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THE VERY BEST FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Diamonds are not the marines best friend

TUCSON - It all started off innocently enough. A benefit show for less privileged children in Tucson. Toy boxes had been set up in all the Gay bars and several other drop-off points. The show had been in rehearsal for about two months. Everything was coming together just like clock work. Cindi Diamond was presenting her 4th annual Christmas Charity show. The show took place before a packed house last Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Joshua Tree. It was a dynamic show with loads of energy and plenty of excellent talent. Pictures of the event appear on page five of this issue.

Special guests were invited including members of the straight media. Marilyn Evans, a Tucson Citizen staff writer was invited because she gave the Gay community great coverage at the Gay Pride Picnic last June. When she learned that the benefit was to be in conjunction with the Marine Corps Reserve "Toys For Tots" campaign, but the Gays had to give the donations anonymously because the Marines did not want to be associated with homosexuality, she decided to make that the main thrust of her article. To say that it stirred up a little dust that has yet to settle, is putting it mildly. The morning paper, The Arizona Daily Star, added a little fuel to the fire, the Associated Press picked up the story and fed it out on their line their affiliates throughout the country. Many local organizations have been calling offering their assistance in distributing the toys and at presstime it is still undecided as to just who will get the some \$2,000 in cash and toys for distribution.

Headlines reading, "Marines discourage cash from Gay show," and "Gays have toys, but no takers," appeared. The local marine, who is in charge of the "Toys for Tots" drive, Capt. Herschel Ezell, stated, "We've got some pretty specific guidelines" in collecting toys. "We are not supposed to be associated with any business or group that would be construed as an endorsement of a product or a lifestyle," he said. "The Marine Corps policy is still that if a person is a known homosexual, he is discharged. We would prefer that they donate the toys anonymously," he said, "or, if that is a problem, they could donate the toys to another organization whose regulations would give them more freedom." In past years, the Tucson Gay community has held the benefit, but placed the toys collected anonymously into the designated barrels at grocery stores, car dealerships and the Marine Corps Reserve.

So, for the past three years at least, the needy children have been "tainted" with toys for tots from Gays anyway. This year, however, the tenth anniversary of the Stonewall riot, it was decided to be more upfront, and show the entire Tucson community that it is entirely possible that Gays do have something constructive to offer. The fact that so many organizations have offered assistance, shows that not all of the Tucson community is bigoted.

A special thanks goes to all who made this years toy drive such a success.



Romney says ERA lures perverts

DETROIT (AP) - George Romney says the equal rights movement has attracted "moral perverts" who want to undermine the very family the Mormon Church is striving to enrich. The 72-year-old former Michigan governor and retired president of American Motors Corp. is a prominent member of the church, which opposes the proposed Equal Rights Amendment on grounds it could lead to destruction of the family.

He told the Detroit News that the amendment is "basically the product" of many individuals who have made a concerted attack on the family and morality. "At an international women's year meeting," Romney said, "lesbians and homosexuals and the moral perverts (cited) this amendment as a means of eliminating any basis of moral criticism." The ERA might be less offensive, Romney suggested, if it was not intended to support "perverted and improper sexual conduct" nor to eliminate "needed protection against the abuse of women."

Romney said he supports his church's decision to excommunicate feminist Sonia Johnson earlier this month. Church officials said Mrs. Johnson's staunch backing of the ERA was not the reason for her excommunication. Rather, they said, the action was taken because of her attack on the church and its leadership while she campaigned for the ERA. Thirty-five states have ratified the amendment. It must be approved by three more by June 30, 1982, to become part of the Constitution.



News Briefs

U.S. JUDGE REJECTS GAY MARRIAGE IN IMMIGRATION CASE

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A federal judge, acting in a case where two men claimed to be legally married, ruled Monday, Dec. 17, that same-sex marriages are invalid - saying the word "spouse" means a relationship between a man and a woman. One of the men, Anthony Sullivan, said the ruling denies homosexuals due process and equal protection of the law. He said the decision by U.S. District Judge Irving Hill probably will be appealed.

Hill's ruling upheld an Immigration and Naturalization Service denial of Sullivan's permanent immigrant application as a spouse. "You have failed to establish a bona fide marital relationship can exist between faggots," the letter said.

Sullivan, who is from Australia and Richard Adams obtained a marriage license and were married in Boulder, Colo., in 1975. Sullivan later sought permanent immigrant status as the spouse of a citizen.

NON-FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS INCREASE

WASHINGTON, DC (GCN) - The U.S. Census Bureau has reported that one in every four American households consists of people living alone or with an unrelated person, an increase of 66 percent in such arrangements since 1970. The Bureau also reported that more than 10 percent of all households are headed by women, an increase of 32 percent over the past 10 years. The report stated that "the proportion of family households maintained by a woman with no husband in the home is eight percent for whites, 16 percent for Hispanics and 29 percent for blacks.

The number of white men living alone or with an unrelated person increased 103 percent since 1970. Black men in such arrangements rose by 77 percent, and Hispanics were up by 109 percent. Increases among women living alone or with an unrelated person were smaller; white women rose by 48 percent, black women were up by 53 percent and Hispanic women increased by 73 percent.

