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## Public Hearings Set To Discuss Arizona AIDS Funding

PHOENIX - In April, the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) will be receiving an estimated \$684,000 in federal dollars to provide care and support services for persons and families affected by AIDS. This is the second year of funding from Title II of the federal Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act, passed in 1990 by Congress. In order to utilize these funds most effectively, the Department has scheduled public hearings throughout Arizona to receive public input on unmet service needs of populations affected by AIDS.

Public hearings are scheduled as follows:

PHOENIX - January 6, 10:00 a.m., Arizona State Capitol, 1700 W. Washington, West Wing, Eighth Floor, Room 1800.

FLAGSTAFF - January 7, 11:00 a.m., Coconino County Dept. of Public Health Auditorium, 2500 N. Fort Valley Road.

YUMA - January 8, 11:00 a.m., Yuma County Board of Supervisors Auditorium, 198 S. Main Street.

TUCSON - January 10, 10:00 a.m., Superior Court Building, 110 W. Congress, Public Hearing Room, First Floor.

Title II funds can be used to support a wide variety of services, including case management, medical, nursing and dental care, home health, transportation services and housing referral services. Last year, Arizona received approximately \$653,000 under Title II funding, which was used to purchase and distribute life-saving AIDS therapies and to support community-based care consortia in the provision of HIV care and services to the community.

An ad hoc planning committee has been appointed by the Department to weigh public testimony and make recommendations regarding the use of Title II funding. The public is therefore encouraged to provide oral testimony at public hearings or to submit written comments to Dr. Steven J. Englender, Assistant Director, Divisions of Disease Prevention Services, 3008 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85012. Written comments need to be received by January 21, 1992.

## Twin Study Provides Strongest Evidence of Genetic Role In Homosexuality

CHICAGO, IL - A new study of twins provides the strongest evidence yet that homosexuality has a genetic basis though other factors ranging from stress in the womb to social conditioning may be important researchers say.

The study, published in the December issue of the "Archives of General Psychiatry," adds to evidence that sexual orientation doesn't result from a maladjustment or moral defect, one author said.

"We found 52% of identical twin brothers of Gay men also were Gay, compared with 22% of fraternal twins, compared with 11% of genetically unrelated (adoptive) brothers," said J. Michael Bailey, assistant professor of psychology at Northwestern University in Evanston.

"Which is exactly the kind of pattern you would want to see if something genetic were going on," Bailey said. "The genetically most similar brothers were also the ones most likely to be Gay, by a large margin."

The study examined 56 identical twins, 54 fraternal twins and 57 adoptive brothers.

Identical twins are genetic clones, having developed in the womb from a single egg that split after being fertilized by a single sperm. Fraternal twins develop simultaneously from two separate eggs fertilized by two separate sperm cells, making them only as similar as non-twin siblings.

Adoptive brothers, of course, have no genes in common.

"This is the first real genetic study of sexual orientation in about 40 years," said Bailey, whose co-author was Dr. Richard C. Pillard, a psychiatry professor at Boston University School of Medicine.

"The degree of the genetic contribution (to homosexuality) could range from 30% to over 70%," depending on varying assumptions about the prevalence of

homosexuality and about how well the sample represents twins in the general population, Bailey said.

Gregory Carey, assistant professor of psychology at the University of Colorado at Boulder, called the work "very important research."

"I'm not terribly surprised at the conclusions. I think they're very well founded," Carey said. "Some of the earlier evidence suggested there was genetic effect, but the studies were not well done. This is something that really sort of clinches it."

He added however, that social conditioning still may be very important. "With the genetics of behavior, we don't inherit behavior like (traits such as) eye color or blood groups," Carey said. "We inherit predispositions to behavior. 'Nurture' has a great deal to do with it."

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As I See It . . . . .

by Clark

WHEN GEORGE BUSH TALKS.



Clark

# UPDATE

## Seattle Lesbian Wins City Council Seat

SEATTLE, WA - Democrat Sherry Harris overwhelmingly defeated 24-year incumbent Sam Smith to win an at-large seat on Seattle City Council. After a fierce runoff battle, Harris outpolled Smith, 96,055 to 48,697. Harris also becomes the nation's first openly-Lesbian African-American elected official.

The Gay And Lesbian Victory Fund members were responsible for over \$10,000 of Harris's campaign budget. And with her opponent heavily funded by the Seattle business and political establishment, every Gay dollar she was able to raise counted heavily.

Harris' victory is especially sweet for Seattle's Gay and Lesbian community. A year ago, Smith helped launch a recall initiative to overturn the city's new domestic partner law, which sought only to provide insurance benefits for the live-in partners of city employees. That cynical swipe at fairness is what convinced Harris that it was time for a change. "I'm in touch with today's Seattle," she told the Seattle Times. "The voters confirmed that. It's recognition that the city is moving into a new era."

## Ex-'Dance Fever' Host Sues Griffin

LOS ANGELES, CA (AP) - Former "Dance Fever" host Denny Terrio is taking on ex-host Merv Griffin in court.

In an \$11.3 million suit filed in California, Terrio alleges Griffin fired him in the mid-1980s because Terrio refused to succumb to sexual advances. But Griffin's lawyers have found an earlier lawsuit in which Terrio said he left "Dance Fever" due to injuries from a car accident.

Recently Griffin prevailed in another lawsuit. A \$200 million palimony suit brought by former horse trainer Brent Plott was dismissed by a Los Angeles Judge Nov. 25.

## Copperstate Leatherman Contest

PHOENIX - The annual Copperstate Leatherman Contest will take place Saturday, January 11. The judging for Mr. Copperstate Leatherman 1992 will take place at the Bum Steer beginning at 9:00 p.m.

The cut-off date for entry is January 4. For contestant information call 997-0671 in Phoenix or write to P.O. Box 44051, Phoenix, AZ 85016.

## Phoenix City Council Okays Anti-Gay Amendment

PHOENIX - On Wednesday, Dec. 18, the Phoenix City Council, in a spirited session, voted to change the city's employment practices that will protect Gay men and Lesbians from discrimination in hiring or firing from city jobs because of their sexual orientation. Gay activists who had hoped for a far more sweeping change in protecting all local Gays and Lesbians in employment and public accommodations, vowed to continue their efforts to bring further change in the city's Human Rights Ordinance.

The opposition force on City Council against city-wide anti-Gay discrimination, was led by Mayor Paul Johnson, who said that the city could not impose more regulations on small businesses during these tough economic times. Another opposition councilman stated that there would always be discrimination with or without laws.

Councilwoman Linda Madolski and Mary Rose Wilcox with Councilman Calvin Goode joined forces to promote the amendment which would have ended discrimination for all Gay and Lesbians in Phoenix. When it came to a vote, however, there were not enough votes to carry the measure. A compromise was worked out to have the amendment to cover city employees only.

