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I hate trendy pop
psychology, and this
Twelve-Step recovery crap
has been driving me crazy
for years. I'm sick of
hearing about
codependency and
dysfunctional families, and
if one more person tells me
about his "inner child," I am
going to shriek.

And who's really
profiting from this pet rock
philosophy, anyway? My
housekeeper tells me that
he was molested as an
infant. "I don't have any
memories of it yet," he
says, "but my shrink says
I'll remember it in the next
three years." Guess who's

going to benefit most from
three years of
psychoanalysis? The self
help movement doesn't
seem to be curing anyone's
problems, but it's packing
the purses of those who
promote it.

I'm not certain at
whom to aim my ire: The
perfidious practitioners who
are spooning up this load of
crap, or the morons who
are greedily gobbling it. But
I am certain of this: The
self-help movement focuses
on bad stuff, and that's not
good. If words like
"codependency" and
"dysfunctional" weren't so
wildly promoted, the

predicaments they
predicate wouldn't appear
as important. And
empowering other ideas
and words—like trust and
satisfaction—would forward
those causes as effectively
as has the lingo of the
recovery movement
boosted infirmity.

I understand that many of us feel inadequate, and that the tenets of the self-help movement act as a validation of human frailty.

But as long as we're letting our language lead us, we may as well let it lead us in a worthwhile direction.

-Pela

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On the cover: Clockwise from bottom left, Phoenix City Council members Kathy Dubs, Frances Emma Barwood, Skip Rimsza, Thelda Williams, John Nelson, and Mayor Paul Johnson. Phoenix's lesbian/gay community must scrounge up at least two "yes" votes among these reluctant six to ensure passage of a gay-rights amendment to the city's anti-discrimination ordinance. Members of the community will have an opportunity to face the Council on June 16, when it takes the final vote. Stories on pages 4 and 6.

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Body Count

Pop Quiz: The title of this piece refers to: A. The two Vietnams' worth of people who have died of AIDS since the Republicans came to power twelve years ago; B. The L.A. riots' confirmation that only dead bodies can make Republicans address social issues; C. The fact that Democrats are more impressed by the count of live bodies on your side (as opposed to the other side), or D. All of the above.

On Tuesday evenings, a third of the bars on this circuit are essentially closed, and another third are quieter than a library (which would probably offer better cruising). On the evening of Tuesday, June 16, the bar where you picked up this paper (and/or that man) is not the place to be. Your presence is requested elsewhere. No matter whom you're meeting that Tuesday, he or she would be well-advised to meet you at the Phoenix Civic Center. (Whether it's to celebrate our historic victory, or to drown your sorrows, you can always return to the bar together afterwards.)

Woody Allen once said that "80 percent of life is just showing up." Convincing you and your friends to "just show up" this time may be a lot harder than it sounds, though. Even with the completely unfair advantage of 50 column inches in the hippest tabloid in town, I'm not sure I can manage it. And an even bigger problem is that, the way things have been going lately, you might be tempted to think that we've been doing fine without you. To date, 1992 has been a very good year. Consider the following pieces of excellent news:

Democratic presidential nominee Bill Clinton, who last year was chairing the Democratic Leadership Council and bragging about making the party more conservative, is now calling

for un-banning lesbians

and gay men from the military, and has moved longtime AIDS activists to tears with compassionate speeches in Southern California. In an even more stunning reversal, U.S. Sen. Chuck Robb, a DLC member so conservative that his faction of the Virginia Democratic party once bugged black leader Doug Wilder's office, is now asking Gen. Colin Powell, the black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to lift the ban.

Locally, our victories have been even more impressive. On April 25, our state's largest cities saw gay men—who had followed a prescription for empowerment that entailed just showing up in the state Democratic Party (and who found themselves chairing their local district organizations)—defeat their former mayors in an election to become Clinton delegates to the Democratic National Convention. And most importantly, this Valley's newspaper of record, which as recently as last year was condemning us as child molesters and mentally ill, has now come out in favor of an ordinance prohibiting discrimination against us in employment and public accommodations. And although this ordinance is not the war, it is a very important battle.

Winning the war for equality will require all of us
to come out of the closet,
because that is the only way

by George Greene

that homophobic Americans can discover that we have more in common with themselves than with their stereotypes. But passing the employment discrimination ordinance is crucial step along the way, because it would enable a critical mass of us to come out of the closet without getting fired. The support for our cause by three Democratic city council members, the Republic and Gazette, the state Democratic Party platform, and a host of businesses (of all sizes) is both unprecedented and exhilarating.

So why worry?

Well, unfortunately, with great achievements come greater expectations. The activist cliques (so seldom seen in bars) have done all that can be done without massive amounts of people-power. The only reason this ordinance has a chance of passage is that the current Phoenix City Council, which is split 4-4 between Democrats and Republicans, is chaired by a Democratic mayor. Both he and one of the four Democratic council members—Vice Mayor Thelda Williams—represent areas with majority Republican registrations. If the mayor and vice mayor vote with us, and the ordinance passes 5-4, then the fundamentalist churches, seething with outrage, will notice that the Republican registration advantage gives them a chance for revenge, and will spearhead recall drives against both Johnson and Williams.

