Community Profile Sought By Tucson/Pima GLB Task Force

TUCSON - The Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Task Force (one of 22 task forces of the United Way) is conducting a survey in order to collect data from and about the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual population of Tucson and Pima County. The survey is designed to address the issues of population, economy, environment, human resources, and quality of life. The purpose of this Task Force is to assess and analyze all data collected, establish priorities, and make recommendations based on that data.

The purpose of the overall Community Profile is to then take that data (along with the data collected by other task force groups) and:

Develop a factual foundation and analysis on which community leaders, concerned groups, and individuals can prioritize the problems that face the community.

Promote coalition building and cooperation among decision-makers, key leaders, labor and concerned groups and individuals as an on going process.

Increase community awareness of needs.

While current data on many aspects of the Tucson/Pima County community already exists, the data on the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual members of the community is nearly non-existent. Analyses is sparse, inaccurate, and inadequate.

This survey is being conducted to begin to develop reliable data to determine the composition, dynamics, strengths, and needs of this population. The survey, which takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes to complete, is designed to be anonymous and individual responses will not be released in any form.

Gathering this information is critical to the Task Force's ability to give the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual members of Pima County a voice, and to promote awareness of the strengths and diversity within this group as well as the needs and concerns. In order to gather accurate and valid data, the Task Force plans to distribute surveys to 10,000 of the projected 65,000 Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals living in Pima County. We hope to have a minimum of 5,000 returned from which to assess and analyze data to formulate the Task Force report. We need the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual members of the Pima County community to assist us by completing a survey and encouraging others to do so.

The surveys will be distributed in various locations throughout Tucson, including Gay/Lesbian oriented organizations and clubs, bookstores, bars, and churches. For more information about where to pick up a copy, how to have one mailed to you, or about other ways in which you can assist with this project, please call Colette Barajas at 529-6001.

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'Concert For Unity' Winds Up UofA Awareness Week

TUCSON - In conjunction with Lesbian-Bisexual-Gay Awareness week on the U of A Campus, Erica Wheeler, Slique Callahan, Mimi Baczewska, Russ McCoy and Desert Voices will be performing in "A Concert for Unity." The concert will be held Friday, February 19, 7:30 p.m. at the University of Arizona, Harvill Building, Room 150, presented by Associated Students of the University of Arizona's Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association and Student Union Activities Board.

Erica Wheeler, goddess of metaphor, performed last year with Jamie Anderson. She "is a delightful performer. Her sparkling personality, fine musicianship, quick wit and warm presentation all join to engage audiences in a personal experience of encouragement and depth." - Prue Berry, executive Co-Director, Rowe Camp & Conference Center. Slique Callahan as Master of Ceremonies will keep the audience rolling in their chairs throughout the evening. "Mimi Baczewska is a prolific songwriter who engages with the beauty of her tunes and astounds with the depth of lyrics, she discusses world peace, the balance of all things, and the heart's search for love, all with great humor and energy." Maredith Sisco, Art Editor, West Plains Daily Quill, West Plains, MO. Desert Voices will open the evening with three melodies. Finally, Russ McCoy, an African American folk musician, will make the evening complete as he delights the audience with his zesty wit as he depicts life as a Gay man.

Tickets are $5 for students and KXCI members. $7 general admission, on sale at Antigone Books and BGALA resource center at the U of A. Handicap accessible and sign language interpreted. For further information call BGALA at 621-7585.

America's Longest Term Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Couples Sought To Be Honored At Mass Wedding At MOW

WASHINGTON - America's longest term Lesbian, Gay and Bi couples will be honored at The Wedding, a massive ceremony of commitment to be held April 24, as part of The March on Washington.

"I want to celebrate the love and fidelity of these three extraordinary couples and show Middle America and the world that our relationships last as long as those in the heterosexual community, even with all the cultural pressures against us," said Rev. Troy Perry, founder and moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC).

Rev. Perry will conduct The Wedding at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24, as a part of The March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation. He expects The Wedding to set a world record as the largest ceremony of its kind ever held, with at least 4,000 Gay, Lesbian and Bi couples and their friends.

Rev. Perry also helped officiate at The Wedding of nearly 1,000 couples at the March on Washington in 1987.

He announced today that UFMCC is launching a nation wide search for the Lesbian, Gay, and Bi couples that have stayed together the longest. The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches will give all three couples a free round trip airline ticket to Washington to attend the ceremony. The three couples will be introduced at The Wedding.

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Pre-Stonewall Generation To Lead Off March

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Community elders will lead almost 100 contingents participating in the April 25 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Right and Liberation. Holocaust survivors and older people living with AIDS are expected to head that contingent.

The decision on who should fill the first slot behind the banner was approved during a national organizing meeting held in Washington D.C. February 6-7. The group also voted to endorse the Colorado boycott and allow that state and Oregon to march first among the state contingents. Seniors will be proceeded only by vehicles and the banner contingent which will be made up of a cross section of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community.

"We wanted to honor and recognize those who have waited the longest for our community to be treated as equal citizen's," said Derek Livingston, a national co-chair. "Also with more than a dozen anti-Gay statewide initiatives on the horizon, we felt it was important to focus on the two states that have become nationwide symbols of that battle."

People with AIDS/HIV, parents and children, veterans and current military, youth, and Lesbian and Gay bands are among the first dozen contingents to March. A lottery drawing held during the meeting determined the marching order of the remaining groups.

1. Vehicles for PWA/disabilities. 2. Banner contingent. 3. Seniors/Elders. 4. PWA/HIV. 5. Lesbian/Gay parents & children. 6. Disabled/Lesbian health concerns. 7. American Sign Language culture. 8. Youth. 9. Veterans & current military. 10. Lesbian/Gay Bands of America. 11. PFLAG. 12. Names Project. 13. People of Color. 14. International contingent. 15. Colorado (1st state). 16. Oregon. 17. Stonewall 25. 18. New York. 19. North Carolina. 20. SM/Leather/Fetish. 21. Kansas. 22. Tennessee. 23. Political Parties. 24. Washington. 25. California. 26. Pride Organizations. 27. Minnesota. 28. Utah. 29. Allies/Supporters. 30. Oklahoma. 31. Pennsylvania. 32. Bisexuals. 33. Texas. 34. Guam. 35. Students. 36. Rhode Island. 37. South Carolina. 38. Social Organizations. 39. New Hampshire. 40. Alabama. 41. Elected/Appointed Officials. 42. Idaho. 43. New Jersey. 44. Religious Groups Organizations. 45. Michigan. 46. Georgia. 47. Ethnic Affiliation/Identification. 48. Iowa. 49. Connecticut. 50. Drag/Transgender. 51. Illinois. 52. Wyoming. 53. Health Organizations. 54. Washington D.C. 55. Florida. 56. Arts/Culture. 57. Maryland. 58. Maine. 59. Street Activists. 60. Massachusetts. 61. Vermont. 62. Professional Groups. 63. Nebraska. 64. Alaska. 65. Recovery/12 Step. 66. Arkansas.

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Washington DC
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DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

UPDATE

In Memoriam

Our beloved friend, Francisco Javier Badilla passed away Saturday, February 6, 1993 due to complications of Acquired Immune Deficiency.

Following his wishes, no memorial service was held. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Hospice of Desert Hospital, 1150 N. Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, California 92262

This kind, sweet, gentle soul will be missed by John Wright and Richard Black and the many friends Javier made while living in Palm Springs as well as the many, many friends he had in the Tucson Community where he lived prior to Palm Springs.

TALL Cookout Nets Bucks For P.A.C.T.

TUCSON - Kenny Holder, cook extraordinire, and his fellow members of the Tucson Arizona Levi/Leather club (TALL) were hosts at the regular Sunday benefit cookout this past Sunday at IBT's. When final receipts are in the amount raised will be well over $100 and will be donated to P.A.C.T.

MCC Looks For Arts & Crafts People For Show

TUCSON - Metropolitan Community Church is planning an Arts and Crafts Festival on March 27 and 28. They would like to exhibit the works of local artists. Persons interested should contact Jean Baker at 884-8987.