Tucson has had an anti discrimination ordinance since 1976 which covers all Gay men and Lesbians from discrimination in employment and accommodations because of sexual orientation.

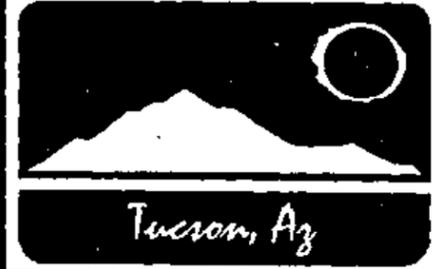
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For the benefit of mostly myself, and of course, all of you faithful readers of my column (BS), this will be another short column this week. Jim, over at the Venture-N has been working my cherry butt off so much that I haven't had time to even try to write a column. Don't worry because after January 1st, when the Venture-N starts opening at 6:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday, a couple of those mornings I'll be your bartender, and you can bet that my TBBS' will be coming back.

I hope everyone will have a very safe and loving evening tonight. Please use a designated driver when leaving the bars.

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## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES - DIVISION OF DISEASE PREVENTION AIDS, ARC, HIV+ SURVEILLANCE REPORT FOR ARIZONA - DECEMBER 1, 1991

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	POPULATION	CASES OF AIDS			DEATHS	CASES OF ARC			DEATHS	CASES OF HIV+			DEATHS
		NOV.	OCT.	SEPT.		NOV.	OCT.	SEPT.		NOV.	OCT.	SEPT.	
APACHE	61,591	4	4	5	1	1	1	1	5	5	5	-	
COCHISE	97,624	12	11	13	5	9	9	7	44	44	44	-	
COCOHINO	96,591	10	10	10	5	0	0	0	18	19	19	-	
GILA	40,216	5	4	4	3	0	0	0	4	4	4	-	
GRAHAM	26,554	4	4	4	1	2	2	2	3	3	2	-	
GREENLEE	8,008	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	
LA PAZ	13,844	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	8	8	8	-	
MARICOPA	2,122,101	1166	1143	1118	670	313	318	320	30	2049	2031	1989	
MOHAVE	93,497	15	15	15	7	1	1	0	27	27	26	-	
NAVAJO	77,658	5	5	4	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	-	
PIMA	666,880	288	278	272	149	62	62	61	7	536	538	537	
PINAL	116,379	13	13	13	10	3	3	3	24	24	24	-	
SANTA CRUZ	29,676	4	4	4	0	2	2	2	4	4	4	-	
YAVAPAI	107,714	16	16	15	11	0	0	0	28	28	28	1	
YUMA	106,895	21	21	21	12	2	2	2	61	59	59	-	
UNKNOWN		1	1	1	0	0	0	0	227	227	229	2	
	3,655,228	1568	1533	1502	879	395	400	399	37	3039**	3022**	2979**	50

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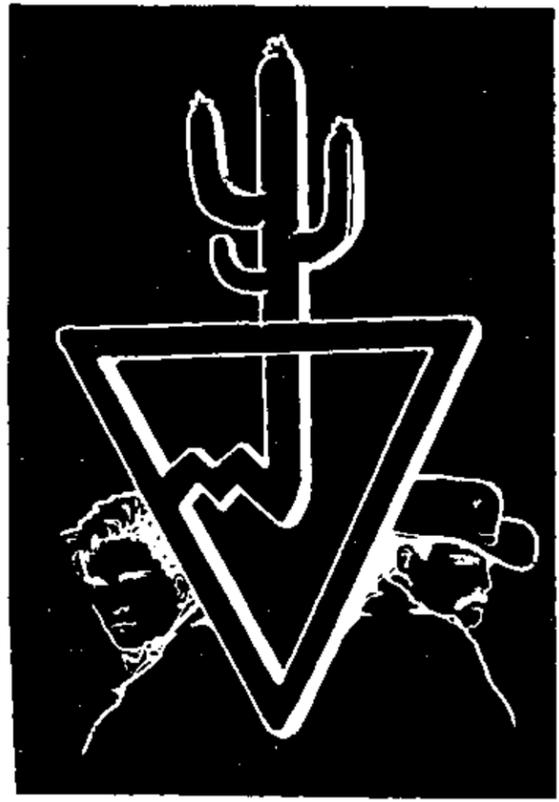
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## POLITICS '92

by Mark Kerr

1991 was a year of many numerous events. The world as we knew it changed drastically, through countries dissolving and new countries being born. We saw the death of a political ideology. We saw the ending of two wars, one cold. We saw our nation sinking slowly into economic turmoil and our leaders bickering on how to solve the problems. Here is a review of the past twelve months:

### WORLD SCENE

In 1991, the United States went to war with Iraq and Saddam Hussein over his 'naked aggression in Kuwait, George Bush stated that we would rid the world of Hussein and restore Democracy in Kuwait. We'll we put back the monarchy in Kuwait and Saddam is still in power, 12 months later. We also saw the death of Communism when on December 25th, Christmas Day, the Soviet Union ceased to exist and the Commonwealth of Independent States was born.

With the turmoil, a coup attempt and the revolt against Soviet rule by the former Republics and the deteriorating economic conditions, which led to the downfall of the USSR also led to the end of the cold war. Unfortunately another war was started in 1991 in Yugoslavia, when two republics, Slovenia and Croatia declared their independence and were attacked by the Serbian led federal army.

New countries were born, or reborn in 1991, they were: Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kirghizia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, and Kazakhstan. Three countries were reborn in 1991, they were: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

### NATIONAL SCENE

A lot happened nationally in 1991. The recession deepened in the country. Our President, George Bush kept up his hob-nobbing with foreign leaders while neglecting the problems that face our country. Supreme Court Justice, Thurgood Marshall retired and Bush named Clarence Thomas, a conservative to the bench. He was appointed by a vote of 52-48, after extended hearing on allegations of sexual harassment by Thomas. With Thomas' appointment it looks like *Roe v Wade*, protecting a woman's right to choose, is in jeopardy of being overturned.

1991 also showed that Bush was not the teflon President, his popularity plummeted as the economy got worse. Bush also had a stinging defeat when his friend, Attorney General Richard Thornburgh resigned to run for the vacant U.S. Senate seat from Pennsylvania, lost a 44 lead in the polls and lost the race to Democrat, Harris Wofford, because he ran on Bush's record and the people in the Keystone State did not like Bush's music.

The Congress was also in the news in '91 and it was not good news. A check bouncing scandal was revealed as members of the U.S. House of Representatives bounced checks with the House Bank, many for thousands of dollars. A mini scandal occurred not too long after, when it was revealed that some House members did not pay their restaurant tabs.

On the Senate side, you had the "Keating 5". Where Senators, Glenn, Riegle, DeConcini, McCain and Cranston were implicated in improper actions with

their dealings with Federal Regulators on behalf of Charles Keating, who now has been found guilty of fraud and faces federal charges. Senators Riegle, Glenn, DeConcini and McCain received slaps on the wrists by the Senate Ethics Committee. Senator Cranston was the sacrificial lamb, since he was not seeking re-election, he received a censure by the full Senate.

