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POLITICS '91 by Mark Kerr

1990: A Year To Remember

WORLD NEWS: On the world scene, we witnessed the collapse of the Iron Curtain, and the emergence of democracy in Eastern Europe. We saw the reunification of the two Germanys into a new economic giant. In 1990, the end came to the "Iron Lady". British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the longest reigning P.M. in the 20th Century, resigned after facing a challenge to her leadership of the governing Conservative Party.

It was a good and bad year for Mikhail Gorbachev. He opened up the Soviet Union with his "perestroika" plan. He also opened up a "Pandora's Box" with his policy of openess, with independence drives in the Baltic States of Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Georgia and the Ukraine, and ethnic unrest in several of the 15 republics. Economics was proven to be the key factor in world affairs, with the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq, and the build-up of forces by the United States and their allies, with the possibility of war by January 15th.

NATIONAL NEWS: 1990 will be remembered as the year of the "promises broken". Our President, George Bush, who was elected on the pledge of "NO NEW TAXES!", broke that pledge, when he agreed to raising taxes to cut the federal budget deficit. The people are left wondering what other promises he will break.

The big story on Capitol Hill was the Lincoln Savings and Loan scandal, and the "Keating Five". Unfortunately for the Grand Canyon State, two of the five senators being investigated by the Senate Ethics Committee are Dennis DeConcini and John McCain. And the hearings look like they won't resolve the question of wrong doing.

When it comes to Congressional elections, the people just keep electing the incumbents, despite their actions, or inactions, and pleas to throw the bums out. Unfortunately, the new Congress will have the homophobic senator from North Carolina, Jesse Helms. In the election, the Democrats picked up one seat in the U.S. Senate and nine seats in the House of Representatives.

Two notable exceptions to a lackadaisical congressional campaign is the election of the socialist congressman from Vermont, Bernie Anders, and the election of the liberal Democratic senator from Minnesota, Paul Wellstone. This year, on the national level, left a lot to be desired.

ARIZONA NEWS: A great deal was accomplished in the political spectrum in 1990. The first time in 12 years, the Democrats held a majority in one of the legislative bodies. The Democrats picked up five State Senate seats to swing the majority on their side, by a 17-13 margin. In the State House, the Democrats picked up one seat, with Marion Pickens' triumph in Dist. 9. The bright spot in the legislative races is the removal of Mechanite Senators Jeff Hill and Jerry Gillespie, and the departure of Representatives Jim SKelly and Bill English.

Unfortunately, we have to go to "overtime" in the Governor's race, thanks to the write-in candidacy of Mechanite, Max Hawkins. We saw the defeat of three auto insurance propositions on the general election ballot, and we witnessed the defeat of a Martin Luther King Holiday.

The Lesbian and Gay community made major advances in 1990 with the Lambda Democratic Caucus getting nine Gay and Lesbian planks put into the Arizona State Democratic Platform, making the Arizona Democratic Party, the most progressive party in the nation. And lastly, but definitely not least, in 1990 we saw the passage by the State Legislature, of the Omnibus AIDS Bill, which made testing confidential.

TUCSON NEWS: In the Old Pueblo, we saw the defeat of Desert Springs by the voters, the approval of Rocking K by three people. We voted down a half-cent sales tax, which puts a damper on future transportation plans. In 1990, we witnessed the last hurrah of our beloved "Mo" Udall. And, we witnessed a city going into an economic depression.

END NOTES: 1990 to me will be the year that the Lesbian and Gay community was accepted into the political mainstream. We took the steps necessary in 1990 and got the acceptance of the Lambda planks, now we must advance the cause further in 1991.

Politically, I have two resolutions for the upcoming year: 1. An anti-discrimination ordinance be passed in Pima County (similar to the one that the city of Tucson has) and 2. Some of the Lambda

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Pro-Art Forces Weren't Ready For Right Wing Attacks

WASHINGTON, DC (upi) - Supporters of the nation's cultural life were ill-equipped to fend off the barrage of attacks in the past two years by conservative politicians and the Religious Right that threatened public funding of the arts, a new report says.

The report, "The Arts and the Government: Questions for the Nineties," was issued by the American Assembly, a 40-year-old non-partisan educational institution set up by Dwight Eisenhower at Columbia University. The report emerged from a three-day conference that brought together 71 participants from arts organizations, government, business, universities, labor and the media.

"The events of the past 18 months forced supporters of the arts to confront the political process head-on, but the arts community as a whole was not prepared to compete on equal terms with its adversaries," the 16-page summary statement said.

It said the controversy, which generally focused on the National Endowment for the Arts and NEA grants to organizers of an exhibition of the photographic works of Robert Mapplethorpe and Andreas Serrano, revealed "vast differences among many Americans about the nature of art and the role of the artist."

In 1989, for the first time, Congress imposed content restrictions on grants from the NEA to artists and art organizations. In 1990, propelled by anti-NEA campaign led by fundamentalist clergy and the Religious Right, a number of members of Congress sought to abolish the endowment altogether.

At the end of the congressional session, however, Congress re-authorized the NEA for three years and removed the anti-obscenity restrictions while calling on the endowment to be sensitive to community values.

"The steady overall increase in funding in the 1970s and 1980s from the private and public sectors had tended to obscure the need to bring about better understanding among arts supporters, artists and the public," the new report said.

"In addition, it became clear that arts supporters had to become more politically sophisticated in the techniques used by successful claimants to public support."

It also said that "fractures" occurred in the arts community itself as a result of individuals and institutions pursuing their own narrow range of self-interests

"In (the) future, while differences within the arts community must be acknowledged, ways must be found to coalesce around commonly shared goals and to pursue them in a spirit of cooperation," the American Assembly said.

The report was based on the principle that "a flourishing artistic life is in the best interests of a democratic society" and that it is therefore "appropriate that government at all levels join with the private sector to further the nation's artistic life and to provide access to the arts to all citizens."

It also said that "governmental policies and private actions that threaten to curb artistic 'speech' or to constrict in any way the marketplace of ideas for the arts have no place in American society and must be vigorously opposed."

"Government programs should support new work of promise that may prove risky or unpopular," it added.

The report also took note of the wide diversity of cultures in the United States and urged public arts agencies to "identify and assist underserved populations" and take all steps necessary "to ensure recognition of every culture in our society."

Ordinance Opponents Rev Up Campaign In Denver

DENVER, CO - A group challenging Denver's new Gay rights ordinance hit the shopping centers during the Christmas rush in an effort to double the number of signatures that would force a vote on the law. The petitioners faced a Dec. 27 deadline to submit nearly 8,000 signatures of registered voters to the Denver Election Commission.

The Rev. Lou Sheldon, who is helping coordinate the campaign, said the goal of Citizens for Sensible Rights is to get 16,000 signatures in an effort to repeal the law.

The ordinance passed the Denver City Council Oct. 15 by an 8-4 vote. It prohibits various forms of discrimination

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UPDATE

TEAM ARIZONA Selects New Board

PHOENIX - The following members were selected as the new Board of Directors for Team Arizona: Coordinating Chair, Ann Marie Kissel; Secretary, Kevin Shanahan; Treasurer, Jay Lovejoy; Athletic Director, Kevin Hovendick; Fundraising Chair, John High and Tucson Coordinator, Deanna Lewis.

A few of the goals that the new board has instituted include a Team Arizona hotline number for members and interested parties to call and get information on the organization as well as upcoming sporting events, and a new post office box number. In addition the Board is studying new and creative ways to let the community know about Team Arizona with invitations to join the growing team of participants. The Board is also studying new and innovative fundraising ideas.

The Board has already gotten a new post office box - P.O. Box 36431, Phoenix, AZ 85067-6431. The new hotline number is 280-2263.

Team Arizona is in need of someone to be Publicity/PR Chair. Duties would include attendance at monthly Board meetings, writing press releases for community newspapers, and working on the Team Arizona Newsletter. If you feel you have the creative energies for this position, contact the Coordinating Chair, Ann Marie Kissel at the above address or Hotline number.

In Memoriam

TIMOTHY JAMES PATTON
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Beloved brother of Bob Patton of Tucson.

a.k.a. Theatre presents "Buried Child"

TUCSON - a.k.a. Theatre will present Sam Shepard's "Buried Child" in a limited run Jan. 9 through 27 (Wednesday - Sunday evenings) at 8 p.m. Tickets are $7.00 with the usual discounts.

Director Bill Morey has returned from Chicago to work with a.k.a. on this production. Morey has brought the hit productions of "In the Boom Boom Room" and "P.S. Your Cat is Dead," in the past.

a.k.a. invites all to join them as they celebrate their 4th anniversary with this drama of a Mid-western family in true Shepard style. a.k.a. is located at 125 E. Congress. For reservations or more information call 623-7852.

