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## Bush Says He Won't Exclude Gays From Cabinet

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush said in a television interview he would not bar homosexuals from his Cabinet but supports the exclusion of Gays from the military.

First lady Barbara Bush, interviewed on the same ABC program, disclosed that Ross Perot had offered her husband "a big job, I think to head his oil company or something" in the late 1970s. She said her husband "didn't even consider it."

Perot's oil company, Petrus Oil was founded in the late 1970s. He sold it to an Australian firm in 1988.

Bush and his wife made their comments in an interview Monday with Barbara Walters for broadcast on an episode of the ABC news program "20/20"

Bush said his reversal on his no new taxes pledge was the biggest mistake of his presidency "because it undermined to some degree my credibility with the American people."

Asked if he would say again, "Read my lips," Bush said, "No. But look at the overall record of standing up against tax increases. But please don't ask me to re-slogan it."

He said flatly that "people did not trust" the testimony of Anita Hill, the Oklahoma law professor who had accused Judge Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment. "I didn't trust her", he added.

Bush also denied rumors that Secretary of State James Baker III or Defense Secretary Dick Cheney would be recruited to run the White House staff.

"I don't think there's any chance of that at all. That won't happen", said Bush, whose White House staff and the re-election campaign have been plagued by disarray.

Separately, Bush said in a speech to a college Republican convention that he was going to go after his political rivals after the GOP convention in August. "For six months I've stood out there as a spear catcher for five Democrats and one independent," Bush told the cheering crowd of 1,000 young people. "And let me tell you, I know how to take it but I also know how to dish it out. And we have not even begun yet."

Perot, who is expected to run as an independent candidate against Bush and Democrat Bill Clinton, triggered a politi-

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## Art Attack III Drew Record Crowds



TUCSON - Shown above are a few of the local artists and crafts people who participated in Art Attack III. This annual art festival is presented each year during Gay and Lesbian Pride Week. The event was held at Cactus Gallery on 4th Avenue this year, and a record number of persons attended the show which featured art pieces from every media.

Winners were: BEST OF SHOW, C. Steilen "Sadness". PHOTO: 1st Place, Paddy O'Reilly, "My Goatdog Dream"; 2nd Place, Griz "Grasshopper"; Honorable Mention, Dan Pagel "All Around Cow-

boy". 3-D: 1st Place, Dennis Sipf "Spirit of the Lotus"; 2nd Place, Ivan Millard "Sunset"; Honorable Mention, Van Valkenburgh "Houses".

MIXED MEDIA: 1st Place, Julia Arriola "I'll Give You Something To Cry About"; 2nd Place, Julia Arriola "Packaged Good"; Honorable Mention, Julia Arriola "Untitled". 2-D: 1st Place, Hench '92 - 2 figures - oil; 2nd Place, Ronald Mayo "Ikaros"; Honorable Mention, Jerry Livingston "The Fall" and Honorable Mention, Gary Clark "Hunka, Hunka, Hunka".

First Place winners each received \$75 and 2nd Place winners received \$50 each. Best of Show winner received \$100.

A small sampling of the artwork that was on display this year may be found in photos on page fourteen of this issue.

Congratulations to all the wonderful artists who entered this year's Art Attack. TLGA looks forward to an even bigger and better Art Attack IV next year during Pride Week.

## Toeys Supports Passage Of Freedom Of Choice Act

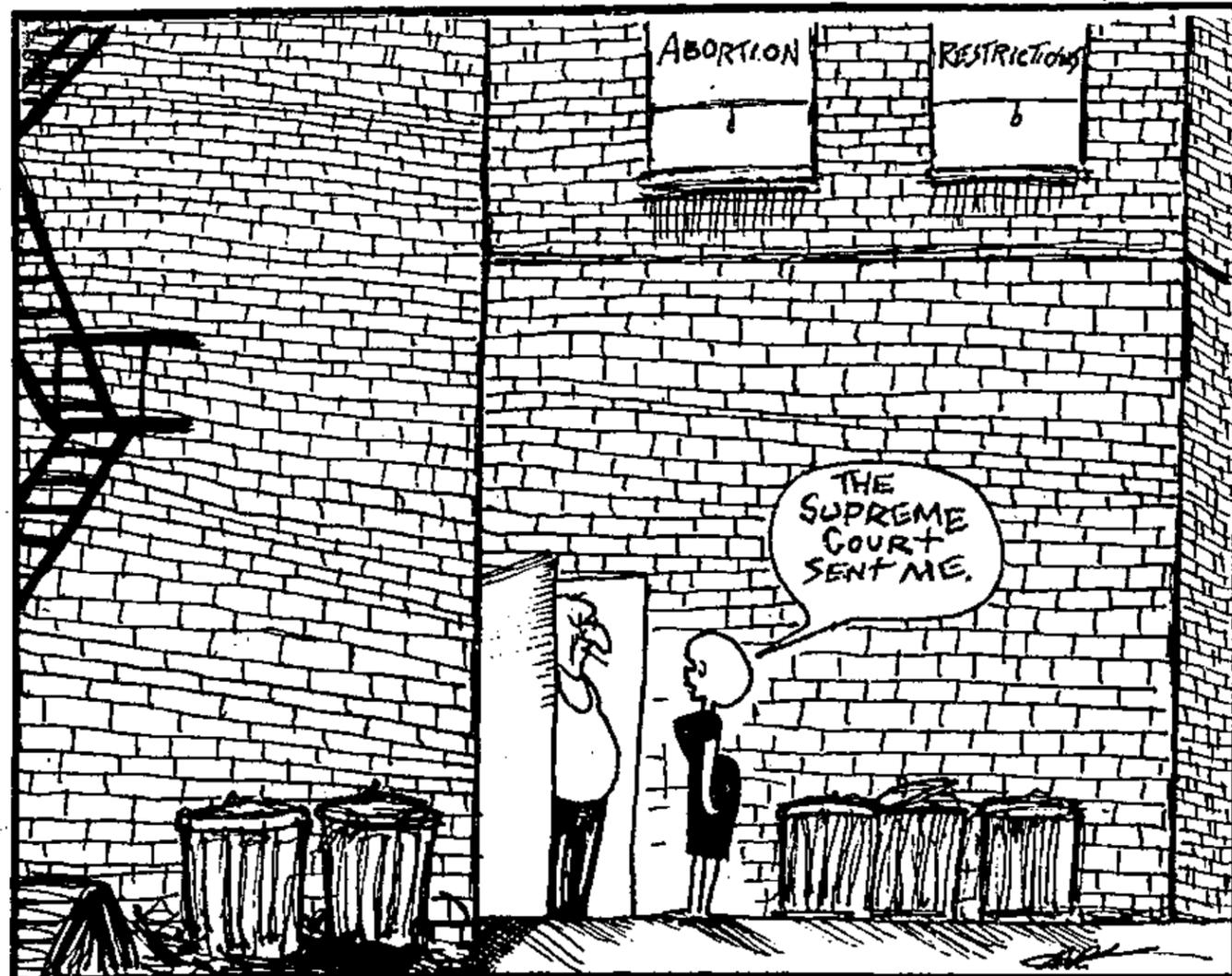
TUCSON - "Passage of the Freedom of Choice Act by Congress is absolutely imperative in light of today's Supreme Court decision on abortion," according to Jim Toeys, Democratic candidate for Congress in the 5th Congressional District.

