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New Catechism For Catholics Urges Compassion For Gays

PARIS (AP) - The Roman Catholic Church took a step yesterday to bring doctrine into line with modern life, unveiling a new catechism that maintains bans on divorce and abortion but urges compassion for homosexuals and condemns low wages as theft.

The first new catechism of the Catholic Church in 426 years contains no new sins and absolves none of the old ones, though it casts a more tolerant eye of some sinners.

In a retrenchment of orthodox positions bound to disappoint many of the world's 900 million Catholics, divorce and abortion remain forbidden sins. The only contraception accepted by the church is natural.

"We have simply tried to take up the commandments again on how a Christian can conduct his life today," said Jean Honore, bishop of Tours and the catechism's French editor.

The ordination of female priests, approved last week by the Church of England, is unacceptable, since Christ's 12 Apostles, whom priests represent, were all males, according to the catechism.

The catechism describes homosexual acts as "intrinsically dissolute, contrary to natural law," and it instructs homosexuals to practice chastity.

But since most homosexuals don't willingly choose their lifestyle, the catechism noted: "One must avoid all unjust discrimination against them."

The Seventh Commandment, Thou shalt not steal, is interpreted as a call for economic and social justice, according to the catechism.

Richer nations are urged to welcome poor immigrants, price gouging and low wages are considered forms of stealing, and the handicapped have a right to work.

Forging checks is sinful, as is badly performed work. Going on strike is a moral right, unless accompanied by violence.

The church's once sacrosanct stance on private property has been modified to state that the Earth is the heritage of all mankind.

Guidelines on sexual behavior fall broadly under the Sixth Commandment, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

"Among the sins gravely contrary to chastity, one must cite masturbation, fornication, pornography and homosexual practices," the catechism says. "Adultery and divorce, polygamy and free sexual union are grave offense to the dignity of marriage."

Under the *Fifth Commandment*, Thou shalt not kill, the catechism does not rule out a state's right to impose the death penalty.

Regarding abortion, the catechism says that "human life must be protected in an absolute manner from the moment of conception."

Lesbian Barred From Pastorship

The Associated Press

The Rev. Jane Spahr, a Lesbian, will not be allowed to assume her position as pastor of a Presbyterian congregation in Rochester, N.Y., the church's top judicial commission rules. See related story.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) - A Lesbian minister will not be allowed to lead a Presbyterian congregation in the city, the church's highest court ruled yesterday.

The Rev. Jane Spahr's appointment as pastor of the church was improper because she is "a self affirmed, practicing homosexual," said the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The commission said it was upholding denominational policy, but a minister at the Rochester congregation said she was "deeply saddened."

"I think there are people who will leave the Presbyterian church over this, because they no longer wish to be hurt or abused over the way God created them," said the Rev. Rosemary Mitchell, wiping away the tears as she spoke at a news conference.

Spahr, who works at a special ministry serving homosexuals and people with AIDS in San Anselmo, California, said she will remain at the special ministry and continue working to change the church's policy toward homosexuals.

"I believe my sexuality is a gift from God," Spahr said in a telephone interview. "For any institution to encourage that a person lie, or that person cannot say or be who they are, I am deeply troubled by the decision."

Spahr was chosen by the Downtown United Presbyterian Church in November 1991. But the appointment was challenged by 10 churches in the upstate New York presbytery that includes Rochester. Both the presbytery and a regional judicial commission upheld Spahr's selection, leading to last week's appeal to the national judicial commission in Irving, Texas.

Spahr was barred from assuming her duties while appeals were heard.

"We did not do this as an anti-Gay kind of thing," said the Rev. Ronald Saliade, who led the opposition. "The Presbyterian church's policy is clear, that unrepentant homosexual practice is a sin."

Yesterday's ruling referred to a 1978 policy statement in which the church's General Assembly said homosexuality is "incompatible with Christian faith and life."

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Gays and Lesbians Increase Clout

Gay Vote Important In Clinton Win

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Leaders of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund declared that the number of openly Gay and Lesbian officials had increased from 64 to 75. Openly Gay and Lesbian candidates won new state seats in Wisconsin and New Mexico, and retained important positions In Oregon, Texas, Maine, Minnesota, New York, Vermont and Washington.

Both of Massachusetts's openly Gay Democratic Congressman, Barney Frank and Gerry Studds, were re-elected. Studds's race was especially competitive in a district radically redrawn from the last election. Studds is now in line to become chair of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, making him the first openly Gay chair of a full committee of Congress.

The sixteen elected officials who were up for reelection won their races, while eleven new candidates won their races, out of 52 openly Gay and Lesbian candidates running this year, according to the Victory Fund. In addition to these new members of state legislative bodies, six candidates for boards of education were also elected, all of them in the San Francisco Bay area.

The Washington Post reported that 72 percent of gay and Lesbian voters supported President-Elect Bill Clinton. The 1992 election, according to Washington Post staff writer, Bill McAllister, moved Gay and Lesbian voters "from the fringe of the political process into the mainstream".

The Capitol's newspapers also pointed out that Clinton was the first presidential candidate ever to woo Gay voters.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force spokesman Robert Bray told the Washington Post that Clinton's win, along with the defeat of Measure 9 in Oregon, marked "a rite of passage from the margins to the center, from social pariah to political partner, from public intolerance to public understanding."

Compared to Clinton's 72 percent of the Gay and Lesbian vote, only 14 percent supported George Bush, and 14 percent supported Ross Perot.

Urvashi Vaid, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force, told the Washington Post, "We formed a crucial voting bloc and helped elect a new president."

Effort To Oust Gay Sailor Thwarted

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A Navy effort to oust a Gay sailor who was reinstated last week under court order hit a procedural snag.

U.S. District Judge Terry J. Hatter Jr. told government lawyers yesterday since they had already appealed his reinstatement order to the 9th U.S Circuit Court of Appeal in San Francisco, he no longer had jurisdiction in the case.

Government lawyers said they would drop the appeal. Hatter went on ahead and heard arguments on the case so that he could make a ruling if the higher court dismisses the government's appeal.

The Navy is seeking to overturn Hatter's temporary order reinstating 30 year old Petty Officer Keith Meinhold. The 12 year Navy veteran was given an honorable discharge in August after disclosing on national television that he is Gay, but he was ordered returned to his old job pending the outcome of his lawsuit.

Meinhold returned to duty Thursday as a sonar technician for P-3 submarine hunters at Moffett Naval Air Station in Mountain View California.

Government attorney David Glass argued yesterday that Meinhold's attorney failed to prove that his discharge could cause immediate harm requiring reinstatement.

UPDATE

City Council Hears Gays On Hiring Of City Manager

TUCSON - The Tucson City Council held two public hearings last Monday, Nov. 16, on developing a plan of what kind of city manager they should seek to replace ousted Tom Wilson.

Four of the seven speakers at the night hearing spoke to the concerns of the Lesbian and Gay community.

Unsuccessful candidate for U.S. Congress last election, Jim Toevs told the council, "We want someone who is open to the concept of equal opportunity for Gays and Lesbians."

Military's Anti-Gay Policy To Be Protested Saturday At UofA Saturday, Nov. 21

TUCSON - Plans are being formulated at presstime for a protest to be staged this Saturday afternoon just before the UA/ASU Football Game. The rally is being staged to protest the anti-Gay and anti-Lesbian policy being enforced by the U.S. armed forces. For more information about the protest contact Colette Barajas, 327-5061.

Birthday/Reunion Set At Saint Francis In The Foothills

TUCSON - On Saturday, Nov. 28, beginning at 3:00 p.m. and running until 10:00 p.m., the support group of Gay/Lesbian/-Bisexual people of Saint Francis in the Foothills will hold a celebration recognizing five years of their existence as a support group.

Members from the past to those currently attending are invited to join in the festivities as part of the celebration. The support group is sponsored by the Reconciling Program of Saint Francis in the Foothills UMC. The church is located at 4625 E. River Road.

Activities will include volleyball, games, RCP support group videos, hugs and more. Dinner will be a pot-luck to begin at 6:30 p.m. Turkey and Ham will be provided. Please bring warm memories and a dish to share. Please RSVP to 886-1208.

OP Holiday Business & Crafts Fair, Friday, Nov. 20

TUCSON - Community-made holiday crafts and Gay and Lesbian-oriented gifts are but a part of the annual Old Pueblo Business and Holiday Crafts Fair to be held this Friday, Nov. 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel's main ballroom, 445 S. Alvernon.

In addition, various Gay and Lesbian businesses and professional services will be represented to give fairgoers an idea of what is available to them.

There will also be live entertainment by Desert Voices, Tucson's Gay and Lesbian chorus, and a country-western dance guaranteed to keep you scootin' your boots 'till closing time. Admission is free.

