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TUESDAY,
NOV. 7

George Miller
Ward 3

Steve Leal
Ward 5

Molly McKasson
Ward 6



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Next Tuesday, Nov. 7, is election day. Not one of those big national elections where we get to elect our President, Senators and Congressmen, but a smaller local election. We are being asked to go to the polls and cast ballots for three city Council posts. Not important you say - very important we say. First of all you do not have to live in the particular "Ward" these candidates are running for. Registered voters are eligible to vote for all offices.

The political system starts at the very bottom of the structure. Not to say that the City Council is the bottom of the ladder. There are Precinct Committee persons who are probably at the bottom of the 'elected' structure. There are many, many people in the political system - and all are integral in the building of the structure we call politics.

In our democracy, we elect officials to represent us in whatever office that person may be running for. We have it in our power to cast votes for school superintendent, county tax assessor, constable, sheriff, judges, mine inspector, members of Congress and Senate and so on all the way up to President. This year, we get to go to the polls and vote for only three positions on our City Council plus some Propositions concerning changes in amendments to the city charter.

No matter how insignificant the ballot may seem as compared to a big, highly publicized national election of other years, the people who are running want to get into power. Many of them for different reasons and these candidates are elected by you, the people. If you do not vote, you have lost the right to participate in the democratic process. Because of your lack of interest and apathy, it is possible to allow some incompetent people, or people who do not have your best interests in mind, to be elected and literally rule your lives. Even in 'insignificant' elections.

In next Tuesday's election, OBSERVER endorses the Democratic slate of candidates who are running. This is not because we favor the Democratic Party, but by comparing all the candidates, they

are the best that this particular election has to offer.

Councilman George Miller in Ward 3 is the incumbent, a friend of the Gay and Lesbian community and is a seasoned, solid veteran on the Council since 1977 when he voted for the inclusion of Gays and Lesbians in our cherished Human Rights Amendment. We know what he stands for - and what sensible and reasonable positions he has taken and in the future he will take. Miller's commitment to social services and fiscal responsibility are well known. We cannot say the same for his Libertarian opponent who is an unknown quantity.

In Ward 5, perhaps the most controversial in this election, we are asking the Gay community to vote a change. The incumbent, Republican Mr. Roy Laos has proven recently that he is not representing the entire community. He has maligned the Women's Commission claiming Lesbianism. He has come out against the specially-abled, and has taken the religious stand that homosexuality is immoral, among other citizen complaints.

In addition, he has stated his desire to run for Mayor and might not be able to fulfill this term as councilman. These are just a few of the reasons we think Mr. Laos should be defeated. He has lost touch with his common constituency and chosen the path of big business and land developers. There are other reasons we have chosen not to endorse Mr. Laos, many of them smack of a smear campaign and we will not go into them. We believe the above reasons are more than enough to say enough.

In Ward 5 OBSERVER endorses Steve Leal. It is apparent that others feel the same: "Steven's educational background and years of community service will be assets at City Hall," -Congressman Morris R. Udall. "Leal has both the vision and the guts," -County Supervisor Raul Grijalva. "With Mr. Leal in office the people of Ward 5 will not be ignored as they have with Mr. Laos," -Chairwoman Legislative District 10, Betty Liggins.

The endorsements continue for candidate Steve Leal: "Steve will bring a strong voice to city

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Homosexuals OK for military, Pentagon study reports

WASHINGTON, DC - The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund (LLDEF) has announced that months of intense congressional pressure, spearheaded by Congressman Gerry Studds' office at Lambda's urging, has resulted in the release of a Pentagon study that says homosexuals trying to join the military have stronger qualifications and fewer problems in their backgrounds than their heterosexual counterparts.

The study recommends that the military reconsider its anti-Gay policy in light of the overwhelming current data finding no relationship between sexual orientation and military performance.

"These results appear to be in conflict with conceptions of homosexuals as unstable, maladjusted persons," the report by the Defense Personnel Security Research and Education Center concludes. The center analyzes what kind of people can be trusted with classified information.

Lambda contacted Studds' office for help in obtaining release of the study, entitled "Nonconforming Sexual Orientation and Military Suitability," shortly after filing suit earlier this year on behalf of Joseph Steffan, a highly-commended midshipman discharged from the Naval Academy solely because of his sexual orientation.

The report was leaked to members of Congress who want the Pentagon to reverse its policy against allowing Gays and Lesbians into the military. Rep. Gerry E. Studds, D-MA, an avowed homosexual, gave a copy to the Associated Press last Friday.

The report compares the background records of 166 Gays and Lesbians who entered the military and were subsequently discharged because of their sexual preference with those of heterosexuals who were in the military.

"The preponderance of the evidence presented indicates that homosexuals show preservice suitability-related adjustment that is as good or better than the average heterosexual," the report's author, Michael A. McDaniel, concludes.

In a sweeping analytical survey of historical, social, legal and scientific data, the

authors of the report concluded that the ever increasing social tolerance of Lesbians and Gay men necessitates a reexamination of the military's exclusionary policy. Comparing the military's exclusion of Gay men and Lesbians to the historical segregation of Blacks and women, the authors conclude that the military's anti-Gay policy is outmoded and equally discriminatory.

For months the Pentagon stonewalled Studds' office and Lambda attorneys by denying the existence of the study. But in the course of Lambda's evidentiary discovery for the Steffan trial, the military released the cover page of the report, finally confirming its existence.

The 23-page report looked at school conduct records, thinking skills, adjustment to military life and substance abuse. Homosexuals performed better in all except the drug and alcohol-abuse categories.

One argument against homosexuals in the military is that they pose security risks because someone could use the threat of exposure to blackmail them into spying. Studds said that removing discrimination would eliminate the problem.

The report is the second in as many weeks released to media organizations that raises questions about the Pentagon policy toward homosexuals. A longer, 1988 study by the same center concluded that the Pentagon should let homosexuals enter military service.

Defense Department spokesman Jim Turner said the earlier report was rejected because "it was not responsive to the original research request: whether there is any connection between personnel security and sexual orientation."

Turner said a completed report from the center on that subject is expected by the end of the year. He said the second report also had not been released because it was in draft form and had not gone through a complete review.

