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Desert Voices Performs 'Fiesta of Light' Saturday, Dec. 19



TUCSON - Some of the 35 members who make up Desert Voices, Tucson's Lesbian and Gay Chorus shown above in rehearsal

for their holiday Concert scheduled for this Saturday, Dec. 19 at Unity of Tucson Sanctuary. See story below.



Mr. James Gall, Director of Music for Desert Voices. Photo: J.O'Rourke

TUCSON - Desert Voices has announced its eighth performance season with the presentation of the Annual Holiday Concert this Saturday evening, December 19. The concert will be at Unity of Tucson, Sanctuary, starting at 8:00 p.m. Unity of Tucson is located at 3617 North Camino Blanco which is south off of River Road between Swan and Craycroft. Tickets are still available at Antigone Books or can be purchased at the door for \$5.

The chorus's performance on Saturday night is entitled "Fiesta of Light." The concert program will contain international selections from Spain, Austria, the Ukraine, France, and of course, from the United States. In addition there will be excerpts from Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" with guest harpist, Kirk Kupinsky, a short "classical" assortment, and finally the program will end with the chorus donned in their true

Gay apparel.

Members from Desert Voices will also accentuate the program with solos and duets. The program will be a highlight in our community this holiday season. You certainly won't want to miss this festive occasion. The chorus will be wearing red bow ties to signify their strong commitment towards remembering those who have fallen to AIDS and for those who are currently living with it.

Tucson's Gay and Lesbian chorus began rehearsals in October 1988, making their debut the following May. Desert Voices has always opened its membership to anyone who wants to sing. The chorus has grown and developed today into a 35 plus assembly of men and women who have an exceptional love and appreciation for the fine arts and their community.

Dr. John Kissler served as the chorus's first Director of Music from 1988 to 1991, followed by Dr. Jack Delmore who directed the chorus in the Fall of 1991, and currently the post is held by Mr. James H. Gall. "Fiesta of Light" will mark Mr. Gall's second season with Desert Voices. His enthusiasm, professionalism, and dedication has assisted the chorus to flourish and excel. He is currently working on the doctorate in choral conducting at the University of Arizona. Gall earned his Bachelor of Music from Fargo and his Master of Music from California State University - Fullerton. He has taught choral music in the public schools for 17 years in Minnesota and has performed professionally in Minneapolis and in California.

Gall has a strong interest in Theater and has worked in community theater in Minnesota, has performed with the Los Angeles chamber orchestra chorus, and

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Clinton Acknowledges Lesbian & Gay Support In His Election Victory

WASHINGTON - To the wild applause of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual activists from around the country, Bill Clinton, in a letter of support, acknowledged his debt to the Gay community and thanked Gay voters for making his presidential campaign victory possible. The surprise Clinton letter was read by former National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) chief Urvashi Vaid at the opening of the 1992 NGLTF Policy Institute Creating Change Conference.

The 5th Annual Creating Change Conference was held in Los Angeles. More than 1,200 activists from at least 43 states and five countries attended some 100 workshops, plenary sessions and networking meetings. Creating Change is the national skills building conference for Gay activists.

"To my friends at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force," said Clinton in his letter. "I would like to welcome you all to the NGLTF Policy Institute Conference. Hillary and I would like to thank you all for the hard work you

have done for the advancement of human rights for Gay and Lesbian people everywhere. It is an inspiration to us all.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone of you for your tremendous support during our campaign for change, without your support our victory on November 3rd would not have been possible. I now ask you again for your help and support in implementing the changes that are needed to get America moving forward once more. Thank you. Sincerely, Bill Clinton."

The Clinton communique kicked off a conference already loaded with historic and political significance. With the U.S. Military's ban against Gays and Lesbians threatened with repeal, unprecedented Gay visibility in the 1992 elections, and a dangerous defeat of civil rights in Colorado, Gay and Lesbian activists gathered in Los Angeles to plan strategy for the future of the Gay movement, a movement in transition and experiencing unparalleled success and setbacks.

Coalition '93 Applauds Transition Appointments

WASHINGTON - Coalition '93, a network of Gay and Lesbian organizations, today praised President-elect Clinton for his appointment of Lesbians and Gay men to serve on his transition team. The Coalition identified thirteen individuals who have been asked to be part of transition staff, transition policy groups, or transition clusters that are analyzing federal departments and agencies, or to attend the Economic Summit.

"President-elect Clinton made a commitment to seek out the best and the brightest from America's diverse communities to serve our nation. With the appointment of talented Gay men and Lesbians to his transition team, he has shown clearly that he will call upon men and women from our community for service to America," said William Waybourn, Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and one of the three Coalition '93 co-chairs.

Among the openly Gay men and Lesbians serving in transition posts are: Andrew Barrer, Chai Feldblum, David Geffen, Bob Hatoy, Fred Hochberg, Bruce Lehman, Dennis Maust, Howard Mencker, Steve Morin, Robert Raben, Greg Stull, Kurt Vorndran and Tim Westmoreland.

"The active involvement of openly Gay men and Lesbians in the Presidential transition process marks an important moment in Gay and Lesbian history," said Waybourn. "For the first time, open

Lesbians and Gay men have been called upon by the President-elect of the United States to serve their country. We are honored to do so and are proud of the extraordinary talents and abilities demonstrated by members of our community. We are sure they will serve with distinction."

Arlington, Virginia Passes Anti-Gay Ban

ARLINGTON, VA - Arlington County Board members voted to outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation, a move that was cheered by Gay activists.

Heeding pleas from the county's Gay population, board members voted to add sexual orientation language to Arlington's human rights law. The vote was greeted by a standing ovation nearly 100 supporters of homosexual rights crowding the chamber.

"Obviously, it's a very important day for all of us," said Lee Stinnett, former president of the Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance, who was the group's spokesman. "It's an important first step in helping all parts of this great community to take a stand on this issue."

The vote was unanimous, with board member William T. Newman Jr. absent. The law prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, credit, and education. Alexandria, the District of Co-

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UPDATE

Studds Elected To Congressional Chair

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Gerry Studds, one of two openly Gay members of the U.S. Congress was elevated by his Democratic colleagues in the House of Representatives to a key House leadership post.

The 11 term U.S. Representative from Massachusetts' 10th Congressional District, Chairman Studds was the unanimous nominee of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee for the post. His nomination was endorsed by the full House Democratic Caucus. He becomes one of only 22 Congressmen who chair full Committees, thus joining the upper echelon leadership ranks of the House of Representatives.