Then on Monday, Nov. 30, Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association will sponsor "Cheap Skates, Great Fun!" at Skate Country, 2700 N. Stone Ave. Hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is $2 and skate rental is just a buck. Y'all come!

Two Of Mass. Governor's Aides Announce They Are Gay

BOSTON, MA (AP) - Two top officials in Massachusetts Gov. William Weld's administration have publicly acknowledged they are a homosexual couple, and said growing support for Gay rights made them speak out.

Kevin M. Smith, the commissioner of the Division of Capital Planning and Operations, shares a home with Mitchell L. Adams, Weld's revenue commissioner.

Smith said the two had been mulling the possibility of going public "since the day we came into office." They revealed their homosexuality and their relationship in an interview published last week in the Boston Globe.

They said they hoped that revealing their status would head off any rumors about them and set an example for other Gay professionals.

Weld, a Republican, has a strong record in support of Gay rights.

Mulford Services Friday, Nov. 20

TUCSON - There will be a celebration of the life of Brian P. Mulford on Friday, Nov. 20 at 4:00 p.m. at Saint Francis in the Foothills, 4625 E. River Road. The Rev. P. David Wilkinson will officiate.

Brian made his transition on October 28, 1992.

Festival of Life Nov. 29

TUCSON - The 4th Annual Festival for Life, a fund raising event (previously called Festival of the Trees) will be held at St. Philips Plaza Nov. 29. The reception will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the auction will start at 6:00 p.m. Guest of Honor for the evening will be Mary Wilson formerly of the Supremes.

There are several aspects to the Festival for Life:

1. There will be a raffle on the night of Nov. 29 for a "Shopping Spree worth up to $10,000. Raffle tickets will be sold for $1.00 each. The shopping spree will be made up of items (gift certificates, goods, travel coupons, etc.) contributed by area businesses and individuals.

2. Up to 50 wreaths, center pieces and/or other similar decorations will be sold prior to Nov. 29 or auctioned on Nov. 29.

3. Up to 7 trees will be sold or auctioned on Nov. 29. The trees will be sponsored (paid for) by individuals and/or businesses and donated for the Festival for Life.

4. Tickets for the event on Nov. 29 will be sold for $10 each. The event will include food and entertainment as well as the auction. There will be a no host bar. Several pieces of holiday art will be sold and/or auctioned.

For more information, contact the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT) at 770-1710.

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Oregon Court Strikes Down '88 Initiative

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The initiative, known as Measure 8, repealed an executive order by former Gov. Neil Goldschmidt prohibiting state agencies from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Measure 8 was sponsored by the Oregon Citizens Alliance, a group that this year sponsored a measure to amend the state constitution to declare homosexuality abnormal and perverse. Voters rejected that measure this month.

A three judge panel said yesterday that the 1988 initiative violated rights of free expression.

"A statute that established a content based restriction on the free expression rights of public employees cannot be sustained," the court said in an opinion by Judge John Buttler.

The ruling frees state agencies to adopt rules against employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. The court upheld the state Board of Higher Education's approval of such rules.

The lawsuit challenging the measure was brought on behalf of Harriet Merrick, of Eugene, a Lesbian and homosexual rights advocate who works in the higher education financial aid office.

Phillip Randall, political director of the Citizens Alliance, said the court's ruling underscores the need for a constitutional amendment to declare homosexuality abnormal and perverse. He said the group will refile Measure 9.

"If this had happened before the election, I think we would have come very close to passing Measure 9," he said.

Studds Wins In Landslide; Voters Reject Opponent's Hate Campaign

MARSHFIELD, MA - Congressman Gerry Studds of Massachusetts' 10th Congressional District, the first openly Gay member of Congress, won reelection on November 3rd with a landslide victory by securing 62% of the vote.

Jon Bryan, who ran as a Republican in '88 and '90, made his third attempt to defeat Congressman Studds as an unenrolled candidate this year. Throughout the campaign Bryan viciously attacked Rep. Studds by calling him a "child molester" and a "rapist," and he attacked all homosexuals as "ill" and as suffering from "genetic problems" which lead to "aberrant lifestyles." The local press summed up Bryan's campaigns as "one of the longest unrelenting negative political campaigns in Massachusetts history," and his political agenda as modeled after homophobic Rep. Robert Dornan of California.

On election day the voters soundly rejected Bryan by giving him only 13% of the popular vote. In his victory speech Congressman Studds told supporters, "the people were offered venom, and they choose vision. They were offered fear, insecurity and hate and they chose strength, security and hope, and that makes all the difference in the world."

Republican candidate Dan Daly collected 25% of the vote. Congressman Studds told supporters that, "Mr. Daly ran a campaign of dignity and self respect on the issues." Daly ran unsuccessfully for US Senate in 1990 and served in Governor William Weld's cabinet.

In the next Congress, Rep. Studds is positioned to assume the Chairmanship of the full Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. It will be the first time that an openly Gay person will serve as Chairman of one of the 22 House Committees, and make Rep. Studds the highest ranking openly Gay elected official in the United States.

Congressman Studds has long been an outspoken and strong advocate for issues that are of concern to the Lesbian and Gay community. As a member of Congress' Health Subcommittee, he serves as a national legislative leader in the battle to develop intelligent and effective AIDS and women's health policies. He is the most vocal and effective voice in the fight to overturn the military's ban against Lesbians and Gay men.

On election night Congressman Studds voiced his support of Bill Clinton's victory: "I have a great hope for the future. Finally, we will have a President that will defend the civil rights of all Americans and make the fight to end the AIDS epidemic a national priority. In Congress, I will use all my ability to make our efforts a success."

Clue Found To Way AIDS Develops

WASHINGTON - The AIDS virus is "like an engine in idle" in people who are infected but still healthy, a clue to its operation that may lead to treatments to keep people from developing symptoms of the disease, researchers say.

During the period when a person infected with HIV has no symptoms of AIDS, the virus only reproduces pieces of itself rather than a whole, so that it doesn't spread from cell to cell as rapidly, a team of researcher from three university reported.

When the virus begins to reproduce full versions of itself, the infected person begins to develop AIDS, the researchers said in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"Until that point, it's like an engine in idle," said Dr. Roger Pomerantz, chief of the infectious disease department at the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and one of the researchers.

The researchers, who also come from the California based Salk Institute and the Rockefeller University in New York, still don't understand exactly what triggers that switch.

Pomerantz said one theory is that the body can rid itself of "some of the virus but not all of it, and it gets to the point where the immune system is no longer able to deal with it."

But once they find the trigger, the researchers hope that knowledge will help in developing treatments to keep the

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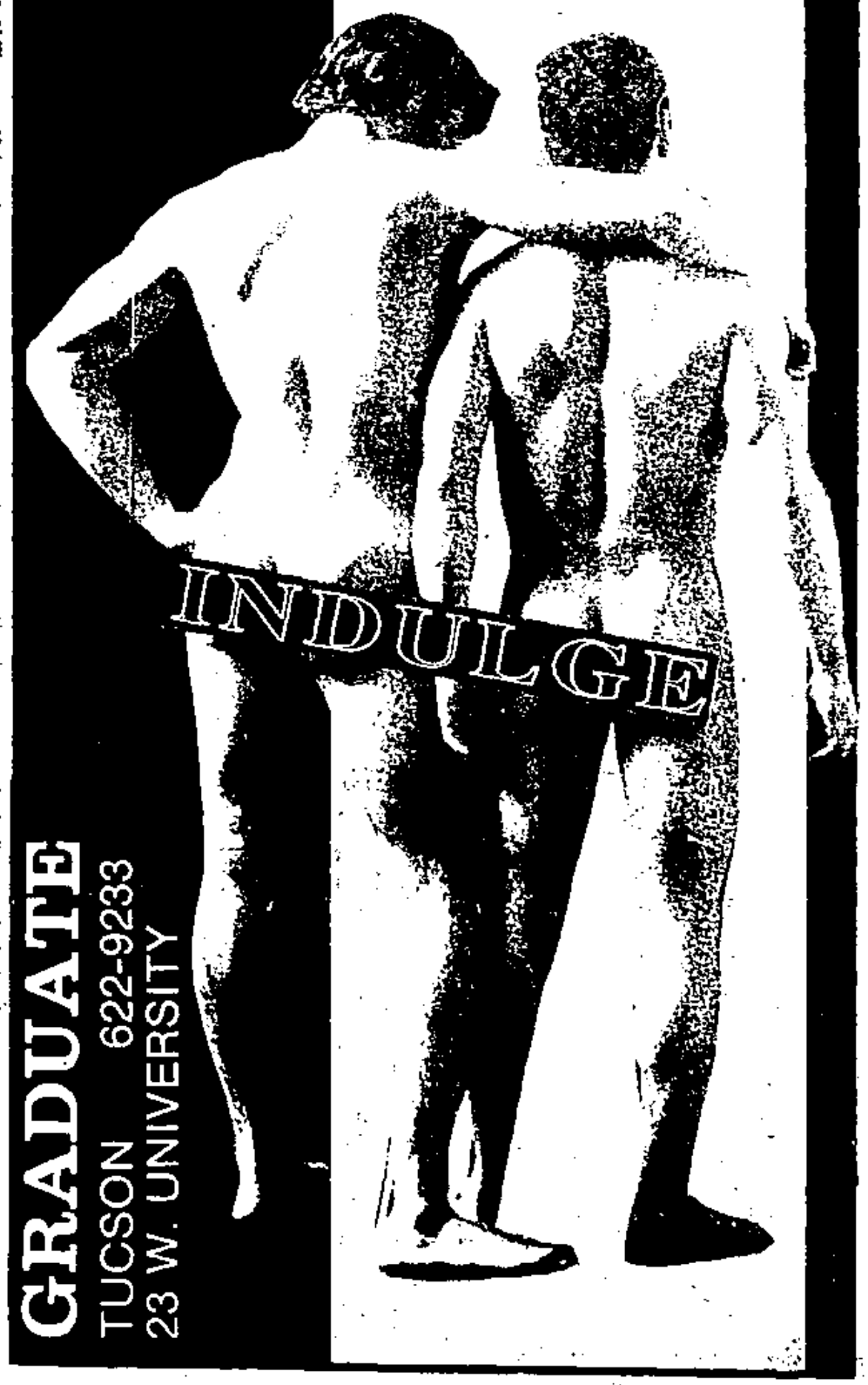

