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Colorado Update.....

AMENDMENT MAY PERMIT INSURANCE COMPANIES TO BLACKLIST

DENVER - Officials say amendment 2 may nullify state laws preventing insurance companies from blacklisting Gays.

A strict reading of the constitutional amendment indicates insurance companies could once again deny policies to homosexuals and cancel coverage of HIV positive clients, officials said.

"I think it's a huge issue. No one has paid any attention to how Amendment 2 impacts that," said Pat Steadman, a lawyer with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees who also consults with Gay rights backers.

Amendment 2 prohibits state or local governments from enacting or enforcing laws that protect Gays from discrimination. The most commonly mentioned effect of Amendment 2's passage has been the repeal of Gay rights ordinances in Denver, Boulder and Aspen.

Legal observers are wondering whether the amendment also overturns state statutes and insurance division rules protecting Gays from discrimination in obtaining medical or life insurance.

One state law bars insurers from asking clients for their sexual orientation or otherwise trying to discern it.

Before states enacted such laws, insurers often refused to cover Gays because of their increased risk of contracting HIV.

A different insurance division rule also prohibits insurers from dropping existing clients who test positive for HIV or who are diagnosed with AIDS or related illnesses.

"All other issues aside, insurance is still the wild card out there," said Cindy Cornelius, spokeswoman for the Colorado AIDS Project. "I worry about how insurance companies make their decisions. Let's face it, these guys are a business."

Jake Gaffigan,a spokesman for the state insurance division, warned against any companies using Amendment 2 as an excuse to dump Gay clients. The division is studying the amendment's effect on state law and has requested an opinion from the state attorney general.

Until the lawsuit challenging Amendment 2 on constitutional grounds is settled, companies are still barred from discriminating, Gaffigan said.

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NEARLY HALF OF DENVER BIAS CHARGES CONCERN SEXUAL ORIENTATION

DENVER - Complaints of discrimination based on sexual orientation account for nearly half the civil rights allegations filed in Denver since February 1991, but such complaints will be groundless with the passage of Amendment 2.

The city's Human Rights Office reports that Gay rights issues accounted for 33 of the 75 discrimination complaints filed since the city extended its laws to include claims based on sexual orientation.

"It may not be a huge number, but statistically it's rather significant," said City Councilwoman Cathy Reynolds, who sponsored the Denver Gay rights ordinance.

Without the ordinance, few legal options exist for Gays and Lesbians who believe they've suffered discrimination, said Steve Newman, city human rights director.

Civil lawsuits are possible, but illegal behavior is tough to prove when "you're a member of an unprotected class," Newman said.

Under Amendment 2, Gay rights ordinances in Denver, Boulder and Aspen are invalidated and such laws are prohibited in the future.

The Denver ordinance bans discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations based on sexual orientation, race, color, religion, national origin, gender age, martial status, military status, or physical or mental disability. Federal and state laws cover all those categories except sexual orientation.

Employment discrimination accounted for 23 of the cases concerning sexual orientation. Most were for disputed firings, but they also involved not being hired, or missing a promotion, said Brenda Toliver Locke, the city's complaint officer.

Another nine complaints concerned housing. One was for public accommodations.

So far, eight of the complaints have been dismissed for no cause, which included a lack of evidence, or in which the city had no jurisdiction, Toliver Locke said. Another one fourth were settled in favor of the complainant. The other half are pending.

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GAY RIGHTS CONFERENCE REACHES NO CONSENSUS ON COLORADO BOYCOTT

LOS ANGELES - About 1,200 delegates to a Gay rights conference reached no consensus on whether to back a proposed boycott of Colorado because of the state's new anti-Gay rights amendment.

"At this point, we are neither condemning or condoning a boycott of Colorado,' said Bruce Pfommer of Colorado, a delegate at the Gay and Lesbian National Task Force conference. "We want to be real careful about what we are doing here. There's a lot of concern that we don't rush into a call for a boycott."

Activists are trying to organize a boycott over the anti-Gay rights measure approved by voters. The measure bars state and local governments from enacting civil rights protections for homosexuals.

Some delegates at the three day meeting in Los Angeles worried that a boycott could hurt businesses and communities that opposed the measure.

The measure, which ended Sunday, opened with the reading of a letter from President-elect Clinton thanking the group for it's support.

"There's an absolute sense of being in a new era," said a spokeswoman for the group Robin Kane.

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DENVER COUNCIL VOTES 12-1 FOR LAWSUIT TO OVERTURN AMENDMENT 2

DENVER - Denver City Council members have called on other Colorado cities to join them in the fight to overturn Amendment 2, the measure prohibiting laws to protect homosexuals from discrimination.

Council members voted 12-1 for a resolution calling for statewide support of the lawsuit filed by Denver over the amendment, which was approved by Colorado voters. Councilman Ted Hackworth cast the dissenting vote.

Hackworth argued the city's lawsuit was questionable because the amendment correctly stops "special rights." "Whenever anyone is granted special rights you take away equal rights from everyone else," Hackworth said. "I wonder if a majority of citizens support a lawsuit.

But the other councilmembers said the measure is an unfair, embarrassing public policy.

"The only thing you can legally harassed for now is being Gay or being accused of being Gay," Councilwoman Cathy Reynolds said. If this was an amendment that targeted Catholics or Jews, Reynolds said, there wouldn't be any discussion about fighting it. Everyone would band together, she said.

Councilwoman Stephanie Foote said the amendment must be fought if Denver wants to maintain the right to govern itself.

Home rule gives the cities the right to pass laws and govern themselves. Amendment 2 repealed ordinances in Denver, Boulder, and Aspen guaranteeing that homosexuals would be protected from discrimination.

"We don't want everyone else in the state to tell us the rules we are going to live by," Foote said.

National Council Rebuffs UFMCC

NEW YORK, NY - Angry Lesbian and Gay Christians demonstrated on the floor of the National Council of Churches meeting in Cleveland after the NCC's General Board rejected the application of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches for Observer status by a vote of 90 to 81.

"It's easier to get into heaven than into the NCC," said the Rev. Elder nancy Wilson of Los Angeles, Ecumenical Officer for UFMCC, who was invited to the dias to speak after the vote.

"We have come to this point after 11 years of relationship with you," she continued. "And now we have had to endure this experience of hearing you have a conversation about us, but not with us."

The vote touched off an emotional demonstration by UFMCC members, as well as by members of Gay and Lesbian caucuses from denominations that already belong to the Council and from other non-member denominations. Leaders from these groups were meeting in conjunction with the NCC meeting.

Protestors waved banners throughout the ballroom and twice filled the room with "Singing for Our Lives." After Elder Wilson completed her remarks, many lined up at floor microphones to recount their personal struggles against bigotry at the hands of the church.