The Democrats finally had people decide to run for President in 1992. You can call them the six pack, you have: Iowa Senator Tom Harkin, Nebraska Senator Bob Kerrey, Virginia Governor Douglas Wilder, Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton, former Massachusetts Senator Paul Tsongas and former California Governor Jerry "Moonbean" Brown.

Also in 1991, New York Governor Mario Cuomo left the Democrats at the proverbial altar, by leading everyone on, then stating he is not going to run for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

### ARIZONA SCENE

In 1991, we finally elected a Governor, J. Fife Symington, the third, who in 1991, was named in a lawsuit by the Resolution Trust Corporation because of alleged financial misdealings as a Board Member of the now defunct Southwest Savings. Symington was also named as having an illicit affair with Annette Alvarez a staff member in an article published in the New Times.

Arizona had to deal with yet another political scandal in 1991 with A2Scan. Several lawmakers and politicians went to prison over taking bribes. Some of them we thought were our friends, some we thought were corrupt and were proven right.

In 1991, Mo Udall, the dean of the Arizona Congressional delegation, retired due to health problems and was replaced by Ed Pastor, former Maricopa County Supervisor. Pastor, late in '91, signed on as a co-sponsor to the gay and lesbian civil rights bill, so there is some hope for him.

The big story was the "bate crimes" bill, that went through the State Legislature and which was screwed up by the vacillating leadership of the House Minority Whip, Debbie McCune Davis of Phoenix. At the end of the session a "bate crimes statistics gathering" bill was finally passed, despite McCune-Davis efforts or lack of.

### PIMA COUNTY SCENE

Not that much occurred on the County level in '91. The Assessor, Arnold Jeffers, resigned due to health reasons. We had fights, petition drives and possible elections of zoning decisions made by the Board on Sabino Spring and Rocking K. You had Ed Moore finally show his true colors by joining the Republican party and the Democrats throwing a farewell bash for him. You had two Supervisors, Greg Lunn and Reginald Morrison, Republicans, announce they will not be running for re-election in 1992.

### TUCSON SCENE

A lot occurred in the Old Pueblo in 1991. We saw the retirement of Tom Volgy as Mayor and the election of George

## NOW Applauds Court Recognition of Lesbian Families

WASHINGTON, DC - Calling Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski "...a family of affinity, which ought to be accorded respect," a Minnesota Court of Appeals named Thompson guardian of Kowalski (OBSERVER, Dec. 25). The decision culminates an eight-year battle by Thompson for the right to care for her life partner Kowalski who was severely disabled in a car accident in 1983. Karen Tomberlin, who had been named guardian by the trial court, has 30 days to appeal the decision.

"The court's decision is a significant break-through not just for Sharon and Karen, but for all women's rights, Lesbian and Gay rights and disability rights activists," said Patricia Ireland, President of the National Organization for Women. "In the choice of Sharon's guardian, Sharon's wishes and Karen's qualifications ultimately prevailed over the court's prejudices. It is gratifying that the court finally recognized and valued the right of people with disabilities to be self-determining

and to live their highest quality of life."

"The trial court's decisions were shot with gender, sexual orientation and disability biases which caused Thompson and Kowalski inexcusable pain, suffering and physical and emotional damage," added Rosemary Dempsey, Action Vice President of NOW.

As part of a "Campaign for Justice", NOW mobilized grassroots support for Thompson and Kowalski in the case. NOW organized rallies and helped publicize a hotline which generated letters of support to Minnesota Governor Arne Carlson. In addition, NOW filed a women's rights amicus brief in the Court of Appeals arguing that sexist stereotypes played a role in the trial judge not awarding guardianship to Thompson. Kowalski and Thompson made their first national public appearance after Kowalski's accident at the 1990 NOW National Conference in San Francisco where they were both awarded the NOW Woman of Courage award.

## Hartwig Family Files \$10 Million Suit Against NBC

CLEVELAND, OH - The attorney for the family of a sailor whom the Navy initially blamed for a fatal battleship explosion says he wants a reporter to be compelled to identify his sources.

The family of Clayton Hartwig, a sailor aboard the USS Iowa who was killed in an April 1989 explosion in the ship's No. 2 gun turret, has filed a \$10 million lawsuit against the National Broadcasting Co., Inc. The suit accuses NBC News of inflicting intentional emotional distress on the Hartwig family.

NBC, citing sources it didn't identify, reported in 1989 that Navy investigators had found circumstantial evidence indicating Hartwig was upset over the ending of a sexual relationship and had planted a detonator in the turret's powder magazine.

The explosion killed 47 sailors.

The Navy findings were criticized by Congress and vehemently denied by Hartwig's family. A second Navy investigation found "no clear and convincing proof" that Hartwig was to blame and prompted a formal apology to the family in October.

The family's attorney, Kreig Brusnahan, said that NBC correspondent Fred Francis' reports about the initial investigation were unsubstantiated and unconfirmed.

"The Navy acknowledges - as a matter of fact it insists - that it never accused Mr. Hartwig of being a homosexual, never accused him of being involved with Kendall Truitt," another sailor on the battleship, Brusnahan said.

Francis isn't named as a defendant in the suit, but his reports led to filing of the action, Brusnahan said.

Francis...is the person primarily responsible for broadcasting the scurrilous accusations," he said. Brusnahan said he plans to ask the judge to compel Francis to reveal his sources.

He can either identify his obviously unreliable source or he can get left out to dry, as far as I'm concerned, Brusnahan said.

Francis said he would resist such an order. "My sources I would protect, as I would protect any source who gave me accurate and confidential information," Francis said from Washington. "The key word here is accurate.

"NBC stands by its reporting," he said. "We reported what the Navy believed at the time and we reported every material change in the case and investigation honestly and accurately."

The suit, filed in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, asks for \$10 million in punitive damages and an unspecified amount in compensatory damages, Brusnahan said. The family plans to file suit against the Navy within two weeks, he said.

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**A Commentary By**  
**Christopher Geoffrey McPherson**

**Gays and Lesbians In the Workforce**

In case you missed it--and how could you with the word "Gay" in giant 90-point type on the cover?-- "Fortune" magazine ran a nice article called "Gay in Corporate America" as the cover story of their December 16 issue.

Authors Mark D. Fefer and Thomas A. Stewart interviewed more than 100 men and women in the workforce who told them of fears and frustrations not just over being Gay, but from being forced to hide it at work.

Some interesting points: about two-thirds interviewed say they have experienced discrimination at the workplace because of sexual orientation; an "overwhelming" majority of the 100 people interviewed volunteer for AIDS-related causes; a 1987 "Wall Street Journal" survey indicated two-thirds of major company CEO's would not put a homosexual on a management committee; businesses have begun targeting Gays and Lesbians both as employees and customers.

