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Endowment reverses itself funds AIDS art exhibit

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) - The National Endowment for the Arts, in a bid to defuse a risky censorship controversy over an AIDS-related art show in New York City, reversed course and agreed to release \$10,000 in grant money for the exhibit.

NEA chairman John E. Frohnmayer, who two weeks ago rescinded the grant awarded in May, said last Thursday he would release the grant. The decision was announced here hours before the show, "Witnesses: Against Our Vanishing", opened for a scheduled run through Jan. 6.

The exhibit at the Artists Space gallery features paintings, photographs and sculpture by 23 artists and contains several explicit depictions of male genitals and controversial religious images.

Before the latest NEA reversal, Nan Golden, a prominent New York City photographer who organized the show, heard about the controversy and spoke to the press for the first time when reached for comment by the San Francisco Sentinel. "I'm horrified," Golden said. "This is a time when AIDS is being used for homophobia and sexual repression. And this proves it."

Golden said that although she is concerned the scandal may hinder her ability to be funded for exhibition in the future, the "Witness show will not be altered

in any way," and would unveil on schedule with NEA funding or not. "One of the original concepts (of the exhibit) was to try to show that sexuality is alive and well in the age of AIDS," Goldin said. "Sexuality doesn't equal AIDS, that's what crystallized the show."

In response to the NEA view of arts and politics, Goldin said, "All art is political anyway. I welcome this and I'm glad to be fighting against censorship."

Artist Space spokesperson Laura Miller said, "Artists Space is committed to allowing artists to make their own decisions. Although we're always concerned about funding, we're absolutely against censorship."

Apparently the censorship hue and cry convinced the NEA to relent, in this case at least.

"We appreciate that the NEA has a job to do and guidelines to follow," Miller said. "The real problem is Jesse Helms and the people he represents. He's trying to censor what the American public sees. That's the real issue." Miller called the NEA a "huge political football."

Representatives of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Washington, DC also regarded the NEA controversy as implementation of the Helms Amendment, passed earlier this year.

Drive started to repeal Mass. Gay rights law

BOSTON, MA (AP) - Opponents of Massachusetts' Gay-Rights law launched a repeal campaign last Wednesday, one day after Gov. Michael Dukakis signed the measure.

A coalition filed petitions with the Secretary of State's Office seeking a referendum on the law, which bans discrimination against homosexuals in housing, employment and credit. Massachusetts is the second state to enact such a law. (OBSERVER, Nov. 8)

"We intend to blow this bill to smithereens," said the Rev. Earl W. Jackson. "We intend to defeat this legislation and bury it so deep, no one will ever find it again."

Nancy Sutton, chairperson of Citizens for Families First, the group leading the repeal movement, said "When this question has been taken to the people for a vote anywhere in the nation, people clearly reject it."

She added, "Protecting and

thereby encouraging behavior that is contrary to traditional family life is harmful to every member of society."

Sutton filed petitions bearing 10 signatures - including those of former Gov. John Volpe, former Boston Mayor John Collins and Republican State Sen. Edward Kirby - to start a referendum campaign. To get the repeal question on the 1990 ballot, Gay-rights opponents must collect 25,263 signatures.

Before Massachusetts enacted the measure, Wisconsin was the only state with a Gay-rights law.

Arline Isaacson, co-chair of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, said of the repeal effort, "I'm disappointed and I'm frustrated; but, more than that, I am appalled. This bill gives us equal protection under the law."

She added, "This doesn't mean people have to like Gays or approve of our lifestyle."

Judge dismisses Steffan suit

NEW YORK, NY - Judge Oliver Gasch dismissed a suit by highly commended midshipman, Joseph Steffan at a hearing on Monday, Nov. 6 on whether Mr. Steffan should be forced to answer questions about his sexual activity. At the direction of his attorneys, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Mr. Steffan refused to submit to government demands that he answer whether he had engaged in homosexual conduct before and after being discharged from the Naval Academy.

Despite the fact that Mr. Steffan had never been accused of sexual conduct and that his statement that he is Gay was the only issue presented at the two administrative board hearings held prior to his discharge, Judge Gasch stated Steffan could not go forward with the suit unless the questions were answered.

Lambda filed suit in December 1988 (OBSERVER, Jan 4, 1989), after Mr. Steffan was discharged from the Naval Academy in Annapolis, less than four weeks before he was to graduate with honors. The suit challenges the constitu-

tionality of military policy which requires automatic discharge solely on a statement of one's homosexual orientation.

The Judge was unpersuaded by arguments that the information the government now demands is not relevant to the constitutionality of a discharge based on a statement of sexual orientation alone and that to compel Steffan's answer would violate the Fifth Amendment.

Sandy Lowe of Lambda Legal Defense stated, "We will appeal the dismissal. Sexual conduct has never been an issue in this case, and the Judge's dismissal of the entire suit is unfair and legally improper." A twenty-week investigation conducted by the Navy Investigative Service failed to turn up evidence of sexual conduct by Mr. Steffan, she noted.

Lowe continued, "The government's demands for this kind of information is unfair and puts the due process rights of all military personnel in jeopardy. If the gov-

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*"Let the bullets that rip
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The tree is a live, plantable tree, fully decorated in festive Christmas style, with a 100 dollar bill at the top of the tree. Chances to win this complete tree are \$1.00 each. All monies raised goes directly to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This program is for terminally ill children, who may have one wish they would like to see fulfilled.

Two years ago, the money raised to this benefit sent a child to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida where the child met a couple of Astronauts. Last year, the money was split between two children to help make their wishes come true.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation has the final say as to the distribution of the money donated to them.

As a special attraction this year, TKO will have drawings for other gifts under the tree which will lead up to the major prize. Those lucky enough to win one of these gifts, will have their raffle ticket placed back into the jar for the tree drawing later in the evening.

This is a chance to show the non-Gay community that we care. Your help is urged. For more information call 884-7309.

WINNER FOR HAWAIIAN TRIP DRAWN



TUCSON - The Independent Tavern-Owners Association (ITA), an organization of several Gay bars in Tucson and Phoenix, holds an annual raffle for vacation trips to various places. This year it was a trip for two to Hawaii. There are only a limited number of tickets printed, making the chances of winning better for those who purchase tickets.

ITA held their monthly meeting in Tucson last Tuesday, Nov. 14, and the winning ticket was drawn. Shown above is Colette Barajas, President of ITA and owner of Colette's West in Tucson with ITA Treasurer Bill Laybourne, co-owner of Apollo's in Phoenix. Although Bill did not draw the winning ticket, one of his customers was the winner. Congratulations to Dan Campbell. Aloha!

CONDOM EDUCATION REJECTED BY BISHOPS

BALTIMORE, MD (AP) - The nation's Roman Catholic bishops ended their annual fall meeting by urging Israel to negotiate terms of an independent Palestinian homeland, and rejecting condom education to prevent AIDS.

The policy statement on AIDS declared condom education represents a "quick fix" approach to the AIDS crisis that promote a false sense of security.

"You're dealing with a deadly, terminal illness. To suggest to anyone to use a device that may not work is a very dangerous admonition," said Archbishop Roger Mahony, head of the committee that made the statement.

Meanwhile Pope John Paul II has pledged church support for AIDS victims but says people at risk because of sexual practices must not resort to "morally illicit" means of prevention, an apparent reference to condoms.

"The church... is concerned not only with stating a series of 'no's' to particular behavior patterns, but above all with proposing a completely meaningful lifestyle for the person," he said in a closing address of a three-day Vatican conference on AIDS.

JUDGE ORDERS PENIS MEASURED IN MOLESTING CASE

INDIANAPOLIS, IN - Claiming anatomical differences between himself and an eight-year-old boy and a 10-year-old boy, James Dunn requested that his penis be measured. The measurement took place on orders of a Marion County Superior Court Judge who is hearing the case in which James Dunn is charged with molesting two boys and allegedly had anal intercourse with them. The exam was performed last May and nothing unusual was reported about Dunn's condition. The measurement was not revealed.



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Harper gives audience oral sex update

TUCSON - Last Thursday, Nov. 16, at a meeting of the "Think Positive Fex Project of Tucson", Arizona Department of Health Services Health Educator Alvin Harper gave a short talk about a controversial subject - oral sex and the transmission of HIV.