The vote came nine months after Orthodox churches resumed ties with the NCC after a 10 month split to protest liberal positions of the council and member donations on homosexuality and other issues.

The NCC has seven Orthodox and 25 Protestant member denominations representing 45 million people. Some of the liberal Protestant groups tolerate ordination of Lesbians and Gay men, but only the United Church of Christ officially allows it.

After the meeting, Elder Wilson rejected the NCC Membership Committee's recommendation that talks continue between the council and UFMCC, saying there would be no point to such talks after the church had been so severely rebuffed.

The decision was "one of the most painful decisions" in the 42 year history of the NCC, an official council summary of the meeting said.

In it's written statement, UFMCC said: "By not recognizing us as observers, the NCC and its members have taken an unprecedented action to try to deny our very existence. The NCC took its actions in order to preserve the unity of their organization. The result is not Christian unity but unholy and false unity."

UPDATE

Experience Counts for Hospitals Treating AIDS Patients

CHICAGO (AP) - Patients with AIDS are more than twice as likely to die in hospitals having little experience treating the disease than in those with a great deal of experience, a new study has found.

"It may be because of differences in quality of care," said researchers led by Dr. Valerie E. Stone of Boston University School of Medicine.

The study of 300 AIDS patients at 40 Massachusetts hospitals parallels findings of studies in California, New York, and elsewhere.

The study, published in today's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association, supported previous suggestions that regional networks specializing in acquired immune deficiency syndrome might improve care.

The Massachusetts study found that during 806 hospitalizations in 1987 and 1988, the death rate of AIDS patients was 13.2 percent.

Patients in the 32 hospitals that treated the fewest AIDS patients died at a rate of 19 percent. Patients in hospitals that treated the most AIDS patients died at a rate of 9.3 percent.

The 32 hospitals with least experience had fewer than 43 AIDS cases per 10,000 discharges. The hospitals with most experience treated as many as 229 cases per 10,000.

Don't Tune In For Titillation, Gay Radio Station Manager Says

DENVER (AP) - The manager of a new coast to coast Lesbian and gay radio station said listeners will find plenty of music from homosexual artists and issue oriented news, but those looking for titillation should tune out.

"People will be bored before they are titillated," Clay Henderson said Saturday night soon after KGAY went on the air.

"There is nothing that will go out ont he airwaves that will offend my sweet, little old republican mother in Brazoria County, Texas," he said.

Broadcasting from a tiny Denver studio crammed with television, magazine and radio reporters, Henderson said investors pumped $1 million into the station to bring "mainstream radio for a Gay and Lesbian audience" to market.

The station isn't available without a satellite dish. Though the nation has other radio stations that offer Gay and Lesbian programming, KGAY is expected to reach an estimated 7.5 million homes in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

Direct broadcast satellite reception will be an option on some late 1993 and 1994 automobiles. And the station is working to encourage cable systems to carry KGAY as background music for information channels.

Festival For Life Raises Big $$$$$

by Sean Thomas

TUCSON - Last Sunday, Nov. 29, was PACT's Festival for Life. More than 600 people were in attendance at this annual fundraising event which was held at St. Philips Plaza. Over $41,500 was raised for the People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson (PACT for Life) during the evening which included an auction and a $12,000 raffle.

Entertainment included a comedy performance by Stephen Kruiser who has appeared on the A&E cable network, and a very special appearance by Miss Mary Wilson, formerly of the Supremes. Wilson made a big hit with the audience by her generosity and concern for people with HIV/AIDS.

The merchants of St. Philips Plaza underwrote this year's event. The food, drink, and company all worked together to make the evening a memorable one. The creation of the Bill Owens 'Designer Awards' added to the spirit of the evening, and rightfully honored the memory of a wonderful man who had worked energetically on this event in past years.

Wreaths were donated by various celebrities including Mary Wilson, Whoopie Goldberg, Jane Goodall, and the cast of "One Life To Live" TV soap opera. There were autographed pictures of stars and autographed TV show scripts in the auction also. There was something for everyone - Menorahs, artwork, Christmas trees and a lot more.

A raffle was held for a $12,000 shopping spree, which included a very nice trip for two. Ms. Kirsteen Harrison, a local community volunteer had the winning ticket. And in the spirit of the festival, Ms. Harrison donated the entire prize back to be auctioned off. As a result of her generosity, another $6,000 was raised to support the fine work that PACT for Life does in our community.

To everyone who helped make this wonderful evening such a success, we all owe a great debt of gratitude. Thank you.

Arizona Fellowship Run Fun

TUCSON - The Arizona Fellowship Committee presented their Arizona Fellowship Run VI this past weekend with 70 registered applicants from Arizona, New Mexico, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, British Columbia, Georgia and North Carolina. The Run started with a Cocktail Hour and a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at MCC-Tucson on thursday evening. The Run concluded with a Brunch and an Awards Ceremony at Venture-N on Sunday afternoon.

From all reports from the Committee it was a successful event that was enjoyed by all in attendance with the many games, meals, cocktail hours and especially during the free time available. Plans are already being made for next year's Run which will be held in Phoenix.

The Committee wishes to thank each and every one of the local bars for their participation during this weekend. A special thanks to MCC-Tucson for the use of their facilities and for the different meals served at that location. Also, a very special thanks to Jim at Venture-N for the T-shirts and Club 2520 and IBT's for the free drinks. Thanks to each of the managers, owners and bartenders of the bars for making it a truly memorable weekend.

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POLITICS '92

by Mark Kerr

City Council News

City Council member Mike Haggerty is putting together his re-election campaign. He has been given a favorable Ward to run in, potential opponents have been drawn out of his Ward, this giving him an easier opportunity in a Primary race, which is only Ward wide.

Sources also tell me that a prominent City Council member will not be seeking a second term in 1993, due to the fact that the Council member has irritated groups that supported that persons campaign in 1989, and they have stated that they no longer support the council member. More on this later.

The Recall movement, announced this week that they are up to 15,000 signatures on their petitions to force a recall election on Council members Bruce Wheeler and Janet Marcus. It is interesting for the fact that they announced a month ago that they had 13,000 signatures. The recall group, supported by the Southern Arizona Home Builders, Horizon Group, and the Tucson Business Coalition, (a.k.a. Tucson's Biggest Cryhaby's), have until the end of the month to get 17,700 valid signatures on petitions for both councilmembers. Jamie Longino, a tailed candidate for the Tucson City Council, stated that they will submit 30,000 signatures for both council members. It is interesting that during the four month drive, they have garnered 15,000 signatures, and they stated that they will get 15,000 signatures in one month! Yeah right, they should realize that the people see through their game. The people believe int he electoral process, too bad these people, who state that they believe in efficient and less government are calling for an unneeded and costly election. These people cannot accept what the voters stated in November of 1991, democracy works.