There is much in the article that is already well known from the national and local Gay/Lesbian press (including this column); but they are well presented to a largely non-Gay/non-informed community of white-collar workers.

The best line in the entire article comes from Jack Sansolo, president of a Los Angeles ad agency: Why are "corporations...so nervous about things that don't matter?"

Exactly

A SLAP IN THE FACE to tennis-moron Andrea Agassi for his comment to reporters after he qualified for the French Open: "I don't want you to think I'm not happy about this. I'm as happy as a faggot in a submarine."

A PAT ON THE BACK to Madonna, again, for her fabulous insight that appeared in an issue of the "The Advocate": "Every straight guy should have a man's tongue in his mouth at least once."

AND FINALLY: allow me a moment to thank all of my readers for another interesting, stimulating year as a columnist for the "The Observer." Your letters have been appreciated.

At Spes Non Fracta: See you next week.

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by Mark Kerr  
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Miller, a longtime friend to the gay and lesbian community elected. We saw the city council remain all-Democratic with the incumbents, Bruce Wheeler, Janet Marcus and Roger Sedlmayr being re-elected. We had success, with the Ad-Hoc Committee getting the "lewd and lascivious" ordinance changed by a unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council. (I wonder if Phoenix Mayor Paul Johnson read about that!!!)

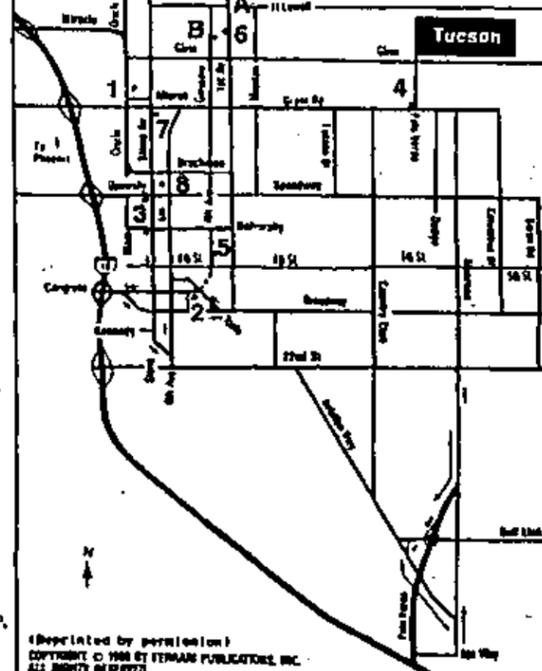
ED NOTES: 1991 was a year of change for this reporter. It will be a year that will not be forgotten for a long time. It will be a year remembered for how we could not keep up with events occurring in the world, on how countries changed, how ideologies changed and how people changed. 1991, what a year!

Until next time, politics as usual.

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**Double Mischief**

by Wendy Caster

**Animal, Vegetable or Mineral**

In a local bookstore, the poetry of W.B. Auden is displayed in the lesbian and gay section. In another bookstore, one with large and separate lesbian and gay sections, his work is under "poetry." A third bookstore doesn't have a L&G section at all, but scatters such titles throughout the store.

Each of these approaches has merit. In the first, placing Auden in the L&G section gives readers an important piece of information: Auden was homosexual. But it may also be misinformation: Auden was not gay in the 1990s sense of being open, proud, and political. The second approach seems the most sensible, since Auden is known more as a poet than as a gay poet, while someone looking for L&G writing--that is, writing that is openly and proudly L&G--can browse through the appropriate sections. The third approach offers mainstreaming, with L&G works on history treated as history, and straight people are gracefully exposed to L&G works. But the browsing lesbian or gay man loses a place to make new discoveries, and the store avoids putting up a visible "LESBIAN AND GAY" sign.

There is no way to easily categorize the work of Samuel Delaney, Joanna Russ, Adrienne Rich, Tennessee Williams, Truman Capote, Willa Cather, etc. And the categorization becomes even more difficult when it is placed on people rather than works.

I recently sent a proposal to Alyson Publications suggesting that they publish collections of my columns, crosswords, and fiction. Choosing Alyson took some consideration, since, if they publish my work, I will officially be a lesbian and gay writer--perhaps forever. Mainstream publishing might be less pigeon-holing, even if the same works are published. An all-women's press, on the other hand, would categorize me in a different way.

The ramifications of this decision go past my personal view of myself. It is harder to be taken seriously as a writer when you are published by a genre publisher, and in many eyes, L&G is just another genre. Mainstream publishing can offer more money and support. Books put out by mainstream publishers are often taken more seriously by librarians and critics. Mainstream publishers are more likely to publish a book in hard covers.

But Alyson Publications can offer me (and I hope they do!) exactly my

audience: lesbians and gay men. I would like as large an audience as possible, but I am proud to be a writer who's a professional queer, despite that label's limitations. Although it is unlikely I will ever be seen as anything but a "lesbian writer," I am inspired by Toni Morrison, who recognizes her label of "black woman writer" as what it is--a badge of honor.

But do I want to be a teacher who's labeled? This question came up recently as I wrote proposals to teach a class in writing columns and one in making crosswords. Since my columns and crosswords are all published in the L&G press, writing my resume was a challenge. I am usually critical of L&G papers or groups that don't use the words "LESBIAN AND GAY" in their titles, but I found myself grateful to be able to list Equal Time and The Vanguard and The Observer among my credits.

The woman running the education program knows I'm a lesbian, and I generally do come out to my students, but I still wanted to write blurbs for the catalogue that would not send potential students running. Even the most liberal soul might be a tad intimidated by a credit list made up exclusively of Gay and Lesbian Times, Lesbian Bedtime Stories 2, Cats (and their Dykes), etc.

Am I being hypocritical? Or, since I'm sometimes a writer and sometimes a teacher, can I legitimately be sometimes a professional queer and sometimes a little quieter?

I'm part of an outreach group in a local synagogue, where a few other lesbians and I work with straight women toward making the synagogue a comfortable place for lesbians and gay men. But those straight women don't have to be! If they were writers, their work wouldn't appear in The Straight News, Heterosexual Bedtime Stories, and Cats (and their Hats). Their resumes could be easily designed.

Categories are useful. Categories are dangerous. Categories are liberating. Categories are strangling. Categories are necessary. Categories are artificial. Categories are theories, but, in my life and in yours, categories determine how much we earn, where we work, where we live, where we worship, and whether we can marry the one we love.

**Bit Of The Old South**

by Sean Thomas

1992 is at hand and 1991 will be history very soon. There will be plenty of people to reflect upon what has happened in '91, but not I. I'm looking forward to 1992. The possibilities are endless, with a little help. The great and positive things that will happen will amaze us.

No, I haven't become a fortune teller. My faith in what can be, is strong. But nothing will happen, or change, without people and their caring/loving work. Each one of us can make such a great difference in this world. We limit ourselves and thus our greatness.