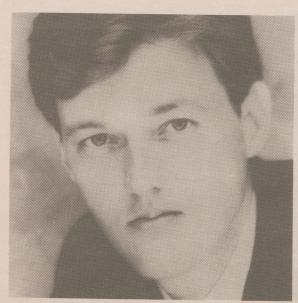
These very same churches will be attempting to pack the Civic Center on June 16. When at last the gavel falls, Mayor Johnson and Vice Mayor Williams will survey the meeting room: lesbians, gay men, and their friends on the "left," and bigots, fundamentalists, and their dupes on the "right." They will then take a Final Examination of the constituencies there assembled. And on this exam, they will answer the following questions:

1. Which of these two groups am I more afraid of?

2. Can lesbians and gay men *really* muster enough people-power to defeat a recall?3. Am I willing to stake my political future on that?

All who have dealt with the mayor and vice mayor know that, no matter how nice they may be personally, and no matter how encouraging the recent evolution in their positions on our ordinance may be, they are not principled enough to vote for it just because it is the morally correct thing to do. After all, we are always the ones telling them that "you can't legislate morality." Our only hope lies in convincing them that Phoenix is more progressive than the county (or state) at large; that as the 9th largest city in America, it must necessarily be home to a diverse population; and that the intolerance of the few must not be allowed to deprive this great city of the contributions that our community could

They are not going to vote for us just because this poor, little oppressed minority doesn't deserve to be picked on any more. And, tragically, they are not going to vote



Mayor Paul Johnson

"maybe"



Vice Mayor Thelda Williams "maybe"



Calvin Goode

"ves

for us just because we voted for them. They will vote for us only if it seems, at that moment, that that's what's best for the city. And of course, it will not be good for the city if infuriated churches react by mounting a successful campaign to recall them. One of the best ways for them to judge which constituency can deliver more votes in a recall election is by observing which constituency can deliver more bodies to this meeting. When they grade this exam, your body is the only answer that

To help prepare for this test, you could provide the mayor and vice mayor with some study aids in the form of calls and letters (they may, after all, conclude that those who cared enough to call deserve almost as much consideration as those who cared enough to come). To really impress them, however, we have to show mainstream support. You do not have to come out to help us win this battle; but you do have to reach out. If the security of your closet remains important to you, then you can simultaneously double both our impact and your own security simply by convincing one straight person to stand alongside us in support. If we do this right, a lot of our supporters at this meeting will be confirmably heterosexual.

The core of this project is outreach. Outreach means being sensitive to other groups' issues and seeking common ground. It means reminding Christians that the Bible tells us that David loved Jonathan, Ruth loved Naomi, Jesus loved John, and that both Christianity and gay pride are primarily about love, and only secondarily about sex or the rules regulating it. It means reminding black people that the 1963 march on Washington (at which Dr. King delivered "I Have A Dream") was logistically coordinated by a black man named Bayard Rustin, who was openly gay; and that the keynote speaker at the lesbian/gay community's march on Washington in 1987 was Jesse Jackson, who interrupted his own Rainbow Coalition Convention to make the trip. It means reminding any small business that you patronize regularly, such as a dry cleaner's or copy shop, to send a letter to the mayor. It means reminding Democrats that they, as well as we, are entitled to demand that the mayor and vice mayor honor their allegiance to their party and its platform, which strongly condemns homophobia and discrimination.

Finally, it means giving a little thought to Juneteenth.

On June 19th, 1865, as a result of the Union's victory in the Civil War, news of the Emancipation Proclamation (originally signed two-and-a-half years earlier) finally reached the black people of Texas. This day, dubbed "Juneteenth," has become a regional holiday, commemorating the freedom and achievements of black Americans throughout the southwest. With the departure of Linda Nadolski, sponsorship of our ordinance within the council passed to black city council member Calvin Goode. Strengthening the bridge that council member Goode has begun to build is crucial. If we are successful, then we may share not only in the eventual victory of a King Holiday, but in a "Juneteenth" (the 16th) that commemorates not only the freedom that black Americans enjoy themselves, but which they have achieved cooperatively, with and for others.

That is truly an American dream. On June 16, show up and make sure it doesn't remain just a dream.

Final Passage

hree years ago, a couple dozen gay political activists began working on the campaigns of several Phoenix City
Council candidates. The overriding goal was to ensure a friendly majority on the council for that all-important moment when we would ask that the city ordinance guaranteeing equal rights for various classes be amended to include sexual orientation.

With the election in 1989 of Thelda Williams and Skip Rimsza, and the reelection of Linda Nadolski, Mary Rose Wilcox, and Mayor Terry Goddard, it was assumed that the friendly majority we sought now existed.

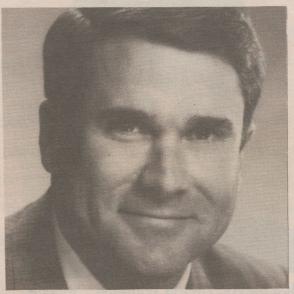
The Council almost immediately underwent radical personnel changes, however. Mayor Goddard resigned to run for governor. Councilman Paul Johnson (an unknown quantity to the lesbian/gay community) was picked to take Goddard's place. Johnson's chief rival to succeed Goddard, Councilman Howard Adams, left the Council to seek another political office. Alan Kennedy (who promised not to run for his seat in 1991) and Craig Tribken were picked to fill the vacancies created by Adams' departure and Johnson's elevation.

Distracted by these changes and consumed with the 1990 elections, the gay political activists who worked so hard in 1989 forgot about their designs on the city anti-discrimination ordinance. "AZscam" and other traumas helped keep the community's focus away from city issues.



