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City Council Agrees To Code Changes, Final Vote Monday, Nov. 25

TUCSON - The City Council met in a Study Session last Monday, Nov. 18 and the first item on the agenda was a revision of Tucson City Ordinance 11-28 (Indecency, lewdness - Acts prohibited). The Ad Hoc Committee for Justice and Safety in the has been working on changes in this ordinance for over three months. Arrests of over 300 Gay men by undercover officers of the Tucson Police Department in local parks over a two year period has caused a furor in the Gay community of Tucson.

Mayor Tom Volgy and the six Council Members, after considering a code revision by the City Staff and one submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee chose to take the Committee suggestions over Staff and unanimously voted to make the necessary changes in 11-28. Staff were ordered to take the new wording and put it in proper language and return with it to the next Council meeting, Monday, Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at which time the council is expected to adopt the Ad Hoc changes.

The Ad Hoc Committee recommended that the 10-day mandatory jail sentence for first time offenders convicted of a lewd or indecent act be dropped. It also suggested changing the law making it much more difficult for police to arrest someone for talking about committing an indecent or lewd act. Previously, a person duped by an undercover officer could be arrested and convicted for just offering to have sex with the officer. Under the new ordinance, a person would have to be reckless enough in the approach that any reasonable person would be offended by such speech. In the past, vice officers had engaged in lengthy conversations with Gay men, gaining the man's confidence and then arresting the man when an offer of sex was made, many of those arrested alleged.

Under the change, no mandatory jail time would be required of anyone convicted of talking about a lewd or indecent act. A first time conviction would receive a fine of $50. A second violation the violator would be placed on one year's probation and fined $100. A third violation would receive a 3 year probation and a $250 fine and a fourth violation would receive 3 year's probation, fined not less than $500 and sentenced to a term of up to six months in jail.

The Committee suggested, and it was approved, that 11-28 should be divided into three parts. Part A covering conversation, was described above. The second (11-28(b)) covers persons who actually commit lewd or indecent acts and the third (11-28(c)) covers prostitution or commercial sexual activities. All of these actions would be misdemeanors and the severity of the penalties depending upon the violation. For instance, a person convicted of a lewd or indecent act in a city park for the first time would be sentenced to 24 hours in jail and fined $100. The second violation would received a one year probation, a ten day jail sentence and a $250 fine. A third violation of 11-28 (b) would be sentenced to 3 years probation, a fine of $500 and sentenced to a term of up to six months in jail.

Because of the time lapse between now and the next City Council meeting, Gay community leaders believe that there is a possibility of right wingers and fundamentalists mounting an attack to change the council's mind about modifying the ordinance.

The Ad Hoc Committee is requesting a large attendance from the Gay community and their friends at the Council Chamber next Monday for the 7:30 p.m. meeting thereby encouraging the positive Council vote. Persons unable to attend the meeting are urged to call the Mayor and Council members' answering service, 791-4700 and give your support to the proposed amendments of the Ad Hoc Committee.

World AIDS Day To Feature Quilt Panels In Tucson

TUCSON - The Tucson AIDS Project's annual Memorial Celebration will be held Sunday, Dec. 1 at 1:00 p.m. in the upper gallery of the University of Arizona Museum of Art.

The Memorial Celebration offers our community an opportunity to reflect on, and celebrate the lives of all of our friends whom we have lost this past year and the years before.

December 1 also marks the opening of a special exhibit of four sections from the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt at the University of Arizona Museum of Art. The exhibit is co-sponsored by the Tucson AIDS Project and the University of Arizona Museum of Art and will mark the first time that completed sections of the quilt will have been displayed in Tucson.

Four 12-by-12 foot sections of the Quilt will be displayed from December 1 though 8. Most of the 32 panels that will be displayed honor residents of Southern Arizona. The full quilt now numbers more than 14,000 panels, each remembering the life of someone who had died of HIV disease. The University of Arizona Museum of Art is open from Noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays, and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is closed on Saturdays. Admission is free.

Normally, much larger sections of the Quilt are placed on display in selected cities. However, for World AIDS Day, the NAMES Project has made smaller sections available for many more cities and towns. Because of the size of the exhibit, the NAMES Project has requested that neither the Museum nor TAP accept panels for inclusion in the quilt, as is common at larger displays. Instead, TAP will provide information for people interested in presenting a panel to the NAMES Project for inclusion.

Other events for World AIDS Day in Tucson, Sunday, Dec. 1, include a special production by the Arizona Theatre Company of "Ain't Misbehavin'. BGALA, the Bisexual, Gay And Lesbian Association of the University of Arizona will feature a special screening of "Red Hot and Blue," a musical revue of Cole Porter tunes featuring such contenporary artists as k.d. lang, Neneh Cherry, U2, Annie Lennox, Erasure. The screening will take place at 8:00 p.m. in the Social Sciences Building, Room 100. Tucson Cablevision will also present telethon to benefit AIDS care. A complete listing of World AIDS Day activities will be included in next week's issue of OBSERVER.

Ann Arbor Adopts Domestic Partners

ANN ARBOR, MI - Gay and Lesbian couples here will be permitted to register their relationship with the city clerk under a new domestic partnership ordinance.

The Ann Arbor City Council adopted the measure after an emotional, four-hour public hearing that drew about 300 residents. About 100 spoke out on the ordinance, most in favor of it.

When the measure takes effect in ten days, Ann Arbor will become the first city in Michigan and the 18th in the nation to pass such a law, according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

The ordinance lets Gay couples as well as unmarried heterosexual couples who live together register their relationships. The city will charge a small fee that hasn't yet been decided.

Registry with the city, however, won't extend legal rights to those couples. The certificate, for example, wouldn't let one partner name the other as beneficiary of a health insurance or pensions plan.

But the ordinance's primary sponsor, council member Anne Marie Coleman said it was an "important step in affirming Gay-Lesbian relationships."

Fewer than a dozen people spoke against the ordinance. Some said it would sanction a promiscuous lifestyle and encourage the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

"This ordinance will once again hold Ann Arbor up for ridicule," said Michael Donnelly, 44. "I believe nothing good can come of it. It will undermine the concept of the family.

Another resident, Lynden Kelly, said Gay couples "do the same things" as heterosexual couples. "They watch Murphy Brown on Monday night and rake leaves on Sunday, said Kelly, 37, a Lesbian. "We're so unradical as a group it's pathetic that there is so much opposition.

The ordinance was introduced after two city employees challenged what they called inconsistent policies in recognizing non-heterosexual relationships.

Jayne Miller, 33, sparked the controversy when she was denied a promotion in the Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Department because her supervisor Chris McCown, 42, also was her lover.

City officials cited an anti-nepotism policy in refusing to promote Miller, who was united with McCown four years ago in an Episcopal ceremony. The officials have recognized them as spouses under personnel policies governing illness, death and child care. They do not share medical benefits.

NCOD Gets Challenge Grant

SANTA FE, NM - National Coming Out Day (NCOD) has received a "Challenge Grant" from openly Gay philanthropist and major political activist Jim Hormel.

Hormel has been a consistent and generous supporter of NCOD since its inception in 1988 and most recently was the NCOD spokesperson at the Oct. 11 rally in Sacramento, California opposing Gov. Wilson's veto of AB 101, the Lesbian and Gay employment protection bill.

Hormel has offered to match all contributions of $250 or more (up to a total of $5,000) which come in between now and Dec. 31, 1991.

"We encourage all Lesbians and Gay men who are supporters of the National Coming Out Day Campaign to become substantial contributors during this challenge grant. They can get the most bang for their buck", said Lynn Sheppod, Executive Director of National Coming Out Day.

UPDATE

Barry Convers In Tucson Appearance Sunday

TUCSON - Barry Conyers and the Counterfeiters will be appearing Sunday, one night only, Nov. 24 at IBI's. Barry Conyers, an Arizona favorite and star of Las Vegas, returns to Tucson with his family of 'larger than life puppets'. He brings with him two other Las Vegas favorite performers, Randy Roberts of "Boylesque" and "LaCage" fame, and Lee Vinson of "Boy Oh Boy" and "LaCage" fame.

These two major talents bring with them the combined characters of Joan Rivers, Whitney Houston, Diana Ross as well as Michael and Janet Jackson. Barry Conyers and the Counterfeiters guarantee an evening of first rate Las Vegas entertainment. The only Tucson show will begin at 10:00 p.m. and you are encouraged to arrive early to get a good seat to watch this great show. Because of the exceptional expense in bringing this show to Tucson there will be a small $1.00 Cover Charge at the door for this show only.

Weather Or Not

by Bart

LOOKS LIKE AN UNSETTLED WEEK AHEAD. POSSIBLE SHOWERS AND COOL EARLY, THEN CLEARING AND MILDER.

HIGHS: 65-75 LOWS: 35-45

THERE SHOULD BE LOTS OF SNOW BY WEEKS END ABOVE 6,000 FEET. WAX THE SKI'S AND GO FOR IT!

Desert Pride to Choose 1992 Logo and Theme

PHOENIX - Desert Pride, the Phoenix Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, Inc., is welcoming logo and theme suggestions for the 1992 Pride event. Anyone may submit a logo in conjunction with the 1992 National pride theme, or an original theme and logo combination may be submitted. The national theme for 1992, "Pride = Power," was chosen in October by a national coalition of pride committees.