I start 1992 with faith in the possibilities and love of a great community here in Tucson. I also have such great pride in being part of our Tucson Gay community. We have done so much and will do even more in 1992.

The future, for the most part, is what we make it. I'm excited and grateful for '92. Please be careful this New Year's Eve. If you drink, please let someone else drive. We'd like to see you in 1992. So, here's to our future in 1992!

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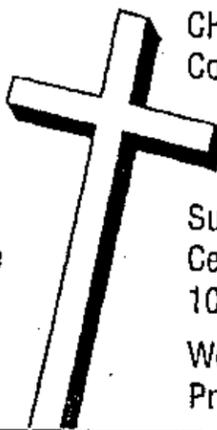


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**News From MCC/Tucson**

by Ben Cobble

This is the week known as the "Holiday Season". Christmas has been celebrated but is still lingering while we prepare for the New Year celebration. There are parties to attend, treats to sample, new games with which to play before we get tired of them, new clothes to wear and, of course, for so many of us, new diets to get ready. As we prepare for the New Year, some of us are already trying to establish just what our New Year's Resolutions will be. Will it be giving up those tasty, flavorful, satisfying cigarettes? Will it be promising ourselves to always practice safe sex?

One resolution that we all should make is to be honest with ourselves. Don't try to be someone that we're not comfortable being. Be proud of who we are and take pride in being that person. If there is anything about yourself that you don't like - then make a resolution to make yourself a better person, for yourself.

This last Sunday during our Morning Worship Service, there were four new additions to our membership roster. It was a spiritual uplifting for everyone in attendance to welcome Edna, Donna, Marilyn and Andy as new members of MCC/Tucson. This makes eleven new members in the last two weeks of this year and there are more who will be

accepted as new members this coming month.

Our Morning Worship Service last Sunday was our designated Lay Sunday. The U.F.M.C.C. believe that all Christians are endowed with the authority to minister to those who will accept the ministry. The fifth Sunday of any month is set aside with a special Lay Service in which members of the congregation conduct the worship service. The Pastoral Staff for this Sunday become members of the congregation while members of the congregation conduct the worship service. It was a spiritual blessing to have Dennis Bell bring the message while other members of the congregation performed the other segments of the worship service.

There will be a Watchnight Service this Tuesday evening, December 31, 1991 starting at 9:00 p.m. There will be snacks, coffee, beverages, party hats, noise makers, etc. An informal Watchnight Worship Service will begin at 11:00 p.m. This is the time we burn the secret prayers from 1991 to start 1992 with an empty box. Holy Communion will end the old year and begin the new year.

The Pastoral Staff and Congregation of MCC/Tucson wishes everyone as Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**A View From The Rock**

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Today is the very 1st day of an entirely fresh, totally unknowable year of our lives. What a staggering thought! Each and every person has their own view of today's significance...what they'll hope for; try to achieve; maybe change something; or finally, probably "settle for" this new year.

C.S. Lewis once said, "The future is God's 'Promised Land,' which everyone reaches at the rate of 60 minutes as hour--whatever they do--whoever they are." W. H. Auden suggests a decisive approach to the new year: "We must love one another or die!" Our life-style must be unself-consciously WITH and TOWARD others.

To be honest, Today is extra-special for me. You see, exactly 1 year ago today, ordinary me actually had a "You're not going to believe this, BUT..."experience! In less time than it takes to blink an eye--me, my identity, my entire concept and attitude about life, my very THOUGHT PROCESSES!--were dynamically, irrevocably transformed. I was unquestionably no longer the same person I'd been for over 45 years. Talk about an Incredible Way to start off a new year! And you know what...I didn't know the "half" of it, YET!

With joyous, intense anticipation I step into 1992. I can't wait to see how much more God will use me to share the deep, unconditional, everlasting love & acceptance he wants His people to have. God has one simple message for all of us this year..."My arms are open wide--I'm waiting for YOU--I have so much to give you--Come." Yes, please come...say, 10:30 AM Sunday, to His House. You'll be welcomed with a warm smile, a hug of sincere friendship, if you'd like one, and our willingness to share our joy with you. We want you to have the same zest

for life; purpose, peace & fulfillment. Jesus gave us. Did you know, He loves you so much He died to free you forever from a burden of sin and guilt and assure you of Eternal Life with Him? You can choose to accept His free gift, just by saying "Yes" to Him and everything He wants to give you, too. You might even have an experience like mine one year ago! I'm the living proof it DOES happen in the 1990's!

I'm a firm believer in "New Year Resolutions"...not just for 24 hours, then the "same old routine" for 12 more months, either. I KNOW how thrilling every 24 hour period can be and today & the following 364 days I'm going to live to fully experience and share with others every joyous experience. My Resolution--I'm going to "Keep on Keeping on!" In 1992 and every year I have left I'm going to reach out with love to God's beloved people, and serve them and my God all-out: any time, any where, any way God chooses, in humility. Jesus said, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another...By tis all men will know that you are My disciples." That's precisely my plan for living tis year. I got started on this exciting experience right here, at Cornerstone Fellowship. I hope you & I meet, soon.

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## Military Recruiters Banned From Rochester Public Schools

ROCHESTER, NY - The Rochester school board has voted to ban military recruiters from city high schools because of the military's policy against admitting Gay people.

Pentagon spokesman Jim Turner said he did not know of any other school districts in the nation that bar military recruiters.

The board voted 5-2 to ban recruiters from high schools if their organizations have discriminatory policies. The Defense Department bars Gay men and Lesbians from entering the military service.

"To me, this is a civil rights issue," said board member Karen Grella. "We need to say something about discrimination in this country."

A board committee began studying the issue of banning recruiters 1 1/2 years ago at the request of Gay activists, who have been working nationwide to persuade college campuses to ban military recruiters and programs.

As long as the Pentagon "can be openly discriminative, it hammers home the message that being Gay and Lesbian is being second-class," said Maria Swora, a Lesbian who served in the military.

Board members Michael Fernandez and Frank Willis said they voted against the ban because it would take opportunities

away from high school students. Of the 1,000 seniors who graduated in the district in 1990, 71 joined the military.

The new policy requires school counselors to provide students who want to join the military with information on how to enlist and where to find military recruiters. The policy also requires schools to notify students that the military discriminates against Gay people.

School board members acknowledged that the new policy violates a state education law requiring school districts to allow military recruiters the same access as other recruiters.

Board President Catherine Spoto said she did not know if the district would be willing to defend its new policy in a costly court battle, if the policy were challenged. "But I think it would make a very interesting test case," she said.

Maj. Thomas Leahy, a public information officer for the National Headquarters of Army recruitment at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, said the military plans to comply with the district's policy.

"We are non-confrontational," he said. "We would not do anything out of the ordinary other than perhaps get on the school board docket" to make a case for recruiting, he said.