Sandy Lowe, Lambda staff attorney for Steffan, noted, "Thanks to the efforts of Congressman Studds' office, it is now patently obvious that the mili-

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WOMEN'S COFFEEHOUSE CLOSES AFTER 15 YEARS
by Kelly Gaines

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (GON) - A 15-year-old women-only space here, A Woman's Coffeehouse, has closed due to "the political, social and cultural changes that have occurred within the community over the past several years," according to "Equal Time".

The coffeehouse was a "chem-free women-only space" that some women interviewed by the Minneapolis paper felt had outlived its time. Financial pressures and recent controversies over press coverage and censorship were also cited as factors that contributed to the closing. In addition, the coffeehouse was run by a collective and there were only two members left when the space shut its doors forever.

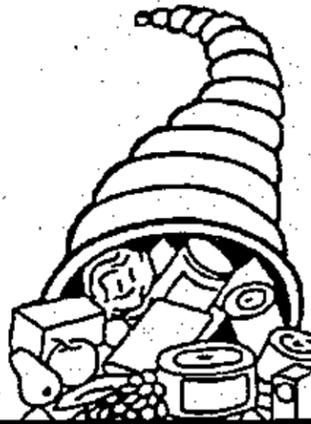
One of the collective members, Trina Porte, said, "It's no longer considered hip or cool or 'in' or important to the community to work part-time at the co-op and work on six political committees. There are still people who do that, but the co-ops are struggling, women's bookstores all over the country are closing. In the 70s the way to be safe and be strong was to be with other women and be out and to say here we are and we're not going away."

In its prime, A Woman's Coffeehouse was said to have been the only public place here, besides bars, where Lesbians could meet other Lesbians; share ideas about politics, and feel secure talking about life experiences. The coffeehouse also provided an alcohol-free and chemical-free alternative to the bars.

Some expressed mixed feelings about a "women-only" space and one woman said she thought that "people are getting more sophisticated; they want a nicer place."

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Dannemeyer challenged on youth suicide report

WASHINGTON, DC - In a letter to President George Bush, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) sharply challenged an attempt by Congressman William Dannemeyer (R-CA) to persuade the White House to repudiate sections of a Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) report that addressed Lesbian and Gay youth suicide issues.

In the letter to President Bush regarding the "Report of the



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(HHS) Secretary's Task Force on Youth Suicide", Rep. Dannemeyer asked the President to "Affirm traditional family values by denouncing the portion of the Report that deals with

homosexuality." Dannemeyer stated in his letter to the President that he had previously asked Dr. James Mason, Assistant Secretary of HHS, to denounce aspects of the report dealing with homosexuality.

Wrote Dannemeyer, "I suggested to Dr. Mason that he will need to decide whether he will side with traditional family values or the National Gay and Lesbian Task force."

Rep. Dannemeyer also stated that the HHS Report and "public school programs such as Project 10 in the Los Angeles Unified School District simply add legitimacy to the to the heretofore crime of child molestation."

Responding to Dannemeyer's letter, NGLTF's Vaid wrote to President Bush, urging him to place "moral leadership" over "prejudice and moral posturing," and

to vigorously implement the recommendations of the report.

Noted Vaid, "The HHS report correctly identified the special vulnerability of Lesbian and Gay youth to suicide. By urging the President to ignore this tragic situation, Congressman Dannemeyer shows his true colors as a cold-blooded bigot who supports the senseless destruction of young Gay and Lesbian lives. We are also outraged by his false and pernicious claims about 'homosexual recruitment among youth.'"

Vaid blasted Dannemeyer for setting up a "false dichotomy" between family values and measures to deal with Lesbian and Gay youth suicide. In her letter to President Bush, she stated that "we at NGLTF believe... as we hope you do, that suicide and violence are not family values. We believe that when sexual minority youth attempt to — or succeed in — destroying their lives, families are undermined rather than strengthened."

The NGLTF letter asked the President for a meeting to discuss the findings of the HHS report and "broader issues of discrimination based on sexual orientation."

Prepared during the tenure of former HHS Secretary Otis Bowen, the 4-volume report was not released until early August, 1989. It identified Gay and Lesbian youth, among others, to be at "high risk" for suicide, and called for an end [to] discrimination against youths on the basis of such characteristics as disability, sexual orientation, and financial status."

The report included specially commissioned research papers by leading experts, including two papers that addressed Gay Youth suicide issues. One such paper noted

that "Gay youth are 2 to 3 times more likely to attempt suicide than other young people. They comprise up to 30 percent of completed youth suicides annually.

Founded in 1973, the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force is the Gay community's grassroots political organization, and engages in lobbying, issue-focused organizing, and public education to advance Gay and Lesbian equality.

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government in four areas: neighborhood concerns, human rights, social services and economic vitality of Tucson. Steve will bring a strong conscience to the City Council," -Mayor Thomas Voigy. "Steve Leal is top notch material for public service. He knows our problems" -State Representative Peter Goudinoff. And so it goes. There is clearly a choice here - a real alternative to Roy Laos.

In Ward 6, we endorse Molly McKasson. Molly's campaign has centered on some of the most vital issues concerning all of us in Tucson. On transportation, McKasson says, "It's time to stop talking about and start acting upon real alternative transportation programs. Developers should pay their fair share for roads and services needed to support new growth." On neighborhoods, "City Hall should work with the neighborhoods and not against them to serve the needs of the people who live here, to create a safe, beautiful, decent place to live".

McKasson on the environment, "The most important challenge of our time. The Sonoran Desert needs

and "deserves our protection". On the economy, "Tucson's businesses, schools, culture and natural beauty are the key to its economic vitality. Government should utilize local resources to serve the needs of Tucsonans."

Lastly, and perhaps the most important reason to encourage your vote this year is because we, as a united Gay and Lesbian community, would like to make a statement. We know for a fact that we are looked upon as a political force by many people in Arizona, but we are still unproven when it comes to the polls.

The Lambda Democratic Caucus has made its mark by getting strong Gay and Lesbian rights planks in the Party platform. The caucus' meetings have been well attended and have caught the eye of many party officials as being a strong, active organization.

The results of this election would be the "icing on the cake" so to speak in proving that we can make a difference at the polls, and can deliver when asked to. With a strong showing at this election, we will be able to go to the State Democratic Convention in January and have those Gay rights planks approved by the State Convention and carry them on to the National Convention.