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Southeast Arizona Newsletter

by Robert L. Hiebert

Report on the monthly business meeting of the Bisbee Gay/Lesbian Alliance

The group voted unanimously to have the highway sign, that marks the section that the alliance will be keeping clean, read "Lesbian/Gay Alliance of Bisbee" rather than using some abbreviation that might not be understood by the general public. The purpose of the project is to let people know that we aren't afraid anymore and that we care about the environment.

It was decided that on the first and third Sundays of each month the alliance would be conducting drop in rap sessions. This would be a time for Gays in southeastern Arizona to get together and discuss whatever concerned them at the time of the meeting. The purpose is to empower Gay/Lesbian people to be positive about their life style.

On the second Sunday of every month the workshop on "-isms" would continue to meet. The current topic is age-ism and on December 13th a movie would follow the discussion meeting.

On the fourth Sunday of every month a social event will be planned. On November 22nd the group will meet at the YWCA and then walk over to a nearby restaurant where we will have an early supper and social gathering.

On the fifth Sunday of months that have five Sundays the group elected not to meet but to take a day off.

All meetings of the Lesbian/Gay Alliance start at 5 pm at the YWCA in Old Bisbee. All Lesbian/gay people are welcome at any or all of the events of the schedule.

On December 5th the Alliance will have a booth at the Sierra Vista Flea Market to raise money for a Gay referral phone line in Bisbee.

Upcoming events of the group include a Christmas carol sing around Old Bisbee on December 15th. This event will start at 7 pm from the YWCA and move around town to restaurants, homes, hospitals, etc.

Instead of a business meeting on the 20th of December at 7 pm there will be a solstice circle for anyone who is interested in this spiritual experience. Everyone will meet at the YWCA and move on from there to the arranged place for the circle.

The Alliance will be forming a Gay/Lesbian Chorus in January. Rehearsals for the chorus are tentatively set for Tuesdays. This group will be open to friends of the Gay/Lesbian community as well as Gays and Lesbians themselves.

Early in February a talent show is being planned for the Gay/Lesbian community. Any friends of Gay/Lesbian people are also invited to perform or attend, but this will not be open to the general public at this time.

The Lesbian/Gay AA group is meeting in Sierra Vista on the Tuesday of every month and on the first Sunday of every month in Bisbee at the YWCA. This is an open discussion meeting and the location of the meeting in Sierra Vista can be obtained by calling 459-0031.

The group encouraged all members to contact the Tucson PBS station, KUAT-TV, and encourage the station to broadcast the Gay/Lesbian variety show entitled "In The Life". One member of the group had placed such a request and was told by the program director that the program was not suitable for the community that KUAT services, even though the director had never seen any of the shows that have been broadcast. During pledge break this might be an ideal time for our voices to be heard.

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Studds Urges Immediate Suspension Of Gay Military Discharges

23 Colleagues Join In Letter To Cheney

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Noting that President elect Bill Clinton has publicly stated his opposition to the present discriminatory policy, Congressman Gerry Studds (D-MA) today urged Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney to immediately suspend enforcement of the current ban on Lesbian and Gay service personnel in pending discharge or disciplinary proceedings. Rep. Studds also asked the Pentagon to refrain from initiating any new investigations or proceedings. Studds was joined by 23 of his Congressional colleagues in the letter to the Defense Secretary.

Congressman Studds, who has long led the fight to end the discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians in the military, argued it would be manifestly unfair to pursue pending cases, with the obvious permanent impact upon the individuals involved, when a revision of the appears imminent.

"Those persons subject to discharge or disciplinary proceedings for reasons of homosexuality suffer unnecessary disruption of their careers and serious permanent damage to their ability to obtain future employment," said Stubbs.

"For much too long, this has been an unfair policy, unfairly applied," concluded Studds. "There exists no reason to prolong this injustice. An immediate suspension is required."

A number of personnel are currently the subject of discharge or disciplinary because of the policy. The joint Congressional letter simply suggested to Cheney that no further action be taken on these pending cases.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

GERRY E. STUDDS

November 13, 1992

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We write to you about an urgent concern regarding lesbians and gay men currently serving in the United States armed forces.

As you know, President-elect Bill Clinton is opposed to the current Department of Defense ban on military service by lesbians and gay men. We have every reason to believe he will take action to remove the prohibition following his inauguration in January.

A number of service personnel are currently the subject of discharge or disciplinary proceedings because of this policy. We believe it would be manifestly unfair to pursue these pending cases -- with the obvious permanent impact upon the individuals involved -- when a revision of the policy appears imminent.

A recent comprehensive report by the General Accounting Office and prior studies conducted by the Department of Defense Personnel Security Research and Education Center have consistently concluded that lesbian and gay service personnel perform well and do not pose a security risk.

Those persons subject to discharge or disciplinary proceedings for reasons of homosexuality, however, suffer unnecessary disruption of their careers and serious permanent damage to their ability to obtain future employment.

We therefore urge you to immediately suspend enforcement of the current Department of Defense ban on lesbian and gay service personnel in pending discharge or disciplinary proceedings and refrain from initiating any new investigations or proceedings.

For much too long, this has been an unfair policy, unfairly applied. There exists no reason to prolong this injustice. An immediate suspension is required.

Sincerely,

Gerry E. Studds, M.C.
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John Schlafley's Plea

by Larry Bush

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - John Schlafly, son of Phyllis Schlafly, talked for nearly three hours in an on-the-record conversation he never sought. But for the first time as a Gay man.

That's a difficult conversation for nearly any Lesbian or Gay person, but it is especially difficult if your mother is a national leader in a campaign that has exploited prejudice against other Lesbians and Gay men.

When her eldest son finally went on record, he did so with the cautious demeanor that reflected his training as a lawyer, and with the proviso that the conversation not veer off into naming of friends and companions.

But as much as he tried to speak what was on his mind, it was his heart that kept surfacing. It was his heart that hurt at the misunderstanding that surrounds him - the way he feels his mother is misunderstood, the way he feels homosexuality is misunderstood, the way he feels that the Gay community in its diversity is misunderstood.

Schlafly, who is 41, lives with his parents in Alton, Illinois. He has clearly spent a great deal of effort trying to understand, turning himself into a kind of personal response to the world's easy answers.

For example, he says Vice President Dan Quayle is mistaken in the easy answer that homosexuality is a choice, "except in the broadest sense."

He told me that being Gay is in a sense like being a native English speaker, that even while traveling in another country and speaking another language, one thinks in one's own language first.

It may be "learned behavior," he said, but it would be "unimaginable" otherwise.

I asked, "Is that what being Gay is like for you, speaking your own language?"

"Yes, that's a good way to put it."

He said much that would put a smile on the lips of those who criticize his mother, a 30-year arch-conservative who heads the Eagle Forum. He is the house lawyer for the anti-abortion organization.

Gays and Lesbians are not threats to family values, he said. He described Lesbian and Gay couples he knows as role models of loving support.

He said Lesbians and Gays have made enormous progress in public acceptance and says, "It is a good thing".

He decries the "the thought police" he sees at work in the Gay community, particularly in San Francisco. He wants to be able to assert his views as a political conservative without being labeled self-hating or a sell-out. He hopes to win recognition that the diversity among Lesbians and Gays is not just in their shape, color or gender, but also in what they think.

