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George Miller Easily Wins Mayoral Election As Incumbent Democrats All Retain Seats On City Council

TUCSON - What was expected to be a tough election for the Democrats turned out to be an easy victory for them in this 1991 Mayor and City Council election. There was only one race that was close and that was for Ward 2 between incumbent Janet Marcus and Republican challenger Paul Marsh.

Marcus' seat had been targeted by the Republicans. Her Eastside Ward 2 has a large Republican registration. It was a nip and tuck race for Marcus throughout the evening and with 91% of the precincts in at presstime, she held a slim 51% to 49% lead, which seemed enough to declare victory.

Miller started out slowly but picked up steam after the absentee ballots were counted and was never headed as he defeated challenger George Borozon handily. Miller succeeds Mayor Tom Volgy who steps down after one term as mayor and 3 1/2 terms as a city councilman.

Democrat Miller, a 69-year-old retired painting contractor left the City Council last April after 13 years and five months service.

Both Bruce Wheeler in Ward 1 and Roger Sedlmayr in Ward 4 won easily against Republican challengers Mike Price and Ray Clark.

All winners were endorsed by the Observer and all have proven to be friendly to the Gay and Lesbian community of Tucson. All were present at this year's Gay Pride Picnic held in Himmel Park in June. All have been empathetic to requests by Gay and Lesbian community leaders for a change in the city code that has resulted in the arrests of many Gay men in the city parks most of whom were arrested for merely talking about sexual activity.

A meeting with the entire City Council and Gay community leaders has been scheduled for later this month to take up the city code change plus other matters of concern to the Gay community.

In a questionnaire conducted by the Tucson Citizen prior to the election, Janet Marcus was the only one of the candidates who answered that the city should actively recruit Gays and Lesbians to be police officers.

The voter turnout, which had been predicted to be as much as much as 45 percent, turned out to be just over 30 percent. There are 116,683 Democrats to 81,198 Republicans and 721 Libertarians with another 30,222 independent voters or who are allied with other parties in the City of Tucson.

The charter amendments to change how the city government is run were all defeated. The charter amendments which streamlined some bookkeeping procedures all passed.

Observer congratulates the winners and thanks the Tucson Gay and Lesbian community for supporting the winners.

Tucson Mayor-elect George Miller

1992 SOS CALENDAR INTRODUCED

TUCSON - Shown above are David, Don, Little Mike, Big Mike and Jerry, the current officers of Sisters of Sonora, a Tucson organization dedicated to helping members of the Gay and Lesbian community. All monies via contributions and fund-raising events go directly back into the community. Their first annual 1992 "Miss Adventures" calendar is now on sale featuring many members of the Tucson community in unusual poses. The calendars are now now on sale for $8.00 each and are available from SOS members. They are highly recommended.

Virginia Uribe in benefit here for Wingspan

TUCSON - Virginia Uribe, founder of the "Project 10" program in Los Angeles, a highly successful drop-out prevention program, will be in Tucson this weekend to be a keynote speaker at a conference, "Youth at Risk: Reaching Gay and Lesbian Adolescents" to be held at the Westward Look Resort this Friday, Nov. 8.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Arizona Association of Marriage and Family Therapy; Arizona Psychological Association; National Association of Social Workers, Arizona Chapter; Arizona Counselors Association and Planned Parenthood of Central and Northern Arizona.

The conference is focusing on Gay youth because Lesbian and Gay adolescents are at high risk for absenteeism, dropping out of school, running away from home, irresponsible sexual behavior, alcohol and/or drug use or suicide. Most social scientists concur that one out of ten adolescents is Gay or Lesbian.

The conference goals include increasing participants knowledge of Gay and Lesbian youth issues, increase confort level in working with Gay and Lesbian youth and to identify successful program strategies. Conducting the workshops will be Dr. Uribe; Wingspan, a Gay and Lesbian Youth Support Group in Tucson, and Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).

The fundraiser-reception for Wingspan and PFLAG will be held after the conference from 4:30 until 6:00 p.m. There will be a no-host bar at the reception for Dr. Uribe. Hors d'Oeuvres will be served. There is a $10.00 donation which will go to both organizations. Westward Look is located at 245 E. Ina Road, just east of Oracle Road.

UPDATE

Harp-Fusion Benefit Concert

TUCSON - The Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson will sponsor a Harp-Fusion concert featuring ten harpists from the University of Arizona next Sunday evening, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be a benefit for the new hymnal fund of the church. Advance sale ticket will be available at the church office at $5.00 per person and also at Workshop Music and Sound, 4408 E. Speedway and 5040 N. Oracle. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Harpfusion was named by the members of the Church Music Committee because of its unique fusion of many cultures and styles of music. The ten-harp ensemble includes performers from Australia and Canada, as well as the United States. Their music, all composed and arranged by members of the group, covers a wide spectrum including classical, jazz, popular, new age, and cleverly arranged folk melodies. Harpfusion has just released its first album, "The Trouble With Angels".

Beginning Nov. 17, HarpFusion leaves for its tour of Japan. The Nov. 10 concert at the church will be their Gala Japan Preview Concert, featuring music they will be performing in Tokyo, Solca City, Nagoya and other locales in Japan.

HarpFusion is under the direction of Dr. Carrol McLaughlin, a faculty member of the University of Arizona. All members are students at the University of Arizona School of Music, including Paula Provo (Phoenix); Adrienne Lewy (Tucson); Kimberly Hauser (Oregon); Susan Brown (Tucson); Adrienne Schipperus (Canada); Tom Jarvi (Minnesota); Carolyn Sykes (Australia); Mark Banks (New York); and Jocelyn Reiter (Georgia).

For further information call John Roberts 749-1594 or Robert Carpenter 884-0918.

Pima County Mediation Service Assists Anti-Gay Discrimination

TUCSON - The Pima County Mediation Service (PCMS) has included sexual orientation in its list of mediation services. The PCMS will investigate, attempt to mediate and resolve allegations of civil rights violations, discrimination, landlord-tenant and employer-employee disputes, and consumer complaints, involving low income and homeless persons. Special assistance and priority will be given to those persons being discriminated against because of their sexual orientation.

Included in the PCMS assistance program will be investigative services; requesting documents and records; interviews; legal research; public record searches; legal typing; mediation with the goal of attempting to resolve conflicts without the need for litigation; and attorney referrals.

No legal advice will be given without the assistance of a Pima County Mediation Service volunteer attorney consultant.

No fee will be required for any services rendered. A donation will be requested based ont he client's income, except for those persons on SSI, general assistance and the homeless.

The Pima County Mediation Service will be staffed by experienced investigators, paralegals, community workers and volunteer attorney consultants. All office visits are by appointment only. Persons needed assistance must call PCMS in advance for an appointment. Call PCMS at 889-8829, or messages at 622-3008 ext. 110.

The PCMS is funded by and a non profit legal entity of the USVVA, Inc.

Task Force Assists FBI With Regional Hate Crimes Training Seminars For Law Enforcement Officers

WASHINGTON, DC - In a major nationwide effort to implement the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has held a series of regional seminars aimed at training local police departments on how to identify, track and respond to hate crimes, including anti-Gay crimes.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Police Institute and other national advocacy groups assisted the FBI in the planning and delivery of the seminars. NGLTF also worked to ensure that Gay and Lesbian community representatives had an opportunity to give presentations at every regional training.

"Recent anti-Gay murders in Milwaukee, Houston, Minneapolis, Pensacola and elsewhere, along with a sharp increase in homophobic assaults across the nation this past summer, demonstrate how critically important it is for law enforcement to respond vigorously to attacks against our community," said Kevin Burrill, NGLTF Anti-Violence Project director. "These trainings are an overdue but important step in that direction."

The FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Section held nine trainings for the nation's 315 law enforcement agencies that serve metropolitan areas with 100,000 or more persons during August and September. The two-day seminars featured sessions such as, "A Cop's Perspective on Hate Crimes," "Psychology of Hate Crime," and "Investigative Techniques".

Gay and Lesbian activists, along with representatives from religious, ethnic and other minority groups, made brief presentations during the "Resources/ Advocacy Groups" session.

During the presentation on Gay hate crimes issues, activists briefed officers on the nature and extent of anti-Gay violence. They also stressed the importance of documenting bias crimes based on sexual orientation, described ways Lesbian and Gay community groups can assist the police, and urged law enforcement agencies to maintain a dialogue with the Gay community, among other issues.

NGLTF played a leading role in the inclusion of Gays and Lesbians in the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act, passed in April 1990. Since then, the Task Force has worked closely with the FBI in implementing the law.