Kathy Dubs

leaning toward "no"



Skip Rimsza

"maybe"



Frances Emma Barwood

"no"

In the 1991 city election, the lesbian/gay community suffered a reversal. Councilwoman Linda Nadolski lost her seat to political neophyte Kathy Dubs; pro-rights candidate Dan Carroll

What a long, strange, frustrating trip it's been

by Don Slutes

lost by a handful of votes to
ultraconservative Frances Emma
Barwood. Presumed friends Rimsza and
Williams won re-election, but with less
of a gay presence in their campaigns.
Predicting a potentially inhospitable
future, outgoing councilwoman Linda
Nadolski attempted to ram the
ordinance amendment through the
council during the waning days of her
tenure.

Last December, a newly assembled coterie of activists from the lesbian/gay community formed the Phoenix Human Rights Task Force, dedicated to aiding Nadolski's effort. And despite a large-scale lobbying effort by the Task Force, a skittish Mayor Johnson and several other councilmembers balked, accepting a non-discrimination policy that affected city employees only. The more sweeping version, which would affect businesses and public accommodations throughout Phoenix, was remanded to the city's Human Relations Commission for "further study."

The Task Force's work, it was decided, would continue. The organization turned out around 1,000 people for the Human Relation Commission's first public hearing on the amendment, on March 26. A somewhat smaller crowd showed up for the May 18 meeting of the City Council's Family and Youth subcommittee, at which the Human Relations Commission presented its recommendation. (Normally, the subcommittee would review the

recommendation, then vote on whether to recommend it to the full Council.

Fearing a 2-2 deadlock in the four-person committee, Chairman Calvin Goode exercised his option to pass the recommendation on without a vote. The other members of the subcommittee are Mary Rose Wilcox, a sure "yes" vote, and Frances Barwood and Kathy Dubs, probable "no" votes.)

With the full Council vote scheduled for June 16, the Phoenix Human Rights Task Force is attempting to turn up the heat, staking much of their hopes on an intense publicity campaign slated for the city's Lesbian/Gay Pride event, on June 7.

At press time, Task Force lobbyists were sure of only three votes on the Council: those of Goode, Wilcox, and Craig Tribken. (These are the same three votes we've had since December.) Mayor Johnson, who was instrumental in derailing the original amendment, has steadfastly refused to become an advocate, despite the ardent lobbying of not only the lesbian/gay community, but also the mainstream business community and his own staff.

Johnson's immobility is especially maddening, because his support could be crucial in roping in the votes of Thelda Williams, Skip Rimsza, and perhaps even Kathy Dubs. Of these three, Williams and Rimsza shouldn't need the mayor's prodding; lesbian and gay activists were well-represented in their maiden campaigns of 1989; promises were made then to support exactly this change to the city's anti-

What follows is the text of my letter to Paul Johnson, mailed on May 13. At press time (three weeks later), I had not yet received any reply.

Dear Mayor Johnson,

I am writing to you as a fellow Democrat, as a fellow delegate to the Democratic National Convention pledged to Paul Tsongas, and as a gay man living in Phoenix. One of the issues that led me into the Democratic Party many years ago—and, more recently, into the Tsongas campaign—was the question of fairness for all individuals regardless of sexual orientation.

It bothers me that you, a
Democratic elected official and
professed supporter of former Sen.
Tsongas, are not willing to take a
leadership role in promoting the
proposed amendment to Phoenix's
anti-discrimination ordinance that
would extend protection against
discrimination to lesbians and gay
men in the areas of employment and
public accommodations.

As you probably know, the Arizona Democratic Party platform supports such legal protection for gay citizens; you're also probably aware that Sen. Tsongas, of all the original Democratic candidates for president, has the strongest gay rights record and platform, and has been unafraid to tout it.

My understanding is that your recalcitrance on this matter is based on your inclination to refract issues through the prism of your personal political ambition, rather than take a stand on principle. I also know that this behavior is common in politics, that few elected officials are bound by such abstract concepts as party platforms.

However, my purpose in writing you is to let you know that there are active Democrats in your current and possibly future constituencies who do adhere to some principles, and judge officeholders and candidates accordingly. I obviously care deeply about the disposition of the proposed amendment to the antidiscrimination ordinance, and urge you to make a commitment to its inherent fairness and moral correctness. You can start by lobbying some of the other city councilmembers who may be wavering on this issue and upon whom your position may have some influence.

I look forward to your response.

Cordially,

Don Slutes

discrimination ordinance. But both
Williams and Rimsza have their
putatively conservative districts to
contend with, and past debts to the
lesbian/gay community look
insignificant when weighed against the
potential for future electoral havoc.
(This isn't a defense of their behavior,
by the way, just an explanation.
Williams and Rimsza provide an object
lesson for future political volunteers.)

Dubs is thought to be reeling from the thought that the pro-amendment forces are in cahoots with Nadolski, Dubs' nemesis in the 1991 city election. She's also thought to be woefully undereducated about our community's issues, despite the many visits from community representatives and friends, and despite her own positive remarks at the close of the May 18 hearing. Only six months on the job, she finds herself in the midst of one of the most contentious and politically hazardous issues the Council has ever faced. Kathy Dubs may simply not be up to the task.

The council's other newcomer,
Frances Barwood, has ties to
Concerned Women for America, the
organization formed by the wife of
televangelist Tim LaHaye. Locally, CWA
can be found at the forefront of the
opposition to any gay-tinged issue.
Whether a public hearing concerns the
current city ordinance revision or the
state Legislature's attempt to pass a
"hate crimes" law, the appearance of
CWA's Cathi Herrod is a given. Coming
from this tradition, with only CWA's

continued

hysterically biased materials providing her education, Barwood is seen as a lost cause. But observers say she is a compassionate woman, and the plight of those who have lost their jobs, been subject to harassment, or who have children who have suffered these fates might make an impact on her thinking. It's a long shot.