Schlafly is bound to find some of his hopes will be disappointed. He believes, for example, that conservatives and the religious right do not oppose repeal of archaic sodomy laws. So far, the evidence is that he is wrong.

One doesn't have to agree with John Schlafly's views to applaud him for openly expressing his views and allowing us to learn about his life as a Gay man. (Larry Bush is a columnist for the San Francisco Examiner)

IBT's Cook-Outs Contribute To Community Organizations

TUCSON - More than $2,000 has been raised in the last two and one-half months during IBT's Sunday cook-outs on their patio. The cook-outs, hosted by a different couple each Sunday, run from two to six p.mn. each Sunday afternoon.

IBT's contributes the cost of the food, but each host couple is asked to ring a special dish of their own making, such as potato(e) salad or pasta salads or baked beans.

The couples cook for the benefit of one of five Tucson organizations on a rotating schedule. The five beneficiaries of the money raised by the cook-outs are: PACT for Life; P-FLAG; Shanti Foundation; Wingspan and Frensdortf House.

A set price is charged for what is served and all proceeds go that Sunday's organization.

Dave Huff, one of the new owners of IBT's said that he liked the cook-out approach very much. "With the way the cook-outs are organized, the bar contributes on a regular basis to five worthwhile organizations; the couples get a chance to donate four or five hours to the community and the different organizations benefit from the money raised. Everyone wins in this situation."

Natalie & Beth-Tullis-Perry are hosting the cook-out this Sunday, Nov. 22.

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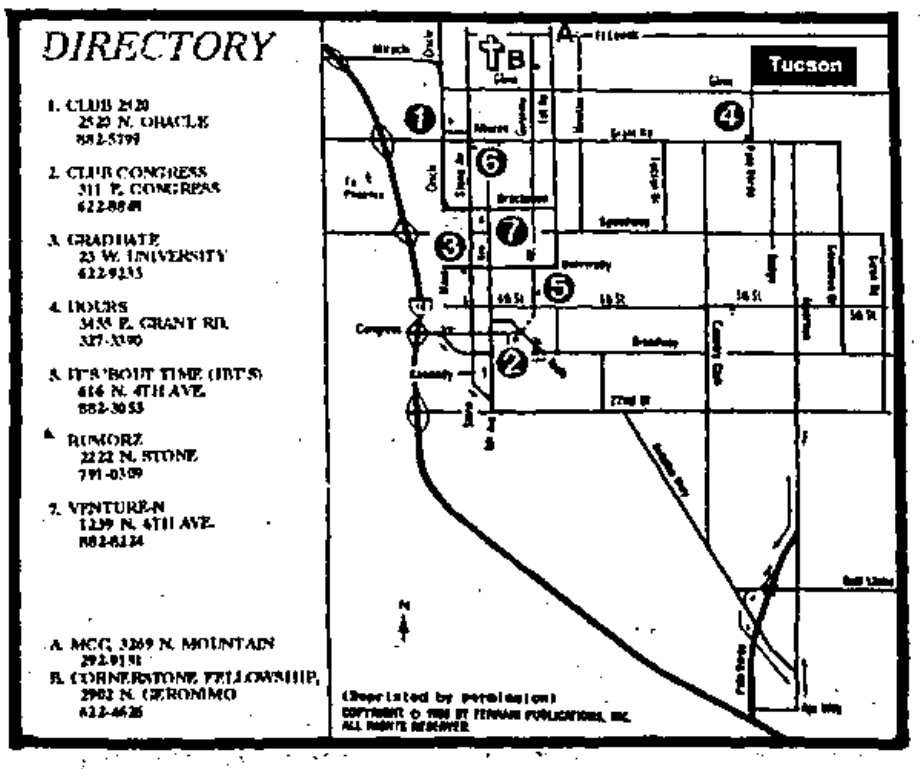

Double Mischief

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Obscenity, 1992 Style

I remember the first time my TV set said fuck. It was in the early 80s, and cable had finally come to my neighborhood. Fuck still had some weight in those days: it could still shock. But a movie came on, a character said fuck, and the world did not change a bit. I checked my bones; none were broken. I checked my ears; they were unharmed. I checked my soul; no damage done. My TV set had sid fuck and I had lived.

Fast forward some eight years, add a dandy remote control, and I'm grazing through the channels. I stumble on a meeting of the White Aryan Resistance, also known as WAR, on the public access station. These soul ugly people, these raving bigots, spew forth their venom on my TV. One says, "The only way to save the world is to get rid of the God damned fucking kikes." As a God damned fucking kike myself, I'm horrified to hear this sentence. Hairs stand up on the back of my neck. This person would gladly see me dead. But despite my emotional response, my brain noted an odd thing; of the phrase "God damned fucking kikes," only the word God is bleeped. Who made this decision? The TV station or the WAR-mongers? I suspect the latter.

Fast forward to the more recent past. In an article in Newsweek by a young Asian man who came to the United States to "be free," he writes that it saddens him when someone calls him, as Newsweek chooses to typeset it, "a ——— gook."

Fast forward once more, to last week. Again, I'm channel dancing. I turn to a movie on a local station just in time to hear someone say, "Don't mess with me, you [bleep!] nigger."

What does it mean to live in a world where fuck is considered obscene and gook and nigger are not? What does it mean when WAR considers God an unspeakable word, yet gladly trumpets kike?

But wait, there's more! Portrait of a Marriage comes to U.S. TV, and virtually all of the Lesbian physicality is cut out. Well, that's not surprising; after all, we dykes are so powerful that if people see one positive depiction of our sexuality, years of heterosexist brainwashing will go down the tube. Hundreds of thousands of women will, what is it, kill their children, leave their husbands, practice witchcraft, and become Lesbians.

But wait, there's more! A writer who had seen the full version of Portrait of a Marriage revealed that the other deleted scenes were all those that showed any positive facets of Vita Sackville-West's Lesbian feelings. Through careful, totally dishonest editing, one of the most important relationships of Sackville-West's life was reduced to an annoying interruption of her marriage to a man; the woman she loved was shown as somewhere between a coquette and a nuisance. But perhaps the unkindest cut of all was that, by focusing on the excursion of the sex scenes, the censors deflected attention from their most egregious sin: changing the whole tone of the show and, through it, Sackville-West's life and a potentially positive view of Lesbians.

The plot so far: it's okay to use racial epithets, but bad to use "cursed words" related to sex. it's okay to show the problems in a Lesbian relationship, but bad to show the love.

And then Sinead O'Connor rips up a picture of the pope. I saw her do it. I even gasped. Her gesture was so honest, so heart felt. So little truth occurs on TV. But she went against all the taboos and lines and limits and suggested that we stop even feigning respect for a man who would have women barefoot and pregnant, homosexuals celibate or in hell, and child molesting priests whisked off and hidden at other congregations, where they most likely molest other children. But who was called obscene? Sinead. One bishop even called her gesture violent. Hmmm, ripping up a picture is violent, but forbidding people to use condoms is religion. Hmmm.

So what is obscene? Lesbians having sex or the treatment of women in the average beer commercial? Black men kissing in the wonderful Tongues Untied or black men being treated as buffoons and morons in comedy shows or black mean being depicted solely as muggers and rapists? Public service announcements that actually show how a condom is used or the Republican Convention? Depictions of "alternative" sexuality or the fact that most of the "experts" quoted on TV are still straight old white men? Ripping up a picture of the pope or the media's constant respect for so called holy men who would enslave the world?

I'll tell you what's obscene: it's 1992 and this column is still relevant.

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by JON BROWN, DJ at IBT's

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NOTE: List is compiled by audience response.

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This past week was a big event for the Southwest District of the U.F.M.C.C. The annual Fall Conference was to be held in North Hollywood, California from November 12th through the 15th. This conference had more registered participants than any previous Conference on record. It was estimated that approximately 500 attended the final worship service on Sunday morning. There were six from Tucson in attendance. The next annual Fall Conference will be held there in Tucson in November 1993.

Next week will have the Thanksgiving Holiday celebrated on Thursday, November 26th. MCC-Tucson will be hosting a traditional turkey dinner for the community on that date. This is an annual event that has been a tradition at MCC-Tucson for many years. Everyone is welcome to join with us to share in this feast and give thanks for our many, many blessings. There will be a short service prior to the serving of the dinner, but it is not necessary to attend the service to share with us in this feast. Complete time schedule will be announced in next week's edition of The Observer.

MCC-Tucson will be having another Bake Sale at the Graduate this Saturday, November 21st, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in conjunction with Partner's Beer Bust. This is another fund raiser that will be used to send our delegates to the General Conference in Phoenix next July. There will be many home baked items at this sale for the upcoming Holiday. Why spend hours in the kitchen for that big turkey dinner when you can purchase an item that will be just what you wanted.