Weather Or Not

by Bart

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In response to this weeks letters:

MR. L.: If a relationship breaks apart for no other reason than one sexual act that is not acceptable to both people involved, it was on shaky ground from the start. A definitive manual for perfect sex does not exist - nor can one be written. No two people will come to a relationship with the same desires or needs, and much of the thrill of getting to know and love each other is in exploring new possibilities together. It sounds like you approach sexuality with a scorecard. Next time you go on vacation, try enjoying the ride as much as reaching the destination. If nothing else, you may find a new level of patience and awareness.

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BOBBIE: Being asked about your thoughts and feelings is only an intrusion if you are afraid, or unwilling, to share more of your inner self. Next time your lover wants to have "that" conversation, ask her the questions you posed for me. It's clear that you both are talking about everything but the real issues. It isn't only the emotion of jealousy that provokes genuine interest in the lives of our loved ones. I sense that you make it difficult for those around you to get to know the real person inside, perhaps more because of your own insecurities than the need to be so private. If the person you are is half as bright and interesting as was the letter you wrote, you have nothing to fear in opening up to others. Give your lover a chance - she's on the right track!

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JOHNNIE: Self-imposed loneliness is a tragic way to spend a life. I think almost everyone has some of the problems you expressed in dating. However, most of your letter referred only to the responsibilities of others. We sometimes feel justified by pointing at mistakes other people make, but the bottom line is, "It still isn't working!" We develop habits in facing rejection just as we learn to respond to those who care for us. If your approach is to wear the mask of anger or distrust, guess who will be attracted! Not everyone can shake those attitudes and habits alone. You need have no embarrassment in seeking a counselor's assistance in reframing attitudes and learning to overcome fear of rejection. I am convinced that no one is "DESTINED" to live life alone. Give yourself permission to enjoy living, and I suspect others will too!

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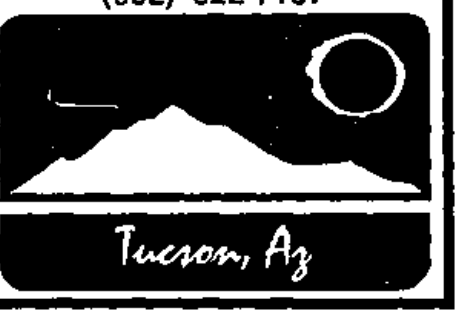

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Health Care AIDS Rules Jeopardized, Professional Groups Reject Need for Lists

by Lawrence K. Altman, M.D.

WASHINGTON, DC - The federal guidelines to protect against health care workers' transmitting the AIDS virus to patients are in deep trouble because of growing doubts about their scientific basis.

The guidelines issued in July by the Centers for Disease Control, call on all professional health groups to develop lists of procedures that the centers can consider as high risk for transmitting the AIDS virus.

Dr. William L. Roper, who heads the federal agency, set Nov. 15 as the deadline for publishing an official list. Health workers infected with the virus would have to receive approval from local panels before performing the high-risk procedures. The panels might also require them to inform patients of their condition.

The agency expected the high degree of cooperation it usually receives because of its international reputation for formulating public policy based on solid science. But few groups are heeding the call.

Two weeks ago, after repeatedly saying it was on the verge of publishing its list, the American Dental Association reversed itself. Top leaders of the dental group had been among the policy's staunchest defenders. But by the time the question reached the organization's House of Delegates, its policy-making group, dentists had rejected the concept of exposure-prone lists as scientifically invalid. The delegates asked the centers to develop a more accurate way of assessing the risks of such transmission.

That same week, New York state said health care workers infected with the AIDS virus should be able to perform surgery and other invasive procedures without informing patients of their medical status. Gov. Mario Cuomo said the decision was based on science and not fear.

TRANSMISSION RISK CALLED TINY

Most groups attending a meeting sponsored by the American Medical Association last August declined to develop lists because they said the guidelines were unnecessary. The guidelines were prompted by an investigation that traced the transmission of the AIDS virus to five patients in the office of Dr. David J. Acer, a Florida dentist who died of AIDS a year ago.

One patient was Kimberly Bergalis, a young woman who is dying of AIDS and who has bitterly criticized health officials as not doing enough to protect patients from infected health workers. But critics say the federal guidelines caused unnecessary alarm.

Epidemiologists have long cautioned against acting precipitously on unusual cases in making scientific policy. While they sometimes signal an outbreak, such as toxic shock syndrome, sometimes they turn out to be irrelevant, even misleading.

The critics contend that the centers should have put the Florida case in perspective by collecting more data and waiting for another case elsewhere before issuing guidelines.

AIDS experts had long predicted that such transmission could occur, the critics note, and if such studies had been undertaken earlier the agency might have been better prepared to deal with the Acer case.

Even Dr. James O. Mason, assistant secretary of health and human services, whose department approved the guidelines, said more studies were needed "to determine whether we have a problem." He stressed that application of standard infection-control measures was the most important way to prevent transmission of the virus in a health care setting.

Because Acer often failed to apply such measures, he would have been a menace to patients even if he had not been infected with the AIDS virus, Mason said.

The centers' guidelines are not binding. The agency must rely almost entirely on consensus building to develop public health measures.

CRITICISM MOUNTS

So it avoids alienating the health organizations and leading experts whose support it needs. But now the agency is facing mounting criticism from its usual constituency. Studies of infected health workers have found not one other case that can be traced to care from a doctor or dentist infected with the AIDS virus.

An ongoing investigation has also failed to determine how the virus was transmitted to five of Acer's patients.

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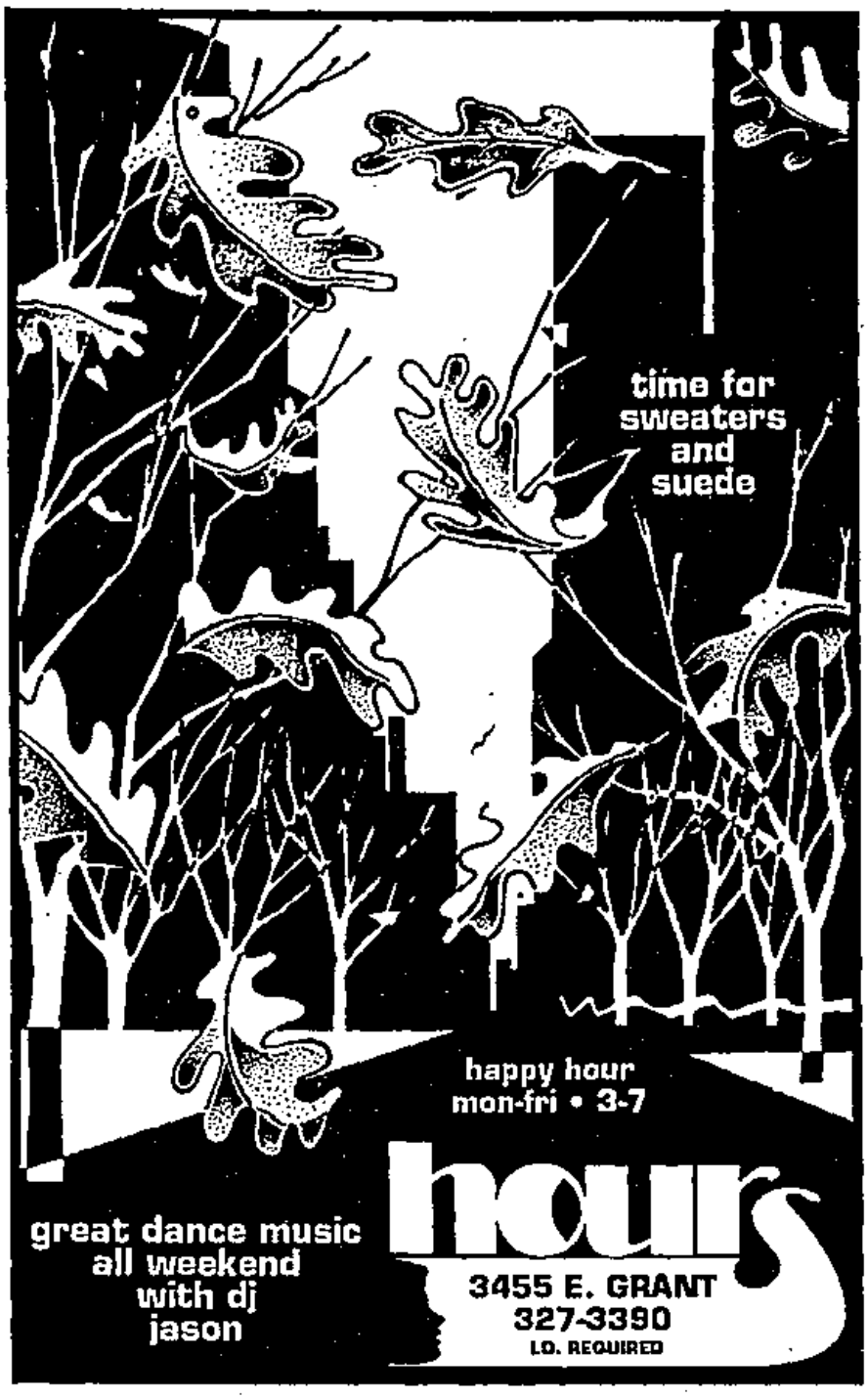

A Commentary By

Christopher Geoffrey McPherson

I Met Ann Miller The Other Day

If you say "Ann who?" this column is not for you. You might just as well turn the page. For those of you fortunate enough to know the woman I mean, read on.