The Studds Committee, the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, has a wide jurisdiction covering all aspects of ocean, maritime, and coastal issues including ship building and shipping, coastal water quality, fisheries, wildlife protection and conservation, and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Chairman Studds met with President-elect Bill Clinton and Vice-President-elect Al Gore to highlight priority issues before his Committee, as well as to provide counsel to the White House Transition Teams on Gays in the military and AIDS policy. In the new Congress, Chairman Studds will have increased seniority on the Health Subcommittee and continue as a leading advocate of Gay and Lesbian health issues.

In a statement after the Caucus vote, Chairman Studds said "We have a new Congress and soon we will have a new President. Together, we must bring about the changes Americans voted for and chart a new course for governing our Nation. America is full of hope, and the 103rd Congress promises to be an exciting and productive place to work. I truly look forward to leading this Committee and I thank my colleagues for the honor they have bestowed on me. But most of all, I thank the citizens of Massachusetts' 10th District."

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Pastor Who Died Of AIDS Reportedly Was Bisexual

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) - The minister of a prominent church led a secret life as a bisexual before he died of complications related to AIDS, church leaders say.

The Rev. William O. Walker, 60, asked friends to tell others that he was dying from lymphoma before he died. He had been pastor at First United Methodist Church since 1982.

AIDS also was blamed for the 1990 death of Walker's wife, Carol, at age 58.

Church leaders said more than a dozen men, including at least six ministers, told them that Walker made sexual advances toward them.

However, "we have no allegations of behavior that would place another person at risk for the transmission of AIDS from Bill," said Tom Whitehead, superintendent for the church's southern Oregon district.

Whitehead said that, with one exception, the behavior attributed to Walker involved unsuccessful attempts to solicit sex.

The only reported instance of actual sexual contact took place 15 years ago, before the AIDS epidemic began. The church investigated that incident, spoke to the other man involved and determined that the AIDS virus was not transmitted.

Homosexuality Motive Probed In Navy Murder

TOKYO (AP) - The U.S. Navy is investigating whether a sailor based in southern Japan was murdered six weeks ago because he was a homosexual, the Pacific Stars and Stripes reported.

The newspaper quoted an anonymous Navy spokesman as saying "the homosexuality issue is certainly a motive being investigated" in the death of 22 year old Seaman Allen Richard Schindler.

The report said Schindler, who had informed his superiors he was Gay, was beaten to death in a public restroom near Sasebo Naval Base, 615 miles southwest of Tokyo.

It said two of Schindler's shipmates from the assault ship Bealeau Wood were taken into custody in the death. One had been punished and discharged, the report said; the other is awaiting trial.

Casa De La Paloma Church Has Moved

TUCSON - Casa De La Paloma Apostolic Church has moved to their new location at 225 West Flores Street. The new church building is 3 blocks west of Stone and 3 blocks south of Grant.

A fairly recent development is the availability of classes in Tucson. Casa De La Paloma is affiliated with the National Gay Pentecostal Alliance which has the Pentecostal Bible Institute. All classes by P.B.I., with the exception of Hebrew and Reading Greek are now offered on Saturday's at 6 p.m.

God has richly blessed the congregation of Casa and is helping them move into a larger building. Prayers for continual growth are requested.

For more information or Prayers call 323-6855. Casa is pastored by Rev. Sandy Lewis.

Gay Groups Draft Sample Decree To End Military's Homosexual Ban

WASHINGTON (AP) - Gay groups and civil rights organizations have begun to draft sample executive orders to offer the Clinton administration on how to end the military's ban on homosexuals.

Some of the proposals call for the creation of an advisory committee to assist the Defense Department and anti-homophobia training for officers who would carry out the policy.

A presidential order also should restore health benefits, upgrade a less than honorable discharge and allow Gays to reenlist, one coalition says. And any new code of conduct should govern the sexual behavior of Gay and straight soldiers, Gay activists say.

"Inevitably, you are going to have situations of inappropriate conduct be heterosexuals and Gay people. When it happens they should be disciplined," said Mary Newcombe, attorney for ex-Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, recently discharged from the National Guard in Washington state after disclosing her homosexuality.

More than 15,000 people have been discharged from the military since 1982 because they were Gay. At least 300 others mat face administrative discharge hearings, according to the estimates by the Military Law Task Force of the National Lawyers Guild.

President-elect Bill Clinton has said homosexuality should not bar anyone from serving in the armed forces. He said he plans to consult with military leaders and others to overturn the ban.

Lesbian Pastor Continues To Preach

ROCHESTER, NY - A Lesbian Presbyterian minister who has been told she cannot serve as a pastor delivered a sermon to a packed church yesterday and proclaimed, "It's our time."

Although two men stood and called on people to read the Bible and "turn to God," the brief disorderliness was far outweighed by strong support for the woman caught in the Presbyterian church's national struggle over homosexual clergy.

The highest court of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Permanent Judicial Commission ruled that Spahr can't be co-pastor in Rochester because she is a Lesbian.



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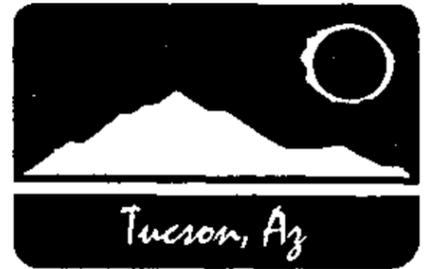
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TUCSON - Last Friday, the Halloween Invitational bowling Tournament of Tucson (H.I.T.T.) committee held a party to unveil their 1993 Community Calendar at Club 2520. The last tournament was held Oct. 30 and Nov. 1. Mark Rosenbaum, the tournament director, used the occasion to present a check for \$1,500 from the

proceeds of the tournament to Shanti Executive Director Ann Maley, pictured above with a representative from Old Tucson in the middle. H.I.T.T. uses the facilities of Old Tucson to hold their banquet and present awards following the tournament. This year over 200 contestants participated in the big event.

Cristina De Alexis 1st Runner-up in Miss Gay Arizona Pageant



PHOENIX - Last Sunday, Dec. 13, Penelope Poupè Productions presented the 1993 Miss Gay Arizona Pageant in the Grand Ballroom of the Omni Hotel here.

After a full evening of presentations before the crowd and judges, Kyra Starr, of Phoenix, was crowned as the 1993 Miss Gay Arizona. First Runner-up was Cristina de Alexis of Tucson and the Second Runner-Up title went to Jessica Blake, also of Tucson.