Until next time, politics as usual.

Stars Downplay Call To Boycott Resort

ASPEN, Co - Barbara Streisand, Martina Navratilova and other stars are backing off from a call to boycott this resort community, but they say they still want people to fight Colorado's anti-Gay rights law.

Streisand was criticized for encouraging a boycott last week, because a majority of Aspen, Boulder and Denver voters opposed the measure, called Amendment 2. The measure repealed gay rights laws in those cities.

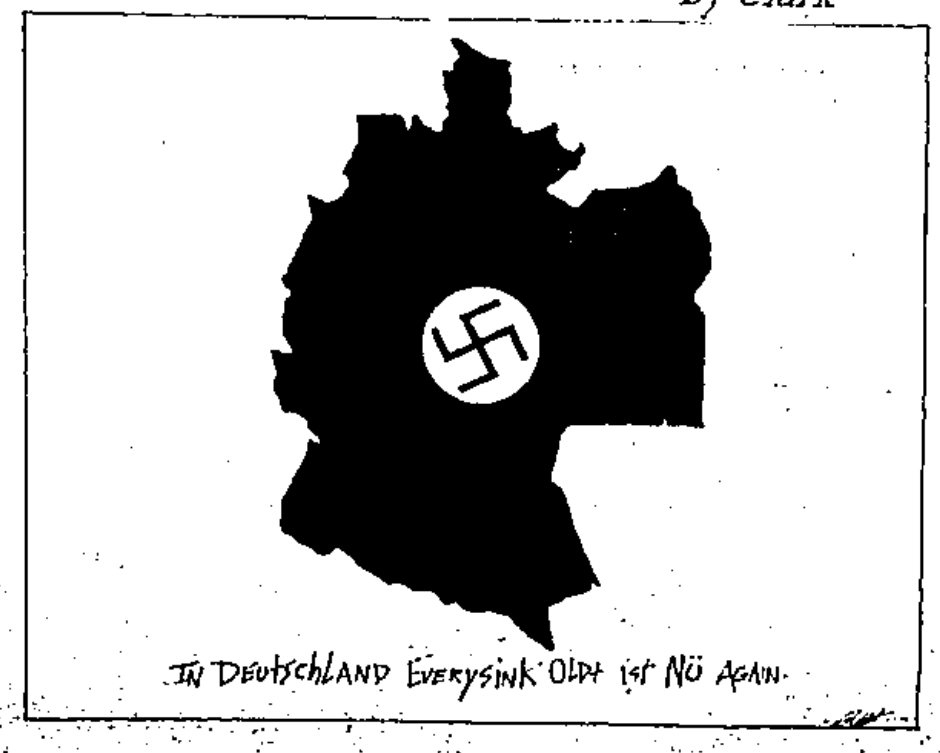
Former tennis star Chris Evert, an Aspen resident, yesterday read a Streisand statement saying she would boycott if asked.

Evert also read a statement from Navratilova, another Aspen resident, who "urges people not to boycott Aspen, but to support Aspen and to send money to the town of Aspen earmarked for its fight to overturn Amendment 2."

Navratilova, who is a Lesbian, is part of a lawsuit that calls the measure unconstitutional.

As I See It.....

by Clark



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Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt

TUCSON - The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is currently on display at the Cactus Gallery, 621 N. 4th Avenue. Shown above are two panels from the Quilt that are dedicated to local men whose are included in the Quilt which has been viewed by over 3 million people throughout the Unbited States.

The bottom photo is a new panel, sewn by Libby Stone and Roger Sweet, shown above. This panel along with many others collected this week, will be sent to the Names Project for inclusion in the total Quilt. This particular panel was on display at IBT's, and the names of many of those Tucsonans who have succumbed to AIDS were added by friends and family

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COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	POPULATION	CASES OF AIDS			DEATHS	CASES OF ARC			DEATHS	CASES OF HIV+			DEATHS
		OCT.	SEPT	AUG.		OCT.	SEPT	AUG.		OCT.	SEPT	AUG.	
APACHE	61,591	4	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	0
COCHISE	97,624	14	14	14	8	7	7	7	0	45	45	44	3
COCONINO	96,591	10	10	10	7	0	0	0	0	20	20	20	0
GILA	40,216	5	5	5	3	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	0
GRAHAM	26,554	5	4	4	2	1	1	1	0	5	5	5	0
GREENLEE	8,008	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LA PAZ	13,844	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	7	7	7	0
MARICOPA	2,122,101	1405	1399	1395	915	262	261	262	40	2304	2275	2265	93
MOHAVE	93,497	17	17	17	13	1	1	1	0	28	28	27	2
NAVAJO	77,658	6	6	6	5	1	1	1	0	5	5	5	1
PIMA	666,880	372	369	362	229	64	62	60	10	587	572	562	35
PINAL	116,379	17	17	16	12	3	3	3	0	28	28	27	1
SANTA CRUZ	29,676	6	6	6	3	1	1	1	0	4	4	4	0
YAVAPAI	107,714	20	20	20	14	0	0	0	0	32	31	31	3
YUMA	106,895	26	26	26	16	3	3	3	1	62	62	63	4
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World AIDS Day Observed Here

TUCSON - World AIDS Day was observed on Tuesday, Dec. 1. Nearly 80 countries around the world have desinated Dec. 1 as World AIDS Day to call attention to the AIDS pandemic.

Locally, World AIDS Day provided a unique opportunity for groups and organizations to sponsor activities simultaneously that increased awareness about HIV/AIDS and reinforced AIDS prevention activities.

On the University of Arizona campus, it was "A Day Without Art". To commemorate those who have died of AIDS, all pieces of art in the Student Union, including permanent exhibits were covered in black. The Student Health Center and the Tucson AIDS Project had an information booth and red ribbons available.

At the Cactus Gallery on 4th Avenue, three sections of 8 panels each of the AIDS Quilt were on display, on loan from the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. In addition there were several new local panels on display that will be shipped to the Names Project for inclusion in the total Memorial Quilt. The Cactus Gallery display will continue through Saturday, Dec. 5. The gallery hours are noon until 8 p.m.

El Proyecto Airzona/Sonora held a World AIDS Day March from El Presidio Park to the Federal Building which was well attended.

Throughout the day throughout Tucson TAP, PACT, Shanti, UofA Student Health Center and the Pima County Health Department sponsored the distribution of AIDS information and red ribbons in malls, the downtown area and the UofA campus.

