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DEMOS WIN BIG IN TUCSON CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

George Miller

Steve Leal

Molly McKasson

EDITORIAL

It was around 8:30 p.m. last night. The election results had started coming in and it looked like it might be a long night before this story could be written. It is just after midnight now and it is all over except the shouting. The three Democrats running for Tucson City Council seats had won Tuesdays election and won handily.

For the record:

WARD 3
GEORGE MILLER (Democrat Incumbent)
41,076 75.25%

PETER SCHMERL (Libertarian)
9,382 17.9%

WARD 5
STEVE LEAL (Democratic Candidate)
30,619 56.09%

ROY LAOS (Republican Incumbent)
22,150 40.58%

WARD 6
MOLLY McKASSON (Democrat)
33,373 61.14%

JOSEPH L. GARTRELL (Republican)
18,829 34.49%

The outcome was expected in the Ward 3 and 6 races, but maybe not by such a large margin. Ward 5 was predicted to be a humdinger, and that proved to be wrong as the evening went along. When the absentee votes were announced around 8:00 Miller and McKasson had comfortable leads over their opponents and the issue was never in doubt from that moment.

Leal held a 157 vote advantage after the absentee announcement and the lead kept climbing throughout the evening finally winning by nearly 8,500 votes. In the middle of the evening with about half of the vote in, the race was 58.05% to 38.58% in favor of Leal. There was the worry that a large conservative eastside vote might change the outcome as the remaining votes were counted and everyone was waiting before conceding or declaring a winner.

The "eastside" vote never appeared however and Laos only picked up another 2% of the vote in the final outcome. According to Mark Kerr, OBSERVER political reporter and a member of the Pima County Democratic Executive Committee, the eastside was heavily canvassed and leafletted by the Lambda Democratic Caucus during the days just before the election. Kerr believes that this had a dramatic effect in the eastside Democratic turnout.

Evidence that money does not a winning campaign make was evident in the ward 5 race also. In the last accounting before the election the figures showed that Mr. Laos had raised $57,237 and spent $48,397. Leal's figures indicated that he raised $23,351 and spent only $6,552.

Laos had been under attack from the Gay community after he charged 'overt Lesbianism' at the Women's Commission. With these charges, he not only garnered the wrath of Gays and Lesbians but of the women's vote in general. Other actions by the lone Council Republican had made him by far the most controversial candidate in this election.

It was perhaps because of Mr. Laos and his homophobic remarks that the Pima County Democratic Gay and Lesbian caucus took off as fast as it did. The first meeting of the caucus took place July 20, and at last count had over 200 active members. The caucus has adopted the permanent name of Arizona Lambda Democratic Caucus. The groups highly successful "Meet The Candidate Night" saw all three candidates present, other politicians, as well as representatives from other officials. The enthusiasm for the upcoming election was further kindled.

In a Tuesday evening television interview, Mr. Laos mentioned that Leal did run a good campaign, and that statement is obvious at this point.

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LLEGO Western Region Meeting Here Saturday, Nov. 11

TUCSON - The National Latino(a) Lesbian and Gay Organization (LLEGO) will hold its third Western Regional information/membership meeting in Tucson this Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Days Inn Downtown.

The weekend of events which include a play and dance is co-sponsored by El Proyecto Arizona/Sonora. LLEGO is a new organization for Lesbian and Gay Latinos, and was formed during the National March on Washington in October 1987.

LLEGO's objectives are to network with other Gay/Lesbian Latino groups; develop leadership from within the Latino Gay/Lesbian Community; educate the communities on Gay/Lesbian and Latino concerns; address health issues including the spread of AIDS/SIDA in the Latino community.

Since LLEGO began, the organization has held meetings in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Houston as well as other cities across the country. LLEGO is sponsoring regional meetings in different areas to involve local communities in its organizing efforts.

Executive Director Mizzette Fuenzalida said, "I am excited about the opportunities to continue networking and building strong coalitions within our Latino/a communities as well as those in the mainstream. My goal as LLEGO's Executive Director is to increase our membership and set us on a sound financial future. Our long range plans are to serve the Lesbian and Gay Latino/a population not only here in the United States but in international areas as well."

Co-chairs Letitia Gomez and Arturo Olivas both shared the optimism of the new Executive Director. "We are proud to have Ms. Fuenzalida as the organization's first Executive Director and are excited about the scope of our outreach and education now that she is on board."

"Ours is a multi-national, multi-racial representation as a grassroots organization and I hope to see support coming from all persons involved in seeking equal rights for Gays and Lesbians," Fuenzalida said.

National LLEGO members, supporters and interested individuals, are cordially invited to attend and participate in the 3rd LLEGO - Western Region Information and Membership Meeting this Saturday, Nov. 11. There will be a reception from 3:30 to 4:30 poolside at Days Inn, 88 E. Broadway. The meeting will be held from 4:30 until 6:00 p.m. in the Presidential Suite at Days Inn.

In the evening there will be a gala affair at the Historic Teatro Carmen, 360 South Meyer St in downtown Tucson. There will be a theatrical presentation "Para Ti" followed by a dance with music by the popular Rare Breed band. The evenings activities begin at 7:30 p.m. and there is a $3.00 Cover charge.

For more information concerning LLELGO, write P.O. Box 27672, Tucson, AZ 85726-7672 or call 741-1965.

Massachusetts Passes Gay Rights Bill

by Carrie Wofford

BOSTON, MA (GCN) - By coincidence, on Wednesday, Oct. 11, National Coming Out Day, Gay men and Lesbians here experienced history in the making when the Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill garnered two tremendous victories, bringing it to the brink of enactment. By voting 23-13 in favor of H.5427, the Massachusetts Senate joined the House (which passed the bill earlier this year) in supporting a bill that would make it unlawful to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in employment,

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UPDATE

CHORUS PREPARES FOR WINTER CONCERT

TUCSON - In six weeks it will be here for Arizona's Gay and Lesbian community. On Dec. 8 at 8:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street, the Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus will hold their winter concert, "Winter Serenade". The concert will feature such works as "Shenandoah", "We Will Stand", "Wade in the Water", "Hosanna in Excelsis", "Hodie Christus natus est" and more. Tickets will go on sale Nov. 27 and are $4.00 in advance or $5.00 at the door.

The Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus is Arizona's only Gay and Lesbian Chorus. As a member of GALA Choruses, the group represents Arizona along with 74 other Gay and Lesbian Choruses across the country. Help show Arizona Gay and Lesbian pride by attending the Dec. 8 concert.