Weather Or Not

by Bart

SUNNY AND WARMER WEATHER THIS WEEK. POSSIBILITY OF RAIN SHOWERS THIS WEEKEND.

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MY JANUARY OUTLOOK: BELOW AVERAGE TEMPERATURE AND ABOVE AVERAGE PRECIPITATION.

Editor's Comments

Every once in a while a letter comes across the desk that is intriguing. Last week an obvious long-time reader of ours sent copies of a February 29, 1980 issue of our old Arizona Gay News. The lead article on page one talked about a state Senate committee voting down a ban on sex devices, which was a 'hot' issue during late 1979 and early 1980. The reason the reader sent the article in was because it contained a person's name which has become a common household word these days, ten years later. We quote the first two paragraphs of this old story for your edification. (By the way, the antonym for edification is 'corruption').

"PHOENIX - Citizens for Constitutional Rights announced the removal of the most objectionable and far-reaching part of SB1117 on Monday, Feb. 25, (1989). The action was taken on SB1117 (HB2131), "Racketeering and Obscene Items," after two successive Monday morning hearings of those for and against the bill. (AGN 1 & 15 Feb.)

"It was yet another attack on the privacy of the Arizona public -- and especially the Gay/Lesbian community -- by Sen. Trudy Canping and her kind," commented Jack Caldwell, CCR Executive Director. Both Caldwell and CCR Chief Lobbyist, Roland Atkins, attended the lengthy hearings. On Monday, Feb. 18, testimony on the Bill was heard exclusively from Bruce Taylor, a young, aggressive attorney for "Citizens for Decency Through Law," a nationwide organization who, by their own admission, are out to rid America of "Italians and the La Cosa Nostra who control the adult bookstore businesses". The Organization's president, Charles Keating, resides in Paradise Valley, an exclusive Phoenix suburb....."

Our thanks to the anonymous reader who sent us this little tidbit. It shows that the "Citizens for Decency Through Law" should have been watching their own leaders more closely. Maybe they should have left the Italians alone. They would have saved some Senators the temptation and embarrassment, and saved our country billions of dollars through the Savings and Loan scandal that is currently rocking our financial institutions.

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planks be introduced as legislation, and hopefully passed by our Legislature.

Despite all that has gone on in this state, I have hope that things can change. We are off to a good start, and we may see a light at the end of the proverbial tunnel by the end of 1991.

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Number of AIDS Cases and Deaths Leveling Out in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - After a steady rise during most of the last decade, reported "AIDS" cases and deaths in the city are leveling out, new statistics show.

By the end of November, a total of 1,338 cases and 1,211 deaths had been reported top city health workers this year. But officials warn that figures for the first eleven months of the year likely are lower than the number of actual cases because of the slowness of gathering data.

Still, the number of new cases for 1990 is expected to reach 1,750, slightly more than the 1,702 new cases reported last year. About 1,400 San Francisco residents are expected to die of "AIDS this year. Last year, there were 1,349 AIDS deaths in the city.

The newest figures contrast sharply with those of the early to mid-1980s when figures rose 30 percent to more than 100 percent each year.

The trend toward a flattening out of figures that began in 1987 is expected to continue, and by the late 1990s, the figures may drop to one-fourth to one-half of current levels, said George Lemp, in charge of AIDS data for the city's Department of Public Health.

Behind the slowdown in the growth of new cases is a lower rate of new infections compared to the early 1980s and new drug treatment that delays the appearance of the disease among people infected by the human immunodeficiency virus.

Health officials warn that the figures remain grim despite the slowdown. "We are in a plateau or stall, but it is at a high level. It's not like the epidemic has gone away," Lemp said.

Gay Employee Files Complaint Against Amtrak

WASHINGTON, DC - A Gay employee of Amtrak has filed a complaint that charges the U.S. railroad transportation giant with discrimination in its rail pass benefit program.

The charge filed on Dec. 12, with the District of Columbia Office of Human Rights, asserts that Amtrak discriminates against its Gay and Lesbian employees by denying them free passes for their domestic partners while providing passes for spouses of heterosexual married workers.

Richard Wilson, an 11-year veteran of Amtrak, filed the complaint after his request for a free rail pass for his lover, David, was rejected last May. Wilson says Amtrak's denial of certain employee benefits on the basis of sexual orientation or marital status is a violation of D.C.'s Human Rights Act.

The complaint charges that because homosexuals are unable to marry their domestic partners, the practice has the effect of discriminating against employees on the basis of sexual orientation. Such discrimination is illegal under the D.C. Human Rights Act of 1977.

Under the Amtrak free rail pass policy, spouses of married employees get to travel free. However, even long-term domestic partners of homosexual employees must pay to travel on Amtrak. Wilson, a coach cleaner for Amtrak, has been with his partner for seven years. "I'm not asking for special favors," said Wilson, "I just want what other employees have."

On April 2, 1990, Wilson made a formal request for a rail pass for his partner. It was denied by Amtrak's Personnel Office on May 8, 1990, with no explanation given. Amtrak has approximately 25,000 employees and a FY91 funding level of $475 million.

"This complaint is about fairness in the workplace," said Laura Einstein, the attorney representing Wilson. "Why should Gay and Lesbian employees be denied significant job benefits just because they're unable to marry their life partners.

"According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, at least 40 percent of an employee's total compensation comes in the form of fringe benefits," said Ivy Young, director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Families Project.

"This is but one more example of the discrimination faced by non-traditional families," said Young. "Employers must change their policies to match the reality of family life in this country. It's important that Lesbians and Gay men take a stand, be visible and challenge the disparities they face every day on the job."

In 1985, Amtrak changed its Family Plan customer program to allow same-sex couples to purchase discount rail tickets. However, the plan has never been widely publicized, resulting in complaints from Gay and Lesbian customers as well as confusion among Amtrak ticket agents. Wilson's suit affects Amtrak's employee benefit program.

Boston May File for Domestic Partners Bill

BOSTON, MA - City Councilor David Scondras said he plans to introduce a bill seeking validation of Lesbian and Gay and Heterosexual live-in relationships, a move that has been adopted by other major cities. "Most people don't live in traditional families," Scondras said. "Most people live in unmarried couple households, or as single mothers or fathers, or as several adults in one household, or as a couple with parents or relatives who cannot care for themselves."

The bill, dubbed "The American Family Act," shows the changes in the traditional family and would provide legitimacy for "domestic partners" in the city of Boston, Scondras said.

The proposed bill would include health and insurance benefits to domestic partners and extended family members of municipal employees. Also, under the ordinance, domestic and extended members of non-traditional families would be permitted to visit hospitals, prisons, schools and day-care centers without challenge from personnel at those institutions.

The Councilor told the Boston Globe that cities like New York, Washington, D.C. and San Francisco have already implemented the measure because statistics show a drop in the number of two-parent families with children under 18 living at home.

Scondras said the 1988 figures from the U.S. Census Bureau show that tra-

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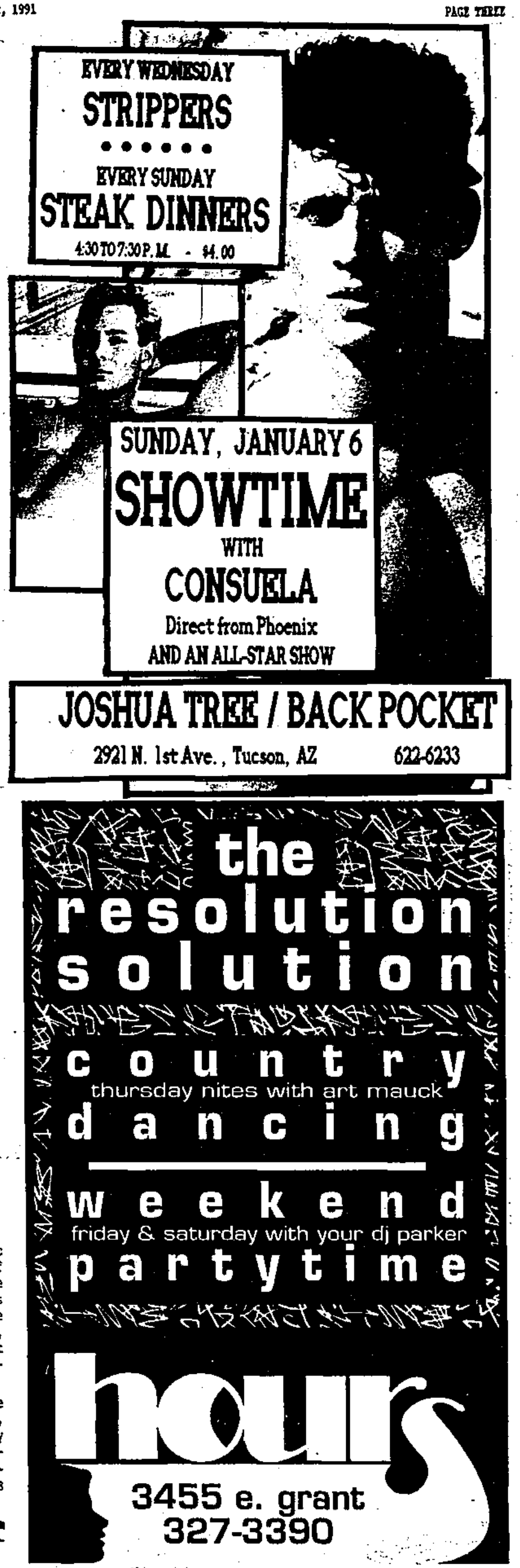

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A Commentary By

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Television Rises Above

Not all television is a vast wasteland --although one is often hard pressed to find some redeeming quality in the medium which thrives on the likes of Roseanne Barr, Will Smith and stereotypical family structures.