Beth Verity, the President of PLGPC, Inc., has often been asked why the national theme has not been used locally for pride events in the Phoenix area. "One reason has been the fact that the national theme is decided so late in the year," Verity said. "By the time we find out what then has been chosen, it's time to be putting in our T-shirt orders. Also, some people in the community feel that pride should be a local thing, geared towards what's going on in the Phoenix area." This year Desert Pride will be considering both options. "We want to see original logos and themes, and we also want to look at logos designed for the national theme," Verity explained.

The deadline for submissions is Dec. 31, and the final choice will be announced in mid-January.

Grand Canyon Men's Chorale in Xmas Concert

PHOENIX - The Grand Canyon Men's Chorale will present two performances of its Christmas Concert, "Ring Out Wild Bells" at 8:00 p.m. Dec. 13 and 14 at the Science of Mind Center, 2838 N. 7th Street in Phoenix.

The Chorale, directed by Ron Casola, will perform music to satisfy all tastes including music by Beethoven and modern composers as well as traditional carols and popular holiday songs. Prelude, the Chorale's small ensemble group directed by Brian Skone, will also perform.

Admission will be $8.00 and tickets can be purchased at Ken Lee, 6309 N. 7th St, and at Humanspace Books, 1617 N. 32nd St., and will also be available at the door. A reception will follow each performance in the church's Fellowship Hall.

In Memoriam

RONALD (RON) WETZEL
April 8, 1959 - Sept. 28, 1991

With much love from his friends and his serving friend, Charles L. Eichmann.

Humanspace Books to Close in the Spring

PHOENIX - Humanspace Books, Inc., opened on Jan. 2, 1985 and will close on or about March 31, 1992. Humanspace was created to provide challenge, confort, information, networking and pleasure for kindred spirits though the media of merchandise, staff and the space itself. It continues to meet these goals. It has never been a self-sufficient financial entity, and is now too far behind in payments to continue buying merchandise in the usual quantities or turnaround times.

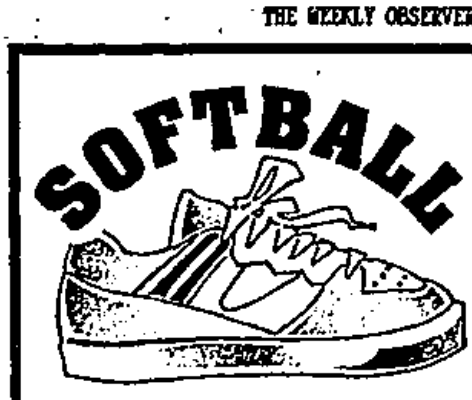
Humanspace will liquidate its on-hand inventory and occasional new arrivals this winter. Discounting will begin in December, in time for holiday shopping. Watch for special discounts each time you shop. Some furnishings, equipment and possibly supplies will be offered for sale. Shop often at 1617 N. 32nd Street, just north of McDowell, or call 220-4419 for store hours.

'The Sound of Poisons'

TUCSON - Shattered Wig, a brand-new production company under the direction of Victor Lodata, will present a special event, entitled "The Sound of Poisons" on Dec. 5,6 & 7 (Thursday-Saturday) at Club Congress, 311 E. Congress St. Lodato was the author and one of the three performers in "A Making of Angels", Shattered Wig's first performance piece which sold out all performances last August at a.k.a. Theatre.

"The Sound of Poisons" is another original work, written and performed by Lodato. Through a series of monologues and incantations, the performance will animate and hopefully exorcise a variety of American demons. Sex slaves, shamans, housewives and the criminally insane will tell their desperate tales.

Show times are 8:00 p.m. on all three evenings. For more information, contact Victor Lodato at 881-0420.



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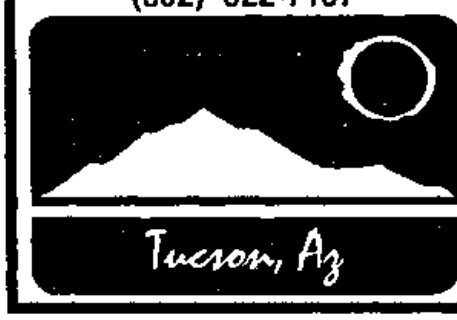

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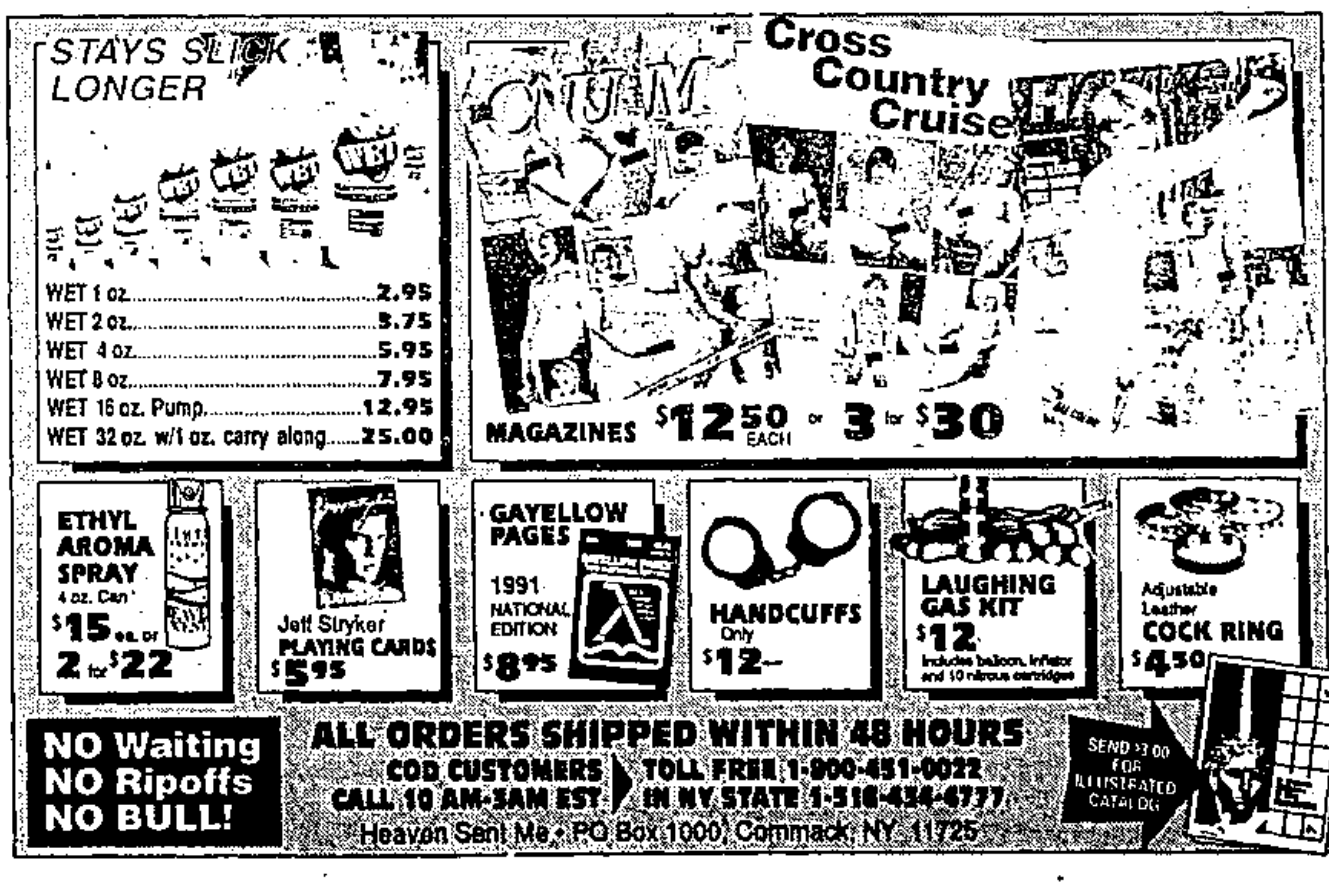

$500 Certificate For Winning Raffle Ticket Salesperson

TUCSON - The drawing in the annual P.A.C.T. for Life "Festival of Trees" Raffle is scheduled to take place in St. Philip's Plaza on Sunday, Dec. 8. The first prize is a fully decorated "Jewelry Tree" worth over $4,000 from eight $500 gift certificates donated by eight of Tucson's finest jewelers.

Second prize is one fully decorated artificial Christmas Tree worth over $2,000. The tree was donated by Krzyanowski & Co., Plants, Silks & Flowers.

In addition, the eight jewelers will offer the person who sells the most tickets for the raffle a $500 gift certificate.

The eight jewelers, all members of the Arizona Jewelry Association, include Abbott Taylor Jewelers; Artistry in Gold; B.J. Caldwell Jewelers; Fredrick Fisher Jewelers; Grunewald and Adams; Maricopa Design Jewelers; Silverberg & Sons and Willian Thigpen Jewelers.

Tickets are for sale by P.A.C.T. members and are available at all local Tucson Gay bars. Tickets are $1.00 each or 12 for $10.00. The winner need not be present to win. Persons interested in selling the tickets and getting the chance to win the $500 Jewelry gift certificate should contact the P.A.C.T. for Life office, 2579 N. First Ave., or call for more information, 322-9808.

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

TUCSON - The Tucson Ecumenical Council will sponsor a community, interfaith, family Thanksgiving Day Service, Nov. 28 at 10:00 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, 4831 E. 22nd Street.

Participating will be many local churches and synagogues. The three main speakers at the service will be newly elected Tucson Mayor George Miller, the Rev. Randy Scott, minister of Grace Temple Missionary Baptist Church, and Carol Locust, of the Native American Research Training Center. Also speaking at the service will be Rabbi Joseph Weizenbaum of Temple Emanu-El, Monsignor Thomas Cahalane, of Our Mother of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, and the Rev. Philip Zwerling of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson. Music will be provided by various church choirs, a Jewish Cantor and Yaqui Indian drummers and dancers.