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TAP Board of Directors Seeks New Members

TUCSON - The Tucson AIDS Project (TAP) Board of Directors is recruiting members to serve on the board for one to three year terms beginning in August.

The board is looking for women and men from diverse backgrounds. The board, which is the primary governing body of TAP, has significant responsibility for fundraising, program and financial oversight, and policy determination and review. Also, members are expected to serve as ambassadors for the project in the community at large.

Persons interested in applying, should submit a letter highlighting qualifications and interest, with a resume or vita. Letters recommending other individuals are also welcome.

Letters with pertinent information should be received by March 5 and sent to the attention of Keith Waterbrook, TAP Nominating Committee, 151 South Tucson Boulevard, #252, Tucson, Arizona 85716. Selected candidates will be voted on by the membership at the annual meeting held in May.

Audition Alert

TUCSON - One In Ten Repertory, Arizona's Premier Gay and Lesbian Theatre Company, is holding auditions for it's April production, "A Late Snow" by Jane Chambers on Saturday, February 20th at 6 p.m. The play requires a cast of five women. Please call 446-2445 for the audition location and additional information.

Bit of the Old South

by Sean Thomas

Coming in the next couple of weeks is the 10 Annual SOS Hoedown. Sunday, February 28 starting at 2:00 p.m. at Hours. Mr. AGRA '93, Mark McCrory, will be arranging our entertainment for this year's festivities. Plenty of dancing, raffles, auctions, food and entertainment will be happening all day and into the evening. This event also marks 19 days to Saguaro Rodeo time. If you'd like to volunteer and there is always a need for volunteers, please call the AGRA number on our poster.

And if that is not enough excitement, the following week we have Chili Verde Days at Club 2520 with the outrageous Tish Tanner doing her Divine impersonation. 2 days of western days in the campy mode of the one and only Divine. Should be totally outrageous. Look for more details coming up.

April 17, 1993 at the Plaza Hotel should be marked on your calendar. Details to come!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Valentine Day.

The Hides of March are coming. A weekend for all pigs to oink and squeal. It one of those things where you have to be there to understand it. More to come real soon.

The March is coming up real soon. Plan now or you'll miss out.

And always remember "Sex is Therapeutic" an we all need regular therapy, right Harlan, Tom and all the rest of the gang!

Till next week: Sean

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Our next volunteer training starts March 26th.

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Double Mischief

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Ode To My Vibrator

People honor the complexity of computers and write paeans to the V8 engine, but who extols the poor vibrator? We display our 6-disc megamemory CD players proudly in our living rooms, yet we hide our vibrators in the back of dresser drawers, often buried in socks. Is that fair?

I purchased my trusty vibrator many years ago in Greenwich Village at the Pink Pussy Cat Boutique, an emporium every bit as tacky as its name suggests. Trembling on the cusp between conservative eunuch and enthusiastic Lesbian, I strolled nonchalantly amid the handcuffs, dildoes, and blow up dolls, but my stomach quaked as though I were a 6 year old kid shoplifting candy. In a voice somewhat squeakier than usual, I told the saleswoman what I wanted. Minutes later, I sauntered out of the store with my very own (trumpets, please) Orgasmatron. As the shop door closed behind me, I dissolved in giggles of relief.

I ran home to share my new toy with my then lover. She was multi-orgasmic and took her luck for granted, plus she was a bit of a crab, and she didn't understand my instant affection for this appliance. But, for me, hours of manual labor were replaced by minutes of electricity.

Wasn't that the point of the Industrial Revolution?

Not that my relationship with the vibrator was simple through the years. Some lovers hated it; others preferred it to me. Sometimes I found it plain boring, and it would get hot before I did. But mostly it has been a trusted friend.

The Orgasmatron resembles a hand held Mixmaster, although it has never whipped potatoes. More primitively machine like than newer vibrators, it's quite noisy, but that's part of its charm. It once had appendages in different sizes and shapes, including one that looked like a miniature bed of nails, but I misplaced most of them years ago. (Anyone want to buy a penis cup attachment? Never used.)

(Don't underestimate the importance of an appliance designed specifically for sexual needs. Without such a thing, people go to desperate measures. Take for instance, the article I saw on a bulletin board at a medical publisher. [Warning to men: you ain't gonna like this.] It told of some guys who had lost the tips of their penises in vacuum cleaners. The article didn't exactly say so, but it was clear that these poor souls had been seeking onanistic release; of course, none of them admitted this simple fact. The meat of the article, so to speak, was their pathetic attempts to explain just how their penises happened to be in the vacuum cleaners in the first place. "Well," said one (even in print you could hear him clear his throat uncomfortably), "I had just taken a shower when I happened to notice some dust on the rug. As I leaned over the vacuum cleaner to plug it in, my bathrobe happened to open, and...")

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PERSPECTIVE

by Al Whitehurst - Tucson

Now that President Clinton has clearly his intention to lift the ban on Gay men and Lesbians in the United States military at the end of the next six months, American homosexuals can relax and celebrate a milestone victory.

Wrong.

Now that a judge has issued a restraining order to prevent Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2 from taking effect, Gay men and Lesbians across the United States can rest assured that homosexuals' civil rights are protected in this Rocky Mountain state.

Not.

What happened in Washington was a compromise between President Clinton and the Congressional leaders and military brass who oppose lifting the ban. It allow a six month investigative period to review this highly charged and controversial matter.

This six months, of course, provides ample time for opposing factions to galvanize their forces and make themselves heard. The Rev. Jerry Falwell, of recent Moral Majority fame, is already spearheading such a drive with an appeal on national television. The six month investigative period allows time for preachers to denounce lifting the ban on homosexuals in the military, and the preachers' devout followers time to write, phone, telegraph, and fax their representatives in Washington about their indignation over lifting the ban.

In Colorado, the restraining order put a "hold" on Amendment 2, pending a decision on its constitutionality in the courts. The organizers of the anti-Gay amendment are not deterred; indeed, they are so elated over their victory with Colorado's voters, they are orchestrating similar anti-homosexual amendments to be put on ballots in at least thirteen other states.

What does this say to Arizona's Gay and Lesbian community? It says we cannot rest on our laurels; that a couple of battles have been won, but the war is not over.

Newton's third law motion states, "every action has a reaction, equal in force and opposite in direction." We can apply that law of physics to a law of politics" For every inch that Gay men and Lesbians move forward in achieving equal rights and protection against discrimination, anti-Gay forces will renew their efforts to overturn the progress.

It is time for Gay men and Lesbians to increase their letter writing and phone calling to President Clinton and members of Congress.

In our next article, we will hear from two voices of opposition to human rights for Gay men and Lesbians.

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Anne C. Schmitt

Reason To Be Proud

What do you get when you stuff several hundred folks and a handful of wonderful musicians into the Unitarian Church in Tucson?

If you answered "Another Sell-Out Jamie Anderson Concert", you are right!

Jamie, a Tucson local, is fast becoming recognized as one of the top entertainers in Women's Music. She plays concerts and festivals all over the country and just returned from a concert tour of Alaska (In January? 58 below zero! Never said she was sane!) She was recently featured on the cover of Hot Wire Magazine, named Favorite New Performer and her song "No Closet" has been voted Favorite Current Song. Jamie has also been chosen to perform at the March on Washington in April.

So, when local Women's Music promoter Karen Olch brings Jamie "home for a concert" we can count on hearing hilarious stories of life on the road as well as songs both old and new. This past Saturday was no exception.

Joining Jamie in her hometown appearance was Beth Johnson on bass and back up vocals and the superb harmonies of Pastiche. (Pastiche is the ensemble of the Desert Voices Gay and Lesbian Chorus.) Sign language interpretation was provided by Sara Bennet and Wendy Young, both expressive and talented women.

The whole concert was a testament of Pride. Combining humor laced with bits of real news, songs of inspiration, stories and sing alongs, the concert grew in strength with every song and joke and laugh. Jamie's family (Mom, brother, nephew, and more) was in the audience and she shared a song she had written for her mom, "In the Front Row" which was a musical history of what artistic support can do. Country music fans, and every one else thrilled to the tune "Winona, Why Not?" and "Cat in the White House" proves she does keep up with the news when she is on the road.