Mexican Gays Say Crimes Go Unpunished

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, Mexico - Miguel Angel Jeronimo seems out of place in the men's ward at a local hospital. His feminine features, his smooth, hairless chest and his long, shiny black hair separate him from the five tough looking men who share room.

Jeronimo is a homosexual transvestite, the first to survive a series of attacks on Gay men in the capital of Chiapas, Mexico's southernmost state. More than a dozen men, the majority of them prostitutes, have been gunned down in the past 14 months, and the killer, or killers remain at large.

His three bullet wounds, in the leg, abdomen and shoulder, are healing after two operations. Two police officers guard him around the clock because Jeronimo is the only witness who may be able to identify the gunman. But he is still afraid.

The serial killings, and the thus far fruitless police investigation have prompted Gay leaders in Mexico and the United States to complain that Gays can be slain with impunity in Mexico, a largely Roman Catholic and macho country where Gays have traditionally been viewed as deviant sinners.

More than 150 intellectuals have signed an open letter to the government demanding a rigorous police inquiry. The cases have been brought to the attention of the National Human Rights Commission and foreign human rights advocates, including Americas Watch and Amnesty International. About 50 Gays marched to protest what they said was police inaction and received verbal support from a crowd of several thousand spectators.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS . . . . . .

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to our readers in the Phoenix area. Due to circumstances beyond our control, last week's issue #436 were not delivered - they were not even picked up for delivery. The carrier that we have used for the past seven years apparently was too busy over the Thanksgiving holiday to even pick up the Observer.

So, we have changed carriers and, even though they are more expensive, they have guaranteed that the Observer will not only be delivered every week in The Valley of the Sun but it will be delivered on Thursday of each week. That is something that our former carrier could not and did not do - we know.

The Observer is printed every Wednesday morning and is delivered Wednesday afternoons in Tucson and is shipped to Phoenix the same afternoon. We are proud of our record of reliability.

We are sorry for any inconvenience we may have caused our Phoenix readers, but we do know that the Tucson Food Bank is about 500 pounds of unread newspapers richer in their recycling bins. This is the first time something like this has happened in over 430+ weeks!

Below is last week's "As I See It" by our intrepid cartoonist Clark. It was too good to not be seen by you all.

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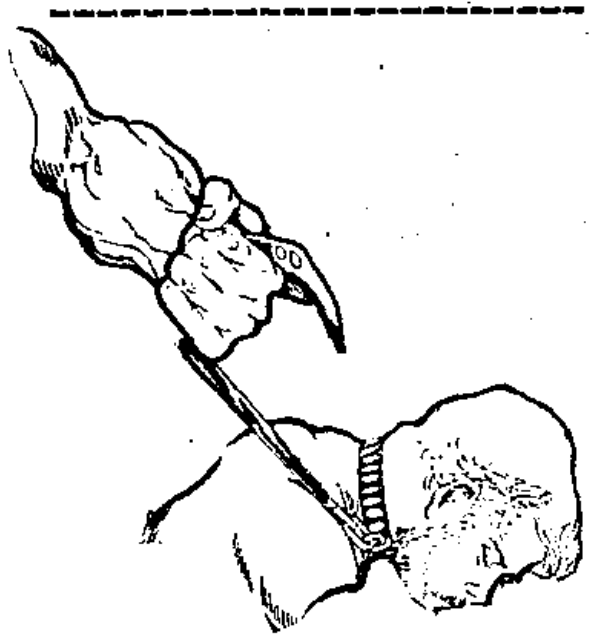

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Tucson Society News

Hancock-Whitney Nuptuals

TUCSON - A holy union was held last Saturday, Nov. 28 at Hours. The happy couple was Rick Hancock-Whitney and Joe Whitney-Hancock. The happy couple is pictured above in the receiving line after the ceremony with the wedding party; and below, the two love birds are just about ready to cut the cake at the reception. Congratulations and much happiness to both.

Notes From Desert Voices

"Fiesta of Light" will be brightening your holiday season and lifting your spirits on Saturday, December 19th. The choral concert will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the sanctuary of Unity of Tucson located at 3617 North Camino Blanco (between Swan and Craycroft off of River Road). Tickets are $5 at the door and will be available in advance from Antigones. "Fiesta of Light" will mark the chorus's eighth season of providing choral music to our community. We are especially proud to provide a choral ensemble this season which consists of over 35 voices. We have certainly experienced some very positive growth this past 6 months and we are planning to continue that growth process.

Director of Music, James Gall, has announced the official program for the December concert. The program will be divided into four parts: holiday music from the "classical" composers; an international set of selections from Spain, Austria, the Ukraine, and America (to name a few countries)p; excerpts from the familiar "A Ceremony of Carols" by English composer Benjamin Britten; and finally, the program will conclude with a few of the more familiar holiday tunes and will include a suite to celebrate Hanukkah. James Gall has certainly compiled a wide variety of musical literature from around the world for our audience this season.

A few of the highlights you can look' forward to at the "Fiesta of Light" will include the performance of a work by Tucson composer, Richard Faith. Mr. Faith is a retired professor from the School of Music at the University of Arizona and his music is known and performed around the world. He has graciously allowed us to perform one of his works on this concert. Special instrumental assistance will be performed by harpist, Kirk Kupensky for "A Ceremony of Carols." Mr. Kupensky has performed with the chorus, providing harp accompaniment to a few choral works and also performing several solo selections. We are very pleased to have Mr. Kupensky join the chorus again this coming concert. . he is currently a graduate student in harp at the School of Music at the University of Arizona.

All of the men and women of Desert Voices have worked extremely hard this season in preparation for their December 19 concert. It takes many hours of practice and commitment to present a choral concert of this magnitude. Our efforts can be appreciated if there are patrons in our community who support our fine arts efforts. You can do this by attending this year's "Fiesta of Light." So what are you waiting for? Mark you calendar for December 19, 8:00 p.m. Desert Voices at Unity of Tucson!

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25 Open 7 pm DANCE PARTY WEEKEND Merry Christmas!

