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Celebrating the Heart of the City

Tucson, Arizona

# Night Volunteers Needed

munity event Downtown Year's celebration will be a major com-First night, newest, New

and other activities This major non-alcoholic celebration of the New Year critical for the success of this, first ever for Tucson. First Night. volunteers. Volunteers are needed for decorations, button sales, food tainment is in need of through arts and enterpedestrian

event a call to artists and In addition to volun-

or groups that you are a part of wish to
participate in this exciting event please
contact Rhonda R. Counsel or Clarence Boykins at 260 S. Church, Tucson, AZ
85701. You can call (520) 791-2601, or Fax (520) 791-5572.
There is an application form for artists as well as an application form to be a
volunteer Please consider being involved in this event. First Night promises to
become a major celebration for Tucson and will culminate in the dropping of a
40 foot Sahuaro from the top of one of Downtown's tallest buildings to signal the
beginning of 1997!

# Holiday Parade November 29

By Dave Chandler

long family event includes a Peace Tree Lighting and Police Department Open House along with the return of the fabulous Holiday Parade.

The Downtown area will be bustling all day long with shopping, caroling, float building at the Children's Museum, a Channel 13 Live news broadcast and Please join us on November 29th for the Holiday Parade. This year's day

The Holiday Parade starts at 6:00 p.m. the Children's Museum and

,

weaves its way through the Downtown holiday lights to the main library for the 7:00 p.m. tree lighting ceremonies.

This Year's theme is "Peace on Earth" with an emphasis on appreciating other cultures. Over 100 entries are expected. Parade entries are still welcome and more information can be obtained from The Tucson Police Department. Downtown Arts & Business Alliance, or the Tucson

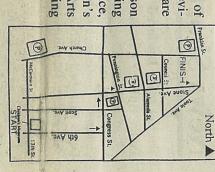
Parade Route

Arts District Offices

Downtowners pulling together for the continued revi-talization of our City Center. Thanks to all who are This event is just one of the many examples of

Holiday Inn City Center, The City of Tucson Police Department and Traffic Engineering Department, Downtown Arts & Business Alliance, Tucson Arts District, Mix FM, The Children's Museum, KOLD Channel 13, Tucson-Pima Arts Council and the many other organizations providing

Please join us all day long on November 29.



#### Diego on 4th Little San

Lundquist James and Deanna

previously a law office with grey car-pet and the scent of stale tobacco. In February 1996 Edward Humes and David Oliver, owners of Rainbow Planet Coffee House located at 606 N. 4th Avenue, found the perfect space for their cafe. The building was

purple walls and well distinguished bright colors accented by black tables and Mexican Saltillo tile. The space has been refurbished in ir style which includes mellow

The two men had spent some time in San Diego where they got the idea to have a cafe. Much of their inspiration came from one particular cafe called Starbucks.

quit their full time jobs to work in their new cafe. He said he likes work-ing for himself. Humes worked in the Continued on page 4 See Rainbow hotel business for about 12 ye which is how he gained some food Humes said they only recently t their full time jobs to work in

# Downtown Segment Of Parkway Begins at the underpass. This work puts the final touches on the interchange which was completed by the Arizona

Beginning in early 1997, construction on one portion and design of the downtown segment of Barraza-Aviation Parkway will be

news conference at the Main Library.
There a detailed model showing the roadway design plan was unveiled.
The Pima Association of The announcement of the project was made Thursday, October 24 at a

Government has committed \$400,000 toward the project for the design of a new 4th Avenue underpass which will accommodate the historic 4th Avenue trolley. The design work includes plans for the rehabilitation of the existing historic 4th Avenue underpass that was originally constructed in 1916.

The City of Tucson urges the community to learn more about the critical transportation project and the importance of transportation fund-

Traffic Interchange including screen the City will include the landscaping walls, bike paths, landscaping, and lighting along Broadway Boulevard The first work on the project by amenities at the Broadway

#### The PIO YMCA Fate of the

Is The Controversy Over?

By Teresa Eagle and Rita Romero

the end of the month controversy, may finally be decided by The future of the old downtown YMCA building, long the subject of

YMCA into an art center forward, according to Plans to turn the old downtown to organizers

Tucson will continue to plan for and identify funding opportunities for this link to the future of Downtown

design and construction, the City of

Although funding is not in place the balance of the roadway

Department of Transportation June of this year.

ENSEEKO, a corporation of commercial developers largely composed of artists from abroad, said his group hones to have the building, at 516 N. behind the project.