Beth Johnson provided excellent back up and propelled a solo performance into the realm of complete concert with the addition of fine vocals and a stage presence that was friendly and strong. Hopefully we will see this woman again.

But, the real high point of the evening for me was when Jamie and Pastiche joined for a couple numbers. "Family of Friends" is the title song of her new album which will be released this spring and is made to be sang full voiced, in harmony, together, and covered with goose pimples. Wow! It sure works.

"Family of Friends" the album is going to be a compilation of many musicians and is meant as a healthy and proud response to the Family Values Movement. Support this women and her music, she is out there fighting for us all over the place.

There was just too much to really write it all down! It was an invigorating event filled with great songs and lots of emotions. If you missed it, you can still catch Jamie at home next week when she performs as part of the Folk Alliance Conference Showcase. For more information on this performance call 325-7828. It will be at Cafe Sweetwater, Wednesday, February 17th, 8 p.m.

Karen Olch a.k.a. Heartsong Productions announced that she will be leaving Tucson soon and that she is looking for someone interested in continuing the production of Women's Music in her absence. She will be greatly missed.

Cronies Join International Group

At our February meeting the Cronies, an organization for Gay men over 40, voted to join an international group called the "Prime Timers." The new name will be "Cronie Prime Timers."

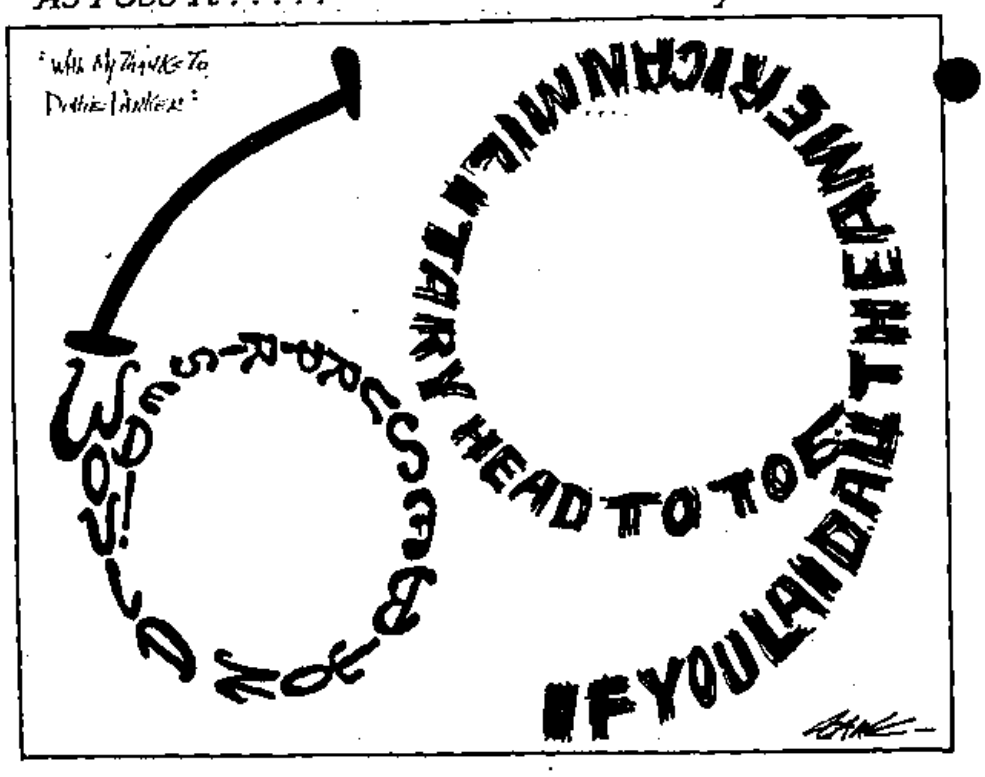
Since our society has become increasingly mobile, this gives us contact with our peers all over the United States and many parts of the world.

The "Cronie Prime Timers" meets the first Saturday of each month at the MCC Church at 3269 North Mountain, at 7:00 p.m.

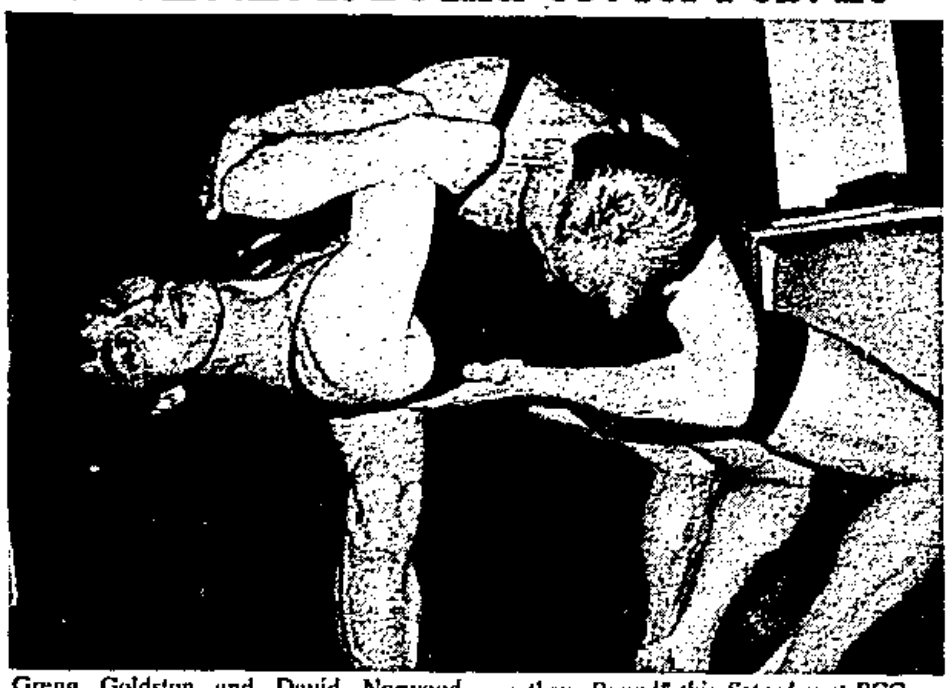
Call 888-7264 for more information.

The March meeting will be on the 6th and members of AGRA will be the guest speakers.

As I See It..... *by Clark*



'Prometheus Bound' set for Feb. 20



Gregg Goldston and David Norwood practice for their performance in "Prometheus Bound" this Saturday at PCC.

TUCSON - 'jsp...productions' in association with A.W.A.R.E. (Arizonans Working for AIDS Relief) and the Pima Community College Center for the ARTS will present prominent Tucson dancers and guest artists in "Prometheus Bound" at 8:00 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 20. The performance will be at the Center for the Arts, Proscenium Theater, Pima Community College West Campus, 2202 W. Anklam Road. Ticket proceeds will benefit the AIDS fund at the Tucson Community Foundation (TCF).

"Prometheus Bound" is the premiere of works by University of Arizona students Michael Oliver, John Sarabia and Sabrina Vasquez; as well as jazz dance works by Susan Quinn Williams. Most of the choreographic pieces are original works. C. Nicholas (Nick) Johnson is the artistic director of "Prometheus Bound" and co-founder of jsp...productions.

Guest artists for the evening include David Norwood and Gregg Goldston. Norwood is a jazz choreographer and, according to Johnson, "one of the most popular teachers of jazz dance in Los Angeles right now". Goldston is the director of Ohio-based Invisible People Mime Theater, a national touring mime company, and director of the Goldston/Johnson School for Mimes at Kenyon College in Ohio.

Goldston and Johnson have worked together for 15 years. In addition to his work in Tucson, Johnson is associate artistic director for the Invisible People Mime Theater and the Goldston/Johnson School for Mimes. In addition, Cristina de Alexis, local Tucson impressionist, will be performing in Nick Johnson's piece and Michael Oliver's piece as well as one of her own.

"It will be an evening of dance, mime and a touch of theater," Johnson said. "The production will introduce new choreography and new dancers to the public. The works are imaginative entertaining, and for the most part, light and humorous," he continued.