## Computer Bulletin Boards Popular With Gay Hackers

MILWAUKEE, WI - One of the most important communication mediums of the Gay/Lesbian community is also one of the least known and least understood. This medium is the computer bulletin board. Computer bulletin boards, usually called BBS', link together tens of thousands of people and provide many information resources as well as mail services, shareware files and entertainment features.

For the average computer user, learning about what BBS' offer and how to get on-line can be difficult and expensive. For the Gay/Lesbian computer owner, it can be virtually impossible to learn about our BBS community without buying a modem and spending a lot of time calling BBS' and learning through expensive trial and error.

GLINN Publishing Company, affiliated with GLINN, the Gay/Lesbian International News Network, is producing a comprehensive book about computer bulletin boards serving the Gay community. This book, entitled, "The Gay World On-Line," will be issued on floppy disk, designed to be read on any IBM-type computer. Contained on floppy disk, and selling for only \$9.95, the "Gay World On-Line" will

contain as much information as paperback computer books selling for \$49.95, but will be much easier to read. The book will be produced in a hypertext format, which allows the user to read by subject threads, and to pick and choose what subjects to read more details information about, as well as reading by the traditional page by page method. The hypertext program contained in the disk allows the reader to search for and find any subject instantly, making it an ideal reference.

The book on disk will provide complete information on computer bulletin boards and Gay-oriented systems in particular. Everything anyone would want to know about the exciting world of computer bulletin board systems will be covered.

Telecommunications and modems are also detailed, including ways to call long distance BBS' for only \$1.00 per hour, and how to get great deals on modems.

The disk will be attractively packaged and is designed for widespread mail and retail distribution. Two other books on disk also being produced for the general computer market, called "The World On-Line" and a disks covering adult bulletin boards in general, titled "The Adult World On-Line".

BBS SYSOPS are invited to have their BBS listed. For more information, computer users can call GLINN BBS at (414)-289-0145 and download the file WORLDRI.ZIP. Or call GLINN Publishing Corporation at (414)289-8644 or FAX (414)289-0789. GLINN Publishing can be written at P.O. Box 93626, Milwaukee, WI 53203-0626.

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 (NEW YEARS EVE)**  
**GRADUATE** - New Years Eve Show with Ariva Diamond and Dani Reid and friends. Complimentary champagne at midnight as well as the usual party favors and noise makers - Party!!! And remember, any designated driver will receive complimentary hot or cold non-alcoholic drinks. Drive Safely!

**BOOKS** - Black and White New Year's Eve Party with plenty of great music, party favors, dancing and fun. In addition to all that hoopla, there will be a free buffet to snack on during the evening as well as complimentary champagne at midnight. No cover. Come on down and enjoy yourself. Drink sensibly and drive safely.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 (NEW YEARS DAY)**  
**VENTURE-N** - For those New Years Eve Party'ers here's the spot to get the hair of the dog that bit you last night. Free Coffee - Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers \$1.50 and 50 cent draft beer. Happy New Year!



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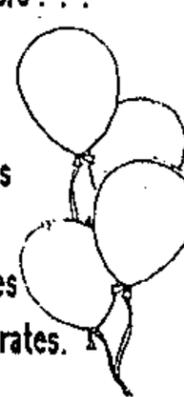
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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**  
The Croisies (40 and over mens' club) will hold their monthly meeting at MCC Church on Jan. 4 at 7:00 p.m. Call Marie for details 844-7264.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**  
Tucson Rape Crisis Center to hold a workshop "Toward Wholeness: A Healing Workshop for Lesbian Survivors and their Partners". This special workshop focuses on the special needs of Lesbian survivors of incest and child molestation and on the needs of their partners. Noon to 6 p.m. Cost \$10. For reservations please call the Tucson Rape Crisis Center, Inc., 624-7273.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27**  
Dofa 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 Dofa staff and faculty who are concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

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**CLUBDATE** - All White Hall \$1.25 daytime and \$1.50 nighttime.  
**BOOKS** - Bloody Marys and Screw \$1.25 till 7 pm. Country Dance Basic 8 to 1 with Luke as your DJ.  
**LET'S** - 2 for 1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm on well and non-premium beer. 1 to 1 Frank Disco Night. Not music from the 70s & 80s.  
**RENOI** - Open at noon. \$1.50 well 7 p.m. to closing. VJ/DJ Jeff 9 p.m.  
**VENTURE-B** - Open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

**monday**  
**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Blackboard Specials noon to 7 p.m. Jerry Dlx.  
**CLUB CONGRESS** - 70's Disco with Super Star Lover. \$1. 9 pm to 1 a.m.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 a.m. 99 cent Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Weekly mystery drink specials 8 to close. C/W dancing and video dancing begins at 8 p.m.  
**CLUBDATE** - Happy Hour prices open to close. Mystery Movie site. Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).  
**BOOKS** - Open Room. Happy Hour 3 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer \$1.25.  
**LET'S** - 4 to 6 Two for One. Easy listening music. Bring in your own tape for a drink special 8 pm to 1 a.m.  
**RENOI** - Open noon. \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer till 7 p.m. \$1.50 White Well 7 to closing. VJ/DJ Ray 9 p.m.  
**VENTURE-B** - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.

**tuesday**  
**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Daily Special noon to 7 pm. Drink Draft and Drown .50 draft 8 pm till close. Open Volleyball games begin at 7 p.m. Jerry Dlx.  
**CLUB CONGRESS** - 70's Disco with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow. No charge.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 a.m. 99 cent Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. Country/Western dancing and video dancing begins at 8 pm.  
**CLUBDATE** - Draft Beer Special. Small Pitchers \$1.50, Large Pitchers \$3.00  
**BOOKS** - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25.  
**LET'S** - 4 to 6 Two for One. Copper City Squares 7-9. Leather Lite with .75 draft beer and .50 off call liquor for anyone wearing leather 6 pm to close.  
Country music and dancing with Gil Leon 9-1.  
**RENOI** - Open noon. \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer till 7 p.m. and drops to \$1.25 from 7 to midnight. VJ/DJ 9-1 Mark.  
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**wednesday**  
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**BOOKS** - Draft Beer .50 7 p.m. 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.  
**LET'S** - 4-4 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.  
**RENOI** - Open noon. \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer till 7 p.m. \$1.50 Domestic long necks and .75 Schnapps 7 to close. VJ/DJ Mark at 9pm.  
**VENTURE-B** - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.