N.O.W. CONTROVERSY

LOS ANGELES, CA (GPU) - Amid charges that the National Organization for Women (NOW) is abandoning feminist principles and lesbian rights to become a "mainstream" organization, a number of well-known lesbian members are threatening to disassociate themselves from NOW. Lesbian activists Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon have both announced that they intend to let their memberships expire.

WE BEG YOUR PARDON!

In last week's issue of AGN, we printed a lengthy article concerning the Connection Ice Show and a Photo essay on the same event. We neglected however to give proper credit where it so rightfully belonged.

Pat Williams did the research and wrote the informative story and Eric Castro did the excellent photo story.

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TSONGAS INTRODUCES RIGHTS BILL

WASHINGTON, DC (GCN) - A bill which seeks to amend Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include the term "sexual orientation" and which would prohibit employment discrimination on that basis was introduced Dec. 5 by Sen. Paul Tsongas (D-MA). Co-sponsors of the measure are Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY) and Lowell P. Weicker (R-CT). If approved, the measure will provide legal recourse for those persons who are dismissed from or denied jobs because they are homosexual, bisexual or heterosexual.

"My bill simply provides a legal recourse for persons fired or denied jobs because of this aspect of their private lives," Tsongas said. "It is consistent with strong public disapproval of government intrusion in the private lives of Americans."

"The issue is simple," he said. "Every American must have an equal right to a job based on his or her ability. Sexual orientation is essentially a private matter that should have nothing to do with job performance. Despite the issue's sensitivity, it is fundamentally a matter of equal rights under the law."

WOMEN IN COMBAT ROLES OPPOSED

WASHINGTON, DC (GCN) - A week of hearings just concluded has made it clear that neither the Congress nor the Carter administration is prepared to allow women military combat roles. In order, however, to maximize opportunities for career advancement, both are considering expanded opportunities for women in combat-support positions.

The Carter administration which wants Congress to rescind its ban on women in combat, met resistance from the House Military Personnel Subcommittee, which made it clear during the hearings that it had no intention of placing women in combat roles. Witnesses were asked, however, for suggestions as to how to give women more combat-related jobs in order to further their careers.

Rep. Richard C. White (D-TX), chair of the subcommittee, suggested legislation to remove the combat ban but declaring a Congressional policy which would permit the President to authorize the use of women in combat only as a last resort to defend the American soil.

BROWN APPOINTS LESBIAN TO POST

SACRAMENTO, CA (UPI) - Governor Jerry Brown has named lesbian Ivy Bottini of Los Angeles to the California Commission on Aging, the governor's office announced last week. It was the second appointment of a homosexual in recent months by Brown, who is openly seeking the Gay vote in his Democratic presidential campaign.

In September, Brown named Stephen Lachs to the bench of Los Angeles Superior court (AGN, 28 Sept.) making him California's first known homosexual judge. Gubernatorial aides subsequently confirmed Brown had named at least one other homosexual to a state post.

Ms. Bottini, 53, is a Democrat and a member of the board of trustees of Friends of the Gay Community Services Center of Los Angeles. She has worked as an artist and a professional comedienne. She now sells real estate.

AGN STAFFER TO LEAVE

PHOENIX - AGN extends a fond farewell this holiday season to Michael Morrow. Mike has served as AGN/Phoenix photographer during the last half of 1979, during which time his outstanding work has appeared frequently on our pages. His final photography appears in this issue -- pictures of the Connection's Christmas Ice Show, and of the holiday entertainment at the Unlimited Lounge. Mike is leaving Arizona to accept a new business position in Dallas, Texas. We thank him very much for his contributions and wish him well.

ARC G.E.D. CLASSES POSTPONED

PHOENIX - The G.E.D. classes held every Monday at the Alternative Relations Center will be discontinued during the holiday season. They are scheduled to be reconvened on Monday, January 7, 1980.

BOY STABBED AFTER NAME-CALLING

NEWARK, NJ (GCN) - a 10-year-old boy is being held in the Essex County Youth House after having been charged in the stabbing death of an 8-year-old boy who allegedly called him a "sissy." A judge has ruled that the boy must remain in custody until he is tried. Authorities said that Robert Kratic was stabbed in the back by the unidentified boy, who reportedly used a six-inch steak knife as a weapon. Kratic died near the spot where he had been involved in a game of touch football.

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Gay voting power demonstrated

by Ronald D. Moskowitz

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco's large bloc of Gay votes was credited with being a key element in electing Mayor Dianne Feinstein and with re-electing the city's Gay supervisor. Several political consultants and candidates said the Gay vote made a critical difference in the election.

An independent poll taken election day, December 11, by Public Response Associates, a political research firm, indicated that 15 to 18 percent of those who voted in the city were Gay or bisexual, and that in District 5, where Harry Britt was the city's only supervisor to win re-election, Gays made up between 35 and 40 percent of the vote. The poll also offered strong evidence that Gays voted in a bloc all over the city, with an estimated 80 percent casting ballots for Feinstein. "There are enough Gay votes to make or break a candidate," said Gene Bregman of Public Response Associates, which was commissioned by KGO-TV to do the poll.