"The mime work, entitled "Prometheus Bound" and written specifically for this event, will close the show with an uplifting humanitarian statement that traverses passion, love and relationships, life and death, and hope. In short, it is a quick reflection of the human condition expressed in the language of mime theater," said Johnson.

Ticket prices are $15 for unreserved general seating and $25 for unreserved seating in the first front rows. Box seating is available. Tickets are available in advance at the Tucson Community Foundation, 6601 E. Grant Road., Suite 111, through this Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If all tickets are now sold in advance, they will be available at the Pima Community College Center for the Arts box office the evening of the performance. The box office phone number is 884-6458.

This year, the Tucson Community Foundation received a second match grant from the National Community AIDS Partnership (NCAP). Before receiving the money, TCF must raise an equal amount form people and organizations in the community. A sold-out performance on Feb. 20, will mean approximately $6,000 in contributions towards the local $50,000 goal. When $50,000 is raised from the community, the money will be combined with the $50,000 NCAP grant and made available through a grants process to community organizations that serve people with HIV and AIDS.

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Previous winners of the Raffle include Mel Roach, who won the first drawing held January 8th, Pat Patrick who won on January 15th, Scott Reader who won on January 22nd, and Tanya Williamson who won on January 29. Roach, Patrick and Reeder are all from Tucson, Williamson is from Vestal, New York.

The Bosch Fund supports services and programs at the Tucson AIDS Project.

A ticket will be pulled every Friday for the balance of the year for a $1,000 prize each time. Winning tickets are returned to the common pool and remain eligible for all subsequent drawings.

Employees (and their family members) of the Tucson AIDS Project and Frizzell, Senkirk and Company are ineligible for any prizes.

Raffle tickets are not tax deductible as charitable gifts. Raffle Tickets are still available at the Tucson AIDS Project Office, 151 South Tucson Boulevard, #252; Robinson/Shades Interiors, 2700 North Campbell Avenue, and from many individuals in the community. No more than 2,000 tickets will be sold.

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Judge Lets Discharge Of Gay Sailor Proceed

SEATTLE - A federal judge refused to order the Navy to halt discharge proceedings against a Gay sailor who sought to suspend the hearings until President Clinton ends the military ban on homosexuals.

U.S. District Judge William Dwyer said there was "no showing that irreparable harm will occur if the administrative hearing goes forward" as scheduled.

Dwyer ruled in a lawsuit filed by Petty Officer Mark Philips, 22 an openly homosexual sailor who served on the USS Nimitz aircraft carrier.

GLB Task Force To Hold Community Reception

TUCSON - The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Task Force will hold a community reception this Sunday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at Wingspan, 422 North 4th Avenue. The reception will be an opportunity for the community to learn about the Survey and the importance it has in our community. Everyone is encouraged to attend the reception and take an active part in this significant project.

The Survey is sponsored by the Old Pueblo Business and Professional Association. The results of this survey will be shared with many community organizations including the City of Tucson, Pima County and the Tucson/Pima County Community Profile, Mark your calendar now to attend this reception and support the survey!

Please call 529-6001 to request a copy of the survey if you haven't filled one out yet. All surveys need to be completed and returned before March 1st.

Logo Contest For 'Walk'

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POLITICS '93

by Mark Kerr

Senator Dennis DeConcini (D-AZ), was busy last week trying to settle the Hopi-Navajo land dispute. This is in regards to lands near Flagstaff.

What was our other Senator doing, well, John McCain was touring southern Arizona with his new "pet", Phoenix Republican Congressman Jon Kyl, the tagged Republican nominee for the 1994 U.S. Senate race. McCain led him through an extensive tour of Baja Arizona, since Kyl had never been here extensively, throughout the tour, McCain and his "pet" badmouthed DeConcini at every stop. The highlight of John McCain's "clout" an appearance on the John C. Scott radio show on KTUC.

Speaking of John C., and KTUC, recently the ratings books came out for the radio stations, and guess where KTUC was rated? Third from the bottom! Only KTKT, (990-AM) formerly CNN radio headline news, and KVOI (690-AM) religious oriented programming rated worse. KTUC managed to get a rating of 1.6, the top rated station was KRQQ-FM, which received a 14.1 rating. What a pity!

Well, it seems that John C. and his creation, the Tucson Business Coalition have "divorced". Scott has been frequently criticizing the organization, especially after their ill fated attempt to recall Tucson City Council members, Janet Marcus and Bruce Wheeler, which fell more than a few thousand signatures short to force an election.

Scott, a frequent critic of Marcus and Wheeler, had devoted a lot of his radio show plugging and vigorously supporting the recall movement, especially the recall of Marcus, since he had broke his promise to "resign and leave town" if Janet Marcus was re-elected. She was, and the Marcus campaign had donated a U-haul to help him keep his promise, which he broke. Sounds like sour grapes?!

Our illustrious homophobic Republican Senator has another trick up his sleeve. It looks like he will play it on Democratic Congressman Ed Pastor of District 2, it seems there had been some talk that Pastor had not been paying enough attention to the southern Arizona portion of his District, and thus the talk of a challenger to run against him in 1994.

It looks like that person may be Nogales Mayor, Jose Canchola. Canchola, who had soundly defeated former incumbent, Mary Macias. Canchola, a Republican, had an inauguration similar to Bill Clinton's. The person running the inauguration was non other than Lillian Lopez-Grant, McCain's southern Arizona Chief of Staff. One problem for McCain, Democrats outnumber Republicans by more than a two to one margin in registration.

Talk about "not getting it", the newly elected Pima County Democratic Central Committee, after hearing numerous complaints from Precinct Committeepersons about lack of respect and activities to build and strengthen the party, and which suffered a 29% drop in elected PC's, decided on an activity, a "Precinct Committeeperson Workshop", which was to help the PC's in what they are supposed to be doing for the party, and to define what is the purpose of the County and State Party.

It is interesting is that the only people signing up for this are the newly elected PC's, about 25. The PC veterans are staying away. Wonder why? The party in it's present form is almost useless, due to the fact the party at this time has very little purpose, no activities to build the number of PC's (the heart, soul & backbone of the party), authority, or PC's (there were only 208 elected PC's in the primary election, there are over 2100 available slots).

The Precinct Committeepersons duties are to get out the vote for Democratic candidates for various offices. In other states, the PC endorses potential candidates, draws up a platform of the issues concerning their respective areas, elects national delegates, helps to draw up electoral maps, in others words, benefits. People fight to be a PC, and the electorate listens to their PC and votes the way they suggest, because they now them and trust them. The elected officials respect the party and are involved in the process. In Arizona, the Democrats are lucky to get any elected official to their functions, the elected officials running organize campaign committees that ignore the state and various county party organizations. A lot of the people running for PC, run to put it on their resume.

Plain and simple, a workshop is a small step, but more activities must be formed, party by-laws must change, and attitudes must change, to build the essential momentum to develop and increase the numbers of PC's, the troops for the party to succeed electorally. Those who believe the status quo is the way are flat out wrong!

In L.D. 11, for example, there are 28 Precinct Committeepersons, 12 from one precinct alone, the rest from the other 54 precinct in the District. The Pima County Republicans have over 600 PC's, and we wonder why the Democrats lose local and Legislative races. People are disenchanted with the two parties, they have stated they want change, (voting for Perot), the parties must see this and change, no more business as usual. The Democrats must change to rebuild and succeed, if not, we will not win back the State Senate, or the Governor's Chair, or any other race.

In the figure that department, it is rumored that the Pima County Democrats are going to hire former state chair, Bill Minette, to raise funds for the County Party. One of the main criticisms of Minette's tenure as Chair was the inability to raise money to help alleviate the debt, which is at $40,000. Oh, well!

Until next time, politics as usual.

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Notes From Desert Voices

Calendars in hand, member of Pastiche, the small ensemble of Desert Voices, attempted to choose a regular rehearsal time. Watching the process made me think about the meaning of our group's name.

The technical definition of the word gets a little confusing, but piecing through it various strands is worth the effort.