The theme for the service is "Renew the Whole Creation" and all Tucsonans are invited to attend and to bring a can or box of food for the Community Food Bank which will receive the food and money collection at the service.

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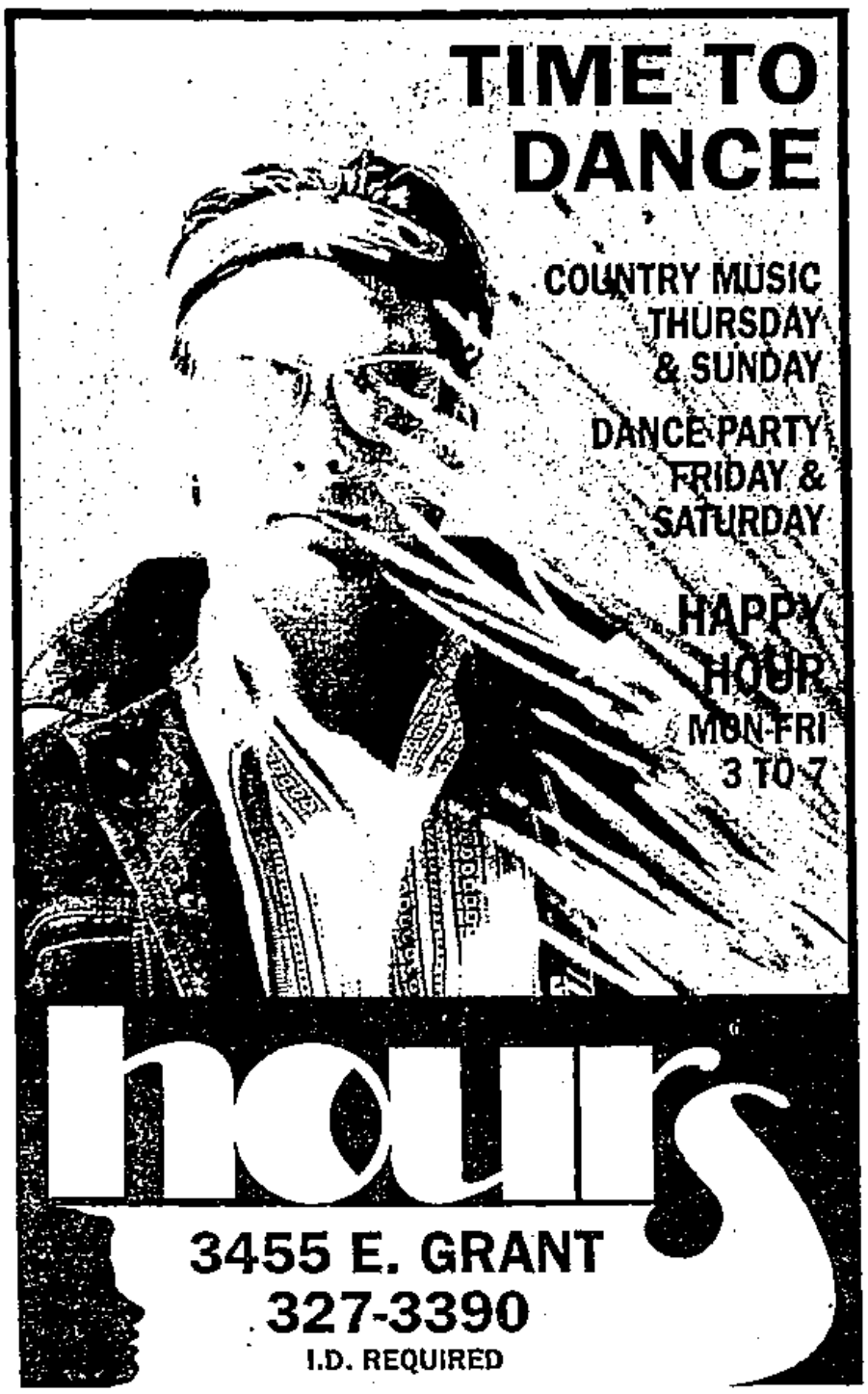

POLITICS '91 by Mark Kerr

NATIONAL NEWS

Last Saturday, citizens in Louisiana voted in the gubernatorial runoff election between former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke, running as a Republican and Democrat Edwin Edwards, the former three-term governor. A record 78% of the electorate turned out to vote. Former Gov. Edwards was decisively elected to a fourth term, defeating Duke by a 61% to 39% margin.

On Monday, Duke authorized an exploratory committee for a possible run for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1992 against George Bush.

Last Saturday, in New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Times-Register released a poll on the contenders for the 1992 Democratic Presidential Nomination. Here are the latest results.

Paul Tsongas	16%
Sen. Bob Kerry	13%
Sen. Tom Harkin	8%
Jerry Brown	7%
Gov. Bill Clinton	5%
Gov. Douglas Wilder	2%
Undecided	49%

Another question posed was: If the election was held today, who would you vote for. Here are the results:

George Bush	41%
Any Democrat	43%
Undecided	16%

ARIZONA NEWS

Last week, in a press conference, Gov. Symington announced that the state government has a $72 million shortfall. He also announced a hiring freeze and asked all department directors to make cuts in their current budget. Does this mean that Governor J. Fife Symington will cut his frequent trips and give back the $2 million plane and maybe get rid of the million or so dollar state computer system? Does this mean Fife is not really a businessman?

TUCSON NEWS

The Ad Hoc Committee for Justice and Safety in the Parks presented their proposals to amend the Tucson Code 11-28, "The Lewd and Lascivious Act", to the Tucson Mayor and Council members at their meeting this past Monday. The Mayor and Council adopted the proposals and sent the proposals back to the City Staff and they will draw up the ordinance with the new language for the Mayor and Council to vote on at next Monday's meeting which will take place in City Hall Council Chambers beginning at 7:30 p.m.

We need a large showing from the community at this meeting. With this week for the city staff to draw up the proposed new ordinance, the Chief of Police, Peter Ronstadt, the City Attorney, Fred Dean and the City Prosecutor, William Call, can muster opposition to the Ad Hoc Committee's proposals. The additional weeks' time could be sufficient for the religious right to muster their forces against the proposals.

If you cannot show up, call the Mayor and Council and voice your support for the new 11-28 with the Ad Hoc Committee's amendments. The number to call is 791-4700.

END NOTES

Last week President George Bush, in an address, stated that there are vast numbers of citizens in this country who are in economic peril. Gee, our country-hoppin', foreign bon-vivant, chief executive finally realizes that people in our country are out of work, economically destitute! After 12 years of Republican greed, the Reagan-Bush administration finally looked out of their limousines to see what the country's shape really is - POOR ! !

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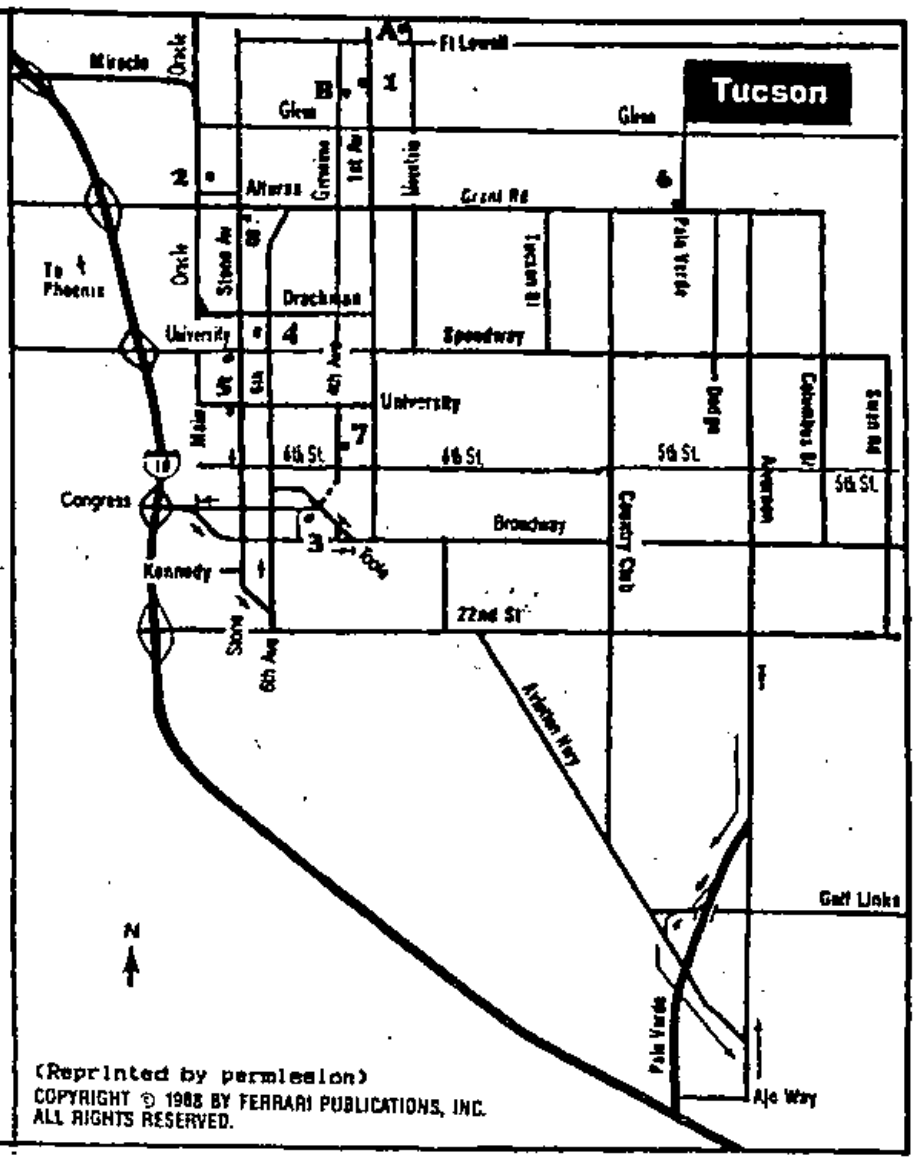

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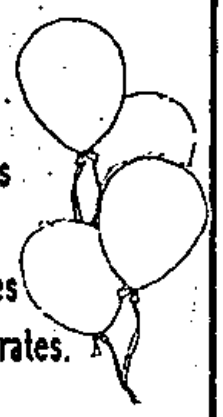

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NCOD (Continued from page one)

Also, as an addition to the very popular Official Keith Haring National Coming Out Day T-Shirts, Tank Tops, Sweatshirts, Greeting Cards, Stickers and Buttons, a brand new Coming Out Day commemorative has been created "The Celebrity Pin".