Until recently, West Valley conservative John Nelson was assumed to be a sure "no" vote-not because he toes the religious-wacko line, but because he's fundamentally opposed to government interference in the private sector. That is, his opposition to adding another classification to the antidiscrimination ordinance stems from his antipathy to the concept of the ordinance itself. But a few members of the Task Force believe Nelson can be of some help. This is because the June 16 vote is not about the ordinance's overall concept, but about making it equitable to more people-and because Nelson is not planning to run for re-election, thus insulating himself from political fallout. Others maintain, however, that anything but a "no" vote from Nelson would be a miracle.

Johnson, for his part, is trying to play both sides. While he refrains from committing his support to the amendment, he has put himself and the process at the disposal of Task Force activists. He even pledged to issue a proclamation in honor of Phoenix Lesbian/Gay Pride week, probably as an attempt to defuse (or confuse) the growing hostility toward him in the lesbian/gay community. However, what emerged instead was a typically



John Nelson

"no"



Mary Rose Wilcox (or her replacement)

"yes"



Craig Tribken

"yes"

ambivalent slice of warm-and-fuzzy (accent on the fuzzy), proclaiming the week of May 31-June 7 to be "Tolerance, Anti-Discrimination, and

Non-Hate Week." (Hooray! It's "Non-Hate" week!)

To give the mayor his due, the Proclamation *does* use the term "sexual orientation." But it also includes the following, unintentionally silly paragraph:

"WHEREAS, there can be no doubt that society has benefited greatly from the works of such diverse talents as Alan Turing, Walt Whitman, Dag Hammarskjold, Lily Tomlin, Stephen Sondheim, Malcolm Forbes, Martina Navratilova, Oscar Wilde, Gertrude Stein and so many others..."

And this paragraph, infuriating considering his actions (which, after all, speak much louder than these disingenuous words; emphasis added):

"WHEREAS, we remained determined to support, preserve and advance the civil rights guaranteed to all Americans."

While many members of our community have reserved most of their ire for Skip Rimsza and especially Thelda Williams due to their apparently brazen ingratitude, I believe Johnson's behavior is at least equally deserving of scorn. Now more than ever, sit down and write a letter to the mayor of Phoenix (Office of the Mayor, 251 W. Washington St., Phoenix 85003). Tell him what you think about this issue and his lack of leadership.

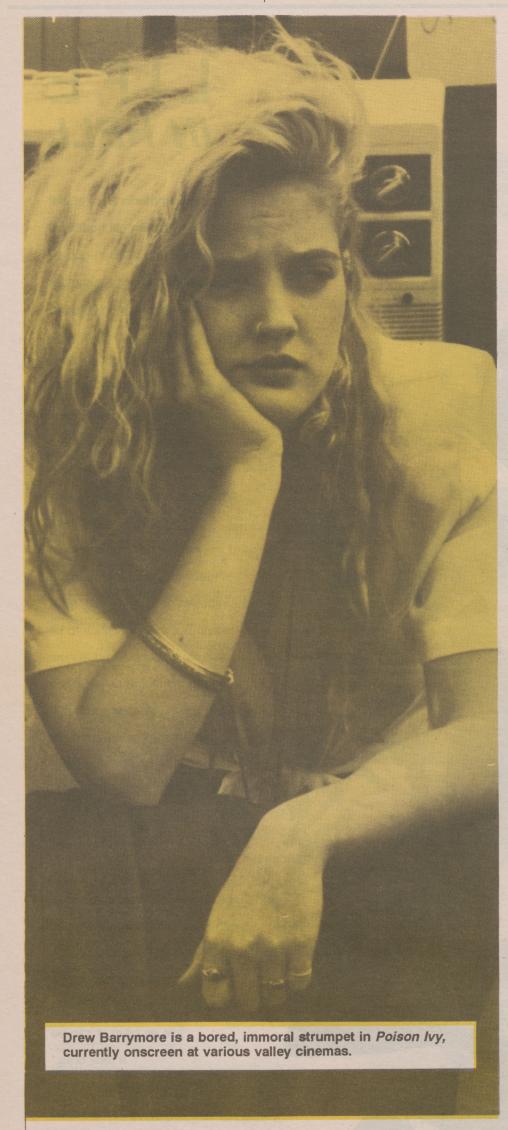
And, by all means, attend the June 16 City Council meeting at Phoenix Civic Plaza. Perhaps Johnson, Williams, et al., will come through and do the right thing. Then, instead of reviling them, we can all relax and learn to non-hate them.



LIFE

The mixed media work of Jeff Falk, like his traditional paintings and more frequently seen performance art pieces, is filled with images wrenched from the pages of everyday life. Falk manipulates overlooked items—old newspapers, playing cards, melted crayons-inserts text as a wallpaper-like backdrop, and combines these artifacts in ways that are quietly comforting. "I'm trying to communicate ideas in ways other than the spoken or written word," Falk says. But there's a price to be paid for confounding dialogue: "So far, my life as an artist has been hell," Falk laments. "Art is something I'm driven to do, whether I like it or not." Stylistically, Falk's work recalls Cold War-era propaganda posters, but the content runs deeper. Falk explains the loss and sorrow depicted in his work with tongue firmly in cheek. "My art is like a stormy day. Sometimes the clouds break and the sun shines down. But just as often, it can be a total drag." -Peter Petrisko, Jr. Photography by Annie Lopez

"Body and Spirit," an exhibit of paintings and mixed media pieces by Jeff Falk, will be on display June 16 through July 10 at Shemer Art Center, 5005 E. Camelback Rd. Call 262-4727 for more information.



art spaces

Lisa Sette Gallery: Large color photographs by Chilean photographer Alexandra Edwards are abstractions of everyday objects. Through June 27. Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10am to 5pm; Thursday evenings during Artwalk; Saturday Noon to 5pm. 4142 N. Marshall Way. Scottsdale. 990-7342.