And the fault for this lies not only with the networks themselves --which show little interest for anything other than the botton line-- but with viewers who consistently tune in to shows that are little more than filler between commercials. One network and one television show, however, recently returned some of the shine television has recently lost.

At first, NBC pulled episode number eight from its schedule. After ABC's controversial and money-losing episode about Gay relationships on yuppiedom's "thirtysomething", NBC feared advertiser withdrawal and public outcry over episode eight of its new show "Lifestories".

"Lifestories", a pseudo-documentary look at fictionalized versions of real-life medical stories, has handled many controversial medical subjects. None, however, like episode eight, which ran December 17, in which a handsome television news anchor stuns his audience and bosses when he publicly announces the death from AIDS of his male lover.

This might well sound like another of those "medical controversy of the week" rip-offs which sustain some programs' meager ratings; but what emerged from this announcement was one of the most factually informative and dramatically stunning tales about the effect of AIDS on everyday people.

Like the 1990 film on the same subject, "Longtime Companion", this story began in 1980. Through a series of events the episode, written by Richard Gollance and directed by Aaron Lipstadt, tells the story of that anchorman, Steve Burdick (played by D.W. Moffett).

After his lover (Kirk Bailey) died from AIDS, he too began showing symptoms of the disease. His on-air announcement of his lover's death received so much attention from the national press that a weekly series of "Life with AIDS", reports was begun, with Steve its anchor.

Throughout the episode, a narrator offered facts about AIDS, insight about the disease, and general background material which helped explain each new phase in the process of Steve's illness. The result: an engrossing drama that provided a great amount of factual material without being either condescending or esoteric.

The entire cast was outstanding. From Moffett and Bailey through to Joyce Hyser, the news director who was Steve's boss. (You will remember Hyser as Arnold Becker's video producer on "L.A. Law". Hyser is one of the best supporting actors currently on television, and one whose career will continue to expand and improve).

Also in the cast was Wayne Tippit, the station manager, and a memorable supporting performance by Jon Maynard Dennell as a hospital patient.

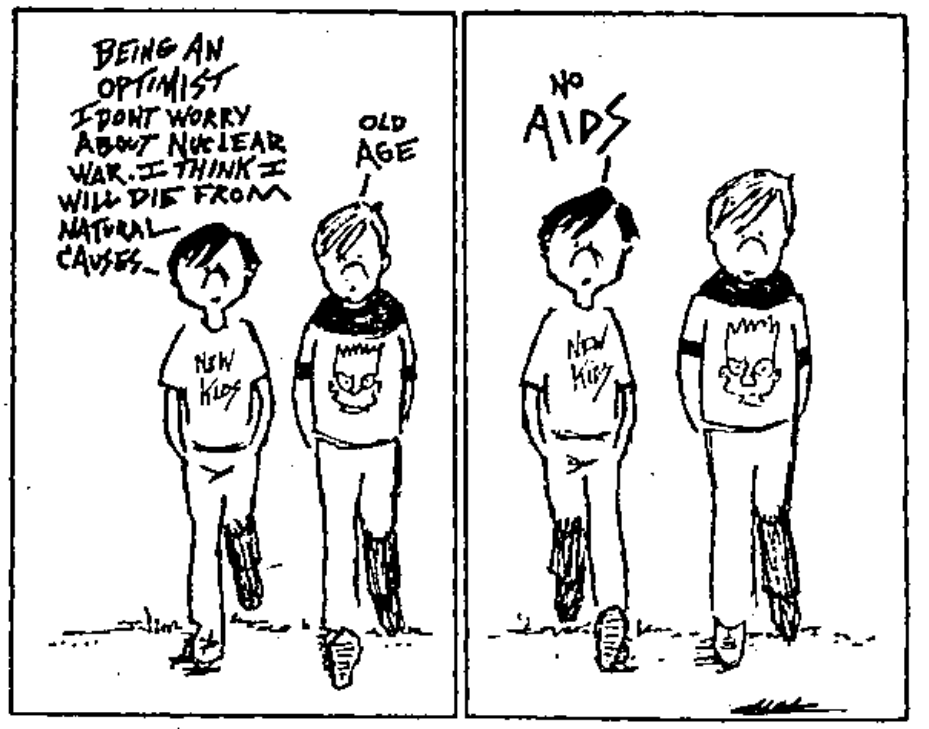
Watch for this episode when it is rerun --and for the number of awards it will surely win: Emmys, the Humanitas and Peabody Awards among them, to be sure.

NBC should be applauded for their decision to run this episode after originally pulling it from their schedule -- and after a national firestorm of negative publicity. To my knowledge not one advertiser pulled out of this episode. Perhaps the advertisers should be applauded as well.

Direct your letters of support to NBC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

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



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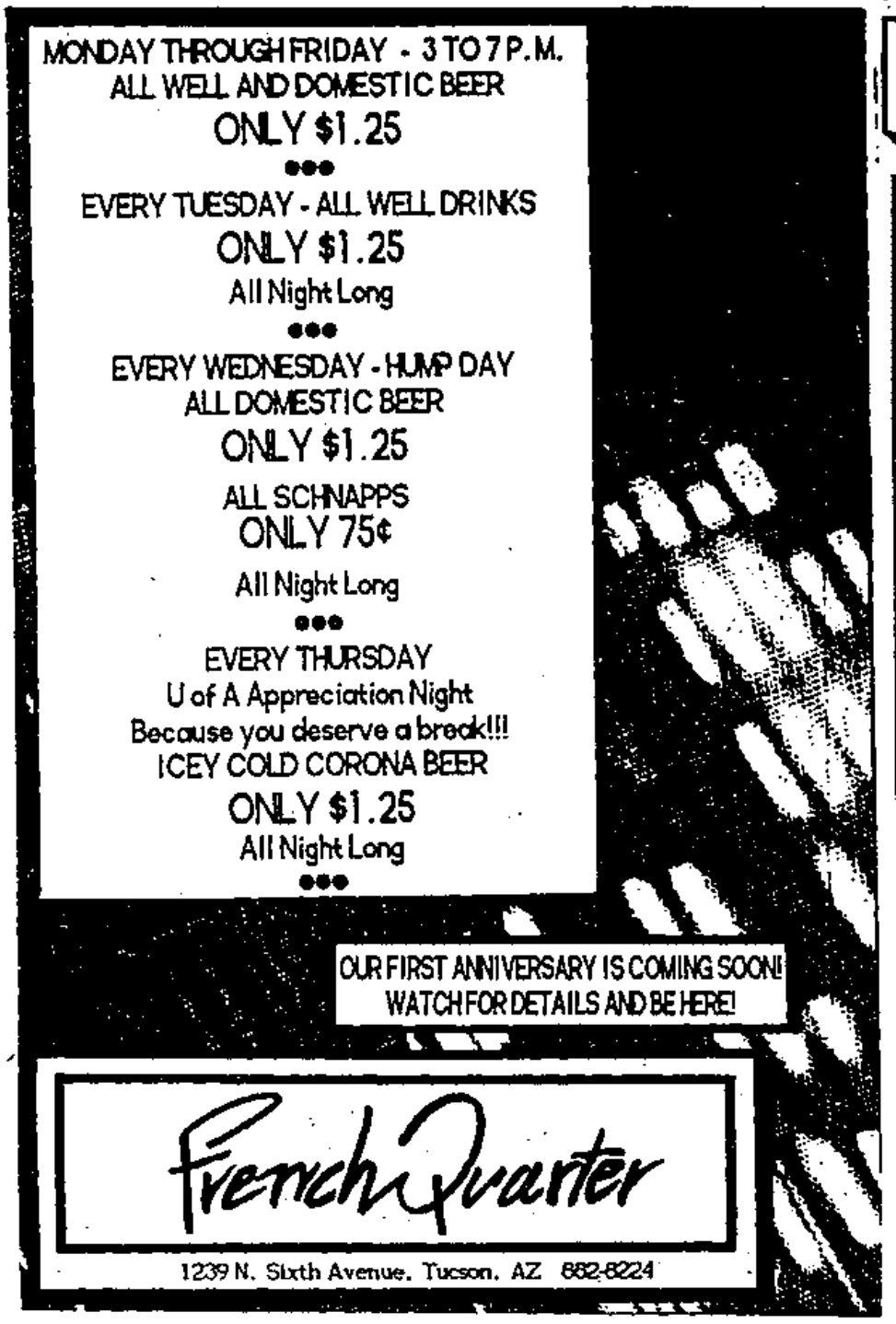