Thought for the week: To be born an average person is God's creation, to be common is God's creation unfulfilled.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

Today, with the emphasis turning toward the "inner self," we are creating a world of self seekers. Does Christianity teach that we're not supposed to love ourselves or have any self-esteem? No, it does not. The conflict between Christianity and the world is not whether we love ourselves or not, but how we love ourselves, and with what spirit it is done. Self love in the Christian sense is the opposite of self centeredness!

The First Commandment given by Go is, "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3). Does this mean we are not to worship Buddha, Hari Krishna, or the mythological gods of the ancient Romans and Greeks? Of course, that's part of it; but this commandment goes much farther than that. This includes money, sex, another person, or ourselves just to name a few.

Does this mean that Christians aren't supposed to have any money, sex endearing love for another, or love for oneself? Of course not! It simply means God must always come out first in our hearts. When Jesus was asked which of the Commandments was most important, his answer was, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love you neighbor as yourself. There is no Commandment greater then these." (Mark 12:30-31).

These commandments are not unrelated to one another. When you love the Lord and put him first in you life, you fell that security of being a child of God and a member of the Body of Christ, equal in his love for you as is his love for you brothers and sisters in Christ. This security and feeling of worth, through him, allows you to reach out in love more earnestly and effectively.

How can you truly love you neighbor as yourself, in Biblical terms, if the love you have for yourself is centered just in "you," or dependant upon your wealth, sex life, or the returned love of another person? The apostle Paul tells us that love "is not self seeking" (I Cor. 13:5). Doesn't God realize that we're only human? You bet he does, and far more than we do. God knew, as the aposite Paul tells us, that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

In his great wisdom and mercy, God the father sent his only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to be born in this world, to experience the temptations and hardships of this world, to become the perfect, sinless sacrifice for the sins of mankind; and to conquer death through his resurrection. When you accept Jesus Christ as your as your personal Lord and Savior, your are accepting a Savior who knows first hand the pains of this world, yet also has overcome them.

This doesn't mean God no longer cares if you keep his Commandments but, by taking his son into your heart, your failures in achieving righteousness are covered by his sacrifice, and will not deny you eternity in Heaven.

Doesn't God realize we need to understand ourselves and our potential in this world? He certainly does. Before Jesus was crucified, he told his disciples of the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, who would be sent to them after he departed from this world. He said, "The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you" (John 14:26).

Every believer is given at least one gift of the Spirit, by the Holy Spirit. These gifts, such as healing, knowledge, wisdom, prophecy, teaching and more, are given to serve the Lord. This is you potential! The Holy Spirit will help you to discover yourself, and the will of God for you in this world.

Without the Lord, your true potential will never be realized. God created everyone with a purpose in mind. How can you find your purpose if you don't know your creator? If you fell you simply can't concentrate in this world as you wish since you haven't "found yourself" yet, try seeking the Lord. Turn yourself in the right direction and your life will change! At Cornerstone, we would like to help you find that new direction. Come in and join us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. You'll be surprised at what you'll discover about yourself! God bless you.

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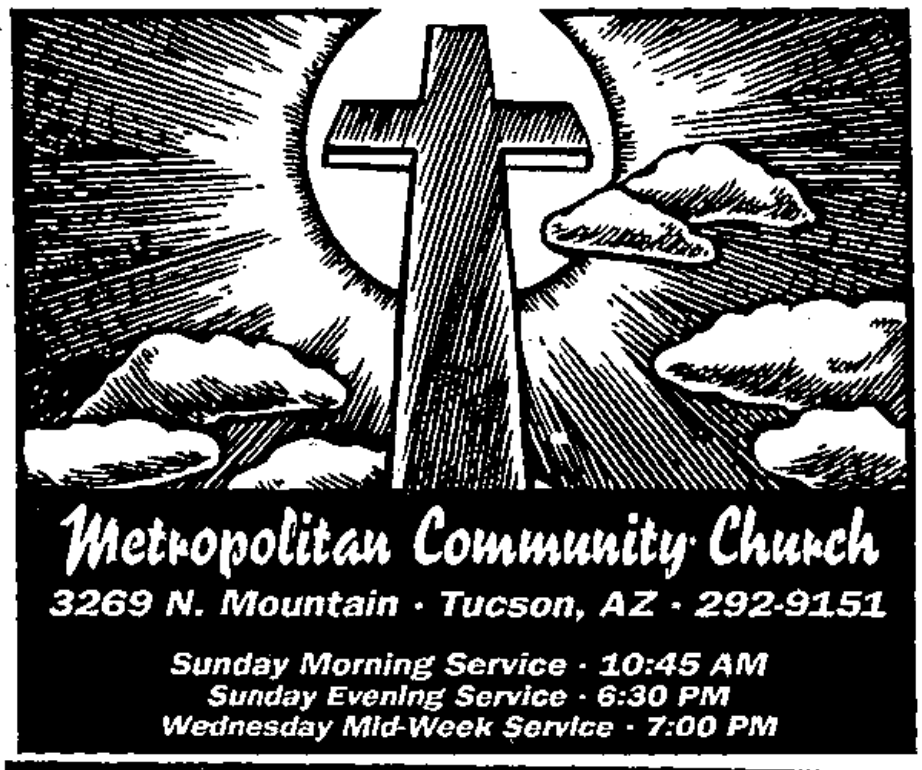

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POLITICS '92

by Mark Kerr

A FEW THOUGHTS!!!

VOTE BY MAIL. Good for the citizens, promotes higher turnout, a plus for democracy, makes the races for elected offices more competitive and a bust for the two major parties in the state! Yes, vote by mail did not give one party a decisive advantage over the other as it was predicted. Both parties in Pima County expected a big edge with vote by mail, "Putting guaranteed votes in the bank." Well that bank was an S & L, which swindled both parties.

How might you ask? First lets start with the Democrats. In Pima County, they mailed a request to each registered Democrat. It was too bad that they mailed the requests out incrementally by zip code, which means some people got the request on day 1 of eligibility for early voting and some received the request 2 days before the deadline. Also, they did have the edge in the ballots that were returned, 29,000 to 35,000 of the 54,000 ballots that were sent out and returned. They kicked the Republicans butt, even high ranking Republicans publicly admitted this. The Democrats had won the first battle, but lost the war, when you look at the results from the absentee (early) voting, the Republicans led in the US Senate race, US Congress (CD-5), State Senate (Dist 9) and House (District 9), the Republican candidates led. (Where were the Democrats!). In District 13, the State Senate race was the key battle for control of the State Senate. This race pitted Rep. Eleanor Schorr versus Rep. Patti Noland. The absentee results gave Schorr a lead, but not a substantial lead, which Noland overcame and won. What went wrong, the Democrats did not make copies of the requests as they came in so that these people could be notified about who to vote for, in other words the Pima County Party acted as a post office, they had the victory in their hands and they let it slip through their proverbial fingers. The party states that it was up to the campaigns and they dropped the ball. Plain and simple, we blew it. The party must play an active role in the campaign, helping candidates in various races. We can not sit back, we must act and be involved for us to be a success at the ballot box, if we continue our policy of hand wrenching neutrality, we will all lose and suffer dearly!

The Republicans did not fare better, the state Party thought that they would send out requests when they had the money. So subsequently, only 65% of the Republicans in Pima County received their requests. (Strike One!) Costing the candidates for various County Offices. Then the request had to be sent back to Phoenix and then sent to the various County Recorders, wasting valuable time. (Strike Two!). Then, the places they sent the request to was based on targeted information, which it is rumored that some precincts in the Republican foothills were not sent a request. (Strike Three!)

Vote by mail does not increase the percentage of people voting, helps democracy, etc. This system costs $8 to process the ballot, who pays for this, the tax payer! This year it cost us $432,000.

This system did not work, the Recorder and the Elections Department did not have the manpower to process the ballots on time. In the Recorder's Office, the overworked staff worked 14 hours a day, 7 days a week for a full month before the general election!

If we want higher turnout, we must mount an aggressive public service announcement campaign by the Recorder's Office, run better candidates, have the media cover all the races more thoroughly, and the parties, (especially the Democrats!), must take an active role in all aspects of the campaign.

Vote by mail, is a bust and must go.

Until next time, politics as usual.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

RUMORZ - It's Drag Madness here again from 6 to 9 p.m. featuring Christina de Alexis and special guests. It's wild.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

CLUB 2520 - A very special show here and it's a benefit for AIDS. 'Mark Anthony in Concert' will feature Mr. Anthony in a live performance of comedy, music and, of course, drag! A very talented performer for a very worthy cause. 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

CLUB 2520 - Karaoke has arrived in Tucson and it will be at Club 2520 every other Sunday from 6:30 to 9:30. This is your chance to be a star, and possibly win a trip to Las Vegas for an appearance at Las Vegas World. There are nine categories so there is no reason for you not to enter. If you aren't familiar with Karaoke, you've just got to experience it, there's no way of explaining it correctly. Be sure to attend this unusual and fun event. You'll get hooked! Call the bar for details and rules for entering the Karaoke competition.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

There will be a celebration of the life of Brian P. Mulford beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Saint Francis in the Foothills, 4625 E. River Road. The Rev. P. David Wilkinson will officiate. Brian made his transition on Oct. 28, 1992.