Entertainers for the evening included Tish Tanner, And former Miss Gay Arizonas: Tamara, Jaime De Sario, Mona Littlemore, Devina and Amanda McLamara. Congratulations to Kyra Starr, the runners-up and all who entered this annual state-wide event.

Supreme Court Allows Employer To Slash Insurance For AIDS and Other Diseases

NEW YORK, NY - The Supreme Court's decision not to review the case of Greenberg v. H&H Music Co. (Observer Nov. 11) sent a message today to employers that they are free to arbitrarily reduce insurance coverage for workers with catastrophic illnesses, such as AIDS cancer, the moment an employee files claims for reimbursement. The decision affects all workers who receive health insurance on the job, leaving them vulnerable to losing promised coverage at the very time they need it.

By refusing to review a lower court ruling in the Greenberg case, the Court gave its backing to an employer which slashed a worker's coverage for AIDS related care from \$1 million to \$5,000 after the employee filed reimbursement claims. The Court's decision follows the Bush administration's support for the employer's action.

"Workers around the country now cannot be sure that their insurance will be there when they need it," said Suzanne Goldberg, a staff attorney with Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund which represents Greenberg. "By refusing to hear this case, the Supreme Court leaves employers free to avoid paying for benefits they have promised to employees simply

by rewriting the benefit plan," Goldberg added.

Under a federal law governing employee benefits, employers are barred from retaliating or discriminating against an employee who files claims under a plan. While cutting coverage for AIDS related treatments under its plan, H & H Music maintained full coverage for all other diseases. And it made that change just a few months after one employee filed AIDS related claims. Still, the Supreme Court has agreed with the lower court that the company's actions did not amount to discrimination or retaliation in violation of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

"The Court's decision denying review leaves employees unable to rely on the law designed to protect them and unable to rely on promises by their employers," said Lambda cooperating attorney Joseph Garcia. "Under the lower court ruling, employers are free to cover some diseases but not others, regardless of whether the decision makes financial sense, so long as they cite cost savings as the reason for change," he added.

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Conference of Openly Gay Politicians Meets In Chapel Hill

CHAPEL HILL, NC - I'm still not sure what was more surprising about the conference, that this many openly Gay men and Lesbians could win elected office, or that such a diverse lot of people could actually agree on anything at all.

Chapel Hill North Carolina hosted the eight annual conference of openly Gay and Lesbians politicians. About 75 elected and appointed office holders, plus a collection of new candidates hoping to make a successful run, arrived with their lovers to spend three days charting the course of the Gay rights movement and the uses of Gay power. Their constituencies ranged from West Hollywood, an area so progressive that Gay men and Lesbians once held a majority of the city council seats, to a conservative district in Maine so small that it can be canvassed on a bicycle. And the politicians themselves were an even more diverse lot, from Jack Campbell, candidate for Dade County Board of Commissioners and owner of the Club Body Center chain of Gay sex clubs, to 22 year old Brian McConnell, who ran for the city council of Blackburg straight out of college, and came very close to winning.

The officials discussed tactics and swapped stories from their own elections. While many encountered serious smear campaigns from their opposition, most found that being up front about their sexuality early on tended to defuse the issue. "You can't shock people with what they already know," said Dale McKormick, who had been a highly visible Gay and Lesbian rights campaigner in Maine before her election to the state legislature. Some candidates felt their sexuality could be an advantage at times. "Hell," said another state legislator, "people figure if you'll tell 'em the truth about something like that, then you'll tell them the truth about anything."

The two keynote speeches were both hopeful and sobering. Seattle City Councilperson Sherry Harris, the first black Lesbian elected to public office in the United States, gave a thought provoking speech on the tactics of the religious right. Her home state of Washington has been targeted by the same groups which attempted to pass an anti-Gay rights law in Oregon, and which succeeded in doing so in Colorado. Harris analyzed the ways in which the right uses Gay "scare" tactics to raise money, and how they have successfully exploited fear of homosexuals as a way to push other, unrelated issues on their agenda. "The campaign to keep

Gays out of our schools, is really a campaign to put religious indoctrination back into our schools." She warned the audience that the Gay and Lesbian community cannot afford to become complacent after the Clinton victory.

"We've got to be prepared and we have no time to loose. Our biggest challenge in the next decade, my brothers and sisters, will be to develop a proactive strategy to get out in front of the radical right, the religious extremists, and the hate groups who seek to, deny us our civil rights and liberties.

Being a member of another minority group who knows what it's like to experience the wrath a majority population can inflict, believe me folks, we haven't seen anything yet. If we don't stop this movement (The Anti-Gay rights drive) now, we won't be able to retreat back into the closet and think that if we don't tell anybody, then it's all going to be OK. They will find us. And when they do, they will burn down our houses, they'll arrest us and our lovers for illegal relationships, they will make sure that we lose our jobs, they will blacklist our businesses, they will murder our family members.

And they are going to do this all in the name of God."

U.S. Representative Barney Frank also stressed that this was not time for the community to become complacent, particularly as we are being presented with an opportunity to finally overturn the military's ban on homosexuals. "We have to remind people that this is not a fight we picked. This is overwhelmingly a case of people minding their own business and being exposed." He saluted President-elect Clinton for speaking out on the issue, but said that it was time for Gays to demand that some of their silent allies in congress finally stand up and be counted. Frank says that Clinton's victory shows that it is possible to take a public stand on Gay rights without sacrificing one's career.

"I never urged anyone to commit political suicide. But the level of risk is clearly much lower that they thought it was, than even we thought it was, I think we have a right to point out that the political risk is much less. But we also have a right to point out that this is personal."

Following Frank's speech, Allan
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All Our Broken Hearts

'Tis the season to feel jolly, right? That's what they keep telling us. So why don't we feel jolly?

Well, we do, some of us, sometimes. But over the past few weeks, as I have listened to Lesbian and Gay friends and acquaintances, jolliness has been in short supply. There has been much sadness. Loneliness and grief. A sense of hunkering down to survive the season. Rage at being ignored. And, everywhere, heartbreak.

"Be thankful for what you have," preach the holidays. Yes, gratitude is important, and those of us who have sufficient food, roofs over our heads, and good health should indeed be thankful. But many of us are dying, and many of our friends are dying, sometimes it seems that the dying will never end.

"Love your neighbors," preach the holidays. Maybe if we were all highly spiritually evolved, loving our neighbors would be easier. But many of our neighbors hate us. Many vote against our rights. Many want to see us dead. Many hope we burn in hell.