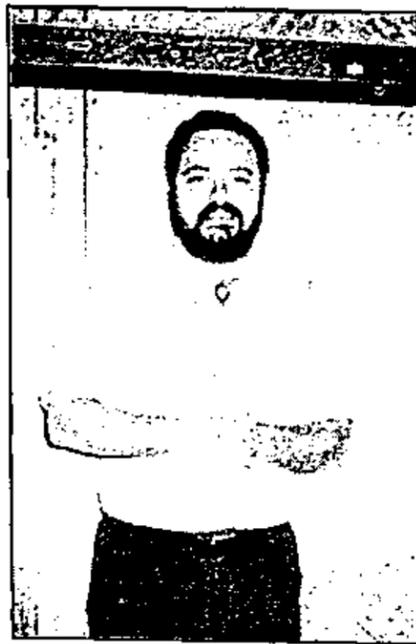
Recently, a research project conducted by Dr. Alan Lifson, Head of Research for the AIDS Office of the San Francisco Public Health Department, identified two men who tested positive after reporting receptive oral sex, with ejaculation, during a testing interval, where a previously negative blood sample seroconverted into a positive one.

The results of this research were leaked to the United Press International who published the results prematurely. Alvin Harper contacted Dr. Lifson, who was unhappy about the disclosure since all the facts are still unknown and he was reluctant to give any further information to Harper.

The research was part of an ongoing, clinical cohort study conducted by the San Francisco department from blood samples collected from over 6,500 men who had joined in a Hepatitis B study in the late 1970s.

"There are all kinds of questions (remaining unanswered) and they have to go back and look for what we call oral-cofactors. They were having oral sex, but under what circumstances?" Harper asked. "It is not terribly surprising to the folks at our department.... no one said it was impossible. But, there are many millions of HIV positives worldwide, and less than a dozen reports of oral transmission, most of which had not panned out," he said.

"We probably will see more



ALVIN HARPER

reports of oral transmission," Harper said. "You have to remember that researchers have a major reason for wanting to report that, because it is international headlines - publishable stuff. It is a good way for a doctor, who has never done anything exciting before, to get published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. So there are thousands of doctors out there who would like nothing better than document oral transmission, so they are looking for it," he said.

"Lifson tells me that he has been looking for it for the last five years."

Harper did caution against "rough" oral sex and recommended examination of the genitals before engaging in oral sex, also watch-

ing out for open sores in the mouth, bleeding gums, etc. Using a condom or not ejaculating in the mouth were still considered the safest of means of protecting oneself.

"The clear culprit in all of this is anal intercourse," Harper said.

Harper is attempting to establish better communication between the various organizations in Arizona cities. He would like to see them share information on the various projects they have going on in their region by having delegations visit other urban areas.

By imparting information on both successful and unsuccessful projects, Harper hopes to help eliminate pitfalls experienced by some organizations as well as learn from successful programs and implement them in other cities.

This new program will begin after the first of the year and could prove to be of excellent value to everyone concerned.

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erment. is allowed to compel Steffan, to answer these questions at this late date, the military could discharge anyone for any reason and come back after the fact and compel new facts to justify their original action."

Joseph Steffan added that he was disappointed that the case was dismissed, "But I was prepared from the start for a long, tough fight. We will appeal and I believe we will win."

Founded in 1973, Lambda is the nation's oldest and largest legal organization dedicated to the rights of Lesbians and Gay men.

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When writer and activist Joseph Beam became frustrated that so little gay literature spoke to him as a black gay man, he did something about it: the result was *In the Life*, an anthology which takes its name from a black slang expression for "gay." Here, thirty-three writers and artists explore what it means to be doubly different - black and gay - in modern America. Their stories, essays, poetry, and artwork voice the concerns and aspirations of an often silent minority.

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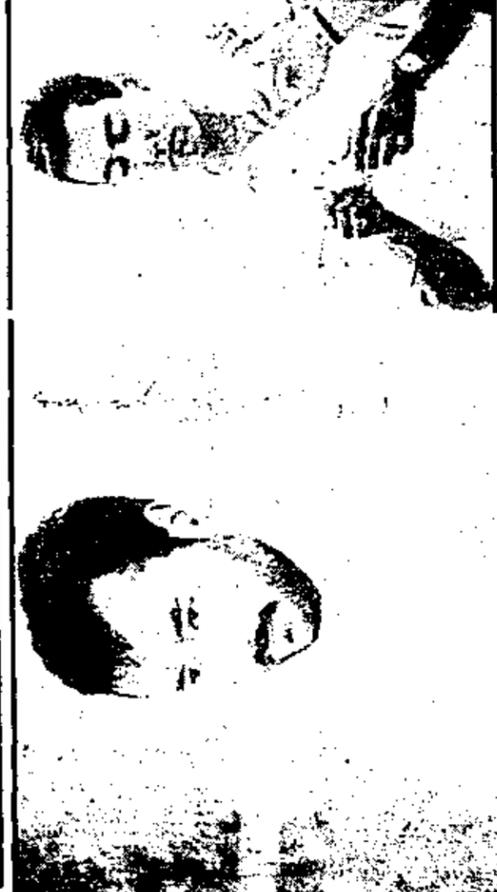
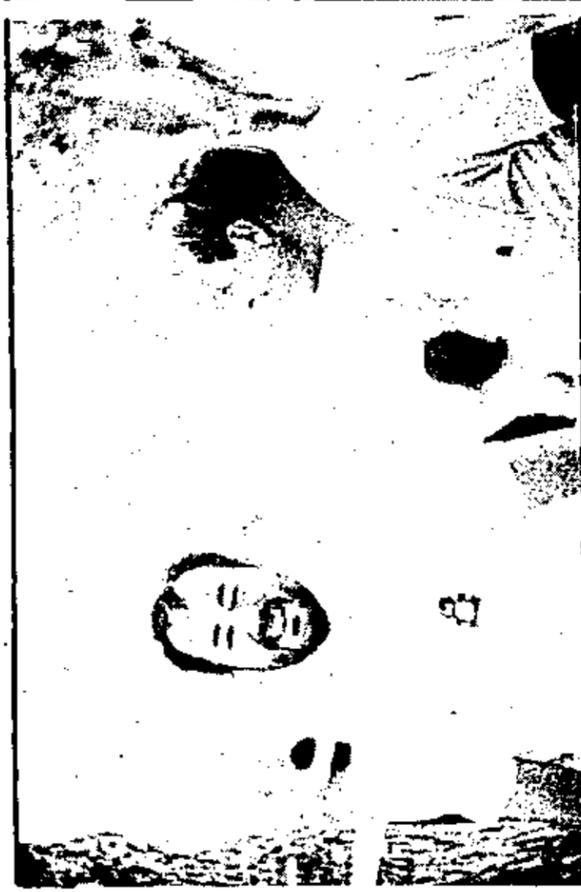
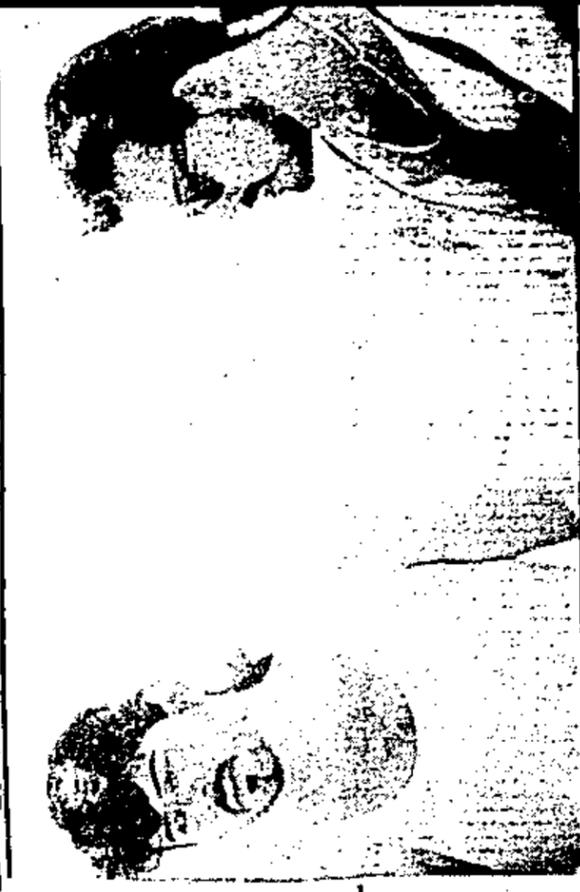
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IN MEMORIAM



RUE STARR
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Rue Starr died on Thursday, Nov. 9 in Tucson of AIDS. Rue had been battling with AIDS since one week after the historic March On Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, Oct. 11, 1987. His last great activity had been coordinating the Southern California's Friends of the March, where he conceptualized the coalition, raised \$50,000, giving \$12,500 to the Washington office of the March, the largest sum by any community or group in the nation. He marched at the head of the Southern California contingent, 30,000 strong, the largest contingent from any part of the country.