The November meeting of the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association begins at 7:30 p.m. and will feature their Business Expo '92. Members will man tables and answer your questions about their business goods and/or services. Find out what businesses support you and the benefits of supporting them. It all takes place at the Doubletree Hotel, 445 South Alvernon Way. This event is free to everyone! Don't miss it!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

A Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Workshop will be held beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Shanti office, 602 N. 4th Ave. "How to Un-Oppress Ourselves" is the focus of discussion. Everyone is welcome.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Cornerstone Fellowship is puttin' on their annual Thanksgiving Dinner at 2:00 p.m. The church is located at 2902 N. Geronimo. Bring a friend and a dish to share. If bringing a dish is not possible, please come anyway. There will be plenty of food and they want you to join in this Thanksgiving Day. Please RSVP 622-8860 or 622-7107.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

A Big Birthday Party and Reunion for the Saint Francis Support Group. Things begin at 3:00 p.m. and lasts until 10 p.m. The group will be celebrating their 5 years as a support group of Gays, Lesbians and Bisexual people. The entire program is being sponsored by the Reconciling Program of Saint Francis in the Foothills UMC. Members from the past to those currently attending are invited to join in the festivities as part of the celebration. Activities will include volleyball games, RCP-support group videos, hugs and more. Dinner will be a pot luck to begin at 6:30 pm. Turkey and ham will be provided. Please bring warm memories and a dish to share. RSVP to 886-1208.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

PACT's annual Festival For Life holiday auction at St. Philip's Plaza will begin with a reception at 5:00 p.m. The Auction begins at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are $10 each. There is also a $10,000 Holiday Gift Spree Raffle with tickets $1 each or 12 for $10. Special guest of honor will be Mary Wilson of the Supremes. Holiday wreaths, table arrangements, menorahs, fine art will be on display and for sale. Nov. 27, 28 & 29 at St. Philip's Plaza in the Courtyard and the stores. This is a major fundraising event for People living with AIDS.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association will sponsor "Cheap Skates, Great Fun!" at Skate Country North, 2700 N. Stone Ave. Hours are 6-8 p.m. Admission is $2 and skate rental is just a buck! See ya there!

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sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 3 to 7 pm. C/W dance lessons 6-7:30 from Paul, dancing and Progressive Dance Music 8-1.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Shots Well Drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Bloody Marys and Screws $1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 a.m. 2 for 1 Well and non-premium beer 4 til 8. Cook Out on patio 2-6 pm. Rock 'n Roll DJ 2-4; Dance with Jon Brown 4-??? Big John (courtesy of Venture-N) spins rock and country 2-6. Miller Lite and Genuine Draft $1.50 from 9 to close.

RUMORZ - Open at noon. Sunday Brunch noon to 3 pm $3.99. Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers $1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm. $3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-6 p.m.

monday

CLUB CONGRESS - 70's Disco with Super Star Lover, $1. 9 pm to 1

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. Hourly mystery drink specials 8 to close. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm all shots well drinks $1.00. Bring in your VHS movie and they'll play it. (No porno please!).

HOURS - Open Noon. Happy Hour 12 to 7 pm - Well and Domestic Beer $1.25, .50 Draft Beer 7 to close.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer from 4 to 8 p.m. 50¢ mug Draft Beer 8 to close.

RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer, $1.00 to closing, $1.50 White Well.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. T-Squares Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Trash Disco Black Light Party begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all shot well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hour 12 to 7pm Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Schnapps 75¢ 7 to close

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer from 4 to 8 pm. $1.50 Bud/Bud Light 8 to close.

RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. Bud & Bud Light Cans 99¢ all day.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm

wednesday

CLUB CONGRESS - Rock 'n Roll Boy Bar with DJ Sir Rodney Farrow.

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8, $2. or Tacos @ $1 each. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. C/W dance lessons from Paul 7-9, dancing and Progressive dance music at 8

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all shot well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7 pm. Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Bartender's Choice 7 to close. T-Squares Basic & Mainstream group 7-9

IBT's - Open Noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer 4 to 8 pm. Beginners Country Dance Lessons 6 to 8, with Tom Maas. C/W dance 8 to close.

RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 8 to closing, 75¢ Schnapps. VJ/DJ David 10 to 1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

thursday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Chicken Fried Steak 5-7, $3. Men's Nite - Anyone in bare chest, boxer or jockey shorts or swimsuit 1/2 price on all well drinks. Strip Show or Jockey Shorts Contest + 50¢ draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Beer Bust all day. Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all shot well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Heineken or Corona $1.25 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well drinks and non-premium beer 4-8 pm. Margaritas and Kamakazis $1.50 from 8 to close. Jon Brown plays music for dancing at 8.

RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. DJ/VJ David

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

friday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Extended 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). "All you can eat" "beer battered" Fish Fry $4.50 or "Build Your Own" Hamburger Nite 5 to 7, $3. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.

GRADUATE - Happy HOur 3-9 pm, all shot well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Dancing 9 pm-1 am. Country/Western last Friday of each month.

IBT's - Open noon. Happy Hour 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer from 4 to 8 pm. Jon Brown plays dancing music from 8 pm.

RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Hors D'Oeuvres. VJ/DJ David 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens 5 pm.

saturday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. B-B-Q Spare Ribs 5 to 8, $3. 50¢ Schnapps 8-1. C/W dance lessons by Rick 7-9 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all shot well drinks $1.00. Pool Tournament 2:00 pm. $3 entry fee, pot matched.

HOURS - Open Noon. DJ music 9 to 1. Last Saturday of each month is Country and Western dance music.

IBT's - Open noon. Jayne Wayne rides again! Happy Hour extended noon til 8 pm. 2 for 1 well and non-premium beer. Jon Brown plays dance music from 8 to close.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. $1.25 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with David VJ/DJ 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio bar opens at 5 pm.

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What's Up Doc ?????

You are into your final week prior to this year's version of the Arizona Fellowship Run #6. The committee has already received a lot of applications from both out of town and also locals. If you are interested in joining over 100 people on this always fun run, be sure to be at either the Graduate, Venture-N or the MCC next Thursday afternoon and evening for registration. Run fee for everything is only $29. The times for registration are:

Graduate & Venture-N - 2 to 5 p.m.
MCC Church - 5 to 7 p.m.

All festivities will begin at 7 p.m. with the Desert Leathermen having a welcome cocktail party.. Dinner, served by the Tucson Knight Owls, 1992 host club, will be served at 8 p.m. After conclusion of dinner, you will be on free time.

Then early Friday morning at 9 a.m., also at the MCC Church, Copperstate Leathermen will be serving breakfast. From there and continuing until Sunday afternoon, at the Venture-N, it will be party time with lots of food, plenty of different games, and good fellowship.

TBBS: I just can not figure it out. You are asked to do someone a favor, you do it and what thank you do you receive.

It seems, even being as kind as I can, my thank you for the add for Mario was, and I quote, "You are 86 from the bar, from Tucson, and Arizona. Now, where would you like to go because I'll buy you the ticket," (One way I'm sure). His last word to me was to tell everyone he has entered a Monastery. Mario, we will need the address to send all those applications.

Then I saw Ray and what did he have to say? "I ain't got any, I ain't gotten any and I ain't after any." Any what, is my next question.

On the day I say Ray, David W. was with him. You remember David, he is that notorious person from earlier days over at the Venture-N, finding different areas to entertain. Of course, I have been witness to some of his activities inside the bar also. Well he said to me at least I haven't mentioned his name in my column lately. SURPRISE!

I also run into Don P., at the Venture-N, while Big John was working and the conversation came up to a previous column I had written. Big John, says that Don was mad and Don says that he wasn't. What may appear mad to one person I guess does not apply to another.

It this keeps up, next Terry S. will probably tell me he does not want to see his name in my column. Boy, this innocent reporter just can't win.

You talk about bad luck, Neil has more than his share lately. First off he lost his teeth. OK, it is off to the dentist and order a new set. No problem you say, guess again. Someone broke into the dentist office and broke his new plate. Now it will be another week before jello, peanut butter, and any other soft food will not be his main meals. I guess if it wasn't for bad luck, he would not have any.

In closing, all I want to say is I always preferred carnations over roses. Anyway, have a loving and safe week. See you during the Arizona Fellowship Run #6, starting next Thursday evening.