So you see, its up to me, you and everyone to get out the vote for this 'insignificant' election next Tuesday, Nov. 7 and even if you cannot vote for OBSERVER endorsements, please vote.



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Just where has 1989 gone? Do you realize with this issue of the OBSERVER, you have 22 days until Thanksgiving, 52 shopping days until Christmas and 61 days until the "Gay 90s"? If time keeps flying as fast as this past year has, I just may live to see my own personal Gay 90s, in the year 2028. If I do, I wonder if I'll have as much energy and get up and go as I do now? Enough of the BS, I am supposed to be writing a column that everyone wants to read, with information that may or may not be interesting and informing.

The weather was cold at night. A campout in my back yard was suggested, which I might add was suggested about 3 weeks ago, back when it was warm at night. Knowing me, I said yes and went around asking a few others to join the four of us.

Well, the weather turned colder and I turned the football game down because of the cold. I got up Saturday morning and set up my tent in the back yard. Yes, I agree the weather is not really that cold as of yet but I still ended up sleeping in the house. Now I know it can be fun, not having to drive so far just to set up a tent and sleep out. I'll just leave the tent up for now and possibly give the neighborhood a show (of course within reason) the weather is going to have to warm up a little and knowing Tucson, it will.

Having chosen to stay inside and listen to the football game, we were joined by 2 others and 5 of us skipped all the parties and sat up and played UNO until 1:45 a.m., we did enjoy the "Brew" cards when played.

As I stated last week, the Rose Bowl Pac 10 team will be decided in Tucson on Nov. 11, on national TV too. To me, this will be a good way to pay Larry Smith back for leaving the UoFA. Of course, since he left, our team has slowly been doing a lot better and now are in real good contention for either the Rose Bowl or one of the other major bowls.

ATTENTION CAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS! Tonight, Nov. 1, and I hope everyone one of you members already know, is a general CAT Committee meeting at the Joshua Tree at 7:00 p.m. As all are,

this will be a very important meeting because the dates for this year's voting is approaching very fast and it will be time for the members to get to work. Please try to attend or send a representative. Yes Ben, I will make this one, thank you.

Just a friendly little reminder of up and coming important events being held in and around this greater Tucson area. The monthly Beer Bust by the different clubs are held on the second and third Saturdays of each month with the exception of TALL who hold their monthly Beer Bust on the second Sunday of the month, followed by SOS's Casino Night.

Then over the Thanksgiving holiday, it is time for this year's Arizona Fellowship Run here in Tucson. This run as I have stated many times, is put on by the local clubs around Tucson. As far as I know, this is the only run in the state of Arizona, collectively put on by all the local clubs in any community and one we in Tucson can be very proud of. If you would like to join in on all the fun over these four days - the fee for the entire run is only \$20. Why not save yourself the expense of your Thanksgiving meals throughout these festive days and join those members of the different clubs. Each club will be having a different game to be played by all, with the winners awarded trophies at the send-off brunch at the Graduate on Sunday, Nov. 26.

With that, I think I will stop for this week. I hope I haven't missed anything someone would have like to have had me publish for them. If so, sorry, try again next week, but you have to get the information to me or to Bob with instructions to add to this column.

With this issue, the medical field is another day closer to the day when a cure for AIDS will have been found and we can all rejoice. In the meantime, please support as often as possible ITA's drive going on all of this month and next. Tucson has always shown a very generous heart when it comes time for giving, so let us all do our fair share this time. Remember also, all items donated in Tucson stay in Tucson.

Come Tell Mama

by the family at Mi Casa Su Casa

Dear Mama: I am a 31-year-old Gay male who has just learned of my having the AIDS virus. I think I made a mistake by telling my Mother. She hasn't stopped crying since then, that was two weeks ago. She is afraid to tell my Dad because he might have a heart attack. (He has a bad heart). I don't know what to do to help them and myself. I don't have anyone on an intimate level I can talk to, and have no idea what to do with my parents. Do you have an answer?

Signed: Strung Out

My Dearest Strung Out, Child, I wish I had the answer, but let's see if this advice will help. First, you can't help anyone until you can help yourself. You have to make peace with yourself and this disease. Most of, if not all, the answers are within you. Sometimes this takes a little reaching within to find. I would suggest Shanti Foundation of Tucson first. They can help you find the emotional strength you are going to need to face this situation. They can also suggest directions on how to deal with

your parents or possibly bring them in for counseling.

The Tucson AIDS Project and the People with AIDS Coalition are two more excellent support groups that offer a more diversified range of services.

Since you didn't tell me how or what made you find out about your status, I can only say you should start planning for your future with a more positive approach to living with AIDS. I've seen others destroy themselves long before an infectious disease kills them. Your emotional and mental well being are vital to your physical body.

You answered your letter as "strung out". I hope that is not literal! Escapism through stimulants are not only false escapes but can also hurt your immune system, just to name a couple of reasons to refrain, and believe me, your MAMA knows!

Pentagon report

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tary's policy of discrimination is the product of prejudice, pure and simple. As the report notes, it is the same kind of discrimination that blacks and women faced when they sought to serve. It is high time that the courts stop rubber-stamping the military's meritless claims that discrimination is justified, and declare the anti-Gay policy unconstitutional."

The Pentagon currently stands by its policy against homosexuals in the military service. "Homosexuality is not compatible with military life," Turner said.

Several court decisions upheld the military's policy, although a federal appeals court in San Francisco determined in May that career officer Perry Watkins could re-enlist because the Army knew of his homosexuality when he re-enlisted in the past.

"The Defense Department policy which discriminates against Gays and lesbians employs precisely the same arguments used against blacks and women before they were integrated into the armed services, namely, that their inclusion is 'contrary to good order and discipline,'" Studds said.

But Studds says there is no political climate in Congress to pressure the Pentagon to change.

Studds accused the military of withholding the reports from Congress and the public because they ran contrary to current policy.

The new report "is another eloquent statement requested by and then subsequently rejected by the Pentagon," he said.

The report urged an end to the ban on Lesbian and Gay service personnel, noting that "having a same-gender or an opposite-gender orientation is unrelated to job performance in the same way as is being right or left handed."