If Quentin Kopp had won the Gay's 80 percent, he'd be mayor today," Bregman said. "Without the Gays, Feinstein couldn't have won the election." Don Bradley, who ran the mayor's campaign, wouldn't go that far in crediting Gays for Feinstein's win. Instead, he said, a coalition of Gays, blacks and other minorities elected her. But he agreed that his candidate "did quite well with the Gay vote," and said his research indicated that 71 percent of those who had voted in the primary for Gay mayoral candidate David Scott voted for Feinstein in the run-off. "Dianne had the lesbian vote all along," Bradley said. "It was the male homosexual vote that came over between the primary and the Tuesday (Dec. 11) election."

Clint Reilly, who managed challenger Quentin Kopp's campaign agreed with Bradley that it was a coalition which helped elect the mayor. "I would agree the Gay vote had some significance," Reilly said. "It is pretty irrefutable there was 'a vote' out there, primarily Gay-liberal, but not exclusively Gay." "People tend to vote for the candidate that comes closest to their own political spectrum," Reilly said. "Gays understood that neither candidate was anti-Gay, but they saw Dianne's politics as being closer to their own than Quentin's." Pollster Bregman said his firm had 1784 representative but anonymous voters fill out forms as they left their polling places. One of the last questions asked whether the voter was either Gay or bisexual.

Citywide, 12 percent said they were Gay or bisexual and another 8 percent refused to state. Because the 8 percent included straights who resented the question, and Gays who didn't want to reveal their sexual preference, Bregman said it would be "safe to say anywhere between 15 and 18 percent of the voters were either Gay or bisexual." In District 5, which includes the Castro, Upper Market, Noe Valley and Haight-Ashbury areas, 30 percent said they were Gay, and another 9 percent refused to state, leading Bregman to conclude that about 35 percent who voted there were Gay or bisexual.

David Scott (the Gay who ran for Mayor in November) showed in the primary that it is not enough to be Gay to win an election in San Francisco," Bregman said. Supervisor Britt noted that his District 5 gave Mayor Feinstein her biggest plurality of any of the 11 supervisorial districts. Clearly, Mayor Feinstein "got the lion's share of our vote, and I don't see how that can be anything but significant," Britt said. Britt and Scott, who threw his support to Feinstein in the run-off, said the Gay community began showing solid support for the mayor only after she appeared November 20 in a debate with Kopp before the Harvey Milk Democratic Club, and it had endorsed her. Scott said Kopp made the same mistakes Barbegelata did in 1975 by refusing to recognize the real issues of the Gay community. "It takes more to become mayor than walking by a Gay bar and blowing kisses," Scott said.

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Your Marc in the Stars

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please you. You'll have mixed feeling re a loved one or other close ally as the weekend of the 29th draws to close.

**Virgo: August 23 to September 22**

From now until the end of the holiday season, you'll be more aware than ever of the importance of love in your life. It's about time. Singles may meet a new romantic interest. Between you and those close to you, you're apt to be in the midst of a last-minute hustle and bustle about holiday arrangements. Open gifts early on Christmas morning brings a happy surprise. Don't be careless in personal activities. A fine trend encourages furthering interests with a loved one. On New Years Eve you have to make an important decision between what's right and what's wrong for you.

**Libra: September 23 to October 23**

Romance is favored. Teamwork makes it a lot easier to accomplish last minute holiday chores. If you play your cards right an early Christmas A.M. financial development, possibly a surprise gift, dominate the day. It's in your best interest to defer to your mate or others now. Be careful of trusting background luck. Practical responsibilities are accented, with an especially fortunate trend where financial dealings with others are concerned. Be very conservative about New Years Eve spending, you can still have a good time.

**Scorpio: October 24 to November 22**

From now until the holiday season ends, expect stepped up communications, visiting, or traveling about in your vicinity. Home life will be active and congenial. The accent is on boosting affectional ties and toning down misunderstandings when they arise. A serious miscalculation about money throws a monkey wrench into social plans. It'll be best to let cool heads prevail if there are any loose ends remaining from Christmas Day social mix-up. The week ends coincides with an upsurge in your social life. Happy events revolve around your mate or friends. For single scorpio's a new attraction is possible. Troubles in connection with a close companion curtail your freedom of action. Financial matters till demand attention, but don't let problems stand in the way of bringing in the New Year properly.

**Sagittarius: November 23 to December 21**

From now on until the end of the holiday season, finances will be a most important consideration. An upsetting breakdown in communications can start off on the wrong foot. Domestic affairs can be very rewarding. A tuf-of-war between business responsibilities and domestic matters creates a dilemma. Avoid impractical or hasty judgements now. Touchiness in relationships with loved ones, over a private matter end tension by compromising. You may have to resolve a confusing misunderstanding before you can proceed with New Years festivities on New Years Eve.

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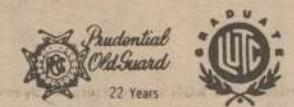
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PERSPECTIVE - CONTINUED FROM TEN

fallen in love (oh, so hard) once. I have made several Gay friends, and been to most of the bars, which still retain their power to thrill me.

So, what's so great about coming out? Because, instead of looking forward to dying alone in a cold, cold bed, I know there are many "Mr. Rights." And while I'm waiting for them, instead of loneliness, I have friends. I have shared community with my Gay brothers and sisters and it is a rush no company will ever get in a bottle. I have run into friends from years ago and relished the joy of a new common bond. I have seen kids 15 years younger than myself unabashedly out, and I delight that they will not waste as many lonely years as I.