Born in Marion, Ill., Rue attended Southern Illinois State University. When he could not take the manifest homophobia of Mid-America any longer he moved to Houston. There he organized the local Gay band, the Montrose Symphony, where he played trombone.

He moved to California in late 1980 and there he achieved many Gay movement goals. He became full-time staff member of the coalition put together to fight the Lyndon LaRouche-inspired initiative which would have led to mandatory testing, and then to possible quarantine. When that initiative was defeated, Rue went on staff with the AIDS Project/Los Angeles.

Rue had within the last three years converted to Judaism, becoming a member of Beth Chayim Chadashim Temple in Los Angeles, the first Lesbian/Gay temple in history.

Toward the end of his time, he went to Tucson to be cared for by James Lefkowitz, his companion of a number of years. James was loving and concerned and was with Rue at the end.

A memorial service is planned in Los Angeles for Dec. 10 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lesbian/Gay synagogue. Friends request any donations be sent to the Shanti Foundation/Tucson, a group that cared for him right to the end.

Britt comments on Domestic Partner setback

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The landmark Domestic Partners legislation, signed into law in June, 1989, but later referred to the ballot, suffered a setback when San Francisco voters failed to approve it (OBSERVER, Nov. 15).

The measure, known as Proposition S, was defeated by an extremely narrow margin, 50.5% to 49.5%. The measure would have made San Francisco the first city in the nation to formally recognize the existence of Gay and Lesbian relationships, by providing domestic partnership registration by the city government.

Supervisor Harry G. Britt, President of the Board of Supervisors and author of the legislation commented:

"After the October 17th earthquake which struck the San Francisco Bay Area, national media reports indicated the San Francisco had fallen into the ocean. Many of us were forced to call worried friends and relatives around the country and reassure them that most of the city was doing quite well. After yesterday's (Nov. 7) narrow defeat of Proposition S, I feel the need to once again reassure the world that we are alive and well.

"Virtually every poll taken prior to the election indicated widespread support. The legislation was unanimously passed by the Board of Supervisors and signed by the Mayor, and endorsed by every major newspaper in the city. Despite the election results, we are confident that the vast majority of San Franciscans welcome Gay men and Lesbians as part of the family."

Britt continued, "We knew from the start of this election that those who were most likely to vote against us. We knew we needed an extraordinary turnout to offset this relatively small but frequently-voting group of conservatives who do not represent the San Francisco experience of inclusion, acceptance and understanding. We launched an aggressive campaign but the earthquake hit at a crucial time, only three weeks before the election. We immediately diverted all of our energy and resources to assist in the city's recovery."

"We have suffered a setback, but yesterday's defeat only temporarily postpones these important steps in recognizing non-traditional relationships. The Mayor's Task Force will immediately move forward with recommendations to the Health Services Board to provide access to health benefits to the domestic partners of city employees. We will also move quickly to realize the dreams which were jolted in yesterday's election aftershock."

"We are relying on you to help us spread the truth. The Board of Supervisors still supports this legislation, the Mayor has reaffirmed his commitment to legitimize Gay and Lesbian relationships, and mainstream San Francisco, while not voting in great enough numbers yesterday, is ready to give their approval."

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When the Pentagon paper praising homosexuals in the military was leaked to the press recently, ABC's Nightline devoted one-half hour show to it. The guests were one former Pentagon official whose name I didn't get, but who now favors homosexuals in the military; Joseph Steffan - the young man kicked out of Annapolis just before his scheduled graduation for being Gay in spite of his being in the top ten of his class as well as being a battalion commander in charge of 375 underclassmen; and California's favorite sicko Senator Robert Dornan.

The former Pentagon official was a nice liberal man in spite of my distrust of liberals, I wish there were more people like him, more people willing to examine and change long-held opinions within themselves.

Steffan was a sheer delight. Not only is he one hot young man, but he is articulate, well informed and more than willing to jump in Dornan's poop and call him an ignorant fool whenever it's appropriate, that is to say, whenever he opens his mouth.

And Dornan? Well, he was his usual sick, hateful, homophobic self. But I began to notice as he ranted that not only is he one very sick closet case, but he seems to have a serious learning disability, one that I believe should preclude his being a U.S. Senator. It seems he is unable to differentiate between the words homosexual, sodomy and AIDS, either spoken or written down.

Now that I think about it, it all seems so obvious. And Senator Dornan is not the first to be afflicted with this same learn-

ing disability. Many military people have it, the higher the rank, the more likely to be afflicted. Almost all fundamentalists seem to have it, although some have only the aural form due to illiteracy.

Politicians seem less afflicted, although there are some as witness Senators Dornan and Helms and Rep. Dannemeyer. However these politicians all represent areas with inordinately large percentages of the populations afflicted with this disability. It must be something in the water that makes so many so homophobic.

This learning disability has no name as yet like dyslexia or something, although I've been thinking of it as homoplexia. That is, as the condition wherein the word homosexual freezes up all logical thought. In its purest form it is even more virulent than the better known homophobia. In homophobia the victim is afraid of the homosexual person. In homoplexia, the afflicted is terrified of even the word homosexual. In fact, the patient is also afraid of the word that describes an action - the homosexual might perform - sodomy, and a disease that homosexuals have contracted in the past - AIDS.

As you can easily see the homoplexic is a sick little person, more to be pitied than hated. And, as you can also see, the homoplexic is a thoroughly dangerous little person, subject to delusions and grand campaigns, but they make perfectly acceptable gardeners and have even been successfully employed as garbagemen, providing the neighborhood on their route is neither integrated nor gentrified.

GAYBRIEFS

by Jim Roche

HONK IF YOU MASTURBATE

When I was a closeted high school student in the 60's, I remember we boasted about the four F's: Find 'em, Feel 'em, Fuck 'em, Forget 'em. A sexist, macho attitude I'm still ashamed of. If you wanted to be a "man" you had to show you were only interested in one thing, fucking a girl. Not love. Not relationships. Fucking girls. It was fucking that would prove you were a real guy. If you didn't do it, you at least had to talk about it.

Masturbation, foreplay, sex for pleasure that didn't have as its aim intercourse, didn't do anything for your image. Whoever discussed any other kind of sex than intercourse when they were a teenager? Did you ever say that somebody beat you off great? You wouldn't dare! People who masturbated were weird. Faggots. Queers. It was a standard joke to say somebody "played with themselves". You would never admit that YOU masturbated. And today, most sexual alternatives that don't have as their goal intercourse, still are considered less than normal, "queer".

In a recent report from the Federal Centers for Disease Control we read that the number of reported AIDS cases in teenagers in the past two years has increased by 40%. Not only are teens being infected, but they are being infected at an alarming rate. In New York, state health officials say that 11 in 1,000 babies born to 15-year-olds test positive to HIV. 1 in 100 born to 19-year-olds test positive. Of course this means their teenage mothers are infected.

Other recent studies have brought to light the alarming rate of HIV infection on college campuses as well. And finally, just to help you project this into the future a bit, the Center for Population Options reports that each year one in six teenagers contracts a sexually transmitted disease. One in six! And these sexually active teens have an average of at least four different partners.

The AIDS crisis hasn't bottomed out, and it isn't over yet. It's going to get worse as it spreads among teenagers, resources will become harder to find and the problem is people won't become aware until it's too late.

These days, it seems, that sex isn't something people want to talk about, especially when it comes to talking to their children. The only talking teens are getting about sex is still the four F's.