National Organization for Women (NOW) President Molly Yard issued the following statement: "Department of Defense policy, which states that 'homosexuality is incompatible with military service' has been disproved by the Pentagon's own personnel research center. The center's report, suppressed for ten months, might never have seen the light of day because its conclusion was not what DoD had expected. Thanks to courageous members of congress such as Reps. Gerry Studds and Patricia Schroeder, the public has access to this landmark study.

"Neither the conclusion of the report, nor DoD's attempts to discredit it, are surprising. The researchers found no evidence to justify the military's ban on Gay men and Lesbians. Yet each year, the combined branches of the U.S. Armed Forces discharge qualified and capable military personnel solely on the basis of sexual orientation - or perceived sexual orientation. No connection has ever been made between a person's sexual orientation and his or her competence at performing military duties.

"The National Organization for Women opposes any form of discrimination. The 'witchhunts' conducted by the military against women suspected of homosexuality

represent some of the most virulent examples of government sanctioned, anti-women activity in this country. The DoD policy is a national embarrassment and should be abolished immediately.

"The Pentagon's fear of homosexuality is baseless bigotry that has no place in the Armed Forces of the United States."

According to LLDEF's Lowe, one of the most critical and potentially far-reaching findings of the report is the experts' unequivocal conclusion that there is no empirical evidence to support Pentagon assertions that Gays and Lesbians present a greater security risk than heterosexuals.

Loew explains, "The national security issue is the one issue traditionally put forth by the Defense and intelligence communities which has most frightened Congress, the courts and society at large. The implication of the report's national security finding goes far beyond the military because it totally undermines the rationale for the denial of security clearances to Gay men and Lesbians that are required for employment in defense and other civilian industries.

Paul Ettelbrick, Legal Director of LLDEF added, "This report shows conclusively that there is no justification for the military regulations which categorically ban service by Lesbians and Gay men. All the empirical research and analytical data, even within the possession of the military, concludes that sexual orientation has nothing to do with fitness for military service. The fact that the Pentagon tried so hard to suppress its own report is clear evidence that the military recognizes their policy is untenable."

OUT ON THE TOWN

So who was it that was 86'd for baling hay off duty? Is the merger still on or is it off?

The streets are a little bit safer now that Miss Mae has been keeping constant company with a certain gentleman caller. And was it the Slut Puppy caught crawling on the floor coaxing someone for kinky contact? Miss Jade might know. Speaking of whom, Miss Jade's beau briefly breezed by basically being blonde.

If Granny's face wasn't cracked before, it certainly is now thanks to Miss Congolia's coming out last weekend. Too bad the glass slipper wasn't the right size so Puppy Prince Charming had to carry her over the threshold but in the opposite direction.

Who is Angela and what does she have to do with the Ponderosa? Did Max Headroom really know who Congolia was? Remember, Christina lives. Thank God Nurse Jane hasn't taken any tumbles recently.

Is the Turtle Flat Queen permanently running in low gear considering the Princess or what? How will Mrs. Bartles and James manage in New Orleans? Tif's back to her big box braying for a bronze beauty believe it or not. Til next time, forever yours

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We have given \$560 in cash so far and an additional \$336 in value for T-shirts.

We still have 101 T-shirts

to sell. The remaining T-shirt profits will be divided as follows: \$164.00 to Shanti; \$260.00 to PACT and \$380.00 to TAP.

Most of the remaining T-shirts are at Colettes West in the Gift Shop. There is still a great selection.

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A COMMENTARY BY

CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY McPHERSON

A City Built On Class

At 5:04 Pacific Time, Tuesday, October 17, 1989, an earthquake measuring 6.9 on the Richter scale caused the land under the city of San Francisco to move. Fifteen seconds later, part of the San Francisco - Oakland Bay Bridge had collapsed, houses had slipped their foundations, windows had shattered, streets had cracked and a mile-long section of freeway and collapsed onto itself.

I was stunned by this tragedy. My immediate reactions were of interest: earthquakes were a rather common thing in San Francisco and—as a one-time resident of that beautiful city—I had had my share.

As the evening progressed—and, as the marvels of modern journalism brought more information to me via television—my feelings of interest soon turned to feelings of concern. Where were my friends? Who was still in The City? Where was damage? Was there someone I needed to call? Was there something I should do? Could do?

I began to resent the 800-some miles separating me and The City.

I watched professionals gather and present information as fast as they could. People I knew were reporting the news, people I trusted. I knew if they said it was okay, it was.

But, as more hours passed, I knew it wasn't okay. People had died; whole apartment buildings had fallen; a fire was burning out of control in the Marina District.

I knew San Francisco. I knew this was bad. I knew there was nothing I could do.

The next day, when light filled the City by the Bay, the extent of the damage could be seen. Dread filled my heart, and I felt utterly useless.

People were interviewed: "No looting," one said; "A man was in the middle of the intersection directing traffic, his two dogs sitting at his feet," another said; "People helping dig through collapsed buildings to find the injured," added a third.

Then came the stories of personal heroism saving people from the collapsed Nimitz; a man pulling the occupants from a car which had crashed on the Bay Bridge; volunteers of all ages helping those who had lost everything save the clothes they wore—and a familiar calm came over me.

This is the San Francisco I knew so well. There would be no looting; there would be no shouting or yelling at intersections without traffic lights; there would be no pushing at one of the few working pay phones.

"Class is not something you teach; you either have it or you don't." That's my favorite line from a long-cancelled sit-com. And the same hold true for people: you either have class or you don't.

And San Franciscans most certainly have it.

I watched the news reports day after day; I felt heartened when Buck Helm was found alive on the Nimitz 89 hours after the earthquake; I found confidence in the ranks of teenagers helping at Red Cross stations throughout stricken Northern California; and I was at peace.

This was not just ANY city; nor was this just ANY disaster; this was THE city, with a capital "C"; this was San Francisco where everything is done with a little more style, a little more class, a little more joie de vivre; for, when you live along the fault responsible for the deadliest earthquake in American history, you understand that any moment could

be the last so, why blow it?

San Francisco will rebuild once again—as it has after the last five major earthquakes to devastate The City through the last 200 years. It will shine once more; proving itself to be the city built on class.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

News From MCC Tucson

This coming Sunday, Nov. 5, starting at 1:00 p.m., a special Congregational Meeting will be held at the church. This meeting will be for the purpose of instructing our Lay and Alternate Lay Delegates to the Southwest District Conference. The Conference will be held in Oxnard, California on Nov. 10, 11 and 12. The new District Co-Ordinator and other officers of the District will be elected during this Conference. Every member of MCC/Tucson is urged to be present at this Congregational Meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.