I was recently assigned to cover the opening fundraiser for the Orpheum Theatre Restoration Project. The Orpheum was built in Phoenix 1929 and, at the time, was considered the most majestic theater west of the Mississippi.

This theater was part of the Orpheum circuit. Musicals, plays, vaudevillians, and other entertainers played the circuit. One of those entertainers was Ann Miller.

Miller is best known for her tap dancing, singing, and acting in classic MGM musicals like "On the Town," and "Kiss me Kate," among others. She was, in fact, one of the great film dancers who inspired me to begin dancing at an early age.

At the fundraiser, the press woman who was helping me obtain interviews asked me, rather innocently, "Would you like to meet Ann Miller?" I put on my best journalist's face and replied, "Sure. Why not?"

Needless to say, my knees were watery walking through the spacious home of Delbert Lewis where the fundraiser was help to the image of a woman whom I had seen countless times. She turned and faced me.

Now, Miller was born in 1919--at least, that's what the film books say. If this woman was 72, I would be surprised. She looks younger than my mother --who is considerably younger than 72!

She couldn't have been nicer, recalling the days she played the circuit, her visit to Phoenix in the late 1930's. We spoke, she gave me her autograph and even allowed our photographer to snap a few pix of her.

When she asked me if I wanted one with her, I demurred. Journalists don't do things like that. My photographer egged me on, and Miller wrapped her arm around me, pulled me close to her and said, "Smile!" I now have a collection of photos of Ann Miller standing next to some shell-shocked guy who looks a lot like me.

Sure, in the big scheme of things, this little encounter doesn't amount to a hell of beans. But, when compared to all of my idols whom I have met --most of them crashing disappointments-- Ann Miller remains one of the most gracious, most beautiful women I have ever met.

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

What's Up Doc ???

Sitting here trying to decide where to start this weeks column, I look over the calendar and see what all is coming up and deciding just what some of you wish to read. Well, it is all a bunch of BS for some of you and I know you wouldn't be interested, so I'll just not write one this week, giving everyone a break.

Of course, the normal monthly activities have started again, beginning last weekend with TKO having their monthly meeting. All the different clubs here in Tucson normally meet around the first two weeks of each month.

Then, this weekend, the monthly Beer Bust of the different clubs starts - with TKO this Saturday and TALL's this Sunday. For theirs, TKO will be selling Turkey Dogs, going along with the spirit of the holiday of the month. This month, as I've previously stated, TKO will be holding an in-club (TKO) "Desert Cook-Off" contest. Each club member who will be on hand for the Beer Bust, will be cooking a dessert and bringing it along. Then, three judges, already selected, will sample each and pick a winner. Then, you in the audience, will be given the opportunity to sample the different desserts, with a small 25 cent tasting charge. Since I also will be bringing along one of my own creations, maybe I should also bring along some Rolaids.

At this Beer Bust also, TKO will be starting to sell the raffle tickets for their annual Make-A-Wish benefit, the $100 Christmas Tree. As always, each ticket will be sold for $1.00, with all the monies collected being donated to the Make-A-Wish program. The tree itself will be a live cut tree, fully decorated, with a $100 bill at the top. Due to the luck they have had with live trees in the Graduate over past years, the tree itself will not be placed on display until Dec. 14, on their Beer Bust day in December. Then on Dec. 21, TKO will be holding their annual Christmas show and tree raffle. Again this year, there will be other gifts under the tree for you to possibly win also. And as before, those of you lucky enough to win one of those gifts, your ticket will be placed back into the jar for the final tree drawing.

This year, there will be something extra for the evening, also being raffled off. It will be an all-expense trip to Laughlin, meaning transportation and hotel accommodations, for two people. The winner can choose when the trip is to be made. All raffle tickets will be sold that evening and the winning ticket drawn also. Supplying this will be MS Transportation.

There will be special jars distributed to all the bars next week for the $100 Christmas Tree Raffle. The winner of the tree does not have to be present to win. If by chance a ticket is drawn for one of the gifts under the tree and the winner is not present, another ticket will be drawn until there is a winner in the audience present. The Laughlin trip raffle tickets will only be sold at the show and the winner must be present.

This being November, it is time again for Tucson's clubs to hold their annual Arizona Fellowship Run. This year, joining the Tucson clubs will be the Copperstate Leathermen from Phoenix who will act as host club this year. Another Phoenix club, the Universal Brotherhood of Leather Lords, will also be on hand helping during the entire run, themselves serving a cocktail party on Friday evening at the MCC church, prior to Copperstate Leathermen's dinner.

Run applications should be appearing in all the bars shortly, so if you would be interested in joining in on this always fun-filled holiday run, pick one up and either mail it in or be at registration on Nov. 28 at the Graduate, from 3 to 5 p.m. Run fee for the entire run is only $25, which includes everything. I, at this time, do not have a complete list of all the different clubs who will be arriving in Tucson for this run, but word has it that there will be some traveling here from the Satyricons out of Las Vegas. This annual run, the largest for Tucson yearly, will probably be the largest in numbers ever so be sure to mark the dates on your calendar and attend, you will not be sorry.

I'll be passing on my little reminders of this run as the dates draw closer.

Congratulations go out to SOS for the fun night over at Hours last Saturday evening. The occasion was the unveiling of their calendar, with an autograph party of the calendar models signing the calendars for purchasers. It was a fun evening and the calendar is great. If you have not purchased one as of yet, I highly recommend contacting a SOS member and purchasing one yourself. The calendar is a great idea and more than worth the $8 purchase price. It is just loaded with information, different club activities, anniversaries, birthdays and much more.

For now, let me just say, see you next week, or sometime this week in my travels. Have a loving and safe week.

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Don Conkle

Rev. Perry's sermon last Sunday was very stirring to the congregation. One remark he made during the sermon, I would like to elaborate a little. The statement he made about death and our afterlife was that we should not be "scared to death" to anticipate the second coming of Christ, but that we should be "scared to life". Death is a morbid subject to many people, but it is something that each and every living creature must face at one time. No one knows what death is. All we can do is speculate, create theories, and make conjectures. One theory is that when a person dies, that person enters into a state of being as they were prior to being born. If that be the case, then we have all been there to enter into this life. When we die we are then again in that same state until the second coming of Christ. Since we have therefore, in theory, been in this state for millions of years previously, why should we be afraid to re-enter into this same state of being? It is not death we should fear, it is the resurrection of our souls when Christ comes again. If we have lived our lives according to the teachings of Christ as recorded in the Bible, then we have no fear of our resurrection.

The entire 24th and 25th chapters of Matthew are devoted to the teachings of Christ and His second coming. It is good reading and gives much food for thought.

This week-end is the U.F.M.C.C. Southwest District Conference in Albuquerque, NM and many from the congregation will be attending. Our regular Morning and Evening Worship Services will be conducted as usual. The Morning Worship Service will start at 10:45 a.m. and the Evening Worship Service will start at 6:30 p.m. Come and join us, special services are being panned.

P.A.C.T. and MCC/Tucson will be giving another Spaghetti Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at the church, 3269 North Mountain Ave. on Friday, November 15th starting at 7:00 p.m. The menu will include spaghetti with meat or vegetarian tomato sauce, salad, garlic bread and dessert. There will be a suggested donation of $4.00 at the door. All proceeds from the fund raiser will be divided equally between PACT and MCC/Tucson. For those of you who came to the last dinner, the organizers have promised that the service will be speedy with no long waiting lines, ever for those who want seconds.

The next "No Host Bingo" games will be held on Saturday, November 23rd. This is a fun evening of entertainment, watch for more details as the time approaches.

Thought for the week: In time, and as one comes to benefit from experience, one learns that things will turn out neither as well as one hoped nor as badly as one feared.

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A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

The majority of people reading this newspaper probably live in apartments; and most will probably live in several more apartments before they settle down. I've lived in many apartments over the years. They can be a lot of fun....or very lonely. Your neighbors may not have names; just references. such as the people upstairs, those in room so-and-so, the couple by the pool, etc. They may move in and out of your 'neighborhood" without any identities.

It can also prove embarrassing to not know your neighbors. Have you ever asked someone where they lived, and then found out they were in <u>your</u> apartment complex and you'd never noticed them? This is <u>not</u> a positive way to begin a friendship!