"Celebrate your families," preach the holidays. We want to; we really want to. But many of our parents refer to our lovers as our "friends" or even "tenants." Or they focus on our married with children siblings and keep the leftovers for us. Or they block out the truths of our lives; they let our aunts and uncles believe we are single rather than tell them that we are happily partnered for many years in same sex relationships. In the worst cases, years have passed since we even communicated.

The saddest thing is that we want to be thankful, love our neighbors, and celebrate our families. We crave love and acceptance. How we would glow if our parents were truly pleased with us. How lucky we would feel if we could really be part of our neighborhoods. And how we would celebrate if AIDS and cancer were cured.

Instead, we hover around the edges of the holidays, wishing we were welcome in the center. It's a Wonderful Life is indeed a wonderful movie, but would everyone have loved James Stewart's character so much if he were Gay? Did Ebenezer Scrooge continue to adore

Tiny Tim when Tiny Tim grew up and brought home Hairy Harry?

Oddly enough, a large sign of our hunger to be jolly and joyous is our ambivalence about Bill Clinton's election. We're feeling little bits of hope, and that's scary. With Reagan and Bush we had no expectations, so their miserable treatment of our community was no surprise. But Clinton has made promises to us; he has been described as the first pro-Gay president. His election raised our hearts up high; will his behavior smash them back down? We have more than political hopes for Clinton; we have emotional ones. Sometimes despite ourselves, we want to be part of the American family.

Of course, the world is always improving, albeit slowly. More and more of our families accept us. More and more of our neighbors feel we are okay. More and more of our HIV+ friends are living longer and healthier. But in this time of enforced happiness, when they very air seems to scream "joy to the world," we cannot help but see where joy is missing. Instead of feeling guilty for not "getting into the spirit," we must remember that our feelings, our pain, and our heartbreak are real. Absolutely real.

We must also remember that many other people have reason to be unhappy during this season. The homeless experience little joy as they freeze to death during "white christmas." People with heart problems and other diseases suffer the same fear and misery as people with AIDS and cancer. All over the world, people are oppressed and abused, while our shopping malls continue to preach mindless happiness so that they can take the money from our pockets. No wonder we feel detached and angry. Being Lesbian or Gay leaves little room for the denial necessary to celebrate a world that is often ugly and mean.

And yet: there are many real things we can enjoy, on our own terms. We can be grateful for the time we did have with the friends we have lost and for the friends who are living. We can love those neighborhoods we have invented through Lesbian and Gay groups and organizations. We can celebrate those families we have created with individuals who love us, listen to us, and accept us as we are. And we can fight feelings of helplessness and hopelessness by helping others.



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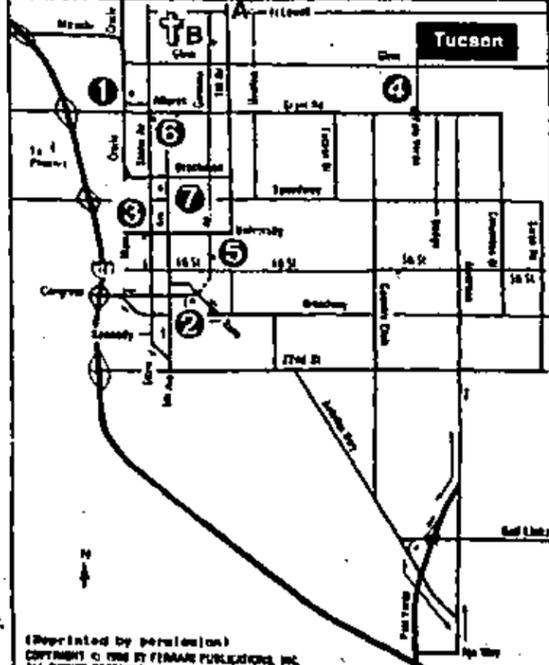
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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

At this time next week, we will all be preparing for the big week end holiday of Christmas. This is the one holiday that makes everyone want to be with someone else, no one wants to be alone on Christmas. Whether there is no Christmas tree decorated with gifts at the base, even if there is no big feast being prepared in the kitchen or even if there is no party being planned, just being with someone fulfills the basic necessity of this holiday. Whether you are with someone or alone, know that God is with you at all times. The Pastoral Staff, the Board of Directors and the entire congregation at MCC-Tucson wishes each and everyone a joyous Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago.

There will be a special Christmas Eve Worship Service held next Thursday

evening at the church. It will be a time to commemorate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and a time to fellowship and communicate with one another. This article will give full details and time schedule next week.

This coming Saturday, December 19th, during Partner's Beer Bust at The Graduate, between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m. MCC-Tucson will be having their final Bake Sale of 1992. There will be many more home baked items for the Christmas holidays. If you have a need for baked items for your holidays or if you just want to indulge, drop by and make your choice.

Thought for the week: Live each day as though it were the only one in your life.

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

There are a lot of Christians in the Gay and Lesbian community who love God and want to serve him, but who remain bound by societal shame, so they are somewhat blinded to the light of the world.

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth will set you free." (John 8:31b-32) Later he states, "I am the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6), explaining his role as intercessor to our heavenly father.

What wondrous love is this to think that our Lord laid down his life's blood that we may have the precious gift of salvation, eternal bliss, if we but humble ourselves and ask his forgiveness for our sins.

True, scripture states that we "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," (Romans 3:23), but the whole point of the gospel of Jesus Christ is to present God's solution to humanity's predicament.

Brothers and Sisters, we need to stop guilt tripping ourselves and each other, and start living in the joy of our salvation! God loves us, or we wouldn't be here in the first place.

In John 10:11, Jesus states that he is the good shepherd and that he lays down his life for the sheep. If God be for us, who can be against us?

Thank God we are part of his fold, and that he has given us the gift of salvation. At this time of Christmas joy, let us remember that Jesus is the best Christmas gift of all!

At Cornerstone Fellowship, we provide Worship Services every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. How about coming over Sunday and sharing in our glad anticipation of Jesus Christ's birthday? You can count on a warm welcome, music, abundant joy, that certain excitement Christians experience when we get together, and maybe, the opportunity of your life to make Jesus your own Lord and Savior! We'll look forward to seeing you and sharing our joy with you. You bet you're welcome! And we'll make sure you know it, too.

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Falwell's Money Woes Cause Some To Lose Faith



Jerry Falwell on the ERA: "God did not make women for NFL football or combat."

