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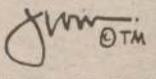
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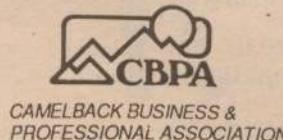
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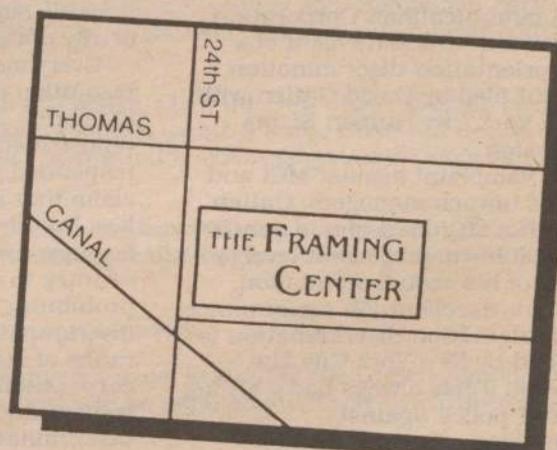
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## PRO-GAY CANDIDATES TAKE RECORD AMOUNT OF POLITICAL MONEY

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Now that the dust has settled on the recent election battles, one thing has become crystal clear about the 1988 congressional campaign: More candidates than ever took record-breaking contributions of gay and lesbian PAC money—powerful political greenbacks that helped most of them win their races.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), the nation's largest gay and lesbian political action committee (PAC) and lobbying organization, contributed more than \$400,000 in cash and in-kind gifts to Republican and Democrat candidates and progressive groups during the 1987-88 election cycle. That's 60 percent more than 1985-86 contributions.

But who takes gay money and why? And is it "politically risky" for candidates to take such contributions?

HRCF gave more than \$300,000 to 111 candidates in 29 states running for U.S. Congress in 1987-88. The PAC also gave to three politicians who did not run this year or withdrew from the race. In the 1986 cycle, only 98 candidates received contributions.

Of special note is the fact that HRCF contributed to twice as many Republicans this time, thus building a bipartisan power base for gay and lesbian issues in the next Congress.

Political analysts believe the increased number of politicians willing to take gay money and support what some perceive as controversial issues points to the progress gays and lesbians have made in mainstream American politics.

"In the past, some candidates considered it a liability to publicly stand up for us and take our money," said Vic Basile, HRCF executive director. "And some still do. But the fact that 81 percent of the candidates we supported won—some by landslide margins—is a sound argument that gay money is an enhancement, not a hindrance."

Basile also noted that, with the exception of Senator Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.), no cosponsor of the gay and lesbian civil rights bill in the House or Senate lost his or her re-election.

HRCF contributed to 12 candidates running for U.S. Senate and 99 for the

House. Ninety-one were winners while 20 lost.

Other facts about who took lesbian and gay dollars:

- 13 Republican candidates received 20 percent of HRCF's total contributions;

- 83 of the total number of candidates were incumbents, while 15 were challengers and 13 vied for open seats;

- 38 of the candidates were from the West, 17 from New England, 26 from the Mid-Atlantic, 9 from the South and 21 from the Midwest;

- 14 women candidates received HRCF funds, as did 18 black candidates.

Congresswoman Connie Morella (R-MD./8), the only Republican woman and one of only four Republicans to cosponsor the gay and lesbian civil rights bill, won her re-election bid for Congress by a sizeable margin. HRCF contributed \$6,000 to her campaign.

Nita Lowey (D-NY/20) won an upset victory over Republican incumbent Joseph DioGuardi. Lowey has pledged to cosponsor the gay and lesbian civil rights bill, as has Jolene Unoeld (D-Wash./3), who won a closely contested race.

HRCF criteria for contributing to candidates include their voting records or positions on gay and lesbian issues, such as federal AIDS legislation, hate crimes, immigration, the gay and lesbian civil rights bill, and others.

By law, PACS are allowed to contribute up to \$5,000 for the primary, \$5,000 for the general election and \$5,000 for a runoff to any one political candidates in an election cycle.

Last spring, the Federal Elections Commission ranked HRCF the ninth largest independent PAC in the U.S. and the 24th largest PAC overall (out of more than 4,000). Rankings are based on the total amount raised by the PAC in the election cycle.

"A strong gay PAC is our calling card in Washington," said Basile. "There is power behind lesbian and gay money. It provides us with a tangible way of helping people who are our political allies and friends."

## LAMBDA LEGAL DEFENSE AND MCI SETTLE DISCRIMINATION CASE

NEW YORK, NY—Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. and MCI Communications Corporation have announced a settlement of a sexual orientation discrimination complaint filed by David Gatten with the New York City Human Rights Commission.

In his complaint against MCI and one of its branch managers, Gatten alleged that MCI fired him in January 1988 from his management level job because of his sexual orientation, despite his excellent job performance. Sexual orientation discrimination is prohibited by New York City law.

MCI said it has always had a strong corporate policy against discrimination of any kind. In reaching a settlement with both Lambda and Gatten, MCI said it will broaden the wording of its existing policy to specifically prohibit sexual orientation discrimination. MCI's anti-discrimination policy will cover employment decisions for all

employees throughout the company. MCI emphasized that its willingness to settle did not signify its admission of any of Gatten's allegations.

"Everyone is quite happy with the resolution of this case," stated Paula Ettelbrick, the Lambda attorney who represented Mr. Gatten. "MCI responded responsibly not only to the claim that it violated New York City law, but also to the written requests of lesbians and gay men throughout the country to adopt a company policy prohibiting sexual orientation discrimination. Today, MCI joins the ranks of many other national corporations which protect their lesbian and gay employees from discrimination."

In addition to the change in policy, MCI made a financial settlement with Gatten. The parties have agreed to keep other details of the settlement confidential. Lambda, Gatten and MCI expressed agreement that the matter was settled amicably.

## NGLTF REQUESTS DOCUMENTATION OF HARASSMENT AFTER "MIDNIGHT CALLER" SHOW

The Anti-Violence Project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has called upon all community groups to help monitor and report harassment and violence that may occur as a result of a prime time television program which aired December 13, on NBC affiliates.

NBC's *Midnight Caller* program featured a story about an HIV positive, bisexual man who, despite knowledge of his antibody status, engages in unprotected sex with his partners. One woman he sleeps with becomes infected and pregnant. Another infected woman attempts to shoot the HIV positive man outside his home but is stopped from doing so by Jack Kilian, the program's central character.

Viewers are urged to contact NGLTF if you observe any of the following:

- Increased anti-gay harassment or violence.
- Incidents of harassment or violence against persons with AIDS, ARC or HIV.
- Incidents involving verbal reference to AIDS or disease.
- Increases in harassing calls.

"If even one incident of harassment or violence occurs as a result of this program, we fully intend to hold NBC

and Lorimar accountable," said NGLTF Anti-Violence Project Director Kevin Berrill.

NGLTF also calls upon viewers offended by the program to flood the switchboard of local NBC affiliates with phone calls protesting the theme of the program. Meetings may be requested with local stations to discuss the program and to urge the airing of positive programs on AIDS and gay/lesbian issues.

ACT-UP chapters across the country, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), Mobilization Against AIDS, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, NGLTF, Oppression Under Target (DC), and others attempted negotiations with Lorimar—the company which produces the *Midnight Caller* series, and NBC to change the story so that it did not depict HIV positive individuals as reckless and irresponsible.