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POLITICS '89

by Mark R. Kerr

INTERVIEW WITH GEORGIA STANTON CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Recently, I had a chance to have a talk with Georgia Stanton. Georgia is running for the Democratic nomination for State Attorney General. The post is presently held by Robert Corbin, a Republican. Corbin has held the post for twelve years, and in lieu of the Mechem impeachment proceedings, and the resulting flack, he may not run for a fourth term. Georgia was in Tucson last week to speak to the Legislative District Democratic Clubs, drumming up support for her campaign.

MARK: Georgia, can you tell me about your legal background?
STANTON: "I received my Bachelor's and Law Degree from the University of Kansas. In 1974, I began my legal career as a criminal prosecutor in Kansas. In 1975, Bruce Babbitt, the Attorney General then, recruited me to prosecute organized crime and racketeering cases involving land and investment fraud."

In 1982 I was appointed Special Assistant United States Attorney by the U.S. Department of Justice, to prosecute one of the states most complex criminal fraud cases. In 1984, I joined the Phoenix law firm of Jones, Skelton and Hochuli as a civil trial lawyer. I represent the State, several Arizona counties and major cities in the state."

MARK: Why are you running for State's Attorney General?
STANTON: "Three reasons why I am running. First, the state needs a dedicated, enthusiastic, committed Attorney General to tackle the various problems this state faces. The present A.G. has become complacent in the job, with the result that the office potential is not up to where it could be with an aggressive Attorney General. Second, the Attorney General must focus on one of the major problems of this State. The problem of drugs. I will lead the charge against the pushers and suppliers, and prosecute them fully."

Third, to make the Attorney General's office a statewide office, not continuing the view that the Attorney General's jurisdiction ends at the Maricopa County line. In the Attorney General's office in the State Capitol, there are 230 attorneys. In the statewide offices, there are only 30. This unfair balance must change, and now is the time for change."

MARK: What are some of your goals if you are elected the next State's Attorney General?
STANTON: "To increase the efficiency of the Attorney General's Office. To prosecute drug dealers and suppliers. To prosecute cases of abuse against senior citizens. To prosecute cases fully, against criminal fraud."

MARK: What are your views on abortion, the cohabitation laws, the sodomy statutes?
STANTON: "These are not issues concerning the Attorney General's race. But, I will tell you my personal opinion on these issues that you have brought up. When it comes to the abortion question, I am unequivocally pro-choice, a woman should have the right to choose, and the state should not have the right to say how a person leads their lives."

"When it comes to the other topics, I can say it in just a few words. No government has the

right to stick their nose into your business. These laws are archaic, and should not be on the books. I am definitely against them."

MARK: Can you tell me your opinion of Proposition 200?
STANTON: "I am still opposed to this poorly written law. Prop. 200 puts the candidates who do not have the bucks, into a proverbial ocean full of sharks, trying hard to survive by getting a \$200 piece of food here or there just to survive."

MARK: Why should we vote for the Democratic nominee for State's Attorney General?
STANTON: "I have no hidden agenda. I would be fair to all. I do not classify people into groups. Everyone is equal. I will not focus on groups, or political organizations. I will tell it like it is."

"In 1988, I ran unsuccessfully for Maricopa County Attorney, but I lost by only 1.4%. I received 312,485 votes compared to my opponents 323,699. Maricopa County is a Republican stronghold. Historically, if a Democrat can garner 46% of the vote, or higher in Republican Maricopa County,

they win comfortably in a statewide race.

"Many Arizona Democrats in their initial bid for the office to which they were elected, did not do as well as I did. For example, when Bruce Babbitt ran for Governor in 1978, he received only 48.6% of the vote in Maricopa County. When Richard Kimball ran for the Arizona Corporation Commission in 1982, he received 48.7% of the vote. When Marcia Weeks ran for the ACC in 1984, she only received 48.6% of the vote. When C. Diane Bishop ran for the State School Superintendent's job, she received 46.1%. When I ran last year, I received 49.3% of the vote. With these results, I can win the Attorney General's race."

(I was very impressed with Georgia Stanton and believed her to be a hardworking individual and a dedicated attorney who wishes to have the opportunity to bring new energy to the Attorney General's office. She is qualified for the job, and I think she would make a great Attorney General. She has the moxie to do the job).

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TEAM	MON	LOST	PCT.	GB
1. THE BACKDOOR BOYS	52	18	.742	—
2. THE WEEK AFTER NEXT	49	21	.700	3
3. BOOKS BROTHERS LIMITED	40	30	.571	12
4. THE VIRGINS	39	31	.557	13
5. BANANA NUT BREAD	38	32	.543	14
6. JOSHUA TREE	35	35	.500	17
7. THE STRAY BALLS	32	38	.457	20
8. SOMETHIN' REAL CUTE	22	48	.314	30

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TEAM	MON	LOST	PCT.	AVG.
1. FALL GUYS	24	8	.750	568
2. TEAM #8	23	9	.718	567
3. STRIKE FORCE	20	12	.625	572
4. HEAD HUNTERS	19	13	.593	577
5. GUTTER QUEENS	17	15	.531	560
6. TEAM #1	14	18	.437	557
7. TEAM #4	12	20	.375	549
8. LANE BRAINS	11	21	.343	555
9. HARD TIMES	10	22	.312	554
10. VIRGINETTES	10	22	.312	548

HIGH HANDICAP GAME: STRIKE FORCE 663 / FALL GUYS 661 / HEAD HUNTERS 655. DAVID C. 258 / DOUG H. 255 / AL N. 248
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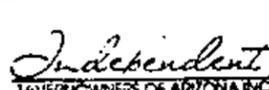
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WHAT'S UP DOG?



As we approach Thanksgiving 1989, I look back over the year's I've been in Tucson. There is probably a list as long as this page of the Observer that I could mention that I'm thankful for, but summing all of them up, they fall somewhere in the following areas:

Thankful just to be alive, to be free, have a beautiful love, living in Tucson where the Gay world is not suppressed, and in general happy to have met so many beautiful and caring people.

As you sit down for this special meal, reflect back on all you have to be thankful for. You may be surprised just how much there is when you look at it this way.

I have been mentioning in my column for the past few weeks, the ITA drive going on during all of November and December. In last week's OBSERVER, Roger put a long list of items needed by the ITA for distribution here in Tucson by Shanti. In no way is this list complete because there are a lot of other items that can and would be used. Again, I ask the total Tucson community to get behind this drive and show that giving spirit we have always shown here in the Old Pueblo.

Check over the list and see if there is something you could bring and drop off at one of the local ITA member bars. If you have any questions as to items you may wish to give, give Roger a call, or one of the other members of the ITA. ITA (Independent Tavernowners Association) members in Tucson are the Graduate, Rainbow Room, Colette's and Rumor Hazzit.

In case you have not been reading this paper/or hearing talk around town, starting at 3:00 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 23, will be the beginning of this year's Arizona Fellowship Run here in Tucson. I will not waste your time giving you the complete run schedule but I know for a fact it is a full one with plenty of different activities and games that everyone can enjoy. If you would like to join everyone on this run, registration begins at the Graduate at 3:00 p.m., tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 23. If you just want more information on the run, check at the registration table.

I'm not sure Tucson is ready for the total club scene run going on this weekend, but we all are in it now and I can guarantee good times will be had by all around town. Not only will those on this yearly run have a full and fun schedule, but the Graduate (as always a party place) has come up with a couple special events for the weekend too.

First off their yearly Thanksgiving show will be on Thursday evening, starting at 8:30ish, hosted by Aviva Diamond, and on Friday, evening, they will be having a special show is a welcome to the Arizona Fellowship Run people. It will be also hosted by Aviva, and will feature Candi Plastique and Lady Casandra. Both shows should prove to be very entertaining and should be attended by a large audience from the Tucson community.

The Friday evening show, starting again around 8:30, will be an all-comedy show. With Aviva as hostess, you know a good show will be presented for everyone's entertainment. Now, after a previous benefit show at the Graduate, "Sluggo" (nicknamed by Kimberly Ryan) Candi Plastique will be doing no telling what this time, but each time she has appeared in a show in comedy, there has not been a straight, non-laughing face in the crowd.

The at the Graduate on Saturday, Nov. 25, Hopi and Kenny are teaming up to hold a football game special. The game, on TV, will be the UofA vs. ASU blockbuster - the biggie of the season for both teams. With our Wildcats already being invited to this year's Copper Bowl here in Tucson, the game should be a little extra special. First off, the Sun Devils will be trying to break the winning chain our Wildcats have put together - 5 wins and 1 tie in a row. Then also, they will be trying to beat us because we are going to the Copper Bowl.