I have come close to tears at seeing a Gay brother passing out in a bar from an overdose of alcohol, and wondering at his secret hurt, have wanted to take him in my arms and comfort him. I have accepted my sexuality and with it my whole self. I often wonder if Brian has been as fortunate. I hope so. It's been one hell of a year.

What will happen in the future, I don't know. I haven't yet met Mr. Right - and there's still a large, empty room reserved in my heart for him. I've become somewhat active in Gay civic and political activities and will do more. I have a lot of anger to work off. A few days ago, someone was describing how another Gay was having trouble coping with religious guilt. My first thought was "how trivial to be hung up on that." How soon we forget.

So, my friends in the closet, come out as fast and as far as you can. The closets are full of mold and loneliness and death. Your brothers and sisters are waiting to welcome you outside. I still don't know what the future will bring, but I know I'm free and Gay and proud.

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RICK F. a wild turkey

CARYL L. a direct flight to Tucson.

BILL J. unsensitive tits.

DALE Mc. a job.

JAN R. the honeymoon to last forever.

RALPH G. an organ just like John's.

MARK W. AND NEAL B. the chance to kiss without anyone seeing.

MURRAY AND MIKE genuine leather sheets.

BARNEY R. someone who is into toes.

FRED Y. a nursery school.

JOHN wants to find the pants he lost.

DOC the chance to organize another show.

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Artist causes stir

SAN ANTONIO, TX (UpDate) - San Antonio's first Gay male art show ran as a page one story in the *San Antonio News* -- in a scandal column. Jim Eggeling, the artist, a well-known supporter of Gay human rights who was fired from his teaching job with a local school district for supporting Gay rights, presented an exhibit of paintings and drawings of the adolescent male nude in charcoal, ink, conte', acrylic and poly-chromatic gesso. According to the artist, the exhibit was a serious attempt to present the sensibilities of a Gay male artist to a group of friends -- men and women -- at a private, invitation-only showing.

However, Eggeling's invitation was posted on the student bulletin board in the psychology department of San Antonio College. A psychology student noticed it and wrote to the *San Antonio News* that he took umbrage "at finding something like this in our psychology department. I have a 12-year-old son, and if I ever find him involved in such activity, there will be two less spherical objects for the 'artist' to capture on canvas."

Asked about the statement, the artist replied, "I have often wondered about the quality of education in San Antonio, but to find students of psychology advocating castration as a meaningful childrearing practice is appalling; I think it says something about the homophobia and violence which our institutions of higher learning do little to address or change.

Numbers rackets makes it big

CHICAGO (SGN) - If you think something funny is going on with crowd size estimates, you are not alone. The *Chicago Tribune* did not believe Chicago officials' estimates that 1.75 million people came to see the Pope when he was visiting Chicago, and asked crowd control and aerial photography experts to take a second head count from high-quality aerial photos taken during the event. The newspaper reports the latest estimate of the papal crowd from these experts ranged from a low 65,000 to 350,000 at most.

Gays felt the political might of crowd estimation last month during the National March on Washington when estimations by different departments ranged from 25,000 to 75,000 at most. Pro-Gay observers of the March said that well over 100,000 had attended.

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MISS POLLY new rules to run her own business.

DAVE P. a lover that works.

MAX Y. a course in "Getting Along With Gays."

JOHN H. an extra set of hands.

J.B. a Sherman tank.

TURBO DICKIE more long lunches on Friday

STUART S. more wet!!

DEL S. the best of both worlds.

DAISEY H. the best of one world.

JOHN T. his own world.

THE WHORES ON THE HILL a week off to check the linen.

TONY C. a new doorbell to resume his doorbell trade.

TEDDY I. a current license plate for his car.

MISS VICKIE more wear than wash out of his wedding dress.

GEORGE R. to do all the things people says he does.

GENE Z. a night alone with George R.

CINDI D. something that doesn't make news or a copy of the Marine Marching Band album.

MATT M. to be married to David T. and not Cindi D.

ROY H. everything in Phoenix he didn't find in Tucson.

DIAMOND DANCERS to wear those tight red satin pants all the time.

MONTE-JON to take measurements for more tight red satin pants.

EDDIE AND DON the same address for a whole year.

DANI R. no more fat jokes.

LADY C. no more jokes.

PENNY H. a husband with no temper.

BRENDA STARR a real shooting star.

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BRUCE D. his old tricks not to meet Leo.

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GEORGE M. someone to understand him.

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TONY C. something classy for any leaf.

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AL K. more clothes to hide.

ZIRCON JOE another Zircon.

BILLY JOE the clap (just teasing!)

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T.J. more grey hair and disco dance lessons.

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MARK S. a new GQ magazine.

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BOB E. a keg of Coors.

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STEVE M. to have Tommy S. home on time.

JO JO to be as wild in Tucson as he is in Phoenix.

WARNER J. an air line.

TOM H. some real Southern Comfort.

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JIM R. free movies at the bookstore.

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PHIL H. for Jimmy to come back to Tucson soon.

PHIL J. a true love.

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JOHN S. a husband now that graduation is over.

BILL C. Eddie W.

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SALLY B. a wedding date.

MARK L. another night in St. James Park.