NGLTF publishes an annual report on anti-gay/lesbian violence and victimization. The documentation provided by community groups in this instance, in addition to the ongoing data collection done by groups throughout the country, will be utilized in that report.

## RESEARCHERS SAY GROWTH FACTORS OF CLONED BLOOD CELLS SHOWS PROMISE

SAN ANTONIO (UPI)—Researchers are praising the potential of a new product of genetic engineering they believe could prove a useful tool in the treatment of diseases ranging from AIDS to cancer.

Blood transfusions and bone marrow transplants might someday become unnecessary for some people with the use of this new development, said blood specialists who were attending the recent American Hematology Association's national meeting.

Hematology is the study of blood and blood disorders.

Genetically engineered proteins that trigger the growth of key blood cells are already showing promise in clinical trials in helping the body ward off infections that often accompany chemotherapy—the standard treatment for many forms of cancer.

Amgen Inc., a California-based biotechnology company, has genetically cloned and produced a recently discovered growth factor called neutropoietin, which regulates and controls the population of infection-fighting white blood cells called neutrophils, as well as a recently discovered growth factor called erythropoietin, which stimulates the production of oxygen-carrying red blood cells.

George Morstyn, a professor at the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research of Royal Melbourne Hospital in Victoria, Australia, directed a clinical trial in which 46 patients with a variety of cancers received neutropoietin.

Since chemotherapy destroys white blood cells as well as tumors, patients undergoing the common cancer treatment risk losing their ability to fight infection. So physicians limit the doses, raising questions about whether it lessens the effort to reverse cancer symptoms.

In Morstyn's trial, the growth factor

induced a significant increase in the level of the infection-fighting white blood cells so the patient's count to safe levels reduced from 21 days to 11 days.

Morstyn's research also showed those patients had a significant increase in the number of early progenitor cells, which he said might make it possible to use this growth factor instead of performing bone marrow transplants.

"It now becomes practical to collect those progenitor cells for transplantation," Morstyn said at the meeting. "We're very excited about that."

Because of the cell growth factor's promise for increasing a person's ability to fight infection, David Golde, chief of the division of hematology-oncology at the University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine and director of the UCLA AIDS Center, said he was "enthusiastic" about the potential use of the growth factor in patients who lose their ability to fight infections after developing the deadly acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Amgen next year plans to file an application with the FDA asking to market genetically engineered neutropoietin under the trade name Neupogen.

## RESOURCES...

International news compiled this issue from UPI, Seattle Gay News, Montrose Voice, and Frontiers (Los Angeles).

## BUSH ADMINISTRATION "MAY NOT BE HOPELESS"

Rex Wockner

National gay and lesbian activists in Washington, D.C., nearly all of whom supported Gov. Michael Dukakis for president, are responding to the election of Vice President George Bush with their guard up, but not without a glimmer of optimism.

The ray of hope, they say, lies in the fact that Bush has never embraced the moralistic politics of the New Right in the way Ronald Reagan did. This, they think, may leave the door open for more moderate voices in the Republican party to have the new president's ear. Bush also endorsed the recommendations of Reagan's Commission on the HIV Epidemic, something Reagan refused to do himself.

"There is *some* hope of working with Bush on AIDS," said Eric Rosenthal, political director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "He has, of course, sent mixed signals, and it remains to be seen whether he'll come down on the side of [anti-gay Senator] Jesse Helms (R-NC) or that of responsible public health officials, but he did endorse the HIV Commission's recommendation of nondiscrimination protections for persons with AIDS."

HRCF's communications director, Robert Bray, is concerned, however, that much time has passed since Bush spoke favorably of the commission recommendations, time during which the drafters of the Republican party platform rejected the commission's report.

"What we plan to do," Bray explained, "is extend a cautious olive branch to the White House to remind Bush that he said he wants to be a president for all Americans. That must include 20 million lesbian and gay Americans, and must translate into sensitivity to persons with AIDS. We'll remind him of his support for anti-discrimination protections."

Both Rosenthal and Bray strongly feel that the torch must be partially carried by gay Republicans, who, they say, have a crucial and necessary role to play in the next four years. "It's now time for the gay Republicans who endorsed Bush to call in some chips," Rosenthal said.

"We have to call on gay Republicans who helped elect Bush to start lobbying their man," added Bray. "They must step forward. They must become active."

Speaking for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, public

information director Urvashi Vaid agreed with HRCF, but added that, realistically, activists will have to lower their expectations around gay rights issues from what they would have asked of a Dukakis administration. On AIDS, however, Vaid feels Bush's HIV Commission endorsement provides hope for a better climate than under Reagan.

Another encouraging piece of the puzzle, activists agree, was discernible attempts by the Bush campaign to subtly reach out to gay voters. According to Rosenthal, it was probably not accidental that Bush mentioned chief federal AIDS researcher Anthony Fauci as one of his heroes during the second presidential debate.

Rosenthal also recalled that HRCF was invited to testify at Republican platform hearings last summer, and that recent changes in FDA policies on AIDS drugs have been "very consciously attributed to the leadership of Bush."

"Somebody in the Republican party," Rosenthal said, "realizes that the gay and lesbian vote goes across the ideological mainstream."

"That's right," said Bray, "and they're lucky they realize we're here, because gays and lesbians are going to be anything but invisible in the next four years. There will be stepped up direct action in the streets and continued high-powered lobbying on the Hill. We're not going to sit around and lick our wounds. It's business as usual."

Bray, Rosenthal and Vaid said Congress provides another ray of sunshine in the aftermath of the election. Bray thinks the gay/lesbian rights bill, which concurrently has 73 cosponsors, may well have 80 within a few months. Expected to sign on are Sam Gejdenson (D-OR), Lane Evans (D-IL), Bob Mrazek (D-NY), Jolene Unoeld (D-WA), and Mike Kopetski (D-OR). None of the current cosponsors lost their re-election bids.

Rosenthal shares Bray's enthusiasm, but more for the House than the Senate. "The House will be a better place next year because we defeated a few people who have been bad and elected a few who have good records on our issues," he said. "The Senate, however, while it will be more Democratic, may not be a better place, because [Sen. Lowell] Weicker (R-CT) is gone. His absence could be devastating."

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### EDITORIAL

### LET'S PORTEND

With the publication of this edition of *Phoenix Resource*, 1988 is practically history. Which means it's time for hack writers across the nation to compile their end-of-the-year columns. I am not one to flout tradition. But rather than serve up a boring rehash of the events of 1988 (which I think we can all agree was a pretty poor excuse for a year), I will instead turn my gaze forward. What follows are my predictions for 1989. (Some of these are based on careful extrapolation from past events, some are psychic impressions received during meditation, and the rest came to me in a flash when I banged my head on the corner of the medicine cabinet door.)