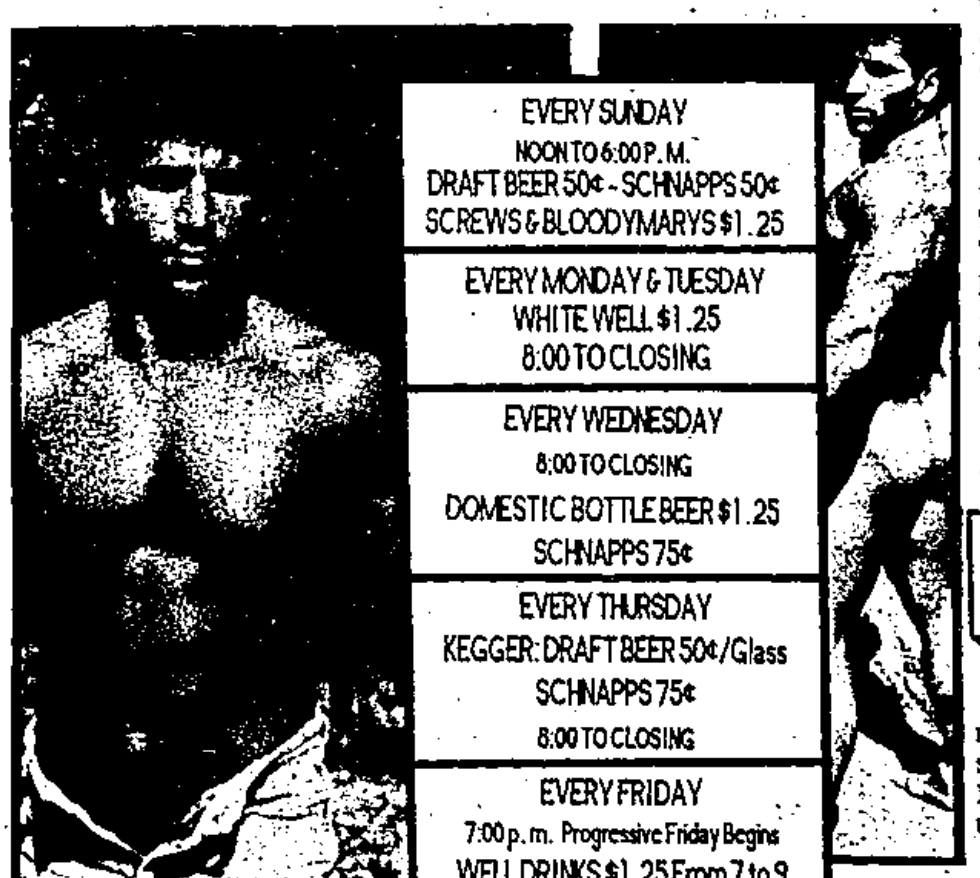

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One year ago on Dec. 29th, 1989 my dear friend Bobby Holliday passed away after living with AIDS for months. Bobby is survived by his mother, Sue Sharp of East Carondolet, Ill., his brother, Tony O'Connell of San Antonio, Texas and many good friends in Tucson, Phoenix and many other cities.

I'm sure there are many of us who have memories of Bobby, both good and bad. Bobby was always a lot of fun to be around and always had to have the last word. The one thing I remember most about Bobby is how organized he was, both as a person and a performer.

Bobby was always first in line to offer his help for a worthy cause. He organized one of the biggest benefits in Tucson in the summer of 1988 for the Tucson AIDS Project. There were 20+ performers and everything went together like clockwork. We helped raised hundreds of dollars that went toward medication, doctors and housing.

Bobby was a very strong, proud and independent man. We wouldn't ask for help unless it was absolutely necessary. He was a very giving, fair and honest person and he expected the same in return. He always gave everyone a chance to be a friend, but if you disrespected him, you gave up your chance to have a true friend!

There comes a time in everyone's life when you realize that you have great talents. Bobby's talents ranged from being a great impersonator to designing his own clothes, makeup and hair to painting, drawing, writing and being a compassionate, caring person.

I'm proud to say that Bobby Holliday was my friend. Not just an acquaintance in passing, but my true friend! My wish for you is to have at least one friend in your lifetime that is as special to you as Bobby was to me. I know I will never forget him. He will always be a part of my heart and my mind.

Please always remember to think "Safe", drive "Safe" and play "Safe".

Peace and Love
Larry Moore
aka Lucinda Holliday

Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

Well, Tucson, I hate to start off the new year with bad news, but it is necessary. For legal reasons, at this point, I cannot use real names. Now this is what happened:

A local brother of ours, who had a concession contract on a hair salon here in Tucson, was recently hospitalized with an opportunistic disease. Shortly after that, a woman who owns two other salons, saw his condition as a greedy business opportunity. She approached the owners of the business, informing them that he had AIDS, that he was using inferior products, and that this was not good for business.

Can you believe that any human being could be so blatantly insensitive and calculating. She waited until he was ill, then used the moment for her own profit. Legal steps are presently being sought. This has been a terrific blow to this man. Please drop a line to the "Letters" section of the OBSERVER. He really could use the moral support of you beautiful people of Tucson.

It's hard enough dealing with being ill, let alone the viciousness of that viper. In time of need we always pull together. It's time. Let's pull. For his sake, refer to him as George, and please write and show him you care and that we won't stand for this kind of treatment.

This Saturday is Sharing Weekend again. Please be generous to the needs of our local HIV community and our fine local AIDS Service Organizations (ASO).

Don't forget the CAT Awards this month. Register, vote and attend the fine and entertaining awards dinner this month. More details forthcoming.

I hope this new year finds you all in good health. Till next week: Sean 323-3780.

What's Up Doc ???

Just think, only 357 more shopping days before Christmas. Boy, does time fly by when you are having a good time.

While reading this column, I hope your hangover was small and all was festive and safe for you over these loving and sharing holidays. This new year will bring a lot of good news for some, riches for some, love for some and many rewarding friendships made. This will be a year all of us can look back on in years to come and remember as one of the best for all.

With the start of the new year it is that time again for Tucson's annual CAT Awards voting and presentation ceremonies. This year's voting will be held Jan. 5 through Jan. 13. Keep watching the OBSERVER for times and locations for voting. If, for one reason or another, were unable to register this year, good news: you still have a chance. The CAT Committee has decided this year to allow those who have not registered to do so at each voting station, just prior to your voting.

There are 23 different categories to be voted on this year, each chosen to recognize someone in our community that the voters feel deserves recognition for going that extra mile in support of Tucson's Gay community. True, you may not know of someone for each category, if not, when voting, just leave that space blank.

On Jan. 26, this year's presentation ceremonies will again be held at the Quality Inn, 1601 N. Oracle. Table reservations for ten people can be made in advance. Individual tickets will go on sale for $15.00 each. As this date draws closer, all details will be printed in the OBSERVER. For now, let's just be sure to get out there and vote, when the voting locations are announced.

Each bar, club and/or service organization here in Tucson deserves recognition for all each has done for Tucson's community over this past year. In order for all to win, you must vote. Each year I've heard the same comment after the awards have been passed out, "It is always the same people or bars winning, so why should I vote?" That may be so but the main reason for these results is that you, the customers, do not vote for your favorites. If you do not vote for that favorite bartender, bar, or whatever, do not complain after this years awards have been presented.

Counting of this year's ballots will be done by an outside source, not the CAT Committee. The CAT Committee will only be voting on this year's Rev. Bernardo David Humanitarian Award. They also will not know any of this year's winners until the presentation evening.

I highly encourage each and every one of you to take the time and vote this year. Let's start 1991 out with the largest number of votes ever cast in the Community Awards of Tucson. Let's start 1991 out with a good mixture of award winners, spread out throughout this entire community.

With the start of another year, we can all look back to 1990, the good points and the bad points. We can each, in our own way, see what we can do to improve on the bad areas, and really promote the Old Pueblo, the friendliest community in the Southwest. Let each of us put real strong feelings behind the yearly saying, "Happy New Year".

Have a safe week, and I'll see you next week.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Well, it's about time again for those post-holiday blues. You know what I mean, don't you? The let-down feeling that sometimes comes when the excitement of the season is over. Maybe you had a little time off work, or were off visiting friends or family, and now it's back to the same old routine.