LYNCHBURG (AP) - Over the years, as Margaret Durbin watched the Rev. Jerry Falwell on "the Old Time Gospel Hour," she began to view him as "the one televangelist you could trust and believe in."

Captivated by Falwell's unflagging optimism and assurances, Durbin said her husband, retirees in Dallas, invested \$10,000 in his ministry.

They never suspected the ministry was in trouble.

They did not know that Falwell's Liberty University was falling \$73 million in debt, that "The Old Time Gospel Hour" would soon be \$16 million in the red, or that the deed to his Thomas Road Baptist

Church would be in the hands of the federal government.

Or that in 1989, the same year the Durbins made their investment, Falwell would disband the Moral Majority, the political organization with which he had tried to dominate the national agenda, and shut down his national television network.

In the blink of an eye, Falwell had gone from a central figure on the nation's stage to a bit player, burdened by enormous problems.

But how could the Durbins expect all that? After all, Jerry Falwell could make things happen.

Thomas Road Baptist Church, founded in 1956 had grown from 35 mem-

bers to 22,000 and "The Old Time Gospel Hour" was carried on nearly 200 stations. From its founding in 1979 to its demise a decade later, the Moral Majority drew \$69 million dollars in donations from 6 million people.

At the height of his power, Falwell called Ronald Reagan's 1980 election to the presidency "my finest hour" and a "mandate" for the Moral Majority; three years later, U.S. News and World Report listed him as one of the 25 most influential people in America.

But then came the 1987 sex and money scandal that engulfed Jim Bakker. Jimmy Swaggart got caught with a prostitute, twice. Donations dropped off to many televangelists.

Contributions to Falwell's fundamentalist Baptist ministry, for example, slipped from \$135 million in 1986 to below \$100 million the following year. The contributions never rebounded.

"With 20-20 hindsight, if I had known 20 years ago what I know now, I might have slowed down the growth of Liberty," Falwell said in an interview. "But I cannot for the life of me tell you how I would have done it."

"I don't think anyone could have predicted Bakker-Swaggart any more than anyone could have predicted (convicted S&L owner) Charles Keating. Who could have a year ago predicted Ross Perot or Mr. Bush losing? It was an unexpected, unforeseen national calamity when the scandals started."

The Durbins invested in Falwell's church bonds, which are virtually unregulated because of the constitutional separation of church and state. Churches are

allowed to issue bonds more than once under the same mortgage without telling bondholders.

Falwell and issuing companies promoted church bonds as a way to earn high interest, 9 percent to 12 percent. "Your monies then go work building churches and Christian ministries," he wrote a letter to supporters in late 1988.

That same year, the Moral Majority disbanded, Falwell left daily television except for local stations and religious outlets, and 500 people were laid off at his ministries. The Virginia Supreme Court ruled Liberty was pervasively religious and ineligible in long term, tax free bonds from the city of Lynchburg.

The money the Durbins and thousands of other investors thought was going toward capital improvements actually was used to pay off some of the ministry's burgeoning short term debt while Falwell sought long term financing. He never got it.

Liberty hasn't made any significant payments to its primary creditors, including the bondholders, for nearly two years.

The federal savings and loan liquidation agency holds the deed to the Thomas Road Baptist Church, although Falwell said an unnamed local bank has agreed to take over the debt.

Falwell said his ministries have reached bottom, but are rebounding with a seven year plan to repay all debts.

By Christmas, he said, he will be
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POLITICS '92

by Mark Kerr

IT'S OFFICIAL CLINTON WINS!

If you are wondering about the above title. This past Monday, the Electoral College met in the 50 state capitals and the District of Columbia and cast their votes for President and Vice President. In the real election, Bill Clinton received 370 electoral votes and George Bush received 168 electoral votes. The independent candidate, H. Ross Perot, who received 19 million popular votes, did not receive one electoral vote. One elector from Texas had threatened not to cast his vote for Bush, the winner in the State of Texas, as a protest for his policy for Somalia. On January 6th, the Congress will convene to officially count the votes, with Vice President Dan Quayle overseeing the event.

ED MOORE = \$116,000

That was the cost of Ed Moore's race to retain his seat for Supervisor. The Pima County G.O.P. funneled in over \$100,000 to maintain their majority on the Board. His Democratic opponent, former District 11 State Representative John Kromko raised \$34,000 in his bid. Moore's spending broke the record set by Lee Davis who unsuccessfully ran for the GOP nomination in District 4, he spent \$100,000 in his bid.

MOLLY AND MIKE ARE

City Council members Mike Haggerty and Molly McKasson will be seeking re-election for the Tucson City Council. In interviews I had with them last week. Ward 3 Council member Mike Haggerty told me that he will make an announcement in February or March of 1993. Council member McKasson told me Monday that she had leaned toward not running, because she did not have a purpose, but with what has happened with the Mayor and the Council this past summer, she feels that she has found that purpose.

RIGHT WING SEIZES GOP

This occurred last Saturday when the Pima County Republicans held the re-organizational meeting. Former District 10 Chair Kate Lynch, the candidate of the Christian fundamentalists, defeated Ed Parker for the post of Chair, succeeding Linda Barber, who retired after 4 1/2 years in the post. Chuck Josephson, who challenged incumbent Pima County School Superintendent Anita Lohr, was elected

First Vice-Chair. Barber, in a farewell speech pleaded for party unity, and that plea fell on deaf ears when a challenge was made to the seating of right-wing conservative Buchananite, Michael Beehler, who challenged incumbent congressman Jim Kolbe, to the State Committee. The challenge was defeated by a vote of 271-193. Moderates and business owners have expressed reservations and have threatened not to give funding to the county party because of the tilt to the right that the County Party has taken.

END NOTES

A prominent member of our community stated, "Politicians are like drag queens. Once they put on the heels, it's hard to get them off the stage!"

Until next time, politics is usual!

Falwell

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back on 200 stations airing his Sunday service and all of the creditors will have signed onto the refinancing plan. He's talking about revitalizing the Moral Majority next spring.

But Mrs. Durbin doesn't watch Falwell anymore; she is among a group of creditors threatening to foreclose on the university.

"We've lost faith in him," she said.

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I have mentioned it week after week and this is only a final reminder. This Saturday, December 19, at the Graduate, it will be time for this year's TKO Christmas show and Make-A-Wish raffle. Show time will be 8:30 p.m.