- Michael Jackson will make inquiries about obtaining the bones of the baby dinosaurs from the *Land Before Time* movie. He will offer \$100,000 for the fictional remains.
- The Democrats, still smarting from their loss in the presidential election, will charge the Republicans with fraud when it is learned that Guam's electoral vote was lost in the mail.
- Construction on the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library will begin in Santa Barbara, California. It will be the first presidential library to feature arcade games and a ride patterned after Disneyland's Space Mountain.
- Jesse Jackson will do irreparable damage to his 1992 presidential hopes when he appears in public wearing a yarmulke with a propeller on top.
- President Bush will go on national television to unveil his aggressive new Mideast policy, which includes "calling Iran in the middle of the night and hanging up when they answer."
- Michael Jackson will have more plastic surgery done wherein what's left of his nose will be completely removed and donated to the L.A. County Museum of Natural History. The next day, Michael will offer the Museum \$100,000 for it.
- Pepsi will stop using Michael Jackson in its advertising, stating that most Pepsi drinkers don't identify with noseless celebrities.
- Austrian president and former Nazi Kurt Waldheim will pay yet another visit to Pope John Paul II, who, finally acquiescing to public sentiment, will poke Waldheim in the eye with the tip of his miter.
- Due to a typographical error, a new law passed by Congress will mandate the death penalty for all drugstore owners.
- Former Attorney General Edwin Meese will explode, splattering the patrons of a chic Georgetown cafe with flying viscera.
- Jesse Jackson will be seriously injured when he accidentally wears his propeller yarmulke inside-out.
- Geraldo Rivera will score a TV ratings coup with the broadcast of a trio of "Special Investigative Reports" titled "Swimsuits '89: Are They Really Getting Smaller?"; "Produce-Aisle Rapes: Scantly Clad Victims Speak Out!"; and "Incest: Helpful Hints for Childless Couples."
- A disoriented former President Reagan will show up for work in the Oval Office for three mornings in a row during July.
- Roy Innes will break Geraldo Rivera's jaw during an encounter at a chic New York nightspot, but police will refuse to release any other details.
- Guest-hosting for Geraldo, Vanna White will inadvertently spark an on-camera riot between opposing factions of dog lovers and cat fanciers.
- Not to be outdone, Mr. Wizard will destroy his television studio by inciting violence between opposing factions of hydrochloric acid and fulminate of mercury.
- Dan Rather will slap Tom Brokaw.
- China will invade Portugal.
- A drunken advertising executive will accidentally ship Spuds McKenzie off to a vivisectionist. The late pooch will be eulogized on a special two-hour edition of *Entertainment Tonight*.
- A skittish President Bush will resign when the Dow Jones average plummets 1,128 points. When the market rebounds within a week, Bush will decide that he's "changed his mind," and newly sworn-in President Quayle will order all the locks changed at the White House.
- Fans of the rap group The Beastie Boys will stop stealing Mercedes Benz hood ornaments and instead start swiping trailer hitches off of Plymouth Volare station wagons.
- Oprah Winfrey will disappear completely.
- President Quayle will address a special session of the United Nations Security Council, which, for this occasion, will be populated entirely by cardboard cut-outs.
- The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library will open, and within 25 minutes the souvenir stand will be sold out of stuffed iguanas.

## MURPHY'S MANOR by Kurt Erichsen



## MEGUMANS REVIEW



*A Mistress Moderately Fair*. Katherine Sturtevant, author. Boston, MA: Alyson, 1988. 249 pages. \$8.95 paperbound.

Some people write so evocatively that we forget that the situations they invoke are inherently uninteresting. These are the "back page" essayists whose experience of a stubbed toe we find fascinating. These are the freelancers whose tidbits about mouse droppings inspire us to research the subject. These are the writers of books whose subject matter has never interested us before and may never again. For leisure reading of fact or philosophy, we skip the subject. For leisure reading of creative literature, we scan the back cover and return the book to the shelf.

I'd never have picked *A Mistress Moderately Fair* off the shelf—but more than half of my reading time is spent as a reviewer, not a browser. The book landed in my pile, I fought it, and it won. I wasn't interested in seventeenth-century London before and I'm not now, but Sturtevant's confident writing pulled me into her story.

Margaret Featherstone is an independent woman, a widow and a playwright, none of which sits well with the seventeenth-century London theater community. But she's good, good enough to compete successfully with the men. And she's bright and brave and secure enough to create and maintain her place in the old boys' network. She was one of the lucky ones who didn't know that women were supposed to be seen and not heard—and she wasn't much to look at anyway, but she was a delight to hear, if you like your humor bawdy and blunt. The men in the social and political upper crust didn't like her, but they couldn't afford to discount her.

Amy Dudley is an actress, ambitious and talented and expedient. She crops up in London out of nowhere, out of her mysterious past, and uses all means at her disposal to insert herself into the theater circle. She wants to be an actress, and especially, she wants to act in Margaret's plays. She accomplishes this by flirting coldbloodedly with everyone in her path, including Margaret. Margaret's buried memory of teenage passion and sex with a young woman resurfaces into her confused admiration of Amy's acting skill, and Amy's professional dedication diffuses with personal longing and youthful impetuosity.

Love and sex in the midst of slop pots, servants and society are awkward and tempestuous. Histrionic and literary outbursts pepper the narrative—both leading ladies remain firmly in character. Sturtevant knows the place and the period well; she mixes poverty and obscenity with gentility and ostentation so that we're constantly off-guard...and interested.

We have romance, living history, and I haven't even mentioned the unraveling of Amy's mysterious past and its impact on the plot. If none of the above has gotten your attention, you can still read *A Mistress Moderately Fair* as a well-crafted suspense novel.

*A Mistress Moderately Fair* is available from Alyson and at Humanspace Books in Phoenix.

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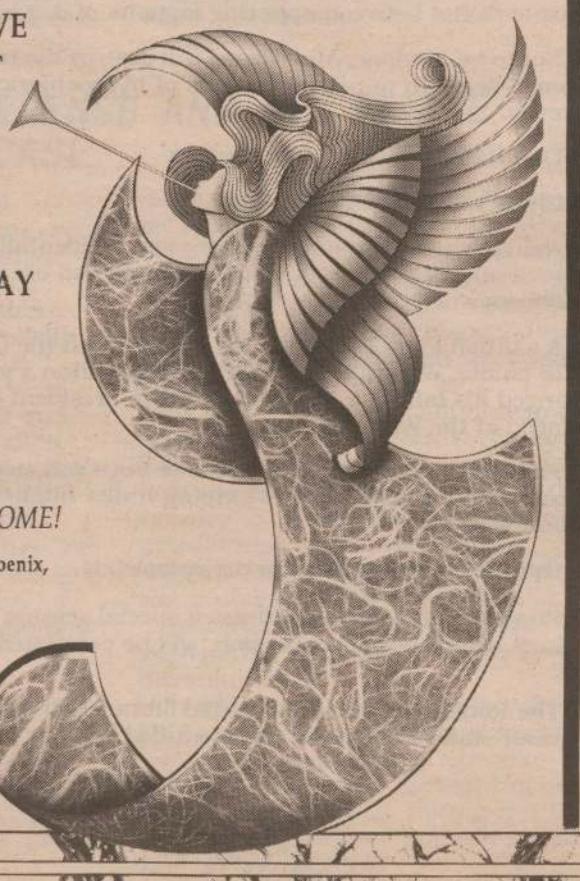
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# POLL INDICATES GAYS AND LESBIANS BACKED DUKAKIS

Lisa Keen

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espite concerns voiced by many gay activists that gay voters would write in votes or sit out the 1988 Presidential election last month, a national poll shows there were likely very few write-ins from gays and debatable evidence of gays sitting out the vote. The poll also shows that the issues which influenced most gay voters' choice of candidates were primarily non-gay issues.