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A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

I was thinking today about the great numbers of my brothers and sisters who have been beaten down so often, so hard, for so many years, that they have actually turned away, not only from what was once their church, but turned and walked away from God. You know, Almighty God never initiates a move leaving us; it is we who turn our backs and walk away from him. He stays in his permanent position, patiently waiting for each of us to turn around, and start the journey back to him, to his everlastingly loving arms and acceptance, and the salvation he wants you to have, which will assure you of eternal life with him, by accepting his son. Jesus Christ, as you personal Lord and savior. I don't care what you may have heard in the secular community, there is only one way to spend eternity with you heavenly father, and that is through acceptance of his son, Christ, who died and poured out his blood, to bear upon himself the full burden of our sin, past; present; and future, once and for all. He poured out his blood to forgive and forget forever, every sin you have, are, or will commit, and mine. "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1 John 4:10)

Maybe it's been years since you entered the door of any church. Do you think for one second that any of you thoughts, speech, or behavior has escaped or been disregarded by our heavenly father? No. Honest, it hasn't. The Book of Psalms is a treasure house of nuggets of insight and wisdom God blessed David with. If you think you've hidden yourself from God, simply because you turned your back and headed in the opposite direction, listen to this. David knew the answer to that question! "Where can I go from you spirit? When can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there: if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your right hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

There are times when I sure wish I could hide from God's face! I'm a sinner, saved by grace; but I will not cease sinning until I leave this fallen world. I know that. But, sometimes my shame and guilt keep me from confessing my sin to God, turning aside from any repeat performance o fit, and asking him to forgive me through my savior Jesus Christ. Even though I well know my forgiveness is a led pipe cinch, because of Christ. Please, come and worship with us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m., and give God another chance. He didn't hurt you, but "other people" did. Big difference! He's still waiting for you, don't wait too long. We look forward to welcoming you Sunday.

News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This past weekend the church facilities were turned over to the Arizona Fellowship Committee for the evening meals served during the Arizona Fellowship Run VI. The church facilities were vacated by the Committee Saturday night and the regular worship services were resumed Sunday morning. The church is pleased to have the facilities available for the community to use for the different activities that need the space.

The first Sunday of Advent was celebrated last Sunday which means that Christmas is just four weeks from this coming Friday. This also means that 1992 will come to end in just five weeks from tomorrow. 1993 is just around the corner and many new and exciting programs will be initiated during the coming year. Watch for details as the times approach for these programs to begin.

The regular monthly meeting for the Board of Directors which usually meets the first Sunday of each month has been postponed until the second Sunday on December 13th. With the year ending, the Board of Directors will be busy with their sundry duties of closing this current year's business and preparing for next year. The Annual Congregational Meeting to be held in January must be organized and planned by the Board of Directors and the different Committees. This upcoming Board of Directors meeting will be the last until next year.

A special work party will be held at the church this coming Saturday, December 5th to prepare the area for the Memorial Rose Garden. Work will start at 12:00 noon (sooner if anyone wants to) and work will continue until twilight or if it get's too cold to continue. There will be a free pizza luncheon during the afternoon for all of the workers. There is a lot of work to be done, but we want the work to be as pleasurable as possible. No advance notice is needed, just show up at the church, 3169 North Mountain Avenue, and we will find something for you to do.

Thought for the week: I do not have a psychiatrist and I do not want one for the simple reason that if he listened to me long enough he might need another psychiatrist himself.

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Spare Parts

Veterinarian Tom Butler breeds chimps and other creatures for research projects; his organization provided the animal for the first successful baboon to human liver transplant operation. He says, "When it comes to a decision of life between an animal and a person, there is no decision." Dr. Thomas Starzl performed that operation. He says, "Tomorrow we may be transplanting all kinds of animal organs into people. There are no boundaries."

These men give me the creeps. Not every human is by definition more important than every animal, and if there are no boundaries, there certainly should be.

Minimally, there are questions to ask. Is it right for humans to kill living creatures for spare parts? Is it fair to torment rabbits, cats, and rats to test perfumes and make up?

I have made my living on and off for years by editing medical journals. During that time, I have read of animals being burned, having legs broken, and being deliberately infected with disease. In one test, mice were given different pain killers and then put on hot plates. The ones who started jumping around earlier were recorded as having received a more appropriate drug. The authors specified that this test had been okayed by the committee responsible for "humane testing" in their institution. I had to wonder who was on this committee. The Marquis de Sade? Joseph Stalin? Hannibal Lecter?

"but what about finding a cure for cancer?" many people ask. "Or for AIDS?"

Where do we draw the line?

Discussing the use of animals in research is fraught with pitfalls. When I've debated this issue with friends, they point out I eat meat. I wear leather shoes. My three cats are indoor cats, and therefor prisoners. So who am I to judge?

But debating the limits of animal research should not demand absolute purity, just as debating the limits of honesty or politics should not demand absolute purity. We draw lines all the time. Millions of people believe in first trimester abortions, many believe in second trimester abortions, few believe in third trimester abortions, and practically no one believes in infanticide. Similarly, most people defend killing in self defense and sometimes in war, but few defend going out with a rifle and gunning down the next 27 people they pass by.

So where do we draw the line with animal research? Who should set limits? Based on what criteria? Are the Butler's and the Starzl's of the world willing even to discuss limitations?

Short of a complete animal research ban, certain guidelines pop to mind: Endangered species should not be used for animal research. Animals should not be used for frivolous experiments, such as testing make up or perfumes. Intelligent, self aware animals should not be used, particularly primates and ocean mammals such as dolphins and whales. Useless and repetitive should not be done. The research should have a fighting chance of actually contributing to a major agreed on goal, such as, yes, curing cancer or AIDS. "Humane guidelines" for animal research should be made public and debated by society at large. And animals should not be used as spare parts.

Back to that baboon to human liver transplant. A good friend of mine intimated that if someone she loved needed a liver, she'd take it out of the baboon personally. I understand her emotional response, but is it a basis for an ethical decision? If someone murdered someone I loved, I would want to tear him limb from limb, but I am ambivalent about the death penalty. Yet my friend is definitely against the death penalty; she can handle the idea of killing an innocent animal but not a guilty human.

There are other considerations. The world has limited medical resources; is it better to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars and a baboon life to save one person or to spend that same money on pre-natal care for hundreds of people? Some patients have self induced liver disease, through alcohol abuse; should a baboon die for their sins? There are billions of humans in the world; do we really need to hold on to every single human life for every single possible minute, no matter what the cost?

Why are we so reluctant to admit that death happens?

No one has all the answers, but isn't it time to discuss the questions?

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Dear Observer:

I wanted to write a letter to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the wonderful who helped me with my one man show at 2520 on Saturday the 28th. The donations totaled $183.00 and it couldn't have happened without the support and assistance of some really great people.

Michael Bennett and the staff of 2520 especially Johnny, Moose, Gilbert, Lee & Larry.

The sound engineer, Mark McDonald, thanks for the great edits, accent lighting and smooth sound.

Adrienne Sneed of Lighting and Lighting Prism Productions for costume use, backdrops and fantastic lighting.

Todd and Barckey from Pima College, thanks for the stage, and thanks Gary for taking Ron Jordan to pick it up.

Dennis Brown and Jack, thanks guys for all the hard work and support. Thanks to Rex for the birdseed. (Bette Boobs!) Thanks to Gary Clark for the wonderful cartoons and ad copy, and thanks to Adam for putting the poster together.