If you have an emergency, and you live in an apartment...who do you ask for help? Do you have to wait by the carport for the "stranger who parks next to you" so you can get your dead battery jumped? How about when you're entertaining and you run out of something? A lot of us wouldn't DREAM of knocking on the door next to us to borrow ice! We'd rather drive three blocks to a Circle K.

This tendency to "not know" our neighbors is a national issue. America is a nation on the go, and many don't even live anywhere long enough to develop ties...and many of us avoid our "neighbors" to avoid responsibility.

What does this do to <u>us</u>? Well, one thing is that it narrows down the scope of who we can call on for help. We become more independent. I recently read a story about a group of doctors who were having dinner together. One of them was coughing, got up from the table, and left the room. Later he was found dead, having choked to death. He never asked for help. He was either "too embarrassed" or he "didn't want to bother his neighbors."

Who do YOU call on for help? At one time or another, all of us need someone. The Bible says that "we are all brothers and sisters." It also tells us that we should <u>care</u> about what happens to our "neighbors". Do you sometimes feel that there is no one to call on for help?

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Double Mischief

by Wendy Caster

Gay Brains, Lesbian Thighs

I was amused by the early reports that Simon LeVay had found a place in the brain that causes homosexuality. That a rice-sized piece of hypothalamus would make me prefer Susan Sarandon to Kevin Costner seems silly, but certainly no more silly than, for instance, Dan Quayle being Vice President. But then people started taking LeVay's research seriously. Too many Gay men and Lesbians were glad to have proof that "we were born that way," since they believed that now the mainstream world would have to give us our rights. But there are dangerous holes in this logic.

First of all, let's look at the scientific evidence, such as it is. Through extensive work on cadaver brains, LeVay found that the INAH, a teeny-tiny section of the brain, was smaller in Gay men's brains than in straight men's. But all the Gay men had died of AIDS, while only some of the straight men had, so it's impossible to rule out that some AIDS-related process had shrunk the Gay men's INAHs. Also, while open Gays are nearly always Gay, open straights often aren't really straight. Probably 90% of the Lesbians and Gay men reading this have identified themselves as straight for some portion of their lives.

So here are these brains, which may or may not have been affected by disease, which may or may not be from exclusively Gay or straight men, and then what? You might imagine that LeVay checked the sexuality department to see what he could find, but there is no sexuality department. Instead, LeVay compared and compared and compared until he found a difference, and then he said, "Voila!" But there is no real reason to assume that this difference causes homosexuality. LeVay himself only claims to have found a difference, not the difference.

It 's as though, on the same day, there are two bus accidents in which everyone is killed. One bus contains a Lesbian softball team; the other contains women coming home from a PTA picnic. Extensive research is done, and lo and behold: it is discovered that muscular thighs cause Lesbianism!

What is sexual attraction anyway? I have dissected no brains, but it seems to me obvious that sexual attraction is the result of at least three components: biology, environment, and personality-soul-divine spark. Each of these components might take preeminence in an individual, as one person would come out even under the most repressive circumstances, while another might easily ignore homosexual attractions until a Gay rights movement made her or him notice those feelings and act on them.

Nor is sexual attraction etched in concrete; it is a fluid thing, full of surprises, as my Lesbian friend who has been involved with a man for three years will attest. Did her INAH change size when she met him? When she fell in love with him? When she had sex with him? Or did it fall asleep on the job? How did a rice-sized brain part know what his sex was, anyway?

As silly as all this seems, it becomes dangerous when it is used as a basis on which to defend our rights. Even if we could prove that homosexuality is 100% biologically caused, that would in no way free us from discrimination. In World War II Germany, Nazis killed homosexuals because they believed homosexuality was biologically determined.

And, here and now, why would we deserve fewer rights if we did choose to be Lesbian or Gay? Isn't the United States the land of choice? Also, supporting the idea that we deserve rights because we are "born this way" is anti-bisexual, since bisexuals at least theoretically have the choice to be with someone of the opposite sex. And what about old straight women, who drastically outnumber old straight men? What if they decide to turn to one another for love and comfort and companionship and, yes, sex? Would they deserve fewer rights than you or I.

The main reason Gay men and Lesbians care if we are "born that way" is that the religious right claims we don't deserve rights because Homosexuality is a matter of choice. But why are we even responding to their bigotry? These people are pea-brained zealots, and it is insanity to let them define the terms of the debate. Give them enough space, and they'll gladly spread the lies that homosexuals are proselytizing child molesters. Why spend our lives being reactive to their hatred, when we can fight positively for what we want and believe in?

It is not because we "can't help ourselves" that we deserve full rights, nor is it because we are good little girls and boys. We deserve our rights because we are full human citizens of this country and this universe. Period.

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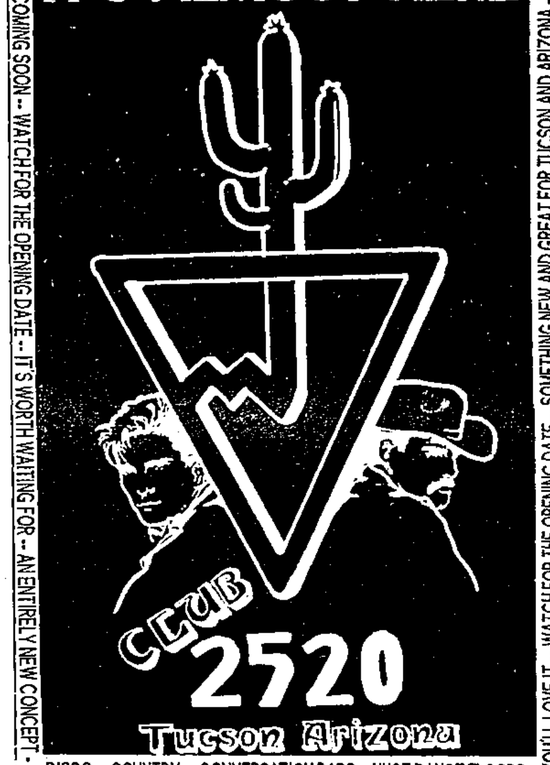

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POLITICS '91 by Mark Kerr

NATIONAL NEWS

This past week, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, a two-time contender for the Democratic Presidential Nomination, announced that he will not be a candidate in the 1992 race. Jackson, in his speech which took place in Washington, stated that his intentions were to register new voters and to bring people into the political process. Jackson supporters, Congressman Lewis Stokes of Ohio and Congressman Tkuni Mfuroe of Maryland, stated that they plan to run slates of uncommitted delegates in the Maryland and Ohio primaries.

New York Governor Mario Cuomo will announce his intentions regarding the 1992 Democratic Presidential nomination later this week in a scheduled press conference in New York City. Speculation is that he will announce that the will not be a candidate, but leave himself available to be "drafted" if the convention is brokered.

(Note: Drafted means when a person is approached by the party hierarchy at the National Convention and asked to have his or her name submitted for nomination. "Brokered Convention" means where, after several ballots, no candidate has obtained a majority of delegates and will not because of the numerous candidates who are running).

ARIZONA NEWS

The Arizona Democratic Party held their annual Hall of Fame Dinner this past Sunday in Phoenix. Over 500 people attended the $150-a-plate fund raiser. The guest speaker was Iowa Senator and Presidential candidate Tom Harkin. Harkin, in his speech, lambasted President Bush, whom he always refers to as "George Herbert Walker Bush", and his policies.

Harkin was the crowd favorite. Two people in attendance who weren't in the crowd's favor were Senator Dennis DeConcini, who received a smattering of applause, and Democratic State Chairman, Bill Minette. Harkin, in a press conference, stated that he planned to visit Arizona again if his campaign schedule permits.

Two more possible contenders in next year's race for the Senate seat now held by Republican John McCain. On the Republican side, former GOP candidate for the Arizona Corporation Commission Joe Castillo has been mentioned as a primary candidate. On the Democratic side, Phoenix attorney and 1st Vice Chair of the Arizona Democratic Party, Janet Napolitano has been mentioned as a contender. Napolitano stated that she will make her intentions regarding the U.S. Senate race known in the early part of January.

END NOTES

This Tuesday, the voters in Pennsylvania go to the polls to elect a person to the remainder of the term of Senator John Heinz, who died in a plane crash. Former college professor and interim Senator, Democrat Harris Wofford has erased the 20% lead over his Republican rival; former Pennsylvania Governor and U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh. This race is seen as a test for Bush in 1992. Results sin next week's column.

Until next time, politics as usual.