According to the results of a poll conducted by 10 gay newspapers in different major metropolitan areas around the country, only three percent of gay voters stayed home November 8 and only two percent wrote in or voted for candidates other than the two major party nominees.

Of the 803 people who responded to the gay newspaper poll, 80% said they voted for Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis, while 15% said they voted for Republican nominee, and winner, George Bush.

The gay voting pattern contrasted sharply with that of the general voting population nationwide, 54% of which voted for Vice-President Bush, while 46% voted for Massachusetts Governor Dukakis.

The contrast between voters responding to the gay newspaper poll and those responding to the many national polls taken of the general voting public was also stark when voters identified what issue most influenced their choice of candidates.

The most frequently cited issue for voters responding to the gay newspaper poll was future nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court. One in five readers responding said that concern most influenced their choice of candidates, and all but six of those 147 gays said they chose Dukakis.

By contrast, Supreme Court nominees never surfaced as an issue in any of the major polls conducted of the general voting population nationwide. The primary issue for 1,100 voters responding to an ABC exit poll was drug abuse, while the 1,287 voters responding to a CBS-New York Times poll cited the economy.

One possible explanation for the Supreme Court nominees to be at the top of gay voters' list is the recent decision of the high court to uphold state laws prohibiting homosexual sodomy and to allow the U.S. Olympic Committee to bar the organizers of the Gay Games to call their event the Gay Olympics.

While the economy was not at the top of the list for those responding to the gay newspaper poll, it was the number two concern, with 19% of respondents saying the economy was their motivating factor in deciding for whom to vote. Of the 140 gays who said they were most influenced by the economy, the votes were split evenly between those who voted for Bush and those who voted for Dukakis.

Following closely behind the economy as an influential issue to those responding was social welfare (18 percent). Gay-related issues rated only fourth (with 17% of the vote), out of 10 issues from which to choose on the newspaper poll survey. In fifth place, with 14 percent of the vote, was AIDS.

## Viva what difference?

Between gay men and lesbians responding to the newspaper poll there was very little difference—both groups picked almost identical issues among their top five: court nominees, the economy, social welfare, gay related issues, and—for men, AIDS; for women, women's issues. In voting, 83% of the gay men and 91% of the lesbians said they voted for Dukakis.

While the national gay newspaper poll drew relatively few responses from blacks (only three percent compared to a general population fraction estimated at 12.5%), those who did respond demonstrated some differences from their white counterparts. The top issue for black gays responding to the poll was social welfare; for white gays it was Supreme Court nominations.

Black gay men saw gay-related issues as most important, while black lesbians were most motivated by social welfare. White gay men chose the economy as their most influential issue, while white lesbians chose Supreme Court nominations.

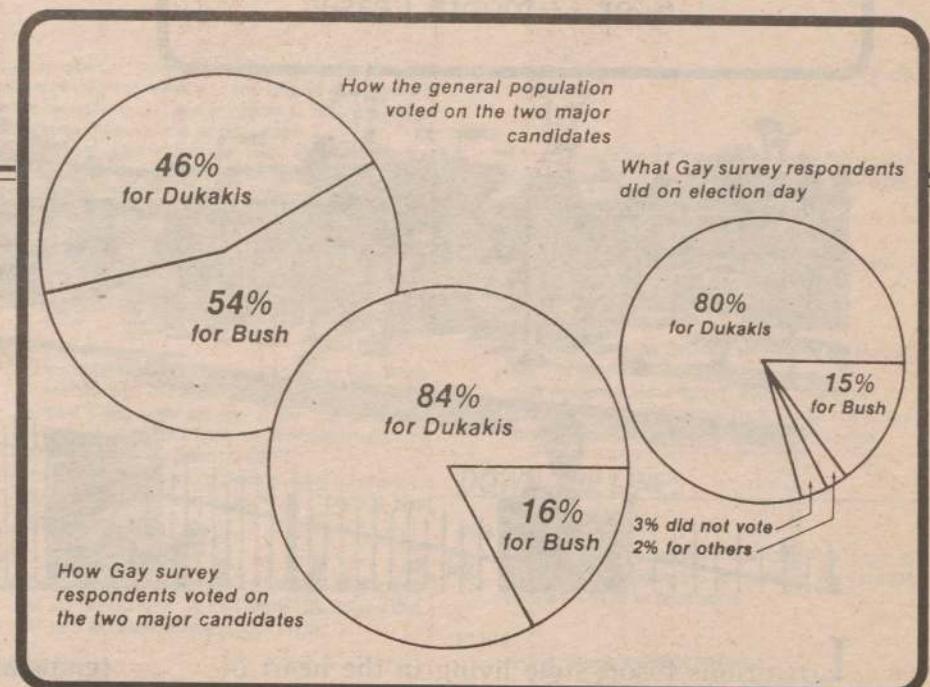
Gil Gerald, a long-time national gay activist from the black gay community and director for minority affairs of the National AIDS Network, said the small percentage of returns from black gays is probably a product of gay newspapers not reaching the black, gay community. In terms of issues, said Gerald, the contrast between black lesbians choosing social welfare and white gay men choosing the economy, "is most reflective of my own sense of the differences—the polarities that exist in our society" at large.

## Southern gays cool to Duke

While gay voters responding to the newspaper poll appeared to buck some voting trends seen in the general public, those in certain regions of the country appear to have followed the regional voting tendencies.

Separate from the gay newspaper poll, a survey of the voting results in more than 50 precincts around the country which are believed to have larger-than-usual proportions of gay voters revealed regional trends.

As with the newspaper poll, the survey of "gay precinct" results demonstrated in



8 out of 10 cities that gays probably voted for Dukakis by a margin of 80 percent. Only in the two Southern cities included in the precinct survey did voters demonstrate margins of support for Dukakis that were far less than 80 percent.

Gay precincts in Miami gave only 54 percent of their support to the Democrats, and similar precincts in Houston gave only 62 percent of their votes. The diminished support for Dukakis in these areas, however, follows the trend of Southern voters overall. Dukakis did not win one Southern state in the election.

Also following the regional voting trends were gay precincts in Wisconsin, Washington D.C., and Washington state, which voted overwhelmingly for Dukakis.

One other contrast which the survey of gay precincts demonstrates when compared to the survey of respondents to the gay newspaper poll is in voter turnout.

The gay poll indicates that only three percent of gay voters stayed at home November 8; the survey of gay precincts shows a widely varied turnout from city to city, with dramatically increased voter turnouts in Seattle and Philadelphia and dramatically decreased turnouts in San Francisco, Madison, Wisc., and Washington D.C.

A number of gay Democratic leaders voiced concern at the Democratic National Convention in July that large numbers of gay voters might decide not to vote in the election rather than giving their support to Dukakis, whose campaign shunned gay voters during most of the contest. With many gay Republicans openly abandoning the GOP ticket because of the Reagan administration's response to AIDS, there was some expectation that the gay voter turnout in general might decline significantly.

However, political observers in the three cities with the largest declines in voter turnout at gay precincts had numerous explanations for those declines other than gay voter disenchantment with either ticket.

Larry Bush, assistant to San Francisco's Democratic Mayor Art Agnos, said there is no indication that the 14% decline in voter turnout in that city's gay precincts was due to gays staying away from the voting booth.