"Today, the Supreme Court struck another blow in the Bush administration's relentless drive to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and to make abortions illegal. We can no longer depend on the courts. It is now in the hands of Congress to protect individual privacy rights and a women's right to choose.

\*Passage of the Freedom of  
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As I See It.....

by Clark



# UPDATE

## WARNING!!!

TUCSON - A "Pro Life" petition was circulated at the Gay Pride Picnic, by people who gave the impression that it was a "Pro-Choice" petition.

If you were duped into signing a petition thinking that it was a pro choice referendum for the November ballot, you can get your name stricken by filing out a form, which is available at Antigone Book Store. You will need to have this form notarized, which you can get done at your bank, or the post office down the street from Antigone's.

The people circulating this petition apparently gathered a lot of names from people at the picnic. Be careful what you sign - read the petition heading before you put your name to any petition.

## Toevs CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

Choice Act will keep our current laws and ensure that *Roe v. Wade* is the law of the land. The choice to have an abortion is a deeply personal decision and I believe strongly that government should not interfere in people's private lives," Toevs said.

Jim Toevs agrees that every woman has the right to terminate a pregnancy, regardless of age, marital, or economic status.

Toevs also supports federal funding for abortions for low income women.

## Abortion Foe & Homophobe Beehler Challenges Kolbe

TUCSON - Tucson Congressman Jim Kolbe, seeking his fifth term, has drawn a Republican primary challenge from Mike Beehler, a right wing party activist, who has pledged to run against abortion and homosexual rights.

The race is seen as a microcosm of the bitter schism in the Arizona and Pima County Republican parties, between right to life conservatives and pro-choice moderates, such as Kolbe.

## Bush AIDS Effort Falls "Tragically Short" Panel Says

WASHINGTON (AP) - The National Commission on AIDS charged President Bush and the Department of Health and Human Services with a lack of effort in response to the national epidemic on AIDS.

In a statement just released, the commission said Bush and HHS "failed to meet fully their responsibilities in leading the national response" to the AIDS epidemic.

The statement came after members of the commission met with the health secretary, Louis M. Sullivan, to ask why the agency and the administration have failed to act on the commission's report, "America Living With AIDS", which was released in September.

As a result of the meeting, the statement said, the commission "reluctantly concluded that the administration is not prepared to undertake any significant new actions against the HIV/AIDS epidemic, and that current efforts fall tragically short of what is needed."

## 'Where's The Open Window You Promised Me?'

TUCSON - An eight week grief bereavement support group, meets every Thursday through August 6th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Tucson AIDS Project, Suite 252. Facilitated by professional counselors. For more information, call Kathleen Angelo, 322-6226.

## 'Women and Sexuality' New Summer Course at UofA

TUCSON - The University of Arizona will teach a new course the second summer session entitled "Women and Sexuality: 1870-present" (Women's Studies 311x), and will be taught in Social Sciences 411 from 1:00 to 2:45 Monday - Friday. The second summer session runs from July 13 to August 12.

The course will examine the regulation and expressions of women's sexuality historically from the late 19th century to the present. Designed to introduce students to some of the main themes and issues in the field of history of sexuality, it will use a social constructionist approach to analyze how sexual norms and values affecting women were created and maintained.

In particular, it will examine the interaction between the control of women's sexuality and women's own expressions of sexual desire, both heterosexual and Lesbian.

The course will be taught by Leisa D. Meyer. For further information call 621-5667.

## Anti-Gay Law Takes Effect In Oregon Mill Town

SPRINGFIELD, OR - When Gay men and Lesbians lobbied for an anti-discrimination law this spring, residents in this mill town of 45,000 responded by approving the nation's most restrictive law on homosexuals.

The ballot measure which became law on June 16, prohibits city government from "promoting, encouraging or facilitating homosexuality."

The charter amendment - approved 5,693 to 4,540 - was intended to put the brakes on homosexuals being protected from discrimination in jobs, housing, and other areas.

While the city says it has no intention of enforcing the law, it could be a bellwether for fall elections in Oregon, where a statewide initiative asks voters to repeal anti-discrimination laws for homosexuals.

"We are not giving another inch to grant minority status to homosexual behavior," said Lon Mobon, chairman of the conservative Oregon Citizen Alliance (OCA), which lost battles last month for similar laws in Portland and Corvallis.

## SHANTI GRIEF GROUP

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COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	POPULATION	CASES OF AIDS			DEATHS	CASES OF ARC			DEATHS	CASES OF HIV+			DEATHS
		MAY	APR.	MAR.		MAY	APR.	MAR.		MAY	APR.	MAR.	
APACHE	61,591	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	0	4	4	4	0
COCHISE	97,624	12	13	12	7	6	6	7	0	46	46	46	2
COCONINO	96,591	10	10	10	5	0	0	0	0	19	19	17	0
GILA	40,216	5	5	5	3	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	0
GRAHAM	26,554	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	0	5	5	3	0
GREENLEE	8,008	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LA PAZ	13,844	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	7	7	10	0
MARICOPA	2,122,101	1323	1284	1257	772	269	273	273	27	2175	2133	2074	51
MOHAVE	93,497	17	17	16	9	1	1	1	0	26	25	23	0
NAVAJO	77,658	6	6	6	4	1	1	1	0	4	4	2	0
PIMA	666,880	326	322	310	169	61	62	61	8	541	538	540	11
PINAL	116,379	14	14	14	11	3	3	3	0	26	26	24	1
SANTA CRUZ	29,676	6	4	4	3	1	1	1	0	3	4	4	0
YAVAPAI	107,714	19	19	18	12	0	0	0	0	30	29	30	1
YUMA	106,895	22	22	21	12	3	3	3	1	58	58	58	1
UNKNOWN		2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	178	179	195	0
	3,655,228	1774	1730	1687	1101	347	352	351	36	3126**	3081**	3031**	67

\*\* NOTE: ON MARCH 15, 1989, THE OPTION TO RECEIVE HIV TESTING ANONYMOUSLY BECAME AVAILABLE. AN ADDITIONAL 1,324 PERSONS HAVE TESTED HIV+ USING THE ANONYMOUS OPTION.

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## Senator Seeks Ban On Device Used On Boys

PHOENIX - (AP) A state senator called for the Phoenix Memorial Hospital to stop using a sex offender device on children, calling it unproven and possibly tortuous.

"At best, what is happening to these children is an unproven, offensive procedure," Senator Stan Furman, D-Phoenix, said Friday. "At worst, this is child abuse and torture under the guise of treatment."

About 100 children, about one-third between the ages of 10 and 12, are treated annually by the Hospital's Sexuality and Addiction Program, officials said.

Court records show that boys are tested with a device known as a penile plethysmograph.

The device is triggered by responses to slides of naked men, women and children.

Hospital officials said about 75 percent of the boys in the program receive ammonia aversion therapy, inhaling ammonia if they become aroused by material deemed deviant.

Furman and state Senator Matt Salmon, R-Mesa, began investigating the hospital's program after recent newspaper reports disclosed that the therapy was

being used on young children.

"My feeling more than ever is it is time to stop this," said Furman, who has researched scientific articles and met with experts and court officials.