Matthews Center Facility: "The Integrative Art of Thailand" combines Thailand's 1,000-year-old classical tradition with recent Euro-American influences to explore four themes: the celebration of Buddhism, impressions of daily life, symbiosis with nature and the search for artistic and cultural identity. Several works are even considered contemporary masterpieces,

and have never traveled outside Thailand. Through August 2. An opening reception, will be held from 3pm to 5pm Sunday, June 7. The Matthews Center facility is located in the center of the A.S.U. campus at the junction of Cady and Tyler Malls; with the galleries on the second floor of the center. 965-ARTS.

Radix Gallery: The work of artist David Pennington is on display through June 30. 1429 N. First St. 256-9252.

Smash Culture Gallery: "Joy Spring" features works by artists Tre' Ehlert, Tina Ehlert, Jesse James Martin, Judy

MARS Artspace: An exhibit by Annie Lopez, "Men/Man/Boy," features intimate photo emulsion prints and other studies of males who have affected her life. Marilyn Szabo's "End of Paradise-Adam's Apple Szabo," features large scale black and white photographs of men's Adam's apples, the "evidence" of original sin and the very physical differences between men and women. June 5-26. Both artists will be present at an opening reception on June 5 from 7-10pm. Free to the public. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10:30-4:30pm. Located at Luhrs Center, 126 S. Central. 253-3541.

CULTURE Burdette, Mark Keith, Christine Larsen, Randall Cantrell, Jane Smith and Chris Duran. 718 W. McDowell, Suites 3 and 4.

Tempe Arts Center: "Warriors: Navajo Code Talkers" is on view through July 19. A reception is planned from 7pm to 9pm on June 12. "92 Contemporary Fibers," a national juried exhibition of sculpture and fine crafts, is on display through June 28. The Center's Sculpture garden always features a variety of large-scale pieces. Mill and First St., off the Salt River Bridge at the former site of

258-3537.

Fleischer Museum: "In the Mist of the Golden Coast: Artists of the North" focuses on artists who primarily paint the fog-covered northern California coastal landscapes. Through August 31. Hours: 10am to 4pm daily. 17207 N. Perimeter Dr. 585-3108.

Tempe Beach Park. 968-0888.

My Tailor's Mini Gallery:
"Ballerinas International"
features paintings from
expressionist Agee's "ballerina
series." Through June 27.
Hours: 8am to 6pm MondayFriday; 9am to noon Saturday.
4310 N. Seventh Ave.
265-2590.

Eleven East Ashland: Ashland's final exhibit of the season features one out-of-state and two local artists. Lynn Brooks-Korn, whose mixed media photographs incorporate silver leaf applied to non-silver prints; ceramic sculptor David Knorr, whose work depicts the human form in a variety of shapes and colors; and Jeff Klein, whose most recent wire sculpture makes use of animal forms as well as imaginary creatures displayed under black light. Through June 15. Hours: Monday-Friday 3-9pm, Saturday noon to 5pm and by appointment. Located two blocks south of Virginia, just off Central. 271-0831.

Phoenix Art Museum: "Nuclear Landscapes" is an exhibit of color photographs by Peter Goin depicting land in Nevada, Washington and the Marshall Islands that has been affected by nuclear weaponry. The photos reveal a different view of the American West from the romanticized and idealized one personified by cowboys and frontiersmen. Goin's wide-open spaces are depicted as radioactively contaminated wastelands unfit for human habitation. Through August 9. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10am to 5pm (Wednesday until 9pm); Sunday Noon-5pm. 1625 N. Central Ave. 257-1222.

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Metropophobobia: "Folk Art For Social And Ecological Justice" combines found object sculptures, paintings by Cap'n Satellite, Mike Miskowski and Chris Winkler, and kinetic avian mixed media sculptures by Jane Smith. Through June. Video Works, screenings of locally, nationally and internationally produced videos, continues on the last Thursday of every month at 8pm. Regular hours: Wednesday-Friday, 5-10pm; Saturday noon-10pm and Sunday noon-6pm. 128 E. Taylor. 255-0668.

theater

A Chorus Line: Staged like an audition, this sissy tradition peeps into what goes into the making of a dancer. This time around, the cast features many of the Broadway veterans who have made this award-winning musical the longest running

show in Broadway history. Eight performances at Symphony Hall, June 16-21 (Tuesday-Sunday). 8pm Tuesday-Friday; 2 and 8pm Saturday; 2 and 7:30pm Sunday. Tickets are \$22, \$31 and \$34 (\$24, \$33, \$36 Friday/Saturday evening), at all Dillard's ticket outlets. 678-2222.