Bush and political pollster David Binder noted that San Francisco recorded more than twice the number of absentee ballots this year than it did in 1984—ballots which are not recorded with individual precincts. Binder said he was able to get information on how many absentee ballots were filed by voters in particular areas of the city and that by distributing those numbers evenly among the precincts involved, he determined that the percentage of voters in the gay precincts was probably up a little over 1984, but not down.

But, if voting was down in gay precincts in San Francisco, said Bush, it might also be explained by other variables, including a recent trend among gays there to buy homes. That trend, said Bush, had begun to disperse the gay vote throughout the city rather than concentrate it in gay precincts.

In D.C., where gay precincts showed a 10% decline in turnout over 1984, the city overall showed a 17% decline in voter turnout. Thus, said Herb Shultz, president of D.C.'s Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, the 10% decline shows that gay activists "did very good" in getting the vote out. The better turnout by gay voters could be due to the Stein Club's aggressive voter registration drive this year as well as the fact that an openly-gay candidate, Tom Chorlton, was on the ballot for an at-large D.C. City Council seat, said Shultz.

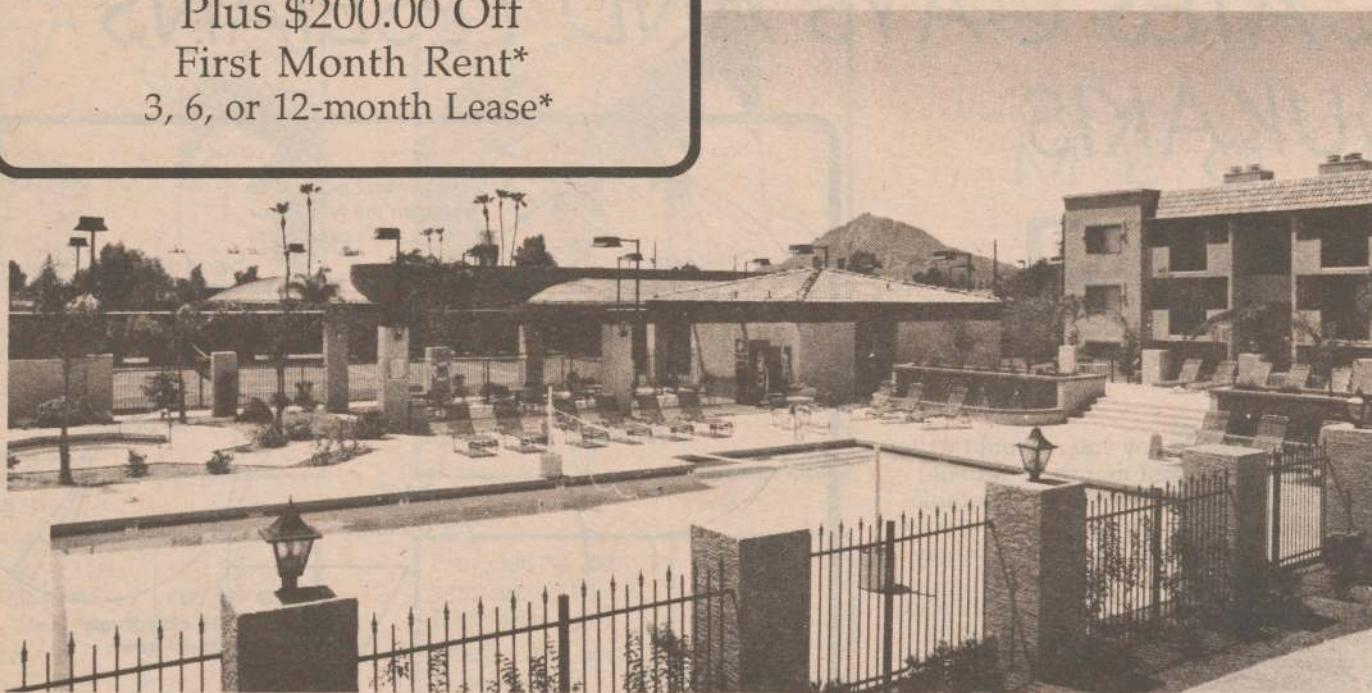
## How the poll was conducted

To conduct this national poll on how gay voters participated in the 1988 presidential election, 10 gay newspapers in 10 cities around the country each inserted 1,000 ballot survey cards at random in their issue falling closest to the November 8 election.

Of the 10,000 survey cards distributed, 894 (nine percent), were returned in time to be included for analysis in this article. The response rate is large enough to assume an accuracy rate of plus or minus five percent. However, it is important to keep in mind that the poll reached only those gays who read gay newspapers and does not necessarily reflect the entire gay voter population.

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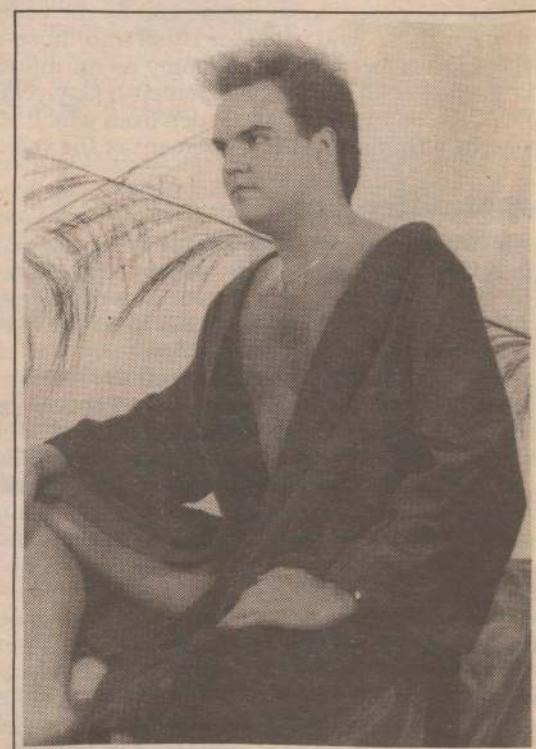


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## PHOENIX COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOW FORMING

Jeff Coulter

A local group of concerned individuals has recently held several meetings, in hopes of establishing a central council for lesbian and gay social and community service organizations.

Currently, Phoenix does not have an association that promotes communication and coordination of the numerous local organizations. The council, to be known as The Council of Central Arizona, defines its objective in its Statement of Purpose as promoting "ongoing communication among the various participating organizations in central Arizona, to support the growth and success of each individual organization, and to identify, set, and achieve common goals."

The formation of such a council has long been the goal of several community leaders, but several past attempts have met with failure. "Apathy is the biggest problem we face," according to a local gay activist. "People get very excited at the thought of forming a group, but it's difficult getting those people to come to a second meeting."

Earlier this year, several local groups sponsored a town hall meeting in which a steering committee was elected to initiate the inception of a "community council." The committee held two meetings, and eventually disbanded due to a lack of interest.

Apathy is apparently only one of the problems that organizers face when trying to establish a broad-based community group. Past attempts at the creation of a community council have met with charges of misplaced egos and personal agendas. Poor communication between individuals and groups has been cited as the cause. Ironically, the purpose of these community councils is to present an open forum for communication.

Many of the current council creators have stated a desire to move past "personality problems," and concentrate on a common goal. "It's positive movement toward real communication in the gay and lesbian community," said Paul Bayfield, president of the Lesbian and Gay Community Switchboard. "There is definitely a need for such a forum in this area."