Paul Schock, senior manager for by early in February of next year. Schock, who is a sculpto Fifth Avenue, partially renovated and open as the International Arts Centre

Continued on page 8 see YMCA sculptor and

tion or wishing to schedule a presentation on the Barraza-Aviation Parkway project, please call the City of Tucson Project Manager, Armando Monteverde, at 791-4371.

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# Rainbow

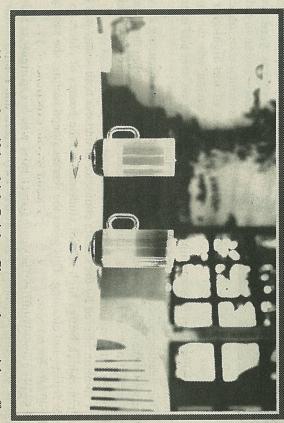
and beverage background.

Humes said they have been extremely busy since then. He spoke of regular visitors. Humes said, "We are a gay friendly cafe." He stressed that The cafe opened October 2

> Breve and a Mint Breve during our interview. James and Lundquist both Their specialty drinks are made with Torani syrups, which from my experience, are very tasty. As a matter of fact, Humes offered a Black Forest

Rainbow Planet Coffee House daily. They provide fresh danish, muffins, and other dessert and breakfast type gave a thumbs up.

A local bakery delivers to the



drinks such as these two flavored breves .... Photo by Deanna Lundquist Almost too beautiful to drink. Rainbow Planet makes specialty coffee

Rainbow Planet is not gay exclusive

All are welcome.
"I appreciate Fourth Avenue," said Humes. "It's hip, too cool for our concept of a walk-by and walk-in cafe."

experience in making specialty coffee drinks. Their roaster spent a day at the cafe showing them the ropes. Because of this lack of experience, the first couple of days they offered drinks on Neither Humes nor Oliver had

The regular coffees offered include African, Latin, Chocolate Macadamia, French Vanilla, and a decaffeinated house blend as well as a daily special flavor.

> with homemade bread foods. Coming soon will be hot soup

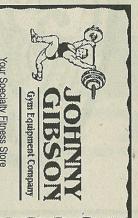
lights in the evening.

The Rainbow Planet poetry readings and one night art shows. There is outside seating per-fect now that the days are cooler and romantic under little white and chile The cafe will also be available for try readings and one night art

House is open seven days a week.

Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to
10 p.m., Friday 8 to 1 a.m., Saturday
11 to 1 a.m. and S.... p.m., Friday 8 to 1 a.m., Saturday to 1 a.m., and Sunday 12 to 10 ·Coffee

C. James is a student at Project M.O.R.E. Alternative High School.



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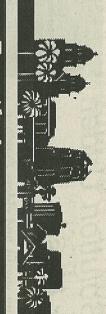
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Pima Co. Teen Court Subspace Recording

Rabinovitz and Associates P.C. Lawer

Trinity Presbyterian Church

#### FOURTH STREET

Garden Cafe

People's Law Center

Piccolo Porto

Rods KCC BBQ Magpies Pizza

Markley on Fourth Architectural Designs Association Rainbow Planet Coffee House Excell Travel
Bruce K. Seleb Attorney at Law
Sonoran Designs Desert Vintage Coyote Wore Sideburns Creative Spirit Casbah

## FIFTH STREET

Jewel Thief The Gathering El Paseo Full Circle Howelling Rabbit Betts Printing Delectables
Above & Below the Equator Gallery

Creative Ventures Craft Mall BofA ATM Machine 3rd Stone Bar & Grill Barksdale Gallery Curlup & Dye Sula Rose Shepard Realty Brooklyn Pizza Company Shoe Adventure Jaimes

### SIXTH STREET

Eggceptions
Dairy Queen

Ultimate Smoothie Maya Quetzal Piney Hollow Sweetwater Cafe Del Sol Randos Indian Arts

Loose Change Tribal Earthworks Antigone Books J.B. Wrangler How Sweet it Was and Crafts

Berkey's on 4th
Wingspan
Food Conspiracy Co-op
TLC Distributors/Tucson Leather Co. 4th Avenue Postal Center Last Wax Records Good Natured Puff N' Stuff Creations
Bix Furniture
Caruso's

# SEVENTH STREET

The Other Side United Fire Equipment Mr. Bill's Antique Stove Works

(Coming soon: Fountain of **Body Essentials Aromatherapy** 

Tucson Thrift

Lost & Found Antique Furniture Rainbow Clothing Exchange TNT Smoke Shop Trini's Trinkets Bison Witches Aroma Cafe Kanella's

#### EIGHTH STREET

Maloney's

O'Malley's

Value Village

A Foam & Fabric Place

The Shanty

## NINTH STREET

TO CONGRESS STREET



# Sam Taylor -Number One **Blues Artist**

drugs as a young Taylor said he got

learned to be self-reliant early in life, and follow his own independence.

