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GayBriefs

by Jim Roche

What's Wrong With Being Angry?

My friend James and I were leaving New York's Lesbian and Gay Community Center a few months ago, a large crowd milled around the street. Several people were there screaming, hollering and crying out their anger at what they had heard. At a community forum, we had all listened to some incredible things from the city's mayor, the man who had called himself our friend. Almost every campaign promise of the previous year had been broken. I turned to James and was surprised by his reaction to all this, "Why are Gay people so angry?" he asked. Angrily I said to him, "Apparently you didn't hear that people are dying. People are homeless. People are being beaten in the street by thugs every night!" Well, that didn't help because he still doesn't understand why people are so angry.

He still doesn't understand why I'm angry. He was confused by what he heard in the street. He wanted to talk to the Mayor. "Why doesn't everybody just sit down and talk things out?" was what he wanted to know. I wanted to know what was wrong with him. To me, to be able to sit by and listen to the kind of political bullshit we had just heard and not get angry, well, you have to be emotionally stunted. Maybe he is. A lot of people seem to be these days.

Those who are angry, not just upset, mad or perturbed, but really pissed-off and scream, holler and rant and rave, and those who seem to avoid their anger, don't want to understand each other at all. I get complaints from lots of people about my anger, "You can't just talk from anger" they say. "They'll never understand or listen if we're yelling at them," others say. Or, "How can you have dialogue when you're so angry?" Give me a break.

Anger has never been easy to deal with, but the time comes when we all must. That doesn't mean controlling it. As incredible as it seems, when we talk about oppression, injustice and unfairness, we try not to get angry. We try to keep "cool heads" and "our wits about us". Most importantly we keep our places, stay in our right roles and don't overstep our bounds. Dialogue has these rules, you see. People aren't ready for anger because when we're angry the rules no longer apply. One thing anger does is put a sudden and complete stop to systems which artificially restrict what we can think, do, say or act on. Angry people don't want to deal with their own anger, they want others to deal with it. That's the whole point of anger. Angry people are dangerous people if you get in their way, because angry people want to make changes. Angry people will go to extremes. But since when has calling for justice not been a dangerous act?

In a recent article in the New York Times, John Pareles writes that many people have a hard time dealing with the anger expressed in a lot of rapp music, "when pop singers get earnest, the message is likely to be about compassion and charity rather than anger, resistance or placing blame. No so with rapp music." And not so with the newest wave of Gay and Lesbian activists, who aren't interested in compassion. Aren't interested in charity. They are interested in anger, resistance and placing blame. It's the anger they want heard. Anger, they think, is legitimate in and of itself. Forget compassion. Drop this charity crap. I'm angry! Earnestly angry.

Who has permission to be angry? It's OK for people who have been oppressed, physically attacked, ignored by their elected representatives and discriminated against for years. Unless, of course, they're Gay or Lesbian. When Queer Nation is out being angry, they're called, by others who would rather have dialogue and communication, "Fascist Nation". The name Fascist Nation doesn't come just from straights. You hear "Fascist Nation" today from Gays and Lesbians too. Gays and Lesbians who are as afraid to deal with our anger as they are with their own. For years every time Gays and Lesbians have grabbed the tiniest bit of power and control, in any situation, they've been called the Gay Mafia or queer storm troopers.

I don't know what Gays and Lesbians are supposed to be if not angry, but heterosexist society thinks that emotions are obviously something we should not have. At least not publicly. Remember the reaction to Black anger during the civil rights movement? People referred to angry Blacks derogatorily as tribal warriors, not thinking these people had the right to be angry and show it. Instead, they were as out of control as natives in a Tarzan movie. That's recognized today as a phobic reaction and racist.

Remember, too, the way angry women were once called "unladylike", "Strident" or "Shrill Bitches" by people we would immediately recognize today as sexist, just as someday the fear of Gay and Lesbian anger, which is often thought of as proof we are out of control, infantile or at least a group of spoiled adolescents, will be seen as the reactions of neurotic homophobes. Until then, they think our emotions are to be closeted.

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Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

We Are Not Like Other People

ED NOTE: We welcome to our contributing writing staff, Wendy Caster, staff writer for San Diego's GLN (Gay and Lesbian Nation). She has received several awards for her writing and we think she will give OBSERVER a West Coast slant on Gay/Lesbian Lifestyle. It is hoped that she will compliment our East Coast writer, Jim Roche, the OBSERVER's New York correspondent, along with our own wonderful staff of Arizona reporters. Welcome aboard Wendy.

WENDY CASTER

The other night, at a local Gay awards event, I found myself suffering from a severe case of cognitive dissonance. My eyes couldn't believe what my ears were hearing.

Many people, male and female, wore tuxes. Many people, male and female, wore dresses. More men than women wore make up. Two women sang love songs. One of the three drag queens ruined his imitation of Annie Lennox by making her too feminine. The "cigarette girl" wore a short, short dress, gigantic breasts and too much make-up -- and was, of course, male.

The evening began with "America the Beautiful," during which most of the audience stood. Next we were prayed over. An award was given to the local (straight) police chief. An award was given to a man who was fired by the FBI for being Gay. An award was given to an openly Gay cop. The podium was festooned with a yellow ribbon in support of U.S. involvement in the war. Many people wore a U.S. flag pin with a small pink triangle among the stars. And the main speaker said that the Gay community supports the war and everything George Bush does.

Here is where my cognitive dissonance came in: Why should drag queens and tuxedoed Lesbians support our government, the Persian Gulf War, religion, cops, FBI agents, and our president?

Our government forbids (forbids!) homosexuality in many states; as you read this, there are people in jail simply for making love with someone of the same sex. Gay men and Lesbians aren't allowed in the armed forces; the Navy has decided to step up its anti-Lesbian campaign, even though the Navy itself says that Lesbians are often the best officers!

Religion has been used as a weapon to kill us for centuries; some of the largest damage done to us in the past decade has been done in the name of religion. Cops and FBI agents often do not respect our rights -- or anyone else's; the same week the Gay community gave the police chief an award, he was quoted as saying that he expected his officers to kill 10 to 12 people a year. And, to use a vulgar but vivid express, if the Gay community were on fire, our president wouldn't piss on us to douse the flames.

So why did a room full of Gay people buy into the "American Dream" with such fervor? I guess that's what many, if not most, Gay people want: a house, a dog, a picket fence, acceptance from the powers-that-be. Giving these awards and speeches was a way of saying, "I'm American. I'm gung ho. Throw me a bone. I'll support you. Love me! I'm just like you!"

Not everyone agreed with this attitude. Many complained that this event did not reflect their beliefs. Some of us don't want to be mainstream; we have a different goal. We want a world where everyone has true, concrete rights: the right to walk down the street of any town at any hour of the day without being killed, whether by rapists, cops, racists or bombs. The right to have a place to live and enough to eat. The right to have sex with whomever you want to have sex with -- as long as he or she want to have sex with you. The right to health care. The right to an education.

These concrete rights for everybody are more important than mainstream "acceptance" for only some, but they will not be available as long as we keep supporting the powers-that-be. There is not some perfect world that Gay people simply need to break into, and then everything will be fine and dandy. And if Gay white men should become totally accepted, which is the only scenario that seems even remotely possible, what about the rest of us?

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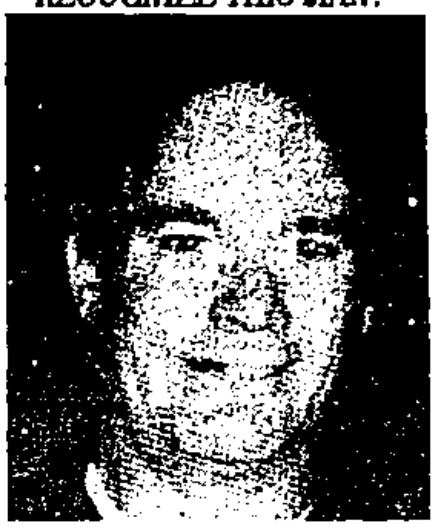

TUCSON - Have you had contact with this man in 1988-1989? If so the Pima County Legal Defender's Office would like to hear from you. Ask for Gene Reedy, Mike Fitzmorris or Andrew Shostack at Pima County Legal Defender's Office, 624-8797.

CAT Committee to meet Wed. March 6

TUCSON - The Community Awards of Tucson (CAT) Committee will meet at the Joshua Tree on Wednesday, March 6 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting, originally scheduled last week, was postponed until this new date. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting, as last year's proceedings will be reviewed, new officers will be elected and new members will be welcomed.

Melanie Morrison in free Phx. concert

PHOENIX - You are invited to join the Melanie Morrison Band for an afternoon filled with music, sun and great weather on Sunday, March 17 at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts Sunday A'faire. This free outdoor concert is from 2:00 until 4:30 p.m. at the Scottsdale Center's Fountain Stage. Bring a blanket, lawn chairs and lots of friends to relax and enjoy great music for free! What a terrific way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

Afro-American Stereotypes in 'Colored Museum'

TUCSON - The Barbea Williams Performing Company will present "The Colored Museum" by George Wolfe March 8 thru 10 and 15-17 with 8:00 p.m. curtain time. March 10 and 17 have 3:00 p.m. curtains in addition to the evening performances. All performances will take place at studio Y in the Historic Y, 738 N. 5th Ave.