The council will consist of delegates to be selected by the participating organizations. The organizations that associate with the council must have by-laws or a constitution; elect its officials in a free and open manner; and have consistently applied requirements for membership. The delegates will represent the organization, to insure that each voice is heard. An associate may appoint two delegates, if their membership exceeds one hundred people. The delegates themselves will elect two coordinators to serve the organizational needs of the council.

Currently, the council is in the early development stage, with the statement of purpose and association by-laws in proposal. The council plans to call a public meeting shortly after the first of the year.

## DISCO STAR SYLVESTER SUCCUMBS

SAN FRANCISCO— Sylvester, the gay disco diva whose flashy stage presence and string of dance-floor hits propelled him to stardom, has died of complications of AIDS Friday, December 16.

Known as the Queen of Disco, Sylvester first scored with "Dance (Disco Heat)" in 1978. His subsequent live tours featured outrageous routines and occasional drag numbers.

The singer, who last charted with the hit "Someone Like You" in 1987, died in his home, surrounded by friends. He was 42.

## TEXAS JUDGE HANDS DOWN HOMOPHOBIC SENTENCE

DALLAS (AP)—A Dallas, Texas state district judge has stated that he allowed personal homophobia to enter into his decision in sentencing an 18-year-old killer late last month.

"I don't much care for queers cruising the streets picking up teenage boys," Judge Jack Hampton told a Dallas newspaper last Friday.

Hampton told the *Times Herald* that he handed down a lighter sentence to a murderer partly because his two victims were homosexual.

Hampton says that the homosexuality of the murder victims colored his decision to give their killer a 30-year prison term rather than a maximum life sentence.

"These two guys that got killed wouldn't have been killed if they hadn't been cruising the streets picking up teenage boys," Hampton stated.

"If the victims had been a couple of housewives out shopping, not hurting anybody, I would have given a harsher sentence," Hampton explained. "I have a teenage son, myself."

The judge expressed no reservations about his statements to the press, adding, "If (the statements) make anybody mad, they'll forget it by the next election year."

"Judge Hampton's remarks show open disregard for the laws of our state," said Tom Doyal, legal director for the Texas Human Rights Foundation. "The statements constitute judicial misconduct."

Court testimony reveals that the murderer, Lee Bednarski, and a group of friends were seen taunting men in the Oak Lawn area of Dallas on the night of May 15. Bednarski was convicted in the shooting deaths of Tommy Lee Trimble, 34, and Lloyd Griffin, 27.

A witness testified that Bednarski pulled a gun on the two men and demanded that they remove their clothes. When they refused, Bednarski shot them, the witness claimed. Trimble died immediately, Griffin three days later.

"Hampton has created an entirely new class of crime: the murder of expendable classes of people," Doyal said.

At press time, several gay organizations had responded to Hampton's statements, including the Dallas Gay Alliance. Meanwhile, the Commission on Judicial Conduct has issued a statement saying that Hampton's reasoning probably fell within the bounds of judicial discretion.

## OUTLINES COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Outlines calendar listings of upcoming organizational or club events are free. To ensure that your item is listed, make sure it is submitted two weeks prior to date of publication. Telephone listings will be accepted, but inclusion is not guaranteed.

When submitting items for the calendar, include the name of event, location, date, time, price, and a telephone number for further information to: *Outlines, Phoenix Resource, P.O. Box 5948, Phoenix, AZ 85010 c/o Josh.*

### FRIDAY

- Mishpachat Am Shabbat. 966-5001

### 12/23

- Luminario Night: A Holiday Dance for the Whole Community. 8:00 to 1:00pm. Janus Theatre, 3302 N. 7th St. \$3-5 sliding scale donation at the door. Bring non-perishable food for PWA Coalition. All proceeds benefit the Lesbian & Gay Switchboard. 234-2753.
- Meca Center: The Gifting Process. Bring a Holiday gift with a personal message for exchange. 7:00pm at Meca Center.

### 12/30

- Branden Institute invites you to a Black-Tie Gala to honor and say farewell to "Z." At the Canada Hills Country Club. 297-1207 for reservations and ticket prices.

### SATURDAY

- Moon Goddess Coven Witchcraft workshop. 873-3611.

### 12/24

- Cornerstone Fellowship Christmas Eve Candle Light Service. 8:00pm 3333 E. Grand R. Tucson.

### SUNDAY

#### CHURCH SERVICES:

- Casa De Cristo: 8:30, 10:30am, 7pm Turney East of 7th St.
- Cornerstone Fellowship: 9:00, 10:30am, 333 E. Grant Rd. Tucson 881-3519.
- First Unitarian Universalist Church of Phoenix: 10:30am, 4027 E. Lincoln Dr.
- Gentle Shepherd MCC: 10:30am, 7pm, 3524 E. Mountain View. Tucson 996-7644.
- Healing Waters Ministries: 11am. 5555 E. Van Buren.
- Metropolitan Community Church: 10:45am, 5:30pm; 560 S. Stone. Tucson. 622-4536.
- Oasis MCC: 11am; 4229 S. 29th Place (off Broadway).
- Desert Valley Squares: 7:30pm. Augustana Lutheran Church, 14th St. and Virginia.
- Gay Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA), meets at 8pm at Humanspace Bookstore. 1617 N. 32nd St. 220-4419.
- Traveling Lesbian Breakfast: 10:30am. For location contact Carol or Tee. 278-1869.

### 12/25

- Gentle Shepherd MCC Christmas Musical. 10:30am, "We Behold His Glory" a 15 voice Cantata. 3425 E. Mountain View. 996-7644.

### 1/1

- Happy New Year!
- Dignity/Integrity Mass and Potluck at Kino Institute. 3:00pm. 258-2556.

### MONDAY

- Bowling-Squaw Peak Lanes, 32nd St. and Indian School. 9pm. Northgate.
- People Exchanging Power (PEP) Rap Group; 7 to 10pm. 878-8737 or 744-3422.
- People Who Love Too Much Seminar: Men's Group. 7pm. 224-1956.

### TUESDAY

- Brown Bag Theatre presents "Fireworks" each Tuesday-Thursday 12:15, Tickets \$3, 320 N. Central, Ste 104. 254-3475.
- Front Runners of Tucson meet 6pm in front of Himmel Park Library. 326-3332.
- House of the Dawn: 8:30pm. Lessons with Nikola Tesla. Video, discussion, meditation and channeling. 267-1203. 2141 E. Palm Lane.
- People Who Love Too Much Seminar: Women's group. 7pm. 224-1956.
- Mr. Charlie's Contest 10:00pm, all proceeds benefit the Lesbian & Gay Community Switchboard.

### 12/27

- Relationship Discussion Group Holiday Party. First Unitarian Universalist Church of Phx. 4027 E. Lincoln Dr. 7:00pm. 870-9597.
- Dignity/Integrity Women's Potluck and Mass. 964-2772.

### 1/3

- Desert Adventures Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange Meeting. 7:00pm, First Unitarian Universalist Church. 957-3476.

### WEDNESDAY

- Adult Children of Alcoholics, 7:30pm. Healing Waters Ministries. 244-1577.
- Cornerstone Mid-Week Worship. 7pm. 333 E. Grant. Tucson. 881-3519.