At the age of four, he began singing gospel with his mother and sister in Mobile.

His father, the well-known blues artist, Sam "the Man" Taylor, tried to

A man who compares himself to blues great B.B. King, Sam Taylor, the 62- year-old leader of the Sam Taylor Blues Band, has the enthusiasm of a 20

C. James and Brad

"When I get up on stage, I get rav-ing reviews. My personal opinion is that we're the best blues band in the world," Taylor said.

get him into music by buying him a violin.
"I didn't want to walk around the ghetto with a violin in hand," remarked Taylor. "I wanted to stash it." He said he wanted to carve out his own life, independent of his famous father.

As a young man he was a prize fighter, and later joined the U.S. Marine Corps and continued his boxing there, he said.

in 1995.

Among the downs in Taylor's life

Tammy awards for music.He also has been awarded second place at the National Blues Showdown in Memphis

often as winners of Tucson's local

toured Europe, and have been honored work with. They have toured Europe, and

for over 43 years.
"I play the kind of music I live. I live the heritage of my future and past,"

A master blues musician, Taylor was born in Mobile, Alabama on Oct. 25, 1934, and has lived a life of music

Although Taylor has played the guitar for forty three years, he never has had any lessons or formal training. And, he said, "I never plan to stop playing"

were when he lost his beloved Gibson electric guitar, of which he named Samantha.He lost it in New York in 1968, it remained lost for 17 years, until

Taylor has lived through hard times and good times. As he lives and learns, his music reflects the journey.

A Tucson resident for 11 years, he says he likes living here because it is

playing."

Taylor is lead guitarist and vocalist playing with four others in the Sam Taylor Blues Band. Heather Hardy is

affordable. He moved to the southwest in an effort to change his lifestyle.



DeLucia,

band that he can really he has finally found a cal years, Taylor said,

> dent. ticipate in the Tucson Blues Festival because People picketed for him at the festival. about leaving Tucson rejection that ror awhile he thought angered was not invited to parhe was an in-state resi-Recently He loves the blues He over Taylor

and despite his anger he stated, "I decided I'm not going to let it upset me. The people

He is working in in local clubs around Tucson most every night of the week. Taylor usually plays at Jaimes on Saturdays, Chicago Bar on Mondays and Fridays and at Heck 'n' Winks on

including Sundays He has appeared in several movies uding Iron Eagle III, and will Los Locos starring Mario

who lives a dream for most musicians he is a wise man willing to share his Taylor is a kind-hearted person

thoughts.

We recommend you listen to his

than 50 years, and played it ever since.

Another low point was when
Taylor spent two months in an intensive care unit after a double and triple

he recovered it in a pawnshop in Long Beach, CA. He has owned it for more

life through his blues.

C. James and Brad Wenzel are students at Project M.O.R.E. High School.

"I am happy to still be rockin'!" is Taylor's response to all that.

heart bypass surgery. He has also been

# Western Music and Comedy

Riders in the Sky, America's most popular western musical group and comedy act, return to Tucson on Friday, February 7, 8pm, at the Temple of Music and Art, Holsclaw Theater, 330 S. Scott Avenue.

Riders in the Sky include: Ranger Doug, the Idol of American Youth on baritone vocals, yodeling, and guitar; Woody Paul, King of the Cowboy Fiddlers on tenor vocals, rope tricks, and the role of eternal innocent; and Too Slim on bass and lead vocals. The man of many hats (including the hat of Riders' cook, Sidemeat), varmit dancer, and comedian extraordinaire also add to the hilarity of the show. The Riders have their own weekly radio show, Riders Radio Theater, broadcast nationally and in Tucson on KXCI FM, and have toured internationally, bringing along their campfire and saguaro cactus

All seats are reserved. The show is a benefit for the Tucson Kitchen Musician's Tucson Folk Festival, to be held May 3 and 4.

Tickets are \$22, \$20, and \$18 with a \$1 discount for TKMA members and

senior citizens.

Tickets are available at: Hear's Music, 2508 N. Campbell; Loco Records, 2901 E. Broadway; Zip's, 7091 E. Speedway; Zip's, 3860 W. Ina.

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