A lot of folks start feeling pretty low about now. It's easy to be happy when we are surrounded by people we love and doing the things we enjoy. This is because happiness is dependent on circumstances, people, and the things around us. When these things are taken away, we can start to feel down in the dumps.

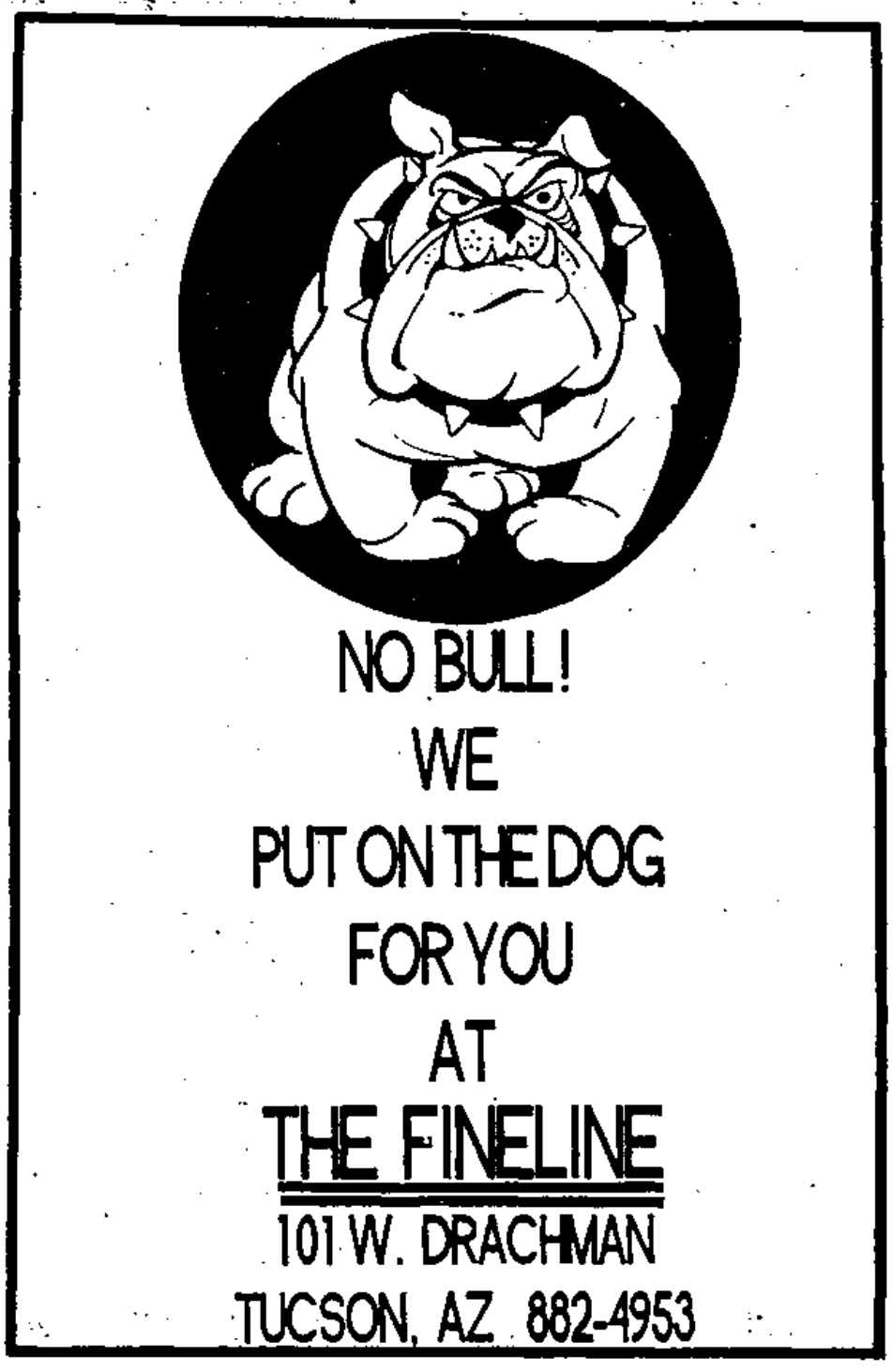
I used to feel that way quite a bit, and not just after the holidays, either. I started to feel that things never went my way. I found it hard to get myself into a good mood. Perhaps you've experienced this, known as basic depression. Try as you may, nothing seems to bring you out of it. Maybe a new friend would help. Or a new job. Or an aerobics class, a new apartment, a new sofa, etc. Often we try to change what is around us to make us feel better inside. And usually it doesn't work.

I tried to do that. But then I made a very exciting discovery: I learned that I didn't need to change what was on the outside. I needed to change what was on the INSIDE! I'd like to share this discovery with you.

If you are willing to change from within, in your heart, I have a friend who can help you with this change. His name is Jesus. I believe that once you know Him, things will start looking up. He has many things to offer you: Inner peace, unquenchable joy, and unconditional love, to name a few. His love accepts everyone who asks for it. I know, because Hew has turned my life around.

He can turn your life around, also. He can help you get over the post-holiday blues, or any other blues you might be feeling. He can show you that these feelings are only temporary, and will eventually pass. On the other hand, when you experience the peace, joy, and love of Jesus, they will be permanent. Once Jesus is a part of your life, He will never leave you, and these gifts He offers are yours to keep.

I may not always be happy, because I can't change the people or circumstances around me that cause my unhappiness. But I am always joyful in the Lord, because I made a decision one day to let Jesus change my life from within. Philippians 4:19 tells us that "my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Jesus Christ." He can do this for you, if you just ask Him.



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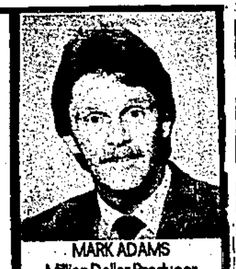
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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

JOSHUA TREE - Consuella, a very hot, gifted performer from Phoenix will be here at 10 p.m. Make plans to see this great act - you won't be sorry.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

JOSHUA TREE - Show with Lucinda Holiday and friends begins promptly at 10:30. Always entertaining.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1991

COLETTE'S - They will be closed all day today let the employees rest up from a very, very busy holiday season. Happy New Year!

RUMORS - "SICK CALL" !!! Let nurse Bucky heal whatever it is that ails you - and you know what that is.... Bloody Marys or Screwdrivers for only $1.00 from noon until 4:00 p.m. Plus complimentary black-eyed peas and cornbread to bring you luck during the new year. Party..... again.....!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

It's "Sharing Weekend" and there will be volunteers at all the local bars collecting your $1.00 donation which is divvied up among various AIDS organizations. Once you have donated, you get a sticker and will not be asked to donate again that evening no matter where you bar hop.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

COLETTE'S - The regular Sunday Pool Tournament will resume tonight after the holiday layoff. It begins at 5:30 and there is a $3.00 entry.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

COLETTE'S - It's Country & Western Night here again and it's hosted as usual by that singin' troubadour, Cowboy Loren Johnson.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

COLETTE'S - "Soul Night" again. A favorite night for a lot of soul fans. Listen, dance and request your favorite music.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Drink Specials. Steak Dinner 4:30 to 7:30 pm $4.00. DJ Bobby Jr. 9-1.

COLETTE'S WEST - Open 10 am. NFL Football on our big screen. Special drink and food prices. Pool Tournament 5:30 pm. $3.00 entry. Brunch til 3. "Wine Down Nite" $1.00 wine 6 pm to midnight. Movies on the big screen begins at 7 pm.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-4. Bloody Marys - Screwdrivers - Mimosas $1.50, Daiquiris $2. .50 Draft Beer 7 p.m. to closing.

FINELINE - Opens at 1 p.m. .75 draft. Country/Western music.

GRADUATE - All White Well $1.25 daytime and $1.50 nighttime.

ROCKS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.00 til 7 pm. Noone Madness Specials 7-1.

IBT'S - Great sandwiches from DB Cafe noon to 4. Copper City Squares 2 to ??? C/W music and dancing lessons with Cowboy DJ/Instructor Gil Leon.

RUMORS - Noon to 6 pm Beer Bust .50 draft + Screws and Marys $1.25 + Schnapps .50/shot. + Hot Dogs + Todd DJs 9-1

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Daily Drink Specials plus Bowlers Special! Bobby Jr. 9-1

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. 2 for 1 drinks 5-8. All White Well $1.00. Monday Night Football!! .50 Draft and .75 Beer Dogs during the game.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 All Well and Domestic Beer $1.25.

FINELINE - Open at 1 with Big Hits. .50 hot dogs all day. 5-7 $1 Well, $2.50 Pitchers.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices open to close.