On Dec. 20, the chorus is featuring a Holiday Benefit Concert at the MCC Church building at 7:30 p.m. Come join the group for this celebration of the festive Christmas season. This free concert is the Chorus' gift back to the community for its support.

FRANK DENIES REPORT OF GYM MISCONDUCT

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., has denied a published report that he engaged in sexual misconduct in the House gym.

The Washington Times reported that the ethics committee has evidence of sexual misconduct by Frank and several other members in the gym, in the sub-basement of the Rayburn House Office Building.

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MARSHALL TO USE 'AFRO AMERICAN' INSTEAD OF 'BLACK'

BALTIMORE, MD (AP) Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall has decided to start using "Afro-American" instead of "black" in his written opinions according to published reports.

"I spent most of my life trying to get 'Negro' spelled with a capital 'N'," Marshall told the Sun of Baltimore in a telephone interview. "By the time I got that done, everyone was using 'black' with a small 'b'."

Marshall, 81, is the first black to serve on the Supreme Court, said he had never gotten into the habit of using the word "black", preferring to use "Negro" long after others had abandoned it.

The New York Times reported he referred to "Negroes" in speaking from the bench recently while questioning a lawyer in a case concerning juries' racial composition.

Marshall conceded that the word "black" had sometimes slipped into" opinions. But "I don't think 'black' connotes anything," he told the Sun. "Who is 'black'? I've only seen two black people in my life, and they were both in Africa."

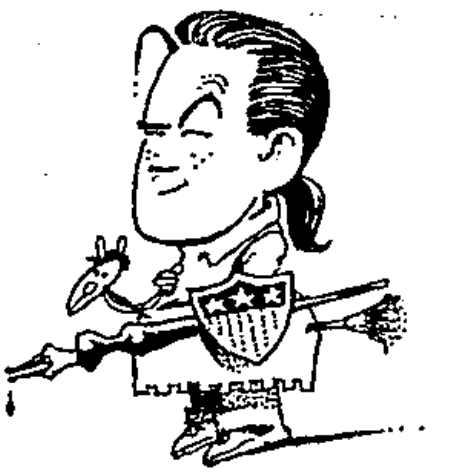
Marshall has now decided to go back to using "Afro-American," which he calls "the original phrase". Some black activists, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson, recently have preferred to use the term "African-American".

Marshall used Afro-American for the first time last month, in a six page dissenting opinion in a death penalty case.

Asked by the Times whether he expected the other Supreme Court justices to follow his lead, Marshall said, "I didn't ask anyone. It's everyone on his own. It's like what the old lady said when she kissed the cow - everyone to his own liking."

IV COCAINE USERS AT HIGHEST RISK FOR HIV INFECTION

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Intravenous cocaine users have a higher incidence of being infected with the HIV virus, according to a study by researchers from the University of California. Twenty- six percent of people tested were Black, 10% Hispanic and six percent white.



'FITZ' TO SPEAK TO OP NOV. 17

TUCSON - There is nothing reverent about David Fitzsimmons, editorial cartoonist for the Arizona Daily Star.

"Fitz" will bring his witty irreverence, his easel, pad and pen along on a fourth visit to Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association (OP), Friday, Nov. 17 at the Hotel Park Tucson.

Although Fitz has been with the Star little more than three years, his "flaming moderate" outlook is well known from Green Valley to the halls of the Arizona Legislature, witness the vilest hate letters on the Star's editorial page.

Fitz began his career in cartooning after receiving a BFA in editorial art and graphic design from the University of Arizona. He started "Fitz and No Associates", a free-lance firm that thrived from 1975 to 1979. During those years, his work appeared in the Star, the Arizona Republic, Today's Business, Phoenix Magazine, the Tucson Citizen's Weekender, Hoy, Tempo, and Arizona Real Estate Press.

After stints in Oklahoma City, Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia, he came home to the Star.

He was a Pulitzer Prize finalist in 1988. That same year he took first place in Arizona Press Club competition. He is currently president of the Tucson Press Club.

Get acquainted time starts at 7:30 p.m., Fitz goes on at 8:00. Members and newcomers are welcome without charge.

TEXAS JUDGE CLEARED OF BIAS CHARGES

DALLAS, TX - A judge who called two murder victims "queers" and said he considered their homosexuality a mitigating factor in sentencing their killer (OBSERVER, July 5), was cleared of bias charges last week by a special master.

Special Master Robert R. Murray ruled that State District Judge Jack Hampton violated Texas' judicial code by commenting on a pending case, but Murray rejected allegations of bias and discrediting the judiciary.

The ruling drew an angry reaction from the Dallas Gay Alliance.

Richard Lee Bednarski, 18, could have been sentenced to life in prison, but got 30 years from Hampton for shooting two men to death in a park.

In an interview Dec. 15 with the Dallas Times Herald, Hampton said, "These homosexuals, by running around on weekends picking up teenage boys, they're asking for trouble. They really are."

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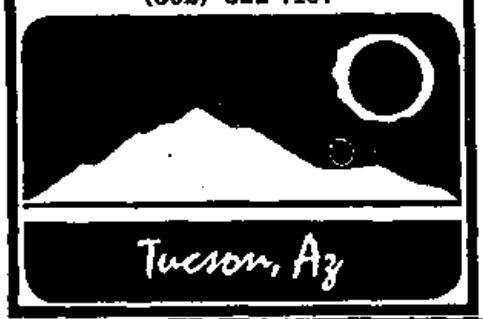

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credit and housing.

The measure was sent back to the House for final approval and then went to the desk of Governor Michael Dukakis for his signature last Tuesday, Oct. 31.

In the Senate session, described by one lobbyist as a "circus", the Senate also voted down major amendments which would have weakened the bill - including one which would have allowed discrimination against teachers who "promote" homosexuality, and one which would have ensured the heterosexual family unit as the basis for public policy in Massachusetts.

Since reconvening Sept. 25, the Senate defeated every new amendment that had been offered after the bill's third reading. Because of this activists believed the House of Representatives would more likely to pass the bill when it came up for reapproval in the concurrence vote.

The 17-year legislative battle for Gay rights now awaits Governor Michael Dukakis' signature. Dukakis has said he would sign the measure that would make Massachusetts only the second state in the nation, after Wisconsin, to enact such legislation.

Dukakis said, "It has taken 17 long years, but when I sign this bill, Massachusetts will be able to ensure that all of the rights and privileges that we all enjoy as citizens will not be denied to anyone based on sexual orientation."