This one-inch square gold/four color pin (of the Keith Haring person coming out of the closet) was the hit of the Creating Change Conference in Washington, D.C. this year. "We sold out almost immediately. It was incredible!" said Jim Hutchinson, D.C. Area Coordinator for NCOD. "They'll make great holiday gifts." The Celebrity Pins are available for $7.00 each (plus shipping and handling) by contacting NCOD at the address below.

National Coming Out Day is a non-profit organization dedicated to lesbian and Gay community living openly, powerfully and equally in society. To make a contribution, or for more information, please call or write, National Coming Out Day, P.O. Box 8349, Santa Fe, NM 87504-83249 or call 1-800-445-NCOD.

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THINK Positive PROJECT

by Floyd Meeks

Have you ever wanted to be in an ideal relationship? To have a lover who makes your life richer, offers companionship, and someone you can have great sex with? Most people dream of relationships like that. Relationships where it's so wonderful that you wouldn't dream of having sex with anyone else.

Some people have relationships like that. Many of us know couples who have strong, committed relationships. Relationships where both persons are monogamous. Some of us also know couples who are "mostly" monogamous. Couples where maybe one person fools around occasionally, but doesn't tell his partner. Maybe both people do that. If one person is out of town, or works a different shift at work, maybe the other goes to a bar or a bookstore and has a brief encounter. Then they are afraid to tell their partner. This might be for any number of reasons. Maybe they are afraid that their lover will leave them. Maybe they are afraid of having an argument, or embarrassing themselves. So, they just hold their breath and wait. Hoping that their partner doesn't find out. It might spoil their "ideal relationship".

Please don't get me wrong. I don't believe that Gay men are any less capable of being monogamous. But I think honest communication might be more important to your health than fidelity.

If your partner is having unprotected sex on the side, he can put you at risk. Risk for HIV infection, and for other sexually transmitted diseases.

I believe that sometimes we can buy into the heterosexual American dream of the perfect relationship to much. It's like a Sandra Dee movie. It becomes so important to conform, to live up to the ideal, or to our friends expectations, that we turn a blind eye to what may be happening on the side. It's like a conspiracy of silence. If we don't acknowledge it, it isn't happening.

Times have changed. *Now*, more than ever, communication is important. Honest and open communication.

Some couples who have strong committed relationships are not monogamous, and are very open with each other about it. I believe they might be more likely to talk to each other about safety. They also might be more likely practice safer sex outside of their relationship and to ask their partners to practice safer sex when they are not together.

Here are some options to consider.

Talk to your partner. Set up ground rules for what you can or cannot do. Sex with other people may be a negotiable point, but safety shouldn't be.

Some people may not be able to talk to their partner about having sex outside the relationship. At a minimum, learn how to use condoms, and use them correctly, to reduce your chances of bringing anything home to your lover.

But it's no substitute for good communication. Remember, this is your lover. The person you want to spend the rest of your life with. If you can't talk to them about issues that affect your well-being, who can you talk to? Really. Your health may depend on it.

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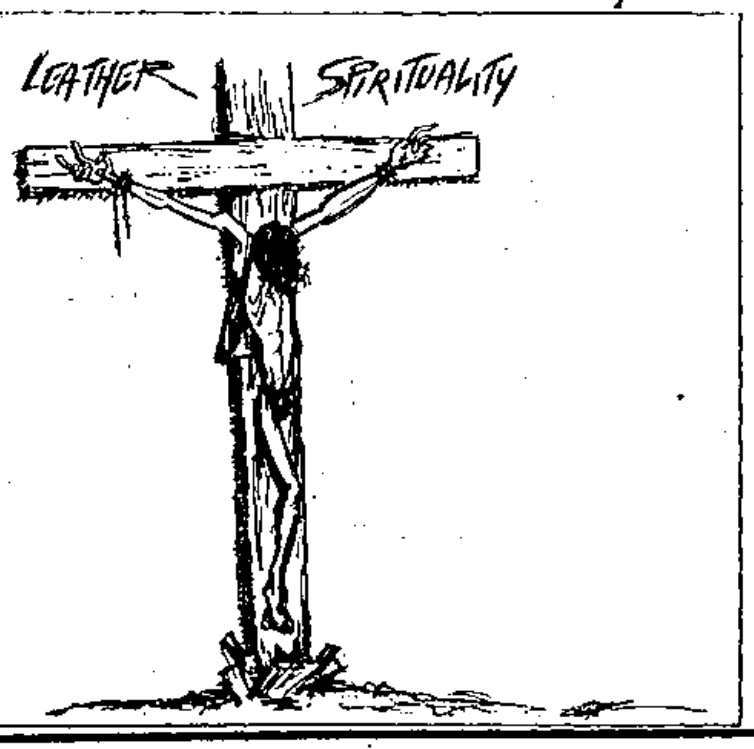
As I See It . . . . . *by Clark*



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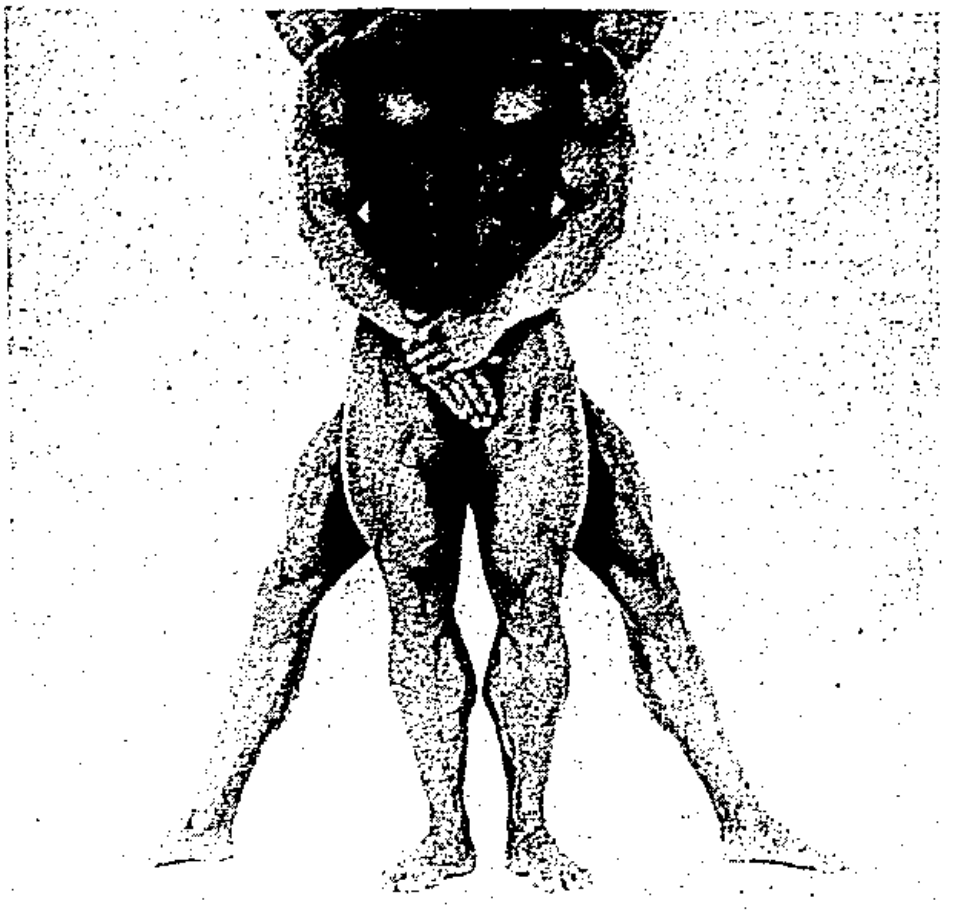
Paris and Jackson Featured In New Book of Photographs by Herb Ritts



PASADENA, CA -- Male erotic photographer Herb Ritts has just released his latest book "Duo", containing bold photographic compositions of Gay bodybuilders Bob Paris and Rod Jackson. The book combines Ritts' now classic "clean" pictures with a gently erotic interplay between the two lovers.

This splendid large format book is a graphic tour de force presentation of these fine photographs. This 10" X 15" casebound book contains sixty-four pages printed duotone with special colors. The book, published by Twelvetrees Press retails for $45, and may be ordered from the publisher by calling (818)798-3116 or by writing Twelvetrees Press, P.O. Box 188, Pasadena, CA 91102. (Photo courtesy Twin Palms Publishers, copyright 1991 Herb Ritts).

