old City of Paris department store, five stories up. In front of me, is the massive, ornate Christmas tree.

This is what my Christmas was all about. I shall, however, be spending the holidays here in my second, but native home of Phoenix with my mother and father.

Several weeks back, I was getting antsy to go home. The winter chill was in the air and I wanted to be back there, in California, near the ocean, listening to the wind howling through the trees lining the Pacific Coast Highway. Although these are the happy memories of Christmas for me, I only just today realized what exactly is meant by the word "Christmas".

Christmas is that extra spring in my step when I gift-shop around stores, looking in my own child-like way at the decorations I didn't notice only days ago. Christmas is that tear in my eye when I see a news story about poor people back east who are giving some of what little they have to help starving children in Ethiopia.

Christmas is that glow in another person's eyes when you tell them how nice they look. Christmas is volunteering to take the trash out before your mom asks you to. Christmas is sitting down with a good book and appreciating the quality of education we took for granted when we couldn't

wait for school to let us go on Christmas vacation... Christmas is stopping to help another whose packages are falling onto the ground.

Christmas is looking at the American flag, and realizing how lucky we are to live in America, even with its faults. Christmas is asking your friend to let you drive him home, after he has had too much to drink. Christmas is the excitement in a child's eyes when he sets out cookies and milk for Santa.

Christmas is actually looking forward to the mailman, and the greetings (along with the bills) he will bring. Christmas is telling your lover how much you love him (or her) without wanting a favor in return. Christmas is calling your mom and dad just to say, "I love you".

Christmas is, then, just another word for LOVE. It is just another way to rationalize the good inside all of us struggling to get out. It is one time of year we can openly show our love for our family and friends without feelings of guilt.

My best friends are in California and Texas, and my parents are here in Phoenix. I guess they are pretty well spread around. I love them all and appreciate them. I make it a point to tell them either by phone or letter. I thought Christmas would be a little gloomy this year for me, but when I think of all of them, it really isn't.

I am like everyone else, I think, when I say that I go from January to November not believing those who say, "If everyone just loved everyone else, the world would be perfect." I find it so hard to believe especially with all the prejudice, injustice and discrimination in the world. But when December rolls around, I believe.

I believe that if we all make the effort to show one act of love to another person each day, our own lives would be all the more happy. I remember how good I feel when someone compliments me, so I know they feel good when I compliment them, or do kindness. (And then I feel good too!)

It is that feeling of goodness that Christmas is all about.

I will miss the crash of the waves near the Cliff House, the trill of the wind through Golden State Park, and the fog horns sounding their eerie warning out in the distance near Land's End. But I will get a special thrill when I take Mom and Dad to brunch and tell them, "I love you both, very much. And no, I don't want anything....."

Happy holidays.

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hope the brigade will reflect the diversity of Gay men and Lesbians in this country.

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ascertain if 'unsafe sexual activities' are taking place;

5. Employees must expel patrons engaging in high risk sexual activity;
6. There must be at least one such employee for every twenty patrons.
7. Operators must work to educate patrons about safe sexual practices "including but not limited to that suggested by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation;
8. Violators will be given five days to 'cure' violations or they may be liable to prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.
9. The order must be posted in each room and hallway and will remain in effect until the director of public health declares the AIDS epidemic over.