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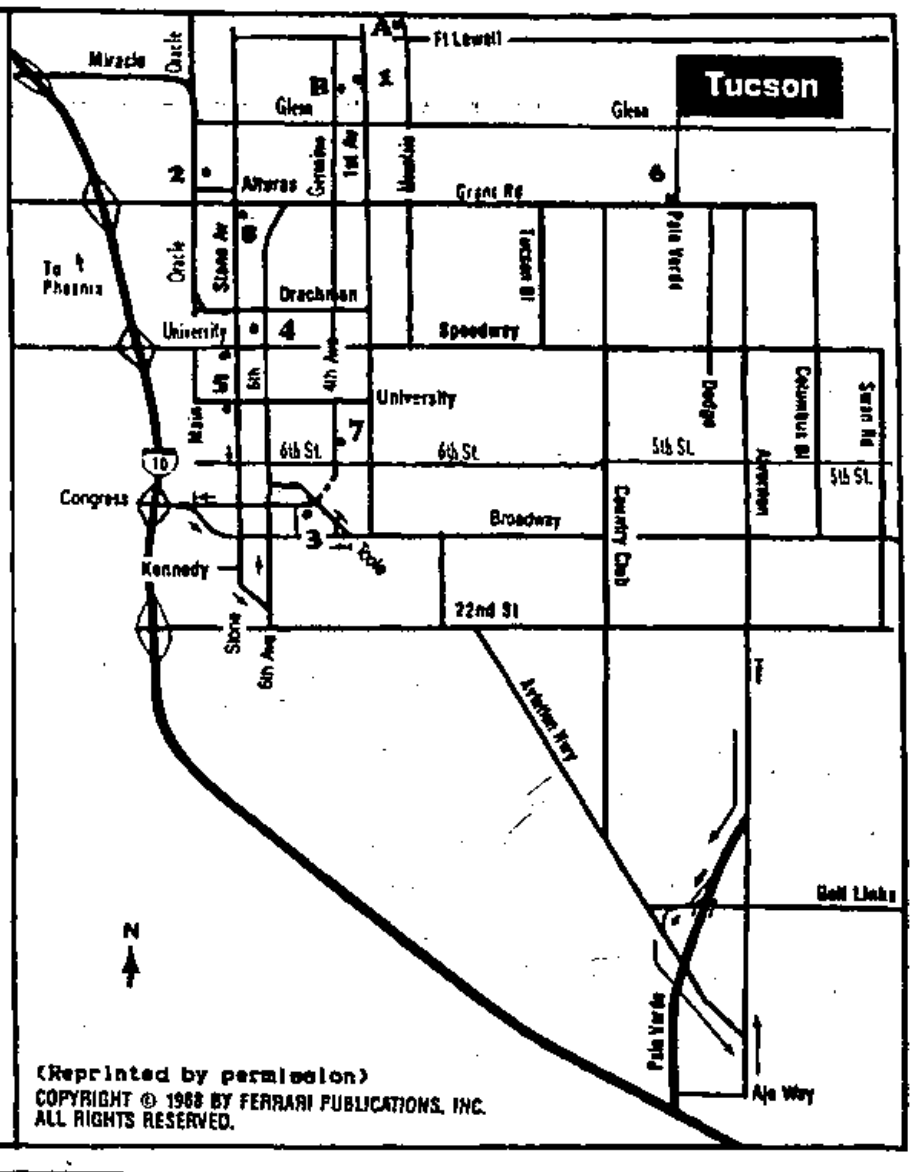

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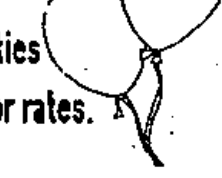

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PERSPECTIVE

by Kevin T. Cleary

Unauthorized Outing: A Destructive Practice

An old-friend of mine who I dated in Last Vegas a few years back would not reveal to me his last name, address, or place of employment until he had known me for almost two months. Finally, one night while we were having a drink in a straight bar; he decided that I was not a flake and that I was not going to do what a former boyfriend had done to him: I was not going to "uncloset" him to his employer.

I was a bit offended that it took him so long to conclude that I was trustworthy. However, even with a slightly ruffled ego, I was able to understand his position and respect his precaution. I also could not blame my friend for putting his former boyfriend in the hospital for ten days for "outing" him. I had often thought of putting someone else in the hospital for the same reason.

Several years ago, an acquaintance of mine took it upon himself to telephone my parents and inform them that their son was one with homosexual tendencies (he used the term "tendencies" because he though it would lessen the shock - oh how considerate!). His reasoning behind this action was that he believed that I could not achieve self acceptance until I came out to my parents.

This person did not act out of spite like the action taken against my friend in Last Vegas, but the situations were similar when viewed as violations of privacy. Whether it be to an employer, a family member, or the news media, no one has the right to reveal personal information about someone without that person's consent.

Obviously, not everyone respects the right of privacy which is a growing problem within the Gay community. Last August, Newsweek magazine reported about the practice of "outing". The magazine stated that a popular Gay magazine was preparing to print an article identifying the name and sexual orientation of a Pentagon official. The Newsweek article also discussed an organization that hangs posters of popular celebrities labeled "Absolutely Queer" in downtown Manhattan.

Gay publications and Gay organizations may try to justify "outing" as a way to achieve equality and social acceptance. This theory may stem from the idea that the more people that are forced out of the closet, the more voices the Gay community will have when demanding fundamental rights.

If this is the reasoning behind "outing" then it overlooks one very important result of this type of action. Virtually anyone who has had their personal life tossed out in the open for public scrutiny is not likely to trust, much less identify with, those responsible for this action. Without trust there can be no unity and without unity there is no community fighting for a common cause.

"Outing" did not help me in achieving my self acceptance, it only complicated my life by creating turmoil in my family life. It also did not encourage me to trust any other Gay person. Fortunately, I have since been able to realize that Gay people are as diverse in terms of personalities as straight people. I now feel comfortable as being a part of the Gay community but not because I was "outed". I gradually came to terms with myself, on my own, as people who are still in the closet will have to do for themselves.

The pride of our Gay community comes from within us individually -- self love cannot be obtained from anyone other than ourselves. Therefore, coming out, especially among celebrities, is one of the most honest and courageous things a Gay person can do for him or herself - but only when it is a personal choice.

Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

I was at a conference last week in Los Angeles concerning HIV/AIDS. There were people there from all over the U.S. (There were 45 states represented). I learned a great deal from a lot of people, but one thing I already knew: "There is no place quite like Tucson, and I'm glad." L.A. was a lot of fun but here is home. It also taught me that intent is more important, at times, than results.

People I met were there out of compassion, caring and to learn everything they could to be more effective in helping people live with HIV. You could tell those who were there from the heart, and those who weren't.

I asked a certain person one time why they were involved in the Tucson AIDS community. They said "politics". A personal political agenda for self gratification through the misfortune of others is not only disgusting, but totally repulsive. To use the whole HIV/AIDS situation for personal gain does not justify on a personal level any potential profit. Politics are a media not a goal. They have been very useful in achieving a lot. But to look at the situation and gauge it by how can I profit from it is sick.

In the Gay community I have not found this. We have a genuine compassionate community. But we must took to intent at times. A quick fix as a result of profit does not compare to long-term, compassionate help.

I am speaking on a personal level here. Corporate or government funding is on a different plane. And, at times, we need to use the political media to obtain those needed dollars. But those behind the seeking are there out of genuine caring. And Tucson has no shortage of these kind and beautiful people. But there is always one in the crowd.

Thank you Tucson for being so caring.
Till next week, Sean 628-7816.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

GRADUATE - It's Club weekend again here and today the Tucson Knight Owls will hold their monthly Beer Bust from 2 until 6 p.m. There are always games and fun and camaraderie here with this gang. Come on by.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

GRADUATE - Tucson Arizona Levi/Leathermen hold their monthly Beer Bust and Dinner here from 2 until 6 p.m. Chef Kenny's dinner today will feature Coq Au Vin. Umm umm good. Then at 8:30, "Just Because It's Sunday" you're going to be treated to a great show starring Phoenix performers Lady Casondra, Felicia Farr and Jacqulin de Savoi. You'd better be there early for a good seat - if you didn't already know.

IBT'S - Amazing Grace in her one-women comedy show makes her premier appearance here tonight. She's "Fresh with lemon and tartar sauce". Catch it!