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LOIS a trip to Vegas that lasts longer than 12 hours.

JOHN KONG - his Fay Raye.

MAVIS a beauty queen title.

BIG CUPBOARD someone who thinks he has a little one.

PETER W. the chance to forget Lillian Russel.

FUN TYM JIM more customers like Stuart.

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As for public restrooms, courts in California, Maryland, Minnesota and Texas have made 10 separate rulings that persons in toilet stalls have a right to expect some degree of privacy. The apparent sole contrary case came from Prince William County, Va., where there are public restrooms on either side of U.S. 66. The state has equipped the stalls' half-doors with locks, presumably to ensure privacy. But state troopers concealed in the attic can watch them through fake cooling and heating vents with adjustable louvers and dummy grates. Late one weekend night in October 1977, two troopers, staked out in the restrooms in response to complaints that homosexuals regularly were taking over the stalls, saw sodomy committed and arrested three northern Virginia men.

The defense filed motions to suppress the evidence on the ground that the troopers had obtained it with unconstitutional intrusion into privacy as defined by the Supreme Court in 1967, in Katz vs. U.S. In that case, FBI agents, suspecting Charles Katz of using a particular public telephone to transmit gambling information across a state line, put a surveillance device on top of the booth, but turned it on only when he used it. By contrast, the troopers' stall surveillance was wholesale. Ruling 8-1 that the Katz surveillance had violated the Fourth Amendment's guarantee against unreasonable searches, the court said it "protects people" not places.

Relying on this, the Virginians' attorney, James M. Lowe, argued that one's expectation of privacy in an enclosed phone booth is "precisely equivalent" to one's expectation of privacy in an enclosed stall. Disagreeing, Commonwealth Attorney Paul L. Ebert argued that a stall occupant's "only justifiable expectation . . . is that he can employ (it) free from the gaze of the opposite sex. At Stanford University Law School, a privacy expert termed Ebert's view "ridiculous." But it prevailed with Prince William Judge Arthur W. Sinclair, who held the Katz ruling "inapplicable."

Merry Christmas and
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High court shuns issue of homosexual rights

WASHINGTON, DC - In Virginia police on the lookout for homosexuals legally can spy on persons using public restrooms. In other states, that would be illegal. In seven Midwestern states, public universities are under court order to make campus meeting rooms available for discussions of homosexuality on the same basis as other topics. In other states, that order does not apply. In Oregon, a teacher who had engaged in no open homosexual conduct was fired for being a homosexual. In Delaware, that would not have happened. These helter-skelter patterns result from the U.S. Supreme Court's continuous refusal in recent years to hear cases involving homosexual rights.

The lower courts have been divided on the issues. But the Supreme Court has maintained silence. The court majority may view homosexual cases as a non-viable situation in which restrictive rulings could endanger constitutional rights while expansive rulings could incite public wrath.

In 1977, without comment, the court disposed of the case of James M. Gaylord, who for 13 years had taught an elective course in a high school in Tacoma, Washington. He never had been charged with any homosexual act or behavior. His professional record was excellent. One day, a troubled, apparently homosexual student -- not a student of Gaylord's, -- came to talk to the teacher. About a year later, the student voiced the suspicion to the vice principal that Gaylord was a homosexual. Confronted, Gaylord admitted he was. The School Board then fired Gaylord, saying its rules prohibited homosexuals from teaching. The Washington State Supreme Court upheld the dismissal. Gaylord, represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, sought review, but the Supreme Court denied it without comment.

A Gay liberation organization sought permission from the University of Missouri to use campus facilities for "dialogues." Denying the request, the university said Gay Lib forums could induce "imminent violations" of Missouri's "crimes against nature" law. In a 2-1 ruling, the 8th U.S. Court of Appeals held that the university had infringed upon the organization's First Amendment rights.

Unlimited Christmas Party

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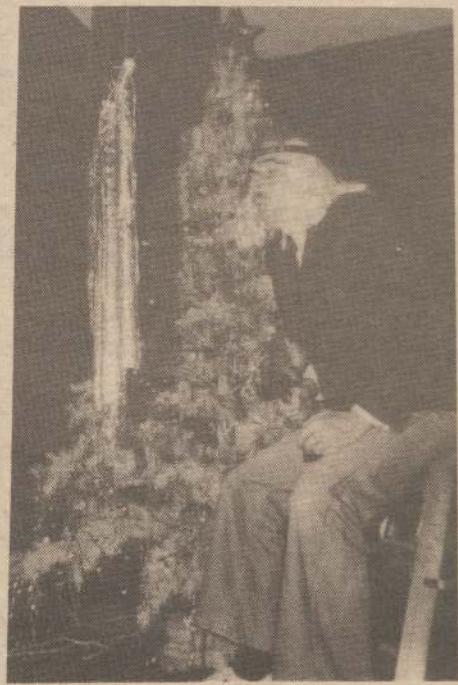
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PHOENIX - It was standing room only last Sunday evening, Dec. 16, at Phoenix's Unlimited bar for a fun-filled evening of live Christmas-themed entertainment. Santa Claus and Rudolph were on hand to add to the merriment along with numerous other acts as you can see.