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Side By Side By Sondheim: Theater League presents the kickoff of their downtown Summerfest Musical Theater Festival. The sophisticated Broadway revue features songs from Stephen Sondheim's most beloved musicals, including West Side Story, Company, and Gypsy. Favorites like "Send in the Clowns," "Tonight," and "Let Me Entertain You" get a stylish update from Broadway veterans Judy Kaye, a Phoenix native and Tony Award-winner for Phantom Of The Opera, and Michael Maguire, star of Broadway's Les Miserables, for which he also won a Tony. June 9-14 at the Herberger Center Stage. 222 E. Monroe. Performance and ticket information by calling 252-TIXS.

Nunsense: Theater League and Actors Lab present the hilarious hijinks of the "Little Sisters of Hoboken" as they put on a charity show to save their convent. Cast members of the original show return for this encore performance that will run June 19 through July 19. Performances are scheduled for Wednesday through Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 2pm at the Herberger Stage West. Tickets are \$12.50 and \$15 at the Herberger Theater Center and all Dillard's ticket outlets. 222 E. Monroe. 252-TIXS or 678-2222.

appearance

Wayne Newton: The kitschy king of Vegas has headlined shows there for over 25 years, appeared in films and on television (remember him on The Lucy Show?), and entertained troops in Vietnam, Lebanon and the Persian Gulf. He brings his flashy showmanship to town Wednesday, June 17 at 8pm. Tickets are \$18 and \$23. The Sundome, 19403 R.H. Johnson Blvd. Sun City West. 975-1900.

Mainly Mozart Festival: Jeffrey Siegal and the Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra will perform June 10, 13 and 17 at 8pm at Chandler Center for the Arts. 250 N. Arizona Ave. in Chandler; ticket information by calling 786-3954.

Rhythm of Summer Music Festival: Bring a friend and a blanket to this "best of the Valley's music" extravaganza. The all ages show features the sizzling talents of the Groove Merchants, Morningstar, Mas!, Brazilia, Azz Izz and Viva Jazz. Saturday, June 20. Gates open at 5pm; the show starts at 6pm. Tickets are \$5 in advance; \$10 the day of the show. Mesa Amphitheater, Center and University in Mesa. 644-2560 or 678-2222.

dance

Desert Dance: "Dancing on the Edge" is Desert Dance
Theater's latest ensemble production, set for June 6 at 8pm. Ticket and information by calling Chandler Center for the Arts ticket office. 250 N.
Arizona Avenue, Chandler. 786-3954.

other stuff

Phoenix Gay Pride Festival 1992: Last year's attendance was over 5,000; this year, twice as many gay men and lesbians are expected to trot out their fearlessness about their sexuality. The festival is moving to a bigger locale in order to accommodate over 75 refreshment and community organization vendors; two separate circus tents, cooled for comfort, will provide a metaphorically enclosed environment for entertainment, speeches, and a huge dance floor. The event's theme, "Pride Equals Power," will be plastered all over everything in sight: T-shirts, plastic cups, sun visors. Plan to attend and show your support of gay pride and gay merchandising.

A.M.U.S.E.: Billed as "A Magically Unfolding Spontaneous Entertainment," this night of comedy is presented by the Improvisational Theatre Society on Saturday evenings from 8-11pm at the Adobe Oven Gourmet Bakery and Coffee House, 5520 N. 7th Ave. \$5 admission. 242-2808.

film critique

Alien 3: The latest chapter in this slimy sci-fi saga stars Sigourney Weaver in the role that made her famous, this time sans hair but saddled with an overwrought plot and simplified scares. The setting here is a remote prison planet populated by futuristic Hare Krishnas, and the featured creature is a slimdowned beasty that bursts out of the local junkyard dog. Why this problematic production went through a slew of writers and a whopping hunk of

change is never apparent on the screen; I found myself missing the murky mayhem of the first film and the break-neck adrenalin of the second. While certainly a cut above your average fright flick, *Alien 3* fails to live up to its classic parentage.

-Kirby Holt

Delicatessen: This new French farce from the first-time directing team of Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Marc Caro, set in an unnamed post-apocalyptic town where both food and morals are uncommon, is a witty amalgamation of Eating Raoul and The Road Warrior with a splash of Monty Python thrown in for good measure. Chock full of memorable characters (most notably a suicidal Mink Stole look-alike) and superbly crafted vignettes of absurdity, Delicatessen is a cinematic feast for the senses. -Holt

Sister Act: In Movieland, a smart-talking lounge singer can blend almost effortlessly into a convent of Carmelite nuns, give one singing lesson, and have the God-awful choir sounding like the Chiffons. The sisters heavenly rendition of such spiritual hymns as "My God" (sung to the tune of guess what Motown classic?) and "I Will Follow Him" causes the neighborhood crackhouses to shut down and the hookers to leave their lampposts just to watch the nuns get down. Presuming you accept this rosary-colored world, you'll enjoy Whoopi Goldberg doing Diana Ross, a bunch of nuns doing an expanded impression of the Dreamgirls, and Harvey Keitel in yet another gangster role (can you say "typecast"?). All of the performers are enjoyable, especially Kathy Najimy as the perky nun and old timer Mary Wickes as the crusty nun. All in all, Sister Act is a lot of witless fun. If you feel guilty about enjoying it, say ten Hail Marys and throw away your ticket stub.

-Neil Cohen

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Jeff Falk's "I See You" is included in an exhibit of the artist's work, on display June 16 through July 10 at Shemer Art Center, 5005 E. Camelback.