Safe Sex

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

The Ad Hoc Committee for Justice and Safety in the Parks will hold a meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m. on the patio of the French Quarter. The proposed City Ordinance revision will be discussed and voted on. Interested persons concerned with the police harassment in the parks are urged to attend.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

CAT Committee (Community Awards of Tucson) will hold their monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at MCC, 3269 N. Mountain. Everyone is welcome. The Community Awards of Tucson are what you make them. Get involved.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Cronies, a social club for men 40+ will hold it's mid-month dinner tonight. Call Merle at 888-7264 for more information.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

PACT for Life/MCC-Tucson Spaghetti Dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at MCC/Tucson, 3269 North Mountain. A suggested donation of $4.00 will be accepted at the door. This will be a benefit for PACT for Life and MCC/Tucson.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

The Men's Massage Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. and then the Ecstatic Loving Workshop will follow at 3:30 p.m. The afternoon will close with a meeting of the Tucson Jacks at 5:30 p.m. Call Marc in advance at 881-4582 for reservations for any or all of these events.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Volleyball begins at 1:00 p.m. Steak Dinners 5-9 pm $4.00. Flesh for Fantasy - male and female strippers. 11 p.m.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open Noon. Brunch served 12-3. Drink specials.
GRADUATE - All Well $1.25 daytime and $1.50 nighttime.
ROCKS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.25 til 7 pm. Country Dance Music 6 to 1 am with your DJ Mark. Noone Madness Specials 7-1.
IBT'S - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. on well and non-premium beer. 8 to 1 Trash Disco Night. Hot music from the 70s & 80s.
RUMORS - Open at noon. Drink specials.

monday

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

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. $1.50 well 3-8 pm. Drink Draft and Brown .50 draft 3 pm till close. Open Volleyball games begin at 6 p.m. Bobby Jr. DJs.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Movie Nite with cocktail hour prices all night long.
GRADUATE - Draft Beer Special. Small Pitchers $1.50, Large Pitchers $3.00
ROCKS - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25.
IBT'S - 4 to 8 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Nite with .75 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 8 pm to close. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon 9-1.
RUMORS - Open noon. Daily drink specials. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Clint.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Open Noon. Drink specials 3-8 pm. Flesh for Fantasy male and female strippers at 11 pm.
CLUB CONGRESS - Rock 'n Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow. No charge.
FRENCH QUARTER - Open 3 pm. Daily drink specials.
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. Dance music 8-1. Double dose Schnapps for $1.50. Check out blended drink special. Bowler's Special $1 Well or non-Premium Beer.
RUMORS - Open noon. Daily drink specials. VJ/DJ Clint at 9pm.

thursday

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

friday

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

saturday

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

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Artist Etienne Dies Of AIDS

DON OREJUDOS - "ETIENNE"
1933 - 1991

BOULDER, CO - Erotic artist, choreographer and dancer, Don Orejudos, yielding to a long battle with AIDS passed from this world on Sept. 24, at his home in Boulder, Colorado. He was 58 years old.

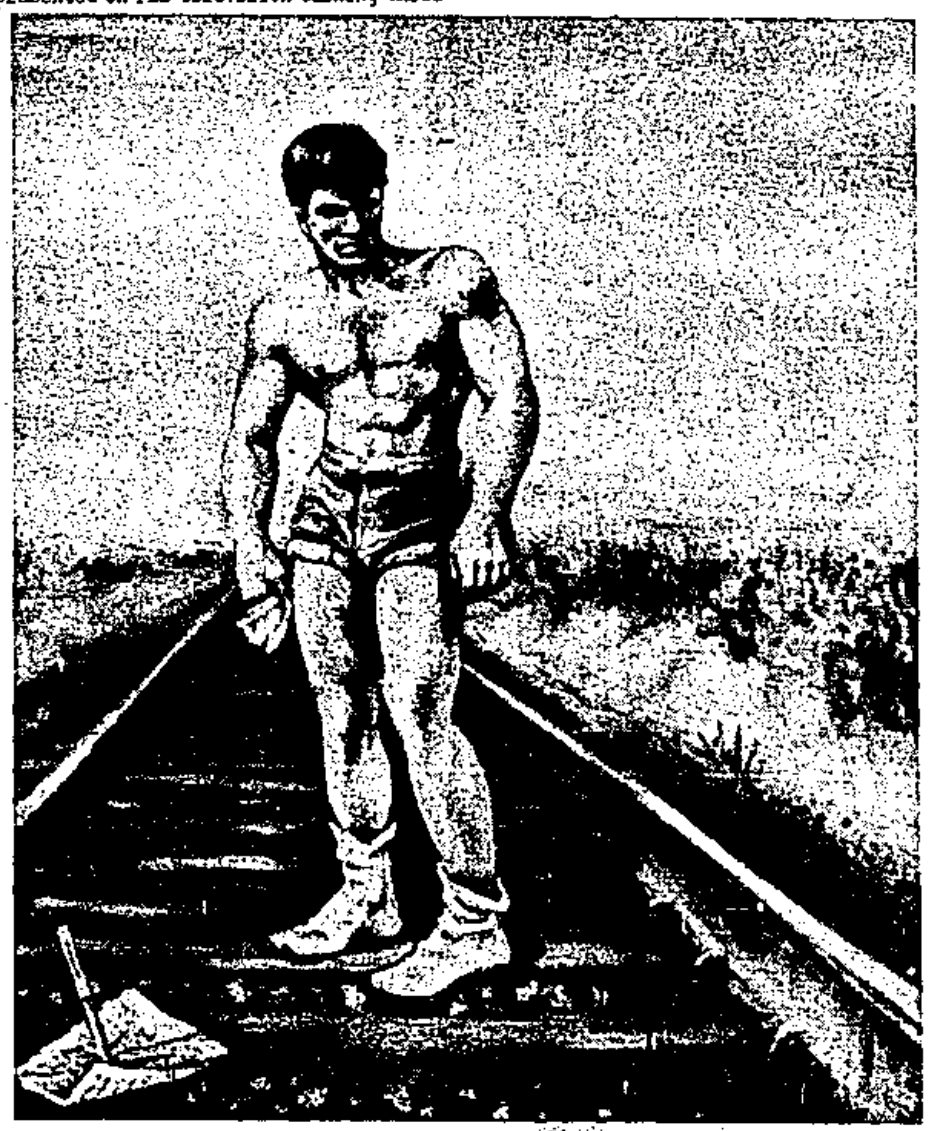
As the artist Etienne, Don's sexual fantasy art is known throughout the world and has been featured in posters and magazines over four decades. With his lifelong associate and partner, Chuck Renslow, Don created Chicago's infamous Gold Coast Leather Bar and International Mr. Leather, promoting both to worldwide recognition via his artistic talents. An early pioneer in Gay male erotica, Mr. Orejudos (aka Etienne and Stephen) was recognized as one of the great masters of fantasy art.

An accomplished dancer and choreographer, Mr. Orejudos was also well recognized nationally as a master of ballet. The recipient of three separate grants from the National Endowment of the Arts, over a dozen of his works have been presented on PBS television earning three Emmy awards. His ballet "The Charioteer" was created to inaugurate the first color broadcast of the Chicago PBS television station. Resident choreographer and principal dancer with the Illinois Ballet Company for nine years, Mr. Orejudos also earned critical acclaim choreographing ballets for almost twenty different ballet companies around the nation. Mr. Orejudos' stage credits also include dance roles in the touring companies of West Side Story, The King and I and Song of Norway.

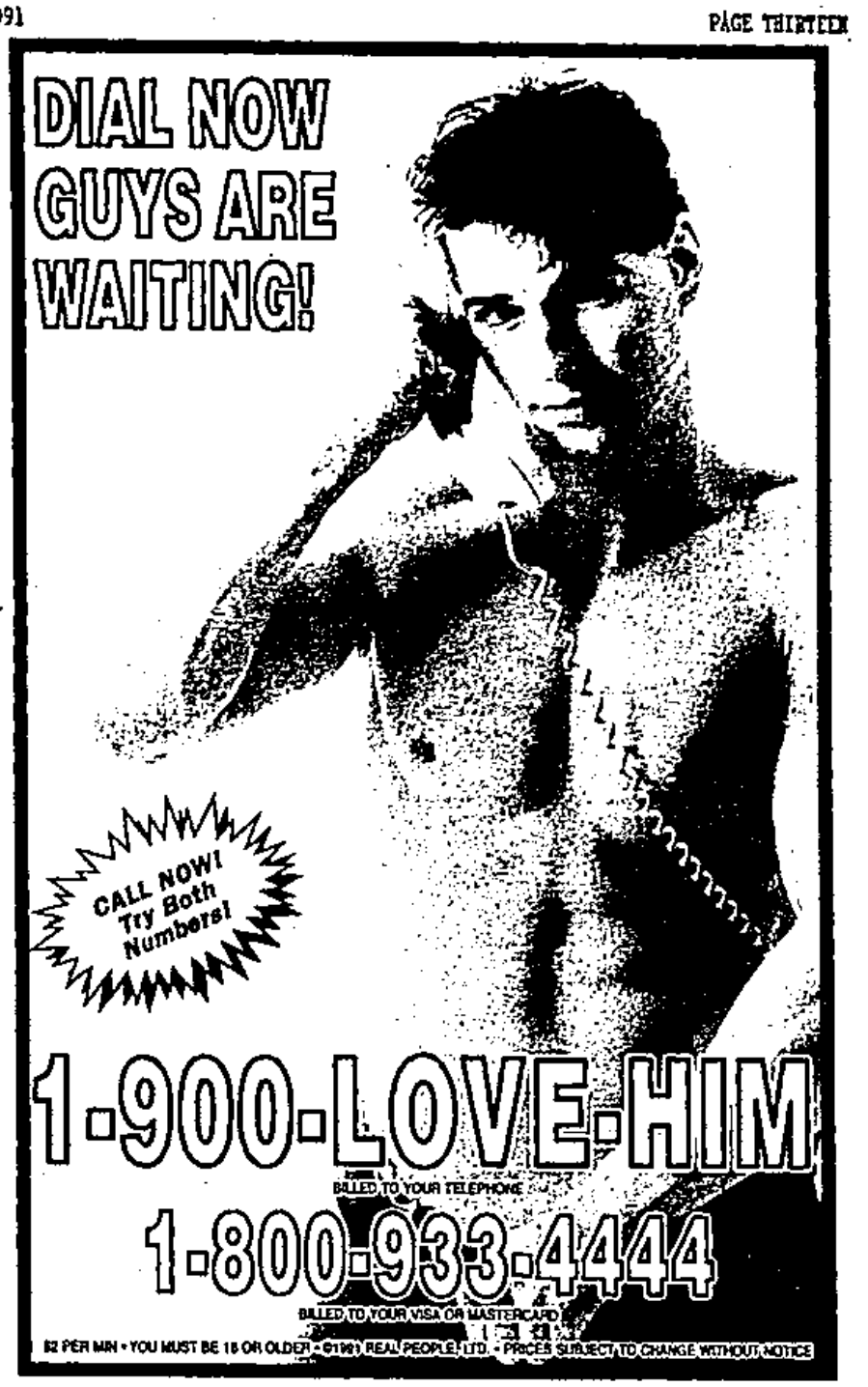
For much of the Gay community, and the leather community in particular, Don will be remembered for his erotica. His exaggerated muscular imagery was easily recognizable and has been featured in dozens of publications, club logos and print advertising over a thirty year period. Don's murals covered the walls of Chicago's Gold Coast Bar, which earned an international reputation by distributing his work throughout the world's leather community in poster form.