Appearing in this show will be Avia Diamond, Kimberly Ryan, Christina De Alexis, Donny (from Rumorz), Jerry and Friends, and coming back - Candace (from the Venture-N).

Every year that TKO has staged this benefit, the Make-A-Wish organization has given us the name of a child with a wish. This year they have given us a 10 year old boy who has leukemia. His wish is that he can have a Toy Shopping Spree. He is hoping he will be able to purchase a Super Nintendo game.



TBBS: It has been awhile since I've overheard anything interesting or worth passing on, when it come to Brenda. Well, just the other day while sitting beside her at the bar, she was told 'Keep Sucking'. I didn't hear the lead in conversation on this one but I'm sure it must of been appealing. Then on this same day, I guess since Terry now has a job he can order in food at the bar. But, to have the delivery boy show up twice, isn't that getting just a little pushy, and the delivery boy was not even his type. I guess times do change along with likes and dislikes. I wonder if the delivery boy was tipped in tokens?

Now we all know David. We have seen him bounce from one to another, anyplace and anytime. Now he is saying, "I need to find an old man." Now that is earth shaking, him being the house boy. And, can you imagine conversations between him and his roommate Bucky? Wouldn't you just love to be a fly on the wall during some of them!

Talk about service above and beyond the call of duty, well I witnessed the ultimate the other night. Ray asked Keith and I out for supper last Saturday evening and we all headed over to Coco's.

Upon entering we were greeted by two different waiters, both wanting to serve Ray.

Gayle, the Server Trainer (whatever the hell that means) won out and led us towards our table. Upon arriving at the table, she said that that table would not work because of Ray's belly, so off to another table. From then on, it was first class service. Why she handed Ray a menu I'll never know because she already knew what he wanted to eat.

Then during the meal, over walks the other waiter, still trying to get us to let him wait on us. I guess when you are a Server Trainer, you call the shots and he lost out.

This gal was something else, spending more time at our table talking than even noticing any other customers arriving. And from the conversation, Keith and I could tell this was by far not the first time she had waited on him.

Yes folks, if you want a little entertainment with your meal, stop by Coco's on Miracle Mile and ask for Gayle. Of course, if you are with Ray and would like to have a glass of water, you are going to have to ask for it because she doesn't serve water.

Then during Saturday afternoon's beer bust, Richard was sitting there and saying he wish he had a 'White Knight, or even a Black Knight'. As luck would have it, he got his 'Black Knight', but there was no shining armor. Be careful what you ask for, Richard, your wish just may come true. To think he now feels part of the Gay community because Bob finally published a picture of him in the paper.

I guess that will be it for this week. I hope everyone has all their Christmas shopping completed and will be able to rest from now until Santa's reindeer digs holes in your roof upon arrival. And may all those balls hanging on your tree be those of your liking, chosen very carefully and safely. Of course they could be yours if you are into pine needle scrapes and pricking!

Bit Of The Old South

by Sean Thomas

This coming Saturday at IBT's, is the AGRA Christmas jamboree Party and Show. It starts at 8 p.m., and it should be a lot of fun. The following day at IBT's will be the general membership meeting, board elections, cookout and beer bust. So, for a country & western Christmas weekend, be at IBT's Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

Things are going well with the Santa Project. For those of you who don't understand this project, it is for the purpose of bringing a little Christmas cheer to people living with HIV and are alone. We are still in desperate need of presents and cash donation. Please contact 770-1710 and leave a message for Sean. Your help is and will be deeply appreciated.

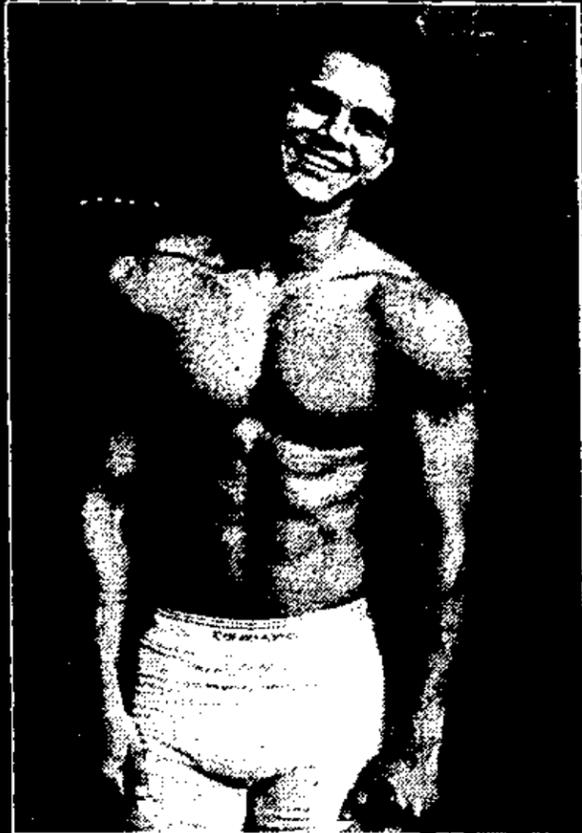
I would like to take this opportunity to thank HDJ for making this the best Holidays of my life. Words cannot express nor imaginations conceive of it in dreams. Thanks.

It is important that we set our expectations in our personal relationships at level that is acceptable, not to those that are around, but to those involved in that relationship. There are those who are not only lovers, but then those are those that are lovers and not best friends. Who are we to say which is right. Semantics are a major problem in the establishment and maintaining relationships. people many times need a handle, a label, a term to define their relationships, when in reality, if people would just relax and let things grow and happen, wonderful and unexpected creations occur. Love has many various faces and the limitation of semantics and guides many times only to serve to stifle the growth of its wonders.

I hope for each and every one of you the most enjoyable and rewarding Holiday Season. May you be blessed with the joy of the holidays and the wonders with which I have been blessed.

'Till next week Sean.

Marky Mark: "Don't Fuck Me!"



Marky Mark's credibility rating increases, especially after that porny Interview spread in February. And, with a recent Face cover story, all the right stuff said to raise him to gay icon status.

"A lot of rappers don't feel it's God's will... but people really do have the right to do what they want. And if [gays] are into me, then cool as long as they don't try to offend me. Yo, if you're gay, you're in the house, just don't do that shit around me! Don't try to fuck me! Bring your sister, though, you can watch!"

This bit of the interview was accompanied by him "now clapping his dick so tight the veins on his arms are sticking out like pipe cleaners."