- Phoenix Gay and Lesbian Youth, 7:30pm, Janus Theatre. 938-3932.

### 12/28

- Humanspace Books presents a Book Signing with Kathrine Sturtevant, reading from her novel *A Mistress Moderately Fair*, 7pm, 1617 N. 32nd St. 220-4419.

### 1/4

- People Exchanging Power (PEP) Monthly Business Meeting. 848-8737.

### THURSDAY

- Art Walk along the Galleries on Scottsdale's Marshall Way. 7 to 9pm.
- Gay Academic Union Flagstaff; 7:00pm, 525-1199.
- Lesbian and Gay Community Youth Group: 7:30 to 9pm at Augustana Lutheran Church. 14th St. and Virginia.

### DOWN THE LINE:

### 1/6-8

- Desert Adventures Painted Rock State Park Camping Weekend. \$10 members/\$15 non members. Phil 231-0758 or Paul 849-2262 for reservations.

### 1/13-15

- AGRA Road Runner Regional Rodeo

### 1/14

- Couples Sponsor Bob Lind: Tax Planning for Couples. 831-5920.

### AIDS LINES:

### 12/27

- "Can We Talk?" Rap Group at the ARCE Center, 461-2437.

### SUNDAY:

- HIV & AIDS/ARC Group: A support group for those in the process of dealing with testing, or the illness itself. 3 to 6pm at Humanspace Books, 1617 N. 32nd St. Debbie Elliot Facilitator.
- Tucson AIDS Project: Walk in HIV counseling clinic. 7pm to 9pm. 151 S. Tucson Blvd. Ste 252. 326-AIDS.

### MONDAY:

- Wellness Group: 7 to 9pm at Oasis MCC, 2405 E. Coronado. For more information 264-0904.

### TUESDAY:

- AIDS Referral, Counseling, & Education (ARCE): Men's PWA support group. 7pm, ARCE Center, 508 W. 10th St. Mesa. For information, 461-2437. Also Sexercise Workshop 12/16.
- Phoenix Shanti: Open PWA Support Group. 7pm. For more information and location, 265-3884.
- AIDS 12-Step Group: For HIV+ and diagnosed PWAs. Coping with AIDS and other dependencies. Family Service Agency 7 to 9pm, 1530 E. Flower.
- Tucson AIDS Project AIDS/ARC support group. 326-AIDS.

### WEDNESDAY:

- AGAPE Network: Hot lunch for PWAs. 12 to 1:30 pm. Oasis MCC, 2405 E. Coronado.
- Family, Friends & Significant Others of persons with AIDS, ARC, or HIV. 7 to 9pm, St. Joseph's Hospital, dining room H. 350 W. Thomas Rd. Ray Grove, Facilitator. 957-4340.
- Oxygen Therapy: 7-9pm. 267-8901 ask for Bill.

### THURSDAY:

- AIDS Referral, Counseling & Education (ARCE): Women's Support group. 7pm ARCE Center, 508 W. 10th St. Mesa. For information, 461-2437.
- Arizona AIDS Project: AIDS & ARC support group. 7 to 9pm. AAP, 736 E. Flynn Lane. Wayne King. M.C. Facilitator. 277-1929 daytime.
- Recreational PWA Support Group: 1:30pm. The American Baptist Church (corner of Central & Glendale). 944-9656.
- CODAMA: IV Drug Users testing positive or with AIDS 6pm, 2025 N. Central.
- PWA Group at Terros: A support group dealing with AIDS and chemical dependency issues. 7-9pm. Terros Counseling Center, 4545 N. 27th Ave. Bldg. A.

### SATURDAY

- Tucson AIDS Project: HIV wellness walk-in clinic. AIDS/ARC may bring supporting person, or significant other with you. 1pm. 326-AIDS.
- Significant Others Support Group: 7pm, 151 S. Tucson Blvd. Ste 252, 326-AIDS.

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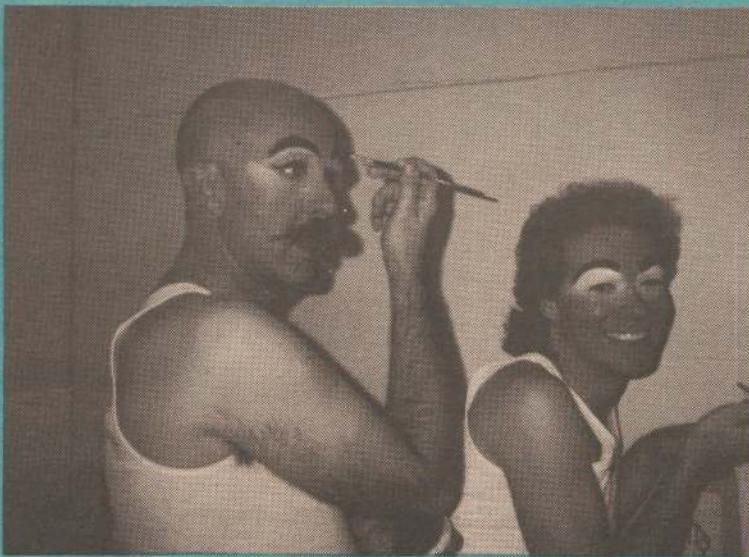
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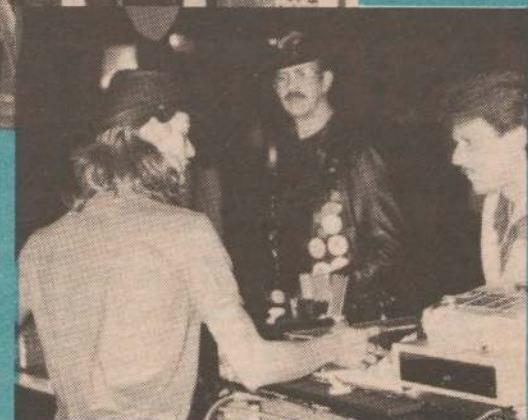
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AIDS Info Line  
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Arizona AIDS Project  
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736 E. Flynn Lane  
Phoenix, 85064  
277-1929

Community AIDS Council  
PO Box 32903  
Phoenix, 85064  
990-1776

Phoenix Shanti Group  
PO Box 17618  
Phoenix, 95011  
265-3884

Planned Parenthood  
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Phoenix, 85014  
George: 277-PLAN

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Coalition for PWAs  
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Phoenix, 85011  
224-5486

Veterans Administration  
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Educator: Lee Hood  
277-5551 Ext. 164

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Phoenix, 249-1257

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Central Office  
Gay Group Listings  
264-1341

Lesbian & Gay  
Community Switchboard  
234-2753

Parents & Friends of  
Lesbians & Gays  
(PFLAG)  
PO Box 97525  
Phoenix, 85064  
942-0417

AIDS related: 939-7807

Relationship Discussion  
Group  
870-9597

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PO Box 26031  
Tempe, 85282  
496-9931

## SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

Arizona Rangers  
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Phoenix, 85002  
252-7035

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Phoenix, 85064

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Phoenix, 85011  
831-5920

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Phoenix, 85001  
957-3476

Gay Arizona Youth  
3030 E. Roosevelt  
Phoenix, 85008  
267-1059

Iron Tigers M.C.  
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## Lesbian & Gay Academic Union A.S.U.