**thursday**  
**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. Drink Specials 1-4 pm. Drink Draft and Drown .50 draft 8 pm to close. All Female Strips, strippers 9:30 p.m. Dave I. Dlx.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 a.m. 99 cent Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. "Men's Night" (Men Only) .50 draft beer 4 pm to 1 a.m. Country/Western dancing & video dancing begins at 8 pm.  
**CLUBDATE** - Top Shelf Call \$2.00 in the daytime and \$2.50 at night.  
**BOOKS** - Draft Beer .50 7 p.m. to close. Happy Hours 3 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Beheken or Corona \$1.25 9 pm to 1 a.m. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1 with Luke as your DJ.  
**LET'S** - 4-4 Two for One. Country music and dancing with Gil Leon. Free dance lessons 8 p.m. Bud and Bud Lite \$1.50 from 9-1.  
**RENOI** - \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer open to 7 p.m. Kegger! 50 cent draft 7 to close. Dancing with VJ/DJ Mark 9-1.  
**VENTURE-B** - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.

**friday**  
**BACK POCKET/JOSHUA TREE** - Open Room. Drink Specials 1-4 pm. Bobby Jr. Dlx.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 a.m. Extended 99 cent Happy Hour 4 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). Country/Western dancing and video dancing begins at 8 p.m.  
**CLUBDATE** - All Well \$1.50 and Domestic Beer \$1.25 until 6 p.m. All Well \$2 and Domestic Beer \$1.50 from 8 p.m. to close.  
**BOOKS** - Happy Hours 3 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 9 pm-1 a.m. with Luke as your DJ.  
**LET'S** - 4-4 Two for One / Got Music 4 to close with Jay.  
**RENOI** - Open Room. \$1.50 Well and Domestic Beer till 7 p.m. Progressive aites: well drinks \$1.25 7 to 9 p.m. then go up .25 each hour. VJ/DJ Mark 9-1.  
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**saturday**  
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## Sandra Lowe Leaves Lambda Legal Defense for New York Governor's Office

NEW YORK, NY - Sandra J. Lowe, formerly a staff attorney at Lambda Legal Defense and Education and Education Fund, has become the Director of the Governor's Office of Gay and Lesbian Concerns for New York State.

Ms. Lowe began as Mario Cuomo's liaison to the Gay and Lesbian community on Dec. 2, after three years at Lambda working on a range of issues including civil rights, domestic partnership, anti-Gay and -Lesbian violence, and employment discrimination, among others.

Ms. Lowe, one of the key national players in the effort to overturn the military's ban on Gay and Lesbian service members, gave direction and energy to Lambda's contribution to that effort. Of her work at Lambda, Ms. Lowe stated, "Lambda was exhilarating, exciting. It put me on the cutting edge of the human rights movement, a rare and wonderful vantage point."

"Because of her incredible background, experience, and wisdom, Sandy was a very powerful and important person to the Lambda staff and organizational consciousness," noted Thomas B. Stoddard, Lambda's Executive Director. "Even

though we will miss her terribly, we all take great pride in her decision to take her myriad skills to state government."

As Director of the Governor's Office of Gay and Lesbian Concerns, Sandy plans to make the position both visible and credible to see that the state Gay/Lesbian civil rights bill is passed and domestic partnership legislation is introduced and passed; to serve as a resource and liaison for individuals and activist groups statewide; and to build coalitions.

Lambda is soliciting attorneys with a high level of commitment to Lesbians and Gay men of color to apply for Ms. Lowe's position. Resumes and writing samples may be sent to Lambda in care of the Legal Director at 666 Broadway, New York City, NY 10012.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education fund is a national advocacy organization with offices in New York and Los Angeles dedicated to protecting the legal and civil rights of Lesbians, Gay men and people with HIV/AIDS, and to assuring sound public policy on AIDS and health care.

## Twin Study

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The nature vs. nurture debate in homosexuality has gone on for years. Bailey said he is now trying to get funding to look at how environmental factors may have affected the subjects in his study.

Environmental factors, such as prenatal stress, diet and disease, in addition to social conditions could play a role, he said.

California researchers reported late in August that a cluster of brain cells that may guide the sex drive of men is twice as large in heterosexual males than it is in homosexual males.

Those researchers, who studied brain matter from 41 subjects, cautioned that while their findings suggest homosexuality might be the result of biological destiny, they could not be sure which traits were cause and which effect.

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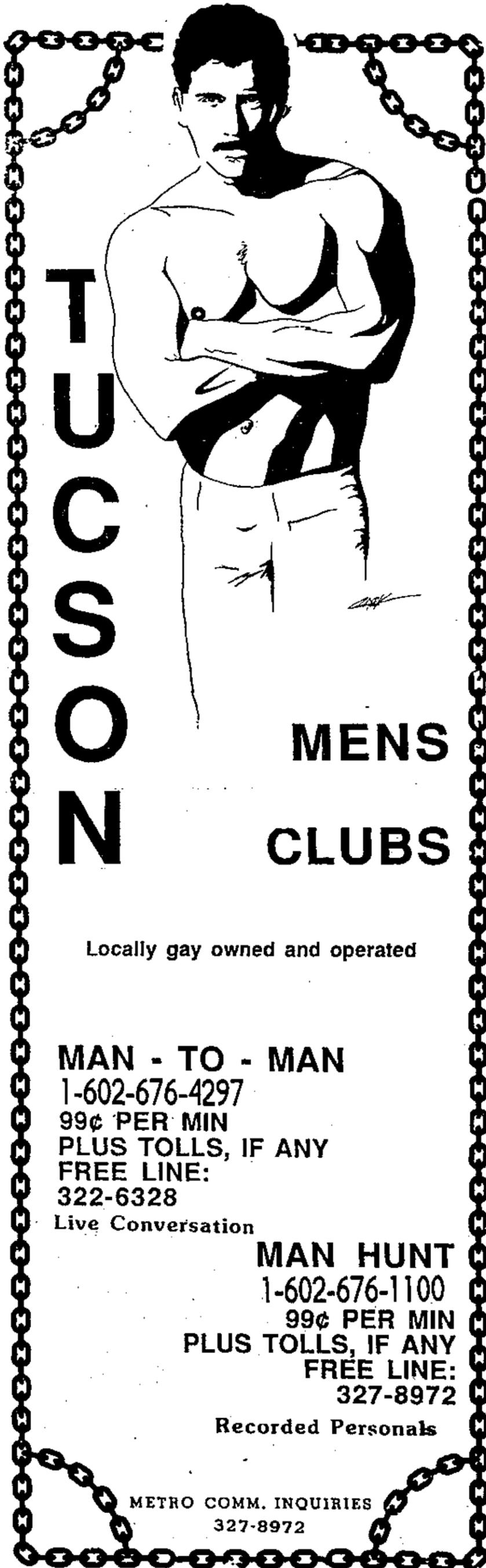
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**TAURUS**

What did you get the Domino's Pizza kid for Xmas - besides the acne medication? He's over every night - right? Bruce should at least take his boots off next time though. A trip to L.A. again? At least "It" will be done on someone else's couch - let David "watch" this time.

**GEMINI**

Going to the "new" bar for the New Year? Tip heavy - the "kids" have been unemployed awhile so they need the cash. Ya know how expensive some "habits" can be - for you - be penny-wise this week. Bills will arrive next week.