Last Saturday night was our monthly Bingo games. You should have been there to witness the costumes. There were four prizes given for the winners of costumes: Bea, Nita, Annie and Lee. The winners of the Bingo games were Joyce, Angie, Jan, Abby, Nita, Peggy and Bea. Some of the winners won more than one game. The final game of Cover All was split three ways. There were no male winners during the Bingo Games, so you could say it was a one-sided affair this month. Except if you had seen those costumes, you would have been confused. To top it all off, the state inspector was present to check the proceedings. Yes, we passed the inspection.

Thought for the Week: If you must talk about your troubles, don't bore your friends with them—tell them to your enemies, who will be delighted to hear about them.

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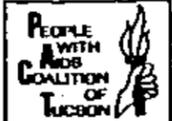
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CALENDAR

of upcoming events

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
GRADUATE - A big benefit show for our Miss Gay Tucson, Christine Shade. Show features the irresistible Marjess Benneck and the incomparable Candy Plastique. It all begins at 8:30 p.m. and proceeds help Christine to compete in the upcoming Miss Gay Arizona Pageant and win that title for Tucson. Also, there will be a limited edition of a fabulous Marilyn Monroe print that will be raffled off during the evening.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
COLETTE'S WEST - The musical talents of Cynthia Stacey will be presented here beginning at 9 p.m.

IBT'S - Benefit Show for Michelle Kristi who is running for Miss Gay Arizona and this benefit will assist her in making a presentation in the upcoming Pageant that will hopefully win the crown. Also in this big, big show are Big Mike, Queen Moose, IBT's Scream Girls, Lillian Jade, Margo Lee, Mr. Dani Reid, Jerry and Friends, Denverina an other surprise guests. It all begins at 9:00 p.m. and there is no cover.

JOSHUA TREE - A big Benefit Show with proceeds going to the Frensdorff House, a low-cost residence for people with AIDS will be held here beginning at 10:00 p.m. Headling the show will be Jantarra ably assisted by the ever-popular Tiffany and a very special guest star. Also the live vocal talents of Becky and Mark will top of an evening of special entertainment with proceeds going to the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church's AIDS Hostel.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10
COLETTE'S WEST - On his nationwide "Heartwarmer Tour" singer Troy Beatty will surely warm your hearts with his singing. Don't miss this handsome vocalist who is gaining national attention. It begins at 9:00 p.m. \$2.00 Cover.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
GRADUATE - TRO Beer Bust from 2 until 6 p.m. Besides the cheap suds there will be raffles throughout the afternoon. Be there!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
GRADUATE - It's that double-header time again. The Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen (TALL) will hold their regular monthly Beer Bust from 2 to 6 p.m. This will be followed by the Sisters of Sonora (SOS) regular monthly Casino Nite from 5 to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
COLETTE'S WEST - It's Country/Western Night with the singing talents of popular vocalist Loren Johnson. Come on by and enjoy his talents.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17
COLETTE'S - Plan ahead and mark your calendars. This is "Comedy Night" at Colette's with the popular San Francisco comedienne Monica Grant. More on this later, but plan on it!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
COLETTE'S - It's Betty Davis Month for the Sunday Movies at Colette's and after the movie today stay and enjoy the musical talents of Lisa Orey.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23
GRADUATE - It's Thanksgiving eve and the Grad is presenting a Wild Turkey Show hosted by Aviva Diamond with special guests.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24
COLETTE'S - It's that time of the month again, the special night set aside for listening and dancing to "Soul Music". A popular themed evening of music from the soul.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
COLETTE'S - The ever popular vocal stylings of Arue English will be enjoyed by her multitude of fans this evening beginning at 8:30 p.m. Come by and listen to this wonderfully talented musician, vocalist and songwriter.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
 C.A.T. Committee general meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Joshua Tree. All members are urged to attend.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
 Mi Casa Su Casa's Taco Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. Weather permitting, this event will be held poolside. A \$4.00 donation is requested for the open buffet.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
 KXCI 91.7 FM, Sunday evening women's radio broadcast features "Women in the Military" from 7 to 8 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to tune in and broaden their perspective on music and women's issues.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13
 40's & Better women's group business meeting at 7 p.m. Call for location. At these meetings plans for future events are made. More women are needed for greater input.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17
 By popular demand, Arizona Daily Star editorial cartoonist David Fitzsimmons will skewer the powers that be with art and satire for CPWA members and guests at the Hotel Park Tucson. Greetings begin at 7:30 p.m., the meeting at 8. The meeting is free for members and newcomers.

KXCI, 91.7 FM, Sunday evening women's radio broadcast presents "Language That Limits", 7 to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18
 40's & Better women's group Auction and Pot Luck at Wingspan Community Center Conference Room, 240 N. Court. Auction begins at 2 p.m. Any donation will be auctioned. Items needed include crafts, furniture, skills, fun stuff. If you need help transporting an item call 624-5247.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26
 KXCI, 91.7 FM, Sunday evening women's radio broadcast presents "Black" Is Not The Word" 7 to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
 40's & Better women's group First Anniversary and Holiday Celebration at Mountain View Restaurant in the Private Banquet Room. RSVP by Nov. 27. Call 624-5247 for more information. For women only. (Under 40 must be accompanied by a chaperon).

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EVERY TUESDAY
 HIV/AIDS Emotional Support Group, 7:30-9 p.m. every Tuesday, TAP office, 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #252. call 322-6226 for more info.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
 Positive Approach to Living with HIV, at P.A.C.T. office every Wed. 7 P.M. You do have choices, come and learn. 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #282.

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY
 "DAGES" Shanti Support Group - 7 p.m. A support group focusing on positive attitudes, self-love and self-healing. HIV/AIDS persons encouraged. Call 591-0372 for location.

EVERY SATURDAY
 HIV Wellness Clinic for HIV+, ARC/AIDS. Balancing the mind, body and spirit in a supportive and confidential atmosphere. Yoga, nutrition and treatment options. Every Saturday, 1-4 p.m., 151 S. Tucson Blvd. TAP and P.A.C.T. offices.