Thanks to those who ran errands, lent props, provided material, Natalie Perry, Caroline Reed, Monte-Jon, Danie Reid, Steven Rossi, Richard Jepsen, Karen Frosheim, Lauren Pace, Bruce Duggin, and to Rob thanks for the computer.

Thanks to Paula from ACACIA Clothing and Costume for costume use and to Cris Holmes for altering and putting it on me!

Thanks to Kenny Tribble and Chuck for video craft and love and support.

If anyone would like to order a copy of the video, contact Mark McDonald at 2520. The cost is $9.95 and the proceeds go to Sharebears.

So if anyone wants to order a copy to share with a friend or to give some one for a X-mas gift. Just remember, you're also helping to make a P.W.A. a little bit more comfortable.

Thanks everyone, much love
Mark Anthony

Letter to the Editor:

On behalf of the Santa Project of the Share Bears, i would like to thank the Desert Leatherman for their generous donation to the cause. The Santa Project has been created to bring a little holiday cheer cost so little and can mean so much.

The funds donated by the Desert Leatherman are monies given to them by a handful of members of the CAT Awards. These community funds raised by such wonderful people as Lee Thompson to benefit the community by recognizing various individuals. DL has given back to the community their portion of those funds to help those in need. Thank you DL for you caring and community spirit.

Sincerely, Sean Thomas
Share Bear Committee

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2. FREE YOUR MIND - En Vogue
3. WHEN THE PHONE RINGS - Exposè
4. WHAT ABOUT THIS LOVE - Mr. Fingers
5. ALL DAY ALL NIGHT - Stephanie Mills
6. GOOD TIME - Trilogy
7. LEASH CALLED LOVE - Sugar Cubes
8. PLAY WITH ME - Thompson Twins
9. YOU SEXY THING - Tom Tom Club
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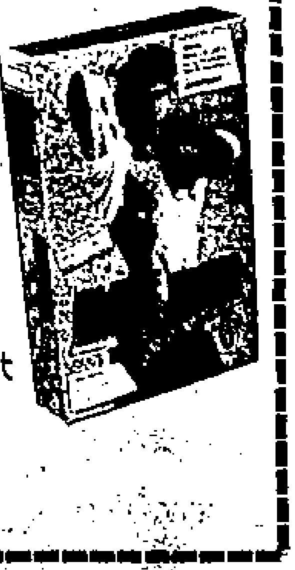

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CALENDAR
of upcoming events

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

GRADUATE and RUMORZ - The Think Positive Project will be holding their fun and educational game "Spin and Win" at these two bars tonight. The crew will be at the Grad from 6 to 8 p.m. and at Rumorz from 9 to 11 p.m. Catch the action, learn something and win some prizes. It's fun!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

GRADUATE - The Early Intervention Services and PACT will hold anonymous HIV testing and counseling here tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. If you haven't been tested or want to find our more about HIV and the early intervention program stop by. It could be the smartest move you ever made.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

HOURS - The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association Tucson Satellite will hold their Chili Challenge Cook-off here plus hold a Beer Bust. $25 entry fee. Your favorite chili recipe should be prepared prior to the contest. Price of chili will be $1 per bowl, 50¢ a cup. Distribution of prize money is taken from total sales as follows: 1st prize 50%; 2nd 30%; 3rd 20%. Entyries will be judged from 4 to 9 p.m. A representative must be present to sell their chili. Applications are behind the bar.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

CLUB 2520 - The 1992 Tucson Gay & Lesbian Community Calendar will be unveiled here with a Premier Party from 8 to 11 p.m. There will be Hors D'Oeuvres along with the extended 99¢ Happy Hour and a special presentation at 9:00 p.m. The calendar is being produced this year by the H.I.T.T. (Halloween Invitational Tournament Tucson) bowling group. For more information call 743-3303. Be sure to stop by and purchase your 1993 calendar with the coming year's events all posted for you, plus some other surprises.

IBT's - Today is the first day of the 4th Avenue Winter Street Fair. Always a big hit and the best cruising this side of the Mississippi. The Fair continues through the weekend closing Sunday. If you haven't experienced it, by all means come on down!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

RUMORZ - "A Night To Remember Mike Aguilar" benefit begins at 9 p.m. and will star Jenaette, Chris Parker, Starlene, Diana Collins and Clarissa and the entire benefit will be hosted by Scandalicious. Plan to attend.

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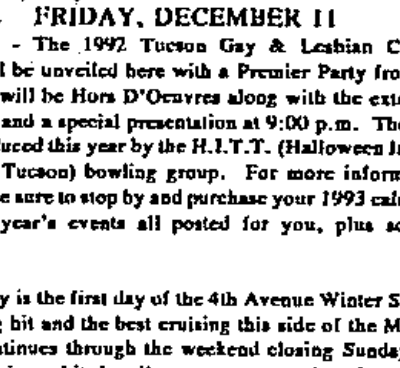

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Cronies planning meeting for December, MCC Church, 3269 N. Mountain at 7:00 p.m. Pizza and salad will be served for small fee.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

A special Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candles will be celebrated at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, 4831 E. 22nd St at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to sing the traditional songs and share the stories of the season. Childcare is available and the church is wheelchair accessible and handicapped parking is available.

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sunday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. Salad Bar and Western Steak Fry 3 to 7 pm. C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music 8 to 1.

GRADUATE - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short 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 4-7?? 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. 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 short 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. 8:00 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 short 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 dancing and Progressive dance music at 8

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

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Bartender's Choice 7 to close.

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 Maza. 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.

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. Mrs's Nite - Anyone in here 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 short 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 Kamikazis $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.

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 short well drinks $1.00.

HOURS - Happy Hours 12 to 7pm. Well or Domestic Beer $1.25. Dancing 9 pm-1 am. Dance and country music set of 3.

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 dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm.

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

HOURS - Open Noon. DJ music 9-1, dance & country music sets of 3.

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. $1.50 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with David VJ/DJ 9-1.

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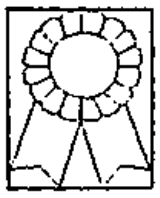
What's Up Doc ?????

Arizona Fellowship #6 is now in the history book. A total of 8 different clubs from outside Arizona showed up in force for 4 days of fun and frolic. Out of those 8 different clubs, 6 of them were here in Tucson, on this run, for the first time.



After all the meals, and games, Tucson's own Desert Leathermen were the big trophy winners. In a couple of the different games, DL made a clean sweep, taking all three.