Lobbyists and legislative sponsors here are ecstatic at the passage, noting that the bill had died in the Senate year after year. "This is a wonderful day for civil rights and a long time coming," remarked chief Senate sponsor, Democrat Michael Barrett.

"Everything is over but the celebrating," said Barrett.

A tearful and excited Arline Isaacson, who worked for this bill for the past eight years and is currently a lobbyist for the Massachusetts Teachers Association emphasized the time that has passed, saying, "This is history in the making. Finally, finally, after 17 years. . . after 17 years, we finally had the House and Senate agreeing that Gay people, Gay men and Lesbians, should have equal rights under the law. It is so simple, and yet never have we come so far."

The Senate's swift passage is being attributed both to the surprise support by Senate President William Bugler and to the intensified lobbying by Gay and Lesbian activists.

David LaFontaine, Lobbyist for the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights, said that even Senate President William Bugler and Bugler's aide remarked favorably about the organizing which had taken place in the community - best illustrated by an Oct. 3 rally which drew between 1,000 and 2,000 supporters of the bill. "It is not a coincidence that things moved just a few days afterwards," suggested LaFontaine, emphasizing the rally's message: "that if we didn't get the bill, there would be an uprising at least as great" as the rally.

In addition to the rally, the coalition and other groups had drawn on grassroots pressure for the bill by informing voters regularly of the bill's status and needs. And the morning of the vote, all Senators received letters publicizing a poll conducted by KRC Research of Cambridge which showed that 68 percent of Massachusetts voters support the bill. The poll also detailed results by the Senators' districts.

The bill does carry amendments which narrow the scope of the bill to exclude civil rights protection in the areas of religious affiliation, foster care parenting, and domestic partnership rights.

These amendments to not themselves directly discriminate against Gay men and Lesbians, they do leave the Gay community open to discrimination in those areas. For instance, the bill does not literally prohibit Gay men and Lesbians from being foster parents, but it does say that Gay men and Lesbians can legally be discriminated against by the state foster care placement agencies.

Alvin Harper to address 'Think Positive Sex Project'

TUCSON - Alvin Harper, Health Educator from the Arizona Department of Health Services will be visiting Tucson again on Thursday, Nov. 16, to kick off the Think Positive Sex Project's new poster campaign and continued bar outreach. Harper will present new information for Bisexual and Gay men on transmission of HIV.

New and current volunteers are invited to a pizza dinner meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Shanti Foundation of Tucson office, 602 N. 4th Avenue. The meeting following will include an information update, presentation of the "Good News About Man-To-Man Sex" poster campaign, and an evaluation of the Think Positive Sex bar outreach program.

The Think Positive Sex Project hopes to interest new volunteers in participating in a one-on-one educational outreach which focuses on a positive approach to talking about safer options and behavior change.

As a follow-up to the July 22nd meeting with Harper held in Tucson, he will talk about the newest information and issues for Gay and Bisexual men. An animated an engaging speaker, Alvin is successful in motivating men to take on the difficult task of breaking through fears and barriers in order to effectively deal with the threat of Hiv transmission.

In Tucson, 40 trained volunteers worked on an October education outreach program. More are needed to continue the effort. One-to-one contact has been proven to be the only really effective strategy for stopping HIV.

The Think Positive Sex Project has mobilized the efforts of the Shanti Foundation of Tucson, the Tucson AIDS Project and the Pima county Health Department to accomplish this goal. Join in on this important effort. Call 622-7107 after 1:00 p.m. to reserve a space.

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TO THE TUCSON COMMUNITY:

I would like to take this time and thank all who were in attendance at my Benefit Show for Miss Gay Arizona last Saturday, Nov. 4. Without all of you and your support, this upcoming pageant would be very difficult for me to achieve.

The Miss Gay Arizona Pageant is being held in Phoenix on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2 and 3 at the Sheraton downtown. I hope that all of you will be able to attend this wonderful event and show your support. Tickets are on sale at the Graduate and also IBT's.

A big thank you goes out to Marpessa Hennick, Candi Plastique, Penni Peters, Mark Rosenbaum, Tom, Terry, and Lee and Betty! Without all of you that evening would not have been such a success. Thanks to all who donated money or bought one of the items that I auctioned off. Also, to Roger, thank you for believing in me and showing me your support through the good and the bad.

This year my sponsors for Miss Gay Arizona are Hair on Broadway, Tucson Knight Owls, Rumor Hazzit, Joshua Tree and of course, The Graduate.

Again, I would like to thank each and every one of you who have helped me get ready for this big event! I hope to see all of you in Phoenix December 3rd. The total amount raised for the evening was $927.00 ! ! !

Love all of you
Scott Lincoln
aka Christine Shade
Miss Gay Tucson

DEAR EDITOR:

WE NEED HELP! It's that time of year. The holidays are nearing, and the Independent Tavernowners Association - ITA, and the Shanti Foundation of Tucson need volunteers to collect food and non-perishable goods at local supermarkets and at the Price Clubs on any weekend for the next two months. All areas need to be covered.

We hope that some of your readers will give of themselves to those who really need help through the holiday season.

Please call Colette's at 323-0008 for more information, and to sign up. Thank you.

Colette Barajas

EDITOR:

Many thanks to all those in our community who contributed at the Shanti "Witches' Ball" and at the Art Sale, both held at the Rainbow Room in the past two weeks. A sub-total of $343.00 was raised for Shanti.

Thanks to Jim and Bruce for the use of their space and a special thanks to David Smith for the donation of the paintings for the Art Sale.

The continued support of the community is greatly appreciated.

Natalie Perry
Shanti Foundation

Editor:

I Would like to take this moment to thank the many people involved this past Sunday at IBT's in making my benefit such a success.

Thank you to the entertainers - Margo Leigh, Dani Reid, Maggie Reese, Lillian Jade, 'Lee Levitz', Jerry and Fifi, Queen Moose, Alotta Hormones and Mr. Steven Rossi. Thank you to the Scream Girls (Big Mike, Myron, Jerry) you were a scream and a hit! Thank you also to Little Mike on lights, Bill Finley on video, the bartenders Jeff and Phil, Joseph on the door and Gilbert on sound.

Special thanks to Roger and the Graduate and TKO for your generous donations.

To Danny Duncan, your support and generosity mean more to me than can be expressed in words.

Thanks also to all my old friends and new friends who came to the show. We did have a good time, didn't we!

But most of all to Gary - your love, backing, criticism and caring keep me going. I love you.