Family, Friends and Lovers Support Group. 1:30 p.m. Shanti Office. Call 622-7107 to reserve a place.

"LIVING THROUGH DEATH" Grief Support Group. 8-week closed sessions - confidential. Call Shanti, 622-7107 for beginning date of next session.

Tucson CALENDAR

SUNDAY

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys \$1.25. Steak Dinner 5 pm to 777 \$4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am, Linda Fisdale.

COLETTE'S WEST - "Wine Down Nite" \$1.00 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.

GRADUATE - All White Well \$1.25 daytime / \$1.50 nites.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Flamingo Cafe open noon to 4, great food from your hostess Kerry Anne. Noon to 777 Country Music - live dancing - drink specials. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon. Bloodyt Marys and Screws \$1.00 all day. Complimentary Buffet 5:30.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - Noon to 6 pm. Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys \$1.25 + Schnapps .50/shot. + Hot Dogs! DJ Dayne 9 to 1.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 Schnapps .75 / 4-8 pm Well \$1.50, Domestic Beer \$1.25 / 8 pm to 1 am Miller bottle or Schnapps .75 Bowler's Special with Fiesta Bowling card .50 off well and beer 9 to 1.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. All White Well \$1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm. Well drinks \$1.25 (w/ juice \$1.50), Longnecks \$1.50, Draft .75; 4 to 8 pm Two for One. 8-1 Miller Products \$1.25. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 pm: Two for 1 drinks. Bowlers Special 1/2 price drinks for bowlers.

RUMORHAZZIT 2222 - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Monday Night Football on giant screen plus complimentary food by Coach John; Monday night drink specials. Dewey DJs at 9.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 p.m. Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .75 / 4-8 pm Domestic Beer \$1.25, Well drinks \$1.50. Corona Beer \$1.00 at Well Tequila \$1.50 from 8 pm to 1 am. + "Stop Light" specials. Bobby Jr. DJ's at 9.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Longneck Bottle Beer Special: \$1.25 from 8:00 until midnight. DJ from 8 to midnight.

GRADUATE - .50 draft from opening to closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm Well drinks \$1.25 (w/ juice \$1.50), Longnecks \$1.50, .75 draft; 4 to 8 pm Two for One. 8-1 Bud Products \$1.25. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m. Two for One drinks. Rum & Coke Nite - 1/2 price well or call 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well/ beer 4-7 pm. WJ/DJ 9-1 with Dayne.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust from Noon to Close Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .75 / 4-8 pm non-premium beer \$1.25, Well drinks \$1.50. DJ Linda 9pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily sandwich special. Schnapps \$1.00 from 8 pm to Midnight. Pool Tournament 8:00 p.m.

GRADUATE - Non-premium beers \$1.25 days / \$1.50 nites.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 p.m. Well drinks \$1.25 (w/ juice \$1.50) Longnecks \$1.50 & .75 draft. 4 to 8 Two for One. 8-1 Well Nite, all Well .75, Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks.

RUMORHAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bud Can Beer Nite - .50 per can, plus .50 schnapps from 7 pm until close. WJ/DJ Reuben begins at 9

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust from Noon to Close Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .75 / 4-8 pm non-premium beer \$1.25, Well drinks \$1.50. DJ 9 to 1 Dave Pierson.

COLETTE'S WEST - Big League Baseball on TV with .50 draft and .50 Hot Dogs during game. "Sudersize!" .75 draft beer from 8 pm to Midnight.

GRADUATE - All Dark Well \$1.25 days / \$1.50 nites.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm Well Drinks \$1.25 (w/ juice \$1.50). Longnecks \$1.50, draft .75, 4 - 8 pm Two for One. 8-1 Beer Bust, all can beer .50/can. Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks. All Imported Beer \$1.00 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 well/beer 4-7 p.m. Kegger 8 pm to 12 am .50 per glass, munchies. Video/disco dancing with Reuben from 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 / Schnapps .75 / 4-8 pm non-premium beer \$1.25, Well drinks \$1.50. DJ 9 pm to 1 am, Bobby Jr.

COLETTE'S WEST - International Happy Hour plus Party Nite - Hourly Drink Specials 8 p.m. to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well Drinks \$1.25 (w/ juice \$1.50), Longnecks \$1.50, draft .75; 4 to 8 Two for One; 8-1 Well drinks \$1.50 (w/ juice \$1.75); Dance 9-1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks. DJ from 9 to 1.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 beer/well 4-7 p.m. Progressive Friday: Well drinks .75 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour til 1 am. WJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Happy Hour 5-8 pm \$1.25 non-Premium Beer and \$1.50 Well Drinks. DJ 9-1 Bobby Jr.

COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Drink Specials 8 to Midnight.

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Noon to 4 pm, Well Drinks \$1.25 (w/ juice \$1.50), Longnecks \$1.50, Draft .75; 4 to 8 Two for One. 8-1 Well drinks \$1.75 (w/ juice \$1.75); Dance 9 - 1.

RAINBOW ROOM - Open Noon. DJ plays from 9 pm to 1 am

RUMORHAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. Hot Dogs. Corona .99 Nite 8 pm-12 am. A hot dance nite with WJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

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A REMARKABLE PEOPLE

by Curt Stubbs - Tucson

Normally, I'm in favor of light penalties for "social" crimes since the NIMBY people have made it so prohibitively expensive to house as many prisoners as I think there ought to be. However, in the case of our two recent celebrity convicts I'm perfectly willing to put rationality aside and let emotion rule the day.

First, as they say in the legal trade - In the Matter of Jim Bakker. I guess I should admit right up front that I have an almost pathological dislike for televangelists. I consider them as a class, the most evil group of people in this country, more evil even than used car salesmen. Normal ministers, priests, etc. are OK I guess and should be judged on their individual merits. However the higher they rise in their respective hierarchies the less I'm inclined to trust them.

I often think religious leaders have too much natural power anyway and thus my mistrust. Then you add the awesome power that television carries and is it any wonder I dislike televangelists? Power corrupts they say, and in a geometric progression.

It's not just in the past couple years that the televangelists have been revealing their corruption. Oral Roberts has been the clown prince of televangelism for years. The longer he got away with it, the more off the wall he became, until finally the IRS Called Him Home.