There will be free Hors d'Oeuvres, plus Hot Dogs at twenty-five cents each, and some special entertainment supplied by some of the customers. Stop in for the game because it will be a wild one and, as always, a wild day at the Graduate.

Also, don't forget the Partners Bowling For Dollars Benefit for Shanti going on Dec. 10. Applications are now in the bars so pick yours up and start rounding up those pledges. Let all of us really try to make this year's benefit the largest ever. I'll be out there with my pledge sheet so please do not sign all your money away on other pledge sheets. All I want is 1 penny a pin, unless you would like to make a larger donation or a plain cash donation.

Partners will be accepting sponsorships from any bar, club or organization. With each sponsorship, it will pay for the bowling fees for the day for one team of 5 members. TKO will be having a team there and are willing to take on all challengers (team-wise that is). I will only be bowling on TKO's team this year and not bowling in single challenges.

I hope and pray everyone reading this column this week has the most beautiful and loving Thanksgiving possible.

News From MCC Tucson

This is the big "Feast Week" as we celebrate Thanksgiving. At 11:00 a.m., tomorrow, Nov. 23, a special Worship Service will be held to celebrate this national holiday. At 2:00 p.m., a Thanksgiving Dinner will be served. Everyone is welcome to join us in giving thanks for all of our blessings.

Saturday evening, Nov. 25, starting at approximately 6:30 p.m., our regular monthly Bingo Games will be held. The games will follow Desert Leathermen's dinner with the Arizona Fellowship Run. There will be ten games played with the first nine games paying \$5.00 to the winners of each, the tenth game will be "Cover All" and will pay \$40.00 to the winner (or winners as was the case at last month's games when the big game was shared by three winners).

Even though Stone Avenue is still torn up and traffic is limited, there is plenty of parking and easy access off of Stone. Our regular Sunday Morning Worship Service starts at 10:45 a.m. and our Sunday Evening Worship Service starts at 5:30 p.m. Join us as we finalize this year of 1989 and prepare for an even greater year in 1990. Big plans are in the making.

Thought for the Week: If we could see ourselves as others see us, we'd never speak to them again.



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Sexuality is 'Normal and Good'

WASHINGTON, DC - Society should acknowledge sexuality as normal rather than deny it as we have been doing for centuries, said Dr. Sylvia S. Hacker, Associate Professor at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, when addressing the Eighth International Convention of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) recently.

In particular, Dr. Hacker derided sex education courses that do little more than describe the "plumbing" of human anatomy and ignore the fact that sexuality pervades nearly every aspect of life. America lags in meaningful sex education, she told the audience of 300 at the Novi Bilton near Detroit, Michigan.

While some other countries are trying to wipe out teenage pregnancy, she said, "in this country we are trying to wipe out teenage sexuality." Indeed, she noted, telling a turned-on teenager to "just say no" is "like telling a psychotic depressive to 'have a nice day'".

If we are to end misconceptions about sexuality, including homosexuality, Dr. Hacker said, we should acknowledge that sexuality is 'normal and good,' and that it is far more than intercourse. "Sexuality is welded to one's personality" and includes "holding hands, kissing," and other forms of physical contact between same-gender and opposite-gender humans, she said.

Dr. Hacker also criticized the old myth that only adults between 20 and 35 are sexual. Since ultrasound pictures have shown that a fetus can "suck its thumb in the womb", we know that people are sexual "from the cradle to the grave .. from the womb to the tomb," she said.

The Federation of Parents FLAG was incorporated in 1982 and has as its main objective offering support to parents, families, and friends of Gay men and Lesbians, and educating its members and others about issues related to homosexuality. The organization has since grown to more than 80 chapters located across the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia.

"This past year has been a year of transition and tremendous growth," Parents FLAG President Paulette Goodman told the audience in her annual report. "We opened our National Office in Washington, DC, launched our Family AIDS Education Project, responded to thousands of inquiries, and testified at City and County Councils across the land to ensure that Gay and Lesbian people will have full human and civil rights."

This year's Convention carried the theme "Listening, Learning, Loving," and offered participants 22 workshops. A special Federation Award was presented to Cleve Jones, executive director of the NAMES Project Foundation, which coordinates the expansion, tour and display of the AIDS Quilt.

For more information on Parents FLAG, write P.O. Box 27605, Washington, D.C. 20038; or call (202)638-4200. Readers who wish to receive materials should send a 45-cent stamped, self-addressed envelope and enclose \$1 for handling costs to Parents FLAG, P.O. Box 20308, Denver, Colorado 80220.



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CALENDAR

of upcoming events

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - THANKSGIVING DAY
COLETTE'S - So the 'family' can eat, Colette's will open at 7:00 p.m. this evening only. Bappy birds!

GRADUATE - It's Thanksgiving and the Grad is presenting its annual Wild Turkey Show hosted by Aviva Diamond with special guests. 8:30 p.m.

IBT'S Will open at 7:00 p.m. because all the employees will be out eating those turkeys!

RAINBOW ROOM - opens at 6:00 p.m. today only in observance of the holiday.

RUMORZ - Will open at 7:00 p.m. so staff and celebrate Turkey Day with their friends and relatives.

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

GRADUATE - Arizona Fellowship Run Welcoming Show here at 8:30 p.m. with Aviva Diamond, Candi Plastique and Lady Casandra.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25
GRADUATE - The UofA vs. ASU rivalry football game will be shown with much hoopla here. Free Hors d'Oeuvres plus .25 hot dogs and lots of noise and action. Check it out.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26
GRADUATE - Free send-off Brunch for the Arizona Fellowship Run people as well as the general public. Come on by and join the crowd re-living their weekend experiences.

IBT'S - Kevin Andrews presents "The Phoenix Beat" a touring male revue that has been setting records here lately. If you haven't seen these hot young men you are missing the boat.

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30
IBT'S - Penelope Poupe, and her men from Phoenix who will take it off before your very eyes, and a delightful sight to see too! Miss Gay America, Brandy Alexander, will make a very special appearance tonight also. A really big show!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1
COLETTE'S - Benefit for Chile Solidarity Action beginning and running until 11 p.m. Entertainment includes Razz-Ha-Tazz, Anne English, Andes Chico, Bwya-Toli and others followed by Salsa tapes and dancing. Cover charge by sliding scale.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11
COLETTE'S - Patti McCulla entertains in her own inimitable style. A truly fine musician.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
COLETTE'S - Popular Nakoma Shay returns to town to entertain her many local fans and surely to make a lot of new ones. 9 p.m. \$2.00.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
COLETTE'S - Plans for a big women's Variety Show underway for presentation here. \$2.00 cover. Watch more details.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
COLETTE'S - Annual Christmas Party for the kids 7:00 p.m. Help decorate the tree and get it ready for Santa's visit 8 to 9 with lots of presents for the children.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
 Country/Western Night again with popular vocalist Loren Johnson leading the festivities.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
COLETTE'S - New Year's Eve Party with sit-down dinner 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Buffet and dancing 9 to closing. Free champagne (alcoholic and non) at midnight.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

EVERY 1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY
 "IMAGES" Shanti Support Group - 7 p.m. A support group focusing on positive attitudes, self-love and self-healing. HIV/AIDS persons encouraged. Call 571-0372 for location.

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

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

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

Non-Bar CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23
 Shanti Foundation Thanksgiving Dinner for Frensdorff House. Call 622-7107 for information.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24
 Anne English will be performing at Boomer's starting at 8:30 p.m. This multi-talented performer is always a joy to watch and listen to.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25
 Bingo Games will be played at MCC/Tucson starting approximately 6:30 p.m. right after Desert Leathermen's dinner with the Arizona Fellowship Run. Bingo cards are sold with 3 cards to a sheet for .50 per sheet. Everyone is welcome.

Boomer's will present Daily Young on her acoustic guitar starting at 8:30 p.m. Plan now to stop by and enjoy this versatile entertainer.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, NOV. 23-24-25-26
 The Arizona Fellowship Run will present their 3rd Annual Run. Starting at the Graduate at 4 pm, registration will continue throughout the evening at 6 pm at the MCC Church Building, 560 S. Stone. A full weekend of meals, games, awards and fellowship. The full run fee for the four days is \$20. See Doc's column this issue of OBSERVER.