I will give my all in the Miss Gay Arizona Pageant on Dec. 1,2 and 3 knowing I have your support behind me. I love you all.

Michelle Kristie

EDITORIAL

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Although the final results of this election cannot be attributed entirely to the Gay and Lesbian vote, it certainly must be a large consideration. The untiring efforts of the Caucus were evident everywhere. Members took their message to every available location in the Gay community - posters, flyers, letters, personally entreating Gays and Lesbians to register and to vote, in general, working tirelessly to give this election its marvelous outcome.

There is no question that these efforts paid off in this latest election and the political power exerted by the Gay and Lesbian community of Tucson will be remembered in future planning and actions of both the Democratic and Republican party in Southern Arizona.

Congratulations go out to the officers and members of the Lambda Democratic Caucus for a job well done. To Mark Kerr, who led the group in getting the Democratic Party of Southern Arizona to adopt all of its Gay and Lesbian platform amendments, and his many hours spent directing the Gay and Lesbian voters, we are indebted. The job is just beginning but with this resounding victory Tuesday, the job will get done.

Finally, to the three candidates, Molly McKasson, Steve Leal and George Miller, congratulations on a smoothly run, well conducted and well won election.

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Report Warns Of AIDS Disaster

WASHINGTON, DC - The Hudson Institute, a conservative Indianapolis, Indiana-based think tank, has warned that there may be 14.5 million Americans infected with the AIDS virus by the year 2002 unless stronger measures are taken to control the epidemic by the government and society.

"Unchecked, AIDS will kill more Americans in the next decade than have died in combat in all of the nation's wars since our founding," the study said. "Already AIDS has claimed the lives of as many Americans as did the Vietnam War."

William B. Johnson, co-author of the study and vice president of the well-known think tank, said the report studied three possible scenarios and then drew up a mathematical model to project possible consequences. Even in the best case - a virtual halt to infection brought about by nearly miraculous medical advances and behavior changes, the nation will see dramatic increases in AIDS and deaths from infections, the report said.

In the worst case, which Johnston called a "muddle through", there would be 1.4 million new HIV infections annually in the United States. This worse case, he said, assumes that no vaccine is developed and there are no major changes in current social-sexual attitudes.

But even with the best case, which Johnson said would include a vaccine by the middle of the 1990s and "remarkable behavioral changes throughout society, the report predicts there will be 30,000 new HIV infections annually by 2002. The total number of Americans with the disease that year under this scenario, the report said, would be about 1.6 million.

"The middle case, which is the most reasonable gives us about 6 million" cases of HIV infection Johnston said. The middle case assumes some changes in social-sexual behavior with a vaccine available by the year 2002.

"It seems to us that the nation has heaved a huge sigh of relief and assumed that this epidemic is contained, when nothing could be further from the truth," Johnston said.

The report comes at a good time, says Jean McQuire of the AIDS Action Council, in Washington, DC. "We are very concerned about the lack of seriousness with which the government is approaching prevention these days," McQuire said. "When people are confronted with these kinds of numbers, it may make a difference."

Johnston said that the primary factor in controlling the epidemic will be widespread, voluntary, free HIV tests for all people between the ages of 15 and 65. This will help establish the "HIV status" of all sexually active people, he said.

"By encouraging massive, routine, voluntary testing, we can enable society voluntarily to segregate itself sexually into two groups: those who carry the virus and those who do not," the report said. "No other means is likely to alter the course of the HIV epidemic."

Because of the "biological dynamics" of HIV, the report said, the disease can be controlled "in a society that is not universally monogamous" only by limiting sexual contact between the infected and the uninfected.

"The only safe sex is sex between uninfected partners," the study said.

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Comic Relief In The Castro District

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The Big Scare of October 17 was obviously still on the minds of revelers at The City's annual night of merry madness - Halloween in the Castro. But Tuesday night celebrants like Michael Thompson, dressed as the damaged Bay Bridge, and Ken Bunch, raising relief funds as Sister Vicious of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, seemed determined to show that even on Halloween, they're no longer quaking with fear.

Between 50,000 and 75,000 adult celebrants and gawkers howled for Castro and Market Streets, creating the biggest crowds since flamboyant, Gay-oriented Halloweens first attracted attention in San Francisco more than 50 years ago.

Castro Street was so dense that people could scarcely move from 19th Street to Market Street. The spillover blocked Market Street between Noe and Castro Streets. [Photo: Paul Chinn, San Francisco Examiner].

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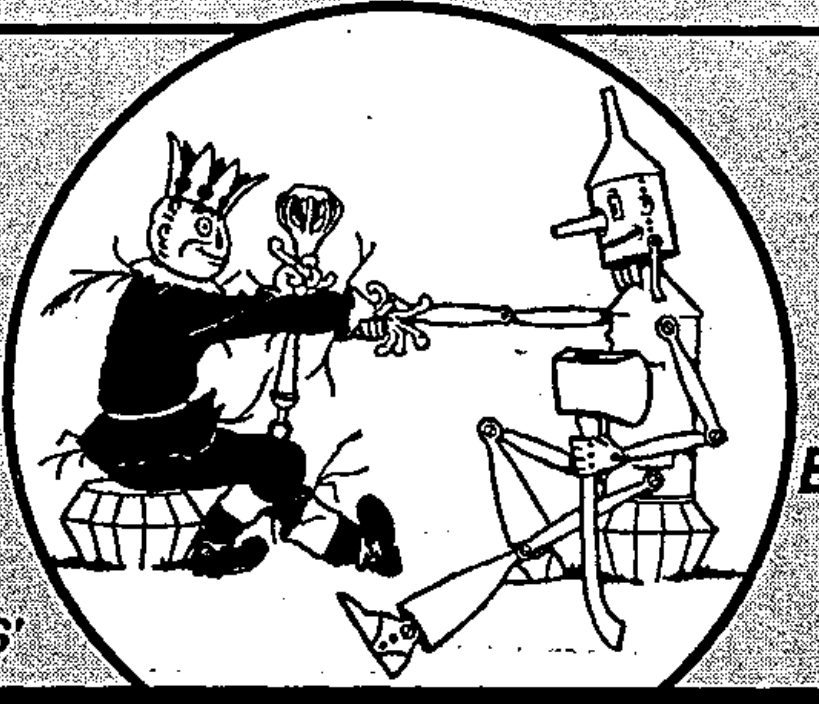

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This weekend Nov. 10, 11 and 12, the Southwest District of U.F.M.C.C. will have its semi-annual conference. This conference will be held in Oxnard, California at the Casa Sirena Marina Hotel. This is approximately 60 miles north of Los Angeles and 30 miles south of Santa Barbara. There will be seven representatives from Tucson attending this conference. Our worship services on Sunday, Nov. 12, will be conducted with Deacon Danny in charge of the Morning Worship Service and Ernie in charge of the Evening Worship Service. Plan now to be present at these services to give you support to these dedicated individuals.