"The Colored Museum" is a series of vignettes that addresses African-American stereotyping from the 1930s to the present. The vignettes include music, drama, dance and comedy, intertwined to provide a thought-provoking production that has been lauded on the east coast.

General admission tickets are $10 at the door ($9 for seniors and students) Advance tickets are available at $1 less at Suite 105 in the Historic Y.

Massachusetts Governor chooses Gay Republican for key post

BOSTON, MA - Massachusetts Governor William Weld made good on months of pro-Gay rhetoric by announcing his intention to appoint Mike Duffy, an openly Gay Republican, to a key post in his administration. Duffy has been tapped by Weld to become the new Commissioner on the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) which is responsible for hearing all complaints of discrimination in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. "Mike will bring energy and commitment to this critical position" said Weld of the appointment.

Duffy, who in November narrowly lost his bid for State Representative in Boston was enthusiastic about being chosen for the post, "This is a real victory for the Gay community. I intend to have the same dedication and passion for the position of Commissioner that I showed in my campaign for State Representative."

Rich Tafel, Duffy's former campaign manager and now the President of the Federation of Log Cabins (a national Gay Republican organization) said, "Mike's appointment by Governor Weld makes clear the benefits of forging strong ties between the Gay community and the Republican party. In Massachusetts, and in many other states around the country, Republicans are leading the way in advancing a Gay agenda." Most observers agree that Weld, a Republican who has been in power for a little more than a month, is one of the most 'pro-Gay' governors in Massachusetts history, easily beating the record of recent Democrat administrations including that of Michael Dukakis.

Part of the symbolic importance of the appointment of a Gay man to the post of Commissioner of MCAD stems from the fact that the agency is charged with enforcing Massachusetts' recently enacted Gay rights law. The Commission is responsible for hearing claims of discrimination based on race, gender, national origin, national ancestry, religion, creed, age, sexual orientation and handicap. Commissioners have the status of administrative law judges.

At 27, Duffy is one of the youngest appointments Weld has made to his administration. "I am humbled and honored by the faith the governor has placed in me" said Duffy, "I am going to show that it is well placed." Duffy's term as Commissioner will last for 3 years. When asked whether he intends to run for office in the future, Duffy responded, "Definitely".

In Memoriam

Goodbye to a special person.

We who have known "Uncle" Phil Belland, also shared a special relationship with his mother, Betty, who left us this past Saturday. Betty was very special. She was a lady one would love at first sight. Goodbye Betty, we will see you one day soon.

From all of your lifetime friends.

ACT UP plans major R.J. Reynolds Boycott

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - ACT UP is planning a major boycott of R.J. Reynolds, "the biggest supporter of Sen. Jesse Helms who is now trying to not only outlaw homosexuals, but is a major supporter of the war in the Persian Gulf.

Reynolds gave $750,000 to Sen. Helms so his anti-Gay memorial can be built in North Carolina. ACT UP is adding RJR's products to their boycott list along with the products of Philip Morris Company. Philip Morris is suffering from ACT UP's boycott and "we will continue to fight this anti-Gay company at every turn," said an ACT UP spokesperson.

Friends of ACT UP are asked to refrain from buying Smooth Character Camels, Winstons and Nabisco Oreos and other products RJR makes.

The Camels Smooth Character Camel carton is a blatant affront to Gays and mocks our people and friends". ACT UP has tried repeatedly to talk with RJR's Tom Griffon, "but our calls have gone unanswered, just as our calls made to Guy Smith at Philip Morris."

Awareness Project Public Meeting

PHOENIX - The Lesbian and Gay Public Awareness Project is a non-profit organization working to reduce fear, prejudice and discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians through a media oriented public education program. The group ran a series of educational ads in the Phoenix New Times at the end of last year.

The group will hold a public meeting at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2604 N. 14th St., Phoenix on Monday, March 11 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. At this meeting, the Arizona Steering Committee will review the goals and objectives of the Awareness Project and outline their program for the coming year. The public is invited to participate in the meeting.

For more information write: The Awareness Project, P.O. Box 60881, Phoenix, AZ 85082-0881 or call (602)827-0819.

Weather Or Not

by Bart

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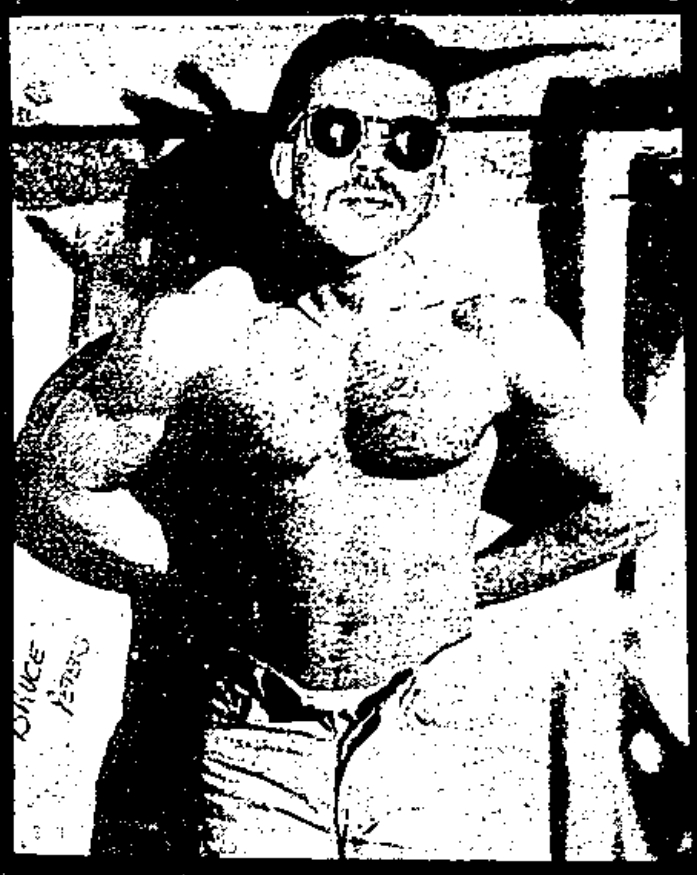

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ETHYL GAZ comes out of Larmer Labs in West Hollywood and is sold mostly in adult bookstores and Gay bars. It is actually the chemical Ethyl Chloride and is labeled as an "air freshener". It is not intended to be inhaled!! In the past two years, five Gay deaths have been attributed to this new craze. It can make the heart beat erratically or even stop. So be smart, stay away from it!

In answer to some questions, the National Lesbian Conference is to be held in Atlanta, Georgia. For more info call (206)322-5374. Slow-eyed Women: Lesbian poetry by passionate Feminist includes erotic Black & White nude photos celebrating "Woman-Form"! The latest from Angel-Wing Press. Send $10 (postpaid) to Zeiser, 15907 Windsor Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578.

Southwest Mr. Drummer Regional Contest Weekend is coming up March 22-23-24 at the Bum Steer, 4620 N. 7th Ave, Phoenix. Contestants will be from Albuquerque, Phoenix and Tucson. So mark your calendars now and plan to go up and support the Tucson contestants.

Preston's in Phoenix is planning Wet Jockey Shorts Contest soon, so watch for it.....Make plans and early reservations for Easter Brunch at the French Quarter in Tucson, it is always a special occasion.

Need to get away for a few days... try the Oregon House, 94288 Hwy 101, Yachats, Oregon, 97498 or call (503)547-3329. So relaxing: a non-smoking resort with mountains, forest, sandy beach, caves, tide pools, trails, suites, studios, kitchens and fireplaces... what a nice relaxing atmosphere or to take that special someone for a wonderful long weekend.

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The annual convention of the International Gay Square Dance Clubs is scheduled for Miami, Florida in 1991, for further information write the Times Square, P.O. Box 1229, Ansonia Station, New York City, NY 10023 or call (212) 580-8785.

Northwest Gay & Lesbian Assn. 6th Anniversary, April 22 in Chicago, IL. Dancing, dinner and special guest speaker. For further information contact NGLA, P.O. Box 476668, Chicago, IL 06047 or call (312)728-3683.

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Until next time... Love ya... Chuck

Q. Advice From Your Counselor A.

STEVEN DIETZ..

Steven Dietz was unable get his weekly column to us this week. He did ask that we attempt to get more letters from our readers that he can answer in his columns. It is much more interesting when our readers write for information and advice than for Steven to make up questions and then answer them.

Steven is a noted public speaker and author who has had over fifteen yers of experience in personal counseling, family therapy and crisis intervention. Mr. Dietz encourages reader participation. All letters should be written directly to him at P.O. 35145, Tucson, AZ 85740. All correspondence is confidential, and letters used in the OBSERVER will not carry the name of the correspsondent. To receive a reply directly from Mr. Dietz, you must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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1991 Mr. Leather /Arizona Contest Coming

Shown above is Gregy Foster, Mr. Leather Arizona 1990 who will be official host of the 1991 Mr. Leather/Arizona weekend, April 5-7. See separate story.

PHOENIX - Tuff Stuff Inc., and the Mr. Leather/Arizona Committee have announced the plans and schedule for the 1991 Mr. Leather/Arizona Contest. This major Arizona Leather event has been placed on an annual rotation schedule in order that it will be "truly a statewide activity", according to Gregry Foster, 1991 Chairman of the Mr. Arizona/Leather Committee, and 1990 Mr. Leather/Arizona.