As for the 8 games, no two were alike, some were different, to put it mildly. In one, you had to shuck a peanut and roll it down a tape measure, which you had to hold under your chin. In another one, you held this article tightly around your waist, were blindfolded and you had to stick it in a hole of a painted board. Then one of them you had to twirl a hula hoop and throw a basketball into the basket.

No one had ever told these 80+ adults that they had to play as adults. To make 2 of those games seem a little more interesting or strange, they came from the 2 co-hosting clubs out of Phoenix. The bottom line is this, it was good clean fun and veryone will be talking about both the games and the entire run for a long time.

Now, after just one more meeting, in January, the responsibility for Arizona Fellowship #7 will shift up to the Copperstate Leathermen in Phoenix, next year's location for this annual run.

As for some of those little notes I sometimes seem to find, well I'll just say I was having too much fun to even take the time to write any of them down. Of course, if you listen to conversations at the bars over the next few days, I'm sure you will hear a lot of different stories.

Of course, prior to this run, I was sitting in the bar when David Z. was telling everyone about his new tie dyed whites, strange colors - brown & white.

Jimmy came in later and said he can fix everything up by buying some brown dye and change all of Dave's whites to brown. Strange color for a painter I would say. I would also say that I bet David will check his dryer before loading again.

The jars for TKO's $100 Make-A-Wish benefit will be in all the bars this week. Tickets will be $1 each, with all monies raised going to the Make-A-Wish program. The winner will receive a $100 bill, and a five cut tree. Drawing for this will be at the annual TKO Christmas show on December 19, at the Graduate.

Appearing in this show will be Avia Diamond, Kimberly Ryan, Christina De Alexis, Donny (from Rumorz), Jerry and Friends, and coming back - Candas (from the Venture-N). This show will start at 8:30 p.m. During the evening show there will be other drawings for other gifts under the tree, with each winner's ticket being placed back in the jar for the tree drawing at the end of the evening.

I'm now going to go kick back, lay down on the couch for some boring TV, and rest up after 4 days of running all over Tucson, and a drink or two at each stop. Have a good week and I'll see you around town this week.

Shown above are some of the folks who participated in the Arizona Fellowship Run over Thanksiving weekend at the Awards ceremony on the patio of Venture-N. See Doc's column above for details.

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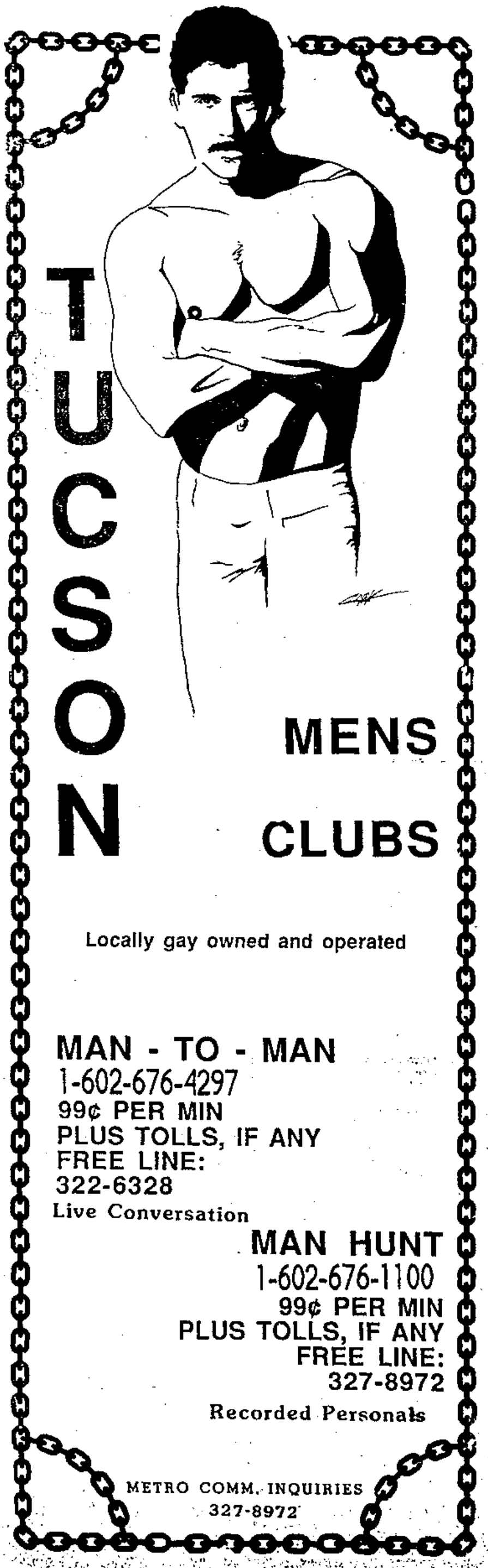

HOROSCOPES by Daryl

ARIES
MARCH 21 to APRIL 20

A cloak and dagger method is not the best approach on the job. Work continues smoothly. Your sexual magnetism is spotlighted but, becomes misunderstood by someone close to you.

TAURUS
APRIL 21 to MAY 20

The chance to enhance your pleasure faculties has once again presented itself. Whatever you do, or wherever you go, understand that this break is richly deserved. You are feeling a renewed vitalization and this makes your world fabulous!

GEMINI
MAY 21 to JUNE 20

Slow down you move too fast... This week you are prone to wild binges in the areas of finance, health and socially. Pace yourself! Pausing to contemplate things will save you many steps and worries.

CANCER
JUNE 21 to JULY 22

In all your associations, business and personal you will find that you are well received. Everyone is very receptive and assertive. This is a particularly good week to seal business transactions and win over a potential mate or current partner.

LEO
JULY 23 to AUG 22

Venus opposes Mars and in your case this promotes disruption. It seems you have spread yourself too thin. Both business and personal relationships are randomly backfiring on the commitment end. Play the trouble shooter and fix-it man. You have it in your power to achieve a pleasant outcome.

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 TO SEPTEMBER 22

Your creative talents emerge to produce your own creation! Your love life takes center stage and as in a play, the audience is listening. Everyone is concerned for your well being and attempts to coach you in what you consider a very private matter. Follow your heart.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 to OCTOBER 22

Time to bolster the emotions of someone close to you. You surface to take in all the sexual attention you are getting from others. Try to keep on top of things at work and let them think that "flattery will get you everywhere".