MCC/Tucson will again have an open Thanksgiving Dinner to the community. There will be a special worship service followed by the traditional dinner. It is not necessary to attend the worship service to enjoy the dinner. Time and schedule for this traditional Holiday at MCC/Tucson will be announced as the time approaches.

Thought for the Week: To love is to stop comparing.

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STARZ by Deymonn

NOTE FROM DEYMONN: We are experiencing unusual aspects this month as powerful planets in Capricorn are in opposition to Jupiter in Cancer. Saturn which is highly significant financially, is closely aligned with Neptune, Uranus and Venus. Neptune is significant in all dealings with any chemicals and Venus usually has an emphasis on social activity and relations with others. Jupiter in Cancer has much symbolism towards the law and social morality.

To put this in more basic English, these conjunctions and oppositions are of particular political significance. The United States is a nation born under the sign of Cancer. Jupiter occupying this native sign of our country implies that morality and the actual laws of our country are in conflict with other countries we have diplomatic dealings with.

Many Central and South American countries are Capricorn nations and the aspects that are forming now during this month of November will represent far-reaching difficulties yet to come in the next decade. Economic factors that have developed last month are are developing as you read, could increase social stresses between different political philosophies.

Sudden and unexpected developments could begin to increase in their frequency, and economic pressures may cause many people involved with government to begin thinking of the profits of war.

Please do not call me Deymonn the prophet of doom. It is not the Astrologers who have insights into the cycles of time that will cause the difficulties coming in months ahead. Contact your politicians and let them know how you feel about insuring American freedoms without fighting another Vietnam.

The best financial advice I can give is to make sure that your savings and emergency funds are actually gold. Gold never changes its value, it is the amount of currency that changes against the gold. Avoid certificates that are supposed to be worth certain amounts of gold or other precious metals because the paper is not the metal itself.

The inflation rates of the Carter years will be insignificant compared to the massive inflation our country will experience in the next decade. If you are truly concerned with making the future more secure for the Earth as a whole, you are in the correct frame of mind to positively affect your immediate environment.

Register to vote and become politically active to prevent the greed of warmongers from involving the United States in another Jungle War. A new and better system of government will evolve over the next decade and the glory of the Aquarian Age will dawn upon the next millennium.

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WHAT'S UP DOC?

Well, so much for this years roses. I'm sure you have never heard the line, "Wait until next year". I still hope they can win these last two remaining games, one Saturday against USC and the last on Nov. 25 against ASU. If so, just maybe the Wildcats will get a bowl bid of some kind, I mean they do deserve something after beating other top teams this year.

The Miss Gay Arizona Pageant is approaching and the local contestants are in full swing with benefits. This past weekend saw two different benefit shows for contestants here in Tucson, and there are more coming. Tucson has three contestants and here's hoping one of them brings the crown to Tucson.

Word has been received by me that this year's Partners Bowling for Dollars is going to be held on Dec. 10. Posters should be appearing in the local bars any time now.

This Saturday, at the Graduate, starting at 9 a.m., TKO will be having a swap meet across the street, in the parking lot. Stop by and look over the different items for sale. If you would like to have a table, contact me at 884-7309 and I'll fill you in on all the details. TKO will also gladly accept any and all donations.

Starting at 12:00 noon, TKO will host their Beer Bust. The football game may be on TV and as much as I pray for a victory, this one may fall by the wayside. Stop in anyway, enjoy a cool refreshment, check the swap meet outside, and join others watching the football game.

Also Saturday, do not forget to bring those non-perishable items for the ITA drive going on at this time too. TKO will be giving a raffle ticket for each $1.00 (or more) value of items you donate and prizes for this raffle will be separate from the normal Beer Bust Raffle.

Then, in the tradition of a club weekend, at the Graduate, on Sunday beginning at 2 p.m., it will be time for TALL's November Beer Bust. Following that at approximately 5:30 p.m., it will be time for SOS' November Casino Nite. See, you can stop in for TALL's Beer Bust, get primed and then break the SOS bank at the Black Jack tables.

For those committee members who may have missed one or both meetings, the next Arizona Fellowship meeting will be on Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. at the Graduate. The next CAT Committee meeting will be Nov. 29 at the Joshua Tree at 6 p.m.

TBBS: At last Monday evenings bowling, good OLD Ben was at it again with his mouth. This time when he stepped up on the approach of the alley he was to bowl on, Janice was in the alley next to him. His comment to Janice was, "Ladies first". After that, you guessed it, Ben bowled. Also, Keith is using a new type of hair spray lately, but when he used it he smelled like an oil factory.

With that I'll sign off for today so that I can get this run off for Bob. Have a beautiful and loving week and I look forward to seeing a lot of you at the Graduate this Saturday.

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

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 - TKO 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.

IBT'S - Penelope Poupe' with 'new' men from Phoenix. 9 p.m. No Cover - Men, Men, Men! All those men and so little time!

RAINBOW ROOM - A benefit show for Alotta Whormones in her quest for the Miss Gay Arizona title. "The Uptown Girls" including Margo Leigh, Dani Reid, Portia Darkfire, Lady D, Lucinda and other special guests will appear. And it starts at 9 p.m. SHARP!

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. No cover. 9:00 p.m.

IBT'S - It's that touring Male Revue "Phoenix Heat" performing again and proving to be a top attraction. It begins at 9 p.m. and stays 'hot' for the rest of the evening.

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. An evening of music, comedy and musical comedy. $2 Cover.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

COLETTE'S - It's Bette Davis Month for the Sunday Movies at Colettes and after the movie today stay and enjoy the musical talents of Lisa Otey.

RAINBOW ROOM - A really big 'show' as a benefit for all of the local Miss Gay Arizona candidates - Alotta Whormones - Michelle Kristi and Christine Shade. Pageant director Penelope Poupe' will also entertain.

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 Anne 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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WEEKLY MEETINGS

The following are organizations who hold regular weekly meeting on days indicated.

EVERY MONDAY

Women affected by HIV support and discussion group. 7 p.m. P.A.C.T. office 151 S. Tucson Blvd. #282.