**CANCER**

Winter getaway in the Pines? Need a guide? Call Steve. He needs to continue his studies in animal husbandry. You meet a terminator type that wants to help you live out your fantasies. A new career is possible or a relocation to another city is seen for this month.

**LEO**

A marriage made in heaven or hell? Depends who you're talking about - now Frank; that's a wind-up in jail marriage; Lance, that's a weenie marriage; Steve, well I could go on & on, but - a blind date will leave you reeling under the strain & stains - you do like Saegna, right? What's the Saegna capitol of the world? Answer next week!

**VIRGO**

Still checking out the mirror's at "Hours" - the lighting makes you look so good. However, that trick never works - you're dead meat as soon as you drag your trick outside - just ask Lane. Did you retrieve your tennie's from the "ball" man yet? Try a quiet evening at home for a change.

**LIBRA**

Ain't love grand? And you met in, of all places, 7-11, in the beer cooler? Pretty chilly in there - maybe you should have used a knitted condom. Can't use your socks too many holes. A lover of music - yo raps! You invite public enemy & "Heavy D" to your wedding.

**SCORPIO**

Get into the porno business this year. You could set up a stand next to Walgreens downtown. It's called Downtown Beautification. Go out Saturday night - you meet a local barber who takes you on the date of your life - where you ask? How about the Tanque Verde Swapmeet?

**SAGITTARIUS**

A mail order love affair? Not one - but two. Better not leave home without it - the American Express card that is. By next month you could have a port in a lotta storms. The Bartman suggests the heavy hung stud in Phoenix - If its a dud there's always Flex Plex to "hang out" in.

**CAPRICORN**

Denie, weenie, miney, moe - which one do I want to blow? The Bartender? The unemployed waiter? - or both at the same time. Maybe the Bartman will solve this dilemma next week - or just ask Dennis. Bartenders make more money - but can they keep "it" up?

**AQUARIUS**

What does your house look like after New Years? Maybe you can talk Jerry into another yard sale. Your "new" relationship - number 12 - could use some uplifting event. How about inviting your ex-lovers kids for a visit - again. Just be firm though - no more wire hangers!

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## Company Would Certify Those Not HIV+

ST. LOUIS, MO - The tiny AIDS stickers that are popping up in restrooms, telephone booths and parking garages around the country are a company's effort to give people who don't have AIDS a chance to boast about it.

The neat and colorful stickers ask "AIDS or HIV Negative?" and give a toll-free telephone number to call to participate in a voluntary certification program.

AIDS activists call the program horrifying and say it seeks to take advantage of the hysteria in the United States over the testing of health care workers.

The stickers are being spread in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, St. Louis and cities in Florida and Utah.

"HIV Negative" certification costs \$29.95. It does not include the costs for the testing.

Eric Janssen, chairman of the newly formed Partnership for AIDS-Free America (PAFA), said he hopes to register millions of Americans and eventually spread the program around the world.

"The whole point of the program is that we want people to feel that they are contributing to an effort to control the virus," said Janssen from his suburban St. Louis office. "We believe that if people pay for something they'll be more committed to it."

But AIDS groups were shocked to hear about Janssen's plan.

It was called "Iudicrous and disgusting" by a spokesman for the Gay Men's Health Crisis, the oldest and largest AIDS service group. A spokesman for another group said he thought this type of ignorance had died a long time ago.

"It's just like branding people. The whole concept is absurd, and it preys upon the fear and ignorance about AIDS," said David Eng, a spokesman for the New York-based Gay Men's Health Crisis.

"The clear implication is that if you don't have a card saying you're HIV negative, then you must or could be HIV positive, so stay away... It's completely worthless," he said.

He said there's no way to certify that someone who tests negative today won't get the virus tomorrow.

Paul Sathrun, director of programs at the Washington-based National Association of People with AIDS, said the idea was especially misguided because it provides people with a false sense of security.

"There were some clubs and companies that did this early on in the epidemic but I assumed that all of them had been educated and stopped. I guess I was wrong," said Sathrun.

He said he was not happy that his group's name was listed on PAFA's application as a place to call for people who test positive. No one from his group was ever contacted about the company.

Janssen, a developer and home builder, believes his program will be reliable and he's taking two years off from work to get it off the ground.

# BILL OF WRONGS

Yesterday, December 15, America celebrated the 200th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights. As lesbian and gay Americans, we are taking this occasion to remind our fellow citizens that many of us live under a Bill of Wrongs. Lesbians and gay men are denied fundamental rights solely on the basis of sexual orientation. In a country founded on equality and freedom, lesbians and gay men are treated as inherently unequal. Gay men and women face the following forms of legalized discrimination, amounting to a Bill of Wrongs:

I: Lesbians and gay men shall be subject to discrimination in hiring, promotion and other aspects of employment.

II: Lesbians and gay men shall be subject to discrimination in housing.

III: Lesbians and gay men shall not be permitted to protect their country by serving in the nation's armed forces.

IV: Lesbians and gay men shall be denied the right to marry or to have their committed relationships lawfully recognized.

V: Lesbians and gay men shall be denied the right to adopt and retain custody of their children to the same extent as heterosexuals.

VI: Lesbians and gay men shall not be permitted to protect their committed partners under employee health insurance plans, and shall be denied tax benefits taken for granted by married heterosexual couples.

VII: Lesbians and gay men shall be discriminated against, and their committed relationships shall not be recognized, for purposes of immigration into these United States.

VIII: Artistic expressions by gay and lesbian artists shall be denied the support of public bodies and governmental institutions.

IX: Lesbians and gay men shall be denied the right of privacy, and shall be subject to discriminatory treatment under state law.

X: Lesbians and gay men shall not be entitled to live freely and openly to the same extent as other citizens, but shall lawfully be subjected to abuse, harassment and threats of violence from anti-gay groups, public officials and private individuals.

All citizens deserve to be treated equally — with equal respect, dignity and freedom from arbitrary discrimination. Lesbians and gay men deserve the same basic rights — to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness — as other Americans. No one should be made to suffer based on sexual orientation. We call on all who believe in liberty and justice for all to help right this Bill of Wrongs.

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Here's how the program works:

People send in \$29.95 to get an application kit they give to their local health clinic or doctor. If they test negative for HIV, the clinic or doctor mails the form back to Janssen's company.

A phone call is made to ensure the results are authentic and then a laminated card with the date, the person's name and a photo, along with a sticker for a driver's license, are mailed to the person.

The front of the card says "International Certification for HIV-Negative."

The company urges people to have another test in six months and annually after that.

I truly feel that if a person is willing to spend the money and take the time and effort to do this, he will not go out and expose himself to the HIV virus, Janssen said.

Doctors and dentists can also order a wall certificate (\$79.95 framed or \$35.95 unframed). Paramedics can order a sticker for their ambulance (\$10.95) and people really interested in touting their health plan can order a Cloisonne-type lapel pin (\$10.95).

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