Notes From Desert Voices

The harmonious voices of the chorus are combining in musical ecstasy in preparation for the annual holiday concert. "Fiesta of Light" is the theme for this year's concert, scheduled for Saturday, December 19, at Unity of Tucson. The concert will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets will be $5. the audience will experience a musical smorgasbord of holiday music from around the world and traditional favorites.

The chorus will remind there of us who grew up in the wintery climate of the cold snow with an arrangement of "Let It Snow." The arrangement contains an array of contemporary sonorities contrasted by the warmer harmonies underneath the all too familiar melody. The women and men have an opportunity to pass the theme among the other section. The work concludes with a brief chromatic interjection before resolving to the last chord.

Benjamin Britten, the most prolific and most famous English composer of the mid-twentieth century, is distinguished especially for his choral works. the chorus will perform excerpts from Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," composed in 1942. britten was influenced by Stravinsky and the French, but did not ignore music from his native country of England. Britten never hesitated to use, and often with conspicuous success, a wide range of musical techniques integrated by means of simple, artful new tonal forms. Any list of his major compositions will serve to indicate the importance of the human voice in his work.

The small vocal ensemble from the chorus will be performing this Friday at the OPBPA Craft Fair to be held at the Doubletree Hotel. The ensemble will be performing favorites from their repertory. Concert information will be available at a craft by one of chorus members.

Finally, the Fund Raising Task Force met on November 11 to discuss ideas and strategy for possible future fund raising events. The Task Force will prepare a formal case statement on the organization to include the mission of Desert Voices, a report of past events and their results, and a copy of the operating budget for the fiscal year. The Task Force then discussed ideas for possible events. A list of 7 ideas was developed and each member volunteered to accept one or more projects to research further and report back top everyone at their December 2nd meeting.

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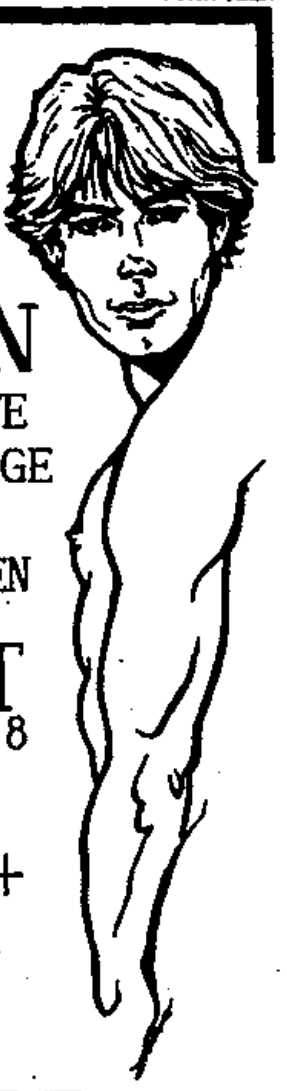

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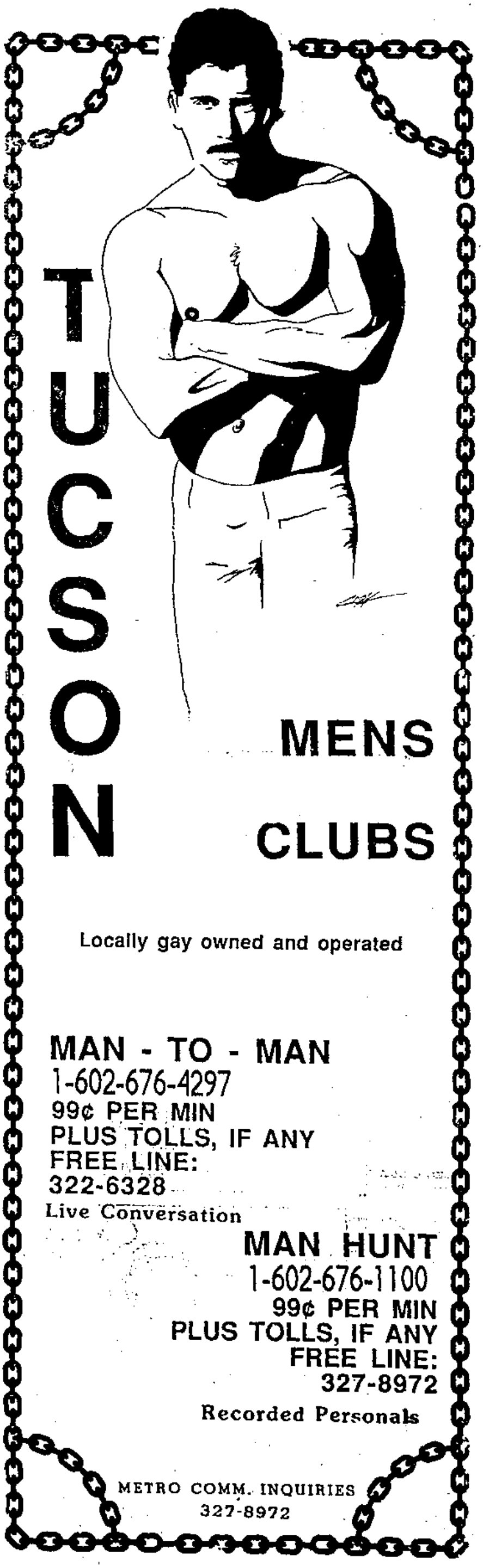

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ARIES
MARCH 21 to APRIL 20

Business and romance co-mingle this week with a big pay off. Get ready to receive gifts and promote business. Opportunity in you chosen field comes at you from all sides. Seize the moment!

TAURUS
APRIL 21 to MAY 20

As is your nature, be natural and un-impressed by material and position. this demeanor finds you in the company of greatness which has no bearing on how you relate to it. To a good end, travel enriches you contacts and a possible love interest. Someone thinks about you and make it physically obvious. Positive is the way right now!

GEMINI
MAY 21 to JUNE 20

Your sex appeal is brimming. Prepare yourself for being irresistible. You may use this to your advantage in the work place for profit. Caution yourself concerning your gambling instincts.

CANCER
JUNE 21 to JULY 22

You are one of the few signs of the zodiac that truly becomes intensely earthy and homebound with your mate. This week accentuates your companionship and brings together the strength in your bond. Social life functions well as a couple.

LEO
JULY 23 to AUGUST 22

You love center stage and once again you stand on your mark this week. If you need to market yourself, now is a good time. You are at your personal best! Do over you familiarity and you are sure to land whatever you seek and desire. have fun with all your social, fans!

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 to SEPTEMBER 22

You tend to over-think sometimes concerning your own ideas. Be confident this week that your recent creative money-maker is indeed that! You have landed on a true blue unique idea. Go with it!

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 to OCTOBER 22

Well, you are the belle of the ball this week. Your dance card is full. With all this social indulgence be sure to watch your waistline. Your daily exercise and grooming regimen should keep pace with current speed.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 23 to NOVEMBER 22

Expect a special surprise from unexpected places. It's time to do checks and balances and haunts from the past enable you to unload excess baggage. Socializing seems easier especially close to home. You are the communicator.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 to DECEMBER 21

Watch those purse strings! Your philanthropy brings rewards back into your life with unspoken joy! Your selfless actions and deeds bring an unexpected profit. A newly formed acquaintance offers good company and possibly more.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 to JANUARY 19

You are definitely leading a charmed week. Your social boundaries extend throughout the work place and special invitations or outings. You should make use of your new found luck and forge or renew a close relationship. Venus in Capricorn squaring Jupiter gives you those added extras.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 20 to FEBRUARY 18

Your creativity seems to be guided by universal wisdom, relish the anointment. Flashbacks hold special value now and relationships and faraway places are all a part of it. Memories are glowing.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 19 to MARCH 20

Money, influence and talent spotlight your week. All your skills come in to play to a fruitful end. Someone who has an intense feeling for you, pulls out all the stops to impress you!

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to teen-ager. Clothing may be new or used (clean and in good condition). Disposable diapers are also needed.

Thank you for helping to provide for the children and families who receive services from the Arizona Children's Home.

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switch from happening and keep the person free of the diseases associated with AIDS.

"If you can prolong (usymptomatic infection) for 20 or 40 years, you could make it a true chronic disease, and extend the period of wellness," Pomerantz said. "A true cure would be nice, but the ability to prolong life is also valuable."

Play Safe!

Lesbian

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"A presbytery is not free to exercise its own judgement contrary to our constitutional standards, without jeopardizing the entire fabric of our Presbyterian system," the Commission said.

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P.A.C.T. - People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, 801 W. Congress. Office hours 10 to 5, M-F; Wednesdays 7 pm. Call 770-1710 for info.

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P.F.L.A.G. - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - is a support group available to anyone who has a son, daughter or friend who is Gay. Call 575-8660 or write P.O. Box 36264, Tucson, AZ 85740-6264. All replies confidential.