LETTERS

EDITOR:

The Spaghetti Dinner held at MCC/Tucson last Friday evening was another success story. This dinner was given as a benefit for P.A.C.T. for Life and MCC/Tucson. All of the proceeds form the donations given were divided equally between these two groups. The support given for this benefit was outstanding and deeply appreciated.

Ben Corbin
MCC/Tucson

DEAR SIR:

Those of you who are tired of city living -- or want a second home for weekends and vacation -- may want to investigate Cochise County -- and Wilcox in particular.

Many of us, Lesbians and Gay men, live quiet lives here, although many are peeking out the closet door. I'm out, but most people seem to like me or tolerate me, and very few are unpleasant.

At 4,000 feet, the summers are cooler, but so are the winters -- and we have snow occasionally.

This is a depressed area, and jobs are hard to come by, but health professionals, especially nurses, are needed at the local hospital.

I came here with the goal of buying a house and land for $10,000 or less, since I usually work at minimum wage jobs, and for that price my oldest sons and I have acquired 40 acres and a mobile home.

It would be nice to have more people of the same sexual orientation out here, for although my Straight friends and neighbors are great people, there are some subjects that they don't know anything about, so it would be good to have a support group.

If you need more information, you might want to call me at (602)384-2115 before 2:00 p.m. Best,

Ruth Burke

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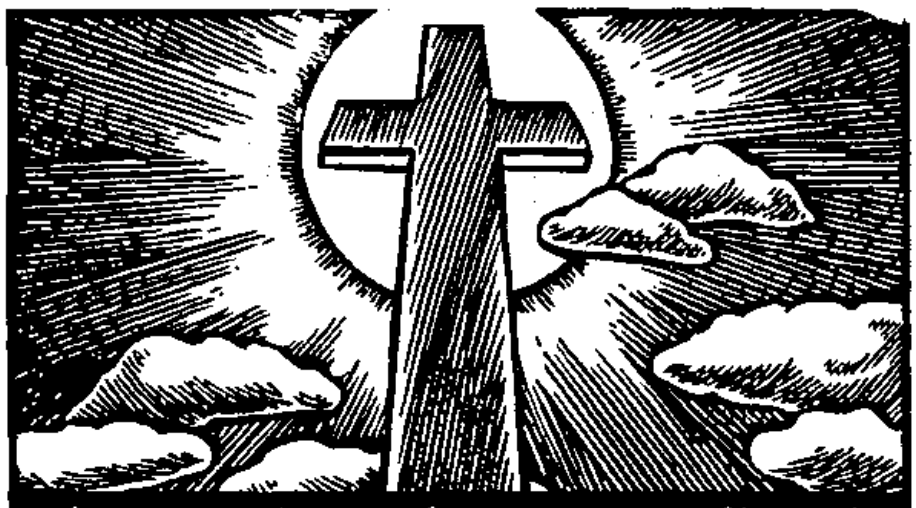

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Cadle

During our Southwest District Conference held in Albuquerque there was a worksbop presented by our Southwest District Coordinator,Rev. Don Pederson. This workshop was entitled "Elements Of A User Friendly Church" and was presented in three parts, "Perspective", "Participation and Programs", "Structure and Leadership". The definition of a User Friendly Church is a church that is in touch with the needs of those it wants to serve without compromising the gospel. They are firm in their intent to listen to the audience they target and meet contemporary felt needs. The church is a blessing if it is changing people's lives by bringing them into a deeper relationship with God, through faith in Christ and in the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. The church that blesses people in this way is a User Friendly Church. Ministry is not an unrelated series of ideas, concepts, strategies and factors. It is the outgrowth of a well-conceived, full-blown conception of what ministry to a person and to a community means. MCC/Tucson has always attempted to be a User Friendly Church to the Tucson Community. Every organization has its own personality just as an individual does, it is the desire of every member of MCC/Tucson to have the qualities of a unique personality that can be identified with MCC/Tucson.

This coming Saturday, November 23rd, starting at 7:00 p.m., MCC/Tucson will be hosting another "No Host Bingo" party. If you would like to spend and evening playing Bingo, bring a prize to donate for one of the games (value not over $4.00) and snacks to share. Since our State Licensed Bingo Games are still in suspense, no cash can be exchanged during the games, therefore there is no charge during the evening.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. On Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, MCC/Tucson will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner for the Tucson Community. There is no charge for this meal, so come to join with us as we give thanks for all of our blessings. There will be a Thanksgiving Service starting at 11:00 a.m. and the Dinner will be served starting at 1:00 p.m. It is not necessary to attend the Thanksgiving Service to have this meal with us, all are welcome.

Thought for the week: When in doubt, tell the truth. (Mark Twain)

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

I was adopted when I was one year old. I found out about it when I was about eight.Certain kids in the family took great pleasure from time to time reminding me that I was not a "member" of the family. The old adage about "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me," aside, I discovered words can hurt. Kids can sometimes be very cruel. I remember times when I felt left out, isolated, out of place.

My mother would reassure me in many ways: she would take me in her arms and talk to me, reminding me she loved me. She would show me my bedroom and ask me whose it was. "Mine," I would say. "Whose house is this?" she would ask, and remind me that only those belonging to the family could have a room in "Our" house. She would show me my birth certificate, with my name and hers on it. She proved to me that I was hers, and part of the family. No labeling or name-calling by others could change that.

Some members of the family have always been very loving, and never questioned my rightful place in the family. Others are still distant and have never fully accepted me as "Family." But I know that "I know" who I am, and I'm secure in my place in my family. I have all the rights and all the privileges, as well as all the responsibility to keep my family's name above reproach--and to help those less fortunate than myself.

In like manner, members of the Family of God, the Church, are often not mature and have their biases; and consequently can be very cruel. We who have different lifestyles from the majority, have for the most part been labeled as "unfit," as "not belonging," as "not being loved by God--not having any place in His family." DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT FOR A MOMENT!!!

You mean as much to God as any other person! He loves you just as much as any person in the whole world. The proof is in His Word, the Bible. It tells us that "God is not willing that ANY should perish, but that ALL should have everlasting life." Jesus tells us that ALL who come to Him will find forgiveness and their names will be written in His Book of Life in Heaven. That is your birth certificate. No person, no power--in the past, the present, or the future--can take that away from you if you have repented of sin, and accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior. You are part of His family--have your own place at His table, and in the "Family (Heaven) Home."

If you want to belong to God's family--have hungered for the love that never fails--it is so simple! Just tell Jesus that you are sorry for your sins and you believe He died for them. Ask Jesus to come into your heart (life) and to be with you always. Once you have done this, it is important to associate yourself with a part of His family. Why? Because you draw strength and encouragement from each other; have family members who will love you, pray for you, and teach you. It doesn't make much sense to be a part of a family and isolate yourself from them, so that you can't enjoy each other; share the good times, and even the bad times. You now have so much in common with you new family. Then come the glowing "warm fuzzies" that help make life so much richer.

We, at Cornerstone Fellowship, want to share with you all that Jesus has done for us, and want you to share with us what He has done with you. We welcome the privilege. Remember that God loves YOU, and so do <u>We.</u>

Get The OBSERVER Habit

Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

There Is A Season

Exhibit A: I recently offended a reader by saying that there is a time for lesbians and bisexuals to be together and a time for us to be separate. She felt that I would never say that there is a time for African-Americans and whites to be together and a time for us to be separate.

Exhibit B: I have heard murmurings that some white gays and lesbians are offended that people of color have groups for people of color only. "Isn't that segregation?" they wonder.

Exhibit C: A male editor recently asked me, "Should there be exclusive lesbian establishments that cater to only women? Are we building barriers within our own community, or are we building a stronghold for sexuality and common good?"

The history of segregation is ugly, and much effort and many years have been spent trying to induce integration in its place. But can integration be induced? An if integration is possible, is it cure-all? Should we all be together all the time?

Segregation, defined as "discriminatory practices against nonwhites in a predominantly white society," is unacceptable. But what about separation, as when Chinese people choose to hang out with Chinese people or women choose to hang out with women?

Imagine a place where you don't have to explain yourself, where everyone understands and accepts who you are. Who is in that place with you? Chances are that you imagined some form of separation--perhaps a dinner with your family or hanging out with friends. You didn't imagine dinner with strangers or hanging out with someone else's friends.

Some men wonder why women don't want them at women's groups, even when the men are trying to be open and inclusive. The answer is simple: the women want to be with women. It's not about men at all. And if the men truly want inclusion, they can start their own mixed groups.

Back to Exhibit A. Why shouldn't blacks and whites be together sometimes and apart other times? Coming from me, a white person, that may sound racist, but look at Exhibit C: many people of color believe in periodic separation, too. This is not about getting away from others; it's about being with your own.

That's the phrase that matters: "being with your own." Being with the people who understand you. Being with people who look familiar and sound familiar and understand your jokes.

If we're honest, most people will admit that being with people who are different from us is tiring. We are scared of hurting each other's feelings, tired of getting our own feelings hurt, and sometimes fed up at the amount of work mixing can take. So we need to renew our batteries, by being with our own.

Of course, some people would never want to join an X-only group. That's fine. This is voluntary separation.

What about people who want to be separate all the time? As long as they are not denying someone a job or a place to live, let them be separate. Maybe they will thrive from their separation, maybe they will suffer from lack of exposure to others, but the choice is theirs. It's their life.