This year's contest, and its numerous attendant activities will take place in Tucson, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 5-6-7. Tucson businesses that will provide co-hosting facilities are Graduate, French Quarter, IBT's and Hours. Technical support services will be provided through the many fine clubs of Tucson including, but not linited to: Tucson Arizona Levi/ Leathermen (T.A.L.L.); Desert Leathermen (DL) and Tucson Knight Owls (TKO).

Leathermen interested in entering the Contest will find applications at most Phoenix and Tucson Gay bars. Deadline for applications is midnight, March 30. Persons unable to find applications or for further information contact: Mr. Leather/Arizona, Tuff Stuff, 1714 E. McDowell, Phoenix, AZ 85006.

Prizes will exceed $2,000 in value, with the Grand Prize being sponsorship, travel and accommodations as a representative of Arizona in the 1991 International Mr. Leather competition in Chicago this coming Memorial Day Weekend. International Mr. Leather is the oldest major leather contest and draws thousands of leathermen and women from all over the world who converge on Chicago for at least four days of non-stop parties and competition.

Beside Gregry Foster, who will be Official Host of the weekend, others participating in the numerous activities of the 1991 Mr. Leather/Arizona Weekend include Ron Brewer, Mr. North American Drummer 1990-91; Teri Trotter, 1st Runnerup International Ms. Leather 1990-91, and Ms. Leather Arizona 1990; Catrina, Ms. Leather Arizona 1991; and numerous other past and present titleholders.

A complete schedule of events will be published as the time for this exciting weekend draws nearer.

FBI Secretly Operated 'Sex Deviate' Program S. F. Examiner Says

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The FBI for years secretly kept track of "sex deviates" and reported allegations of homosexuality in the public and private sectors to employers, a newspaper has reported.

The agency began compiling "sex deviate" files in 1937 and had amassed about 300,000 pages on thousands of citizens by 1977, when the documents were destroyed, according to National Archives memorandums obtained by the San Francisco Examiner.

The documents included the names of employees of federal courts, congressional offices, local police departments and private universities, the newspaper said in a published story.

However, FBI spokesman J. Gary Boutwell denied the agency ever had such a program and said it had merely collected and distributed the information in the course of routine investigation.

A June 1951 memo to former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover set forth a "uniform policy" for "furnishing information as to sex deviate activities on part of present and past employees of any branch of the United States government," the Examiner said.

Athan Theoharis, a Marquette University professor who specializes in the FBI told the newspaper he obtained records under the federal Freedom of Information Act that described the FBI "policy". He also obtained an inder card describing 1950s presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson as a "sex deviate", he said.

The FBI denied it had a sex deviate policy, the Examiner said. But it did say it had maintained three files that were destroyed in 1977: "Sex Degenerates and Sex Offenders," "Sex Perverts in Government Service," and "Sex Offenders".

"There is no 'sex deviate' index existing in the past," said Emil Moschella, until recently head of the FBI unit that responds to public records requests. He said he had no explanation for the Stevenson index card.

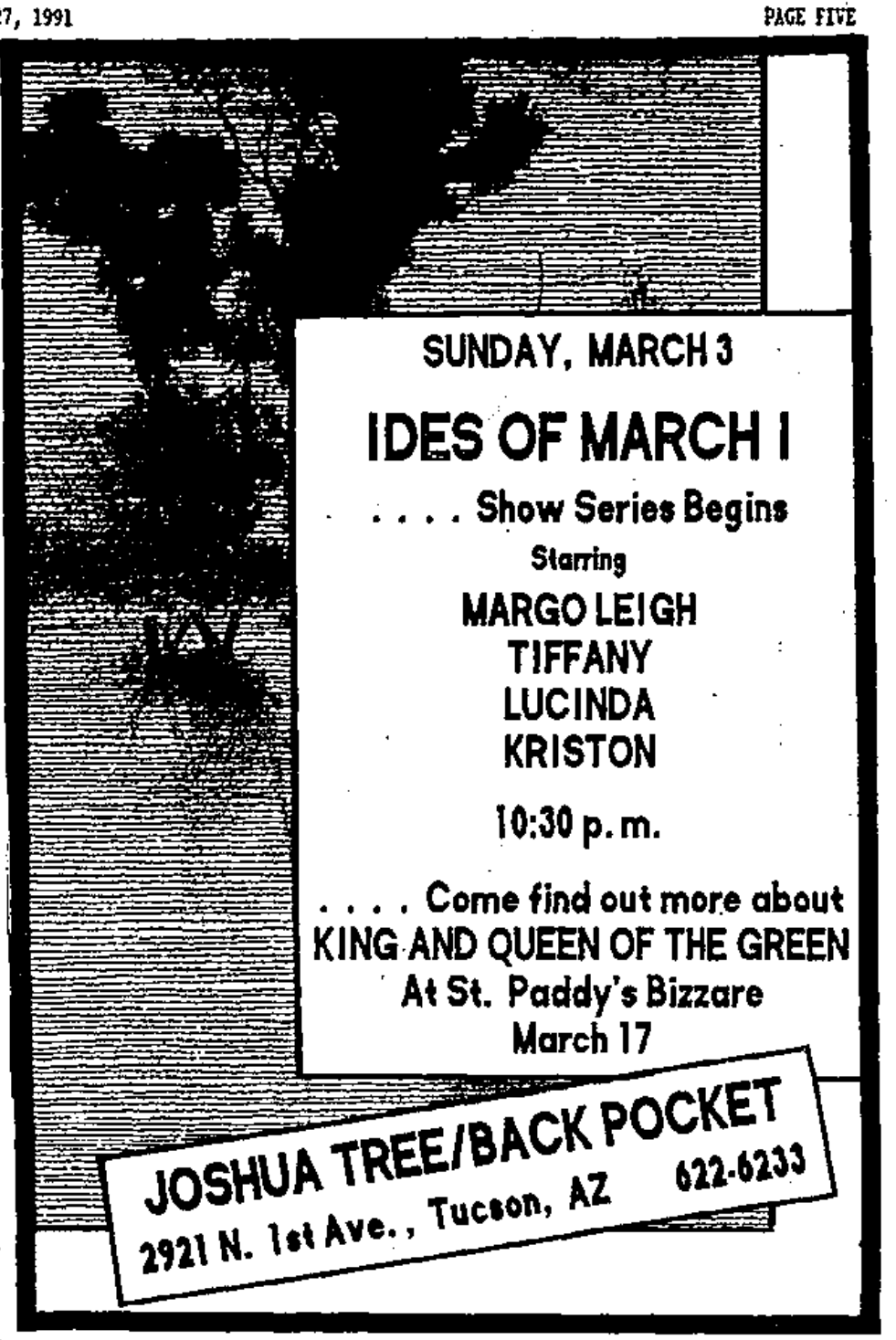
But the newspaper said the "sex deviate" policy records are the first confirmation that the FBI routinely distributed such allegations from its confidential files to a wide range of recipients outside federal agencies.

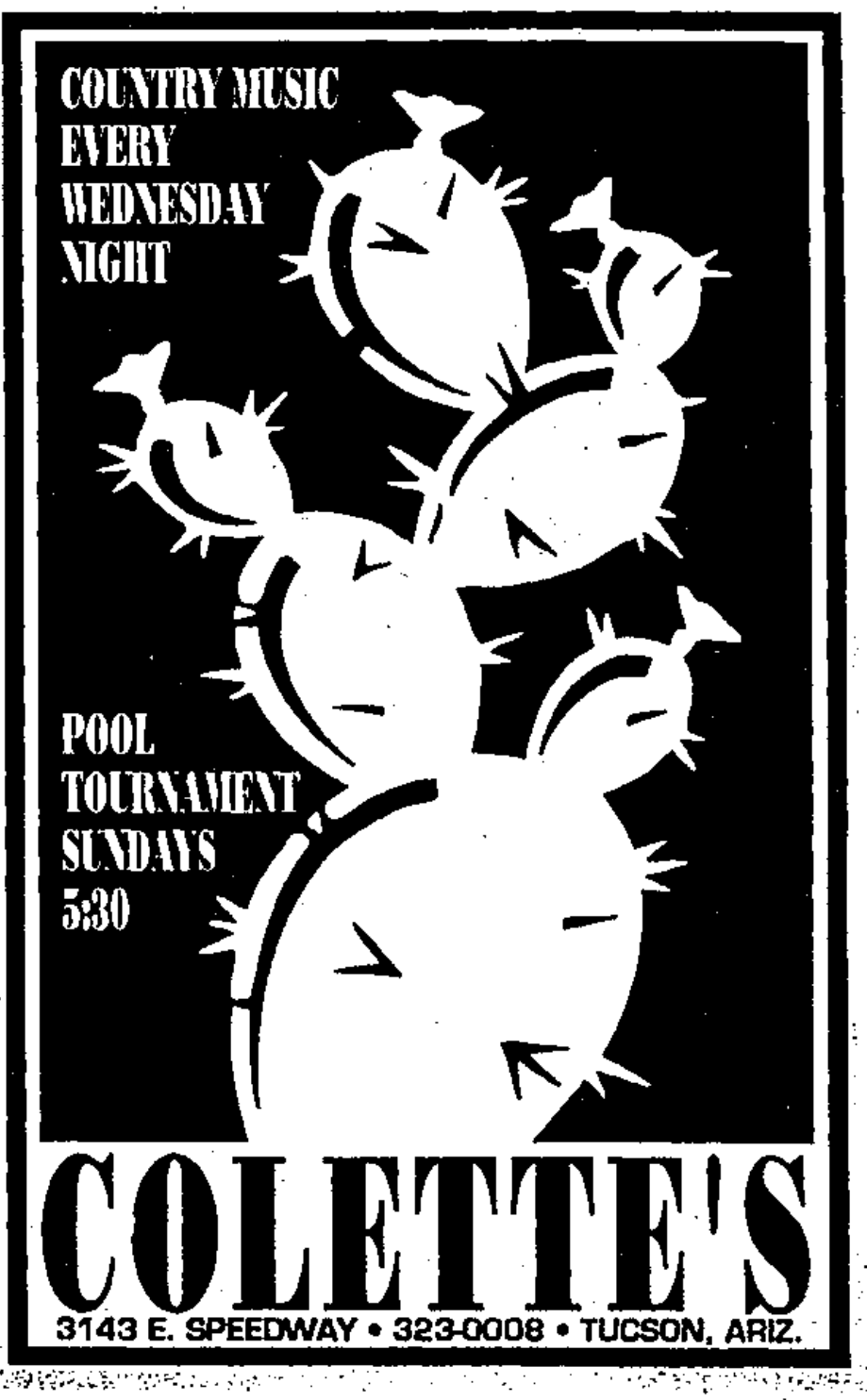
The records indicate the data was distributed on the grounds that Gay employees were vulnerable to blackmail by foreign spies, the newspaper said. If such a program existed, it exceeded the FBI's authority, several experts said.