Furman said he wants to form a scientific oversight board to examine the therapy and eventually establish guidelines for all sex offenders programs.

Hospital officials expressed concern about Furman's call for all state agencies to immediately suspend referrals and payments to Phoenix Memorial.

"If, as Senator Furman suggests funding is withheld from the Sexuality and Addiction Program, then the greater Phoenix metropolitan area will be saddled with more untreated and unrehabilitated sex offenders, and with victims of sexual abuse who may themselves become offenders if not treated," said a statement released Friday by the hospital.

Salmon said Furman's call for a moratorium is premature, but the program should be scrutinized.

"I think we're still in the study mode," Salmon said. "I would like to see all interested parties come together. We need to get a lot of sunlight on this issue."

## Other Sheep Ministries 2nd Local Gay Oriented TV Show

July 2, 1992, Independence week, seems an appropriate time for a new TV show, Other Sheep Ministries, by and for the Tucson Gay community to hit the TV watchers of Tucson. It will be seen weekly on Tucson Cable Companies public access channel 62 each Tuesday at 8:00 p.m., and again at 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays. It will be surely be controversial, especially to the fundamental churches.

In an interview with the rev. Jim Rice, who hosts the show, although primarily a religious show, it will not be a

Bible thumper. Other Sheep plans a varied format covering issues such as Gay rights discrimination in various forms, AIDS, and many other topics. rev. Jim also declared that many viewpoints will be welcome and discussed and announced plans for guest speakers from the community as well as public figures, and a music section coming soon.

Other Sheep has established a board which will be accountable to persons outside their organization to assure integrity of operations and supervise finances. Each contributor will have a periodic financial statement available upon request. Donations will be tax deductible under current IRS rules.

All persons working with Other Sheep are volunteers and receive no money from participating in the program.

As a new, struggling operation, many volunteers are needed for such things as editing, camera operators, computer graphics, lighting, secretarial, set building, etc.

Also donations are needed for production costs such as video tape, space rental, postage, office supplies, sets, equipment and other expenses.

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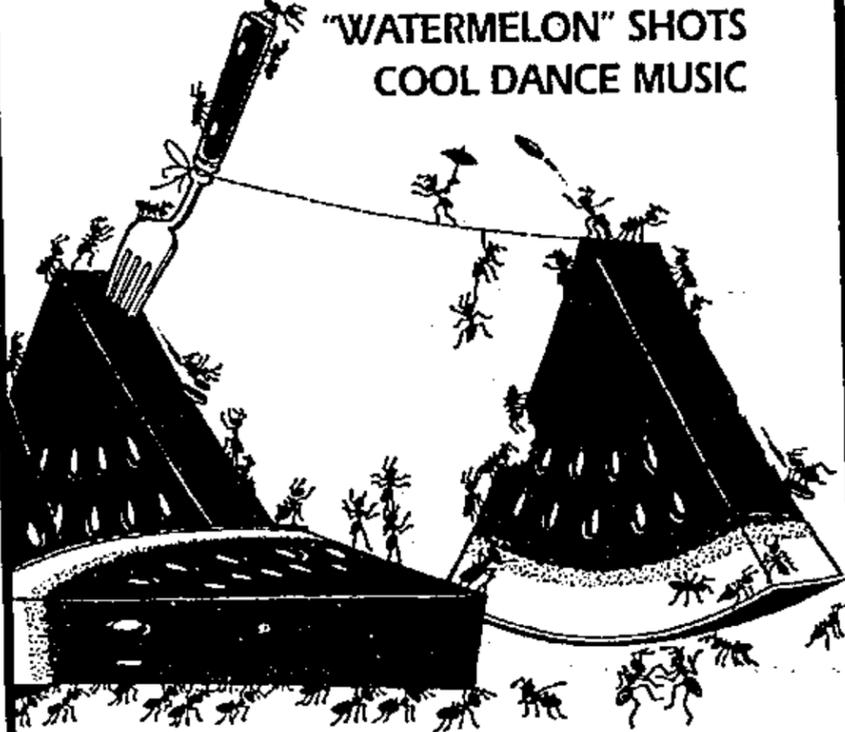
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## What's Up Doc ??????



You will never know, if you really care, but I am so happy that I am even able to print this column this week. For someone that has gone to school to learn computers, I've made so many mistakes this past week with mine, I really do not even know how I've been able to keep everything working this far.

This past Friday evening I attended a meeting of the Arizona Fellowship Committee. This year, the Arizona Fellowship Run will be number 6, under the present name. Back some 9 or 10 year's ago, the very first run of this type was called the "Arizona 3 Way". Since then, it's name has changed to the Arizona Brotherhood Run and finally to the present name, Arizona Fellowship.

A lot of changes have come about with the original idea but the basic idea of the run itself remains the same. This year taking part in Arizona Fellowship 6 will be TKO as this year's host club, Copperstate Leathermen (Phoenix), TALL (Tucson), Leather Lords (Phoenix), Partners (Tucson), Arizona Rangers (Phoenix), and DL (Tucson).

From the meeting, I have seen a lot of planning has already gone into this year's version, with more planning still to come. It is one run that, with the number of different clubs involved, each having a meal to serve and a game to be played, does not just fall together overnight.

One area that will make this

annual run just a little more interesting is, for 1993, the host club will be the Copperstate Leathermen from Phoenix. This boils down to the fact that all meetings for next years run will be held up in Phoenix and the run itself will also be in Phoenix.

But, since this run does not happen until November, I'll not at this time bore you too much over details that you probably do not care about anyhow. As the date draws closer, I'll pass on any and all information you may need for this run.

With the beginning of the month again, it is time for DL's monthly beer bust this Saturday over at the Venture-N. This day will probably start out and end up in a bang up time. Stop by and enjoy yourself, have a cool one, of your choice of course.

Then, this Sunday at the Graduate the First Ladies will hold a beer bust from 2 to 6 p.m. with more fun and games.

This is just one of those weeks that really don't have that much to say so I'll give everyone a break this week and shut up. Don't worry, it is only for a short time, as most of you that knows me can testify.

Be good to yourself and this week, treat yourself with something new. How about that shirt, or those shoes, or just about anything you've looked at and just haven't made up your mind to buy?



## Notes From Desert Voices

Chalk up another successful concert by Desert Voices! The chorus performed on Friday, June 19, at St. Francis in the Foothills to an audience of approximately 125. The program contained upbeat and some serious selections which were well received by those attending. The chorus provided a little different type of concert program in that many of its members ventured into the less formal presentation of the songs. The spoof on "You've Gotta Get A Gimmick" was performed by three talented members of the chorus's who provided a colorful rendition of this work, complete with costume, electric lights, and feather boas. Two members presented their amusing rendition of "Sing" from Phantom of the Opera. A strong ingredient to this season's performance was the involvement of virtually everyone in the chorus who prepared extra selections and added their own artistic interpretation. One of the highlights that evening was the presentation of "All I Ask Of You" from Phantom of the Opera by two of our sopranos which provided the audience with a touching and heartwarming message. The audience was ecstatic and gave a standing ovation.