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who's that girl? • jerry harkey's gift • jennifer parlette's little secret • mark garcia's legs • alec baldwin's armpit • david groth's underpants • joe marshall's plan • michael barnard's new address • liz montgomery's nose

Be forewarned: Girl is livid. Girl promotes hearsay, but she does not enjoy being the subject of same. Honestly! How could I, a sterling pillar of the queer community and unselfish servant to the emasculated masses, be the brunt of such brazen bullshit? What am I ranting and raving about? It seems some snoopy sissies have been attempting to uncover Girl's "true" identity. Happily, these imbecilic intruders couldn't be more off their meddlesome mark. Girl is not, for example, Frank "For A Good Time Call" Baselice: Girl does not pluck, she Nairs. And Girl is not Deon "The Big Easy" Brown, although she would like to be. Girl is not Neil "Give Me Back My Wig" Cohen—just because La Cohen looks faboo in pumps does not make her a Girl. Nor is Girl in fact John "My Perfect Life" Lipp, although Johnny knows nearly as many sissies as Girl does. And Girl is certainly not **Christopher** "The Good Times Are Getting To Me" **Wynne** (although Girl wouldn't complain if Christopher were to play me in the upcoming miniseries based on my life). Girl is not Kirby "This Music Is Soooo Dreamy" Holt-he was a Girl Scout, for God's sake! And, without a doubt, Girl is definitely not Brad "I Never Touched Him" Craig. What Girl is is the feminine embodiment of all that is holy, striving to bring you, her darling deviants, all the shit that's fit to print. It's like this: Believe in fairies or get a life!...Girl drowned her sorrows over these inconsiderate intrusions into her private life by wallowing in the presence of famous stage personalties at the happy housewarming soiree thrown by groovy stage director/choreographer Michael "Gimme Gimme" Barnard. The studly stage seer has moved his love shack to a new locale, and there to help celebrate the event were numerous celebutants, including a soon-to-be scantily clad male stripper, in birthday boy Jerry Wayne "Can I Unwrap Him Now?" Harkey's honor. Carolyn "Save Some For Later" Paine looked on in mock horror, as Robyn "Give Me Some of That" Ferracane searched for the best orifice in which to tip the hunk. Trying his darnedest to look regal under his new title as Phoenix Little Theatre czar, Peter "There But For The Grace of God" Hill was witnessed lurking in murky corners, allowing his first lady Noel "I Was Melinda Dillon, But I Got Freeze Dried" Irick to mingle with us simple folk. Fabulous thespians abounded, including Ellen "Are You a Good Witch, or a Bad Witch?" Benton, Scott "If Baby You're The Bottom, I'm The Top" Harnisch, Bill "I Was On Star Search And Lost" Sanchez, John "Where's My Poly Grip?" Sankovitch, Joe "Groucho Marx Rein-

carnated As A Homosexual" Marshall, Stephen "DQ Wannabe" Goodfriend, Craig "I'm Still Working On My Opera" Bohmler and, of course, Brad "Just Leave Me Alone" Craig (Girl can't seem to get away from that boy!). The highlight of the evening was an impromptu spat between ex-lovers-from-hell Kathy "What's Wrong With My Hair?" Fitzgerald and Dennis "I Never Touched Her" Ford. Seems studly Dennis broke off his love thang with Madame Kathy to shack up with the much younger Jennifer "Dangerous Liaison" Parlette, who seems to be following in the footsteps of Murphy Brown in more ways than one. Rated PG, Jennifer? (Aren't straight people wacky?)...Mark Garcia waxes his legs... A little birdie told Girl that cha-cha queen extraordinaire Danny "A Boy Like That" Blanco has jetted to the seemy shores of New York City to make it big as a chorus boy on the Great White Way. Packed along with his dance belts and toe shoes was new beau Steven "Please Sir, May I Have Some More?" Campanelli; the two lovebirds met during the Musical Theatre of Arizona production of Oliver!, so they're prepared for New York City pick-pockets. Danny is best remembered for his whipwielding portrayal of Hannah from Hamburg in PLT's La Cage aux Folles several seasons back, and is known statewide as the very first ex-boyfriend of socialite Kirby "Brad Who?" Holt. How nice... Spied at BS West for about five minutes the other night was reclusive stage fave Rusty "Robyn's Little Sister" Ferracane. Who in hell does he think he is, Garbo?...Q: What two Valley stage actresses have been shacking up? A: Neil "Barbara Stanwyck's Stunt Double" Cohen and Elaine "Angie Dickinson's Understudy" Boothby. Apparently, Neil likes to keep his pad well-stocked with Little Debbies. Welcome home, Sister Mary Christopher!...Girl had the, uhm, opportunity to recently witness Charlie's Country Cloggers perform their tap recital to Madonna's "Vogue," complete with fans and bolo ties. How existential... Fresh from her truly memorable performance at the Tom "What I Did For Lust" Oldendick Roast, Mary Jo "Back To You, Bill" West will be making her long-awaited return to the stage as the matronly Marian the Librarian in wondrous warhorse The Music Man this summer. Rumors abound that Our Miss Mary Jo will then join former co-anchor Bill "The Lonely Goatherd" Close in a special reading of Love Letters. Girl is positively holding her breath in anticipation...Girl wishes she could click together the heels of her ruby slippers and be instantly transported to the Big Apple, where a revival of Tennessee