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

"IMAGES" Shanti Support Group - 7 p.m. A support group focusing on positive attitudes, self-love and self-healing. HIV+/AIDS persons encouraged. Call 571-0372 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.

Non-Bar CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Metaphysical Night at Boomer's. Samui, the Spiritual Guide Artist, will begin at 7 pm and at 8 pm Steve Yeats will read Torah Cards and Palm Readings.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Lisa Otey will perform on her keyboard with some great sounds at Boomer's starting at 9 pm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Sisters of Sonora (SOS) meeting, 2:00 p.m. Contact any SOS member or the Graduate for location.

Boomer's will present Brian Bergsetz with his Acoustic Soul Music starting at 8:30 pm. Boomer's is opsen until 3 am on Friday and Saturdays.

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 tun in and broaden their perspective on music and women's issues.

Men's Group Massage meets from 7-9 pm. Meet new friends in an enjoyable and safe environment. $5 fee. Call in advance to reserve a place. Call 881-4582 before 10 p.m.

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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER, 14

Mi Casa Su Casa's Taco Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. A $4.00 donation is requested for the open buffet.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

The Fiesta de Mayo Guidelines Committee of the Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) meets at Joshua Tree at 7 p.m. Community input is welcome.

Metaphysical Night at Boomer's with Samui, the Spiritual Guide Artist starting at 7 pm and Steve Yeats starting at 8

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

By popular demand, Arizona Daily Star editorial cartoonist David Fitzsimmons will skewer the powers that be with art and satire for OPBPA 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.

Womyn's 3rd Friday Coffee House meets at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd. $1 donation at the door, if you can. Boomer's Coffee Cart will be featured.

Boomer's will present Eb playing the harmonica and guitar starting at 8:30 pm. Boomer's is open until 3 am on Fridays and Saturdays.

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.

Downtown Saturday Night on 4th Ave. The Saddle City Band will be featured and will be performing at 4th Ave. and 6th Street, just outside of Boomer's.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Tucson Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) holds regular monthly meeting at Joshua Tree beginning at 3:00 p.m. Newcomers welcome to attend.

The final meeting for the Arizona Fellowship Run will be held at 1 pm at the Graduate. It is important for all clubs to be represented at this meeting.

The Shanti Foundation November Pot Luck is today regardless of what the calendar in the newsletter said. Check with the Shanti office for more details - 622-7107.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

Men's Massage Group meets. $5 fee. Call in advance for reservation, 881-4582 before 10 pm.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 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).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

OPBPA's annual holiday meeting, this year a luncheon at the fashionable Arizona Inn, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Arizona Governor Rose Mofford has been invited as luncheon speaker. The invitation has been acknowledged but the governor's schedule is not yet firm. Music will be by Lisa Otey. The charge will be $15 per member and guest; $17 per non-member

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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 ??? $4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am, Linda Fizdale.

COLETTE'S WEST - Open 11 a.m. Brunch til 3 pm, specials all day. "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 Kenny Anne. Noon to ??? Country Music - line 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 Dwayne 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 sandvich 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, hot hors d'oeuvres. 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. Draf Beer .50 - Schnapps .75 / 4-8 pm Domestic Beer $1.25, Well drinks $1.50. Corona Beer $1.00 ot 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 1. 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, hot hors d'oeuvres. 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. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Dwayne.

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 sandvich 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, hot hors d'oeuvres. Schnapps .50 from 8 pm to close.

RUMORHAZZIT - 4-7 p.m. 2 for 1 well/beer. Bud Tin Beer Nite - .50 per can, plus .50 schnapps from 7 pm until close. VJ/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. "Budsersized" .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, hot hors d'oeuvres. All imported Beer $1.00 7 pm to 1 am.

RUMORHAZZIT - 2 for 1 well/beer 4-7 p.m. Keyger 8 pm to 12 am .50 per glass, minchies. 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, hot hors d'oeuvres. 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. VJ/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 VJ/DJ Reuben 9-1.

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POLITICS '89

by Mark R. Kerr

WHY SHOULD YOU BOTHER?

Last January, the Arizona State Health Department changed its policy regarding human-immuno deficiency antibody testing. The testing became confidential. We celebrated, we danced, we were happy. But we did not read the fine print. The State Health Department order was not statewide, it was left up to the County health directors. Pima County was one of the few that made the testing confidential.

Also, the State Health Department order was not permanent. A state order is only good for eighteen months. Then, after the time has expired there is a policy review session in which the State Health Department head, Ted Williams, who is really not in favor of this, will make a decision. Legislation could overrule the State Health Department and make testing permanently confidential. Representative John Kromko says there are to votes to pass such legislation. The clock is ticking.

WHY SHOULD YOU BOTHER?

Need I bring up Maricopa County's views on testing. The health department a while ago, stated that information on people who had been tested had been released to the police department. What has happened to doctor/patient confidentiality? Is the Maricopa County Health Department still doing this?

WHY SHOULD YOU BOTHER?

Voting, "Gee, I can't spare the time." "I am really not interested." "One vote does not matter." "I am not registered." Voting takes such a short time, and is not an inconvenience. With the situation the way it is for Gays and Lesbians in this state, you should damn well be concerned.

One vote does not matter! Keith St. John, an openly Gay candidate for the Albany, New York Town Council, won the Democratic nomination by three votes, 710-707.

We in the Lesbian and Gay community want change, but armchair or barstool activism does not cut it. You have to register to vote, that is the first step. If you want civil rights, register. If you want equal treatment, register. If you want life, liberty and the ability to pursue happiness, register. If you don't, you deserve what crappy treatment you get, and you do not even have the right to say anything.

WHY SHOULD YOU BOTHER?

The City Council races are over. The winners are celebrating, the losers are wondering what happened, and frankly I am asking myself, "Where was the Gay and Lesbian community?" People in the bars at "Meet the Candidates Night" proclaimed that we must do whatever to defeat Roy Laos. And when the time came to get out the vote, and walking/driving precincts to drop off anti-Laos literature to help defeat Laos, the proclaiming people vanished.

Apathy has led us into our present situation. We must unite, organize and fight for our rights. If you want equality, fairness and respect, we have to work for it, not just sit and fantasize.

WHY SHOULD YOU BOTHER?

Laws: The sodomy statutes, the archaic co-habitation statutes, adoption regulations. These outdated relics are still on the books, and we don't try to lobby our legislature to repeal these laws.

Extremism in the Legislature: Rep. Leslie Whiting Johnson will once again introduce her twice-defeated dildo bill. She, and her extremist cohorts will waste the taxpayers money trying to get the useless legislation passed. What are we doing?