ARE YOU IN A COUPLE RELATIONSHIP and interested in meeting other couples for social activities in a supportive atmosphere? Call Joe and E.B. at 292-6440.

Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 1122 N. Jones Blvd., Tucson. Worship Services Sundays at 10 am & 6:30 pm. If you are looking for a loving and caring church family who has a strong desire to share the love of God with others, look no further! Call Pastor S. Lewis for info 323-6855.

ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call information and Referral about Al-Anon 790-8922 in Tucson info about special groups for Gays and Lesbians.

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

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For meeting dates and locations or membership information call 577-6018 or write: OP, P.O. Box 44033, Tucson, AZ 85733

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YOUNG AND GAY?
Lesbian and Gay youths 23 and under, meet every Saturday in Tucson for sharing, support and information. Meetings are held at 422 N. 4th Avenue from 3 to 5 pm. You are not alone. For more info call Randy 882-8986 or Lorn 298-7990.

WOMYN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E. 22nd Street. $2 at door (more if you can, less if not).

ARE YOU A GAY MAN 40 OR OLDER? Do you enjoy the companionship of your peers? Call Cronies 888-7264 in Tucson.

TUCSON AIDS PROJECT (TAP), 151 S. Tucson Blvd., Suite 252 (The Broadmoor). Services for people with AIDS, ARC or HIV+; Community education. Monthly public meetings. Volunteers welcome. 326-AIDS (Hotline) or 322-6226 (Administration).

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AMERICAN GAY & LESBIAN ATHEISTS advocating state/church seperation. Monthly meetings and support for the non-religious. Write: 3003 N. central Ave., Suite 121, Box 211, Phoenix, AZ 85012-2903. "Educating Our Community Since 1983".

SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by asking. 322-5655. Leave message.

ARE YOU FEMME AND ATTRACTED TO OTHER FEMMES? For Lesbians and Bi-wimmen: Do you love wearing makeup and high heels, perfume and skirts, lingerie, etc.? Then, let's get together and see who we are! Femmes for Femmes Social/Support Group. Partners and singles welcome. Call 321-4737 for more information.

GAY COWBOY CLUB - Nationwide Personal Ads. Admirers welcome too. Send stamp for information: Mavericks, Box 9543, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

ATTENTION ALL NUDISTS - Tucson Tenners is a nudist group open to all -- Nude activities scheduled both indoor and outdoors. Not "Gay Only", but Gays are welcome and invited to join. For further information send SASE to: Tucson Tenners, P.O. Box 84-O, Cortaro, AZ 85652.

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"QUEER BISBEE", Bisbee's Lesbian and Gay Alliance, has a general meeting every 3rd Sunday at 7 p.m. at the YWCA in Bisbee.

PRESCOTT GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL & QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP now forming. Are you lonely? Scared? Confused? Need Friendship? Support? Please write to us. We will respond to all in confidentiality. We're here for you... don't be alone! For students and the community. YAG, Box 8663, 3200 North Willow Creek Road, Prescott, AZ 86301-3720.

HOME BIBLE STUDY "Homosexuality and the Bible" Call 797-9121. Do you know God knew you were Gay before you were born? Psalm 139:13-17

GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP. If it is difficult for you to start or maintain close relationships, this group will focus on enhancing your capacity for intimacy. Call Randy Oberholl, Ph.D. 623-3390 or Liz Garigan, M.Ed. 293-7886.

BEARS OF THE OLD PUEBLO -- a social club for bears and bigger, more robust men (and of course, those who prefer their company). For more info, write PO Box 40021, Tucson AZ 85717; call 326-0655; or come to our general meetings the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm on the Ventana-N patio.

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THE RAINBOW PEOPLE - Uniting people of diverse gender and sexuality. Gay, Lesbian, TS, TG, TV. All colors of the rainbow. P.O. Box 36142, Tucson, AZ 85740-6132 or call Laura 887-6475.

DESERT BLOOD SISTERS, an SM women's support group meets every 2nd Friday at 7 p.m. at Wingspan. For more info call 624-9568.

GAY AND LESBIAN OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS. Stop binging, purging and overeating. Get a life! Call 793-3488 / 290-1739. Come to a weekly meeting.

Notices

AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

GAY OR BI-SEXUAL MEN in relationships with women. Need friends you can talk to? Weekly support group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Certified psychologist facilitator. Call 884-0476 Tucson. Strictly confidential.

WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all). General Meetings every 4th Sunday 6:00 p.m. 422 N. 4th Ave. Information 624-1779.

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

CAMELBACK BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION (CBPA) OF PHOENIX has a hotline for information and membership call: 266-7202 or write CBPA at P.O. Box 2097, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP addressing a full spectrum of issues, problems and situations. Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 624-1779.

U of A LESBIAN/BISEXUALS/GAYS UNITED
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UofA FACULTY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 283 or 285. Open to UofA faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

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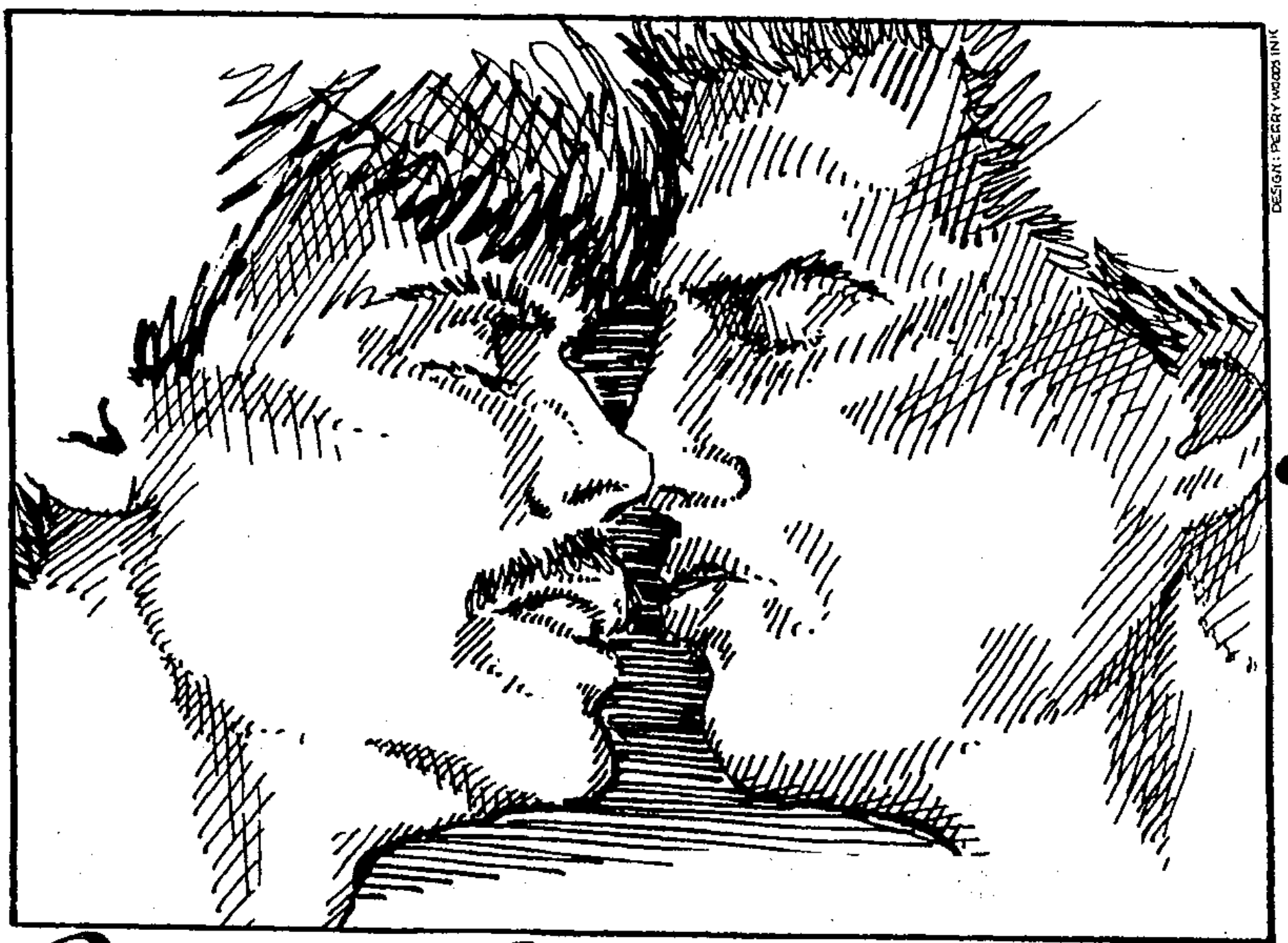

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