This is a two-edged discussion, since separation practiced by powerful people can too easily turn into segregation, while separation practiced by less powerful people tends to be less dangerous. Yet even the powerful should be allowed separation (but not to deprive others of equal access to work, educations, housing, etc.). And it must be honestly named. (If an all-black, all-lesbian art exhibit, for instance, is named "Black Lesbian Art," why isn't an all-white, all-male art exhibit named "White Male Art"?)

The point is often made that, since men do business in their clubs, these clubs must be open to everyone. The problem is, if they choose to, those men can simply move their business elsewhere. Integration can be enforced, but not always in a constructive manner. Let white men have their clubs. They too need to be among their own. But don't let them fall into that nasty habit of thinking that all businesses and board rooms and the White House and the Senate are also their clubs!

Simply put, African-Americans being unable to get jobs in entire industries due to discrimination is very different concept than the same African-Americans voluntarily holding a blacks-only meeting. Segregation must stop, but separation must be allowed to bloom, according to each person's choices and needs. What could be healthier than a balance between spending time with others and spending time with one's own?.

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A Commentary By
Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

The Real Heros

Thursday, November 7, 1991:

A day that will live in infamy? Hardly. The day a shot was heard 'round the world? Not likely. The day basketball died? Get real.

Thursday, November 7, 1991, 32-year-old Earvin (Magic) Johnson pre-empted regular programs on virtually every television station across the country to announce his retirement from the Los Angeles Lakers basketball team. The reason: he had tested positive for the HIV virus that leads to AIDS.

While I do not wish ill on anyone, especially not death, I must admit this whole escapade has made me sick.

While more than 100,000 people have died from AIDS in its first decade, those of us who have worked to stem the tide of AIDS infections/deaths have had to deal with opinions that AIDS was a punishment for homosexuality; and AIDS patients being divided into those who are "innocent victims" and everyone else; and a government that refused for about seven years to even acknowledge the existence of the illness.

Then, one guy whose talents begin and end with being able to throw a ball into a hoop tells the world he's positive, and the world comes to a screeching halt with compassion, care, interest, and concern NOT for AIDS patients and the hell they go through, but for ONE MAN.

I ask you, is this fair?

Of course Johnson deserves compassion. Of course he should be applauded for coming forward, taking charge, saying he will be a spokesperson for "the virus." (I think he means a spokesperson for AIDS patients. The virus has enough spokespeople already I should think.)

But is it fair for millions of people to have compassion for one man while AIDS patients are being kicked out of apartments, fired from jobs, discriminated against, left to starve to death, and generally given free reign to "pay for their sins"? No, it is not.

It is not Johnson's fault this attention is being taken from thousands of sick AIDS patients and directed toward him. And I hope he remains healthy long enough for a cure to be found. I also do not fault him for being labelled a hero. But Magic Johnson is no hero to me.

It is easy to be heroic when millions of people stand by, waiting to help, when every television camera is pointed in your direction, when you have millions of dollars in support behind you. It is easy to heroic, but it is not heroism.

The REAL heros in this fight are the men, women, and children who live each day with the HIV virus and with AIDS: those individuals who have never appeared on television, whose names are known by few, whose fights against AIDS have been played out in private.

THE REAL heros are the men and women who have stood valiantly by the side of brothers, sisters, children, parents and even total strangers, quietly serving the ill with dignity and compassion for years and never asking for anything more in payment than understanding.

The REAL heros are not on basketball courts; but in hospices, homes, and hospitals where no one applauds their efforts, or writes lengthy articles about the work they do, or pays them for their tireless devotion to their job.

Johnson may well change attitudes about AIDS in America; but nothing he does will ever surpass the work of the anonymous who have lived and died with AIDS for more than ten years.

At Spes No Fracta: See you next week!

STEVEN DIETZ..

Q: Advice From Your Counselor A.

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In response to this week's letters:

Miss M: Birthdays are a great days for validation. Your friend may be telling you she doesn't want a fuss made over her birthday, and the reasons for such a request may range from the uncomfortable realization that she's going to be a year older, to the fear of being embarrassed in an unknown situation. Whatever the cause, it is still a great opportunity to let her know you think she is special, and deserving of devoted attention. "I don't want you to care about me." With love and good taste, make her day!

Carlos: Prejudice is universal, and anywhere you seek signs of it, you will find them. Taking to heart the harsh judgments of those who are bigoted, however, is a matter of choice. When you seek acceptance and understanding with equal dedication, you will find it as well. I strongly urge you to attend one of the available Gay support groups in Tucson, and share your story. Black, Hispanic, Oriental, and Native American individuals (even a few Caucasians), have been through the same pain you have experienced, and have found renewed strength to begin again. I'm proud of you for reaching out, and sharing your story with me in your excellent letter, and hope you will reconsider making it more public. You have much to teach the community as a whole, and I, for one, stand strongly beside you.

Andy: Age has nothing to do with the after effects of sexual abuse. The child within all of us can continue to scream long after our bodies have matured. Many of the emotional responses you described are common for adult survivors of incest, and I sincerely hope you will seek professional assistance in your recovery process. If you are as yet unable to make that phone call for a personal appointment with a counselor, please do call the "Hope" line for additional information and support (1-800-456-HOPE). You are not alone - you need not be ashamed, but rather be proud that you have survived and are taking control of your recovery!

What's Up Doc ???

It is a little hard to believe but here it is one week before this year's Arizona Fellowship 5 run. The year of 1991 has shot by so fast and everything, all the planning meetings for this run, are finished and now it is time for the production. Yes, in a way the Arizona Fellowship run is a production. If you think it isn't, you try to get 6 different clubs, 2 members each, to all sit down at the different meetings and get a majority vote on all the different little details discussed, putting this run together.

Well, at this time, all the year's work comes down to the actual run. If anything has been over looked, it will be worked out at the time it shows up.

Registration for this run will start over at the Graduate next Thursday afternoon at 3 PM and continue until 5 PM when everyone, on this run, will be meeting at the MCC Church for cocktails and the traditional Thanksgiving Day Meal. As I've mentioned many times before, run fee for this complete 4 day run is only $25. For those that would possibly just like to join in on just the Thanksgiving Day meal, the price is only $5.

For anyone that can not join in on the run until Saturday morning, the run fee for Saturday and the send off brunch Sunday will be $12.50.

I'll not at this time list the complete itinerary for this run but if you wish to join in on this run, be sure to either be at the registration at the Graduate or later that day at the MCC Church. In your run packet you will receive the itinerary for the complete run.

This past week I was able to get some more information on the Laughlin trip being raffled off at TKO's Make A Wish $100 Christmas Tree show on Dec. 21, at the Graduate. First off, there will be two different trips raffled off, each for one person. The winner will receive round trip transportation to and from Laughlin, hotel accommodations for 2 nights, 2 meals, a $10 roll of quarters and extra prizes given out on the van trip.

The value of the complete package is $95 each. Both trips are being donated to this benefit by "Gamblers Express", a locally owned company.

I will be placing more information or reminders of both this raffle and the $100 Christmas Tree raffle as the date draws closer in my column. Also, as the date draws closer, I'll be giving more information about the show itself, and who all will be in it. Be sure to mark Dec. 21 on your calendar at this time so that you will be on hand that evening.

Starting Dec. 6, it will be the first night of this year's CAT Award nominations. A CAT Committee member will be on hand at all the different bars around Tucson, with all necessary nomination ballots, and registration forms for those who have not registered. Remember, you have to be registered to cast your vote in both this year's nominations ballot and the actual awards ballot. The award balloting will be Jan. 3-12.

In both voting periods, absentee ballots will be available for anyone not wishing to either go to one of the bars or are unable to for one reason or another. In next weeks issue of the Observer, I will place information as to where to receive these ballots, along with phone numbers. I will also place the time frame schedule for your information also, for voting in the bars.

Due to the limited number of CAT Committee members, a full canvas of all the bars in the afternoons will be a little difficult but if you mention to the bartender at your favorite bar that you would like to be able to vote in the afternoon, they will contact a CAT Committee member and arrangements to accommodate will be made.

The CAT Committee has over the past year's worth of planning, tried to make this year's actual award presentations the fairest and as honest as possible, giving each person the opportunity to vote in both the nominations and award voting process. Remember, the CAT Awards are your (Tucson) awards, so make you vote count by taking the time to vote.

With that, the closing for this weeks column, a big Happy Birthday is sent out to Bert, who turns a sweet 50+++++ this week.

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JOSHUA TREE - A new all-male dance revue here called "Tush" and it features dancers who hail from Dallas, New York City, Chicgo and even one from South Dakota! It all begins at 9:30 p.m. Come on by and view the hot, hard and sexy bodies of these men - Tucson's very own hottest tushes. $2.00 Cover and well worth it.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

IBT'S - Las Vegas star performer Barry Conyers and the Counterfeiters will be appearing here one night only. Barry will, of course, feture his family of "Larger Than Life Puppets". Also appearing will be two other Las Vegas favorites, Randy Roberts of "Boylesque" and "LaCage" fame, and Lee Vinson of "Boy Oh Boy" and "La Cage" fame. The show begins at 10:00 p.m. sharp and there is a $1 cover charge - a terrific show at a minimal charge. Don't you dare miss it.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Non-Host Bingo Party at MCC/Tucson starting at 7:00 p.m. Bring a prize for one of the games and a snack to share and play all evening at no other cost. The value of the prize not to exceed $4.00.