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"And a little Child shall lead them"

As the hallowed day of Nativity approaches, I am pleased to note that, being one of the more literate of the avian creatures, I took typewriter in hand and wrote my annual greetings to the red-jacketed gentleman at the North Pole. Inasmuch as most of my fellow birds are less able to speak for themselves, I made requests on their behalf. For the Bald Eagle I ordered a featherpiece to adorn his head. For Mynah Bird, a series of private consultations for identity establishment. I requested bulletproof vests for the Quails and Ducks, and a year's supply of soda crackers for my Parrot cousins. Pelican needs an extra large supply of Scope, and wouldn't Penguin look great with a top hat and nice warm black cape? And dear Santa Claws, Stork has some pretty heavy burdens to carry - how about lightening them some? And if it wouldn't be too frivolous, a nice pair of sun glasses would be a great help to cousin Owl, plus a good supply of young chickens for Hawk. And for myself, Santa, some lighter fluid would be appreciated. Thank you.

BAR HOPPING: I have very few special notes for this Christmas weekend. Mostly it will be yuletiding among the large selection of spectacularly decorated bars that Phoenix has to offer. They are all beautiful! Unlimited will be closed on Xmas Eve, and open on Xmas Day at 1:00 in the afternoon. Boardwalk will have its usual Monday night beer bust on Xmas Eve, and hold a special Xmas Night beer bust as well. The Sportsman will offer a free Christmas dinner buffet on Tuesday afternoon. And don't forget to remember this Christmas all the lovely bartenders around town who have done so much to help you make it through a rough year!

OFFICLAW COMMENTS: I am going to miss my old Buddy Bob Rabe, who is leaving Nu Towne Saloon to embark on a 6-month course in refrigeration and a new career. I wish him best of everything. And speaking of Nu Towne, welcome to the newest member of the bartender family there - David, young and most attractive. . . . And here is a special note: for your 2nd Day of Xmas pleasure, on Wednesday (Dec/ 26), T&J Salon downtown will present Lady Casondra as guest bartender. If she tosses drinks anything like she performs, your holiday hangovers will be in good hands! Congratulations once again to Dale Williams for his marvelous "Fantasy on Ice" Christmas presentation to the community last weekend. Storybook characters mixed with street gang fights (West Side Story), the Ballet of the Slaves and a nearly-big-as-life Bette Davis, plus Miss Piggy and the Muppets, made this an unforgettable yuletide experience. Thanks to all for the weeks of hard work that went into it and the fine results!

A rather shocking new development has come to the attention of my bird brain. According to an article in the local Phoenix paper, there's a new trend in Christmas decorating - stuffed birds(!) bought from taxidermists at several hundreds of dollars, depending on species. Anyone who thinks that a stuffed dead carcass is within the spirit of Christ's birth should have a visit from me. I will show them something a live bird can do which a dead one cannot do!

Old records indicate the birth of Christ was celebrated on various dates until the third century. Finally, Pope Julius I authorized an investigation into the probable birth date, and December 25 was selected in 353 A.D. The first feast of the Nativity was held in Rome. Now you know why we do it when we do!

As the bells peal once again to herald the commemoration of the birth of the Infant at Bethlehem some 1979 years ago, may the joyous spirit of the occasion embrace you in a mantle of peace and brotherhood! Venite adoremus.

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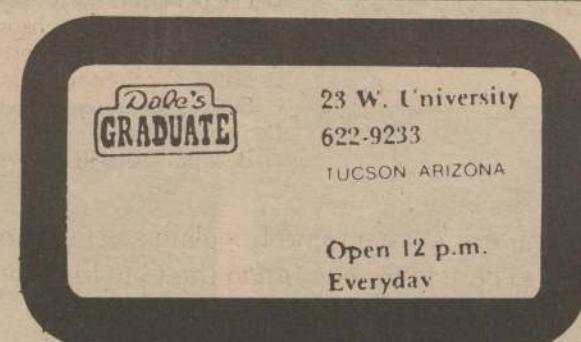
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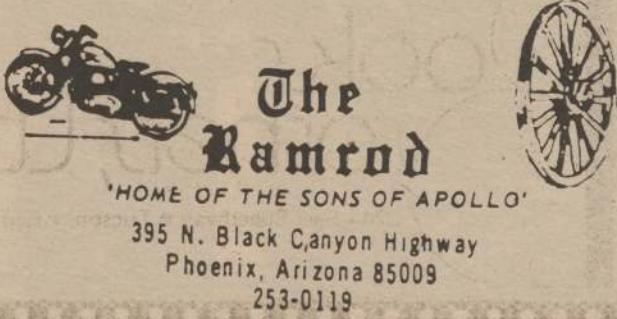
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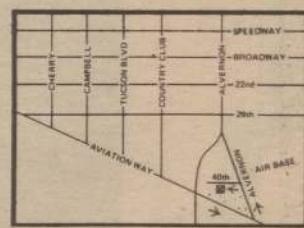
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Your Marc in the Stars

This is the last horoscope for 1979. It has been a pleasure doing these for you since this past September. I know I have made some good forecasts for all of you and needless to say, we have all had some bad ones too. I wish to express to all my readers a very Blessed and Merry Christmas, may it be spent the best way possible and in love and go od tidings with all the ones you wish to be with and be the best one ever. Thank you.