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103-276

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## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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861-1486 Peter Hudson

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252-1239

## Coalition For Immediate Action (CIA)

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## Arizona Democratic Party

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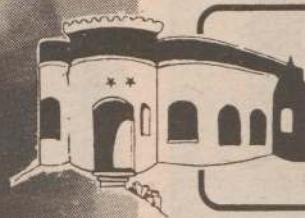
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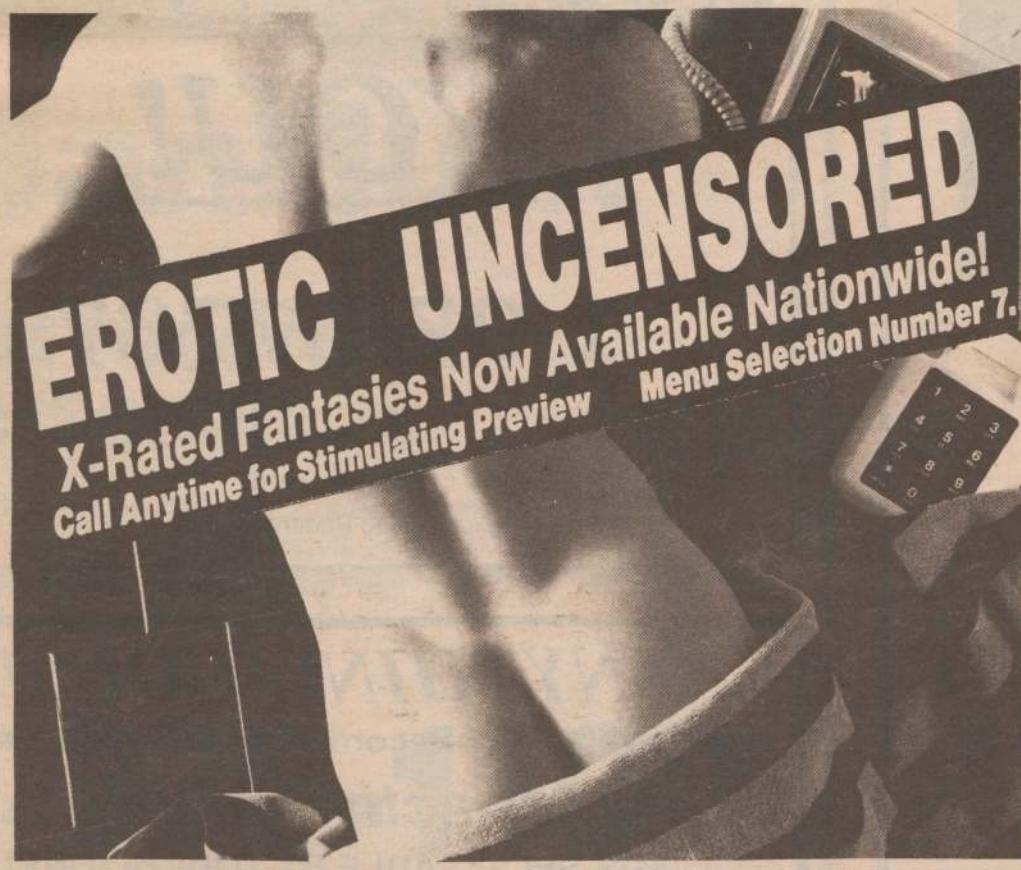
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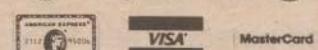
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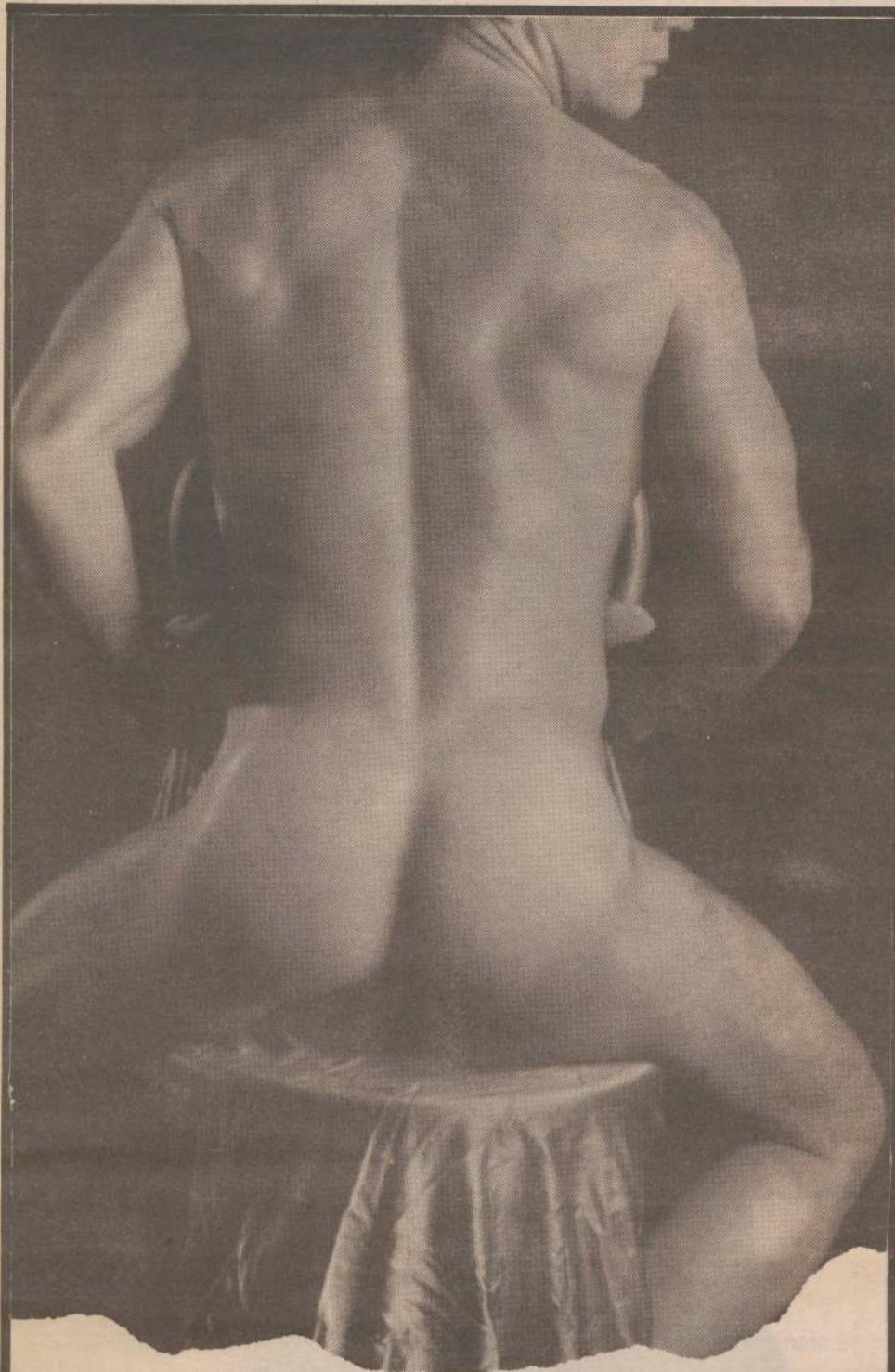
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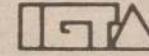
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