The choral celebration continued on Wednesday, June 24, at the Doubletree Hotel when the chorus performed at Lesbian and Gay Tucson Meet Yourself. There was a large turnout for this first time event and the chorus performed several selections from their concert. Once again, our sopranos came through as they staged an encore presentation of "All I Ask Of You" which caused the entire room to become silent. All activities came to a momentary halt as the message of the song came forth. The message of this song and music in general certainly became apparent that night. For that brief moment, the entire

audience became united through the power of music. The chorus was able to fulfill a significant part of their mission by having the opportunity to provide our community with music that goes beyond just entertaining. It is the strong ambition of Desert Voices to provide our community with music that has a personal message, whether it is remind us of who we are as individuals or who we are as Gays and Lesbians. The chorus also had a booth at Wednesday night's event that provided interested persons with a copy of our concert program and an opportunity to sign up for next year, either to join our ranks and sing, or to serve as a volunteer. It was great to see so many people interested in singing or volunteering. Thanks to all of you for your interest.

There are so many people to thank for all their hard work this past season. A tremendous note of appreciation and thanks needs to go out to our Director of Music, Jim Gall, who pulled everything together and provided inspiration to every singer. A big thanks goes out to each singing member who gave countless hours of their time and talent to persevere. An entire article could be devoted to thanking everyone, but you know who you are, our board members and staff directors, our guest accompanist, our sound and video production team at St. Francis, the RCP group at St. Francis for agreeing to sponsor Desert Voice, other volunteers who helped with tickets, concessions, program advertising. A special thanks to all of those who placed advertising in our concert program. We broke our own record for the number of advertisers and we would like to thank each of you for your patronage. We encourage everyone to support our advertisers through your business. They are an important element in our community.

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## Gay Man To Chair Mass. G/L Youth Commission



DAVID LA FONTAINE

BOSTON - Governor William Weld and Lieutenant Governor Paul Cellucci today announced their appointments to the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth. The Commission was created by Executive Order in February and is the first of its kind in the nation. The Commission will examine the high rate of suicide among homosexual teenagers and advise the administration on how to address this serious problem.

"This is another important step toward protecting young people in our Commonwealth. We feel strongly that there is a tremendous need to address the

difficult issues which affect Gay and Lesbian youth. We must abolish the prejudice and isolation faced by these young people," said Weld.

The Governor and Lieutenant Governor called upon the Commission to conduct public hearings across the state during the next few months. The Commission will take testimony from gay youth, parents, teachers, social service providers and others. The information gathered at the hearings will be used to produce a report and make recommendations to the administration.

"We are very pleased that the Commission is composed of such a diverse group, of people who know firsthand the problems confronting homosexual teenagers. The pressures on them are already tremendous, coping at a young age with the knowledge that you are Gay or Lesbian, and the potential loss of support of your friends and family, can be devastating," said Cellucci.

According to a federal report, suicide is the leading cause of death among Gay and Lesbian youth.

The Commission Chairman, David La Fontaine, applauded the appointments. "For too long young Gays and Lesbians have suffered isolation and despair because of the prejudice which is ingrained in our society. Now, thanks to Governor Weld's historic leadership in creating this Commission, we will be able to send a powerful message to everyone in Massachusetts: All young people, gay and straight, deserve to have a healthy, happy future."

## Desert Voices Seeks To Fill Board Vacancies.

TUCSON - The Board of Directors is aggressively searching to fill two board vacancies, Vice President for Marketing and Vice President for Business Affairs. The Board strongly feels that in order for the chorus to continue moving forward and develop as a strong entity in our community, strong leadership from qualified and experienced individuals is an absolute must.

The VP for Marketing coordinates and oversees marketing operations for all chorus events; promotes community awareness of these events and related chorus programs; fosters community relations; plans and implements ongoing marketing programs in conformity with organizational goals and objectives; coordinates media placement and printing of brochures, articles and schedules; coordinates distribution of printed material; determines target markets to expand audience base; decides how target market will be reached such as use of direct mailings and/or print, television, or radio advertisements; and develops promotional materials; and other duties as appropriate.

The VP for Business Affairs has charge of all receipts and disbursements; receives and gives receipts for all money due and payable to the Corporation, and to endorse checks, drafts, and warrants in its name and on its behalf and to give full discharge for the same; collects seasonal fees from chorus members and maintains individual records on each member; maintains bank accounts, including deposits and withdrawals, and balancing the monthly statements; maintains accurate records of income and expenses; prepares monthly,

quarterly annual and any other financial reports for use by the Board of Directors as they deem appropriate; and any other duties as appropriate.

Persons who would like to be considered for one of the vacant positions on the Board of Directors is asked to submit a brief letter stating their interest and also includes qualifications and applicable experiences for the position.

Letter should be sent to Board of Directors, P.O. Box 40036, Tucson Arizona, 85717-0036, and must be postmarked no later than July 15. Upon receipt of your letter, you will be contacted and receive a written position description clearly stating the duties and responsibilities. The Board also welcomes any nominations from the public for either position. Here is a good opportunity for members from our community to become more involved in the chorus. Send your letter today.

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**POLITICS '92** by Mark Kerr

**CANDIDATE FILINGS**

Last Thursday was the deadline for candidates to file their nominating petitions for the primary election, which will be held on September 8th. Here is the candidates who have filed signatures for offices. (Local races affecting southern Arizona):

- U.S. Senate**  
(D) - Claire Sargeant, Truman Spangrud  
(R) - John McCain (I)
- Congress-District 2**  
(D) - Ray Moore, Ed Pastor (I)  
(R) - Don Shooter
- Congress-District 5**  
(D) - Joe Sweeney, Jim Toevs  
(R) - Mike Beehler, Jim Kolbe (I)
- A.C.C.**  
(D) - Renz Jennings (I)  
(R) - Tom Freestone
- L.D. 9 Senate**  
(D) - John Dougherty (I)  
(R) - Keith Bee
- L.D. 9 House**  
(D) - Marion Pickens (I), Chuck Core  
(R) - Ray Clark, Bill McGibbon, Bruce Murchinson, Lou Ann Preble
- L.D. 10 Senate**  
(D) - Victor Soltero (I)
- L.D. 10 House**  
(D) - Carmen Cajero (I), Phillip Hubbard (I), Betty Liggins
- L.D. 11 Senate**  
(D) - Peter Goudinoff
- L.D. 11 House**  
(D) - Michael Bryan, Carmine Cardimone, Jorge Garcia, Paul Graham, Phil Lopes, Elaine Richardson, Louie Walters
- L.D. 12 Senate**  
(R) - Ann Day (I), M.J. Mawhinney, Ted Schlunkert
- L.D. 12 House**  
(R) - Pat Coleman, Freddy Hershberger, Dan Schottel
- L.D. 13 Senate**  
(D) - Eleanor Schorr  
(R) - Patti Noland
- L.D. 13 House**  
(D) - David Bradley, George Cunningham, Andy Nichols  
(R) - Patricia Beatty, Terri Locastro, Tony Terry
- L.D. 14 Senate**  
(D) - Cindy Resnick (I)
- L.D. 14 House**  
(D) - Ruth Solomon (I), Herschella Horton (I)
- Board of Supervisors District 1**  
(D) - Karen Caddell  
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- Board of Supervisors District 3**  
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- Board of Supervisors District 4**  
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**PETITION NEWS**

Two candidates that are surprisingly not on the ballot, former Senator from District 9, Jeff Hill who announced his candidacy for the State House in District 13 and Walker Smith, who was going for the State Senate from District 12.