Capricorn: December 22 to January 19

Your dynamic trend continues, an augury for added popularity and prestige during the up coming weeks. Important news or information increases your self esteem. A last minute change of holiday plans can gum up the works and cause a private misunderstanding or disappointment. A string of home problems can be annoying. On the weekend of the 28th it looks promising for affectional ties and recreational pleasures. Be cautious about your health and spending. Use a conservative approach to welcoming the NEW YEAR.

Aquarius: January 20 to February 18

Accent is on social aspects, a noticeable rise in popularity brings numerous invitations during the holiday season. Don't allow a friend to meddle in your financial affairs, it may cause a rift with a third party. Be very realistic. Family or property matters and financial affairs benefit from good luck.

Pisces: February 19 to March 20

Things continue to bubble on the social scene, be tactful with irksome people or annoying interferences. You'll become self confident and willing to lead the way quietly. Don't attempt too much at the last minute, all signs point to a mishap re business affairs. News from a distant, perhaps about an unexpected visit on Christmas gives you a good feeling. A few financial problems could occur in connection with holiday spending, your mate or lover could be at odds over bill or mistake in accounting. Side step extravagance or promising others more than you can deliver, be practical. Concentrate on having a good time New Years Eve.

Aries: March 21 to April 19

Be ready to leap into a task or project that seems too good to be true. You could be making a terrible mistake if you don't. Any attempt to have things your own way, especially at work, creates problems. Be on the lookout for any circumstances that encourage extravagance. Grasp a chance to improve work or earnings. Group contacts are stimulating, but news related to a project is misleading. Doubts abound about a proposal or the workload is too heavy for you now.

Taurus: April 20 to May 20

If you feel you have a firmer grip on things, it's because you found it, it's because your outlook is more hardheaded. Compromise differences and get rid of loose ends. Put your expectations on reality. You will be touchier than usual. Holiday chores tend to keep you in a happy mood. Festivities give you a lift. After what appears to be a sudden difference with someone close, consideration for others feelings brings a workable solution. Keep thoughts about income or business matters to yourself, as you're apt to have a change of mind later. You may lose sleep on thoughts of how much it's going to cost you New Years Eve. Find a way to economize without hindering chances for a good time.

Gemini: May 21 to June 20

You may have an itch for a change of scenery during the holiday season news or the expense involved could cause some second thoughts. Troubles are minor and can easily be resolved so don't let tension get to you. Keep activities within practical guidelines. If you respond to a subtle trend, you can be a winner where your social life or romantic aspirations are concerned. Disturbing developments can throw a monkey wrench into your attempts to clear the decks for New Years celebration. Plunge into the social scene with renewed spirit. Remember you only have so much energy, so pace yourself accordingly. Take troubles in stride is the answer.

CANCER: June 21 to July 22

If an important financial decision is pending, favorable trends can throw some light on the subject. Excellent time for you and others to review mutual interest. There's likely to be a last-minute mix-up concerning holiday travel or other arrangements. Do not gloss over important details that could make things worse. Give others the benefit of the doubt in business situations. This is one of your better weeks where engaging in social life or achieving an important aim is concerned. Make an early New Years resolution about putting your best foot forward regarding affectional ties. You might have occasion to welcome a former friend back into the fold.

Leo: July 23 to August 22

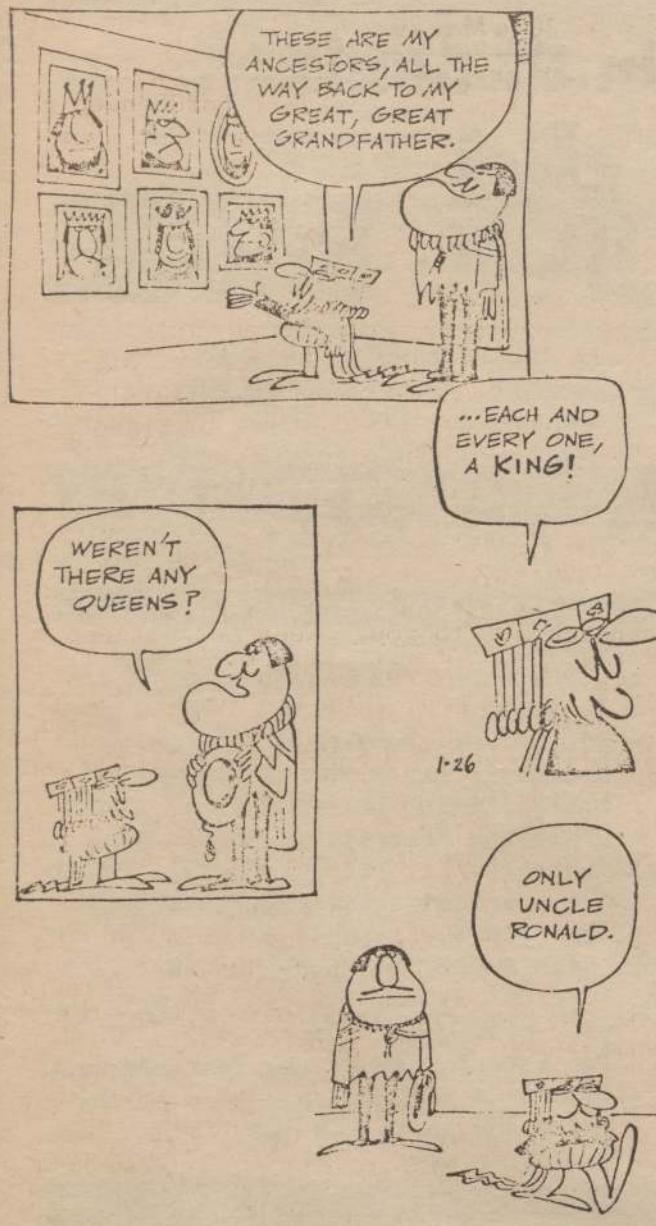
You're likely to have a pleasant inspiration in regard to someone close or an entertainment plan. Don't argue about slip-ups in holiday arrangements. There is a need to keep close watch on the purse strings now. News from a distance might upset some sort of a holiday plan; perhaps there will be travel expenses that hadn't been considered. Be careful of emotional resentment or suspicion that could be aroused when you make a decision. Business and money prospects