Williams' A Streetcar Named Desire is being more than warmly received. Rumor has it that audible sighs of wanton lust can be heard from the audience when mega-hunk Alec "The Devil Made Me Do It" Baldwin doffs his sweaty t-shirt and proceeds to wipe his hairy armpits with the filthy garment! Oh, Stella! If Girl was there, she'd be tossing her panties up on that stage, along with her hotel key. Alec, dump that bitchy Basinger bimbo and take me home, daddy!...Canadian pop tart Mitsou will be making her Phoenix stop on her national tour at G.B.'s Rendezvous, of all places. You know Mitsou form her "Deep Kiss" video, where she licks pert male nipples and French kisses herself. If only Girl could do that little trick, she'd save herself a pile of dough...Fans of sitcom witches everywhere, including yours truly, were thrilled to hear that Bewitched stars Elizabeth "Calling Dr. Bombay, Emergency, Come Right Away" Montgomery and Dick "Dagwood Durwood Dolphin" Sargent will reunite as Grand Marshals of the Los Angeles Gay Pride Festival. Girl has already packed her broomstick and autograph book and is eagerly awaiting the fabulous fete...Girl is sorry to report that the announced Actor's Lab production of Pageant has been canceled, but all you homo Hamlets and lesbian thespians can look forward to a groovy, brand-spanking new Alternative Theatre Company, founded by sexy stage standard Joe "How He Got In My Pajamas I'll Never Know" Marshall and his identical twin husband John. The loving couple are currently searching for sugar daddies to fund the new troupe, and have already secured the exclusive Arizona rights to the works of playwright John "Take Me Back To Manhattan" Glines, the man who brought us Torch Song Trilogy. Their premiere season will unfold this fall in the Black Box Theatre with Chicken Delight, Body and Soul and a restaging of Men of Manhattan, last seen at leather emporium The Bum Steer in a limited run last year...Q: What local theater enthusiast can be found laundering his lingerie every Monday like clockwork? A: I'll never tell!...Memorial Day Weekend was just plain faboo at The Works, although Girl should have packed her gas mask Friday night. Some truly nasty vermin dropped a little tear gas into the fog-enshrouded midst of this daring new disco and the whole joint had to be temporarily evacuated. (You should have seen us sissies run!) The perpetrator of this evilness was certainly one of the nasty heterosexuals who hang around that club. They're everywhere these days. That quaint little episode probably explains the uniformed presence of the

Scottsdale Police Department the entire weekend. Don't they have better things to do, like cruising Moer Park?...Anyway, nothing shy of nuclear war could stop the appearance of every fag in the universe at The Works, working every last minute of the three-day weekend. Seen checking out the competition were those two trim BS West babes, Michael and Doug. (Michael darling, Girl has yet to enjoy the viewing of your Playgirl photospread, so how about sending her a specially autographed copy?) Girl also spotted Jason "Mystery Date" True and his huggable housemate Lance, although luscious Lance disappeared once his honey Rob showed up. Oh yeah, and Jamie "Is He A Stud Or A Dud?" Holt was there too; Wade "Funky Diva" Crosson and roomie-with-a-view Tony; James "Let's Give 'Em Something to Talk About" McManaman, looking just as dapper as ever; Kirby "Call Me Back After The Simpsons" Holt, proving that one can have fun when one's boyfriend is out of town; Disco Dan "Ice Ice Baby" Murray, doing the Hustle with that adorable Tony "I Look Divoon in Ladies' Shoes" Casteel; L.A.-bound Kevin "Blowing This Backwater Berg" Morgan; the famous Christopher "Chalk Up This Cue" Wynne and David "Rack 'em Up, Boys" Groth, taking full advantage of Underwear Sunday; stage gypsy Ray "I Am Standing Up" Huycke and his humpy sidekick Chris "Pecs For Days" Hadisch; the ubiquitous Deon "Does Heavy Petting Count?" Brown; muscley Mike "Marine On The Outside, Brownie On The Inside" Kraska and his stocky, studly hubby; Big Boy Scott, complete with his ever-present entourage; wellstoked John "She Drinks, You Know" Squires and his right-hand man, Mikey; David "You Can't Fire Me, I Quit!" Van Virden, decked out in a sheer black blouse, natch; and dreamy darling David "What Does A Gal Have To Do To Get A Drink In This Joint?" Blevins, who echoed Girl's complaints regarding the obviously hired-for-their-looks-not-theirbrains bartenders. (One of the bimboy barbacks-you know, the one that looks like he just arrived on a wave from Malibu-took to the platforms to shake his bootie, and could not hide the fact that all this public exposure was getting him the teensiest bit excited. Gnarly, dude...The Works weekend climaxed with a ginchy finale: the advent of an "Underwear Party" where clothing was checked at the door. Several frothing faggots tried to cajole Girl out of her quaint peasant frock, but she declined. I'm not that kind of Girl. But you are.





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- ☐ The importance of ongoing primary health care
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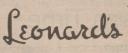
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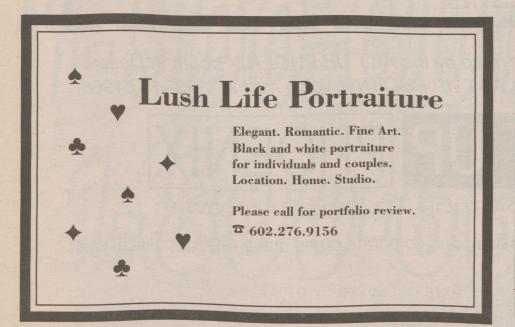
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June 16th, at Phoenix City Plaza (time TBA)

to consider amending the **Phoenix Anti-Discrimination Ordinance** to include the categories of:

- "marital status"
- · "sexual orientation"

There is a strong possibility, this amendment will not pass! This means gays, lesbians, and ANY non-married couples would not have the same rights as mainstream, heterosexual, legally married couples.

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