Senator Hill had gone on vacation and left the arduous task of petition gathering to his supporters, but when he came back they had not gotten the minimum needed, thus ending his candidacy.

Walker Smith had the State Democratic party, Senate President Peter Rios and Majority Leader Alan Stephens contribute to help get the signatures needed for District 12. Unfortunately for them, Walker changed his mind last Thursday and ended his short bid for the Senate and leaving a lot of high ranking officials with mud on their faces.

**HERE COMES THE JUDGE!**

That is a statement Senator Jaime Gutierrez, (D-Tucson), will not be hearing this fall. As you may have read, it has been alleged that most of signatures on his nominating petitions for Justice of the Peace (Dist-4), were not valid since it seems a couple of his petition gatherers, who were paid, had signed the names of persons in J.P. 4. Inside sources tell me that this is true, due to the ineptness of the consulting firm he had hired to run his campaign and that he will withdraw from the race today. Score another scoop for the Observer.

**JULY 7TH**

Next Tuesday, the Pima County Board of Supervisors will be considering a motion to declare June 21, Gay/Lesbian Pride Day. This motion is being proposed by District 5 Supervisor, and friend to the Gay and Lesbian Community, Raul Grijalva. Here is the number to call to show your support:

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### Day By Day

This has been the sort of month that reminds me why I used to abuse drugs. I'm slogging through the biggest challenge of my professional career, my emotional life is rocky, and the world is falling apart. So, I think, wouldn't it be nice to roll a joint, get stoned, watch some TV (not the news!), and simply relax?

Yes, it would.

No, it wouldn't.

You see, I'm a drug addict, so this is what would really happen: I'd roll a joint and get relaxed. After a few minutes, I'd figure, hey, if a little grass makes me feel this good, just imagine how great more grass would make me feel! So I'd smoke another joint, but instead of getting more relaxed, I'd get anxious and little paranoid. Then I'd be pissed that I lost that sweet first high, so I'd smoke some more. And I'd end up so sodden that I could barely follow the TV show I was watching.

The next morning, I would wake up resolved not to abuse grass again, but I would. Again and again and again, I would.

But I have broken that cycle; I just celebrated six years of being clean and sober. One day at a time, I haven't had a drink or a drug for over 2,200 days. And I have been fortunate: I've never been seriously tempted to go back to grass.

You see, my entire life has hap-

pened since I got clean and sober.

When I was smoking grass, I talked about writing. I had great ideas. I made great beginnings. I fantasized writing a book so profound it would change the world. But I never wrote.

Now I talk about writing, but I also actually write. My beginnings are not as great as those I fantasized on grass, and profound as a distant goal. I settle gratefully for making deadlines and doing my best. Of course, my real best is not as seductive, exciting, and meaningful as my stoned fantasies were, but it exists, and my work is published regularly. Before I got clean and sober, I never even finished anything.

And when I was smoking grass, I was, shall we say, difficult to be involved with. I was paranoid and controlling and paranoid and controlling. Not to mention paranoid and controlling. Now that I am clean and sober, I am still sometimes controlling (oh well), but I am also considerate and a reasonably good listener and supportive and altogether more bearable to be with.

And since I have gotten clean and sober, my head has become more quieter and more friendly. And I am learning how to relax naturally, like taking walks on the beach and watching the waves. Sometimes I sit on our little balcony and read and enjoy the smell of jasmine from the bush in the nearby courtyard. And

since I have shed my grass induced paranoia, I can mostly ignore the electrical cables next to the balcony that are probably giving me brain cancer as I relax.

Okay, sobriety is not perfect. But it's real. It allows progress. It allows growth. It makes it safer to drive.

I have been clean and sober long enough to occasionally take it for granted. but life has its reminders. I have friends who are still using, and I see the price they pay to get stoned: the hangovers, the unachieved goals, the lost evenings, the paralysis. While I sometimes envy their getting stoned, I see also that they are not progressing as they'd like to. And I know how they feel, since I was stuck for so many years.

Another reminder came my way when I had outpatient surgery and the doctor put me on a Demerol i.v. drip. We're talking great drugs, right into my bloodstream. Despite my anxiety, the doctor was about to remove a piece of my breast, within seconds I was profoundly relaxed and very cheerful. it is a real achievement.

A third set of reminders came from my lover and my friends, as they took my sixth anniversary more seriously than I did. their support and love reminded me: being clean and sober is a big deal. it is something to be proud of.

The last reminder is this column, which is being written as much for me as for anyone else. I need to see, in one place, what it means to be clean and sober. I need to write down what I used to be like and what I am like now. I need to remember that, although I am full of flaws and fears and sometimes get stuck and often drive myself and my lover and my

friends crazy, I am alive and well and moving right along. My life is a gift of sobriety.

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# CALENDAR

*of upcoming events*

It's 'Bout Time - IBT's is closed temporarily for remodeling. It is scheduled to open in two to three weeks. Watch for details here.

## THURSDAY, JULY 2

**RUMORZ** - July 4th Weekend Roundup Show starring Jessica Blake and guests begins at 9:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, JULY 4

**CLUB 2520** - Big 4th of July Soiree with another of the Club's fabulous Bar-B-Que and some great drink specials. Check it out.

**VENTURE-N** - Desert Leathermen hold their monthly Beer Bust here from 3 to 7 p.m. with some good cold beer and Chili Dogs and Nachos too!

## SUNDAY, JULY 5

**GRADUATE** - The First Ladies will hold a Beer Bust here from 2 to 6 p.m. to raise funds for their upcoming fun runs.

**RUMORZ** - "Showtime for Shanti" will begin at 8:30 p.m. featuring Margo Leigh, Lucinda Holliday with former Miss Gay Tucson, Tiffany St. Thomas plus the live vocals of John Barco and Eric Hemphill. Radio Cloud 95's Allen McLaughlin will be the MC. There will be dance contests and most important, all proceeds will go to benefit Shanti.

## SUNDAY, JULY 12

**RUMORZ** - "A Roast of Roger" will take place here beginning at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Arizona Cancer Research Center at University Medical Center. A fun event. Mark your calendars now.

## SUNDAY, JULY 19

**CLUB 2520** - The annual "Reno Memorial Jello Wrestling" fund raising event for Shanti. Club 2520 is collecting items to be auctioned off now. They are 100% tax deductible so bring them into the Club now. More on this big event later.

## SATURDAY, JULY 25

**CLUB 2520** - Direct from Paris, France, Mitson will be appearing here beginning at 9:00 p.m. singing songs from her latest album and some of the older hits that have made her famous. \$3.50 per person and well worth it. Tickets will go on sale June 22.

## SUNDAY, JULY 26

**CLUB 2520** - A benefit show honoring Lee Thompson, aka Margo Leigh from 6 to 10 p.m. More later.

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## Non-Bar

# CALENDAR

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## WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Tucson Desert Coyotes Bowling League bowls at Golden Pin Lanes, West Miracle Mile every Wednesday at 9 p.m. Still time to join the summer league.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 25

"Where's The Open Window You Promised Me?", an 8-week grief-bereavement support group meets every Thursday through Aug. 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Tucson AIDS Project, Suite 252. Facilitated by professional counselors. For more information, call Kathleen Angelo, 322-6226.