ROCKS - Open Noon. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer $1.25, [illegible] to 8:30 Rowdy Cloggers.

IBT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Bowler's Special $1 Well or non-Premium Beer.

RUMORS - Noon-7 pm Domestic Beer or Well drinks $1.25 plus All White Well $1.25 8 to close. Todd DJs at 9.

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Daily Drink Specials. Ladies Night: Strippers. Bobby Jr. DJs 9 p.m.

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. 2 for 1 from 5-8. Longneck Bottle Beer $1.25 from 8 to midnight. DJ 8 to midnight.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm All Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. 7 pm to close all Well Drinks $1.25.

FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm. .50 hot dogs. 5-7 $1 Well, $2.50 Pitchers. $1 drink specials at night.

GRADUATE - .50 Draft open to close.

ROCKS - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25.

IBT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Hits with .50 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 8 pm to close. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon 9-1.

RUMORS - $1.25 Domestic Beer or Well drinks Noon-7 pm. All White Well $1.25 8 to close. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Clint.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Strip Shows every Wednesday. Bobby Jr. DJs 9pm

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. Two for One 5-8. T-Squares dance and give free square dance lessons at 6:30. Schnapps $1 from 8 to 12 am. DJ 9-1.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm all Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. 7 to close all Domestic Beer $1.25, All Schnapps .75 Mexican Dinner served 6 to 9.

FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm .50 hot dogs. 5-7 $1 Well, $2.50 Pitchers. $1 drink specials all night.

GRADUATE - Domestic Beer $1.25/days - $1.50 nites.

ROCKS - Draft Beer .50 Noon to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Black & White Service Industries Night Out. Bartenders, waiters and waitresses 1/2 price.

IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. 8 to Close, White Well Hits .75 (w/juice $1.00). [illegible] dance music with Linda Fitdale 9 to 1.

RUMORS - Noon-7 pm Domestic Beer or Well drinks $1.25 Domestic Bottle Beer Hits $1.25 + .75 Schnapps 8 to close. VJ/DJ Clint at 9pm.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. DJ 9-1

COLETTE'S WEST - Two for One 5-8. "Submarine!" .75 draft from 8 to midnight. DJ from 9 to 1.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Italian Dinner served 6 to 9. Cafe Appreciation Nite - Corona Beer $1.25 7 pm to closing.

FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm .50 hot dogs. 5-7 pm $1 Well, $2.50 Pitchers. $1 drink specials at night.

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

ROCKS - Draft Beer .50 Noon to Close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Heineken or Corona $1.00 from 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western Nite, dance lessons 8:30 - 9:30. C/W Dancing 9:30 to 1 DJ Art Knack.

IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Bud and Bud Lite $1.25 8-1.

RUMORS - $1.25 Domestic Beer or Well Drinks 12-7pm. Kegger 4pm to Midnight .50/draft, .75 Schnapps, munchies. Video/Disco dancing with Clint 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Bobby Jr. DJs beginning at 9pm.

COLETTE'S WEST - Two for One 5-8. Party Hits Hourly Drink Specials 8 to Midnight. DJ 9-1.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm all Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Dinner served 6 to 9 with Harley Hess at the piano. Patio Bar open 9-1 with .50 draft.

FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm .50 hot dogs. 5-7 $1 Well and $2.50 pitchers. $1 drink specials at night. New Fineline opens 4:30 'Share Hits' 17 & older with dancing/neon light show. Bar open for 21 and over with proper ID.

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

ROCKS - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25

IBT'S - 4-8 Two for One / Hot Music 9 to close with Linda Fitdale.

RUMORS - $1.25 Domestic Beer or Well 12-7pm. Free Hors d'Oeuvres 5:30. Progressive Friday: Well drinks $1.25 from 7 to 9 then up a quarter each hour until 1 am. VJ/DJ Clint 9-1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. DJ Bobby Jr 9 to 1.

COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Specials 4-Midnight; DJ from 9 to 1.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon Check the special calendar. Dinner served 6 to 9 p.m. with Harley Hess at the piano. Patio Bar open 9 to 1.

FINELINE - Opens at 1 pm. Sports Saturday - .50 Free hot dogs, drink specials all day long. The New Fineline opens at 9 pm for 21 and over with neon light show and hot dancing.

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

ROCKS - Open Noon.

IBT'S - 2 for 1 drinks from 4 to 8. Hot music 9 to close with Linda Fitdale.

RUMORS - Open Noon. 4 to 1 Corona Beer $1.25 Dance with VJ/DJ Clint 9-1

Advice From Your Counselor

STEVEN DIETZ..

I know you won't print this, but what gives you the right to tell anybody what to do? You shouldn't be telling anybody you've got all the answers. I think shrinks are quacks, and counseling is just a way to bleed money out of sick jerks too weak to do anything by themselves. I've been to a bunch of them and they all say the same stupid things you do.

Some of what you say is absolutely true! A responsible counselor would never pretend to have all of the answers, but if the clinician you are seeing is a trained professional, he or she should be able to ask the right questions. Simply stated, professional counseling, whether with a psychiatrist, psychologist, pastor, or social worker, is a process of helping you identify and sort out behavior that doesn't work and develop your own plan for change and resolution of individual problems.

You aren't alone in being suspicious of mental health care. In historical terms, such professionals are very new additions to the concept of personal health and well-being. If we are injured in an accident, we have no qualms in seeking a physicians; if the car breaks down, we immediately call the mechanic or auto dealer, but some individuals still have great reservations making an appointment for counseling when the injury is an emotional one. In every field there are more or less proficient practioners, but - the bottom line - always choose the right professional to help you get the job done!

There are a few points to consider in choosing professional help.

1. Don't be afraid to shop around. Just as there are physicians who specialize in certain areas of medicine, there are counselors trained in specific fields. Ask about their background and experience in dealing with your individual difficulties. Ask about cost in advance. If a sliding fee scale is not available, and finances are a source of personal difficulty, keep looking. Don't make the mistake of believing that you are simply paying someone to be a "friend". The service you pay for is professional treatment based on years of specialized training and experience.

2. Keep an open mind. If "bad mental habits" have been formed for years, it is probable that you are not going to like everything you discover. Personal development, like physical exercise, has great rewards, but not without dedicated effort and a certain amount of painful introspection.

3. Be as honest as possible, with yourself, and your counselor. If you were to tell your doctor that your knee hurts, when you actually had a stomach ache, you probably wouldn't get the right medicine for the ailment. Likewise, your counselor needs the clearest picture possible to help you find the source of your problems. A professional counselor is not your judge and jury, but your teammate in personal growth.

4. Be prepared to make a commitment, not to your counselor, but to yourself! Fulfillment and personal success doesn't happen in just one session. Just as a career is developed with training, practice and experience, a happier and more rewarding lifestyle comes from dedicated devotion to the constant application of what you have learned in everyday decision making. It requires trust and responsibility - if you feel you can't trust your counselor, either you aren't ready to apply yourself, or you need to continue your search for the "team-mate" that is right for you.

Remember, however, that no matter where you go, you are taking your "self" with you. If you find that you are running from one counselor to another, perhaps it isn't the counselors you are running from.

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News From MCC Tucson

Last Sunday, Dec. 30, being the fifth Sunday of the month, our Morning Worship Service was a Lay Service. The Clergy Staff took a seat with the congregation and the service was conducted by members of the congregation. The message was delivered by Beckie Copeland. Beckie brought many good questions before those in attendance.

During the service, it was announced that a check had been received and deposited to cover the purchase of the new church building and facilities. It was not announced when MCC/Tucson would move, but it was indicated that the move would be in the near future. The Administrative Council will have their regular monthly meeting next Sunday, Jan. 6, and many of the details will be worked out at that meeting.

The Annual Congregational Meeting of MCC/Tucson, which is usually held the last Saturday of January, will be finalized at the Administrative Council meeting this next Sunday. There are two positions open on the Administrative Council and both the Lay and Alternate Lay Delegate positions are open for elections during the Congregational Meeting. Announcements will be made for this Congregational Meeting as soon as the date, time and details are finalized.

It is now 1991 and a New Year is here. With the purchase of a new church facility now within the grasp, many new and exciting programs will be initiated during this new year of 1991. This will be the first property purchased and owned by a predominately Gay organization in the city of Tucson. Even though this property will be owned by a religious organization, and used for religious purposes, it will be a facility for the entire community. So, Happy New Year, to everyone from the Staff, Council and Congregation of MCC/Tucson.

Thought for the Week: Be kind to your friends. If it weren't for them, you'd be a total stranger.