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

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
 Taco Tuesday at Mi Casa Su Casa from 6-9 p.m. A \$4.00 donation is requested for the open buffet.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
 C.A.T. committee meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Joshua Tree. This is an early starting time and everyone is urged to attend this meeting.

Metaphysical Night at Boomer's with Samel, the Spiritual Guide Artist starting at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1
 Cynthia Stacy will be performing at Boomer's starting at 8 p.m. Plan for another enjoyable evening at Boomer's.

40's & Better women's social organization bowling at Golden Pin Lanes, 1010 W. Miracle Mile 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2
 40's & Better women's group First Anniversary and Holiday Celebration at Mountain View Restaurant in the Private Banquet Room. RSVP by Nov. 27. Call 624-5247 for more information. For women only. Entree choice and \$10 check must be received by Nov. 27. (Under 40 must be accompanied by a chaperon).

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
 The Tucson Metropolitan Community Chorus will present their Winter Concert "A Winter Serenade" at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4837 E. 22nd Street at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4.00 in advance from any chorus member, or at Books Brothers, Antigone Books or at the Wingspan office or by calling 887-6851, or \$5.00 at the door.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
 Partners Bowl-A-Thon for Shanti Foundation will be held at Fiesta Lanes, 501 West River Road. Bowling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. There is a \$5 Registration Fee for all bowlers which will include all bowling fees plus shoes, every bowler will receive a free T-shirt. Registration forms and Pledge sheets are available at most of your local bars, Shanti office, MCC/Tucson and several businesses. Call 622-7107 or 882-6498 for more information.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
 OPEPA's annual holiday meeting, this year a luncheon at the fashionable Arizona Inn, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Arizona Governor Rose Mofford has been invited as luncheon speaker. The invitation has been acknowledged but the governor's schedule is not yet firm. Music will be by Lisa Orey. The charge will be \$15 per member and guest; \$17 per non-member.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
 40's and Better Business Meeting. At these meetings, this women's organization plans future events. If interested in attending call 624-5247 for location.

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 per glass; Bloody Marys \$1.25. Steak Dinner 5 pm to 7:00 \$4.00. DJ from 9 pm until 1 am, Linda Fisdale.

COLETTE'S WEST - Open 11 a.m. Brunch til 3 pm, specials all day. "Wine Down Nite" \$1.00 Wine 8 pm to Midnight. Movie Nite on the big screen at 7 pm.

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

IT'S 'BOUT TIME - Flamingo Cafe open noon to 4, great food from your hostess Kenny Anne. Noon to 7:00 Country Music - live dancing - drink specials. Dance 9 - 1.

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

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

monday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 pm Draft Beer .50 Schnapps .75 / November Special Well and Domestic Beer \$1.00 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Bowler's Special with Fiesta Bowling card .50 off well and beer 9 to 1.

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

GRADUATE - Happy Hour prices opening until closing.

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

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

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

tuesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Noon to 7 p.m. Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm Domestic Beer \$1.25, Well drinks \$1.50. November Special 7 pm to 1 am any drink in the house \$1.75. Bobby Jr. DJ's at 9.

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

GRADUATE - .50 draft from opening to closing.

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

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

RUMORAZZIT - Open Noon to 1 am. 2 for 1 well/ beer 4-7 pm. VJ/DJ 9-1 with Dwayne.

wednesday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust from Noon to Close Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm non-premium beer \$1.25, Well drinks \$1.50. DJ Linda 9pm.

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

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

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RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. Schnapps .50 from 8 pm to close. Music tonight oldies but goodies!

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

thursday

BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE - Draft Beer Bust from Noon to Close Draft Beer .50 - Schnapps .75 / 4-7 pm non-premium beer \$1.25 / Well drinks \$1.50. November Special from 7 pm to 1 am Long Neck Bud and Bud Light \$1.25. DJ 9 to 1 Dave Pierson.

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friday

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

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

GRADUATE - Drink specials until closing.

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

RAINBOW ROOM - Happy Hour 4-7 pm: Two for One drinks, hot hors d'oeuvres. DJ from 9 to 1.

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

saturday

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

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

GRADUATE - Drink Specials until closing.

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

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A View From The Rock

Commentary from Cornerstone Fellowship . . .

A recent front-page article in the Tucson Citizen proved what we have always believed: AIDS is neither a "Gay disease" nor God's punishment for homosexuality. The news story indicated how the demographics of this epidemic will drastically change in the next decade to a largely heterosexual population.

From the beginning of this disease nearly ten years ago, many unenlightened homophobes who claimed to know God (and speak for Him) spewed out wrath and condemnation on our community, pronouncing "Divine retribution" for our supposed perversion. Granted, the Gay community has not always been known for its pristine sexual behavior. Yet our knowledge of God as He reveals Himself in Scripture thoroughly contradicts what many preachers claim.

God is not hateful, relentless, searing ogre, zapping us everytime we do something wrong. Rather, he is the absolute embodiment of love and compassion. He

willingly accepts all people when they turn to Him and seek His favor. We are created in God's own image, and He cannot help but love us.

It is extremely unfortunate that much of mainstream Christianity has usurped God's authority to judge us for Himself, which He has not yet done. In fact, they have not only accused, tried, and convicted us, but have sentenced us as well. AIDS might be some fanatic's idea of justice, but it isn't God's. The realm of rewards and punishments is in eternity, not here in our temporal world.

The Bible clearly does not condemn homosexuality as a sexual orientation, as many would have us believe. It does, however, have much to say about hypocrites and those who hate and cast judgement on others. If anyone needs to fear retribution, it is the person who claims to know God, yet is a stranger to the love that is the very essence of Christianity. We have not yet had our day in court.

LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS LETTERS

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:
Dear Gay and Lesbian Community Members and Supporters:

Syndicated advice columnist Ann Landers has asked what her readers think about "legal sanctions for same-sex couples". To communicate your support for the rights of Gays and Lesbian couples, write to Ann Landers, c/o The Chicago Tribune, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611.

Here's what we told Ms. Landers:

We think Lesbians and Gay men should be able to legally marry. In our view it's a matter of civil rights. Not to mention simple fairness and good sense.

Too often, Gay and Lesbian relationships have been attacked as anti-ethical to "family values". Nothing could be further from the truth. Gay and Lesbian couples — and their children — are genuine families. They share with all families the traditional values of love, caring and mutual support.

The truth is, Gay and Lesbian couples are already marrying one another in both religious and secular ceremonies. According to preliminary results of our national survey of Gay and Lesbian

couples, 16 percent of female couples and 10 percent of male couples had "ritualized their relationship with a ceremony". More than one-third had executed legal agreements to protect their relationship. (Results based on 812 respondents).

Unfortunately, these couples cannot choose to legally marry and depend on existing laws to support their family life. The legal contracts we make can replicate only some of the protections that are automatic with marriage. Just one example: A widowed Lesbian partner cannot claim her departed spouse's Social Security benefits.

And this inequity is far-reaching. At least 10 million American are in same-sex relationships, judging from a recent San Francisco Examiner poll that found 60 percent of Gay men and Lesbians in a relationship.

Our society should support these Gay and Lesbian families for the same reasons we support traditional families. Functional families make better neighbors and more productive citizens.