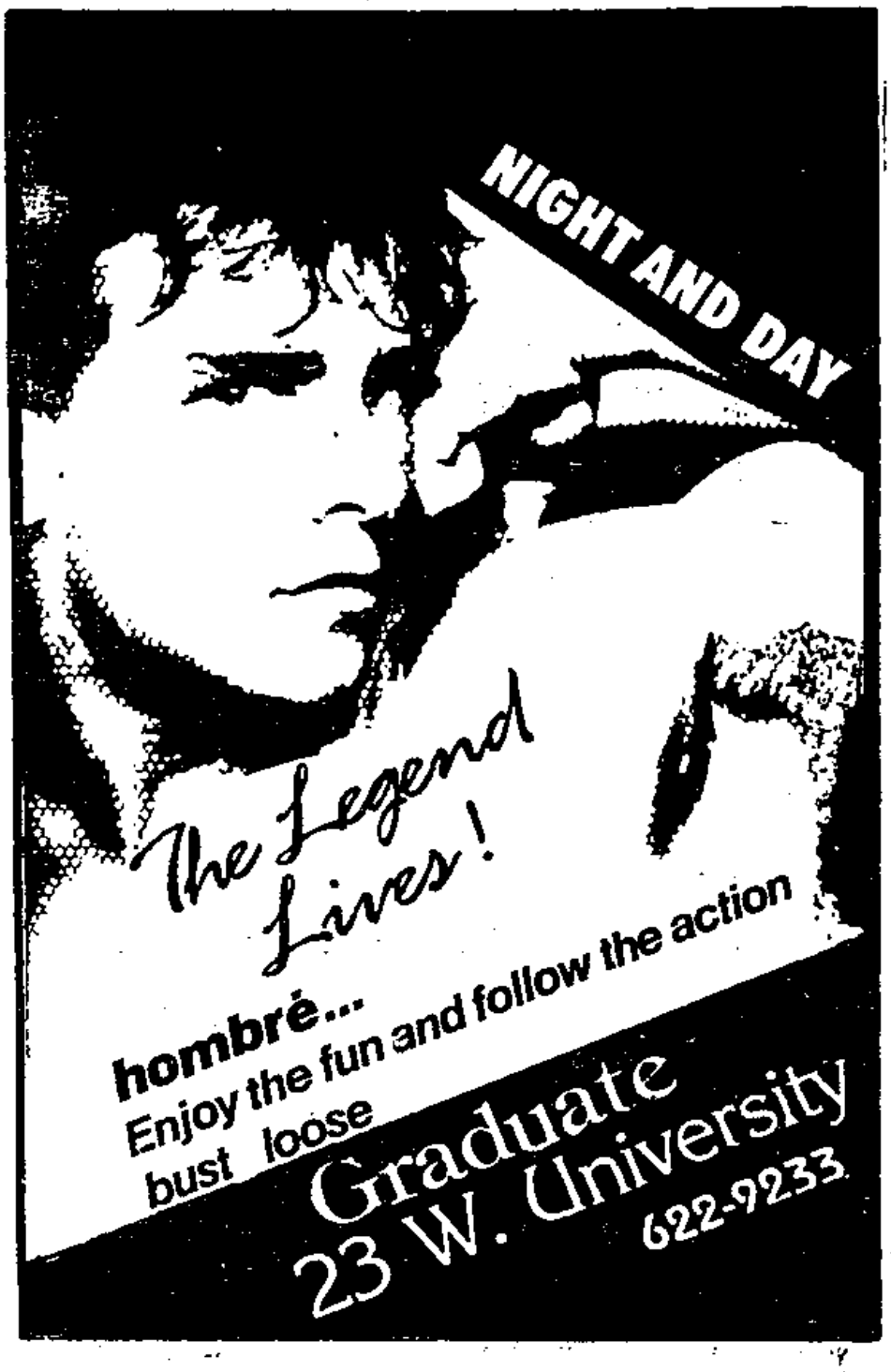
The FBI "certainly didn't have the right to give such information to private employers," said Franklin E. Kameny, a Washington, D.C. expert on Gays and security issues. "I'm astonished it went on for so long."

"It's absolutely outrageous," said Paul DiDonato, legal director of the National Gay Rights Advocates, a San Francisco-based public interest law firm. "I would imagine that in the past this led to tons of firings."

Until 1975, federal civil service rules barred Gays from working in executive branch agencies. The military still bars Gays.







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PCP is Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia.
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I SAW

A Commentary By

Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

Forced To Decide

Say what they will, anyone who criticizes coverage of the Persian Gulf war by the print and broadcast media DO NOT understand the function of journalism.

Moreover, the critics might be saying one thing, yet feeling another. I do not imply they complain in public about this coverage yet applaud it privately. Rather, I believe critics are blaming the media for forcing them to know more about something they would rather know less (or nothing) about.

World War Two is distinguished by many things, not the least of which is the blandness of information presented to the masses. Everyone heard the same news from the same source. They may have read it in the newspaper or heard it on the radio, but the source was the same: official government news sources. Period.

The Korean War was the first to have the advantage of television; the Vietnam War was the first to have the advantage of newsmen (there were no women) reporting from the trenches, bringing the reality of blood and death home to be viewed during dinner hour.

And now, the Persian Gulf has the advantage of technology; of satellites and cellular telephones, of fax machines and cable television. And the American public is forced to face the facts: war is NOT pretty. Real people die, real blood is spilled.

And the American public, weaned on violence in films and on television, is forced to decide if war is noble, if fighting is patriotic, if questioning the government is traitorous. We can no longer sit back, wearing our ubiquitous yellow ribbons, flying our vinyl American flags, and say, "Yes, I support the troops and our President".

Now our brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, sons and daughters are coming home in body bags. They are no longer nameless, faceless statistics. Their pictures have been flashed on television screens around the world, on newspaper pages and magazine covers.

War has come home to roost.

Why do people complain about news coverage of protesters? Because they, too, have nagging doubts about the justness of this war. And seeing others admit this uncertainty only makes those nagging doubts nag harder.

Why do people criticize journalists' coverage of the war? Because they want to believe war is nothing more than a giant Nintendo game where numbers replace humans, where electronic noises replace the thunderous roar of jets flying off, lifting to the sky and toward an uncertain future.

A centuries-long history of ignoring truth has finally been thrust into our faces, around the clock, 24-hours each day -- whether or not we admit it. And we have forgotten how to trust our instincts, to make up our own minds, to take a stand, to question authority.

And for all that forgotten knowledge, we, as a people, are far worse off, far less prepared for the challenge at hand. And so, we condemn, decry, and put on our yellow ribbons, and say, "Yes, I support our troops and our President", with a smile uncertainly planted on our faces, hiding the doubt we feel in our hearts.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Cochin

It was announced during last Sunday's Worship Services that the official dedication of the new church facilities will be July 7. The Rev. Elder Troy Perry, Moderator of the General Council and founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches will be in Tucson for the dedication. Our Rev. Eduard Perry was informed by our Southwest District Coordinator, Rev. Don Pedersen, that the date has been confirmed. Since this is the weekend prior to the General Conference of U.F.M.C.C. in Phoenix, many of the church Elders will also be in Tucson. The last time Rev. Elder Troy Perry was in Tucson was during the Fifteenth Anniversary celebration of MCC/Tucson nearly seven years ago.

It is only a little over four weeks and East will be celebrated. It is rather ironic, but it was on Christmas Eve past that MCC/Tucson received the funds to purchase the new facilities, and the closing date of the transfer of title to the new property is March 29, 1991 - Good Friday. Two of the most important dates in Christianity will long be remembered as two very important dates in the history of MCC/Tucson.