Several years ago Jerry Falwell was taken to court to prove whether or not he was a liar. He was. Seems he said something stupid (natch) on TV. When he was asked about it later, again on TV, he denied ever saying it and then offered to pay \$5,000 if it could be proven. Then later, again on TV (will this man never learn?), he denied offering \$5,000.

Well, he was sued, the appropriate videotapes were produced and some lucky judge got to tell him he was indeed a liar. Jerry

Falwell is a liar, as proven in a court of law, as recorded in United States case law forever. Tell your friends.

I guess I've proven my credentials. I'm not fond of those of the televangelical persuasion. I think the 45 years handed out to Bakker was too little. If his ministry had contained less of its predominate greed, and as much homophobia as the other televangelicals, I'd be calling for the death penalty, even though I'm totally opposed to capital punishment.

And, while we're at it, even though I abhor any sodomy statute (except those teaching us to do it better), why don't we prosecute Bakker for sodomy? Let him go down by this law.

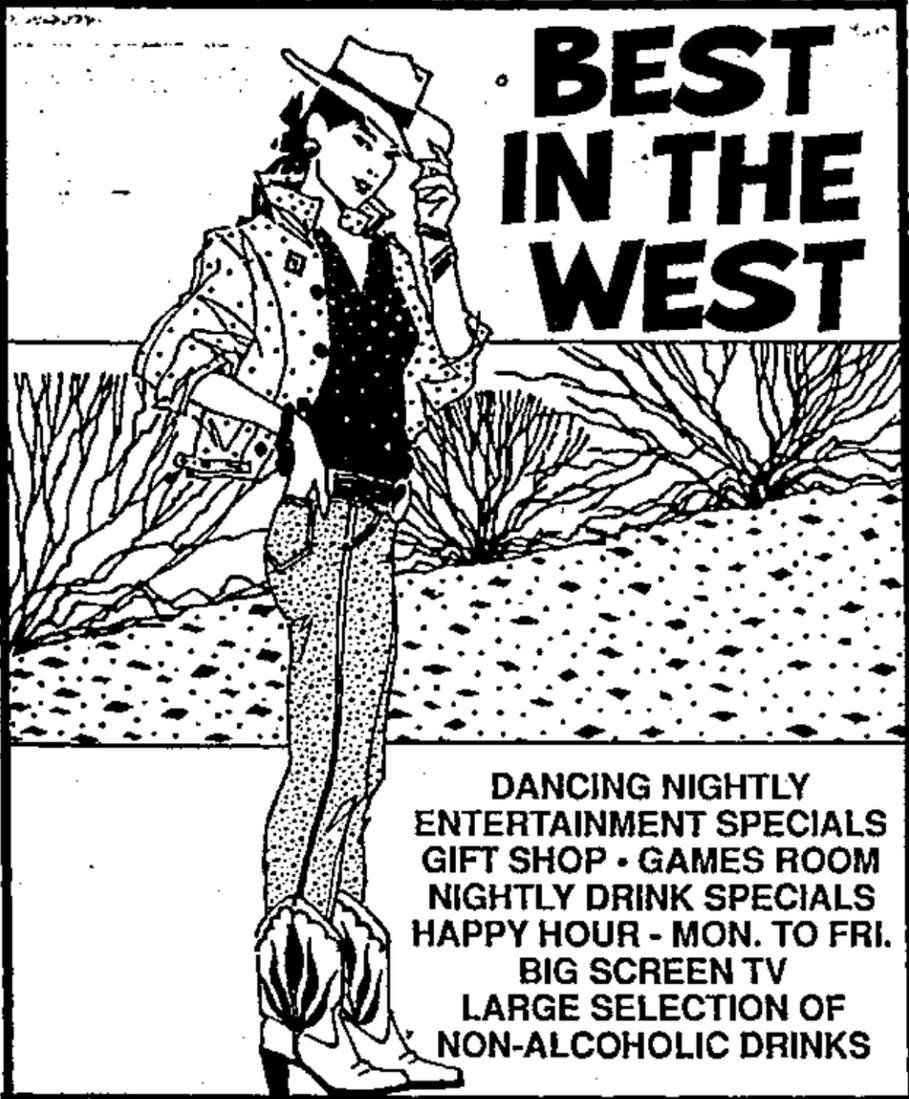
Now let's meet our other celebrity convict, Zsa Zsa Gabor. Ms. Gabor was convicted of striking a police officer. She got three days. Now, I've never hit a cop, but I've had friends do it. They would have much preferred three days to what they served. Course, they didn't drip diamonds or drive Rolls Royces either. However this truncated sentence is not why I would prefer to see her strung up by her thumbs, flogged, keel hauled, drawn and quartered or whatever is most barbaric.

She had absolutely no reason to speculate on the sexual orientation of that cop in court and on nationwide TV. There is no one more perverse than she who would raise herself above her own garbage by trying to prove someone else wrong because they may or may not be homosexual (her speculation, not mine). His bedroom is none of her damned business unless he's been foolish enough to invite her into it.

Looking back, I did not like it in high school when the worst thing you could do to somebody was to insinuate that they were queer. I look back to the McCarthy queer baiting trials as not being my country's finest hour, or 2nd finest hour, nor fifth, or 100th, or 932nd. And I very much resent it when some woman tries to smear somebody else by calling him Gay.

You won't catch me speculating that maybe she's had so many husbands because no man can satisfy her. Nor will I speculate that perhaps her "fear" of Lesbians is closer to fear of Lesbianism.

No sir, you won't catch me in such base canards. You will only catch me in telling the truth, in putting my tongue in my cheek and in putting my head up my - well never mind.



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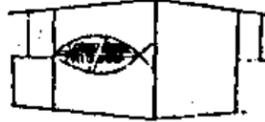
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by Mark R. Kerr

VOTE!!!

Tuesday, Nov. 7 is election day in the City of Tucson. There are 3 City Council seats up for this election. They are in Ward 3, 5 and 6. Registered city voters are eligible to vote for all offices in the general election regardless of what ward they live in. The ballot also includes eight proposed City Charter amendments.

This is a very important election to us all, and on Tuesday we must take the time and go to the polls and vote. When you vote, vote for the future of Tucson, vote for a future for Gays and Lesbians in Tucson - vote Democratic.