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## Tucson

# CALENDAR

## sunday

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**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 3-9 pm - All Short Well Drinks \$1.00.  
**HOURS** - Bloody Marys and Scrubs \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.  
**RUMORZ** - Open at noon. \$1.25 Bloody Marys Noon to 6:00 pm.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 10 a.m. 201 Dart Tournament 1 pm, \$3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 2 p.m.

## monday

**CLUB CONGRESS** - 70's Disco with Super Star Lovex. \$1.99 pm to 1 am.  
**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 am. 99c 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.  
**RUMORZ** - Open noon. 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. 99c 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 Trunk 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 7 pm Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Schappes 75c 7 to close.  
**RUMORZ** - Open noon. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm.  
**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. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8. \$2.50 off on everything from 8 pm to close. C/W dance lessons for partners by Paul Barner from 7-9. C/W dancing and Progressive dance music at 8 pm.  
**GRADUATE** - Happy Hour 3-9 pm, all short well drinks \$1.00.  
**HOURS** - Happy Hour 12 to 7 pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Bartender's Choice 7 to close. T-Squares Basic & Mainstream group 7-9  
**RUMORZ** - Open noon. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 8 to closing, 75c Schappes.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

## thursday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Chicken Fried Steak 5-7. \$3. Men's Nite - Anytime in bare chest, boxer or jockey shorts or swimwear 1/2 price on all well drinks. Strip Show or Jockey Shorts Contest + 50c 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 Hour 12 to 7 pm, Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Heineken or Corona \$1.25 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.  
**RUMORZ** - Open Noon. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. 50c Draft from 8:00 pm to close.  
**VENTURE-N** - Open 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Patio Bar opens at 5 pm.

## friday

**CLUB 2520** - Open 11 am. Extended 99c Happy Hour 4 to 10 pm. (well and domestic beer). "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 Hour 12 to 7 pm. Well or Domestic Beer \$1.25. Dancing 9 pm-1 am. Country/Western last Friday of each month.  
**RUMORZ** - Open Noon. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Hors D'Oeuvres. VIDI Mark 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. 50c Schappes 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.  
**HOURS** - Open Noon. DJ music 9 to 1. Last Saturday of each month is Country and Western dance music.  
**RUMORZ** - Open Noon. \$1.50 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with Jeff VIDI 9-1.  
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## News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

Here it is, July 1st, and the year of 1992 is half over. We have been busy these past six months, and the way things are going we will be even busier these coming six months. The printing office is now functional and the first issue of the Beacon, to be published after a four year absence, is almost ready to be mailed. Bids have been requested for the removal of an old building on the property and the Memorial Rose Garden will soon be under cultivation for the January plantings. a new Youth Group is being formed and the final plans for this venture will be presented to the Board of Directors this coming Sunday for approval. Our spiritual renewal and revival "Three Days in October" will soon be here. the choir is on a summer vacation but will soon be back singing at the worship services and will return with new robes. There will soon be a new program by the Deacons for those wishing to make extra earnings on a part-time basis. Yes, the schedule at MCC-Tucson is going to be busy in these coming months.

We want to thank Jim Toevs for speaking at our Gay Pride memorial Service this past Saturday evening. Mr.

Toevs gave a most memorable Eulogy that was thought provoking to those in attendance. Thank you again Jim, we will remember and keep your thoughts with us.

It may be summer and vacation time for a lot of us, but remember one thing, God does not take vacations. Neither does MCC-Tucson, we may have different people in different positions each Sunday but worship services are never canceled. Our Sunday Morning Worship Service starts at 10:45 a.m., promptly every week. Our Sunday Evening Worship Service starts at 6:45 p.m. without fail. The sanctuary is cooled with refrigeration and is comfortable at all times (except for these times that Rev Ed. or Rev. Nita make it a little warm for us). So, even if you just feel like lying around the house all day and doing nothing, remember that it doesn't take that much time to get to the church to see everyone and prepare for the week ahead. There is no rigid dress code so come in whatever you are comfortable.

Thought for the week: The oldest, shortest words, yes or no, are those that require the most thought.

## A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

I'm one of those people who come alive when Tucson's weather warms up and I can pack away my heavy sweat shirts and winter slacks and sweaters. To me, the whole world looks 100% better when the temperature rises. Honesty compels me to reveal that 117 degrees is a little much, but otherwise I'm an Arizona lizard, transplanted from the shores of Lake Michigan near Chicago.

Warm weather also seems to bring out the romantic in men and women, have you ever noticed that? Unfortunately, not only singles, but both sexes seem to feel the urge to seek greener pastures during the spring and summer, not withstanding being involved in a pretty stable relationship. Having been in the position of the half of the relationship left waiting at home, looking out the window for someone who most likely won't be coming back, unless broke or hungry, I'd like to share with those of you who may have had to deal with this kind of situation, or might have to someday, how I came to grips with it once and for all, to my great satisfaction.

Right from the start, you have to realize that human love is fickle. People are often painfully unreliable; and some make the tragic mistake of thinking God is no better. But human failure is not the measure of divine fidelity. As difficult as it may be to again entrust yourself to the care of another, I can assure you from personal experience that God is adequate. He is reliable and will never, by no means ever, leave you or forsake you.

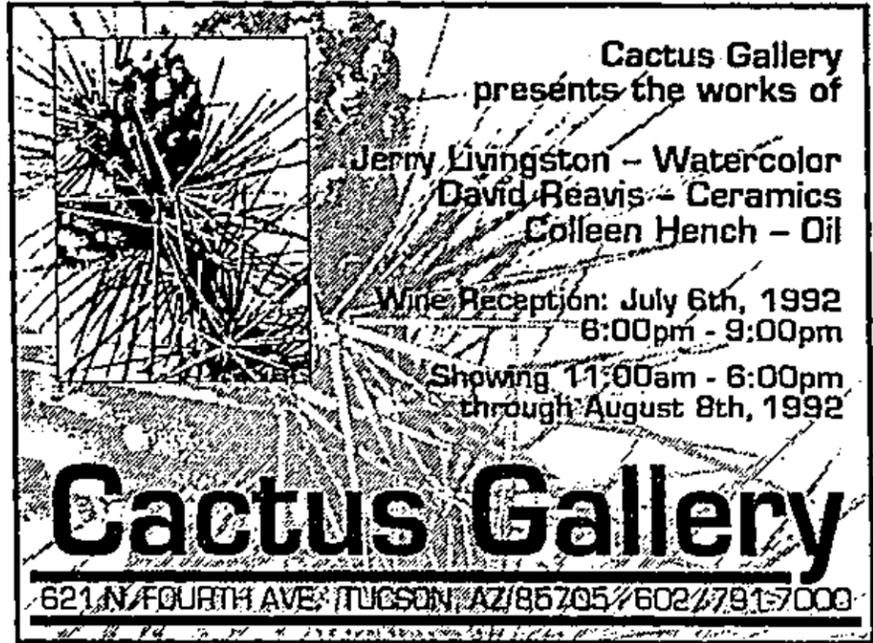
A long time ago, I discovered, to

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my shame, that the primary reason I was spending my life in sinful and ultimately destructive dependency on other people, manipulating them, when I could, to meet my needs, was because I just didn't believe Christ could. I had just formed a blind assumption based on an ignorance and kept on getting myself in unhappy situations. A few years ago I discovered the real truth, about myself, and most importantly, about God! The Bible says "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:31-32). What we are being told is that no loss is ultimately, no impoverished irreparable, as long as we have Christ!