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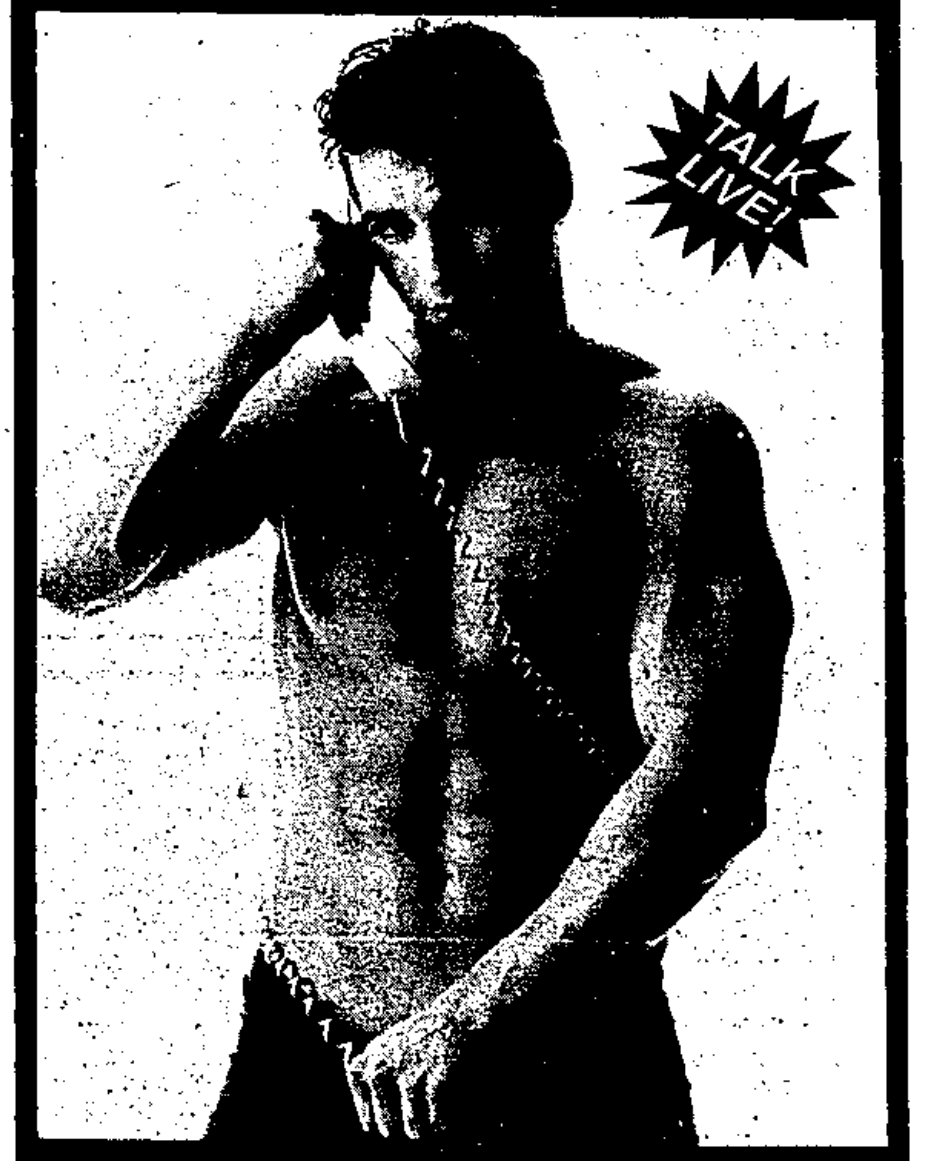

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Gay Comic Set To Take Seat on San Francisco's Board of Education

by Nanette Asimov

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Tom Ammiano, Gay comic and newly elected commissioner to the San Francisco Board of Education, stepped onto the nightclub stage and took the microphone:

"Jesse Helms has been spreading some very nasty rumors about me," he told the audience. "It is not true that I'm going to insist all textbooks be published by the Mapplethorpe Company.

The crowd giggled at the reference to the late photographer Robert Mapplethorpe, whose sexually explicit images of men and boys have prompted national debate on freedom of expression.

Across town, the seven-member school board was having its last session before Ammiano and two other new commissioners start work on January 8. Even as the board paid tribute to the three who had lost their long-held spots, Ammiano was offering his audience this excerpt from a fictional Mapplethorpe primer: "Look, look, Jane. Dick!" He's as nasty as he wants to be, and voters think he's just the man to help set educational policy for the children of San Francisco.

Ammiano was the big winner in the November school board election, finishing first with nearly 70,000 votes. At a recent breakfast meeting of San Francisco educators, it was Superintendent Ramon Cortines who got in the funny line about Ammiano's victory. Referring to the school board's contentious history, he said, "See? Now the board has gone from tragedy to comedy."

A parent, Ammiano also works for the school district, training teachers to teach AIDS prevention. He said he is leaving that job, however, to avoid conflicting interests. "I'm not comfortable with sitting on the board and being an employee of the district," he said. "So I'm job-hunting." Although the dual role would be legal, Ammiano would be ineligible to vote on numerous issues affecting district employees.

His background is special education - in which he has a master's degree from San Francisco State University. For years, Ammiano, 49, taught kids with learning disabilities and helped get the district to stop giving biased IQ tests, which caused a disproportionately high number of minority children to be labeled retarded during the 1970s.

A fervent defender of Gay rights for more than 20 years and a friend of the late Harvey Milk, Ammiano was strongly behind the district's recent hiring of a counselor for homosexual and Lesbian students. He also favors condom distribution in the schools.

He and teacher Tim Curbo, his lover of 12 years, are the parents of Annie, an 11-year-old middle-school student. Ammiano fathered her, and Annie's mother is a family friend. Ammiano's own father was a New York cab driver, and his mother worked in the telephone cafeteria. "Ma Bell, we used to call her," he said.

Ammiano's supporters say his background will help him relate to diverse groups of San Francisco students. They expect him to bring the knowledge of an insider and the skill of a seasoned communicator to the board - although most have not heard just what he has been communicating in Bay Area nightclubs for the past 10 years. Still, they expressed confidence that he would keep it out of the boardroom.

"Lots of people work two jobs and can shift gears easily," said Joan-Marie Shelley, president of the local teachers union, which endorsed Ammiano's campaign.

She said his Mapplethorpe joke was "marvelous". She heard his double-entendre about James Lick High School and said, "Oh, my". She cringed at his mock confession about where he had gathered the names of supporters who were listed on his campaign literature - Jonestown. Shelley declared that joke "macabre".

"I know he's witty, and I know he's principled, and I think he will take on the serious responsibility he has sought out and comport himself with dignity.

His colleagues say he has already proven that in his job with the school district.

"He's able to deal with some of the most controversial and difficult issues relevant to AIDS education, and to do it in a manner that is generous, kind and respectful of other people," said Shivaun Nestor, who coordinates one of the training programs that Ammiano presents to teachers, school administrators, religious groups and other educators from around the country. "And he's a good listener."

He is also bawdy and brazen, witty and irreverent. With his nasal voice and flat New Jersey accent, he is a master of naughty one-liners that drip with sex, political nuance and heart. But the jokes that earned the slender comedian the most applause the other night were those aimed at serious issues, such as California's overcrowded schools.

"George Deukmejian said he wanted to put God back in the classroom. But thanks to George, instead of 25 kids, I've got 35 kids. Now, if God can find a desk, she's more than welcome.

His lines are rarely so clean, and he prefers the terms "adult humor" to "dirty jokes". They are, at the very least, unsanitary:

"Sister Mariretta (Sister Nazi, for short) used to tell me what I should do to live a good life, to be a saint," said Ammiano, a 16-year veteran of Catholic schools. "I said, 'How do I do it, Sister?' She said, 'St. Boniface was stripped naked and tortured by Roman Soldiers.' I said, 'Well, sign me up!'"

Not everyone is charmed by this. "I truly feel that when you are an elected public official, you should exercise some decorum in your activities," said Ella Tom Miyamoto, president of the San Francisco Parent-Teacher Association. She said the PTA would raise the issue with Ammiano when they meet later this month. "Perhaps he'll curtail this part of his life after January.

"Oh, no, no," said Ammiano, dismissing that notion. "Just because you're in office doesn't mean you give up your First Amendment rights."

Roaming Around With Chuck

Oregon is one of the Northwest's most beautiful states. It is also a very open-minded state - very independent and liberal too. The entire state seems to have a large Gay and Lesbian population in big cities and smaller towns too. Much is very discreet and yet, in the larger cities, it seems very relaxed too.

There are loads of fun bars, places to stay and things to do in such beautiful country from sea coast thru some of the lovely mountain areas. In Eugene, one might like to try Poppi's "Anatolia" Greek and Italian Food. Check out the RIV, 39 W. 10th Ave., in Eugene or Club Arena (downstairs, 959 Pearl St., in Eugene. Try the Keystone Cafe at 395 W. 5th Ave., in Eugene too.