The technical definition, according to The American Heritage Dictionary, is "a dramatic, literary, or musical piece openly imitating the previous work of another artist, often with satirical intent." Also, it's secondary meaning is "a dramatic, literary, or musical piece openly imitating the previous work of another artist, often with satirical intent." Also, it's secondary meaning is "a hodgepodge, pasticcio."

Hmm. Well, that works, but our music tends to be less satirical than the dictionary would have us believe. Perhaps the second part of the definition fits best.

There's that word, "pasticcio," buried at the bottom of the definition. How about looking up that word.

Ah yes, a lovely little Italian word which means "a work, especially of music, produced by borrowing fragments or motifs from various source; potpourri."

That was our intention in naming the group. We wanted to bring forth images of our coming together from various backgrounds to sing our music. You might say that, together, we are those borrowed fragments which produce the work of music.

Think of a patchwork quilt, which takes bits of cloth from other, bigger pieces, to form something beautiful. Kind of like the way we take a few voices from the choir here, a few there, and form a separate, smaller group.

The image also comes to my mind of the poem by Rainer Maria Rilke which describes the coming together "like a bow's stroke that from two strings draws one voice." In this case, there are 16 strings, but still one voice.

Our next opportunity to draw one voice from our many strings will be on Friday night when we will be opening a benefit concert for BGALA, the University of Arizona's Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Association.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the U of A Harvill Building, Room 150.

BGALA sponsors Desert Voices by providing us with the rehearsal space each week on the U of A campus. It would be nice to see the room filled with supporters of BGALA. Several other performers will also be participating that night.

Yes, Pastiche did come up with a rehearsal time that night. Several compromises had to be made, and it got a little crazy, but it came together and it will continue to do so, just like our music.

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News From MCC/Tucson

by Ben Corbin

This Saturday, February 20th, starting at 7:00 p.m., MCC-Tucson will have a "Sweetheart Dance Sock Hop" party at 3269 North Mountain Avenue. There will be a donation requested at the door of $2.50 per person, more if you can, less if you can't. Your donation will cover the dance, refreshments and door prizes. All proceeds left over will be used to help send our delegates to our General Conference to be held in Phoenix this coming July. This will be a fun evening, so bring your Sweetheart, your Valentine or a companion and enjoy yourself.

This is that time of the year when there isn't a whole lot being done, and what is being done isn't much news. I'd like to finish this week's column with several quotes which are all good Thoughts For The Week.

It's not the men in my life that counts - it's the life in my man.

Mae West

You might as well fall flat on you face as lean over too far backward.

James Thurber

The Churches must learn humility as well as teach it.

George Bernard Shaw

God gives us our relatives - thank God we can choose our friends.

Ethel Watts Mumford

It's not true that life is one damn thing after another, it's one damn thing over and over.

Edna St. Vincent Millay

An acquaintance is a person whom we know well enough to borrow from, but not well enough to lend to.

Ambrose Bierce

A View From The Rock

A Commentary From Cornerstone Fellowship

When God created the heavens, earth, and beasts that live upon the earth, in the sea and in the air, he looked and "saw that it was good" (Genesis 1:21). When he was about to create man and woman, God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let him rule over the fish of the sea and birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground" (Genesis 1:26).

Adam and Eve succumbed to temptation in the Garden of Eden and sinned against God, yet God's love for his creation has never faded away. For centuries mankind performed sacrifices to him in an attempt to cleanse itself of its habitual sin. God showed him great love and mercy by sending his only son, Jesus Christ, to earth as a one time sacrifice; the perfect sinless sacrifice for the sins of all mankind, so that by believing in this great act of love, man and woman could one day commune with God in heaven.

A movement today seeks to diminish the divine yet personal, nature of God; to reduce the son of God/, Jesus Christ, from the one and only savior of mankind to a mere "wiseman" of the earth. It seeks to replace the creator with his creation. This movement is known as the "New Age Movement" yet, is not new at all. It seeks to fool on men and women's minds into believing they will one day become all-knowing, all-powerful as part of a universal presence. This same lie caused the "fall of man" in the Garden of Eden. God is not some cosmic amoeba we are all one day going to mold ourselves into. He is the God of creation, not his creation itself.

The "New Age Movement" has use many subtle ploys to turn people away from Christianity, and aid Christians in distorting their focus. A good example concerns the environment. This "New Age Movement" has attempted to claim this issue as one would a personal possession! It would have the world assume Christians do not care about the environment or responsible treatment of animals, but rather choose to use and abuse as they see fit because God has given mankind dominion over his earth creation.

While God has truly given this dominion to mankind, along with it came the responsibility to properly care for what he had given. The apostle Paul told his fellow believer, Timothy, "Guard what has been entrusted to your care" (1 timothy 6:20). Any Christian who becomes leery of caring for God's creation is not only falling prey to a very subtle ploy, but failing to follow the word of God.

What then is the real underlying controversy between Christianity and the "New age Movement" concerning the environment? The difference is not whether or not we should nurture and care for the environment and animals of the world as the "New Age" wants you to believe; but lies in two opposing gospels of belief: the "gospel of this Earth", the "New Age" promotes and the "Gospel of Jesus Christ" given to mankind in God's Holy Bible. It involves more than one article could completely explain but, basically, the "New Age Movement" believes the creation is god; that is a part of a universal presence that is god; and since we are part of creation, we are all god.

Isn't it better to know that you have a loving father in heaven who has created you with a unique purpose in mind in this world, than to strive to become a part of some universal mind, whose final reward to you is the loss of yourself as an individual? Christianity teaches unity without the loss of individuality. In Matthew 10:29-31, Jesus Christ said, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

For your sake, don't become involved in a movement that would try to strip you of everything God has put within you to make you special. Strive to know the personal God who created you and loves you. It will be the best experience you will ever know. Many God bless you and guide you close to him. Please worship with us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. We will answer any question you may have.

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CALENDAR
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

CLUB 2520 - AGRA General Membership Meeting. The members will be taking nominations for the Grand Marshall for the upcoming rodeo. If you would like to become a member, come on down and join up parder.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

HOURS - AGRA presents the annual SOS Hoedown here. Plenty of country/western dancing, entertainment, auctions, food and raffles. Tons of fun. It all starts at 2:00 p.m. and lasts until ????

RUMORZ - Live music with the popular band "The Blues Attack". It all begins at 9 p.m. and there is no cover!

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, MARCH 6-7

CLUB 2520 - Chili Verde Days, a benefit to help AGRA sponsor their 2nd Saguaro Regional Rodeo. Tish Tanner will be your hostess with the mostess and will appear as Divine! Also there will be a raffle for a 5-disk CD player with remote. $1 per ticket. You are guaranteed to have a great country time.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

CLUB 2520 - Pre-Rodeo show starring the very popular country vocalaist Dena Kaye. Two shows 9 and 11 p.m. Be there or be square.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

GRADUATE - Partners will hold their monthly Beer Bust hre from 2 to 6 p.m. Stop by and meet this merry group.

HOURS - Beginning at 8 p.m., it will be 50s and 60s dance music. Come join Rodney's class of "54" reunion Birthday Party. Dress the part and enjoy!

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

RUMORZ - 1st Annual Roger Barger Memorial Closet Ball will be held here beginning at 9:00 p.m. For applications and more information call Rumorz or Cristina De Alexis 682-6619. Watch for more details.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

GRADUATE - A big benefit show for Miss Lucinda Holliday who is running for the Miss Gay Tucson title. It's a good time to give back to a performer who has done a lot for our cokmunity.

RUMORZ - Miss Gay Tucson Pageant will take place on Sunday, March 28, but there is a pre-pageant show to be held here at Rumorz tonight. Stop by and view the contestants and some of the talented performers who will be appearing in the big Pageant tomorrow night.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

CLUB 2520 - "Tucson Is Burning" will appear here for the second time around. For those who remember the first time, will know it is an outstanding show. For more information about entering the show contact Adrienne Sneed at Lowne's Customes.