Yes, it is with eager anxiety that the members of MCC/Tucson wait for their first service in the new facilities. But, it is also with humility that this body of worshippers anticipate to better serve the Tucson community. A big fine church is one thing, but using that facility to the purpose for which it is intended is another thing. MCC/Tucson will continue to follow in Christ's teachings and will always remember what Paul told the Elders of Ephesus in Miletus as recorded in Acts 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with His own blood". KJV

Thought for the Week: The truth doesn't hurt, unless it ought to.

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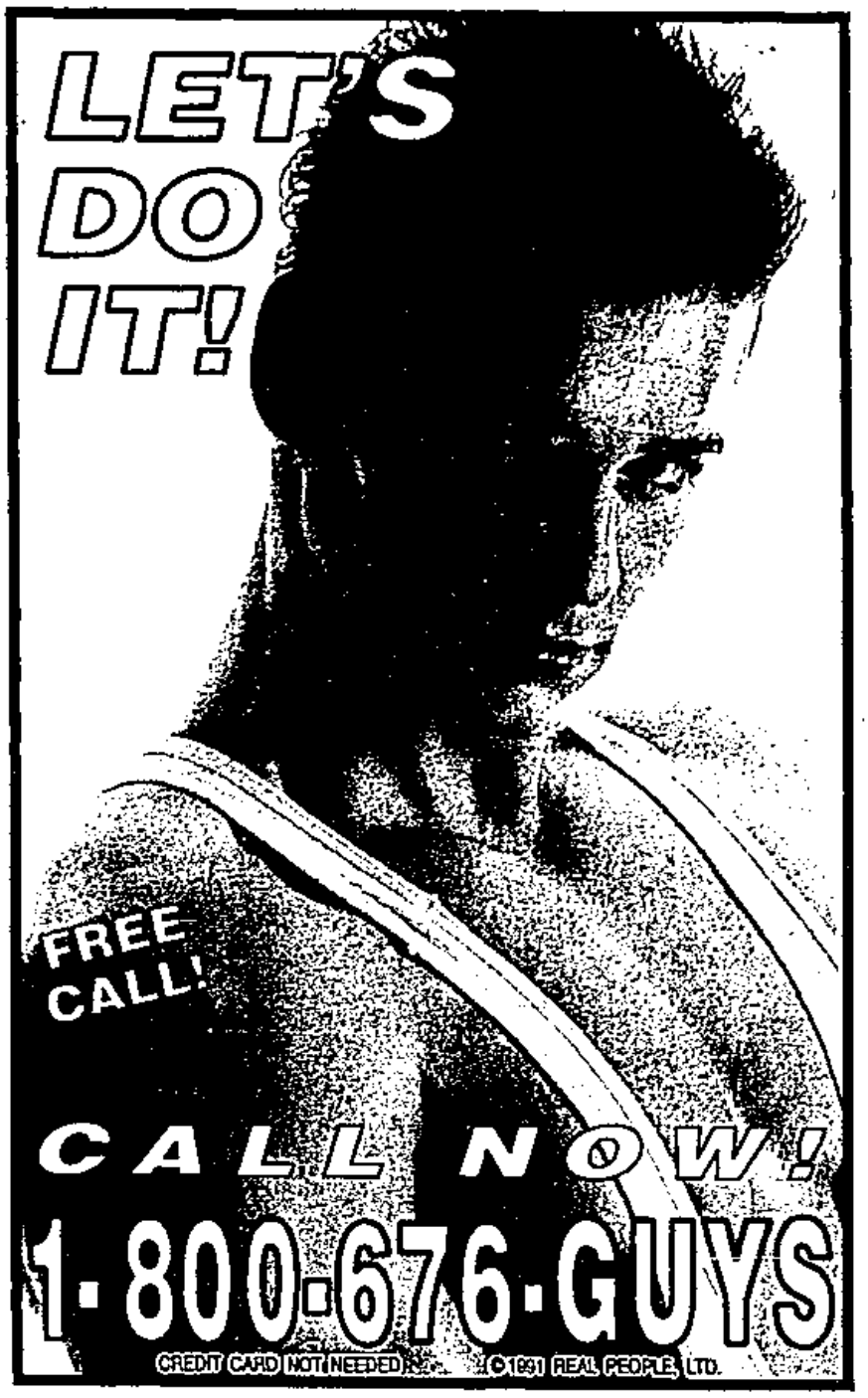

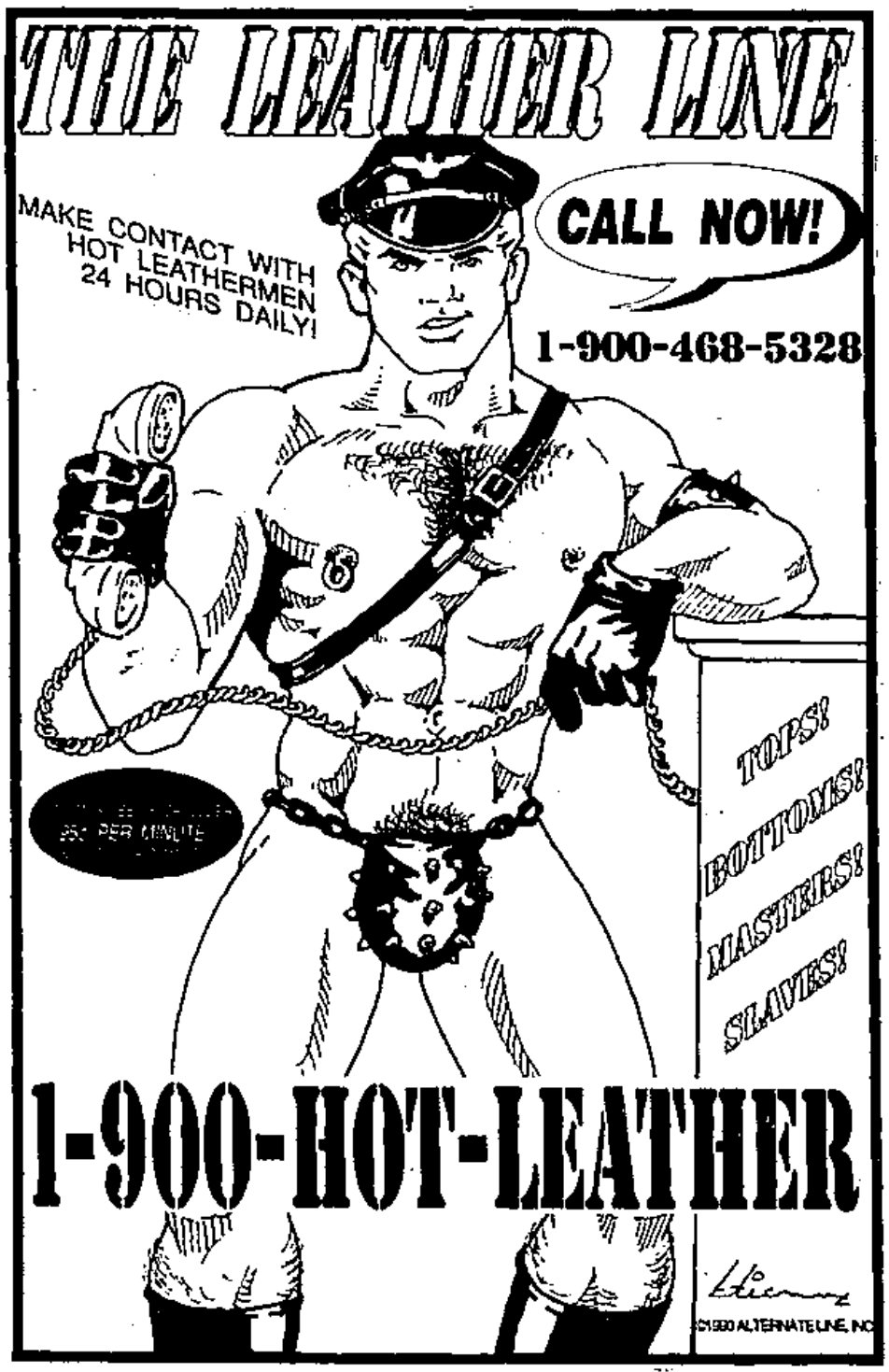

Toto Tours Takes Off With Friends of Dorothy

Chicago - Dan Ware (l) and Arthur Johnson (r), invite Friends of Dorothy to go adventuring with Toto Tours. (See accompanying story).

CHICAGO, IL - "We're not in Kansas anymore!"

Toto Tours, Ltd., is now offering exciting travel excursions for "Friends of Dorothy". The new tour company has been established by Dan Ware and Arthur Johnson of Chicago to enable small groups of Gay men to travel together to exciting destinations they might not normally choose to visit on their own or with other tour groups.

"There are so many fantastic places in the world to see," said Ware, president of the new venture, whose background is in public relations and the graphic arts. "I had my share of traveling to Gay meccas such as Palm Springs, Provincetown and Key West. I was ready to focus on adventure and exploring new horizons, but I knew that I wouldn't feel entirely relaxed in a traditional, diverse tour group. I wanted to be able to let my hair down on a vacation and not have to spend extra energy acting straight. I knew other Gay men who felt the same way, so I teamed up with fellow adventurer Arthur Johnson to form Toto Tours."