Portland can be a real fun city too. Anchors for breakfast or lunch with beers and wine, "the friendly home port"... 211 S.W. Ankeny, Portland. Hobo's offers fine dining, lounge and entertainment at 120 N.W. 3rd Ave., or Scandals at 11th & Stark, Gay Portland's largest selection of beers and non-alcoholic drinks. Fish Grotto, Seafood Restaurant and Bar. Plus BOXX's Video Bar & The Brig Dance Bar, corner of 11th & Stark. Try Club Portland, Continental Club Baths, open 24 hours with free condoms.

Try brunch on Sundays from 11 am to 2 pm at Starky's at 2913 S.E. Stark, restaurant and lounge. Fran's Back Room, a new Gay bar and restaurant, featuring Philippine cuisine at the corner of 17th and N.W. Lovejoy. When you are ready for the wild side... try The City Nightclub... all-age Gay club before hours and after hours! Open till 4 am Thursday, Friday and Saturday. 12 N.W. 13th. Jan. 13, NightScene is taped monthly at The City Nightclub. Cup and Saucer is great for espresso, breakfast and lunch, 3566 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd.

Also, Portland is a city that seems to be most popular in the Lesbian community. One seems more offered to our sisters than in lots of cities. Get a copy of the Lavender Network Newspaper for more information on activities in this fine state. Write: P.O. Box 5421, Eugene, Oregon 97405 for information.

Going to Amsterdam... write Excellent Publications for the 1991 Top Guide at Dept. 36, P.O. Box 22643, NL 1100 DC Amsterdam, The Netherlands. A fun country to visit and especially if one is into uniforms or leather.

Phallos National Organization for well hung men and admirers. Send stamped envelope for more info: Live Oak Press, Box 640444, San Francisco, CA 94164.

Popular singer/songwriter Holly Who, will give a concert at WomanKraft, 200 E. Congress on Jan. 25. Tickets are $4.00, reservations needed. Call 792-6306. WomanKraft is also holding an exhibit of the artwork of WomanKraft members starting Feb. 2.

Shanti Training coming up Jan. 25, 26 and 27. Call the office, 622-7107 and sign up. Counselors are always in need. It is very rewarding to work with others who need a good listener and to be able to give a bit of help to a brother or sister who is in need of a good friend. Won't you consider giving some time each week to a person with HIV or AIDS. The training is only $45 and it can be a great joy to give of yourself to one in need. Think it over seriously.

Thanks guys at Prensdorff for one of my happiest Christmas Eve's ever. I really enjoyed spending it with all of you.

Until next time... Love Ya... Chuck

Ordinance Opponents Rev Up Petition Drive

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against many specified groups, duplicating state and federal anti-discrimination laws in all categories except sexual orientation and military status.

Sheldon, a Presbyterian minister from California who is chairman of the Anaheim-based Traditional Values Coalition, said the referendum would amend the rights ordinance to remove all mention of the term "sexual orientation".

"We have no problem with the rest of the ordinance, but this could mean bestiality, pedophilia, incest as well as homosexuality," said Sheldon, who was brought in by a group of Denver residents as a consultant for the campaign. The Denver-area group is led by Dr. Rich Heckman, a Denver Psychiatrist. Sheldon said his group has fought Gay rights ordinances in other cities and has won when it got the issue to a public vote.

Besides shopping centers, Sheldon said petitioners would look for signatures at area churches, neighborhood and business groups and community organizations.

Tony Ogden, a member of the group that pushed for passage of the ordinance, said his group is likely to oppose the referendum should it go to the May ballot.

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P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 3833 E. 2nd Street. Office hours 10 to 5, M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-9808 for more info.

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

P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend is Gay. Contact Joan, 790-7526 or Jan 885-7118 or write P.O. Box 17747, Tucson, AZ 85731-7747. All replies confidential.

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

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AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 10 am to Midnight. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Hotline M-W-F 2-5 & 6-8 p.m. Men's Night on Mondays 7:30 pm. Womyn's Night on Wednesdays 7 pm. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 Tucson.

LUTHERANS CONCERNED/TUCSON - A fellowship and support group for Lesbian and Gay Lutherans. We meet monthly and all are welcome. For more information call Ray at 575-0087 or write to Lutherans Concerned/Tucson, P.O. Box 40252, Tucson, AZ 85717.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions in a loving, supportive atmosphere. Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at St. Francis in the Foothills Church, Swan and River Road. Call the church at 299-9063 or Paul at 881-5651 for information.

Notices

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Women affected by HIV support and discussion group. Call P.A.C.T. at 322-9808 if interested.

EVERY TUESDAY
HIV Long Termers Self Empowerment Group, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.. PACT office, 3833 E. 2nd St. 322-9808.

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
Drop-in Support Group for family, friends and significant others 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Shanti office, 602 N. 4th Ave. Open to anyone wanting emotional support in dealing with a person who is HIV+, AIDS or facing any life-threatening disease.

EVERY WEDNESDAY
Positive Approach to Living with HIV. P.A.C.T. office, 3833 E. 2nd St. 7 p.m.

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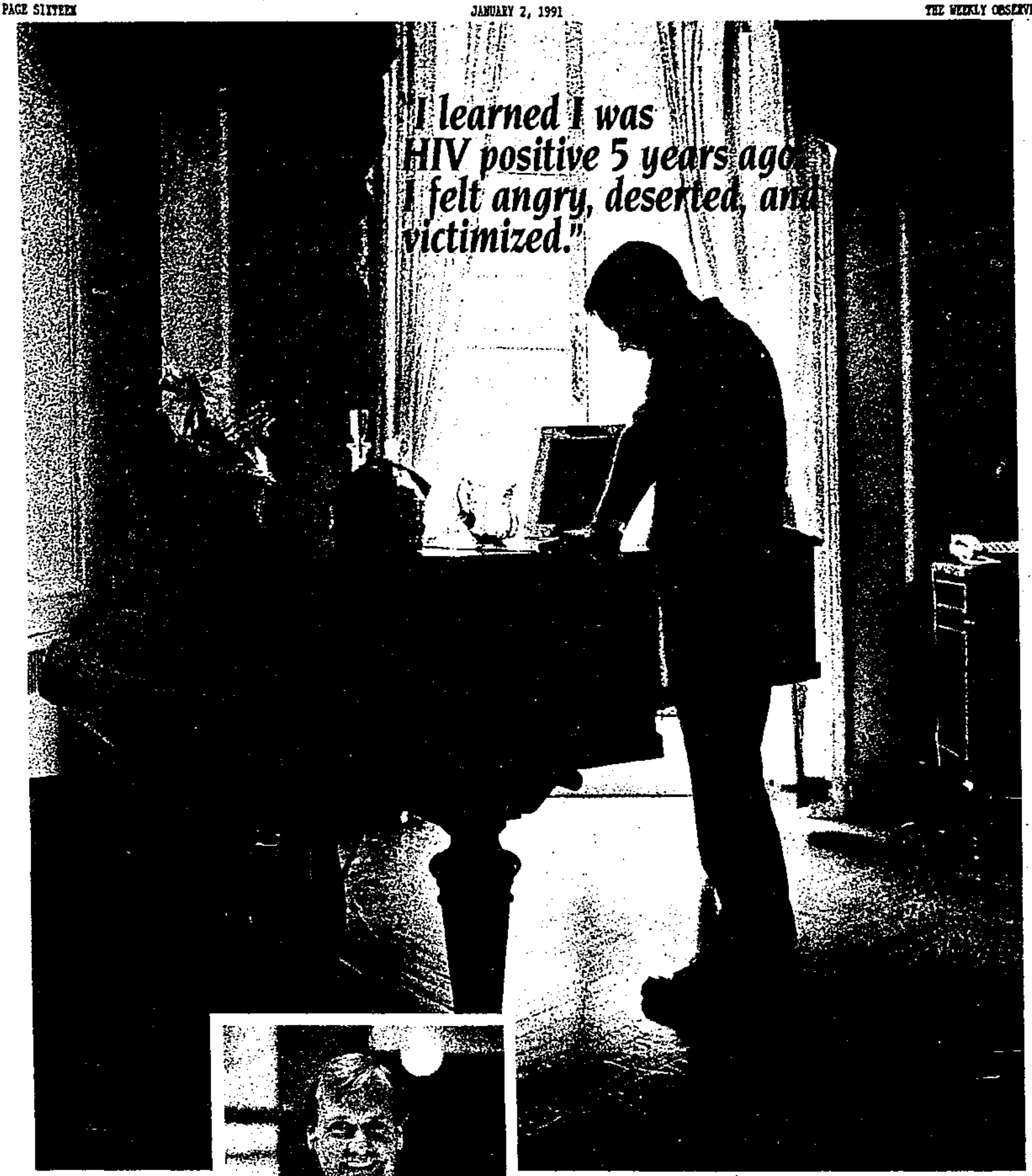

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