The all things that come with Christ aren't necessarily material blessings or physical health, or any of those things we assume are absolutely essential for earthly contentment. I guess another way of expressing what I have learned, to my good fortune, is that one day we'll be able to see that nothing, literally nothing, which could have increased our eternal happiness has been denied us; and that nothing, literally nothing, that could have reduced that happiness has been left with us. Gosh, that is the greatest assurance I could ever want!

I learned this, and a lot more, at Cornerstone Fellowship. You know what, the more I learned the happier my life became. Oh, Yes, I still fall in love, (doesn't everyone), but I know who won't ever let me down, whose love is not fickle and unreliable, and when I do have an unpleasant human love experience, I just rest in the arms of he who loves me like no one else ever could, because he is divine; my God. Why not come to our Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. any Sunday and find out for yourself how to take the one step that will make all the rest of your life worth living, we'll welcome you with a smile and answer any questions you may want to ask. Do yourself a favor, I did. See you this Sunday.



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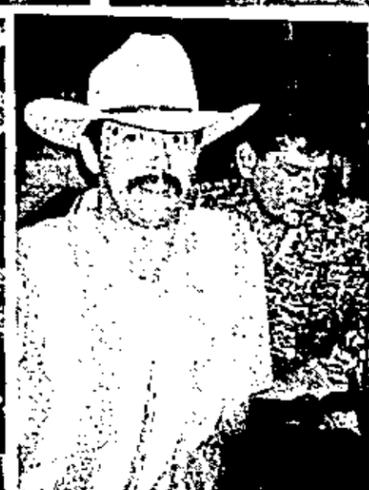
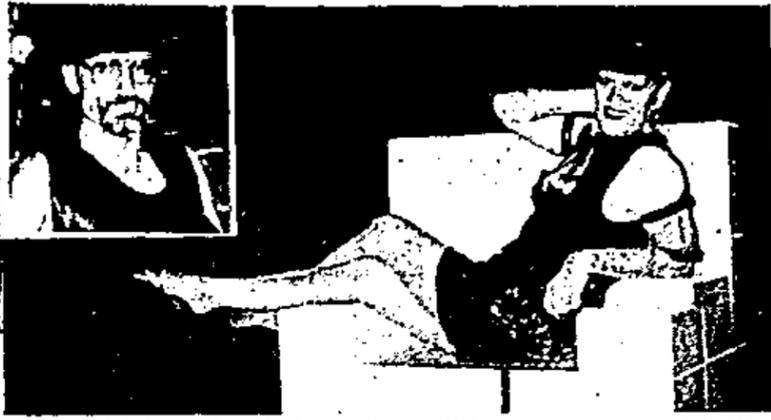


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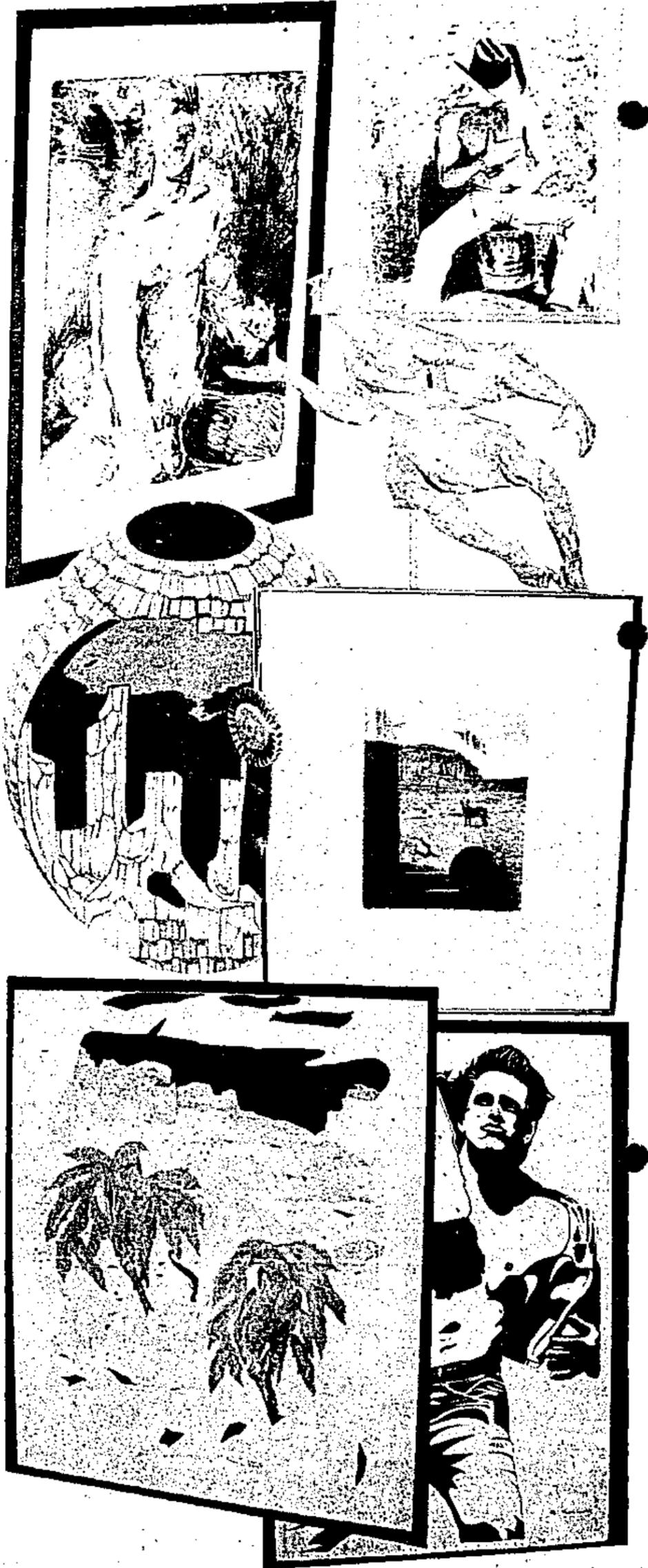
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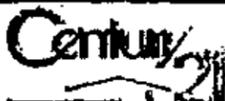
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## PERSPECTIVE by Brent Hartinger

### Gays On PBS: In The Crossfire

Last month, Out on Film, an organization of professional Lesbians and Gays working in the entertainment industry, leaked the news that Texaco was ending its sponsorship of the Public Broadcasting Service's *Great Performances* series because an upcoming installment was a dramatization of David Leavitt's highly acclaimed Gay novel, *The Lost Language of Cranes*. It wasn't the first time that the presentation of Gay characters or Gay issues on public television had sparked controversy. Indeed, PBS is shaping up to be the NEA of 1992, and once again Gays and Lesbians are in the hot seat.

"Any time there is oppression, the first thing that is attacked is the creative forces," says Arthur Kropp, president of the Norman Lear founded People for the American Way. "And within that group, the first group that is attacked is the homosexuals. It happened in Nazi Germany. It happened in the McCarthy era."