"Our idea," explained Johnson, secretary/treasurer of Toto Tours and former Executive Secretary of The Commercial Club of Chicago, "is to do all the advance research and planning that will enable Gay men to participate together in adventurous travel in the tradition of the original "Friends of Dorothy". Like the Cowardly Lion, we'll find courage venturing into the unknown; like the Tinman, we'll discover our hearts through nature's beauty and man's highest artistic expressions; like the Scarecrow, we'll enrich our brains while interacting with diverse environments, cultures and peoples. Whatever the goal, clients will find a Toto Tour that will meet their needs and their budget. At journey's end, we want each adventurer to feel he has arrived home enriched in heart, mind and spirit."

Our job won't be over even when the tour is completed," adds Ware. "We plan to maintain strong communications bonds with Toto Tourists by means of a regular newsletter and reunions. We want our clients to feel like they're part of our family."

Toto Tours began organizing in the fall of 1990. Tours are now being marketed nationwide, and will commence in June. "Our maiden Voyage, June 13-19, will be symbolic of how Dorothy began her journey to Oz", said Johnson. "Our house (a 12-person luxury houseboat) will pull away from its moorings and glide through the sparkling waters of Lake Powell in Southeast Utah. It will be a magical journey through one of the most spectacular national parks in America."

Subsequent excursions in 1991 include" "Swept Away", an exciting week-long raft trip down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon (July 14-21); "Higher Than A Kite", a five-day, full-circle horseback tour of Banff National Park in Canada followed by three days of touring Jasper National Park and Lake Louise (August 2-10); "French Toast", a trip via luxury river barge through the Burgundy Valley of France followed by three nights in Paris (September 6-16); and "Big Ben", a week-long theatre trip to London with day trips to Bath, Stonehenge and the Cotswolds (October 18-27).

"We're planning one excursion per month at the outset," said Ware, "and the size of each group will be limited to 20 men so that we can provide the highest quality experience for each participant. One of us will accompany each tour to ensure that every detail of the trip, including transportation, food and accommodations, meets our high standards. Each trip will provide fond memories for a lifetime."

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What's Up Doc ???

Isn't it strange, one weekend quiet and the following packed full of entertaining events. This past Saturday, Tucson found IBT's having Leather Pride III and on Sunday, over at Hours, SOS' always fun Hoe Down. To just add a little spice to the cake, those Wildcats played Duke in basketball Sunday afternoon, and won in double overtime! What a game!

Now with the short month, next weekend some of the clubs have their monthly meetings, and DL has their Beer Bust over at IBT's.

The bad news for having a short month is there are only 46 days left until Uncle Sam takes your money again for another year. I wonder if the day will ever come that Uncle Sam pays us yearly?

On a sadder note, TKO lost one of their members over the weekend, Club Grandma, Betty (Phil's mother). She will be missed by all of TKO. She will also be missed by all those who attended last year's City of Rocks run in New Mexico. It was her first trip over there, joining TKO and HDS for their yearly Brotherhood Run, and Betty brought home one of the trophies for games played. She may be gone from this earth, but her memory will live with all of us for a long time to come.

It is early, talking about this year's Arizona Fellowship Run, but at their meeting last Saturday, Copperstate Leathermen were welcomed into the Fellowship and will be hosting this annual run in Phoenix in 1993. Welcome aboard gang and all of the Tucson clubs look forward to many years of fellowship between our two fine cities.

With this warmer weather finally here, the scenery has greatly improved. Then, when you have a job like mine, and you are sent to a house on the "A" Mountain road, things get trying. Can you see it, there I am trying to do my job and all these people peddling their buns up "A" Mountain in spandex! It is enough to make me use up a case of batteries for the old pacemaker.

I guess that will be a wrap for this week. Have a wonderful week and share your love with many.

What's Wrong With Being Angry?

(Continued from Page One)

We aren't to be any more publicly angry than we are to be publicly loving. (When we hold hands in public it's again because we are emotionally and sexually out of control, infantile or acting out adolescents after nothing more than the shock effect our flaunting brings about). Heterosexual society will tolerate us as long as we area innocuous. Sedate.

But our anger is not to be mislabeled and misappropriated by others. Anger denied is depression, and suppressing our anger is one of the ways heterosexism has been able to control so many of us for so long. At a recent Queer Nation action against a church/cult which claimed to "convert" homosexuals to heterosexuals, we saw bigots controlling Gays and Lesbians by denying, disqualifying and suppressing their anger. We are told that anyone who was angry was not ready to speak. Not allowing you to be angry is one of the techniques used by any good brainwasher. Every time a Gay or Lesbian would begin to speak in this church about their anger at the way society treated them, the subject was changed to love. Jesus' love. The church's love. "Don't be angry," they were told. "If you're angry, you can't be open to our love." Scary!

But don't be confused, you can be fooled into thinking anger is the opposite of love. That they're opposite ends of the emotional spectrum. Anger isn't, nor has it ever been, the opposite of love. Being angry isn't sinful as they would like to you believe. Anger is something important that we must nurture and learn to use. Theologian Beverly Harrison says that, "anger is a signal that all is not well in our relationship with others." It's a mode of connectedness, not something that separates us. To be sure, anger doesn't necessarily lead to right action.

I've seen my angry co-conspirators in Queer Nation do some awfully stupid things when they're angry. Angry people do a lot of stupid things. But, as Harrison says, "We must never lose touch with the fact that all serious human moral activity, especially action for social change, takes its bearing from the rising power of human anger."

Anger breaks down those artificial walls of rules and properness that separate us from one another. Anger is closer to love than the absence of feeling we sense in many around us. Anger forces us to react to each other authentically, immediately. It's the job of those we are angry with to correctly choose how to react to our anger; by changing, acting, or maybe simply listening. But to deny the validity of anger itself as a means of communicating a serious wrong is to oppress our relationships with each other. Anger denied subverts community. Anger acknowledged and nurtured will give us our first glimpse of the power necessary to exercise our deserved freedoms.

Heterosexists don't know what to do with angry queers. This upsets their stereotype of the wimpy faggot who can be kicked around. And then there is always the promise from heterosexuals that as long as we aren't angry, as long as we want to talk, dialoque, converse levelheadedly, we can avoid being kicked. Right? They can try to deny us our basic human rights. They can try to deny us our civil rights. They can try to deny us our dignity. But they are not going to deny me my right to be angry! And let's not deny that right to each other.

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

JOSHUA TREE - "Ides of March Show Series I". Margo Leigh with Tiffany, Lucinda and Kristoooo. 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Independent Tavernowners Association bus trip from Phoenix and tour of all Tucson ITA-member bars. What could be more fun that a busload of Phoenician Gays carousing around our Tucson bars? Well, it's a return busload of Tucsonans touring the Phoenix ITA bars. That comes up next Saturday, March 16. Bus tickets are only $10 and the trip is fun. Watch for more details.

JOSHUA TREE - Yard Sale. Its a flea market style weekend with the entire community welcome to come set up booths and sell anything. Renters space is free. 3 p.m. ti ???

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

JOSHUA TREE - Yard Sale continues. See Saturday for info. Then its Ides Of March II" Margo Leigh and Friends. Semi-Finals for "King and Queen of Green" at St. Paddy's Bar Bizzare March 17. Call 1881-8529 or 622-6233 for entrance details.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

JOSHUA TREE - Amateur Strip Nite! Lucinda hosts. Interested contestants sign up by 9:30 p.m. Show at 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 17 & 17

JOSHUA TREE - "St. Paddys Bar Bizzare Weekend Daytime events to be Announced. Saturday night, Vannity is back with 4-Clover Play Show at 9:00 p.m. Sunday night at 10 p.m., "Ides Of March III, Margo Leigh rowns King and Queen of the Green. Food day and night all weekend.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

PLAZA HOTEL CONVENTION CENTER - The annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit takes place beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be a full evening of dinner, dancing, entertainment, etc, etc. etc. 3 bars, TOGA Humanitarian Awards, and much, much more. Reservations for tables of eight, others on first come basis. Tickets will be on sale shortly. Plan to attend this "Benefit of the Year" with proceeds going to Shanti Foundation of Tucson and P.A.C.T. for Life. Watch for more!

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

FRENCH QUARTER - A spectacular fastser Brunch begins the holiday off here with a great menu. Check the ad elsewhere in this issue. Shanti/Tucson will receive $2.00 from every entree ordered, so it's a great day, a great meal and a great benefit. Then you will be entertained by San Francisco's wackiest comedian, David Kelsey. Your sure to enjoy his wonderful brand of humor. Make your brunch reservations now cause space is limited, and watch for more details.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Tucsons Lesbian/Gay Alliance (TLGA) will hold their first meeting of the year to begin planning fund raising events for the upcoming Gay Pride Week in Tucson. All interested parties are urged to attend and join the Alliance. 1:00 p.m. in the Joshua Tree patio.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Beginners square dance lessons presented by Copper Ccity Squares from 7 to 9 pm.m at IBT.s. For more info call 795-0452.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

The Copper City Squares holds beginning square dance classes open to anayone interested in learning square dancing. Classes are held at IBT's from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 795-0452 for more information.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association March meeting at the Hotel Park Tucson, 5151 E. Grant at 7:30 p.m. After the meeting, a Forum will be held. "Gays and God" is the topic. Distinguished clergy from various denominations (Catholic, Episcopalian, MCC, Presbyterian, Unitarian, Jewish and Methodist) have been invited to be on the panel, additionally, members of ten religion-based organizations serving Gays and Lesbians in Southern Arizona are encouraged to join the evening's presentation. Free to OP members and newcomers.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Annual OBSERVER/Community Benefit. This year's event is hosted by the beneficiaries of the benefit - Shanti Foundation/Tucson and P.A.C.T. for Life. Big, Big plans are in the works on this Benefit of the year. Tickets are $15 which includes dinner and a full evening of dancing and entertainment. General admission tikrts will also be available. This year's gala will be held at the Plaza Hotel Convention Center at Speedway and Campbell. Watch the OBSERVER for more details.