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

GRADUATE - In addition to the Monthly Partners' Beer Bust here from 2 to 6 p.m., MCC will hold another of their great Bake Sales, plus the usual 2 p.m. Pool Tourney. Then, just when you thought it was about time to go home, the Tucson Knight Owl (TKO) will hold their annual Make-A-Wish benefit Christmas Tree Raffle and show beginning at 8:30. There's a hundred dollar bill attached to the top of the tree so be sure to get your tickets. The show will feature Miss Kimberly Ryan, Cute little Donny from Rumorz, Jewry and Friends, first-runner up in the Mia Gay Arizona Pageant Miss Cristina de Alexia, the Graduate's own Miss Aviva Diamond and a spectacular to end all spectacles, the return of Candis from the Venture-N. A full day of fun, and a full evening of frolic. Be there or be square!

IBT's - AGRA Christmas Jubilee begins at 8:00 p.m. If you're in to cowboys and cowgirls, this one's for you, babe.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

IBT's - The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (Tucson Satellite) will be meeting here today and conduct their general elections plus there will be a cookout on the patio by the group. Come on down and meet the folks. A nicer group you could not find!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

IBT's - The Tucson Desert Coyotes Bowling League will hold their annual Christmas party here. More later.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Desert Voices presents their annual holiday concert entitled "Firsts of Light". Unity of Tucson - Sanctuary, 3617 N. Camino Blanco - south off of River Road between Swan and Craycroft. Tickets at Antigone Books or at the door the night of the concert for \$5.00.

The Family Life Renewal Series will feature a one-day workshop/discussion on "Gay Catholic Issues" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Picture Rocks Retreat, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road. The climate will be one of empathy, understanding, and mutual spiritual support for Lesbians, Gay men and their families and friends. The fee of \$15 includes lunch. To register, call 744-3400 by Thursday, Dec. 17.

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.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 9:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Fellowship, 2902 N. Geronimo. 622-4626 for more information.

Christmas Eve Services will be held here this evening. Watch for times next week.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

Cornerstone Fellowship Games Night and New Year's Eve Service. Games begin at 8:00 p.m., Service at 11:30 p.m. 2902 N. Geronimo. Call 622-4626 for more information.

New Years Eve Black and White Charity Ball will be hosted by the members of Southern Hospitality, and is a benefit for the Lee Thompson Pediatric AIDS Hospice at UMC. All proceeds will go there. It will be held at the Quality Inn University, 1601 N. Oracle. Formal attire is encourage. Tickets are \$20/single or \$35/couple. Ticket cost includes a sit-down formal prime rib dinner, champagne toast at midnight, dancing, entertainment, party favors and cash bar. For more info call Parker 623-6666 or Larry 623-6262 Monday-Friday days or 294-2914 evenings and weekends.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

Crunics, that organization for men 40 and over, will hold its first meeting of the new year today at the MCC Church building, 3269 N. Mountain. The program includes a pot luck dinner and a speaker from the Shaoli Foundation of Tucson. For more information call Merle, 888-7264.

a Lesbian and Gay skate night - "Cheap Skates, Great Fun!" at Skate Country North, 2700 N. Stone Ave. Hours are 6-8 p.m. Admission is \$2 and skate rental is just a buck! See ya there!

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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 Scrws \$1.25 til 7 pm. Country/Western dance instruction 6-8 pm. Country Dance Music 8 to 1.
IBT's - Open soon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, 2 for 1 beer and well drinks. Cookout for community organizations 3 to 6 m. Dancing 9-1
RUMORZ - Open at noon. Sunday brunch soon to 3 pm. Bloody Marys and Scrw 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, \$1.99 to 1
CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99c Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchens 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 soon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm 2 for 1 beer and well drinks, also, 8 pm to midnight, 50c draft beer. Melrow Jazz Mondays 9 to 1
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. 9:00 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. Kitchens 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 75c 7 to close.
IBT's - Open soon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm 2 for 1 beer and well drinks. Also country/western night with Tom Maza, Lessons at 7 pm. Open C/W dancing 9 pm. Bad and Bad Light \$1.50 8 pm to midnight.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. \$1.50 White Well 9 pm to closing.
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. or Taco @ \$1 each. 50c off on everything from 8 pm to close. C/W Dance lessons with Paul 7-9 pm. 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 to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm 2 for 1 beer and well drinks. Seasonal short specials 8 pm to midnight.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. From 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer. From 8 to closing, 75c Schnapps & domestic beer \$1.50.
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 - Anyone in here chest, booz 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 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 soon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm 2 for 1 beer and well drinks. Electric food teas \$2.50 8 pm to midnight. Dance! Dance! Dance!
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. 50c Draft or 75c schnapps 9 pm to closing.
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). "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 soon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm 2 for 1 beer and well drinks. Dance Party Weekend 9 pm to 1 am.
RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. \$1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 until 9:00. Horn D'Occasion. 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. 50c Schnapps 8-1. C/W Dance Lessons with Ricky 7-9 pm. 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 soon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm 2 for 1 beer and well drinks. Dance Party Weekend continues 9pm to 1 am.
RUMORZ - Open Noon. \$1.50 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with David VJ/DJ 9-1.
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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities. Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all). General Meetings every 4th Sunday 6:00 p.m. 422 N. 4th Ave. Information 624-1779.

GAY SUPPORT GROUP: Lesbians and Gay men meet weekly for open discussions (joking, supportive atmosphere). Meetings Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at Praxis in the Foothills Church, Sweet and River Road. Call the church at 299-9033 for information.

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

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Uofa FACULTY AND STAFF for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Equity meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a Brown Bag Lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Room 213 or 215. Open to Uofa faculty and staff concerned about Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues.

ARIZONA/SONORA PROYECTO, S.I.D.A. - AIDS INFO LINE 882-3933. Also seeking volunteers who are bilingual (Spanish/ English) and are interested in presenting information about AIDS in Spanish groups in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Early Intervention Center, 801 West Congress, Tucson, AZ 85719. 770-1314.

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FREE COMPUTER INTRODUCTIONS! The Western Connection Bulletin Board Service. Dial your modem to 602-881-8283 and ask for access to Lambda West - a closed table reserved exclusively for the Gay and Lesbian community.

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

FRONT RUNNERS OF TUCSON meet for fun runs Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in front of the Hummel Park Library, and Sundays at various times and places. For more information call Mitch at 326-3555

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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.