Gay characters or issues on television are almost always controversial, but Gays on PBS may be even more controversial because the network receives about 16 percent of its total operating budget, or \$200 million a year, from government sources. Like they objected to the government funded NEA sponsoring controversial art, many conservatives object to the funding of gay related programming on public television.

"PBS is loaded with liberal, left pro-Gay, pro-feminist stuff," says Reed Irvine, chairman of the conservative media watchdog group, Accuracy In Media, or AIM.

Last March, several powerful Republican Senators, including Jesse Helms of North Carolina and Bob Dole of Kansas, tried to halt or dramatically amend a spending package for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting which funds PBS, arguing for greater accountability of the public airwaves. Around the same time, presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan featured inflammatory scenes from *Tongues Untied*, Marlon Rigg's erotic film about growing up black and Gay which PBS aired last July, in an attack ad ironically to label the Bush administration as "pro Gay".

But criticism of PBS hasn't all come from the right. After *Tongues Untied* unleashed a firestorm of conservative protest last summer, PBS pulled from its line up the previously scheduled *Stop the Church*, as quasi documentary about a 1989 ACT-UP demonstration in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. This action sparked a new wave of criticism, this time from the left.

"They censored themselves before any pressure was actually put on PBS," says *Stop the Church's* director Robert Hillferty. "How could they program something ten months (before) and then be afraid to broadcast it? What kind of pressure is being put on them?"

According to Jennifer Lawson, head of national programming and promotion for PBS and who previewed the film after one member station criticized it, the reason the program was pulled wasn't because of content, but quality. "The program did not meet our general standards," she says. "But pulling it was

unfortunate because we knew it has the potential to be misread."

David M. Davis, chief executive of *P.O.V.*, the PBS series which aired *Tongues Untied* and which was to air *Stop the Church*, at least concedes the impact of conservative pressure on PBS' decision. "*Tongues Untied* put staffs of many stations through tremendous stress," he told *Programming* magazine. "I felt another controversy, would break their backs and undermine their confidence in *P.O.V.*"

Still, regardless of PBS' decision to pull *Stop the Church* the network has undisputable shown a consistent interest in Lesbian and gay concerns, and members stations, which have a high degree of individual autonomy, are typically very supportive. Many critics thought *Andre's Mother*, a 1989 American Playhouse production about the relationship between the mother of a man dead from AIDS and his surviving lover, to be far more daring, and better, than anything commercial television has produced involving AIDS or homosexuality. For the past few years, the network has made a special effort to offer Lesbian and gay programming during the Gay Pride Month of June. And the first theatrical film about AIDS, *Longtime Companion*, was originally commissioned as a PBS *American Playhouse* production.

In addition, despite Texaco's withdrawal of financial support, PBS will still air the BBC produced *The Lost Language of Cranes* (though the bare buttocks seen in the British version of the film's one same sex love scene will be covered by a pair of boxer shorts in the US version).

"I like to feel that this station has been extremely aggressive on Gay issues," says Tom Howe, station manager of Seattle's public television station, KCTS-9, which in 1983 produced and aired the nation's first documentary on the subject of AIDS. "I am extremely proud of what we have done, and I feel that we have a lot of support in the Gay community."

Still, one major obstacle to more Gay programming even on corporate sponsorship. Because such a small percentage of the PBS budget comes from public sources, the network must look elsewhere, often to corporations. As a result, though some conservatives like to argue that PBS has a liberal bias, other people, like syndicated columnists Jeff Cohen and Norman Solomon, argue instead that it has a corporate bias.

"PBS does not offer a single weekly news/talk show presenting the agendas of groups often in conflict with big business, such as consumers, labor, or environmentalists," they write. "PBS officials, say they can't find funding for an opposing show. In essence, corporate underwriters are determining which programs are seen and which are not."

Indeed, last summer's *Out In America* documentary was originally intended to be regular magazine type series dealing with Lesbian and Gay issues, but the program's producers were unable to find a corporation willing to underwrite it.

Regarding *The Lost Language of Cranes* controversy, Texaco spokesperson Margaret Fletcher said, "We reviewed the programming and felt the overall, [Great

Performances] was moving away from traditional arts programming, and for that reason felt that we couldn't support it." The Gay subject matter of *The Lost Language of Cranes* had nothing to do with the decision, she said.

But says Scott Robbe, a spokesperson for Out on Film, "It is highly circumspect that the funding from Texaco is ceasing just before the airing of *The Lost Language of Cranes*." According to Robbe, gay sources within Texaco confirm that the Gay content of the film was the problem, and that, after a preview screening of the film, one Texaco executive reportedly stated, "We won't be funding any more of this."

On the other hand, Robbe says, "The Mobile Corporation has been absolutely wonderful. They're funding *Por-*

trait of a Marriage despite its heavy lesbian content."

These days, the biggest threat to Lesbians and Gays on PBS may be Jesse Helms' fight against the Independent Television Service, a non profit organization created by Congress in 1989 to increase the diversity of PBS programming and which funds much of the network's minority programming.

"Jesse Helms is making a deal behind closed doors to gut the funding of ITVS," says Out on Film's Scott Robbe. In exchange, Helms may agree not to go after the CPB, which sponsors PBS' more conventional programming. If that happens, the future of Lesbian and gay programming on PBS may be quite dim indeed.

### Rev. Wildon Gunning For PBS Again

A COMMENTARY BY  
RON MILLER

The Rev. Donald Wildmon, the nation's foremost crusader against indecency on television, thinks PBS is using public money to promote homosexuality with "The Lost Language of Cranes," which aired on June 24th on KUAT-TV Channel 6.

Frankly, I think it would be pretty amazing if the subject of Wildmon's crusade doesn't cause a stir among delegates to the national PBS convention in San Francisco. Like it or not, PBS' sexual candor is a problem that won't go away.

Last summer, the PBS telecast of Berkeley California filmmaker Marlon Riggs' "Tongues Untied", a poetic view of the Gay lifestyle among blacks, provoked another blast from Wildmon and his Mississippi based American Family Association. More important though, was the fact that more than 200 PBS stations refused to carry the show.

The majority of PBS station managers feared that the viewers would find "Tongues Untied" offensive, maybe even enough to withdraw their financial support.

Now 3 PBS programmers have come back with a double whammy "Cranes," which shows men kissing passionately and enjoying each other's company in bed, followed July 19 by "Portrait of a Marriage," a three part mini series about the Lesbian relationship between writer Vila Sackville-West and Violet Trefusis.

As money grows ever more scarce and we all look for ways to cut corners, I wouldn't be surprised if something like this becomes the last straw for thousands of conservative minded donors who might otherwise donate to PBS.

That would be a great tragedy. Somewhere along the line we've forgotten that the core idea of PBS was to bring the public the diversity of programming that the commercial networks refused to supply because it wasn't commercial.

That means viewers with mainstream tastes are occasionally going to find something on the PBS schedule that isn't vanilla-flavored. I figure you take an occasional "Tongues Untied" in return for such shows as "The Civil War." Just remember, the commercial networks aren't going to give you either one.

As for "The Lost Language of Cranes," I'd say it's another demonstration of how tightly wrapped Wildmon is these days. This is a superb film about the inner turmoil of a family faced with homosexuality in two members.

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