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Non-Bar CALENDAR

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MONDAY - FRIDAY, FEB. 15-19

LESBIAN-BISEXUAL-GAY AWARENESS WEEK on the UofA campus all week long. Special events planned daily both day and evenings. See schedule elsewhere in this issue and plan to attend any or all. For more information 621-7585. Celebrate.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Video Night at Wingspan, 422 N. 4th Ave. 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Old Pueblo Business and Profesional Association will present a Valentine Special at its regular February meeting beginning at 7:30 with cocktails and at 8 p.m. the meeting will take place. Speakers include Gay Relationship Counselors Michael Hutchins and Roxanne Kibbee talking about "Role Model Couples" and they will share their secrets of success. No charge for OP members or newcomers.

A Concert For Unity will wind up the Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Awareness Week on the UofA campus. Sponsored by BGALA, ASUA and SUAB, the concerts celebrates diversity and features MC Slique Callahan, Desert Voices, Mimi Baczewska, Russ McCoy and Erica Wheeler. $7 General Admission, $5 for Students and KXCI members. Tickets available at Antigone Books and BGALA. Call 621-7585 for more information.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

The Men's Massage Group of Tucson will meet at 2 p.m. The group is open to everyone regardless of age and color. It is a comfortable and safe format with group and individual massage. Non seaual. At 4 p.m. there will be a sensual awareness workshop lasting 2 hours., This is a safe sex workshop. The workshop's purpose is to bring more individual and group awareness to improve our relationship with ourself and others. Nominal fee. Call Marc Haberman between 8 am and 8 pm for more information and to register at 881-4582.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Queers on Film at the UofA continues with "The Times Of Harvey Milk" at 7 p.m. in the Modern Languages Bldg. Room 310. A documentary set in the 1970s that tells the inspiring and tragic story of Harvey Milk, one of the first openly Gay people elected to office in the country.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Cronies March meeting will feature speakers Bill Darnell and Bill Conn from Arizona Gay Rodeo Association.

MARCH 6 THROUGH MARCH 20

The Congress Street Gallery, 316 E. Congress, will be having an Art Show with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the Tucson AIDS Project. Opening reception will be Sat. March 6 from 7 to 10 p.m. Call 628-1400 for more information.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

The Arizona Rose Theater will present "Those Who Dream" by Terry Howell. The story takes a backstage look into the hearts of 10 performers, courageously living their dreams in a world that just doesn't care. The performance will be presented at 8 p.m. at the Temple of Music and Art's Cabaret Theater, 330 S. Scott. For further information call Bill at the Tucson AIDS Project 322-6226.

FRI., SAT, & SUN., MARCH 19-20-21

Second Annual AGRA/Tucson Saguaro Rodeo. Watch these pages for schedule and other information on this big event.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 27 & 28

Miss Gay Tucson Pageant scheduled to take place. Watch for more information or to register as a contestant call Penelope Poupe' Productions at (602)279-3736.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

8th Annual Observer/Community Benefit at Plaza Hotel, Campbell and Speedway. Reserved Seating with Dinner tickets only. $20 includes dinner, dancing, show, and lots of live entertainment throughout the entire evening. Dinner tickets now available at all local bars. Get them early, it's going to be a sell-out. General admission tickets go on sale shortly.

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Tucson CALENDAR

sunday

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

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

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

IBT's - Open noon to 1 a.m. Happy Hour 4-8 pm, $1.25 domestic beer and well. Cookout for community organizations 2 to 6 m. Dancing 9-1

RUMORZ - Open at noon. Bloody Marys and Screw Drivers $1.25 from Noon to 6:00 pm. Domestic Beer $1.75 9-1.

VENTURE-N - Open 10 a.m. 301 Dart Tournament 4 pm, $3 entry fee. Cash prizes. Patio Bar Beer Bust 3-7 pm, B-B-Q 5-7 pm.

monday

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

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. $1.25 well 8-1 + Mouse Madness "Buckets". C/W dancing and Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 p.m.

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

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

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well, also, 8 pm to midnight, 50¢ draft beer. Mellow 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, Domestic Beer $1.75 9-1.

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

tuesday

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Kitchen closed. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer 8 pm to close. "Monster Beer Nite" 25oz can of Fosters $2.75 8 to 1. T-Squares Advanced Group 7 p.m. Country/Western dancing and Trank Disco Black Light Party begins at 8 pm.

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

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

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. Also country/western night with Tom Mara. Lessons at 7 pm. Open C/W dancing 9 pm. Bud and Bud 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. $1.75 Domestic Beer or $1.50 White Well 9 pm to closing.

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wednesday

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

CLUB 2520 - Open 11 am. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Spaghetti Nite 6-8, $2. or Tacos @ $1 each. 50¢ off on everything from 8 pm to close. C/W Dance lessons 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 to 8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. 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, 75¢ Schnappa & 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. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. Chicken Fried Steak 5-7, $3. Men's Nite - 50¢ draft beer 9 pm to 1 am. C/W & Progressive Dance Music begins at 8 pm. Dart Tournament 8 p.m. Bar matches pot.

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 $1.75 9 pm to 1 am. Country/Western dancing 9 to 1.

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RUMORZ - Open 3:00 pm. $1.25 Well and Domestic Beer from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. $1.75 domestic beer, 50¢ Draft or 75¢ schnappa 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. 99¢ Happy Hour 4 to 8 pm. (well and domestic beer). "Build Your Own" Hamburger Nite 5 to 7, $3. Domestic Bottle Beer and Well Drinks $1.75 8 pm to 1 am. 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 8pm to 1am playing a mix of dance and country music.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour 4-8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. 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. Hors D'Oeuvres. VJ/DJ Linda Fizdale 10-1.

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. Country Dance Lessons with Ricky 7-9 pm. Domestic Bottle Beer and Well Drinks $1.75 8 to close. 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. Dancing 8-1 with a mix of dance and country music.

IBT's - Open noon to 1 am. Happy Hour noon to 8 pm $1.25 domestic beer and well. Dance Party Weekend continues 9pm to 1 am.

RUMORZ - Open Noon. $1.50 Corona 8:00 pm to close. Dance with Linda Fizdale VJ/DJ 10-1.

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EDITOR:
I received the E-mail below from a Gay co-worker after I suggested fellow staffers call Senator Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), (202-224-3521) and make their support known for lifting the Gay ban in the military. The second E-mail is my response to this timid soul, whose name I have omitted. He also thought a Bush victory over Clinton was pre-ordained in the stars as divined by Nostrodamus, and therefore wouldn't lift a finger during the campaign (sigh).

To: Gary
Re: Gays in the military

Sometimes I really think what people really want is a good fight. What I think is truly necessary is to soft-sell middle America on Gayness. They have a horror of what they are unfamiliar with. Give them the facts of what it's like, i.e., sitcom characters, exposès on real Gay life.

I know you fell strongly about this, but Washington is a reflection of many American people and those fat, white haired ones in Topeka need to get it in a palatable way. Otherwise they are not gonna swallow.

The Attack approach is a good expression of angry feelings but militantism is not effective. A spoon full of sugar makes the medicine...

To: Timid Soul
Re: Soft-Sell

We've been soft selling Gay rights to fat, white haired Topekans for over twenty years now and they just don't want to buy. There's no way to spoon sugar to someone who's kicking your head in with his hob nail boots. There's no rational basis to their hatred; it arises from their own fears, failures, and insecurities and is projected onto us. Needing someone to hate, they choose to remain unfamiliar with us and to keep us at a distance. Dispelling bigotry finally comes down to seizing so many public institutions that the bigots have no foundation or authority to stand on. Soon after their pseudo-social rationales wither, their political support collapses, and they retreat into the wood work (e.g., post-Harvey Milk San Francisco).

The military serves as a national mixer for the men and women who serve in it. In the military they look around themselves, see soldiers of all different races, religions, backgrounds, and say to themselves "oh, these are all Americans as well." Acceptance and camaraderie follow. But as it stands now, not only do they look around and not see open Gays, they are actively taught to see Gays as the despised other (i.e., not good Americans) by their commanders. They are encouraged, as a homophobic Navy veteran put it, "to think of themselves united in their virility."