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ARE YOU GAY OR LESBIAN and someone else's drinking is getting to you. Call Priscilla and Referral about Al-Anon 790-8922 in Tucson info about special services 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! Lesbian and Gay youth 23 and under, meet weekly in Tucson for sharing, support and information. You are not alone. Call Randy 882-8986 or 882-8987.

WOMYN'S THIRD FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE meets third Friday of each month at Unitarian Universalist Church 4831 E. 22nd Street. \$3 at door (more if you can, but if not).

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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 323-6228 (Administration).

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GAY OR LESBIAN AND HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM? Call A.A. 624-4183, 24-Hour Hotline. Call for info about Gay and Lesbian meetings in Tucson.

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SOURCES UNLIMITED, a Lesbian & Gay referral service. Business and individual listings are free of charge. All information available to anyone just simply by making. 322-5653. Leave message.

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GAY MEN'S THERAPY GROUP. If it is difficult for you to start or maintain close relationships, this group will focus on enhancing your capacity for intimacy. Call Randy Oberhoff, Ph.D. 623-3190 or Liz Garigan, M.Ed. 293-7886.

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

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

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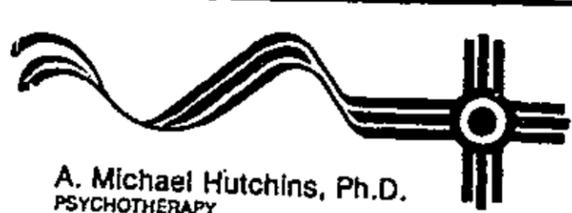
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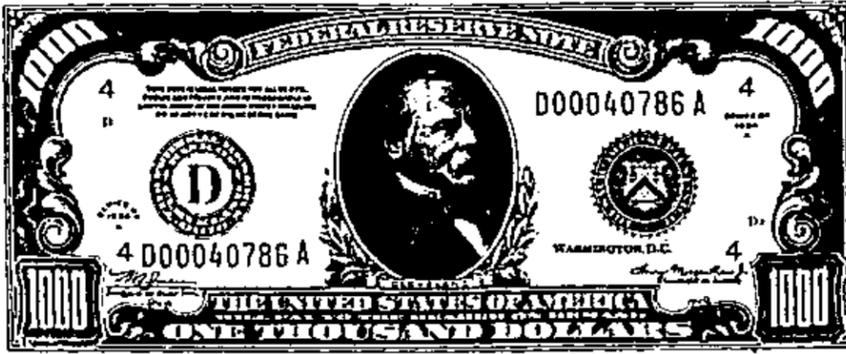
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• Voices •

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with the Oregon Bach Festival. Under his direction, the chorus has been able to form a small vocal ensemble from the large chorus called Pastiche. Pastiche serves as ambassadors from Desert Voices as it performs at community events and activities throughout the season on behalf of the organization. Interested organizations may contact Pastiche to perform at future events.

Desert Voices is a member of GALA Choruses (the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses), an international alliance of over 100 men's, women's, and mixed choruses dedicated to providing leadership and inspiration to the Lesbian and Gay movement through excellence in the choral arts. GALA choruses produces a choral festival every four years, with the next scheduled in Tampa in 1996. GALA Choruses also plans annual conferences for directors and managers, addresses problems of mutual concern, and assists with the sharing of music holdings.

United States member choruses are in Albuquerque, Asheville, Atlanta, Austin, Bakersfield, Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dallas, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Gainesville, Green Bay, Harrisburg, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Lansing, Lexington, Little Rock, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami/Ft. Lauderdale, Milwaukee, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Nashville, New Haven, New Orleans, New York City, North Hollywood, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, Princeton, Rapid City, Richmond Roanoke, Rochester, Sacramento, St. Louis, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Fe, Seattle, Syracuse, Tacoma, Tampa, Washington D.C., West Hollywood, and of course, Tucson. Canadian choruses are in Calgary, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Saskatoon, and Vancouver. Other GALA choruses are located in Berlin, London, and Sydney.

Desert Voices has become more visible in the community as a result of the ensemble's ability to perform at community functions and by their weekly article in *The Observer*. The articles have highlighted efforts to expand our awareness and to share our mission and vision with Tucson's Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual community. Two volunteer groups have been created, comprised of chorus and non-chorus volunteers, who have made a stronger commitment to Desert Voices. These individuals are contributing their extra hours and skills to such groups as the Communications and Public Relations Committee and the Fund Raising Task Force.

These two groups are vital to the organization as they are actively involved in issues and projects which will affect the chorus at the short term level and at the long term level. Their insight is critical to the Board of Directors in making sound management decisions. These two groups are assuming responsibility that will help move the chorus forward in our community. It is the intention of the Board to identify key people to serve as volunteers for the chorus next season and in subsequent seasons. The Board hopes to expand these existing groups and identify new groups which can assist in Desert Voice's mission. There are many leadership opportunities available for those who are willing to contribute their time and talent.

You can support Desert Voices by being in the audience this coming Saturday

night. Now is the time to support you community chorus. The Board of Directors wishes to express its gratitude and sincere appreciation for each participant in the concert, singers, listeners, and volunteers alike, who will make this evening of love, hope and peace possible.

• Arlington •

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lumbia and Montgomery County in Maryland have similar laws.

Under Arlington's ordinance, the county's Human Rights Commission may investigate allegations of discrimination and seek a court order securing compliance from violators, if necessary. The law would exempt religious organizations and landlords of many small rental complexes.

The vote followed an emotional debate in which some homosexual speakers recalled incidents of discrimination, and opponents raised legal and religious objections.

"A person's sexual orientation shouldn't matter," said Jay Fisette, director of Whitman Walker's northern Virginia AIDS clinic. "Discrimination is real. It hurts."

Helen Blackwell, a former county Republican chairman, opposed the measure, arguing that homosexuality is a choice, and not an unchangeable condition, and therefore did not merit legal protection.

Other opponents said the ordinance would violate Virginia state laws, including the Dillon rule, which prohibits local jurisdictions from claiming powers not specifically granted by the state.

Concerns about its legal authority caused the board to omit sexual orientation from its original ordinance, but lawyers for the Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance convinced the board that it was permitted to take the action under county's general powers.

• Conference •

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Spear lead the group in a moment of silence for Ramone Blain, the Montreal City Council member who died this year of complications from AIDS. Once an active member of the conference, Ramon refused to attend last year's meeting in Houston, and said he would not attend any conference in the U.S. until our country lifted its draconian travel restrictions on persons with HIV.

The conference will meet next year in Chicago.

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