WARD 3

What can you say about incumbent Democrat George Miller? A lot! He has been one of the few friends in elected office that the Lesbian and Gay community has. George was there leading the fight for the anti-discrimination ordinance. He was leading the protest when Anita Bryant and her inquisitors came to Tucson spreading their message of hate and discrimination. George is usually leading the fight regarding various social issues concerning our great city: pit bulls, neighborhoods vs. developers, right to choose, Tucson Women's Commission, just to name a few. George is the people's councilmember.

On the other hand, his opponent, Libertarian Peter Schmerl has publicly stated that if he is elected, his policy would be a hands-off one regarding government actions. The net result: Crime would skyrocket. Big business would screw the common worker when it comes to wages, working conditions and practically everything else. Developers would trample all neighborhoods.

The choice is clear in the Ward 3 Council race. Common sense vs. anarchy. Concern for people vs. "hands off". On Tuesday, take the time to go and vote and let's give our friend another term on the Council. Cast your vote for George Miller, Democrat.

WARD 5

This is the race we have our eyes on. The neighborhood activist vs. the insensitive. If you need a good reason to go and vote, I can state it in just two words, "Roy Laos". This Republican incumbent must be defeated, plain and simple! He has managed to alienate women, minorities, the specially-abled, Gays, Lesbians and practically everybody else.

Laos does not believe that the specially abled should be afforded the right to public transportation. He has stated that the Tucson Women's Commission should be disbanded because of "overt Lesbian activity". He has stated that homosexuality is immoral. During the campaign he has stated that he may run for Mayor and would not serve his full term if he runs. He is a career politician and Tucson does not need career politicians. Tucson needs public servants.

Laos has been on the Council since 1977 and every time he runs for re-election he must raise over \$50,000 to win a campaign. George Miller has been there since 1977 and he needs only several hundred dollars to win. Laos says he is for less government spending, yet he leases a 2,200 square foot office with \$16,000 worth of furniture. If this is not hypocritical, somebody define the word for me.

Public servant would be a great term to describe Steve Leal, the Ward 5 Democratic candidate. Steve has served on various city task forces and done consulting work for neighborhood coalition groups. He knows about Tucson's problems and has the solutions to solve the problems. Steve would be a full-time Councilmember who would work with everyone, not alienate everyone. Steve is for Gay and Lesbian rights and would implement the New Rights Section of the Democratic Platform.

So, when you go to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 7, get rid of Laos - give Ward 5 true representation - Vote for Steve Leal.

WARD 6

In the Ward 6 Council race there are no incumbents. You have an environmental activist Democrat Molly McKasson versus the business candidate, Republican Joseph Gartrell.

Gartrell's big plan is to build a quarter of a billion dollar tram to Mount Lemmon. Would this help Tucson? No! Gartrell has too narrow a scope to be on the Council. Plus the Council does not need extremists, the Council needs people who can work together and work with all facets of the community.

Molly McKasson is such a person. Molly is an activist, concerned about Tucson environment, quality of life and quality of government. Molly would devote all of her time to the Council activities. She will protect the neighborhoods from the greedy developers. Molly will protect the rights of the workers; Molly is for the common citizen. Molly must be on the Council, so when you vote on November 7, vote for Molly McKasson, Democrat.

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The Democratic Party has a great team - Leal, Miller, McKasson. Three people who would make the Tucson City Council a truly working Council that would work for Tucson, work for Tucson's future. The Democratic team would build coalitions with all citizens. The Republicans offer those who would alienate. For peace, prosperity, preservation, vote for those who will bring us this: The Democrats.

Until next time, take care and vote in next Tuesday's election. You will make a difference and we need to make a difference. Take a couple of minutes and go to the polls and vote.

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Roy Laos:

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ARIES

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TAURUS

Guess who is coming to dinner? Invitations should be carefully scrutinized to avoid unpleasant surprises if you are planning on a quieter evening. You may react adversely to things you see and hear but remember that everyone needs to blow off steam without blowing up.

GEMINI

Involvement with the unstable economy involves more risk than it may be worth. Messages and communications play important part in future financial dealings.

CANCER

Partnerships should be carefully considered before signing on the dotted line. Profits may undergo unforeseen changes that are not necessarily dangerous, yet could involve a high degree of diplomatic negotiation that requires careful planning.

LEO

Increased responsibility at work is directly related to new methods you have been considering. Finances will enjoy the rewards from your labors yet you might find additional stress from a busier schedule.

VIRGO

Involvement with younger people can be frustrating but try to remember maturity is a learned behavior. Social invitations abound

and require careful consideration to avoid schedule conflicts. A strong attraction may require more time to simmer on the back burner until more time is available.

LIBRA

Holiday season is here and your home becomes the focus of your artistic energies. Projecting a happy holiday feeling is what Libras can do better than most if not the very best in the Zodiac. Social activity in and around the home is highlighted for happiness.

SCORPIO

Communicating with friends could involve helping them understand the need for patience when dealing with highly emotional issues. Feminine friends play an important role in socializing.

CENTAUR

Be prepared for the busy financial period you are in. Centaurs are usually lucky with money yet the economy is changing as it attempts to evolve toward more stability. Fight an urge to take risks and ask a Cancer about nest eggs.

CAPRICORN

Saturn, Uranus and Neptune are soon to be joined by Venus in your sign. In more ancient astrology, these were considered the bad guys of the gods. Now we associate Saturn with responsibility, Uranus with technology and Neptune with chemistry. Venus conjunctions will add to the possibility of financial dealings involving all of the above.

AQUARIUS

This is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius and it seems the world is approaching mid-morning. There will be advancement of humanistic causes in the future decade as the world prepares to make the necessary changes that will usher in the next Millennium.

PISCES

Your sensitivity and compassion are characteristics the world is ready for. An increased feeling of responsibility is the nature of maturity. Use every available resource to the best of your ability and you will spread joy.

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SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON
Volunteer groups meet each Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at 602 N. Fourth Ave. Potential Shanti volunteers seeking information 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. 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. In Tucson, anyone is invited to contact Joan 790-7526 or Jan 885-7118 or write P.O. Box 26394, Tucson, AZ 85725. All replies confidential.

COUPLES OF TUCSON, a social and support group for Gay and Lesbian couples. For more information write P.O. Box 78613, Tucson, AZ 85703, or call Beverly and Roberta 795-4517 or Jim and Louis 744-0481.

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