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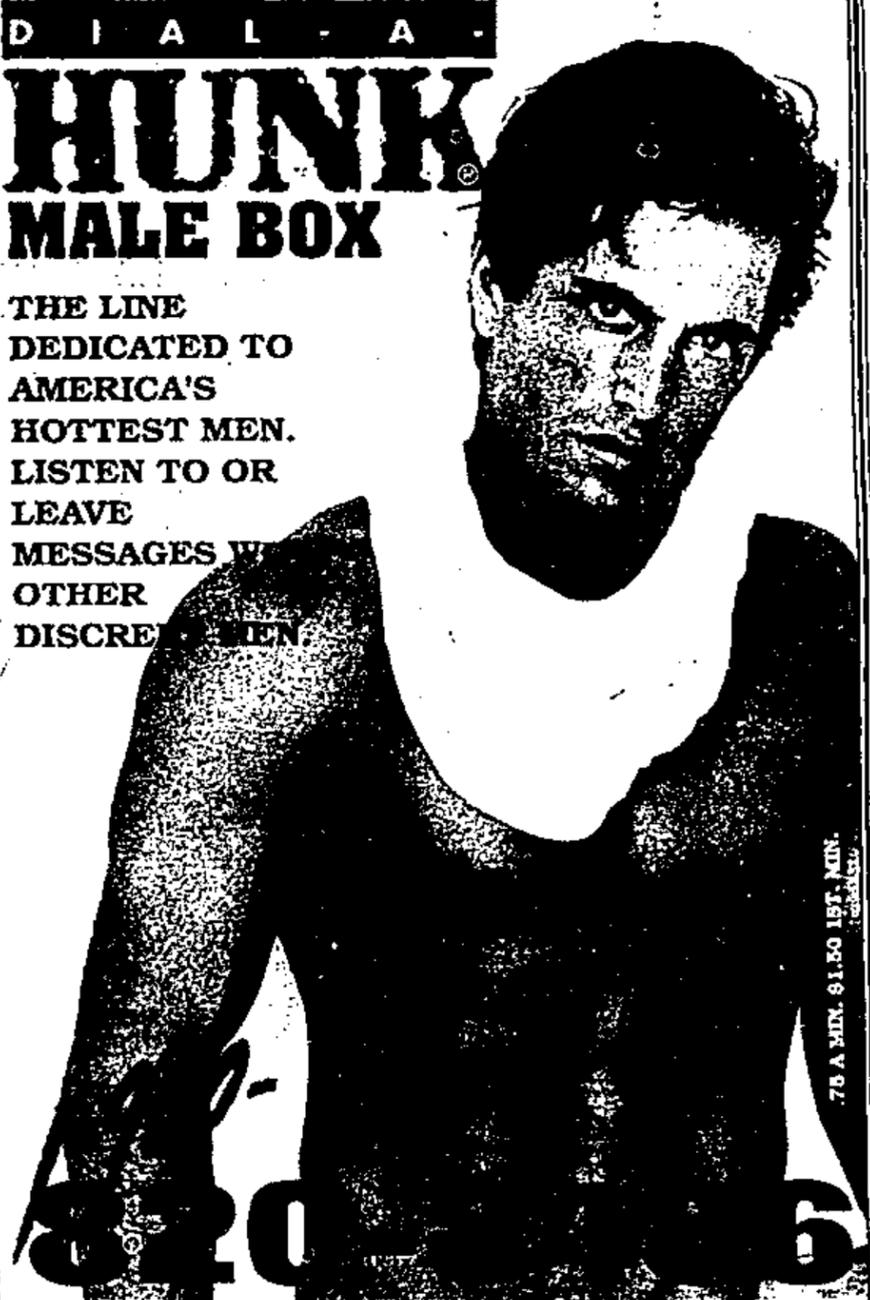
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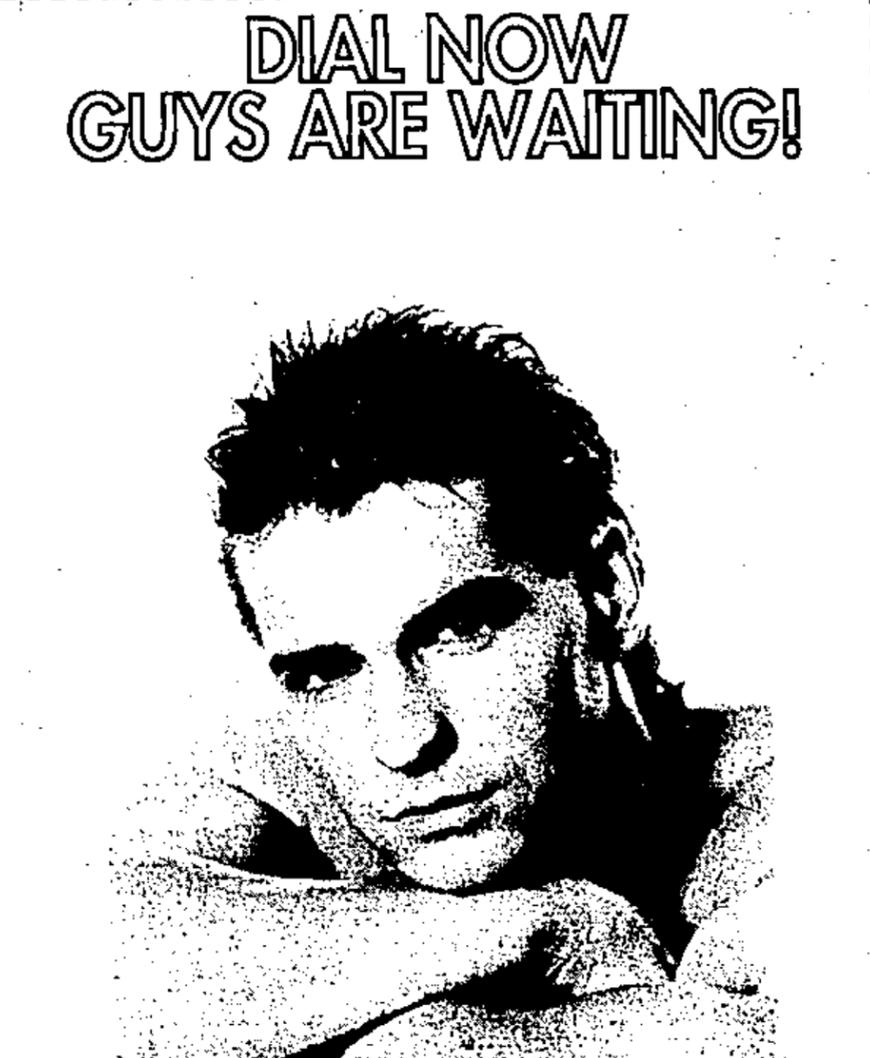
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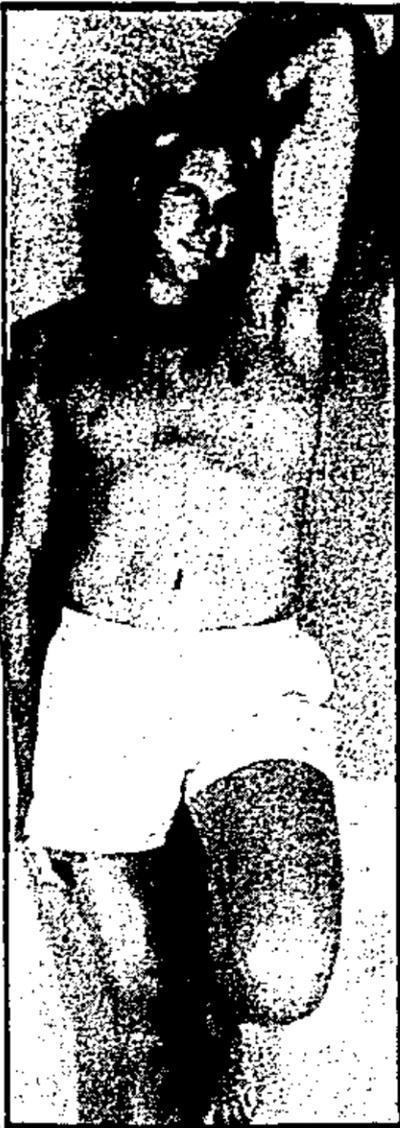
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A COMMENTARY BY

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Of Votes and Blacks and Democrats

It's not news anymore: Democrats in general—and Black Democrats in particular—scored impressive gains in elections across the country earlier this month.

L. Douglas Wilder—first elected Black governor in our country's history—new governor of Virginia; David Dinkins, first Black mayor of New York City; John Daniels, first Black mayor of New Haven, Connecticut; Chester Jenkins, first Black mayor of Durham, North Carolina; Norm Rice first Black mayor of Seattle, Washington; and Michael White, first Black mayor in Cleveland, Ohio.

Detroit's Black mayor Coleman Young won an impressive 5th four-year term—beating Black challenger Tom Barrow. But, Blacks were not the only victors in the November 7 elections.

Democrat James Florio took the New Jersey Governor's race—beating a Republican; Minneapolis' Democratic Mayor Donald Fraser returned to office; and Democrat Jim Scheibel became mayor of St. Paul.