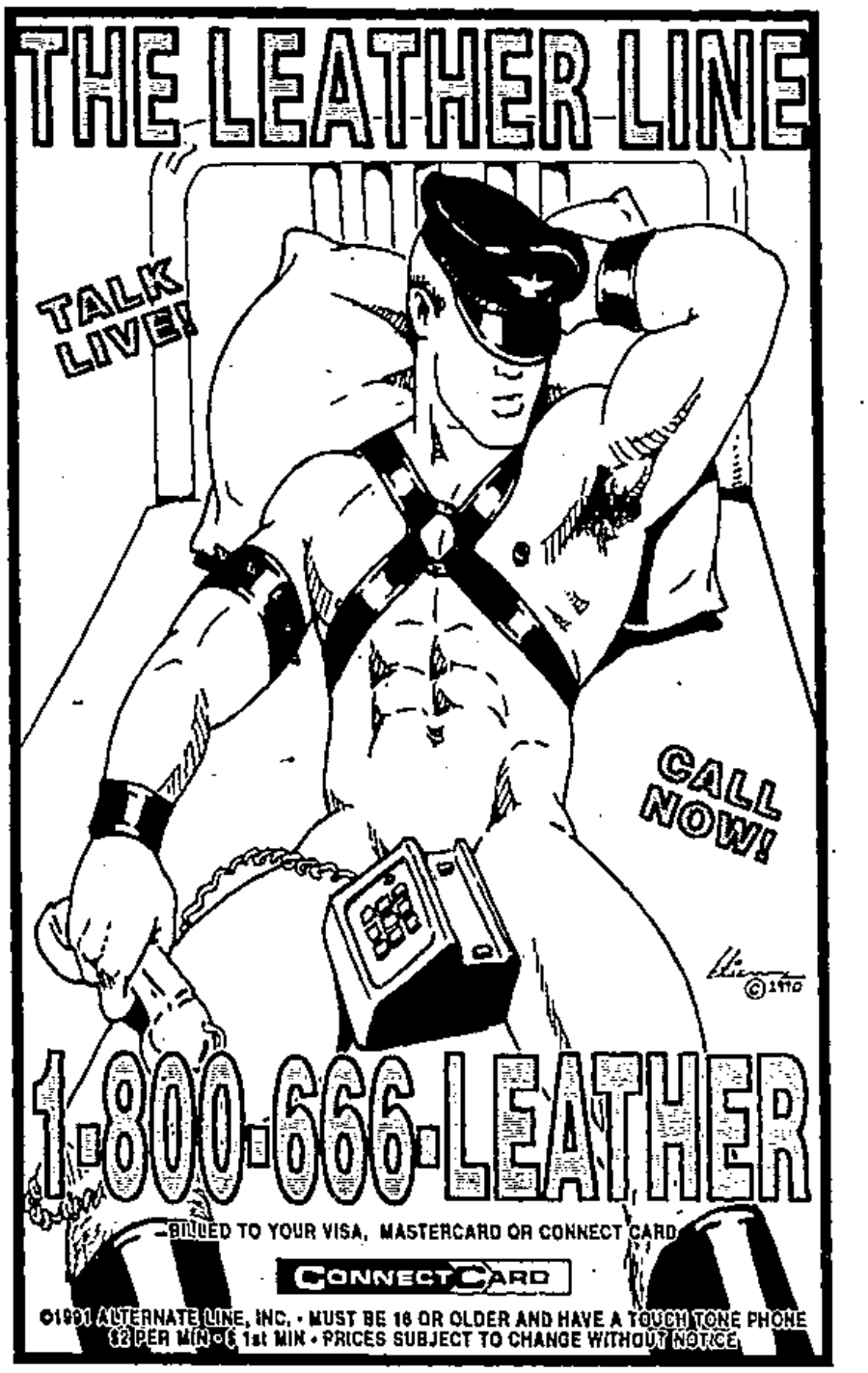
Together with Renslow, Mr. Orejudos established a leather night at the Hi Lo Club in Chicago and used it as a springboard to the establishment of the Gold Coast, one of the first and longest lasting leather bars in the nation. They subsequently went on to establish a string of clubs in Chicago, as well as clubs in other cities such as the Club Baths in Phoenix and the Club Baths in Kansas City .

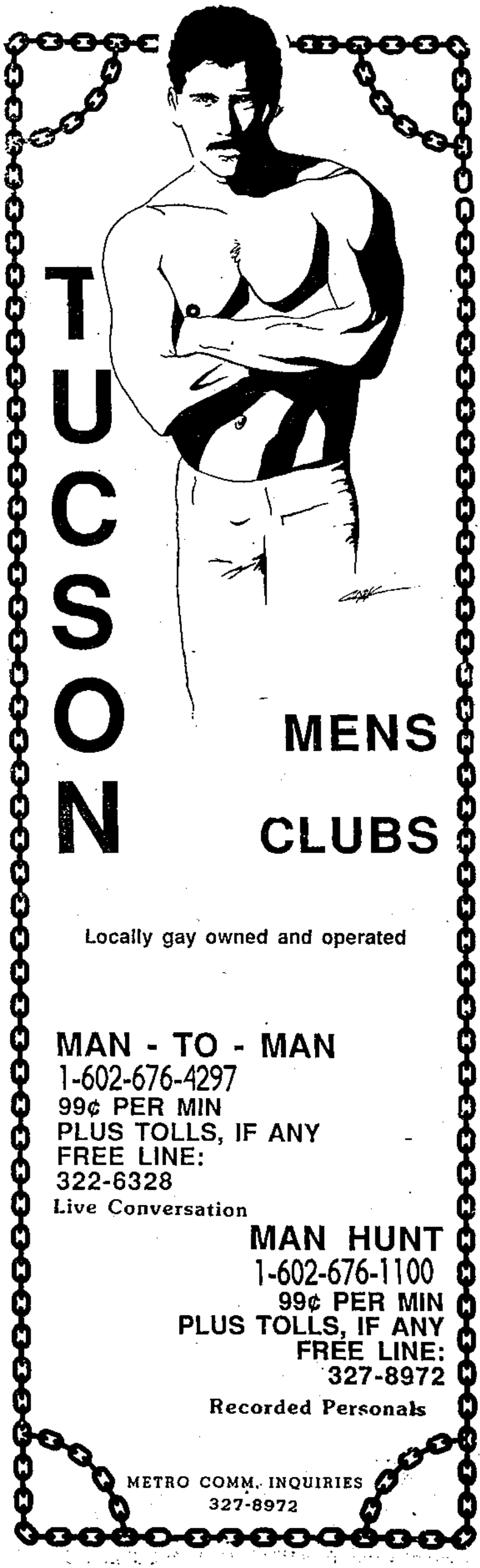
In 1981, Mr. Orejudos moved to Boulder, Colorado to devote his energies to ballet, art and his lover of 22 years, Robert Yhunke, who survives him. From their home in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, Don created a number of erotic fantasy art books. A world traveler, Mr. Orejudos was stricken with pneumonia while traveling with a 1987 delegation to China and Tibet. A memorial service was held last Saturday, Oct. 12 in Chicago.