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BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Drink Specials. Steak Dinner 4:30 to 7:30 pm $8.00. Mark DJs 9-1.

COLETTE'S WEST - Pool Tournament 5:30 pm. $3.00 entry. Brunch til 3. "Nine Lives Nite" $1.00 wine 8 pm to midnight. Movies on the big screen begins at 7 pm.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-3. Bloody Marys - Screwdrivers - Mimosas $1.50, Daiquiris $2. .50 Draft Beer 3 to 6 p.m. White Well $1.50, 3 to 1.

FIRELINE - 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 Redmans Specials 7-1.

IBT'S - Great sandwiches from DB Cafe noon to 4. Copper City Squares 2 to 7?? C/W music and dancing lessons with Cowboy DJ/instructor Gil Leon.

RUMORS - Noon to 6 pm Beer Bust .50 draft + Screws and Bloody Marys $1.50 + Schnapps $1.00/shot. + Hot Dogs.

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Daily Drink Specials. $1.75 Domestl Beer and $2 Well for sclers. Mark DJs 9-1

COLETTE'S WEST - Daily Sandwich Special. Happy Hour 4-7. All White Well, schnapps or wine $1, Domestic Bottle Beer $1.25, draft .50.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 All Well and Domestic Beer $1.50.

FIRELINE - Open at 1 p.m. .50 hot dogs all day. 1-7 $1.50 Well, $3.00 Pitchers.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices open to close.

ROCKS - Open Noon. Happy Hours 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer $1.25, 6:30 to 8:30 Rowdy Cloppers.

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 $1.50 plus All White Well $1.50 from 3 to close. Pool DJs at 9.

tuesday

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

COLETTE'S WEST - Check for daily sandwich special. Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine $1, Domestic bottle beer $1.25, Draft .50. 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 $1.50. 7 pm to close all Well Drinks $1.75.

FIRELINE - Opens at 1 pm. .50 hot dogs. 1-7 $1.50 Well, $1.00 Pitchers.

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 Nite 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 - $1.50 Domestic beer or well drinks Noon-7 pm. 1/2 price on all domestic bottle beer and All Well from 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. Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine $1, domestic bottle beer $1.25, Draft .50. T-Squares dance and give free lessons at 6:30. Country/Western Nite. Schnapps $1 from 8-12 ea. DJ 9-1

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm all Well or Domestic Beer $1.50. 7 to close all Domestic Beer $1.75, All Schnapps .75

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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 Nite .75 (w/juice $1.00). Hot dance music with Linda Firdale 9 to 1.

RUMORS - Noon-7 pm Domestic Beer or Well drinks $1.50 Domestic Bottle Beer Nite $1.50 + .75 Schnapps 8 to close. VJ/DJ Clint at 9pm.

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Mark DJs 9-1. Pool Tournament 10 pm - $3.00

COLETTE'S WEST - Happy Hour 4-7: All white well, schnapps or wine $1, Domestic bottle beer $1.25, Draft .75 / "Submarines" .50 draft from 8-12. DJ from 9 to 1.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.50. Dinner served 6 to 9 with Mike Padilla at the piano. Cofi Appreciation Nite - Corona Beer $1.50 from 7 pm to closing.

FIRELINE - Opens at 1 pm .50 hot dogs. 1-7 pm $1.50 Well, $3.00 Pitchers.

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 6:30 - 9:30. C/W Dancing 9:30 to 1 DJ Art Knock.

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

RUMORS - $1.50 Domestic Beer or Well Drinks 12-7pm. Keggar 6pm to close .50/draft, munchies. Video/Disco dancing with Clint 9-1.

friday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Bobby Jr. DJs beginning at 9pm. Exotic Coffee Drinks on the patio 10 - 1.

COLETTE'S WEST - Happy Hour 4-7: White Well, schnapps or wine $1, Domestic bottle beer $1.25, Draft .50 / Party Nite Hourly Drink Specials 8-12. DJ 9-1.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. 3 to 7 pm all Well or Domestic Beer $1.50. Dinner served 6 to 9 with zany Michael Padilla at the piano.

FIRELINE - Opens at 1 pm .50 hot dogs. 1-7 $1.50 Well and $3.00 pitchers. New Fireline opens 4:30 "Share Nite" 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 Firdale.

RUMORS - $1.50 Domestic Beer or Well 12-7pm. Free Hors d'Oeuvres 5:30. Progressive nite. All Well drinks $1.50 8 to 10, then goes up only .25 each hour. VJ/DJ Clint 9-1.

saturday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. DJ Bobby Jr 9 to 1. Exotic Coffee Drinks on the patio 10-1.

COLETTE'S WEST - Hourly Specials 8-Midnight; DJ from 9 to 1.

FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon Check the special calendar. Dinner served 6 to 9 p.m. with Michael Padilla at the piano.

FIRELINE - Opens at 1 pm. Sports Saturday - .50 hot dogs, drink specials all day

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

ROCKS - Open Noon.

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Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

In today's world, many men believe that the age of great man to man sex is history. That with the dawn of AIDS, the joy of sex is dead. Boy have you been reading the wrong books. Just the other evening, I had a nice, stimulating conversation with two of the many resident sexperts we have here in the Old Pueblo on the very subject of sex variations.

Chris Brown and Floyd Meeks were of great help and have experienced some rather creative alternatives as you'll read. Some may not feel that some of the things listed are in good taste, but, that is a matter of opinion. Just as my opinion is that boring/bad sex is also in bad taste. So, let's spice up the pot with some Chris and Floyd spicy variations.

(1). Kissing is a great start, and the variations are many. Everything from slow and sensual to sloppy and wet. A deep, sensual, passionate stare while kissing can add some zing. (2). Nipple work is a big favorite, whether orally or manually stimulated and (3) accompanied by a sensual full body massage.

(4). Many times the way we look at each other can add to the intensity of the moment. (5). And the feeling of and smell of fresh sweat glistening in soft light can sure stir up some fire.

(6). The variety of ways of stimulation through, ballwork is varied: kissing, licking, squeezing, butterfly boards, etc.

(7). Bondage with mutual understandings can be an experience you'll never forget.

(8). The use of toys from vibrators to dildos can be an addition to a hot session of unabashed sex. But don't share.

(9). Masturbation with various audio/visual stimulation (in English: dirty talk and porno) can be hot.

(10). Digital intercourse (fingers and toes) can be interesting.

Here is a list of some of our resident sexperts' top variations (not in order)
Double-headed dildo; videos; hot wax; spanking; teasing; posing; golden showers; dirty talk; fantasies; Wesson parties; nude wrestling; anal intercourse (with condom); group therapy?; hand cuffs; food sex; Ben Wa balls; controlled breathing scenes and tossing salads.

The same old boring lectures on safer sex should always be spiced with some very o.k. ways of celebrating your sexuality.

If you ever attend a boring clinical lecture on what not to do, please feel free to hand them this column and inform them that Gay sex is alive, passionate and very much kicking.

Till next week, Sean: 323-3780.

POLITICS '91

by Mark Kerr

Locally, the big story last week was the unprecedented steps taken by a candidate for a major political office. Last Friday, Democratic Gubernatorial candidate Terry Goddard made a partial tour of the bars/clubs in Tucson. The tour started a little before 9:00 p.m. The first stop was the French Quarter. The capacity crowd was in a state of shock by his appearance at the club. After greeting most of the people there, he gave a short, rousing speech and then he went to the next establishment, the Graduate.

Yes, Terry Goddard was stumping for votes. Unbelievable! The tour proceeded to the next two stops, Rumorz and Colette's. During the evening the Goddard campaign learned that former President Ronald Reagan was going to deliver a speech in Phoenix on a major radio station for Republican candidate J. Fife Symington III. That radio station offered one-half hour of free time for Terry Goddard to respond to Reagan's speech, so he had to high tail it to Phoenix. Terry sends his deepest apologies to the employees and patrons of the Joshua Tree/Back Pocket, Hours and IBT's. The Goddard campaign will make up for this at a later date.

END NOTES: Other than the runoff election, there are two other political highlights. (1) In Phoenix, Senate Bill 1183, The "Hate Crimes Statistics Act" is being heard on Tuesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Chance of passage is good. (2) The campaign to get an anti-discrimination ordinance on the Pima county books begins this week.

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		DEC.	JAN. FEB.		DEC.	JAN. FEB.	DEC.	JAN. FEB.
APACHE	52,108	5	5	2	1	1	6	3
COCHISE	85,686	11	12	6	7	7	43	40
COCONINO	75,008	9	9	5	0	0	17	19
GILA	37,080	4	4	3	0	0	3	3
GRAHAM	22,862	3	3	0	2	2	3	2
GREENLEE	11,406	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
LA PAZ	12,557	3	3	2	0	0	8	5
MARICOPA	1,509,052	972	992	600	319	318	1568	1599
MOHAVE	55,065	13	13	5	0	0	26	25
NAVAJO	67,629	4	4	2	0	0	1	1
PIMA	531,443	240	247	134	48	48	498	509
PINAL	90,918	11	11	9	3	3	22	22
SANTA CRUZ	20,459	2	2	0	2	2	3	3
YAVAPAI	68,145	14	14	7	0	0	24	23
YUMA	76,205	16	17	10	4	4	57	58
UNKNOWN		2	2	1	0	0	203	202
TOTALS	2,718,215	1310	1339	786	395	385	2478**	2514**

NOTE: ** ON MARCH 15, 1989, THE OPTION TO RECEIVE HIV TESTING ANONYMOUSLY BECAME AVAILABLE. AN ADDITIONAL 998 HIV SEROPOSITIVE TESTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED THROUGH THIS ANONYMOUS TEST OPTION.