This year the Lambda Democratic Caucus was founded to help correct the awful situation, right the wrongs, and change things politically. The Lambda Caucus has made tremendous strides. The politicians finally realize we exist and we want change. But a few hardworking, dedicated individuals cannot do it all. We all have to pitch in and work. We all *must organize and* fight.

We must take off the rose colored glasses and take a good look at life. We must come out of the shadows and stand up and be counted. Most important of all, we must be aware of what is going on, we must care, and we must get involved.

REPORTS WARNS OF "AIDS DISASTER"

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"It is equally important", however, to protect the rights and privacy of all people in society. "At least this means free or inexpensive testing and treatment and aggressive defense of the civil employment rights of those who carry the virus," the report said.

In all three scenarios, the AIDS epidemic would be most disastrous to black Americans, the study concluded. Under the worst case, the researchers forecast that by the year 2002 almost 42 percent of the black population aged 15 to 50 would be infected with HIV. Under the best case, infection among that same group would be 1.5 percent, while the rate in the middle case would be 15.5 percent.

For Hispanics of the same age group, the infection rate would be 9.2 percent for the worst case, 3.3 for the middle case and 1 percent for the best case.

The same numbers for the white population would be 2.9 percent, worst case; 0.8 percent, middle case; and 0.1 percent best case.

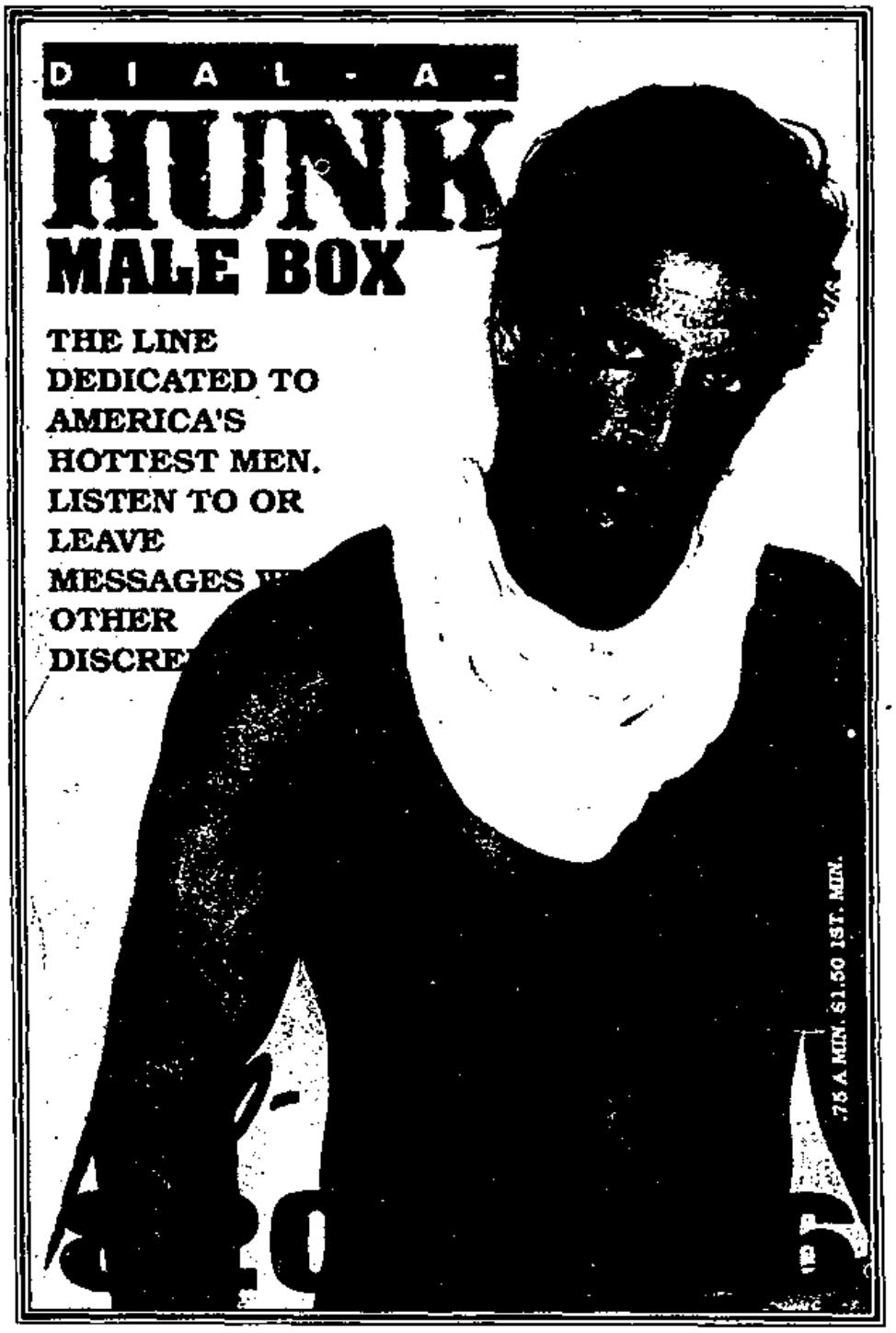
Currently, the study estimated that there are 1.1 million Americans infected with HIV. This is about 0.9 percent of the total population.

Soap fans want more issues

NEW YORK, NY (TWN) - Remember soap operas? They're those dramas that used to entertain and enrage anyone who tuned in to television before four o'clock on weekdays. Well, it seems that soap fans that responded to a poll conduced by Soap Opera Digest said that they would like to see more daytime plots dealing with important issues, like AIDS.

Of those polled, 87 percent stated that they feel the networks shy should tackle AIDS as an educational service to its viewers and 59 percent felt that no issue should be off limits on the shows, while 13 percent stated that the shows should be only for escapism.

The magazine, which has a circulation of 900,000 awarded $100 to each of four writers who presented the most thoughtful comments on daytime dramas handling topical issues. Each of them at least mentioned AIDS. One winner, a Gay man, stated that the shows have a responsibility to present a long-term storyline on AIDS involving a Gay character. There are currently no Gay characters on daytime television.



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A COMMENTARY BY

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I HATE BASEBALL

True. I cannot abide the tedious, long-winded attempts at a sport come to be called "the nation's favorite pastime" — although I could offer other choices --and probably be more correct.

But, even avowed baseball-hater that I am, I could not believe the post-earthquake talk about cancelling the rest of the World Series. I mean, really.