Above is a self portrait by artist Don Orejudos, aka Etienne, and is typical of his erotic drawings of the male figure using exaggerated muscular imagery.







WHORE-A-SCOPES

by BARTHAN

ARIES

Start getting ready for the holidays early. It will take at least six weeks for your Accu-Jack to arrive anyway and six weeks to get your Halloween make-up off. Try to start getting to work on time.

TAURUS

Your bummed out about work, but things will improve this month. Start getting out more, but stay away from Rocky Point, they're still trying to figure out how you got fifteen of their best money-making boys across the border.

GEMINI

Be willing to extend yourself to someone in need, although in your case that could be quite a chore. Listen and learn when influential people do the talking. Look what it's done for Paul.

CANCER

Instant rapport develops between you and someone who works behind the scenes, such as your new love - the one that repairs the projectors at the bookstore. Do not rock the financial boat.

LEO

What to do? All your buddies at the usual hangout have rather reluctantly moved elsewhere. There are other bars. You've overstayed your welcome on Mt. Lemmon. How about the observatory on Kitt Peak?

VIRGO

Begging your tricks or treats to tie you up again? (It's the least they can do). Maybe it's time for Jennie Craig though - your last playmate ran out of rope. Have lunch with a nine this week.

LIBRA

Your boring love life has to end soon. When you least expect it, that kinky soul mate will drag you away. (Yeah, right). Keep a stiff upper lip - or something. Play it safe with your next paycheck. Make yourself available.

SCORPIO

Walk into the wrong bar again? "Lookin' for love in all the wrong places?" Told you to stay away from those teen dance clubs. A great weekend ahead for you. Buy some lottery tickets - luck runs high.

SAGITTARIUS

Haven't been making the rounds lately. Are we saving our quarters for the "fun house" or maybe a big night out in Nogales? You'll meet "the man with the Golden Gun" Friday. Things that make you go hummmmm!

CAPRICORN

You'll meet a socially retarded Japanese businessman. You've had better luck, but go with the flow. Applying for that great supermarket job? Just remember, "Eggs on top, cans on the bottom".

AQUARIUS

Stop in at the new bar in town, what's it called, "Daughter's of Satan"? You'll fit in just fine. How can you like Dupeche Mode? They don't even have any skin pigment.

PISCES

You'll meet a space cadet that plays for a heavy metal band. Try out for a spot - you can be the next Ozzie Osborne. Stop using your mother's Tampons. A gift comes by UPS this week.

Out On The Town

by Jza Jza LaMore

The Jersey Lillie is back for a return tour of the southwest. Those young calves better beware, no bull. Is Cookie's corral still constantly cruisin'? From the East Coast to the West, she'll trash them all. Just give her a chance. Davina Shore is preparing for a very fast national holiday tour but who wants to fall in love anyway, right Mac?

Another tour came through town for a return trip last weekend. From the Tour de Tucson to Drags on Parade, Nurse Jane and Co. outdid themselves. When's the last time a Harley was seen with pink chiffon billowing in the wind. Cosmic Mamma was cleverly disguised for service at a not-so-long-ago happy hour, but will she ever get service again? Maybe after the local crabs are eradicated. They're so big they've been seen from across the room.

Later, respects were paid to Cosmic Mamma as she laid in state after having been touring for several days. That little jaunt on University must have done it. Nurse Jane seems to have survived the birthday bash a little better than the Bean Plantation. It will be needing some rather extensive cosmic, or was that cosmetic surgery?

Trixi's been spotted around town but will she ever find that poison pen. That Welcome Wagon hostess wannabee seems to be succeeding very well. Will she be the next whore-about-town? When does Sybil's group go on tour again? Will this one be rated xxx?

What beach was that with the disappearing act and will the pool ever be the same? Vanoo must be readying for a roomie or sidekick. Her alter-box has never been made more spotless. Was anything discarded? Probably not, it may have been placed in temporary custody of the Ponderosa Annex. How does Miss Mae like that single life? Only time will tell. Is someone trying to change that? Hmmmm.

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P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 2579 E. 1st Avenue. Office hours 10 to 5, M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 322-9400 for info.

SHANTI FOUNDATION OF TUCSON
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P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36266, Tucson, AZ 85740-6266. All replies confidential.

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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Lesbian & Gay Community Center offers support groups / library / monthly newsletter. Volunteer opportunities. Information 624-1778 Tucson.

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

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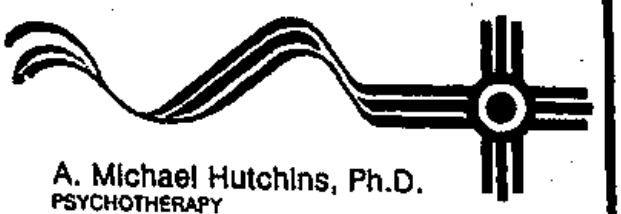
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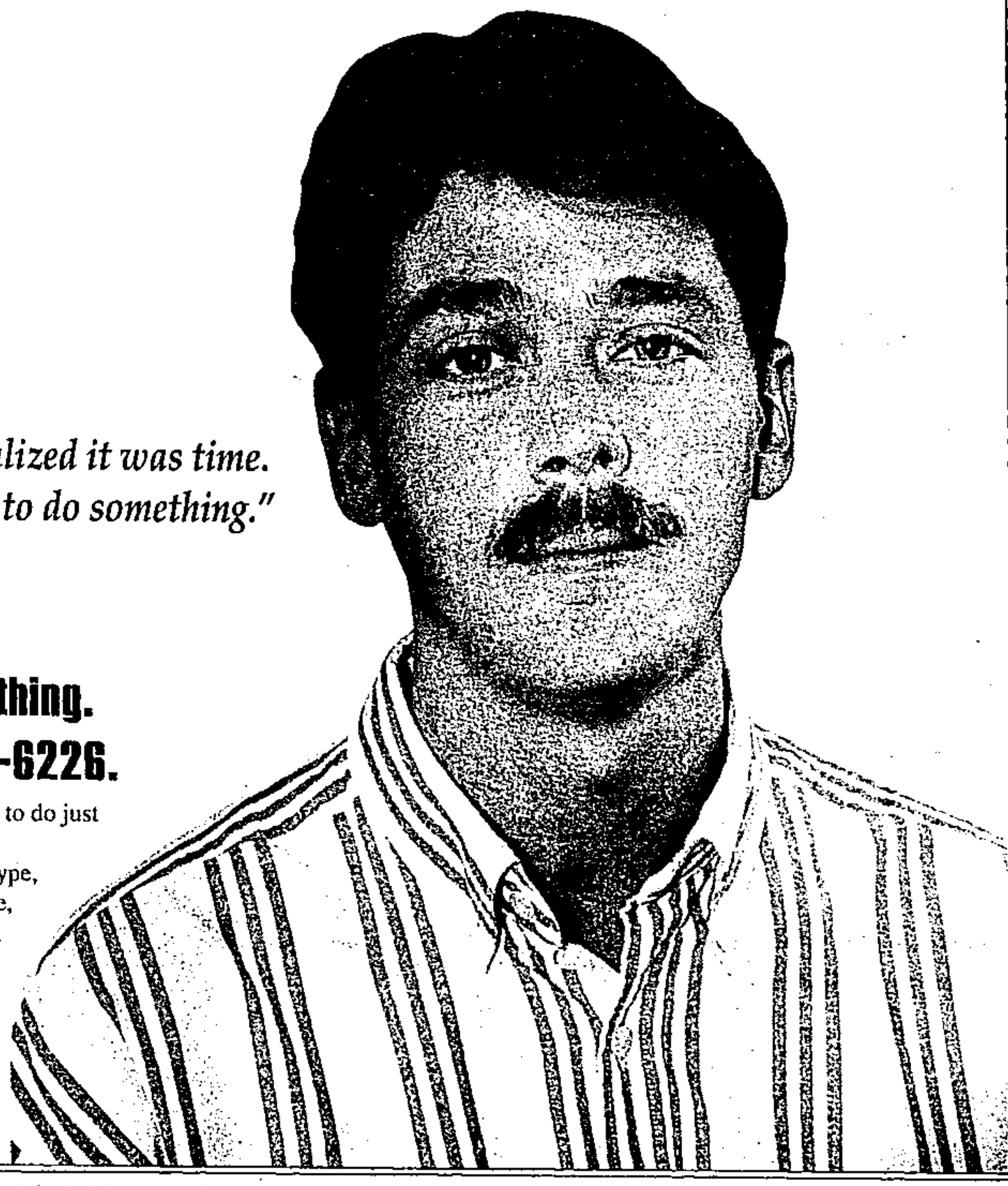

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