Gay Deaths Blamed On Stimulant Ethyl Chloride

by Keith Clark

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (BAR) - The deaths of at least five young Gay men around the country during the past two years have been connected to an increasingly popular sexual stimulant drug sold over the counter at sexually oriented shops and adult bookstores under the commercial name, Ethyl Gaz.

Three deaths in Texas have been reported, prompting the Texas Department of Health to seize hundreds of canisters of the product there in a series of ongoing statewide raids. In October a widely known Minneapolis Gay man, L. Jeffrey Rule, a 39-year-old financial planner and former Lutheran minister, died of a heart attack that the county medical examiner also attributed to use of the inhalant. A similar death was also reported earlier in Milwaukee.

Dr. Katherine Berg, a Hennepin County, Minnesota, assistant medical examiner, declared that "ethyl chloride poisoning" disrupted the normal functioning of Rule's heart, precipitating heart failure. According to the police report on Rule's death, a canister of the pressurized inhalant was apparently being used before his heart attack.

Ethyl Gaz is produced and commecially distributed widely throughout the United States by Lamar Labs, which is listed at a postal address in West Hollywood. Lamar Labs, however, is a corporate d.b.a. ("doing business as") owned by Aroma Concepts.

Michael Trygstad, head of Aroma Concepts, is on the boards of both corporations and owns a percentage of each company. But, he also said, both companies are owned by a parent corporation,

Ethyl Gaz is labeled as an "air freshener" and widely distributed in adult bookstores, usually alongside sexual stimulants such as alkyl nitrites, commonly known as "poppers". Both chemicals are popular among Gay men and often inhaled while having sex, despite the labeling. Although Ethyl Gaz has been sold in sex shops for several years its popularity among Gay men began increasing markedly in 1988 following the first federal ban on poppers.

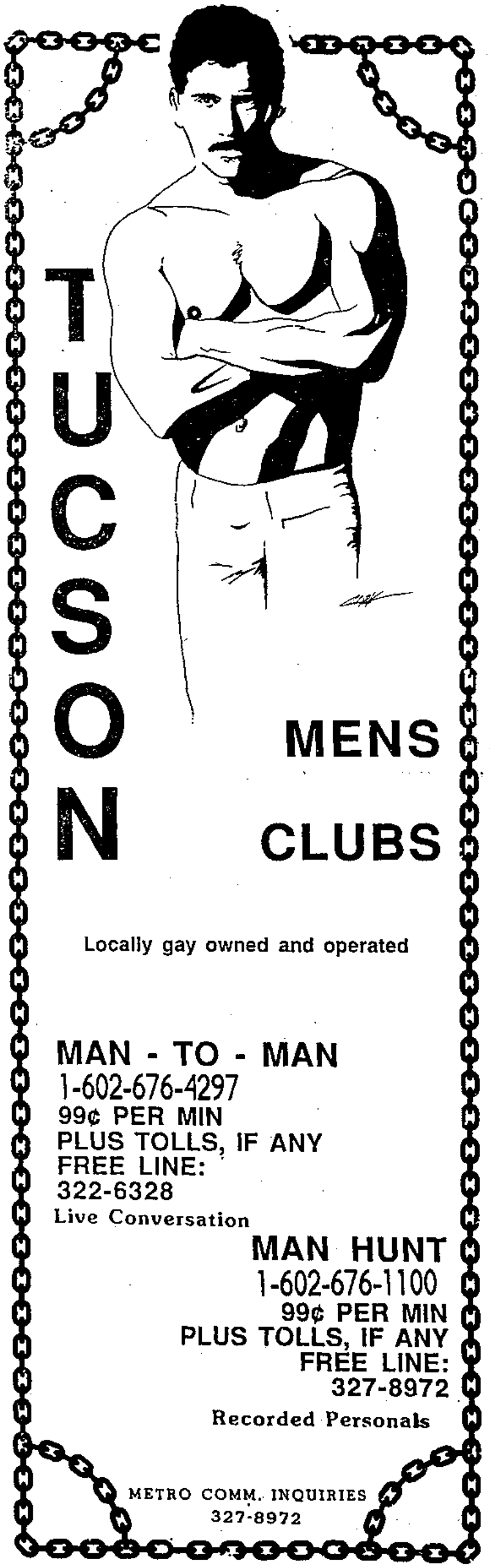
When asked why Aroma Concepts seemed to be marketing Ethyl Gaz in shops where most people would be unlikely to go to purchase "air fresheners," Trygstad said, "There really is not such thing as an adult bookstore. They're all considered retail stores.

A Texas Department of Health investigator said that prior to the recent seizures of the product in Houston, plainclothes police officers during a period of months went into several adult bookstores and asked clerks about how to use Ethyl Gaz. "Police officers were told over and over again to spray it in a handkerchief and inhale it for a rush or high.

Tim Campbell, editor of Minneapolis' GLC Voice newspaper, became so concerned about how rapidly the chemical disappears from the body following use that he asked the Minnesota Department of Health to "alert state homicide detectives and medical examiners to the potential of this drug for virtually undetectable murders."

Because the chemical is most often used during sex and most Gay men are apparently unaware of its potentially fatal impact, evidence of its use might easily be either suppressed or entirely overlooked. "Few public health officials even know about the growing use of ethyl chloride as a sexual stimulant, let alone police officers," one health official said.

Aside from the Texas seizure of the chemical and the efforts of Minneapolis police officials to halt sale there, both the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Consumer Product Safety Commission are now investigating use and sale of ethyl Chloride.



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Treatment in HIV Disease - Part 2

There are four parts, or components, to treatment generally accepted in the HIV community. It is important to remember that they are each a part of the whole, and that one without the other may not be as effective as all four working simultaneously in harmony with each other.

The four components consist of 1) Immune System Monitoring, 2) Anti-Viral Therapy, 3) Immune Modulating (strengthening or boosting of the immune system), and 4) Opportunistic Infection Prophylaxis (treatments to prevent infections).

After an HIV anti-body test, to detect anti-bodies to HIV, (thereby indicating infection with the virus), perhaps the most important step is immune system monitoring. Blood tests to determine the status of one's immune system, should be done as soon as possible after an HIV positive test. These blood tests can show an overall view of one's health, and especially the status of the T-helper cell (the cells of the immune system attacked by HIV).

At this time anti-viral therapy with AZT is based on the status of the T-helper cells. If the T-helper count has dropped to 500 or lower, AZT an be prescribed by a physician. If the T-helper count has dropped to 200 or below, prophylaxis (preventative) treatment or pneumocystis carini pneumonia (PCP) is indicated.

Though immune monitoring (T-cell tests) are a good tool for determining if HIV has caused any damage to the immune system, and are used to determine whether treatment should be begun, they are not completely reliable, if used alone, in determining where your health is at. Everyone has heard the stories of people still healthy with 5 or 10 helper cells and others in the hospital with PCP at 200 or 300 helper cells.

Part of the reason for this is an over simplification of immune monitoring. The T-helper count should be looked at in relation to the T-suppressor cells. T-suppressor cells work to prevent the immune system from over reacting. When the balance of T-helper cells and T-suppressor cells is good, this may be more important than the T-helper count alone. The balance between T-helpers and T-suppressed is known as the "ratio".

The complete explanation of Immune Monitoring would be too lengthy for this article, but generally it's important to know that T-helper counts alone are not sufficient to monitor your health. Ask your doctor for more explanation of your T-cell ratio or pick up a copy of "Blood Tests to Monitor Your Immune System" by Project Inform, at the P.A.C.T. office.

These immune monitoring blood tests alone are not enough to monitor your health and hence should be done with an eye on your overall health. Simply this is because each person is an individual and our bodies may respond differently from any hard and fast rule. How you feel and any signs of symptoms must be looked at in relation to immune tests, for a more complete view of your health. This can be done most effectively in cooperation with a Physician experienced with HIV, in a relationship that allows the person with HIV and the Physician to work as a team.

NEXT WEEK: ANTI-VIRAL THERAPIES

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GAY HEALTH

MAINTAINING GOOD HEALTH

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A happy life means maintaining a healthy lifestyle. This means taking an active role in your health, and being consistent. Good health is more than maintaining the physical body. It is keeping the mental, and spiritual part of you in balance along with the physical. There are many ways that this can be done: exercise, yoga, meditation, good relationships, and taking the attitude that all of life is a challenge. Taking an active role in your life means taking full responsibility for what happens to you.

One of the simplest things you can do is to get some therapeutic form of bodywork, such as an accupressure treatment, shiatsu or massage. This helps to integrate mental, emotional, and physical imbalances and put them in alignment. You feel great afterwards! There is nothing that I know of that does so much in so little time. Professional bodywork is a good way to boost the immune system and stay healthy.

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