Arizona Head Injury Foundation will hold a Turkey Shoot Bowl at Lucky Strike Bowl at 4015 E. Speedway. Registration at 11 a.m. with the first round getting underway at noon and the second round begins at 2:30 p.m. The cost is $5 for head injury survivors and $15 for supporters and professionals. Contact Wayne Steele at 791-7570. AHIF is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for Head Injury Survivors and their Families. Proceeds from this activity are to benefit the Arizona Head Injury Foundation.

Popular vocalist Holly Near will be in concert this evening at the Leo Rich Little Theatre in the Tucson Convention Center. For more information call 623-1688.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

The Ad Hoc Committee for Justice and Safety in the Parks will meet at 5:00 p.m. at the French Quarter to discuss the final changes in the city code 11-28 as it affects the rash of recent arrests in the Parks of Tucson by the Vice Squad. The City Council will vote on these changes at their regular 7:30 p.m. meeting at city hall on Monday, Nov. 25. Interested persons are welcome to attend the meeting and certainly should be at City Hall as the Councilmembers vote.

Open House at Wingspan, 240 N. Court, from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be food and raffles. This will be a benefit for Wingspan and donations will be accepted.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Cronies, a social club for men 40+ will hold a video party this evening. Call Merle at 888-7264 for more information.

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sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Volleyball begins at 1:00 p.m. Steak Dinners 5-8 pm $4.00. Flesh for Fantasy - male and female strippers. 11 p.m.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-3. Drink specials.
CLAUDATE - All Wells well $2.25 daytime and $2.50 nighttime.
ROCKS - Open at 11 a.m. for NFL football. Bloody Marys and Screws $1.25 till 7 pm. Country Dance Music 3 to 1 am with your DJ Jason.
IBT'S - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. on well and non-premium beer. 6 to 1 Frank Disco Night. Hot music from the 70s & 80s.
RUMORS - Open at noon. Drink specials.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. $1.50 Domestic Beer till 8 pm. $1.50 Draft with Schnapps 8 to close. Bobby DJs.
CLUB CONGRESS - 70's Disco with Super Star Lover. $1. 9 pm to 1 am.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials.
CLAUDATE - Happy Hour prices open to close.
ROCKS - Open Noon. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer $1.25.
IBT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Easy listening music. Bring in your own tape for a drink special 8 pm to 1 am.
RUMORS - Open noon. Daily drink specials. DJ/VJ at 9.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. $1.50 well 3-8 pm. Drink Draft and Brown .50 draft 8 pm till close. Open Volleyball games begin at 7 p.m. Bobby Jr. DJs.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Movie Nite with cocktail hour prices all night long.
CLAUDATE - Draft Beer Special. Small Pitchers $1.50, Large Pitchers $3.00
ROCKS - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25.
IBT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Nite with .75 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 8 pm to close. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon 9-1.
RUMORS - Open noon. Daily drink specials. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Clint.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Drink specials 3-6 pm. Flesh for Fantasy male and female strippers at 11 pm.
CLUB CONGRESS - Rock 'n Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow. No charge.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials.
CLAUDATE - Domestic Beer $1.25/days - $1.50 nites.
ROCKS - Draft Beer .50 7 p.m. to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Black & White Service Industries Night Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price.
IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Dance music 8-1. Double dose Schnapps for $1.50. Check out blended drink special. Bowler's Special $1 Well or non-Premium Beer.
RUMORS - Open noon. Daily drink specials. VJ/DJ Clint at 9pm.

thursday

BACK POCKET JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Drink Specials 3-8 pm. Drink Draft and Brown .50 draft 8 pm to close. Eastern Strip Night - Cash Prize. Bobby Jr. DJs.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Dart Tournament $2 entry 60/40 split.
CLAUDATE - Top Shelf Call $2.00 in the daytime and $2.50 at night.
ROCKS - Draft Beer .50 7 p.m. to Close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Heineken or Corona $1.25 from 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1 with your DJ Jason.
IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Free dance lessons 8 p.m. Bud and Bud Lite $1.50 from 8-1.
RUMORS - Daily drink specials. Dancing with your VJ/DJ Clint 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Drink Specials 3-8 pm. Domestic Beer $1.75, Schnapps .75 8-11 pm. Bobby Jr. DJs.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials. Free Hot Hors d'Oeuvres 5:30pm
CLAUDATE - Drink Specials until closing.
ROCKS - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Dancing 9 pm - 1 am with Jason.
IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Music 8 to close with Ray.
RUMORS - Daily drink specials. Free Hors d'Oeuvres 5:30. VJ/DJ Clint 9-1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. $1.50 Domestic Beer and Black Board Specials 3-8. Hot dance music 9 to 1 with Bobby Jr.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Daily drink specials.
CLAUDATE - Drink specials until closing.
ROCKS - Open Noon. 7 pm to 1 am. DJ music 9 to 1. Last Saturday of each month is Country and Western dance music.
IBT'S - 4 to 8. Hot music 8 to close with Linda Fitdale.
RUMORS - Open Noon. Daily drink specials. Dance with VJ/DJ Clint 9-1

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by BARTMAN

ARIES

Guys that drive pick-up trucks do "it" better - just ask Jerry. That rap group "Heavy D and the Boyz" will offer you a guest spot as an added heavy attraction - better just have a fruit cup for Thanksgiving Dinner.

TAURUS

Had anymore overnight guests lately - that turned into 3 week guests? You have to stop being so friendly and "inviting" in the bars. You could stay home and "pump". I'm sure Moose could show you how it's done - That way your weenie would match your balls!

GEMINI

You put up with his butt when he wouldn't give it up - yo rap's! Lover of music - that you are - start putting more effort into your current sordid love life. Bring more money for your late night treck's to Pleasure World.

CANCER

Your off and on flings in the steamroom at Flex Plex could get you more that just a "slick" job. Isn't it neat how you don't need lube in a steamroom? You "neat" a Jeff Stryker lookalike - Sat!

LEO

So - your dating that nit wit chef? You're probably number 55 since she arrived from Chicago-land last year. I'm always leery of people with yellowed underwear - you'll win big this weekend if you play the numbers game!

VIRGO

Still using your thigh master? Suzanne Sunners would be proud of you. Ever tried using sonebody's head instead?- Same thing, only better. An interesting weekend is shaping up. Be satisfied with second place - instead of first.

LIBRA

Since your other half buys you a new car every year - the least he could do is put you on a plane to "anywhere" so you can have some <u>real</u> fun. Be in early this weekend.

SCORPIO

A long term romance is about to come to an abrupt end. Be happy with this sudden change - it's for the better. Changes are good though - just ask Tom - Eliminate the word "impossible" from your vocabulary.

SAGITTARIUS

Twice in one night at the movies again? - At least your not being <u>too</u> trampy - it was the same guy that came back for seconds - friends play a major role in your happiness.

CAPRICORN

The mail brings exciting news you have been waiting to hear, you've finally been accepted into that kinky leather club - Try to part with the Boa, and get rid of the lisp - also use spray starch on the wrists - works wonders.

AQUARIUS

Exposing your lilly white buttocks in the bar over Halloween seemed to do the trick - an ex-colt model picked you up? - Why? He must not of had his glasses on. Your step sisters could use a hand around the house this weekend.

PISCES

A purchase you make for yourself or another is very worthwhile, your last purchase was a success, the condon machine's and Crisco factory was a sure bet. Do not drift to far from a loved one this weekend.

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PERSPECTIVE

by Brynn Craffey

Earvin (Magic) Johnson shocked America with the announcement he is HIV-positive. In quiet tones but often breaking into his well-known smile, the 32-year-old NBA star admitted he carries the virus that causes AIDS.

The announcement touched off a media blitz. As my teenage daughter said, "Everyone's talking about AIDS, mom." My response: "It's about time."

Ten years after the epidemic's first appearance in the United States, I am amazed so many people do not know a friend or loved-one who has died of AIDS. If they did, they would hardly express with surprise - as have so many newscasters - that "this proves anyone can get it".

I admire Johnson. He could have stayed closeted with the news for a lot longer, perhaps indefinitely. Still, I can't help but feel outrage for the 126,159 AIDS deaths in the United States - not to mention the thousands of AIDS deaths in Africa and the rest of the world - that have generated by comparison, so little attention.

A part of me envies the U.S. public's apparent indifference. For years now, whenever I've heard the word AIDS, I haven't thought of some theoretical epidemic. I've seen faces.

Like the face of my friend, Hermon, 29, who jumped to his death off the Golden Gate Bridge on Nov. 3, 1989, because he no longer could cope with the virus' debilitating effects.

Then there's Pepe, who was in his 50s when the virus claimed his life. He fought bravely to the very end, cracking jokes to amuse his visitors at St. Luke's Hospital. Pepe's 14-year-old daughter spent a good deal of time at her dying father's bedside. After he died, she spent the summer with relatives in Mexico. Even if she had wanted to bring up the subject of AIDS, she could not. Pepe's family in Mexico was not told the cause of his death. They never knew he was Gay.

Then there's my friend Ron. Last time we saw each other, he treated me to lunch on Polk Street to celebrate the news of my coming out. The next time I stopped in at his health food store on Hyde Street, Ron's partner told me he had died.

There are more faces. The virus has so decimated the Gay community that Gay men and Lesbians in San Francisco number a multitude of the dead among their friends and acquaintances. Relatively speaking, I've been lightly touched.

Inevitably, some will distance themselves from the news of Magic's illness. They'll think differently of their hero, once they know he has engaged in some socially unacceptable behavior. An appallingly large number will go so far as to think Magic deserves to die.