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 23 to NOVEMBER 22

Your pleasure comes from the simpler things in life. That is just what may put you in the right spot for romance. Call a close friend to spend some overdue quality time together. Some "in town" activities may hold a special interest for you this week.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 23 to DECEMBER 21

At this time, you are set on spoiling those around you. You find that no expense is spared when it comes to close relations. Grant yourself the wisdom to properly distribute your funds and to include yourself in the process. Work may hold an unsuspected surprise this week.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 to JANUARY 19

You have to go through the fog to get to the clearing. This will be especially true this week as you find your emotional scales being rocked. Identify the problem with someone close to you and solve the dilemma before it compounds itself. NOTHING WILL FIX ITSELF. After the dust settles you can reap the rewards of romance.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 20 to FEBRUARY 18

Unload that excess emotional baggage from the past, it's time to forge ahead. Take a look around and realize the opportunities you have been missing by allowing the past to dominate or cloud your future. Someone is very interested in you and wants to get to know you better!

PISCES
FEBRUARY 19 to MARCH 20

Romance picture is bright and you are feeling more positive and sexy. You are experiencing CELEBRITY status as you try to entertain all of your friends with your renewed vitality. Ride the wave and enjoy this time you so welcomely deserve!

Bit of the Old South

by Sean Thomas

The PACT Holiday Festival fundraiser has come and gone. It had a new name and slightly different look. Now it is called "The Festival for Life".

It had little something for everyone. Look for the article in this week's Observer.

The Share Bears are busy putting together what hopes to be the annual Santa Project. This project will help bring a little cheer to those with HIV/AIDS who are alone or stuck in the hospital during the holidays. If you would like to help or know someone who could use a little cheering, call me at 770-1710 and leave a message.

This weekend is Sharing Weekend, please give and help out our brothers and sisters with HIV/AIDS.

Sunday is the Annual AGRA Chili cookoff at Hours. Look for more details in the Home on the Range column. Should be a hot experience!

And a very special Christmas wish to a very special MAN. Merry Christmas Harlan, may we have many more! Geronimo!

Till next week: Sean.

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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 297-6440.

Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church, 225 W. Flores, 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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YOUNG AND GAY?
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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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AIDS HOTLINE - 326-AIDS. Hours M-F, 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. Information, counseling, HIV-related services, Tucson.

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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.

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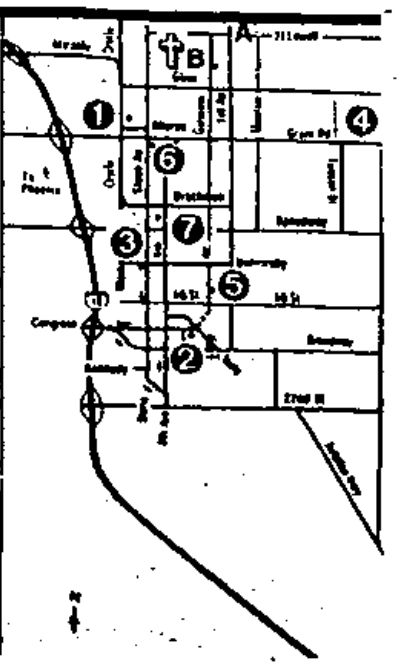

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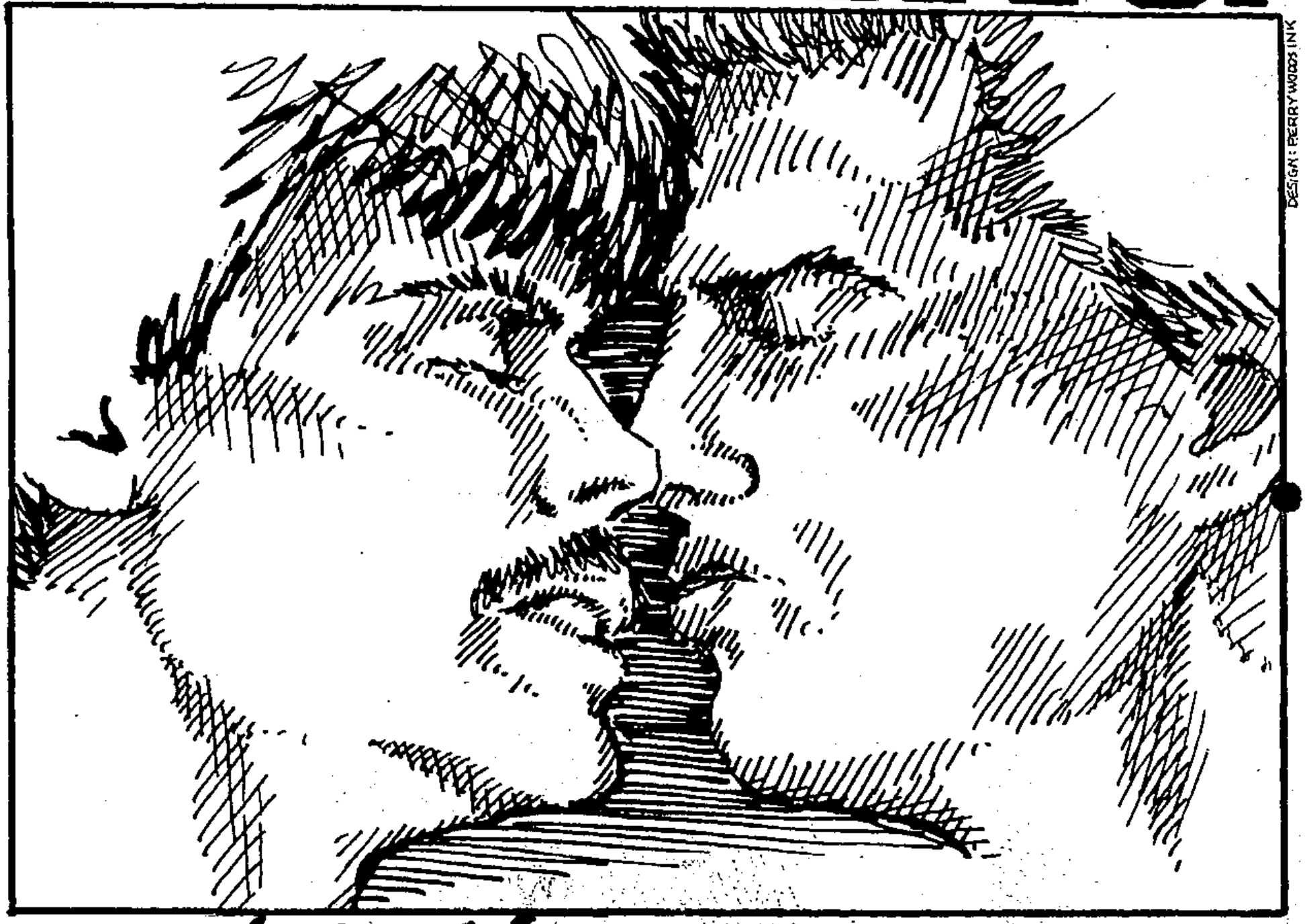

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