Military service equals respectability in the public mind. As Gays are accepted in the military, other institutional barriers will go down like a row of dominoes. Our bigoted opponents know this and that is why they're fighting so hard. They're not worried about Gays' impact on the military mission, but rather the military's impact on the visibility and status of Gays.

The change is coming. Our team won the election, we call the shots. As Lyndon B. Johnson said, "when you've got them by the balls, their hearts and minds will follow."

Yours truly, Gary Pierce
San Francisco, California

P.S. Your readers can also write Senator Nunn: United States Senate, SD-303, Washington, D.C., 20510. Tell him we will accept no recruiting queries, no restrictions on combat or sea duty, no segregation of any sort what so ever on the basis of sexual orientation status, or he can forget ever being nominated for president by the Democratic Party.

EDITOR:
Your (sic) both deranged wet-brained alcoholics. Your (sic) abusive and a hindrance to queer social progress and civil rights.

Get therapy girlfriend.
Unsigned

[ED NOTE Loving messages like this drive people to drink!]

EDITOR:
After years of fighting against the ban on Gay men and Lesbians in the military, we were very pleased with President Clinton's strong, principled commitment to this effort.

One factor that will determine the outcome of this fight against discrimination is the extent to which our Congressional colleagues hear from their constituents on this issue. The single most important thing anyone can do to fight this discriminatory policy is to write to the three people who represent him or her in the United States House and the United States Senate. Members of the House and Senate are influenced far more by expressions of opinion from the people in their own constituencies than they are from other sources.

We would add one additional letter that is important to send, to President Clinton to thank him for standing up for the principle that Americans should not be discriminated against on the basis of their sexual orientation, despite strong political opposition.

There will be organized efforts on the part of those opposed to fair treatment of Gay men and Lesbians to flood Members of Congress with constituent communications against the President's position, and it is essential that those who believe in fairness do what they can to offset this. And if after writing your own letter or making your own phone calls you can persuade friends, co-workers, relatives, etc., to do the same to their own Representatives and Senators, that will also be very helpful.

Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA)
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Here is a valentine received too late for last weeks paper:

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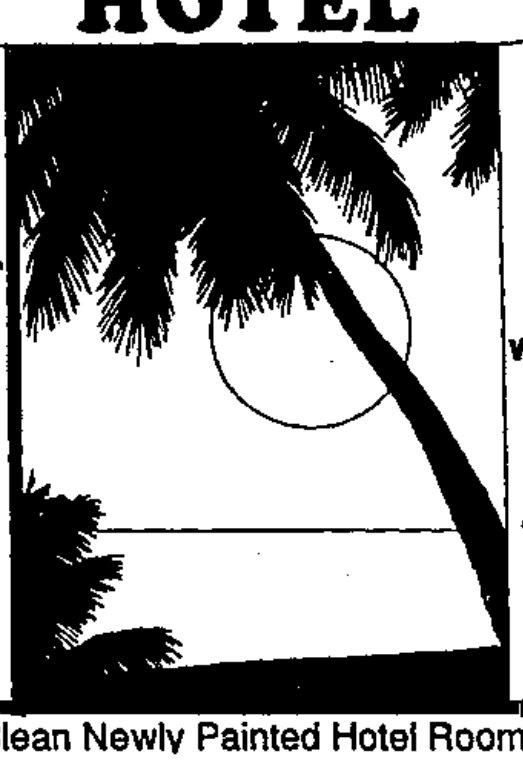

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by Tony Smaby

Oh my God it's coming, oh God it's almost here!

It's the 1993 Saguaro Regional Rodeo, the rodeo, March 19-21, will be at the South 6th Rodeo Grounds man! Now, that is going to be one hell of a rodeo!

Okay, now this will not be the first time I'll have to do this, make corrections! The General Membership Meeting will not be held at Club 2520, but will take place at Rumors, 2222 North Stone, with the Board Meeting at 2 p.m. and General Membership meeting at 3 p.m., during this meeting we will be voting on the 1993 Grand Marshall of the rodeo, so come for the meeting and stay for a drink or two or three, etc.

Now for you first timers, and you rodeo pros, we will be having the first "In's and Out's" seminar covering the topics of: How to mount and dismount steers, bulls, and broncs. Roping, 10 seconds first loop, horse & rider positions, and throw a loop, down and sideways. What about horses, type and nature, proper track and use, and training for barrels, poles and flag. Safety, how to fall, not to fall and how to use a pickup man. The seminar will take place at the Ramada Inn Tucson, on Friday March 19, 1 to 5 p.m. The Ramada Inn is the host hotel for the Saguaro Regional Rodeo. For more information call 323-0805. This seminar is provided by AGRA-Tucson in conjunction with the '93 Rodeo, and should give you what you need to take the belt buckles and the cash plus ribbons.

Remember the S.O.S. Hoe Down will be at Hours, February 28. Then Chili Verde Days at Club 2520, March 6 and 7. There is a special added treat, Tish Tanner as Divine and divine it will be! If you have any questions or comments, please write to: A.G.R.A.- Tucson c/o Tony Smaby, P.O. Box 40894, Tucson, Arizona 85730.

Till next time, thanks.

The Bowling Beat

by Mark Rosenbaum

Happy New Year! After a much-needed holiday hiatus, this column is back, rested and ready for '93.

P.R.I.T.

The Phoenix Regional Invitational Tournament celebrated their 10th anniversary this past weekend with over 500 bowlers participating. Tucson was well represented by eleven Tucson Desert Coyotes who competed for over $4000 in prize money.

Top honors in the Doubles competition went to our own Bill Richards, who along with his PHX partner bowled a 1266 to capture first place, a plaque, and $300. Bill also took 3rd in the optional scratch 'B' division with a 589. Honorable mentions go out to Bill Close who won a scratch sidepot (and $66) with a whopping 235, and to Dennis Russell who won a handicapped ladder bracket paying $16. Last and least, a big red chili pepper, given to the "LAST of the Red Hot Bowlers" was awarded to yours truly for having the lowest all-events total (1464 for 9 games) of all male participants.

Upcoming No-Tap Tournaments

Coming soon, the People & Persons league of PHX will be hosting their 2nd Springtime No-Tap Sweeper on Sunday, March 14. This one day, three game event begins at 1pm and costs only $10.00 per bowler. With a no-tap format, nine pins on the first roll of a turn is scored as a strike. Entry deadline for this inexpensive event is March 7th.

On May 1st, the H.I.T.T. committee will present their first annual May-Day No-Tap fun event. Final details are still pending however this too will be a one-day, three-game event with a low entry fee and emphasis on FUN. This will be a golden opportunity for new bowlers to get a taste of tournament play.

H.I.T.T.

The Halloween Invitational Tournament - Tucson will hold it's first organizational meeting on Wednesday, February 24th at 8pm (immediately preceeding league play) at Golden Pin Lanes. This is an open meeting for anyone in the community (including non-bowlers) interested in working on the tournament for 1993. We're looking forward to welcoming new members to the H.I.T.T. committee and hope to have a good turnout for this first meeting.