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And she did her best to entertain too, sometimes exceptional and sometimes not so good, but she always did. To mention all those memorable moments that happened up on that stage would take the use of this entire newspaper, but most of us can look back and recall the ones that were special to us. But the show was but a part of the Casa feeling; for the Casa's best product was the togetherness it sold so well. And, although, with the passing of time, she turned from a sprightly young miss into a grand old lady, she never once lost her class.

Yes, she's a parking lot now, but the memories she carries for so many of us will always keep her alive and smiling in our hearts. No, there are not very many places in Phoenix or anywhere that will ever be able to match the memories and love that Lady Casa had. And there aren't many parking lots in this world that will be passed each day where someone will slow down just a little, look, smile and remember.

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Under 1977 legislation, all veterans or the next of kin of any veterans discharged before 1965 with an undesirable or "blue" discharge certificate have a limited opportunity to apply to a discharge review board to seek a change in discharge status. The ACLU estimates that only one-tenth of one percent of those eligible to apply have done so.

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PARTY-PARTY-PARTY- that's what we are having after the service Sunday night. Everyone is welcome.

Pastor Jim is going to be at the MCC/Truth Chapel Christmas Eve Services to assist Rev. Bern David on Monday night. We urge everyone to be there for that special occasion.

Quote -- There is very little difference between men, but that little is enough.

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Holy Trinity Community Church's Christmas Service, a Christmas cantata, will be Sunday night at 7:30.

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A break-through was made this past week on Christian radio in Phoenix. Fred Pattison, pastor of Casa de Cristo MCC, was guest guest for the hour long Michael Mountain Show on Christian radio station KXEG. This was the first time that a Gay Christian has been asked to appear on a local Christian radio station.

Christmas is more than just another holiday to the women and men who attend Casa de Cristo in Phoenix. It is far more than the party-times, gift giving and tinsel so often characterized with this season of the year. It is a very special time when Christians remember and honor the birth of their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is the time when Christians especially recognize the uniqueness of Christ; His Deity, being both God and human being. Several events are planned this week in honor of the Birthday of our King. The weekend will begin with Christmas Caroling on Saturday evening by a group from the church.

Sunday morning is being set aside as Parent's Day. Parents and relatives will be honored during the morning service. Pastor Fred's message will be at the 10:45 a.m. hour: "A Child That Is Different!" The dramatic presentation "And Myrrh" will be given during the 7:00 p.m. evening service.

The annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will begin at 11:00 p.m. This is always a very beautiful, impressive and spirit-filled service. The Sanctuary will be filled with candlelight as the congregation bursts forth in song, communion and joy remembering the birth of the world's only Savior. Special music will be featured during the service.

On Christmas morning, the 25th, the Christmas Day Carol Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. This service will feature the singing of many of the old and familiar Christmas carols. At 1:00 p.m., the Annual Christmas Day Dinner will be held. The dinner will be pot-luck style and everyone is welcome to be a part of it. This year's dinner will be held in Mesa. Anyone desiring to attend is requested to call the church office at 265-2831. The afternoon, following the dinner, will be devoted to a time of table games and fellowship.

Copies of Pastor Fred's recent message: "Is Jerry Falwell's 'Moral Majority,' Moral?" are now available, free for the asking. Casa de Cristo is located at 1029 E. Turney in Phoenix.



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- ...Stasha no longer works at the Connection. "A costly loss." We love ya!
- ...Alex, from the X-Casa has moved to San Diego cause PSA gave him a better "high" than MDA.
- ...While the "carrots" away, the "parrot" will play. Just ask Tim A.
- ...The Connection has flourishing flashers that aren't flourishing with much! Too bad, huh, Mr. Q.
- ...Roger of X-Casa left for Vegas. We sure miss you.
- ...The Entertainer of the Year and 4th runner-up reigned once more at the Toole Box in Tucson last Friday eve. Thanks Tucson.

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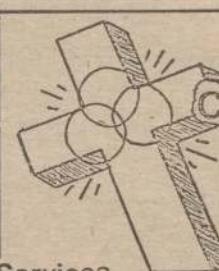
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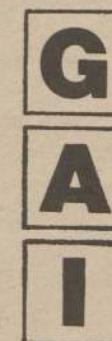


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