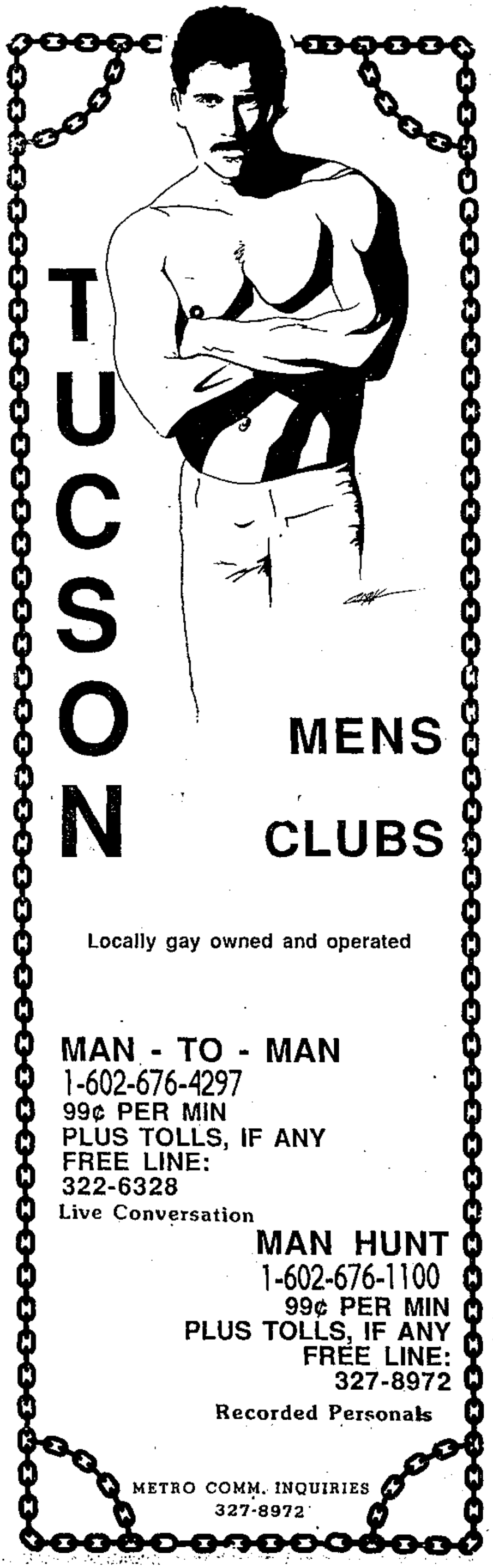
The sentiment is rarely expressed so blatantly. More often it takes the form of "innocent victims and guilty victims" or "it's hard to have sympathy for someone who keeps doing this or that" - fill in the blank with Gay sex, drugs or sleeping around. I see red when I hear this argument. AIDS is caused by a virus - a minuscule organism that respects no limits of race, sex or sexual preference. It is a public health issue, not a moral issue.

One good thing may come out of Johnson's plight - it may at last focus the nation's attention on the fact that AIDS is slamming into the Black and Hispanic communities in the 1990s in the same way it smashed into the Gay community in the 1980s.

Black lives, unless they're famous basketball players - seem to count less than white lives. How else can you explain the fact that buried in a six-inch article in The Chronicle on October 12, that one in every 185 Black mothers in the Bay area is infected with HIV?

When I saw that article, I thought, "If that had been one in every 185 white mothers, the news would have been plastered in headlines on the front page of every Bay Area newspaper. For weeks I've been waiting for a follow-up article. (San Francisco Chronicle)

[ED NOTE: Brynn Craffey is a University of California at Berkeley journalism student].



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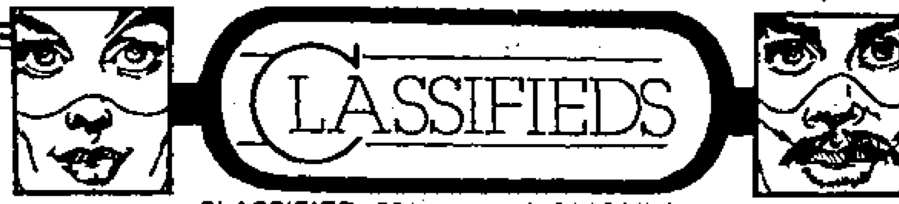

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Notices

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ARIZONA SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3333. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS to Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. 628-9494

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SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5656. Leave message.

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P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 2579 N. 1st Avenue. Office hours 10 to 5, M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-9604 for info.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON
Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 pm at 602 N. 4th Ave. Potential Shanti volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 8:00 pm only. Phone 622-7107.

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-6660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU IN A COUPLE RELATIONSHIP and interested in meeting other couples for social activities in a supportive atmosphere? Call Joe and E.B. at 292-6440.

Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 1122 E. Jones Blvd., Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. If you are looking for a loving and caring church family who has a strong desire to share the love of God with others, look no further! Call Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6355.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Information and Referral about Al-Anon 790-8922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP: The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. Contact Michael Hutchins, Ph.D. 327-4024 Tucson.

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (OP)
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TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV+; Community Education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

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AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library monthly newsletter. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1779 Tucson.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 for information.

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX has a hotline for information and membership call: 264-7202 or write CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings every Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 240 N. Court.

THE MEN'S MASSAGE GROUP meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. Call Marc at 881-4582 to sign up. It is a great way to meet new men, and enjoy yourself safely.

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA LESBIAN/BISEXUALS/GAYS UNITED
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Notices

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LESBIANS CONNECTION (Formerly LAP) is a Lesbian singles social group. Call 327-2932 to hear about our next events. Join in the fun.

Personals

FRED - We met at the Graduate Saturday night. What happened? Please call, Robert 326-1288. 383

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ED. Love you so very much. Kinky Anne 383

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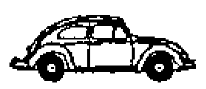

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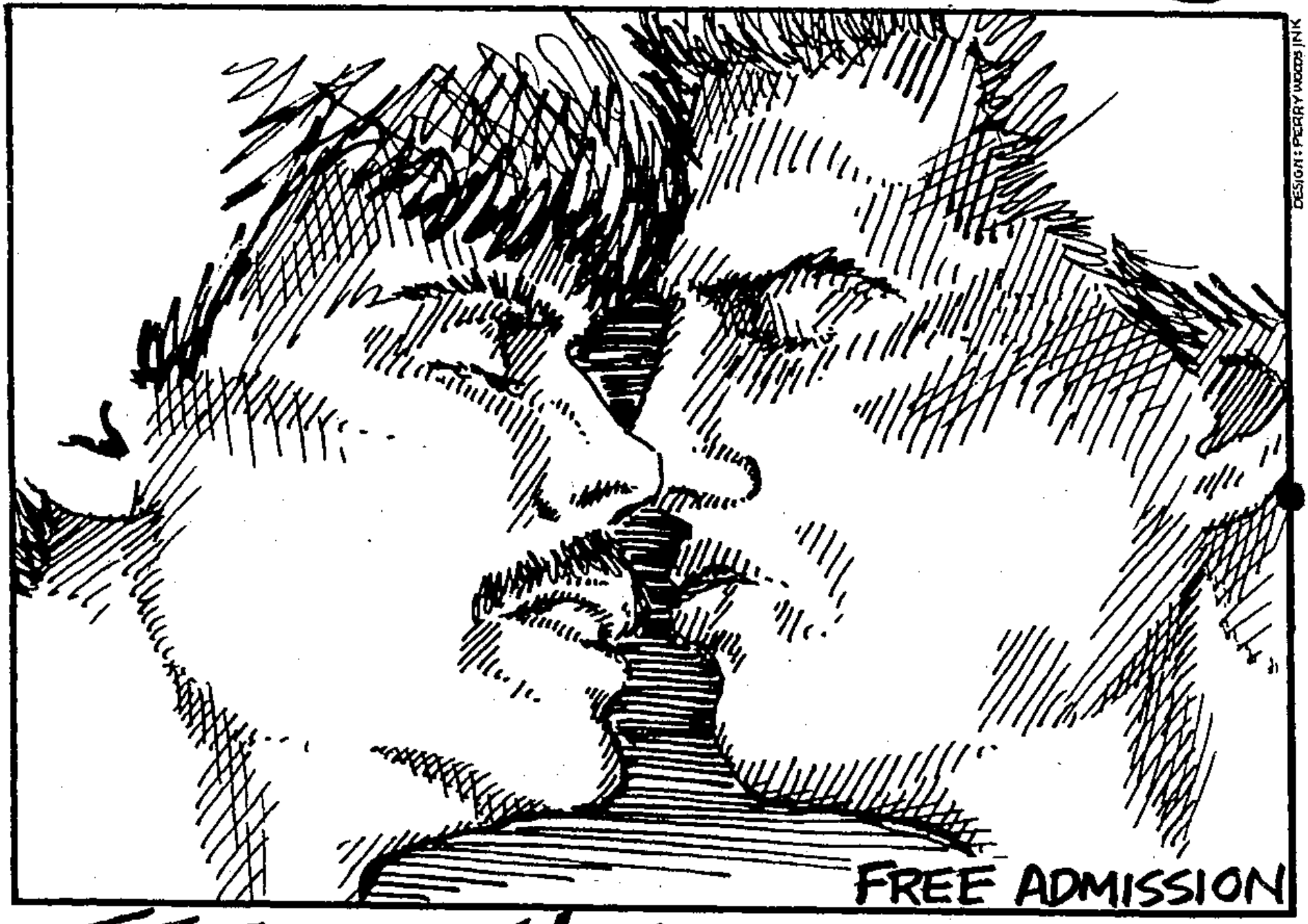

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