Finally, the H.I.T.T. committee is proud to announce that we are bidding to host the 1994 I.G.B.O. Mid-year tournament & meeting here in Tucson. I.G.B.O. (the International Gay Bowling Organization) has a current membership of over 20,000 bowlers in the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, and sponsors two tournaments each year. If our bid is successful, H.I.T.T. will be bringing between 400 and 600 people to the Old Pueblo for Halloween '94! (For more information: 743-3303)

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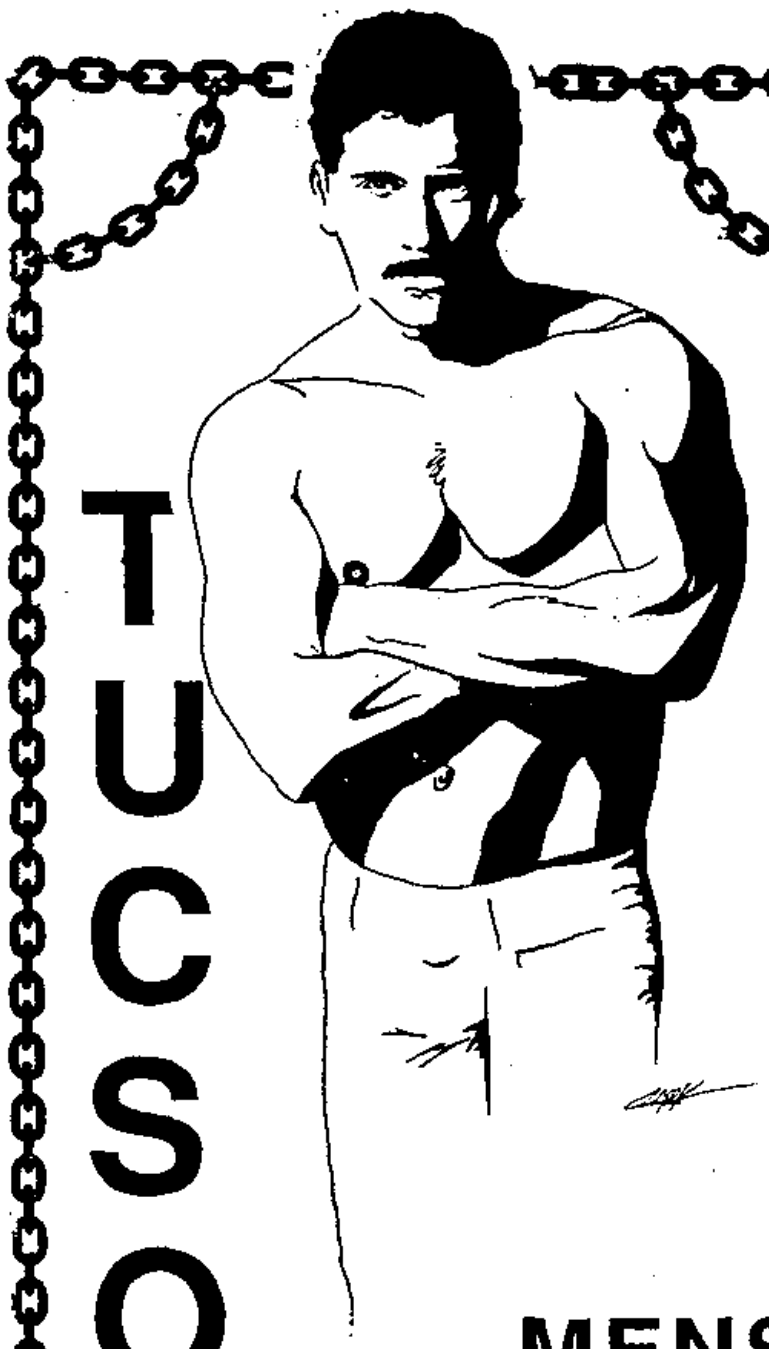
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WINGSPAN - Tucson's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Community Center offers support groups / info line / social events / library / meeting space. Volunteer Opportunities, Board meetings every 2nd Sunday (open to all), General Meetings every 4th Sunday 6:00 p.m. Thursdays Video Nite 6:30 pm. 422 N. 4th Ave. Information 624-1779.

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WHAT'S UP DOC???

Now I know what school teachers were trying to tell me when they said my hand writing looked like chicken scratch. After pulling the Valentine cards out of the box last Saturday afternoon and trying to decipher who they were addressed to, I can understand why school teachers always assigned all the different writing assignments. Of course, I could tell that a few of the cards must have been written out after a few cocktails, they had that definite drunken slant, or sloping. But, the cards were passed out and those remaining placed on the bulletin board.

Congratulations goes out to Mack, winner of the first Graduate Pool Tournament of Champions. After months of weekly pool tournaments, one failed attempt for a Tournament of Champions, last Saturday it finally all came together and was very successful. True, only one person walked off with the money and first place trophy but, each person in this tournament had previously won one of the individual daily tournaments, thus they also are Champions.

True also was the fact those playing in all the different tournaments were generally the same individuals but, one miscue on any shot can determine a winner. So do we now all start another tournament? Why not! At least with this tournament, the only one in Tucson, each person entering has an equal opportunity to win. Even the better pool shooters sometimes can goof up and loose, but they return the following week for another attempt and this is why the tournament was such a success. Again I say congratulations to both the winner and all those previous winners.

While sitting at the bar the other day, Denver seemed to be trying to establish something new. I'm not sure if it was just for himself or each bartender at the Graduate. When ordering, he looked at me and said, "Can't you say please?" I wonder just how far he will go when servicing if a person says PLEASE to him? Poor Bob O'c, just can't seem to get ahead of the game. The other day, he strolled into the bar, ordered a drink and was handed a note. Now you decide just what the note meant. I was able to get the note and I quote, "I'm sorry but, no one older than God is allowed in here with us virgins." Hang in there Bob, you may be up in the years but you are still not the oldest, and don't think I'm going to put any names here now because I do plan on living.

Well Terry is at it again, and I do not mean Terry M. He just has to be the center of attention or he does something to make sure he is. This time he stood up on his bar stool and opened his pants to reveal ??????. Finally, now I've seen everything when it comes to someone else trying to be noticed. Jimmy, you know - Miss Wiperett, feels he is not getting the proper attention when both sitting at the bar or at a table. Thus, what does he do, he brings in a cushion to sit on that is almost 12" high. If he is going to sit that high, he had better install a seat belt on it, that fall can be a long way.

And, finally, via a little second hand bird, Candas reports that Hurricane Jim has struck again, blowing up the urinal at the Venture-N with chemicals. Jim - call a professional the next time.

So, now that I've brought everything up to date, why don't I, for a change, shut my mouth and end this column? Have a beautiful and loving week. Who is this new group in Tucson that is calling themselves the "Golden Girls?"

Wedding

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"I have already received a letter from a gay male couple who just celebrated their 46th year together," Rev. Perry said. "I am sure there are many couples out there who have been together for decades. I want to hear from them."

He requests all couples who believe that their relationship may be one of the oldest in the United States to write to: Rev. Troy Perry, The Wedding, UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304, Los Angeles, California, 90029.

Generation

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Double Mischief

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The woman I have been with for four years (whom I call X to protect her privacy since only a few hundred of the people reading this know exactly who she is) shares my fondness for the vibrator, known in our couple's parlance as "The Buzzer." X was not previously aware of vibrators, but I have had the honor of introducing her to their full range of abilities. No matter what part of her body is being buzzed, from shoulders to feet and anywhere in between, her response is the same: a languid sigh followed by the exclamation: "What a wonderful invention!"

But testimonials are not enough. To truly honor a machine, we need numbers, facts. Amplifiers are discussed in terms of watts per channel, tape players have signal to noise ratios, cars have miles per gallon. So I figured out The Buzzer's statistics.

I've owned the Orgasmatron approximately 12 years. It's been shared a total of Y number of lover years, with an average paired use of Z times per year. In addition, my solo use has averaged X times per year. Figuring one orgasm 0 per use (which is inexact but easy to work with), plus an original cost of $30 (or 3,000 cents), we have YZ + 12X = 3,000; therefore, 3000/(YZ + 12X) = cost per O.

After the math is done, the vibrator ends up with a unit cost of less than 10 cents per orgasm. I'll match that to 80 watts per channel anyday!

Next I'm going to figure out how many seconds it takes to go from 0 to 60

"THIS" IS BACK!

"THIS" is a joint survey of gay and bisexual men in Tucson conducted by the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies and the Tucson AIDS Project with the Think Positive Project. Last year approximately 1100 gay/bisexual men participated in this research project.

Findings will be used to help Tucson AIDS agencies provide more efficient services to the gay/bisexual male community.

During February and March we will be contacting you again for a follow-up interview. We need to reach as many of the original men in the survey as possible, so that we can find out how attitudes and behaviors of gay/bisexual men in the Tucson area are changing over time.

Confidentiality is absolutely guaranteed. Please continue to be part of a project that helps gay and bisexual men in Tucson. If you have questions or need more information, contact Ron Stall, collect, at the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, (415)597-9155 or Bruce Porter at TAP 322-6226.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING WITH YOU AGAIN!

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