Although it is too early to say how this affects America. One thing is sure: America is finally back on the right track. These unprecedented results indicate many positive things:

For the first time, so many Blacks and Democrats were elected across racial and party lines—a (welcome) return to the election of the "best-qualified candidate".

Some after-voting research indicated up to 60% of women in some areas voted for the "pro-choice" candidate with regards abortion (sending an ominous message to the Republican Party officials).

I have said it many times before and it's appropriate to say it again here: the more forward strides made by other minorities, the better the situation is for ALL minorities. Each step forward for women, Blacks, Hispanics, the disabled, the elderly and every other minority brings equality closer for Gays and Lesbians—and every other repressed minority in this country, and across the world.

We all should be very proud of the accomplishments made across the country this month, for it bodes well for all of us.

CAPSULE COLUMN #1: A big round of applause to the November 6 episode of CBS' "Murphy Brown". It was a clever and inventive use of television to present a "moral message"—in this case, the importance of being sensitive to the environment and human destruction of the planet. It was funny—but delivered an important message without preaching.

CAPSULE COLUMN #2: A warm hug to the producers of ABC's "thirty-something" for their clever handling of a Gay relationship in their Nov. 7 episode.

I recently wrote of the total absence of Gay or Lesbian characters in the 1989-1990 television season. (OBSERVER, Sept. 20). Well, I was slightly wrong. The character Russell has been an occasional visitor to the show since last season, so I guess he qualifies as a "regular" Gay character (the only one on TV this season, I will add). He met a new guy named Peter and the interaction between the two men was honest, intelligent and not patronizing.

I hope something comes of this, too. It could be the first honest Gay relationship on broadcast television—not ludicrous like Steven and Luke on ABC's "Dynasty".

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You do not have to be a member of the large community chorus to belong to any of these smaller ensembles. Auditions for any of the three ensembles, plus the chorus itself, are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 29, Room 146, University of Arizona School of Music, Second and Olive Streets, and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 & 2 at the MOC church building, 560 S. Stone.

If you like to sing and are willing to work, call 887-6851 to sign up for an audition date and time.

ARIZONA FELLOWSHIP RUN SET FOR THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

TUCSON - The 3rd Annual Arizona Fellowship Run will be held Nov. 23, 24, 25 and 26. The run is hosted by the various clubs in Tucson and is open to everyone in the community.

Registration will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the Graduate. Run fee for the four-day run is \$20.00 and includes all meals (breakfasts excluded) and allows you to participate in each of the different contests or games put on by the different Tucson clubs. Games will be continuous throughout the weekend with first, second and third place trophies being awarded for the different games.

The weekend activities will close with a luncheon at the Graduate on Sunday, Nov. 26 followed by the presentation of the trophies for the various games and contests.

It will be a complete, busy schedule of fun and games, food and camaraderie. Everyone is welcome, so get those applications and come by the Graduate at 4:00 p.m. for a weekend in sisterhood and brotherhood.

PARTNERS' BOWLING FOR DOLLARS '89 SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 10

TUCSON - Partners of Tucson will have their "Bowling For Dollars '89" benefit for Shanti Foundation on Sunday, Dec. 10 from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. This benefit will be held at the Fiesta Lanes, 501 W. River Road. Applications and Pledge sheets are now available at local bars and the Shanti office. The \$5.00 registration fee will include the lane fees and shoes. Every bowler gets a free t-shirt. For more information call 622-7101 or 882-6498.

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

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

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

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

Jehovah/Romho, HE'S THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE To find healing come worship with Casa De La Paloma Apostolic church Sundays at 10:30 am. Plaza Hotel, 1900 E. Speedway, Salon "D", second floor. Call Pastor Sandy at 323-6855 for more information. Affiliated with the national Gay Pentecostal Alliance.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Gay Al-Anon 881-1794 in Tucson.

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP NOW FORMING. The group focuses on assisting members in integrating a positive sense of self and building caring relationships. Contact Michael Hutchins, Ph.D. 327-4024 Tucson.

OLD PUEBLO BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (OP) For meeting dates and locations or membership information call 296-4642 or write OP, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson 85733

UNCIRCUMCISED MEN'S GROUP: a social and educational support and networking group for men who are uncircumcised and men who want to meet men who are uncircumcised. Part of national organization. USA/AZ, P.O. Box 40504, Tucson, AZ 85717

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LAMBDA INTRODUCTION SERVICE If you are a Gay male and are interested in meeting new people with hopes of developing a relationship call 323-0067. There are some questions you will have to answer. No Charge. This is NOT an escort service.

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

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

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

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

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Alcohol or drugs in your home may be abused today. Responsibility in educational pursuits can have you evaluating your options. A friend can teach you to control your emotions.

TAURUS

Communicating may be easier with a little party to loosen the tongue. Be sure you don't get too loose or you may get on your friends nerves. Don't carry large sums of money.

GEMINI

Seek friends after an extremely unusual day. You are in the mood to party but responsibility to a loved one might find you low on cash.

CANCER

Alcohol can wreak havoc with your love life. Your responsibilities at work are serving to test your good nature. Moodiness may be a household word for you but the answer is just a thought away.

LEO

Money you have worked hard for will find practical use in the home. A roommate might offer profound insight and direction in dealing with a problem. Be careful and aware of secrets at work.

VIRGO

Communication with a romantic partner can be extremely easy. At work is an entirely different subject and you may feel you are not on the same wave length with the people around you.

LIBRA

An increase in your money is hiding in the future. If you are around a younger male, he might wreck your nerves. Communication with your father can make you feel

pessimistic about your advancement potential. Do not let the negativity of others get you down.

SCORPIO

Love is moving backwards for you at this time. A male in your home is a source of extreme stress. Finances relating to your father can cause you to look at your past for a more secure future.

CENTAUR

Your sense of responsibility has you contemplating expansion of your capital. A sibling may be difficult to communicate with because of a mutual lack of objectivity.

CAPRICORN

Alcohol is a no-no tonight. A surprise romantic encounter will be more pleasant if you are functioning at full capacity. A friend will teach you something about money you may not need to learn.

AQUARIUS

You or your career will undergo a stressful re-evaluation. Finances are a source of major concern. It is unwise to begin projects of importance. Delay until next week.

PISCES

Career responsibilities are highlighted, gains from past investments. If you seek to be creative, avoid alcohol. Attitude changes are for the better.



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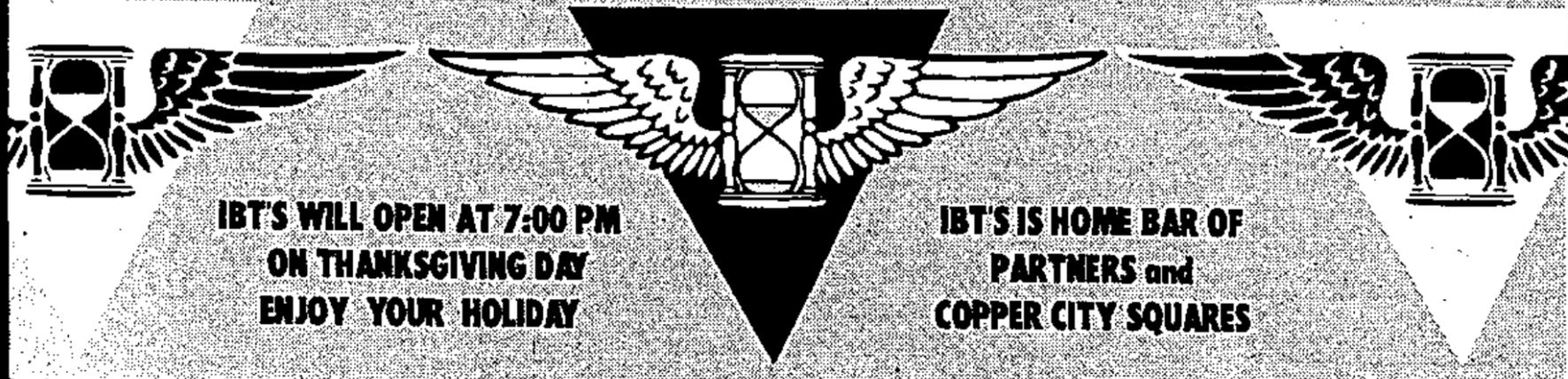
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