The World Series is to baseball fantatics what the Tony Awards are to theatre lovers; the Oscars are to film lovers and Sweden is to chocolate lovers: the creme de la creme. (And, in deference to my best friend, Ricardo, I'm sorry the Oakland A's trounced San Francisco in four straight games).

I don't think there is a person alive who resents the series' delay. Eleven days is nothing when you consider the number of people who died because of the earthquake. But, life does go on, after all; it must go on. The sooner things return to "normal", the sooner we can all put the tragedy into perspective. If we all stop to brood on this —or any— disaster, the world as we know it stops, and we bog down in the futility of prolonged grief.

And, I must add my total unexpected surprise at how the entire nation seemed to pitch-in and help San Francisco. Survivors of Hurricane Hugo shipped off drinking water to The City; kids in a school in California cancelled a pumpkin-patch field trip and donated the $96 they were to spend on pumpkins to the 6-year-old survivor of the Nimitz collapse; people in Phoenix gave an estimated $150,000 in a series of radio and TV station-sponsored fund raisers. It warms the heart, really.

I tip my hat to the San Franciscans who rode through this disaster with style, class and dignity, and to the citizens of America who each gave a little to help the residents of Northern California.

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CAPSULE COLUMN 1: The Associated Press recently reported on a new study which showed Gay men and Lesbian women to be better suited for military service than heterosexuals. As can be expected, the Pentagon --which ordered the yet-unpublished study, has rejected its conclusions, maintaining its terse "Homosexuality is not compatible with military life". This is the second Pentagon-requested study to cast a positive light on homosexuals in the military to be resoundly rejected by the military brass. Surprised?

CAPSULE COLUMN 2: This has indeed been a banner year for theatre lovers in Arizona! With "Into The Woods" recently in Tucson, and "Me And My Girl" at Gammage in Tempe, it's become a case of "do I have any nights free"? between show openings.

"Me And My Girl" was a rousing audience and critical success. The bus-and-truck company was technically near-perfect, with a Broadway-caliber cast. Shining were stars Adam Graham and Evy O'Rourke as the Cockney heir-apparent and his home-town girl. The music was toe-tapping, (though interestingly, no classics emerged from its original 1937 London run) the sets absolutely magnificent, and the costumes first-rate.

After nearly disappearing in the late 1930s, the show was rediscovered and opened on Broadway in 1986 —and went on to win 3 Tony Awards and 5 Drama Desk Awards.

"Me And My Girl" is gone now, thrilling some other city; but theatre in Phoenix is going strong. Look for "West Side Story" opening tomorrow and running through November 12th at Gammage and 16-18 at the Sundome.

"Annie" will be in town January 11-20, 1990; and "The King and I" will run March 8-17. Info on these and other programs in the Phoenix area: 965-3434.

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P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, Broadmoor Bldg., 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Office Hours 10 am to 5 pm M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-9808 for information.

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 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. In Tucson contact Joan 790-7525 or Jan 885-7118 or write P.O. Box 26394, Tucson, AZ 85726. 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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AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 10 am to Midnight. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

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ASIAN/ORIENTAL CLUB: Men interested in joining new social, educational, political and cultural group call Bob 885-7081 or Marc 881-4582 Tucson.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Hotline service, 2-4 weekdays, and Mon. & Wed. eves. Men's night on Mondays 7:30 pm. Womyn's night on Wednesdays 7 pm. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 Tucson.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED/TUCSON is a fellowship and support group for Lesbian and Gay Lutherans. We meet monthly and all are welcome. Call Greg at 322-6334 or write to Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40252, Tucson 85717.

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My lover and I have been together for eight years. Neither of us had been saints and had discussed our pasts with each other and put it behind us. Last year my lover was given the grim news of being HIV positive. I'm not worried about the status as much as I am his mental attitude. Since he found out, it has been a constant merry-go-round of drinking, drugs and physical abuse to me.

I have had to go to the hospital three times for everything from a broken nose to him thinking he had given me a concussion. It used to be that the abuse would come after he was drunk, now it doesn't seem to take anything to provoke him. I love him very much and know he loves me though this letter doesn't make it sound that way.

I've tried to get him into group therapies or individual counseling and the only response I get is a scream of obscenities or a fat lip. I can't take much more! I think he also resents the fact that I'm still testing negative. HELP!

Battered and Bruised

Dear Battered and Bruised,

Though you love him, my experience with this type of abuse tells me he needs professional help. He has a lot of anger and even with your emotional support, needs to vent this anger in a more constructive way. You may have to take a more drastic measure, maybe move out temporarily, to let him seek the help he needs.

Right now you are more than just emotional support, and the anger and resentment (it is sometimes natural to resent someone close that is not sharing your affliction) can prove detrimental to you in more ways than one.

You can carry the emotional scars long after his situation is remedied. You have to care about yourself and SHOW him that you do, maybe with demonstrating this self respect and love, you can wake up the same in him. Please contact one of the support groups in this community for help. The conditions are not going to improve on their own, and believe me, your MAMA knows.

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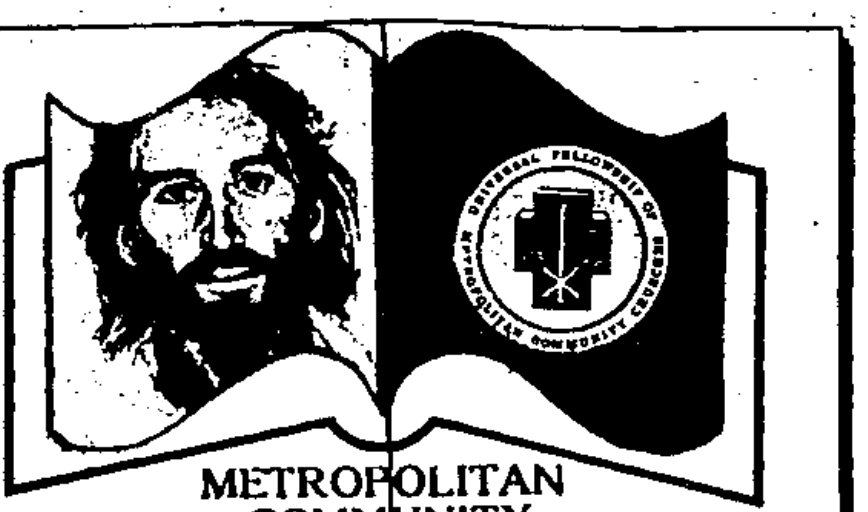

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